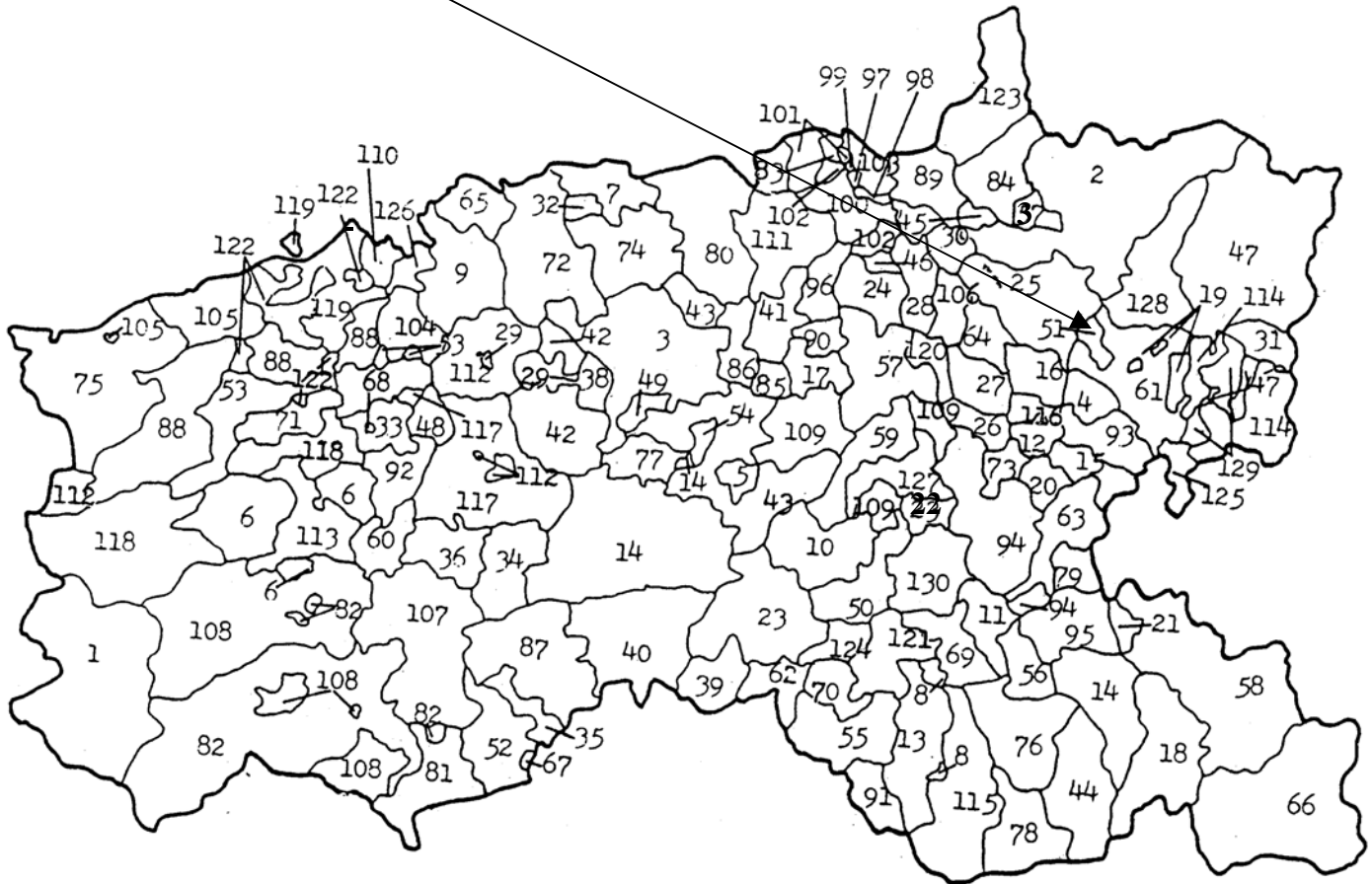


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PARISH OF DRUMKEEN

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This parish is situated about 8 miles S.E. of the City of Limerick. It is bounded on the East, North and South by the Ph. of Grean, and on the West by the Ph. of Caherconlish. It contains 859 acres.

This parish is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile broad. It contains 9 townlands, all arable and level land, and has a road leading through it from Caherconlish to Pallas Grean.

Townlands &c.

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Situated in the south end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the td. of Deerpark; W. by Drumkeen South td.; N. by Grean Ph.; and S. by the td. of Killeenavera.

This townland contains 114 acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Walter Burgh, Esq. has most of it in his own occupation, and has let the rest to 1 tenant by a lease of two lives at £2 2s. per acre. County Cess generally 1s.2d. to 1s.6d. per acre half yearly, and Tithe 1s.8d. per do. Bog used for fuel is very scarce, and is bought.

Curraghnaboul

-- B.S.

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Currach na bPoll, the moor of the holes or pits. O'D.

Curraghnaboul

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. E. Walsh, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

Situated in the N. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the td. of Gortnadromin; W. by the Ph. of Caherconlish; N. by the td. of Castle Erkin; and S. by Moanroe td.

This townland contains 83 acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil very light producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor the Revd. Richard Wolfe has it let to 9 tenants by leases of 3 lives at £1 8s. per acre in farms of 13 to 4 acres. County Cess is not paid by this td. Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce, and is bought by the tenantry.

Deerpark

-- B.S.

4

-- J. O'D.

-- Tithe Composition Book 1833

-- Revd. W. Scott, Rector

-- Revd. E. Walsh, P.P.

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-- Barony Map

Situated in the S. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. and N. by the Ph. of Grean; W. by the td. of Ballybeg; and S. by the td. of Killeenavera.

This townland contains 75 acres, which are arable, and with limestone in it. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The Proprietor Walter H. Burgh, Esq. has it let per his agent Wm. Griffith, Esq. to 2 tenants at will and at £4 to £2 2s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre. Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce and is bought by the tenantry.

Drumkeen North

-- B.S.

5

See name of parish.

Situated in the E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the Ph. of Grean; W. by Moanroe td.; S. by the td. of Drumkeen South; and N. by Gortnadromin td.

This townland contains 165 acres, which are arable, with some limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Walter H. Burgh, Esq. has it let by a lease renewable for ever to Robert Smithwick at £2 per acre, and he again to Henry Croker, Esq. at £3 3s. per acre.

Drumkeen North (contd.)

Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.6d. per acre half yearly, and Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce.

Drumkeen South

-- B.S.

6

See name of parish.

Situated in the W. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by Ballybeg td.; W. by the td. of Drumkeen in the Parish of Grean; N. by the td. of Drumkeen N.; and S. by the td. of Longston in the Parish of Grean.

This townland contains 147 acres, which are arable, with some limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Walter H. Burgh, Esq. has it let per his agent to 9 tenants by leases of 3 lives in farms of 48 to 3½ acres, at £2 12s. to £1 11s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.6d. to 1s.8d. per acre half yearly, and Tithe 1s.8d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce, and is bought by the tenantry.

Glebe of Drumkeen

-- B.S.

7

See name of Parish. J. O'D.

Situated in the W. end of the parish, and is bounded on all sides by the townland of Drumkeen South.

This Glebe contains 5 acres, which are arable. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn, wheat and flax. The proprietor Archdeacon Pakenham has it let at will to one tenant at £2 5s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre. Tithe - none.

Gurtnadrummin

-- B.S.

8

Gort na Dromann, field of the ridges.

Gortnadromin

-- J. O'D.

Gurtnadrummin

-- Revd. E. Walsh, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

Situated in the N.E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the Ph. of Grean; W. by the td. of Curragh-naboul; N. by Caherconlish Ph.; and S. by the td. of Drumkeen South.

This townland contains 119 acres, which are arable, and without limestone. Soil light, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Walter H. Burgh, Esq., has it let per his agent to 5 tenants by leases of 3 lives at £1 2s. per acre, tithe included. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre half yearly. Bog used for fuel is very scarce and bought by the tenantry.

Killeenaweera

-- B.S.

9

Cillín a' Mhéara, little church of the Mayor. O'D.

Killeenavera

-- J. O'D.

-- Tithe Compn. Book 1833

-- Revd. E. Walsh, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

Situated in the S. end of the parish, and is bounded on the East, South, and West by the Parish of Grean, and on the North by the townlands of Ballybeg and Deerpark.

This townland contains 86 acres, which are arable, with some limestone in it. Soil light, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Colonel Wyndham O'Brien has it let by a lease for ever to Riffennan Considine, Esq., at 7s.6d. per acre, and he again to 6 tenants by leases ending in 1850 at £2 2s. per acre and in farms of 12 to 1½ acres. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre half yearly. Tithe not paid since 1836. Bog used for fuel is very scarce.

Moanrooa

-- B.S.

10

Móin Ruadh, red bog.

Moanroe

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. E. Walsh, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

Moanrue

-- Barony Map

Situated in the W. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the td. of Drumkeen North; W. by the Ph. of Osherconlish; N. by the td. of Curraghnaoul; and S. by the td. of Drumkeen South.

This townland contains 56 acres, which are arable, & without limestone. Soil deep and wet, producing potatoes and corn. The proprietor the Revd. Richd. Wolfe has it let to one tenant by a lease of 3 lives at £1 15s. per acre. Tithe 1s.10d. per acre. Co. Cess none. Bog very scarce.

Drumkeen Church

-- Inhabitants

11

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the N. end of the td. of Drumkeen South.

This church was built in 1831 at the expense of £900 by the Board of First Fruits. It is a neat handsomely built edifice, with a tower 30 feet high, and is capable of containing 150 persons. There is a graveyard attached to it.

Drumkeen Chapel

-- Inhabitants  
-- J. O'D.

12

Situated in the townland of Drumkeen South, at the middle of the east boundary of same, and attached to the west side of the road from Pallas Green to Caherconlish.

This Chapel was built in 1819 at the expense of about £400, of which upwards of £200 was advanced by the Revd. J. H. Burgh (Incumbent), and the remainder by the parishioners. It is a small building in the form of the letter T, and is capable of containing about 550 persons.

Thobar an Dhony

-- Inhabitants

13

Tobar Righ an Domhnaigh, the well of the King of Sunday, Fons Regis Sabbathi. J. O'D.

Sunday's Well (English) -- Inhabitants

Toberreendoney -- J. O'D.

Situated in the townland of Curraghnaboul, and within 6 chains of the middle of the S.E. boundary.

This well is placed in a green field, and has 2 large ash trees growing beside it. It is reputed an holy well, and devotions are performed at it, chiefly on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

William's Fort

-- Inhabitants

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Dromkeen. See Letters, pp. 187-8.

Williams Fort -- J. O'D.

Situated in the centre of the townland of Drumkeen North.

"William's Fort", the seat of Henry Croker, Esq., was built first by the Burgh family, who inhabited it when King William III. was in Ireland. On his way to Limerick the King stopped at this house while the proprietor (Burgh) got ready a dinner for the army, and from this incident it was since called as above. It was rebuilt about 1820, and is now two stories high.

Aha an Willinn

-- Inhabitants

15

Ath an Mhuilinn, ford of the mill. J. O'D.

Ahanwillin -- J. O'D.

Situated in the N. end of the townland of Drumkeen South, and on the road from Pallas Green to Caherconlish.

This is a ford on the above mentioned road, convenient to which was of old a mill, from which it was called.

Aha na Mrahra

-- Inhabitants

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Áth na mBraithrínidhe, the ford of the little friars. J. O'D.

The Friars' Ford (Eng.) -- Inhabitants

Ahnambrahareeny -- J. O'D.

Situated on the S.W. corner of the townland of Moanroe, and on the road from Pallas Green to Caherconlish.

This one-time ford is now only a small gullet, and the following story is told in explanation of its name. A dispute arose one time between the Friars of Cashel and those of Limerick as to which of them was the more learned, and both parties agreed to have the question determined by a public disputation in Limerick City. But the Limerick Friars, feeling very doubtful about their ability to win the contest by fair means, fell back upon guile. Dressing themselves in women's clothes, they took up their position at this ford, which was then on the main road to Cashel. When the Cashel divines reached the ford, they saluted politely the supposed women, and were replied to in such eloquent Latin that they got faint-hearted. Feeling that, if the women of Limerick were so learned, the men must be invincibly so, they retraced their steps quickly to Cashel, leaving the victory to the Limerick Friars and its name to the ford. (See History of Limerick, page 187.)

Mount Sion

-- B.S.

17

Cnoc a' tSiódhain, Fairy Hill. J. O'D.

Mountsion

-- J. O'D.  
 -- Sur. & Val. Report 1824  
 -- Presentment Book 1834  
 -- Tithe Compn. Book 1833  
 -- Revd. Wm. Scott, Rector  
 -- Revd. E. Walsh, P.P.  
 -- Inhabitants  
 -- Barony Map

Situated in the E. part of the parish, and is bounded on the N. by the td. of Gortnadromin; on the S. and W. by the townland of Drumkeen North; and on the E. by Mountsion in the Ph. of Green.

This townland contains  $7\frac{1}{2}$  acres, which are arable,



Mount Sion (contd.)

with some limestone. Soil partly light, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor -- Hartigan, Esq., has it let to Robert Bradshaw, Esq., at £1 8s. per acre, and he again for same tenure to 6 tenants at £3 to £2 15s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.2d. to 1s.6d. per acre half yearly, and Tithe 2s. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce, and is bought by the tenantry.

Dromkeen

-- See Letter

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Read letters pages 287 and 288.

In the townland of Ballybeg.

The residence of the Revd. Joseph Armstrong and the property of Walter Hussey Burgh, Esq.

End of the Parish of Drumkeen