



Old & Solaghhead
Parish

Castle Lloyd
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Oola & Solaghead
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Oola Castle



Dola to Solaghend

Parish

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Solaghead Church



Dola & Solaghead
Parish

Birthplace of
Sean Treacy

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Blauwilliam.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Bola. PARISH Bola & Solaghhead. COUNTY Lifferry & Limerick.

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Of these united parishes Bola is in Limerick and Bologhead in Lifferry. The two combined cover an extensive area of typical undulating 'Golden Veins' grass land. The countryside, with its profusion of thorn hedges and trees is a pleasant sight but there is no outstanding scenery, except perhaps a good distant view of the Galtees.

GEOLOGY

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

Copper Mine Seana cloch.

Situated about 1 mile east of Bola. This mine was last worked by an Englishman named Palmer, in conjunction with those at Killyford by Liff about 70 years ago. The shaft has been closed up, but the entrance to it can still be seen. The chimney stack has disappeared. Local people say that very little copper was found, and the mine was not a commercial success.

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, Souterrams, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Castle Bola.

Situated about 1 mile east of Bola village, this is a 5 storey 14th century rectangular keep, standing ~~unprotected~~ in a field. Its dimensions are approximately 45 ft by 33 ft externally with walls 6 ft thick. Standing at a height of about 60 ft. There were originally 4 bastions one on each corner, however only 3 remain, that on the S.W. angle having fallen. In the interior, there was a circular tower, carrying a spiral stairway in the S.W. angle. Part of the tower and all the stair is missing. There is no sign of a vaulted floor. The entrance doorway is pointed and of good limestone ashlar, with a shot hole at the apex of the arch and one on either side about 4 1/2 ft from the floor. The windows are of the rectangular hooded type, six being slight and the remainder, light. There is a garderobe. The walls have a slight batter. The wall enclosing a bawn of about 20 acres still remains. The castle is said to have been an outpost of the Burke family of Brittas, and to have been dismantled during the Confederate wars. ~~Not preserved by O.P.W.~~ ~~no right of way but visitors may inspect.~~ (Photo)

Castle Lloyd is situated

about 1 mile west of Bola in the land of Mrs Grace. The ruins consist of a circular tower about 40 ft high by 4 ft in diameter internally. The tower is surmounted by battlements built of brick, and is plastered with mortar on the outside. The remains of foundations of other walls and some underground vaulted chambers ^{can be traced} The tower is (apparently) all that remains of what appears to have been an ^{ancient} ~~ancient~~
 (See Sheet 1)

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Castle Lloyd. onto ^{junction}

Extensive 18th century of the pseudo Scots baronial
type. It was built by a Captain Lloyd ^{who} was
master of the "Hinge Horse" and Lord Lt of Limerick
County. Demolished about 70 years ago, its
bricks stones for local buildings. ~~not preserved.~~
~~the right of way. visitors may inspect. (Photo)~~

Historic Sites. Slogheadbeg, Antrim.

of the historic Antrim of May 1917 which
may be said to have started the ball rolling
in the Anglo-Irish war of Independence of
1920-21.

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Catholic Church Sologhead. contd

the main entrance to the nave on the west gable, (2) one over the high altar ~~on~~ⁱⁿ the chancel. (3) one in each of the transepts. The remainder of the windows are 2 light. The entrance ~~of~~ consists of a door of one order of plain but good workmanship.

(Photo south view)

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF

Blairwilliam

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Bola

PARISH

*Bola
Solaqhead.*

COUNTY

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Limerick.*

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)

2 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

none

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 :

none

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Local Angling Club

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 :

None

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 6 meetings

Under which rules? Handicap

Situation of course Limerick Junction

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds Seventeen Black & Tan

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:

Pheasant, snipe, partridge, duck in small numbers
not generally preserved, but permission must
be sought from local farmers.

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

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 Sologhead G.A.A. Club Porta Millean Bala

Hurling Sologhead do. do.

Handball none Handball alley? none

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) 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

Carminial (1 week each year) Minister-na-Line

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DATE 28/4/43.

(Signed) W. J. Min Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF

Blauwilliams

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Bola

PARISH

*Oola &
Sologhead.*

COUNTY

Limerick

Location and brief description.

Population

210 392

Bola is a plain but clean little village, scattered along both sides of the main Limerick - Waterford highway, 5 miles from Lifferry and 18 from Limerick

Is there a Town Hall?

Parochial Hall

Location

Oola

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds.

Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

*none.**sewerage only.*

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Oola

Distance

in village

Bus?

*G.S.R.**Limerick -
Waterford*

Public lighting by—Electricity?

none

Gas?

*none**The Pavilion Hall* DANCING

Dance hall

Limerick Junction

Proprietor,

*Mr. Signan
Junction.**Limerick*

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

none

Pictures shown

(nights)

Theatre

none

Kind of shows

(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... *bernegie library National Schools Gola,*
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Private Lending Libraries..... *none.*
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CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Gola Catholic*..... Services (Sundays)..... *11 am*
Sologhead do..... *9.30 am & 12*
Monard..... *11.00 am*
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POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office..... *Main St.*
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)..... *Tele Service.*

BANKING

Banks..... *none.*
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SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers..... *none.*
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Photographic Stores..... *none*
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SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... *none*..... Location.....
Public Baths?..... *none*..... Location.....

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Unitar to Live (band)
Sec Ed Meagher Oola.

Cultural Societies

Oola dramatic Society.
Sec. Ed Meagher, Oola.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS.

Industries

Oola cooperative brewery Society.

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

none.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

none.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

Catholic Church. Sologhead (about 3 miles east of Oola.)
Very fine modern Gothic church of good discolled limestone. Cruciform type, it consists of plain nave, north & south transepts, chancel square tower, with a cone-shaped steeple, on south side. Most noteworthy features are windows. There are 4 fine-light windows, of large dimensions and good design. (1) over (see with sheet 1)

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Oola Boys & Girls	H.S.
Monard	do
Newton	do

HOSPITALS

none.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets none.

Weekly market day none. Half-holiday Wednesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

~~Bonnie's O'Sullivan Bala Garage & Petrol Station
James O'Sullivan Bala Garage.~~

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

~~Taxis Bonnie's O'Sullivan Bala 1 car
James O'Sullivan Bala 1 car.~~

~~Motors (Touring) —~~

~~Boats (State type) none~~

~~Bicycles Bonnie's O'Sullivan Bala.~~

~~Caravans none.~~

~~Horses Ballyhastan Stud Luncash Junction. (The Managers)
Miss W. Ellard. Newport Sologhead~~

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location none. Landowner

Local Improvements Committee none.

Secretary

DATE 24/7/43 (Signed) W. Brien

Surveyor.

Juverna Press, Ltd., Dublin.

Bila & Sologhean.

BYRON. *Blauwellian*

COUNTY St. Lawrence

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Bola*

HOTELS

Licensed

Remarks

No. Guest.	No. of	No. of	No. Public
Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs.	Rooms

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Ruan's Hotel.

Lanswell Junction

(3 bulbs from each)

clean, good furniture, professors and well kept appearance.

Guest or Boarding Houses

Miss H. Brunie, Colo.

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Date. 24. 9. 43.

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

Signed: W. B. Brown

HISTORIC SITES

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

Battle of Sulcoit (Sologhead).

The exact site is not known but it was adjacent to the present Sologhead, which incidentally was much larger formerly. (The death tax returns of 1666-7, shows it as being nearly as large as Kippisary) ~~at~~ The Battle of Sulcoit, fought in 968 A.D., resulted in a rout of the Danes by Brian Boru and ~~marked~~ ^{was} the "beginning of the end" of Danish occupation in Ireland.

~~Sologheadbeg, Ambush~~
about 2 miles NE of Sologhead Chapel is the scene
HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES (see sheet 1)

(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.

Birthplace of Sean Treacy.

about 2 1/2 miles NE of Sologhead Chapel and just north of where the famous Ambush of Sologheadbeg (which he planned + personally led) took place is the farmstead where Sean Treacy vice-Squadier of the 3rd Tipperary Brigade, was born, and lived up to time he was forced to go on the run. One of the greatest of the Irish leaders, Treacy was killed in action against British force in Fallowfield Dublin on the 23rd Nov 1920. (Photo). The present owner of the farmstead is a Mr Robert John Leahy.

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.

Lady's Well.

This Holy Well is situated in the townland of Ballylahiff South of the Main Lifferry-road Oola road and about 2 miles SE of Oola. A pattern is held on the 15th Aug each when large crowds come to honour the Bl. Virgin Mother.

(Signed)

W. B. Brien

Surveyor.

DATE

24/7/43