

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Middlethird

TOWN OR VILLAGE Yethard PARISH Yethard & Killystry COUNTY Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

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

This compact ecclesiastical division of Yethard & Killystry covers the north eastern slope of Slievenamann and the surrounding countryside. It contains delightful scenery — far famed Slievenamann the lovely Anner and glamorous Kiltinane — and has plenty of interest to the Antiquarian. There is surely no better way of spending a long summer's day than an ascent of Slievenamann taking in Broadhill and Killystry on the outward journey and returning by Kiltinane and Grove.

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?

Grove. 1/4 mile South East Yethard.

A fine 18th century mansion admirably situated in a beautiful 400-acre demesne of fertile land well timbered & sheltered. The owner is Capt R.C. Boston, whose family, originally wine merchants from the South of France, acquired the property from the Everard family who had been there since the Anglo-Norman invasion. The most illustrious member of this great family was Sir John Everard, member of the Confederate Supreme Council during the 1641-49 wars who has already been dealt with in my survey of bogheen & Baskinist parish. It is not open to visitors.

Killamane Castle. 3 miles West of Yethard

This fine castellated mansion standing in a demesne of about 400 acres is owned by Mrs C.A. Vigours. There is nothing

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.

Augustinian abbey. Yethard.

The Augustinians settled in Yethard in 1305 on land granted by Walter de Maccote. At the time of the suppression the abbey was surrendered by the Prior Wm Burden on April 8th in the 31st of Henry VIII. Four years later the property was granted to Sir Edmund Satter. It was not until the nineteenth century that the Augustinians again regained control. The ruins which consist of the former refectory, kitchen, dormitories etc are in a very good state of preservation. There are some very fine 16th & 17th century tombstones of the Yakin & Amborne family. On the wall of the abbey is to be seen a specimen of the Sheela-na-gig type of effigy.

Yethard Castle.

Situated in the centre of the town this rectangular keep is large in size and originally had four towers. Immediately to the South is another keep of similar size and type and nearby is a third somewhat smaller. These are all of the 15th century type.

The Town Walls.

Portions of the town walls together with three unbattled flanking towers also remain.

St. Glemartin.

South of the town in Garryinch lies the ruined church of St. Glemartin. It is a mediæval building at present in a poor state of preservation. There are no features.

Church Ruin Kiltinane.

Beside Kiltinane castle this ruin is of the post-invasion type and has side walls and gables still standing. On the east gable can be seen the most

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Mansion Houses & Estates.
Gullamanie Castle.

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else interested to report in connexion with it. It is not open to visitors.

Kiltinane Castle. 2½ miles south east of Fethard.

Kiltinane castle ~~was~~ is said to have been built in the 12th century King John. In the year 1215 Philip of Worcester received a grant of it, and it became a baronial castle. It passed to the Butler in the 14th century and the branch that settled here were subsequently created Lords Dunboyne. In 1649 it was strongly held and Cromwell had to use cannon to reduce it. It now passed into the hands of a Cromwellian Richard Staper, whose title was ratified in 1669 by Charles II. Staper sold it to Peter Cooke and it remained in the Cooke family until the early 20th century when it was purchased by its present owner Mrs de Ferris.

The castle on a rock overhanging the Glashamney river and there is a sheer drop of 100 ft on the eastern side. There was a quadrangular court which had fortified towers. Three of these still remain, two of which form part of the present dwelling house. The walls are of great thickness and there vaulted 1st floor ceilings. From the courtyard 87 steps ~~leading~~ down to a fortified well. In this passage can be seen some very perfect "hurdle work".

From underneath the rock on which the castle stands gushes forth a stream known as the "Roaring Spring" the source of which has never been traced, and the water of which is always at the same temperature, and depth, apparently from the same source. Springs a well known as the "Bishing Well" or "Boiling pot" & the strength of which causes it to appear to boil. There is a tradition that Cromwell spent some time at Kiltinane after capturing. It is also recounted that at the capture, a bishop
P.T.O.

Kiltinane Castle.

who had sought refuge there, was thrown over the parapet and smashed to death on the rocks far below. Red stains or blotches on the rocks by the river are today pointed out as the blood stains of the murdered Bishop. Visitors are allowed to inspect free of charge. Antiquities contd.

Church ruin Kiltinane

X perfect specimens of the Sheela-na-gig effigy.

Bath Barnetstown Castle.

2 miles West of Tethard stands this 16th century quadrangular keep, plainly visible from the road. It is in a good state of preservation and is under the control of the Board of Works. Tradition has it that it was once the home of the Gohin family Anglo-norman barons under the Butlers. Visitors are allowed to inspect it.

The White Gallanaine. 3 miles west of Tethard.

Situated in Gallanaine demesne beside the castle this mote is of the normal Anglo-norman type such a knock-graffon and now stands at about half its original height. The remains of the encompassing fosse can also be seen. Nothing is known locally of its history. It is not preserved. Permission to inspect can be obtained from the owner Mrs. Vigours.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF Middlethird.TOWN OR VILLAGE Yethard PARISH Yethard & Killusty. COUNTY Liffey

Location and brief description.

Population 1020

Seven miles due north of Blonmel the town of Yethard straddles a small eminence at the foot of the northern slope of Slieve-na-managh. An ancient town, enclosed by walls at the time of Edward I, Yethard, according to taxation rolls, was little inferior in population to either Bachel or Blonmel. Prior to the Confederate Wars the history of Yethard as an Anglo-Norman settlement has not been recorded. But with the arrival of Cromwell it soon appeared in the news. On the night of Feb 2nd 1650 saw Cromwell

Is there a Town Hall?

yes

Location

Main St.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Modern water supply & sewerage.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Yethard

Distance

Bus?

Thurles - Blonmel.

Public lighting by—Electricity?

Electricity

Gas?

none

DANCING

Dance hall

Barrock St Hall

Proprietor

Diney Club.Youn Hall.Bounty Bouncel.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

none

Pictures shown

(nights)

new cinema in course of construction

Theatre

none

Kind of shows

(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Carnegie Library, Town Hall, Retraire Brothers
Monastery schools, Presentation convent Schools.
Private Lending Libraries none.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic. Yethard. Services (Sundays) 9 & 12 am
Kilkestry 11 am.
Church of Ireland. 11.30 am.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main St.
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) yes.

BANKING

Banks Monaster & Munster
Provincial.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers J & O'Sullivan, N.P.S.I. Main St.

Photographic Stores J & O'Sullivan, N.P.S.I. Main St.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? none Location
Public Baths? none Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Tirrey Club

Cultural Societies

Tirrey Club Dramatic

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Abbey Flour Mills

Kethand & Bodlwynne Cooperative Society

Rectory Gardens

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

nil

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

none

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Strician Brothers National & Secondary School

Kilbury National School Boys & Girls

Bodlwynne

do

do

Strician National Secondary Girls School

HOSPITALS

none

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets 3rd Tuesday each month.

Weekly market day Tuesday Half-holiday Thursday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Morrissey, 40 Main St Garage, & Petrol Station
John Ward, The Valley do do

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Morrissey, 40 Main St. 4 cars
John Ward, The Valley. 2 "
Michael Healy, The Green. 1 "

Motors (Touring) none.

Boats (State type) none

Bicycles none

Caravans none

Horses none

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location none Landowner

Local Improvements Committee none

Secretary

DATE 9/1/43 (Signed) Hobbs Surveyor.

BAF ONLY *Widdowson*.....

COUNTY... *Jefferson*.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE... *Jefferson*.....

HOTELS

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

McCarthy Main St.

4

1

1

1

yes

clean & well kept efficient service good table.

GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES

Abnells.

The Square

4

1

1

1

yes

well kept appearance.

Lawson

Main St.

3

1

1

1

yes

do.

Bonney

Beale St.

3

1

1

1

no

do.

Restaurant.

Wes Green

Burke

or

similar

accessions

Wes taking down are usually in drawers or closet deep

Wes Green Main St.

Wes & McCarthy Main St.

Date... *9/1/43*.....

(Additional forms to be used if necessary)

Signed... *McGraw*... Surveyor

Yethard Description.

underneath its walls demanding its surrender. The day had been wild & stormy the night ^{left} promised to be worse. The brownwellions had ~~marched~~ ^{left} from Lehill that morning, and defying the elements, had side-stepped strongly held banks and forded the flooded sea at Rockestown. They were tired after a tough day and wanted shelter. Tradition tells us that the defenders recognizing this were determined to hold out for good terms, and placed tubs on the walls to simulate cannon. Favouring by the bad weather they succeeded in deceiving Cromwell as to their strength, with the result that very advantageous terms were forthcoming from him.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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TOWN OR VILLAGE

Yethand

PARISH

Yethand
Kellusty

COUNTY

Y. Kerry

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

Dunel

Nearest point to town (distance)

3 1/2 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

1/2 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

March-June

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

Yellow partridge Red Hackle Spiders. Rabbs.

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) :

Yethand. blonmel.

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 ? Fishing tackle ?

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.

GOLFING

Name of Club *Yelland Golf Club.* No. of holes *3*

Situation and brief description of course :

This has now fallen through

Name of Professional *none.*

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.....

Under which rules?..... *none.*

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds..... *Lifford Hunt Club. Gallanagh.*

Harriers..... *Robt Byrne The Green.*

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:

The Barton Estate, Grove.

Lord Ossory's Estate Slieveanaman.

Whole parish area is preserved by local owners.

Game very plentiful - pheasant, woodcock, partridge, wild duck & geese. The shooting can be had for the asking in all the area except the two estates mentioned.

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

Capt R. B. Barton. The Grove, Yetham.

The Estate Agent, Wilkemy, Castle.

Shooting Club..... *Yetham Rifle Club* Secy. *Mr. J. J. Burke St.*

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 *Yellord G.A. Football Club Barrack Field*

Hurling *none*

Handball *none* Handball alley? *yes*

Soccer *none*

Rugby *none*

Cricket *none*

Hockey *none*

Bowls *none*

Bowling (on public roads) *none*

Lawn Tennis *Lilac Club, Burke St.* Kinds of courts *3 grass*

Croquet *none*

Billiards *Yirney Social Club*

Badminton *Lilac Club Burke St.*

Table Tennis *Yirney Social*

Bridge Club *none*

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)

Cramps Lough - 1/2 mile east of Yellord.

Yrangabog near Killybegs & Slieve Donard

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *none* Events held under rules of

do. *none*

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 *9/1/43*

(Signed)

W. B. Brien

Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

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

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.

Blonacody House

Situated 3 miles south of Yethand off the Yethand-Blonacody road. Sir Henry Kellett was born here. Kellett was for many years engaged in important survey work for the British Government in South America and China. In 1852 he commanded the discovery ship "Resolute" which was sent to the Arctic in search of Sir John Franklin and his party.

Brookhill

about 2 miles east of Yethand where was born in 1805 Michael Mahony one of the leaders of the Young Ireland Party. He is best remembered as the author of "The Yellow Track" in which he tells the story of his participation in the insurrection of 1848, and of two beautiful poems "A Chuide Geal no chroidhe" & "The outlaw's wife". After '48 he made his escape to America where in conjunction with James Stephens and Col. John Mahony he founded the Fenian Brotherhood. He died suddenly in 1863.

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.

The Barrack Field. Yethand. 'Eyesore'

This is the site of the old military Barracks which were burned during the Civil war. The dilapidated ruins have a most unsightly appearance and if cleared away would provide space for a very nice town park. I am informed that the property is controlled by the Minister for Defence.

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. O'Brien

Surveyor.

DATE

9/1/43.