A SELECTION OF BOOKS OF LEITRIM INTEREST PUBLISHED IN THE PAST YEAR

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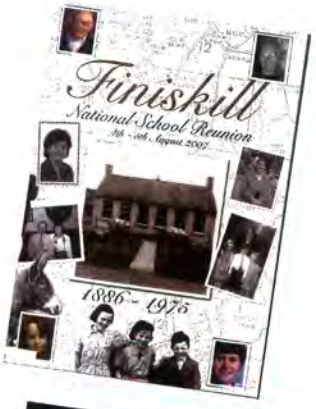
Most of these items are on sale at Leitrim Genealogy Centre, Ballinamore

Missing Children *by* **Sarah McGloin**

Missing Children is a fiction work by Glenade's Sarah McGloin. The fast moving plot is set both in Leitrim and Dublin and explores many modern day scenarios from winning the lottery to being kidnapped by criminals. While primarily a children's book, it could be enjoyed by all who are young at heart and would make a great Christmas stocking filler.

Ballinamore Post Primary Schools *Magazine 2007*

Ballinamore Post Primary Schools have produced an annual magazine for the past number of years and the 2007 edition has reached the usual high standard. It is a collection of pictures, essays, student feedback of events and strong emphasis on sporting achievements. It is packed full of information and students involved in the project should feel justifiably proud of their efforts.

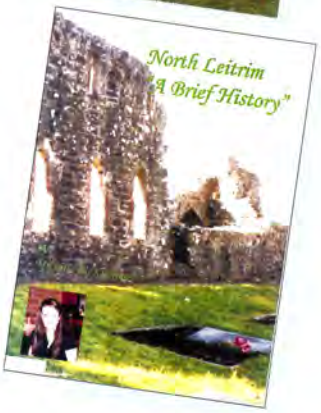


Finiskill National School Reunion 1886-1975 *&* **Lisduff School Reunion 1891-1975**

Both of these books were published in conjunction with reunions held for past pupils of Finiskill and Lisduff National Schools during the summer of 2007. Both publications contain a history of the general area and reminiscences of past pupils, maps and photographs. Added to this is a selection of folklore taken form the 1937/8 schools project plus a sample of traditional cures and household hints. These school reunion books have compiled a wealth of local recollections and information, which will be valuable sources for future researchers.

County Leitrim Ploughing Assoc Championships *celebrates 50th anniversary*

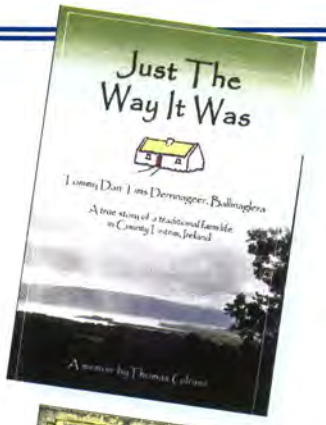
This booklet was compiled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Co Leitrim Ploughing Championship, which took place in Carrigallen on 8th April 2007. It contains appreciations of former long serving members, now deceased, and has many action photographs of the ploughing tradition. It recounts former competition escapades and illustrates how the championship evolved over the years. In the words of committee member, Margaret McCartin: 'this publication will be sought after not alone by the locals but will grace many an exiles bookshelf'.



Just The Way It Was

A Memoir by Thomas Gilrane

Thomas Gilrane, like many others emmigrated from Ballinaglera to America in the 1940's. This, his memoir details life growing up in a thatched cottage, without electricity, water or any modern conveniences. The simple joys, challenges and difficulties typical of living a traditional farm life in rural Ireland are described in vivid detail. This story of emmigration is full of emotion, humour and sometimes harsh realities. However, his childhood of farming, family, hard work and religion provided him with all he needed to succeed as he tells his story 'just the way it was'.



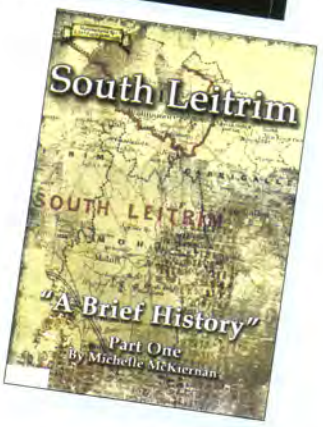
Scéal na gCluainte:

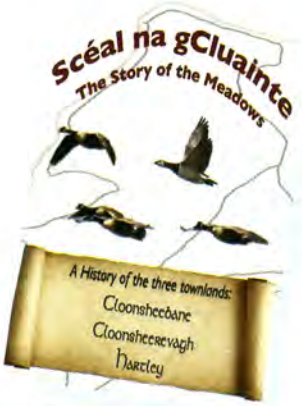
The Story of the Meadows

A History of the three townlands:

Cloonsheebane, Cloonsheerevagh & Hartley

This beautifully produced book contains historical information on the three townlands and is accompanied by a DVD. It includes information going back to the 16th century sourced from estate books and extensive information on all local landholders. There are comprehensive articles on major landmarks in the townlands, such as Hartley Bridge, Cloonsheebane Cemetery and Hartley House. There are numerous articles and photographs by current and former residents, along with extensive relevant newspaper archive material.

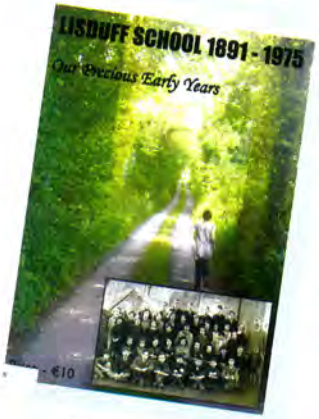




South Leitrim: *A Brief History*

North Leitrim: *A Brief History*

These 2 DVD's have been compiled, narrated and directed by Carrigallen Vocational School student Michelle McKiernan as part of her Leaving Certificate Programme. In what was an adventurous assignment, Michelle takes us on a virtual tour of interesting and historical locations in our beautiful county. Among the many sites visited are Lough Rynn, Sheemore and Fenagh Abbey in South Leitrim and Parkes Castle, Glencar Waterfall and Seán MacDiarmada's homestead in North Leitrim.



Brian McNamara & Tim Collins

Reed Only

This CD is a duet of Aughavas native Brian McNamara on Uileann Pipes and Tim Collins on Concertina playing a medley of Traditional Irish Music. The album contains reels, jigs and hornpipes by these two master musicians. This magnificent album is simultaneously timeless and yet very much of its time.