

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF OWNEY BEG.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE MURROE PARISH MURROE COUNTY LIMERICK.

TOPOGRAPHY

(See also account of Clare Glens, separate sheet. Rob.)

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

The parish of Murroe which is exceedingly large is most picturesque. Well wooded, and watered by four rivers, all charming, in their own way. Village & parish lie at western foot of the Felim Range of mountains, and from the latter very wonderful views may be had. In the distance, Limerick to the Shannon (west) and away to the east are the 9 alters.

GEOLOGY

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

The Hills behind Murroe are mainly of brown sandstone but occasional traces of conglomerate rock may be found. In the low lands to south and west, is land of limestone quality and at MADABOY to north west is some volcanic rock. The hills are jagged and uneven, with great masses of boulders ~~lying about~~ ^{lie strewn on their slopes & at their feet.}

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?

Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

INSTAL PRIORY.

(See also note on separate sheet. Rob.)

Standing on side of hill slightly to north of Murroe this most elaborate & picturesque building, presently a priory, the Benedictine Fathers came here about 15 years ago. It was formerly the chief seat of the Barington family who had been there for generations. It was built by Sir Henry Barington about 80 years ago and his grandson Sir Charles, who died in G.B. a few months ago, greatly enlarged the living quarters and extended the pleasure grounds. The apartments are beautifully proportioned but stripped of their former splendid furnishings. The entire building is of red dressed & cut limestone and has towers, both square & round. From top of the towers wonderful views of all county Limerick

ANTIQUITIES

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

CLONKEEN CHURCH. ^(if any) Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept. A short distance to east of Banningtons Bridge and about 5 miles from Link on road to Clunee, is this old ruin, one of the most beautiful and interesting in the county (see pictures) It stands in a well kept grave-yard on roadside and approached without difficulty through a gate. Key is kept at house adjoining grave-yard, but it is at all times open during daylight hours. It measures about 45 x 18 ft. The west door is very lovely, of three recessed orders, with beadings & deep tooth mouldings. Door jambs slightly inclined (see picture) Ornamental filler to left is missing. Walls are about 12 feet high & 3 ft thick. There are arched at both ends. In east gable is a double lighted window, both pointed & of limestone surround. In north wall high up, near west end is a round headed limestone window, lead in one piece. In south wall are two windows, one narrow & pointed near east end, of limestone, and one broad round headed window near west end. Of lime & sand stone mixed. It is believed to date from end of 11th century. In Board of Works charge & in excellent repair. Following legend is related in "The Diocese of Emy" by Rev St John D. Seymour, B.D. "It is said that this church was brought by the workmen through the air, and as they were ^{re}arranging it after its flight and old woman pained by who neglected to say the customary "God bless the Work" at which omission they took umbrage, and flew away, leaving it unroofed." Page 67. A description of Clonkeen may be had in J. J. Westropp's, Churches & Castles of Co. Limerick. 319 Clonkeen (14).

ANNAGH. Four miles north of Clunee is this ruined church, in grave yard of same name. Was small, is entirely covered ^{(Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).} with ivy and no features visible. Very little is known about it, and apparently is not of any interest

For
attention of
Mr. R. O'B.

c/o D. J. Comford,
Reveries, Newbridge,
Rathkale.

The Secretary,
I. D. A., Dublin.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter of 9th
inst with enclose, both of which I
have noted.

I am enclosing an account of the
~~story~~ ^{story} regarding Elchester Park &
trust it will interest you.

On my return home on Sat. I
shall complete & forward survey
documents for Elmdale.

Sorry if delay has caused
you inconvenience.

Yours faithfully,

111/5744.

P. J. Lynch.

Re: - BARRINGTON FAMILY,
GLENSTAL.

It would be interesting to note that it was this family built Barringtons Hospital, Limerick, for the poor of the city, in 1820.

For very many years it was staffed and maintained by the Barringtons.

It is presently one of the best Hospitals in the country but is maintained by state grant and voluntary subscription.

J. R.

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- The Elcheater Oak,
of Lenstal Priory, Ellwroel.
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On the west side of avenue leading to Lenstal Priory and about 200 yards from Gate Lodge, stands the Elcheater Oak.

The following story is related:-

Long before the Baringtons (late owners) came to Lenstal, the estate was known as Capperullen in the possession of an Ogrady, poor but of noble birth. Capperullen House stood in present gardens of Priory. Ogrady had an only child, a very beautiful daughter, who was very much admired. Her favourite pastime

was swinging from the branches
 of an oak tree ~~located~~ near house,
 from which she had a lovely
 view of countryside to west,
 and also had an opportunity
 of seeing and being seen by
 all who passed by.

At a ball in Limerick
 she met Lord Stavordale, who
 was then stationed there with
 his Regiment. He was at once
 attracted by Eliza O'Grady
 and danced much with her.

Daily after that he rode to
 Cappavallen to see her and
 spent a great deal of time in
 her company, roaming through
 the woods. Her father, fearing
 that no good could come of this

Friendship, secretly wrote to Stawardale's father, the Earl of Hereford, explaining the position and requesting that Stawardale be removed from Limerick. It was O'Grady's opinion that the Earl of Hereford would at this moment consider his daughter as a suitable partner for son of the latter.

In due course O'Grady had a reply from Hereford, thanking for his interest in his son's welfare & promising compliance with his wishes. It was also intimated that an old friend Colonel Bundergast would soon be in the area & would call

to thank O'Grady, personally.
Stavordale disappeared from
Linn and not a word was
heard from him with the result
that O'Grady began to fail in
health.

In due course Col Pendergast
arrived at Capperellen, was
well received by O'Grady and
spent most of his time riding
about with O'Grady, with
whom he was charmed. When
the time for departure came, he
did his utmost to convince the
father that Lord Dechester would
be delighted to have his daughter as
a wife for Stavordale. O'Grady
contended that on account of his
poor circumstances Lord Dechester

would not consent to such a marriage and thanked Pendergast for his kind words and help.

Finally Pendergast admitted that he was in reality, the Earl of Hchester and was completely captivated by the young lady. This caused great joy and in due course the marriage took place. The tree favored by this Ogrady is still known as the Hchester Oak and viewed by many each year.

This story is true and the present Hchester family & that of Marquis of Lansdowne are descended from this union. Full account appears in Le Jan's Book "Seventy Years of Irish Life"

P. P. - 29th Nov 11/5/44

Murroe Psh; Co. Limerick

Attached is the story of
the Achester Oak (see curiosities)
sent in advance of parish
report, as requested, for
publication in 'Irish Travel'.

R. O. B.

17/5/44

Faughnan

Expenses forms

Murphy

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+ Weekly Report forms
(sent?)

Brennan's

Weekly report?

I. R. A. Memorial Cross - Clunsel.

base of this beautiful cross, to north, is the following inscription:-

Greater love than this no man hath

That a man lay down his life for his friend

Erected by a grateful people to the memory of

Brigadier. Sean Wall

Adjutant Patrick Ryan

Lieut John Farrell

Soldiers of the Irish Republican Army

East Limerick and Mid Limerick Brigades

and the other noble dead who fell

In 1920 and 1921 fighting English Aggression

They sought not honour praise renown

They loved and died to the martyr's crown.

May the Lord have mercy on their souls.

To the south is a similar inscription in Irish.

E.

Mid Limerick Brigade

Irish Republican Army

James Horan Jim Hennessy

Patrick Casey Leon Ryan

Henry Blaney Thomas Keane

Michael Dorney Thomas Blake

Joseph O'Donoghue George Blaney

Richard Leonard Edmund Donnelly

Patrick Starr Michael O'Callaghan

W.

East Limerick Brigade

Irish Republican Army

P. Blaney J. Riordan D. Tobin

J. Howard J. Murphy M. Conway

P. Keenan W. Riordan M. Scurlan

W. Sully W. Slattery J. O'Hara

West Limerick Brigade.

S. Dixon P. Dalton J. Madigan P. O'Brien.

Glenstal Priory (Castle) ¹¹
may be had.

The pleasure grounds are most elaborate & here are grouped many rare and beautiful species of shrubs, trees and plants, gathered from every part of the globe, by the Baringtons. In the grounds are two lakes, one small one near house, which was made and a large one further south, about 10 acres in extent (see picture)

A school of arts & crafts is carried on at Glenstal by the Benedictine Fathers and a large number of pupils attend. The work is of an extremely high standard.

The Priory and grounds are at all times open to visitors free of charge and it is the particular delight of the Guest Master (Father Bernard) to show visitors about. It is well worth a visit. Glenstal is 10 miles from Limerick. No libraries or art collections. I got picture post-cards from Father Bernard & am endeavouring to have them copied as they are not copyright, and full permission to reproduce has been granted.

CHONSHAVOX, LISNAGRY. About 6 miles from Limerick off road to Dunree, is this picturesque old house. Property of Miss M. S. O. Barington, the only member of the Glenstal family in this country. It is by no means a mansion but is interesting from the point of view that it is the remains of a very old Elizabethan house, formerly in the hands of the CALEB POWELL family. (see picture) There are no art collections, library, etc, and house or grounds are not open to public. More than half the house was pulled down as it was unsafe and the present eastern wing is a reconstruction. Standing one mile east of Baringtons bridge & 500 yards north of road to Dunree.

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of
alluvial.

Clare Glens, near Newport.

Clare Glens is the most delightful spot it is possible to come across. It is a deep gorge, never more than 100 yards at widest point (top of banks) and in places not more than 20 yards wide at base. The Clare river which runs through it is a series of waterfalls and at each turn of the river you come upon newer & more charming scenes. The entire glen is traversed by a pretty walk, with seats, natural shelters and rustic bridges. The slopes are planted with flowering shrubs, trees of every species and here and there you find every known species of wild flower from anemones to field poppy. The perfumes of each are delightful but when they mingle it is just intoxicating. The river forms natural spots where trout disport themselves and provide bathing places for the countless numbers who go there each summer. A very easy cycle trip from Limerick.

About 10 miles from Limerick it is well worthy of a visit. From the hilltops nearly very lovely views of the countryside may be had, and on clear days Fynes may be distinctly seen, to south of Limerick, with its spires & smoking chimneys.

See pictures of Clare Glens.

J.L.

Crystal Priory.

At any time of year the grounds of above are beautiful but particularly so during Rhododendron is when the hills are a blaze of colour. There are many pretty walks through woods and neighbouring roads provide very pleasant cycle spins.

J.L.

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RE GLENSTAL PRIORY. PARISH OF MURROE

BARONY OF OWNEY BEG. COUNTY LIMERICK

Glenstal Priory, a Benedictine Monastery, about twelve miles from Limerick was formerly known as Glenstal Castle, and was built as a family seat in the course of the last century, by the founders of Barrington's Hospital, Limerick.

In accordance with the taste of the time, it was meant to look like a Norman stronghold, - adapted however to nineteenth century living conditions. The architect, whose name appears in big letters on the turret, even inscribed the date in such a way that it could be read as 1839 or ... 1139, an absolute anachronism, since no such castles were erected in Ireland before the coming of the Normans; the Peel towers date mostly from the fifteenth century. But inside the house, Sir Matthew Barrington set up remarkable replicas in stone of the Celtic Romanesque doorway in Killaloe, and of various ancient foreign sculpture work.

To make up the estate, the first baronet had bought amongst other lands, the small Capperullen estate, across a picturesque glen. Legend supposes this to have been haunted by a white horse, and history tells us that it sheltered a Mass rock in the Penal times. Behind Capperullen House, terraced gardens were laid out by an English revenue official who owned that place at the end of the seventeenth century. A hundred years later, an old oak tree along the avenue, afforded a trysting-place for the ancestors of Lord Ilchester and of Lord Lansdowne. Mr. W. R. Le Fanu has told its romantic story in his Reminiscences of Seventy Years of Irish Life. The late Sir Charles Barrington followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather to make the park of Glenstal famous for its trees and shrubs.

At an earlier period, all these grounds had been part of the property of the Cistercian Abbey of Owey (Abington), for three centuries and a half. Mr. T.J. Westropp advanced the hypothesis that a disciple of St. Patrick, Colman, founded a cell at Garranbane: the townland on which the Benedictine Priory has been founded in 1927.

In the hands of the Benedictines, the buildings and lands have undergone the changes necessary to meet the needs of the monks. The castle itself has been transformed into a modern school, run on traditional Benedictine lines. The monastery proper occupies an enclosure distinct from the castle. A school for artistic crafts has been set up, with its own buildings, workshops and showrooms. In the temporary chapel, the Divine Office is chanted daily. One should note the oak choir-stalls. Of the numerous paintings in the chapel, the Descent from the Cross is a fine specimen of the early Flemish school.

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

BARONY OF OWNEY BEA.

~~TOWN~~ VILLAGE MURROE PARISH MURROE COUNTY LIMERICK.

Location and brief description.

Population About 70.

Glunose which is a pretty, well kept village lies ten miles east of Limerick on road to Cappanose and Doon. To north & east are lovely hills, beautifully wooded and planted with Rhododendrons. On side of hill stands the magnificent & beautiful Priory, formerly castle and seat of the BARRINGTON family. During Rhododendron time, countless numbers come to view them.

Is there a Town Hall? NO. Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Two miles north east of Glunose on back road to Newfort is the delightful spot known as Clare Glens. Open to public at all times and in charge of a caretaker. A deep gorge, through which flows the Clare River. Beautifully planted & well kept.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station BOHER Distance 4 miles Bus? Kilkenny Bus thro' village.

Public lighting by—Electricity? — Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall — Proprietor —

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Muintir NA Pictures shown —
TIRE HALL. (nights) Occasionally.

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

Maintained by diocesan & Diocesan Society Comms.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of County Library about to be opened in local National School.

Private Lending Libraries Foyles 20 Library at George Lee's. Munsel.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C. Church MURROE Services (Sundays) 8.30 & 11.00.

" BOHER 10.00.

Old time all year round.

Church of Ireland 11 A.M.

ABBINGTON. official time.

In Chapel attached to Priory are two public houses, each Sunday at 8.30 & 10.30 official time.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office In village of Munsel.

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) all branches

BANKING

Banks

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

Photographic Stores

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Natural Swimming Pools? yes Location Clare Glens

Semi Public Baths? yes Location Glensdal Priory grounds.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs.....

Cultural Societies

MUINTIR NATURE, Murnoe.

Concerts, meetings and fireside chats take place occasionally in M. N. T. Hall.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Dairying is the chief industry and at ABBINGTON is an up to date creamery. Butter from this establishment has won very many prizes at Dublin & provincial shows.

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

In Glenstal Priory is a school of Arts and Crafts, conducted by Benedictine Fathers. Very beautiful work is turned out. Visitors are very welcome. Guest Master - Father Bernard.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

At Murnoe Cross roads is a most magnificent Memorial Cross, to members of Irish Republican Army who fell in war of independence during 1920 and 1921. Erected at a cost of £900. (See Pilgrimage) Most magnificently carved and ornamented see separate description. An exact replica was erected at Lourdes by members of 1st National Pilgrimage.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The R.C. Church in Murnoe is a massive building of brown sandstone with limestone surrounding windows and doors. Main door is copied from Clonkeens Oratory, within the parish. The finest country church within the Arch-diocese of Cashel & Emly. Church of Ireland at Abington is a picturesque building of brown sandstone & limestone mixed. Very nicely situated.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Secondary school for Boys at Benedictine Priory, (Glenstal Castle)
School of Arts & Crafts do. do.
National School for Boys, Murnoe. National School for Girls, Murnoe.
Mixed National Schools at EYON and KISHYQUICK.

HOSPITALS

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Petrol Station, Thomas Joyce, Boher, Galway
(on main link to TIPP road)

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Timothy Ryan, et al.*

In peak times there were many more

Motors (Touring)

Boats (State type)

Bicycles

Caravans

Horses

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Clare & Lanes* Landowner *County Councils of*
Link & Tipp.

Local Improvements Committee

Secretary

DATE *20/4/44.* (Signed) *A.J. Lynch*

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF OWNET BEG

TOWN OR VILLAGE MURROE PARISH MURROE 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~~ MULKEAR Nearest point to town (distance) 1 1/2 Miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon: B. Trout; G. fish; Some Sea trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 6 lbs (1944) Sea trout 8 oz approx Brown trout 8 oz (1944)

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon June to Oct. Sea trout Jan. to May Brown trout Dec. to July

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Jack Scott; Black Jay; Blue Jay; Silver Doctor, Orange Grouse and
Sea trout Silver Jay; Orange Grouse. MEPHISTO.

Brown trout Red Bull; Orange Grouse; Hares Ear.

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

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Shannon Fisheries, Thomond Weir, Limerick.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Limerick 6 to 10 miles according to sections fished.

Local Angling Club..... Membership Fee.....

Secretary (and Address).....

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BARONY OF OWNEY BEG.

TOWN OR VILLAGE MURROE PARISH MURROE COUNTY LIMERICK.

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR ~~LAKE~~ ANNAGH Nearest point to town (distance) 4 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Small Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 4 oz.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout Whenever water is high.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon /
Sea trout /
Brown trout Standard patterns according to time of year & weather.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Limerick City 10 miles
Newport 2 1/2 miles.

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary /

DATE 28/4/44.

(Signed) P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF OWNEY BEG

TOWN OR VILLAGE MURROE PARISH MURROE COUNTY LINCH

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE The Clare Nearest point to town (distance) 2 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Small B. Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 4 oz

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout April/May

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon /

Sea trout /

Brown trout Anything can be used.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Trout is not plentiful in this little stream but occasionally in the pools formed between the rocks, some trout is to be found. Generally, the water is very low between the pools. Awaited of mostly by picnic parties & sight-seers.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

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Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Limerick 11 miles
Newport 1 mile

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary /

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(Signed) P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF DWNEY BEG.

~~TOWN~~ VILLAGE MURROE PARISH MURROE COUNTY LIMERICK

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR ~~LAKE~~ NEWPORT Nearest point to town (distance) 2 miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Small Brown trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 4 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout Whenever there is a good flow of water.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon /
Sea trout /
Brown trout Standard patterns according to season & weather.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Limerick City 10 miles.
Cappamore 4 miles.
Newport 2 miles.

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary /

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Surveyor.

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year.....

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Newest Foxhounds *Seventeen Black & Tans*.....

Harriers.....

Beagles.....

COURSING

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

Newest

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company *Limerick City 10 miles*.....

Races on (nights) *Friday & Saturday at 8.15.*.....

SHOOTING

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

The entire district of Murroe is a splendid shooting area. Pheasants are very plentiful, grouse fairly plentiful and Woodcock & Partridge are very often found. Snipe plentiful in lowlands. Curlew & Golden Plover in abundance on hill sides.

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

At the moment it is not known to whom shooting rights belong. About 20 yrs ago when Sir Charles Barington sold out & left the district he retained shooting rights over all his former property. Sir Charles died some months ago & it has not yet been legally decided if shooting rights pass to his son. Meanwhile every farmer & land owner claims to have his own section preserved.

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.* } *Playing ^{field} beside village on lands*
 Hurling *yes.* } *of Mr Thomas Moore.*
 Handball *NO* Handball alley? *—*
 Soccer *—*
 Rugby *Team attached to Glencolmick Priory*
 Cricket *Private pitch in Priory grounds.*
 Hockey *Private pitch in Priory grounds*
 Bowls *—*
 Bowling (on public roads) *—*
 Lawn Tennis *Private grounds at Priory* Kinds of courts *Green & hard.*
 Croquet *Private lawn in Priory grounds.*
 Billiards *Private Billiard Room in Glencolmick Priory.*
 Badminton *—*
 Table Tennis *In Glencolmick Priory.*
 Bridge Club *—*
 Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *yes. At several places within the parish of Glencolmick, cross roads dancing takes place. There is no dance hall in the parish.*

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.

..... Promoters.....

DATE *28/4/44.* (Signed) *P. J. Lynch*
 Surveyor.

ABBEY.

ANTIQUITIES.

ABBEY DWNEY OR ABBINGTON. (Westropp's b & c. of Bodminet
304 ABBINGTON (14) Page 436.)

Two miles west of Elunee on road to Boker, stood this very historic Abbey. It was a Cistercian House and was granted to Thomas Fitzwalter by Henry II (1205) in atonement for murder of Thomas a Beckett, uncle of Fitzwalter. The Abbot of Abbington was entitled to sit as a peer in Parliament. Fitzwalter is believed to have been buried here. The last Abbot was O'ellubrian. At the suppression of the Monasteries, it was granted to Peter Walsh but the ruling chiefs the O'ellubrians kept him out of possession. His daughter ~~Alice~~ had the Abbey pulled down and the stones were used to build Abbington House nearby and also the bridge across the Elunee on right bank of which, stood the Abbey. The bridge was built by Alice or Ellice, widow of Sir Edmund Walsh, and on its north parapet was a slab asking all passers by, to pray for the repose of her soul. It is now mainly indiscipherable. There is absolutely no trace of Abbey now but there still stands a section of Walsh's house with remnants of a chapel and remains of a splendid & elaborate altar, richly carved & ornamented & bearing much writing, now badly worn, and evidently in receipt of a great deal of abuse. Gate have free access & place is in a filthy state. In receipt of no care & something at least should be done to preserve the remains of altar as it is very unusual. Adjoining the old burial ground of Abbington.

CASTLES.

CAPPERCULLEN.

In the present gardens attached to Glendal Priory stood Capperullen Castle, an irregular seat. No trace now. Stones are believed to have been used to build present bridge over lake in grounds. See story about Ilchester Oak.

ANTIQU'S

BRITTAS CASTLE. (Westropp's b & b. of Co. Limerick
73 Brittas Castle (14) Page 96.)

Situated on left bank of Mulcaire, beside Eyon Bridge & on lands of EGAN. It was the chief strong hold of the BURKES of Blamwilliam who had 56 castles in the Barony, and who were Barons of Brittas. About 1410 castle was held by Walter deff Burke. He had one son, who in turn had two sons, Richard & David. Richard's son Sir John offered to surrender the castle at approach of Carew in 1600. A few years later he was imprisoned for refusing to take oath of supremacy & on his release again took possession of the castle. After a gallant defence of the castle he was compelled to flee to Waterford. At Waterford he was captured, tried for high treason (as it had been reported he was harboring Priests at Brittas) and was hanged in Limerick in 1607. His cause was considered by Rome but so far nothing has come of it. His kinsman was granted Brittas (Theobald, Lord Castleconnell) and created Baron B. His family were later dispossessed & property given to Sir Charles Coote. In 1691 the Lord Brittas of the time fled the country & sought asylum in France where he served in the Irish Brigade. His son who succeeded him was a general in army of France & his other son Thomas became a general in Sardinia. The castle is much ruined & entirely covered in ivy, which prevents any of its features being described. It is a rambling building with very thick walls. There were turrets to S.W. & N.W. each about 40 feet high (as per Westropp)

HISTORIC SITES

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

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

LISAVOORA. Beside village of Murnoe is Lisavoora where Daniel O'Connell held a great meeting about 1845. It was his last in the district. On the previous night he stayed at FARNANE HOUSE with the Parish Priest - Father Costelloe. Farnane house still stands & is occupied by a Mr O'Brien.

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.

The Lords Bloncurry were land-lords of the entire district. One of these lords was an United Irishman and was an associate of Lord Edward Fitzgerald. The Bloncurry house stood near Abbey of Abington but there is no trace of it now. This famous Lord Bloncurry lived for a time at FRASCATTI Blackrock, beside ^{his} friend Lord Edward. The son & grand-son of this patriotic Bloncurry were the direct opposite and took great delight in evicting all their tenants. In the district the name is still hated ^{although} the title is long since extinct.

His Grace, the Arch-Bishop of Cashel (or Hartly) was born in parish of Murnoe at KNOCKNAGORTEENY. The farm is now owned by his nephew, also a Hartly.

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.

Slightly to west of village on Hayes' land was an Iron Well. Many years ago it was closed up & is not frequented now. The district is still known as "Spa".

see picture.

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.

THE ILCHESTER OAK, Glanstal Priory. About 200 yards from main gate leading to Priory & slightly west of avenue, stands the Ilchester Oak. Before the Baringtons came to Chuse, the property now attaching to Glanstal Priory was owned by a branch of the O'Grady family - poor but noble. O'Grady had an only child, an extremely beautiful girl. (Property was then known as CAPPERCULLEN and house stood in present gardens) Her pastime was swinging from the boughs of an old oak tree near house. At a ball in Limerick she met Lord STAVORDALE, who was then stationed there with his Regiment. He was at once attracted & Miss O'Grady returned the friendship. Daily Stavordale rode to Capperullen to see her & they spent long hours together. O'Grady, fearing that nothing good could come of this friendship wrote secretly to Stavordale's father, the Earl of Ilchester, explaining the position & asking that Stavordale be removed from Limerick. This was done & in due course Ilchester wrote O'Grady, thanking him for his pains and stating that a friend, a Col. Pendergast would be soon in the district and would call on O'Grady ^{CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.} more fully. Some time later ^{Being account of old customs, traditional cures, etc. still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.} Pendergast arrived and O'Grady who was pining for Stavordale as she never heard a word from him since his sudden departure from Limerick. At the end of a long stay Col Pendergast endeavoured to assure O'Grady that Lord Ilchester would be pleased to have his daughter for a daughter-in-law but O'Grady felt otherwise & would not agree to a marriage. Finally Col Pendergast made known that he was really Lord Ilchester & was wholly charmed by Miss O'Grady. This caused great joy & she soon married Stavordale. The above tree is ever since called the Ilchester Oak. This story is true and present Ilchester family and also Margins of Lansdowne family are descended from the above marriage. Full account is given in Le Fame's book. "Seventy Years of Irish Life"

Holy Wells, etc

At Ballyvreen, on Hart's land is "a holy well" no cures attaching to it & no saint's name mentioned.

(Signed) P. J. O'Connell

Surveyor.

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