

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Pubblebrien

TOWN OR VILLAGE Patricismell

PARISH Patricismell

COUNTY Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

From Carrigogonell Rock a very fine view of the surrounding countryside, may be had. To the E. is a great plain & to W. & N are the basins of the Maigue and Shannon rivers. Across the Shannon are the Clare hills, delightfully coloured with gorse & heather during summer season.

GEOLOGY

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

Handwritten notes: The fireplace in all the parlours are very beautiful and most worthy of mention. I splendid marble, all carved. The doors throughout are beautifully carved. all of oak from the estate. Our house is unusual feature of the vaulted, stone cellars, divided N & S by a long vaulted corridor. The Mansells are at the siege of Limerick.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

TERVOE HOUSE. A magnificent mansion overlooking the Shannon. Built by the Mansell family in 1782. (See pictures) Georgian architecture. Owned by Commander Edmund de la Poer Mansell, R.N., a nephew of the 2nd & last Lord Emly. (Sister's son; assumed the name of Mansell, when he inherited the estate). An immense hall door is approached through a portico with four massive limestone pillars. This opens into a lofty hall of large proportions, hung with old family pictures and heirlooms. To the left is a beautiful stairs with good carving. In the northern corner of the house is a chapel having windows of very fine old glass, in which Cardinal Newman prayed during

Situated in burial ground of Kilkeady beside Protestant Church. Also near R.C. Church at Ballybrown. Not in receipt of any care.

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.

KILKEADY CHURCH. A very old parish dedicated to SS Simon & Jude. There presently remains the north wing of a building which is probably of the 12th or 13th century, but which is believed to have replaced a very much earlier foundation. The N. wing is about 30 x 18 ft and has door in W. wall 5 ft high, pointed. Arched with cut stone outside & with flat slabs of stones of irregular size inside. Herein are tombs of the Elmsell & Elmsy families. Portion of the north side & about half east gable remain, beside the ruined 18th century church. There are Romanesque heads in W. gable of latter church, one on either side of belfry. These were inset & apparently removed from the 12th century ruin, and perhaps in their turn were removed from the still earlier foundation. Kilkeady was under Elmsget and it is believed St Nersan's mother was buried there (at Kilkeady) as a punishment for doubting & belittling Nersan's ability she was banished from Elmsget and ^{condemned} to be buried out of reach of the sound of Nersan's church bell. In receipt of no care. Fairly well preserved.

CHURCHFIELD (OR NEWTOWN) CHURCH. On the land of Mr J. O'Brien Pinegrove, close by the bank of the Shannon. Ruin known as St Margaret's Church. About 55 x 20 ft. In E. gable there is a delightful window with beautifully carved spandrels, round headed & widely splayed. East gable is intact & about 30 ft high. Side walls were about 12 feet high & over 3' thick. There were two windows in N. side, now broken, and a door and window in S. side also broken. Overgrown with ivy & in a very bad state of repair. In receipt of no care. All the windows were widely splayed. The east gable window had two lights. The centre column of stone still standing.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *None*

Private Lending Libraries

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R. C. Church *Ballybrown* Services (Sundays) *8.30 & 11 A.M.*

all time all year round.

C Church of Ireland.

KILKEADY, (Ballybrown)

12 noon. official time

Clarina.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Clarina village - all business*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All branches. Phone etc.*

BANKING

Banks *None*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

Photographic Stores

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Location

Public Baths? Location

ANNA MARIA MONSELL MEMORIAL.

Inscription:-

ON THE SEVENTH OF JANUARY
IN EACH YEAR AT THE FOOT OF
THIS CROSS AN ALMS WILL BE
GIVEN TO TWENTY POOR WIDOWS

IN MEMORY OF
ANNA MARIA MONSELL
JANUARY 7th 1855.

Up to the present time this custom is still carried out on the 7th of January in each year. The funds coming from a trust created at time of Lady Emily's death. Prior to her marriage she was the Lady Anna Maria Weymouth Bury, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Devonport. She died on 7th January 1855, leaving no issue.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

At TERVOE cross roads is the "Anna Maria O'Sullivan" memorial cross. A tall column of limestone with a small crucifix at top. Erected in memory of Lady Emily, wife of 1st Lord Emily & daughter of 3rd Earl of Devonport. See picture, also separate description attached hereto.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

Kilkeady Protestant church is a pretty 19th century (1870) building of cut limestone, with a square belfry, without bell. 2nd bell is still in the pretty 18th century ruined church close by.

The R.C. church at Ballybrann is a substantial building. The west end is faced with limestone, well cut. Of very ordinary design. The schools at Tervoel are of well cut limestone of pleasing design.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School for girls at TERVOE.

" " " Boys " " This latter was formerly a model agricultural school, founded by the 1st Lord Emily who lived nearly at Tervoel House, and took a great interest in local affairs and did his best as an M.P. to improve the lot of the farmers generally.

HOSPITALS

None nearer than Limerick city.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Patrickswell PARISH Patrickswell COUNTY Limerick

Ballybrown

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 Maigue Nearest point to town (distance) Boundary of Parish
three miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon and Peat & Gudge

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 8 lbs. Sea trout / Peat. } average size. at
Brown trout } times catches weighing
up to 10 lbs have been
made.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon All season Sea trout / Peat. } Gudge
Brown trout } June/July.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon } nets used.
Sea trout }
Peat
Brown trout

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The stretch of R. Maigue bordering parish is not
frequented by Anglers. The water is tidal & during
low tide water is too low to be fished from banks.
Local boat fishermen fish the lower stretch with nets,
under license from the Board of Conservators etc.
which controls type of net used etc.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Adare, Co. Limerick
Limerick City.

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 :

[Crossed out section]

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

[Crossed out section]

Bait available locally? Fishing tackle?

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

GOLFING

Name of Club *Newcastle clubs at Adare* No. of holes *9 & 18 resp.*

Ballyclough. Both in adjoining parishes
Situation and brief description of course :

Adare is one of the prettiest courses in Ireland, in the demesne of Adare Manor. Ballyclough (18 holes) is in adjoining parish of Mullinquet.

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course? Licensed?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day Per week

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

RACING

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

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

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

} Nearest race course at
Limerick

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds County Limerick Hunt

Harriers Limerick Harriers - every Thursday

Beagles /

COURSING

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

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company Nearest at Limerick

Races on (nights) Friday/Saturday 8-15 P.M.

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 ^{free} throughout parish.
In the demesne of TERVOE ~~is~~ ^{many} pleasant are
to be found. This latter is preserved by Commander Mordell
Along the sloe lands by banks of Shannon Wild
game & duck are plentiful during season - free.

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

TERVOE - Commander Mordell, R.N. TERVOE, CO KILMERICK

CLARINA DEMESNE - Mr P. King, Clarina Castle

during normal times the Ballybrown Gun Club shoot
over this entire area. Club presently not functioning owing to war
Shooting Club Ballybrown Gun Club Secy none presently conditions

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.....
- Hurling.....
- Handball..... Handball alley?.....
- Soccer.....
- Rugby.....
- Cricket.....
- Hockey.....
- Bowls.....
- Bowling (on public roads).....
- Lawn Tennis..... Kinds of courts.....
- Croquet.....
- Billiards.....
- Badminton.....
- Table Tennis.....
- Bridge Club.....
- Other games or recreations (inc. " Cross Roads " dancing).....

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club..... Events held under rules of.....
do.

ANNUAL EVENTS

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

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DATE..... 8/6/43.

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

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

BARONY OF

Pubblebrien

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Patrickswell

PARISH

Patrickswell

COUNTY

Limerick

Location and brief description.

Ballybrann
Population

140 approx.

Patrickswell, a small village of one street lies about 5 miles west of Limerick on the main Cork and Kerry road, which divides here, to serve the two areas. Gets its name from the well of St Patrick, now the village pump on west side of street. Surrounding country is of rich limestone quality, well tended by proprietors and very nicely wooded.

Is there a Town Hall?

No

Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Neither water nor sewerage systems are provided. None save private household arrangements.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Patrickswell

Distance

 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile

Bus?

Excellent daily services by G.S.R.

Public lighting by—Electricity?

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Gas?

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DANCING

Dance hall

Village Hall

Proprietor

Thos Reidy

(Dancing every Sunday & Thursday nights)

8 to 10.30 P.M.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

None

Pictures shown

(nights)

Theatre

Village Hall

Kind of shows

Concerts, etc.

often used for functions.

(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... None

Private Lending Libraries..... None

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R. G. Church *KURRIGA (near Patrickswell)* Services (Sundays) *9. A.M.*

Old time observed all year round

Church of Ireland community are served by Kilpearson Church. In parish of Dedmore, which see.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *In village street. all business*

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

BANKING

Banks..... None

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers..... None

Photographic Stores..... None

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... Location.....

Public Baths?..... Location.....

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Patrickswell PARISH Patrickswell COUNTY Limerick

ANGLING (Fresh water) Ballybrown

RIVER OR LAKE Shannon Nearest point to town (distance) Boundary of Parish 4 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Peal

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Peal 5 lbs
Brown trout average size

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / June/July
Peal
Brown trout

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon }
Sea trout } net fishing only
Brown trout }

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The stretch of R. Shannon forming boundary of parish is not frequented by Anglers. It is fished with nets by local fishermen, for peal, under license from the Board of Conservators etc which controls the type of net to be used.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Adare, Co. Limerick
Limerick City

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /
Secretary /

DATE 8/6/43

(Signed) V. J. Doyle
Surveyor.

BARONY *Pubblebrien*

COUNTY *Limerick*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Patrickswell & Clarina*

<u>HOTELS</u>	No. Guest Bedrooms	No. of Baths	No. of Lavs.	No. Public Rooms	Licensed	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>None</i>						
<u>Guest or Boarding Houses</u>						
<i>None</i>						

Date *8/6/43*

(Print name of person in charge of premises if necessary)

Signed *P. J. Lynch*

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs.....

None

Cultural Societies.....

None

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries.....

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

A quaint 18th century portrait in stone of St. Patrick is set into wall beside village pump, formerly the well of the St. Erected by James de Namara & ³ Breay. See picture.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The R. C. Church at Lurraga is a commodious building, erected in 1830's. Very ordinary design and architecture.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Ellised National Schools at LURRIGA.

HOSPITALS

None. (Nearest Hospitals at Limerick & Broom)

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets..... None

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

John Mc Dermot, Main St, Patrickswell

petrol & general repairs.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis John Mc Dermot, Main St, Patrickswell.
5 door bar. 6 seats.

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses Horses may be had from Mr Punch, Killmacan
which is in adjoining parish of Ellingford/Carora.
Also from Mrs Blennardstone, Rockfield, in parish
of Dedamore. The latter also has caravans for
hire.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... Landowner.....
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Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary.....

DATE 8/1/43.

(Signed) A. J. Lynch.
Surveyor.

Please type
Antiquities in
the order in which
they are numbered—

1, 2, 3 etc

Put no 1. first
on card.

D. J. O. A.

TERVOE HOUSE.

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a visit to TERVOE, sponsoring the Oxford Movement. At this time, Lord Emily, Lord Sumner & Sir Aubrey de Vere, all of this district joined the Catholic faith. Up to a short time ago, ^{the} Cardinal's letters were in the Library at Tervoe. ^{Near} Next the chapel is a splendid apartment formerly a saloon, & now used for Badminton. The next room is the dining room of very large & lofty proportions, furnished with massive, carved oak furniture & hung with old family portraits. The chairs in this room were made from timber from the estate, early in the last century. From the dining room, a door leads to drawing room excellently furnished in old style & again hung with old family paintings. From this the former picture gallery is entered, now bereft of all its "valuables" and treasures. There remains the frame of an old harp and some good old pictures. The chapel, saloon, dining, drawing rooms and picture gallery are in north front. To south of gallery is a small sitting room to which a splendid folding door leads from gallery. At each side of this door are exquisitely painted (hand) panels, considered of much value. Between this sitting room and the hall is a splendidly furnished and fitted library, containing thousands of volumes, amongst which were once very valuable & rare works. A very ancient shrine is on loan to Public Museum. Tervoe is set in an estate of magnificent timber, fully matured and is very beautiful. The house is not open to visitors. Attached are beautiful pleasure grounds and

gardens. There is no objection to visitors viewing woods and pleasure grounds but at the moment the gardens must remain closed to public. Tervoel is only a short distance from village of Munnepet and three miles from Limerick.

ATTYFLYNN HOUSE. One mile south of the village of Patrickswell (see picture) owned by Mrs A. White, formerly a member of the Harry Westropp family, and niece of the celebrated Thomas Johnson Westropp, who made a study of the ancient churches & castles of Co. Limerick and compiled very valuable information concerning them. An ancestor assisted in taking Napoleon to island of St Helena. The house is set in a delightfully kept estate, well wooded, and is exquisitely furnished in early 19th century style. Amongst the furnishings are some splendid old pieces. There is an elaborately and exquisitely carved ^{dower} chest bearing date 1618 and of Italian or Spanish workmanship. There is a splendidly carved 6 ft high oak clock bearing date 1658 and a delightfully carved Court Dresser from 1700. There is also a very fine collection of rare china, glass and cloisonne work. The ceiling & pieces of large drawing room are hand painted in delightful colourings of blue, white & gold. The fireplaces are of beautiful design and workmanship & are from the designs of Adams Brothers. The present house replaces a much earlier structure, and is of ^{early} 19th century period.

Atterfly House.

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There are some old family portraits and quilooms hung throughout the house, and a few very charming pieces of tapestry. House, pleasure grounds or gardens are not open to the public.

~~CLARINA CASTLE (OR ELM PARK HOUSE) Formerly the seat of the Lords Clarina (Clary family) was a most imposing building, erected in 1836 on the site of an old castle. It now occupies consists of about 1/8 of its former size; having been accidentally destroyed by fire in 1936. Occupied by Mr P. King. Beautiful woodlands which once surrounded it have been cut away and the sight now presented is anything but charming.~~

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This castle is first mentioned in the year 1339, but the greater

CARRIGAGONNELL CASTLE.

~~Part of the existing remains are not earlier than the 15th cent.~~
early 13th century. The castle was a stronghold of King Donald O'Brien & was occupied for the greater part of the ^{its history} 14th century by the O'Brian clan. About 1536 it was besieged by the Deputy, Lord Grey to whom it was surrendered. During this time Parliament was sitting in Limerick. The castle was blown up a few years after the siege of Limerick.

The ruins stand on a rocky (lignaceous) hillock about 50 ft high. All buildings were of limestone. The tower or keep was to the N.W. and would appear to have been octagonal, of 5 ^{storeys} and about 50 ft high. There was a fine stone (spiral) stairs but the lower section ^{has} now collapsed. Beside this keep are remains of another & perhaps newer building with a very fine cut stone fireplace and ~~cross~~ ^{rectangular mullioned} window still intact. This was 3 stories high. Fortified apartments ran from the keep to south angle. In the S.E. wall there was a gateway (perhaps the only one) approached by a rocky slope. From all other sides the castle was practically unapproachable. There was a semi circular bastion or barbican ^{in South angle.} The outer defences were about 20 ft high & over 5 ft thick. The S.E. wall had many look holes for defence purposes.

CLONANNA. This was an ancient parish, situated in Clonanna burial ground, 3 miles W. of Patrickswell. Portion of E. gable to a height of ten feet remains. In this was a narrow light, now broken. Portions of N. & W. angles also stand and would appear to have had entablatures or perhaps buttresses. The walls were over 3 ft thick. Church would have been about 50 x 24 ft. Bad repair. No coal.

BALLYANRANAN (OR KILCORAN) Slightly to west of village of Patrickswell is an old burial place wherein unbaptized babies were buried & this is believed to have been the site of an old church. There is now no trace of it. Members of the Rose family who formerly lived at Ballyanrannan were also buried here.

KILLEEN. On the Newtown road where TERVOE and Newtown meet & beside the well of St James is an old burial place, long since disused, known as Killeen and this was also believed to have been the site of an early church. Of which there is now no trace.

Castles

Castles

III

BARRIGACONNELL CASTLE.

20 north of keep was a much later rectangular building with square windows. In the keep there were many ~~lovely~~ pointed doors of well cut limestone. The ~~entire stone fireplace~~ already mentioned would appear to have replaced an earlier arched fireplace as the arch or keystone is still intact above it. The windows through out the greater portion of out buildings were square & of well cut limestone. The site would occupy slightly more than an acre. ~~except for a~~

FANNINGSTOWN CASTLE. This castle which is situated on the north side of Broom village got its name from Edmund Fanning. The Fanning family was settled in Limerick from end of 14th century and members figured prominently in the official life of Limerick city, supplying mayors & other officials. There is little ^{history of it} history of it to be had. The old castle was embodied in the present late 18th century building which was used as a residence by Sir David Roche and later by the Bannatyne (Stillers) family. In the south angle of courtyard are the remains of ^{a columbarium} what would appear to have been a round tower. ^{It is in} In good state of preservation. Was repaired some years ago by the local Archaeological Society (so I am told) and entrance was closed up at that time. Castle is presently occupied by Mr. M. Cleary. (See pictures.) The land has been divided by J. S. C. and all woods cut away.

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