

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF COSHLERA

TOWN OR VILLAGE KNOCKLONG PARISH KNOCKLONG COUNTY LIMERICK
GLENBROHANE

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Knocklong is in the centre of a great plain of fertile land well watered & sheltered. From Sleive Reagh in ^{the} district of Glenbrohane a most wonderful view of ^{the} countryside may be had, covering three counties, Cork, Wexford & Limerick. S.E. lie the Galtees, with Galtee More (3,018 feet) capping the grand range. Nestling at the foot is the pretty village of Ballylanders, through which runs the delightful road to Mitchelstown.

GEOLOGY

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

Only red sandstone is to be found in all countryside about Knocklong & Glenbrohane. There were caves on side of Sleive Reagh, on lands of Mr P.K. Flynn, Glenaree, but some years ago entrance was blocked up by a collapse of earth & they have since remained closed.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

Knocktoran House, Knocklong, Co Limerick. ^{is owned by} Major S.N.C. Webb. ^{the house is built in imitation of the} Georgian ^{style}
^{contains a} Small library, ^{some} family portraits, ^{etc.} Gardens ^{or house are} not open to visitors. (~~Small house~~)
SCARTEEN ^{is the} Residence of Mr J.J. Ryan, Master of "Black & Duns". Records in existence ^{show} that lands have been ^{the} in possession of the Ryans since 1749. ^{it is} Situated two miles from Knocklong on ^{a bye} side road to Wexford. ^{There are} Some splendid family portraits, ^{but there is} no library & ^{and the} gardens ^{are of no interest} not open to public. See picture. ~~Nice house but not very old.~~

BALLYSCADDANE. ~~Reside Scarteen.~~ Fine Georgian period residence, embodying old building known as Castle game. Until lately was residence of Sir George Black, Franks. Presently owned by Mr D. Fleming. At the moment unoccupied & empty. Also known as Ryves castle.

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

OGHAM STONE. The Stone of Maolán Mac Gabhaidh.

On the lands of Mr Thos Fox, Ballygarry, Knocklong is a very fine Ogham stone. ^{It stands} slightly north east from his house & under a line of fine beech trees. It is a rectangular column of red sandstone, a little over five feet in height. ~~2 measurement roughly 15 x 1 ft.~~

The somewhat ^{weathered} smooth ^{it is} for scratching of cattle but nevertheless in an excellent state of preservation. ^{The ogham scribings} The ~~lines and dots~~ are cut on northern angle, beginning slightly above ground & extending to within a couple of inches from top*. The site is about 4 miles from Knocklong, on west side of road to Ballylanders. ~~The stone is in receipt of no care whatever~~

~~and is just a scratching post for cattle. See pictures. The illustration on left is taken from Irish Arch. Journal, 1906. Vol. 16. by St S. Crawford.~~

FORTS. On the lands of Major S.N.C. Webb, Knocktoran House, (near Elton) Knocklong is a very fine earth work. About 20 yards across & about 12 feet high. Known as AGHADOON, as the surroundings are level, the material must have been brought from a distance. Am informed Prof Sean O'Riordan is very interested in this fort.

On the lands of Mr James Gubbins, Ballygarry is another fort of similar size & workmanship but not so high. It would appear to have had an outer ring. Both this and preceding fort are in good preservation.

On lands of Mr Wm Ruane, Glenbrohane, is a very large fort on side of hill. About 120 yards across & one of the largest in Co. Limerick. Beside it is a small fort. Both well preserved.

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

Beside the house of Mrs O'Quinn at Ballypaula are the remains of a fairly large fort about 20 yards across. Now nearly levelled.

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Antiquities.
Knocklong/Glenbrohane.

Stone Circle. On the summit of Slieve Leagh mountain, (1500 high approx) lie the remains of a stone circle which is now practically completely broken up. On property of Mr P. Flynn. Glencarr.
Bromblech. On roadside, near house of Mrs Maguire at Ballyfuta, Knocklong is a little known bromblech. (see picture) It is known locally as "bloc na marb". The field adjoining is believed to have been a pagan burial ground and at a later date, the site of a Patrician church of which there is now no trace. The bromblech got its name from the fact that the coffins or caskets used to be laid on it before burial. It is composed of two upright slabs of stone topped by a large flat slab of stone. Some years ago the top slab broke in the centre but was restored to its former position by a supporting column of masonry being built underneath. Very Rev. Father O'Donnell P.P., informed me this field was tilled some years ago and that very close to surface were to be seen & found flat slabs of stone but they were not removed or examined. Beside this is the Well, known as Tobereendoney (Sunday Well) Ballyfuta is on the road from Garryapillane Cross, (also known as Pinkers Cross) to Glenbrohane and the Maguire farm lies to East of that road. The bromblech is not in receipt of any care or protection.

Antiquities.

Knocklong/Glenbrohane.

CASTLES. KNOCKLONG CASTLE.

stands on the hill of ^{the same name} Knocklong overlooking the village ~~is~~
~~stands on~~ ~~Knocklong~~ ~~castle~~, ^{is} now ^{very} ^{ruinous} ~~greatly~~ ~~ruined~~.
 The ~~castle~~ ^{it} dates from latter part of 16th century
 and was ^{the} property of the O'Hurleys. ^{The Ruins}
 measure 8 X 6 yards approximately and ^{the walls are} about 30 feet
 high at ^{the} highest point, which is south gable. Walls
 are ~~over~~ 6 feet thick and ^{The} castle was of three storeys, &
 had gables to S & N but S. gable is all that now
 remains intact, the other three sides being much decayed.
 In the western wall is a window of well cut limestone,
 with ^{a square} hooded ^{on the outside} moulding. A spiral stairs, which was in
 northern angle, ^{is} completely gone. ~~Castle~~ ~~has~~ ~~free~~ ~~access~~
~~to~~ ~~ruins~~ ~~and~~ ~~inside~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~filthy~~ ~~pool~~. ~~Castle~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~
~~receipt~~ ~~of~~ ~~no~~ ~~care~~. ~~Approached~~ ~~by~~ ~~passage~~ ~~to~~ ~~burial~~ ~~ground~~
 which is beside castle. Chimney in south gable.

BALLYNAHINCH CASTLE. at Ballynahinch, about three miles
 south of Knocklong on lands of Mr J. Better is a very fine
 building ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ~~ruins~~ ~~of~~ ~~known~~ as Ballynahinch castle. Although it
 dates only from about ^{early} 17th century it is on the site of an old
 Norman castle of the 14th century. ~~The~~ ~~castle~~ ~~is~~ ~~about~~ ~~45~~ ~~X~~ ~~24~~ ~~ft~~ ^{on plan}
 with walls ^{which are} ^{and} over 6 ft thick, ^{and} about 35 ft high. ^{It} ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~shape~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~
 great tower ^{There are} ~~with~~ ~~gables~~ ~~to~~ ~~N~~ ~~&~~ ~~S~~ ^{on the} ~~with~~ ~~chimneys~~. ^{sides, and these are topped with high} ~~It~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~excellent~~
 repair generally but ^{the} spiral stairs in northern angle is
 collapsed for a considerable height from ground. At north
 end were two small vaulted apartments. Five splendid
 fireplaces of ^{cut} limestone, ~~very~~ ~~well~~ ~~cut~~ ~~still~~ ~~remain~~, ~~the~~ ~~walls~~

CASTLES.

Antiquities
Knocklong / Glenbrookane.

Ballingary was also the site of an ancient castle but there is now no trace of it. No history of it to be had. Glenaree. On the lands of Mrs Bridget O'Reilly at Glenaree at foot of Slieve Beagh some masonry is pointed out as being the remains of an old castle. No history of it to be had.

CHURCHES.

KNOCKLONG. In the burial ground on hillside overlooking Knocklong is the foundation of what must have been a fairly large church, measuring 50 x 25 feet approximately. Only a few feet of walls remain in parts and these were of very large irregular blocks of sandstone. Nearby is the well of SS Peter & Paul, sometimes called SS Patrick & Peter's well. In older times was the parish church.

BALLINGARRY. In the ancient burial ground of this name stands the gable of an old church. Ballingary was an ancient parish dating from 14th century. From foundations this church would appear to have been small. The W. gable now standing is covered with ivy but there would not appear to have been any outstanding features. About 15 feet high & 15 feet wide. Nearby on the roadside is the well of SS Peter & Paul. The burial ground is also on the roadside.

Ballynathmel Castle.

~~both ends and sides. all flooring collapsed. There is a door (square) of well cut limestone in west. The windows for most part are also square with cross sections and are also of well cut limestone. The stairs was lighted by round-headed slit windows and these also appeared in south gable. It stands about 50 yards from road leading from Elton to ^{Ballymoreena} Ballinoreena and is visible for miles around. The square, cut stone windows have hood mouldings.~~

BALLYSCADDANE CASTLE. This is also known as RYVES CASTLE, and at an earlier date was known as ^{It is} CASTLE JANE. About 2 miles from Knocklong, a short distance to east of main road to Ballylandas, with entrance from side road to Dufferin, (200m east at well known cross of the tree) The old castle has been embodied in the present mansion of this name, the main hall of which is portion of the old castle. ^{It is now the} Property of Mr D. Fleming, Solicitor, Cork. The house is presently unoccupied & closed up. ^{the recent times} up to a few years ago it was the residence of Sir George ~~the~~ Franks. ^{It is} an imposing structure of beautifully cut limestone. ~~It was not possible to take photograph as huge trees were very close to house, thereby preventing a view from the best angle. It was originally the property of the RYVES family who settled there from Dorsetshire early in 12th century. Members of this family are buried in the nearby burial ground of Ballyscaddane. Monument to them has been described in "Public Monuments" sections.~~

CHURCHES.

V Antiquities
Knocklong / Glenbrohane

LARAGHLAW. In the burial ground of this name is the foundation of an old church supposed to have been founded in first instance by St Patrick as he passed this way to Ardpatrick on his journey from Emly. The church is supposed to have got its name from following incident:-

In the journey from Emly one of St Patrick's followers stole an axe from a widow and when the theft was made known to St Patrick he decreed that the culprit should suffer the loss of his hand as punishment for his crime. Local tradition has it that hand was buried here. Sraighas lies on the road from Ballinacree (BALLINACREEENNA) to Glenbrohane at the foot of Sliene Beagl. Nearby is the well of SS Peter & Paul.

BALLTSCADDANE. In the burial ground of this name in the demesne of Ballyscaddane is the foundation of an old church of small dimensions. No history of it to be had. Here are buried members of the RYAN'S family who lived at Ballyscaddane. Monument described elsewhere.

* The inscription reads

MAILAGNI MAQI GAMATI

which may be freely translated -

"The monument to Mailagnus
the son of Gamatus."

G. J. O'K.

Knocklong psh.
Co. Limerick

KNOCKLONG.

I am informed by Thos. Blaney who is regarded as the local historian that an urn was found on the lands of Mr. John Ryan, GLENAREE about 10 years ago, by a farm hand who was working in a potato field. Quite near the surface was a slab which when removed revealed a small chamber containing the urn, inside which ~~was~~ some bones were found. In the removal the urn was smashed but the fragments were collected by Prof S. O'Riordan and taken away.

I am informed by Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., that Garryspullane is the site of an ancient fair called "Aonac Cooley" or "Aonac Cloher" this Aonac dated from very early Christian times.

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KNOCKLONG.

The hill has borne this name from about the 3rd century of our era and was so called in commemoration of an event partly real and partly mythical. Prior to that time the hill was known as *Dron Damhghaire*. The following events related, took place about 220 A.D. in the reign of Cormac mac Art.

Cormac's magnificence was so boundless that at one period his steward complained that although there were many claimants and objects of the royal munificence there was very little for them as all the revenue appropriated to such revenue was exhausted. Cormac in his extremity asked the Steward's advice as to the best means of replenishing his stores. The Steward without hesitation recommended the collection of a second cattle revenue from *Ulunster* saying it contained two separate provinces but only paid revenue for one and it was now time to call upon *Ulunster* to pay the second tribute. Cormac was well pleased with the suggestion and forthwith despatched couriers to *Fiacha Uilleathan*, King of *Ulunster*, demanding tribute for the second division of *Ulunster*. The King of *Ulunster* received Cormac's message in a fair spirit & sent the couriers back with an offer of relief of Cormac's difficulties but denying the right of demand and refusing to

said as much as a single beast in acknowledgement
 of it. Cormac having received the message, mustered
 an army and all his most learned Druids and
 marched into Ulunster. He encamped on the hill
 called Crom Samhghaire. He then consulted his
 Druids as to the best means of making Ulunster
 submit to his will. The Druids after much
 debate, advised the Monarch that the surest way
 of reducing his enemies would be to deprive them
 of water & this they were prepared to do on receiving
 his (Cormac's) permission. Cormac immediately
 assented & forthwith the Druids by their spells and
 incantations dried up or concealed all the rivers
 and springs of the countryside so that men and cattle
 were dying of thirst. The King of Ulunster in his
 extremity took counsel with his people & they came to the
 decision not to submit to Cormac, but to enlist the
 aid of the great Druid of Ulloag Valencia, named Mlogh
 Ruith, who was said to have studied Druidism in
 the East. Mlogh Ruith promised to relieve them provided
 he got a grant of territory of his own choosing, in the
 district, with security for its descent in his own line
 for ever. His demands were granted & he selected
 the territory presently known as Barony of Fermoy.
 Mlogh Ruith then shot an arrow into the air, telling
 the Ulunster men that water would spring up in
 abundance wherever the arrow would fall. This promise

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was verified and a great torrent of water burst up where the arrow fell and the men of Munster, with their flocks were delivered. They then fell upon Cormac & his army, routed them from Croc Luinige (hill of the encampment) and followed them into Leinster, scattering and killing as they went. The place where the arrow is supposed to have fallen is still pointed out in the adjoining parish to Knocklong and the well still remains under the name of "Zabar Ciann etheir". That is well of the great head or spring.

The stone known as the "Kings Chair" at Glenareil is where Cormac is supposed to have taken counsel with his Druids. See Curiosities section.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF COSHLEA.

TOWN OR VILLAGE KNOCKLONG PARISH KNOCKLONG / COUNTY LIMERICK.
GLENBROHANE

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 MORNING STAR Nearest point to town (distance) About 3 miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Brown trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout 1/2 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout May/June.

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon —

Sea trout —

Brown trout Any flies best. Standard patterns good.

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

Free, but of little interest as it is thickly grown with weeds.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The Morning Star river for a good way forms the parish boundary. The portion of river along by Elton is useless for fishing as it is entirely overgrown with weeds & grasses. Both above & below this area it has been drained, with very good results for the fishing. Major Webb, a local resident & fisherman has done all he can to have river cleaned but without result.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Knocklong, Co. Limerick - Railway Hotel.

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.....

GOLFING

Name of Club *None nearer than Dufferin* No. of holes *9*.....

Situation and brief description of course :

Near Dufferin town
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Name of Professional.....

Is there a clubhouse on course?..... Licensed?.....

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day..... Per week.....

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year One P-to-P. Scarteen Hunt.

Under which rules? S. N. H. D.

Situation of course There is no fixed but the meeting is course races. Usually at Herbertstown in the adjoining parish. ~~not held 2 years held at Dittinagh.~~

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds Scarteen Black & Tan.

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 :

Rough shooting to be had free throughout countryside. The following area is preserved by Slieve Rieghack Gun Club which has its head-quarters in Hospital. Sec:- Jerk O'Callaghan, Hospital. Area:- Duntry League to Ballintubber, by bush cross to Elton, Boltonstown & through Ballycathill to Knocklong. By Ballyholohan through Knockanon to Duntry League. This mainly
If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses :

covers all land within parish of Knocklong / B. B. B. B.

Occasional partridge to be had free in the region of Scarteen, owned by Mr. J. J. Ryan. N. F. H.

Shooting Club Slieve Rieghack Secy. Jerk O'Callaghan, Hospital.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club ————— Competitions held? —————

ROWING AND SAILING

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

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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. grounds at Elton*

Hurling *yes. " " "*

Handball */* Handball alley? */*

Soccer */*

Rugby */*

Cricket */*

Hockey */*

Bowls */*

Bowling (on public roads) */*

Lawn Tennis *Good courts at Hospital - 2 miles* Kinds of courts *Green 2 grass*

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 */*

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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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DATE *25 - 5 - 43.* (Signed) *P. J. Lynch.*
Surveyor.

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

BARONY OF COSHLERA.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Knocklong PARISH Knocklong COUNTY Limerick

Location and brief description. Blurbrohane Population 130 approx. (150)

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The village is situated at the eastern end of the Golden Vale. A straggling ^{place} village intersected by the G.S.R. main Dublin / Cork line, via Limerick Junction. The surrounding country which is of the most fertile quality, is prettily wooded & very well farmed. Up to date, well kept farm houses are an attractive feature. A country of sod fences & rolling park-lands.

Is there a Town Hall? — Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

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No water supply or sewerage systems.
Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:
There is an arrangement whereby the Creamery supplies water to a number of householders. No sewerage scheme. All private arrangements.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station ^{KNOCKLONG,} Adjacent Distance — Bus? Daily.

Public lighting by—Electricity? Elec. None Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall Wm Hayes's Hall Proprietor Wm Hayes

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Davern's Hall Pictures shown Tuesday / Sunday.
Davern's Hall (nights)

Theatre Davern's Hall Kind of shows Drama, Concerts, etc
(Drama, Comedy &c.) periodically.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of County Library
Branch of Doyle's Library.*

Private Lending Libraries */*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *KNOCKLONB (st Joseph's) ^{1/4 ml south of vill.} Services (Sundays) 8-30 & 11
GLENBROHANE (st Patrick's) 9-30.*

*Both churches observe old time all year round.
Protestant Community served by Knockaney Church.
Knockaney R.C. Church is about 1/2 mile S. of village.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *In western end of village and transact all business.*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *H.O. Telegraph & Phone.*

*Stamps may be had at Garryspillane, Glenbrohane & Elton.
BANKING Elton also has a Public Telephone.*

*Sub Office of the
Banks Ulster & Leinster Bank, ^{is open for business} every Thursday
and on fair days from 12 to 2 P.M. &
sub office to Hospital.*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers */*

Photographic Stores *Nearest stores at Hospital.*

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? */* Location */*

Public Baths? */* Location */*

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs. Branch of *Cluimter Na Sine* at *Knocklong*.
There is also a Parish Council at *Knocklong*.

Cultural Societies. *Knocklong Dramatic Class*. Present plays
occasionally.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries. *The Condensed Milk Company of Ireland (1928) Ltd.* have a large creamery at *Knocklong* which receives milk from all the surrounding countryside & produces butter of the most excellent quality.

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

In burial ground at *Ballyscaddane* is a fine obelisk erected by *William Ryles*. See picture.

Inscription: This monument was erected by *William Ryles of Ballyscaddane, Esq.* to the memory of his grandfather *William* who departed this life A.D. 1705 and of his father *Nicholas* deceased A.D. 1714. Descendant of an ANTIENT family in DORSETSHIRE England

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

No important buildings save *R.C. churches*. These are of the most ordinary & perhaps ugly design & workmanship, dating from about middle of last century.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Knocklong N.S. for Boys
" " " " *Girls*.

Glenbrogh Mixed N.S.

HOSPITALS

Elton is not a village.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets: Fairs are held at Elton on March 1; November 1; & December 20; & at Knocklong on Oct 1.
Weekly market day: Every 3rd Thursday Half-holiday: Wednesday.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Walsh's Garage for petrol & light repairs.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis: JOHN COGAN, J. J. FARRELL, JAS. GILBERT, M. L. HANLEY, MCE. J. MORONEY } Elton, Knocklong. }
KNOCKLONG.

Motors (Touring)

Boats (State type)

Bicycles

Caravans

Horses: THOS COTTER, BALLINAHINCH, KNOCKLONG.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location: Landowner:

Local Improvements Committee

Secretary

DATE: 25.5.43.

(Signed) P. J. Lynch. Surveyor.

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A C C O M M O D A T I O N

PARISH. *Knocklong / Glenbrohane*

BARONY. *Coshlea*

COUNTY. *Lincoln*

TOWN OR VILLAGE. *Knocklong*

<u>HOTELS</u>	No. Guest Bedrooms	No. of Baths	No. of Lavs.	No. Public Rooms	Licensed	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Railway Hotel (Harris)</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Led.</i>	<i>very medium fine Hotel, beside Station</i>

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Date *19. 5. 43.*

(Additional forms to be used if necessary)

Signed *P. J. Lynch*

HISTORIC SITES

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

See attached short history of Knocklong

Ganyspillaune, two miles east of Knocklong is the site of an ancient fair known as "Aonae Booley" or "Aonae Cloher". This fair dated from very early Christian times.

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 lands of Mr Pk Flynn at Glenaree, near Glendrohan is ^{the} "King's Chair" a flat stone roughly shaped like a chair. ~~See picture.~~ Local tradition has it that it was used by King Cormac mac Art while taking counsel with his Druids during a raid on Ulster, ^{It is} situated about 400 yards north of Flynn's house on side of Slieve Leagh. ~~Red sandstone.~~

About 40 yards south of this "chair" is "Grania's Stone" in lands of same person. A pointed stone about 2 feet high with markings on top which would correspond to rough fingerprints. It is of limestone & is the only piece of such quality stone to be found in the district. Local tradition has it that it was much frequented by Grania during her famous flight with Diarmuid. The "finger prints" are supposed to have been left by her when she clutched stone at a time when **CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.** Diarmuid who was anxious to flee ~~Diarmuid~~ ^{Diarmuid} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~once~~ ^{once} being forcibly removed by ^{Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.}

There are several Holy Wells in the parish of Knocklong/Glendrohan but there are now no patterns or pilgrimages.

Beside Knocklong Burial ground is SS Peter & Paul's well. Some times called SS Patrick & Peter's well. Beside Parochial house at Garryspillane is St Patrick's Well. The saint is said to have passed by here on his way to Ardpatrick from Emly.

Near Ballynary burial ground is another well known as Peter & Paul's, on Roadside.

Beside house of Mrs Maguire at Ballyjunta is St Deborah's Well (Sunday Well) also known as Our Lady's Well.

Beside burial ground of Ballymahon also known as St Deborah's well where patterns took place in olden times, on 15th August each year. Long since discontinued. Beside Sarah's burial ground is St Peter & Paul's well.

(Signed)

V. J. Lynch

Surveyor.

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