



East Window -  
interior view -  
Molough abbey  
Newcastle O'Brien



Molough Abbey

Newcastle

O'Brien



Remains of Castle  
O'Brien  
Newcastle.



Croaghcloney  
castle, O'Brien  
Newcastle





Pillar Stone,

Garryduff O'Brien

Newcastle



Pillar Stone,

garryduff <sup>O'Brien</sup>

Newcastle



Inscribed Pillar  
Stone : O'Brien  
Newcastle



I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,  
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Giffa viffa West.  
Newcastle TOWN OR VILLAGE PARISH Four-mile-water COUNTY Tipperary T  
Waterford

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parent parish embraces practically the whole of the ancient Parish of Kilroman (co Waterford) and the parishes of Newcastle and Molough, co Tipperary. It extends across the eastern shoulder of the Knockmealdown range, and away to the Comeraghs in the east, from the northern slopes of the Knockmealdowns over Newcastle there is a view, equal if not surpassing in magnificence to that of the famous "Vee" further west. North, the plain of Tipperary, with its network of fens and fields trees and rivers, seems to be suspended from the Devil's Bit mountains forty miles away. West, the lordly Galtees, and the broad southern Galtee valley. East, that secluded vale, the barony of Glenahie, stretching up to the rugged Comeraghs, with the summit

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?

Knocklofty House. (5 miles north of Newcastle, 5 miles south of Blenneth).

An extensive, Georgian type, mansion built on a prominence overlooking the Luir. This beautiful, well-kept, mansion is the Irish residence of Lord Donoughmore. It is surrounded by a magnificent demesne of 300 acres, which for the most part is dotted with ornamental trees, and through which flows the Luir. From the house there is a charming terraced garden leading down to the river, away from which stretches the broad acres of park-land at the opposite side. In the main hall of the mansion can be seen a remarkable record of the Salmon fishing of Lord Donoughmore's predecessors, some of the finest in the country. Lining the walls are life-size effigies of all the large Salmon caught and under each the place and date of the catch, and the name of the sportsman responsible. The average would seem to be between 10 and 15 cwt. each.

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## ANTIQUITIES

*Abbeys, 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.  
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.*

Molough abbey

According to Power the ruins date from the early Irish period. The author of the life of St Declan tells us that the monastery was established by the daughters of Cinneadh King of the Deccies whose time is stated to have been on nearby Croane. There are extensive ruins of monastic buildings, as well as a host. Invasions church. In the 14th century the monastery was reorganized as a manor by the Butlers Lords of Bahr. The church ruin is fairly well preserved and consists of a choirless interior 65½ ft long by 24½ ft wide. On the north side there are traces of cloisters, and two of the domestic chambers. The outstanding feature is the fine double window in the west gable, each portion being 15 ft high by 1 ft 3 inches wide. We find from the Patent Rolls that Joan Power (~~surrendered~~) "Princess of the Bridget Molaghe" surrendered her house on the 34th year of the reign of Henry VIII. Admission is free. It is not preserved.

Newcastle Choral Society

A choirless ruin of unusual length (92 ft x 27 ft). All walls one standing except the east gable which has fallen in recent years. There are no notable features. Local tradition ascribes the destruction of this church to a member of the Frendergast family, who were the local Anglo-Norman lords. However, the details are not now known.

Castle Ruin New castle.

This castle belonged to the Brandenbergs who settled here as underlords of the Woresters. Little is known of its history. But it is evident that it was used in subsequent to the Cromwellian wars. The remains are fairly well preserved and consist of a circular tower (the residential portion) and the ground portion of the main building complete with stone roof. Over the entrance there is a stone dated 1496, apparently the time some renovation was carried out. The ruin is picturesque, situated on the bank of the river. It is now owned by Mrs John London former, who will make no objection to visitors. It is not preserved.



Form A continued to Topography A.

of Slievenamon in the background.

Southward through the Knockmealdowns there is a road leading to Ballyhoquin and Mt Mellary abbey, which ~~rises steeply~~ presents beautiful views of the mountains as they rise, pile upon pile, to Knockmealdown itself (2700 ft) with <sup>its</sup> blue summit over all.

From Ballymacarbery the lower reaches of the beautiful river can be explored & in fact its whole length to its source, although ~~it~~ it extends beyond the parish boundary. This is indeed a countryside of unsurpassing and ever-changing scenery, from the river bridge at Four-mile Water, ~~to the~~ with its vistas of peaceful, pastoral country rising all round, to the wild and rugged country that hold the river lakes.

Manoir, etc contd.

Knocklofty House. B.

thirty and forty pounds, while there were several over forty and one 45½ lbs.

Mr de Valera had his Headquarters here <sup>for a time</sup> during the civil war.

Permission to visit the house etc will have to be obtained from the Estate Agent Mr Bovenizer who lives nearby.

Antiquities contd.

Kilmanahan Castle.

Situated in the demesne of the Earl of Donoughmore, about five miles from Newcastle, portion of this castle was restored and has been used as a residence by the Dowager Countess of Donoughmore. In the renovated portion is included a small circular tower, in which Cromwell is reputed to have slept. The main circular tower or keep is now in a state of ruin but stands at its original height of about 60 ft. It is surmounted by the usual battlements. Erected as a military fortress during the early Anglo-Norman period, this castle held a very important position as a Desmond stronghold on the borders of Ormond territory. It was the property of the old Irish family of Melgarth who in the course of time became subject to the ~~Desmond~~ Desmonds. After the disastrous defeat of the Desmonds by Ormonds at Affane in Feb 1564, Rory Melgarth maintained his position against all comers and in fact was able to

continued overleaf.



Keep the town of Blomond in a state of siege. However in 1544 the Deputy Fitzwilliam, in accordance with Elizabeth's instructions, proceeded against Desmond, and on the 26th Aug 1544 Kilmanahan was surrendered. Although they survived the wreck of the Desmonds, the Melroths seemed to have lost Kilmanahan castle, for we find that it was occupied by a Sir James Loeche (Lough) in 1628. This family took the Confederate side in the Cromwellian War and so lost their property which was granted to Colonel Jerome Lankester Governor of Blomond. It was subsequently purchased by the ancestors of the Donoughmore family and has since remained in their hands. It is not preserved by the office of Public Works. Visitors will have to get permission to inspect from Mrs Bouverior Agent to the Donoughmore Estate.

### Broughcloney Castle Ruins

This ruin is situated high up on the eastern flank of the Knockmealdowns about three miles south of Newcastle. All that now remains of a once powerful fortress is portion of the circular tower or keep. This castle was owned by the Prendergast family of Newcastle and stood on a projecting limestone rock over a deep hollow, through which passed the only road, connecting Waterford with Tipperary at this point. There is no record of the early history of the castle, but there is a remarkable local tradition connecting it with the wars of 1641 which is well worth relating. It seems that during these wars the castle was inhabited by a Prendergast who was blind but still very energetic, and with him were his two sons and an orphaned niece. One wild winter's day a messenger rode into Broughcloney from Fitzgerald, Lord of Modlegis, (bro Waterford) with news that Morrough'Brien, Lord of Inchiquin, after plundering east both and west Tipperary. Fitzgerald further suggested that Prendergast and himself should join forces and attack the redoubtable Morrough'Brien at the hollow beneath Broughcloney castle. Prendergast agreed and the messenger departed. The clans assembled, and as Morrough'Brien <sup>Marched</sup> through the mountains they hovered in his track. When he reached the hollow they pounced on him, cutting his army to pieces, and gaining possession of his spoil. Morrough'Brien himself escaped by due to a remarkable feat performed by his horse, which bore him with one astounding leap across a deep and narrow glen on the northern side of the hollow, and called to this day Leam-an-earla (the Lord's leap). The hollow is itself known as Lug-na-Sassenagh (Saxon's hollow) to commemorate the battle. In the division of the spoils which



followed, the clans quarrelled, and another bloody battle would have ensued, had not the matter been left to the arbitration of a single combat between the eldest son of both chiefs. On the appointed day the two young Lords met on the banks of the Suir near Newcastle. The fight was tough and bloody, but at length young Prendergast fell mortally wounded. Meanwhile the blind chief sat in his castle at Broughcloney, anxiously awaiting the outcome of the combat. With him was his niece, stationed at a window overlooking the road to Newcastle. A horseman appeared, whom she recognised as young Modeligo. He rode up to the castle, reined his horse, and shouted, "Tell the old wolf inside that I have killed his best cub in this day's combat." The girl repeated the message, word for word, to Prendergast. The old man rising from his chair took down a loaded musket from the mantelpiece, <sup>and</sup> rested it on the side of a loophole commanding the spot where the young Lord still sat on his horse. "Now" said the blind chief to his niece, "ask <sup>him</sup> to say the same words again." The girl did as she was bade; but ere the words were half repeated, a bullet, from the musket of the blind man, who regulated his aim by the direction of the voice, passed through the brain of young Modeligo, killing him instantly, beneath the walls of Broughcloney.

Thus goes the local story. The subsequent history of Broughcloney Castle is unknown, but we have no account of it after the Brownallbear Wars, therefore it can be assumed that, its period of usefulness <sup>as a fortness,</sup> having ended it was no longer maintained.

Situated just off the main Broumel-Dungarvan road at Kilmanahon 4 miles from Broumel, this ruin measuring 54 x 27 ft. is specially interesting, and in a good state of preservation. Its notable feature is its essential ~~low~~-Invasion character. Some details, such as the lost windows are subsequent additions, but the masonry is old Irish as are the two wide-splaying side windows. There is evidence of a former double roof plainly visible in the interior, no doubt, there was, as in Bonmac's chapel, a chamber of lodging for the Priest between the two roofs. To substantiate this assumption there is a pulley beside the entrance door, to enable it to be fastened from within. On the floor level in the gable, on the north side of the altar, is a small cell spacious enough to house (uncomfortably) a monk. Admission to the ruin, which is surrounded by a much used graveyard, is free. The quire is not preserved.

(overleaf.)



Home A contd 5. Antiquities  
Southern Yarracarra

Situated on lands of Mrs Houghton of Yarracarra about 3 miles due east of Newcastle is what is undoubtedly a ~~chamber~~ <sup>chamber</sup> ~~monument~~ of Southern type. It is now closed, and has never been explored.

Pillarstone Yarracarra

On the farms of Mrs Oroughane of Yarracarra lies an ancient cross-inscribed pillar stone. The cross is combined with another emblem which has the appearance of an anchor. On the stone one also inscribed what would appear to be Ogham characters. Nothing is known of it locally except that it was moved from some local site where it originally belonged. It measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in length by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft in width.

Pillar Stones Garryduff

Situated in the lands of a farmer named Mason are two pillar stones, both plain and without any markings whatsoever. One measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft x 2 ft the other 6 ft x 2 ft.

Old Clerical Vestment Mrs Murphy's Banard Newcastle.

At the residence of Mrs <sup>Murphy</sup> can be seen the vestments, chalice and missal of Rev James Prendergast Parish Priest of Newcastle during the latter half of the eighteenth century. The story told by Mrs Murphy, who is a member of the same family i.e. the Prendergasts, on his mother's side is worth recounting. The father of this priest was a Protestant. He married a Swedish lady who was a Catholic. At the birth of her first child, a boy, she died, but not before she had got her husband's promise that the boy would <sup>be</sup> brought up a Catholic, and ordained a Priest, and that her wedding dress would be used to make his first set of vestments. Prendergast kept his promise, and the boy was sent to complete his studies in Rome where, eventually, he was ordained, receiving the vestments in accordance with his mother's wish. On his return to Ireland he was appointed Parish Priest of Newcastle and obtained from his father an old shooting lodge where he established a chapel in 1793. This place, which is adjacent to Mrs Murphy's residence, is since known as Pasterville. The vestments are of course, the original ones made from the wedding dress and have been handed down in family ever since. Mr Prendergast died on October 28th 1798 at the age of eighty.



Seán na Sion.

James Power commonly known by the alone name was a Gaelic poet of the early eighteenth century, and was a native of Lyrainagower, Ballymacasherry. Endeavoured, without success, to locate the house of his birth.

Historic Site. Liam Lynch Monument. C.

~~which~~ are erected four pedestals about 4ft high, to hold effigies of Irish wolfhounds, originally mounted, but since removed to prevent destruction by the weather. The tower is surmounted by a limestone cross, and at even heights almost at the top are four windows of equal dimensions. On the northern side about seven ft from the ground, there is inserted a limestone plaque which bears the following inscription:-

Oglav na h-Éireann  
do tóg an  
leac so dá buairt  
cuimne an t-ad-chois  
Liam Ó Lorcáin  
Ceannasraí na h-Éirí  
a fuair zom a tús  
ar an 10<sup>th</sup> tá d'abhán  
1923 agus é ag cosnaí  
poblóir na h-Éireann.  
Go d'cuirí dia buairt  
Siórnaid dá anam.

da na tógairt

1934 - 1935.

D.S. Dubgall  
Ceannasraí  
Ailce.

The ascent to the monument is laborious, but otherwise quite safe. The best line of approach is from Foateenbridge in the parish of Ardara from which there is a mountain road and later a path, which will bring the visitor most of the way.

The Monument is built of masonry and exhibits very fine workmanship. The stone is red-sandstone, collected nearby.



## I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

## SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Offa & Offa West.  
 TOWN OR VILLAGE Newcastle. PARISH Newcastle & Four-mile-Water COUNTY Wicklow  
& Ballymacashery

## 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 Luir Nearest point to town (distance) alongside.

## KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Trout Salmon.

## AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 18 lbs Sea trout — Brown trout 1/2 lb

## BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Feb - April Sea trout — Brown trout Wet Wt. March to May  
Dry Wt. June to Aug  
[Green Butcher, Black Goldfish]

## SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Luir Blue, Gosh Scott, Blue Orange, Blue Doctor, Black Doctor, Blue Chamois

Sea trout —

Brown trout Iron Blue dun, Greenwell's Glory, March Brown, Red Spinner, Olives, Black Knut.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Perry Estate, from Newcastle Bridge extending 2 miles. Agent Major Synges  
Beehive Blarney.  
Kilmacneen Newcastle 1/2 mile Proprietor - John O'Donnell Kilmacneen.  
Kathagally do 1 mile Proprietor - Col. Gubbie Castlegrace Bogueen  
Dorroughmore Estate Fishery 4 miles Proprietor Lord Dorroughmore  
Estate Agent Mrs Bovenizer Estate office Knocklofty House Blarney.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Blarney.

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



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## SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Offa vaffa West.  
TOWN OR VILLAGE Newcastle PARISH Newcastle T. Four-mile-water COUNTY Wibray.

### ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Var. Nearest point to town (distance) 1/2 mile

### KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Trout & Pike.

### AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ..... Sea trout ..... Brown trout 4 lb

### BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ..... Sea trout ..... Brown trout Wet fly. March-May  
Dry fly June-Aug

### SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon —

Sea trout —

Brown trout Iron Blue dun, Greenwell's Glory, March Brown, Red Spinner, Olive  
Black Noddy.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

blanch & balis

Local Angling Club W.S.O. Membership Fee —

Secretary —

DATE 19/9/62

(Signed)

W.S.O.

Surveyor.



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## SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Giffa rorra West  
TOWN OR VILLAGE Newcastle PARISH Newcastle & Far-nile Water COUNTY Lifferry

### ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Mier Nearest point to town (distance) 1 1/2 miles

#### KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Trout

#### AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout Plenty of small brown trout

#### BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout Wet fly Feb to May Dry fly June to Aug

#### SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon —

Sea trout —

Brown trout Iron Blue Pine, Greenets Long, Hard Brown, Red Spinner, Olive Black Hat

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Bloumel

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee —

Secretary —

DATE 19/9/42

(Signed) Robertson

Surveyor.



## RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year..... *none at Llewellyn.*  
Under which rules?..... *Flapper at Ballymacarbery on St Stephen Day*  
Situation of course..... *alongside village*

## HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds..... *none.*  
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:

*Free shooting for Duck along Suir and its tributaries*  
*for snipe.*  
*Rough shooting for partridge, Pouter, Lark, and*  
*pheasant.*  
*1*

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

|                         |                              |                                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Lenny Estate</i>     | <i>Major Byrne (agent)</i>   | <i>Beehive Blount</i>                  |
| <i>Ashtown Estate</i>   | <i>Mrs Bowenigor (agent)</i> | <i>Estate office, Knocklofty House</i> |
| <i>Doughmore Estate</i> | <i>do</i>                    | <i>Blount.</i>                         |

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 none  
 Hurling newcastle Hurling club (G.A.A) short ground beside village  
Ballymacarbery G.A.A Hurling club (no special ground)  
 Handball no club Handball alley? yes at Ballymacarbery  
 Soccer no  
 Rugby no  
 Cricket no  
 Hockey no  
 Bowls no  
 Bowling (on public roads) no  
 Lawn Tennis yes at newcastle Kinds of courts 1 grass  
 Croquet no  
 Billiards no  
 Badminton no  
 Table Tennis no  
 Bridge Club no  
 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.

Promoters \_\_\_\_\_  
Staffer have meeting Ballymacarbery. Ballymacarbery have committee.  
held on St Stephen's Day

DATE 19/9/42

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

W. J. O'Brien  
 Surveyor.



## I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.  
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF *Offa & Offa' West*TOWN OR VILLAGE *Ballymacashery* PARISH *Newcastle & Four-mile-water* COUNTY *Waterford*

Location and brief description.

Population *100*

*Ten miles to the south of Blounnel, Ballymacashery lies scattered, a cluster of houses here & there, on either side of the main blounnel-Dungarvan Road. The road here enters a deep gorge, and the houses with their little flower gardens in front present a very pretty picture backed as they are, by the steep sides of the gorge. When I visited it, the reputation of the village seemed to be honey. Everybody kept honey bees, and the merits and elements of the produce*

Is there a Town Hall? *no* Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

*none.*

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

*sewerage, but no water supply.*

## PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *blounnel* Distance *10* Bus? *blounnel Dungarvan service*Public lighting by—Electricity? *no* Gas? *no.*

## DANCING

Dance hall *yes* Proprietor *Ballymacashery Dance Hall Committee.*

## CINEMAS AND THEATRES

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



## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Longie Library Post office

Private Lending Libraries none

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic Services (Sundays) 9.30 am & 12.00

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Mr Y. Power

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

## BANKING

Banks none

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers none

Photographic Stores no

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? none Location —

Public Baths? none Location —



Form D. continued 1

Ballymacarbery

of the different swarms seemed to be the general topic of conversation. Most noteworthy feature ~~is this~~ is that the job of bee-keeping is more a general hobby than a commercial undertaking.



## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *none.*

Cultural Societies..... *none.*

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *none.*

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

*none.*

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

*none.*

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*none.*

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Newton Boys &amp; Girls</i> | <i>National Schools</i> |
| <i>Bennetschurch</i>           | <i>do.</i>              |
| <i>Russellstown</i>            | <i>do.</i>              |

## HOSPITALS

*none.*



## FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *none.*

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

## GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

*Denis Ducey Filling Station*

## CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Blue Grant.*

Motors (Touring) *none.*

Boats (State type) *none.*

Bicycles *none.*

Caravans *none.*

Horses *none.*

## CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none.*

Secretary

DATE *19/9/49*

(Signed)

*H. B. Brien*

Surveyor.



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## AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

## TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF *Offa & Offa West*TOWN OR VILLAGE *Newcastle*PARISH *Newcastle &**Four-mile-water*COUNTY *Lifford*

Location and brief description.

Population *106*

*A small village pleasantly situated against the north-east flank of the Knockencaldara Range, overlooking the broad sweep of the River Lifford, as it skirts the hills and curves its way northwards to Blomel. Ten miles south-west of Blomel & four miles south-east of Ardara, the village is the centre of a Breac-Gheallach area.*

Is there a Town Hall? *no.*

Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

*none.*

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

*none.*

## PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *Blomel*Distance *10 miles*Bus? *none*Public lighting by—Electricity? *Yes*Gas? *—*

## DANCING

Dance hall *Yes.*Proprietor *Dance Committee*

## CINEMAS AND THEATRES

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



## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *none*

Private Lending Libraries *none*

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Catholic*

Services (Sundays) *9.30 am & 12.00*

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *McCarthy's house*

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

## BANKING

Banks *none*

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *none*

Photographic Stores *none*

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *yes* Location *alongside village*

Public Baths? *none* Location



## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *none.*

Cultural Societies..... *none.*

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *none.*

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

*none.*

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

*none.*

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*none.*

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*Newcastle Boys & Girls Schools,  
Broughcloughy do do.*

## HOSPITALS

*none.*



## FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets none.

Weekly market day none Half-holiday Thursday

## GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Mr. Lugent. Yelling-station

## CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis J. Hall Doolin

Denis Longman

Ed. Bullinan

Motors (Touring) none.

Boats (State type) none.

Bicycles none

Caravans none

Horses none

## CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Landowner \_\_\_\_\_

Local Improvements Committee none

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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BARONY OF Iffa & offa West

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballymacarbery PARISH Newcastle T. Four-hills - Water COUNTY Waterford

| Hotels      | No. of<br>Bedrooms | No. of<br>Bathrooms | Licensed ? |
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| Guest or Boarding Houses |  |  |  |
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BARONY OF *Offa & Offa West.*

TOWN OR VILLAGE Newcastle PARISH Four-mile-water COUNTY Liffenny

Licensed ?

none.

### Guest or Boarding Houses

NOTE

## Restaurants and Cafés

none

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## HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

### Liam Lynch Monument Croane

Liam Lynch, one of the most redoubtable of the Irish leaders in the struggle for independence 1919-21, and subsequently commander-in-chief of the Republican or Anti-Treaty forces was ~~shot~~ <sup>shot</sup> on Croane mountain over Newcastle by the Treaty forces on the 10th April 1923. On the spot where he fell a monument was unveiled in 1935 to perpetuate his memory. It is of the Irish Round Tower type, and rises to a height of about 45 ft. The diameter at the base measures 10 ft. The base is rectangular with elongated sides. At the four corners, 

## 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.

### Kilronan Cemetery.

at Kilmanahan, 4 miles from Blunell, on the Blunell-Bungarwan road is the ancient cemetery of Kilronan. Within the roofless walls of the church is the tomb of Edmund (Buck) Sheehy of Lodge Ardfinnan who was executed at Boleheen in 1766 for having given evidence in favour of his cousin Rev Nicholas Sheehy (See Report Boleheen Parish Survey).

### Thomas Roderick Croane.

I have photographed the ruin of a once comfortable farmhouse, reputed to be the birthplace of Thos Roderick, who earned notoriety by betraying the Jacobite Plot to assassinate William of Orange. His testimony was material in procuring conviction of several of the conspirators. For his services he was created baronet and awarded a sum of £3000 from the British Treasury. In addition he got a large grant of land from the forfeited lands of the Earl of Bormoney. He became a member of Parliament for Monaghan, and, joining the British army, was killed while leading his regiment against the French at the battle of Malplaquet in 1709.

## 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.

### Glebe Holy Well.

Situated beside Kilronan graveyard at Kilmahanham, 4 miles from Blonnel on the Blonnel-Dungarvan road, this very fine well is enclosed by a circular wall of masonry, and is about 3 ft in diameter. Overhead it is enclosed on three sides by a semi-circular wall which is arched ~~over~~ at a height of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft from the ground, giving it a grotto-like appearance. A plain stone cross surmounts the structure, which does not appear to be very ancient, or if so was renovated in recent times. Local enquiry elicited no information except that the well was originally connected with St Ronan, whose church is nearby in the graveyard. It is now used merely as a drinking well, there being no pilgrimage.

### St Brigid's Well.

Can be seen on the bank of the Suir in the land of Mrs Byrne of Ballinamona just north of Newcastle village. It is now an ordinary drinking well used by the Byrne family, and I could get no local information regarding it. Its name however suggests that it was associated with the ancient monastery & nunnery of Molough about a mile away. (See report Molough overleaf). There is no pilgrimage.

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