

## GAFFNEY'S

Judy Gaffney, Mary Lou and I have been to the location of the Gaffney Roots.

After traveling to Texas in April, 1987, to determine the location in Ireland of the Gaffney roots we went in August, 1987 to the Townland of Ross Parish of Killeagh, County of Meath, Ireland. There, we were lucky enough to meet an old gentleman by the name of Jack Boyle, 84 years (young), a life long resident of Ross.

Jack knew much about our Gaffney's. He took us to the Farm where the Gaffney's lived for at least 200 years.

He took us to the cemetery in the Town of Finnea, about 5 miles from Ross. There, as you will see from the enclosed picture was the grave of Charles Gaffney & his wife Bridget. You will notice that the monument was erected by their four sons; Michael, I believe is my great great grandfather. I know that Charles, my great grandfather's death certificates states that Michael Gaffney was his father.

I was most disappointed when I found out that Molly Gaffney died in September of 1979. Jack Boyle told me that she was the last of our Gaffney line that lived in the farmhouse in Ross. The pictures of the farm house are of where she lived. After Molly died, the farm was sold and is now used for only grazing. Jack Boyle thinks that the proceeds from the sale have gone to someone in the United States. She had visitors from time to time from the United States. I didn't have time to explore this lead.

While I was in awe of what I saw in Ross I left with the feeling that I'm glad my great grandfather Charles and his brother Owen left the old sod.

Maybe one day I will go back again.....

I hope you enjoy the pictures.

Fondly,

