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Ballintober Castle  
Ballintober, Co. Roscommon  
Ireland

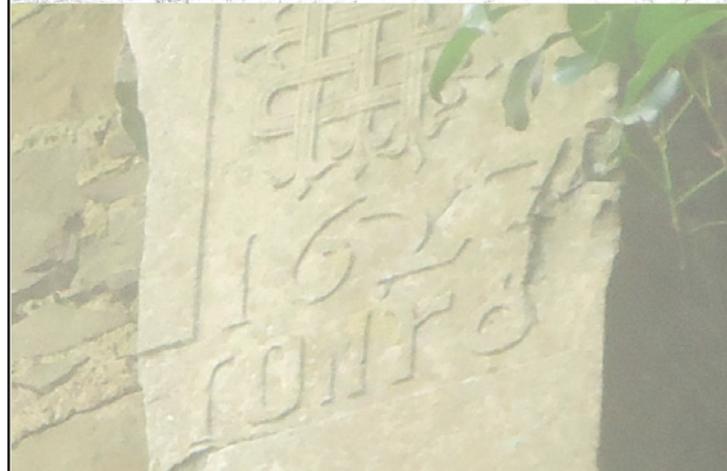
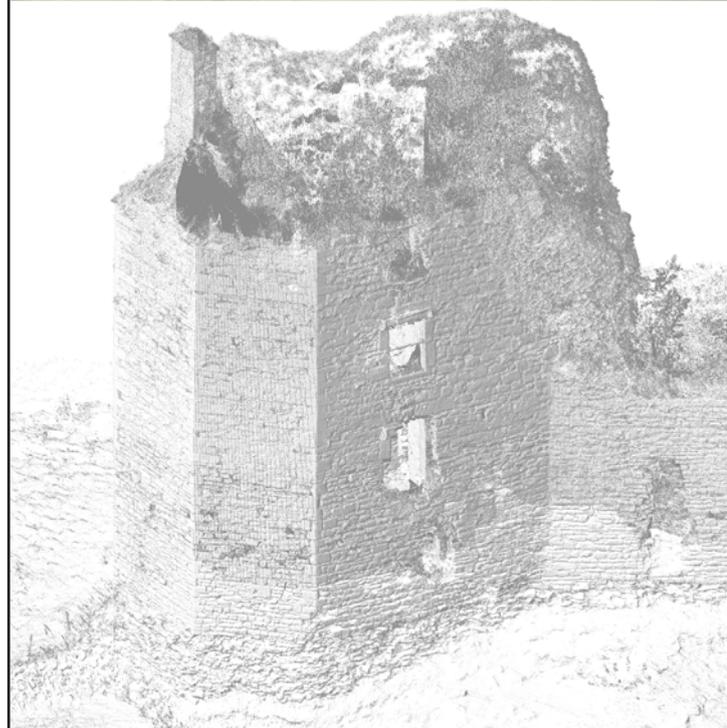
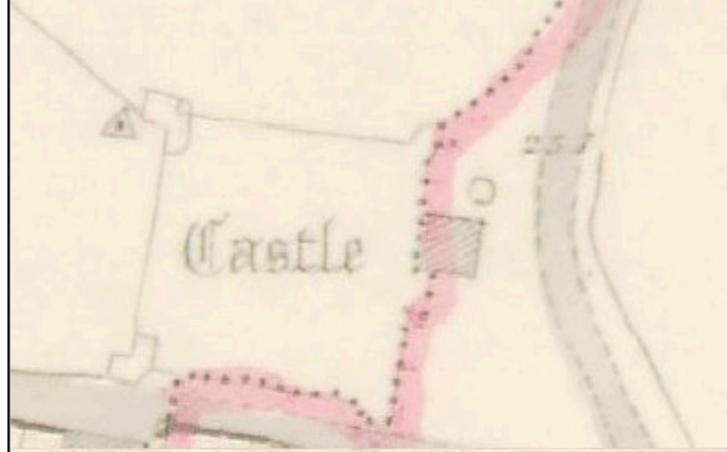
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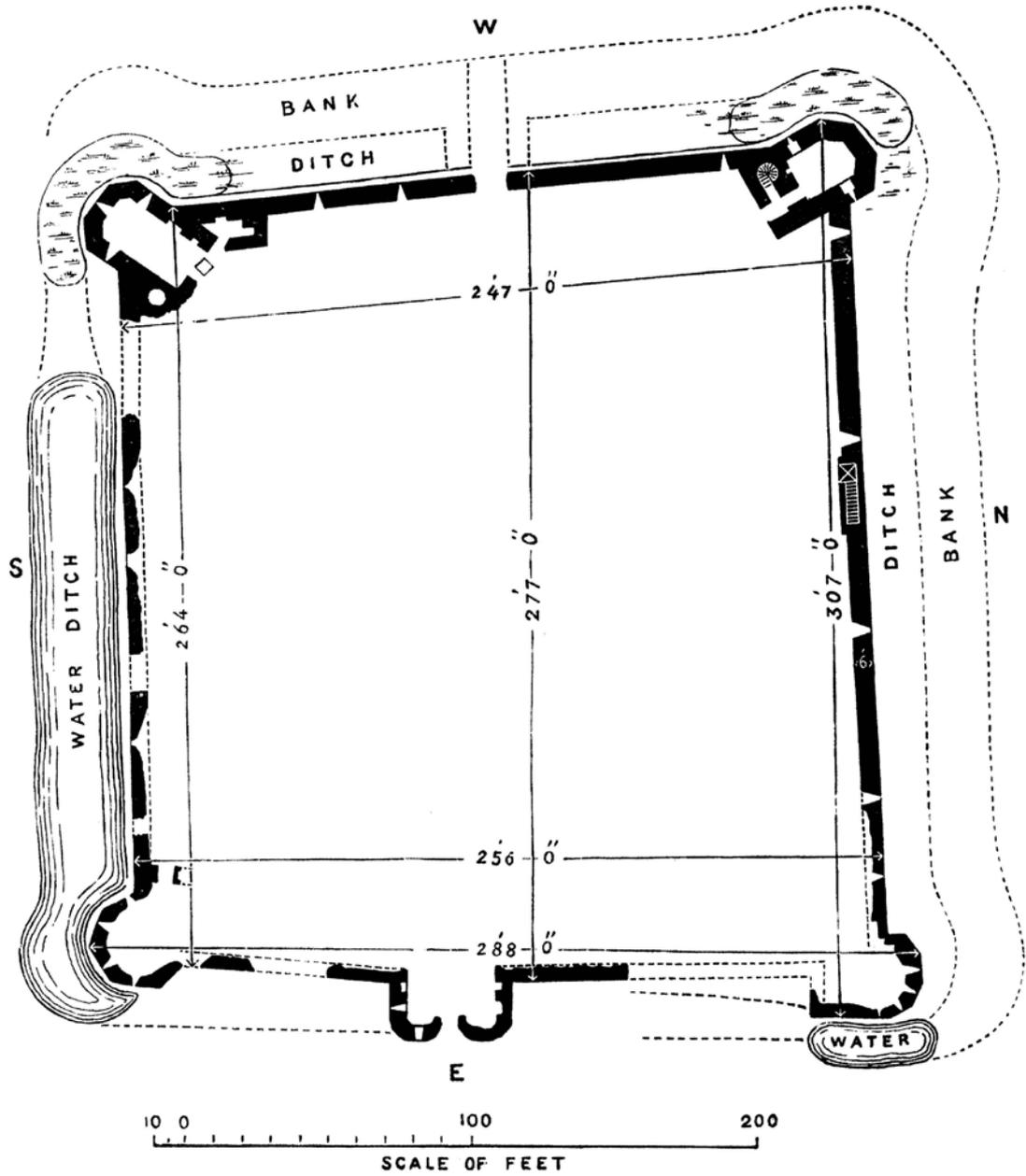


Figure 1: Plan of Ballintober Castle

Source:  
O'Connor Don, 1899

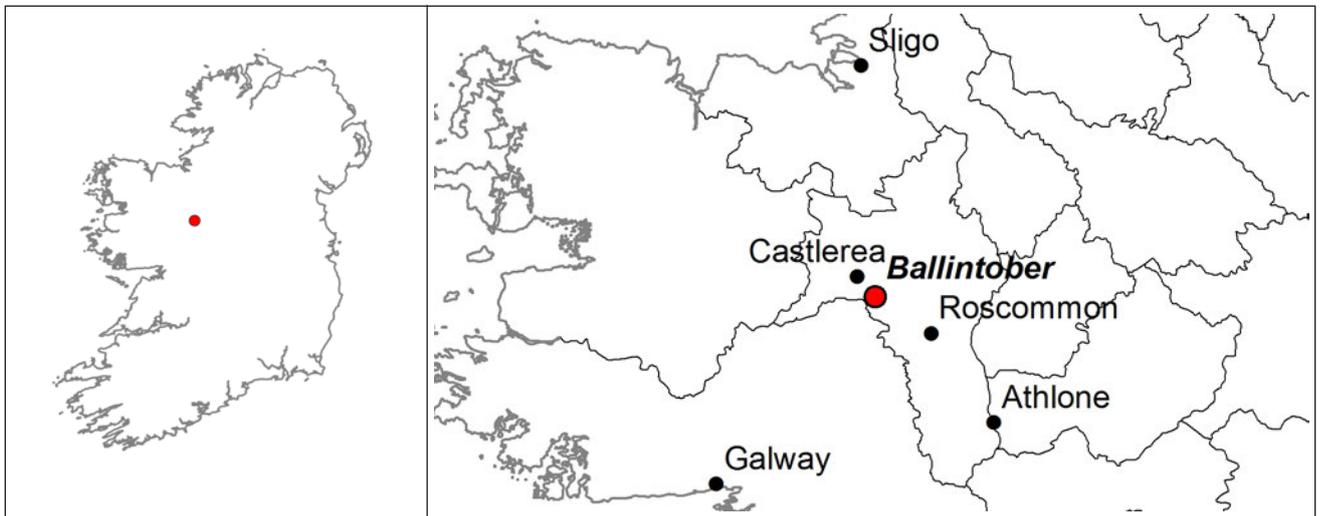


Figure 2: Location Map

Source of main map:  
OS 1:50,000 Discovery Map series

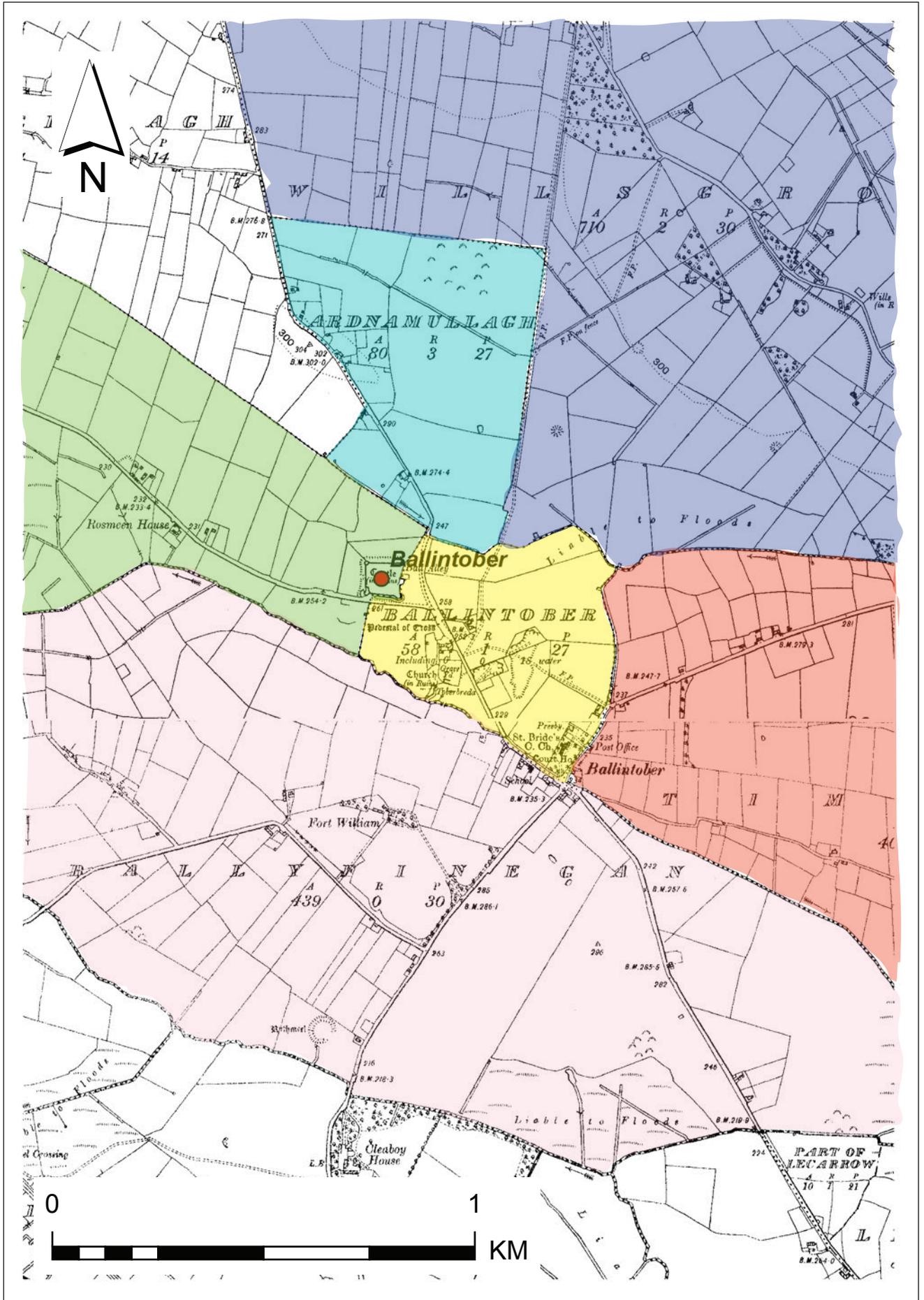


Figure 3: Landscape context, based on surrounding townlands

Sources  
OS 6-inch/mile series RO 27, 34

Townlands coloured for convenience

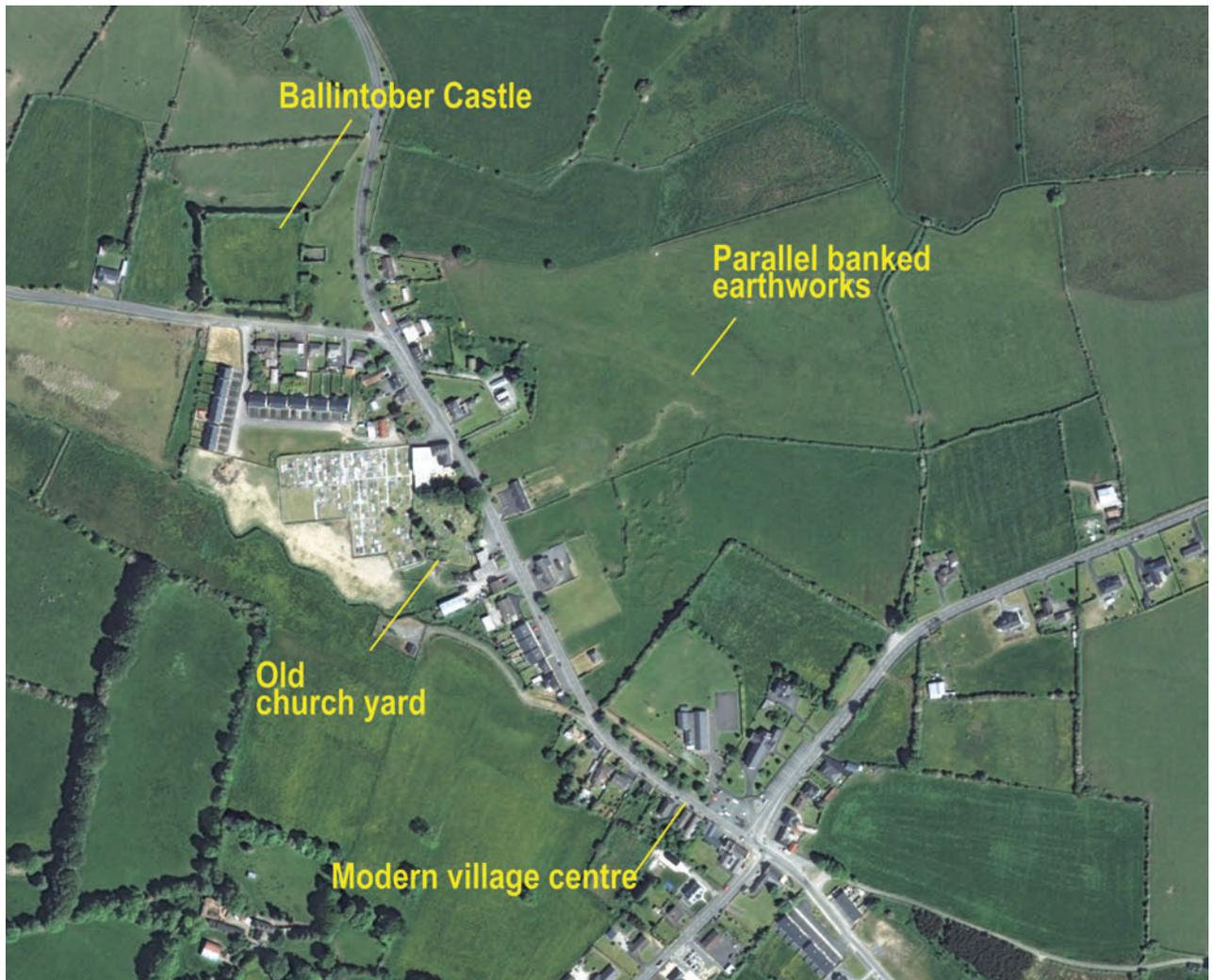


Figure 4: Ortho image showing aerial view of present-day landscape

Source:  
Ortho image courtesy of Roscommon  
County Council

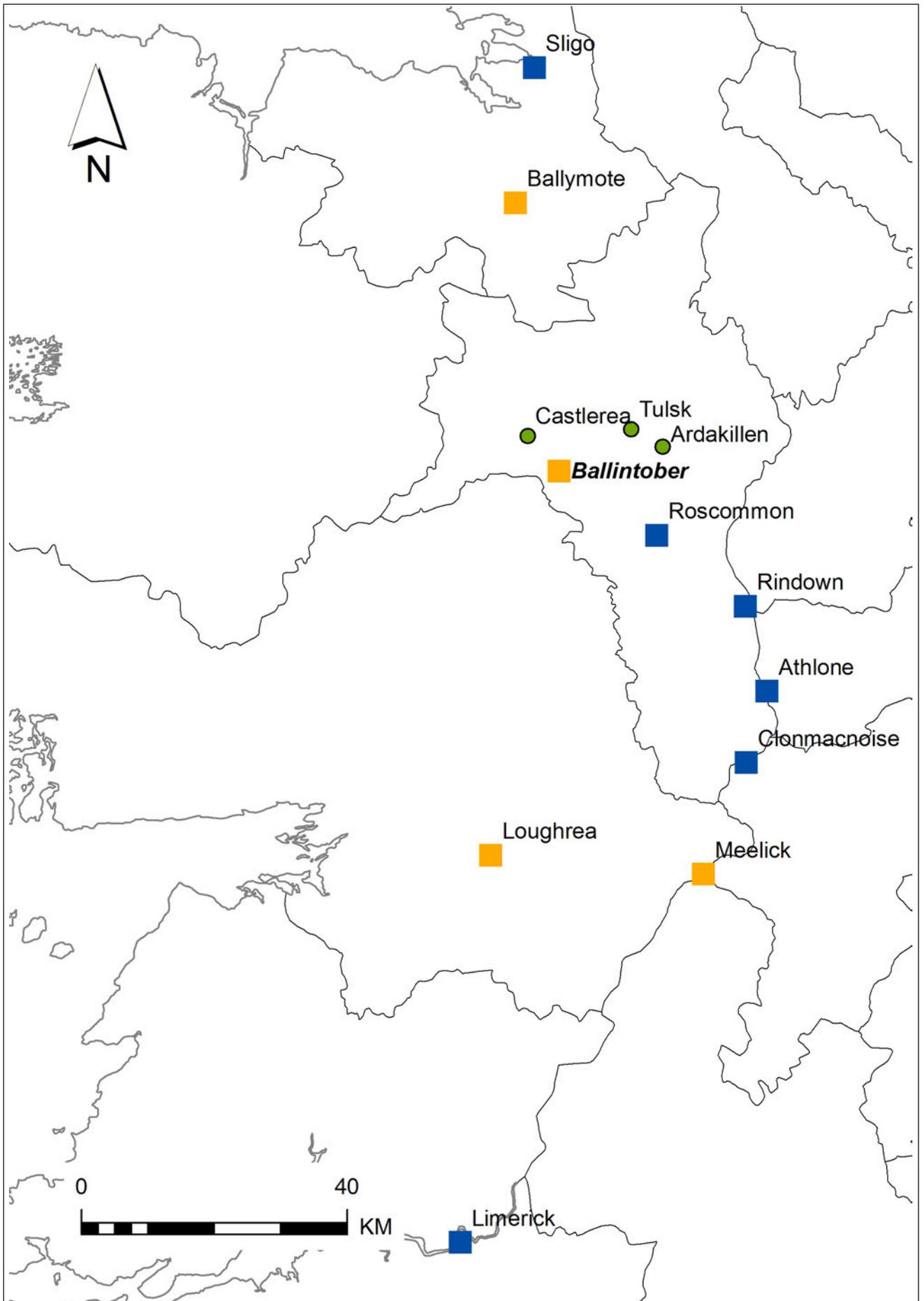
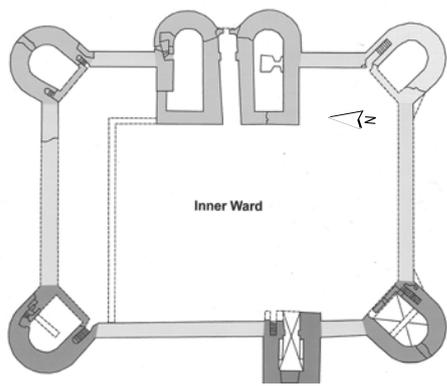
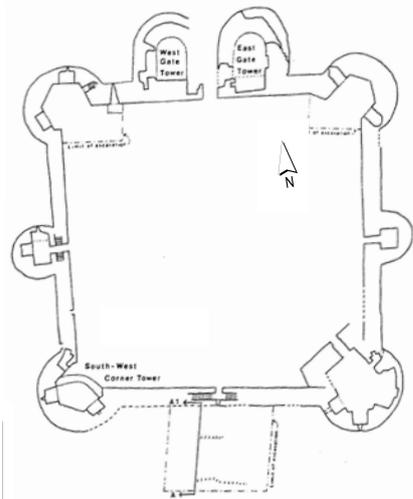


Figure 5: Map showing royal castles, de Burgh castles and other sites

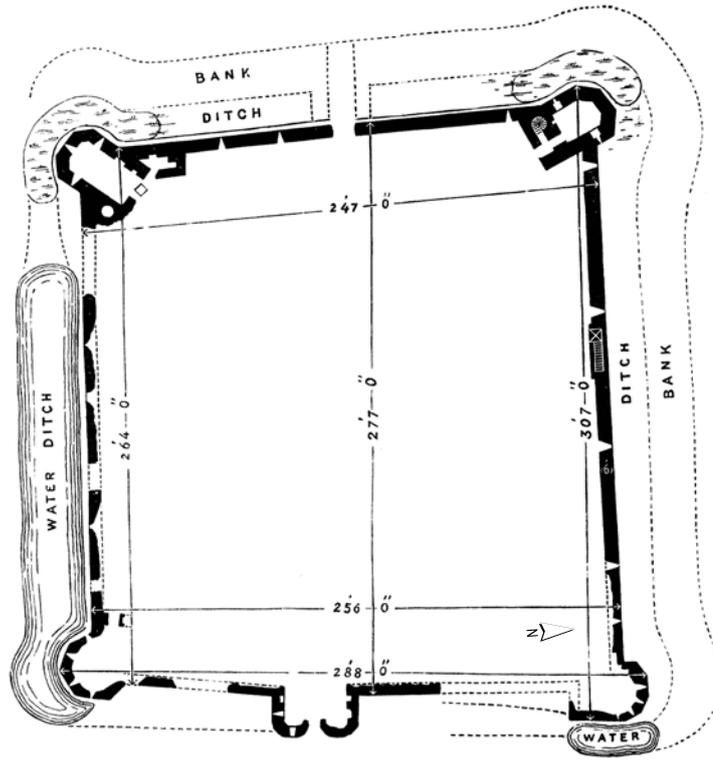
Notes:  
 Royal castles in blue  
 De Burgh castles in orange  
 Other sites in green



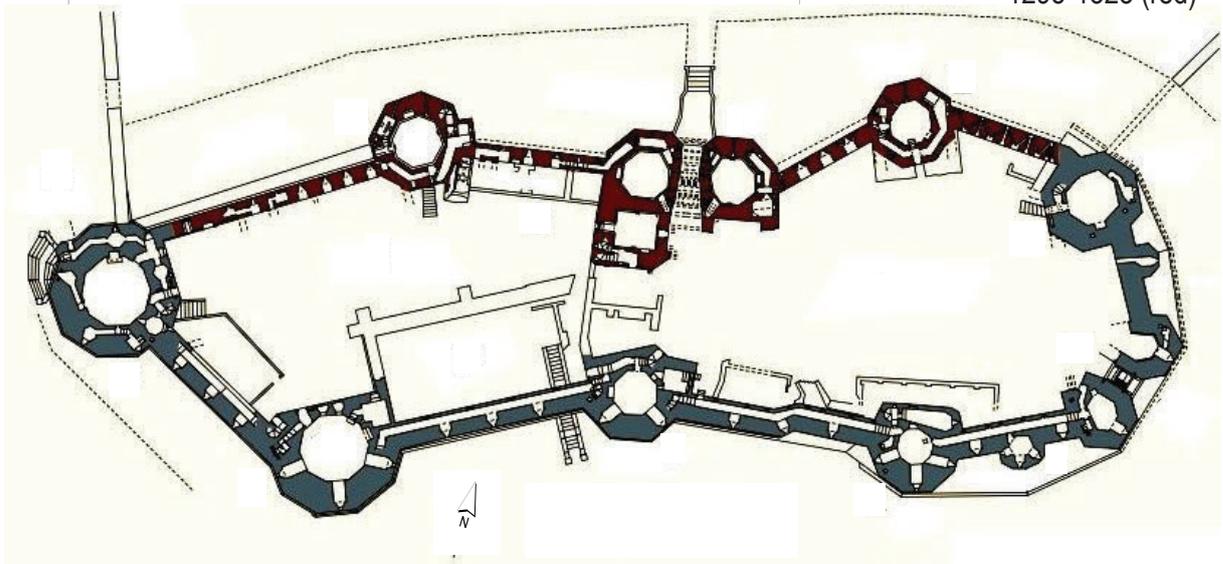
Roscommon Castle  
from 1269



Ballymote Castle  
from early 1300s



Ballintober Castle  
from early 1300s



Caernarvon Castle  
1283-1293 (blue)  
1295-1323 (red)

Figure 6: Comparative ground plans of keepless castles in Connacht and at Caernarvon

Sources:  
Murphy and O'Connor 2008;  
O'Connor Don 1899;  
Sweetman 1985/86; <en.wikipedia.org/>

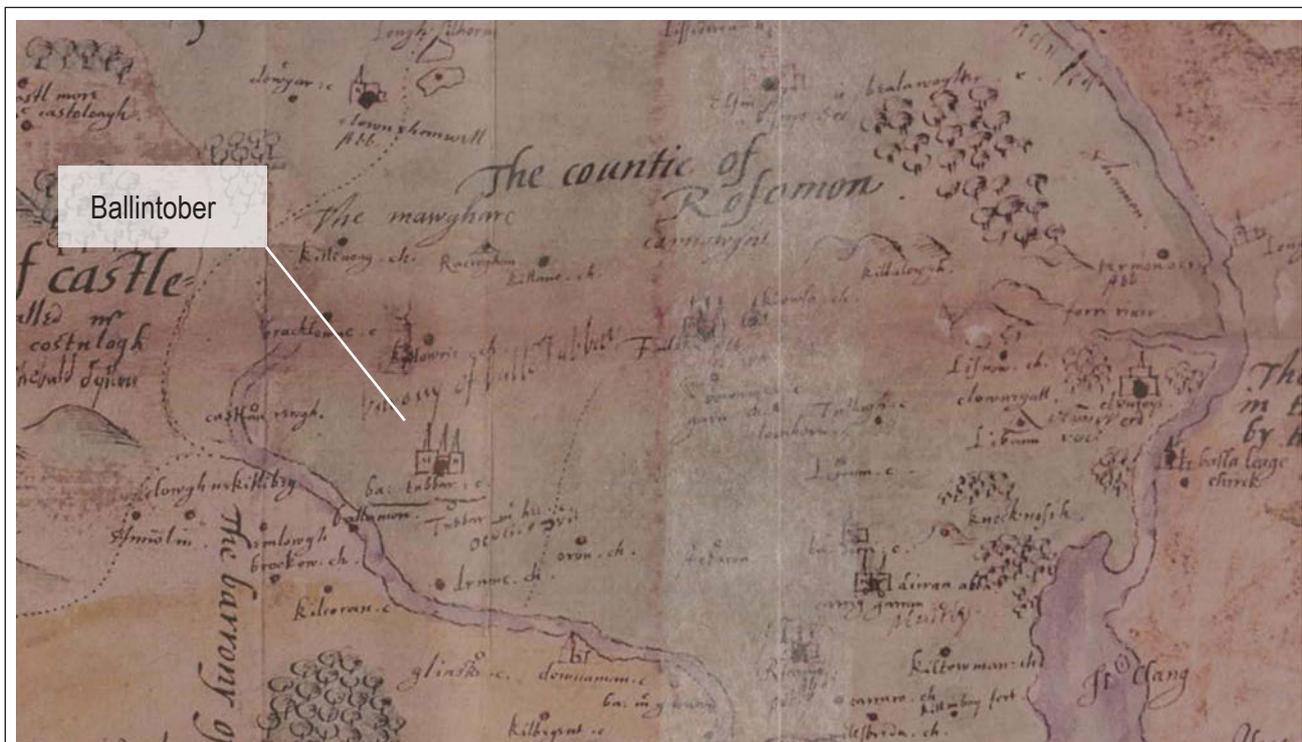


Figure 7: Detail from John Browne's Map of Connacht, 1591

Sources:  
Taken from Andrews 2003,  
original map TCD MS 1209/68

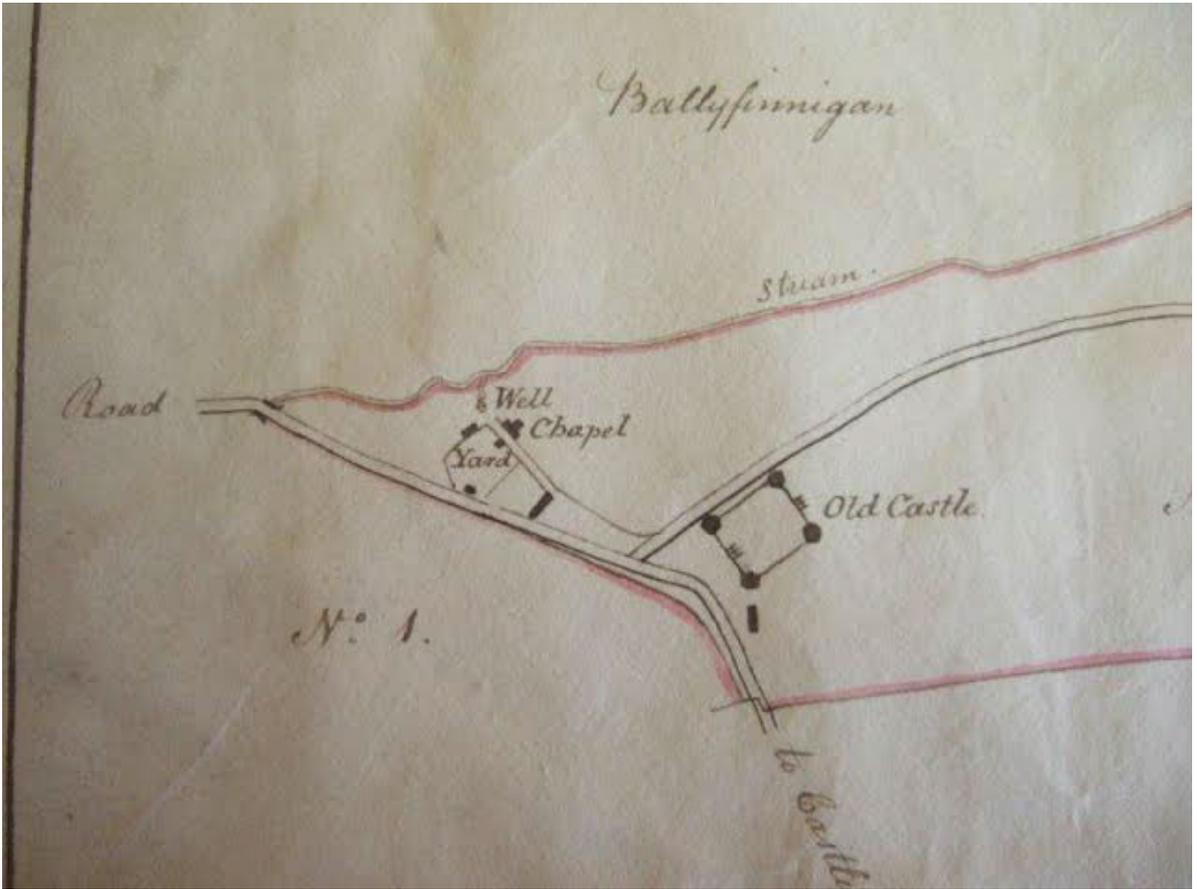


Figure 8: Nineteenth-century map details of Ballintober

Top: John Johnston 1812, in Pakenham Mahon collection, NLI

Bottom: OS 6-inch/mile, 1838

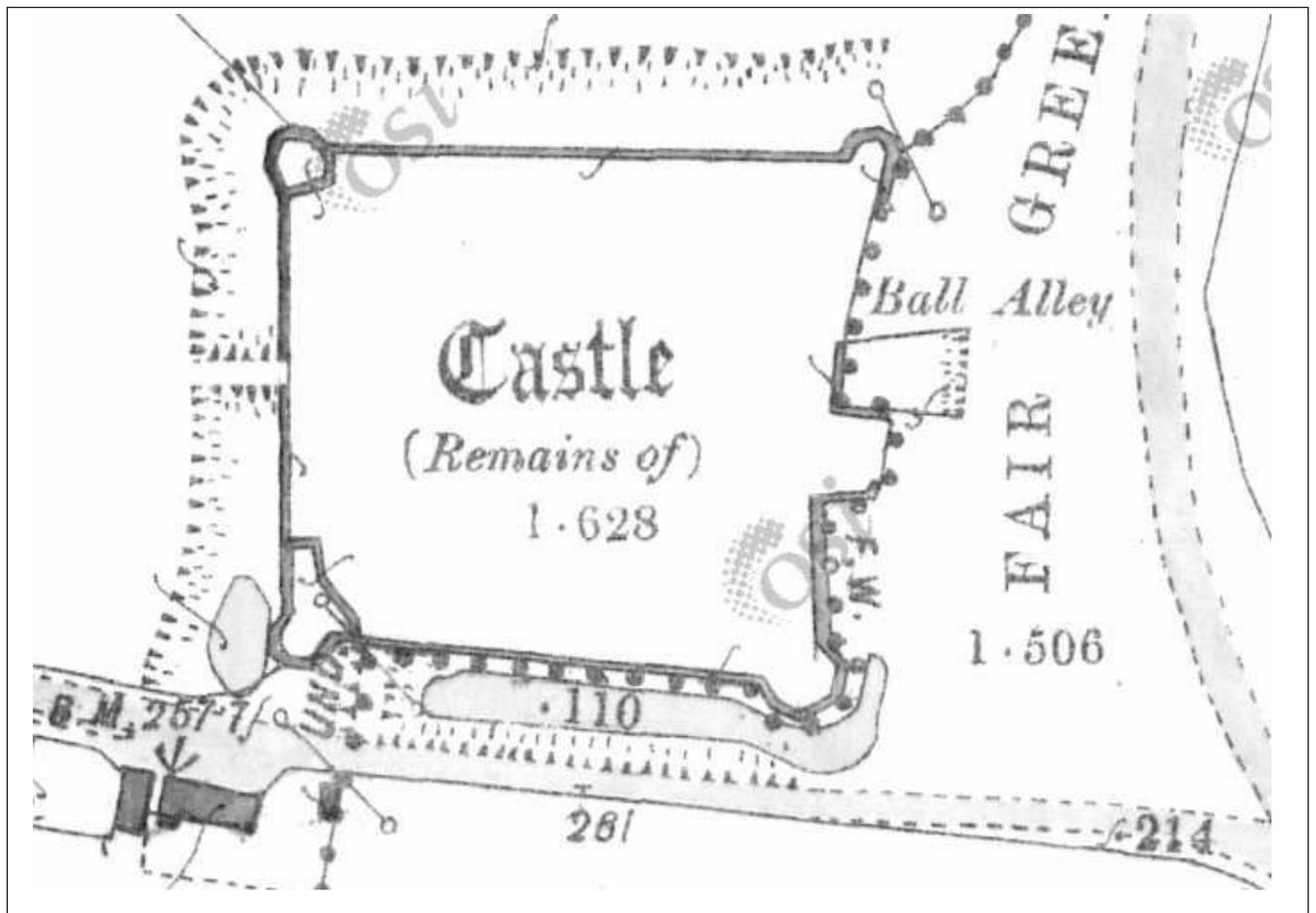


Figure 9: Detail from OS 25 inch/mile showing castle layout recorded in early 1900s

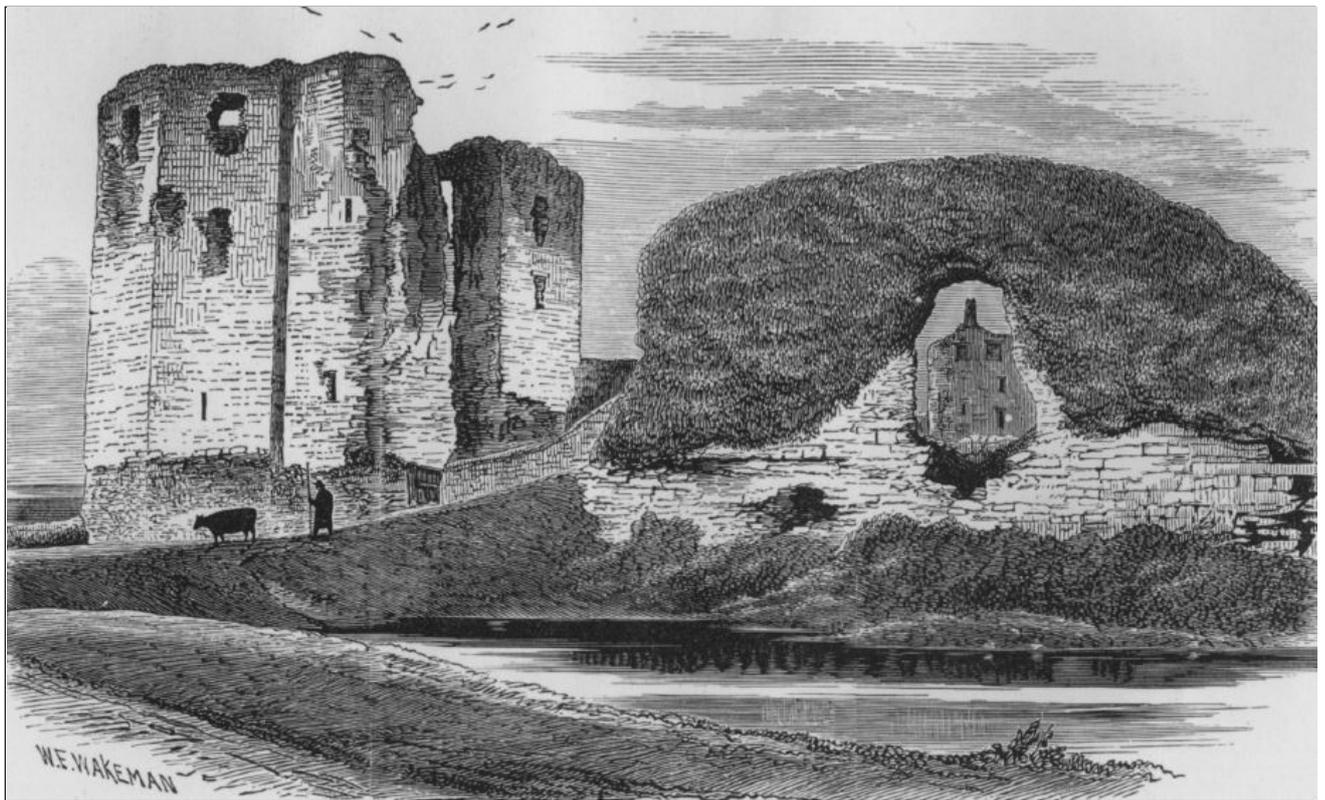
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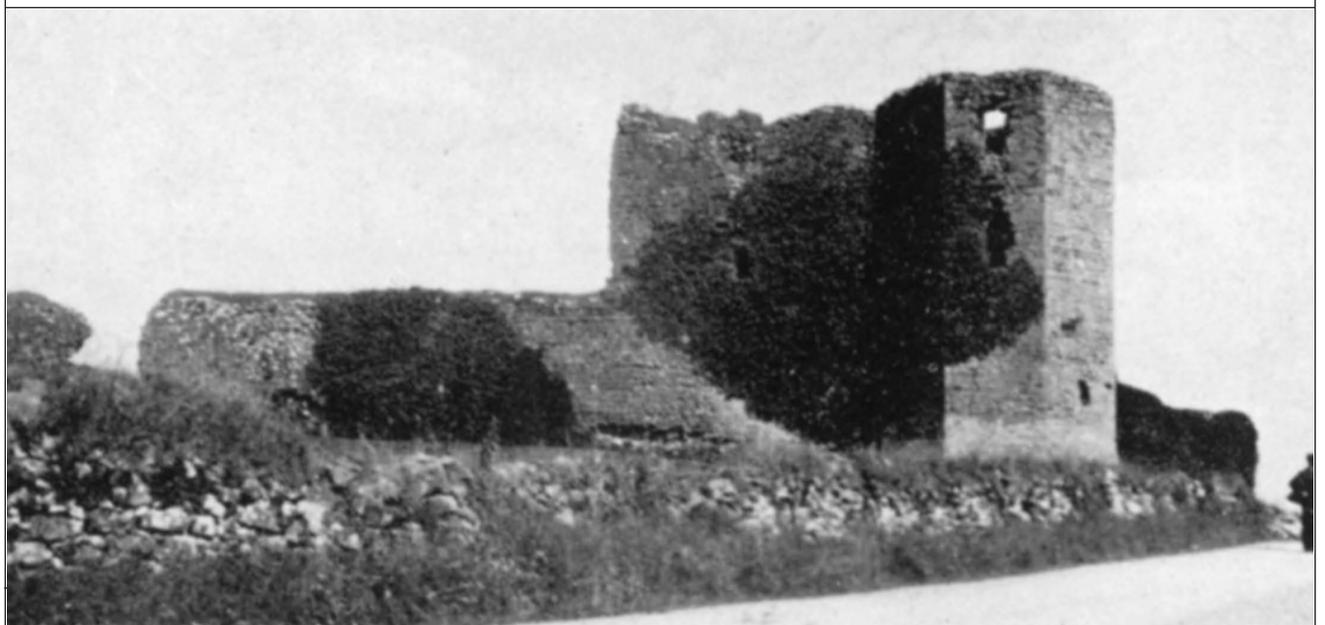
*The castle of Ballintober*

Figure 10: Ballintober Castle, as drawn by Angelo Bigari in 1779.  
The view looks west at the east wall from outside the castle

Source:  
NLI PD Coo 2122 TX-3-23



Top: View of Southwest corner tower by Wakeman.  
 The image is undated but is published by O'Conor Don' in 1899. Note the shattered nature of the base batter on the tower, and the absence of ivy and the visible extent of the stairwell, and the absence of any clear indication of the internal support column that now exists on the north end wall of the tower.  
 The fosse is filled with water, and the causeway across it is exaggerated.



Bottom: View of Southwest corner tower by unknown photographer, published by Fitzpatrick in 1935.  
 Note the base batter has been repaired. The ivy growth that now covers much of the stonework is already established but it is possible to make out details on the residential block, while the fabric of the west perimeter wall north of the tower is exposed.

Figure 11: Ballintober Caste, historic images

Sources:  
 O'Conor Don 1899  
 Fitzpatrick 1935

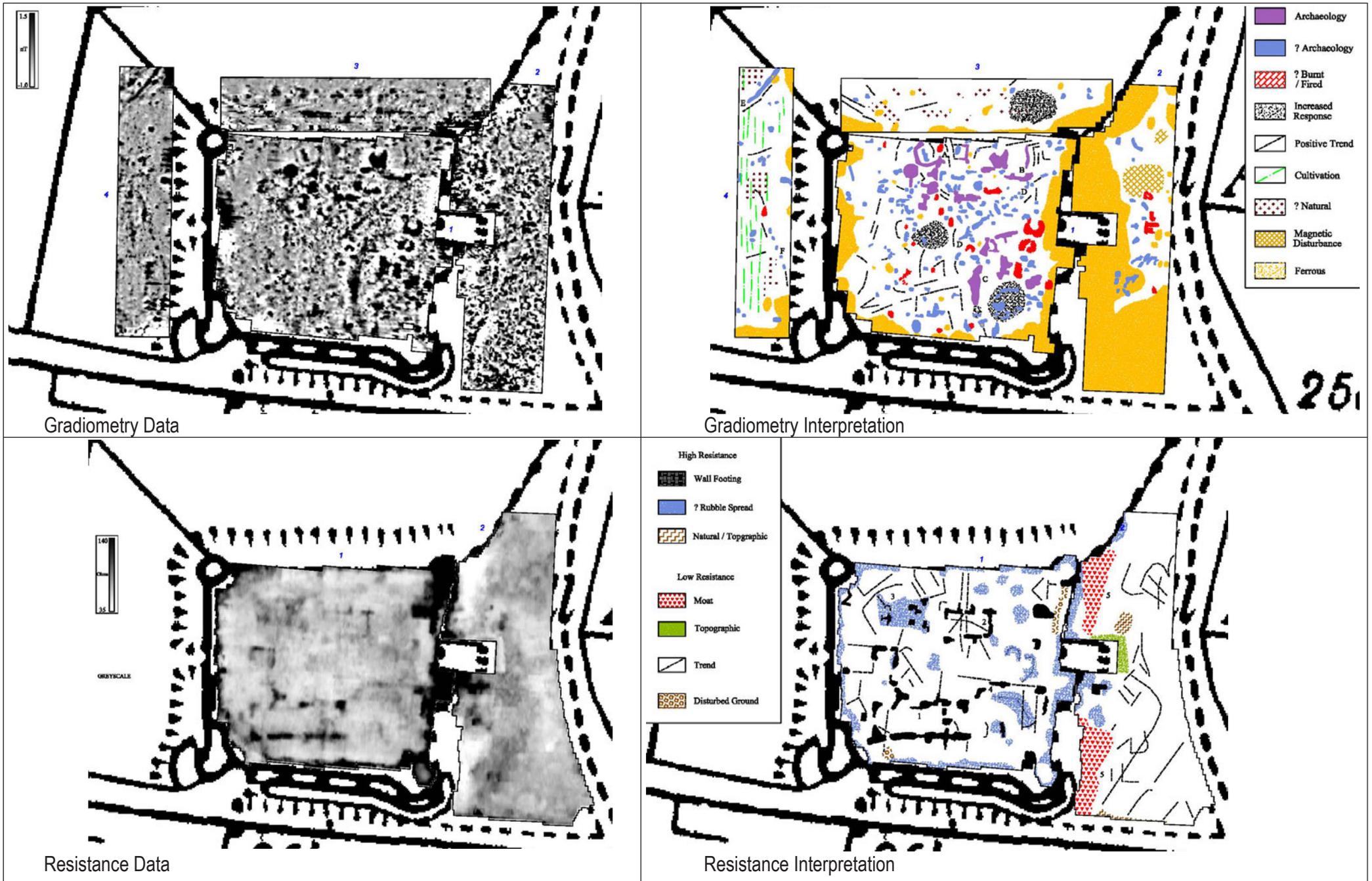


Figure 12: Gradiometry and Resistance Surveys, Ballintober Castle 2008

Source:  
Target Archaeological Geophysics report, licence 08R262





Figure 14: Ballintober Castle, ground plan and sections, 2014

Notes:

-  castle wall with ivy
-  fosse
-  cw - causeway
-  hb - handball alley
-  fw - field wall

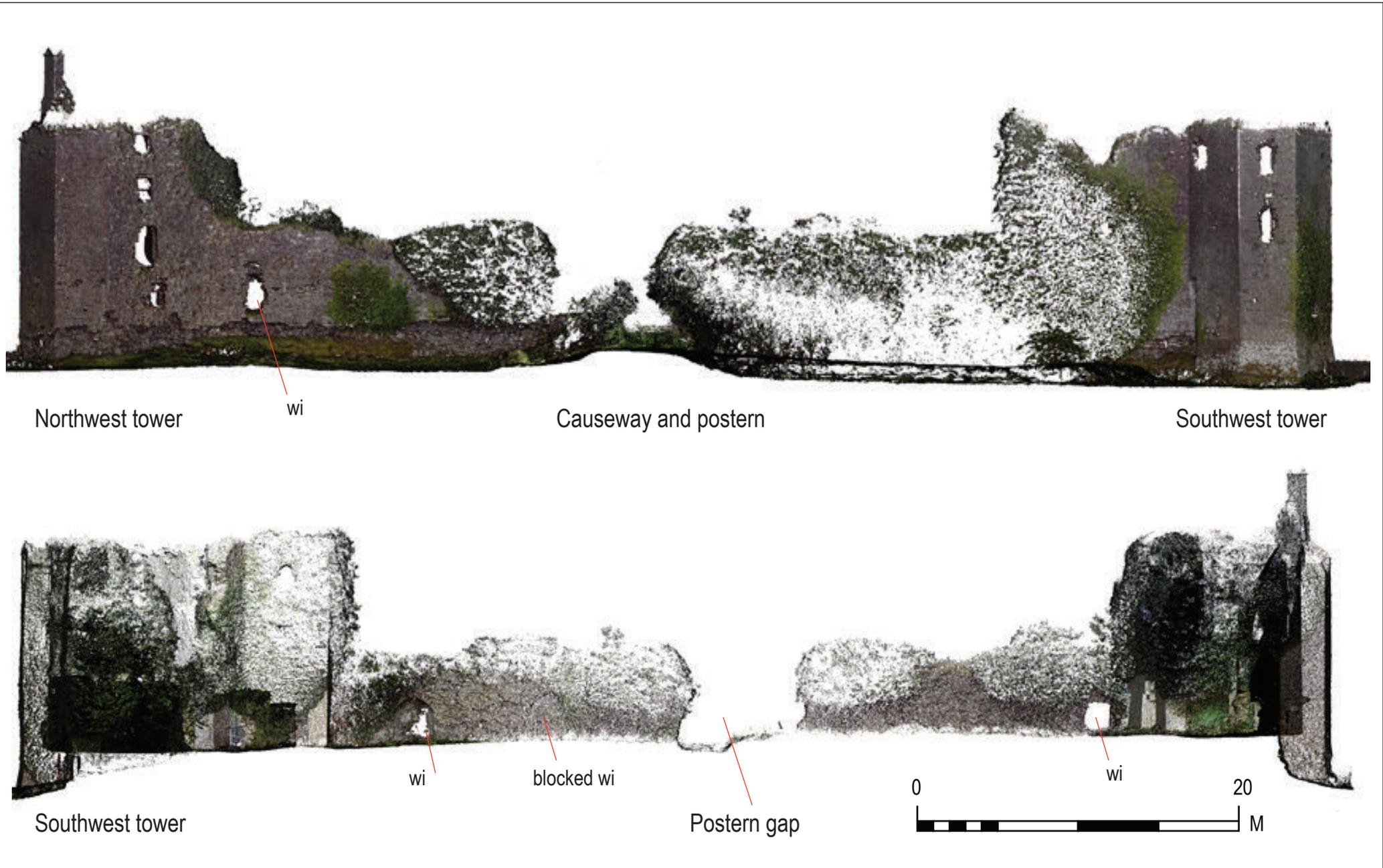


Figure 15: Ortho-images of Castle's west wall, exterior and interior view

Notes:  
wi - window/loop opening

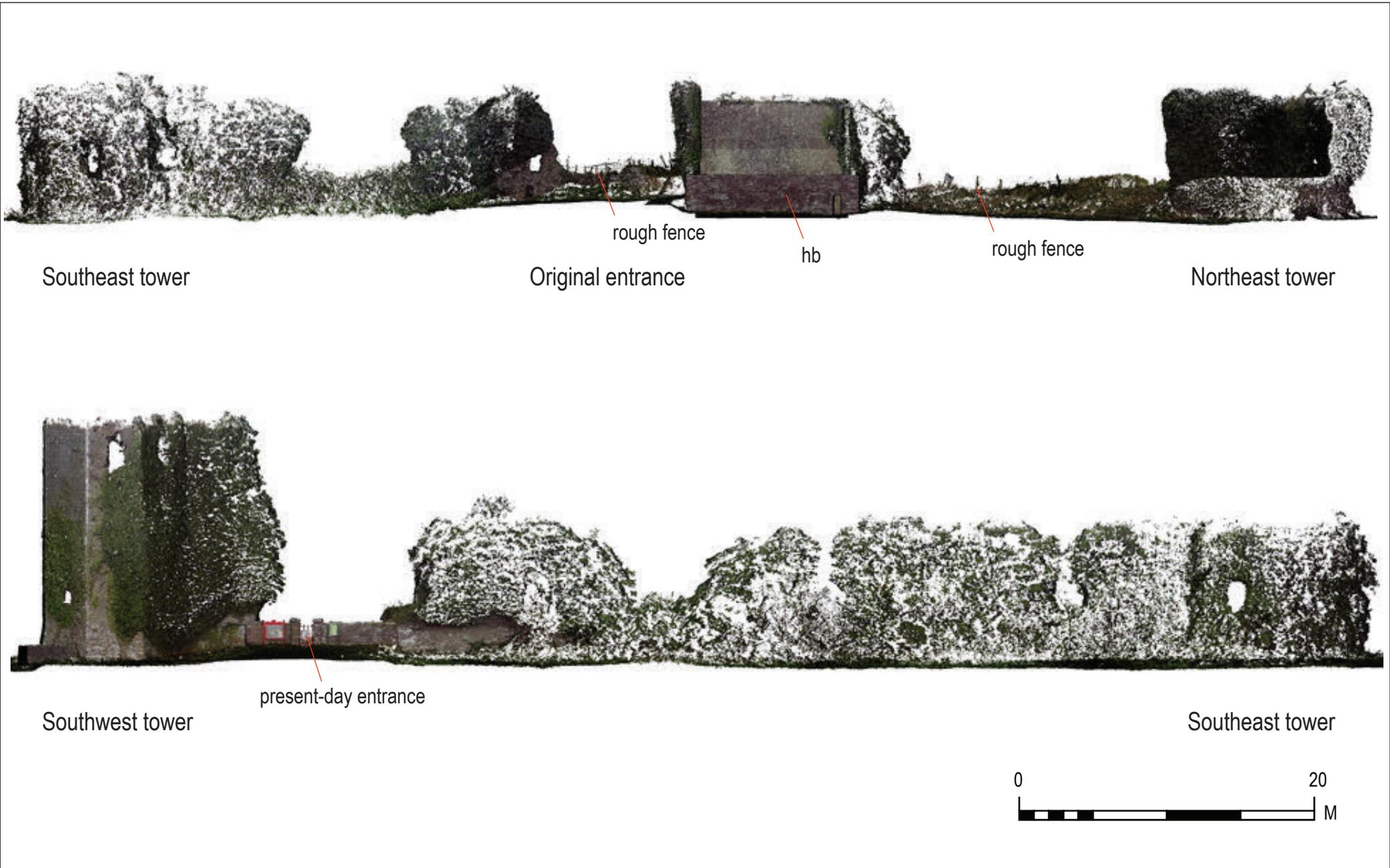


Figure 16: Ortho-images of Castle's east and south walls, exterior view

Notes:  
 hb - handball alley

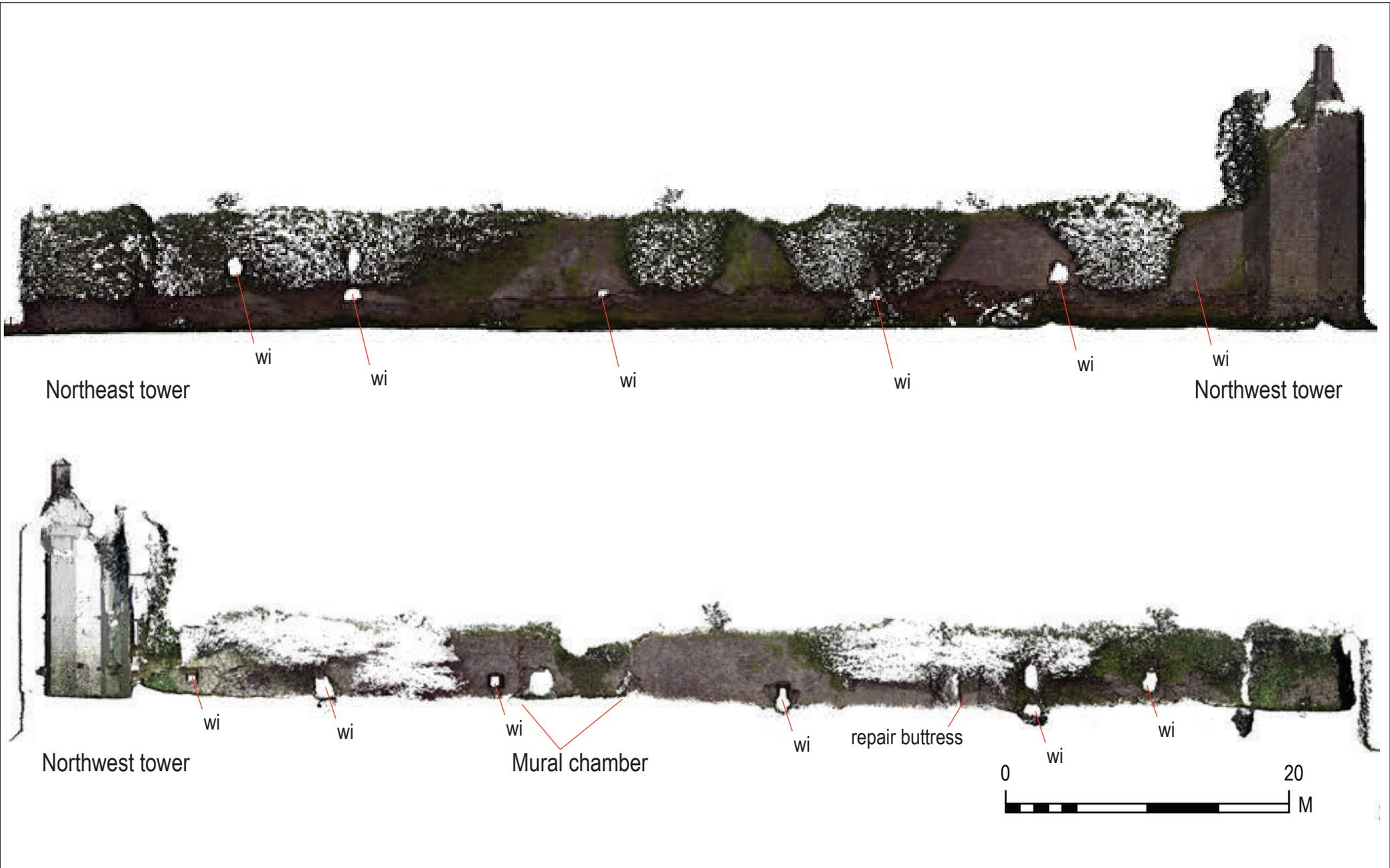


Figure 17: Ortho-images of Castle's north wall, exterior and interior view

Notes:  
wi- window/loop opening