

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF

Kilnamanagh Upper

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Cappawhite PARISH Cappawhite COUNTY Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish of Cappawhite is situated on the Tipp-Kimerick border on the southern slopes of the Sl. Felim Mts. A circle of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ mls in diameter with its centre about $\frac{1}{2}$ a ml due West of the village of Cappawhite would include most of the parish. North of the village it lies between the deep narrow valleys of the Miltien & Cahernahallia Rivers, and includes the extensive mt. known as the Turret (1,447 ft) under the gradual southern slope of which the village nestles. From the village of Cappawhite the lands [see Page Three]

GEOLOGY

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

South of Cappawhite is a black limestone district. The mountain which forms most of the northern half of the parish is believed to contain copper and iron. It was apparently prospected at the time the Hollyford mines were working over 100 years ago. There is the trace of a tunnel known as "red of the Hill's cave" believed to have been made by prospecting miners.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES
OF IMPOSING CHARACTERLocation and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?
Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?Cappagh House:

though now no more than a typical large farmers residence - the house was built early in the last Cent. - it is believed that Cappawhite village owes its existence to Cappagh House. The white family, who gave their name to the village, came during either the Cromwellian or Restoration settlements to Cappagh House. In Dec. 1788 John White's daughter and heiress, Rebecca was forcibly abducted by a young man named Thos. Fitzgerald who forced a priest to marry them. The marriage was annulled by private Act of Parliament. Rebecca White afterwards became a great personal friend of Dean Swift. The house is now the property of Mr. Gizewood. It is situated at the edge of the village.

ANTIQUITIES

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

Toem Churchyard:

Two miles west of Cappawhite is the old churchyard of Toem. In it stands the square castellated tower of a protestant church, erected about 1840. The rest of which was demolished. It is situated on a low round hillock at a crossroads and is said to be the site of an early christian religious foundation. There is a tradition that it later became the site of an Augustinian monastery but the only historical reference which could be advanced in support of this has been proved to refer to Toomevara [see report on that parish by Rev. St. John Seymour B.D. D. Litt. - note on a Tipperary Parish reprinted from Jour. Cork. Hist. & Arch. Soc. 1882]. The Down Survey (1651) lists a ruined church at Toem which was re-built after the Restoration from then until the middle of the last cent. it was used as a Protestant church. It is situated in a mixed burial ground where Catholics still bury and the church is believed to have been Catholic up to the time of Cromwell. It is now in the hands of Tipper. South Riding Co. Col. Public Health Sect.)

The Bullaun Stones:

Near Toem are two Bullaun stones. One is in the yard of Mr. John Ryan's (Doyle's) cottage about 100 yds north of the churchyard on the road to Cappawhite. It contains a well cut oval about 18 x 15 ins and about 9 ins. deep.

The other, on the lands of Mr. John Carmody, Cahernaballia, Cappawhite, is in the townland of Shanalloone about a mile north of Toem just 100 yds S. of the limebrick road. It is a large pudding stone containing three bullauns, two large ones and one small and shallow. About a hundred years ago, it is said, rounds were made here. The present belief is that the waters in the bullauns cures warts.

Local legend says that there were, once, three bullaun stones around a holy well beside Toem Churchyard. Due to an act of desecration the well removed during the night to a place near a bridge over a stream less than 100 yds from Toem crossroads. One of the stones ~~together~~ disappeared altogether and the other two were found in their present sites. [Mr. T. M. Butler

(Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).
Dr. St. John Seymour - "Notes on a Tipperary Parish"
P. 17 of reprint from Jour. Cork. Hist. & Arch. Soc. 1882]

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of the parish slope gently S.W. to the Limerick border. It extends about 2 miles S. of the village.

The land in this southern part of the parish is fairly good. North of the village is the mountain bog with small poor farms ~~scattered~~ scattered along the lower slopes overlooking the glens through which the Cahirchallian & Mulltem run.

Looking to the south from the Turret one sees a vast panorama of ~~the~~ chequered plain & towering mountain. S.E., in the dappled lowlands, the Rock of Cashel, with its grey coronet of ancient ruins can be clearly seen. Due south the twin spires of Tipperary Town rise from behind a darker splash of woodland with the Galtees - a great rugged wall of grey and brown & blue - towering behind. Towards the east the uneven skyline of the Galtees descends to reveal the grey-blue peaks of the Knockmucklans in Co. Waterford. A gap intervenes between these and the great whaleback of the slightly nearer Comeraghs, and farther east of these rises the symmetrical blue pile of Slievenamon.

Part the abrupt western terminus of the Galtees may be glimpsed the hills of North Cork; farther west and nearer the mts. of South Limerick around Kilmallock; and then a distant glimpse of the mts. of North Kerry. Due West can be seen the Shannon estuary with the spire of St. Michael's marking the location of Limerick city. To the north west can be seen the hills of Clare in the gaps in the glorious panorama of green & brown mountain scenery in the immediate foreground. At one's feet to the west is the lovely Glen of Faidberg and on the other side the deep picturesque glen of the Mulltem river with the little village of Hollyford sunnily in one of its turnings. Behind these rises peak after peak - brown heath caps crowning green slopes with manherliere and keeper dominating all. In the distance to the N.E. can be seen the Devil's Bit, though its curious gap cannot be seen from this angle. To the right of it, distant and vague the Sh. Blooms are just barely distinguishable from the blue of the sky.

Walk: From Cappawhite right over the summit of the "Turret" near the spa, "Piper's grave" and back down through the bog to the old road to Hollyford

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which leads back to Cappawhite. Dist about 5 mls. The road over the hill is a recently built bog road and is quite good for walking. The climb is fairly gradual and in very few places can so fine a view be seen with so little trouble.

Walk or cycle (about 10 mls.) from Cappawhite to Hollyford Village by the old road and back by the Anglessey hint.

The old road clings to the mountain side overlooking the valley of the mountain. It is undulating and winding and reveals some lovely glimpses of the glen below. Most of it can be cycled. The Anglessey line is the main road between Tipperary & Kenagh & passes nearly 2 mls to the E. of Cappawhite Village. It follows the course of the mountain through the picturesque steep-sided glen with little woods here and there along its slopes.

Antiquities (contd.)

Chanaclogh Castle:

About $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from Cappawhite on the road to Cashel abutting the road fence of the garden of Mr. Philip O'Meara, Chanaclogh are the remains of an old square keep. The sloping top of one wall is well preserved and along the roadside is a corner of the grouted building, the corner stones being rounded.

It is ~~known~~ believed to be the O'Dwyer castle of Cappagh owned at the time of the Civil Survey 1654 by Richd. Butler a relative of the ruling family of Kilnamanagh. It is mentioned at that period as a "broken castle."

Site of old Penal Chapel in the "Fox cover"

Two miles West of Cappawhite on the north side of the limebrick road is a deep, narrow, wooded cleft in the lower slopes of the mountains known as the "Fox cover" where Sarsfield camped immediately before Ballyneety. On a natural platform on the east side of this gully are the traces of an old penal chapel measuring of about 40 ft by 18. The site is overgrown with bushes and bracken and difficult to locate. The lands are at present in the hands of the Land Commission. It is believed that this little church or mass house was erected in the 17th cent. after to replace the confiscated church of Tully.

In the "Returns on Popery" for 1731 an "old mass-house" is mentioned in the parish and is believed to refer to the chapel in the Foxcove. The present Catholic Church, (dedicated according to tradition - there is no record of the dedication - to the Blessed Virgin) was erected in 1826 & the old Foxcove mass-house is believed to have been used until that period.

Foilaclagh Dolmen

On the northern boundary of the parish in the townland of Foilaclagh (Parish of Hollyford or Kilmaccommagh) is the remains of a dolmen. Two large standing stones a few feet apart & lying near them a fragment of the capstone. On the lands of Mrs. Thos. Ryan, Foilaclagh, Hollyford. Co. Wick. north of Cappawhite.

Historic Sites (contd.)

Cunahen (Hollyford Parish) the site of the Raffarrell's grave is pointed out. It is marked by a whitethorn bush with stones about 7 feet apart to show the top & bottom of the grave. The field in which it is situated is known as the tillin and traces of a low earthen rampart remain which seems to indicate that it is an ancient burial place. According to some accounts the body was taken from this grave and removed to Doon, Co. Limerick for some unknown reason. It was in the townland of Foilaclagh, bordering Cappawhite parish that "Red o' the Hill" was fatally done to death by his kinsman, O'Dwyer Bar, with whom he was sheltering. Red dreamt that evil was to befall him and mentioned it to O'Dwyer who told him to come outside & sleep in the sunshine while he kept guard. He killed the Raffarrell as he lay sleeping outside and carried the head to Limerick to collect the reward. But Limerick had already received his pardon through the good offices of a lady whom he had saved from robbery at the hands of lesser raffarrells, and O'Dwyer Bar had to flee to escape paying the penalty of a murderer. (Comrie Ryan, (Fionnabaird) Mrs. O'Donoghue N.T., Mr. O'Dwyer, Mr. Connolly, etc.)

Sansfield's Ride to Ballygreety.

According to local tradition Sansfield on his ride to Ballygreety came down the mountain pass of Foilaclagh.

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Yoiddeag on the west side of the "Turret"
and camped in the "Fox cover" a deep gully in
the townland of Knocknavar about 2 mls
West of Cappawhite on the Limerick road.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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Cappawhite

PARISH

Cappawhite

COUNTY

Tippin

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)

*2 mls.
(Cappawhite)*

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

1/2 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

March, April, May

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

March, Brown, Hones Bar, Wickham, Vane, Greenwell, etc.

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

entirely free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

None

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Dundrum Village 1/2 mls.

Local Angling Club

None

Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

None

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

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

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.....*none*

Harriers.....*none*

Beagles.....*none*

COURSING

Name of Club.....*Coppa White Coursing Club* Meeting held annually?.....*Oct & Nov*

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 :

Grouse on mountains north of village. not preserved. Turf cutting & late burning of heather has reduced numbers in recent years. Partridge fairly plentiful south of village in lowlands. also a sprinkling of Pheasant

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 None

Hurling Jur. & Senr. Teams Sec. Mrs. John Tracy, Cappawhite

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

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.

Coursing Meeting Promoters Cappawhite, C.C.
Sec. : Thos. O'Neill,
Cappawhite.

DATE

4/6/45

(Signed)

R. V. Tully
Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF *Kilnamanagh Upper.*TOWN OR VILLAGE *Cappawhitte* PARISH *Cappawhitte* COUNTY *Tipperary*Location and brief description. *8 mls. North of Tipperary & 2 mls. East of Cappawhitte, Co. Tipperary.* Population *250**The square in the village of Cappawhitte is really a triangle — is situated in a bowl-shaped hollow.**From it the main st. goes east towards Cashel & two other short streets lead to Tipperary & Limerick.**The church, built 1826 before Catholic Emancipation, is hidden away in a lane off the street so that one might pass through the village without ever seeing it. A fine new Technical School is on the Tipperary road. In the square are a few ruins in the form of ruined abbey walls.*Is there a Town Hall? *No* Location *—*

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

There is a water supply from a reservoir fed by springs on the hillside over the town. It is not filtered and during heavy rain is discoloured. There is proposed sewerage scheme for the town which was held up due to emergency.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *Dun drum* Distance *6 mls.* Bus? *On Limerick-Kilkenny route*Public lighting by—Electricity? *Yes* Gas? *No*

DANCING

Dance hall *Parochial Hall* Proprietor *Rev. R. Callaghan P.P.*

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas *None* Pictures shown (nights) *—*Theatre *None* Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.) *—*

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Carnegie lending library branch
in Parochial Hall.

Private Lending Libraries None

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic (of Blessed Virgin) no record of dedication.
Protestant (A.O.S.) Gladston Services (Sundays) 9 a.m. & 12.
12 noon

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main str. Cappanville

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

BANKING

Banks Munster & Heinsten Bank, Doon,
C. Limerick, visits on Wednesdays
and fair days

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

Catholic Young Men's Parochial Hall

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)

None.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The new Technical School is a modern building on the Tappan Road. The Catholic church is a plain cruciform building in the ^{cruciform} style. The interior is well kept but unpretentious. It was erected in 1926.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Cappawhitte Vocational School

HOSPITALS

None.

FAIRS AND MARKETS; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets

Jan 9th; Feb 13th; Mar 13th; Apr 10th; May 8th
 June 12th; July 10th; Aug 14th; Sept. 11th; Oct 9; Nov 15th; Dec 11th

Weekly market day

none

Half-holiday

Tuesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Petrol Station (no garages): Hayes,
 Limerick Rd.,

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners):

Taxis

Thos. Haddick, Main St.,
 Thos. Gaby, Main St.,

Motors (Touring)

none

Boats (State type)

none

Bicycles

none

Caravans

none

Horses

none

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location

Landowner

This was the first Gullied found in the county
 1/7/37. Second Gullied on a week later!

Local Improvements Committee

Secretary

Cappahite Gullied in winter a time
 Mrs. M. Madden, N.T., P.C., Cappahite.

DATE

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(Signed)

P.V. Turley

Surveyor.

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In the townland of Inchmarquillie on the lands of Mr. Connel Ryan (Phil)
3 1/2 m. from Cappawhite.

HISTORIC SITES

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

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

"Red o' the Hill" Traditions.

The northern or mountain portion of the parish is steeped in traditions about "Red o' the Hill" or "Laz o' y s' Cyne" Ryan, clerical student, Raffaele Gaelic poet. (See report on Parish of the Silvermines) They tell of his adventures and daring escapes and his "robbery of the rich to give to the poor". On the east slopes of the "Turret" is a tunnel-like cave running about 20 ft. into the sheer ^{rocky} side of a gully known as "Red o' the Hill's Cave." It is said locally that this was one of Ramsey's refuges but some old men say that it was bored by miners prospecting ~~for~~ for ore. In the townland of

HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES

(see page 5)

(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.

Mr Matthew's Mother, Sally White, daughter of George White, was born in the townland of Glasdrum 1/2 a mile from Cappawhite on the left of the Castel Road. The dwelling house has been re-built since and is occupied by Mr. Wm. McLaughlin, farmer. Sally White was related to the Whites of Cappagh House who gave their name to the village of Cappawhite.

Mr. Cahill, "The Star of Munster", was parish priest of Cappawhite from 17th March 1882 until his death in 1868. He was a noted public speaker and supporter of O'Connell and a contributor to the "Nation". His eloquence earned him the title "The Star of Munster." He was also a poet his best known poem being entitled "My Testament" a beautiful patriotic poem.

was born in the townland of Ballyboy near Upperchurch (Parish of Upperchurch) in 1814.

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.

Chalybeate spring at Brierfield.

About 100 yds west of the bog road leading north over the mountain top from Cappawhite and about a mile from the village is an iron spring. There is no well but the spring appears to be a very strong one and all the drains going down the hill from it bear the traces of iron. It is said that a former parish priest had the water analysed shortly before his death but he left no record of the result. It is on the lands of Mr. Laurence Bowles, Henry St., Tipperary.

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 Piper's Grave

On the heath on the very summit of the Turret as the mountain overlooking Cappanato is called is a ~~small~~ rectangle of small stones about the size of a grave. It is known as the "Piper's Grave" and, says local tradition, a man of the district who was a Piper in the Jacobite army and was with Sarsfield in Limerick returned home to die after the "Flight of the Wild Geese" and asked to be buried here in sight of Limerick and Ballyneety. (Four old men in the mountain district. — Donal O'Flynn, Gailnacloy, Jnr. O'Dyer (nector) Casaneer, Rahaga. Connel Ryan (Cunibid) Gailnacloy.)

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

There are a great many old Irish words and forms of speech in use in the district and the good manners of the people immediately impresses one.

(Signed)

P. V. Tully
Surveyor.

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