

Two early maps of Hospital, County Limerick

The Calendar of the Kenmare Manuscripts published by Edward McLysaght¹ lists a number of maps relating to the County Limerick estates of the Brownes of Kenmare. Two of these record plots and tenants' names in the village of Hospital and both of these are presented here.² The first map³ is entitled,

A Survey and plan of the castle *lands* (word unclear in fold) of Hospital being part of Lord Kenmare's estates situate in the Barony of Small County and County of Limerick made in divisions as appeareth by the above map and containing Plantation Measure as situated respectively and in the whole four hundred and eighty nine acres 1 rood and five perches. Killteely containing one hundred and twenty acres two roods and thirty perches in all 609a 3r 30p certified in August 1780 by John Gilhooly.

The main map covers a wide area and shows the village schematically, however, on the reverse there is a detail of the village showing numbered plots with a key to the names of tenants. On the west side of the main street the numbering runs from north to south, while on the east side the numbering runs from south to north from 1-15, jumps to back plots 16-21 and returns to the main street 23-25, with 22 as a plot between the two sets. 26 is Kenmare Castle. The road forming the southern end of the map on the east side is numbered from west to east.

West of the town

- 1) Mr Gubbins
- 2) Mau^r Flemings
- 3) Ditto
- 4) Calahan Russell
- 5) Lau^r English
- 6) Jn^o Grady & Simon Tea. (Last two letters unclear)
- 7) Ben^j Woods

East side

- 1) Den^s Carroll
- 2) Tim Downs
- 3) Thomas Neugent
- 4) Nich Crafts
- 5) Nich Hickey
- 6) Margrett Neugent

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- 2) Marg^t Neugent

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- 3) Den^s Carroll
 - 4) Tim Downs
 - 5) Tho^s Neugent
 - 6) Nich Crafts
 - 7) Daverens
 - 8) Jn^o Woods & Jn^o Madden
 - 9) Mr Cavanagh
 - 10) Trents House
 - 11) Mau^r Rawleigh
 - 12) Thomas FitzGibbon
 - 13) Den^s Woods
 - 14) Gerrald FitzGerrald
 - 15) Derby Grady
 - 16) Rich^d Daverens
 - 17) Mau^r Rawleigh
 - 18) Mau^r Fleming (& Mr Gubbins)
 - 19) Gerrald FitzGerrald
 - 20) Derby Grady
 - 21) Tho^s FitzGibbon
 - 22) Derby Hurdly & Calanan
 - 23) Jn^o Ryan & Pat^k Dee
 - 24) Michⁱ Brien
 - 25) Michⁱ Neugent
 - 26) Mr Gubbins
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The second map⁴ is entitled,

A map and survey of the town and lots of Hospital part of the estate of the Right Hon. Valentine Earl Kenmare by order of Christopher Galwey taken in June 1836 by Danⁱ O'Donnell. Scale 10p to 1 inch.

It shows numbered properties along the main street, with a key to the numbering of the west side and the east side, both sequences starting in the north. Features of note are the "market house" on property 5 on the east side, a laneway marked "car passage" forming property 9 on the east side and "tatched cabbins" along the street frontage of property 12 on the west side. The fair green straddles the southern part of the crossroads at the south end of the village. At the northern end of the street on the east side the entrance to Kenmare Castle is marked.

References to westside

- 1) James Gubbins Esq^r
- 2) Church and chapely^d

- 3) Tho^s Flemming
- 4) D^o Lodge plot
- 5) Callaghan Russel
- 6) Barrack plot
- 7) Honnora Grady
- 8) Tho^s FitzGibbon
- 9) James Gubbins Esq^r
- 10) W^m Gubbins Esq^r
- 11) Francis Gafney
- 12) Tho^s Woods
- 13) Dennis Woods
- 14) Michⁱ Carroll

References to east side

- 1) Michⁱ Nugent
- 2) Michⁱ O'Brien
- 3) Curran & English
- 4) Widow Grace
- 5) David Grady
- 6) Dennis Keeffe
- 7) James Nealon
- 8) Francis Gafney
- 9) James Gubbins Esq^r
- 10) Tho^s Moloney
- 11) Pat^k Guiry
- 12) Pat^k Raleigh
- 13) Honnora Woods
- 14) Tho^s Creed
- 15) Nic Hickey
- 16) Johanna Woods
- 17) Mary Madden
- 18) Dennis Keeffe
- 19) Nic Hickey
- 20) Nic Crofts
- 21) Dennis Carroll
- 22) Tho^s Nugent
- 23) Tim Downs
- 24) Dennis Carroll
- 25) Nic Hickey

ENDNOTES

1. Edward McLysaght *The Kenmare Manuscripts* (Shannon, Irish University Press, 1970).
2. I am grateful to the Deputy Keeper of the Records, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) for providing high resolution digital copies of the two maps and for permission to reproduce them here.
3. PRONI D4151/S/3/A/6.
4. PRONI D4151/S/3/A/10.



Fig. 1 – 1780 map

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Fig. 2 – Detail of Hospital on the reverse of 1780 map
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Fig. 3 – 1836 map

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