

Oughterard Heritage
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1849

DRIVING CATTLE FOR RENT BETWEEN OUCHTERARD AND GALWAY.



OUGHTERARD FROM ARDVARNA HILL

Circa 1880s. Note "The Kirk" on left side of picture. "Kirk" is the Scottish term for Church. It was built in 1862 by Rebecca Offlahertie, wife of George Fortescque . She was a member of The Plymouth Brethern who preached in the Kirk. The Wesleyan Methodist Group used it at a later stage. Later again the Kirk was used as a Hall for plays & dances etc. It was damaged by fire in the 1970s & replaced by the present community centre. To the right of the Kirk towards the Square a slated two storey building can be seen, on opposite side of street. This was Nan Burkes, previously it was Geoghegan's Hotel run by

Kate Geoghegan. The tallest building is The Lake Hotel known as Murphy's Hotel in the late 1800s & ran by a single lady, Mary Murphy.

Note also that there was a thatched cottage of similar design along side Power's Pub. In the late 1800s this was all one house owned by a Michael Walsh who ran a grocery. In the background note "The Boat Inn" which was thatched. At that time it was run by Joe Kelly as a Public House.



JOHNNY "BARTLEY" & MARY KATE WALSH , CAMP STREET.

John Bartley came from the area of Athenry and married Mary Kate Naughton from Camp St. He was a talented Coach Builder and Mary Kate worked with the Lace Making Factory (Part of Old Secondary School). They lived at the corner house (gable facing towards the village) on the approach to Glann road from Camp Street. Their son was the famous musician Bernie Walsh.



MARY TULLY

Grandmother of Nicholas Byrnes, Clare, Oughterard.



ST BRIGID'S CHURCH GLANN 1852

Archbishop John Mc Hale laid the foundation stone of Glann Church on the 4th June 1852. The ceremony took place in the presence of about three thousand people.

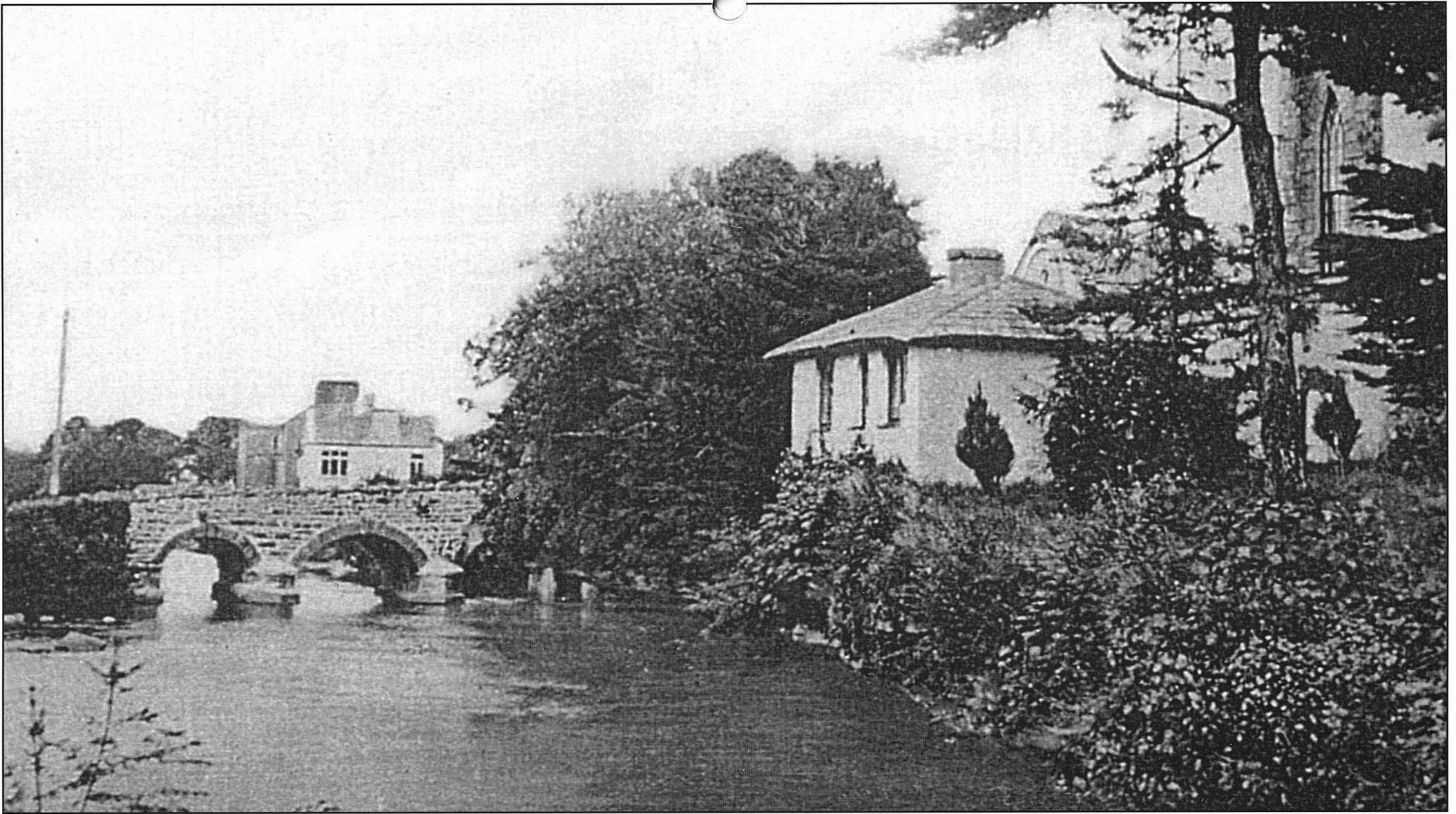
OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH 1960

This new building replaced St Brigid's Church. It was opened on the 25th of March 1960 and dedicated by Dr Michael Browne, Bishop of Galway on the 15th of August to Our Lady of the Valley. Due to the exposed site, the windows are on the leeward side. The roof is copper. In the rear of the church there is a stained glass window depicting Glann Valley with Our Lady in the foreground.



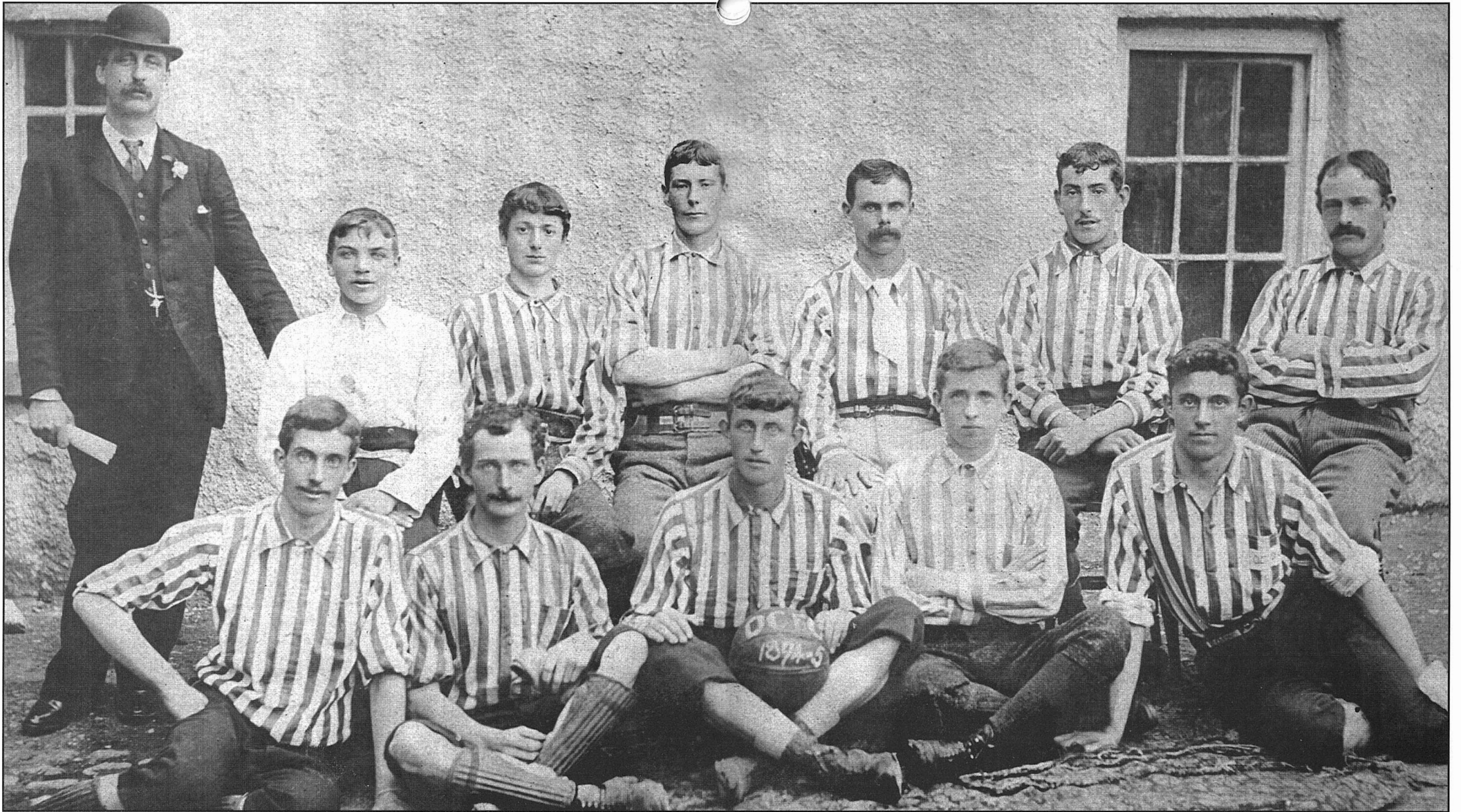
CIRCA 1920

A delivery van servicing one of the three bakeries that operated in the town at that time.
The Corrib Motor Works, seen in the background, is now 'Supermaes'



OUGHTERARD BRIDGE

Photograph taken circa 1912 from the Clifden road. Note the lodge which was situated right on the river's stone edge. It was demolished before it collapsed into the Owenriff as the latter had worn away the limestone rock underneath.



1894/95 OUGHTERARD SOCCER FOOTBALL TEAM

Back Row

School Master; Willie Donnellan, Michael McNabb, Pat McQuinn, Jamsie O'Brien,
Michael Herrity, Stephan Gannon, Matt Molloy.

Front Row

Jack Ferris, James McQuinn, Willie Ferris (Capt.), Mr. Flanagan, Harry Ferris



JIM WALSH , CREGG



AUGUST 1952

Back Row L-R.

Mac Byrnes, Jimmy Geoghegan, Eddie Thornton, Paddy Joe Joyce, P. Joe O'Malley, Mike Byrnes, John Kevin Walsh, Padraic O'Malley, Pat Joyce, Mark Geoghegan

Middle Row

Terry Watts, Peadar Mannion, Jones Ferris, Paddy Geoghegan, Frank McGauley, Paddy Tierny, Mattie Mons, Jimmy Mons

Front Row

Mike Joyce, Mixy McGauley, Paddy McGauley, Tommy O'Malley, John O'Toole, Patrick, O'Toole, Peter Molloy. School Master Gerard Lee



CIRCA 1890. DANCING AT THE RACES

Sean-nos dancing in the square in the late 1800s. The thatched two storey building was a shop owned by Tom Toole from Leam. His family owned the famous Connemara Pony "Cannonball". Cannonball beat the M.G.W. steam train in a race from Oughterard to Leam. Keogh's Grocery shop stands on the site today. To the right is Bernard Egan's Victuallers Shop 1901 (present day Fuchia Gift Shop)

To the left of Tooles lived a widow, Bridget Walsh (now Henry Keoghs). Next was a widower Michael Walsh. (Monaghans today) His son was Michael "Mur" Walsh, a fisherman. The next thatched house was a shop in 1901 owned by Thomas Halloran. It corresponds to where Kenny's Shop (Tim Molloy's) is today.



CIRCA 1955 DANCE AT "THE KIRK"

Left -Right Mikie Molloy, Frank McGauley, Patch Donnellan, Pat Halloran, Terry Watts, Michael John Joyce



KILCUMMIN PARISH CHURCH. OUGHTERARD

The church was built in 1810 on a site owned Arthur French St George of Tyrone House, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway. Information given on a map of this site and drawn by Patrick Spelman on a scale of two perches to an inch is captioned as follows: Map of part of Carramanaugh and Fough commonly known by the name of Griffey's Park on which a

church is to be built; containing one acre Irish Plantation measure, lately held by Hugh Flanagan as under-tenant, being part of the Estate of Arthur French St George Esqr. Situate in the parish Kilcummin, Barony of Moycullen and County of Galway; Surveyed October 1st 1808.



AUGHNANURE CASTLE

Seen from opposite the car park circa 1900 . Edmund O'Fflaherty of Ardnasillagh, a descendant of the O'Fflaherty clan purchased the castle in the late 1800s. He was a substantial farmer / landlord owning 2091 acres in Oughterard & Ballyconneely. Note the slated building attached to castle. Edmund is said to have lived & ran a dairy farm at the castle.



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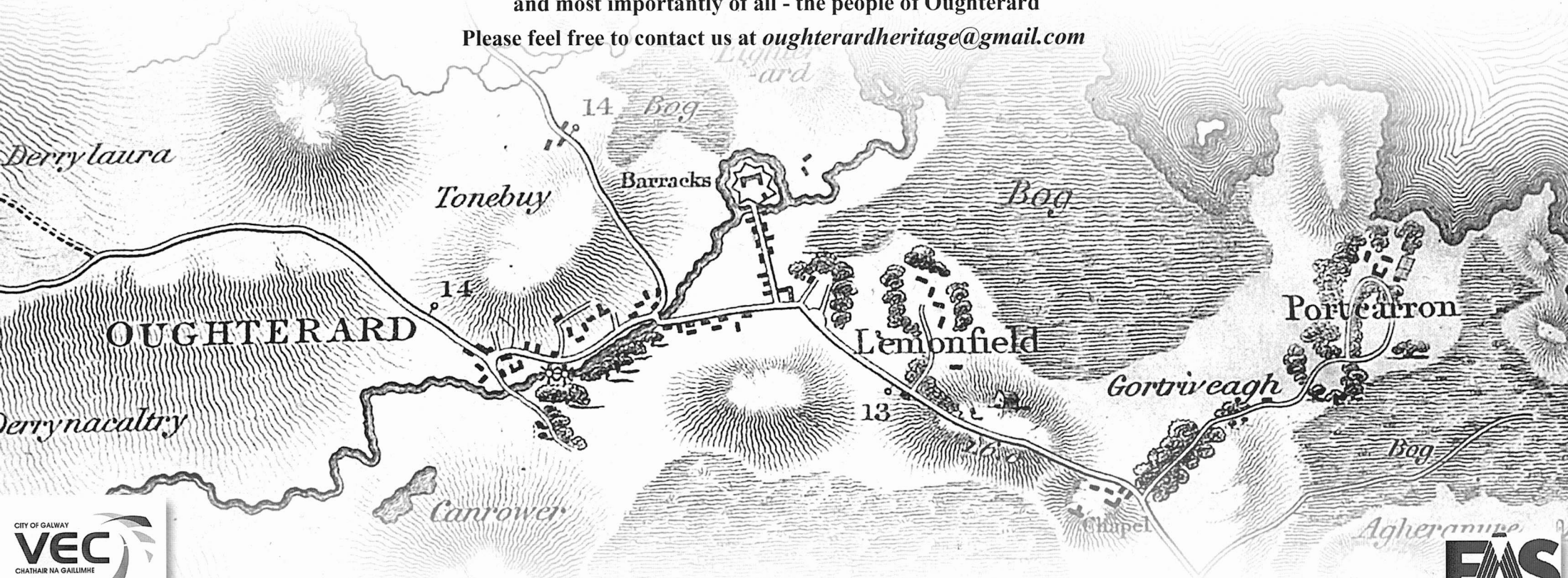
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