

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF Upper Bonello.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE Kilmeedy..... PARISH Kilmeedy Feanagh..... COUNTY Limerick.....

TOPOGRAPHY

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

An extremely lovely and panoramic view may be had from the summit of hill at back of Heathfield etc. One south stretches a great plain, bounded by the lovely Mullaughareirk Mountains and rising beyond them are the much famed Ballyhaura Hills. Away to the SW are the tops of the Magillinuddy Reeks ^{are} dimly discernable. One north is the vast plain of Linn bounded by the Shannon and backed by the Clare Hills.

GEOLOGY

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

In the western portion of parish only old red sandstone is to be found, while in the neighbourhood of Kilmeedy & on hillside some small deposits of coal are known to exist. In the eastern end of parish limestone prevails and there is an appreciable improvement in the quality of the land. There are 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?

HEATHFIELD HOUSE. Residence of Mr E. S. Lloyd. A short distance east of Kilmeedy. While it is by no means an imposing mansion, it is nevertheless worthy of mention on account of its position and surroundings. Situated on southern slope of Bononoher, close on 900 feet high, it is surrounded by a very lovely park with magnificent trees which are rivalled only by the views. Away east the Galties rise vividly blue forming a most impressive picture. South are the Mullaughareirk Mountains & beyond them the Ballyhaura West are the Ashford Hills, dwarfed by the lofty peaks of the Magillinuddy Reeks which seem to rise out of the horizon. There is housed a ^{valuable} pedigree herd of Friesian cattle.

Half circular Stone Fort.
H. field, Kilmeehy, Co. Wick.

On the Hillside above
Deathfield House is a half
circular stone fort of a
reasonable size.

The stone ring fence is
now mostly collapsed
and at places level with
the ground.

At early are some small
mounds, near which are
small circular hollows in
the ground.

On lands of Mr. E. Lloyd.

Barony of Upper Bonello
Parish of Kilmeehy.

Abbeys, Castles, Forts, Crosses, Stone
Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Stone
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.

CHURCH.

KILMEEDY. In the burial ground of Kilmeedy adjacent to the village stands an old ruined church which was dedicated to St Ita., and which gave the district its name. It was a very early foundation but would appear to have been rebuilt many times. Western gable collapsed. Eastern gable strengthened to form back wall of a vault for the once powerful Massey family who owned the surrounding country. No features worthy of mention.

FORT.

A short distance east of Kilmeedy on lands of the David Drwin is the fort of LISHEENASHEELA. Oval in formation it is about 100 x 165 yards. It is the only oval fort (as far as is known) in Co. Linc. In reasonably good state of preservation. A short distance east of road leading to Feenagh and Crommellogher and adjacent to Parochial House. Throughout the district are several small forts but none worthy of mention.

FORTROE CHURCH SITE. It would appear that Fortroe was the site of an early church which was replaced by a church of Ireland early in last century. This latter was dismantled some years ago & there is no trace of it now.

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

CÁRTA PUIST

The Secretary,
Irish Tourist Assoc.,
14, Upper O'Connell St
Dublin



R O'B / A.B.

Re-Your Letter 22nd July.

Pending report, the name
you query is MASSY.

A. J. Lynch
Surveys, OR

KILMEEDY DISTRICT.

Leading over the hill which separates Ballinacorney from Kilmeedy, is a little winding road, known locally as the "Ram Horn Line" on account of its crooked and twisting nature.

Ascending from the Ballinacorney side, where it starts from main road at back of Glenwilliam Castle, most beautiful views of country to west and north may be had. West are the low range of ~~the~~ Knockaderry Hills, through gaps in which the Shannon may be seen, and beyond that the Clare Hills. Looking north, over the village of Ballinacorney the rich pasture lands and heavily wooded demesne of Adare may be seen. Beyond these, the Shannon again appears and directs the eye towards Limerick, the spires and shafts of which may be clearly seen. To the east is Knockferna, with its collapsed cairn and flanking by its southern slope glimpses of the Galtees may be had.

On reaching the summit a wonderful picture unfolds itself to the south, affording attractive glimpses of most of the Munster mountain groups. The Galtees, Ballyhomas, Cl'agles and Bogganagh mountains may be seen at most times and when visibility is good the peaks of the Clagillinddy Reeks rise out of the horizon, away to the south west.

A variety of perfumes is to be enjoyed along the course of this picturesque roadway as Woodbine; wild rose; elder; gorse; primet; and squantine grow in great profusion along the fences. North of Heathfield House a plantation of Rhododendrons makes a delightful splash of colour amidst the green and brown patches on the hillsides.

Although this little road, at places no better than a mountain track, is far from the better known spots, it is never-the-less worthy of investigation and the hiker or "biker" who ventures will be well repaid.

The Secretary,
G. D. A.,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

In full reply to your letter of 22nd inst
I am to advise that the name on vault in
ruined church of St Ita at Kilmeehy, is
MASSY. The Massys were once the most
influential family in Co. Linn, and were
connected with Cromwell.

Name on vault is HAMO MASSY 1836.

Sorry for inconvenience caused by bad
lettering.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. Lynch.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Upper Connello

TOWN OR VILLAGE Kilmeedy PARISH Kilmeedy 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 R. DEEL Nearest point to town (distance) About 3 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Small Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 4 oz. Fish up to 8 oz have been caught.

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 1st May to 31st May.

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon /
Sea trout /
Brown trout Usual Standard Patterns. Orange Grouse; Hares Ear, etc.

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

Entirely preserved.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

The Deel Anglers Association. (Newly formed)
Secretary,
Mr Moylan,
Post Master,
Newcastle West.

Visitors allowed fish on making a small contribution to Association's funds.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Newcastle West, Co. Limerick

Local Angling Club Deel Anglers' Assoc Membership Fee 5/2
Secretary (and Address) Mr Moylan, P.O., Newcastle West.

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

Dotted lines for notes, crossed out with a diagonal line.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

Dotted lines for notes, crossed out with a diagonal line.

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

Dotted lines for notes, crossed out with a diagonal line.

Bait available locally ? Fishing tackle ?

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

GOLFING

Name of Club ^{nearest} Newcastle West No. of holes 9

Situation and brief description of course :

Beside town, on road to Dromcollogher. A young club but already very popular. Well kept course

Name of Professional J. Mc Elligott. (Attendance not continuous)

Is there a clubhouse on course ? Shelter only Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day 2/6 Per week

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH Kilmeedy

BARONY Upper Bonello

COUNTY Limerick

TOWN OR VILLAGE Kilmeedy & Feenagh.

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>None</i>							

DATE 8/7/44

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

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 Limerick. Master Mrs Alexander, Adare.*

Harriers *(Foot) Cloncaugh Harriers. Master Wm Hammett, Knockaderry.*

Beagles.....

COURSING

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

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of ^{nearest} Company *Limerick City. 2.1 miles.*

Races on (nights) *Fri & Sat at 8.15.*

SHOOTING

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

*Very good rough shooting to be had. Pheasant
grouse, partridge, occasional woodcock.
Duck plentiful near sea. Snipe in abundance.
Likewise plover of all kinds, curlew etc. Mostly
free. On request permission is granted to shoot over
some areas nominally preserved.*

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

*Lowlands of Highmount; Kilmurry; Ahavahem;
preserved by landowners. Permission to enter generally granted on
request.
* Heathfield Demesne - Mr E. L. LLOYD, Heathfield, Kilmeehy.*

Shooting Club *Milford Gun Club. Secy. Sergeant O'Reilly.*

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

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

ROWING AND SAILING

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

** Permission to enter Heathfield usually granted on
application being made to Mr Lloyd.*

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..... ~~_____~~ } Practice field }
Hurling *Fennagh Hurling Club. (Junior) adjoins Fennagh village.* }
Handball..... ~~_____~~ Handball alley?.....
Soccer..... ~~_____~~
Rugby..... ~~_____~~
Cricket..... ~~_____~~
Hockey..... ~~_____~~
Bowls..... ~~_____~~
Bowling (on public roads)..... ~~_____~~
Lawn Tennis *Fennagh L. T. Club* Kinds of courts *2 Green.*
Croquet..... ~~_____~~
Billiards..... ~~_____~~
Badminton..... ~~_____~~
Table Tennis..... ~~_____~~
Bridge Club..... ~~_____~~
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *cross roads dancing takes place at different places. Venues changed often.*

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.

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DATE *14-7-44.*

(Signed)

J. J. Lepel
Supervisor.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of County Library in local Carnegie Library.*

Private Lending Libraries ~~.....~~

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Feenagh* Services (Sundays) *9 & 11.30*
old time all year round.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Feenagh Village*
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All branches*

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

Cultural Societies

Irish Country Women's Assoc.
Weekly meetings (usually Tues) in
Carnegie Library.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Dairying is staple industry. First
class creamery nearly turning out butter,
cheese & milk products of excellent quality.
(Feenagh Coop)

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

The D. C. W. A. make rush & willow baskets;
mats; knitted goods; leather bags etc. Surplus
stock frequently sold. President Mrs Lloyd,
Heathfield, Kilmuddy, Newcastle West.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

None worthy of mention.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School for girls, Feenagh.
National School for Boys, Feenagh.

HOSPITALS

Newest Hospital at Newcastle West
(County Home) 10 miles to west.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

None.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Thomas O'Leary, Feenagh, Charleville.*
William Noonan, Feenagh, Charleville.

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

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

Local Improvements Committee.....
Secretary.....

DATE *14-7-44*

(Signed) *P.J. Lynch*

Surveyor.

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

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Kilmeedy PARISH Kilmeedy COUNTY Linn

Location and brief description. Population 125

Kilmeedy lies at the s/w. side of a pretty range of hills, which extend west from Ballingarry. It is 5 miles west of latter & 7 miles east of the good market town of Newcastle West. A tiny village, with a pretty newly built R.C. Church. Good views may be had southwards. No interesting features

Is there a Town Hall? No. Location No.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

There are no public parks, gardens, etc but there are countless pretty spots throughout the hillside and many mountain paths from which very lovely views may be had.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Newcastle West Distance 7 miles Bus? 3 miles at CULHANE'S CROSS.

Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall None Proprietor None

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown None
(nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of County Library in
Kilmeedy National School.*

Private Lending Libraries
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CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Kilmeedy* Services (Sundays) *10:30*
old time all year round.

*Church of Ireland community attend
Ballingary 5 miles east, which see.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Kilmeedy Village.*
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *all branches*

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

Cultural Societies

Irish Country Women's Association Meetings held in National School.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

The chief industry is dairying & an up to date creamery is located at Feenagh three miles east, where butter, cheese and milk products of an excellent quality are produced.

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

Miss Mary Bladden & Miss E. B. Buid, Kilmeedy, turn out knitted goods to order only. The I. C. W. A. sell surplus goods, viz. baskets, mats, knitted goods, etc. President Miss Lloyd, Heathfield, Kilmeedy, Newcastle West

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

At Kilmeedy is a splendid new R. C. Church, completed about a year ago. Dedicated to St Ita, which gives the place its name. Rectangular in form.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School for Girls, Kilmeedy.

National School for Boys, Kilmeedy.

HOSPITALS

Nearest Hospital (County Home) at Newcastle West, seven miles to west.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Brian Geary, Kilmeedy, Newcastle West
Repairs & Petrol.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Brian Geary, Kilmeedy, Newcastle West*
2 vehicles for hire.

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

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

Local Improvements Committee.....

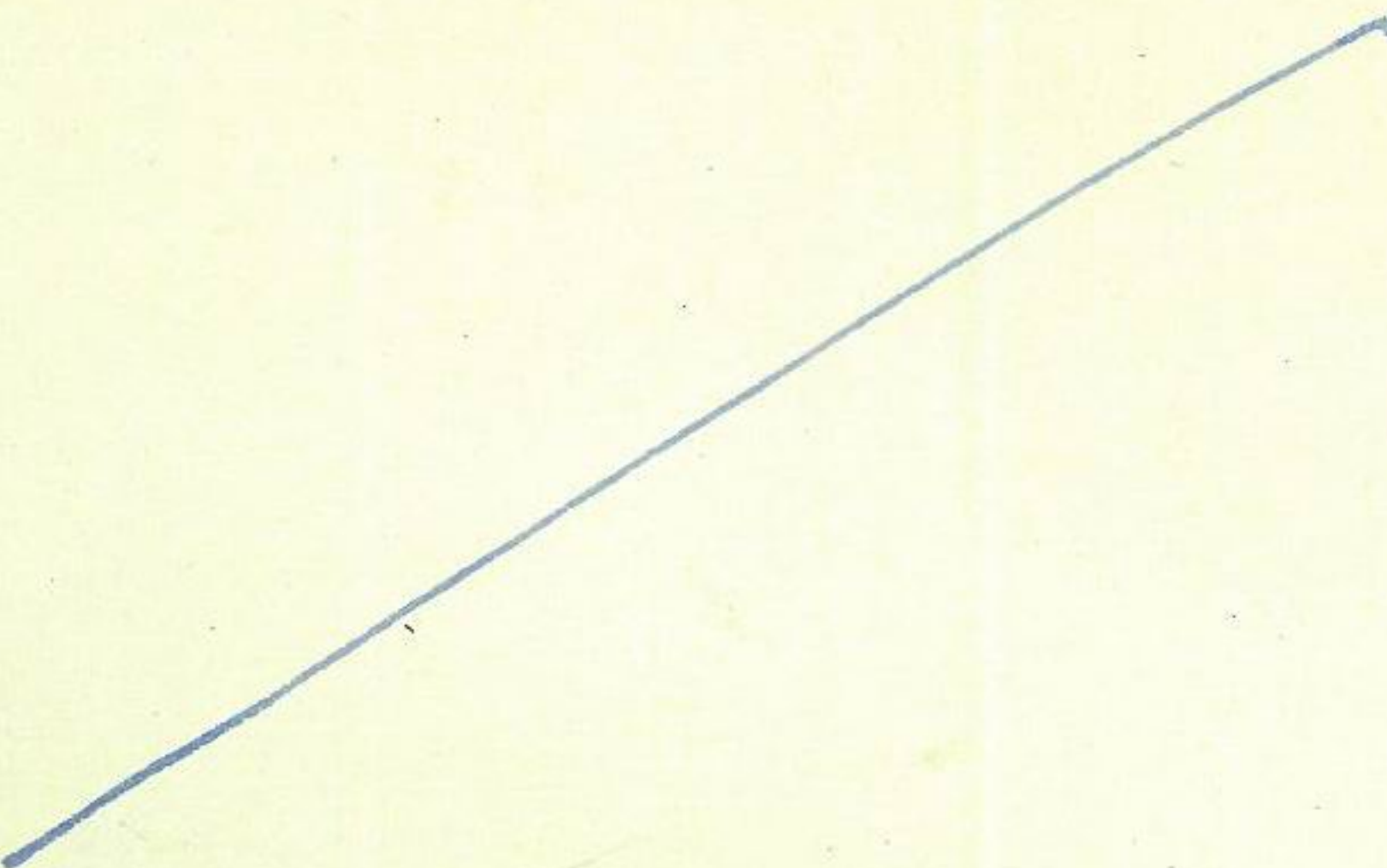
Secretary.....

DATE *14-2-44*

(Signed) *P. J. Lynch*

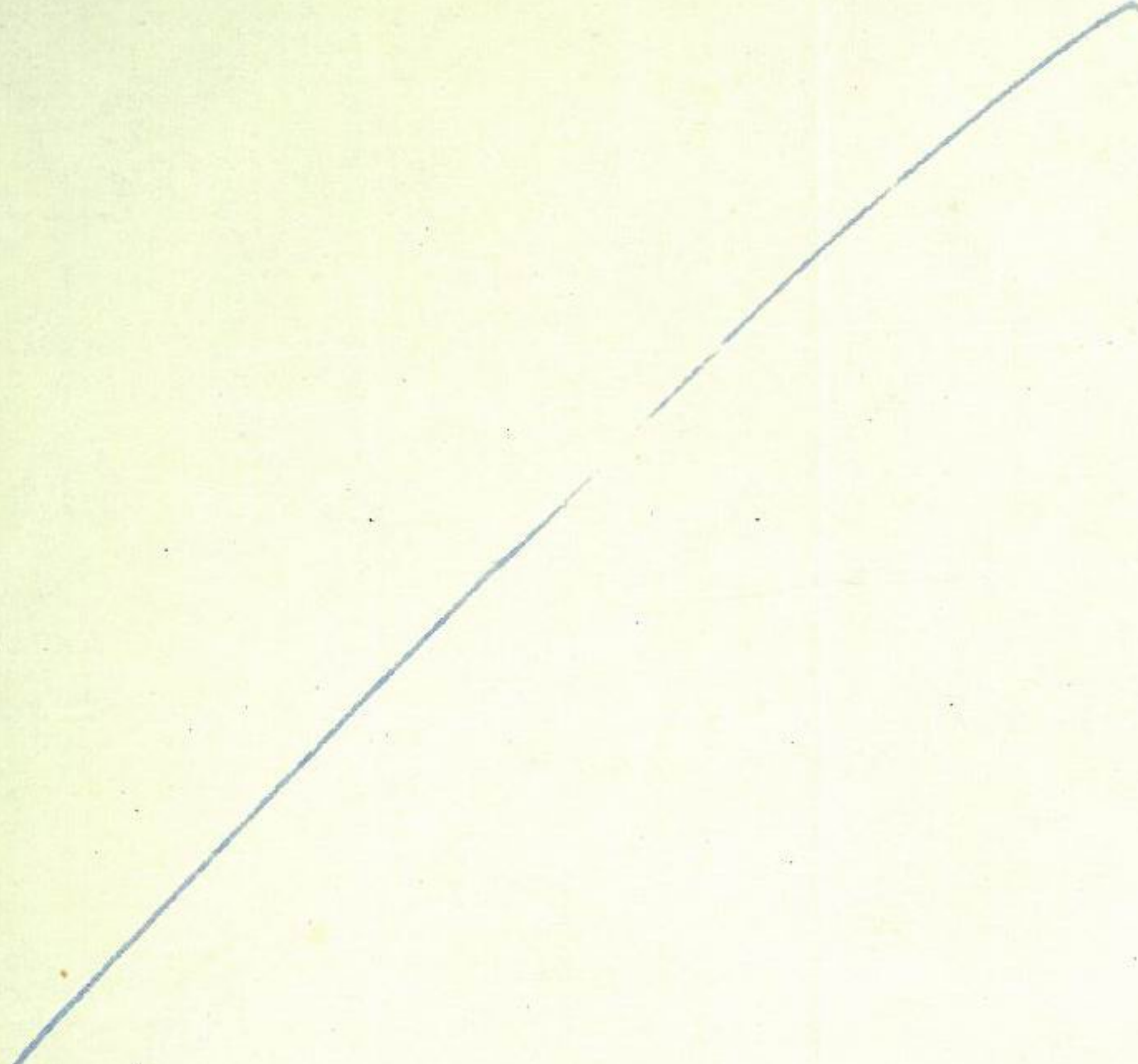
HISTORIC SITES

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



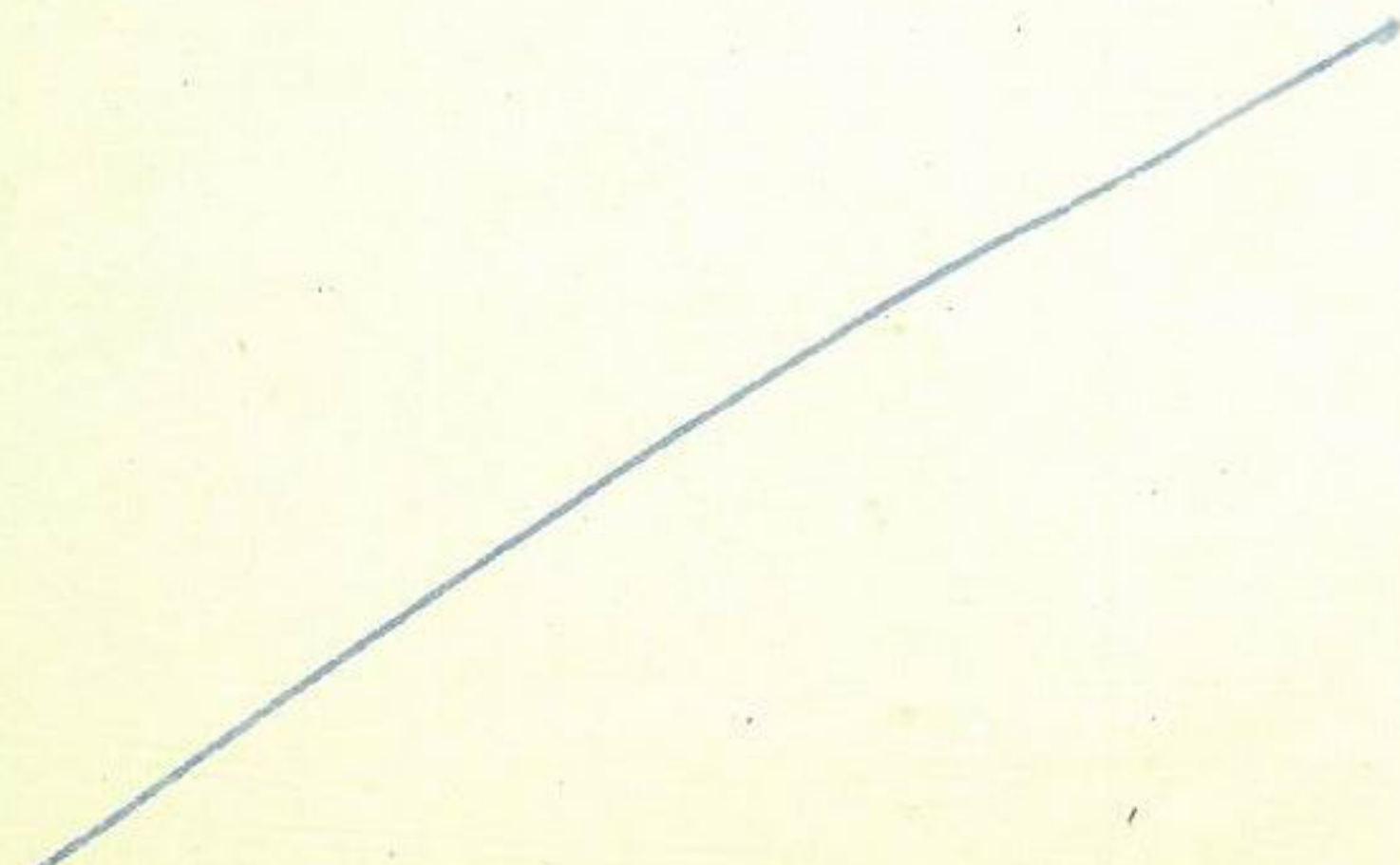
HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

(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.



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.

In the land of Mr. E. P. Lloyd, Heathfield, south of the road & in field opposite entrance gate, are three small mounds, saucer shaped on top. The hollows are stone lined and show traces of fire. Mr. Lloyd suggests they were communal cooking centres in the dim distant past. Absolutely nothing is known of them locally.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

Baptist Well.

At south western end of parish on lands of Mr. John Mc Carthy, Gurtkeagh is Baptist Well. Long ago many rounds were laid there but nowadays it is rarely frequented. Some people associate it with the name of St John the beloved disciple but the majority claim it to be the Well of St John the Baptist.

(Signed)

P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

DATE 16-7-44.