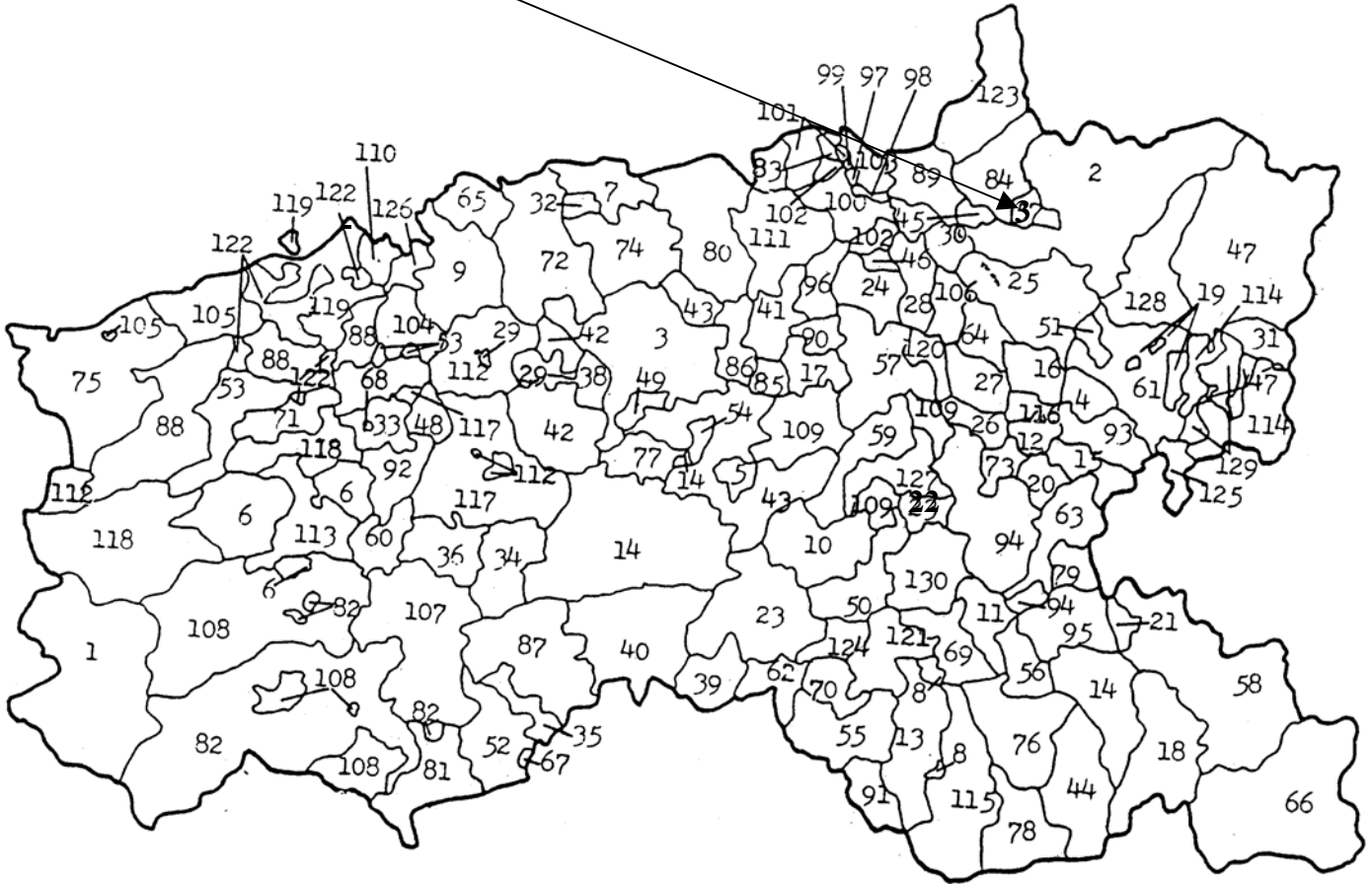


No. 37 - CLONKEEN



PARISH OF CLOONKEEN- BARONY OF CLANWILLIAM

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Parish of Cloonkeen

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Murroe	-- Survey and Valuation of Ireland, 1824
Cloonkeen als Murroe	-- Presentments Book
	-- G. Peacocke, High Constable
Clonkeene	-- Down Survey
Cluonkeen	-- Civil Survey 1654-56
Cluain Caoin, the beautiful clon, lawn, or bog island. J. O'D.	

Parish of Cloonkeen (contd.)

Murbhach, a flat piece of land extending along the sea.

This parish is situated $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles E. of the City of Limerick, and 4 miles S.S.E. of Castle-Connell. It is bounded on the E. and S. by the parish of Abington, and on the N. and W. by the parish of Killeenagarriff. It contains 1,145 acres. In 1834, its population was 654, of whom 8 were Protestants.

This parish is about 2 miles long and 1 mile broad, with a level surface. Its principal road is that leading E. by W. through its centre from Limerick to Cappamore.

TownlandsBallyguy

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Baile Uí Ghaoidh, O'Guy's town. J. O'D.

Ballyguy	-- J. O'D.
	-- Sur. & Val. Ireland
	-- Presentments Book
	-- Revd. T. P. Le Fanu
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This townland is situated in the south end of the parish, and contains 29 acres, which are arable.

The soil is partly light and wet, with some limestone, and produces potatoes, corn and flax. The Proprietor General Bourke has it let at will per his agent Daniel Barrington, Esq. to 3 tenants at £2 2s. per acre. County Cess is generally 1s. 2d. to 1s. 8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe, 2s. per acre, is included in the above rent. Bog for fuel is very scarce.

Cloonkeen Barrington

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For Cloonkeen, see parish name.

Cloonkeen Barrington	-- J. O'D.
	-- Boundary Surveyor
	-- Survey & Valuation 1824
	-- Barony Map
	-- George Peacocke, High Constable

Cloonkeen Barrington (contd.)

This townland is situated on the west end of the parish. It is bounded on the E. and S. by Maddyboy td.; on the W. by the ph. of Abington; on the S. by Lismullane td.; and on the N. by the td. of Cloonkeen Molyneux. It contains 286 acres, arable land with some limestone.

The soil is partly light, producing potatoes, corn, flax and some wheat. The proprietor Sir Joseph Barrington has it let to 8 tenants by leases of 3 lives at £2 10s. to £1 8s. per acre, in farms of 30 to 8 acres. Co. Cess 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog for fuel is in abundance. Prevailing Names - O'Briens.

Cloonkeen Molyneux

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Cloonkeen Molyneux	-- J. O'D.
	-- B. S.
Clounkeen Mulinex	-- Presentments Book 1834
	-- Geo. Peacocke, High Con.

This townland is situated in the north end of the parish. It is bounded on the E. by Maddyboy td.; on the W. and S. by the td. of Cloonkeen Barrington; and on the N. by the parish of Killeenagarriff. It contains 214 acres, arable land with some limestone.

The soil is partly light and wet, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Sir Thomas Molyneux has it let per his agent Henry Sherrard, Esq. to 10 tenants by leases of 3 lives at £1 9s. to £1 15s. per acre, in farms of 40 to 5 acres. Co. Cess as in previous townlands. Tithe has not been paid since 1835. The Prevailing Names - Curtains.

Glebe of Cloonkeen

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Glebe of Cloonkeen	-- J. O'D.
	-- B.S.

The Glebe is situated in the centre of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by Maddyboy Td., on the S. and W. by the td. of Cloonkeen Barrington, and on the N. by the td. of Cloonkeen Molyneux. It contains 4 acres, which are arable and without limestone.

It produces potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Revd. Thomas P. Le Fanu has it let to 2 tenants at £1 10s. per acre. Co. Cess as in previous townlands.

Maddyboy

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Maddyboy

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Maide Buidhe, yellow stick.	J. O'D.
Maddyboy	-- J. O'D.
Modlhabwee	-- B. S.
Maddybuoy	-- Tithe Compn. Book
	-- Revd. Thos. P. Le Fanu
Madilbuoy	-- Barony Map
Modibee	-- Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824
	-- Presentsment Book
	-- Geo. Peacocke High Con.
Maddebuy	-- Down Survey
Maddyboy	-- Acts of Settm. &c.
Maddieboy	-- Civil Survey 1654-56

This townland is situated in the east end of the parish. It is bounded on the E. and S. by the parish of Abington, on the W. by the tds. of Cloonkeen Barrington and Cloonkeen Molyneux, and on the N. by the parish of Killeenagarriff. It contains 609 acres, arable land.

The soil is partly light and gravelly, with some limestone, and produces corn, flax, wheat and potatoes. The proprietor Ben. Lucas, Esq. has it let to 26 tenants by leases of 31 years, in farms of 20 to 8 acres, and at £2 to £1 5s. per acre. Co. Cess as in previous townlands. Tithe - 1s.6d. per acre. Bog for fuel is very scarce. Prevailing Names - Maleys.

Miscellaneous FeaturesCloonkeen National School

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Clounkeen National School	-- Inhabitants
Cloonkeen	-- J. O'D.

This school is situated at the middle of the west boundary of the td. of Cloonkeen Barrington, and to the south of the road leading through same. It was established in 1824, partly by the Kildare Place Society, and partly by Sir Joseph Barrington, at the expense of about £400.

The Male School, which is a few perches E. from the Female School, has 115 boys on the roll, and about 60 per day on an average. The Master is paid £10 per annum from the Board of Education, besides 1s. to 2s. per quarter from the better-off sort of scholars. The Female School has about 70 girls, the Mistress being paid £6 from the Board of Education.

Barrington's Bridge

-- Inhabitants

This bridge is situated on the middle of the boundary of the td. of Cloonkeen Barrington. It spans the River Mulkeir, and is on the road from Limerick to Cappamore.

This bridge, which is of metal, was built in 1818 by Sir J. Barrington, Bart., at the expense of £1,500, including £500 from the Government, and it is from this that it got the name of Barrington's Bridge. Sir J. Barrington also established a village in the same place and in the same year. It has about 20 houses, and includes the above-mentioned National School, a police barracks, and 2 public houses.

Cloonkeen Mill

-- Inhabitants

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This mill is situated near the centre of the west boundary of the td. of Cloonkeen Barrington, and about 8 chains to the South of the bridge, on the banks of the River Mulkeir.

It was built in 1820 by Sir J. Barrington, Bart. at the expense of about £900. It is four stories high, and is used as a corn mill.

Cloonkeen Church

-- Inhabitants

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This church is situated in the north part of Cloonkeen Glebe, at the N.E. point of the td. of Cloonkeen Barrington. It is a ruin.

The ruin of this church, which is said to have been an abbey, is 100 feet long and 24 feet broad, with the walls and gables about 12 feet and 20 feet respectively, and overgrown with ivy. Its door on the west end is 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, built of cut stone. Its windows are very narrow. There is a graveyard attached to it, about 2 chains square; it is enclosed by a stone wall, and interiorly interspersed with a few palm trees.

Slieve Mohera River

-- Inhabitants

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Sliabh Mothara, the Moher Mountain.

Mothar = the ruin of a fort. In Munster, it often designated the ruin of any building.

Slievemohera

-- J. O'D.

This is evidently the name of a mountain, but we have many instances of rivers being called after mountains and minor features. J. O'Donovan.