

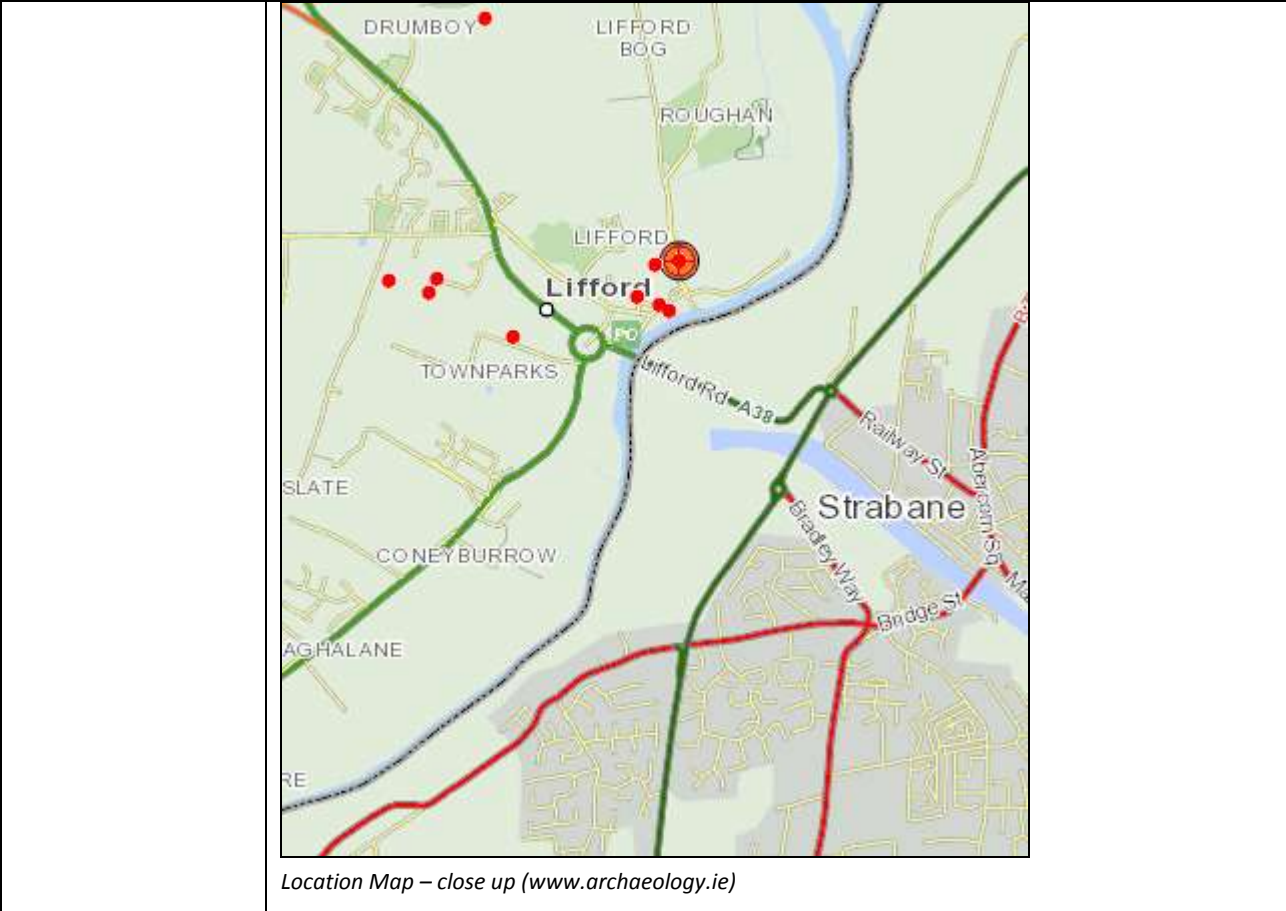
<b>Asset Ref No.</b>	<b>Lifford: Church of St Lugadius (NIAH &amp; RPS 40800801, RMP DG071-008001)</b>	
<b>Heritage Type</b>	Built	
	Church of St. Lugadius Lifford 1615 - 1625	
<b>Location</b>	OS 6-inch map sheet	DG071
	Townland	Lifford
	Parish	Clonleigh
	LCA	River Deelee - Lifford
	ITM Coordinates	633485/898611
	NG Coordinates	233540/398620
<b>Protection Status</b>	NIAH, RPS, RMP	
<b>Condition</b>	Extant and in good condition	
<b>Ownership (if known)</b>	Col, Clonleigh Parish	
<b>Site Description</b>	<p>RMP: Clonleigh Parish Church (DG071-008001-): Erected under the will of Sir Richard Hansard and the foundations laid by 1622, the present church is of late 18th century appearance (Rowan 1979, 348). In the S wall is a segment-headed recess containing two kneeling figures in Jacobean attire facing each other across a draped predieu — part of the monument of Sir Richard Hansard Kt. and Dame Anne, his wife (for whom see Loeber 1977-80, 238-9). The tablet bears the following inscription: ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF SR RICHARD HANSARD/KNIGHT BORNE AT BISKERTHORPE IN THE COVNTY OF LINCOLNE IN/ENGLAND WHO DYED THE 5 OF OCTOBER 1619 AND OF DAME ANNE HIS WIFE/DAUGHTER TO SR EDWARD MARBVRY OF GEISBY IN, THE SAID COVNTY KNIGHT/WHO DYED THE 3 DAY OF OCTOBER 1619 SR RICHARD HANSARD AFTER HE HAD/OF ART IN CAMBRIDGE TOOKE VPON HIM THE PREFESSION OF A SOLIDER IN THE PRIME OF/LIFE HE HAD DIVERS SINDRY HONORABLE PLACES OF COMAND IN THE WARES HE/WAS MAD GOVERNOR OF LIFFORD AND THE PARTS ADIOYNING WHER HE DID MANY GOOD/SERVES IN THE TIME OF TYRONES REBELION AND LAST OF AL IN SR CAHIR O DOHERLES REBELIONIKING JAMES THE FIRST GAVE HIM THIS TOWNE OF LIFORD AND FOWER QVARTERS OF CROHAN TO/PLANT A CORPORACON THERE WHICH HE EFECTED AT HIS DEATH HE DISPOSED BY WIL OF THESE LANDS AND OTHERS TO DIVERS OF HIS NAME NOT NEARE OF KINDRED TO HIM BVT FOR WANT/OF A FEOFTMIENT TO ENABLE HIM TO DISPOSE OF HIS LANDS BY WIL BY LAWE ITFEL A[L]/TO HIS YONGER BROTHER WILLIAM HANSARD OF BISKERTHORPE IN LINCOLNSHIRE ESQVIRE/HE ORDAINED BY HIS WILL SR IOHN VAVHAN KNIGHT SR GEORGE MERBVRY KNIGHT AND/THOMAS PERKINS ESQUIRE THEN LIFTENNANT TO HIS COMPANY HIS EXECITORS/AND DIRECTED THEM TO BVILD THIS CHVRCH THE SCHOOLE AND SCHOOLE HOUSE IN/THIS TOWNE AS NOW THEY ARE DONE AND LIKEWISE GAVE 86L P ANNVM IN PPETVITY/OUT OF HIS LANDES (VIDELICET TO THE WARDEN OF LIFFORD XXL TO THE RECORDER THERE/OF XL TO THE 2 SERGEANTS 6L TO THE SCHOOLE MAISTER XXXL AND TO THE USHER XXL P ANNUM//AND FOR THAT BY LAWE THIS LAND FELL TO HIS YONGER BROTHER WHEERBY THESE PIOVS/INTENTIONS WEER LIKE TO BE FRVSTRATED THEREFORE THE 3 SORNAMED EXECVTORS DID/PVRCHASE OF HIS SAID BROTHER THE WHOLE LANDES FOR ONE THOUSAND AND 5 HUNDRED/POUNDS AND SO HAVE FINISHED THE SAID WORKES AND PPETVALL DONATION ACCORDING/TO THE WILL</p>	

	<p>AND INTENT OF THE SAID SR RICHARD.</p> <p><b>NIAH:</b> Detached Gothic-Revival Church of Ireland church built c. 1620 with three-storey tower added to west end, c. 1800, and vestry to north-east corner, with aisle extension to north built 1863 and interior remodelled. Double-pitched, blue slates with ashlar and nap render gable copings sandstone projecting eaves course and cast-iron rainwater goods, ashlar skew blocks and chimney to vestry gable parapet. Wet dashed rubble stone with buttresses to east wall, fluted string courses and cavetto cornice to tower with ashlar sandstone copings to castellated parapet with pyramidal finials to corners and clasped buttresses. Diamond coloured glass in cast-iron frames to paired trifoliated arched openings with ashlar sandstone surrounds, timber matchboard double doors with decorative wrought iron hinges, quatrefoil stained glass window over in splayed ashlar pointed arch colour Graveyard surrounding with memorial stones and rubble stone walls with cast-iron gates, cut stone steps up to vestry door with rubble stone parapet with ashlar granite coping rubble stone boundary wall to graveyard. There is a building on this site on O.S. 1 but it is not labelled. The monument of Sir Richard Mansard and his wife it described by Rowan as the finest Jacobean monument in North West Ulster. An interior photographic and interior record should be made. M</p>
<b>Landscape Context (setting)</b>	Located at the eastern end of Lifford town, north of the Diamond
<b>Site Appraisal</b>	The site contains substantial remains and is easily accessible.
<b>Sensitivity</b>	
<b>Associations</b>	Associated with the plantation town of Lifford
<b>Recommendations</b>	

Mapping

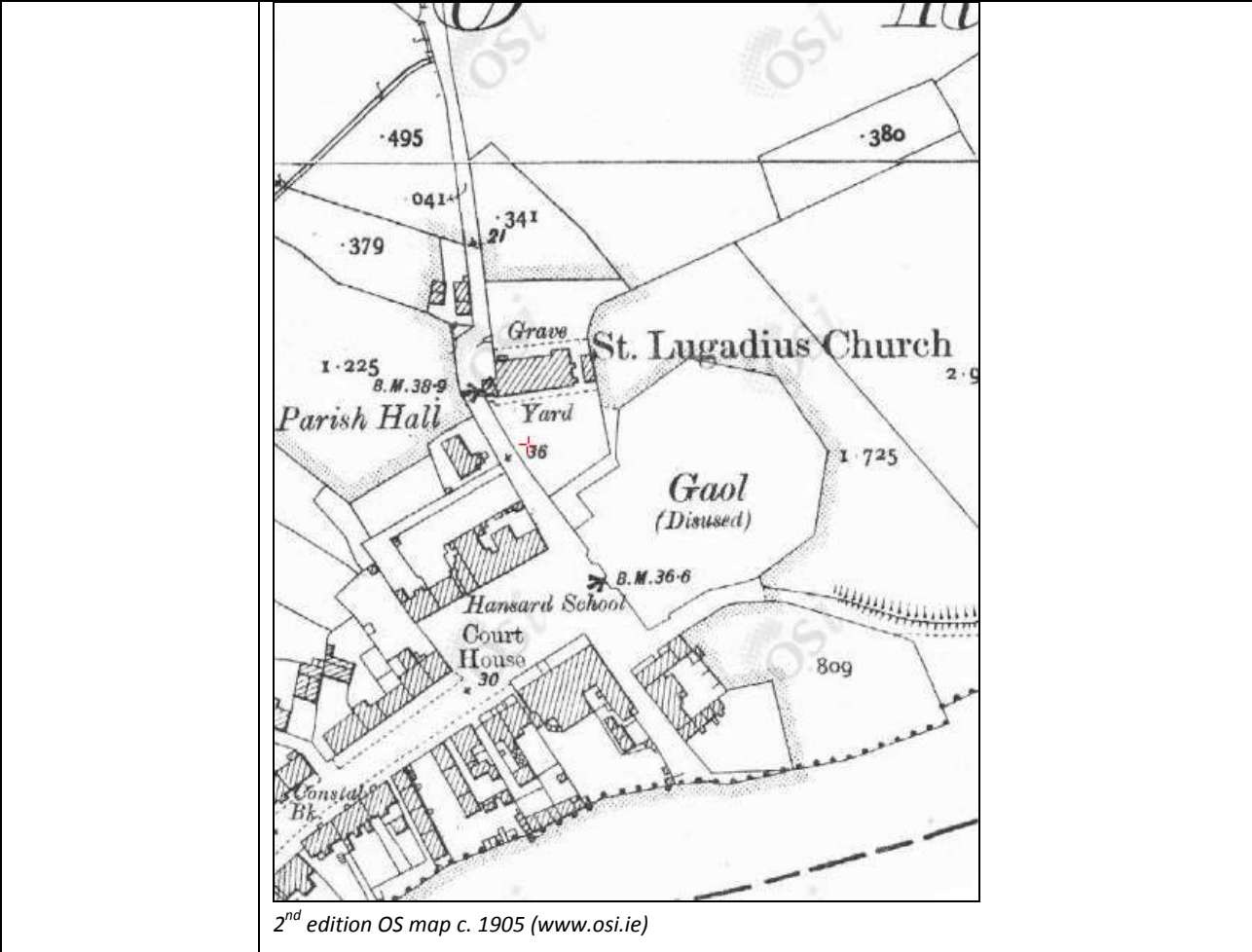


Location Map ([www.archaeology.ie](http://www.archaeology.ie))





1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map c. 1830 ([www.osi.ie](http://www.osi.ie))



References	<p>1996 NIAH Survey</p> <p>Lacey, B (1983) Archaeological Survey of County Donegal</p>
Plates	
Additional Notes	