



RINNEROON

Rinn Oiriu Fit or ready Penninsula. Also could be Heremon's Point. (There was a king of Ireland (1684 BC) called Eiremhoin or Heremon.)

Area 72 acres

Rinneroon, which is a sandy peninsula on the lake shore, lies west of Gorterwulla. Some of areas finest meadows are to be found here overlooking the Lake as are some of the areas finest real estate properties all with lake frontage. Not to mention some of the lakes best fishing spots that lie close by.

Way back in the 1640s the Earl of Clonrichard lorded over the land of Rinneroon.

At the time of Griffiths land valuation in the 1850s the proprietor was Arthur Ffrench Esq. of Tyrone. The lessor or land lord was a man by the name of Kennedy. The land was described *as good, containing 72¾ acres all arable except 10 acres of bog. There was a neat house situate near its western boundary.*

The families renting, living and farming here were William Allen and John Sullivan.

The rent was £22.10.0.

At the time of the national census in 1911 there were two Joyce families living in Rinneroon, Mathias and Julia and their children Thomas, Mary and Michael. There was another brother called Paddy who went to live in Cornamona. The other family living there was Thomas and his sister Mary.

In the sixties Mick and Thomas farmed the land in Rinneroon. It is now owned and farmed by Eamon King of Farravaun.



Mick and Thomas Joyce

At present there are ten houses in this townland. The oldest of these is occupied by Elizabeth King

and her husband Kevin McEntyre. Elizabeth is Eamonn King's daughter. The house they occupy was renovated by Mick and Thomas Joyce where the old family home stood. The other nine houses have been built since the 1960s. In the early sixties Dermot Joyce an Oughterard business man bought the Rineroon peninsula from Mick Joyce. He employed Paddy Clancy Farravaun as the builder. The first house to be built was for Bill and Molly Navan. Molly has passed away. Bill and his friend Mary still visits Glann. Paddy continued to build and while the third was being built Padhraig Faherty Oughterard erected one for Jack Touhy a former owner of the Zetland Hotel Cashel.

As one goes down the road, the present owners, starting on the left hand side are Aengus and Sheila McCarthy, Paul and Susan Horan, Jim and Rosemary Sheehan, Stephen and Andra Hone, Tony and Delia Barry, Bill and Mary Navan, John and Maxine Dolan and the last house to be built was for David Griffin.

The former owners of the Hone residence were Owen and Una O Malley. Owen pioneered open heart surgery in Ireland and Una was the youngest daughter of Kevin and Brigid O Higgins. Kevin was the first minister for Justice in the Irish Free State. Una made a great contribution to Irish life and was a tireless worker for tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation. The following poem published in her collection, 'Twentieth Century Revisited' shows her sense of fun.

THE RURAL TIGER

*I face four very doubtful cattle- grids
Bent by the weight of trucks of nearby builders
and take the upper road ,known as the scenic route
(though the lower one is likewise beautiful)
I pick my way along the puddled potholes
which make a mockery of last years improvements;
and pray I will not meet the foresters
double-articulated lorry nor the garbage truck
nor any other great 'long vehicle'
and that the low slung winter sun won't blind my eyes
as I negotiate that awkward bend,
and that the collie dog won't mount an angry protest
as I pass the Fairy Bridge, nor the fatuous cattle,
stand munching in the roadway,
nor small boy seek his errant ball*

