

(Tipperary North)

FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF OWNEY & ARRA

TOWN OR VILLAGE NEWTOWN PARISH BURGES & YOUGHAL COUNTY TIPPERARY

TOPOGRAPHY

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

From within two miles of Kenagh, the parish of Youghal & Arra stretches westwards to the foot of the Arra mountains. Southwards it extends to the foot of the Silver mines while its northern extremity is washed by Youghal Bay.

The S. & S.-E. districts are

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GEOLOGY

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

The land is mountainy but capable of being reclaimed. The stone is mostly grit-stone. It is well wooded - ash, beech, sycamore, spruce oak etc. being found. Whitethorn & Sally hedges are seen everywhere. Oats, wheat, potatoes, cabbage & all root crops are grown.

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, 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.

Youghal Arra Church Ruin: This ruin is situated in Youghal townland one mile N.W. of Newtown village in Youghal cemetery just right of the Road which leads to Youghal Bay.

Portion of the S. wall remains in fair preservation, but the rest is reduced to 4' 2-5' in height. The only feature remaining is a small round headed lancet in the S. wall.

The masonry is of small and long brownish & reddish grit stone. The long stones are shaped quadrangular & polygonal - and some are shapeless, but all are dressed with chisel or hammer.

The length of building was 43'; breadth along E. gable 25'-4"; and along west 21'-10"; the part of the N. wall at this end being placed 3'-6" outwards, beyond the line of the interior surface of the N. wall at the west end.

On a stone in the surface of the S. wall the exterior is chiselled the figure of a human head with the following letters:-

ST. COEA.
NE. 1433.

Under the letters is inscribed a cross; and on another stone under the left side of the face of the figure above mentioned are chiselled two figures of human beings & over them to the E. is chiselled, apparently the figure of an angel.

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rather level and as one drives from Limerick to Kengah these areas look neat & attractive.

To the right of the road pasture, meadow & tillage skirted by low hedges & dotted here & there by little groves, extend to the foot of the Silvermines, whose blue & purple slopes make a pretty contrast to the rich green of the low-lands. To the left or N.W. of the road little foothills rising one above the other, & some capped by clumps of bush road & furze, roll away to the Arra mountains which adjoin Burges & Youghal to the west.

These foothills reach a height of 600' to west where they afford some fine vistas, particularly at Pallas near the site of the old castle 2 miles S. of Newtown village:-

The little hills in the near foreground S. & E. fade gradually away to meet the beautiful valley-between the Arra & Silvermines-which is cut by intersecting hedges rows into patches of dotted cornfields and meadows & pastures. The Tipperary mountains from the Devils Keepes S. to the Devil's Bit E. are all visible rising into the bluish horizon.

The Arra mts. cut off the view to the W. while N. the Shannon is within view at Youghal Bay.

The low hills northwards which adjoin the Bay are fairly well wooded. Though

the bay is not very picturesque, it
affords a fine view of the Slieve Bearnaugh
Mtns., in E. Clare, to the west and the
Devil's Bit to the east.

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which help to throw light on the history of the ruin. The chiselled heads and the rounded window. It was a practice of the Canons Regular to ornament their churches with those chiselled figures; they can be seen at Incha & at their Abbey in Lorrha. Those foreign religious were established in Tyrone about 1200 by the Butlers, but the round-headed windows belong to the Irish style, before the coming of the Canons Regular. Another ~~is~~ is, that one gable of the ruin is wider than the other. The inference seems to be that the church was built by Irish religious not later than the 12th century & that it was rebuilt & adorned by in 13th or 14th century by the Canons Regular.

The present ruin is on the site of the original timber church of St. Coane which according to the life of St. Ailbe was built before St. Patrick came. St. Coane died A.D. 433. and the date already referred to A.D. 433 probably refers to St. Coane's death. (From Hist. of Ely & Carroll's Territory - by W. Gleeson)
Right of way. Not in charge of D.P.W.

PALLACE CHURCH: This ruin called the Teampullán is situated in Pallace townland about 2 miles S. of Newtown village. It stands on a round hillock like an earthen mound of considerable extent. The building is rather uninteresting being reduced to a height of about 4' around & featureless.

It is an oblong ruin of grit stone. In 1840 this ruin consisted of E. gable reduced in height & south wall together with some other remains. The length of edifice was 31' breadth 18' thickness of walls 3'-2" (Not in charge of D.P.W. to Right of way.)

PALLAS OLD CASTLE: The site of Pallas old castle is seen a few hundred yards west of the church ruin. Not a trace other than the foundation of the building remains. It was the property of the mac ~~IB~~riens who were owners of all the castles in the district. The mac ~~IB~~riens were descendants of Brian Boru. They settled in Budge & Youghal after the Battle of Dyserth & Dea in Co. Clare. About a hundred yards from the Castle site there is a hill called Cnoc na Croice, or Gallows Hill, where a gallows was erected formerly for hanging culprits. The spot where the Gallows stood is of circular form, remains untilled & covered with furze. The people believe that it would be unlucky to reclaim the spot.

CARRIGATONER CASTLE. This ruin stands to the right of the Nenagh-Limerick Road - 3 miles from Nenagh.

A fragment of the N. side of a round tower - 22' high & 7½' thick remain. It is of grit stone & grouted. To the west of the tower there ~~are~~ are vestiges of the foundations of a quadrangular building. This castle was built by the Nenagh Butlers, like the Round Castles of Rathurles and Latturagh. These castles were of same date as the Nenagh

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Tower. in the early part of the 13th century.

In its last stages it was inhabited by a Mr. White; the quadrangular building was probably a residence built to castle in later times. (Hist. of Ely O'Carroll's Territory).
(not in charge of I.P.W. no Right of way.)

KILCOLMAN CASTLE. This ruin stands in Kilcolman townland - 3 miles S.E. of Newtown village & about 3 miles from Nenagh to the N. of the Nenagh-Limerick road.

The ruin is about 40' in height, & 24'-9" x 17'-9" with walls 3'-3" in thickness. Pediments thickly set are raised on top of the walls. A machicoulis projects from the western side near the top & over the entrance doorway which is now built up. It is was a square-headed opening. "Stones jut out under the eaves stones, which served as gutter-eaves. Similar stones are found in the Dominican Abbey of Loocha, built in the 13th century." (Hist. of Ely O'Carroll) The only windows remaining are a couple of small loop-holes & a sq.-headed window of small dimensions. The building is in ruins inside - no floors or stairs remaining. (not in charge of I.P.W. no Right of way. This was also a Mac F Brien Castle.

BURGESS CHURCH: Only portion of a featureless gable remains in the cemetery of Burgess in the townland of Carrigal - 5 mls. S.W. of Newtown village & 6 miles S.W. of Nenagh.

STANDING STONE: In the townland of Bally-
logan - on the Arra Mountain district - 2 miles
N. of Burges Church ruin just mentioned there
is a standing stone of grit, roughly hammered
in the form of quadrangular prism, 6' high. It
is called the Long Stone. "Stones of this kind
were used to mark the boundaries of land,
the sites of battles & graves of remarkable men".
(Hist. of Ely O'Carroll).

MONROE CASTLE: Another Mac I' Brien castle
stood in Monroe townland about a quarter
mile N. of Newtown village. Not a trace of
it remains to day.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF OWNEYTARRA.TOWN OR VILLAGE NEWTOWN PARISH BURGES & YOUNG 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 DERG Nearest point to town (distance) 1 1/2 mls.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

BROWN TROUT. PIKE & PERCH.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout 2 lbs.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon — Sea trout — Brown trout MID-MAY to MID-JUNE

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon —Sea trout —Brown trout GREEN DRAKE & SPENT NAT.State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.
ENTIRELY FREE.

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The portion of the lake which touches Burges & Young's parish is fairly good for may-fly fishing, but by no means the best portion of the lake.

Pike & Perch are also found off the bank.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None for hire nearer than Dromineer or Portroe.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

NENAGH.Local Angling Club NONE Membership Fee —Secretary (and Address) —

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds:

NONE AVAILABLE.

Kinds of fish to be caught:

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

Bait available locally? NO. Fishing tackle? AT NENAGH.

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 —

Beagles —

COURSING

Name of Club NONE Meeting held annually? —

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company NONE

Races on (nights) —

SHOOTING

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

There is fairly ^u good Grouse & Partridge shooting to the ~~East~~ of the parish along the hills adjoining the Arra mountains. Few Duck are found along Joughal Bay.

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

not preserved.

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.....
Hurling *youghal Hurling club. No Suitable Pitch.*
Handball *NONE.* Handball alley? *—*
Soccer *do.*
Rugby *do.*
Cricket *do.*
Hockey *do.*
Bowls *do.*
Bowling (on public roads) *do.*
Lawn Tennis *do.* Kinds of courts *—*
Croquet *do.*
Billiards *do.*
Badminton *do.*
Table Tennis *do.*
Bridge Club *do.*
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing).....
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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.....

Pilgrimage to St. Conlan
well on July 24TH.
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DATE *23-9-44*

(Signed)

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Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF DWNEY & ARAATOWN OR VILLAGE NEWTOWN PARISH BURGESS YOUGHAL COUNTY TIPPERARY

Location and brief description.

Population 18

The little village of Newtown is situated mid-way between Nenagh & Portroe - 3 miles W. of Nenagh & equal distance E. of Portroe.

It consists of a Catholic church & national school, a post office, two shops & a couple of private residences.

no accommodation in the village.

Is there a Town Hall? NO Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

NONE.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

no water supply. Water from Spring well.
no sewerage system.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station NENAGH Distance 3 miles Bus? NENAGH.Public 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..... NONE.

Private Lending Libraries..... NONE.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church NEWTON Cath. Services (Sundays)..... 10 A.M.

Burges Catholic...... do.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office..... In the Village.

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)..... M.O.'s Telegraph & Telephone.

BANKING

Banks..... NONE.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers..... NONE.

Photographic Stores..... NONE.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... NONE. Location..... —

Public Baths?..... do. 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)

Newtown Church is a small cruciform building of Gothic design. There are four stained glass windows representing of The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Sacred Heart, St. Patrick & St. Peter. There is an open belfry.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Newtown National School,

Burges National School.

HOSPITALS

NONE

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets NONE.

Weekly market day NONE Half-holiday NONE.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

NONE.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis NONE.

Motors (Touring) NONE.

Boats (State type) NONE.

Bicycles NONE.

Caravans NONE.

Horses etc.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location NONE

Landowner —

Local Improvements Committee NONE

Secretary —

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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.

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.

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.

The only old customs remaining in the parish are: St. Martin's Day custom of killing the cock. Shrove Tuesday is still called Pancake night & the customs are carried on in place. Snap-apple night is still carried on now.

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There is a pilgrimage held on July 24TH at St. Conlan's Well, about a mile from Newtown village. It is visited by people from several of the surrounding parishes.

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