

Some Schoolmasters in the Diocese of Killaloe, 1808

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The following list of the Masters of the Unendowed Schools in the Diocese of Killaloe in 1808 is taken from Brit. Mus. Add. Ms 31, 882. The document is all in one handwriting, and was evidently written up from particulars supplied by the Protestant clergy in each parish, and was for the information of the Diocesan authorities.

The original manuscript gives the subjects taught at each school (English, writing and arithmetic being the usual curriculum) but as this would be too lengthy to print, only cases where the subjects differ from the norm are noted. The original also gives the numbers of pupils, how many boys, how many girls, and the total of Catholic and Protestant pupils in each school. The usual size of school ranged from about 18 to 50, with some much larger, having 100 to 140 pupils, the biggest of all being John Moriarty of Rath, who had 200. Girls made up a small proportion of the total: for instance, George Oder at Ballymakey had six girls to thirty boys. A surprising number of the schools showed children of both religions: George Oder, a Protestant, had only 14 Protestants out of his total of 36 pupils, and Michael Gleeson, a Catholic, at Clonalea, had 4 Protestant children to 17 Catholics.

The original list also contains a column of 'Observations.' These note various points, as for example that certain schools were only kept during the summer months, or that they had a great reduction in pupils in the winter, or were only weekly schools. Several small endowments are also noted, as in the case of Edward Clancy, Dunkerrin, where it is remarked that "this man has a house from the Parish and five Guineas a year from the Rector." A good deal of miscellaneous information regarding the schools can thus be gleaned from the list, and anyone interested therein is recommended to consult the original.

Lastly it may be noted that this is the earliest known list of schoolmasters for the area, pre-dating the list printed in the Parliamentary Reports by sixteen years.

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Union of Ballymakey

Latteragh — John Cantrell — Catholic

Adjoining Ballymackey Church — George Oder, Licensed Parish Clerk and
Schoolmaster — Protestant

Grinnanstown Chappel — Patrick Connors — Catholic

Clashnevin — James Spain — Catholic

Clonalea — Michael Gleeson — Catholic

Toomavara — Patrick Mann — Catholic

Glannagell — Andrew Tierney — Catholic

Clash — Denis Kennedy — Catholic

Parish of Kilnasoolagh
Kilnasoolagh — Haddock Mason — Protestant

Union of Lorrha
In Lorra — James Horan — Catholic
Sharragh — Patrick Kenedy — Catholic
Parish of Dorrha at Rathcabbin — Patrick Moran — Catholic
at the Pike — William Reily — Catholic

Killaloe
Killaloe — Samuel Foley — Protestant — this School is the Parish School
Killaloe — Patrick Magrath — Catholic
Garranboy — Michael Maguire — Catholic
Glanagittogh — Roger Hayes — Catholic
Bridgetown — James Kinitty — Catholic

Tomgrany
Scariff — James O'Brien — Catholic
Scariff — Conor Goony — Catholic
Tomgrany — Jno Touhy — Catholic

Union of Doonass
Doonass — Jeremiah Grady — Protestant — Parish Schoolmaster
Doonass — George Franklin — Protestant
Doonass Chappel — Ellick Walsh — Catholic
Aherina in the Union of Killogenny — John McDonnell — Catholic
Barbane Chappel — Michael Arthur — Catholic

Parish of Clondegad
Cragbrien — Timothy Meany — Catholic
Feahnagh — John Gorman — Catholic
Clooncoleman — John Keavon — Catholic
Parish Chappel — Michael Hartney — Catholic
Parish of Etagh — Edward Kean — Catholic

Dysert, Rath, Kilkeedy and Kilnaboy
Kilkeedy — Miles M'Hugo
Kilneboy — Mathew Reily
Rath — John Moriarty
Do. — Michael Morony
Dysert — Samuel Hogan
Do. — Denis Mahony

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Parish of Kilrush

No. 1 — Town of Kilrush — Rev. John Graham — Protestant — Greek and Latin, Grammar and English, Writing and Arithmetic

No. 2 — Richard Hayes — Protestant

No. 3 — Daniel Leadon — Protestant

No. 4 — Frances Hayes — Protestant*

Doogh — Charles Osborne — Protestant

Clarefield — George Wall — Protestant

*Note: the Mistress of No. 4 is wife to the Master of No. 2.

Union of Iniscaltra

Mount Shannon — John Brady — Protestant

Leitrim — James Rourke — Catholic

Bowbridge — John Eyre — Protestant

Ogonelloe Chappel — Charles Dennison — Catholic

Aughnish — John Sexton — Catholic

Kilclaran — Daniel Madden — Catholic

Kilanenagh — John Molony — Catholic

Feakle Chappel — Thomas Minoge — Catholic

Parish of Drumcliff

Ennis — Stephen O'Halloran — Catholic

Do — Lewis John Clole — Protestant

Do — John Ryan and Michael Leary — Catholics — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Mathematics

Do — James Burk — Catholic

Do — James Burke — Catholic

Do — James O'Grady — Catholic

Do — John Smith — Catholic — Grammar and Mathematics

Do — Michael Roughan — Catholic

Do — John Shaley — Catholic

Do — John Malone — Catholic

Caherbanna Do — Michael Arthur — Catholic

Killemona — Terrence O'Brien — Catholic

Raheen — John Curtane — Catholic

Cahirmore — Michael Meer — Catholic

Clonboley — James Blake — Catholic

Drimmeen — John Hehir — Catholic

Ballyea — Michael Cowney — Catholic

Inch — Henry Homan — Catholic

Cappa — John McMahon — Catholic

Union of Kilseily and Kilfinaghty

Killolla — Edmd Barry — Catholic — Greek and Latin

Newmarkett — Edmd McCormick — Catholic

Do — John Molony — Catholic

Bally Cally — Michael Rian — Catholic
 MurKauagh — Mat Dolphin — Protestant and P. Clerk
 TubbynaMuck — James Mungavan — Catholic
 Rathbeg — Patrick Healy — Catholic
 Kilmurry — Patrick Slattery — Catholic
 Sixmilebridge — Cornelius Rian — Catholic
 Do — Mrs Hamilton — Catholic
 Do — Patrick Hamilton — Catholic
 AughaClare — Thomas Nason — Protestant and Parish Clerk
 Broadford — Owen Donellon — Catholic
 Gurtnaglogh — John Killeen — Catholic
 Kilkishin — Edmd Hubert — Protestant
 Bally Vire — Den^s Coony — Catholic
 Lakele — Den^s Carty — Catholic
 O'Callaghans Mills — Roger O'Dea — Catholic
 Killurane — Daniel Murphy — Catholic
 Bowdike — John Carden — Protestant

Union of Kilmurry and Clanderlaw

KilMcDevan Chappel — James Morrissy — Catholic
 Do — Michael Meskell — Catholic
 Killymon Chappel — [blank] Quin — Catholic
 Burrane Do — Hugh Molony — Catholic
 Kilmore — Nathan Scales — Protestant — Parish Clerk and Schoolmaster
 Kilmurry Chapel — William Russel — Catholic
 Tullycrine — D. Hartney — Catholic
 Blam More — Daniel Gorman — Catholic
 Kilofin Chap: — Daniel Fowloe — Catholic — not yet opened school but
 supposes he will have 30 or 40 children
 Kilfidane Do — Morgan Finucane — Catholic — not yet opened school but
 supposes he will have a large one as he is the best Master in
 this Parish

Parish of Quin

Quin Chapel — Ter Galleher — Catholic
 Gurteen — Michael McDonnell — Catholic
 Knopogue — James Mahan — Catholic
 Dowry Chapel — John Nyhan — Catholic
 Clouna Do — James Roche

Union of Castleconnell

Castleconnell — Terence O'Brien — Catholic
 Do — Elizabeth McMahan or Harrison — Protestant
 Mt Shannon — Cornelius Collins — Catholic — English, Arithmetic, Mathe-
 matics and Mensuration
 Aghane — Patrick Dwyer — Catholic

Union of Kilfarboy

Milltown — Patrick Henigan — Catholic — Latin Grammar, English, Writing, Arithmetic, Greek and Latin — an Established and much approved of Teacher

Do Constance Curtin — Catholic
Kilmihill — Patrick Lynch — Catholic
Ballydoneen — Michael O'Sullivan — Catholic

Parish of Aghacon

Aghacon — John Armstrong — Protestant — Began his School 6th April 1807
Aghacon — William Connell — Protestant — Closed his school in the end of November last . . . is a Surveyor of Land and was employed in that way in the Cy Meath since 17th Dec. Returned here but a few days back

Aghacon — John Tracy — Catholic — Began his School 1 March 1807

Union of Birr

Elm Grove — John Gibbs — Catholic — Greek and Latin

Castle Street Birr — Maria Burke — Catholic

Do — Esther Stephen — Protestant — French and Needlework
Between Castle St and the Church — William Shefley — Catholic — professes to teach Greek and Latin

Church Lane Birr — Patrick Egan — Protestant

Do — Marianne Egan — Protestant — wife of the above mentioned
Pat Egan

Connaught Street Birr — William Silk — Protestant

Back Lane — Elizabeth Gould — Protestant

Grave Yard Street — Denis Keenan — Catholic

Birr Green — Winefred Brodrick — Catholic

Do — John Carroll — Catholic

Connaught Street — Mary Toole — Catholic

Whiteford near Birr — George Rutherford — Protestant

Lockeen — John Abbott — Catholic

Burkes Lane Birr — Patrick Egan — Catholic

Union of Castletown

Portroe — William Glesand — Catholic

Youghal — Thomas Griffin — Catholic

Bally William — Bryan Cooke — Catholic

Union of Finnoe

Springfield in the Parish of Finnoe — Pigot Leonard — Protestant

Stragh in Do Parish — Michael Canny — Catholic

Carny in the Par of Kilbaron — William Ledger — Protestant

Ballyscanlon in Do Parish — Patrick Dwyer — Catholic



Parish of Bourney

Ballynough — Patrick Magher — Catholic
Corraguneen — William Flannery — Catholic
Borisnoe — Thomas Coogan — Catholic
Bohaghglass — William Dillon — Catholic
Booly — Patrick Magher — Catholic
Ballyhenry — Edmond Headen — Catholic

Union of Shinrone

Shinrone — Michael Foins — Catholic — Grammar, Writing, Arithmetic, Geometry, Geography and Book keeping
Shinrone — Daniel Carry — Catholic
Coolroe — James Diroorow — Catholic
Shinrone — William Spinner — Protestant — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Geometry, and the Several Branches dependant on them, viz., Surveying, Guaging, Fortification and Gunnery — has been formerly licensed Schoolmaster, is very much liked

Parish of Dunkerrin

A Charter School near Dunkerron — Alexr Atkinson — Protestant
The Parish School — Edward Clancy — Protestant
Clonnaganna — James Curdee — Catholic

Union of Templeharry

Parish of Templeharry — James Wheatly — Catholic
Moneygall — Thomas Healy — Protestant
Moneygall — Daniel McFerns — Catholic

Parish of BorriskoKane

Village of BurresoKane — Patrick Sheedy — Catholic
Do — James McCarthy — Catholic
Do — Patrick Kelly — Catholic
[torn] — Elizabeth Richardson — Protestant

Parish of Modreeny

Cloughjordan — Arthur Sharply — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Catechism
Do — Mr Edward Ryan — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Greek and Latin
Do — Mrs Han: Boat [=Mrs Hannah Boate]
Grawnorish — Mat Phealy
Loughane — William Brophy
Parish of Arderony — James Fily
Soolmoy — Richard Magrath

Parish of Ballingarry

Within One mile of the Church — John Coonan — Catholic

Union of Kilmore

[*torn*] James McNamara — Catholic
Mathew Kenny — Catholic
Thomas Cusack — Catholic
Thomas De Vay — Protestant — the System of Education is General,
the Pupils are prepared for the University, the Army, Navy, Mercantile
business etc. The School is situated in a Country place, in Consequence
of which there are no day scholars, it is composed of the sons of the
gentlemen in the Adjacent Counties

Parish of [*blank*]

Near to the Church — Farrel Guitcris [*recte* Guilcris ?] — Catholic
In the Chappel — John Collier — Catholic

Union of Monsea

Monsea Parish — William Atkinson — Protestant
Do — Patrick Farrell — Catholic
Do — Michael Flood — Catholic
Killodeernan Parish — Mrs Holmes — Protestant

Union of Nenagh

Nenagh — Mathew Gray — Catholic — Greek, Latin and Arithmetic
Do — Mr O Reily — Catholic — Arithmetic and Mathematics
[*torn*] — George Wright — Catholic
[*torn*] — Charles Elliot — Catholic