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THE name "Glencairn" is probably derived from the "Glyn-carn" of the British, and means "the valley of the heap of stones." At the junction of the streams descending from the Castlefairn and Craighdarroch glens are the remains of a British cairn, which may have given its name to the parish.

TOPOGRAPHY.

Glencairn is composed of three glens merging into one valley, which extends throughout the chief portion of the parish. It is bounded on the north by Tynron, on the east by Keir, on the south by Dunscore and Balmaclellan, and on the west by Tynron and Dalry. It measures in length, from its furthest point in the Dalwhat Glen to its junction with Dunscore, $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and in breadth, from Loch Urr to the boundary with Tynron and Hillhead, about $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Its