



Annacorthy &
Donohill Parish

The Mote of
Donohill



Annacarty to
Doonohill Parish

Ballinphedra Castle



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Donohill Parish

The "Wall" - roadside
Monument,
Donohill

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF

Kilnamanagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Annacarty

PARISH

Annacarty

COUNTY

Dublin

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish of Annacarty consists of countryside on the northern edge of the Golden Vein, where it merges with the southernmost foothills of the Slievefelim mountains. To the south, around Donohill it is undulating, typically - Golden Vein country. Northwards it becomes elevated gradually, the land becoming poorer until finally the heath covered mountains are reached. Devoid of outstanding scenic attractions the parish, nevertheless can boast of two fine distant views [see contin sheet 1]

GEOLOGY

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

Limestone rock over which is found gravel, here & there and mid surface. In the Donohill countryside, rabbit sand has been found almost at the surface in a few places. The green land of the south, gives away to tillage land as one goes north towards the mountains.

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.

The Mote of Donohill.

This is a typical hothman mote, raised on a hillock alongside the cross of Donohill. On its summit are some pieces of mortar wall - the remains of a 15th Century castle that once stood there. ~~Nearby is a ruined church, but local tradition has it that a passage (underground) between both places exists. The opening on the north side was said to have been in the form of a stairs going down through the centre of the castle from where the castle stood. This entrance is now closed, but old men of the locality remembered throwing stones down. In the hollow underneath the mote on the ruined-church side, a passage about 3ft wide and 3ft high was discovered some years. I was assumed to be best of the above-mentioned one. Some years ago Mr. Dan Green T.D., who is a native of Donohill, interested himself in having the thing investigated but had to forego the matter, owing to the objections of the landowner. The mote is not preserved. There is no right of way, but visitors may inspect. (Photo). N.B. The original hothman grantees of this land, and those who probably built the mote were a family called Ardkeen.~~

St James Church, Donohill

~~This is the ruin referred to above, and is only 300 or 400 yards distant from the mote. It consists of the west gable and portions of the north side wall of what seems to have been a poorly built church of mediæval time. It measured approximately 66 x 28ft. by feature remain. Not preserved. Right of way. I am informed by the Very Rev. Ardkeen [see contin sheet!]~~

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

Topography.

notably those from the estate of Donohill and Ballysheda Castle at the northern end of the parish. The South the Slievenamuck and Galtas provide a majestic dark green & ^{purple} background to the rich golden vein. Eastwards one discerns the venerable pile of the rock of barbel rising amongst the trees that appear to surround it. In the distance and ~~behind~~ behind the 'rock' is the hazy outline of Slievenamur.

St James Church Donohill.

Seymour the noted church of Ireland historian that he has 'been unable to confirm the local traditions which give to the ruin a monastic origin. Certainly it seems much too small to have been a monastic foundation.

Ballysheda Castle is

situated rather less than a mile due north of Annacarty. It is a circular keep of the 15th century belonging to the O'Driscoll family - chiefs of Kilmacanogue. ~~It is a circular~~ The walls are ^{and} ~~about~~ ^{well} ~~about~~ 50 ft high with walls about 6 ft thick at the base. There is a noticeable batter. Among the features still to be seen are 4 bastions erected ~~on~~ near the top; part of the pointed-arched entrance with a loophole at the point ^{from} where the arch springs; the interior circular ~~tower~~ ^{well} that carried the spiral stone stairs, to the left of the entrance; the remains of 'the wandering hole' just inside the entrance; ^{several} narrow single light openings and ~~at~~ over the entrance near the top two hooded double lights, the mullions of which still remain; the vaulted roof of the 1st floor. It is said that the keep was dismantled by the Cromwellians. No right of way, not in case of O.P.V. but visitors may inspect.

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Antiquities

Kilpatrick Church Ruin.

This ruin is in a graveyard situated about 1 mile
due south of Kinsacastie on the side of a road. all
that remains is the butt of the west gable. No features
but preserved. Right of way.

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HOTELS

No. Guest Bedrooms	No. of Baths	No. of Lavs.	No. Public Rooms	Licensed
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Remarks

Prone

GUEST or BOARDING HOUSES

Notes:

Date 9/8/95

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

Signed..... Surveyor

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF KilnamanaghTOWN OR VILLAGE Aunacasty PARISH Aunacasty COUNTY Yipperry

Location and brief description.

Population 22

A village only in name Aunacasty merely consists of a church & schools, and a couple of shops and other houses built round a cross roads. It is 4 miles north of Yipperry and 3 miles west of Dundrum.

Is there a Town Hall? Parochial Hall Location Donohill

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Dundrum Distance 3 miles Bus? Limerick - Kilbenny
twice - weekly
Monday - Friday

Public lighting by—Electricity? Gas?

DANCING

Dance hall Parochial Hall, Donohill Proprietor Mr. James Dacey Ballyneil
Aunacasty Dance Hall John. O'Shaver MOHEROUGH

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas none Pictures shown (nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries

Branch of Co. Library in
Barnegat Branch / Annacosty, R. Schools
do Newtown do

Private Lending Libraries

none

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church

Bethel's Annacosty
do Donahill
c of Ireland Donahill

Services (Sundays)

9.30 & 12
10.45
1 o'clock.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office

Annacosty + Donahill

Postal business
only.
Shared
letter service only

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

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

Committee - no - Live Bands Donahill
Secretary James Lacey Ballyned

Cultural Societies

none

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

none.

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

none

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

Sean de Ball Monument.

Situated on roadside about 15 miles north of Donahill (near Donahill Protestant church) the monument consists of a carved, semi-circular-headed limestone slab about 3' ft high by 1 1/2 ft wide standing on a concrete base, the whole being enclosed (see contra sheet 1)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Annacosty.	Boys & Girls	H.S.
Donahill.	do	
Waherough.	do	
Barhuc	do	

HOSPITALS

none

Seán de Bál. Monument.

on three sides and overhead by concrete protecting walls.
The inscription on the slab is as follows:-

Ón do

Séan de Bál

dáam na poblacra

do marbuidhí ar

amasaibí Sasana

am 50.

bealaime AD 1921

R.I.P.

(Photograph)

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *none*

Weekly market day *none* Half-holiday *Wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

none

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Andrew Borbett Benohill 1 car*

Motors (Touring)

Boats (State type) *none*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *none* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary

DATE *4/8/43* (Signed) *Woburn*

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Kilnamanagh.TOWN OR VILLAGE Annacarty PARISH Annacarty COUNTY Liffenny

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 MULTEEN Nearest point to town (distance) 1/2 mile

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout less than 4 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout May-June

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon —Sea trout —Brown trout Partridge, olives, green apple ^{DUN}, sliders.

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

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

NB.

The water of the stream is very low at present, and could be much for fishing. But I am told locally that in early summer it is a very good stream. of course it is well-known as a fishing stream in its lower reaches before it joins the lake.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Liffenny, Dunsinn,Local Angling Club none Membership Fee —Secretary (and Address) —

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

none.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

none

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

none.

Bait available locally ? *none* Fishing tackle ?

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

none

GOLFING

Name of Club *none* No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

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 none

Under which rules?

Situation of course

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds Seartsen Black & Lane

Harriers none

Beagles none

COURSING

Name of Club none Meeting held annually?

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company none

Races on (nights)

SHOOTING

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

Entirely free. Hunt for snipe and pleasant.
Wild fowl occasionally.

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

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 *line of G.A.A. club Annacarty*

Hurling *do do*

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

Croquet *none*

Billiards *none*

Badminton *none*

Table Tennis *none*

Bridge Club *none*

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *none*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *none* 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.

none Promoters

DATE *4/8/48* (Signed) *W. J. J. J.* Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

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

Rathyrvisa.

A road-junction bearing this name is situated about 1 mile N.W. of Cinnacatty. Rathyrvisa is the Anglicised version of Rath-ibearaa. And local tradition mentions that a battle took place here between the Gallant O'Sullivan Beane & and followers of the Bourkes who tried to intercept him during his famous retreat in 1602. ^{Flynn in the} ~~Bayne~~ ^{Bayne} 'Bank of the Galtee', quoting from Philip O'Sullivan's history says that O'Sullivan broke into Donohill Castle (that which stood on the moor) and took food from it.

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.

none.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

St James Holy Well.

Situated alongside the entrance to St James Monastery
ruins at Donahil. but now venerated, but waters
sometimes used by the older people to cure
sore eyes. no pattern.

(Signed)

W. J. J. J.

Surveyor.

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