

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF Glenquin.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE Mountcollins..... PARISH Tournafulla..... COUNTY Limerick.....

TOPOGRAPHY

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

From the Peaks of "Portaghard" (1,088 feet) and Knockawarriga" (1,004 feet) very fine views can be got of the immense expanse of mountain which constitute the above, and surrounding parishes in Cork, Kerry, and Limerick. The various peaks rise like huge ^{waves} ~~waves~~ in a tempestuous sea, while the small hamlets of Tournafulla, Mountcollins, Brosna, Rockchapel, and others, look like ships in distress. The Mountcollins Tournafulla public road touches the above peaks and makes access easy. There are higher peaks in this group of hills with greater climbing difficulties & inferior views. Mountains, mountains, and nothing but mountains! is the only attraction, or topographical feature in above parish.

GEOLOGY

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

There are no unusual geological features. The Sandstone formation of the mountains show no caves or Eskers. The soil is of a moisture retaining nature and more suitable for dairying than tillage. The bleak treeless appearance of the countryside would suggest an impossibility in fruit and forest cultivation, though it is said locally that dense forests once covered the entire mountains, and provided a happy hunting ground for the landed gentry and lords of the "plains." Peat is plentiful, surface stone is absent. Sod fences with some furze and whitethorn hedgerows divide the farms and plots. An occasional apple orchard seems to thrive fairly well.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

There is not a mansion or Estate in the Parish. The farms, though fairly large in acreage, are poor in quality and entail a neverending struggle to prevent the land from going back to its original wild state.

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.

There is nothing coming under the heading of "Antiquities" to be recorded for above parish except the placenames where "bakers" must once have been. I searched and enquired in vain for anything answering the description in the townlands of "Caher", "Caher Hill", "Caherlewoy" and "Caherbeg".

There is not even an "Early Church" in the ~~in~~ the parish, as Mountcollins, and its neat cemetery, has a fairly modern church, while the Saints and Sinners of Tournafulla are all interred in Templeglantine - outside the parish boundaries.

PLEASE NOTE

Since writing the above I have discovered through "Canon Begley's History of Limerick Diocese" that an old church once existed on the banks of the "Allaghaur" river, near Tournafulla village. The ruins have now disappeared, but a crude monument in the disused cemetery marks the resting place of Fr Shanahan - a former P.P. of Tournafulla who died 1859.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Journafulla & Mountcollins PARISH Journafulla 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 "Feale & Allaghtan" Nearest point to town (distance) Mountcollins 100 Yards.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Brown Trout, Sea trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 9 lbs Sea trout 1 lb Brown trout 1/2 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

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

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon "Thunder & Lightning", "Wilkinson", "Jack Scott", "Black Goldfinch", "Hare's Ear", "Lemon Gey."

Sea trout "Silver rail", "Silver Doctor", "Jungle Cock", "Olive Quill", "Purple Rail"

Brown trout "March Brown", "Red Spinner", "Hare's ear", "Wickham's Fancy", "Feale" bad for Brown Trout

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

"Free except on preserved stretches below abbeysfeale."

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

"Entirely Free" in Journafulla & Mountcollins Parish.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None available - none required

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Abbeysfeale, and Brossa.

Local Angling Club "Feale District Angler's Association" Membership Fee None at present

Secretary (and Address) Mr. Hanley N.T.

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year *The first meeting will be held in Mountcollins*
Under which rules? *Not yet decided* { *this year on 30th of August*
Situation of course *Not definitely decided - but contemplated near village*
contemplated, under Munster Racing Association Rules" Secretary T. G. Quirk,
Mountcollins.

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 some rough shooting of snipe, Curlew, & Plover,
with an odd woodcock, and scattered Grouse, wild Geese,
and Duck, occasionally frequent the mountain swamps.
The above Tarish is not a fowler's paradise.*

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

..... *None*
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Shooting Club *None* Secy. *None*

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

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

ROWING AND SAILING

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

..... *None*
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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:*
 Hurling..... ~~None~~ *Yes*
 Handball..... *None*..... Handball alley?..... *None*
 Soccer..... *None*
 Rugby..... *None*
 Cricket..... *None*
 Hockey..... *None*
 Bowls..... *None*
 Bowling (on public roads)..... *None*
 Lawn Tennis..... *None*..... Kinds of courts..... *None*
 Croquet..... *None*
 Billiards..... *None*
 Badminton..... *None*
 Table Tennis..... *None*
 Bridge Club..... *None*
 Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)..... *None - only in Dance Halls.*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club..... *None this year.* Events held under rules of..... *None*
 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.

It is proposed to hold a Race meeting Promoters..... *F. Moran Esq*
in Mountcollin's on 30th August this year...... *Breanery Manager*
This will be the first meeting of the..... *Mountcollin's*
Kind held in the Townapulla Parish...... *Wm Quirke Esq*
Formerly "Athletic meetings" were held in August...... *Mountcollin's*
No other annual events held...... *Co Limerick*

DATE..... *July 17th 1944.* (Signed)..... *Reeph Lucas.*
 Surveyor.

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ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Allaghaura Nearest point to town (distance) Tournafulla 200 Yards

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Salmon, Sea trout, Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon 8^{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 "Wilkinson", "Jock Scott", "Black goldfinch", "Lemon grey"
Sea trout "Silver Rail", "Silver doctor", "Jungle cock", "Purple rail"
Brown trout "March Brown", "Orange Grouse", "Brown & Purple rail", "Silver rail", "Olive den"

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

"Entirely Free"

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

"Entirely Free"

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

None required

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Nearest Abbeyfeale or Brossa — 7 & 6 miles respectively

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee None

Secretary None

DATE July 17th 1944

(Signed)

Ralph Lucas

Surveyor.

"Mountcollins and Tournafulla Parish"
Description of Scenery and roads.

The surface and general conditions of bye roads in above Parish are deplorable, ruts, bumps, and obstructions, hang out all over the place.

The gradients are very stiff entailing ~~stiff~~ "collar work" on the ascent and heel work on the descent. I would imagine the life of a cycle and "cyclist," as short in above mountain[?] parish

The shakes and bumps of these roads could be prescribed instead of "Calomet" for Tourists suffering from sluggish Liver, if the danger of brain concussion could be eliminated.

The scenery is wild but positively interesting. The hills and valleys alternate in the regularity and variety of ocean waves. The houses in almost every instance have a small westerly shelter belt. The people - if cunning - are very friendly, ~~and~~ homely, and generous with their present limited tea supply.

Briefly Tournafulla & Mountcollins is a Parish where a Tourist could spend a few very happy days in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility, where the blended sea and mountain^{air} would act as a tonic.

There are no pleasant walks around the villages

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

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TOURNAFULLA AND

TOWN OR VILLAGE MOUNT COLLINS PARISH TOURNAFULLA COUNTY LIMERICK

Location and brief description.

Population TOURNAFULLA - 97
MOUNT COLLINS - 164
TOTAL PARISH POPULATION 1140

Tournafulla Parish touches the counties Cork & Kerry on the South, and East, while the Limerick plain, Abbeyfeale, and Templeglantine Parishes, form its West & North boundaries. The Mullaghareirk mountains encompass the entire Parish. Tournafulla village is picturequely located in a valley, through which flows the Allaghann river, the hills on all sides of the village touch the 1,000 feet mark. The scattered village of Mountcollins is located in the south of Parish and perched on the banks of the Feale river. This village has no public Telephone Office while one house in the village and the Creamery - across the river - has. The village has no E.S.B. current; Creamery has
Is there a Town Hall? NONE Location ---

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

NONE

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

The Public Pumps in both Tournafulla and Mountcollins Villages are condemned, water is unfit for drinking purposes - Improvements sanctioned. Sewerage equally bad - back yards, some dry closets, & fields, meet the people's needs

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Devon Road Abbeyfeale Distance 3 1/2 Miles Bus? None
Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall "Ahearnes" - Tournafulla Proprietor P. Ahearn
"Hartnett's" J. Hartnett
Mrs P. J. Linnhan - Mountcollins Mrs P. J. Linnhan
D. Linnhan - " " Unlicensed Small Hall

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown None
(nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... *None.*

Private Lending Libraries.....

None.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *R.C. Church Tournafulla*..... Services (Sundays) *10. A.M. 11.30. A.M.*

" " " *Mountcollins*..... *10. A.M.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office ⁽¹⁾ *near church & school Tournafulla village.* ⁽²⁾ *Centre of Mountcollins village.*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) ⁽¹⁾ *All three Tournafulla.* ⁽²⁾ *Letters only Mountcollins.*

BANKING

Banks..... *None.*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers..... *None.*

Photographic Stores..... *None.*

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... *None.* Location *can bathe in "Feale" or —*

Public Baths?..... *None.* Location *"Allaghann" Rivers*

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *None.*

Cultural Societies..... *None*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *The is a prosperous Co-operative Creamery in*

Tournafulla. Eggs & fowl are also handled there.

A second (smaller) Co-operative Creamery is located in

the Parish, at Meerchela.

A large co-operative Creamery in Co Kerry - A $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Mountcollins

- across the Peale river -

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

None.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R.C. Church, Tournafulla, Gothic, nave only, tiled floor, which is only half seated, altar fairly neat, Reils poor - a dark church.

R.C. Church, Mountcollins, Gothic, nave only, Floor unseated, Gallery. This church is bright - if unkept looking - The surrounding Cemetery is beautifully kept.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School "Tournafulla" & very good, architecture unusual, 5 Teachers, New water Pump installed outside school.

National School, "Caherbeg" Mountcollins - a primitive looking, dilapidated, Three Teachers, School,

HOSPITALS

The nearest is "brook", about 25 Miles distant

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..... *Free*

Local Improvements Committee..... *None.*

Secretary..... *None*

Parish Secretary W. Quirke, Mountcollins

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ACCOMMODATION

PARISH *Journafulla*

BARONY *Glenquin*

COUNTY *Limerick*

TOWN OR VILLAGES *Journafulla, & Mountcollins*

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>None.</i>						<i>There is no Accommodation for Tourists in above extensive Parish, or in its two villages of Journafulla & Mountcollins. There are four Pubs in Journafulla Three " " Mountcollins None will supply dinners, Teas, or Lodgings.</i>	<i>None.</i>
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>None.</i>							

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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 exist in above Parish.

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.

J. O'Neill Lane - the author of the "Standard English Irish dictionary," and "Highways and Byeways of Ireland," was born a quarter mile to the north of Journafulla village. A relative of the author now occupies the old homestead.

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.

The remnants of a curious structure exist in the townland of Secondglass — 2½ miles East of Mountcollins, and near the triangular boundary of Limerick, Cork, and Kerry. The circle measures 120 yds in circumference, with a smaller nearby circle. Tradition says this odd looking antiquity was once a high walled enclosure for St. Ita's (THE PATRON ST OF LIMERICK) Sheep. The Saint lived at Killeedy, and shepherded the hills overlooking the Caber river. Daily the saint and her ~~her~~ donkey would make the 9 mile trip (18 miles) across the desolate mountain and bog track: via Milleen & Tournafulla, and daily she'd return after gathering and milking the sheep in the enclosure. Historians record that on her last homeward trip a pagan farmer ^{WIDOW} let loose her dogs on the poor saint and her donkey, at a point where the Allaghann river divides the Counties Cork and Limerick. The donkey — carrying the saint — plunged into the river bed and punched the impression of its hoofs in the solid rock. Everybody in that locality believe the legend and will reverently point out the hoof prints to the enquirers. St. Ita prayed that Tournafulla would never be without a widow or an orphan and her prayer was granted. During the centuries since the saint's death Tournafulla (like most other districts) has its full quota of widows, — some "merry ones" some "morose", of which mere man should be aware. Some twelve years ago the I. L. Commission constructed a new road near St. Ita's "sheep enclosure" and the stones were carted away and used up in the process. Nobody in the district or County raised a hand or voice against this wanton act of desecration and irreverence to the Patron Saint of Co. Limerick — Saint Ita.

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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