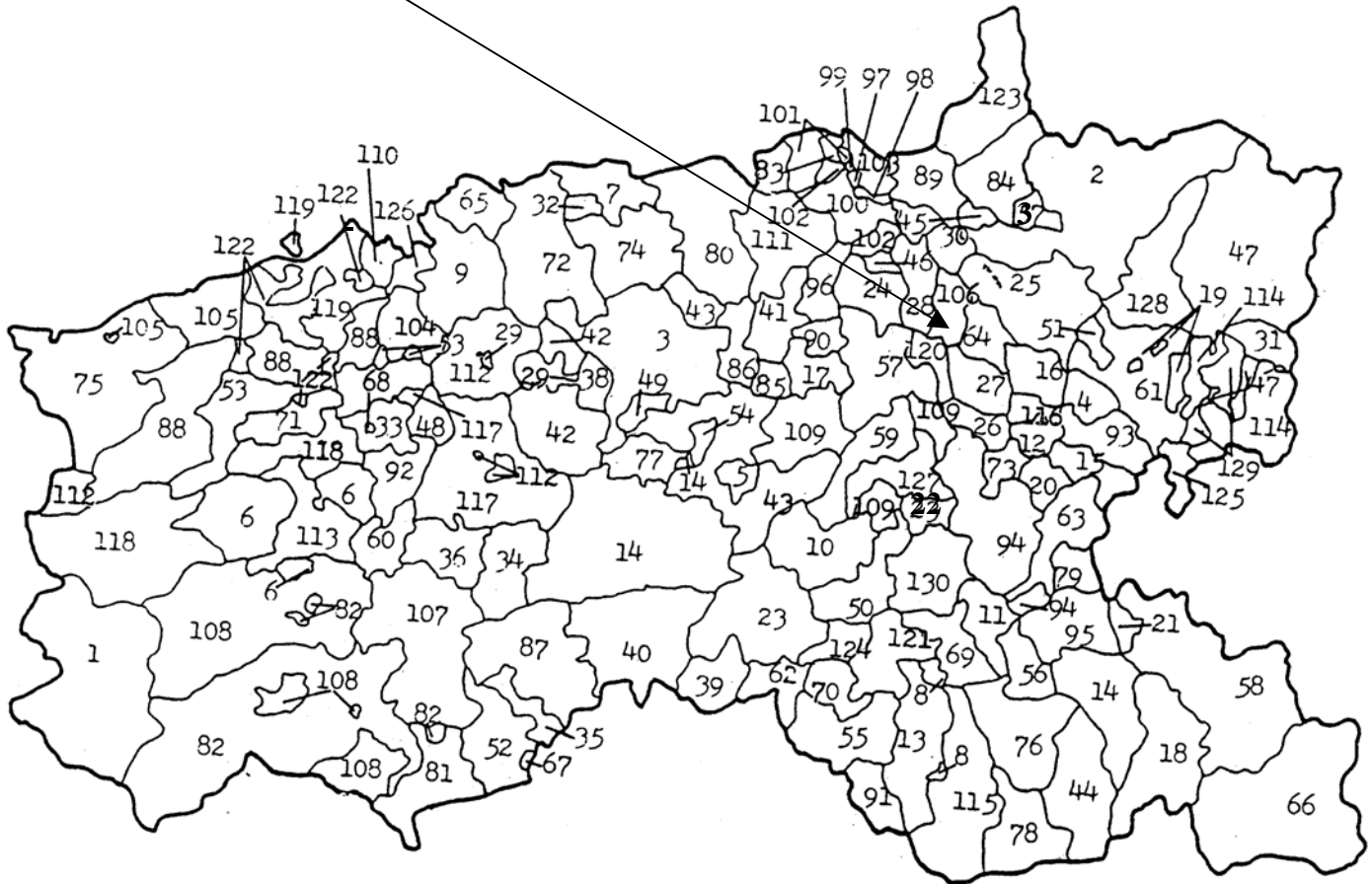


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This parish is situated about 6 miles S.E. of the City of Limerick. It is bounded on the E. by Caherconlish Parish; N. by Ludden Parish; W. by part of Ludden Ph. and by Caherelly Parish; and S. by the Parishes of Caherelly and Ballybrood.

It is about 2 miles long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles broad, and contains 2,203 acres statute measure. It consists wholly of dairy pasture and tillage land. Its surface is made somewhat uneven by a few hills; but these are green and good pasture. Its principal road is that passing through its N. end, and passing between Limerick and Caherconlish; and off this road another leads southwards through the centre of the parish into the Parish of Caherelly. It has a small chapel, near which is a burial ground containing a well, which is dedicated to St. Laurence and is much resorted to.

Townlands &c.

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This townland is situated in the S.E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by Ballybrood Ph.; W. by the Td. of Ballybricken East; N. by the Tds. of Knockroe Wilson

Ballyhoodaun (contd.)

and Knockroe Mason; and S. by Caherelly Ph.

This townland contains 305 acres, which are arable. Soil partly deep, without limestone, producing potatoes, corn, flax and some wheat. The proprietor Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart. has it let to 6 tenants by leases of one life at £2 2s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe 1s. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce.

Ballybricken East.

-- B.S.

3

Baile Bhricin, Brickin's town.

Ballybricken E.

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd Wm. Power, P.P.

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Ballibrickine

-- Civil Survey 1654-56

Ballybricken

-- Acts of Settlement &c.

Situated in the N.E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the Td. of Knockroe Mason; N. and W. by the Td. of Ballybricken West; and S. by Caherelly Parish.

It contains 185 acres, which are arable. Soil light and gravelly, without limestone, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Wm. Holland, Esq. has it let to 3 tenants by leases of one life and 21 years at £2 15s. to £3 per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe 1s.3d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce.

Ballybricken West

-- B.S.

4

For name see under Ballybricken East.

Situated in the W. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the Td. of Ballybricken East; N. by Brufea Td.; and W. and S. by Caherelly Ph.

It contains 321 acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil light and gravelly, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Richard Rice, Esq. has it let to Patk. Culle, and he again to 10 tenants by leases of one life in farms of 50 to 15 acres, and at £2 2s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre half yearly. Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce. The prevailing names are "Dwyers".

Broofea

-- B.S.

5

Brúgh Fidh, the woody fort.

Broofea (contd.)

Brufea	-- J. O'D.
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Broofea	-- Barony Map

Situated in the W. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the td. of Knockroe Mason; W. by Ludden Ph.; N. by the Td. of Inch St. Laurence South; and S. by the Td. of Ballybricken West.

Contains 49 acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil light and gravelly, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Edwd. B. Hartopp, Esq. has it let per his agent David Roche, Esq. to 5 tenants at will in farms of 10 to 2 acres and at £1 15s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.2d. to 1s.6d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce.

Inch St. Lawrence North

-- B.S.

6

See name of parish.

Situated in the N. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by Caherconlish Ph.; W. by Ludden Ph.; S. by the Td. of Inch St. Laurence South; and N. by Caherconlish Parish.

Contains 344 acres, which are arable. Soil light and gravelly, without limestone, producing potatoes, corn, wheat and flax. The proprietor Wilmot Massy, Esq. has it let per his agent Robert Dizney, Esq. to 16 tenants by leases of one life or 21 years at £2 12s. per acre including tithes, and in farms of 27 to 2 acres. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.6d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Bog used for fuel is very scarce. Prevailing Names - Hickeys.

Inch St. Laurence South

-- B.S.

7

See name of parish.

Situated in the W. end of the parish, and bounded on the N. by the Td. of Inch St. Laurence North; W. by Ludden Ph.; and S. by Brufea Td.

Contains 128 acres, which are arable and with some limestone. Soil deep, producing potatoes, corn, wheat and flax. The proprietor Edwd. B. Hartopp, Esq. has it let per his agent to 6 tenants, one with a lease of 3 lives, at £1 10s. per acre in farms of 30 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Co. Cess generally 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce. Prevailing Names - Brynes.

Knockroe Mason

-- B. S.

8

Cnoc Ruadh, red hill.

Knockroe Mason

-- J. O'D.

-- Revd. W. Power P.P.

Knockrue

-- Tithe Compn. Book 1826

-- Barony Map

Situated in the centre of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by the Td. of Knockroe Wilson; W. by Brufea Td.; N. by the Td. of Inch St. Laurence South; and S. by the Td. of Ballybricken East.

Contains 446 acres, which are arable. Soil light and and rocky and without limestone, producing potatoes, corn, and flax. The proprietor Edwd. B. Hartopp, Esq. has it let per his agent Mr. David Roche to 27 tenants in farms of 45 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres and at 15s. to £1 15s. per acre (4 tenants have leases of one life). Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly. Tithe 1s.6d. to 10d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce. Prevailing Names - Ryans.

Knockroe Wilson

-- B.S.

9

For name see above.

Situated in the E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by Newtown Td.; W. by the Td. of Knockroe Mason; N. by the Td. of Pust South; and S. by Ballyhoodaun Townland.

Contains 269 acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil light, producing potatoes, corn, flax and some wheat. The proprietor Thomas M. Wilson, Esq., has part of it let to 6 tenants, and the remainder to Edwd. Fitzgerald, Esq.; and the latter again to 12 more tenants by a term of 31 years at £2 2s. per acre in farms of 22 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre. Tithe 1s. per acre. Bog used for fuel is in abundance. Prevailing Names - Powers.

Newtown

-- B.S.

10

Baile Nua, new town.

Newtown

-- J. O'D.

-- Tithe Compn. Book 1826

-- Revd. Wm. Power, P.P.

-- Inhabitants

-- Barony Map

Situated in the E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. and N. by Caherconlish Ph.; W. by the Td. of Knockroe Wilson; and S. by Ballybrood Ph.

Newtown (contd.)

Contains 56 acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn and flax. The proprietor Captain Thos. M. Wilson has it let to one tenant by a lease of one life at £3 per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.2d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly, and Tithe 1s.6d. per do.

Pust North

-- B.S.

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Post, a post.

Pust North

-- J. O'D.

-- Inhabitants

Pusst

-- Tithe Compn. Book

-- Revd. W. Power, P.P.

Situated in the N. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. and N. by Caherconlish Ph.; W. by the Td. of Inch St. Laurence North; and S. by the Td. of Pust South.

Contains 47 acres, which are arable. Soil partly deep and without limestone, producing potatoes, corn, wheat and flax. The proprietor Richard Maunsell, Esq. has it let to one tenant by a lease of one life at £2 17s. per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.4d. to 1s.8d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly, and Tithe 1s.6d. per acre. Bog used for fuel is very scarce.

Pust South

-- B.S.

12

For name see above.

Situated in the E. end of the parish, and is bounded on the E. by Caherconlish Ph.; W. by the Td. of Inch St. Lawrence North; N. by the Td. of Pust North; and S. by the Td. of Knockroe Wilson.

Contains 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, which are arable and without limestone. Soil partly deep, producing potatoes, corn, wheat and flax. The proprietor Captain Wm. Wilson has it let to 3 tenants by leases of one life at £3 per acre. Co. Cess generally 1s.6d. to 1s.4d. per acre $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly, and Tithe 1s. per acre. Bog used for fuel is in great scarcity.

Miscellaneous FeaturesInch St. Laurence Chapel

-- Inhabitants

13

See parish name. J. O'D.

Situated in the townland of Inch St. Laurence North, and near the middle of the south boundary. It is N. of

Inch St. Laurence Chapel (contd.)

the road from Croom to Caherconlish.

This chapel was built in 1837 at the expense of about £500 collected off the parish. It is capable of containing 900 persons. Attached to it is a grave yard, in the centre of which are the remains of an ancient church and a holy well dedicated to St. Laurence. A Pattern used to be held here yearly, but has been discontinued for some time. Notwithstanding, the inhabitants still perform devotions at it. It is said to have been revealed in a dream to a man named Hicky, about 100 years ago, that the waters of this well could cure one of the inhabitants of a sore, from which he had long suffered. The cure proved effective, and the water of the well has since been highly esteemed. Hicky's grandchildren still live in the neighbourhood.

Inch St. Laurence National School

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Situated in the Td. of Inch St. Laurence North, and about 1 chain south of Inch St. Laurence Chapel.

This school was first established in 1832 at the expense of £32, paid by the parishioners; after which it came under the patronage of the Board of Education, from which the Master derives a salary of £12 per annum, besides a penny per week from the better-off scholars. Its present (1839) number of scholars on the Roll is 126 boys and 83 girls, and its daily average attendance is 80, of whom 6 were Protestants in 1838, none in 1839.

Spa Well

-- Inhabitants

15

Situated in the N.W. corner of the Td. of Pust South, and attached to the south side of the road from Croom to Caherconlish.

This well is about 3 feet in diameter, and is covered by a small house, about 5 feet high. Its water, which proceeds from iron, is esteemed good.

Poul a Naffrinn

-- Inhabitants

16

Poll an Aifrin, the hole of the Mass, i.e., a hole in which the Parish Priest used to say Mass during the rigorous execution of the Penal Laws against the Roman Catholics.

Mass Pit(Eng.)

-- Inhabitants

Poulanafrin

-- J. O'D.

Situated in the west end of the Td. of Inch St. Laurence

Poul a Naffrinn (contd.)

North, and south of the road from Croom to Caherconlish.

This is a small pit, about 2 chains in diameter and about 15 feet deep, placed on the face of a hill, and round which grows a few hawthron bushes.

Greenan Castle -- Inhabitants 17

Grianán, a solarium, any beautiful sunny spot.

Greenan Castle -- J. O'D.

Situated in the N.W. extremity of the Td. of Inch St. Laurence North, at the E. boundary of the same, and to the East of the road from Limerick to Caherconlish.

Greenan Castle, of which there is nothing to be seen at present, stood on a small hill, about 5 chains in diameter, and about 50 feet high from the level of the road. It is now cultivated.

Thobar na cnaba -- Inhabitants 18

Tobar na Cnáibe, well of the hemp.

The Hemp Well (Eng.) -- Inhabitants

Tobernaenabia -- J. O'D.

Situated in the N. corner of the townland of Inch St. Laurence South, and about 10 chains N. of Tobernagreana.

This well is placed in a cultivated field. It is about 4 feet in diameter and of pure spring water, with a small rivulet flowing from it. It took its name from hemp having been sown in that field some time ago.

Thobar na Greine -- Inhabitants 19

The Sunny Well (Eng.) -- Inhabitants

Tobar na Gréine, the well of the sun. J. O'D.

Tobernagreana -- J. O'D.

Situated in the N. part of the Td. of Knockroe Mason, and about 10 chains S. of Tobernaenabia.

This well, which is in a green field, is about 4 feet in diameter and of pure spring water. It takes its name from its situation, which is in full sunshine.

Cruckaun Cunneelly -- Inhabitants 20

Cnocán Confhaela, Conneely's hillock.

Knockaunconneely -- J. O'D.

Cruckaun Cunneelly (contd.)

Situated on the boundary between the tds. of Pust North and Pust South; also on the road from Croom to Caherconlish, and at the E. boundary of the parish.

This is a fort through which the road runs. It was circular and about 2 chains in diameter. Its N. side, about 30 feet high, is overgrown with hawthorn bushes. It took its name from a man of the name of Conneely who lived near it.

Shan Courght

-- Inhabitants

21

Sean-Chúirt, old court. J. O'D.

Shancourt

-- J. O'D.

Old Court

-- Inhabitants

Situated in the centre of the Td. of Knockroe Mason.

It is the summit of a large hill, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in diameter and proportionally high. It is rocky and green pasture, and commands an extensive view. It is said to derive its name from a Court, which was thereon in former times, the remains of which now form a grass-covered protuberance on the summit.

Aha na boar

-- Inhabitants

22

Ath na bhFear, ford of the men.

Ahnavar

-- J. O'D.

Rises in the Ph. of Herbertstown, runs N. separating same and Ballybrood Ph from the Phs. of Caherelly and Inch St. Laurence, and falls at length through part of Caherconlish Ph. into the River Groody.

This is a small river, about 3 or 4 feet in breadth, with a gravelly bottom. A factious convention was once held at this stream in a small hollow on the road from Caherconlish to Ballybrood Ph., and from the number of men that assembled the ford took its name, and then the rivulet.

Mount St. Lawrence

-- See Letter

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In the Townland of Inch St. Laurence South.

The residence of Joseph Harman, Esq.

End of the Parish of Inch St. Laurence