

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Glenquin

TOWN OR VILLAGE None PARISH Templeglantine COUNTY Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

a splendid view can be got ^{topographical features} from the easily ascended "Barnagh Hill" (908 ft). It shows a complete panorama of the entire Limerick plain, with towns, villages, ancient castles, and dotted homesteads, rimmed in on the distant horizon by the Tipperary & Blare mountains between which streak the winding Shannon. A finer view can be got from the 1024 ft "Knockawalig" Peak which shows the south side of the county with bleak treeless hills on all sides, the dim outlines of Mt Brandon, Mangerton, & the Peels, and the nearby Peale river and its tributaries winding through the fertile vale of Tralee. To the right of the picture the lordly Shannon mingles with the sea, and its portals of Loop Head & Kerry Head seem to wave it farewell.

GEOLOGY

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

The unusual feature of the Templeglantine Parish is its sudden uplift from the Limerick limestone plains. The sandstone hills which start at Barnagh dominate most of the southern Limerick and Kerry, and justify the geologists' theory that limestone will dissolve and flatten out, while sandstone and granite will hold their formations - hence the limestone plains and the sandstone hills of Limerick. There are no other unusual features. The land in above Parish is cold, and more suitable for dairying and meadowing than for tillage. Unlike the limestone plain it is a fruitless Parish.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

None.

ANTIQUITIES

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

"Templeglantine Ancient Church and Cemetery"

The foundations alone remain of above very ancient church. Blackthorns and briars cover the relics which measured 70^{ft} x 21^{ft}. I was informed that the stones from the ancient church were carted away and sold as material for the road between Tournafulla and Devon Road - which passes by this graveyard.

The Cemetery is in fair condition with some good tombstones - particularly the Celtic one over the grave of the Cork Republican Liam Scully, killed in the attack on Kilmallock R. I. C. barracks on 8/5/20.

"Carrig an Caspuig Mass Rock"

In a secluded spot in the midst of the Templeglantine hills bordering on Athea parish, there is a rock called "Carrig an Caspuig" where tradition says Bishop Lacy used to say Mass while hiding from his enemies, and used to spend the day by a nearby running brook, this was during 1744-5 when priest Lanting was in full swing.

He got food from his father's house which was a few miles to the west.

Please note this latter is an extract from Canon Begley's "Diocese of Limerick" Page 220.

No other Antiquities exist in Templeglantine Parish.

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH *Templegrantine*

BARONY *Glenquin*

COUNTY *Limerick*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Rural*

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>None.</i>						<p><i>There is no Accommodation in Templegrantine Parish cakes or biscuits can be got at Post Office Templegrantine - not the side of Parish - or in any of the three small shops at Devon Road - south side of Parish, Cigarettes, and Groceries, can also be obtained here - No Teas, or Beds, or dinner.</i></p>	<i>None.</i>
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u> <i>None.</i>							

DATE *July 14th 1944*

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) *Ralph Lucas*
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SPORTS AND GAMES

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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 "Allaghquin" & "Oolalgh" Rivers Nearest point to town (distance) Flow through Parish

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Trout, sea Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 9 lbs Sea trout 1 lb Brown trout 1/4 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon March, April, May Sea trout June, July Brown trout May to August

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon "Thunder & Lightning", "Wickinson", "Jack Scott", "Black Goldfinch"
Sea trout "Silver Rail", "Silver Doctor", "Orange Grouse"
Brown trout "Red Spinner", "Hares Ear", "Brown Rail", "Wickloms Fancy"

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

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Fishing on above rivers is 'Entirely Free'

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None required

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Abbeyfeale, or Newcastlewest - 4 & 9 miles distant

Local Angling Club No Angling Club Membership Fee —

Secretary (and Address) —

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

None.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

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

Bait available locally? Fishing tackle?

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

GOLFING

Name of Club *None.* No. of holes *None.*

Situation and brief description of course :

None.

Name of Professional *None.*

Is there a clubhouse on course? *None.* Licensed?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day Per week

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year *None.*

Under which rules? *None.*

Situation of course *None.*

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds *None.*

Harriers *None.*

Beagles *None.*

COURSING

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

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company *None.*

Races on (nights) *None.*

SHOOTING

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

There is rough "free" shooting of Grouse, woodcock, snipe and Plover. The above game are very scarce and scattered, and would not repay the energy wasted in trying to beat them up

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

None.

Shooting Club *None* Secy. *—*

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

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

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 *Templeglantine Club - no regular sports ground.*
Hurling *Templeglantine Club " " " "*
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) *- only in Dance Halls.*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *None.* Events held under rules of *None.*
do. *None.*

ANNUAL EVENTS

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

None Promoters *None*

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

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Location and brief description.

Population 1114 PARISH

Located nine miles due south from Newcastle, and four miles from Abbeyfeale - on main Limerick Kilkenny Road. If "truly rural" is a test for sobriety no opportunity presents itself for such a test in above unique pussyfoot Parish. It is a Dairy country with a very hilly background, its unsheltered bleakness extends throughout. Arlea Parish bounds it to the west. Journafulla East, Monagea North, and Abbeyfeale South.

Is there a Town Hall? NO Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

NONE.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

*water supply - Private Pumps, and Public Spring wells.
Sewerage - Back Yards and open Countryside.*

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Devon Road Distance SOUTH OF PARISH Bus? Yes.

Public lighting by—Electricity? NONE. Gas? NONE.

DANCING

Dance hall Yes? Devon Road. Proprietor Messrs Moloney's Hall, holds 1400.
Mrs Mulcahy's " " 250
The latter is now closed down.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas NONE. Pictures shown —
(nights)

Theatre NONE Kind of shows —
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... *NONE - The Limerick County Council
Supplies Books to National Schools.*

Private Lending Libraries..... *NONE.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Templeglantine R.C.* Services (Sundays) *9.30 & 11.30 A.M.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Post Office near N.S. & Church on Main Newcastle, ^{Road.} Abbeyfeale*

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

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..... *—*

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *NONE.*
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Cultural Societies..... *NONE.*
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INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *A large Co-operative Creamery at Devon Road.*
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Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

NONE.
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PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

NONE
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IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R. C. Church - a dark looking cut stone church, Gothic, contains nave only, with tiled floor, seating accommodation extends half way down, Gallery covers the other half. Church is very neat, with Presbtery attached
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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

"Templeglantine" National School - very good, modern Five Teacher, above is the only school in Tarish, and necessitates long walks for some of the children, over a very rough, hilly, country.
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HOSPITALS

Nearest town - 20 Miles.
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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..... *NONE.*

Motors (Touring)..... *NONE.*

Boats (State type)..... *NONE.*

Bicycles..... *NONE.*

Caravans..... *NONE.*

Horses..... *NONE.*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... *All over the Parish* Landowner..... *None*
"Free"

*Plenty of Free
Camping on the
open spaces.*

Local Improvements Committee..... *NONE.*

Secretary..... *NONE.*

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HISTORIC SITES

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

None.

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.

None.

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.

I could find no "Curiosities" to provide sadness or mirth in above Parish.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

None.

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