

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Eliogarty

TOWN OR VILLAGE Loughmoe PARISH LOUGHMOE COUNTY TIPPERARY

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Nothing much of interest under this heading unless a very pretty view of Devil's Bit Mountain and hills which surround it. The River River meanders slowly through centre of parish, passing close by the ruins of romantic and historic Loughmoe Castle.

GEOLOGY

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

Land is of a very flat nature and of rich, deep, limestone quality. In places, the rock formation is so dense that a twenty foot column could be cut, free from flaws. Pasture here is believed to be some of the earliest in the country, inches of grass appearing in March.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?

Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

CRANNAGH CASTLE. About three miles east of Templemore and two miles west of Templepatrick. A very fine Georgian mansion of four stories, built in 1768 by the LLOYD family. While the apartments are large and elegant, there are no interesting features, save some handsome marble fireplaces in two front rooms. Owned Mr J. Bullen. House was built adjoining the old MEATHER castle which was repaired & embodied in domestic portion. In perfect structural repair but has nothing to interest the tourist. Not open. No works of art, etc.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbays, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrams, 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.

CASTLES.

State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge

LOUGHMOE. (if any) Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept. Ref: - J.R.S.A.I. Part 3 Vol. XXXIX (1909) Page 234.

Castle stands on flat ground between Dublin/Bork Railway line and River Suir, three miles S. of Templemore. A very massive structure, built in sections, south end being much older than central portion & northern wing. South end tower has immensely thick walls, rounded at angles. Five stories high, 1st & 3rd strongly vaulted, traces of huddles still surviving. In N/E corner of this older section is a perfect spiral stairs to 4th story. Lighted through by narrow loop holes. The later portions of castle have thin, roughly built walls; large, square, stone mullioned windows; several ^{cut} stone fireplaces. No vaulting or partitions in these parts, which consist of a large rectangular block attached to N. wall of older tower & enclosing door of latter; a square tower at N/W of similar construction and another square projecting tower adjoining eastern wall of centre block, close to old section & of design similar to later sections.

Old Section (at south end)

Approximately 50 x 40 feet; walls which are boldly battered are at strongest point 10 ft thick. About 20 feet high to battlements. The four corners (outside) are rounded for full height. Ground floor apartment very strongly vaulted; traces of twigs over which it was turned still survive. Lighted by very narrow slit windows in E. & W. set in deep recesses, which were segmented arched or about 6 feet wide. The door (now enclosed by later portion) was in N. wall near N/E angle; pointed & without ornament. Over it is the usual "murder hole". A second pointed arch leads into ground floor apartment. To left inside outer arch is a third pointed arch

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

The Secretary,
Irish Limestone
Dublin.

4, Henry St.,
Kewagh.
28th April 1945.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the
queries in your letter of
26th inst. :-

Of the three places you
mention — Woodrille, Mount Pleasant
& Bessborough — I believe only
Woodrille is now occupied.

It is now a farmer's place &
not particularly well kept. There
is nothing very imposing about
any of the three houses.

I believe that the well
referred to in Lewis is that
dealt with as being in Monanore
in my report. This is the
only known mineral spring (except
one at Woodrille, which no one
can now point out) in the district.
It is scarcely a mile from Ballinacorney
& there are many instances where
Lewis mentions the wrong townland.

Yours faithfully
P. V. Curley

Antiquities

leading to a perfect spiral stairs which rises through thickness of walls in N/E angle. On first floor, the stairs opens into a narrow passage running full length of east wall; from which a garderobe shaft falls through E. wall. From this passage a painted door leads into the "grand salon" of the castle. At W. end of this room is passage-similar to that in E., with look holes. 2d (room) was lighted by four square mullioned windows, which are undoubtedly late insertions, two in S. & two in N. (looking into central portion of castle). Between the latter is a massive fireplace, about seven feet wide; richly carved in limestone, and having hood mouldings. The mantel is composed of three separate stones, a key stone and two rectangular slabs. Towards extremities of slabs are shields. Shields near left end are plain, ^{those} at right end ornamented. Near former are the initials I. F. P. Near latter in small lettering F. P. Key stone & sections of slabs adjoining it are covered with leaf work. The ceiling of this salon was of wood & formed floor of 3rd storey. This 3rd storey apartment had a very wide fireplace in S. wall & was lighted by narrow slits in deep recesses in E & W. Over window in E. is a passage, entered from stairs, having a garderobe, shaft of which opens into that in lower storey. The fourth storey, where spiral stairs ends, which rests on loosely built vault of 3rd storey, is entered from stairs through a painted door. This apartment was lighted by six windows: two in S; two in N. with fire between them; one in W & one in E; all recessed. In S/W & N/W angles are look-holed defence chambers, entered through painted doors. From the window recess, near stairs, rises a straight stairs through thickness of N. wall, to the top storey and battlements. Where this crosses the spiral stairs there is a small "murder hole" to right of steps, directly over entrance to lower apartment. In S. wall near east end, six feet from floor

is a narrow painted door, about 4 1/2 feet high. This is the entrance to prison which is located within the ~~east~~ south wall in a level with the 3rd floor. East & west walls were gabled & fitted with bartizans. From top of straight stairs a narrow passage ran through east wall. In the top or attic story, it would appear there were loop-holed chambers in S/W & N/W angles joined by a passage.

Central Section.

This was of five stories; roof had parapets rising in stepped battlements and at intervals, other ornamental devices. The walls of this portion are comparatively weak; of rough masonry; each story being marked by a string course. NO vaulting in this section - all floors were of wood. There are very many square, mullioned windows and cut stone fireplaces, some of them in very good condition. There was an immense fireplace in E. wall - near entrance to this section - in ground floor apartment which is partly underground.

This section measured approximately
18' x 22' feet

N/W. Tower.

At N/W angle is a tower similar in construction to central portion; six stories high; having the same type of mullioned windows and fireplaces of cut limestone in every story. Round beaded doors lead into central portion. Walls about 4 ft thick & internal dimensions of this tower approximately 27' x 21'.

Eastern Tower.

On eastern side near old portion another tower rises to a height of five stories; similarly designed and fitted. In E. wall of this was the door; painted & plainly designed. In left jamb & above the point are holes, guarding approach.

Another pointed door leads into ground floor of central building. This tower was gaily sloped, lowest floor of which was partly underground. Approximately 10 feet square. There is a small corner fireplace in first storey. Walls about four feet thick at base, becoming narrower as they rise.

The old portion of this castle was built by the Puncells; the central, N/W & E. sections were built by a Captain Fitzpatrick, who married the widow of the last Puncell. This building, while in a very good state of repair is in receipt of no care.

The following legend is related locally & is also mentioned in J.R.S.A.I. Part I Vol. XXXIX Page 70, 1909, in connection with the advent of the Puncells & the naming of the district.

In the dim distant past the local chieftain or king with all his people, lived in terror of a colossal boar who with his sow, frequented the neighbourhood, which was then densely wooded. All who attempted to destroy them perished in the fray. Finally, the chieftain offered, his only daughter & child, in marriage, to the man who would rid the district of the animals. Many were the aspirants but each lost the prize. One day there came a Puncell from the region of JERPOINT, Leo. Kilkenny. He found the sow in an adjacent part of the forest and climbing a tree he discharged arrow after arrow at her, all of which had no effect on her hide. Each tree in which he took shelter was uprooted by the sow but Puncell being agile swung to the next, finally wearing down the strength of the sow. Seeing that the arrows had no power to penetrate her hide Puncell waited his opportunity & during one of her bellows of rage directed up at him. He shot an arrow down her throat. With a tremendous roar,

which rang through the forest, the sow rolled over dead. The boar in a distant part, hearing the roar of his mate rushed to her assistance, brushing aside trees as he went. Seeing his sow dead, he immediately rushed to the attack. Purcell used tactics similar to those that proved so successful in disposing of the sow. He again waited his opportunity & shot another arrow down the boar's throat, which then abandoned the fight & rushed through the forest, dying from exhaustion in a district presently known as CLONOCORAGUE. It took eight men to convey the heads of boar & sow to the chieftain, who in due course gave his daughter & possessions to Purcell. A boar's head appears in the Arms of the Purcell family. The name of the district is generally pronounced "luac may". Others call it "LOKE MA"; "LOUGH MOE" & LOUGHMORE. There is no lake in the district so the latter cannot be correct.

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20 N/W of castle is a level field separated from castle lawn by a good wall of masonry. For a considerable length there runs a high bank, sloped to wall & it is believed this was the stand to view hurling matches played there by the Purcell team, which was of nation wide fame. One member of this team was particularly renowned & it is said he used stand at one end of castle, strike the ball over it & be at other end of castle to meet it on its downward flight, hitting it back again. This he would do nine times. He had one great fault - he could never stay in the place allotted to him in team but would rush from place to place during game. Before one important game, Purcell on purpose sent him on a message to Dublin in order to be rid of him but the "stalwart" knowing of the intention ran all the way back at foot & reached Loughness in time for the game. To prevent him suffering an ill-effect from his exertion he was stowed in a bag of fresh butter through which he melted.

Nicholas. Baron Purcell, raised a Regiment of Horse for King James and fought at battle of Boyne. He further fought at siege of Limerick and was one of the signatories to the Treaty. The Purcell lands were for a while confiscated but were quickly restored through the influence of Purcell's mother who was a sister of the Duke of Richmond.

DOVEA CASTLE formerly known as KILLAHARA & KILKILLAHARA.

A very perfect peel tower, standing on a craggy ridge within demesne of Dovea, at S/W extremity of Parish of ^{2 1/2} was a Butler castle built during the opening years of their campaign in the county. About 33 X 27 feet, base boldly battered. Walls 10 ft thick & 45 ft high. Corners of well cut limestone. Castle was greatly altered & made habitable by ^{TRANT} family in early part of last century and during comparatively recent years was used by The DOVEA Golf Links (Charles Club - now abandoned) which surrounded it.

2. W. ^{moulded} is a low, wide, pointed door leading into a small guard room which had usual murder hole. At back of door, within the thickness of S. wall was the prison, entered through a narrow door, Prison about 4 ft wide 10 ft long & 7' high. Directly opposite main entrance in inner wall of main apartment is an opening in form of a cross. Shafts about 18" long & 4" wide. To left of guard room a pointed door led into a sort of vestibule to right of which a pointed door led into main apartment, while directly in front another door of similar shape led to stairs in N/W. angle. The main apartment was originally lighted by narrow openings deeply recessed, in N.E. & S. walls but N & S were replaced by wide, mullioned windows. Arches of recesses were segmental. Roof of this apartment was of timber & rested on cables. Spiral stairs ran entire height & was lighted by

slits. Painted door, from stairs led into 1st floor apart. which has a large cut stone fireplace in S. wall & enlarged windows in N & E. opening to W. off this, is a narrow room, in floor of which is murder hole, & lighted by an angle slit & enlarged window. Both first story apart. & this were roofed with timber, resting on corbels. midway between 1st & 2nd story a painted door led into a passage running through thickness of N & part of E walls. & narrow loop holes guarded approach from these sides. Painted doors led into 2nd story, which is strongly vaulted, and another narrow apart. also vaulted, directly over narrow apart. in 1st story. This small apart. in 2nd story lighted by narrow openings in S & W. & beside W. opening is a slop sink. Top story lighted by enlarged windows in each wall. From recess of W. window a straight stairs led to battlements, which command a most wonderful view to all points of sky. In E. wall is a garderobe opening shaft of which came from top story, now closed. Entire in excellent preservation, but in receipt of no care. All this countryside was held by the Butlers and it is claimed this castle was built by them and at a later period let to the FOGARTY family who dominated in the district. Towards end of 18th century it and surrounding lands passed to the TRANT family, who held it till a few months ago, when estate was sold to BALLADUFF CO-OP CREAMERY, THURLES, which firm has converted place into a model farm.

CRANNAGH CASTLE.

A circular tower adjoining house of Mr J. Bullen, three miles E. of Templemore. Built by the MEAGHERS and held by them for generations. Ground floor strongly vaulted. It has been completely re-roofed and modernised and all old features hidden. Walls up to 10 feet thick, in which were

the usual slit openings. A perfect spiral stairs exists in thickness of wall to S. Present height of castle is about 35 feet but am informed it was considerably higher before the alterations were made by the LLOYD family, who were granted the property after Meagher were dispossessed. See mansion section. In excellent repair.

CASTLE INEY. (two miles E. of Longhouse)

A short distance to north of hamlet of Castleiney, on high ground, is the above ruin, about which very little is known locally. It is claimed to be another Meagher castle & that its destruction was due to tribal warfare. Castle ruin overlooks a small pond, is surrounded by a great variety of earthworks & seems to have been of considerable importance. N. wall stands to a height of about 20 feet. Stairs began straight at N/E angle and after 6 wide steps became spiral. Much broken. In N/W. angle are remains of another spiral stairs in 1st storey, going L. to R. A painted door of limestone led into upper apartments. No other features visible. No care.

BROWNSTOWN CASTLE. On

On the lands of Jas O'Leeson, Brownstown House, about three miles E. of Longhouse. Only a section of S. wall stands, to a height of 15 feet, featureless except for a built up slit window which lighted spiral stairs which was in S/E angle. A portion of ground floor vaulting survives. (about a 2 ft arc) Seven steps of stairs also remain. It also is connected with the Meaghers and little is known of its subsequent history. Castle and lands were of course confiscated and given to a planter named Brown, after whom the place was then called. Some people think the original name was CLONROCOANE, name of adjoining land.

EARLY CHURCHES.

LOUGHMOE.

In centre of an old burial ground adjoining R.C. church, stands this ruin. Composed of choir; nave and a strongly vaulted building east of choir.

Choir was 24 x 15 feet; N & S walls much broken and featureless; 20 inches thick. East gable w/ covered.

Choir arch was gothic; of well cut limestone; 10 feet wide at base & 9 feet high. Here are buried members of the Purcell family.

Nave about 25 x 54 feet; N & S ^{walls} gone; 20 ins thick. West gable intact but entirely covered with ivy.

East of and adjoining choir is a strongly vaulted building 30 x 15 feet; vault turned over twigs, signs of which survive. Lighted by a square east window with limestone surround; centre shaft missing. Remains of similar windows in N & S. walls near E. end. Entered from choir by a low segmental arched door & from outside by a similar door in S wall. Walls of this building were very rough & close on 6 feet thick.

It was an old Monastic church under the care of St Thomas' Abbey, Dublin. Whole in bad repair & in receipt of no care.

DOVEA. There also was an early church, no trace of which survives but its site is believed to be slightly to N. of present C. of D. It was under the Monastery of Kells, Co. Kilkenny.

FORTS.

Near R.C. church, Loughmoe is a small, high fort; about 20 yds in diam. With it is associated the usual tales of hidden treasure & gold. Some local King is also supposed to be buried there but there are no signs of a tomb.

Slightly N/E of Loughmoe Castle is another fort. About 40 yds in diam; very low & planted with ancient lime trees.

Antiquities XA

Early Church Site.

Barony of Eliogarty
Parish of Loughmoe
County of TIPP.

At Kilnesare, 400 yds north of Loughmoe & on right bank of the Suir, is a featureless fragment of an early church, known as KILNESARE. Legendarily it is connected with St Kieran of Saigis, but little is known of it. There is no burial ground about it. An angle of about 4 feet each way and seven feet high. Approached along bank of Suir from Loughmoe Bridge.

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Forts abound in this parish but none really
are worthy of mention.

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PUBLIC MONUMENTS.

In the burial ground surrounding R.C. Church,
Rathfriland, is the Mausoleum of the Cornock Brothers,
natives of the parish who were hanged in 1858.
Following are the inscriptions:-

(South wall.)

In commemoration of the removal
of the remains of the
Cornock Brothers from the jail yard
at Rathfriland to this mausoleum on May 10th 1910.

In the morning a solemn Requiem Office
and High Mass were celebrated in the
Parish Church Rathfriland Canon McElahan
Presiding and an immense number of
Killelack Priests being in the choir.

The funeral cortege which contained
Mr John Dillon M.P. Mr J. Hackett M.P.

and many others of high fame and
inspiring example, was by magnitude
representativeness and obsequies
unprecedented in Ireland.

At Rathfriland the Pastor preached
a funeral oration and assisted by
Priests from Ireland; England;
America and Australia officiated at
the placing of the remains here to
rest in peace and honour until
the day of their vindication by
Jesus Christ before the whole
human race in the
Valley of Josaphat.

Corpora Sanctorum in pace
sepulta sunt: et vivunt nomina
eorum in aeternum.
R. I. P.

XII

(North Wall)

By the Irish race in memory of the Brothers
Daniel and William Cormack,
who, for the murder of a land agent named
Ellis, were hanged at Nenagh, after
solemn protestations by each on the
scaffold of absolute and entire innocence
of that crime, the 11th day of May 1858. The
tragedy of the brothers occurred
through false testimony procured by
gold and terror. The action, in their
trial of Judge Keogh, a man, who
considered personally, politically,
religiously and officially, was one of
the monsters of mankind; and the
verdict of a prejudiced, partisan,
packed, perjured jury. Clear proof
of the innocence of the brothers
afforded by Arch Bishop Leahy
to the Viceroy of the day but he
nevertheless gratified the appetite
of a bigoted, exterminating and
ascendancy caste, by a judicial
murder of the kind which lives
bitterly and perpetually in a
nation's remembrance.

"Visi sunt oculis insipientium
mori: illi autem sunt in pace"
R. I. P.

It is now left alone.

The mausoleum is a structure of concrete, mainly underground
and approached by a flight of steps. Its design could not be
considered elegant. Coffins are visible through a wrought iron
gate.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF ELIOPARTY~~TOWN~~ VILLAGE LOUGHNOE PARISH LOUGHNOE 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~~ SUIR Nearest point to town (distance) Beside

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout; Pike

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout 6 oz.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout Mar/Apr. Late Aug/Sept.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout Grouse tied with different colours - Range: Yellow Green in Sept; Brown Rail.

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

Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The River Suir from Loughnoe to Burtis was in years gone by an excellent trout river but is now hopeless. Not one fish has been taken this year so far (1945). It is overgrown with lilies & is also much overgrown in spots. A local fishing fan complained that great harm is being done by the Loughnoe Safety glass factory at Templemore - sewage from which eventually flows into Suir near town. The sewage is of a chemical nature and it is a common sight to see fine fish floating dead in the above stretch. (Bo Dan told)

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

This stretch of Suir is very pleasant with banks free from growth; very level & could be very easily fished. Varying in width from 15 to 30 feet. There are rich feeding grounds & if something could be done to improve present position, it would be a most popular centre for fishing.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

TEMPLEMORE - 3 miles.THURLES - 3 miles from lower stretches.Local Angling Club Membership Fee Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

Kinds of fish to be caught :

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

Bait available locally ? Fishing tackle ?

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

GOLFING

Name of ^{nearest} Club THURLES No. of holes 18

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ? yes Licensed ? yes.

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?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds.....

Harriers *Shurles & Kilsbane*

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club..... Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company.....

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

*Throughout the entire parish (Longhouse & Castleiney)
PARTRIDGE abounds. Wild duck in plenty along the
Suir. Snipe & curlew in marsh lands. Green; grey
and golden plover in high ground. All entirely free.*

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

N. O'Connell

Shooting Club..... Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club..... Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

Playing field at
CLONDONY, LOUAGHMOE

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 *yes. Senior & Junior teams*
Hurling *yes. Senior, Junior & Minor teams*
Handball *yes, (Castleiney)* { Handball alley? *yes.*
SANDOGIE *yes. Longhouse* { *Castleiney* }
Rugby */*
Cricket */*
Hockey */*
Bowls */*
Bowling (on public roads) */*
Lawn Tennis */* Kinds of courts
Croquet */*
Billiards */*
Badminton */*
Table Tennis */*
Bridge Club */*
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) */*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *Longhouse L.D.F.* Events held under rules of *Flapper*
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.

Longhouse Sports Promoters *L. D. F.*
Usually in July (*Temporary Club*)

DATE *30/3/45*

(Signed)

A. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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TOWN OR VILLAGE LOULHMOE PARISH LOULHMOE COUNTY TIPPERARY

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER ~~OR LAKE~~ OLD SHEAN Nearest point to town (distance) 2 M.
CASTLEINEY R.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Small Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout 0.75.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout May/June & flood periods.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon /

Sea trout /

Brown trout Grouse tied in different colours.

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

Free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

This is a small stream and is only fished in early part of season and during flood periods. Old Shean R. flows into Smir at Parane Bridge, and apparently to avoid objectionable matter in main river the fish go up this stream where many of them are easily destroyed.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Supplmore 1 1/2 miles.

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary /

DATE 30/2/45

(Signed)

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF ELIDGARTY~~TOWN OR~~ VILLAGE LOUGHMOE PARISH LOUGHMOE COUNTY TIPPERARY

Location and brief description.

Population 60 approx.

Loughmoe, three miles east of Templemore, slightly to N. of road to Thurles. A very tiny village, under the shadow of the historic; romantic and picturesque castle of the PURCELLS. On the right bank of the River SUIR, in the midst of rich pasture land. Locally, the name is pronounced "LUAC MAG") "the plain of the award"

Is there a Town Hall? NOLocation —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station TEMPLEMORE Distance 3 MILES Bus? THURLES 6 MILES.Public lighting by—Electricity? E.S.B. in houses, two public lights presently being installed. Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall THE HALLProprietor Very Revd Parish Priest,LOUGHMOE,TEMPLEMORE.

Presently condemned for dancing pending the installation of a satisfactory system of sanitation.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas THE HALL

Pictures shown (nights)

occasionally by travelling box.Theatre THE HALL

Kind of shows

concerts, plays, etc.
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of County Library in National School, Loughmoe at ~~base of~~ The Hall, CASTLEINEY.

Private Lending Libraries None.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R. C. Church of Nativity of B. V. M. Services (Sundays) Winter 9.30 A.M.
LOUGHMOE Summer 9.00 A.M.

R. C. Church of St John Baptist Winter 9.30 A.M.
CASTLEINEY Summer 8.30 A.M.

Winter is determined by time during which winter time operates and Summer likewise.
CHURCH OF IRELAND

DOVEA

POSTAL FACILITIES

12 Noon official time.

Location of Post Office LOUGHMOE

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) All branches.

At Castleiney is a sub P.O. for sale of stamps, dispatch of letters & parcels, but no telephone. At DOVEA is another sub-office, giving similar service.

BANKING

Banks

None.

Nearest Templemore - three miles.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

do.

Photographic Stores

do.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Templemore Location 3 miles.

Public Baths? / Location /

Parish of Ellogaty; Parish of Longmea; Co Tipp.

Important Public Buildings.

DOVEA CHURCH OF IRELAND.

An extremely pretty edifice of cut and dressed limestone with a lovely east window - triple light - of stained glass. On high ground at southern tip of Dovea Demesne and beside Dovea or Kilkilshara castle. Built towards end of last century. This church serves the Church of Ireland community in parish of Longmea.

P.O. 2.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *oldest farming main support of people*
Flour milling carried on at WHITEFIELD by the Jas Fogarty.
corn crushing and saw mills at LOUGHMOE by the Hon. Honan.
beep brewery at Loughmoe, catering for a small number
of farmers engaged in dairying.

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

In R. C. Church, LOUGHMOE, is a marble tablet to Rev John Cahill, C.C.
Surmounted by bust of Father Cahill; underneath is a scroll with inscription: -
Faith and Fatherland.
Rev. John Cahill, C.C.,
Late of Ballywhite, Native of Thurles
Died 10th Oct 1891 in the 48th year of his age
and 22nd of his sacred ministry
May he Rest in Peace.
The bust is flanked by Lark & Shamrock
and the Sculptor is J. Pearce, 27 St Brunswick St
Dublin (Father of ADRIAN PEARCE).

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R. C. Church, Loughmoe. A handsome building on high ground, begun in 1825.
Cruciform. Underwent many alterations. Concrete octagonal towers flank N. & S.
transcepts. Very well kept.
National School, Loughmoe. A very modern structure, completed few years hence;
admitting maximum of light and air. Surrounded by a large play ground.
R. C. Church, Ballymore. Cruciform design. Begun in 1829. Very ordinary.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

oldest National Schools at LOUGHMOE.

oldest National Schools at Ballymore.

HOSPITALS

Newest at Thurles - 6 miles.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....
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Weekly market day..... Half-holiday *Wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis.....
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Motors (Touring).....
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Boats (State type).....
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Bicycles.....
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Caravans.....
Horses.....
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CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... Landowner.....
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Local Improvements Committee.....
Secretary.....

DATE *20/2/45*

(Signed)

P. J. Lynch
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.

LOUGHMOE CASTLE. Birth place and seat of Nicholas Purcell, Baron of Loughmoe, who fought with King James and at siege of Limerick. He was one of the signatories to the Treaty of Limerick.

LOUGHMOE HILL. Residence and business concern of the late David Sheehy, M.P., father of Mrs Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington and Mrs Beant. Present owner Mrs Wm Beant.

LOUGHMOE RUINED CHURCH. Here are buried many of the Purcell family from nearby castle. Inscriptions are now indecipherable but copies and translations may be found in "Memorials of the Dead" Vol IV Page 308 & Vol V 259 & 262.

LOUGHMOE R.C. CHURCH. The burial ground surrounding this church is the elaborate tomb of the two CORMACK brothers, executed at Newgate in 1858. Full inscription quoted on page XI of continuation sheets.

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.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

ST CRONAN'S WELL. On the lands of James Moloney, CLONMOCOGUE, two miles east of Loughmoe, is the above mentioned well. Approached by a rough passageway close on one mile in length. Private visits paid for cure of sore eyes but no general pattern.

CLONDOTY HOLY WELL. On roadside, one mile south of Loughmoe, in district of Clondoty, near Sturling Field, is a reputedly Holy Well. Nobody knows the name of Saint connected with it and no rounds are paid.

(Signed)

P. J. Lynel

Surveyor.

DATE 21/4/45.