

(Limerick N.E.)

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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Small County

TOWN OR VILLAGE Knockaney PARISH Knockaney COUNTY Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Situated on south eastern slope of the famous hill of Aney, the village of Knockaney, once a flourishing town, occupies a very singular site, amidst the richest lands in these islands. To the east there is an univalled view of the lovely Galtee Mountains. The plain of Knockaney is watered by two slow-flowing rivers - Camogue and Allorning Star - well supplied with Brown Trout. Hill of Aney is 534 feet high.

GEOLOGY

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

The fertile soil of Knockaney rests on an immense strata of limestone, considered to be the best in this country. A ten inch cube of limestone quarried here is supposed to weigh as much as a twelve inch cube of similar stone quarried elsewhere. There are no caves or eskers within the parish. A very great variety of medicinal herbs grow & flourish at Knockaney.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

There are no mansions or castles of imposing character within the parish of Knockaney but there are a few lovely old family houses.

Rathaney House, property & home of Mrs M. J. Bennett,
Milltown House, property & home of Mrs Wm. Bennett,
Bagginstown House, former home of the Bouchier family, lately acquired by Mr J. Mitchell, M.C.C., (solicitor). This latter was built in 1745. While the two former contain some fine old family possessions & paintings there is nothing in the line of works of art. No libraries. Gardens not open to public. Mrs M. J. Bennett's ancestors permitted a "ledge school" to be conducted in a barn attached to farm yard, towards middle of last century.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrams, 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

Knockaney (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Abbeys. An Augustinian Abbey was founded by a Norman named John, son of Robert about 1190. Early in 13th century Geoffrey de Mariscus was granted an 8 day fair on his Manor of Cney. Early in 14th century Robert Bagod had a suit with John Dun, for repair and maintenance of the above. Early in 15th century it was in the hands of Earl of Armond, after which Knockaney was occupied by David Fitz Maurice and then by Rod Thomas le Botiller, Prior of St John of Jerusalem. Knockaney was a big tower in 1654. The steeple in grounds of present Protestant Church is believed to be remains of church founded about 1400 on the site formerly occupied by the above Abbey. On the front of this steeple was a slab, bearing a rude representation of the crucifixion. Slab is presently housed in lower portion of steeple. (see photographs)

Patrickswell. In graveyard at Patrickswell are foundations of an early church, believed to have been founded by the Fitzgibbons for Augustinian nuns. It was a very small building.

Baggotstown. There was also an early church at Baggotstown. Site is now a graveyard. Believed to have been founded by the Desmonds.

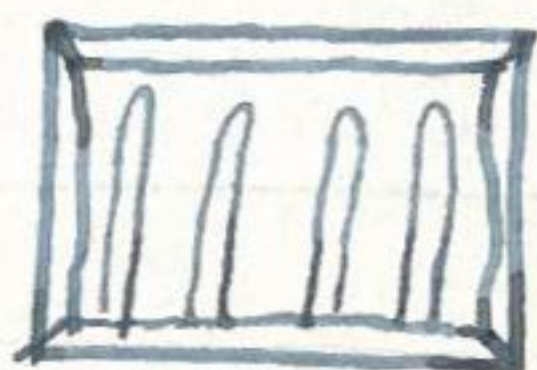
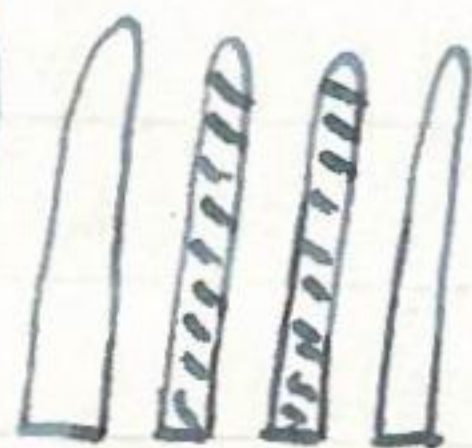
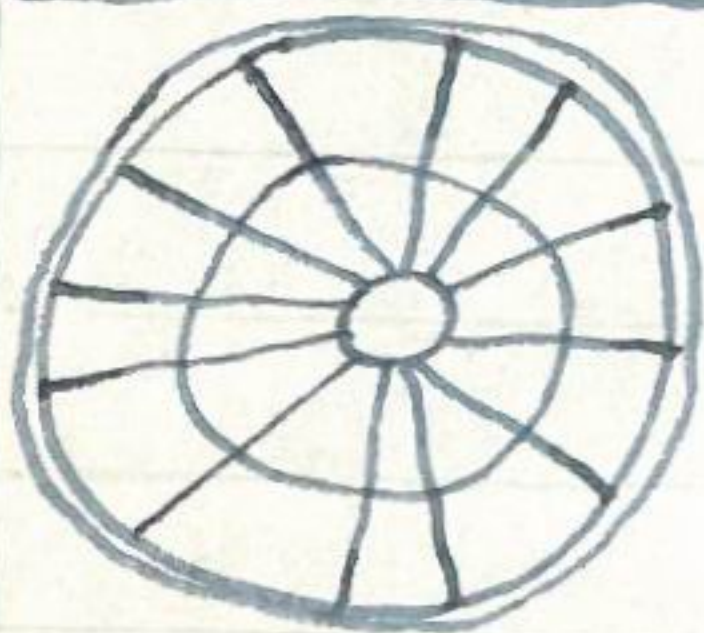
Note It might be interesting to note that the plate presented to Newchurch by Deacons of Bath in 1679 is still preserved in Knockaney Protestant Church. Newchurch was dealt with in survey of Bruff parish, which see.

Set into floor, near communion table, in Protestant church is a huge stone slab, with Latin inscription raised letters, bearing date 1622. There are also small carvings of birds and animals. (See)

Hereunder is a rough sketch of slab, with inscription, as far as I can make out: -

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 F O R M A S O L I P R O B I T A S G L O R I A S O L A I A C E T



Birds
animals

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 A L M A D A B A M G E N I T R I X E T T V A F A C T A P O L O

P.J.K.L. 9/11/42.

Antiquities. (Castles)

Desmond castle (White) It has three stories, the lowest being vaulted, 22×13 feet inside, 40 feet high, walls seven feet thick. (see picture) Tradition says this castle was built by the Earl of Desmond's steward, Matthew O'Grady, during the absence abroad of the Earl. During the rebellion of 1641, the castle was defended by Faith, the wife of Daryl O'Grady, an officer in King's army.

Desmond castle. (Black) This was situated 200 yards to the east of above castle. About 1199 it was granted to de Gray and in 1253 it, with the district of Aney was reserved as a dower for Queen Eleanor, wife of Henry III of Winchester. From then onwards it passed through very many hands, till in 1515 approx. it was taken by James, Earl of Desmond. About 1583 it was granted to Sir E. Dutton with others after which it fell into decay. At the opening of 18th century, castle & hill of Aney were purchased by Alderman B. Bunter, a member of an old Shropshire family who got a grant of lands in Clare. There is no trace of this castle now.

Baginbun. The Baginbuns were established in Co. Limerick before 1290. In 1642 J. Baginbun was a member of the Kilkenny Parliament. In 1651 Maurice Baginbun exempted from terms in the surrender of Limerick to Dutton, which was signed by his father. Between the sieges of Limerick it was garrisoned by Hugh O'Malley, to protect it from the Irish. There is no trace of this castle now; it must have been demolished, but the following is a description of it, as it was during the opening years of this century. "East & south walls of main wing are perfect. 33×23 feet inside. Mullions, frames and hoods of well cut limestone. Tall chimney of pleasing design. A stone removed from one of them bore date 1619". Baginbun castle was built during reign of Charles I 1625 - 1649. The Baginbun estate was divided by Land Commission some years ago.

Knockaney Stud Farm:

Beside village of Knockaney is the world famous stud farm, founded towards middle of last century by Mr John Quibbins. From him it passed to his nephew Mr D. R. Browning, on whose death it was sold to the present owner, Mr Evan Williams.

There are boxes for over 100 horses and all food requirements are raised on farm which is of the finest land known.

Here, in 1884, was foaled Morgonette, dam of Blairfinde, Galtemore and Ardpatrick, who made racing history. The latter two were the first horses to win ~~an~~ English Classics, ~~owned~~ bred, owned and trained by an Irish man. Morgonette died in 1908 & is buried in stable yard.

Here also in 1874, was foaled May Day, dam of May Boy; May Girl; Queen May; and Kendale Belle, and grand-dam of Clorane; Forerunner II; Prospector; Shogun and May Fowl. All these were famous horses - yet May Day was not admitted to Stud Book. She died in 1900 and is also buried in yard. The graves of both these wonder horses are marked by a ~~linestone~~ tombstone of dressed limestone, from the district, suitably inscribed.

The stud farm is capably managed by Mr P. Power, who is only too pleased to show people through the stud farm and buildings.

KNOCKANEY.

A fair or public assembly used to be held annually in Knockaney since 8th century B.C., at which Buchillain regularly attended. Here resided the foster father of the Princes of Ulster, from which he, with his charges used visit Queen Maive at Rathrosphan. The district is called after Aine or Aney, a princess of the 2nd century A.D. Till then it was known as "Bolkilla" meaning hazel coffee. There were several battles fought in the neighbourhood. Brian Boru had many fortifications nearby at Lough Gur. The last High King, Rodric O'Conor presided at a court there (most likely at Kibballyporeen) and fined King Donald More O'Brien 720 cows, for the murder, at Bacthemell, of his half brother Emtough, circa 1174. The fairs of Knockaney resembled those of Jaille and Barman. Literary, and athletic competitions took place, marriages were arranged and goods exchanged. An ancient and warlike tribe lived about Knockaney and Enly. These were called the Ellairtine, resembling a French word, Marti meaning men armed with clubs or cudgels.

Aney already mentioned was a daughter of a Duatha de Smaen chief, who was slain in battle at Knockaney by Olioll Olum, who had his fort at Brulle. Even in those days Olioll Olum is supposed to have raised horses at Knockaney. When, after her father's death, Olioll Olum attempted violence to Aney, she bit off his ear - hence his name. When walking about the hill, Aney was accustomed to sit on a flat stone seat and a slab of red sandstone near R.C. church is pointed out as being the stone in question.

Finn & the Fenians also regularly visited Knockaney. About the Fenian age, contemporary with that of Cormac Mac Art, the districts about Knockaney were very thinly populated but after a while, were peopled by families who were transferred from the "Deeries" in Waterford where much privation existed. Ever since these districts about Knockaney are known as "Deise Beg" or Small County, present name of Barony. The three "Eochaidhs" the Fenian heroes who fell in a battle near Ventry are buried on the south side of the hill. The mounds may be traced, about 150 yards W. of blind well and 20 yards S. of path, on lands of Mr. J. Mitchell, solicitor.

So great were the crowds who flocked about St. Patrick when he visited Knockaney that he baptised them by immersion in the river. Brian Boru had a fortification on west side of hill, which may still be traced, 41 yards in diameter. There is no record as to when the old road was constructed but it was probably laid in a primitive way on the establishment of the fair, first mention of which was in 777 B.C. The Greek colony at Massiseilles are supposed to have traded with Knockaney about 600 B.C. and

it was probably from these traders that Ptolemy got his information for the map of the city of Hibernia. A road therefore must have existed to the nearest port which was Limerick. This was undoubtedly improved by Brian Boru. O'Donovan's survey letters explain that "Bocar" is a road for cattle, the width of which is the length of one cow & the breadth of another. The fair at Knockaney ceased to exist some few years ago. The chiefs of Knockaney were the O'Kerwicks who rose to eminence in the 7th century as the result of a battle fought there. Gillaire O'Kerwick died in 1109, leaving no son & his daughter later married one of the O'grady clan, of the yellow hilted sword.

A preceptory for the Knights of St John of Jerusalem was erected in 1240 approx. Amias Heffeman last master of that house was made Bishop of Emly by King Henry VIII. In view of this promotion, Heffeman must have been of doubtful character. A preceptory for Knights Hospitallers was erected in 1250, to the east of Knockaney. This was granted to Sir Valentine Brown who built a castle there, of which there is now no trace. This Brown was an ancestor of the Kenmare family. The walls of the Abbey church founded about the same time still stand and are in a good state of preservation. In a niche on the north side of the altar was the tomb of a knight in alto relievo, which is considered that of the founder Geoffrey de Marisco. The carved figure of the knight is still to be seen in Abbey ruins but the tomb is gone. On the outbreak of 1641 rebellion a murder took place in Abbey. There was also close by a Hospital for lepers and ever since the district has been known as Hospital.

About 1253 the Geraldines built a castle at Knockaney, still in good preservation. The following century, the O'gradys built another castle at Kilballyowen but this old castle was embodied in the present mansion. When the huge Desmond estates were confiscated in 1585 (600,000 acres) the Bourchiers got a grant of 12,000 acres about Knockaney at a yearly rent of 2s 6d per acre. The O'gradys who were loyal to the Geraldines were also dispossessed and their lands at Kilballyowen landed over to Sir Thomas Standish. After some time by extreme

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF

TOWN OR VILLAGE PARISH COUNTY

ANGLING (Fresh water)

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

(Signed)

DATE

Surveyor.

Knockaney III

good luck, the only daughter & child of Sir Thomas Standish, fell in love with and married a son of the dispossessed Ogrady, and so the estates again passed into Ogrady hands. Ever since, every generation of the Ogradys had the name Standish in the family. Standish Ogrady, who did so much for the Gaelic revival was a member of this family.

A member of the Bourchier family already mentioned, named Alexander, who became a famous lawyer, attached himself to the Catholic party when Dalbot was made Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by James II. On the establishment of the Patriot Parliament, he was made Lord Chancellor and created Viscount Rosworth. He assisted in the drafting of the statutes of that assembly.

The Baggots who lived at Baggotstown were a very distinguished family. John Baggot & his son represented the borough of Charleville in the Patriot Parliament. The tomb of Dr J. Baggot is located in grounds of Protestant Church at Knockaney. The lands of Baggotstown were famous far & wide for the raising of barley.

Knockaney declined during the century following the second confiscations. During the opening years of the 18th century, Thady Coffey was priest of Knockaney, who looked after his flock despite the penal laws. He was followed by Thady Gordon & Hickey. The present Protestant rectory was built at close of 18th century by a Mr Newman.

A very remarkable man, Oliver Hartly was born in Knockaney about 1746. His father was James Hartly & his mother Margaret Sheel from south Tipperary. At age of 16 Oliver Hartly went to France as a cadet in Hares regiment. Hartly's talents attracted the attention of Louis XVI who made him a Chevalier of Order of St Louis. He was a Captain on outbreak of revolution & promoted General in 1793. He fled to San Domingo & on his return was imprisoned until the death of Robespierre. Soon after Wolfe Tone arrived in Paris he met General Hartly. He was one of the officers in charge of the expedition which set out for Bantry Bay in 1796. He was later

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BARONY OF.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE..... PARISH..... COUNTY.....

ANGLING (Fresh water)

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.....

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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.....

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DATE.....

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KNOCKANEY III

created Baron de Pienebourg by the Emperor Napoleon I.

Near Knockaney is Elton formerly known as Brittas until name was changed by the O'Grady family who resided there. At time of Act of Union the then proprietor of the place, Standish O'Grady, was a man of strong character. When John Fitzgibbon, Earl of Clare, was canvassing the Co. Linn. landed gentry to sign a petition for the Union, he called O'Grady of Elton House whom he met in the avenue & saluted most friendly. O'Grady who was aware of his purpose ordered him to leave the place at once. There is no trace of Elton House now. It was demolished on division of estate by Irish Land Commission.

A very ancient ford near Knockaney (at back of meadow) was blown up by beauty bannail workers in 1932. It consisted of huge flat stepping stones very cleverly placed across the Camogue.

Rev John O'Suivan, D.D., was P.P. for first quarter of last century & is buried in Patrickswell graveyard where a tomb was erected to his memory by the parishioners. He was succeeded by Rev James O'Brien who built the churches of Knockaney & Patrickswell in 1833 & 1834 respectively. He is buried in ground of Knockaney church.

About middle of last century a classical "ledge" school was conducted by Patrick Maher, in a barn, the property of Mr George Bennett of Rathaney. A great variety of medicinal herbs grow & flourish about Knockaney.

Soil which is most fertile rests on an immense strata of limestone, a ten inch cube of which weighs as much as a twelve inch cube of similar stone, found elsewhere.

The Hill of Knockaney is 537 feet high.

P. J. K. P. 10/11/42.

P.S. The foregoing information has in the main, been supplied by Mr John A. Smith, Rathaney Hospital.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF

TOWN OR VILLAGE PARISH COUNTY

ANGLING (Fresh water)

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

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DATE

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

BARONY OF Small County

TOWN OR VILLAGE Knoelaney PARISH Knoelaney COUNTY Limerick

Location and brief description.

Population 100 approx.

The historic village of Knoelaney is situated sixteen miles S.E. of Limerick city & two miles east of the well known district of Lough Gur. Land which is the richest in these islands is of limestone quality. A ten inch cube of limestone quarried here weighs as much as a twelve inch cube of limestone quarried elsewhere. Situated on the southern slope of the Hill of Aney.

Is there a ~~Town~~ Hall? yes Location in village.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Parks & gardens none. Splendid sports and games (G.A.A.) field situated at Baginbally, one mile west of village.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest stations Elton & Knocklong Distance 5 miles Bus? Hospital, 1 1/2 miles
daily services
Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall yes, see above Proprietor Mr Leonard.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas The above hall Pictures shown Periodically.
is used for cinema (nights)
shows.

Theatre The above hall is used Kind of shows concerts, dramatic shows
etc.
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... None

Private Lending Libraries..... None

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C. Church *Knockrainy* } Services (Sundays) *8.30 & 10.30*

Patrickswell } *(Both churches observe old time)*
9.00 A.M.

Church of Ireland, Knockany. *11.30 A.M. S.T.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office..... *In village*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)..... *Letters, parcels only.*

BANKING

Banks..... None

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers..... None

Photographic Stores..... None

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... None Location.....

Public Baths?..... None Location.....

Camogue & Clorning Star rivers flow through parish and are used for swimming by local people.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *Local G. A. A. have a club room in the house of Mr. Roche at northern end of village. Members only admitted. Card games conducted there.*

Cultural Societies *None.*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *None.*

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

None.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

None

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National schools (mixed) situated at Knockaney and Patrickswell.

HOSPITALS

None

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets..... None

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

None

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis..... Mr. Canoll in village has a Hackney car.

Motors (Touring)..... None.

Boats (State type)..... None

Bicycles..... None

Caravans..... None

Horses..... None.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... None Landowner.....

Local Improvements Committee..... None

Secretary..... None

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

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BARONY OF Small County

TOWN OR VILLAGE KnockRaney PARISH KnockRaney COUNTY Lincoln

Hotels	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Bathrooms	Licensed ?
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Guest or Boarding Houses

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Restaurants and Cafés

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<i>None</i>			
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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Small County,

TOWN OR VILLAGE Knockaney PARISH Knockaney 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 Camogue Nearest point to town (distance) $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout April / Sept.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon —

Sea trout —

Brown trout Usual patterns. Sedges popular in evening.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Section in parish of Knockaney is free.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Hospital or Bruff, both about two miles distant.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee None

Secretary (and Address) None.

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 None in Knockaney. No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

The nearest golf course is at Bally dook, Limerick.
2 1/2 miles approx. south of city. 18 holes.

Name of Professional Wm Daly

Is there a clubhouse on course ? Yes Licensed ? Yes

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

.. month 20/-

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year *Seanteen Hunt sometimes held P to P.*

Under which rules? *J. N. H. S.*

Situation of course *Knockaney Hill.*

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds *Seanteen Black and tans*

Harriers *—————*

Beagles *—————*

COURSING

Name of Club *None* Meeting held annually? *—————*

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company *None nearer than Limerick City*

Races on (nights) *Friday & Saturday @ 8.15 PM. From night of 1st March until last Saturday in October.*

SHOOTING

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

good rough shooting to be had over countryside. Duck, snipe, pheasant, woodcock, green & grey plover, curlew, are to be found. shooting free.

Kilballyowen & Ballyvollandane where pheasant are very plentiful are preserved. Owned by Madame O'Grady, & Mr D. Canty, M.B.B. respectively

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses :
*Kilballyowen - Madame O'Grady, Kilballyowen, Banff, Co. Limerick.
Ballyvollandane - Mr Mr. D. Canty, Ballyvollandane, do. do.*

Shooting Club *None* Secy. *None*

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club *None* Competitions held? *None*

ROWING AND SAILING

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

None

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..... None
 Hurling..... Knockaney - Junior Team
 Handball..... None Handball alley?..... None
 Soccer..... None
 Rugby..... None
 Cricket..... None
 Hockey..... None
 Bowls..... None
 Bowling (on public roads)..... None
 Lawn Tennis..... None Kinds of courts..... None
 Croquet..... None
 Billiards..... None
 Badminton..... None
 Table Tennis..... None
 Bridge Club..... None
 Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)..... None.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club..... Knockaney A.C. Events held under rules of..... N.A.C.A.
 Sports held usually in July of each year.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.)
in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

Knockaney Sports (July) Promoters..... Local Athletic Club.
 Pattern at St Patrickswell on
 15th Aug of each year.
 Knockaney P-to-P. meeting..... Scarteen Hunt.
 usually in March

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Knockaney PARISH Knockaney COUNTY Limerick

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE ~~or Lake~~ Morning Star Nearest point to town (distance) at land.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon _____ Sea trout _____ Brown trout up to 2 lbs.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon _____ Sea trout _____ Brown trout April/Sept.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon _____

Sea trout _____

Brown trout standard patterns.

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

entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Stretch within parish of Knockaney is entirely free.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Hospilal & Bruff, both about two miles distant.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee None

Secretary None

DATE 5th Nov. 1942.

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Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

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

Knockaney is the site of a fair or public assembly begun in the 8th century B.C. Here resided the foster father of the Princes of Munster. It is called after Cine or Ciney, a princess of the 2nd century A.D. The last high king, Roderic O'Conor presided at a court there and fined King Donald O'Brien, 720 cows, for the murder of his half-brother Ehurrough, about 1174. Brian Boru had a fort on the western brow of the hill, traces of which may still be seen, 41 yards in diameter.

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 grounds of Knockaney Protestant Church is the magnificent mausoleum of the O'Grady family (Viscounts Guillamore). Here lies buried the 1st Viscount Guillamore (Standish O'Grady) who was prosecuting counsel at the trial of Robert Emmet. He was later made Lord Chief Baron. Born in 1766, he died in 1840. He was born & lived at Baker Guillamore in the parish of Bruff, which is now derelict.

In the same grounds is buried a famous priest; Father Ely Hanly, who died about 1806. He was a famous athlete and renowned for his great strength.

Knockaney is also the burial place of the Lords Fermoy (de O'Grady) and "The O'Grady" of Kilballyowen. The Fermoy resided at Rockbarton in parish of Bruff, now in ruins.

Also at Knockaney is the grave of Dr John Baggot of Baggotstown, who with his son represented the borough of Charleville in the Patriot Parliament.

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.

NONE.

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.

On the Camogue river at back of Knockaney breamery was situated a very old ford, dating from very early times. It consisted of an ~~time~~ irregular line of huge, flat topped rocks stretching across the river. Some years ago it was blown up by the County Council authorities, when a drainage scheme was being carried out in the district. Up to that time it was much frequented by visitors to the locality. At the time, efforts were made by some local people to have ford preserved, by suggesting that a slight alteration be made in course of river, but without avail. A few of the outer or smaller stones remain.

Near R.C. Church is a flat topped slab of red sandstone which is supposed to have been used as a seat by King, a prince of the 2nd century A.D.

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 Patrickswell burial ground is St Patrick's Well, which the saint is supposed to have visited during his journeyings through these parts. It is half mile south of Church (R.C.) of Patrickswell, on road to Knockaney.

Each year on 16th August, pilgrimages are made to the spot when some of its waters are drunk in conjunction with the recital of certain prayers, which are believed to bring relief from a great variety of maladies.

The well which is on roadside is covered over by a shrine, about which, are exhibited much religious emblems and statuary.

(Signed)

P. J. K. Lynch.

Surveyor.

DATE 9th Nov. 1942.