

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF COONAGH

TOWN OR VILLAGE KILTEELY PARISH KILTEELY COUNTY LIMERICK

DROMKEEN.

TOPOGRAPHY

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

While the district of Kiltelly is very isolated it is nevertheless a picturesque spot, having rather unusual grouping of sharp hills, presently a most delightful blaze of colour due to the blossoms of the furze. Away to east and south east are the Galtee mountains, forming a definite boundary to a vast plain. Closer lie the Slieve-na-muck hills completely dwarfed by their lofty neighbours.

GEOLOGY

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

Land is of limestone quality, rich and deep. Little rock to be seen, and what is on view, is of the large slab type, all sloping southwards. Of a soft nature and easily crushed.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

None

"St. Patrick visited area. Founded church on Kiltully Hill. Some ancient roads in dist. which he is said to have travelled" M. J. O'K.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rath, 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.

CHURCHES.

DROMKEEN. Ref:- Westropp, Ancient Churches of Leinster. 334 Dromkeen (24) p. 443.

In an old burial ground one mile S. of main Link / Diff. road lies remains of above. East gable with round headed window (broken down) remains, with portions of side walls to a length of about 21 ft and 12 ft high. In south wall is a slab commemorating repair of church in 1717. by Revd. Richard, son of Rt Rev. Ulysses Burg, one time Bishop of Ardagh, it being the burial place of his family from time immemorial. There are no features worthy of mention. Nearby is a very lovely (unroofed) early 19th century church, built by the de Burg family as a chapel of Ease. At its western end is a most unusual tower, about 20 feet high, lower half square & upper half round. Entirely covered over with ivy.

BALLINLOUGH. In the ancient burial ground of this name lies the foundation of an early church, believed to have been dedicated to St Patrick. Walls to a height of 3 feet at highest point remain. Church was about 60 x 21 ft.

KILTEELY. The present Catholic church at Kiltully stands on site of a very early church, founded during time of St Patrick. This was followed by a later church dedicated to Sts Patrick & Brigid. The present church, erected in 1812 was built on same site. No trace now.

CASTLE SITES.

DROMKEEN. Dromkeen House stands on the site of a de Burgo, and later, an O'Brien castle. No trace now.

CARRIGKETTLE. Near leaning kettle rock, on roadside, one mile east of Kiltully, stood one of the earliest Irish castles. There is no trace of it now.

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

CROMLECH. On the southern slope of Cromwell Hill is a fallen cromlech, about which nothing is known locally.

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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 / 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 :

Kinds of fish to be caught :

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

Bait available locally ? Fishing tackle ?

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

GOLFING

Name of Club TIPPERARY No. of holes 9

Situation and brief description of course :

Near Tipperary town, about 10 miles distant.

Name of Professional ~~.....~~

Is there a clubhouse on course ? yes 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 *Seventeen Black & Jaws*.....

Harriers.....

Beagles.....

COURSING

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

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company *Limerick City 16 miles*.....

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

SHOOTING

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

Rough shooting to be had free throughout the parish. Pheasant plentiful presently. Snipe, plover, curlew, plentiful.

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* }
Hurling *yes* } *No grounds.*
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.

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DATE *12/4/44*

(Signed)

P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

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

BARONY OF C O O N A G H.

TOWN OR VILLAGE KILTEELY PARISH KILTEELY COUNTY LITZERICK

DROMKEEN.
Population 65

Location and brief description.

A tiny village five miles south of Pallasgreen and four miles north of Hospital and lies on road connecting these villages. Very hilly country and somewhat unusual in appearance, hills being situated close together and rather abrupt. Houses well kept and present a pleasing appearance. 20 south & S.E. lie Killeely & Cromwell hills, 580 & 586 feet respectively. Very fine views to be had from these.

Is there a Town Hall? NO Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None

Nearest station EMLY; DROMKEEN; PALLASGREEN. **PUBLIC SERVICES** These three stations are same distance Distance 5 miles Bus? Hospital 4 miles
Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall None Proprietor /

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown (nights) /

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of County Library at Post office in village of Kilteddy.*

Private Lending Libraries

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C. Church *KILTEELY* Services (Sundays) *8-30 & 11.00.*
DROMKEEN. *9.00.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *KILTEELY VILLAGE.*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *Telephone, M.O., P.O. Bands.*

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.....

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *Dairying is principal industry and in the area are two up to date creameries - Ballinacross and Blowerfield.*

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

In yard of R.C. Church is a limestone column on which is "Eire" leaning on her harp. On side is a portrait in stone of William Lunden, M.P., with the following inscription.

ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM LUNDON MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR EAST LIMERICK ESTEEMED BY HIS COUNTRYMEN AS AN ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLAR ARDENT PATRIOT AND DEVOUT CATHOLIC 1839 - 1909 R. I. P.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

None worthy of mention.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*United National School at Blowerfield
do Kiltoboy do. at Kiltely.*

HOSPITALS

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

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CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *John Ganey, Kiltely, Pallasgreen.*

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

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

Countryside at large.

Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary.....

DATE *12/4/44.* (Signed) *P. J. Lynch*
Surveyor.

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH KILTEELY/DROMKEEN.

BARONY COONAGH

COUNTY LIMERICK

TOWN OR VILLAGE KILTEELY.

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							

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(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) D.J. Lynch
Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes

SARSFIELDS' GLEN. A narrow pass between Kiltully Hill and Cromwell Hill (not called after the Lord Protector) is locally known as Sarsfield's Glen as it is believed, that famous man halted there after blowing up William's siege train at Ballyneety, three miles to east. Beside village.

at Upper Dromkeen cross roads, one mile from main Link/Differany road, a famous ambush took place, during war of Independence. Many of the British troops were killed. It was the last battle in east Link.

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 the burial ground about Kiltully church, is the grave of William Lunden, N.T., M.P. He was National Leader in Kiltully and was most widely revered and respected.

See Public Monuments, Section D.

DROMKEEN HOUSE. One mile south of Link/Differany road is Dromkeen House. An ~~is~~ uninteresting, rambling house, formerly residence of the de Burg family for very many generations. Here was born Rt Rev Ulysses Burg, one time Bishop of Ardagh, who died in latter years of 17th century.

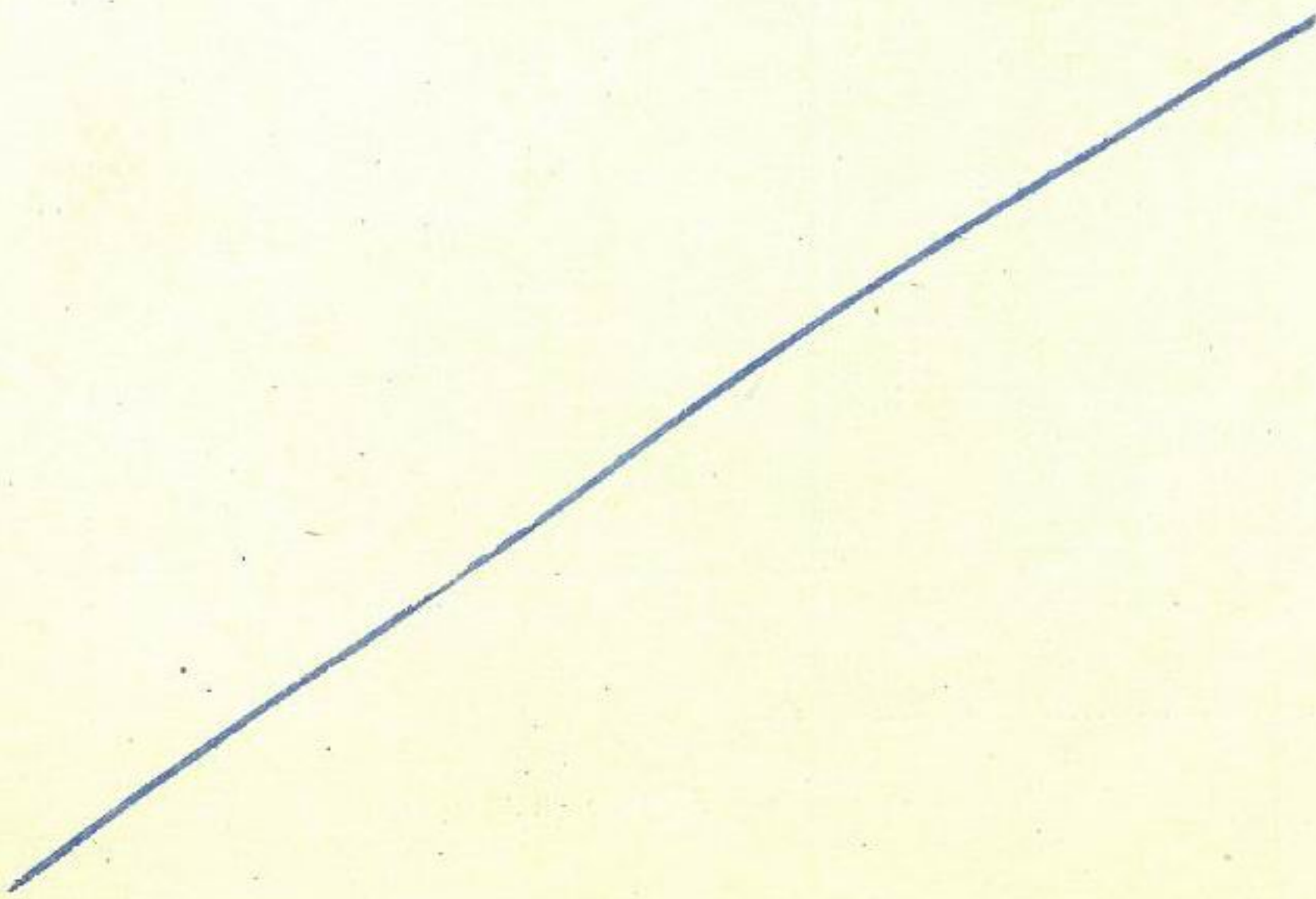
In old church ruin in nearby graveyard is a slab with the following inscription.

(See Antiquary's section)

THIS CHURCH REBUILT IN THE YEAR 1717.
BY THE REV'D RICH'D BURG SON OF THE RIGHT REV'D DR VLYSSES BURG LATE LORD BISHOP OF ARDAGH BEING THE BURIAL PLACE OF HIS ANCESTORS TIME IMMORTAL
HIS FIRST SON MICHAEL BURIED HERE JANUARY 1716
HIS DE DAUGHTER MARY LLOYD BURIED HERE JULY 1722.

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.

CARRICKETTLÉ ROCK. On roadside at Carrickettlé, one mile east of Kiltully is a group of rocks, which, when viewed from north west is ~~the~~ sphinx like in appearance. These rocks mark the site of one of the earliest Irish castles. Unfavourable weather did not permit of a photograph being taken.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

ST PATRICK'S WELL. Close by the burial ground of Ballinlough, one mile south of Kiltully (on road to Hospital) is the well of St Patrick, where visits of reverence are made on saint's day each year. The custom of visiting well in expectation of cures has long since died out.

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