

Asset Ref No.	Haw (Taughboyne) - Holy Well (DG055-015); Church (DG055-016001) and Graveyard (DG055-016002)	
Heritage Type	Built	
	<i>Early ecclesiastical site and Holy well</i>	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	DG055
	Townland	Haw
	Parish	Killea
	LCA	Carrigans – River Deelee
	ITM Coordinates	DG055-015:633668/912582 DG055-016001:633663/912531 DG055-016002:633670/912521
	NG Coordinates	DG055-015:233723/412594 DG055-016001: 233718/412543 DG055-016002: 233725/412533
Protection Status	RMP	
Condition	Substantial remains	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	<p><i>It is believed that this is the site of the early ecclesiastical foundation of Tech Baithin (Gwynn and Hadcock 1970, 406). The site at present consists of a modern graveyard (DG055-016002-) inside which is Taughboyne Church of Ireland parish church. Taughboyne Church (DG055-016001-): In 1622, a new parish church was near completion in St. Johnston. Nonetheless, it was decided to rebuild the old one which was in a more central location (Royal Commission, 213). That this was done in 1627 under the direction of the rector Thomas Bruce, is evident from the inscription on a stone tablet 'Thomas Bruce, aedificavit restoravimus 1627' which was found under the aisle about 1887 (Leslie 1940, 128). Another plaque, now set above the N door, bears the remarkably similar inscription in false relief: AEDIF CVRA/THO BRVCE/RECTOR HVOVS ECCLAESIA/1627. Beside it, a tablet of comparable size bears a false-relief coat-of-arms sur-mounted by the initials TB; presumably those of the rector. The battering of the lower courses of the E gable may be part of the 17th century building. The church was repaired in the earlier 19th century (See Lewis II 1837, 599) and the windows and door are in the Victorian Decorated style. A carved head and two hood-mould stops, comprising relief carvings of lion-like creatures with vine leaf enrichment, are set in the exterior face of the N wall on either side of the door. Opposite it, and forming part of the pathway revetment is a 17th century memorial flanked by two sections of a horizontal hood-mould which as the profiles indicate, belong to the same window as the stops. These fragments are 15th century in character and undoubtedly belonged to the medieval parish church. St. Boyne's Well (DG055-015-) to the N of the graveyard is now filled in. The site is located on excellent land overlooking the River Foyle to the SE.</i></p> <p><i>A residential development at Haw, Churchtown, Carrigans, Lifford, was located immediately adjacent to the boundary wall of St Baithin's/Taughboyne church (DG055-016001-) and graveyard (DG055-016002-), originally dating to the medieval period. The graveyard also contained the site of a holy well (DG055-015----). Testing of the development site by Maurice F. Hurley under licence No. 07E1073 revealed that it was composed of made ground and ground scarpred back to bedrock in recent years. A dump of 19th-20th-century</i></p>	

	<p><i>building rubble lay alongside the foundation of an 18th/19th-century wall. The artefacts included chinaware and plastic (Bennett 2010, 79).</i></p> <p>NIAH40905513: Taughboyne Church, Church Town 1620 - 1630</p> <p>Detached Church of Ireland church, originally built c. 1627, renovated c. 1830 and possibly containing Mediaeval fabric. Double pitched purple slates with projecting Ashlar sandstone eaves courses, cast iron rainwater goods and Ashlar bell cote to west end. Wet dashed with batter to base of east wall. Crown glass quarries in cast iron frames with coloured glass margin lights in pointed arched openings with Ashlar surrounds and Y-tracery, tripartite stained glass east window with geometric tracery in Ashlar sandstone, recessed timber matchboard doubled. Timber king post roof trusses, timber boarding to coved ceiling timber pews, timber panelled reredos, carved limestone pulpit. Graveyard surrounding with memorial stones, rubble stone boundary wall on two sides with wrought iron gates with Ashlar copings. Roof trusses are not orthogonally placed relieved to have been renovated by Board of First Fruits. More detailed inspection to be carried out. Check Lewis reference given in Donegal Archaeological Survey. F - Mediaeval fragments set in walls; M for cast iron diamond pattern windows; O for memorials in graveyard. Valuation of church building as of Regio.</p>
Landscape Context (setting)	Located in the village of Church Town, approximately 3km west-northwest of Carrigans.
Site Appraisal	The stone contains a holy well, Church, an possible early ecclesiastical site and would be well worth visiting.
Sensitivity	This monument is somewhat sensitive to damage from human interference
Associations	It may be contemporary early ecclesiastical sites at Edenmore (DG071-002003 approximately 12km south and Ramoghy (DG054-032) approximately 10km to the west.
Recommendations	

Mapping



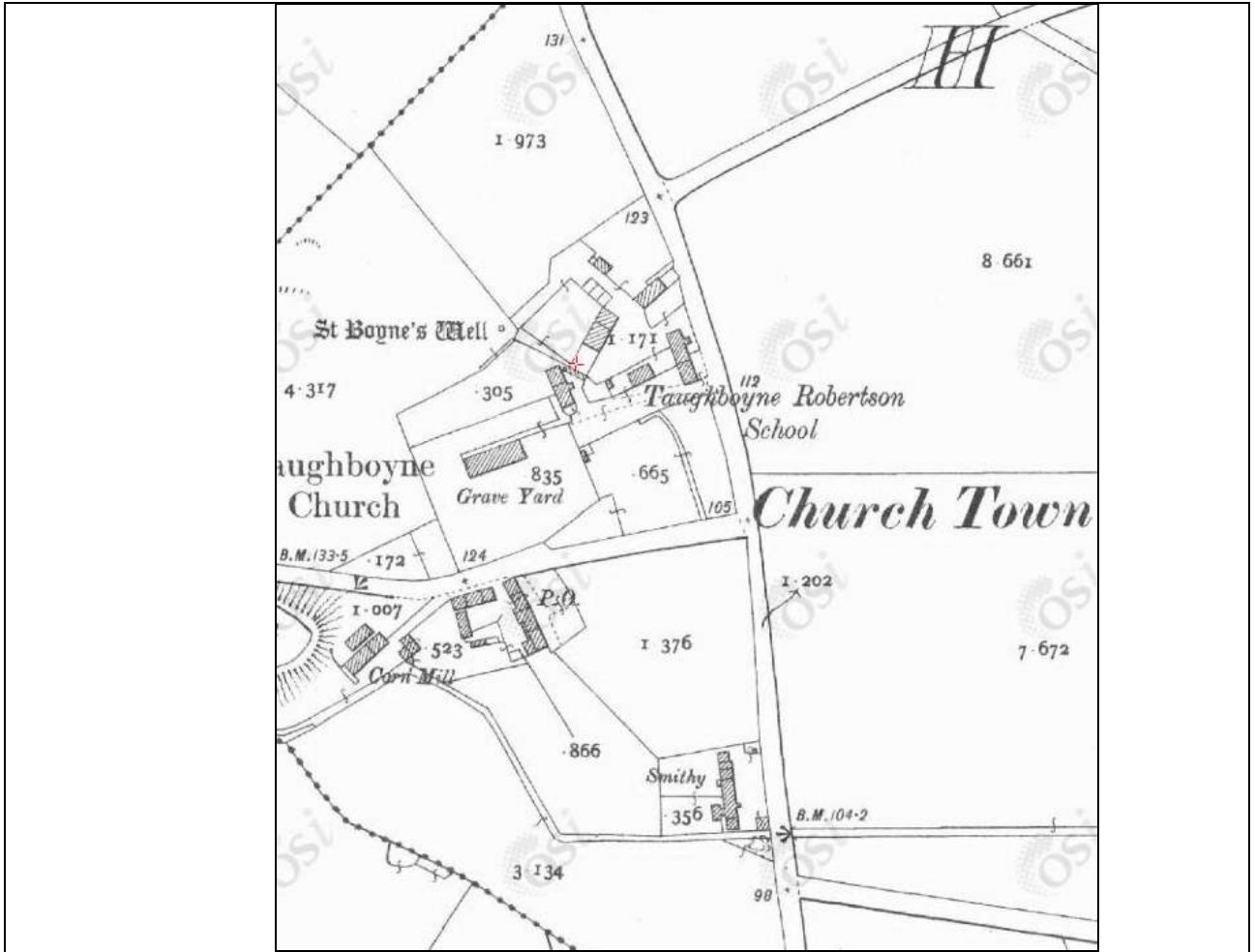
Location Map (www.archaeology.ie)



Location Map – close up (www.archaeology.ie)



1st edition OS map c. 1830 (www.osi.ie)



2nd edition OS map c. 1905 (www.osi.ie)

References	Lacey, B. (1983) Archaeological Survey of County Donegal.
Plates	
Additional Notes	