

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF COSHLEA

TOWN OR VILLAGE KILBEHENNY PARISH KILBEHENNY COUNTY LIMERICK.

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The village of Kilbehenny lies in a broad valley between the Galtys & Kilworth mountains, close to foot of the former. It stands across the good main road from Cahin to Mitchelstown & enjoys scenery of a most excellent & varied type. In any weather the views are enchanting but particularly so in clear weather when all the unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc. are visible. Directly to north rises Galtys more to a height of 3,018 ft while to south & east more gently rise the Kilworth mts. Further east are the lovely Knockmealdown mts.

GEOLOGY

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There are no caves, eskers, etc. in Kilbehenny but there are caves in plenty in adjoining parish of Mitchelstown.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER.

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

MASSY LODGE. At Anglesboro' on the southern slope of TEAMPALIN or Temple Hill, the most southerly peak of the Galtys, is Massy Lodge, once the seat of a branch of the powerful & influential Massy family. The surrounding demesne was formerly beautifully planted but all the trees have now been cut away & a desolate, barren, sight is presented. Locally it was known as the Hill of Paradise because of its beauty. For many years the place has been in farmer hands & portions of house have been demolished. None of its former beauty remains.

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ACCOMMODATION.

PARISH

Kilbehenny

TOWN.

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COUNTY.

Limerick

HOTELS.

NONE.

GUEST HOUSES

NONE.

RESTAURANTS etc.

None.

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Antiquities. I KILBEHENNY PARISH. BARONY COSTLER.
PILLAR STONE. On a field of Mr. Jeremiah O'Donnell, adjoining
road at Anglesboro' is a pillar stone. About 5 feet high,
2 feet wide & close on 1 ft deep.

No forts or such like could be traced in the district
and the reason given is that the surrounding country was
very densely wooded up to the time of Elizabeth, who had
them all cut away to deprive the Geraldines of shelter.

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KILBEHENNY.

BARONY OF COSHLEA.

Approaching the village of Mitchelstown from Ballylandrus side, & traversing the western end of Kilbenny parish, is a most delightful ravine through which the main road passes. On either side to a good height rise steep hills, clothed in heather, furze & bracken presenting a very pretty picture. Skirting the road on east side is a mountain stream joined from western side by many little rapid streams from hillsides, with a great rushing noise. It is one of the prettiest stretches of roadway in the district. The road surface even, presents an unusual mottled appearance owing to the mixture of crushed red sandstone with the usual asphalt ~~existing~~ substance.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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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~~ FUNCHEDON. Nearest point to town (distance) ADJACENT

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown trout in abundance. Some Salmon.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout Half pound.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout April/ellay.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon /

Sea trout /

Brown trout Excellent dry fly river. Usual standard patterns according to weather & season.

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

Entirely free where it borders parish of Kilbehenny.

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):

MITCHELSTOWN, through which the river flows.

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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ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER ~~LAKE~~ ATHERLOW Nearest point to town (distance) 5 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Small Brown trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout up to 1 lb frequently caught

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.

entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The upper reaches of the Atherlow River flow thro' the Anglesboro end of Kilbenny parish. It is not frequented by anglers from outside areas but the locals fish it regularly with all kinds of bait - mainly worms. Fish up to a quarter of a pound have been caught.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary /

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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 *Seventeen Black & Tan are nearest.*

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 :

Good range shooting to be had free throughout the country side. Some grouse & woodcock & an occasional pheasant. Snipe very plentiful in the marshlands. Golden, Grey & Green Plover in higher regions.

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

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

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

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

ROWING AND SAILING

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

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 *yes. No regular grounds. Practice at Cahill's.*

Hurling */*

Handball *yes.* Handball alley? *yes.*

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) *yes. There is a good stage or platform in Handball Alley in village of KILBEHENNY.*

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

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Location and brief description. Population 80 approx.

Kilbehenny, an outpost of County Limerick is picturesquely situated on the main Galiv/Mitchelstown road, and about four miles from the latter place. It lies at the southern foot of Salthmore & in full view of the Kilworth mountains. The land is mainly of limestone quality & of good dairying type.

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 Mitchelstown Distance four miles Bus? G.S.R. daily thro' village

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 *Branch of County Library in National School at Kilbehenny.*

Private Lending Libraries

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.B. { Church *KILBEHENNY* Services (Sundays) *10 A.M. every Sunday*
on 1st Sunday of each month *8.30 & 10 A.M.*
.. *ANGLICAN* *10 A.M.*
old time throughout the year.
Church of Ireland Community attend Whitechurch at 12 noon.
official time.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *KILBEHENNY*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All branches except telegraph.*

BANKING

Banks

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

Photographic Stores

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Location

Public Baths? Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *Clubs in the area.*

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *Dairying is the chief industry. There are up-to-date creameries at Kilbehenny and Anglesboro, both turning out products of a first class order.*

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. Church at Kilbehenny is a very pretty building of dressed limestone with a quaint circular window in east gable. Built about 1875.
The National Schools at Kilbehenny are most up-to-date, & have all modern equipment. Built in 1941. Admitting maximum amount of light & air & surrounded by a large play ground.*

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*National School for Girls at KILBEHENNY } adjoining.
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National School (mixed) at Anglesboro.*

HOSPITALS

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Daniel Casey; (Hackett); Kilbenny.*

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

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

Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary.....

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HISTORIC SITES

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

KILBEHENNY (OR WHITE KNIGHT'S) CASTLE. This ruin which stands to north of road, on lands of Mr James Noonan, Castle Quarter, Kilbehenny, was the local seat of the White Knight, Edmund Fitzgibbon, who captured & delivered up the Sycan Earl of Desmond. The latter was imprisoned here. This castle was taken & partly destroyed by Cromwell in 1650 & marks the site of his nearest approach to Limerick.

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.

In Kilbehenny was born John O'ellahony, prominently associated with - if not actually one of the founders of the Fenian Movement. The family burial plot is in the local cemetery of KILBEHENNY.

At COOLATTIN on slope of Galtees was born Professor John Casey, 1820 - 91. One of the most brilliant men of his time. He was a Fellow of Royal University of Ireland; Member of the Council of Royal Irish Academy; Member of Mathematical Society, London & France; Corresponding Mathematician to the Royal Society of Sciences, Liège. He was responsible for several books on Geometry & Trigonometry. One of his grandsons named Dowling was killed in 1916. Another is the Rev. Maurice Dowling S.J. Casey was also Professor of Higher Mathematics & Math. Physics in Catholic University of Ireland.

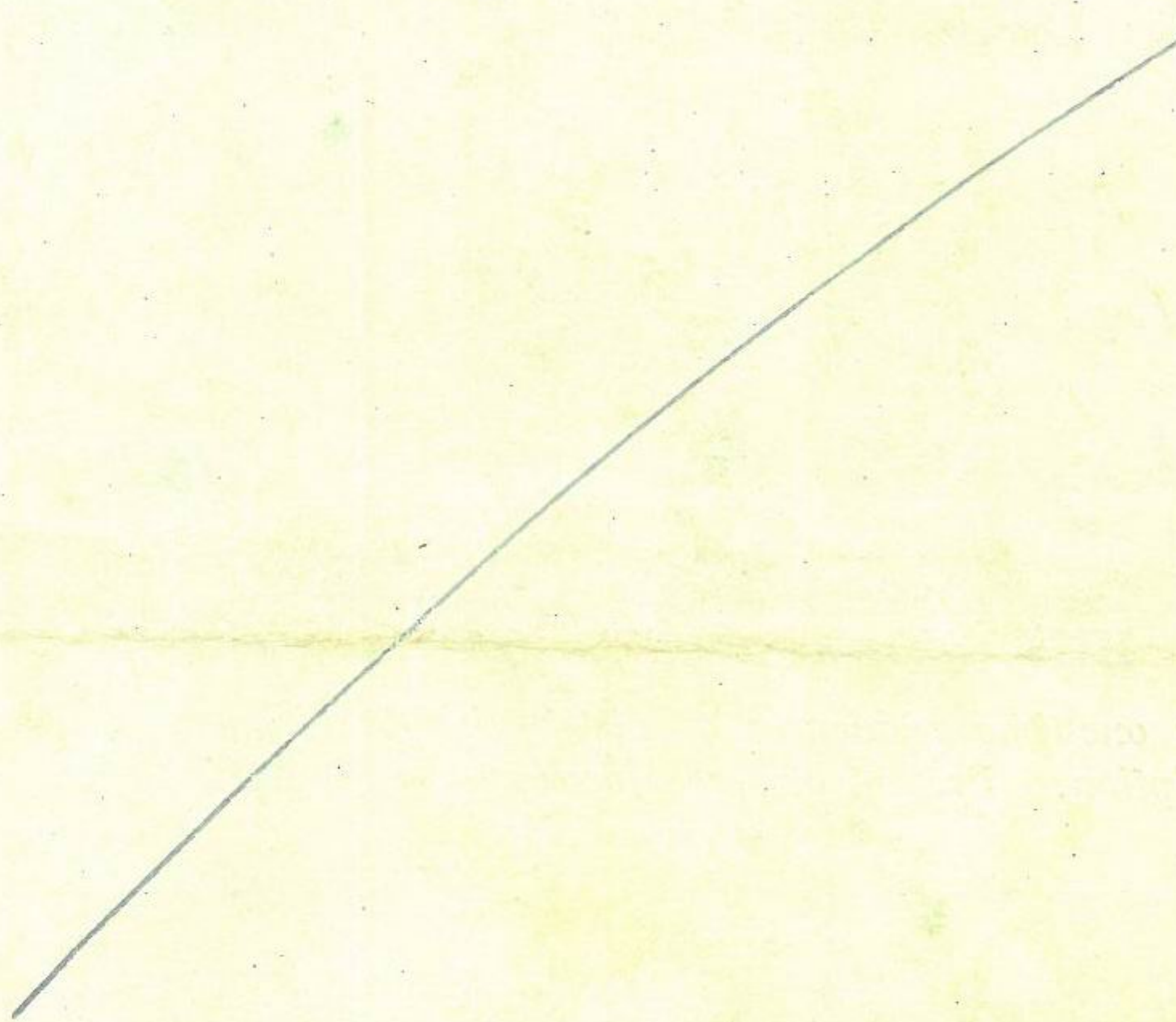
SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public? Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

* Liam Lynch, prominent in the War of Independence was born at Angleborough.

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.

Adjacent to village of KILBEHENNY, near quarry on land of Mr John O'Brien, is Our Lady's Well. No patterns or rounds take place there but it is, never to be seen, revered by local people.

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