

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

## NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF Glenquin.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE Dromcollogher PARISH Dromcollogher COUNTY Limerick  
Broadford Broadford

### TOPOGRAPHY

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

The view from Mullaghareirk mountain (1341) on the Co Cork boundary - some two miles ~~from~~ S.W. of Broadford - is outstanding, and surpasses the many other fine views from the hills overlooking the plains between Broadford and Barnagh. The immense expanse of plains sparsely dotted with towns, villages, homesteads, castles & spires, presents a splendid panorama, on to the distant horizon where the Tipperary & Clare mountains obstruct the further view. The rough surfaced road via Broadford, Ashford, & Strand, overhung by wooded mountains could compare with any scenic road in Eire and the Glen road to Tullylease (839) would not be surpassed in sylvan beauty.

### GEOLOGY

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

The Mullaghareirk mountains consisting of sandstone and pencil cover the south of the Parish, the Limerick plane of Limestone extends throughout the rest. There is no stone of either variety showing above ground, whitethorn hedges form the fences.

The entire parish has all the characteristics of a dairying district, with scattered root and grain crops, and a few orchards. No caves, or eskers.

### MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?  
Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

"Springfield Castle" located midway between the villages of Broadford and Dromcollogher is the ancestral home of Lord Muskerry. It is a fine new building comprising remnants of the old castle which was burned down during our civil war. £40,000 was granted as compensation to its owner - with a re-construction clause. The new mansion is said to be superior to the old castle. The grounds and long avenues are well laid out, the farmyard has modern appliances, there is an enclosed sunken mausoleum near the Castle showing the graves of the present Lord's father, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the three wives he sampled (1<sup>st</sup> was a titled lady 2<sup>nd</sup> a governess 3<sup>rd</sup> a nurse) The last wife survives him. The present lord has no heir, so the title is fluid.

A Gibbet is reputed to have existed at the back of the Castle where an ancient Lord Muskerry indulged in his favourite hobby of hanging his victims. Many are the legends told of the weird examples of the Langmans art displayed by the ancient lord. The present Lord is very popular and has no objection to visitors passing through his demesne. An artistic Entrance Gate is located on main Dromcollogher, Broadford Road.



## 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.

"Killogholehan" ancient Church - one mile south of Broadford village - measures 42' x 21' by 12' high. The pattern of East window is unique, it has a centre double lighted window, with another cruder one above it, and two another window at each side of the central ones. In fact the whole East Gable is taken up with windows.

An altar stone rests beneath the above windows, with two small <sup>nameless</sup> circular arches at each side, and an ornamental defaced wall slab on the north wall. South wall has two splayed windows with an entrance door to another apartment which measures 13' x 12'. The latter has a south window. The north wall has a central window and small entrance door. West Gable has a doorway with an overhead slitted splayed window. The Ruins are intact, save the top of East Gable which is gone. There is only one tombstone (Daly's) within the old church which is in charge of Office of Public Works.

Surrounding cemetery is neat and contains among other tombstones, a beautiful Celtic cross to four I. R. A. men who were killed by Crown forces during the fight for Irish freedom.

"Dromcollogha" ancient Church ruins adjoining the village are in such a dilapidated and unkept condition that it is impossible to measure, only fragments of side walls and East Gable can be seen above the weeds & ivy.

Westropp 221 (54) describes it "Fabric, 55 ft. of the sides with the East Gable remains. Church was 21 ft. wide. The East window had a round headed splay and pointed lights, mullions gone in 1840. There were two south windows."

The surrounding cemetery is in keeping with the Old ruins, it has some fine tombstones.

The burial grounds are being considerably extended at the present time, and it is considered probable that the B.O. Health, or the civic spirit of the people, will be moved by shame and make the cemetery at least safe to walk in.



Ref SM/AB.

2/19/44  
Jm.

cp Post Office  
Newcastlewest  
Co. Limerick  
3/8/44

D. Barry Esq.

Sec. J. T. A

14 Upper O'Connell St.  
Dublin.

Dear Sir

I much regret mistake in Form D - Dromcollogher  
and Broadford Parish Forms

When I contacted the Gardá my information was that  
there were Eight Hackney Owners in Dromcollogher and two  
in Broadford. I neglected to get names at the time.

On a revisit there yesterday I was informed that while  
there are Eight Hackneys in Dromcollogher Gardá district —  
— which comprises "Melford, Bobok" Dromcollogher, &  
Broadford — There are only Three in Dromcollogher  
village namely —

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| (1) John Keely, The Square, Dromcollogher. — | 1 Car |
| (2) Michael Farrell, Carrward, " "           | 1 "   |
| (3) P. J. Sullivan, Gardenfield, " "         | 1 "   |

Broadford

- |                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| (1) John Sheedy, Broadford. — | 1 Car |
| (2) Timothy Cotter " "        | 1 "   |

with apologies and regrets of — Faithfully Yours  
Ralph Lucas.



## OLD CHURCHES.

Near Springfield Castle in Lord Muskerry's demesne is located the remains of an Ancient Church, which the surrounding briars, Ivy, and shrubs, make impossible to measure or describe, and of which no history seems to exist. An wyshrouded Gable shows above the surroundings. Nearby in the same enclosed cemetery is a neat modern Church of Ireland — closed up for some years through lack of worshippers.

All the tombstones are shrouded in rank grass, and briars, and it is difficult to walk in any part of above cemetery.

A nice enclosed walk with ornamental shrubs leads from cemetery to Springfield Castle.

Barony of Glenquin. Parish of Dromcollogher & Broadford.  
Co Limerick.



See "Dromcollogher" fish. (Lynch 1944)

There appears to have been some  
overlapping in this case.  
R.O.B.



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## SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Glenquin

TOWN OR VILLAGE DRUMCOLLOGHER PARISH Dromcollogher COUNTY Limerick  
BROADFORD Broadford

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 BUNOKE Nearest point to town (distance) flows through

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

very small Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon None Sea trout None Brown trout Yes 1/8 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout May to August

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon None

Sea trout None

Brown trout "Brown Rail", "Orange House", "Cup & Silver Rail", "Olive Green"

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

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors :

No Preserved stretches - none worth preserving -  
The Trout are small. It is impossible to fish most  
of above rivers because of overgrown banks.  
Worms are more suitable than Flies

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

None.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Not worth Angling in small rivers at Broadford  
or Dromcollogher

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee None.

Secretary (and Address) None



**SEA ANGLING**

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

*None.*

Kinds of fish to be caught :

*None.*

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

*None.*

Bait available locally ? *None.* Fishing tackle ? *None.*

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn. *None.*

**GOLFING**

Name of Club *None.* No. of holes *None.*

Situation and brief description of course :

*None.*

Name of Professional *None*

Is there a clubhouse on course ? *None* Licensed ? *No*

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day *None* Per week *—*



# ACCOMMODATION

BARONY

*Glenquin*

COUNTY

*Limerick*

PARISH

*Dromcollogher & Broadford*

TOWN OR VILLAGE

*Broadford*

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>None.</i>							
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>Mrs Daniel O'Donnell</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>1 "Dry"</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>A Comfortable Boarding House, catering could be improved.</i>	<i>Mrs O'Donnell or Keely will supply dinners &amp; Teas</i>
<i>Mrs Keely</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>1 "Dry"</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Small, and apparently comfortable</i>	

DATE

*July 27<sup>th</sup> 1944*

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed)

*Ralph Lucas*  
Surveyor.



# ACCOMMODATION

PARISH *Dromcolloghes*

BARONY *Glenquin*

COUNTY *Limerick*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Dromcolloghet*

*Copy typed of file  
D.M.*

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>Leahy's Hotel</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1-Flush</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Yes.</i>	<i>"Leahy's Hotel" failed to qualify for "Registration". The suggested improvements by a second Inspector have not been carried out. "O'Connor's" was refused "Registration" after two inspections. Permanent lodgers, &amp; provincial patrons - Mr Dewalera et al - makes this "Hostels" indifferent. She displays no "Hotel Sign", and says "You have the particulars."</i>	
<i>"O'Connor's Hotel"</i>							
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>"Mrs Kelly's" Church Street</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1 "Dry" OUTSIDE</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>A neat boarding house &amp; Restaurant. Yard Lavatory an inconvenience</i>	<i>"Mrs Kelly's" Church St. Boarding house &amp; Restaurant"</i>
<i>"Mrs Collins's" " "</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1 "Dry"</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Very small</i>	
<i>"Mrs Sullivan's" " "</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Small &amp; unsatisfactory</i>	

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Surveyor.



**RACING**

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year..... *None.*  
Under which rules?..... *None.*  
Situation of course..... *None.*

**HUNTING**

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds ..... *None.*  
Harriers..... *None.*  
Beagles ..... *None.*

**COURSING**

Name of Club..... *None.* Meeting held annually?..... *None.*

**GREYHOUND RACING**

Name of Company..... *None.*  
Races on (nights)..... *None.*

**SHOOTING**

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

*The Shooting in above Parish is not at all good. An odd Pheasant,idgeon, woodcock, and Rabbit, may be got; an occasional flock of Plover & Curlew pass through, and snipe may be got in frosty weather.*

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

*Lord Muskerry's demesne is preserved around Springfield Castle. There are also a couple of other smaller Preserves. none will be set or let.*

Shooting Club..... *None* Secy..... *None*

**CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING**

Name of Club..... *None.* Competitions held?.....

**ROWING AND SAILING**

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

*None.*



**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 ..... *None*

Hurling ..... *"Dromcollogher Club" Hurling field near village*

Handball ..... *"Broadford Alley Club"* Handball alley? *Yes? in village.*

Soccer ..... *None.*

Rugby ..... *None.*

Cricket ..... *None.*

Hockey ..... *None.*

Bowls ..... *None.*

Bowling (on public roads) ..... *None.*

Lawn Tennis ..... *"Broadford Tennis Club"* Kinds of courts *4-GREEN COURTS. (2 Double)*

Croquet ..... *None.*

Billiards ..... *Are played in Dromcollogher Parochial Hall.*

Badminton ..... *None.*

Table Tennis ..... *None.*

Bridge Club ..... *None.*

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) .....  
*"Cross Road" dancing is carried out near "Broadford" village*

**ATHLETICS AND CYCLING**

Name of Club ..... *None.* Events held under rules of ..... *None.*

do. .... *None.*

**ANNUAL EVENTS**

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

*A few Hurling matches* ..... Promoters *G.A.A Club, "Dromcollogher"*

*A few small Tennis matches* ..... *Tennis Club, "Broadford"*

*Horticultural & woodwork Shows.* ..... *Technical School Committee -*

..... *"Dromcollogher"*

DATE *July 27<sup>th</sup> 1944.*

(Signed)

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

BARONY OF *Glenquin*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Dromcollogher* PARISH *Dromcollogher* COUNTY *Limerick*

Location and brief description. Population *500*

*Dromcollogher village is located half mile from Cork boundary, midway between Newcastlewest and Charleville. The Limerick Parishes of Killeedy, Kilneedy, Ballyragan, surround it on N. N.E. & West. Cork parishes of Milford & Tullylease on S & S.E. Built in a triangle, with small streets radiating therefrom, it has a prosperous — though slightly unkept looking — appearance. The Mullaghareirk Mountains slope gracefully to the village, and add to its scenery.*

Is there a Town Hall? *Parochial Hall* Location *In village*

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description :

*None.*

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage :

*Piped water supply totally inadequate & unsatisfactory. Village Pump helps. Sewerage in consequence of water shortage is hopeless and primitive. A water & sewerage scheme is contemplated — and overdue.*

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *Newcastlewest or Charleville* Distance *11* Bus? *Yes*

Public lighting by—Electricity? *E. S. B.* Gas? *None*

### DANCING

Dance hall *Yes* Proprietor *Parish Committee*

*Secretary Mr O'Sullivan, N.T.*

*Dromcollogher.*

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas *No regular cinema.* Pictures shown *periodically*  
(nights) *when a show comes*

*Parochial Hall caters for Dancing, Travelling cinemas, Shows, etc.* *to the village*

Theatre *None.* Kind of shows *None.*  
(Drama, Comedy &c.)



**LIBRARIES**

Public Libraries *A branch of County Library*

Private Lending Libraries *None*

**CHURCHES AND SERVICES**

Church *"Dromcollogher" R.C. Church* Services (Sundays) *9 & 11.30 (S.T.)*

*No other church*

**POSTAL FACILITIES**

Location of Post Office *In centre of village*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All Three*

**BANKING**

Banks *The Munster and Leinster Bank*

**SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES**

Sports Dealers *Two Sports Dealers - Cartridges & Fishing tackle*

Photographic Stores *Two Chemist Shops supply Photographic goods*

**SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS**

Swimming Pool? *None* Location *—*

Public Baths? *None* Location *—*



**SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.**

Social Clubs *Parochial Hall is used as a Social club.*

Cultural Societies *None.*

**INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS**

Industries *A small co-operative creamery.*

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

*A very good Technical School (New)  
Mr Villiers is Teacher - or craftsman.*

**PUBLIC MONUMENTS**

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

*Memorial cross in church yard to the 49 victims of Drooncollogha fire. Slab on outside wall reads "Cross behind the wall is sacred to memory of the persons who lost their lives in the Calabritous burning on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1926. R.I.P." Names and dates of birth of the interred are inscribed on base of Memorial. One victim (whose parents choose a burial place elsewhere) is missing from the common grave.*

**IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*"R.C. Church" is a common type of Cruciform Gothic Architecture. It was built in 1861, has a Gallery & three altars.*

*"Technical School" a very fine modern concrete building*

**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

*"Drooncollogha" National School - dark, primitive looking*

*"Drooncollogha" Secondary School - Private owned School.*

**HOSPITALS**

*Nearest - Droon 20 miles*



**FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY**

Monthly fairs and markets Monthly Fairs

Weekly market day Friday Half-holiday Tuesday

**GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS**

1 Garage Two other Petrol Pumps

**CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :**

Taxis None

Motors (Touring) Three  
Eight Hackney Cars  
John Kiely The Ryland Drumcollogher  
Michael Farrell Carranward  
P. J. Sullivan Badenfield

Boats (State type) None

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses None

**CAMPING SITES**

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location All over the Parish Landowner \_\_\_\_\_  
Camping sites "Free"

Local Improvements Committee Parish Council

Secretary Mr O'Callaghan, N.T. Drumcollogher, Charleville

DATE July 27<sup>th</sup> 1944 (Signed) Ralph Lucas  
Surveyor.



**FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY**

Monthly fairs and markets..... *Monthly Fairs*

Weekly market day *Friday* Half-holiday *Tuesday*

**GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS**

*1 Garage. Two other Petrol Pumps*

**CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :**

Taxis ..... *None.*

Motors (Touring) ..... *Three*  
*Eight Hackney cars*  
*John Kiely, The Bylane Drumcollogha*  
*Michael Farrell, Carrward*  
*P. J. Sullivan, Badenfield*

Boats (State type) ..... *None.*

Bicycles ..... *None.*

Caravans ..... *None.*

Horses ..... *None.*

**CAMPING SITES**

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *All over the Parish* Landowner .....  
*Camping sites "Free"*

Local Improvements Committee *Parish Council*  
Secretary *Mr O'Callaghan, N.T. Drumcollogha, Chadleville.*

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BARONY OF Glenquin

TOWN OR VILLAGE Broadford PARISH Dromcollogher COUNTY Limerick

Location and brief description. Broadford Population 160

Broadford is located 2 1/2 miles from Dromcollogher on the circular road that branches from the latter village via Ashford to Newcastlewest. The same Parishes surround it, and its <sup>neaf</sup> sister parish - Dromcollogher. It is a scattered, very neat, one street, village, at the junction of the Mullaghareirk mountains and the Limerick plains. Its gardens, hedges and homesteads, are rather artistic.

Is there a Town Hall? None Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

A Public Pump to south of village is the only water supply and creates a great hardship, water scheme in contemplation. Sewerage is primitive - the usual back yard dry closets.

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Newcastlewest Distance 9 1/2 miles Bus? None

Public lighting by—Electricity? E. S. B. Gas? None

### DANCING

Dance hall None Proprietor —

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown (nights) None

Theatre None Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.) None



**LIBRARIES**

Public Libraries..... *A branch of the County Library*

Private Lending Libraries..... *None.*

**CHURCHES AND SERVICES**

Church ..... Services (Sundays).....

*R. C. Church, Broadford* ..... *10. A.M. (N.T.)*

*"Church of Ireland Church"*  
*near Springfield Castle — Disused*

**POSTAL FACILITIES**

Location of Post Office..... *In centre of village*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)..... *All Three*

**BANKING**

Banks..... *None.*

**SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES**

Sports Dealers..... *None.*

Photographic Stores..... *None.*

**SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS**

Swimming Pool?..... *None.* Location.....

Public Baths?..... *None.* Location.....



**SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.**

Social Clubs ..... *None.*

Cultural Societies ..... *None.*

**INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS**

Industries ..... *A large Co-operative Creamery.*

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

..... *None.*

**PUBLIC MONUMENTS**

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

..... *None.*

**IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*A. C. Church, Gothic, nave only. Gallery,  
A small dark church with no special features  
Built 1845. Three Priests buried in Church.*

*C. O. I. neat small church — now closed up & disused*

**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

*"Broadford" N. School, neat, 4 Teachers.  
"Knocktoosh" " " Small, 2 "  
mountain school.*

**HOSPITALS**

*Nearest Croom 20 miles*



**FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY**

Monthly fairs and markets..... *None*

Weekly market day..... *None*..... Half-holiday..... *None*

**GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS**

*A Petrol Pump only.*

**CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :**

Taxis..... *None*

Motors (Touring)..... *2 Hackney Cars*  
*John Sheedy Broadford*  
*Timothy Cotter*

Boats (State type)..... *None*

Bicycles..... *None*

Caravans..... *None*

Horses..... *None*

**CAMPING SITES**

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... *"Free" all over parish*..... Landowner.....

Local Improvements Committee..... *None*

Secretary..... *None*

DATE..... *July 27<sup>th</sup> 1944*

(Signed)..... *Ralph Lucas*  
Surveyor.



## "Historic Burial Places" - Dromcollogher Fire Victim's Memorial

On the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1926 a Cinema Show was given for the first time in Dromcollogher, with the "Ten Commandments" as an introduction. A native (hunchback) named Ford was the hall and Film renter, with a corkman as operator. The improvised hall was the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (top) of a loft or shed, to which access was gained by a crude stairs up to a landing, thence through the only doorway. There was no <sup>other</sup> exit, even the window that lighted the hall had iron bars across. The cinematograph was operated from near the entrance door, where a table with a lighted candle stood near the instrument. Conflicting reports as to the fire's origin are unreliable, the minority place the blame on the intoxicated renter and operator, the majority favour the ~~theory~~ <sup>theory</sup> that one of the audience pushed the table and lighted candle, (or the lighted candle without the table) under the inflammable films, and "up went the show". The audience stampeded for the blazing doorway, while a very stout lady in trying to escape through the window got jammed in the iron bars, thus preventing others of smaller dimensions from escaping. Only the fittest survived through the blazing doorway and that over the prostrate and heaped up bodies of the frail, who had fainted, got knocked down, or were suffocating, from the fumes. The fire blazed on, while the Garda, friends, and helpers, in desperation tried every means to rescue the trapped victims. Eventually the floor and roof collapsed and a heap of charred human remains fell to the ground floor.

All through that stilly night and the following day the smouldering building filled the air with the fumes of roasting human flesh, clothes, and timber, while the demented relatives surged round the military guard who arrived too late to help in rescue. Reverently the remains - some recognisable only from the brand on a stockinged foot, or by the teeth - were disentangled from the charnel heap, coffined and buried in the common grave where the "Memorial cross" with the names and birth dates now stands in the nearby church yard.

The parents of one victim interred her remains in her native Co. Cork - 48 await the Resurrection in the common grave.

£16,000 was subscribed for the dependents, which on Investment gave £40 yearly for Father, Mother, or wife, with lesser amounts for other relatives. One family of five never returned to console a faithful dog who whined and pined on the doorstep. Other harrowing incidents are better imagined than describe - The site of the fire is now enclosed by galvanized iron and is located <sup>in Mary Street</sup> 25 yards from Memorial cross. The renter of films & Hall & operator vanished - the former to be accidentally poisoned on a Canadian Prairie. The operator whereabouts are unknown.



## HISTORIC SITES

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

*Nothing to report.*

## 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.

*I could discover nothing coming under above  
heading*

## 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.

*None existed*



## 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.

There is nothing coming under above headings in  
Dromcollogher Broadford Parish.

## CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

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