



Clonoult Parish

Clonufhorpe Castle



Clonoucky Parish

Ballagh Castle

(Opp South)

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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.[BARONY OF Kilnamanagh]TOWN OR VILLAGE Clonaulty PARISH Clonaulty & Rossmore COUNTY Kippurary

TOPOGRAPHY

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

This district is ~~the united parishes of Clonaulty & Rossmore~~ ^{in the territory north} of ~~Kilnamanagh parish and Rossmore~~ ^{South of Drombane, and} ~~is~~ bounded on the west by the Slievefelim Mountains and on the east by the River Suir. The countryside, from being bare and elevated to the west, gradually change to the rich land and lush meadows of the Suir ^{valley} ~~side~~ in the east. There is no scenery to attract the traveller & but from many vantage points such as 'Bogher Hill', there are excellent (see contr sheet 1)

GEOLOGY

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

No unusual features. Rich heavy soil in eastern portion of parish, which gradually deteriorates and lightens, rising towards the mountains in the west.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

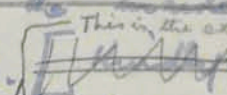
Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?
Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

None.

ANTIQUITIES

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

Ballagh Castle (Photo)

This ruin is situated about 2 miles S.W. of ~~the~~ Blonaulty almost on the side of the Blonaulty - Dundrum road. A rectangular keep, & only the west and south walls now remain. There were 4 stories, the 2nd ~~floor~~ being vaulted. The stairway must have been spiral, as there is no trace of a mural one. There are slit windows also small rectangular ones. The remains of a ^{bastion} ~~bastion~~ on the summit at the N.W. angle ~~can~~ can still be seen. There is a good hole in the south wall. Special features that I have not noticed elsewhere are two ~~small~~ windows on the ground floor. In these the narrow slit opening is on the inner face of the wall, the ~~reverse~~ i.e. the opening just a slit on the inside of the wall, and a deep splay outwards.  This is the exact reverse of the usual practice. Explain the significance of this arrangement. The wall has a slight batter. The history of the castle, so far as it is known is both interesting and significant. ~~A charter~~ ^{an O'Dwyer stronghold} It is of 15th century type, or earlier. According to the Egmont MSS. Vol. 1, Sir Philip Reversal, an Englishman was granted the wardship of the heir to Ballagh Castle, on behalf of the King, the heir being ^{John Edward} son of ~~Lionel~~ ^{John Edward} O'Dwyer. The heir was a minor and the objects of his wardship system were twofold: - firstly to bring up the minor as a Protestant and secondly to secure the income of the property to the King during minority. ^{It is} ~~He~~ do not know how the unfortunate ward fared, but there seems to have been a third and underlying motive in the wardship ~~of~~ of Sir Philip Reversal for ^{it is clear} ~~he~~ from the Civil Survey of 1654 that by that time Reversal was himself the owner. ~~but~~ ^{his} right of way but interest may ~~un-~~ ^{un-} ~~perfect~~ ^{perfect}.

Topography.

distant views of the Rock of Cashel, the Devil's Bit Mountains, the Slieveanagh hills, Slievenamur, and the Knockmealdown and White Mountains.

Antiquities contd Clonghorpe Castle. (Photo)

To get to this ruin take the Brumelane road running due north from Blonawilly. At the second ~~cross-roads~~ ^{road-junction} to the right ~~at~~ about 2 miles out, leave the road and a short distance up the bye road there is a lane-way on the right leading to two farmsteads - ~~Parrells and Rogers~~. The ruin is at the head of these houses. ~~in Rogers' farmyard~~. The ruin consists of the West and South walls of a large rectangular keep, of 15th century type. The following features remain or can be traced: Spiral stairway which stood at the S.E. Angle to the left of the entrance (only portion of this remains). Vaulted 2nd floor. ^{garderobe} ~~garderobe~~. Sld windows and small rectangular shaped ones. One large rectangular window in south wall at the height of the 1st floor. It is obvious from the mortar work surrounding the window that it is an addition of later times. There is a slight ^{batter} ~~batter~~.

Clonghorpe was one of the chief manors of the O'Drury's of Kilmamagh. It gave to the clan its second last chief, Derby O'Drury who was High Sheriff of the County Palatinate of Tipperary. Derby's son Anthony, took an active part in the 1651 rebellion and was one of those decapitated from pardon. He died in 1658 thus meeting the gallows. After the rebellion the property went to a Brumellean named Bartholomew Faulke. But in 1795. The west wall has been undermined and is liable to collapse. No sight of way but visitors may inspect.

blogher church ruin.

This ruin stands in a graveyard on a ~~left~~ hill to the left of the Monaulty - Thudra road, about 2 miles N.E. of Monaulty. It consists of a crudely built structure of stone & mortar of the pre-deformation period, the west gable, part of the east and portions of the side walls remain. Otherwise the ruin is featureless, and in a poor state of preservation. Right of way, but in case of D.H.W.

blogher Castle.

This can be seen on the opposite side of the Thudra road from the above above mentioned ruin (blogher church) and is slightly farther to the north. It consists of the ~~walls~~ the hulk of walls of a rectangular keep. No features remain. This was also an aboyer stronghold being attached to Blomphorse manor. It passed to the Cromwellian Bartholomew Bourke at the confiscations. but preserved. brought up way. visitors may inspect.

Monaulty Hill.

On this hill near the ~~hill~~ village some large stones still mark the site of the fortress of the 13th century that stood here. This was a House of the Knights Templars (the only one in the Archdiocese of Cashel) and when these were dissolved ~~about~~ in the 1320^s it passed to the Knights Hospitallers. Visitors may inspect.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF

Kilnamanagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Blonaulty

PARISH

Blonaulty

COUNTY

Rossmore

Kippure

Location and brief description.

Population 35

Blonaulty lies 6½ miles N.W. of Lough and 8 miles S.W. of Kippure, on the Kippure - Dundrum - Thurles highway. It is only a hamlet comprising a few houses round a road junction.

Is there a Town Hall?

none

Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Goolds Cross

Distance

1 mile

Bus?

G.S.R.

Kippure - Dundrum

Monday: Friday: Saturday

Public lighting by—Electricity?

Gas?

DANCING

Dance hall

none

Proprietor

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

none

Pictures shown
(nights)

Theatre

none

Kind of shows

(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *branch of ~~library~~ ^{in the} Co. Library, National Schools, Blonaulty*

Private Lending Libraries *none.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Bethel Blonaulty.* Services (Sundays) *9.30 & 11 am on alternate Sundays.*
do Rossmore. *11 am.*
Church of Ireland Blonaulty. *10.30 am*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Blonaulty. Goolbs looms.*

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

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

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)

Schools

Blonally	Boys & Girls	G.S.
Ballynagh	do	
Bloneyhugh	do	
Rossmore	do	
Turrahallen	do	
Glenamagh	do	

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

HOSPITALS

none

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 D. J. Kennedy Ballyagh. 1 car.

Motors (Touring) none

Boats (State type) none

Bicycles none

Caravans none

Horses none

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location none Landowner none

Local Improvements Committee none

Secretary none

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Kilnamanagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE Blonaulty PARISH Blonaulty & Rossmore COUNTY Lifford

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) 2 1/2 miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout & Salmon.

Salmon fishing AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon here is poor & is not preserved. [see note below] Sea trout Brown trout 1 1/2 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Feb - May Sea trout Brown trout May June.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Mystery, Suir Blue, Gold Scott.

Sea trout

Brown trout Various flies, Green apple, Duns, Spiders, Rustings.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.
Entirely free. [see note below.]

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Blonaulty parish runs east to the Suir for about 1 1/2 miles near the junction of the Suir & Clodiagh Rivers. Until recently this stretch was included in the preserved waters of the Holy Cross Fishing Club Hon Sec. Major W. Gibson Rodmanahog Bachel. This association has now fallen through, and fishing is therefore free. Salmon fishing is hardly worth considering in this part of the river as only an occasional fish appears. Trout fishing is excellent.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

There is also some fly fishing entirely free.

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Bachel, Thurles, Dundrum

Local Angling Club none. Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Kilmacanagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE Blonaulty PARISH Blonaulty & Rossmore COUNTY Liffey

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE CLODIAGH Nearest point to town (distance) 2 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout 12 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout March - April
May June

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout Black Brown, Greenwell's Glory, Olive, Silver Sedge, Black Knot
Red Chamois

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

Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Good trout fishing in the early summer before the
water level falls. Also some pike fishing in the
lower reaches.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

none Doshel, Thades, Dundrum

Local Angling Club none Membership Fee

Secretary

(Signed) John Mac

DATE 23/8/43

Surveyor.

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.

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 Thurles & Kilshane

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:

Wet fowl (duck), pheasant, snipe — fairly good.
Ground in the western area (Rossmore is good
and is free except for the Blake Estate which
is preserved.)

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

Blake Estate to the Agent Thurles

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..... *Blennaulty & Rossmore Hurling C.A. Club Blennaulty.*

Handball..... *none* Handball alley?..... *at Gualdo Cross.*

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.

..... Promoters.....

..... *none.*

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DATE..... *23/8/42*

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Surveyor.

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ACCOMMODATION.

COUNTY *Hyderabad*

PARISH

Blomonty

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Blomonty

HOTELS

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

Remarks

none.

GUEST or BOARDING HOUSES

none.

Date *22/8/43*

(Additional forms to be used if necessary)

Signed *W. B. B. B.* Surveyor

HISTORIC SITES

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

None known.

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. John's Holy Well.

This well is situated beside the village of Llanantilly.
There has not been a pattern within living memory
but it is still venerated locally and occasionally
people use the water to cure sore eyes.

(Signed)

W. B. Brian.

Surveyor.

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