

## Appendix C

**Old Kilwaughter Castle Graveyard**

Parish of Kilwaughter, Townland Demesne

The sole known and presumed surviving **Agnew Armorial gravestone** is buried in an impenetrable thicket of shrubbery and trees hard against the ruined wall of Kilwaughter Castle. It is a large slate headstone the text of which has not been accessible for many decades. No drawing or photograph has been located and no answers have arrived to queries addressed to Antrim historical sources.

In the Ulster Historical Foundation's series on Gravestone Inscriptions of County Antrim, volume 4, *Old Families of Larne and District*, 2004, which has been reissued in electronic form, the arms on the stone are blazoned (i.e., a proper and accurate description in words of an armorial bearing). Thus not only the text on the gravestone but also the armorial can be depicted.

**AGNEW**

[Large slate with arms:- a chevron, in chief two gillyflowers, in base three saltires coupéd barwise. Crest:- an eagle(?) displayed. Motto:- Concilio non impetu.]

**Erected by John Agnew in memory of**

**ELIZABETH AGNEW who departed this life June the XIth AD MDCCCXI aged XV years.**

**O happy youth with graces blest To whom the Lord has given rest.**

**Also his wife MARGT. who departed this life May 1825 aged 66 yrs.**

**Also JOHN AGNEW who died Mar. 1839 aged (78) yrs.**

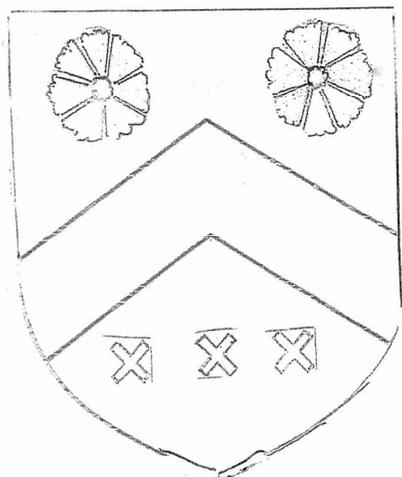
Added at the top at a much later date:

**AGNES AGNEW died 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1896, aged 82 years<sup>1</sup>**

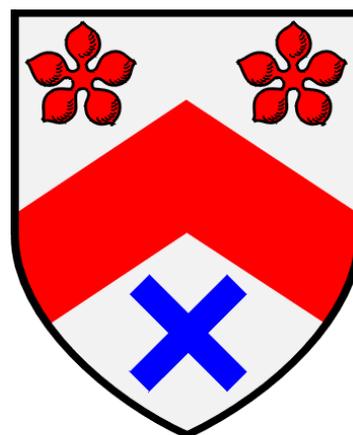
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<sup>1</sup> (2012-01-24). *Old Families of Larne and District* (Kindle Locations 1015-1020). . Kindle Edition.

With the details above, the armorial shield can now be pictured as it differs materially from **Agnew of Lochnaw**. The motto is that associated with **Lochnaw**. The question mark associated with the crest description raises some uncertainty but it should be remembered that *Fairbairn* reports minor variations for the crests of the cadet houses of Lochryan/Creach and Castle Wigg.



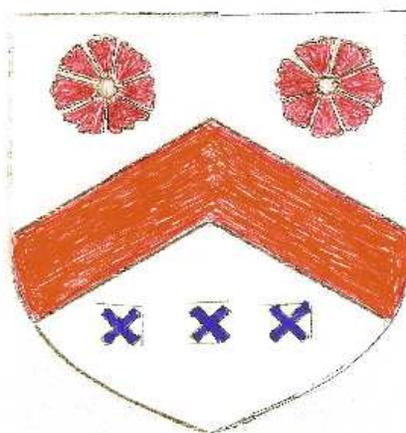
*Kilwaughter*



*Agnew*

*of Lochnaw*

It may be worth noting that some variants of the Livingstone arms of Scotland employ gillyflowers, the heraldic description of which is a blood red carnation, and others appear to substitute rouge cinquefoils for the floriforms. Gravestone carvings are generally monochrome unless the mason added tincturing but, in the absence of direct observation or a photograph, we can only guess what the colors of the Kilwaughter shield might be. However, the use of “gillyflowers” with their specific coloration suggests the shield will follow Lochnaw colors. If so it may resemble the following approximation:



## St. John's Church of Donegore

Parish of Connor

The old cemetery in Donegore is a treasure trove of early Agnew and collateral family graves and might well be referred to as the Agnew-Adair cemetery due to the number and prominence of their graves. A brief history from the St. Patrick's and St. John's United Parishes site provides the following:

"It is not known when the first church was built at Donegore but the present building is one of the oldest in the Diocese of Connor. The earliest record of a church on this site occurs in the taxation role of Pope Nicholas IV in 1306. An entry in the Ulster visitation book in 1622 describes the church as "decayed". Around this time a Scottish colony was established in the area, ministers of Scottish Presbyterian origin were ordained to serve in the Established church, and the Rev. Andrew Stewart of Donegore was one of the first. His son-in-law was incumbent in 1659, the date which is over the doorway of the church. Restoration had obviously been carried out since the church was described as "decayed" in 1622. "

For additional information on this parish which was once joined with Kilbride Parish click here:

<http://templepatrick.connor.anglican.org/history/stjohns.php>

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Many of the gravestones are centuries old and difficult to read, but an obelisk just inside the gate has inscriptions for several Agnews. The Agnew obelisk is striking not only due to its size and position, but due to its obvious newness. It is quite possible that Samuel Henry Agnew, son of Thomas, had the memorial constructed after the death of his father in 1887. Samuel lived in New York City but was known to travel to County Antrim upon occasion and his son Albert was born in Ballymena in 1885.



The inscriptions on the obelisk above read:

Erected by **THOMAS AGNEW**  
of Ballymena  
In Memory of his wife  
**CATHERINE**  
Who died 25 September, 1860?  
Also his daughter  
**ANNA MARIA**  
Who died 8 September 1859  
The above mentioned  
**THOMAS AGNEW**  
Who died at Green Cottage Tobergill  
11 November, 1887  
Age 64 years  
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On the Base

SERGT SAMUEL AGNEW (d. 19 Mar, 1899 age 80yrs)

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Inscription on a side panel reads:

In Memory of  
**JOHN WOODS BALLARD AGNEW**  
Youngest son of  
**THOMAS AGNEW** of Ballymena  
Who died at Belfast 30<sup>th</sup> April 1898  
Aged 37 years

**SAMUEL AGNEW**  
Late Master Gunner C.B.R.A.  
Died at Ballymena 19<sup>th</sup> March 1893  
Aged 80 years

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The granite obelisk is inscribed with the eagle issuant and regardant and the motto *Consilio non impetu* similar to those on early Agnew armorials. It is notable that Samuel Henry Agnew had some jewelry inscribed with Agnew armorials like those of Agnew of Lochnaw but with the helmet omitted.