



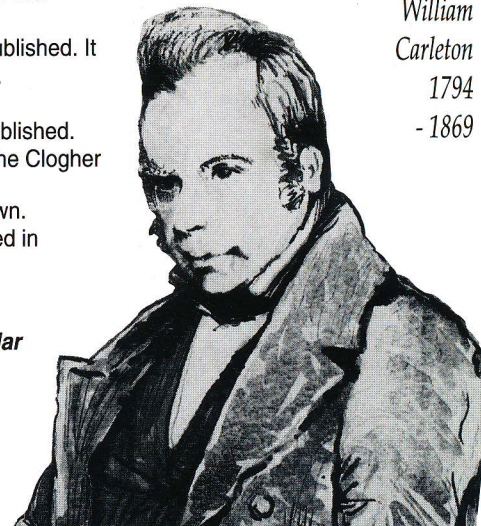
# *William Carleton Summer School*

*Clogher Valley Rural Centre, Main St, Clogher, August 7th - 11th 1995*



# Carleton Chronology

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1801 Began his schooling with Pat Frayne in 'Towney'.  
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- 1846 Revisited Clogher Valley and met Brackenridge.  
1855 1st Edition of **Willy Reilly** published. It later ran to over 30 editions.  
1869 Carleton died in Dublin.  
1896 Carleton's Autobiography published.  
1962 Carleton Society formed in the Clogher Valley.  
1964 Plaque unveiled at Springtown.  
1970 **Carleton Newsletter** founded in Florida, USA.  
1973 Mercier Press published 4 Carleton volumes.  
1974 Benedict Kiely's **Poor Scholar** published.  
1985-86 Carleton's grave repaired at Mount Jerome.  
1992 Inaugural Carleton Summer School.  
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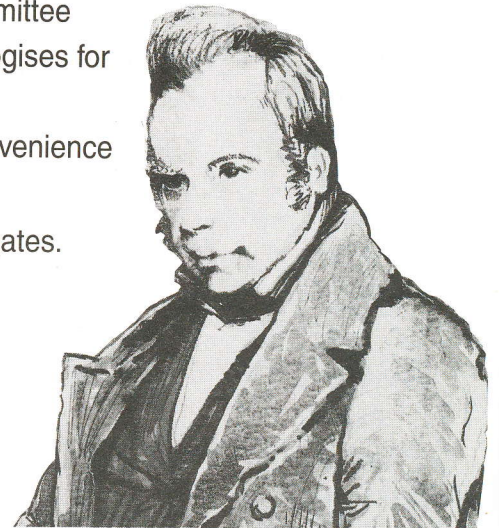
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