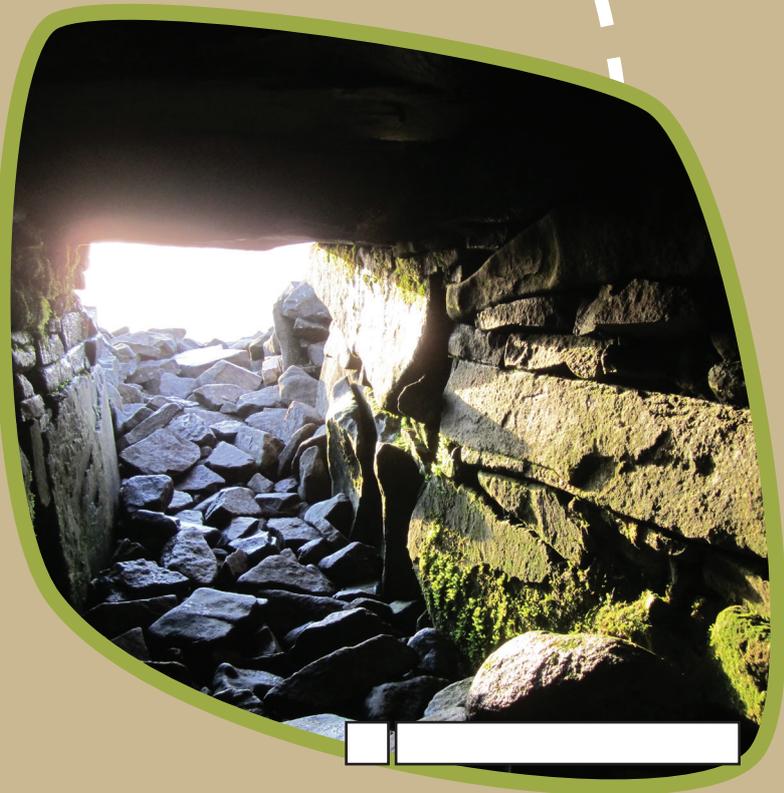


Name:

Class:

My Townland Story



Name:



Where do you live?

Go to the map in the centre of your booklet.
Write down the name of three townlands which
touch your townland:

....., and
touch my townland.

What does your townland name mean?

.....

What date did your townland come into modern use?

Write down the Old English name of your townland:

.....

In which civil parish is your townland?

.....

In which townland was your parent/carer born?

.....



In which townland was your parent or
carer's mother or father born?

.....

In which townland was your parent or carer's grandmother or
grandfather born?





**Dromintee Boys
School 1923**



**Crossmaglen
Girls 1925**

Can you bring in a school photograph of your grandparent or great grandparent or borrow one from a neighbour?



When was it taken?

What is the name of the school where it was taken?



My Townland - My People



Go to the website www.askaboutireland.ie.
Click on 'Griffith's Valuation Of Tenements'.
Select 'Griffith Places'. Put in the name of your townland
where it says placename.
You can also search by: **County**, **Barony**, **Parish**, or
Union. Find and write down:



1. The name of the landlord (immediate Lessor):
 2. The name of the occupier (if anyone has the same name as you, this may be your ancestor):
 3. Look at the list of family names and see if you recognise any of the families you know that are still living in your townland.
..... and still live in my townland.
 4. How many houses were in your townland?
 5. Do you know how many there are now?
 6. How many people had only LAND in your townland?
 7. What is the total acreage of your townland?
 8. Of the people who had a house and land, what was the average/ mean acreage of each holding? (Hint: add up all the acreages and divide by the number of families).
 9. Do you think this is this more or less than today?
- How do you know?



Local Townlands



Find and circle the 10 townland names and find out what they mean.

d l h z c o j n v m d y t d t m x m o e
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 e c h k o f o o l o t z g l n a v h s m
 u c j m w f b f o f p w s l j o n k i x

Seafin – Finn’s seat

Clogharevan –
Ploughmen’s stone

Cashel – The stone ring
fort

Moybane – The white plain

Tievecrom – The sloping
hillside

Dorsey – The doors or
gateway

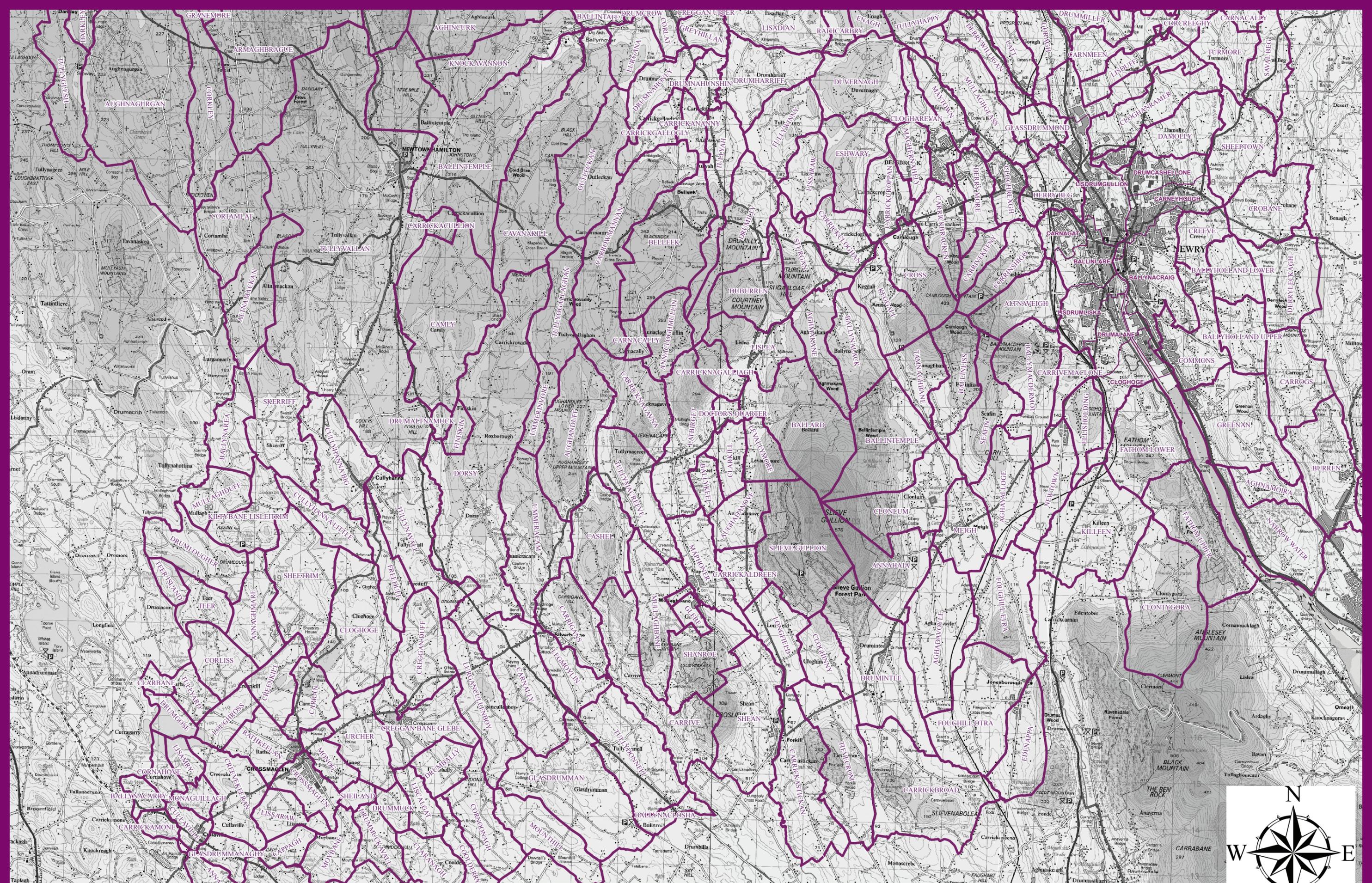
Knockavannon –
O’ Bannon’s hill

Duburren – Black rocky
district

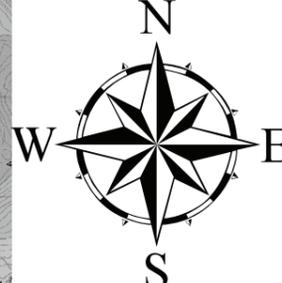
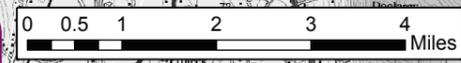
Tullyah – The hillock of the
ford

Cortamlat – Quarter of the
burial ground





Where is your townland?



Ask about Ireland - your environment

My Townland – my changing countryside.

Using the map in the centre of this booklet find your townland and draw an outline of it in the frame on the page opposite.



Go to the website www.askaboutireland.ie.

Click on 'Griffith's Valuation Of Tenements', then choose 'Griffith Places' Type in your townland name in the placenames box and click on 'search'. Click on map views icon (choose the larger magnifier to see the map more clearly).

Hint: You can use the **slider** in the top right hand corner to change the map from historic to modern to see the changes. Also if you click on **satellite** in the top left hand corner and then use the slider you can see the old map and the modern satellite imagery at the same time.

Mark on your map

- Features such as mountains, lakes, rivers, boundaries and woods from the modern map.
- Using different colours, show features which have disappeared since 1860s such as forts, roads, field boundaries, standing stones, cromlechs and woods.
- The house where you live/where your ancestors lived?
- Count and record the number of houses which have disappeared?

You may see some features on the map that you don't find on modern maps, Look out for stone age Cairns on the old maps. Even if you don't see them on today's maps they are still there on the land. These places often feature in townland names.

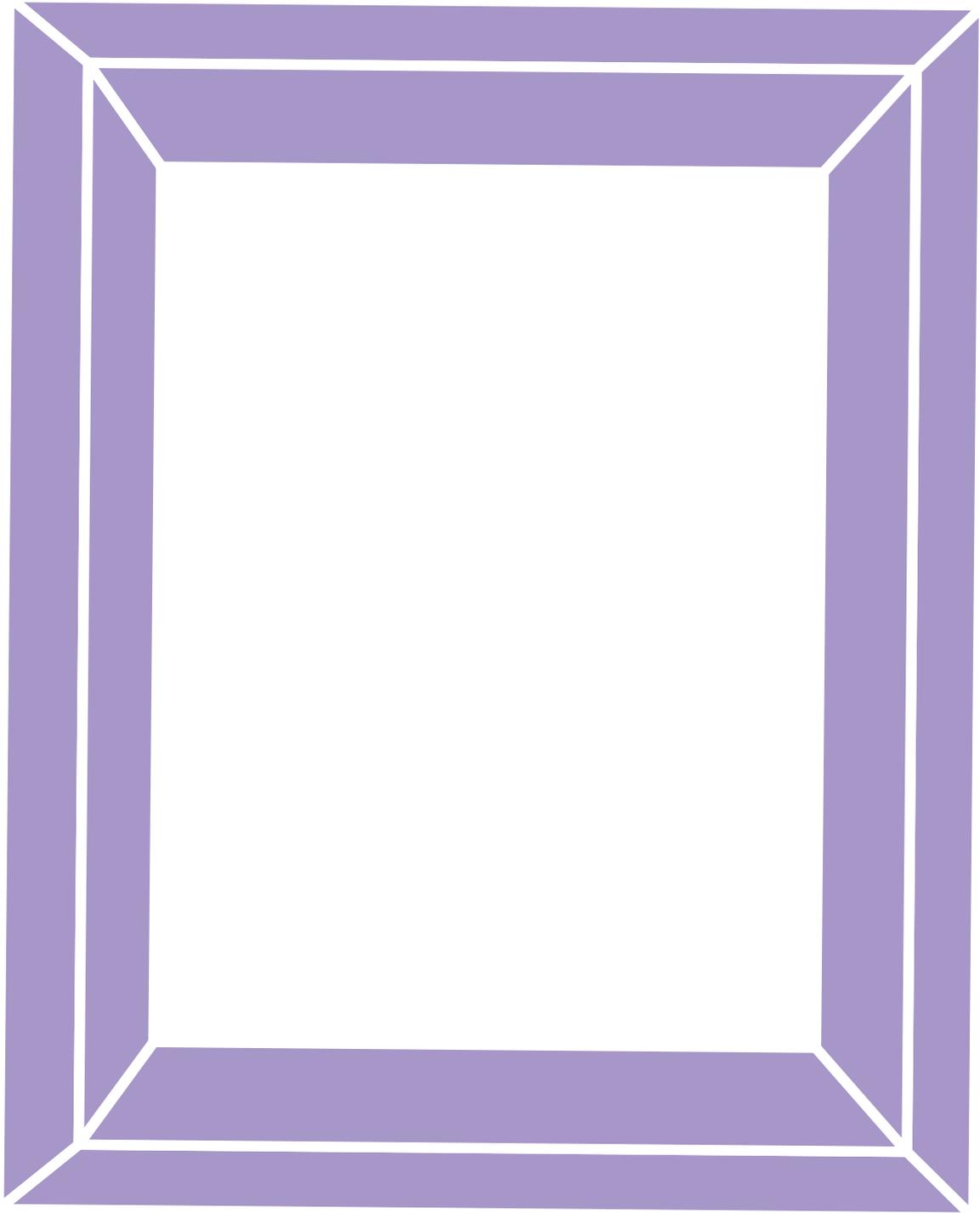
Name one example of each of these monuments in South Armagh

Court Tomb: Dolmen/Cromlech:

Passage Tomb: Crannógs:

Name two crannógs in South Armagh
..... and

My townland



Find your family



Search for 'National Archives Census Ireland' or go straight to www.census.nationalarchives.ie.

Click on '**Browse Census**' in the top bar.

Click on the census year '**1901**' and then click on '**Armagh**'

The DEDs (District Electoral Divisions) which cover South Armagh are Ballymyre, Camlough, Camly, Cloghoge, Creggan Lower, Crossmaglen, Cullyhanna, Dorsey, Forkhill, Jonesborough, Killeavy, Lathberget, Lisleitrim, Mountnorris, Moybane and Newtownhamilton. **Hint:** you might not know exactly which is yours but choose one with a familiar name to your locality, click on it and see if your townland is in it.

Click on your townland and then choose your family name if it is there, or choose another name, maybe of a neighbour or someone you know in your townland. If you want, just choose a name you like the sound of!

Click on '**original census**' form for that name

1. How many in the household could read and write?
2. What were the occupations of the family?
3. Where were they born?
4. Did they have a servant? Yes/No

Go back to the townland and click on '**occupants**' then scroll down to '**houses and buildings return (form BI)**'.

5. How many rooms were in the family home?
6. How many rooms do you have in your house today?
7. Was the roof thatched or slated?
8. In your townland how many houses were 1st class 2nd class 3rd class 4th class ? The class of the house recorded what the walls and roof were made of and how many rooms and windows there were. 1st class houses were the best. **Hint:** the letters 'Do' and the symbol " mean 'ditto' or the same as the entry above.
9. Is any of the above information available in 2016 for your townland? Yes/No
10. Why not? Could you complete a townland study today?

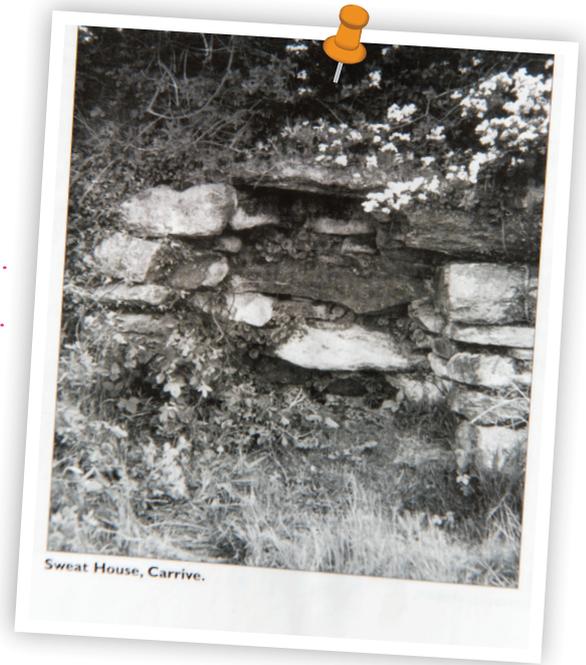
Photos

This is a County Armagh sweathouse.

What do think it was used for?

What is the modern equivalent?

Where would you find it?



This is a typical South Armagh house from the 1920s. How is it different from your house?

Glue in a picture of your house below it.



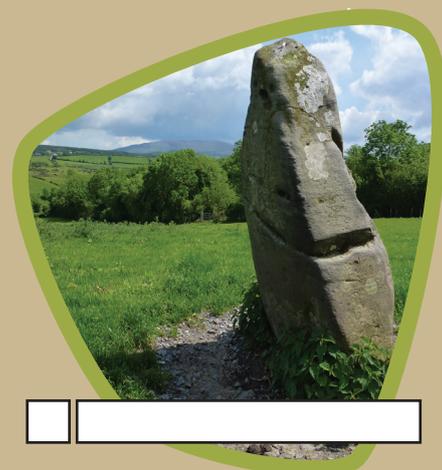
 **Hint:** you can use Google maps streetview to find your house and print the page out.



Treasures of South Armagh

Go on a treasure hunt when you are out and about in South Armagh. See if you can recognise some of the places shown here and on the front cover of this booklet.

Write their names and the townlands they are in (use the map in the centre pages) and then tick them when you have actually been there and seen them.



For further information about townlands in South Armagh, go to www.ringofgullion.org.