I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARRY OF BRIE.

TOWN OR VILLAGE: Ellinquet PARISH: Ellinquet COUNTY: Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The Parish of Ellinquet & Breena is made up of very flat country, sparsely wooded. The land is limestone quality & famous for rich pastures, producing milk etc. of excellent quality. Dairying is chief industry.

GEOLOGY

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

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER


GREENMOUNT, PATRICKSWELL. Situated half mile at Limerick side of Patrickswell. Built during time of Queen Anne, (south front) by the Peaceke family who sold to Francis Green in 1740. This man was accidentally shot in 1781. House was altered to Georgian standards during his lifetime. At a much later date the north front was built. Present owner is Frank Green. Here are some fine family portraits, some beautiful early Irish silver (potato rings) and 18th century lacquered furniture. This latter is most likely Dutch imitations of the Chinese Art. Fine gardens but not open to public. House also private.
ANTiquities

Abbeys, Castles, Fortress, Round Turrets, 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.

MUNSTER ABBEY is situated in Ellenoght Burial ground two miles southeast of Limerick. Although present edifice only dates from approximately 13th century, it is generally believed Ellenoght Abbey was in existence during time of St Patrick and its foundation is attributed to St Nessan. The latter died about 550 AD and is buried here. The overall length of the building is about 120 ft. At eastern end (about) 20 ft wide at western end somewhat wider. Church about 50 x 15 ft. nave 35 x 25 ft, chancel arch, gone. At western end was a building which must have been the living quarters of the monks. This measures about 20 x 13 ft. At northern angle of this stands a belfry tower with slit openings. Most of stonework stone gone. In east gable chancel is a twin windows with pointed arches, well cut, at each side of which are stepped buttresses. Door in N. wall was square. Windows throughout were of various sizes but all pointed. Corries multi-windowed of masonry of stone. Ruins approached by a recent hedge, 100 yards from main road. Under care of Office of Public Works. In very good state of preservation. See picture. Beside this Abbey is the ruin of an early church probably from 11th century. E. gable & portion of side walls remain. W. gable gone but replaced by a modern wall. 14 ft wide inside. Walls 3 ft thick. Very perfect slit window in E. gable about 6 ft high & 8 in wide. See picture. In remains of S. wall are two similar windows, which like E. window are widely splayed inside. Under care of Office of Public Works. The northern end of gable is round headed. Many stones.
Antiquities.

EARLY CHURCH AT MUGRET.

On the roadside slightly to north of ruins already described is a third ruin which is considered by far the oldest; its type of architecture could be from 8 to 10th century. Measuring a prone 40 x 23 ft., has very steep, pointed gables. The side walls are 13 ft. high. In the e. gable is a perfect round headed light, widely splayed on inside as measuring about 6 ft. x 3 ft. inside and about 4 ft. x 12 ins. outside. The arch was formed of many stones. There were 2 windows in s. wall but these have been built up. There were probably two.

The door is in the W. is about 6 ft. high, with inclined jambs. About 3 ft. at bottom & somewhat narrower at the top. The jambs are capped by a large lintel about 8 ft. long and at one part over 1 ft. thick. It is under the care of the O.P.B. Public Works Dept. with Ellis Haynes. In excellent condition & inside well kept by Haynes family.

CRECORA CHURCH. In burial ground at Crecora beside R. B. Church. In a very ruined state. Originally dating from about middle of 13th century. Was dedicated to SS Peter & Paul. Burned, with Mungret & other churches in 1640. Only w. gable & portion of side walls remain. About 25 ft. wide, walls over 4 ft. thick. Built of large irregular boulders. In repute, in good care and in good condition.
ANTiquities.

KNOCKNAGALL CHURCH.

The site in Knocknagall burial ground, generally called Lemonfield. Was in two sections namely a church, was dedicated to St Bridget. Its destruction is attributed to Whiteboys to it is also believed that its burning took place in 1640. The roof was of thatch. Was an ancient parish or church was certainly pre Reformation. Nothing but foundations now remain. Beside Lemonfield Rectory.

CASTLES.

BALLINEALLA CASTLE. Situated about 1 mile west of CRECORA on road to Broom, on lands of the James family, to whose dwelling it is attached. It is probably of late 15th century and is in good repair. 25 x 14 ft outside size 50 ft high 4 stories on high ground. Perfect spiral stairs in N. angle. Ground & 2nd floors vaulted. Very large pointed stones project from W. wall. Has narrow slit windows throughout. In W. wall, on 1st & 2nd floors are openings like doors which would give the impression that it was the intention to build on this side at a later date but project was never carried out. Ballinealla was an OBrien stronghold.

There was also a castle at CRECORA but this is now trace of it now.
FORTS.

There are very many ring forts in the parish. The fort at GREENHILLS is by far the most important. It is on a hill overlooking a goodly view of surrounding country. It measured about 135 ft across and from 12 to 15 ft high. In 1808 or 1818 a golden crown was found in or adjacent to this fort. On lands of Mrs. W. Clarke GREENHILLS, Brecon.

On the lands of Mr. J. O'Brien all of Donegody are remains of good ancient ring forts. On the lands of J. Butler are two large forts of good repair, side by side, and on lands of Wm. Kelly are remnants of two more close to each other. Butler & Kelly are in townland of Slung Glass.

There are remains of another fort on lands of Mr. J. O'Brien at Ballycumminnamon, of good size. All the foregoing are within view of each other and within a very short radius throughout parish are remnants of many others.

D.
The following is the story of how the women of Ellengret became famous for wisdom.

A friendly controversy arose between the efforts of Ellengret and the monks of another monastery. The subject of the controversy was which of the communities excelled the other in learning. A date was arranged for the "brains test" and Ellengret greatly feared defeat. When the appointed day arrived certain of the Ellengret monks dressed in women's clothes went to a stream on the path of the opposing team pretending to be washing clothes. When the strangers approached the "washed women" greeted them kindly in several different tongues, Greek, Latin and Hebrew, amongst others. When asked how they came by such learning the "women" replied they had learned a little from the great monks at the Abbey. On hearing this the strangers made off in great haste leaving the efforts at Ellengret undisturbed victors, as they considered, when the "washed women" were so gifted, the Ellengret monks must indeed be very many times more learned.
History of Ul UNIT in Ancient Irish Annals.

752 Bodghal, son of Fergal, Abbot of U LINGET killed.
762 Airill, son of Breconfan, Abbot of U LINGET died.
820 Abbey plundered & destroyed by Danes.
834 " with several churches in U LINGET plundered by Danes.
840 " again wasted by Danes.
843 U LINGET & other churches burned by Danes.
903 Cormac, Archbishop of Cashel & King of U LINGET, did by his will bequest to the Abbey of the City of U LINGET, three 03 of gold, an embroidered vestment and his blessing.
903 " bequeathed to U LINGET..."
History of Clonmacnoise in Ancient Irish Annals:

752 Bodlphal, son of Feragh, Abbot of Clonmacnoise killed.
762 Ailill, son of Brcvaghlan, Abbot of Clonmacnoise died.
820 Abbey plundered & destroyed by Danes.
834 " with several churches in Clonmacnoise plundered by Danes.
840 " again wasted by Danes.
843 Clonmacnoise & other churches burned by Danes.
903 Cormac, Archbishop of Cashel & King of Clonmacnoise, died by his will bequest to the Abbey 10 lb. of silver, a gold, an embroidered vestment & his blessing.
904 Mulcanchel, archb. of Clonmacnoise died.
933 Clunfer, son of Clunferdach, Abbot of Clonmacnoise died.
994 Reubhan, son of Dnachla, Brenach of Clonmacnoise died.

(Frenach was a lay superintendant of the property of the church)

1006 Ceichen, Abbot of Clonmacnoise died.
1014 Nial, Brenach of Clonmacnoise died.
1028 Art & Dnachla, Brenach of Clonmacnoise died.
1033 Con of Mulpatic, Brenach of Clonmacnoise & Diocletian died.

(Latter place was near Corry)

1070 Canisius, Abbot of Clonmacnoise & head of Clonmacnoise clergy died.
1080 Abbey accidentally destroyed by fire.
1088 Donal Mac Laoghaire with the force of Ulster destroyed Abbey.
1100 Con son of Gillaboy, Abbot of Clonmacnoise, a wise Doctor, head of the clergy of Ireland, died. (Gillaboy, Gille or Gilbert was Bishop of Limerick about that time.

1102 25th October in this Abbey, died the Blessed Clonmacnoise O'Horgan, principal professor & divinity of Armagh & of all the West of Europe. He was father of St. Munchin, Archbishop of Armagh.
History of Ellinagret contd.

1107 Ellinagret was plundered by O'Brien

1134 A shower of hail fell which destroyed everything from Ellinagret to Drumreac; each of them the size of an apple.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF

TOWN OR VILLAGE: Ellummet
PARISH: Ellummet
COUNTY: Limerick

Location and brief description:

Ellummet parish lies south west of Limerick city. Nearest point being under one mile from city boundary. Village of about 20 houses, with two undatedched farms, a post office and some small shops situated on road to Terry. Village of Ellummet beside which is the cement factory is about 2½ miles from Limerick.

Is there a Town Hall? __________ Location __________

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none other than private arrangements

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Limerick __________ Distance 3 miles Bus __________

Public lighting by—Electricity? __________ Gas? __________

DANCING

Dance hall __________ Proprietor __________

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas __________ Pictures shown (nights)

Theatre __________ Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.)
LIBRARIES

Public Libraries

Private Lending Libraries

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church RAHEEN (R.C.) Services (Sundays): 10 A.M. every Sunday 10 A.M. 1st Sunday of each month.

CRECORA:

Churches: (Protestant community served by Linnett & Kilfenora. Latter in parish of Tadmore which all)

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office: P.O. offices at Allungat & Creora.

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone): 7-O. Stamps etc. at Allungat. 7-O. Stamps & Telephone at Creora.

BANKING

Banks

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers: None nearer than Linnett.

Photographic Stores: None nearer than Linnett.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?: Location

Public Baths?: Location
INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries: Allkempet is located one of Ireland's premier industries, a cement plant, employing up to 100 persons. The stone, to found locally, is ideally suited for manufacturing of the cement.

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)


Kernan Church: Very pretty building of dressed limestone, also from local quarries. Built in 1864: Seating for 300.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Allkempet College, Run by Sisters of Charity.
Boys' and Girls' Schools at Allkempet.
Boys' and Girls' Schools at Patricstown (within parish).
Boys' and Girls' School at Kernan.

HOSPITALS

None in Allkempet Parish. Both the Hospitals at Limerick and Ennis are adjacent.
FAIRS AND MARKETS; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets

Weekly market day: Half-holiday.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Ballycummmin Petrol Station known as "Olympia"
owned by Mr. D. O'Brien, Ballycummmin, Allenest.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners):

Taxis

Motors (Touring)

Boats (State type)

Bicycles

Caravans

Horses for hire for hunting, Mr. P. Purcell, Killarney.

Note: Mr. Purcell also runs a riding school for the training of children & adults in art of riding.

RIDING SCHOOL FEE 5s. 6d. FOR LESSON (USUALLY 1½ HRS). SPECIAL

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location

Landowner

Local Improvements Committee

Secretary

DATE 4/4/43 (Signed) P.J. [Handwritten sign]

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BARONY OF: PULBRIGHT
TOWN OR VILLAGE:  BRIGHT
PARISH: BRIGHT
COUNTY: LIMERICK

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: SHANNON
Nearest point to town (distance): BORDERS P arriv.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

The Shannon at this point is not fished. Property firmen Fischens.

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.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Shannon Fisheries, THOMOND WIKS, LIMERICK.

OWNERS OF BOATS FOR HIRE, AND CHARGES PER DAY:

CONVENIENT ANGLING CENTRES (WHERE ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE):

LIMERICK CITY

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


Situation and brief description of course:

Situated at Ballyclough, Rosbrien, 2 miles S. of Limerick.
One of the best inland courses in Ireland.
Amidst pretty scenery and extremely well kept.
Extremely unrivalled by any other course.

Name of Professional: Mr. Daly, Resident at Golf Club.

Is there a clubhouse on course? YES. Licensed? YES.

Green fees (Visitors): Per day £1.0. Per week £2.10.
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Barony of: PURLIN BREE.
Town or Village: Lugganagh
Parish: Lugganagh
County: Limerick

ANGLING (Fresh water)

River or Lake: Ballylough R.
Nearest point to town (distance): [Distance]

Kinds of Fish Held:
- Brown Trout
- Small Pike

Average Weight of:
- Salmon
- Sea Trout
- Brown Trout

Best Seasons for:
- Salmon
- Sea Trout
- Brown Trout (most popular)

Suitable Flies:
- Salmon
- Sea Trout
- Brown Trout

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Local Angling Club: [Club Name]
Membership Fee: [Fee]
Secretary: [Secretary]

Date: 4/6/43
(Signed) J. O'Grady
Surveyor.

N.B. For about one mile of this river enters R. Shannon.
RACING
(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)
No. of meetings normally held during the year ____________________________
Under which rules? ____________________________
Situation of course: Linseed Race Course (Quinpark), Border Parish.

HUNTING
Hounds which hunt in the district:
Foxhounds ____________________________
Harriers ____________________________

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:
Rough shooting to be had over entire country sides. Wild geese, duck, plentiful during season along salthouse by Shannon banks. All entirely free. Very occasional pleasant to be found. Usually having astray from adjoining farms.
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: Ellinnet (Junior), grounds at Raheen.
Hurling: Ellinnet (Junior, Senior and Minor), do.
Handball: Handball alley?
Soccer: 
Rugby: 
Cricket: 
Hockey: Constitution Club have playing field at smokey's, on lands of the O'Flahertys.
Bowls: 
Bowling (on public roads): 
Lawn Tennis: Kinds of courts: 
Croquet: 
Billiards: 
Badminton: 
Table Tennis: 
Bridge Club: 
Other games or recreations (inc. “Cross Roads” dancing): 

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

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.

Held casually about mid-July at sports field at Raheen.

Ellinnet:

Date: 4/6/43.
(Signed) P. O'Connell
Surveyor.

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Guest or Boarding Houses

None

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HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

Ellangut ranked as one of the great seats of learning to which thousands of scholars flocked, from which teachers went forth to every country in Europe. According to "Acta Sancta," the monastery had within its walls six churches and contained exclusively 8,000 scholars, 1,000 religious, 900 monks, 500 teachers and 500 students. Ellangut Abbey is supposed to have been in existence prior to the coming of St. Patrick. The Saint did not visit Ellangut, owing to its highly Christianized state until about 448.

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.

St. Nonan was born in district of Ellangut and died at Abbey about 550 A.D. His burial site is not known. He also lived and died at Loman.

In the small early church beside Abbey is buried Michael Fitzgerald, born 1797 died 1843. Celebrated mathematician.

In Bredon burial ground is the grave of Scanlan of "Colleen Bawn" fame. He lived close by at Ballycarran Castle. Near Ballycarran lived Ellen Hanley, known as the "Colleen Bawn." Also in Bredon are the graves of seven other persons executed for murder at the old prison of Limerick.

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.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

(Signed) A. J. [signature]
Surveyor.

DATE 4/5/43