

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF Upper Connello.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE Knockaderry PARISH ~~Blainey~~ / Knockaderry COUNTY Limerick.....

TOPOGRAPHY

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

From the hills which ^{topographical features} border the parish to north & north east, very fine views of country to south may be obtained. The district is, however, rather uninteresting as there is a great scarcity of trees. It is rather pretty along the right bank of the R. Seel which forms western boundary of parish. Due south lie the prettily formed Kilmeedy hills, east of which lie the Ballyingany range.

GEOLOGY

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

Land is mainly of poor quality. Mostly limestone but occasional veins of sandstone are to be found to east and north sections of parish. On sides of Knockaderry hill volcanic rock is to be found. At southern tip of parish near Kilmeedy, I am informed, thin layers of coal occur.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

RATHERFREDAGH HOUSE. Three miles east of Newcastle West north of "The Bruff Line" as roads known, stands this very splendid house. Built of dressed & cut limestone, with sandstone surrounding windows & doors, it forms a very imposing pile. Somewhat of the Italian type in architecture. Created about 1870 by Honble Richard O'Grady, grandson of the Lord Chief Baron O'Grady who figured in trial of Robert Emmet. Seat of the late Viscount Guillemore (who died some months ago) & presently joint property of Standish Bruce O'Grady, 9th & last Viscount Guillemore, and his sister Miss Julia O'Grady. Very fine library & some splendid rare furnishings. Home, garden & grounds private. Stands in a demesne of 300 acres. Only line road from N.E. West to Ballyingany etc.

ANTIQUITIES

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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

CLONGAGH. Ref: Westropp's Churches & Castles of Co. Linc. Page 413.

Four miles west of Ballynary & north of road to Newcastle West, is the ancient burial ground of Clongagh, in which stands the old church ruin. It was an ancient parish & had as its patron St. Maidoc. Had chancel & nave. Former entirely gone. Nave was approx 40 x 18 feet. Only western gable entirely ivy covered & portion of north wall now remain. Was built of immense stones, loosely cemented. On a slab in north wall is an unusual inscription, marking the tomb of an old family named Sullivan. See attached slip. Burial ground is well kept but ruin is in receipt of no care. Surrounding burial ground & ruin, is the largest fort in Co. Linc. Nearby are three wells I St. Patrick's Well, II Sunday's Well III "Lubbermurray". Approached by sound passage which also leads to farmhouses

CLONELTY. Ref: Westropp's, etc. Page 413.

On the lands of Mrs. Linton, Ballynol, Knockaderry, five miles west of Ballynary & south of main road leading to N.C. West. A very pretty ruin, mostly ivy covered, with some fine features. Original building was of a very early foundation & it can be plainly seen that church was made smaller. West gable has a lovely round headed door of sandstone, segmental arched. This is fitted into a large arch which was built up as also were two other arches at either side. On this gable was a belfry. S/W & N/W angles have fallen. From west gable, walls projected north & south for about seven feet. This perhaps was original width of church. East gable entirely collapsed. North & south walls very sound and about 15 ft high. In S. wall is a narrow window with limestone gable & lintel, a later fitting. Very little is known about it locally. Five hundred yards from road & approached through fields from a point directly opposite Ballynol Castle (Mrs. Linton's house) No care. In reasonably good repair. Present ruin approx 35 x 21 feet.

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

INSCRIPTION ON NORTH WALL OF
CLONCAGH CHURCH.

HERE LYETH THE BODIES DANIEL —
SULLIVAN WHO DYED $\overline{A}^{\circ} \overline{D}^{\circ} \overline{N}^{\circ}$ 1682 MARGA
RET HIS WIFE WHO DYED $\overline{A}^{\circ} \overline{D}^{\circ} \overline{N}^{\circ}$ 1690 —
DERBY HIS SON WHO DYED THE 22
DAY OF MAY 1708 AND JOSEPH HIS
WIFE WHO DYED THE 28 OF
MARCH 1693 +

MATEW SULLIVAN WHO DYED 4^e

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Balance indecipherable

P. J. Zynal.

Parish of Knockaderry,
Barony of Upper Connello,
Co. Limerick.

Antiquities. Parish of Knockademy. Barony Upper Connello.

Grange Church. Close on two miles west of Knockademy, north of road leading to Cogan's Cross, & one hundred yards from right bank of River Dell is the burial ground of Grange, wherein stands a ruined church, approx. 60 x 20 feet. In south wall close to west end is a round headed door, segmental arched, of limestone. In east gable is a broken window. Walls about 14 feet high & featureless. On lands of the O'Learys, Grange. Nothing known about it locally. Probably a late church.

KILCOLMAN.

On the south side of Knockademy Hill close by Waterworks is the burial ground of Kilcolman East wherein stands the foundations of an early church about which nothing is known & which is featureless.

CASTLE.

BALLYNOE. In the yard of Mrs. Lister, Ballynoe stands a low tower, mostly rebuilt & used as a cow house & stable. Entirely featureless except for a few slit windows in N. wall. About 30 ft square & 18' high. Walls five feet thick.

FORTS.

See Historic sites for notes on large fort of Cronin surrounding bloncaugh church & burial ground. The entire district is dotted with small ring forts but there are none of interest save Cronin. In the demesne of Rathfreedagh alone are eleven of these small forts, all planted with trees. St. Brigid is supposed to have had some connection with one of these & the name of the estate is a corruption of her name. Just outside boundary of parish in parish of Castleblakenah (Blakenah) is an unusual water fort called "Lisan isky" which is also the name of the townland.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Upper Cornello

TOWN OR VILLAGE KNOCKADERRY PARISH CLOWNCAGH/ COUNTY LIMERICK
KNOCKADERRY

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).....

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Brown Trout; Pike; Some fish

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 6oz.
1 lb fish are frequent.

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout March/April.

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon /

Sea trout /

Brown trout Orange Grouse; Stars Ear; Wickham's Fancy Quills, sedges, etc.

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

Entirely preserved. Pike fishing free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

The Deel Anglers Assoc. (Newly formed)
(covers full length of river)
Secretary - Mr. Elloylan,
Post Master,
Newcastlewest.

Permission to fish granted readily. Visitor expected to make a subscription to assoc. funds.
Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Newcastle West, 2 miles.

Local Angling Club Deel Anglers Assoc Membership Fee 5/-

Secretary (and Address) Mr. Elloylan, P.O., Newcastle West

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 Newcastle West..... No. of holes 9.....

Situation and brief description of course :

Beside town. Prettily situated & neatly kept. Professional available occasionally. Kept in good order & play, able at all seasons of year.

Name of Professional J. McElhigott. (occasional attendance)

Is there a clubhouse on course ? / Licensed ? NO.....

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day 2/6..... Per week 10/3.....

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's. Master Mrs Alexander, ADARE.*

Harriers.....

Beagles *Blunnessagh Beagles. Hunted on foot.
Master Wm Hannett, Knockaderry.*

COURSING

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

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company *Limerick City 25 miles.*

Races on (nights) *Tue & 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 :

Very good shooting to be had over the entire countryside. Mainly free but in isolated cases it might be necessary to ask permission to enter lands. Pheasant plentiful, Grouse plentiful. Some Woodcock & Partridge. Duck on R. Deel in good numbers. Rufe etc abundant.
If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses :

*RATHFREDAGH - The Viscount Guillamose.
Rathfredagh House, Newcastle West. Not much game to be had within the demesne.*

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.* } *Field beside village rented*
 Hurling *yes.* } *from Mr Geo Anand.*
 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.

Knock Academy Sports Promoters *National Teachers*
(Flapper)

DATE *27/6/44*

(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 Knockaderry PARISH CLONCAGH COUNTY LIMK.

Knockaderry
Population 65

Location and brief description.

A tiny hamlet lying three miles east of the good market town of Newcastle West. Consists of one street and sits on the southern slope of a gentle hill, 400 feet at its highest point. Houses clean and neatly kept. To the south lies a vast plain of poor land, with very little interesting features

Is there a Town Hall? NO Location /

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

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Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

see also note inside p. 6

Good water supply in houses. Reservoir supplying Newcastle West lies on hillside to N/E & main pipe line goes through village. No sewerage scheme. Private arrangements in some houses.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Newcastle West Distance 3 miles Bus? Bryan's Cross 2 miles

Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall Carnegie Hall Proprietor County Librarian (Mr. Saul Doyle) Henry St. LIMNERICK
dances occasionally

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas do. Pictures shown Travelling Cos.
(nights)

Theatre do. Kind of shows do.
(Drama, Comedy &c.) dramas, comedy, concerts,

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Carnegie Library, Knockaderry.*
do. Clouncaugh.

Private Lending Libraries *None.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C. Church *KNOCKADERRY* Services (Sundays) *8-30 & 11.*

do. CLOUNCAUGH 10-30.

old time all year round.

Churches of Ireland at Ballingany & Newcastle West

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Knockaderry Village.*

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

*At Clouncaugh is a Sub P.O. for stamps, letters, parcels, etc.
No phone in this P.O. but **BANKING** apparatus at Clouncaugh Creamery
nearly may be used in times of emergency.*

Banks

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

Photographic Stores

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Location

Public Baths? Location

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH Clonsilla/Knockaderry

BARONY Upper Connello

COUNTY Limerick

TOWN OR VILLAGE KNOCKADERRY

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>							

DATE 27-6-44.

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) P.J. Lynch
Surveyor.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs.....

Cultural Societies.....

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Dairying is chief industry. At Clounagh is an up to date creamery turning out products of excellent quality which have taken premier awards at many shows.

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. School at Knockaderry is a well kept building recently renovated. Built about 100 years ago. Uniform N.W. outstanding features. Faced with plaster. Clounagh School is a very old building dating from 30's of last century. Nothing of interest therein.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School for Boys at AHALIN
" " " Girls " "

Ahalin is a short distance east of Knockaderry.

HOSPITALS

Meavest Hospital at Newcastle West, where is situated the County Home & Hospital.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

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

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

None.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis..... *Thomas Lyons, Blountagh.*

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES
(At principal holiday resorts)

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

Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary.....

DATE..... *27-6-44*

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

Surveyor.

Re KNOCKADERRY.

Parish of Knockaderry; Barony of Carrigrohane; Co. Lint.

The above village has a gravitation
water supply from reservoir at Kilsolman
~~which~~ is not treated in any way.

Most excellent pressure. The village lies
on route to town of Newcastle West.

Kindly connect with report on Knockaderry.

P. J. J.

HISTORIC SITES

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

RING FORT OF DROMIN.

^{Landowner.} ^{Historical or traditional notes.} Surrounding the ruined church & burial ground of CLONCARRH, which is close on 4 miles west of Ballyingany, is the largest fort in County Linn. In diameter it varies from 750 to 800 feet. Locally it is considered to have been a seat of Government in ancient times. The district about abounds in small forts. Passage leading to burial ground & some farm houses runs through its centre. Surrounding bank 6 ft. at highest, diminishing to a few feet at lowest point.

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.

KNOCKADERRY HOUSE.

A short distance west of Knockaderry village on north side of road leading to Newcastle West, in a prettily wooded park is Knockaderry House, birth-place of Mary Lady Heath. She was one of the first women to fly and certainly the first to "look the look" she performed many daring flights. She was the daughter of Dr Perse-Evans. She also had the distinction of having one of the longest names on record - SONIA CATHERINE THERESE MARY PERSE-EVANS onto which she took ELLIOTT-LYNN on her first marriage and later HEATH when she married Sir James Heath & finally WILLIAMS through a third marriage. Was a very pretty old house. See picture. Now the property of Mr Thomas Hannan. The ceilings in reception rooms are very fine. House is ^{not kept well} & rapidly falling to pieces.

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.

WATERWORKS.

On the ^{south} side of Knockaderry hill at spot known as KILCOLMAN is a most powerful spring about which has been constructed a reservoir, which supplies the needs of RATHKEALE and NEWCASTLE WEST.

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.

ST PATRICK'S CHAIR.

On high ground immediately west of Parochial House and about 40 yards from latter is a small circle of stones about one foot high & 12' in diameter. This is called St Patrick's Chair. In centre of circle is a large ash tree at base of which is a stone, in centre of which is a circular hole 8 ins in diam & 15 ins deep. There is always water in this hole, no matter how dry the season.

Local tradition has it that St Patrick while seated here, preaching, observed a serpent at the side of CLONCAGH church, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east, threw his breviary at it & killed it outright. Approached by avenue leading to Parochial House.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

ST PATRICK'S WELL.

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

Beside the burial ground of CLONCAGH and within the great fort of DROMIN, in which the ruined church and burial ground are situated, is ST PATRICK'S WELL. On the feast of the saint each year many of the older people of the district visit this well and recite prayers. No special devotion & no cures attributed now, although in days gone by it was frequented by people with weak sight and sore eyes. Approached by sand passage which leads to burial ground.

(Signed)

J. J. Lynch

Surveyor.

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