

1512. Ó Broin (Tomás): *Craebruad*: the spurious tradition.

*In* Éigse 15/2 (Geimhreadh 1973), pp. 103–113.

*Craebruad* does not describe a building but more likely to describe a sacred grove. *Curaid na Craebuaide* represents the only legitimate employment of the term *craebruad*. Suggests that *Emain Macha* may mean ‘grove of Macha’, and that *emain* may derive from *nemain*, possibly related to Irish *nemed* and Gaul *nemeton*.

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- Craebruad
- Curaid na Craebuaide
- Emain Macha
- nemain
- nemed
- nemeton (Gaul)