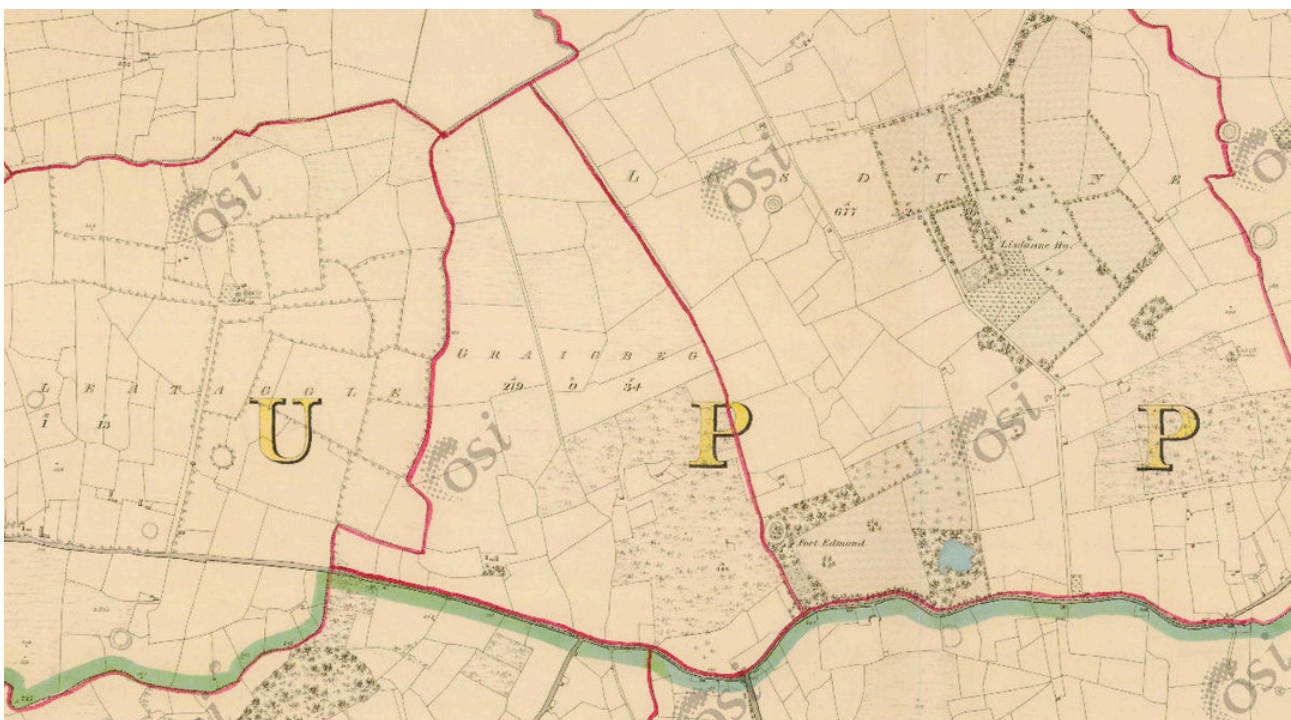


Dargan's (Horgan's) Hill, Graigebeg.

The townland of Graigbeg (The Little Hamlet) lies in the south west of Granagh, it consists of 219 acres making it one of the smaller townlands in Granagh parish. Back in the nineteenth century it was owned by John Dwyer, an Englishman, and Dargan's Hill is its stand out landmark, though no longer in its original state. There used to be a large Fox Covert maintained by the County Limerick Hunt. It was a great place for foxes which often left local women without the egg money. When the early Point-to-Points were being held at Kingsland the competitors had to make the best way they could cross country and round a tree at Dargan's where a steward noted all who passed by. From there they went to a point at Dohora, Banogue and the survivors returned to pass the viewing stand at Kingsland



Pistol Duel.

Dargan's Hill was also the site of a pistol duel between William Lloyd, Heathfield, Ballinruane and John Odell, The Grove, Ballingarry. While ordinary people were prepared to risk their lives in faction fights, the gentry would sometimes risk their lives in pistol duels. The story goes that William Lloyd, who was a Catholic, was walking from Mass at Kilmeedy one Sunday when he was overtaken by John Odell who was returning from a Protestant Service in the same place. Odell offered him a lift which he accepted. As soon as he had taken his seat Odell made some insulting remarks about the Catholic religion which Lloyd resented. One word borrowed another and Lloyd challenged him to a pistol duel. A date and place were arranged. The pair armed with pistols and accompanied by their seconds met at Dargan's Hill on Saturday 11th of July 1829. William Lloyd was mortally wounded and was taken to the house of a man named O'Connell. Odell fled the scene on horseback. William Lloyd's wife erected a headstone to him in the old churchyard at Ballingarry where he is buried. He was aged 27 years.