

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.[BARONY OF] Coshma (Foot of the plain)TOWN OR VILLAGE Athlisa PARISH Dromin/Athlisa COUNTY Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual

^{topographical features.}
The parish of Dromin/Athlisa lies mainly between the Morning Star and Maigue Rivers. With the exception of Rathannon Hill (310 ft) - which affords a wide prospect, there is little else to provide a view in the district. From here may be seen the lofty & alpine and picturesque Ballyhouna Mountains to east & south respectively.

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES
OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?

Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

ZULLERBOY CASTLE. A commodious house adjoining the old castle of Zullerboy, much of which was demolished to make way for the present building which was erected by a member of the Levers family in 1800's. The house has been renovated & modernised by the present owner Mr. Rodene Haines. It was not possible to gain admission as Mr & Mrs Haines are presently in England. The gardens are very beautiful but not open to the public. It lies 4 miles south of Croom in a well kept & timbered park. Run as a farm & giving considerable employment. The Levers were once a widely scattered & influential family. (Mrs Haines is a member of the Watson family of tinned salmon fame - John West's)

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

EARLY CHURCHES. DROMIN. This was an ancient parish & mention was made of it in early times. It was roughly 50 x 24 ft & lies in the well kept burial ground of Dromin. The east window has horizontal cross bar and flatly splayed. The square headed door was in s. wall as also 2 oblong windows. To N. were three similar windows. To the west was a strong dwelling - probably house of the clergyman & was entered from church through a pointed door with sandstone jambs. The northern angle of house to a height of about 20 ft still stands. A stone stairs led through centre of w. gable of church. The building which is in reasonably good repair although in receipt of no care, was dedicated to the Trinity. & early is Trinity Well.

ATHLACCA. This early church stood on the site of the present roofless church of Ireland in Athlaccaburial ground. It was dedicated to St John (Baptist). The present ruin is a most picturesque 18th century building with lovely spire, so common in churches of that time. Under belfry is a monument to Daniel and Anna Webb, as follows:-

Here lyeth the bodies of
Daniel Webb of Rathannon
gent^r and Anna his wife. He
departed this life the 14th day
of April 1701 & in the 87th year
of his age. She also departed
this life the 5th day of Feb 1700
& in the 81 year of her age.

(Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).

Here lies entomb'd precious dust
of piety peace right & wisdom.

Early churches Antiquities I Droim/Athlaca.

UREGARE. In the burial ground here was an early church which served an ancient parish. It was dedicated to St Margaret. The church ruins were pulled down many years ago to provide material for boundary wall.

ROSSTEMPLE. (broom) In this old burial site was an early foundation, supposedly a settlement of the Knights Templar. There is now no trace.

CASTLES.

HAIDSTOWN. This old castle which adjoins the residence of Mrs P. Coll dates from middle of 17th century. After the Desmond Rebellion, it was granted to Capt Ormsby & from him it passed to the Jubbins family, of which there were many branches. It is a square tower with battlements, about 36 x 30 ft & 50 ft high. Lower 5 stories, with spiral stairs, mainly intact. Entrances have been closed up. In reasonably good repair but in receipt of no care. Approached by an avenue from Droim/Bruce road.

TULLERBOY CASTLE (OR CASTLE IEVERS) Adjoining the fine residence of Mr Roderic Staines. Only portion remains, the rest was pulled down to make way for the house. Outside walls plastered over so that all features are covered. Was a square turretted building and was granted, with the surrounding land to the Ievers family. Approached by avenue leading to house. Access was impossible owing to absence in England of proprietors.

Antiquities II Dromin/Athlaca.

RATHCANNON CASTLE. This was a stronghold of the Geraldines & stands on a lofty rocky hill. It comprises a square peel tower, residence & large court or enclosure. The tower, northern wall of which to a height of about 30 ft still stands, is to the west adjoined on south by the remains of residence which was of large proportions and gabled N & S. The tower was about 35 ft square with walls nearly 5 ft thick. The court which was surrounded by a high wall & approached by steps to E, was roughly 110 feet square. N.E. of tower lie the remains of another building. It is on the property of Mr W. Power & forms a most conspicuous land mark, being visible for miles around. It was last held by Sir Donny Wray, who supported King James, but his son supported King William. In bad repair & in receipt of no care. Wray came into possession through marriage with a daughter of the proprietor - Casey.

ATHLACCA COURT. It lay on right bank of Morning Star R. close by village of Athlaca. Was residence of Capt Ormsby, noted for his cruelty (see Hist Houses section) The place was ruinous for a very long time before being finally demolished. Ormsby was landlord of all the surrounding territory.

FORTS.

RATHCANNON. Slightly to south of Rathcannon castle is the fort of same name. It is on the summit of a bold crag, and the rocky sides were admirably used to form

FORTS.

Antiquities III

Dromin / Athlaca.

the outer defences. It is one of the largest forts in the county and measures about 130 yards in diameter. The hill on which it stands is over 200 feet high.

To the east of Dromin ^{burial ground} ~~church~~ in fields adjoining road ^{to south}, are a great number of forts or earth works. On lands of Mr. Nash. Two side by side measure 40 & 45 yards resp. in diameter. In them both are what look like foundations of stone buildings and about them are many banks forming small, irregular and in some case rectangular enclosures. Between the forts is what looks like an old entrenched road, running in northerly direction.

Slightly east of these & also adjoining road are further mounds & earthworks, all small. All these remains are much worn due to trespass by cattle.

Throughout the parish are further forts but singly placed & not of any importance.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION. TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF Loshua

TOWN OR VILLAGE Athlaca PARISH Athlaca COUNTY Lincoln

Location and brief description. Population 60 approx.

The little straggling village of Athlaca lies across the flowing Star River. It is two miles north of the historic village of Bruce & five south of Cron. The bulk of the surrounding land is of rich, sound quality & good for dairying & raising of bloodstock. The land is well tilled and houses well kept

Is there a Town Hall? NO Location /

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

[This section is crossed out with a diagonal line.]

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

[This section is crossed out with a diagonal line.]

The nearest passenger station would be Kilmallock - 5 miles **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Nearest station Burrell Distance 1 1/2 miles Bus? Burrell Good Daily Service. I.S.R.
Public lighting by—Electricity? / Gas? /

DANCING

Dance hall / Proprietor /

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas / Pictures shown (nights) /

Theatre / Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.) /

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Dairy is the chief industry. There are two creameries - one at Ballinastona & one at Athlerea. Both up to date & producing butter of a high quality. A good deal of blood-stock is raised in parish & many notable horses were produced in the area.

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R.C. Chapel at Dromin is a small but pretty building erected in 1828.
" " " " Athlerea is a large commodious building of a slightly later date. Both had any features worth of mention. N. School at Athlerea is a modern building & is very pleasing in construction & design, admitting maximum amount of air & light & very modern in its equipment.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National Schools for Boys & Girls at Dromin

" " " " " " " " " " Athlerea

HOSPITALS

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....

Weekly market day..... Half-holiday..... *Wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Nearest at Bruce 1 1/2 miles

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles

Caravans

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... Landowner.....

Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary

DATE *12/9/43*.....

(Signed) *P. J. Quinn*.....

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Boshma

TOWN OR VILLAGE Athlaca PARISH Dromin/Athlaca COUNTY Limerick

ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE Morning Star Nearest point to town (distance) Adjacent

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown trout, small salmon.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon up to 7 lbs. Sea trout / Brown trout ± lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon 7th to Apr. Sea trout / Brown trout April/Jelly.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Orange gause, Black Doctor, Standard Patterns.

Sea trout /

Brown trout Orange gause, Black & Silver, good dry fly river.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

Free

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Free within the parish of Dromin/Athlaca.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Bruff, Kildare, Broom, Charleville, Boree.

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary (and Address) /

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

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Kinds of fish to be caught :

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Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

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Bait available locally ?..... Fishing tackle ?.....

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.....

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GOLFING

Name of Club..... No. of holes.....

Situation and brief description of course :

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Name of Professional.....

Is there a clubhouse on course ?..... Licensed ?.....

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day..... Per week.....

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BARONY OF Coshma

TOWN OR VILLAGE Athlana PARISH Dromin COUNTY Linn
Athlana

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE ellaigue Nearest point to town (distance) Boundary of Parish to West

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout, Small Salmon

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 8 lbs Sea trout / Brown trout 3/4 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Feb to May Sea trout / Brown trout April & May

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Orange Grouse, Black Doctor. Usual standard pattern

Sea trout /

Brown trout Orange Grouse, Black Waterfall. Good dry fly river.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

Free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Free along boundary of Dromin/Athlana Parish

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Bruff, Kilmallock, Charleville, Buncree.

Local Angling Club..... Membership Fee.....

Secretary.....

DATE 11/9/43.

(Signed)

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Surveyor.

RACING

(Including " Point-to-Point " and " Flapper " meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year one P to P.
Under which rules? I. N. H. S.
Situation of course Rathcannon.

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds County Limerick Hounds.
Harriers ~~.....~~
Beagles ~~.....~~

COURSING

Name of Club ~~.....~~ Meeting held annually? ~~.....~~

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company ~~.....~~
Races on (nights) ~~.....~~

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available :

Not much shooting to be had but what is available is entirely free. Some rough shooting including snipe, curlew, plover, a few pheasants and rabbits galore.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses :

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Shooting Club ~~.....~~ Secy. ~~.....~~

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club ~~.....~~ Competitions held? ~~.....~~

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

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GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following :
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football
Hurling *Trinity Rangers Junior. No field*
Handball Handball alley?
Soccer
Rugby
Cricket
Hockey
Bowls
Bowling (on public roads)
Lawn Tennis Kinds of courts
Croquet
Billiards
Badminton
Table Tennis
Bridge Club
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)
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ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club Events held under rules of
do.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.)
in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

..... Promoters
Rathcannon P. to P. Races *Co. Dub. Hunt Club.*
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Pilgrimage to Trinity Well at Dromin on Trinity
..... *Sunday.*

DATE *12/9/43.*

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ACCOMMODATION

PARISH Dromin / Athlaca

BARONY Coshma

COUNTY Limerick

TOWN OR VILLAGE Athlaca

| HOTELS | NUMBER OF | | | | Licensed | REMARKS | RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS |
|-------------|----------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | Guest Bedrooms | Baths | Lavs. (state kind) | Public Rooms | | | |
| <u>None</u> | | | | | | | |
| <u>None</u> | | | | | | | |

GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES

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(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

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HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

The spot about the present church at Dromin was the site of an ancient fair. To the memory of the present Parish Priest (Father O'Shea) fairs were held at the cross of Dromin, which had about it a number of houses & formed a little village. All these are now gone.

HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities. Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

Rathcannon castle was last held by Sir D. Wray, a descendant of a Yorkline family. His son married a daughter of the Lord Deputy late in 16th century. Their son had a number of sons, one of whom married a daughter of Casey who possessed Rathcannon. When he died he was succeeded by a son who supported King James. This latter Wray was able to retain his land & property due to the fact that his son supported King William. He lands of the Wm Power.

During 18th century there lived at Athlaca Court a man named Captain Omsly. He used hang & shoot his Irish neighbours just to see how they would die. Local tradition has it, he once threatened with death, an old woman, the smoke from whose cabin entered his house. She was ordered to be gone by the following morning or that the house would be pulled down. When the morning came Omsly was dead and the "offender" who did not depart, survived. Her descendants are still there & Athlaca Court has been long since demolished. It stood on the right bank of the village river slightly west of the village.

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?

Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

Three hundred yards west of Dromin burial ground & just inside south road fence is Trinity Well. Every year on Trinity Sunday pilgrimages are made to this Well, the waters of which, together with the recital of some prayers is believed to bring relief from many eye troubles. In former days the pilgrimages were of huge proportions but now-a-days are much reduced.

DATE 15. 9. 43.

(Signed)

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