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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Iffa & Taffa East.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Borrisokane PARISH Borrisokane COUNTY Tipperary
& Newtown Lennon.

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Two ancient parishes viz. Borrisokane and Newtown Lennon comprise the present union. The parish is bounded on the north by the western slopes of Slievenamon, and on the south by the Limerick River forming the parish and provincial boundary. In the west it adjoins Grange Mortimer and Ballyneale. The land is rich and well cultivated, and plentifully interspersed with timber. A delightful journey can be made to Cashel by a road running almost continuously by the banks of the Suir river, and rising gradually to the foothills. From Carrig-a-dun over historic Ahenny there is a remarkable fine view of the Suir from Cloyne to Waterford with its magnificent background of wooded hillsides, rising to merge with the savage peaks of the Knockraghs.

GEOLOGY

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

None

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, Raids, 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.

Sculptured crosses Aherney.

Honemost amongst the antiquities of the Forest are the elaborately sculptured crosses in the ancient graveyard at Aherney (also known as Kilkispeen) about 4 miles north of Barwick-on-Tow. There are two crosses, known, one as the North Cross and the other as the South Cross. Portions of a third remain, embedded in the soil at the northern end of the graveyard. Local inquiry could not elucidate the mystery of the disappearance of the remainder of this cross, but the tradition is that it was being carried overseas in a ship, of which nothing more was heard of after leaving port.

North and South crosses are very much alike, but it is generally conceded that the North has more point of interest though less complete, having lost one quarter of its ring. Like the smaller cross at Monasterboice the bases and rings are large in proportion the size of the shafts. They are in a good state of preservation except for the missing quarter ring already mentioned and the absence of the lower part of the rope mouldings at the corners of the shafts. Tradition relates that those were broken off and used as scythe-stones, but adds that those responsible had no luck afterwards. The crosses are considered to be amongst the best specimens of decoration by abstract design and in some respects the workmanship is said to be superior to that of Monasterboice ^{or} elsewhere. Almost every form of ancient carving can be seen. The crosses have been drawn in detail and lithographed by Henry O'Neill who calls them "the most interesting of the ancient crosses of Ireland". Undoubtedly they are amongst the most interesting and elaborate of ~~these~~ their kind existing. For full details as to design see Royal Irish Archaeological Society's Journal 1909. They are not officially preserved. There is a right of way to the graveyard. This type of cross belongs to the period between the 9th and

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

Sculptured crosses, Athlone

12th centuries. Due to the action of the weather or otherwise the stone seems to be very soft and is apt to disintegrate easily. If the crosses are to be preserved the tendency would have to be arrested. There is no doubt also that visitors have from time to time removed chips as souvenirs. This vandalism can only be stopped by proper preservation by the National Authorities.

Borris Castle.

Situated off castle st. at the eastern end of the town this picturesque building consists of a quadrilateral pile enclosing a central court. Facing south and almost overhanging the river, it commands an inspiring view of the Barrow valley and the Waterford hill.

Built in 1309 by Edmund Butler the first Earl of Borwick this castle had a colourful history and saw many stirring events. It was one of the principal seats of the O'Morrows (Butlers) that great Anglo-Norman family which played such an important part in the British government of the country for nearly 4 centuries. There endeavoured to follow below in chronological order a brief account of the important historical events affecting the castle and its inhabitants.

- 1315. Edmund Butler was made Earl of Borwick for his services in suppressing the Bruce rebellion. This was the first Irish castle taken by the Normans.
- 1328 James, son of Edmund became Earl of O'Morrows and received a grant of the Palatinate of Leinster.
- 1344 James obtained charter from Edward III for the town of Borwick.
- 1453 The "Book of Borwick" transcribed for Sir Edmund Mac Richard Butler, grandson of the 3rd Earl of O'Morrows by Shane Mac Caghriagh.
- 1464 James 5th Earl of O'Morrows captured by the Yorkists after the battle of Towton and beheaded at Newcastle on 1st May that year.
- 1462 Earl of O'Morrows defeated and captured by the Earl of Desmond at battle of Killaloe. In order to obtain his release Desmond had to hand over the "Book of Borwick" which was subsequently lost, and has not since been found.

Antiquities contd 2.

Borris Castle.

1565. The north front of the castle a fine example of Elizabethan domestic architecture was erected by 'Black Tom' the 10th Earl and favorite of Queen Elizabeth. Included in this building is the magnificent North Hall gallery panelled with oak and stucco panelling and decorated with elaborate heraldic devices. In the outer wall of the north hall there is displayed a nude fresco representing Queen Elizabeth and bearing the initials E.R. It is said that this portion of the castle was built specially to receive Elizabeth on a visit she intended to pay, but which of course never came about. Many of the pictures hanging now in Kilkenny castle originally hung here.

1614 ↑ Black Tom 1st of the direct line died at Borris from now on the Earl of Ormonde come from the (prior) Kilcash House.

✓ 1583 Demost O'Malley sought sanctuary at Borris Castle where he was arrested despite the protests of 'Black Tom', and from whence he went to Montjoydon. St

Stephens gives on the 6th May,

1585 Owen McElrath wrote a Gaelic poem have uprising Thomas (Sub) Butler's. A translation which follows does the original justice appeared in the Kilkenny Archaeological Journal of 1850. The 11th stanza describes the ancient castle of Borris and ends as follows

"A plentiful mansion so artistically stuccoed
With sunlit gables and embroidery-covered walls"

1660 Ormonde restored, made vicar of Ireland, and elevated to a dukedom, incidentally he succeeded in increasing his rent roll to £80,000 per annum.

1881 Roof of the southern or older portion of the castle fell in on the night of the 2nd March 1881.

The Elizabethan portion is still habitable and is occupied by a caretaker who, for a small consideration, will show visitors around.

The tradition that Anne Boleyn and wife of Henry VIII was born at Borris castle has not been countenanced by any reputable historian and has been finally exploded by Sean O'Hearn of Borris in an able and interesting article which

Borris castle.

which appears in the 'Kilkenny People' sometime ago.
Dame Boleyn's mother, was, of course Margaret Butler
daughter of the 7th Earl of Ormond.

Newtown Kenmare.

Situated about a quarter of a mile to the east of modern church of Newtown Kenmare this ruin is most interesting. With the exception of the east gable, which is buttressed, the walls are almost perfect. In them can be seen traces of pre-Norman masonry. It is also quite apparent that the present east window (lancet type $\frac{9}{4}$ ft by 1 foot) replaced an earlier three-light one, much more elaborate. Some of the corved mouldings of the former window remain.

There are some unusual features which I have not met elsewhere i.e. two square windows in the western gable, a Holy Water stoup set in the centre of a window opening and a statue of sandstone preserved in a small recess. The north and south side wall have the usual windows to light the altar. This ruin is preserved and there is a right away to it.

Ahenny Church Ruins.

All that remains of this church is a portion of the east gable and north sidewall. The masonry is of rubble and the building would be no unusual in character. A curious feature is that it is outside the ancient cemetery already referred to in Ahenny with the Crosses.

Clais an Seanra in Poulmalleen.

In the townland of Poulmalleen, near Kilmacurragh is a quarry-like depression known locally as Clais an Seanra where it is said that Maois were offered during the Penal days.

Ballygoran castle.

The traveller on the Blennel-Borris road cannot help noticing this ruin between the river and the road about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Borris. The rectangular keep rises gauntly and darkly looking to a height of about 60 ft. Its internal measurements are 25ft by 18ft and its walls seven ft thick. There are all the usual features one ~~but~~ associated with these Norman structures! - the vaulted chamber, the meandering lake over the entrance at the south side, the zig-zag stone stairway. Nothing is known of its history except that

Ballymoran Castle Ruin

the property of one of the junior members of the Butter family, and we find that about 1860 the Rectorate returned. Show that it was occupied by one James Butter, Rector. There is a fine prospect of the Liffey valley and the wooded slopes of the Waterford hills, from its summit.

Old Bridge.

Built in 1360 crosses the Liffey to Ballykilbeg.
Historic House etc contd.

Residence of Dr Peter Preagh.

Dr Preagh was catholic Bishop of the diocese of Waterford and Lismore from 1744 to 1747. During this time he resided in Ballykilbeg on Liffey in a house in a lane off the Main St near the busker's premises of Mr J.B. O'Driscoll.

Residence of the Davin Brothers.

On the south side of the Ballykilbeg road about 1 mile to the west of Ballykilbeg is the residence of the Davin brothers Maurice and Pat. Athletes of international fame at the end of the last century. Maurice Davin was one of the founders of the I.P.A.A. Pat though now an old man is still active and able to walk after his large frame.

I.T.C. SURVEY FORM E.

ACCOMMODATION.

BALONY HOTELCOUNTRY WiltshirePARISH Barrick-on-the-Hill & Newton
Town barrick-on-hill

HOTELS

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

Standard Hotel New St.	6	1	1	2.
Bearborough Main St	10	1	1	3
Metropole Hotel New St.	7	1	1	2
White Horse				

also a public restaurant
Good appearance but interior mostly poor furniture
Outside appearance bad. Rather shabby inside
Appearance good. Food etc good do not appear to be
interested in the general trade. Hotel is really a public
is a successful property for trade.

CUST OR BOARDING HOUSES

Rivers Hotel New St.	3	1	1	1
do	do	do	do	do

Clean appearance also restaurant.

Burke's do	4	1	1	1
Burkes do	1	1	1	1
Meade do	1	1	1	1
White Horse New St.	5	1	1	1
Kelley do	4	1	1	1

do

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Jffa & offa lost.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Barwick-on-Suir PARISH barwick-on-Suir COUNTY Tipperary
of Newtown-Deanon

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 Suir Nearest point to town (distance) Along side

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Trout, Salmon

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 20 lbs Sea trout — Brown trout 3/4 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Feb to May Sea trout — Brown trout Feb to May

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Mystery, Suir Blue, Black Doctor, Black Goldfinch, Shrank Fly

Sea trout

Brown trout Woodcock, olive, Greenwell's Glory, March Brown

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

N.B.

As the tidal estuary of the Suir commences about 1½ to the west of Barwick-on-Suir, at a point which almost coincides with the parish boundary on this side, the fishing is not considered worth preserving. Nevertheless good salmon have occasionally been taken out at low water.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

*Barwick-on-Suir*Local Angling Club none Membership Fee —
Secretary (and Address)

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Ifpa & offa east.

TOWN OR VILLAGE barwick-on-lue PARISH barwick on lue COUNTY boYffray
Newtown lewson

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Loughguane Nearest point to town (distance) 1 miles east.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Grout & like.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon none Sea trout Brown trout 4 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout Jul to Aug.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout Olive, Marsh Brown, Greenwell, Glory, Woodcock

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):

barwick - on - lue.

Local Angling Club none. Membership Fee

Secretary

(Signed)

W. Jones.

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Surveyor.

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

none.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

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.

GOLFING

Name of Club. Garreth - on -air Golf Club No. of holes 9

Situation and brief description of course :

Situated at Whitechurch bo Kilkenny about 2 miles east of Town.

Flat & uninteresting. all obstacles are artificial. greens very small

NB A magnificent site has been obtained at Garreowne to Waterford about 1 mile from Town. On top of Banagher overlooking the valley & with a fine prospect of Cahiragh. Will be ready by July 1943. The new Name of Professional Course will have a licensed clubhouse.

Is there a clubhouse on course ? no Licensed ? no

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day 2/- Per week 10/-

RACING

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

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

Under which rules? *none*

Situation of course *—*

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds

Harriers *Kilmoganny Harriers*

Beagles

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:

Wild Fowls along river estuary

Ballinluig Pheasant & woodcock.

*On to Waterford side of river in the Forest of Barrick-beeg there
is some good shooting, particulars of which will I presume be
included in the barrick-beeg Survey.*

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

*Ballinluig owner - Mr Littlewood Blawth, agent - Richard Dalton Auctioneers
Barrick - on - Suir.*

The wild fowl shooting, which is free, is excellent.

Shooting Club *no.* 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	barrick Swans G.A.A.	^{Yair Green} Davins G.A.A.	Rill Rd.
Hurling	barrick Swans C.A.G.	^{Yair Green} Davins G.A.A.	Rill Rd.
Handball	none		Handball alley? no
Soccer	none		
Rugby	barrick-on-Suir Rugby Club		Rill Rd.
Cricket	none		abandoned
Hockey	none		near Hall
Bowls	none		near Hall
Bowling (on public roads)	none		on roads
Lawn Tennis	barrick-on-Suir Tennis Club	Kinds of courts	one grass court.
Croquet	none		
Billiards	Q.M.S., Leamplavice Club	Social & Literary Club.	
Badminton	barrick-on-Suir Badminton Club	Lawn Hall.	
Table Tennis	none		
Bridge Club	none		
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)			
Ballyduine Cross	Cross road	Davins	
Ballyrichard		do.	

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

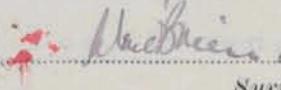
Name of Club..... no..... Events held under rules of..... none.

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.

none..... Promoters.....

(Signed) 

Surveyor.

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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF Hpa - affo leost.TOWN OR VILLAGE barrett-on-suir PARISH barrett-on-suir COUNTY W. Suff.,
& New Inn, Limerick.

Location and brief description.

Population 4466

Situated on northern bank of Suir 13 miles east of Limerick & 16 west of Waterford, Barrett-on-Suir was once described as the 2nd prettiest in Ireland. Brief observation will however convince the visitor that it no longer deserves this epithet. Barrett, like an ancient tree, shows unmistakable signs of its growth: one has only to turn into one of the many narrow alleyways and lanes that branch off the modern Main St, to find the complete Georgian or Tudor atmosphere; and by way of contrast, and to show that Barrett is also to the taste of new Ireland.

Is there a Town Hall? Yes. Location New St

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Town Park. a neatly, public park maintained by the Urban Council. covers an area of about 4 acres.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Modern Water Supply & Sewerage.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Railway Station Distance barrett-on-suir Bus? Limerick-blennell
waterford,
Portlao-blennell Sat.

Public lighting by—Electricity? Gas?

DANCING

Dance hall Froster Hall Proprietor, Froster Association.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas	<u>Park View Cinema</u>	Pictures shown	<u>every night at 8.30</u>
	<u>Costle</u>	(nights)	<u>do</u>
			<u>Matinees Thurs. & Sunday</u>

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries.....

Private Lending Libraries..... Altas, Main St., Mrs. Burke's Main St.,
Lavery Kickham St., Maldoons Kickham, Belize's
William St., Leidy's Main St.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic St. Nicholas' Services (Sundays) 7, 8, 10, 11.30 am
Church of Ireland 12.30 pm.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main St.,

Business (?) M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) 49.

BANKING

Banks Munster & Western Main St.
National do
Provincial do

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers O'Leary's Bridge St.,
OK Garage William St.,
Thos Carroll & Son Main St.,
Francis Mullins Bridge St.

Photographic Stores Blenius M. Vaughan Main St.,
do Dr Murphy do
do Miss McGrath do

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? River Liss. Location alongside Lorry.

Public Baths? none. Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs
Barrett-on-Lane Social & Literary Club. (aff) Castle St.
C.Y.M.S. Town Hall.
Temperance Club Greystones St.

Cultural Societies none.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Plunder & Rollack Ltd Laundry.

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

Ms. Shanahan Basket Makers Chapel Lane.
Havery Stocking Manufacturers Presentation Convent.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

none.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

St. Michael's Church.

Built in 1880 from design by Ashlin, a remarkably fine specimen of Romanesque architecture. Interior beautifully decorated. Magnificent altar with marble pillars. nave is divided from aisles by polished granite columns supporting finely moulded Romanesque arches. A notable feature are the stations of the cross which are oil paintings. The organ galleries & galleries each store front supported by polished granite pillars.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Irish Christian Brothers Primary & Secondary
Technical Schools.

Merry Convent Primary Secondary Board of Technical

Presentation Convent Girls' National School.

Newtown Boys & Girls' National Schools.

HOSPITALS

District Hospital.

Maternity Home Nurse Scally.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets. Fair's last Monday each month.

Weekly market day Saturday Half-holiday Thursday.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

booneys Garage & Filling Station New St.

booneys Garage & Filling Station Green side.

Drohan Castle St. do do

Gurri's Next gate. do do.

Walsh's Main St. Filling Station.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis	Mr. Dwyer New St.	John Carroll Main St.	J. Paul Healy, Field.
	John Hussey do.	Gas McGrath Mill St.	J. Farrelly St.
	James Booneys do.	Gas Dwyer Lough St.	
	Patt Kearney do.	Path Drohan Deepark	

Motors (Touring) none

Boats (State type) none

Bicycles
 Wm O'Keeffe, William St.
 (OK Garage).

Caravans none

Horses none

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location none Landowner

Local Improvements Committee, Borrell - on - Sea Urban Council,
 Secretary Tom Blenk Mrs McNamee.

(Signed) W. J. Bruce

DATE 19/07/48 Surveyor.

Home S. contd. I

Borris - on - Suir.

the new housing scheme - "Sean Treacy Park" the Doonie Memorial Ground - C.A.A. Park and the Tannery.

As far as can now be ascertained the origin of Borris was due to the Danes, who no doubt held it as an important trading centre. It was first noticed in connection with an Augustinian Monastery founded here in the 12th century. After the Anglo-Norman invasion Edward I gave a grant of the town site and its adjoining lands to Theobald Butler. Evidently there must have been a town charter also but it is not now extant. In 1309 the great butter castle was built and from now on the history of the Butler family is really the history of Borris. In 1344 the Provost and community received a charter from Ed III. and were empowered to collect a toll for mintage.

And so uneventfully to 1641 and the confederate war, early in 1642 Borris declared for the confederates. In 1649 it was captured for Cromwell by Col. Reynolds. The confederates under Michelin and Taaffe tried to regain it but failed.

In 1690, Wm of Orange, victorious at the Boyne, camped on Borris Green.

In 1798, the North Cork militia, worn and tired after their long forced march to release the Yeomen in Wexford, camped on the same green, in long delay for the local United Bushmen who however would not act. Their lamentable failure caused for Borris the bitter sobriquet from Wexford Wicklow "Corroch I daed you" which is heard even to-day.

In 1848 Borris was an important 'Young Ireland' centre.

In 1867 it produced many a staunch Hibernia the most noteworthy being John Francis Meagher. After the restoration in 1660 O'Mondy came back into power and through his influence Borris became an important centre of the woollen industry, then introduced from Belgium. The importance of the town in the 18th century is noticed by Arthur Young who visited it in 1769 and described it as "one of the greatest manufacturing towns in Ireland, principally for wavers but of late for broadcloths". He found "between 3000 & 4000 people employed by it in the town and neighbourhood". In 1831 after 40 years or more of decline the population was over 12000.

Today Borris is a busy market town and an important terminal of river traffic.

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.

John Francis Meagher.

Born at 38 Wickham St. Cork in 1838. He was a cooper by trade and studied Irish history in his leisure time.

He is chiefly remembered by his "Annals of Cork" published in 1881 by Dwyer & Son, Dublin, a book which deals briefly with the history of Cork during the period from 1179 to 1881. In his time he contributed to the "Shamrock", "United Ireland", "Fresh Fireside" his chief contributions being "Footprints of the Ancestors" and "Legends and Stories of Southern Ireland" & "A Wealth of Irish Stories".

He was a prominent Orator and was imprisoned in Kilmainham after 1867.

In 1886 he founded, in Cork, the Young Ireland Society to revive the Hibernian tradition in opposition to the Irish Parliamentary Party. Branches of this society were established in various parts of Ireland. In 1886 he founded a newspaper called the "National Sentinel", but owing to lack of support only six issues appeared. He died in 1891 and is buried in Corkillo Cemetery.

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.

Hobbsay Well.

This well is situated in the lands of Miss Brennan in the townland of Mainstown about 1 mile north off road. The original name was Coban Tosa, and in older times it was held in great reverence by the local people. There is, however, no public devotion there now.

Feast of St Nicholas.

St Nicholas of Myra is the Patron of horrid-on-Suir, and from time immemorial his feast has been kept on the 6th of Dec with the greatest solemnity and devotion.

(Signed)

Mr. O'Brien

Surveyor.

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