

PARISH OF KILMURRY – COUNTY OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK

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Situated in the north end of the County of Limerick. Is bounded on the E. by Killinagariff Ph.; W. by St. Patrick's Ph.; N. by the County of Clare; and S. by the Phs. of Derrygalvin and Carrigparson.

This parish is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and 2 miles broad. It is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from the City of Limerick. It contains 3,5% statute acres. The surface consists of good land, and is highly cultivated. There is a race-course in this parish.

Townlands

Ballysimon

-- B.S.

2

Béal Áith Siomóin, the mouth of Simon's ford. J. O'D.

Ballysimon

-- J. O'D.

Bally Simon

-- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

-- County Map 1821

Bellasimon

-- Down Survey

Belasymon

-- Down Survey Map

Bella Symon — Civil Survey 1654-56

Situated in the west end of the parish. Is bounded on the E. and N. by Kilbane Td.; S. by Peafield Td.; and W. by Derrygalvin Ph.

Contains 166 acres, all arable. Soil deep and good, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. Proprietor, Saml. Dickson, Esq., has it partly let to tenants at leases of lives at the yearly rent of from £4 to £4 10s. per acre. Half yearly Cess, 4s. to 4s.6d. per acre. Tithe 2s.3d. to 3s. per acre. Bog used for fuel - none. Prevailing Names: Nolan.

Ballyclough

-- B.S.

3

Baile na Cloiche, town of the stone. Cloch sometimes means a stone-building. J. O'D.

Ballyclogh

-- J. O'D.

-- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

Ballinecloghy

-- Down Survey Map
-- Down Survey

Ballynacloghy

-- Civil Survey 1654-56

BallyneClohy Ballycloughy

-- Acts of Settlement &c.

Situated in the east end of the parish. Bounded on the E. and S. by Derrygalvin Ph.; W. by Killonan Td.; and N. by the td. of Rivers.

This td. contains 203 acres, all arable. Soil deep, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. Proprietors Fergus O'Connor, Esq. and John Pim, Esq., who let to Messrs H. Rose & Cudmer, the former by purchase for £20,000 and 10s. per acre yearly, the latter with lease for ever pays taxes only. Half-yearly Cess is 4s. to 4s.6d. per acre. Tithe half yearly 2s. to 2s.3½d. per acre. Bog used for fuel - none.

Castletroy

-- B.S.

4

Caladh Uí Threo, O'Troy's callow (marsh or meadow).

This td. is called Callahytroy by the Irish-speakers when speaking the Irish language.

Castletroy (contd.)

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Situated in the N. end of the parish. Bounded on the E. by the Ph. of Stradbally or Castleconnell; N. by Kiltenanlea Ph.; W. by Newcastle Td.; and S. by the Glebe and Newtown Tds.

This td. contains 293 st. acres, all arable. Soil partly deep and wet, not very good, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. Common manure is used. Proprietor Eilnore Brasier, Esq. has it let to Mr. Hartney by a lease renewable for ever, and he to tenants by lease of 3 lives & 31 years at £4 10s. per acre. Half-yearly Cess from 4s. to 5s. per acre. Tithe from 4s. to 4s.6d. per acre. No turbary for fuel.

Dromroe or Shannon Park

-- B.S.

5

Drom Ruadh, red ridge.

Dromroe - J. O'D.

Dromroe & Shannon Park - Sur. & Val. Report 1824

Dromroe - Civil Survey 1654-56

Drumroe - Down Survey

Situated in the N. end of the parish. Bounded on the N. by the Ph. of Kiltenanlea: 5. by Sreelane or Millford Td.; W. by St. Patrick's Ph.; and S. by Newcastle Td.

Contains 151 acres, all arable. Soil deep and good, producing potatoes, oats, wheat & hay. Proprietor Mr. Brown. Half-yearly Cess 4s. to 4s.6d. per acre. Tithe half-yearly 2s.3d. to 2s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel scarce.

Glebe (in 3 parts)

-- B.S.

6

Situated in the N. end of the parish. Is bounded on the E. and N. by Castletroy, and on the W. and S. by Newcastle Td.

This Glebe is divided into 3 parts, containing respectively 7, 4 and 5 acres, all of which are arable.

Glebe (contd.)

Soil deep and good, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. The Glebe is in the possession of Rector Maunsell.

Kilbane

-- B.S.

7

Cill Bhán, white church.

Kilbane

-- J. O'D.

-- Acts of Settlement &c.

Situated in the west end of the Parish. Bounded on the E. by Newcastle Td.; W. by Towlerton Td.; and S. by Ballysimon and Newtown Tds.

Contains 210 acres, all arable. Soil deep & good, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. The manure used is that made by cattle. Proprietor Revd. Neville, who has it let to tenants at lease of lives and 31 years at the yearly rent of £3 10s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 4s. to 4s. 6d. per acre. Turbary used for fuel is scarce. Prevailing Names: Nolan.

Killonan

-- B.S.

8

Cill Adamhnain, pronounced Cill Onain, the church of St. Adamnan.

Killonan

Killownane

-- J. O'D.

-- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

-- County Map 1821

-- Down Survey

Killonane -- Civil Survey 1654-56

Killonan als.) -- Acts of Settlement &c.

Situated in the S. end of the parish. Bounded on the E. by Ballyclogh Td. and Derrygalvin Ph.; W. by Carrigparson Ph.; N. by Newtown Td.; and S. by Abington Ph.

This townland contains 703 statute acres, all of which consist of light gravelly land, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. Proprietor Fergus O'Connor, Esq. has it let to Mr. Robert Fail by a lease for ever at 15s. per acre, and the latter has it sublet to tenants, some of whom have a lease of 2 lives or 31 years, at £2 5s. and £2 10s per acre. Co Cess paid per acre half yearly 6s. Tithe 4s. per acre. Turbary for fuel plenty. Prevailing Names: Donohoe.

Newtown

-- B.S.

9

Baile Nua, new town.

Newtown

-- J. O'D.

Newtown (contd.)

Newtown

-- Co. Map 1821

-- Down Survey Map

-- Acts of Settlement &c.

Situated in the centre of the parish. Bounded on the E. by Rivers Td.; W. by Ballysimon Td.; N. by Kilbane Td.; and S. by Killonan Td.

This td. contains 458 acres, all arable. Soil deep & good, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. Proprietor Sergt. Gould has it let to tenants at the yearly rent of from £2 to £2 16s. per acre. Coo. Cess half yearly 6s. to 6s.6d. per acre. Tithe 2s. to 2s.3d. per acre. Turbary for fuel none.

Newcastle

-- B.S.

10

Caisleán Nua, new castle.

Newcastle

-- J. O'D.

-- Down Survey Map

New Castle Newcastle -- Civil Survey 1654-56
-- Acts of Settlement &c.

Situated in the west side of the parish. Bounded on the E. by Castletroy and Rivers Tds.; W. by St. Ftarick's Ph.; N. by Sreelane or Millford Td.; and S. by Kilbane Td.

Contains 680 acres, all arable. Soil deep and good. Proprietor Thomas Kelly, Esq. has it let to Mr. Matthew O'Brien by a lease for ever at £1 per acre, and he again to tenants yearly at £4 per acre. Co. Cess half yearly 4s. to 4s.6d. per acre. Tithe 3s. to 3s.3d. per acre. Turbary used for fuel none.

Peafield

-- B.S.

11

Peafield

-- J. O'D.

-- Sur. & Val. Report 1824

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Situated in the west end of the parish. Bounded on the E. by Killonan Id.; W. by Derrygalvin Ph.; N. by Ballysimon Ph.; and S. by Carrigparson Ph.

Contains 112 acres, all arable. Soil deep & good, producing potatoes, oats and wheat. Proprietor Major Maunsell has it let to Captain Stackpool and James Harvey by lease of 3 lives and 31 years at £9 (sic) per acre. Half-yearly Cess 4s. to 4s.6d. per acre. Tithe 3s. to 3s.6d. per acre. Turbary for fuel none.

Rivers

-- B.S.

12

Rivers

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the east end of the parish. Bounded on the E. by the Ph. of Stradbally or Ballyconnell; W. by Newcastle Td.; N. by Castletroy Td.; and S. by Ballyclogh Td.

Contains 317 acres, all arable. Soil deep and good, producing oats, wheat and potatoes. Lime seldom used for fuel. Proprietor Kilnore Brasier, Esq. has it let to tenants, some by lease of 999 years. Co. Cess from 4s. to 4s.6d. paid half yearly. Tithe 2s.6d. to 3s. per acre. No turbary for fuel. Prevailing Name: Ryan.

Shralane or Millford

13

Sraoileann, meaning doubtful The word is used to denote a dirty, slovenly person. Was it first given as a nickname to this td., or is it Sraeth Leathan, ie., broad mill race?

-- B.S.

Sreelane
Sherryland and
Millford
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Situated in the N. end of the parish. Bounded on the E. by the Ph. of Kiltenanlea; W. by Dromroe or Shannon Park Td.; and S. by Newcastle Td.

Contains 112 acres, all arable. Soil deep and good, producing potatoes and wheat. Proprietor Major Maunsell has it let to Captain Stackpool and James Harvey by lease of 3 lives and 31 years. Co Cess per acre half yearly 4s. to 4s.6d. Tithe 3s. to 3s.6d. per acre half yearly. Turbary for fuel none.

Towlertown

-- B.S.

14

This name is not known to the people. It must mean Towler's Town. Towler or Toller is a family name of English origin. J. O'D.

Towlerton -- J. O'D.
Towleton part of)
Bellasimon -- Down Survey
Towloghthin -- Civil Survey 1654-56

Situated in the west end of the parish. Bounded on the E. by Kilbane Td.; W. by the Ph. of St. Laurence; N. by St. Patrick's Ph.; and S. by Ballysimon Td.

Towlertown (contd.)

Contains 119 acres, all of poor quality. About half is coarse bottom land or pasture, and the remainder produces poor crops of potatoes, oats and wheat. Proprietor Attorney Bevan has it let to tenants at £3 10s. per acre. No lease. Co. Cess per acre half yearly 4s. to 4s.6d. Bog used for fuel scarce. Prevailing Names: Nolan.

Miscellaneous Features

Annacotty Bridge

-- Local

15

Aith an Choite, ford of the <u>6ot</u>, or little flat-bottomed boat.

Annacotty

-- J. O'D.

Ahancotty is the analogical anglicizing.

Annacotty

-- Co. Map 1821

Situated on the Mulkear River, in the east end of the parish and on the parish boundary between Kilmurry and Stradbally or Castleconnell. It is on the road leading from Limerick to Castleconnell.

According to the local belief, this bridge has taken its name from a woman named Anne, who kept a cot on the river previous to the building of the bridge. The bridge is about 2 chains long, 20 feet broad, and has 5 arches which are 8 feet high. It was built at the expense of the county.

Annacotty Faper Will

-- Local

16

Situated in the east end of the parish, in the td. of Rivers, and on the Mulkear River, 1 chain south of Annacotty Bridge.

This mill was burned in 1837, supposed maliciously, but it was not presented for. Its ruins are about 70 ft. long, 20 ft. broad, and 10 ft. high.

Castletroy Ruins

-- Local

17

Caislean Uí Threo, O'Troy's Castle. J. O'D.

Castletroy

-- Co. Map 1821

Situated on the bank of the Shannon, in the north end of the parish and in Castletroy Td.

This, it is said, was destroyed in Cromwell's time. The ruins are about 36 ft. long, 30 ft. broad, and 3 stories high.

Castletroy House

-- Local -- J. O'D.

In the north end of Castletroy Td. and to the west of Castletroy ruins.

This is a small cottage, about 70 ft. long, 30 ft. broad, and 2 story high. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the River Shannon, and takes its name from the old castle ruins.

Rose Lawn House

-- Local

19

18

Roselawn -- J. O'D.

Situated in the north end of the townland of Castletroy and about 10 chains from the River Shannon.

This house is said to have been built in 1806 by a gentleman named Chaytor. It is now the seat of Mr. McKern, a non-resident. It is 40 ft. long, 30 broad, and 2 story high. It is seated within view of the Shannon.

Willow Bank House

-- Local

Willow Bank

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the west side of Castletroy Td. and within 2 chains of Newcastle Td.

This house was built by Captain Hickey in 1825 at the expense of £550. It is 2 story high, 36 ft. long and 33 ft. broad. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the River Shannon.

Kilmurry Glebe House

-- Local

21

See name of parish. J. O'D.

Situated in the west end of the Glebe of Kilmurry, and within 2 chains of the east side of the road from Willow Bank House to the Church of Kilmurry.

This house was built by the Revd. Maunsell, Parish Minister, in 1838, at the expense of £550 to be charged to his successor in that parish. It is handsomely built, is 2 story high, about 60 ft. long, and about 30 ft. broad.

Kilmurry Church

-- Local

22

See name of parish. J. O'D.

Situated in the west end of the Glebe of Kilmurry, and within 1 chain of the boundary between Newcastle Td. and the Glebe.

This church was rebuilt in 1824 by the Board of First Fruits. It is 2 story high, 50 ft. long and 25 ft. broad. Shannon View House

-- Inhabitants

23

Shannon View

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the north end of the parish, in the td. of Newcastle, within 2 chains of the road from Limerick to Castleconnell.

This house was built in 1800 by the predecessors of Thos. Kelly, Esq., the present proprietor. It is hand-somely built, and is 3 story high, 70 ft. long and 50 ft. broad. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the River Shannon.

Milford House

-- Local

24

Millford Wilford

-- Co. Map 1821

-- Coffey's Map 1825

Situated in the south end of the td. of Sreelane or Milford, and 20 chains from the road leading from Limerick to Castleconnell.

This house is handsomely built and about 70 ft. long and 25 ft. broad. It is 3 story high, and is now occupied by Captain Stackpool. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the City of Limerick.

Plassy Mill

-- Local

25

A fancy name. J. O'D.

Situated in the west end of the td. of Sreelane or Milford, and about 1 chain south of the River Shannon.

This mill was built by Major Maunsell in 1819 at the expense of £21,000. It is 7 story high and about 60 ft. long and 45 ft. broad. It is now in the possession of Harvey and Brother.

Plassy House

-- Local

26

Plassy

-- see letter.

Situated in the centre of the td. of Sreelane or Milford, and about 7 chains south of the River Shannon.

This house was built by Major Maunsell in 1819, and is now in the possession of James Harvey, Esq. It is 3 story high, 72 ft. long and 40 ft. broad. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the Shannon on the East and the City of Limerick on the N.

Ruins of Newcastle

-- Local
-- J. O'D.

27

Situated in the north end of Newcastle Td., and within

Ruins of Newcastle (contd.)

2 chains of the south side of the road from Limerick to Castleconnell.

The ruins of this old castle stand on a rock, and the castle is said by the ancients to have been destroyed by Cromwell. It is 3 story high, 50 ft. long and 20 ft. broad.

Newcastle House

-- Local -- J. O'D. 28

Situated on the south side of the road from Limerick to Dublin and in the centre of Newcastle Td.

This house was built in 1800 by Denis O'Brien, Esq. It has a decayed appearance. It is about 70 ft. long and 30 ft. broad, and is now occupied by Timothy O'Brien.

Shannon Park House

-- Inhabitants

Shannon Park

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the south end of the td. of Shannon Park.

This house is now occupied by Mr. H. Brown. It is about 16 ft. high, 80 ft. long, and 45 ft. broad. It is situated in a backward part of the townland.

Ballysimon Bridge

-- Local

29

See townland name.

The true name is Bellasimon. J. O'D.

Situated in the west end of the parish and in Ballysimon Td. It is on the River Groody.

This bridge was built in or about 1800 at the expense of the County. It is 32 ft. long, 15 ft. broad, and with 2 small arches about 4 ft. high.

Ballysimon Mills

-- Local

See townland name.

Situated in the west end of Ballysimon Td.

This mill is 4 story high, 80 ft. long and 60 ft. wide. It is now in the possession of Samuel Dickson, proprietor of Ballysimon Td.

Peafield Bridge

-- Local -- J. O'D. 30

Situated on the parish boundary, on the south end of

Peafield Bridge (contd.)

Peakield Td. and on the road from Derrygalvin to Anna-cotty.

This bridge was built in 1826 at the expense of the County. It is 24 ft. long, 16 ft. broad, and 5 ft. high, with 2 arches.

Peafield House

-- Local

31

Situated in the S.E. end of the td. of Peafield and within about 2 chains of the River Groody.

This house was built by a Mr. Sheehy in 1832. It is 56 ft. long and 20 ft. broad. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the River Groody, and is now in the possession of Mr. Roche.

Mary Magdelen's Well

-- Local

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the S.W. corner of Kilbane Td., 2 chains E. of Towlerton Td.

This well is visited at certain times by the Roman Catholics, who do penance at it, and at their visitation leave a rag on a small bush convenient to the well. This bush is now covered with rags.

Lisheen Fort

-- Local

32

Lisin, little fort.

Lisheen

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the S. end of the td. of Newtown, about 12 chains E. of the boundary between Peafield and Killonan Tds.

This is a small circular fort, about 150 links in diameter. It is partly defaced by cultivation.

Monelan Chapel

-- Local

33

Mốin a' Lin, bog of the flax.

Monaleen

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the N.W. end of Newtown Td., and west of the cross-roads at Monaleen.

This chapel was rebuilt in 1808 by subscription. It is 90 ft. long, 36 ft. broad, and can accommodate 300 persons.

Sandville House

!! Local

Sandville House (contd.)

Sandville Ho.

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the N. end of Killonan Td., and 1 chain E. of the road from Peafield to Ballyclogh Mill.

This house was built by Joshua Unthank in 1823 at the expense of £260. It is now in the possession of Mrs. Scott. It is 2 story high, 40 ft. long and 20 ft. broad.

Ballyclough Mills

-- Local

34

Ballyclogh Mills

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the east end of Ballyclogh Td. and on the bank of the Mulkear River.

These flour and paper mills were built by a Mr. Stritch in 1769 at the expense of £1,600. They are 216 ft. long, 30 ft. broad, and 2 story high. They look rather decayed.

Ballinaclogh House

-- Local

Ballyclough

-- See letter

Ballyclogh House

-- J. O'D.

In the east end of Ballyclogh Td.

This house was built in 1769 by a Mr. Stritch. It is 2 story high, 29 ft. long, and 20 ft. broad. It is seated on the bank of the River Mulkear.

Ballyclough House

-- Local

35

Ballyclogh

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the east end of Ballyclogh Td. and on the west side of the River Mulkear.

This house was built in 1822 by Henry Rose, Esq. at the expense of £600. It is handsomely built, is 2 story high, 45 ft. long and 30 ft. broad. It is seated on an eminence overlooking the River Mulkear.

Mohercair River, or) The Nursery for Fish)

-- Local

36

Maoilceir. This was a man's name among the ancient Irish. J. O'D.

Mulkear River

-- J. O'D.

Situated on the boundary of Kilmurry and Derrygalvin townlands.

This river is about from 1 to 2 chains wide, with a gravelly bottom. Trout and salmon generally go up by the winter flood to spawn, from which the river is called 'the nursery of fish'.

Killeen Church-yard

-- Local

37

Cillin, a little church.

Killeen

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the east end of Killonan Td.

This graveyard is about 2 chains square, with a wall and lane on one side, and a ditch and hedge on the others, and with a large ash tree in the south end.

Bondota Fort

-- Local

38

Bun Doighte, burnt bottom.

Bundotia

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the centre of Rivers Td. and west of the road from Limerick to Castleconnell.

This is a circular fort cultivated, with a ditch on one side. It is on an eminence.

Milltown Townland

-- Boundary Sketch

39

Bounded on the west by Peafield Townland.

(N.B. No further particulars of this td. given).

End of the Parish of Kilmurry