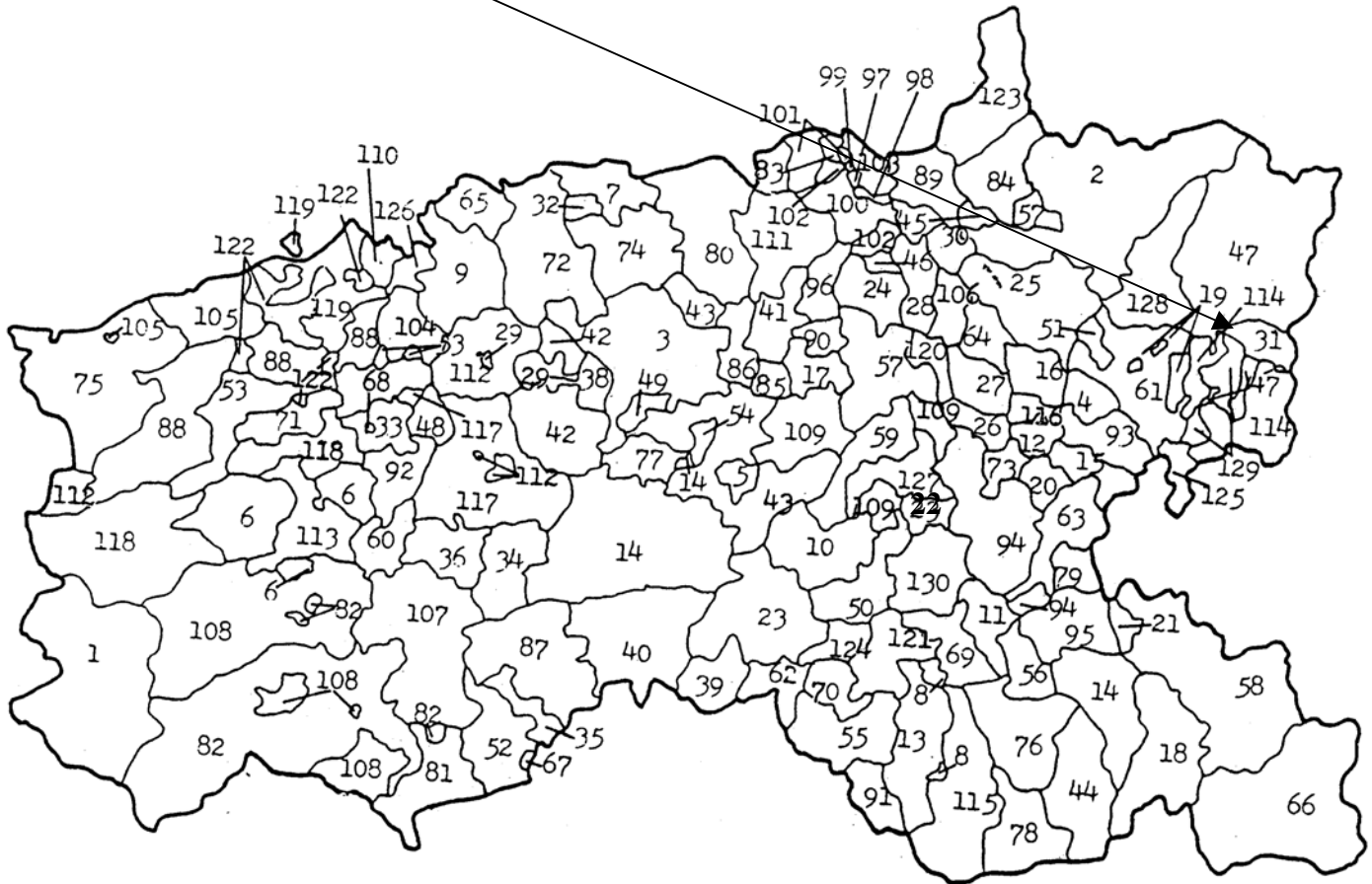


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PARISH OF CASTLETOWN

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Baile an Chaisleáin, town of the castle.	J. O'D.	
Castletown	-- J. O'D.	
	-- Inhabitants	
	-- Revd. Patrick Hicky, P.P.	
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This parish is situated on the eastern border of the barony of Coonagh, and of the county of Limerick,, about 14 miles to the east of the city of Limerick. It takes its name from an ancient castle of the O'Hurleys, built towards the close of the 14th century, and of which there are still some interesting remains.

The parish is bounded on the N. and W. by the parish of Doon; S. by Oola ph.; and E. by the county of Tipperary. It is 3 miles long and 1 mile broad, and contains 1,724 acres, divided between 5 townlands. The principal road of the parish is that leading N. by S. between the villages of Doon and Pallas Green.

Townlands

<u>Coolbaan</u>	-- B. S.	2
Cúl Bán, white back.	J. O'D.	
Coolbaun	-- J. O'D.	
Coolbaan	-- Revd. P. Hicky, P.P.	
	-- Inhabitants	
Coolbawn	-- Presentments Book 1834	
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This townland is situated in the W. end of the parish. It is bounded on the N. by the ph. of Doon; on the E. by Carrigbeg td.; and on the S. and W. by the ph. of Oola. It contains 458 acres. Arable, with some limestone. The soil is deep and wet, producing potatoes, corn and flax.

The proprietor Lord Listowel has it let per his agent Jno. Braddle, Esq. to Thomas Devitt, Esq., Middleman, at £1 6s. per acre, and he again to 15 tenants by leases of 1 life at £2 4s. to £1 8s. per acre, and in farms of 36 to 12 acres. Co. Cess generally 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre yearly. Tithe 2s. per acre. Bog for fuel has to be bought. Prevailing Name - Ryan.

Coolnamond

-- B. S.

3

Cúl na Móna, back of the bog. J. O'D.

Coolnamona

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. P. Hicky, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

-- Geo. Peacocke, High Constable

-- Presentments Book 1834

-- Co. Map

-- Civil Survey 1654-56

Coollnamony

Coolemony als }

Coolelenemore }

-- Acts of Settlement

Situated in the E. end of the parish. Bounded on the N. and E. by Toem ph. (Co. Tipperary); S. by Doon ph.; and W. by Carrigmore td. Contains 363 acres. Arable, without limestone. Soil light and sandy, producing potatoes, corn, flax and some wheat.

The proprietor Lord Listowel has it let per his agent Jno. Braddle, Esq. to Samuel Moore, Esq, by a lease of 1 life at £1 1s. per acre, and he again to 24 tenants by a tenure of 21 years at £2 18s. to £1 12s. per acre in farms of from 50 to 10 & to 1½ acres. Co. Cess 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre ½-yearly. Tithe included in the rent. Bog used for fuel is bought by the tenantry.

Carrigmore

-- B. S.

4

Carraig Mhór, great rock. J. O'D.

Carrigmore

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. P. Hicky, P.P.

-- Presentments Book 1834

-- Geo. Peacocke, H.C.

Knockouragh

-- Barony Map

Situated in the E. end of the parish. Bounded on the N. by Moanduff td.; E. by Coolnamona td.; S. by Doon ph.; and W. by Carrigbeg td. Contains 313 acres. Arable, with limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn, flax and some wheat.

The proprietor Lord Listowel has it let per his agent to 38 tenants at will in farms of 40 to 10 and 1½ acres at £1 10s. to £1 5s. per acre. Co. Cess 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre ½-yearly. Tithe included in the rent. Bog used for fuel is bought by the tenantry. Prevailing Name - Coffey.

Carrigbeg

-- B. S.

5

Carraig Bheag, little rock. J. O'D.

Carrigbeg

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. P. Hicky

-- Inhabitants

Knockouragh

-- Barony Map

Carrickbeg (contd.)

Situated in the S. end of the parish. Bounded on the N. by Moanduff td.; E. by Carrigmore td.; S. by Doon parish; and W. by Coolbaun td. Contains 403 acres. Arable, with some limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax.

The proprietor has it let per his agent Jno. Braddle, Esq. to Samuel Maunsell, Esq., and he again to 16 tenants by leases of 1 life in farms of from 12 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres at at £2 10 to £1 13s. per acre. Co. Cess 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre  $\frac{1}{2}$ -yearly. Tithe not paid since 1836. Bog used as fuel is bought by the tenantry. Prevailing Name - Ryan.

Moandhuv

-- B. S.

6

M6in Dhubh, the black bog. J. O'D.

Moanduff

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. P. Hicky, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

Monduff

-- Presentments Book 1834

-- Geo. Peacocke, H. Con.

Situated in the N. end of the parish. Bounded on the N. by Doon ph.; E. and S. by Carrigmore td.; and W. by Carrigbeg td. Contains 135 acres. Arable, without limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax.

The proprietor Lord Listowel has it let per his agent to Thomas Devitt, Esq., and he again to 26 tenants at will in farms of from 12 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres at £1 10s. to £1 5s. per acre. Co. Cess 1s.2d. to 1s. 8d. per acre  $\frac{1}{2}$ -yearly. Tithe not paid since 1833. Bog for fuel is very scarce and bought by the tenantry. Prevailing Name - Ryan.

Miscellaneous Features.Moore's Bridges

-- Inhabitants

7

Situated in the E. corner of the td. of Coolnamona, on the road from Doon to Tipperary, and on the Dead River and the Blaghann respectively.

The bridge over the Blaghann River is about 30 feet long and 5 feet high, with one small arch. That over the Dead River is about 2 chains long and 10 feet high, with 3 arches; it cost about £80. Both were built in 1831 by a man named Moore, from whom they derive their names.

Castletown Church

-- Inhabitants

8

Situated in the N. part of Carrigbeg td.

Castletown Church (contd.)

This, it is supposed, is the ruin of a Friary. The walls are about 10 feet high, and in length and breadth respectively about 40 feet and 20 feet.

It is now used as a burial-place, though but few interments take place in it.

Coonagh Castle                      -- Inhabitants

In ruins.

(No other information given.)

Cruckaun a Cleara                      -- Inhabitants 9

Cnocán a' Cléirigh,      hillock of the clergyman. O'D.

The Clerk's Hillock (Eng.)      -- Inhabitants

Knockaunacleary      -- J. O'D.

In Carrigmore td., about 20 chains distant from the W. boundary, and nearly the same distance to the west of the road passing through the townland.

It is a circular fort, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  chains in diameter, and nearly level with the surface, its centre being somewhat raised. It is placed in a green field on rising ground, from which is a great view on every side.

Kyle aragun                      -- Inhabitants 10

Cill Aragáin, Morgan's church. J. O'D.

Killarragon      -- J. O'D.

In the extreme S.E. corner of Coolnamona td., and about 5 chains W. of Moore's Br.

This is a small burial ground placed in a green valley and on the bank of the Dead River. It is circular, and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  chains in diameter, being no higher than the surrounding surface. It is green and is now used rarely as a burial place save for young children. The only appearance of a graveyard that it has at present is a few stones standing perpendicular and forming a circle.

Thobar na hielá                      -- Inhabitants 11

Tobar na ? (uncertain).

Tobernahielá      -- J. O'D.

Situated in the centre of the S. end of Coolnamona td., about 1 chain to the north of the Dead River, which is the boundary

Thobar na hieila (contd.)

boundary, and about 5 chains W. of Killarragon.

It is a spring well, about 3 feet in diameter. It is placed in low ground.

Thobar na Muicka                      -- Inhabitants                      12

Tobar na Muice, well of the pig. J. O'D.

The Pig's Well (Eng.) -- Inhabitants

Tobernamuicka                      -- J. O'D.

Near the centre of Carrigbeg townland, and about 1 chain to the east of a new road leading through the same townland.

This is a spring well, about 3 feet in diameter. It is placed in a cultivated field under the shadow of a hawthorn bush; but of the origin of its name there is no account.

Thobar na Gurraun                      -- Inhabitants                      13

Tobar na gCorrán, well of the reaping-hooks.

Tobernagorraun                      -- J. O'D.

In the centre of the S. end of Carrigmore td., and about 3 chains N. of the Dead River.

This is a spring well, about 3 feet in diameter. It is placed in an open plain and in a green field. Names like Tobar na gCorran have usually very simple origins. This well may have been a favourite restingplace at meal-time for workers in the field, who would leave their reaping-hooks in its proximity, and hence the name.

Coolbaun Lake                      -- Inhabitants                      14

Cúl Bán, J. O'D. See townland name, page 2.

Coolbaun Lake                      -- J. O'D.

In the S. W. corner of Coolbaun td.

This lake is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile broad. It is no more than 5 feet deep in dry weather; but in wet weather it extends very considerably, uniting with the Dead River and inundating a flat tract of country. Its bottom is somewhat muddy. It abounds with eels and pike, and contains also small trout, salmon, and tench.

Blaughaun River                      -- Inhabitants                      15

Owenaphaw                      -- See Toem parish, Co. Tipperary

Ownaghane River                      -- Barony Map.

Blaughaun River (contd.)

This river rises in Co. Tipperary, runs south-westwards, bounding the aforesaid county from the S.E. side of the ph. of Castletown, and falls at length through Moore's Bridge into the Dead River.

It is about 5 feet wide and very shallow, with a gravelly bottom. It has some small trout in it.

Spaw Well

-- Inhabitants

16

Situated in the S. part of Cloonlusk Td., in that part of it in the parish of Castletown. It is about 5 chains N. of Carnahalla River, and about 14 feet E. of the road from Doon to Pallas Green.

This well, which is placed in a low, miry place, is 2 feet in diameter. It is said to proceed from iron.

End of the Parish of Castletown