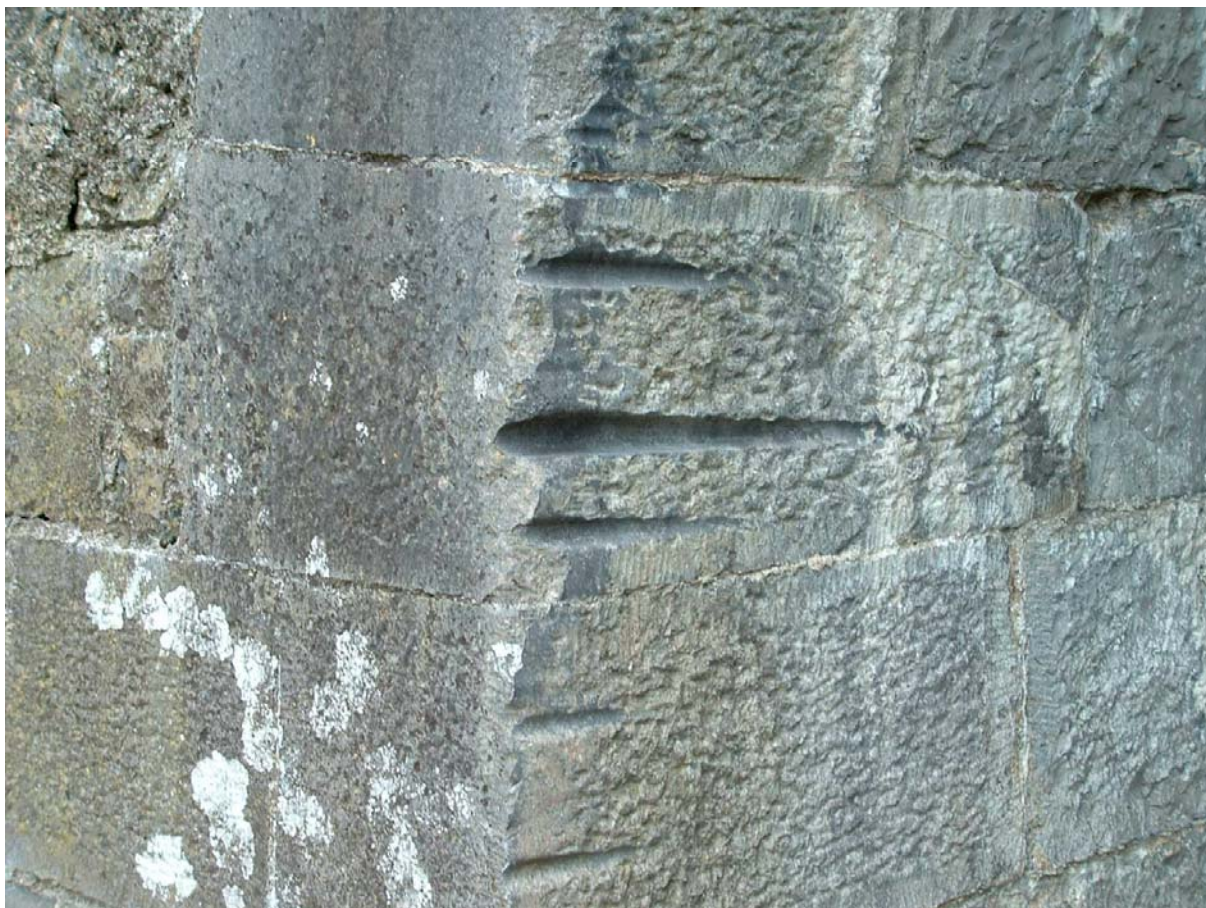


HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

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ABBEY BRIDGE AND TANDY BRIDGE — NAAS CANAL

The Naas Canal provides a natural habitat where today people can enjoy the quietude and tranquility of the waterway. A closer look at the bridges over the waterway and you will see signs which tell a story that will take you back to the more leisurely transport age of the horse-drawn barge. Uniquely sculpted on the edge of the lower arch are the smooth semicircular grooves worn by the endless rubbing of the ropes as horses pulled barges with their heavy cargo from Dublin for distribution to Naas and its hinterland. Though few, if any, would remember those days one still can understand the old saying, “Guinness traveled so much better on the clam waters of the canal in those good old days.”