

PARISH OF CRECORA – BARONY OF PUBBLEBRIEN AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK

# PARISH OF CRECORA

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Crecora Parish

Craobh Cumhartha, the fragrant bush or branch. O'D.

Crecora

-- J. O'D.

Revd. Joseph Jones, Rector

-- Mr. Maunsell, Lay Impropriator

-- Presentment Book 1839

Crecory

Cricorie

-- Civil Survey 1654-56

This parish is situated in the north of the County. It is of an irregular form. Its greatest length from Rootiagh td. in the N., at the point where the road from Limerick

to Croom crosses the parish boundary, to Ballinveala td. in the S., where the same road crosses the parish boundary, is 3½ statute miles; and from the td. of Markbrook in the E. to the td. of Ballinroche North in the W. is 2 st. miles.

The parish contains 3010 statute acres. The land is everywhere good, and about 3 are under tillage, the chief crops being wheat and potatoes. The ruins of the old parochial church, which was destroyed during the Wars of the Confederation, stand in the Glebe. In 1834 the population of the parish consisted of 21 Protestants and 1,449 Catholics.

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# Townlands etc.

| Ballinroach Nth.           | B.S.S.M.   |
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| Baile an Róistigh,         | Roche's town. J. O'D.  |
| Ballinroche                | J. O'D.<br>Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824<br>Presentment Book 1839 |
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# Ballinroach Nth. (contd.)

This townland is situated in the west of the parish, and contains 121 st. acres.

It is the property of William Christmas, County of Waterford; Agent, Mr. Allen, Dublin; Middleman, George Jenkins, Esq., Thomas St., Limerick, who holds on a lease of lives renewable for ever at 14s. per acre, and who sublets to B. Fitzgerald, Esq. on a lease of 3 lives at £2 7s. per acre, who again sublets to 2 tenants at will at £2 18s. per acre. Co. Cess per acre from 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe per acre 1s.9d. Size of farms - 17 to 52 acres. Soil light, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. There is a bog on this td. There are also 2 ancient forts. Prevailing Names - Dempsey and O'Brien.

#### Ballinroach East

-- B.S.S.M.

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For name see Ballinroach Nth. page 11.

This townland is in the centre of the parish, and contains 114 acres.

It is the property of William Christmas, Esq. County of Waterford; Middleman, George Jenkins, Esq., Limerick, who holds on a lease of lives renewable for ever at 14s. per acre, and who sublets to 5 tenants, 4 of whom have leases of 31 years and 1 at will, who pay £2 2s. per acre. Co. Cess per acre from 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe per acre 1s.9d. Size of farms - 9 to 30 acres. Soil light, producing wheat, outs and potatoes. Fuel scarce. There is one fort here. Prevailing Names - Herbert, Quirke and Caranagh.

# Ballinveala

-- B.S.S.M.

3

Baile an Mheala, town of the sorrow or compunction.

Baile na Meala, town of the honey. J. O'D.

Ballinveala

-- J. O'D.

Ballinvilla

-- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

Ballinvialla

-- Presentment Book 1839 -- Revd. Jones, Rector

-- Mr. Maunsell Ballinveale

-- Barony Map

Ballinvallen

-- Down Survey -- Down Survey Map

Ballinvalla

Ballinvealla

-- Civil Survey 1654-56

Ballinvolla

-- Acts of Settlement etc. 1666-84.

This townland is situated in the S. of the parish, and contains 353 st. acres.

# Ballinveala (contd.)

This townland is the property of Colonel Wyndham O'Brien, Petworth, London. Agent, Thomas Crowe, Esq., Ennis, Co. Clare. Middleman, the Representatives of John Lyons, Esq., on a lease of 31 years. Agent to Middleman, James Lyons, Esq., J.P., Croom, who sublets to 29 tenants, 2 with leases of 31 years, and 27 at will. Rent per acre £2 to £2 10s. County Cess per acre 2s.6d. to 3s.6d. Tithe 1s.8d per acre. Size of farms - 3 to 40 acres. Soil loamy, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel plentiful. There is a fort in this townland. Prevailing Names - O'Grady and Ryan.

### Ballinveelish

-- B.S.S.M.

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Baile Mhilis, sweet town. J. O'D.

Ballyveelish -- J. O'D.

Ballinvillis -- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

Ballywillis als. Ballyveelish Quit Rent Ledger

Ballyvilish -- Revd. Joseph Jones

- Mr. Maunsell

Ballivellis -- Down Survey

Ballyvilis — Civil Survey 1654-56

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This townland is situated in the East of the parish, and contains 160 acres.

It is the property of William Christmas, Esq., Co. of Waterford. Agent, Mr. Allen, Dublin. Middleman, George Tompkins, Esq., Thomas St., Limerick, on a lease of lives renewable for ever. He sublets to 1 tenant on a lease of 99 years at £1 5s. (Irish currency) per acre. Co. Cess per acre yearly from 2s.6d. to 3s.10d. Tithe per acre yearly 1s.8d. Size of farm - 96acres 2roods, plantation measure. Soil partly light and subject to floods, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel scarce. There is here a Roman Catholic Chapel, built in 1832 at the expense of the parish, and capable of accomodating 500 persons.

# Dooneen

-- B.S.S.M.

5

Dúinín, little fort. J. O'D.

Dooneen -- J. O'D.

-- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

-- Revd. Joseph Jones

-- Mr. Maunsell

-- Presentment Book 1839

Downeene -- Down Survey

# Dooneen (contd.)

This townland is situated in the N. of the parish, and contains 376 acres.

It is the property of Villiers Peacocke, Dooneen, who occupies a part and lets the remainder to 7 tenants, 3 of whom have leases of 3 lives and 4 are at will. Rent £4 per acre. Co. Cess per acre 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe per acre, 1s.8d. Size of farms - 3 to 12 acres plantation. Soil loamy, producing potatoes, wheat and oats. Prevailing Names - Ryan and Flannigan. Barnakila River waters this td. Dooneen House, the residence of the proprietor, is 3 story high and was built in 1820. Attached are a garden, a good set of stables, and some trees. There are 2 forts in the td.

#### Dooneen Upper

-- B.S.S.M.

6

This townland is situated in the north of the parish, and contains 60 acres.

It is the property of Frederick E. Morris, Belshange, Kent, Esq., and Others. Agent, Arthur Evans, Esq., Limerick, who has it let to 5 tenants at will. Rent, £1 18s. to £2 per acre. Co. Cess per acre yearly 2s.6d. to 3s.4d. Tithe per acre 2s.3d. Size of farms - 4 to 19 acres. Soil good, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel scarce. Prevailing Names - Fitzgerald and Gleeson.

# Glebe of Crecora

-- B.S.S.M.

7

See parish name. J. O'D.

This Glebe is situated in the east portion of the parish, and contains 30 acres.

It is the property of the Revd. Joseph Jones, Ashfort, and George Maunsell, Limerick. It is let to 3 tenants, 1 with a lease of 1 life and 2 at will. Rent per acre from £2 10s. to £3. Co. Cess per acre yearly 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe, 1s.8d. per acre. Size of farms - 2 to 11 acres. Soil argillaceous, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel scarce. Prevailing Names - Whitlaw and Grady. There is a burial ground in this td.; there are also the ruins of the old parochial church.

# Greenmount

-- B.S.S.R.

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Gráig (i.e., a village) is the Irish name. J.O'D.

Greenmount

-- J. O'D.

-- Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824

-- Mr. Maunsell

# Greenmount (contd.)

Greenmount

-- Revd. Joseph Jones

-- Presentment Book 1839

Green Mount

-- Barony Map -- Proprietor

This townland is situated in the north of the parish, and contains 302 acres.

It is the property of John Green, Esq., who retains it in his own occupation. Co. Cess 2s.4d. to 3s. per acre yearly. Tithe 1s.8d. per acre. Soil good, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Barnakyle House, the residence of the proprietor, with a plain garden, a good square of offices and some trees, stands here. It was erected in 1770 by Francis Green, Esq. There are 3 forts in this townland.

#### Jockey Hall

Jockeyhall

Jockey Hall

-- B.S.S.M.

-- J. O'D. -- Barony Map

-- Revd. J. Jones

-- Mr. Maunsell

-- Presentment Book 1839

This townland is situated in the west of the parish, and contains 265 acres.

It is the property of William Christmas, Co. of Waterford. Agent, Mr. Allen, Dublin. Middleman, George Tuthill of Faha, who holds on a lease of lives renewable for ever at 19s. per acre, and who sublets to 1 tenant at will, rent varying from £2 to £3 per acre. Co. Cess per acre yearly from 2s.6d. to 3s. Tithe per acre 1s.8d. Size of farms - 140 acres plantation. Fuel scarce. Prevailing Names - Dundon and O'Brien. Jockey Hall (house) is at present occupied by Patrick Dundon. It was built in 1780 by James Hewson, & is 3 stories high.

# Logawinsheer

-- B.S.S.M.

10

O

Log a' Mhuinséir, hollow of the manger. J. O'D.

Logavinshire

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. Joseph Jones

bogavinshare

-- Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824

-- Mr. Maunsell

-- Presentment Book 1839

This townland is situated in the north of the parish, and contains 135 acres.

# Logawinsheer (Conta.)

It is the property of George Tomkins, Esq., Limerick. Middleman, the Representatives of George Vincent, on a lease of lives renewable for ever at 16s. per acre. who sublets to 12 tenants, of whom 1 has a lease of 21 years, and the others are tenants at will. Rent per acre, from £2 2s. to £3. Co. Cess per acre yearly 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe per acre 1s. Size of farms - 2 to 17 acres. argillaceous, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel scarce. Prevailing Names - Gleeson and Doyle.

#### Richmondville

-- B.S.S.M.

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Richmondville

-- J. O'D.

-- Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824

-- Revd. J. Jones -- Mr. Maunsell

Richmondvilla

-- Presentment Book 1839

This townland is situated in the west of the parish. and contains 135 acres.

It is the property of George Tomkins, Esq., Thomas St., Limerick. Middleman, Henry Westropp, Esq., Cork, on a lease of lives renewable for ever at £2 per acre, who sublets to Mr. William Wallace at £3 per acre. Co. Cess per acre yearly 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe per acre 1s.6d. Size of farm - 84 acres plantation measure. Soil argillaceous, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel plentiful. Prevailing Names - Halvey. Richmondville House, 2 stories high, with a good set of offices and a garden, is situated here. The house was repaired in 1822, and is occupied by Mr. Wallace.

### Shanaclogh

-- B.S.S.M.

12

Sean-Chloch, the old stone or the old stone house.

Cloch in this part of Ireland often means a stone house or castle, as Cloch Gleanna, the Castle of Glin. J. O'D.

Shanaclogh

-- J. O'D.

-- Quit Rent Ledger

-- Mr. Maunsell

-- Presentment Book

Shanclough

-- Revd. Jospeh Jones

-- Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824

-- Barony Map

Shanaclogh

-- Civil Survey 1654-56

This townland is situated in the south of the parish, and contains 193 acres.

### Shanaclogh (contd.)

It is the property of William Christmas, Esq., Co. of Waterford. Middleman, George Tomkins, Esq., Limerick, on a lease of lives renewable for ever at 15s. 6d. per acre, who sublets to 6 tenants, 2 of whom have a lease of 99 years, 3 have a lease of 31 years, and 1 a lease of 76 years. Co. Cess per acre yearly 2s.6d. to 3s.4d. Tithe 1s.8d. per acre. Size of farms - 20 to 75 acres. Soil light, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel plenty. Prevailing Names - Malony and Haunan.

#### Thoanbaun

-- B.S.S.M.

15

Tóin Bhán, white bottom. J. O'D.

Tonbaun Toneybawn -- J. O'D. -- Barony Map

Toneybawn Thoanbaun

-- Revd. Jospeh Jones

-- Mr. Maunsell

-- Presentment Book 1839

This townland is situated in the south-west of the parish, and contains 115 acres.

It is the property of William Christmas, Esq., Co. of Waterford. Middleman, George Tuthill, Esq., on a lease of lives renewable for ever at 17s. per acre, who sublets to 1 tenant on a lease of 3 lives at £1 11s. 6d. per acre. Co. Cess 2s.8d. to 4s. per acre. Tithe 2s.3d. by Composition. Size of farm - 64 acres plantation. Soil loamy, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. There is a bog on this townland. Prevailing Name - O'Callaghan.

Ashfort (Co. of the City of Limerick) -- B.S.S.M.

Eanach a' Róistigh (Roche's marsh or fen) is the Irish name. J. O'D.

Ashfort

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. Joseph Jones

Ashford

-- Mr. Maunsell

Ashford

-- Revd. James Morre, P.P.

This townland is situated in the northern extremity of the parish, and contains 315 acres.

It is the property of M. Maunsell, Esq., Ballywilliam, Rathkeale, who lets it to the Messrs Carmody, who sublet a portion of 30 acres to the Revd. Mr. Jones at £2 2s. per acre on a lease of 3 lives. Co. Cess 10s. to 12s. Tithe

### Ashfort (contd.)

2s. to 2s.6d. per acre. Soil argillaceous, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel plentiful. Prevailing Name - Carmody. In this townland is a good house, occupied by the Revd. Mr. Jones. It was built in 1814, and has attached some ornamental ground and some trees.

(N.B. The Middleman, who pays 29s. per acre, Irish currency, can cultivate only 3 acres without the consent of the Proprietor, M. Maunsell, Esq.)

Routagh (Co. of the City of Limerick) -- B.S.S.M.

15

Ruaiteach, from 'ruadh', red, and 'teach', a houseo or, more probably, from 'ruadh', red, to denote reddish-coloured land.

Rootiagh Roota -- J. O'D.

-- Revd. James Moore, P.P. -- Sur. & Val. Ireland 1824

-- Revd. Joseph Jones, Rector

Roughtough

-- Mr. Maunsell

This townland is situated in the northern extremity of the parish, and contains 180 acres.

It is the property of Myers Maunsell, Esq., Ballywilliam, Rathkeale. Agent, Mr. Maunsell, brother. It is let to 8 tenants on a lease of years. Rent from 30s. to 40s. per acre. Co. Cess per acre yearly from 10s. to 12s. Tithe per acre 2s. and 2s.6d. Size of farms - 10 to 24 acres. Soil argillaceous, producing wheat, cats and potatoes. Fuel plentiful. Prevailing Names - Lewis and Conway.

# Ballymurphy

-- B.S.S.N.

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Baile Uí Mhurchadha, O'Murphy's town. O'D.

Ballymurphy

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. Joseph Jones, Rector

-- Presentment Book

-- Barony Map -- Mr. Maunsell

Bally Murphy Balimuroghue

-- Mr. Maunsell -- Down Survey Map

Ballymoroghow "with a broackin castle and bawne mearing with the Heigh Lane of Crecory church on ye West". -- Civil Survey 1654

This townland is situated in the east of the parish, and contains 118 acres.

It is the property of the Representatives of Edward Villiers, Esq. Agent, George Briscoe, Esq., Pilltown, Co. Kilkenny. Middleman, Revd. George Peacocke, Holy Cross

# Ballymurphy (contd.)

Glebe, on a lease of lives renewable for ever, who sublets to John Westropp, Esq., Attyfinn, during his own life at £3 7s. 6d. per acre. Co. Cess from 2s.4d. to 3s. Tithe per acre 1s.8d. Size of farm - 73 acres, plantation measure. Soil loamy. producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel scarce. Frevailing Name - Culhane. Ballymurphy House, 2 stories high, and repaired in 1839 by John Westropp, Esq., stands here. It is unoccupied at present.

### Marlbrook

-- B.S.S.M.

17

Marlbrook

-- J. O'D.

-- Mr. Maunsell

-- Fresentment Book

This townland is situated in the eastern extremity of the parish, and contains 37 acres.

It is the property of the Representatives of Edward Villiers, Esq. Agent, George Briscoe, Esq., Pilltown, Co. Kilkenny. It is let to 1 tenant at will at £2 5s. per acre. Co. Cess per acre yearly 2s.6d. to 3s.4d. Tithe per acre 2s.3d. Size of farm - 22 acres. Soil loamy, producing wheat, oats and potatoes. Fuel scarce. Frevailing Name - Kirby. Marlbrook Cottage, with a good garden and set of offices, is situated here. It is the residence of Mr. John Kirby. There is one fort here.

# Rich Mount Villa

-- Barony Map

18

Richmondvilla House -- Local

See townland name. J. O'D.

In the townland of Richmondville. This is the residence of Mr. William Wallace, built about 70 years ago.

It is a beautiful house, situated on an eminence, and is 2 story high. A good garden and orchard are on the south side of the house, and the demesne is ornamented with trees.

# Green Mount House

-- Michael Goolding

19

In the townland of Greenmount. This is the residence of John Green, Esq.

This house was built in 1770 and is 2 stories high. Its style of architecture, though plain, is chaste. Attached to it are an extensive demesne, a good garden, and a range of stables.

# Dooneen House

### Dooneen House

-- Local

20

In the townland of Dooneen. The residence of Villiers Peacocke, Esq.

It is situated on a gentle declivity, and is 2 story overground, 1 story underground. It was built in 1820. Attached to it are a large orchard, some trees, and ornamental ground.

#### Ballymurphy House

-- Local

21

Maryville

-- Barony Map

Ballymurrohoe -- Original Name

In the townland of Ballymurphy. The property of Revd. G. Peacocke.

It is 2 stories high, and was repaired in 1839. It is unoccupied at present.

#### Jockeyhall

-- Barony Map

22

Jockeyhall Cottage Jockeyhall House -- Local
-- See letter.

Situated in the townland of Jockeyhall, in the south-eastern part.

This is an old dilapidated house, occupied by a Dairyman. To the west of the house are an orchard and some planting.

# Ashfort House

-- Local

23

In the townland of Ashfort. This house is at present occupied by the Revd. Joseph Jones.

It was built in 1814, and is falling rapidly into decay. Annexed to it are an orchard and garden, with a few trees and some ornamental ground.

# Marlbrook House

-- Local

24

Situated in the N.E. of the townland of Marlbrook. The residence of John Kirby, Esq.

This is a small house, with a large garden annexed.

### Prospect Hall House

-- Local

25

In the townland of Jockeyhall. The property of Mr. Tuthill, Faha.

It is rented and occupied by a Mr. Dundon. The house is 2 story high and much dilapidated. The offices are also falling into decay. Annexed to it are 2 large orchards.

### Shanclough House

-- Local

26

Situated in the south of the townland of Shanaclogh.

This is a small farmhouse with a planting to the east of it.

### Dooneen Bridge

-- Local

27

On the boundary between the townlands of Dooneen and . Ashfort.

This bridge, which is over a small stream, on the line of road connecting Bruff and Limerick, had formerly two arches; but it was taken down and rebuilt in 1837, and has but one arch now.

### Turrethillfort

-- Local

28

Situated in the north of the townland of Greenmount.

This fort is enclosed by 3 parapets, and is about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  chains in diameter.

### Lissard

-- Local

29

Lios Ard, high fort. J. O'D.

Situated in the south of Greenmount td.

This fort consists of 1 parapet, and is about 2 chains in diameter.

# Crecora Church Ruins -- Local

30

Situated in the Glebe of Crecora.

The east gable of this ruin is entirely down. About 16 feet in height of the side walls remain. The west gable is standing. The church is of a rectangular shape, about 34 feet long and about 22 feet broad. The grave-yard is spacious, and some distinguished families seem to have been interred here, as appears from the number of vaults.

### Ballinveala Castle Ruins -- Local

31

See townland name. J. O'D.

Situated in the townland of Ballinveala.

This old castle is of an oblong form, and the walls appear to stand at their original height. Nothing of its history is retained by the peesantry.

# Crecora R. C. Chapel -- Local

32

In the north-east of the townland of Ballinveelish.

# Crecora R. C. Chapel (contd.)

This chapel consists of a nave, transept and sanctuary, and was built in the year 1832 at the expense of the parishioners. It is capable of accommodating about 500 persons.

End of the Parish of Crecora