

Personal Names recorded in ogham inscriptions found in Cork Souterrains

1: The Ballyknock North (Ballynoe Parish) Ogham Recorded Names. Ballyknock is *Baile an Cnoc*....meaning homeplace on the hill.

Are the names *Erc, Branán, Cronún, Cliu* below native Gaelic names and are the others Latin names of persons from abroad or some of them latinised names of Gaelic natives? What might words like **Dommo, Acto, Dulicci, Era, Magni, Aguro** have referred to? How many of the non-Gaelic sounding names below were personal names? How many referred to a personal status or attribute, or origin, and what language(s) did they come from...Latin? How many inscriptions are poorly spelt for their time or incorrectly inscribed? How many have lost portions of their texts due to being lightly inscribed and worn away due to weathering - above ground and subsequently underground in the souterrain. How many damaged by rough handling by masons not concerned whether the inscription could be legible or not in future years as long as it was present as a sacred relic in the structure of the building?

Primary Name	Possible Name Elements?	Father Name	Possible Name Elements?	Grandfather / Ancestor	Possible Name Elements?	Community	Profession / Craft
Mailaguro	Mail, Aguro	Vileb					
Lamadulicci	Lama, Dulicci	Son of Brocc		Brocc			
Eracobi	Era, Cobi	Eraqeta	Era, Qeta				
Grilagni	Gril, Magni	Scilagni	Scil, Magni				
Cliucoanas	Cliu, Coanas	Son of Treni		Treni			
Drutiquili	Drut, Iquili	Rodagni	Rod, Magni....Rodagni ... (Romanaigh?)				
Branan	Oqoli or Iquili						
Bogai	Biraco						

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Cronun	Bait						
Blategsi							
Acto				Mago	Magni ?		
Ercaidana	Erc, Aidan						
Dommo	Domus?	Veduceri	Vedu, Ceri				
Covaluti	Co, Valuti						
Anm Meddogeni	<i>Anm</i> referring to the 'Soul of'. Medo, Geni						

2. Ogham Recorded Personal Names from other Cork Souterrain sites

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Barrahaurin	Bár Abhann Rann. Overlooking the River Blackwater	Carrtacc	Cárthach i.e. kind, loving. The name of an early bishop at the Rock of Cashel.	Son of Cagg...	Cagg...				
Burnfort	?	Sagittari							Meaning an 'archer' or bowman? A nickname?
Ahaliskey	Áth an Uisce?	Giragni	Gir, Magni						
Ahaliskey		Cunagusos	Cuna, Gusos...Cú na 'gusos'... hound of the....	Son of Viragni		Viragni	Vir, Magni (magnus?).... 'big or important man'?		
Ahaliskey		Coimagni	Coi, Magni	Grandson of Ga....		Ga...			
Ballyhank	Baile i.e. a homestead, hamlet, extended farm community.		Vurrtigurn	Vurrtigurn	Vertigern?				
		Diobi							

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		Corbagni	Corb, Magni			Corotani		European, British, Corotani tribe?	
		Sacattini							
		Ab Ulccagni	Ulc, Magni....Ultan / Eltin, Magni?						Abba i.e. an abbot?
						Domaneqi	Doman, Eqi... Romhanaigh, Domo, Equis?		Domus?
Carhoovauler	Carhoo i.e. a land division.	Scamagni	Sca, Magni						
		Conann	S...						
		Domngen	Domn, Gen						Domus?
Coolineagh	a Cúile...land patch	No'	Dego						
Cooldorraga	a Cúile...land patch	Veqoanai	Veqo, Anai	Eqod	Eqod from Equis...a Roman knight				Equis? Stables, Horses? Cavalry?
Garranes	a Garrane... ploughed land area.	Cassittas....a common Roman name?		Son of Calliti ...son of Callitus?		Calliti			

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Glenawillin	Gleann an Mhuilean... glen of the mill.	Colomagni	Colo, Magni			Ducuri	Du, Curi		Monastic millers? This inscription and the Brusco inscription below are on the one stone. Why? Were they related or buried in the same grave?
Glenawillin		Brusco		Dovalesci	Dova, Lesci				
Kilmartin	Martin's cell or a follower dedicated to St. Martin of Tours?	Uddmensa	Udd, Mensa... Mensa??					Celi, Nettas, Logi....Loggia, Nettas, Céile of...People group of Nettas' Loggia?	
Knockshana wee	Cnoc Sean Maige....Hill of the old plain.	Canavvi how far away is Canovee townland and early monastery?		Lugun					

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		Veqikami	Veqi, Kami	Luguni...is this the same person as Lugun above and if so how were Canavvi and Veqikami related to him?		Is Luguni a personal name or does it relate to the European Celtic god Lugh?		Were the Luguni a people group based elsewhere in Europe?	
		Grimiggn	Grim, Iggn	Cerc					
		Culrigai	Cul, Rig (Ríogh?), Ai	Menu					
		Branigenitive from gaelic personal name Branan?							
		Colli							
Monataggart	Bog or field of the Priest.	Feqreqmoq	Feq, req... with moqui / maqi meaning son of Feqreq?	Oiglunlegget. Oiglun... Olan / Eolang, Legget referring to Legatus?					Legatus? Roman officer?
		Dalagni	Dal, Magni	Dali					

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		Verguso	Ver... Latin vir meaning man or ver meaning truth, guso meaning ... see Cunagusos at Ahaliskey above.	Llominacca	Llomin, Acca				
Rathcanning		Tulena	Tul, Ena ...Eanna personal name, male or female?						
Roovesmore	Rooves meaning iron working?	Analamattias	Ana from Anam meaning 'soul of' , La, Mattias... Mathias?	Oeluni ...Olan / Eolang		Akeras...a gaelic or a foreign name?			Monastery metalworking ?
				Ericas	Erc...?	Valamni	Val, Amni....Latin vale, amnus?		
		Vedacuna	Veda, Cuna... from gaelic Cú meaning hound?	Tobira		Sogini			
Underhill		Mounin							

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		A... Darun	A referring to Anm or Abba? Darun a personal name?	Colali					
		Moesac	Moe, Sac?						

What was the reason for the presence of several names with 'agni' endings above? Did it mean the genitive case of Latin word 'magnus'?

Note the use of doubled letters and at times a tendency to cluster several words together without spaces. Is this the period in writing in Ireland when scribes began to separate words using spaces rather than having all words in a text run together? Are those inscriptions written without word spaces earlier than those with? Why was double lettering used and does the practice survive in Spanish? Were some of the above people being described according to their clan, tribe, ethnic origins? Were some described according to their professions / crafts or former lives? Were some described according to their status within a hermit or religious community? How many were native Irish and how many had arrived and settled from Britannia or elsewhere within the Roman Empire? Were some of St. Senan's group of 50 scholars, who arrived at Inis Luinge (by Inniscarra) on the River Lee, among them? How many stayed at Cronody (Cró na hOidhe i.e. shelter of the scholars) with Senan there? Knockshanawee is in this locality. At the south side of the Lee River, opposite, the parish of AGLISH (Eglise..from French meaning church) continues and has Roovesmore where a ringfort souterrain produced 3 ogham stones excavated by Pitt-Rivers (Pitt-Rivers Museum, Oxford). If Latin scholars, or scholars of the world of the Roman Empire during the early Christian period, were to study these inscriptions what understanding might be derived from these inscriptions about the early days of Christianity in South Munster, its formation there and its geographical impact among communities at local 'parish' level?