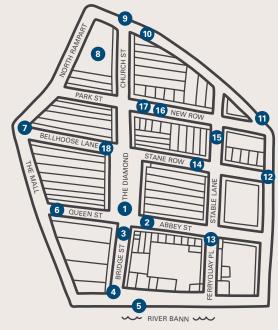
#### **COULRENN 1613**

Fur centuries Coulrenn, on the River Bann haes hoult a crucial place in Airesh histry. In the early 17th century Coulrenn wus key tae the plantation an a foartified toon wus built on this oul site. Coulrenn wus connectet, through it's poart, wi Britain, Europe an America.

James 1st gin Coulrenn it's toon charter on the 28th o June 1613. This gin the toon the richt tae houl markets an sen repraesentatives tae parliament.

Fower hunner years later in 2013, the Coulrenn 400 Heirskipe Trell through the historic toon centre supports exploration o the significant pairt in Airlans past an the rich histry o Englesh, Scotch, Welsh, an Airesh fowk here.

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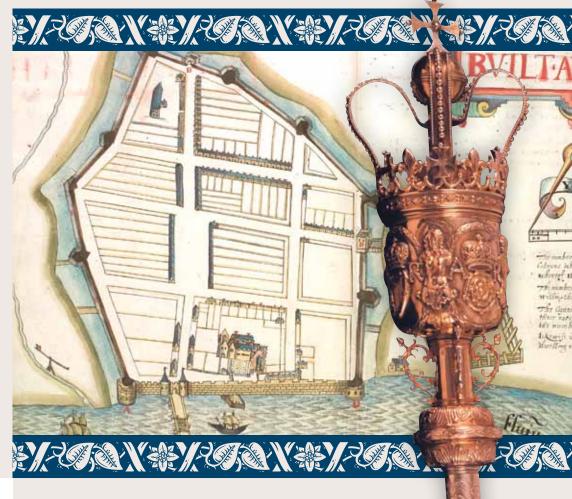






# **COULRENN 400**

FINNIN OOT ABOOT THE HISTORIC TOON CENTRE





#### 17th-CENTURY PLANTATION



'Plantation' brocht settlers in tae open up new markets an tak ower trade. Here in Ulster, Plantation meent Englesh, Scotch an Welsh settlers, new laas, landowners an toons.

In the early 17th century, unner a special scheme, 55 London merchant compnaes, knowed es Guilds ir Livery Compnaes wur obliged tae invest in Coonty Coulrenn, renaming it Coonty Londonderry. In 1613 King James 1 grantet a Royal Charter tae The Honourable The Airesh Society, the governin boady o the Londonderry Plantation. The Church an some Airesh wur grantet lan forbye.

Ownership in the early 17th century o the valuable River Bann fishin richts wus aften daesputet. Local clans, Englesh an Scottish 'entrepeneurs' an the church aal made claims. The grant o the fishin richts in 1613 tae The Honorable The Airesh Society didnae en the arguements.

Coulrenn wus key tae the Plantation an a foartified toon wus built on this oul site. In 1613 King James 1 grantet Coulrenn its Toon Charter.



# Coulrenn wus baelieved by 1637 tae hae bin the 'poart' o the gretest consequence in the Kingdom fur coast business

Raeport o the Surveyor General o Customes in Airlan 1637.





The River Bann wus the Gatewye tae the worl. In 1613, British an European impoarts intae Coulrenn includet tools, tobacco, coal, French wine, seeds, silks, lace, spices, dried fruit, white sugar an mere. Expoarts tae es far awa es Spain includet Salmon, timmer, animal hides, kye an grain.



- 01 Coulrenn toon an its foartifications wur built ower the existin Medieval settlement. Formal street patterms introduced then ir still there tae bae lukt intae the day. The hooses wur built o timmer frames frae logs floatet doon the River Bann. These earthen ramparts shane fell intae disraepair hooiniver, the toon an them that tuk shelter there survived the 1642 seige. Ootside the walls wer mills, animal pouns an lime kilns.

  Illustration by Philip Armstrong.
- **02** Queen Anne Mace o 1702 presentet tae the Coulrenn Toon Comissioners bae The Honorable Airesh Society es compensation fur lans.
- **03** The 1613-1913 staint gless winda presentet tae Coulrenn bae The Honorable The Airesh Society.
- **04** The legacy o civic administration an connections wi the City o London introduced in the Plantation period continues the day through the use o this special 1928 version wi its historic crests an symbols.

# COULRENN 400 'INSIDE AN OOT'

# 1 THE DIAMOND

In the 17th century this wus a busy hub es the toon market. The market hoose wus built in 1743 bae The Honorable The Airesh Society, an raeplaced bae Coulrenn Toon Hall in 1859.

### 2 ABBEY STREET

Named efter the Dominican Abbey built in 1244, activity in this airt dates bak thoosants o years wi Mesolithic material bein fun bae archaeologists.

The Presbyterian faith wus brocht tae Coulrenn bae Scottish settlers. It wus bein practised in the 1640's an a building near the 1st Presbyterian Church that's there the day on Abbey Street wus used tae wurship in frae the 1660's.

#### 3 BRIDGE STREET

The barracks o the garrison wur in Bridge Street in the 17th century.

Wudden brigs across the Bann had existet in earlier times but had bin daestroyed. William Jackson putt a brig across in 1673. The brig that's there the day wus built in 1844.

▼ Drawin o Bridge Street, Book o Coulrenn, 1816. Coulrenn Museum Collection



# CUSTOMS HOOSE

Coulrenns impoartance es a poart in The 17th century brocht trade wi Britain an Europe. A customs hoose wus opent tae control an tax that wus comin in an gan oot. The Customs Hoose wus initially in the middle o the toon but had built here bae the 1660's.

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# 8 ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Legend tells that St. Patrick foundet the church in Coulrenn in the 5th century. Archaeologists uncover the foundations o a Medieval church, that can bae seen inside the church the day. Memorials an tombstanes raeveal the stories o the fowk that leeved in an aroon Coulrenn in the 17th Century.

### 5 RIVER BANN

It wus only in 1835 that plans wur drew up fur Hanover Gairdens. Afore this the edge o the river run alang the Abbey Lans. A Citadel wus built on Abbey Lans between 1625 an 1630 but wus knocked doon aroon 1670.

Across the river, lan wus hoult bae the Church an the 'Cloot workers' livery compnae. There haes bin a church in Killowen since the 11th century – unner King James 1 this Church become a Church o Airlan.

▼ Drawin o Hanover Place, Book o Coulrenn, 1816. Coulrenn Museum Collection



# 6 FOARTIFIED COULRENN

The MacDonnells ownt a quor bit o Coonty Antrim. Twa thoosant acres o lan tae bae knowed es the Liberties o Coulrenn, wur naegotiatet frae Sir Randal MacDonnell fur the Londonderry Plantation. Hae built a toon at Dunluce near enuch in size an daesigned tae compete wi Coulrenn.

# 7 THE NORTH RAMPART

Usin the natural landscape here fur the foartified toon, the Liberties o Coulrenn wi their rich agricultural lans streetcht oot tae the north an west. The mill wi its dam wus locatet outside the ramparts.

## 9 KINGSGATE

The street's named efter the gate, yin o only twa gates in the ramparts that controlled access in an oot o the foartified toon. Here the road led tae Dunluce, Bushmill an Bellycassel, It's thocht that the buriel pits fur 2000 victims o the plague in 1642 ir naw far frae the gate.

## 10 'THE RAMPARTS'

Waakin alang Society Street alloos yae tae folly the line o the ramparts es they wur in the 17th century. Some local fowk still raefer tae this street es 'The Ramparts'.

# 11 OOTSIDETHE WAALS

The lime kiln wus thocht tae bae fun at Fair Hill outside the waals. Es wee es the kiln an mill bein outside the waals, there wus an animal poun fur kye in the Long Commons airt o Coulrenn.

#### 12 BLINDGATE

Yin o only twa gates in the ramparts that controlled access in an oot o foartified Coulrenn. The road led tae Bellymoney an farther. An excavation at the Baptist Church raevealed medieval airtefacts an gairdens that wint awa beyond the foartified toon boundry.

#### 13 FERRY QUAY

There wus nae brig across the River Bann fur maist o the 17th century; instead ferries wur used tae tak fowk across. This providet income an anither wye o controlling who wus comin in an oot of the toop.

▼ Drawin o St. Patricks Kirk, frae the Book o Coulrenn, 1816. Coulrenn Museum Collection



#### 14 STANE ROW

Named efter the row o stane hooses that stud here in the 17th centurt. Local tradition houlds that the stanes used tae build the hooses wur tuk frae the Cutts farther up the River Bann.

#### 15 JAIL STREET

The toon jail wus on this street. Yae had tae bae a freeman tae practice yer trade inside the toon waals. Fowk that wur fun inside the waals o the toon that wurnae freeman cud bae putt in jail.

#### 16 NEW ROW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Scottish settlers introduced the Presbyterian faith tae Coulrenn. The 1st Presbyterian Church wus near the church thats on Abbey Street the day. The New Row Presbyterian Church dates frae 1832 but it haes bin fundamental tae the witness an wurship o the Presbyterian faith since the 1720s.

# 17 NEW ROW

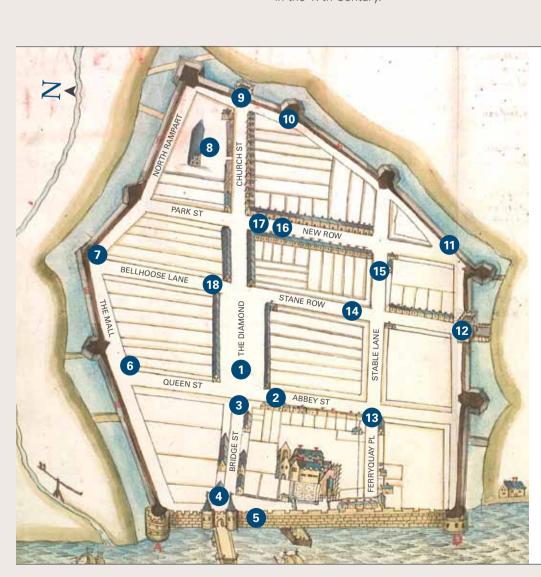
The furst row o English style hooses wus built in this street. The frames o the hooses, made ootae local timmer, wur built on the grun afore bein halt up intae place.

Drawin o New Row frae the Book o Coulrenn, 1816.
Coulrenn Museum Collection



#### 18 BELLHOOSE LANE

The curfew bell would hae hung in the Corporation Haal an coorthoose on the corner. The bell wus rung es a signal tae onieboadie that shudnae bae inside the toon waals tae lee an es a caal tae airms at turbulent times.





▶ Demolition in Church St. In 1985, raeveelt the 17th-Century timmer structure buriet in mere raecent breekwork. Image coortesy o NIEA.



- ▲ Dig ups at the Abbey site in 1999 showed the scale of the medieval St Marys Priory
- Map o Coulrenn in 1622 bae Thomas Raven, showin the street layoot that's still there the day. Coortesy o Lambeth Palace Archives.

 A surviving 1611 timmer that wus pairt o a shap front raemoved frae Moores, Church St, Coulrenn in 1985. Image coortesy o NIEA.



▲ Dig ups in 1983 at New Row raeveelt impoartet
▼ goods such es this chamber pot frae Stoke-onTrent an baelow, what's left o a leather shoe.

Images coortesy o NIEA.

