

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF IKERRIN COURAGANEEN

TOWN OR VILLAGE / PARISH CLONAKENNY COUNTY TIPPERARY

TOPOGRAPHY

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

In the combined parishes of Couraganeen / Clonakenny, there is very little of interest save in its boasts to enclose the sources of the sister Rivers Nore and Suir. To the west rise the southern extremity of the Silvermines Mountains, known as the Devil's Bit Mountain. Countryside mostly bog.

GEOLOGY

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

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MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

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ANTIQUITIES

EARLY CHURCH } Abbays, 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.

CLOONAKENNY On the lands of Mr. Hewson, about 300 yards from Cloonakenny R.C. Church, stands a ruined church of same name. About 40 x 21 feet. Walls three feet thick. East & west gables stand. Portions of east window remain & was of cut limestone. Church was built of sandstone. It stands in the centre of a field near right bank of R. Nore. Local people believe it was the chapel attached to the castle of the O'Meaghlans which stands nearby, and with which it is supposed to be connected by an underground passage. In receipt of no care. Approached by passage which leads to Hewson's house. General condition is bad.

BOURNEY. An early church stood on the site of the recently destroyed church of Ireland at Bournay. Surrounding it is an old burial ground.

CASTLES.

BOULABAWN. Adjoining the house and farm buildings of Jas. Clarke at Boulabawn is a peel tower of same name. Four stories high - about 50 feet, base is badly battered. 30 x 27 feet approx. ^{This was also an O'Meagher castle.} There are numerous small well cut limestone windows; all corners are of well cut limestone, face of building all sandstone or grit. Spiral stairs now gone, was in N/W. angle. From it, well cut pointed doors led into apartments. Strong vault supported top story, still intact. Wide, ^{rounded} ~~pointed~~ door, with perpendicular holes in jambs, is in west wall. Ethereal passages with downward steps in 1st & 2nd storeys. The entire castle is in very bad repair, deep fissures and cracks all over and huge slots about to tumble from battlements. Mr. Clarke's house is in grave danger & I told him so. No care. Gate page

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

Walls nearly 8 feet in thickness.

CURRABANEEN/CLOONAKENNY.

Barony of IKERRIN.

County of Tipperary

BOULABANN CASTLE. ^{with} One hundred yards S/E, on high ground, is a well, surrounded and protected by a strong, circular, stone built shelter, of similar masonry to castle. From it, an underground drain leads to two crudely built, stone reservoirs beside castle and situated on ground higher than base of castle. From the "reservoirs" a surface drain still flows by castle wall and perhaps in older days this also might have been covered, assuring an abundant supply of fresh water to inhabitants.

BAWNHARDRUM (Known as Walls of BAWN) One mile east of Boulabann castle on a high ridge, lands of Olls Ollader stands the court of Bawnmoydrum castle. This court or bawn is 33 yards square, with walls over seven feet thick and about 30 high, with a battlemented parapet. Most of north wall stands, except for a breach near N/E angle, where stood the entrance. Practically all the east wall stands. Built of sandstone. There are no windows or openings in either wall. In east wall are two rows of small square holes, one ten, the other 20 feet from ground. These would appear to have been for joists supporting wooden floors. A fragment of S. wall ten feet high stands near S/W. angle. West wall entirely gone - only hard foundation remains. To the south are foundations of several outbuildings. While it was an O'Meara stronghold, tradition holds it was built by an O'Mall. Red Hugh O'Donnell stayed here for 26 days during his march south in the winter of 1600. I would have liked to photograph the walls but for the days I was in the area, the weather was simply awful. In receipt of no care. see Historic Sites.

CLOONAKENNY CASTLE. Beside the ruined church already mentioned stands the above ruined castle, on Dawson's land. Entire north; portions of east and west walls remain, to a height of about 45 feet. Walls close on 10 feet thick. Featureless. Built of rough sandstone. Was of the full tower type. At the S/E angle was a square tower, foundations of which remain. There were some square headed, small windows in N. wall. No cave & not worth doing. Beside castle is an opening, high enough to admit a small person, and this is believed to be the entrance to the alleged underground passage to ruined church nearby. It has never been explored and I did not attempt it. It was another O'Meara stronghold.

Unusual Place Name.

A short distance S/W of Bloonakenny is a district and cross roads having the most unusual name of FOURTEEN ROADS. Nobody seems to know why exactly the place got this name, which is on Ordnance Survey Map. The conclusion come to is that the spot is exactly fourteen miles from Nenagh; Bivv; Rathdowney and Thurles.

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

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CLOONAKENNY

Location and brief description.

Population

The parish of Curraneen / Cloonakenny lies between Roscrea and Templemore, on the eastern slope of the Devil's Bit mountain. A most uninteresting parish, with absolutely nothing to attract tourists or holidaymakers. At one time it had some nice woods but due to wholesale cutting, none now remain.

Is there a Town Hall?

Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station ROSCREA Distance 5 M. Bus? Roscrea 5 M.

Public lighting by—Electricity?

Gas?

DANCING

Dance hall

Proprietor

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

Pictures shown
(nights)

Theatre

Kind of shows
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of County Library in
National School at CURRAGANEEN.*

Private Lending Libraries

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C. Church *CURRAGANEEN* Services (Sundays) *9.00*
CLOONAKENNY *10.30*

*all time all year round. On alternate Sundays other times are
reversed in the churches mentioned above.*

Church of Ireland at } *12 Noon official time*
BOURNEY

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Post Offices at Curraneen & Cloonakenny*
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *M.O.; P.O.; stamps etc. only.*

*In emergency cases the Garda telephone at Cloonakenny may
be used.*

BANKING

Banks

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

Photographic Stores

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Location

Public Baths? Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

The chief industry is tillage with turf cutting a good second. Dairy farming is carried on in a small scale and at Cloonakenny is located a good creamery. At Cloonakenny also is an up to date saw-mill supplying the timber needs of all the local farmers.

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R. C. Church at Cloonakenny is a pretty, well kept church. Built in 1899; faced with plaster but having good quality brick surrounding windows, doors and forming corners.

R. C. Church at Curraneen dates from 1812 & is believed to be the oldest church in diocese of Killaloe. Front for half its height is faced with sandstone & has four built up arches.

C. of D. at Bourny which was a pretty fine stone building was destroyed by fire at Christmas 1923. Service is temporarily held in house nearby.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Mixed National School at CURRANEEN.

" " " " CLOONAKENNY.

HOSPITALS

None nearer than Roscrea District Hospital, 4 miles.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....

Weekly market day..... Half-holiday.....

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis.....

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

Bicycles.....

Caravans.....

Horses.....

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... Landowner.....

Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary.....

DATE 14/9/44..... (Signed) P. J. Lynch

Surveyor.

Juverna Press, Ltd., Dublin.

Phone: 32

Central Hotel,
Roscrea.

ACCOMMODATION.

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FORM "E"

PARISH:-

CURRANEEN
CLOONAKENNY }

BARONY OF
IKERRIN.

COUNTY OF
TIPPERARY

No hotels, guest or
boarding houses
in this parish.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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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)

PARISH BOUNDARY

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

Very small

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

Flood periods.

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

Any type may be used. Trout found only when there is a good flow of water.

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

entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Local Angling Club

Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

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

^{nearest} ROSCREA

No. of holes

9

Situation and brief description of course :

Situated at DERRYVALE, 2 miles south of Roscrea on Dublin Road. A prettily situated and well kept course.

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ?

yes

Licensed ?

yes

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day

2/6

Per week

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ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE NORE Nearest point to town (distance) Flows through parish.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout; Occasional Salmon

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout to lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon { Only when water is high. } Sea trout Brown trout Mar/Apr.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Standard Patterns. Only when there is a good flow of water

Sea trout

Brown trout Orange & green; Anything may be tried.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

ROSCREA, about 5 miles.
Best stretch of river is from CLOONAKENNY BRIDGE
to NORE BRIDGE on main Roscrea/Jenflemore road.

Local Angling Club Membership Fee

Secretary

DATE 14/9/44. (Signed) P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year.....

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds.....

Harriers.....

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club..... Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company.....

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

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

Good free shooting in the districts of
BORRISNOE on the Silvermines and CULLAHILL
on the southern slope of Black Hill near CURRAGANEEN.
Pheasant; Partridge and Grouse are very
plentiful. Snipe; duck; curlew; all kinds of fowl in
abundance throughout parish.

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

Shooting Club..... Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club..... Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

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

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. Junior Team at CLOONAKENNY* } *g.a.a. field*
100 x 150 yds
Hurling *yes. Junior Hurling & Camogie Teams, do.* } *at Gorteen,*
CLOONAKENNY.
Handball *NO* Handball alley? *NO*
Soccer *NO*
Rugby *NO*
Cricket *NO*
Hockey *NO*
Bowls *NO*
Bowling (on public roads) *NO*
Lawn Tennis *NO* Kinds of courts *NO*
Croquet *NO*
Billiards *NO*
Badminton *NO*
Table Tennis *NO*
Bridge Club *NO*
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *NO.*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *CLOONAKENNY L.D.F.* Events held under rules of *Flapper*
do. *sports held for purpose of raising funds for L.D.F.*

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 *CLOONAKENNY L.D.F.*
S P O R T S *L. D. F.*
Usualy July. Held in Sept. 1944.

DATE *14/9/44.*

(Signed)

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HISTORIC SITES

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

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

BAWN MOY DROM CASTLE. During his march south in winter of 1600, Red Hugh O'Donnell stayed here for 26 days. Here, also, it was that Angus O'Daly, the red bard, kinsman of Lord Mountjoy and Leary, was assassinated by a servant of the O'Neaghs whom the former had satired. O'Daly spent his last moments beseeching the forgiveness of the Lord and the O'Neaghs.

HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

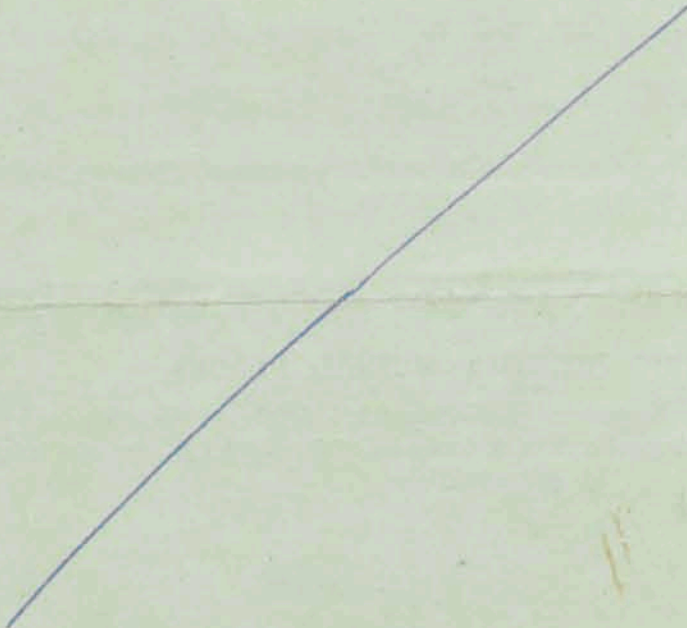
(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities. Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

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.

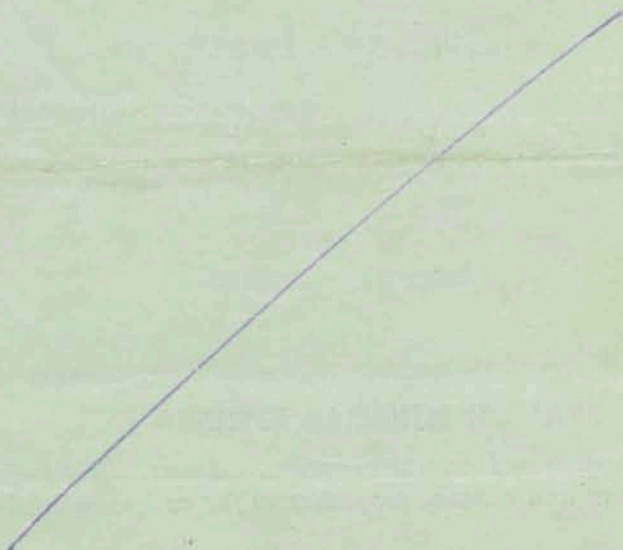
CURIOSITIES

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.



CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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



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