



Knockavilla &

Donaskeagh

Parish

Killarney

Castle



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Ballygriffin
Church



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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF

Kilnamanagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Dundurn

PARISH

Knockavilla
& Donasteeagh

COUNTY

Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish of Knockavilla & Donasteeagh embraces a compact area comprising the foothills at the S.E. tip of the Slieve Felim range, and the surrounding countryside southwards to the base of lower reaches of the River Multeen and eastwards to within a mile or so of the River Suir. A considerable portion on the N.W. side of the parish is forest-land and the remainder is rich, golden-vein land beautifully interspersed with timber. There are many streams flowing down from high-lands and water and woodland combine to create picturesque landscapes delightful to behold.

GEOLOGY

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

Limestone foundations, with gravel overlying in portions. Rich undulating grass land in the south which becomes poorer north towards the foothill of the Slieve Felim. Most successful dairy and fattening lands.
~~No unusual geological features.~~

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

St Michael's Presentation Convent.

Situated amidst beautiful parkland dotted with ^{ornamental} trees about 1 mile S.E. of Dundurn. This mansion is of the Georgian type plain rectangular, with walls of bricks edged with limestone ashlar, and having fine round lead doorways and windows of the same stone. Recently it became necessary to cover the outside of the brick with cement mortar which is done roughcast fashion. The interior has large rooms with lofty ceilings of moulded plaster. This was formerly the residence of the Earls de Montalt (formerly Viscounts Harwooden of bad repute as landlords in the early 19th century). This family was descended from Col Robert Claude of Bonnaville's Army who received a grant of the O'Connell lands at Dundurn. The de Montalt estate passed into the hands of the Irish

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.

KILLEN^URE

Killennare Castle. (Photo)

This ruin stands beside the modern dwelling-house of Mrs Cooper just off the Dundrum-bachel road on the north side about 3 miles from Dundrum. In a good state of preservation, it is a large 3 storey rectangular building of Elizabethan style, having a circular flanking tower at each corner. Two of these towers are still used for residential purposes by the present owners, one being incorporated in the modern dwelling. The chief remaining features are the slight, stone-mullioned, square-headed and leaded windows of good cast limestone, the large, pointed-arched entrances ~~in the~~ opposite each other in the east and west walls, and a carved limestone fireplace on the 1st floor. There was no vaulted floor. Killennare was the seat of a junior branch of the O'Donoghue clan (chiefs of Kilmamuragh). Local tradition is that it was burned by Cromwell, and the marks on the walls seem to indicate that it was burned. In the Cromwellian confiscation it passed to a Colonel Randal Blayton, from whose descendants it was purchased by the predecessors of the present owner Mrs Cooper. Not in line of O.P.W. no right of entry but visitors may inspect on receiving permission.

Ballygreiffin Castle. (Photo)

Situated in the farmyard of Mrs Moran of Ballygreiffin beside the Mullacan river and about 1 mile north of Golden village, all that remains of the castle is ^{portion of} a rectangular flanking ^{tower} rising to a height of about 60 ft. From excavations made during recent building operations Mrs Moran considers that it was the S.W. flanking tower of a large rectangular building. The only remaining features are ~~the~~ ^{which seem} rectangular windows ~~and also large ones without the usual stone surrounds, as formerly~~ (see sheet 1)

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

Manseoirs etc Presentation Boulevard Dundrum.

Land Commission, from which it was purchased by its present owners in 1908. It now houses a School of Domestic Economy under the Dept of Education and an intern female, Industrial, National School.

Antiquities Ballygriffin Castle. (Photo)

th of a later period; Gun embrasures on ground floor; shot holes: ^{strong light projecting dept 3" grey} ~~and a shelf of thin, carved timbers projecting~~ about 3 inches all round over the outside at about 12 feet high. ~~[This appearance would be for decorative purposes.]~~

Ballygriffin Castle was the seat of an Anglo-norman family named Tinnell, a member of which, ~~Major Tinnell~~, a major of the horse in the Confederate Army during 1642-49 was one of the Arch-Traitors of Ireland, and perhaps after Ormonde, the most sinister figure of his time. His infamous character is chiefly remembered in history for:—

1 This attempt to betray Blomond to ^{Bromwell} ~~Blomond~~ during the famous siege, for £500. This plot was discovered by the Governor, Hugh Sherrill, and so strongly enough he was pardoned.

2 at the battle of Portlaoise in 1643 he withheld his horse, watching the northern army with whom he was fighting, being slaughtered. For this he was called a "cowardly cock" by Owen Roe Sherrill.

3 He surrendered Loughlinstown without striking a blow.

4 and finally he abandoned Killybegs, leaving Ince to face to cross the Shannon and invest Limerick from the Clase side.

During the siege he conspired with some of his fellow officers and Sir John's Gate, threatened to admit the Cromwellians unless the garrison surrendered. With more than ordinary justice he was hanged soon afterwards (Murphy Cromwell in Ireland). (over)

Ballygriffin Castle. (continued.)

The castle & property passed to his brother Sir Edward
Steuell who was transplanted, to Bonnought.
From the ^{HEARTH} ~~Heath~~ Money Records (Laffan) of 1655-66 the
owner appears to have been Martin. In the 18th
century ~~he was~~ ^{it was} found in the hands of the infamous
"Hogging Fitzgerald" High Sheriff of Lifford during
the 1798 rebellion, who lived nearby, in the
parish of Glenties (see account in that survey)
but in case of O.P.V. no right of way. Visitors more inspect.

Ballygriffin Church Ruin.

This ruin is situated in a graveyard about 200
to the north of Ballygriffin Castle. It consists of the west
gable, and north & south side walls a crudely built
medieval church. No other features remain except the
wall holes for holding the points of a gallery, at the
western end. The entrance door was ⁱⁿ at the south
side wall. Embedded in the north side wall about
2 feet from the ground (~~near~~ ^{near} where the last gable
joined) is a monumental plaque with the date 1643
on it. The inscription ~~text~~ is in Latin and very
blurred, could not decipher. Apparently it refers
to a local clergyman, and was erected by his
mother. Right of way. but in case of O.P.V.

Ballintemple. site church ruin.

This can be seen in a graveyard of the same
name about 2 1/2 miles S.W. of Dundrum, off the Donaskeagh
road. Only the outlines of the foundations and some
loose stones remain to testify as to its existence.
Right of way. but in case of O.P.V.

3
Lt Colonel Donogh O'Dwyer. contd.
continued assistance under his kinsman Lt Colonel
Edmund O'Dwyer until the latter made peace in
by the Treaty of Brehin 1652 (March 23). Seven months
later he was hanged for his part in the
attack, Capture, and so-called massacre, of Borlagh
in 1651.

Lt Col. Edmund O'Dwyer.

Kesh. The most notable soldier of the Kilmannagh
O'Dwyers, and a near kinsman of Philip the last
chief. Edmund is first mentioned as being a member
of the Army of 4000 raised in 1645 by Ormonde
for the King against the Scots. In 1649 he was
a Lt Colonel commanding a royalist regiment.

From 1649 to 1652 he was Commander-in-Chief
of the royalist forces in Limerick and Waterford.
At Brehin battle on March 23 1652 he signed a treaty
with Colonel Lankester, which ended hostilities. By
the terms of the Treaty O'Dwyer and his army were
to be transported to a foreign country friendly with
the Commonwealth. And so, in the same year,
Edmund O'Dwyer with upwards of 1000 men left
Ireland for service in Flanders with the Duke
of Bourdeaux. In the attack on Arras in 1654 the
gallant Edmund met a soldier's death, and so ended
an eventful career.

Dr Edmund O'Dwyer D.D.

Born about 1590, a near relative of Philip the last Chief of
Kilmannagh. Educated at Rouen, the Sorbonne Paris, and
Rheims where ~~where~~ he took his D.D. Edmund returned to Ireland,
to work in the Diocese of Cloyne. In 1621 he was made
Archdeacon, and in 1632 he was made Procurator at the
Papal Court, of the Archbishops of ~~Yam~~ ^{Yam} & Borlagh and their
Suffragan bishops. In 1635 he became the representative
of the Irish hierarchy in Rome. With the outbreak
of hostilities in 1641 the Irish Confederation asked for
material help from Pope Urban VIII, and the Pope, before
committing himself decided to find out for himself how
things stood in Ireland, by sending a confidential agent
near

Dr Edmund O'Dwyer D.D. Contd

into the country. Dr O'Dwyer was picked. During the last stage of his journey he was captured by Moorish pirates off the French coast, and after having been in irons for three weeks was sold as a slave at Salé in Morocco. Fortunately, he was ransomed by a kindly Huguenot merchant of La Rochelle, and after repairing him, returned to home. He arrived in Ireland in 1643, but was not long there when at the request of the Duke of Buckingham the Supreme Council sent him to Rome, and recommended that he be appointed coadjutor to the aged Bishop of Limerick. This appointment he received in 1645 from Innocent X. He was consecrated at St Lazare Paris. There he met and became friendly with St Vincent de Paul. He returned to Ireland in 1645 and on the death of Dr Arthur, became Bishop of Limerick. He was now a member of the Supreme Council taking the side of Ormonde against the Council and Owen Roe O'Neill. When the Confederation broke up he withdrew to Limerick, and there during the long siege encouraged the people to resist. After the surrender he was one of the seventeen exempted from pardon by Gorton. But he evaded arrest, and disguised as a common soldier marched out with other troops, and joined Lord Muskerry in his final stand in Kerry. After the capture, by Ludlow, of Ross Castle he again escaped and with a price of £300 on his head, finally made his way to Brussels, where he lived until his death in 1654. He was buried in the church of Rondeberge on the 7th April 1654. Stories and accounts from the Thosloe papers that he was in Ireland again during 1655 & 56, organising rebellion, have been completely disproved by Bagley in his history of the Bishops of Limerick.

Ballygriffin House - associations with Thomas Moore.

This house, in the farmyard of which is Ballygriffin Castle, is now the residence of Mrs Moran who informed (see sheet 5)

Ballygriffin House - Thomas Moore

we that Thomas Moore visited there, and while there receives its inspiration for "The Last Rose of Summer" from some bushes of beautiful roses that grow still in front of his house. I am unable to substantiate this story. The two roses in question which are red and white and well-known for their beauty throughout the surrounding neighbourhood and ~~they have~~ their importance has become greatly enhanced by the fact, that despite repeated attempts to get cuttings from them to grow elsewhere, it has always been unsuccessful.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF KilnamanaghTOWN OR VILLAGE Bundoran PARISH Knockavilla & Donaskeagh COUNTY WickLocation and brief description. Population 300

The village of Bundoran stands on the plain underneath the wooded south eastern corner of the Slieve Donard mountains. It is 9 miles N.E. from Wick & 8 miles N.W. of Ballyvaughan. One of the prettiest villages in the country Bundoran is situated ^{historically} in the midst of magnificent woodland. It is a modern village, scarcely 200 years old, and its roomy, well-proportioned, and well-built houses add to its attractiveness.

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 Bundoran Distance 300 yards from village Bus? G.S.R. Kilkenney - Limerick: Monday, Friday, SaturdayPublic lighting by—Electricity? none. Gas? none.

DANCING

Dance hall Yes Golden Vale Hall Proprietor Black Lysaght, Golden Vale Hotel, Bundoran Co. Wick
Donaskeagh - Joseph Hayes: Proprietor
Bishopscourt - John McEllan: do

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... *none.*

Private Lending Libraries..... *none.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Baltoli Knockavilla.* Services (Sundays) *9.30 am & 11.30 am*
Rona-Keagh *10 am.*
Church of Ireland Dundrum *12 noon*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Dundrum.* *440 W. Italy.*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *yes: full service*

BANKING

Banks..... *no.*

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

*Kashnagar Dramatic Society,
James Carroll Bishopwood Bandman*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

N.B. [Owing to Government regulations the local Mayor was unable to give us particulars of the important pottery & timber industry in Bandman. If you get permission from Dept of Lands he will write up particulars and forward them you on leaving from his office that the matter is O.K.]

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)

James Carroll's.

a well-built building of good cut, brown-sandstone after the pseudo-Elizabethan fashion of the 19th century.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Kashnagar Boys & Girls U.S.

Bishopwood do.

Burroughs do.

Bandman do do (Protestant.)

Presentation convent School of Domestic Economy

do

HOSPITALS

Female orphanage Industrial School

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets none.

Weekly market day Monday (Big market) Half-holiday Thursday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Patrick Caffrey Knockavilla Dundrum Garage only
Mark Lyaght Golden Vale Hotel Dundrum Petrol Pump

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis None
Patrick Caffrey Knockavilla Dundrum 1 car
James Haffeman Dundrum 1 car
Miss Jane G. Burke Dundrum 1 car

Motors (Touring) —

Boats (State type) —

Bicycles repaired by Timothy Grove Dundrum.

Caravans none

Horses none.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location none. Landowner —

Local Improvements Committee none

Secretary —

DATE 12/8/42 (Signed) W. J. W. W.

Surveyor.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF MilnamaghTOWN OR VILLAGE DundrumPARISH Knockavilla & DonaskeaghCOUNTY Tipperary

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) 3 1/2 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout 4 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout March, April May
Net fly.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout Greenwell Glory, Black Briner, Orange, Yarnose, Dark Olive
Silver Edge, Light Olive, Ginger, Gill, Red Brille, Red Spinner, Black Knot
 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, Tipperary, Bachel.Local Angling Club none Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

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 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 Seateen, Black & Yane

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:

Pheasant, woodcock, duck, partridge snipe
The estate that is controlled by Dept of Lands, part of which I was unable to obtain (see note under "Industries" form D). Shooting for woodcock & pheasant is very good. There is also free deer shooting at present as deer are getting too plentiful.

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

Dept of Lands & Forestry Branch, Dublin

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 Rickhams G.A.A. Club, Dundrum

Hurling 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)

Shittles

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 12/5/43

(Signed)

W. J. J. J.

Surveyor.

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I.T.I. SURVEY. FORM E.

BAFONY Kilnamanagh

A C C O M M O D A T I O N.

COUNTY Lifford

PARISH Knockavilla & Donacagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE Dundrum

HOTELS

{ Barlong's Hotel.
Miss Burke Proprietor
{ Golden Vale Hotel.
{ Proprietor Charles Lycaught }

No. Guest Bedrooms	No. of Baths	No. of Lavs.	No. Public Rooms	Licensed
6	1	1 (inside)	3	yes.
10	1	1 (inside) 1 (outside)	3	yes.

Remarks

Premises clean, well laid, and nicely decorated
furniture good food fair. service bad, the garage
Premises well appointed & furnished, clean. the
Manager & Service Billiards

GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES

none

Date 12/8/43

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

Signed W. J. B. Brien Surveyor

N.B.

There is a possibility that the hotels mentioned
overleaf will become members of the I.T.A.,
especially Mrs. Lyngby. I have informed them
that particulars as to membership etc
would be forwarded to them, and I shall
be glad if you will do so!

Yrs.

above
noted.
J.F.

HISTORIC SITES

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

Dundurn Castle (site of). Little Field.

The place where this castle stood is in the Roscutton Convent grounds Dundurn. There are no visible remains. This was one of the principal strongholds of the O'Bryens of Kilnamanagh and in it lived Philip, the last chief. It was captured by Colonel Langley, for Cromwell, after a brief resistance in February 1650. Along with the surrounding countryside it was granted to Col Robert Mordaunt of Cromwell's Army.

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.

Philip O'Bryen (1629 - 1648)

Last chief of Kilnamanagh. A member of the Dundurn family. Philip was one of the first nobles to take the field, and seized Lough for the insurgents on 31st Dec 1641. He was a member of the Supreme Council, favouring Cromwell's policy. He died of plague of 1648. Apparently his enemies were aware of his death, for we find that by the Act of 1652 he was "excepted from pardon for life and estate".

St Colonel Donogh O'Bryen.

A younger brother of Philip's. Took part in the capture of Lough in 1641, for which he was afterwards tried and hanged by the Cromwellians (1652). He held his commission from the King. Donogh was taken prisoner when Inchiquin defeated Gaaffe at Knockanure near Kantuck 13th Nov 1651 but was released on an exchange of prisoners, and later raised a regiment of his own in Kilnamanagh. He

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.

None.

(Signed)

W. J. O'Brien

Surveyor.

DATE

12/1/03