



Templemore Parish

Church of Sacred
Heart,

Templemore



Templemore Pavist

Reflections on the
Lake, Lown Park
Templemore.



Templemore Parish

Swimming Pool,
Templemore



Templemore Parish

Devils Bit Mountain
as seen from Black
Castle, Lawn Park.
Templemore.



Templemore Parish

Looking towards
Templemore (south)
from Devil's Bit
Mountain.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF ELI OGARTY

TOWN OR VILLAGE TEMPLEMORE PARISH TEMPLEMORE COUNTY TIPPERARY

TOPOGRAPHY

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

topographical features.
From Templemore, may be obtained, very beautiful views of the Devil's Bit; Silvermines and Slieve Bloom Mountains. The former quite adjacent rise to a maximum height of 1577 feet, and from "The Devil's Bit" it is possible to see several countries. The approach to the latter is easy, a road passing close by via Bannane, from which a regular path leads through "The Bit." This stoned spot is actually in the parish of Drum & Ducl.

GEOLOGY

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

The Geologist would have a very happy time in the region of Templemore. The rock formation is very varied, - the finding limestone; sandstone; igneous and conglomerate on the mountain side. Numerous small caves lie along the mountainside, which were of great use during the war of independence. Immense boulders, of rectangular shape lie at the foot of mountain & against some of these shelters for cattle have been built.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

THE TOWN PARK. This park was formerly part of the Carde estate - now broken up - and has many attractive features. A lake of several acres extent, ^{mainly} overgrown, lies in the centre, fed by small streams which are (or were) crossed by quaint brick built bridges. Very lovely giant trees border the lake at some points. There are the remains of pretty walks along the banks & through the trees. With a little care and improvement this could be one of the loveliest parks in the country. Beside the lake is the ruin - in a most shocking state - of the lovely little Abbey. While the park is the property of the Urban Council, nothing is done to keep the place in decent order and on every side evidence of vandalism meets the eye. Within the Abbey elaborate & costly tomb stones have been smashed & thrown from their pedestals. Open at all times. Admission Free.

ANTIQUITIES

ABBAY.

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.

TEMPLEMORE ABBAY. Within the park is this very lovely ruin, which is very sadly neglected. Mostly overgrown with ivy which hides the features. Protecting railings have been broken down and animals have access to burial ground which surrounds ruin. Elaborate & costly tombs and monuments have been smashed and dislodged. In receipt of no care. Believed to have been founded by the Knights Templar, who also possessed the adjacent castle. Park open at all times. It would be a very good thing if the state of this ruin and condition of the Park were referred to the Urban Council.

EARLY CHURCH SITES

CLONBOUGH. In EGAN'S land at Clonbough, about five miles east of Templemore and one mile south of road to RATHDOWNY is this quaint ruin. Small, 30' x 12' of irregular sandstone boulders. In S. wall is a well carved piscina. Deep recess 15" square in E. wall. Broken windows in S & W. Door was in S. near W. end. Walls 2 1/2' thick were sloped. Upper portion of E. gable collapsed. Approached by avenue leading to Egan's house. No care.

KILLAVINOGUE. Within the old grave yard of KILLAVINOGUE about five miles east of Templemore and one mile north of road to RATHDOWNY stands this featureless ruin. Was of small proportions. Only fragment of S. wall stands and portions of E & N. to a height of 2 feet. Had choir and nave. NO care. Adjacent to road.

KILLEA. In a wooded grave yard three miles ^{west} of Templemore and beside present R.C. Church of same name is the site of this early church which was dedicated to St James. Only foundations remain.

ANTIQUITIES

Barony of Eliogarty

Town of Templemore. Parish - do. County Tipperary

CASTLES

BARNA. About one mile S. of Templemore and a short distance east of road to BORRISOLEIGH is this very prominent land mark. Circular in shape & five storeys high - 60 feet to battlements. Walls from 6 to 10 feet thick. Ground storey strongly vaulted, completely circular & 18 feet in diam. Base of castle boldly battered and is 40 yds in circumference. Built throughout of limestone.

In first storey are remains of massive stone fireplace with some carvings. In next storey is one of lesser proportions. Perfect spiral stairs from left inside door which looks S. Well cut pointed doors lead into each floor from stairs. Was a fortified & residential castle combined. Circular passages S & W. alternately in each storey, with downward slits covering approach. Circular hole over entrance door, inside which was a guard room. Residential quarters looked east & these had pretty square headed windows, well cut. 2nd storey were fitted with well cut double lighted windows. Though jamb of entrance door was the usual spy-hole, placed slantwise.

Nearly to east are the ruins of a strong Eliogarty house with tall chimneys and square well cut windows. Three storeys.

The entire very well preserved and most interesting but in receipt of no care. From the battlements most wonderful views may be had - particularly of the Devil's-bit mountain to the west. Very easily approached from side road, off the main Templemore / Borrisoleigh thoroughfare.

CASTLES.

BLACK CASTLE. On the edge of the Lake within the town park. Only west wall to its full height remains, but is practically featureless. Nearly all narrow pointed gates which probably served as outer protections in former times. Was occupied by the Knights Templar from whom it was transferred to the Barden family. The latter resided there up to middle of 18th century when it was accidentally destroyed by fire. Portions of stairs surviving by which upper story - in which there is a mural passage - may be reached. From here, over the tops of the trees exquisite views of the Devil's-bit mountain may be had. In receipt of no care.

CLONBOUGH CASTLE.

Five miles east of Templemore, adjacent to church ruin of same name. An irregular mass of masonry, entirely featureless. Ground floor was strongly vaulted.

THE TOWER.

Beside the front entrance to the mansion - now in ruins - off the Bonisselagh road, stands the tower. A massive three story structure of cut limestone, forty feet high & 15 feet in diam., it was built by the Barden family during the famine period, to relieve distress.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF

ELIOARTY

TOWN OR VILLAGE

TEMPLEMORE

PARISH

TEMPLEMORE

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) 1½ M.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout; Pike.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout 6 oz. up to 3 lb caught.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout May/June/July.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout Orange Grouse; March Brown; Hares Ear; Black Knot

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

Free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

TEMPLEMORE

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 Club ^{nearest} 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 2 Per week 12

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF ELI OGARTY

TOWN OR VILLAGE TEMPLEMORE PARISH TEMPLEMORE COUNTY TIPPERARY

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE The Lake. Nearest point to town (distance) Within

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Tench and Pike

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.

Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

/

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

/

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

TEMPLEMORE

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /

Secretary /

DATE 12/11/44

(Signed)

P. J. Seguel
Surveyor.

ACCOMMODATION

BARONY ELIOGARTYCOUNTY TIPPERARYPARISH TEMPLEMORETOWN OR VILLAGE TEMPLEMORE

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
MULLALLY'S HOTEL (THOMAS DAVY)						Regd. F. T. B.	No trial of this.
HICKES HOTEL (MRS. M. KENNEDY)						Regd. F. T. B.	While bed-rooms were very clean, the dining room was very neglected. Food badly prepared & hopelessly served. Self never clean. There was, however, an abundance of food, which if properly prepared and served, could be done as excellent.
GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES							
MRS. H. WORTHINGTON KILLOSKEANE, TEMPLEMORE							Dr.

DATE 12/11/44

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed)

P. J. Zeynel
Surveyor.

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 *Shurles & Kilshane & Amorelle*

Harriers.....

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:

A very good shooting area. plainly free but permission to enter should be sought. Some isolated lands are preserved by owners. Good grouse at KILLEA, also PARTRIDGE. Woodcock & pheasant are scarce. Duck and snipe etc are very plentiful throughout parish. Curlew; all kinds of Hares and rabbits in abundance.

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

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

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

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

ROWING AND SAILING

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

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* } *Grounds in Park, adjacent to*
Hurling *yes* } *town. Not fenced. Portion of a large field.*
Handball */* Handball alley? */*
Soccer */*
Rugby */*
Cricket */*
Hockey */*
Bowls */*
Bowling (on public roads) */*
Lawn Tennis *at THE ABBEY* Kinds of courts *4 Green.*
Croquet */*
Billiards *at Pioneer Hall - 3 tables & Juno Hall.*
Badminton *at the Rectory By invitation.*
Table Tennis */*
Bridge Club */*
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *at Bannane.*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club */* 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.

{ *Bannane Pattern* Promoters */*
Held on the Sunday nearest 25th July, each year.

DATE *17/11/44*

(Signed)

P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

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Location and brief description.

Population 1940

The good and well proportioned market town of Templemore, lies mid-way between Roscrea and Thurles, about twelve miles from each. Prettily situated south of the picturesque Devil's Bit Mountain. The main St. is 50 yds wide and lined by well kept shops. Formerly a garrison town, it owes much of its prosperity to the military barracks, now housing 200 men.

Is there a Town Hall? yes Location Centre of main St.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

What could be an extremely lovely PARK lies within the town. Formerly part of the CARDEN estate, it has a large lake and some fine trees. Presently in a very bad state and seems entirely neglected. Open to public at all times.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

A most abundant and satisfactory water supply from Reservoir on Devil's Bit Mountain. Chlorinated and filtered. Sewerage also satisfactory, but could be improved.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station TEMPLEMORE Distance 1 MILE Bus? BORRISOLEIGH 6 MILES.Public lighting by—Electricity? E.S.B. Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall TOWN HALL Proprietor Urban District Council.
(Gerold Dowd, Clerk)

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas THE CINEMA Pictures shown Nightly.
(PROP:- Thomas KEVIN) (nights) Matinee on Sundays.

Theatre TOWN HALL Kind of shows concerts etc.
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of County Library in
COURT HOUSE.

Private Lending Libraries John Walsh & Sons, Main St.
James Kennedy, Patrick St.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

{	R.C. Church	<u>TEMPLEMORE</u>	Services (Sundays)	<u>8.30 & 11.2.06.</u>	}	Official Time.
		<u>CLONMORE</u>		<u>10.00</u> <u>2.06.</u>		
		<u>KILLEA</u>		<u>10.00</u> <u>2.06.</u>		
	<u>CHURCH OF IRELAND.</u>					
		<u>TEMPLEMORE.</u>		<u>11.00</u> <u>2.06.</u>		

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main St., Templemore.

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

Post offices for sale of stamps & receipt of letters & parcels at Clonmore
and Killea.

BANKING

Banks National Bank
Provincial Bank.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers Fishing Tackle & Guns & Cartridges
at Thomas Bogan, PATRICK ST.

Fishing Tackle for John Kelly, Main St.

Photographic Stores Thomas Mackler, Patrick St.
B. A. O'Dwyer, Main St.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Yes Location IN THE PARK. A very fine one.

Public Baths? Yes Location Yes

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Pioneer Club, Main St.
Parochial Club, Town Hall.

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Lances & Safety Glass Factory. Turns out a very fine product.
Creamery at Killea, with an auxiliary at Ballyduff.
Dairy farming is chief industry of locality.
Coach building; carpentry & smithy work carried on in town.

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R. C. Church. A most beautifully proportioned Gothic structure, (see picture) erected about 20 years ago, of cut, dressed and hammered limestone. Some lovely stained glass windows, dedicated to Sacred Heart.
Church of Ireland is a grand early 19th century building with a pretty spire. Has a most lovely east window of stained glass.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Christian Brothers - Primary & Secondary. A handsome building.
Mercy Convent - Primary & Secondary.
Vocational School. A very modern & attractive building, Abbey Road.
St Mary's School (Church of Ireland).
United National Schools at CLONMORE & KILLEA.

HOSPITALS

Hospitals at Thurles & Roscrea.
Equidistant - 12 miles.

"D"

Church of Sacred Heart.
Dempmore.

In the north transept of above, are three tall windows of beautiful stained glass.

"Dedicated to His Grace"

"The Most Reverend Dr Crooke"

"Arch-Bishop of Cashel and Emly"

"by the people of Dempmore"

"As a slight tribute of their esteem"

"and to commemorate the celebration"

"of his Episcopal Silver Jubilee"

July 1895

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Fair 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Months of March & October have an additional fair on 20th.
Weekly market day Monday in Summer Half holiday Thursday
Wednesday in Winter.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Joseph Johnson, Springmount, Petrol & Repairs
William Young, Patrick St., do.
Thomas Cavanagh, Richmond, do.
John Meagher, Main St., Petrol only.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Patrick Barry, 15 Lacey Avenue,
Samuel Egan, Main St.,
Michael Kiehy, Church St.,
Michael Cavanagh, Richmond,
Joseph G. Johnson, Springmount.
Motors (Touring) Albert Dea, Main St.,
Richard McKeen, Patrick St.,
William Meagher, Main St.,
John Dea, Park St.
Boats (State type) Peter McEgan, do.
William Young, Patrick St.,
James Conolly, Park St.

all public service vehicles

Bicycles P. J. A. Maher, Main St.
John Meagher, do.

Caravans

Horses

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location Devils Bit and Landowner Common property
Bannane district mostly. No objection
from land owners in
the area, when permission
is sought.

Local Improvements Committee Dunsmore Progressive Assoc.
Secretary William KEESHAM

DATE 17/11/44

(Signed) P. J. A. Maher
Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

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

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

BARNANE. At Barnane, under the Devil's Bit, Daniel O'Connell, addressed a large meeting, about 1829, to celebrate the victory of Catholic Emancipation. To commemorate the discontinuance of the Tithe, a dead pig was buried. This took place on the feast of St James the Apostle (25th July) and on the Sunday nearest that date, a commemoration has ever since been held. Takes place on mountain side which is common property, adjacent to Woodcock Garden's Folly. (Lower)
See picture of this folly.

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.

DROMARD HOUSE. About five miles east of Templemore is Dromard House, a very pretty building, set amidst well kept grounds and pleasure gardens. For many generations it has been the residence of the LIDWELL family, a member of which did "second" for Daniel O'Connell in his duel with d-Esterre. Present owner is Colonel Robert Lidwell. Apparently the Lidwells were fond of duelling, as may be seen from the accompanying accounts in Booklet.

THE ABBEY, TEMPLEMORE. Here lie the remains of a long line of CARDEN Baronets, who formerly resided at the mansion known as Templemore Abbey, now in ruins. The Cardens were noted for their mad pranks and deeds of daring and many are the stories & legends of them, related locally. Here also are buried some of the Viscounts MONCK.

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.

"The Devils Bit" A gap in the mountain about 100 yds across & 150 feet deep. Presents a very unusual sight when viewed from a distance. Legend has it that the Rock of Cashel was the "bit." All this is already well known. A very charming view, over the tree tops, of the "bit" may be had from the ruins of Black Castle in the Park at Templemore. The Devils Bit is very easily reached and the view from it is well worth the small amount of energy expended on the climb. Within the opening is Woodcock Gardens folly, a very perfect tower. See picture.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

BARNANE PATTERN. On Sunday nearest feast of St James the Apostle, 25th July, a pattern takes place at Barnane. Part of the celebration is "The Burial of the Dithes" An object is buried. See article under Historic Sites. This pattern has been held every year since Dan O'Connell's meeting in 1829.

(Signed)

J. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

DATE 27-11-44