

Asset Ref No.	TYR 010:003 Graveyard / Killeen: Children's Burial Ground	
Heritage Type	Built	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	TYR 010
	Townland	Sessagh Of Gallan
	Parish	Ardstraw
	LCA	Foyle Valley
	ITM Coordinates	
	NG Coordinates	H4079089650
Protection Status	<i>SMR; Scheduled Area</i>	
Condition	<i>Poor, traces only</i>	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	<p>On a broad hill, towards the top, with good views S, E & W. The site consists of a small, rectangular walled area, 8.2m x 5.4m. The interior is raised c.1m above the surrounding ground. There is some loose rubble on the surface of the interior & there are some quite large stones in the surrounding walls. The surrounding wall is 1.15m thick & c.0.8m high [27/4/83].</p> <p>The killeen is now overgrown with torns and the walls surrounded by trampling and bare earth.</p>	
Landscape Context (setting)	<i>Located on pastureland to the west of Sessagh Road, approximately 3.7km north of Newtownstewart. It is situated approximately 550m southwest of a Penal Alter (TYR10:014).</i>	
Site Appraisal	This is a scheduled site and area, which is an indication of its significance to the archaeological record of Northern Ireland.	
Sensitivity	<i>Only traces of this site are visible and being in pastureland it may be affected by grazing animals. However, being a burial ground it is unlikely to be purposefully interfered with by human activity.</i>	
Associations:	<i>The site is potentially associated with a Penal Alter (TYR10:014) located approximately 550m to the northeast. Given that the definitive date of the monument is unknown; its associations with other sites in the landscape cannot be fully assessed. However, it is generally believed that these monuments (Killeens) date from the medieval period right up to the modern era, thusly it may be associated with other religious sites nearby, potentially Corick Abbey (TYR018:012) located approximately 4km east-southeast of the site.</i>	
Recommendations	<i>The site is very accessible off Sessagh Road; however, it is some what off the beaten track, being distant from both Newtownstewart and Douglas Bridge. It would not constitute an ample visitor attraction in itself, though it may be visited as part of a religious tour that might include the Penal Alter (TYR10:014) and Corick Abbey (TYR018:012).</i>	

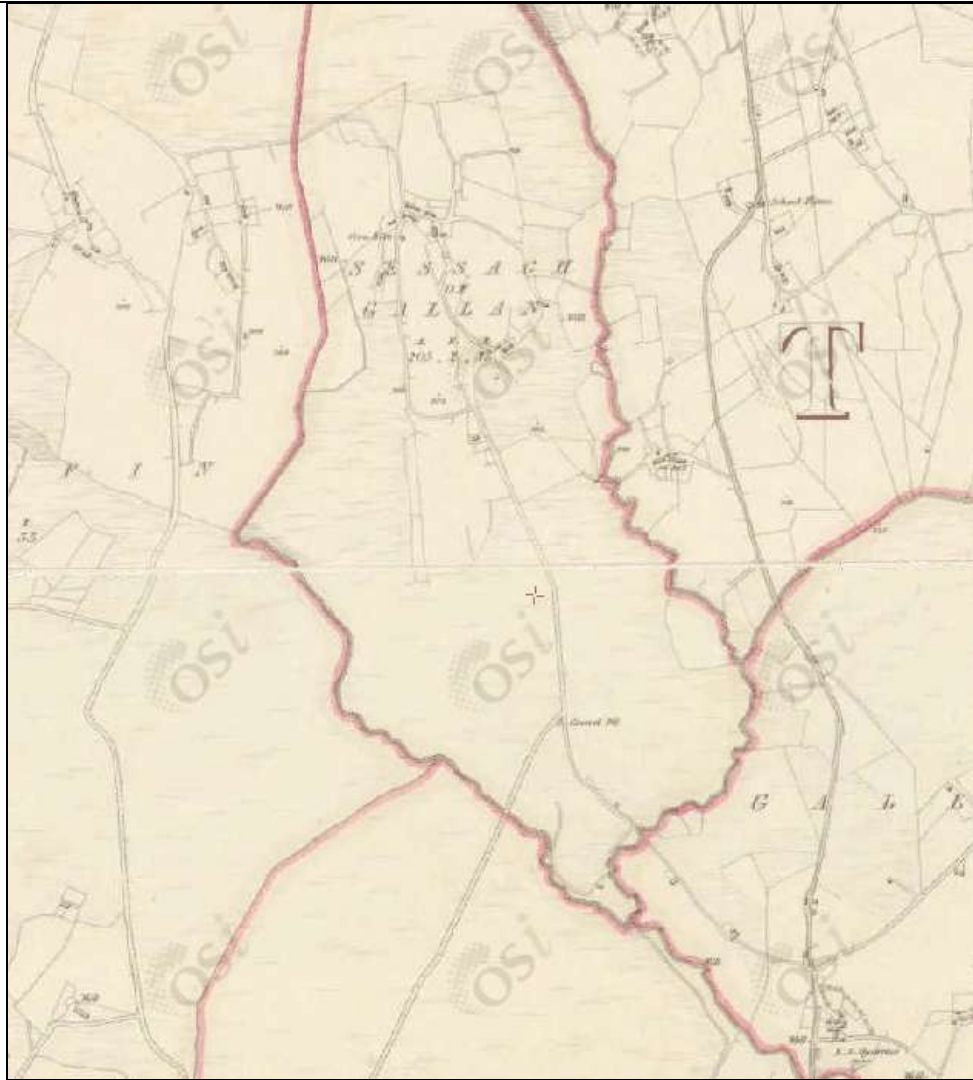
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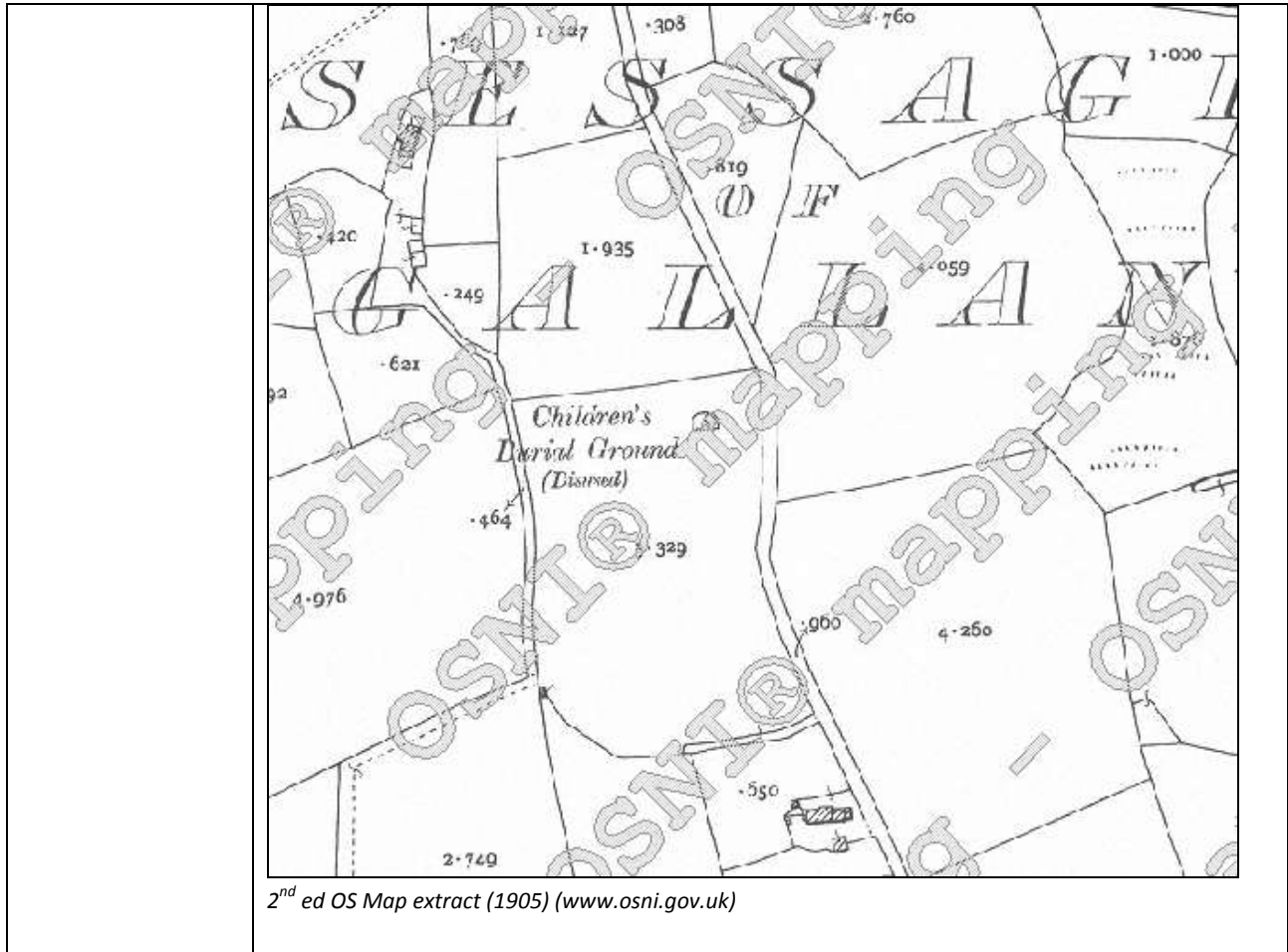
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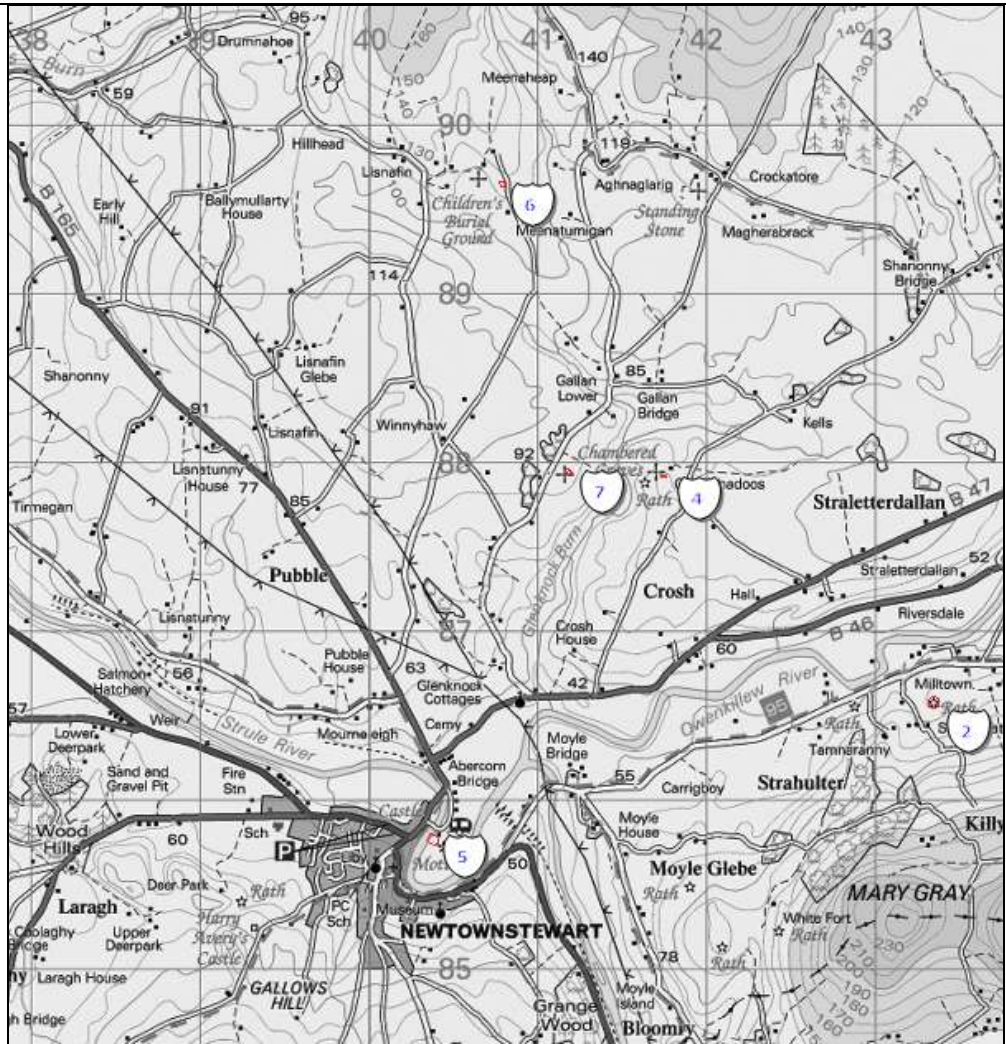
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References	NIEA SMRs
Plates	
Additional Notes	