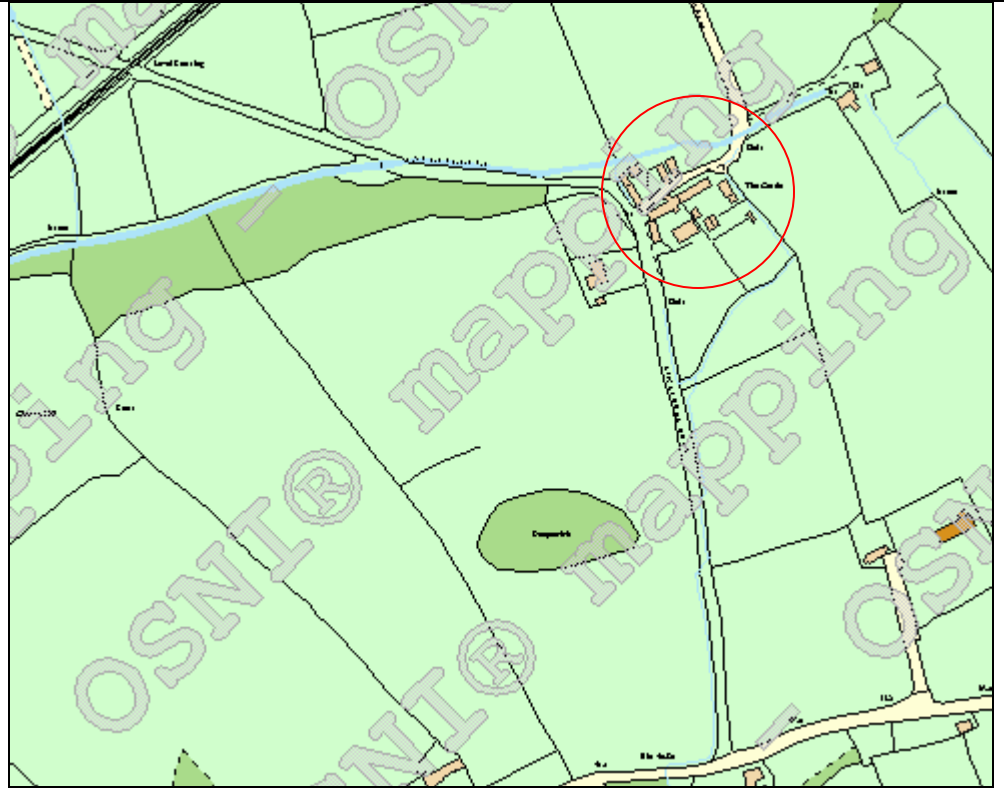
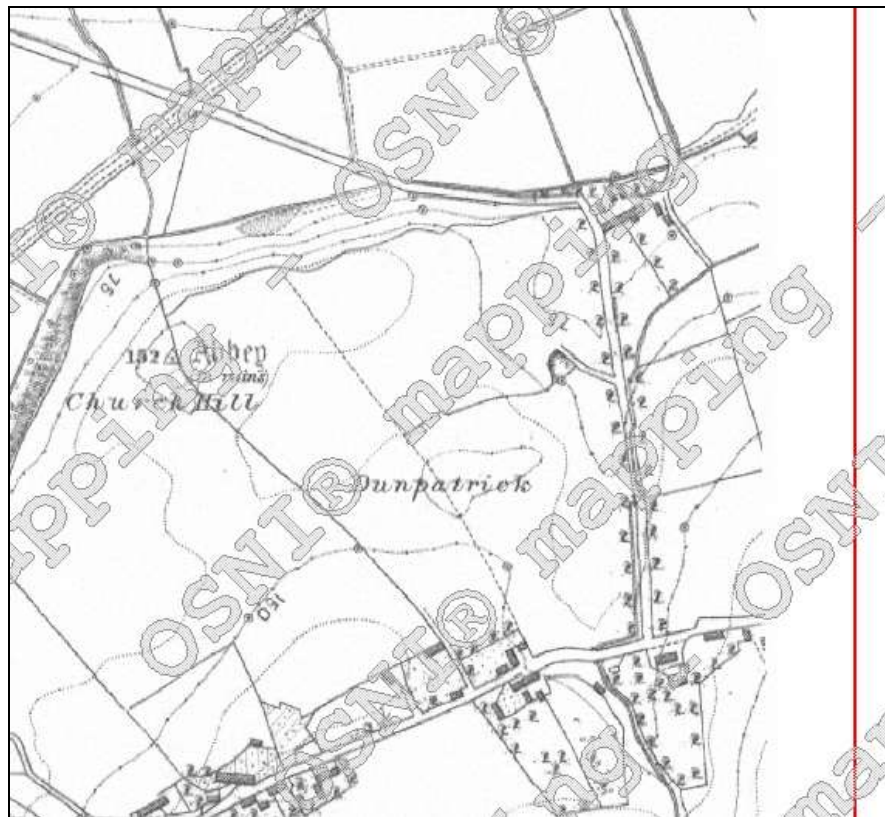


Asset Ref No.	LDY005:016 Duncrun Castle/Fortification	
<b>Heritage Type</b>	Built	
	<i>Medieval Settlement</i>	
<b>Location</b>	OS 6-inch map sheet	005
	Townland	Duncrun
	Parish	Tamlaghtard/Magilligan
	LCA	Magilligan
	ITM Coordinates	268520;432520
	NG Coordinates	C6852032520
<b>Protection Status</b>	SMR	
<b>Condition</b>	Destroyed	
<b>Ownership (if known)</b>	Private	
<b>Site Description</b>	<p>This site is recorded in the OS memoirs as "the remains of an old building said to be a castle...the cellar with the steps leading down into it was destroyed c.20 years ago". The tradition of a castle is still known locally &amp; the outbuildings at a farm called "the Castle" are said to have been built with stones from the O'Kane castle.</p> <p>The site has good views. There are no visible remains of a fortification here. An archaeological evaluation was carried out just SE of the castle site, prior to development. A series of 7 test trenches was excavated across the development site. No archaeological features or artefacts were uncovered [CAF, May 06].</p>	
<b>Landscape Context (setting)</b>	The Duncrun castle site remains are located a short distance beyond the Magilligan LCA boundary at the foothills of Binevenagh, overlooking the lowlands below which originally would have been intrinsically linked to the site in terms of territory, farming, and defence during the medieval/late medieval period.	
<b>Site Appraisal</b>	This is an SMR site.	
<b>Sensitivity</b>	The site is destroyed/removed however there are farm buildings that may have been built with the original castle stone.	
<b>Associations</b>	<p>The site is located close to Duncrun Ecclesiastical remains (LDY005:002) and an enclosure site known as 'Dunpatrick' LDY005:006.</p> <p>The site is said to have been associated with the O'Kane clan.</p> <p>The barony of Keenaght <i>is named after the Cianachta Glenn Geimin ("race of Cain of Glengiven") and was associated with the O'Connors, one of this clan, from the 5th century. The area was ceded to the O'Kanes from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Followers of the O'Kanes included Mac Giollagain (MacGilligan) from whom the study area has retained its name.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	This site located within a private farm settlement known as The Castle. Accessibility is restricted as a result.	

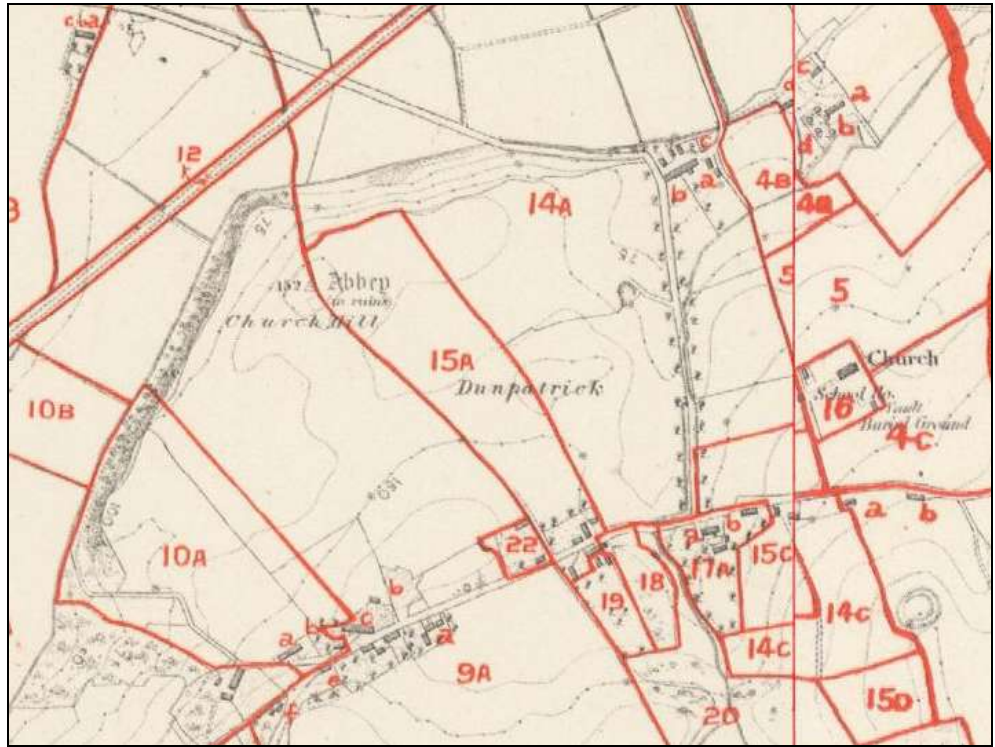
Mapping



Present-day mapping extract ([www.osni.gov.uk](http://www.osni.gov.uk))



2<sup>nd</sup> edition 6-inch OS map extract 1831 – 1904



Extract from Griffiths Evaluation Mapping 1847-1864 ([askaboutireland.ie](http://askaboutireland.ie))

PARISH OF TAMLAGHTARD, OR MAGILLIGAN.								
No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Name.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.		Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.	
	Tenements and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Loof.	Buildings.		
<b>DUNCRUN—</b>								
<i>continued.</i>								
14 A	a	James M'Loughlin,	Sir Fred. W. Heygate, Bart.	House, offices, & land.	43 0 37	23 5 0	—	23 10 0
-	b	John M'Loughlin,						
-	c	Patrick M'Loughlin,	James M'Loughlin,	House,	4 0 10	3 10 0	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	d	Church Edu. Society's school house, garden, and play-ground,	(See Exemptions.)					
-	e	Denis Kelly,	John M'Loughlin,	House,	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
15 A	a	Charles M'Dermott,	Sir Fred. W. Heygate, Bt.	House, offices, & land.	23 2 10	18 5 0	—	04 15 0
-	b	John Mullen,	Charles M'Dermott,					
-	c	Edward Mullen,	Same,	House and garden,	1 3 6	1 0 0	—	—
-	d	James M'Geehan,	Same,	House and garden,	0 0 30	0 4 0	0 10 0	0 10 0
-	e	William Doherty,	Same,	House and garden,	0 0 30	0 3 0	0 7 0	0 10 0
16		Church and grave-yard,	Sir Fred. W. Heygate, Bt. (See Exemptions.)	House and land,	0 1 20	0 0 0	1 5 0	1 10 0

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Extract from NIEA MapViewer of the site



Extract from NIEA SMR MapViewer of the site (Map ID No. 3)

<b>References</b>	<a href="http://maps.ehsni.gov.uk/MapView/Default.aspx">http://maps.ehsni.gov.uk/MapView/Default.aspx</a>
<b>Plates</b>	n/a
<b>Additional Notes</b>	n/a