

Burriscarra Abbey

In 1298 an abbey for the Carmelites was founded at Burriscarra, probably by Adam de Staunton of Castle Carra. It's possibly on the site of an earlier monastery. The abbey was abandoned before 1383 but in 1412 the Staunton's are said to have invited the Augustinian friars of Ballinrobe to take it over and it was transferred to them by papal decree in 1413. It was burned in 1430 but repaired soon after. It was usurped by the Cromwellians and later Charles II granted it to Sir Henry Lynch whose family kept it until the last century. It is now in the ownership of the Office of Public Works. The current remains are largely of the early 14th century.

On the Mayo County Library website is an extract from the Irish Tourist Association Survey of 1945 which shows a floor plan of the abbey (see link below) and gives detailed information about the abbey :

<http://www.mayolibrary.ie/en/LocalStudies/IrishTouristAssociationSurvey/BurriscarraBallintober/Antiquities/PDFDocument,10535,en.pdf>





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