

Limerick N.E.)

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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Boshlea ^{Coshinga}

TOWN OR VILLAGE / PARISH Effin COUNTY Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

For inland scenery, very few places can compare with the isolated parish of Effin. To the south are the long ranges of Ballyhanna Hills famous for their bearing air & on southern slopes of which is the up to date Hospital of Heatherside. To ^{the} east is Seefin Mountain & to ^{the} west & north the broad plains of Limerick north Cork.

GEOLOGY

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

~~At Mount Russell, beside the ^{CROYLEGH} ~~mouth of~~ ~~stream~~ known as Ocean's Bed is the site of a cave now closed, but which the older people of the district distinctly remember & into which, for a considerable distance it was possible to travel. It was closed by the collapse of the roof at the mouth.~~

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Local traditions

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

Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

~~has it that the cave went underneath the Hill & opened up at Glenashen at the other side.~~

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.

CAIRN In a hollow between Cahan Hill & Dunch's Hill is a large irregular cairn, believed to mark the spot where an ancient chief lies buried. It lies beside the fence marking the Cork/Limerick boundary. (In the former TRENCH ESTATE)

CROMLECH. On the northern slope of Mount Russell Mountain at west side of new road is one mile from the main remnant of road is a large cromlech or Neolithic tomb. While it is mainly broken two of the cross slabs remain & a goodly number of the uprights. In construction it would resemble the entrance to an underground passage & it may perhaps be one as many people about remember a cave or souterrain which was near it. (See previous page & picture) Locally, it is associated with ^{one} of the three legendary giants whose names are so often commemorated in that area.

CHURCHES. Near Catholic Church at Effin is the site, in an old burial ground, of Effin early church. It dated probably from 13th century & was dedicated to B.V. etc. Only foundations & some feet of walls now remain. It had a nave & choir, 50' x 20' & 36' x 20' approximately. It was an ancient parish.

KILBREEDY (NIOR) Near Danksstown, Kilmallock, in an old burial ground is ruin of Kilbreedy church which was dedicated to St. Bridget & from which the place got its name. Had nave & choir 30' x 18' & 25' x 18' approx. Only foundations & some feet of

CHURCHES.

Antiquities. Effin. I

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None of the foregoing churches as in receipt of care & their condition is generally beyond aid.

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STONE CIRCLE. At Mount Russell, already mentioned in connection with Megalithic Tomb, there might be remains of a stone circle. There are a number of small upright stones about the place but surface is so overgrown & rugged it would be impossible to trace a foundation.

Or.

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

BARONY OF Leoshlea

TOWN OR VILLAGE / PARISH Effin COUNTY Limerick

Location and brief description. Population

The parish of Effin, joint with Garryduff, is most picturesquely situated at the foot of the Ballyhanna Hills, which separate Limerick from Cork. The land is mainly of good limestone quality & is a good dairying district. Farms & houses are well kept & tended & the whole presents a prosperous appearance.

Is there a Town Hall? / Location /

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

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Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Kilmallock } Distance Both 3 miles Bus? Kilmallock } Both 3 miles distant
Charleville }

Public lighting by—Electricity? / Gas? /

DANCING

Dance hall / Proprietor /

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CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas / Pictures shown (nights) /

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries.....
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Private Lending Libraries.....
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CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church EFFIN..... Services (Sundays) 8.30 & 11.30.

GARRIENDERK...... 10 miles
(near Charleville)
Old time is observed all year round.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Beside R. C. Church at Effin
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) Stamps & P.O. only.

BANKING

Banks.....
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SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers.....
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Photographic Stores.....
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SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... Location.....
Public Baths?..... Location.....

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

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Cultural Societies

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INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries The only industry is Dairying & the local creamery at Effin is one of the most up to date of its kind. Best quality butter is produced, and also cheese of a very high standard of excellence

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

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PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The churches of Effin & Garrienderk while being devoid of any architectural details worthy of mention, are nevertheless pretty well kept structures. The local National Schools just completed are very modern buildings & have all up to date fittings & requirements

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

N. S. for girls situated at Ballychomick, Effin
N. S. " Boys " " "

HOSPITALS

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FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets

Weekly market day

Half-holiday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis

James Power, Garraheen, Effin.

Motors (Touring)

Boats (State type)

Bicycles

Caravans

Horses

*Thos F. Bluet, BALLYSHONICKEN, Effin, Kilmallock
(one horse for hire on occasions)*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location

Landowner

Local Improvements Committee

Secretary

DATE

22/7/43

(Signed)

P. J. Deane

Surveyor.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Loshlea

TOWN OR VILLAGE / PARISH EFFIN 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 Nearest point to town (distance).....

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

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AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout.....

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout.....

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

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

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Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

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Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

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Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

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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.....

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year..... /

Under which rules?..... /

Situation of course..... /

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds *County Limekiln Foxhounds*

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 :

Very little free shooting to be had within Parish of Effris. Most of it is preserved by owners of land. The small portions, however, which are free are very well stocked with pheasant, grouse, woodcock etc

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

Charleville Gun Club shoot over the greater part of the parish and have same strictly preserved.

Shooting Club *Charleville Gun Club.* Secy. *Wm Burke, Main St., Charleville.*

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.....
- 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).....

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.....

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DATE 27/7/43.....

(Signed) *P. J. Lynch*.....
Surveyor.

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH Effie

BARONY

COUNTY LIMERICK

TOWN OR VILLAGE

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

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(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) A. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

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

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.

At GURRANE on the south western border of the parish of
Effin was the seat of the "White Knight" one of the
famous Fitz ~~maurice~~ family. All the surrounding
territory was his & he lies buried in the
Dominican Abbey at Kilmallock. No trace of
any dwelling now. Gurrane is on road to Charleville.

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.

At foot of one of the Ballylouna Hills, on the Mount Russell property, about 20 yards to ~~north~~^{west} of the "New Road" is Leaba Oscan or Oscan's Bed. An irregular gathering of stones, hollow in centre. Here, Oscan, one of the three legendary Leas giants is supposed to have rested. Already dealt with under antiquities.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

(Signed)

C. J. Level
Surveyor.

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