



Early Parish

R.C. Church

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Eunley Parish

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Curley Parish

Pediment with
Statuary over Front
Doorway.
Catholic Church



Eurley Parish

Chancel Window

R. C. Church

Eurley



Eunley Parish

Holy Water Font
at Entrance to
Eunley R. C. Church



Emely Panish

St. Athas Cross

Emely.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Blauwilliam

TOWN OR VILLAGE Emly PARISH Emly COUNTY Lifford & Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish of Emly covers an area of about 9 sq. miles and with the exception of a small portion at the south-western corner (in Limerick), is situated within the county of Lifford on the Limerick border. The countryside for the most part, is low-lying, the surface over the limestone foundation being exceptionally rich and noted as a cattle producing area. Though devoid of any striking natural features or attractions, the Emly countryside, with (see contn sheet 1)

GEOLOGY

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

Dried-up lake.
A lake of about 200 acres in extent was once adjacent to Emly, having been drained by Sir Robert Ryer of Ryer Castle in 1425

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, Souterrams, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, 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.

Celtic Cross.

Located in the cemetery in Enlly. An ancient solid-ringed cross of plain workmanship marked out by sunken panels. Locally, called St Ailbe's cross it is said to mark the last resting place of the saint. Right of way. Not in care of O.P.W. (Photograph)

Manuscript Slab.

This is now built into the left-hand pier of the gateway to the cemetery and is painted over. The Latin inscription is as follows:-

"Locus in quem ultra terra sancta est R. Jones P. Cent."
(Robert Jones became Rector of Enlly in 1628) (Photograph)

Holy Water Font.

This can ~~be~~ be seen on the right-hand side of the entrance to the modern church. It consists of a large circular stone basin resting on a circular pedestal (Photograph)
Not in care of O.P.W.

3 Capitals.

3 Capitals belonging it is said to the 13th century cathedral are built into the wall on the right of the church entrance. Each has a human head and foliage design.
Not in care of O.P.W.

There are also some loose stones including various portions of mullions etc.

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Early description contd.

the 6th century. From this monastery there came two distinguished ecclesiastics to rule Munster i.e.

Olchobhar who died as King of Boshel in 851 A.D.

Cennfaeladh do 870 A.D.

Later it was the last resting place of Brian Boru's daughter-in-law Devorgail who died there in 1080 A.D.

The centre of an ecclesiastical diocese of the same name which was made suffragan to Boshel in 1152 A.D.

~~and~~ ^{it} continued in that status ~~also~~ until 1718 when it was amalgamated with Boshel.

During the Desmond rebellions early was laid waste and has since been restored to its former glories.

In modern times the village is noted as a centre for very important cattle fairs.

Important Public Bldgs. Catholic Church Early

supported by circular pillars of chiselled limestone. The arches are nicely moulded, with carved heads at the springing (on the nave side only). Capitals are decorated with carved ~~with~~ foliage design, while those at the junction of transepts have in addition carved heads. Each transept has a side chapel ~~from~~ from which an arched opening leads directly to the chancel. The chancel has a magnificent light altar of Italian statuary marble, and immediately above it is a five-light window, which is one of the outstanding features of the church. (Photo). The main entrance to the nave is through a square-headed ~~stone~~ door of carved limestone surmounted by a pediment holding statues of the Bl. Virgin and an angel on either side of her. Higher up is a statue of St. Patrick the patron of the ~~Patron~~ church (Photo).

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Topography contd.

its lush meadowlands and winding, tree-bordered roads
possesses an indefinable charm and appeal for
the traveller, who having left the beaten track, strikes
out to find the peace & quiet of rural Ireland.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF *Clanwilliam*TOWN OR VILLAGE *Emly* PARISH *Emly* COUNTY *Liffey*

ANGLING (Fresh water)

[with a very small portion in Co. Limerick]

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 *CAMOG* Nearest point to town (distance) *1/4 mile*

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

none

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout.....

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout.....

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon *none*

Sea trout

Brown trout

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

none

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

*none*Local Angling Club *none* Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

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?..... 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 Seaton Black & Lane,

Harriers dp. none

Beagles dp. none.

COURSING

Name of Club Seaton & Knockcarron Meeting held annually? none
 coursing club.

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:

Not strictly preserved except in a small portion controlled
by the undermentioned club at the western end otherwise
shooting can be had for the asking.
Poor shooting - some wild fowl, snipe, partridge.

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

Slieveveagh Gun Club: Sec: Jerry O'Ballaghan Hospital.

Shooting Club none. Secy.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club

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 Early G.A.A. Club. Early.

Hurling Early G.A.A. do 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 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 Early N.A.C.A. Events held under rules of N.A.C.A.

do. athletic club.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.) in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

12th Sept Pattern Promoters Parish.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

ROWING AND SAILING

DATE 17/4/43.

(Signed)

McBrien

Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF blanwilliamTOWN OR VILLAGE Emly PARISH Emly COUNTY Yippery

Location and brief description.

Population 200 (1911)

Emly is a compact clean little village situated in the midst of low-lying pasture land plentifully interspersed with timber. It is distant 8 miles west of Yippery and 20 miles south-east of Limerick, via Knocklong & Hospital. An ancient place, it has important ecclesiastical and historical associations. Near Emly St Hilbe was born and at Emly he set up his famous monastery and here during

Is there a Town Hall? yes Location Marin St.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station $\frac{3}{4}$ mile Distance _____ Bus? Galbally - Limerick.
Public lighting by—Electricity? none Gas? none

DANCING

Dance hall Youna Hall Proprietor Rev Mr. Keany P.P.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas none Pictures shown _____
(nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... *Carnegie Library Branch*

Private Lending Libraries..... *W. B. Dulles - Doyle Lending Library*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *early catholic* Services (Sundays) *9.30 & 12 noon*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office..... *Main St.*

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

BANKING

Banks..... *Munster & Leinster Tuesday 9am to 3pm*
National Bank. Friday. do.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers..... *do*

Photographic Stores..... *do.*

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... *none* Location.....

Public Baths?..... *none* Location.....

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

none.

Cultural Societies

*Irish Countrywomen's Association
only*

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)

Catholic Church. Only.

a beautiful Gothic structure built in 1880, from designs by Ashlin. It is cruciform in shape, and consists of nave (with aisle) transepts, a chancel, tower (not yet completed) & sacristy. The stone is roughed limestone bordered by chiselled stone of the same kind.

The nave is separated from aisles by an arcade of 4 arches

(see contin sheet 1)

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

only Boys & Girls N.S.

HOSPITALS

none.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Fairs May, September, June, October*
November & December.

Weekly market day *none.* Half-holiday *Wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

John J. Bradshaw. Railway Cross Enly
Garage only

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Wachley*
John J. Bradshaw Railway Cross 1 car.

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *none*

Bicycles *John J. Bradshaw Railway Cross.*

Caravans *none.*

Horses *John B. Regan Enly House*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *none.* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none.*

Secretary

DATE

14/4/43.

(Signed)

W. B. Regan

Surveyor.

Juvena Press, Ltd., Dublin.

HISTORIC SITES

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

Moanmore.

about 1 mile South of Emly.

Scene of a very important battle between Gurlough O'Brien King of Munster and Gurlough O'Conor King of Connaught in which O'Brien was heavily defeated. Large heaps of bones were found buried in the neighbourhood.

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.

Lackelly. Knockcarrow. St aille rock

This rock, ~~it~~ level with the surface of the ground is to be seen near the farmstead of the Kincaid of Lackelly (near Knocklong ^{Carrow} School) about 3 miles S.W. of Emly village. Aille means "living under the rock" and it is related that on this rock, beneath a rise in the ground, St aille was ordered to be exposed by King Cronan, in whose house he was born of nuptials against the King's wishes. There he was found and reared by a she-wolf, later being brought up by some slave from Britain. After some time he made his way to Rome where he was educated. After an extensive tour of evangelizing in heathen countries he returned to Ireland a very considerable part of which he appears to have travelled as a missionary before finally settling at Emly. The year of his death is recorded as 526 A.D. (Seymour Diocese of Emly)

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 Ailbe's Holy Well.

St Ailbe's well is in the cemetery beside the Catholic church in Luncly. It is said to be 45 ft. deep, and is surrounded by a circular wall of cut erected in 1827. St Ailbe's festival is celebrated on the 12th Sept each year when there is a pattern in Luncly.

St Peter's Well

Adjacent to the western side of the village of Luncly is a well known as St Peter's well. There are no local traditions connected with it, and it is not now venerated.

(Signed)

Donnan

Surveyor.

DATE

1943