



Killennake Parish

Graystown Castle

N. E. View

O'Brien



Killennule Parish
South Side Wall
Derrynavlaun

O'Brien



Killenaule Parish
Recess, South Wall

Derrymurleen
O'Brien



Killenaule Parish

East Window from
inside.

Derrynavlaun
O'Brien

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.BARONY OF SlieveadaghTOWN OR VILLAGE Hillenaule PARISH Hillenaule & ~~Marple~~ COUNTY Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

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

This parish is a long narrow strip of country stretching along the edge of the Golden Vale. It is bounded by Boshel in the west, Fortnahoe in the north, Baltingarry in the east, Gethand & Drangan in the south. The bare and undulating countryside is broken by three parallel ranges of low hills running north-south. In the main the scenery is uninteresting although there are some splendid distant views of the south-west and north-west Tipperary mountains; notably that from Rathmoley fort, 2 miles S.W. of Hillenaule village.

GEOLOGY

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

none.

J.D.T. What about the nearness of the Kilderry coalfield? The offshoot known as the Glencole and Geth Hills

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.

Derryneavlaun.

Known locally as the ~~birth~~ burial-place of the Gobbanu Saor this ruin is situated on an island in a turf bog north west of Killeenaula, from which place the best approach is through Laffan's Bridge and then along the Railway line to a level crossing from which there is a causeway through the bog to the island.

The ruin consists of the East gable and side wall of the Choir. and is mediæval in character. The building is of chiselled limestone, and Gothic in style. There is an east window 7ft high and 11ft 8" wide. In the South side wall, about 3ft from the ground is a recess, constructed of reddish sandstone, and ornamented with mouldings of a very interesting character. Experts ^{are} of opinion that this work belongs to a more ancient building. It is of the type seen in Cormac's Chapel Bodell and must have belonged to a church or building of that period.

Nearby is the grave of the legendary Gobbanu Saor, marked by a horizontal slab containing the figure of a human head on the broad end.

On a small stone lying to the east of the above-mentioned are chiselled two heads - said to be those of the Gobbanu Saor's twins. There is also another flagstone with 2 heads. Buried somewhere in the neighbourhood of the ruin is portion of a Celtic cross. I spent considerable time endeavouring to locate this but failed to do so. It is suggested that these monumental slabs are associated with a religious establishment anterior to the present ruin.

The church is noticed as a ruin in *Siber Regalis* ~~Ant~~ Visitations. The ruin is not officially preserved. There is a right of way.

Groystown Castle.

Situated about 2½ miles west of Killeenaula (just south of Laffan's Bridge) this is a quadrangular keep built of limestone. It measures 23' x 16' in the interior, is 60 ft high and has walls 4' thick at the base. Most of the southern, and portion of the eastern wall have disappeared, as also has the circular.

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

Graystown Castle.

stone stairway which rose at the north eastern corner. There is a pointed doorway at the northern end, inside which was the "murdering hole". In the west wall is a garderobe. Adjacent is the gable of a dwelling house of 14th century type. This stronghold is situated at the northern end of a depression which was obviously of great strategical importance. The first castle is said to have been built by Raymond le Gros, but the present ruin can hardly be older than the 16th century. It was occupied by a family called Laffans, sub chiefs of the Butlers and was destroyed during the Cromwellian wars. Portions of the boundary wall of the bawn can also be seen. There is no right of way, but visitors may inspect. Not preserved.

Scornamus Church Ruins.

On a hill, only about 250 yards south east of Graystown castle can be seen this ruin. All that remains are the north side wall and portion of the east gable. It is ~~pre~~ pre-reformation and is featureless except for a Gothic doorway in the north wall. The ruin lies unprotected in an open field. There is no cemetery, but the outlines of boundary walls of an enclosed space, which surrounded the ruin, can be seen. It is not preserved and there is no right of way. Visitors may inspect.

Graystown Abbey.

Situated one field to the north of Graystown castle. Nothing remains save walls of limestone wall and outline of foundations. The foundation, which was a branch of Holy Cross came into being in AD. 1305 and was confiscated by Henry VIII. It is not preserved and there is ~~not~~ no right of way, but visitors may inspect.

Church-hill Ruin

About 300 yards from the 'abbey' we come on this ruin of pre-reformation character. The east & west gables stand at their original height but the south side wall is almost gone and the north wall is beginning to crumble. The last window is a single light of the lancet type. The Gothic doorway which can be seen on the ground ~~was~~ was in the north wall, near the west gable. It is evident

Church-hill Church ruins.

that the western end was, lofted. The remains of a fine place can be seen on the upper portion of the west gable. The building is of limestone and is unenclosed in a field. It is not preserved. There is no right of way but visitors may inspect it.

Kilboy Cell.

Situated ~~one~~ field from road in Kerr's land about 1 mile west of Killnamale, this ruin consists of a cell-like building with stone ~~stone~~ ^{roof} (wattle-work). It measures approximately 12' by 5' by 8' to apex of roof. The eastern gable and portion of the roof have collapsed. The entrance was on the north side wall close to the east gable. A ~~stream~~ ^{stream} of water runs along a rectangular-shaped channel about 2 ft wide. ~~in the~~ There are ledges about 1 1/2 ft wide on either side. I was unable to get any information relating this ruin. However it seems to have been a baptistry.

Close to the west gable can be seen:-
 a. A stone about 2 ft square on one side of which are the carved figures of a virgin and child executed rather crudely. This seems to be medieval in character.
 b. An iron casting of a Norman knight dressed in mail.

c. a short distance (30 yards) to the east, built in a portion of a style is a stone slab 2 1/2 ft by 1 1/2 ft on which is a carving in high relief, which I endeavoured to represent ^{by sketch} on the spot. You will observe that the carving is not in the centre of the stone but rather to the left-hand side. There is nothing to suggest that the design was continued in other stones. The carvings over the heads of two of the figures suggest crowns. The place has been known locally as the "Church of the three kings". Would this be a scriptural analogy? I would be very interested in knowing its origin. Kindly return the enclosed sketch if it is not of use to you. There are some very ancient chestnut trees in the vicinity not preserved. No right of way but visitors may inspect.

Uimplemacduach.

Situated in its west field to National School at Moyglass 5 miles S.W. of Killemaule. Small building of hewn limestone all of which appears to have been renovated or rebuilt except the east gable. This latter contains a narrow single light window of the lancet type. There are no other features. Most likely it would be an out-~~the~~ church of the ~~near~~ not too distant Ynestrone abbey already referred to. I gathered locally that the latest renovations to be effected were carried out about 150 years ago to enable it to be used as a burial ground for some local landlord's family. It is unprotected in a field, and is not preserved. No right of way but visitors may inspect.

Rathmoley Fort

This is found on an eminence about 1½ miles South west of Killemaule. It is a three ringed fort in a good state of preservation. Not preserved officially. No right of way but visitors may inspect. I could get no historical information concerning it.

Northtown Castle.

Situation:- 9 miles South of Killemaule on the east side of the Killemaule - Bethard road.

16th century rectangular keep, measuring (internally) 22½ ft by 16 ft with walls 4 ft thick at base and well grouted. Height about 50 ft. There is a pointed doorway in the South wall also a stairway which rises spirally from the 2nd floor, which incidentally is vaulted. There is a garderobe in the North wall. Nothing remains of other buildings. I was unable to ascertain any information locally as to whom this stronghold belonged. It is not preserved. No right of way. Visitors may inspect.

Yeampuil Deal.

Situated at Lanespark on right-hand side of Thudra road 2½ miles from Killemaule. Nothing remains but portion of the North side wall about 1 ft high and completely overgrown with ivy. Nothing is known about it locally. There is a right of way. Not preserved. In all probability it is the site of a pre-reformation church.

Ballinase Church ruins.

Situated on the side of the Kellenaula-Keshel road $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Kellenaula. A pre-Reformation building of limestone. The north side wall is missing, otherwise all walls are at their original heights. The features remaining are as follows:—

- a a belfry rising from the west gable,
- b A double light east window the dividing mullion of which is missing.
- c A vaulted chamber extending from the west gable 12 ft and occupying the full width. This appears to have been a construction of much later date, and it is evident from the walls that this part of the building was originally lefted. There is a right of way. Not preserved.

Boallagh Castle.16th Cent.

Situated 2 miles north of Ballinase church (above mentioned) on road to Horse & Jockey. A 14th century keep rectangular in good state of preservation, but containing no mural features. It has been identified as belonging to a branch of the Butler family but these have been unable to obtain confirmation of this. Not preserved. Visitors may inspect.

Mural stair 3. Round bartizan. front story —
on corner. need Rome Vault

Ent. door in two orders.
shot here at apex.



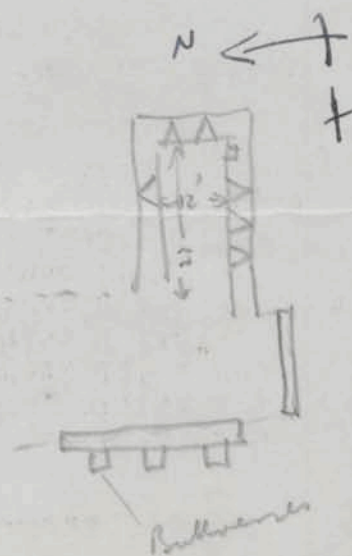
Bed of Bawn.

Gobans Island

About $2\frac{1}{2}$ mls from Horse & Jockey on island
about 6 ac in ~~area~~ extent in a bog.

Gobans ch. The church stand complete with
side walls & gable the interior $12' \times 27'$
N. & S. walls $15'$ high. N. wall 1 lancet window
S wall 3 lancets with neatly cut stone
jambs. Aumbry inside of sandstone
with Roll & head. Romanesque mouldings

West wall $15'$ high with 3 buttresses



HISTORIC SITES

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

Paire-na-chair

The 'Field of the bones'. Continuing south from Greystown Castle already mentioned, we came to Greystown Schoolhouse, and to the west on the rising ground across the depression lies this field, where numbers of human bones have been found. Local tradition states that after the battle of Thulage Strongbow retreated southwards through this country, and that he was harassed by the Irish on the way, notably here where large numbers of the slain were slain. The field is situated in the land of Mrs Hall, Knockforlagh.

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.

Mobarnane House.

This house situated in the south western portion of the parish (south of Ballinacree) and now the residence of Mrs O'Riordan was the birthplace of Thomas O'Riordan born 1590, who served as a chaplain to the Irish English & Scotch forces during the 30 years war. He wrote several historical works and wrote chiefly in Latin.

Kelly Brothers Bushrangers, etc. Australia.

These brothers were born in the house now occupied by Mrs Hall in Knockforlagh townland.

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.

Lipscomb.

At the junction of Main St. & River St. in Kellenmulla, is a ruin in a shocking state of dilapidation which shrouds the appearance of an ancient compact and clean little town.

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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(Signed)

W. B. Brien

Surveyor.

DATE

5/5/93

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF

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TOWN OR VILLAGE

Killeanaule

PARISH

Killeanaule

COUNTY

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

none.

Nearest point to town (distance)

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

none

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon

none

Sea trout

Brown trout

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

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

none

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):

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 ? *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 none

Harriers none

Beagles none

COURSING

Name of Club 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:

Parstridges & Pheasant. Shooting is entirely free
but game is not very plentiful.

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

not preserved

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.....
Hurling *St Marys G.A.A. Hurling club.*
Handball *none.* Handball alley? *Laffans Bridge*
Soccer *none*
Rugby *none*
Cricket *none*
Hockey *none*
Bowls *none*
Bowling (on public roads) *none*
Lawn Tennis *Killenaule Tennis club.* Kinds of courts *3 grass courts*
Croquet *none.*
Billiards *Town Hall (Killenaule Social club)*
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.

none. Promoters.....
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DATE *5/5/43*

(Signed) *W. J. Wain*

Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF ShenandoahTOWN OR VILLAGE Killeanaule

PARISH

COUNTY

Lifford

Location and brief description.

Population 580

11 miles east of Lifford and 4 miles north of Yetham the village of Killeanaule is situated in a shallow depression between ^{parallel} hills running north-south. It is just a typical Irish village containing the usual quota of ruins. Its name comes from St. Matalis, a celebrated Irish Saint, concerning whom Geraldus Cambrensis relates that he had the power of turning human beings into wolves. Nothing remains of any ancient ecclesiastical foundation in or near the village.

Is there a Town Hall? yesLocation Main River St.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

no

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Lifford Bridge Distance 2 1/2 miles Bus? Shamrock Bus Service

Public lighting by—Electricity?

Gas?

Thurles - Blount
Bus, Frid. Sat.

DANCING

Dance hall Town HallProprietor Killeanaule Social Club

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas noPictures shown
(nights)Theatre noKind of shows
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries none

Private Lending Libraries Miss Dwyer U.P.S.I. branch of Boyles Library

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church	<u>Killeanaule Catholic.</u>	Services (Sundays)	<u>9.30 am & 12 noon</u>
	<u>do C. of Ireland</u>		<u>11.30 am.</u>
	<u>Moyglass Catholic</u>		<u>11 am</u>

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office River St.

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

BANKING

Banks Munster & Leinster Bank.

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..... *Killenault Social Club,*

Cultural Societies..... *none.*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *Slieveardagh Coalfields Co. Ltd.
Knockavardagh Co-operative Creamery Society.*

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)

*Ballohic Church Killenault.
A beautiful structure of chiselled limestone built in the Gothic style,
occupying a magnificent site dominating the village. Most notable feature
is the very fine seven-light sculptured window of Munich & stained
glass. There are also some very fine windows by Black and the pulpit
was erected by Willie Reese. There are no transepts. Graceful Gothic arches
divide the nave from the aisle. Architecturally it is a perfect example of its type.*

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

<i>Killenault Boys N.S.</i>	<i>}</i>	<i>Marodyke Boys & Girls N.S.</i>
<i>do Girls N.S.</i>		<i>Quoystown do.</i>
<i>do Technical Schools.</i>		<i>Dojglass do.</i>
<i>Ballinure Boys & Girls N.S.</i>		

HOSPITALS

none

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Monthly Fair (last Thursday each month)*

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Arnold Bros. Main St. Filling Stations
Margaret Quinn Main St. do.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Arthur Haley Pike St. Kilkenny -*
Mr. Brennan Main St. do.
Ed. Sheehan Moyglass

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

(Signed)

M. J. O'Brien

DATE

5/5/43

Surveyor.

Shivessagh

COUNTY.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE.....

HOTELSNo. Guest
BedroomsNo. of
BathsNo. of
Lavs.No. Public
Rooms

Licensed

Remarks

none.

Guest or Boarding
Houses

Mr Mc Cormack.

Mr Georgeghans

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(Dry)

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Date.....

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

Signed.....