



Monitoring Report No. 116

**Tully Castle
Tully
Co. Fermanagh**

AE/07/57

Ruth Logue

Site Specific Information

Site Name: Tully Castle

Townland: Tully

SMR No (if applicable): FER 172:031

State Care Scheduled Other

Grid Ref: H12675664

County: Fermanagh

Excavation Licence Number: AE/07/57

Planning Reference Number: Not applicable
File ref. B 60/80

Date of Monitoring: 20th March 2007

Archaeologist Present: Ruth Logue

Brief Summary:

Monitoring of socket for insertion of lectern-type sign. Nothing of archaeological significance found.

Type of monitoring: Excavation by hand.

Size of area opened: One trench 0.5m x 0.5m, and 0.5m deep.

Account of the monitoring

The monitoring took place at Tully Castle, County Fermanagh, FER 172:031. The castle and bawn were built between 1610 and 1618-19 for Sir John Hume. The castle was attacked and burnt in 1641 by Rory Maguire and never restored.

An archaeological evaluation was requested to assess the potential impact of work being carried out at the site on any hidden archaeological remains. Monitoring of excavation took place on 20th March 2007, requested by Malcolm Fry, Built Heritage.

Trench 1

A trench was hand dug at the south end of the garden area to the front of the castle. The dimensions were .5m x .5m, and it was also .5m deep. The trench was dug to accommodate a lectern-type information sign set on a single square steel post.

The topsoil (Context 100) was .25 to .27m deep, a dark brown silty loam. Below the topsoil was subsoil (Context 101), a mid orange-brown clay. Cut into the subsoil was a modern pipe trench (Context 102) filled with gravel (Context 103).

Archive:

Finds: N/A

Photographs: 4 digital photos, held in Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork offices

Plans / Drawings: Sketch plans of sections held in Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork offices

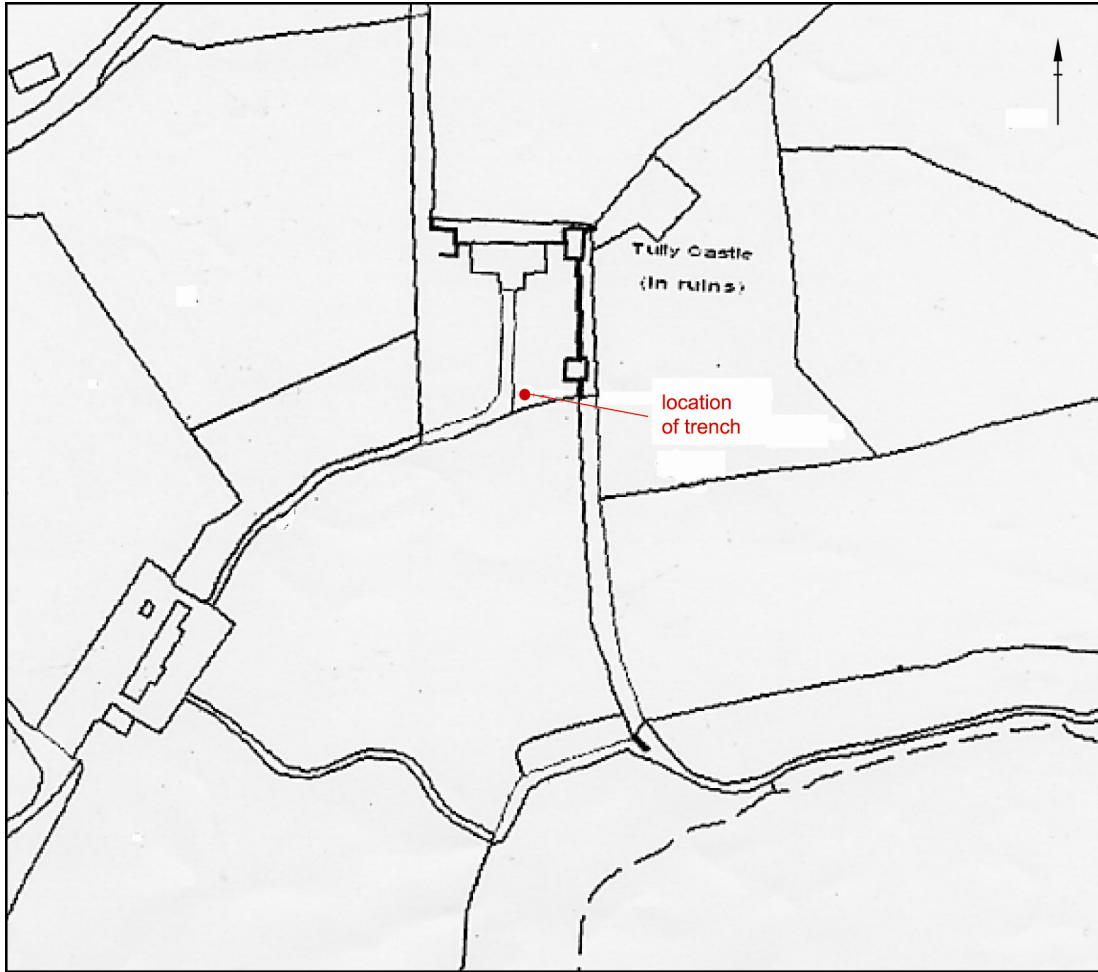


Figure 2: Plan of castle showing location of trench.



Plate 1: Location of trench pre-excitation, looking north-east towards south-east flanker.



Plate 2: Trench showing plastic pipe in gravel (Context 103), looking east.



Plate 3: Trench post-excavation, looking north-east.