



Moycarky to
Two-Mile & Borris
Parish

East Window (as
reconstructed)
No. 1. Church Ruin
Leigh.



Moycarky &
Two-Mile-Borris
Parish

Chancel Window
No. 2 Church Ruins
Lough



Moycarkey 8
Two-Mile Cross
Parish

Channel Arch of
no. 2 Church Ruins
Leigh

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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF Eliogarty & Middleton

TOWN OR VILLAGE Littleton PARISH Moycarkey & Two-mile-Borris COUNTY Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

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

^{topographical features}
The united parishes of Moycarkey & Two-mile-Borris take in an extensive area east, south east and south of Thurles. The main Dublin-Bombay highway runs through the eastern flanks of this area for a distance of over 10 miles. The countryside is flat, a feature which is accentuated by great stretches of brown bog land and relieved only by the dark green wooded mass of Killoogh Hill (445ft) in the S.W. end.

Contrasts break the monotony; moorland, green grassland and the various colours of the tilled land intermingle in apparent disorder

GEOLOGY

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

limestone rock formation.
peat Bogs at eastern end.
otherwise excellent tillage land & well cultivated.

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 of interest.

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.

Church Ruins Leigh

Situation. N.E. end of Parish. On the lands of Mrs. Hogan. Entrance from the back - Dublin road ^{beyond} ~~at~~ ^{Thurpika} at Dublin side by the first laneway on right-hand side. Continue on laneway to ~~the~~ the first farmstead (Hays') from where ruins can be seen.

Description. Ruin no 1. (a Hiberno-Romanesque? structure measuring 30 ft by 11½ ft approx, about 12 ft high, with steeply pitched gables. All the original features are destroyed but the O.P.W., in whose care the ruin is, have reconstructed the small round headed east window (see photo). The doorway in the west gable is also partly reconstructed. The building is of ordinary field limestone with sand & lime mortar. This is the celebrated church of Liath Mór and is said to have been built in the 11th century. ~~Other~~ Features that would seem to justify this estimation are the antae.

Ruin no 2. about 100 yards S.W. of the above.

Description. This ruin consists of an nave (41' x 18½') and chancel (24' x 16½').

Chancel. The chancel has a vaulted arched roof. Its south wall has an ambry and piscina, a round headed window of chiselled limestone, a pointed doorway of cut limestone leading to mural stairway which ascend to the floor over the vaulted arch. The walls are dilapidated above, and the ~~antae~~ east gable only rises to anything near the original height. The east window is 4 light divided by one mullion perpendicular and one across. The two upper lights have curvilinear points. Overhead is a hood of carved stone giving a square-head appearance (see photo).

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

Topography Contd.

divided here and there by ~~thin~~ belts of coniferous timber. But it is predominantly a countryside of the sort, of ruins — gaunt ugly looking keeps and ~~the~~ ivy covered decayed churches ~~which~~ which stare out of every landscape and ^{appear} ~~and~~ at every turn of the road.

Antiquities Contd. Leigh Church. Ruins

Ruin No 2 Chancel. On the floor are some recumbent slab tombs. One has carved in ~~a~~ relief an effigy of the crucifixion. The crucified figure is dotted except for arms, and very short hooded-shaped legs and feet.

Chancel Arch as stands has been reconstructed by O.P.W. on ^{the} principle of the original, round-headed one which had collapsed. The original was of sandstone ashlar as can be observed, was moulded and decorated. (see photo).

Notes. The walls are of limestone.

The South wall has:-

- 1 a window round-headed on the outside and square headed on inside with a deep splay
- 2 a doorway near west gable.

The west gable has a small pointed, hooded window about 8 ft up, of limestone ashlar.

The North wall has:-

- 1 a round-headed doorway opposite that in the South wall. It is of sandstone ashlar.
- 2 a round-headed window with a deep ⁱⁿ splay also of cut sandstone.

at the exterior of the north wall of the chancel there is built against the wall a quadrangular structure which evidently carried a garden shed

The gable windows mentioned would indicate that reconstruction was carried out as late as the 15th century.

N.B. Mr Leach will be able to supply more detailed information about these ruins, as they are in care of O.P.W. over

Antiquities, Church Ruin Moycorkley.

Situation. Almost opposite modern Catholic church of Moycorkley 3 miles S.W. of Littleton (turn ^{right} left at Ballymurren road junction)

Description nave $54' \times 23\frac{1}{2}'$ chancel $30' \times 19'$. Ruin is very much overgrown with ivy.

Chancel The chancel window is pointed and was slight (the dividing mullion is now missing). It is of cut limestone. In each side wall, and almost opposite the other, is a square-headed window of cut limestone. In the south wall is a ~~the~~ pointed doorway in fairly good state.

The chancel arch which was round-headed is built in.

There is a belfry of cut limestone in middle gable over the chancel arch.

Nave The entrance to the nave is in the south wall and is much disfigured. It seems to have been round-headed.

The west gable has two small openings, one pointed and one square-headed.

In north wall there was a doorway opposite that in south.

The building is of large field limestone irregularly laid.

A pattern was formerly held but has been discontinued for more than 100 years. Not in cone of D.P.W. Right of way.

Moycorkley Castle Ruin

Situated. about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S.E. of church.

Description A rectangular keep measuring 37×24 external, with walls about $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft thick and 50 ft high. There were 5 floors the 2nd being vaulted. The stairs ascends through east wall to ~~about~~ level of first flight and thence to the top through a square tower in the NE angle. There are 20 windows, some pointed, some square-headed and also 'loopholes' all of cut limestone. In the east wall of the 1st flight of stairs is a secret chamber. From the 3rd floor upwards, the windows in the interior have stone slats.

Antiquities Contd. Moyankey Castle.

other features are: - the murdering hole, a bartizan
a batter in the wall on the outside.

The keep stands in the centre of a square bawn
with circular flanking towers at NE and SW
corners. There is a walk or platform about 12
ft from the ground in the bawn walls, which
are loopholed.

This stronghold which appears to be of the 15th
century belonged to an Anglo-Norman family
called Cantwells, who were sub-lords of the
Butlers. Not preserved by O.P.W. No right of
way, But visitors may inspect.

Two-mile-Borris Church Ruin.

Situation Two-mile-Borris is 4 miles from Littleton - turn left
of the main Dublin road at Keshville and continue for
a mile on this road when the latter village is reached

Description This ruin consists of nave ($28' \times 25\frac{1}{2}'$) and chancel
($6' \times 16\frac{1}{2}'$).

Chancel The east gable is gone from below the level of the side
walls, and its window is no longer there.
Chancel is lighted by 2 windows (pointed) one in south
wall near the east gable the 2nd in the north wall
near the middle gable.

Nave The chancel arch is obtuse & of crude masonry.
The south wall has a square headed window with a
deep splay and a pointed doorway.
The north wall is similarly breasted, the doorway
being disguised.

The west gable is gone.

Right offway. Not in care of O.P.W.

Two-mile-Borris Castle Ruin.

Situation about 200 yards to west of Two-mile-Borris Church

Description A rectangular keep measuring about $43\frac{1}{2}$ ft $\times$ 34 ft externally,
about 70 ft high, with walls having a noticeable batter.
There is a mural stairway through north wall.
The west wall has a pointed doorway of cut limestone.
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Antiquities contd: Two-mile-Borris Castle Ruin.

The Building was of 5 stories, the 3rd on a vaulted floor. It is now being used as a stone house of the farmyard surrounding it and some of its features are missing, nevertheless it is in good preservation, but in case of O.P.W. no right of way, but visitors may inspect. Lighted by 36 narrow windows - some square headed - some pointed.

Ballybeg Castle Ruin.

This ruin stands at the side of the road running east from Littleton about a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the village.

Rectangular keep of good stone, measuring externally 35' x 31' with walls 6' thick at base, over 50 ft high and having a slight batter on the outside. It was of 4 stories the 3rd resting on a vaulted arch. The east wall has a doorway - round-headed of cut limestone. There is a mural stair in the north wall. There are 16 windows some square-headed & some pointed.

This is said to have been a Butler castle but in case of O.P.W. no right of way, but visitors may inspect.

Ballydavid Castle Ruin.

This ruin is about a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. of Littleton. Only bits of walls and foundations remain. It measured about 40' x 30' externally. No features remain.

Ballydavid Fort.

This fort stands a short distance to the north of the castle ruin.

It is a plain circular fort about 16 ft high and about 100 ft diameter.

Visitors may examine both sites. but in case of O.P.W.

Coolcroo Castle Ruin.

This ruin is best reached by proceeding Dublinwards from Littleton and taking the first turn left, then proceeding straight through a cross-roads, and continuing until the ruin is

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Antiquities Conto Coolcoro Castle Ruins.

seen, well in from the road, on the left. It will then be necessary to cross-country to get to it.

This was a rectangular keep, but only the north and portions of the east & west wall remain. These walls are well-grouted and of hammered stone and about 8 ft thick. The stairs was in the N.E. angle. It seems very old. There are no other features.

No right of way, but in case of O.P.W. but visitors may inspect.

Ballymurreen Church Ruins.

This ruin can be seen on the right of the main road, going towards Bachel from Littleton, about 1 mile from the latter.

It consists of a nave and chancel.

The eastern part is gone, and a low modern wall is built in continuation of the side wall and across from north to south at the east end. Small portions of the dividing middle gable remain. There was a square-headed doorway in the south wall of the chancel. This is now built in. It seemed to have had an inward splay. Tombs & graves mark site of windows in the north and south walls of the chancel.

The nave is built of good size stone and grouted. The west gable has a round-headed narrow window about 6 ft from the ground. There are 2 graves in the north wall. The south wall has ~~one~~ a built-in, narrow, round-headed window, with its arch formed of thin stones. Light of way. but in case of O.P.W.

Ballymurreen Castle etc.

Foundation outlines and slight remains of this keep can be seen near the chancel. Visitors may inspect.

Lisheven Castle.

This stands to the south of Littleton to the east of the main road at a point $\frac{1}{2}$ way between Littleton and Horse & Jockey.

It consists of a rectangular tower the upper part of which has been reconstructed.

It measures 19ft x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft internally. The 3rd floor is vaulted and there is a mural stairway. There is a slight battlement, no other features.

Visitors may inspect. Not an case of O.P.W.

Gyalbooley Church Ruins.

After visiting Ballymurneen church ruin mentioned also. the visitor can ~~continue~~^{proceed} on Ride road going west until he meets a road junction on his right. Wheel right here and continue for about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles until ruin is observed on right-hand side.

This ruin consists of nave and chancel, and only the side wall with their extremities broken remain, also the middle gable.

The chancel measures about 25ft by 15ft. Breaches in north and south wall indicate that there was a doorway in the former and a window in the latter. There is also a 'built in' window in the north wall.

Only portion of north side of chancel arch remains. It was pointed.

The nave measures 28ft x 23ft.

The south wall has a pointed window with a inward splay.

The north wall has two breaches which were formerly a window and a doorway.

This ruin is the ancient church of the pre-reformation period of Gyalbooley.
Not in case of O.P.W. Right of way.

Antiquities Gaile Church Ruin.

This ruin is situated about 5 miles to the S.W. of Littleton. Leaving Littleton by the main road to Washel one takes the 5th turn on the right hand side and then turns left at the first cross road; almost immediately on the left is the ruin.

It measures $50 \times 28'$ and is not divided into nave and chancel. It is built of large field limestones in irregular courses.

The east gable is down to height of side wall and east window is gone.

In the south side wall is a round-headed

doorway and a disfigured window

The ^{West} gable has a square belfry and 2 small ones of chiselled limestone.

In the north wall is a breach which was formerly a doorway.

Right of way. but in case of O.D.W.

Cabragh Castle Ruin.

Situated 2 miles south of Glenties on the road that runs out by the Sugar Beet Factory.

It consists of a rectangular tower $13 \text{ ft} \times 8 \text{ ft}$ internally and walls 4 ft thick. There is a vaulted arch

and an outside stairway. The cover over the stairs has a decided batter. The tower appears to

have been part of a much more extensive building. There was a stronghold of the

O'Logans here. Not preserved. Not right of way. Visitors may inspect.

Galbertstown Ruins.

Continuing on the road out of Glenties and past Cabragh Castle a wheel to the left at the next cross roads and a short journey brings the visitor to Doran's farmstead just off the left hand side of the road

over.

Antiquities and Ruins of Galderstown Castle

about 250 yards behind which is the Galderstown ruin, this consists of portions of the walls of an enclosed courtyard or bailey on which stood a dwelling. The only feature that remains is a plain curved archway ~~into~~ in the wall, which would seem to be comparatively modern - about 18th century. I was unable to ascertain any information locally regarding this ruin. Visitors may examine it. but in case of O.P.W.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF *Ellogarty & Middle third*
TOWN OR VILLAGE *Littleton* PARISH *Morecuney & Yow-mile Banns* COUNTY *Upperary*

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE *DRISH* Nearest point to town (distance) *3 miles*

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

TROUT — Pike.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon *—* Sea trout *—* Brown trout *1 1/4 lb.*

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon *—* Sea trout *—* Brown trout *April June.*

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon *—*

Sea trout *—*

Brown trout *Blue, Spiders, Lantredge*

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

*Coarse fishing.
Free, full fishing. Lower reaches before confluence
both rivers.*

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Thurles.

Local Angling Club *none.* Membership Fee *—*

Secretary *—*

DATE *2/10/12*

(Signed) *Proctor,*

Surveyor.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Ellogarty & Kildnamanagh
 TOWN OR VILLAGE Littletown PARISH Two-mile Cross 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).....
see note below.

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon..... 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.

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors :

N.B. The River Lisc has bounds this parish at Holy Cross and south of it. But for practical purposes as this area is adjoining Holy Cross and is controlled by the Holy Cross Fishing Club, it has been included in Form B of the Holy Cross parish survey.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

none.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Thurles, Lisc.

Local Angling Club see Holy Cross 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 Thurles & Kilshane

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:

Excellent shooting for grouse, while there is a fair supply of wild geese and duck, some pheasant and snipe.

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

The area is not preserved ~~is not preserved~~ except partially by the Thurles housing club for the protection of game. Notification of shooting to local Garda Station at Littleton would overcome this difficulty.

Shooting Club

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 Moylecarkey & Two-mile - Borris G.A.A. Club. Sportsfield Littleton.

Hurling do

Handball none Handball alley? None & Jockey

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)
Gaelic football platform - Cross Roads dancing in Summer time.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club Boobleroo Events held under rules of N.A.C.A.
do. Annual meeting held at Littleton.

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

N.A.C.A. Athletic Sports Littleton Boobleroo N.A.C.A. Club.

DATE 2/10/43

(Signed)

W. Brien
Surveyor.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF Bligarty & MiddlethorpeTOWN OR VILLAGE..... PARISH Moycarkey & Two-nick-borris COUNTY Lipherry

Location and brief description.

Population 115 147

The little village of Littleton stands on an oasis of green fields surrounded by peat bogs. Its only street is part of the Dublin - both main highway. It lies 11 miles from both ends & 9 from Dalringford, 4 1/2 from Thurles. The giant trees around the village create a pleasant atmosphere of shelter and shade after the open windswept country all around.

Is there a Town Hall? Moycarkey Location 3 miles from Littleton

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Horse & Jockey Distance 2 miles Bus? G.R. Dublin - bothPublic lighting by—Electricity? no Gas? no

DANCING

Dance hall none Proprietor.....

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... Littleton & several Branch of Carnegie Co Library

Private Lending Libraries..... Mun hostello. Doyle. Littleton
Margaret Stokes do

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Moycarkey Catholic Services (Sundays) 9.30 am & 12 noon
Two-mile, Borris do 10.30 am (1st Sunday) 10 am
Littleton C of Ireland. 12 noon

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office..... Littleton & Two-mile-Borris.
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) Letter Service & P.O. only. Telephone.

BANKING

Banks..... none.

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 *none*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Ballyduff
Industries *centenary co-operative laundry Society Ballyduff.*
N.B. The Turf Development Board has begun
preparatory work on 3000 acres of peat bog situated
in the parish. The bog is known as "Littleton Bog." I am
informed that it is intended to develop it on the same lines
as Monast.

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)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Littleton Boys & Girls U.S.
& Moycarkey do
Two-mile-Borris do
Galco do.

HOSPITALS

none

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *none*

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Petrol Station — *James J. Meagher Lillington*

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Samuel Lacey Lillington 1 car*

Motors (Touring) *—*

Boats (State type) *none*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *—* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary

DATE *2/10/43* (Signed) *W. O'Brien*

Surveyor.

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HISTORIC SITES

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

none of interest.

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.*

none of interest

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. B. B. B.

Surveyor.

DATE

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