

**DERELICT HOUSES & OLD SITES
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**MEMORIES OF WHERE PEOPLE ONCE LIVED
OLD SITES AND DERELICT HOUSES**

**PARISH OF KILDALKEY
TRIM ROAD**

**1. HOUSE DERELICT
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH**

On the right hand side near the current Potterton Post Office is Gerrards old house. Mrs. Gerrard, son Jack and daughter Rosie lived in it for a long time. Terry Cowley lived in it for a long time after he was married to a sister of Jim McNally who was from Carnisle. Rosie Gerrard married Mick Cassidy who lived across the road from Martins shop in Carnisle. The shop sold groceries, hardware and all kinds of knickknacks.

**2. HOUSE DERELICT
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH**

On the same side, across the road from here was once a Public School which was built in the year 1880. In the later years it was lived in by the Hesnan Family: Tommy, Josie, Lizzie, Nanny, Dolly and Rosie. They were wheelwrights by trade.

3. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Previously occupied by Peter Rourke and Bessie Rourke. Also occupied by Nanny Rourke who married Jim Corrigan from Chapel Gate. The Rourke's house had been a long thatched house and was right at the back of Hesnans property. The right of way into the house was passway up the road and on the right hand side there were three Rourke brothers: Tommy, Peter and Paddy.

4. NO TRACE OF HOUSE

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Further on the road, on the right hand side lived people by the name of Clearey: Mick and Helen who were farmers. The house was a long thatched one. There once was plenty of sheds. Now only a couple of sheds remain.

5. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

Directly across the road from Clearey's lived people by the name of Griffith: Jack, Bill, Victor, George and their sister Goggie. They were Protestant. Jack Griffith worked all his life with Hubert Potterton of Battalion. All relations of the Griffith's lived in England.

6. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

On the same side of the road, but the next field lived people by the name of Brown: Old Tom Brown, Mrs. Brown, sons: Declan, Jack, Tommy and Paddy. There was also a sister named Dympna. The house was demolished to make way for a new house for the McNamee family.

7. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

Further on the Kildalkey-Trim Road at the turn past the Kealey place was property which had been occupied by the Malone's. Their house was a long thatched dwelling. The Malones came from Kildare to work in Cloneylogan House. The Malones were a very large family and they are mostly all passed on by now. No trace of house remains.

8. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

The next house on the "T" junction by the Cloneylogan House is the home of Martin McCormack, a new bungalow. This house is built directly where Ben Kelly once lived. Ben worked all his life in Battalion. His sons were: Pat, Mick & Tom. Some Kellys now live on Carnisle Road. There is no trace of the old house remaining.

9. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: TRIMBLETOWN

Further on Kildalkey-Trim Road, after a sharp right turn at McKenna's Gate on the right hand side of the gate in a big field lived a woman by the name of Rose Farrell. She married a man, Chris Baker and they had a daughter, Jane. Jane went to England and married a man by the name of Rodgers. They both returned from England and lived down in the Wood Boreen. No trace of their house remains.

10. HOUSE REMAINS - NOT IN BAD CONDITION

TOWNLAND: TRIMBLETOWN

Further on the same side of the Kildalkey-Trim Road was a lodge type house which was occupied by Dinnie and Helen Carroll. They lived there all their lives along with Paddy Carroll whose nickname was "Plugger" Carroll. When he had no tobacco he would roar up and down the road. Dinnie Gardner from Ballatalion.

11. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BATTALION

On the right hand side, way up the Kildalkey-Trim Road, on a small piece of ground, lived people by the name of Farrell. Phil Farrell lived on his own for many years. He had been employed as a workman on the Potterton (of Battalion) property. Phil Farrell remained unmarried. There is no trace of the house remaining.

12. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BATTALION

Next door to Phil Farrell, with only a small field between them lived Jim Miggin. Jim was better known as “Winter” Miggin. He had a son, Tom and a daughter, Mollie. They lived in a big long thatched house. Mollie Miggin married a man named Luke Sherry. No trace of the house remains.

13. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: BATTALION

On the same side and further on next to the end of the Miggins land and joining Brogans small garden in the corner, lived people by the name of Quirke who came from Tipperary. Vinny Quirke was the son who hurred with Kildalkey for years.

14. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: TRIMBLETOWN

The last house on Kildalkey-Trim Road is on the left hand side as one turns round the bend. It belonged to Tom Gavny of Moattown. Tom’s children were: Paddy, Billy and daughter, Nel. No trace of the house remains.

15. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: TRIMBLETOWN

Away - a long stretch of nothing and then on the Trim Road, and beyond the two sharp bends on the left hand side lived people by the name of Andrews. The nick name of the man who lived there was “Jaunty” Andrews.

MOYRATH BOREEN
CARNISLE ROAD FROM TRIM-KILDALKEY ROAD

16. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

As one travels up Moyrath Boreen beyond Biddy Farrell’s place on the left and at the sharp bend is what is known as Mocks Corner. There was a round ring of white thorn bushes. No one knows who planted these bushes or how they came to be there. As children we were told that the place was haunted. The present Davis family has a relation named John Lynch who lived down at Galcia Bog and that a family by the name of Mick lived down in the Bog beside him. He always claimed that they were related to the Mock family on Moyrath Boreen.

17. HOUSE REBUILD
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Next house after Mock’s turn is the house of Pat and Ellen Potterton. Now living there is Pat and Teresa Potterton. The house was rebuilt in the 1920’s.

18. MOYRATH CASTLE
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Moyrath Castle was built in the 1200’s and is now occupied by Gerald and Olive Potterton.

19. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

The next old house as we knew it was occupied by Mollie Tyrrell who lived at the end. Frank Kelly remembers her from the time he was a young lad. Josie Hesnan across the road from Frank Kelly used to bring messages to Mollie Tyrrell from Kildalkey. Hosie would have been only sixteen or seventeen at the time. The Rickard family owns the property now. No trace of the house remains.

20. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Further in along the old passway lived people by the name of Malone and the property is still called “Malone’s Field”. Paddy Molloy owns it now. No trace of the house remains.

21. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

To the right and across from Malone’s Field was the Cleary Plantation, a long strip of land covered with Hazel trees. No trace of the house remains across from Cleary’s was the Leavy Plantation. During the war while hunting with dogs Garrett Ward would always mention the name of the field and other places still in Moyrath. No trace of the house remains.

MAIN CARNISLE ROAD

22. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PUBBLETOWN

The first old house on the left hand side, down a good length of Boreen, was occupied by Johnny Daly. His house was on the same side where Joe Canty's bungalow is now. The Daly family was very large, however, most of them are dead now.

23. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PUBBLETOWN

A family by the name of May lived further on by the Daly's but out in Battalion. They are the May's that had lived for years on the Wood Boreen. No house remains as it was burned.

24. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PUBBLESTOWN

On the same side of the Woodtown Boreen, on the left hand side of the lane was the remains of an old house that had been occupied by a family named Sands. They were Weavers by trade. The house is where Billie Harmon's house is but on the opposite side of the road. No trace of the house remains.

25. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: PUBBLESTOWN

Only an old shed remains on what was the Plunkett place at the next place on Carnisle Main Road. The father of Frank Kelly (Lord have mercy on him) was a Ploughman for the Plunketts. It's years now that I remember Jack and Lizzie Plunkett. Mrs. Tom Canty was a Plunkett.

26. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PUBBLESTOWN

Just below the old Plunkett place on the left hand side was the Herd house. The grandparents of Frank Kelly lived there for a while. It belonged to Tyrrell's big house and that is how Frank's parents met each other as they were only next door to one another.

27. HOUSES DERELICT

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Across the main Carnisle Road from the Woodtown Boreen was where the Rickard and Conlon families lived. Of particular note is Frank Kelly served Mass in the two old houses and received half of a crown which was a great deal of money at that time. Both houses now derelict.

28. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PUBBLESTOWN

The next place on the left hand side was Mick Molloy's. There was a big long thatched house occupied by a lot of people. One family was the Murray's from Ballivor and possibly Joe Conlon was the last occupant. Noel Conlon has silage pit there now. No trace the house remains.

29. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Down the road on the right hand side of the laneway and up to Gaynor's Farms place there lived Lavny??, Bartle and Mary Ann and another brother who was the youngest and whose name cannot be recalled right now. The Kieley's from Trim own it now.

30. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Past the Portanob Road, on the right across on the left, in the corner lived people by the name of Quinn. The location was where Bessie Kiernan's new house is now. Sam Quinn of Boardsmill Cross and Mrs. John Costello down the road were of the same Quinn family. No trace of house remains.

31. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Proceeding on up the road on the right hand side in the hollow lived Owen Rooney, although the McNally's lived there most of their lifetime. Owen Rooney was Mrs. Jim McNally's uncle. The McNally's had three sons: Paddy, Joe and Jimmy and three daughters: Mary, Nancy and Alice.

32. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the same side as described above and on the same side as Dick Flynn's place lived people by the name of Cunningham. They had the long field that has always been called Cunningham's Field. The present day Cunninghams that came from this family now live in Coolronan. Very little trace of the house remains.

33. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

On the opposite side of the road on the long laneway down to Jimmy Corrigan's yard where the house used to be, had previously belonged to the Molloy's. After the Molloy's, it was then owned by the Corrigan's. Mrs. Jimmy Corrigan was a McMahan from Portanob. No trace of the house remains.

34. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Next to Jimmy Corrigan's in Rooney's Field was a house which was occupied by Rose Molloy. Peter Garry's mother who was the Publican in Kildalkey was one of the same Molloy's. No trace of the house remains.

35. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Back on the main road again down to Carnisle was the old School which officially opened 1 May 1843. Mr. J. Stack Murphy, Esq. subscribed £30 towards a school in Carnisle. The house is fairly derelict.

36. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Right next to Carnisle School is an iron gate. In that corner people by the name of Doyle lived. They were Blacksmiths by trade. No trace of house remains.

37. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Down the road on the left hand side Mick Bird lived for a long time in an old thatched house. They were farmers and Mick Bird was a school teacher in the Kildalkey almshouse. She used to pass here in a pony and trap. They had sons: Jim, who became a priest, Ollie and Jack. Nothing remains of the old house.

38. HOUSE RENOVATED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

The Carnisle House was owned by people by the name of Flood, John Flood. There was a private Chapel there and Mass was said there every Christmas morning. The bell would be rung for a half an hour before Mass so that the people would come. This house has been renovated.

39. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Proceeding on to the end of the high wall right at the end lived people by the name of Gaynor. They were cousins of Bartle Gaynor. No trace of the house remains.

40. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Right in front of the big wall on Rooney's Boreen on the right hand side down at the gate lived Mick Kennedy and Helen. Frank Kelly picked potatoes for them years ago. No trace of house remains.

41. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

At the end of the Boreen Kit Rooney's house was built in the year 1850. It was built by a stone mason by the name of May. Stones from Josie Liscombe's quarry in Ballybrittas. He also built Mary Murtagh's house in Shanco from the

same stones from the same quarry. People came from the west to Rooney's at the time of the famine and they lived in Rooney's sheds and helped to build the house. The house is in good condition.

42. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Kit Rooney's Boreen was the right of way for Jimmy Corrigan. The route was to go up to Rooney's house, turn left down to the fields until the Land Commission divided Carnisle in 1926 and gave Jim Corrigan a passway in front of Dick Flynn's place.

43. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Back on the Carnisle Main Road down to the lodge belonging to Carnisle House. The last person to live there was Bessie Daly. It is now owned by Paddy Garry.

44. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Next to the ledge in the corner of the field lived people by the name of Cox. Paddy Garry owns the land now. No trace of house remains.

45. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

In the last field next Gallagher's Boreen lived people by the name of Monaghan, Larry Monaghan. No trace of house remains. It is interesting to note that Gallagher's Boreen used to be called "Cruxy Boreen."

46. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

The next Boreen is Gallagher's Boreen. The first house on the right hand side was occupied by Tom Gallagher.

47. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Next house to Tom Gallagher's and nearly in the same yard was people by the name of Monaghan. Kit Rooney bought it and it was know for it's Damson Trees. No trace of the house remains.

CRUXTY BOREEN OR GALLAGHER'S BOREEN

48. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Next on the right hand side were the houses of Mick Brien and Paddy and Jim Rooney. There was only a ditch between the houses. Paddy Rooney was nicknamed "the Maggot Rooney." No trace of the houses remain.

49. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

There was one more house at the end of the Boreen occupied by people by the name of Farrell who lived at the very end.

50. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Where Paddy Bagnall is living now, people by the name of Brien lived. No trace of house remains.

51. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Across the road on the right is a house which was occupied by Dan Ward. It has been remodeled and is now next to Kit Kennedy's Boreen.

52. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

A long way down the Boreen, the first house belonged to Kit Kennedy who was nicknamed "Badger." The called him that because they said that he would only come out at night.

53. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: CARNISLE**

Further on down the Boreen is a house which belonged to Paddy Garry.

54. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: CARNISLE**

Back on the main road there is a long strip of garden on the right hand side with old apple trees on it. People by the name of Reilly (Jimmy Reilly) lived there. Very little trace of the house remains.

55. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: CARNISLE**

The next house on the right nearer to the crossroads and well into the field lived Tom and Peter McDonald. They lived in Coolronan and owned property: land and bog. They had a sister but none of the three were married. They moved out and wound up in Carnisle.

56. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: CARNISLE**

The next house on the right was the Piercey's (Tom Piercey). They were mostly all musicians. The place was always know as Piercey's Cross as there was crossroad dances nearly every weekend. They had a temporary wood floor and laid it down on the grass and dance away. No trace of the house remains.

57. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: PORTLESTER**

Around the corner, over the bridge and the first house on the right was owned by George Lewis. When he passed on there was a Jack Russell terrier left in the house. He waited for weeks for George to come home, looking out a little narrow window day and night. No one could do anything for him and Animal Welfare in Kells had to be called and they took him away.

58. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: PORTLESTER**

On the opposite corner from Piercey's place was Martin's Shop which sold groceries, hardware and knickknacks. The Martins of Martin's Shop, Carnisle lived in Woodtown House for generations. They originated from the Heard's family. The Tyrrell family came to Woodtown House in 1917 from Kilmeague, Co. Kildare. They came in horses and drays and they brought their workman with them whose name was "the Giant Dunne." Dunne lived in a cottage near Ballivor and worked on the Council for years after. When Mick Martin and Paddy Martin died the shop was closed.

59. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: PORTLESTER**

Across from Martin's Shop and opposite it lived Mick Cassidy who married Rose Gerrard. The Higginstown's of Athboy were related to the Cassidy family and also to the McMahan's of Portanob. The site is now marked by an old shed. No trace of the house remains.

60. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: KILMURRAY**

Down the road, to the left, in front of Pratt's, on the opposite side of the road lived people by the name of Corrigan whose nickname was "Stringer Corrigan." The present Corrigan's father, grandfather, known as Crash and Mattie and Boiler. Long strip of the garden remains.

61. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: KILMURRAY**

The next house to the above lived people by the name of Moore's: Mick Moore and Dollie Moore. Part of the old sheds are still there. No trace of the house remains.

62. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: KILMURRAY**

The next property on the same side lived people by the name of Halfpenny (Jim Halfpenny). They were Bootmakers. Jim Halfpenny's brother would walk round the County to Chapel Gate on Sunday morning with boots hanging around

his neck, taking orders and selling boots as well. Kit Mitchell's mother from Killyon was one of the same Halfpenny family. All that is left is a little bit of wall on the side of the road. Almost no trace remains.

63. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: KILMURRAY

On the Old Kilmurray Boreen, still on your left, are two houses at the very end. It belonged to the Murray's and was later lived in by the Redmond's. The other house was occupied by the Paisley's. Tom Potterton and Pat Potterton's mother was a direct descendant of the same Murray's. No trace of the house remains.

64. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: CARNISLE

Going back to Carnisle School, traveling on the side road to Kavanagh's house there is a big field on the left hand corner. An old graveyard which can be seen the high rim down near the corner marking the boundary of the graveyard. It's not so long ago since the headstones were removed.

PORTANOB ROAD FROM PADDY MOLLOY'S TO DICK FOX'S:

65. HOUSES DERELICT
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

At the first boreen on the left, Kit Crook's Boreen, were two houses at the very end. Navagh Corrigan and John Fitzsimons lived in the same yard with only a wall between them. Both houses are now derelict.

66. HOUSES DERELICT
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Across the road from Crook's Boreen lived the Kelly family. Frank Kelly's father was the oldest brother. His siblings were: John, Kit, Pat, Red Jim and two sisters: Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Kavanagh. Both Rathmore outside Athboy. Very little trace of the house remains.

67. HOUSES DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Next on the same side of the road lived people by the name of Dixon. The big sycamore there that was at the gate going in is still there. They were blacksmiths by trade. No trace of the house remains. It is believed that one of the Dixon men married a Keegan woman and immigrated to American with several other Keegan's who were related to the Jones' of Portanob. There relation, Rosemary Ardolina, came to Kildalkey from New York to find her great-grandmother, Delia Keegan's relations. Her address is 83-20 253rd St., Bellerose, New York, 11426-2121, USA.

68. HOUSES DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the opposite side of the road lived people by the name of Smyth. No trace of the house remains.

69. HOUSES DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Further on near the bend on the same side lived people by the name of Jones: Jim and Jack. There was a big bush growing in the back yard. They called it the Thumb Bush. No trace of the house remains. These Jones' are the ancestors of Rosemary Ardolina (see #67).

70. HOUSES DERELICT
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the other side of the road is a small house where people by the name of Fagan: Paddy and Nanny.

71. HOUSES DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Next on the same side of the road lived people by the name of Feanley. Larry was the owners name.

72. HOUSES DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the same side of the road lived Mick Molloy. The property is now owned by Johnny McMahon. No trace of the house remains, however, a few shed remain.

73. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the same side, down a short lane lived Paddy, Matt and Mick Kavanagh. On the same lane lived Jim and Pat Cusack. No trace of houses remains.

74. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the opposite side of the road lived Jim Reynolds. His son, Tommy lives there now. No trace of the old house remains.

75. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

On the same site were Dunne's house is now was an old house which is now gone. No trace remains.

76. HOUSES DERELICT

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Proceeding on the main road lived Larry Watters on the right hand side. He had a sister, Kate. The house is not in very bad condition.

77. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

The next house on the left hand side down beyond the present Murtagh place lived a woman by the name of Ann Brogan. The last to live in it was Julia Reilly. No trace of house remains.

78. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

The next site on the same side of the road, going through the present Nugent's yard lived people by the name of Bennet: two brothers. Very little trace of the house remains.

79. HOUSES DERELICT

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

The next site on the same side, a couple of hundred yards down the road lived Tom Rickard, better know as the "The Hawk".

80. HOUSES DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CORBALLIS

Where the Ford family lives now there are traces of an old house. The same is true of where the Farrell place across the road. Both houses were lived in at one time by people named Miggin. There were seven families of Miggins' who lived in Corballis. Corballis is the name of the Townland between the eighteen and nineteen hundreds. Most of the Miggins' emigrated to America. There was a Lucy Miggin and her uncle, "Yellow Jack" as well as another relative who was nicknamed "The Minor Miggin." A direct descendant of those Miggins' have come back to Kildalkey in 1999 to trace their family tree. His name is Robert S. Fraser, 415 McKinley Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701, USA.

PORTANOB ROAD FROM PADDY MOLLOY'S TO DICK FOX'S

81. HOUSES IN FAIR/GOOD CONDITION

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Going back to Shanco Road by Neddy Dunne's, first site on the right belonged to Jack Lynch. The house is in fair to good condition.

82. HOUSES IN DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Next on the opposite side of the road is a short lane where people by the name of Keoghans lived. The man's name was Tim Keoghans. They are the same Keoghans that are now living in Killyon. No trace of the house remains.

83. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

A good bit further on the same road near a new bungalow there was an old house which was owned by a man named Mickey Daly. He possessed the ability to provide a genuine cure of the Strain. No trace of the house remains.

84. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Proceeding on to the "T" junction, across on the right hand side lived people by the name of Bligh: Jack and Nellie. No trace of the house remains.

85. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Turning back on the new road towards Carnisle Old School is what remains of Dorans on the Hill. Tommy and Annie Doran were two renowned fiddle players. There is not much left of the old house only a couple of old sheds.

86. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: PORTANOB

Coming back a good way up the road by the new houses until you meet the laneway down to Kavanagh's old house and about a quarter of a mile down is a house which is now derelict. Opposite the head of the road, if you look across the ditch you will see the remains of a house at the far side of the field. It had belonged to the Coogan family: Jim Coogan. The present Coogans are in Dunderry.

BALLIVOR ROAD FROM KILDALKEY TO EARLSMILL

87. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

The first old site is at Paddy Reilly's house, out in the corner of Connelly's field. The last people known to have lived in the house were two McCormack sisters who were dressmakers. Also, the old map of Kildalkey shows the Mass Path coming out at the old house. No trace of the house remains.

88. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

The next house is a good way up the road on the right hand side. This was Sam Murray's place. One can still see a couple of old Beech trees growing where the garden used to be. The property is now owned by George Canty. No trace of the house remains.

89. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Owen Keoghan's place is only just down a bit in the next field on the same side. It is well remembered by Frank Kelly as a long thatched house with a shed on the end. Owen Keoghan was a big man who used to put out stones on the road, working for the Council with horse and cart. No trace of the house remains.

90. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

The following house was very unusual. People by the name of Keock lived there. There were two brothers and a sister. To get to and from their house they had to go through Owen Keoghan's yard and down the field where the house was located on the edge of the Thurry River. The little square is still there where the house stood. Two Keock brothers went to America and left their sister alone. She'd have to come up the field, change in Owen Keoghan's shed before walking to the village to do her shopping. What a place to live! No trace of the house remains, only a little square in the corner of the field.

91. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Further up on the same side where Tommy Reilly lives now was Mick Carroll's old house. His daughter, Birdie, married Paddy Gallagher, from the Wood Boreen. There is a small laneway into Carroll's. No trace of Carroll's house remains.

92. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Back on the main road, not far from Carroll's laneway on the same side stood what's left of the house which had belonged to Johnny and Matt Fagan. Bryan Reilly owns it now.

93. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Next, just at the corner was Joe McGauley's house. No trace of the house remains.

94. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

At the opposite corner the house which had been Vaughan's is also gone. No trace remains.

95. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Just a little bit further on was a house which had been the Sheridan's. No trace remains.

96. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

On the opposite side of the road, up a small bit, exactly where Paschal Carr's bungalow is now stood the Protestant Church. Frank Kelly remembers it well and also remembers when it was demolished. Mattie Gilligan in Athboy demolished it and sold the stones. No trace of the Church remains.

97. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Still further on, near the "T" junction, on the left hand side, where the Yew trees are was a house belonging to Tom Burke. The house is derelict but still there.

98. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: RATHCORMICK

The passway beyond the present Betty Rickard's place led down to the (*Fans*) ??? Way down in the swamp lived Jim Reynolds. Frank Kelly remembers him well. The Flanagan's are related to Mattie Corrigan as are the Carney's. The remains of more houses are apparent but the names of those who lived there are not known. The traces of houses are left in the swamp evident by piles of stone and rubble.

99. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: RATHCORMICK

By going away up the road until Curraghmore Road is reached, on the left, immediately across the opposite side of the road lived "The Minor Miggin." He was a great man for the garden and to grow flowers. Frank Kelly's father used to borrow an ass and dray from him to bring home turf. No trace of the house remains.

100. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: RATHCORMICK

Right next to Minor Miggin's place, along the hedge, there was massive big bush called the "Lockster Bush." Everyone seemed to meet at the Lockster Bush. Why it was call the Lockster, nobody knows.

101. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: RATHCORMICK

Just before swinging around for Ballivor, on the right hand side, was a long thatched house which was lived in by Paddy Kelly and Tom, nicknamed "the Racks". He drove turf to Trim with horse and cart. No trace of the house remains.

102. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: EARLMILL

People by the name of Garny ran the Mill for a while. Straight across the road was Earlmill where corn was ground for years. No trace of the Mill remains.

103. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

By coming back down the road to Joe McGauley's and proceeding on, just to the left was the location of a house occupied by Ned Gerrard. No trace of the house remains.

104. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

In the location where young Tommie Vaughan is living now, lived people by the name of Tom and Bridie O'Connor. She was an aunt of Tom and Pat Potterton. No trace of the house remains.

CONTINUED FROM JOE MCGAULEY'S TO MATT CARNEY'S CROSS

105. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Just by Joe McGauley's house there's a lane to the right, at the very end was two houses occupied by Mick Kenny and Mick Gallagher as well as Tom, Jim and Katie Gallagher. Jim was nicknamed "Nude Gallagher" and Jack "the Scotman" since he worked a lifetime in Scotland.

106. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Coming back down the Boreen from Gallagher's on the right hand corner where Delia Mahon's house was (well known as Delia's River) there was a wide open ditch along the road in front of the house where horses and carts as well as cattle went down for a drink. No trace of the house remains.

107. HOUSE RENOVATED

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

Proceeding on to the four crossroads turn left and on the right was Hughie Hesnan's small house which has been renovated now. Paddy was Hughie Hesnan's father's name who was a carpenter by trade. While coming home from work on a bike one night, he was struck by a lorry which was carrying turf and was killed. R.I.P.

108. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Down the Frayne Road to the right but on the left hand side there's a long strip of undergrowth where the house of Bartle Mulvey stood. The Mulvey's in the Wood were all the same Mulvey's. No trace of the house remains except for a small garden.

109. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

The next house on the same side was Paddy Reynolds' place. There was also Neddy Reynolds and Martin and two sons. The old home is gone completely. No trace remains.

CONTINUED FROM MAIN ROAD DOWN TO FRAYNE ROAD:

110. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Straight in front of Paddy Reynolds was Kenny's Hill. Jim Kenny had a passway down through the bottoms to get to his house. In fact, he was only a hundred yards from Kenny's and Gallagher's on the Boreen. No trace of the house remains.

111. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Further up the road on the edge of the bog lived Jack McDonald in a small thatched house. His nickname was "Jack the Ram". Two small fields and the passway are still there but no trace of the house.

112. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Crossing over the road, down a long passway along the forestry, at the very end lived Peter McDonald, a brother of Jack. Only small mounds remain where the house was.

113. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Coming back to the crossroads, on the right corner, Joe McGauley who is 91 years of age told Frank Kelly that his father often mentioned to him that there was a house and shop at the corner occupied by people by the name of Carney. No trace of the house and shop remain.

114. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Proceeding on the main road about three hundred yards, lived Jim and Paddy Rowe. Frank Kelly remembers him going by with an ass and dray with turf bound for Trim. A chap by the name of Fox owns it now. Small field - no trace of house remains.

115. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

The next house just along the road was Nanny Knowen's. She married Watt Loughlin. He died and then she married Long Mickey Garry who would be an uncle of Matty Garry of Kildalkey. The McKenna's of Cloneylogan still own the land. No trace of the house remains.

FROM JOE MCGAULEY'S TO MATT CARNEY'S CROSS BACK ON MAIN ROAD:

116. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: MOYRATH

The next land on the right, up two houses, nearly in the one yard was Danley first and then Mickey Garry was next. They used to call him "Mickey of the Hill." A few shed remain, not much. To the left of the houses, Quirk owns it now.

117. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BALLINADRIMNA

The next house on the left was Red Kit Garry's house. All that remains are a few sheds. The house is gone.

118. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BALLINADRIMNA

Way up the road on the right, in the hollow lived Mick Hesnan who was married to a Connor from beside Mahon's Shop. He had a big wooden shed where he carried on carpentry work. He was a brother of Paddy Hughie's father.

119. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BALLINADRIMNA

Proceeding on a good way down the road, by the road on the right and over on the left hand side, on the brow of the hill lived the Blacksmith, George Hesnan. He was renowned for making slanes for turf cutting. Jim Hesnan married Frank Kelly's sister. They were all related. Jim Hesnan passed on. R.I.P. There is still a little grove dug out of the hill where the house and forge were.

120. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: BALLINADRIMNA

A good way down, by the left side of the "T" road but on the right hand side lived people by the name of Gallagher. Frank Kelly remembers Danny Gallagher who spent a good while in the French Foreign Legion. He was a big rough man, well over six feet and fifteen or sixteen stone weight. The Gallagher's in the Wood and Ted that lives next door in the new house are all descendants. A few sheds remain.

GOING BACK FROM MATT CARNEY'S ACROSS TO SPIN CROSS - RATHKEENAN:

121. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

The first site on the left is Finlay's, at one time a fine place and house, now derelict. There are plenty of old sheds still being used. The property is now owned by Bernard Duignan.

122. HOUSE REDEVELOPED

TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

Garrett McGuire used to own the next house on the right and used to keep Greyhounds. The house has been redeveloped.

123. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

Tom Balfe lived by Garrett McGuire. However, not much is known about him. The site is completely gone.

124. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

On the same side lived Jack Crooks.

125. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

On the right hand side further on was Tommy Murray's place. His nickname was "Mousie Murray."

126. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

There is a house beside the Cross which could have belonged to the Murray's.

127. HOUSE DERELICT
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

Straight on from the Cross, a good ways on the left hand side were the Reynolds of the Quarry. There are two very old houses on the site which are now derelict. The second of these houses was a Dispensary for a long while. Frank Kelly's fraternal grandmother was a Reynolds from the Quarry. The house is now derelict.

128. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

Opposite the Reynolds house, the old Quarry people by the name of Herbert lived beside the Quarry. Headstones were made from rock from the Quarry. The field is still called Herbert's Field. Bob Gunning's Saw Mill further down the same side was a thriving business during the war years 1939 and 1945 to 1946.

129. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

Bob Gunning married Dollie Hesnan and lived across the road from the above location. She died on the day her child was born. The child named Doreen now Mrs. Markey lives in Proudstown, Navan.

130. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: RATHKEENAN

Down the road on the right was Bob Gunning's Saw Mill. He lived with his mother for a long while. He married Dolly Hesnan from across the road from here. She died on the day her first child was born. The child, Doreen, married Markey from the far side of Navan. One of the sons from that family owns the far side of the road from here.

FROM JIM PRIEST'S TO PAUDIE GALLAGHER'S ON FRAYNE ROAD:

131. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Down on the right hand side, the first house is Murtaghs and two more right beside it in a short passway lived Mick Quinn and Jimmy Reilly. Jimmy Reilly was burned to death in a house fire. No trace of the house remains.

132. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Down the road to the sharp right turn and straight in front is a small farm in which the derelict house is now owned and being used as a shed by Joe Ledwich and two sons Val, Mick & Frank.

133. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Right beside Ledwich's road there's a tubular gate on the left which was once the entrance to a passway to three or four houses. There's still a line of Beech trees that mark where the houses once stood. It is such a lone time ago that no one remembers the names of those who lived in these houses.

134. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

The next sharp turn on the right across the field is where Paddy Cusack lived. No trace of the house remains.

135. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

The next location is on the right in front of Mahon's Shop. It was occupied by Jane, Mary & Julia Connor. The mud walls are still there.

136. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

The next site is on the left, by the laneway to Mahon's Shop, down to Patsy Gaffney's a long way down. No trace of the house remains.

137. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

On the right, by Phillips' place in the corner of the bog is a small house that used to be lived in by Dollie Phillips. People used to talk about how neat she kept house. She had four goats and she built a little shed for them with a thatched roof with heather on it. No trace of the house remains.

138. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

By turning around to the left, down where Jimmy Kelly's house is and where John Martin used to live, Kit Kelly of Portanob was married to John Martin's sister. No trace of the house remains.

139. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Around the corner on the left, past the two houses lived Jimmy and Johnny Reilly, in an old thatched house. The location was straight across the other side of where the new houses are now. No trace of the house remains.

140. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

In the next two paddocks on the right, in the first location Mick Devine's big family lived. His brother, Billie Devine was in the Free State Army at the same time as Frank Kelly during the War. No trace of the house remains except for an old shed.

141. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

The next paddock is where Pa Neill lived. He crossed over and built on the other side. Paudie Gallagher has it now. Pa Neill had another brother, John, who lived in England. No trace of the house remains.

142. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

By going straight across the road and down the passway to the Bog, a good bit down lived people by the name of Monaghan. No trace of the house remains.

143. HOUSE REBUILT

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

By turning right at Gallagher's, over on the left, people by the name of Smyth's lived; Jack Smyth and his sister Kathy. The stone wall are still there and the house has been rebuilt.

144. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

By going down Frayne Road towards Athboy for a couple of hundred yards, in the field on the left is a galvanized house belonging to John Reilly, also known as "Yank Reilly" because he had lived in America. His sister was Jim Hesnan's mother. Jim Hesnan married Frank Kelly's sister, Lizzie.

145. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

Further in the field from Reilly's lived people by the name of Clark; Sam, Pat and Mick. Mick was married to Essie Vaughan and Jim Clarke was a Policeman. There was also a sister. It's been said that she could be see sitting by the side of the road with a big basket of eggs waiting for the higer. (A higer was a man who bought and collected the eggs from the farmers). No trace of the house remains.

146. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: FRAYNE

By going on down the Frayne Road and turning left into Monaghan's Boreen, proceed straight by the turn into Monaghan's and on the right, lived the Dick Burn's family. No trace of the house remains.

147. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: FRAYNE**

The last house on that lane belonged to Jane Reilly who lived at the very end. Although no trace remains now, Frank Kelly recalls that at one time, while he was hunting, he noticed that the old walls were still there as well as part of the doorway. It was in June and what was left of the old doorway was still covered with very old cabbage roses.

KILDALKEY VILLAGE**148. HOUSE DEMOLISHED****TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN**

At the side of the Chapel gate, before it was moved inward to make way for car parking lived Pat and Ellen Collins. Outside, next to the road there was nearly always swinging boats (similar to a carnival ride) in it and we used to cross it to go to school. Pat and Ellen Collins were Protestant people but that didn't stop them from cleaning the Chapel and ringing the bell. They eventually moved to where the Masterson's lived now. No trace of the site remains.

149. HOUSE REDEVELOPED**TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN**

Where Tommy Corrigan lives now and where he had his shop on the main Trim Road, the house had previously been used as the barracks by the Royal Irish Constabulary. The barrack field is now the GAA pitch.

150. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN**

On the same side as Tom Potterton's, on the left side are the remains of an old house belonging to people by the name of Hardy. Danny McGovern who was from Athboy lived in it and his wife was one of the Hardys. Sarah McGovern, Frank Kelly's aunt, married Tommy McGovern, a Cobbler by trade, whose nickname was "Waxie". A slight trace of the ruins remain.

151. HOUSE REMODELED**TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE**

On the corner stood a long thatched Pub belonging to the Larkins before it was owned by John Miggin. John Miggin had married a Larkin and that's how he came to own it. (John Miggin is an ancestor of Bob Frazier. See # 90.) The Pub has been refurbished.

152. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE**

In the Village on the right hand side where Betty Kelly lives now, was once occupied by Dick Slevin who was a Cobbler by trade. His house was also the local house for card playing. Frank Kelly's old map of Kildalkey shows Dick Slevin's as a Post Office. No trace of the house remains.

153. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE**

On the right hand side of the corner was the Gate Lodge which belonged to the Parochial. It had been a small, round shaped building. The man who worked in the Parochial also tended the garden which used to be tilled all the time for vegetables for the house. It is a tennis court now and not a trace of the Lodge remains. Frank Kelly has a photo of Kildalkey which shows the Lodge and it's location.

154. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE**

Going back to the top of the Village, starting with Tom Potterton's house which is now derelict but which was once occupied by the Potterton family for a number of years. Tom Potterton married Dodi Ennis. The Ennis' were from the Athboy area. During the troubled times the Potterton's saw a lot of activity. Poor old Dodi died in the Chapel down near the altar one Sunday morning.

155. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE

Starting off where Barney Duignan is living now was the last old Post Office which was run by Mollie Miggin. She married Pat McGauley who owned the forge at the corner of the Wood Boreen. The entire forge and old Post Office is now demolished and no trace of them remain. (This family is also related to Bob Frazier)

156. HOUSE REMODELED

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE

Alice May ran the Pub in Kildalkey for many years. She was a sister of Johnny May who lived down the Boreen. The Pub has changed hands many times since then.

157. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE

Next to Danby's small garage were people by the name of Gerharty. Mrs. Brown who lived up the road was originally a Gerharty. She was the sister of Mick, Tommy and Jack Brown. No trace of the house remains.

158. HOUSE REMODELED

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE

Next is Peter Garry's long thatched Pub. Peter had been there for years when one morning it caught fire and it had to be renovated. It's still there and in good condition.

159. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE

Next to Peter Garry's place was Matt Mack's long thatched house. On the end next to Peter Garry's was a small two story building. It was know as the Famine House. During the Famine years people would bring whatever they could afford to be given out to poor people. Matt Mack and Annie Mack's brother and sister never married. Ned Mack used to ride a bike all the way from Kilmessan. His nickname was "Winkers Mack". May Davey stopped there for years. They were all very long living people. Both of the houses are completely gone now.

160. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY VILLAGE

Around the corner on the Athboy Road Matt Garry's yard runs along the back of the wall and down into a swamp. It's hard to believe, having known this place, that the school playground came down to the edge of the flaggers and where ever one sees the flaggers it indicates that one need not go any further. Here is where a woman by the name of Mary Proudfoot lived in a little house in the swamp.

THE WOOD BOREEN:

161. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD BOREEN

The first old site right at the back of Frankie Carroll's garden lived people by the name of Leo. Johnnie Leo was one of the old walking Postman. When we were young lads we would run through Leo's garden through Mack's high garden across Garry's swamp, down the back of the Almshouse wall, round the Almshouse lane and out on the Athboy Road. From there Johnny went to live in the Little House on the Athboy Road which belonged to the Parochial House. The rent was a penny a week.

162. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD BOREEN

A few hundred yards further on, by going straight out the gate, one would see where Johnny May lived, just in front. Frank Kelly recalls three brothers. Everyone knew Johnny as he was the last of them. Kit and Pat were two more and they were originally from Carnisle Road beside Johnny Daly's. The house is completely gone except for a pile of stones.

163. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Around the sharp corner, down at the next bend was Paddy McGauley's Shoeing Pit. Paddy McGauley was the only Blacksmith to shoe wheels of carts. He had the Shoeing Pit right along side the Thurry River. It was a big round stone with a hole in the middle for the wheel to sit down in. There was also a ring of turf the size of the iron rim and he'd beat it down on the new wheel. The job had to be done fairly quick or he'd bend the wheel. It was a two man job and both had to know what they were doing. If the iron wheel was gone, no loss but it was too hard on the animal. No trace of the shop remains.

164. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Paddy Murray's on the right hand side was a long thatched house with a certain amount of land. Paddy Murray would be a second cousin of my father. Jimmy, Johnny and Pat were the three sons and the daughter was Catherine. No trace of the house remains.

165. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

There was a house at the back of Paddy Murray's. The names of the residents are not known.

166. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

On the left hand side in front of Mark Ledwich's old house where Lynham's garden is, there was once a house there. Johnny Murray bought the garden and it's now in with Murray's field. No trace of the house remains.

167. HOUSE DERELICT
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Left and on the same side was Mark Leadich's old thatched house. Frank Kelly remembers them living in it: Jack, Katie and their son Mark. The house is now derelict.

168. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

On the opposite side of the road is where Paddy Carney's house burnt to the ground. Bernie built a new one in from of where the old one was. No trace of the old house remains.

169. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

To get to Larry Mulvey's place you had to go through Tommy Mulvey's yard in a passway and into a field to get to Lavny's house. Frank Kelly happened to buy the land and the two houses were only mud walls. Tommy and Larry were two brothers.

170. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Right beside Tommy Mulvey's with only a ditch between them, lived people by the name of Farman. They were Thatchers by trade. No trace of the house remains.

171. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

In the same field, a couple of hundred yards away lived people by the name of Yonks. A hump in the ground is the only trace of their house.

172. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Over on the right hand side lived people by the name of Kelly: Paddy Kelly whose nickname was "Bags". A man by the name of Brian Dolan lived with the Kelly's. He was one of these quack cave men. Meaning that he had the gift of cures. He was called *Dr.* Dolan. No trace of the house remains. One of their descendants, Marie Dolan, originally from New York but now living in Florida came to Kildalkey a couple of years back to find her Dolan ancestors.

173. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Moving on to Paddy Gallagher's on the left, beyond Kelly's was an old thatched house. There was Paddy, Mick, Johnny and Tommy and their sister, Lizzie. No trace of the house remains.

174. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

On the opposite side of the road lived Brigie Clonan at the back of Patsy Kelly's place. No trace of the house remains.

175. HOUSE DEMOLISHED
TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

A good bit up on the left was Carroll's field. No trace of the house remains.

176. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Right across the road from Paddy Gallagher's was Mack's land. People by the name of Murtagh lived there. Several years ago, Americans came around Kildalkey looking for information about the Murtagh's in the Wood. Someone said "Ask Garrett Ward, Johnny's father". And, yes, Garrett knew and showed them the place in the field where the house was. Garrett was a hunting man who traveled the country and knew where all the old houses were and passed it on to Frank Kelly and his son Johnny. No trace of the Murtagh house remains.

177. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Patrick Brien or Gerry Brien as he was better known. Not much left of the house.

178. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

On the left and around the corner was Mick Hesnan's place. Mick was the first man around Kildalkey to have a horse and spring cart. He was also a Foreman in Banhers in Trimbletown. No trace of the house remains.

179. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Straight on the road, on the right hand side, on the bend, on the right hand side and before the left turn for Hesnan's, across the field lived Jim Kenny. The location was only one field from the Mount Boreen. No trace of his house remains.

180. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

On the straight road, in to the left on the edge of the Bog lived Johnny Ward. He was the sole owner of a donkey, a goat for milk and two half greyhounds which hunted rabbits to supply meat for the soup. He would cross from his own house to Paddy Commons of the Mount on a black winter nights complete with all his animals. He wouldn't leave Commons' until one or two o'clock in the morning. All his animals would be waiting on the edge of the Bog for him. Jack would let out a roar at the ass to go home. The ass, two goats, Jack and the two dogs crossing the Bog on a black winter night was a dangerous and daunting feat. One should try it and see if it can be done. The house was destroyed by fire. No trace remains.

FIRST ROAD TO THE RIGHT OFF THE WOOD BOREEN:

181. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

Jane Rodger's was the first house on the right. She was the owner of the house and her mother came from the field on the right hand side.

182. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

Tommy Corrigan lived further down on the same side. He was the father of Peter and Jim Corrigan. No trace of the house remains.

183. TWO HOUSE - ONE DEMOLISHED, ONE FAIR CONDITION

TOWNLAND: CLONEYLOGAN

Further on, turning into the side road at the end of the lane lived two families: Newman and Corrigan. On the same lane is Newman's house which is still in fair condition. There is no trace of Corrigan's house remaining.

184. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: THE WOOD

Coming back down the lane and turning right, on the right side is what is now Tom Loughlin's place. Across from there and in front of Tom Loughlin's lived Mick Loughlin. It was always known as Mick's Field. No trace of the house remains.

STARTING FROM THE MAIN KILDALKEY - ATHBOY ROAD:

185. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: KILDALKEY

Next, on the left, just down the Athboy Road Larry Gaffney used to live in the Abby House until the Land Commission divided Smyth's property. They built him a new house at the Graveyard gates. Larry had the cure of the pains. House now derelict.

186. BUILDING DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Straight across the road from the graveyard gates in the corner of Clonbarron field was one of the old Kildalkey churches. A farmer was plowing with a tractor and the plow and ripped up the foundation rubble. This site is mentioned in the old history of Kildalkey. No trace of the old church remains.

187. MILL DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

In the same field as mentioned above, at the gate is the Mill Race away down at the bottom of Clonbarron. By blocking the Thurry River a Mill was created for grinding corn. As previously described, a farmer discovered the rubble while plowing. No trace of the Mill remains.

188. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

A hundred yards from the graveyard gate was the home of Johnny Rooney. The walls are still there at the time of this writing. Johnny was a self educated scholar, a great man who could recite poems. He knew one great poem, "The Fair of Kildalkey" but nobody had the good luck to write it down.

189. HOUSE REMODELED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

On the brow of the hill was Joe Clark's house which is now completely reconditioned. His daughter, Marie, was married to Richie Caffrey.

190. HOUSE REMODELED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Next on the left was Tom Henny's house now re-conditioned. Richie Caffrey lives there now.

191. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Straight across the road was Jack Connell's house which was a very old house. Frank Kelly remembers it well. There was a deep pump hole in the yard with only a sheet of tin over it. Frank's mother used to always go near Jack Connell's yard. Jack was supposed to be the man that shot the Jap in Clifton. I was always told that the Jap caught Jack poaching on the Newman's property. Jack shot him on the top of the double ditch, swam the river, hid his gun and came back for it that night. By the way, it was a borrowed gun that he used. No trace of Jack's house remains.

192. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Down the field at the back of Jack Connell's is the remains of a house but nobody knows the name of the people who lived there.

193. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

On the same side, not far from Jack Connell's lived Mick Boyne's big family. Frank Kelly recalls Johnnie, Mick and Mark and their sisters Alice and Mary. Frank Kelly went to school with Mick.

194. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Right next to Boyne's house was Sheridan's field. Down by the very bottom are the remains of a house evidenced by a pile of stones in the left hand corner. No trace of the house remains.

195. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

On the other side of the road, down about a hundred yards lived people by the name of Fulham. The father's name was Tommy Fulham and his nickname was "Dankie." His son, Kevin Fulham, has lived there for a long time. There were more brothers and sisters. Kevin went to live in Athboy. And Kevin's his only son, Dessie, lives in Michigan, USA.

CLONBARRON BOREEN

OFF THE MAIN KILDALKEY - ATHBOY ROAD:

196. HOUSE REMODELED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

On Clonbarron Boreen, the first house on the right has been remodeled. It's now occupied by Denis Smith and his family.

197. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Over on the left was John Farrell's long thatched house. Besides John, other family members were Mickey and Susan. No trace of the house remains.

198. HOUSE REMODELED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

A small little old house on the left used to be occupied by Granny Gilligan. It is still in fairly good condition after being newly renovated.

199. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Martin Harte's old cottage is completely gone. But the last house on the left hand side has been renovated.

200. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Down by Clonbarron House (don't take the turn), go out the gate and into the field. People by the name of Burke had lived there. No trace of the house remains.

201. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Proceeding down by the sharp corner lane on the right and then to Daly's Lane nearly half a mile long at the very bottom was Daly's thatched house, now derelict. Before Daly it was occupied by Jim Potts.

202. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

The next house was Brogan's which is now derelict. This house is down the lane in front of Brian Reilly's. Brogan's and Fulham's shared the same house. It is on the right hand side, a galvanized house.

203. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

O'Neill's or Kealey's on the right hand side at Brian Reilly's where Kealey's own the land, people by the name of O'Neill lived. Mrs. Kealey was an O'Neill. No trace of the house remains.

204. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

It's a long way down to the far end to Jimmy Tyrrell's. Two brothers: Johnny and Jimmy Tyrrell had a house which was a Safe House during the Troubles and has seen a lot of action. Jimmy was the first man around Kildalkey with a wireless (radio). Only small traces of the house remain.

205. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON

Back up the side lane to Brian Reilly's at the end of Brian Reilly's haggard (hay shed) was a long thatched house belonging to the Murray's. Mary Ann was the last person to live there. She was the present Mattie Corrigan's Grannie. No trace of the house remains.

206. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON**

Right by the location where Mary Ann Murray's house used to be, a sharp turn to the right at the turn of the gate, going out into the field and down at the bottom of the field is where Pat McNamee lived. He was an unusual young lad, educated by his mother. He could speak three languages: Latin, Irish and French. He was taken out of Kildalkey School at eight years of age and was sent somewhere else for his education. He was a well known poet, scholar and Fenian. Patrick McNamee was born in Kildalkey around the year 1840 in the Townland of Ballybrittas and died in 1902.

207. HOUSE DERELICT**TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON**

Back on the Boreen again, down to the very end is Tom Harte's place. Tom's daughter was Nellie Harte who married Phil Lynch. We always knew them as the Phil Lynchs. Some of the old stone walls are still there.

KILDALKEY - ATHBOY ROAD**ROSE CONNELLY'S LANE****208. HOUSE DERELICT****TOWNLAND: CLONBARRON**

Down Rose Connelly's Lane on the right hand side are two houses: Tom Daly's and Bridget Fleming's. Tom Daly was in America and left two sisters at home. There is no trace of Fleming's house left. Tom Daly's house is galvanized and in fairly good condition.

START OF MOUNT BOREEN:**209. HOUSE DEMOLISHED****TOWNLAND: MOUNT POPLAR**

Mount Boreen on the left hand side, starting with Leo Collins' house, which is derelict. Johnny McGurl made it into a shed. Leo Collins had a strong going place at one time. He kept horses, mostly hunters. He was related to the Collins' family in Moyrath Castle. James Collins of Moyrath spent a while in the French Foreign Legion. Mount Poplar is where the Collins' lived Mick McGuire married the Widow Collins. People by the name of Fulham lived there before Collins. No trace of the house remains.

210. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN**

By going down the land and turning left towards Darby's, before you come to Darby's turn in a small lane on the left. The first house is Andie Brien's and people by the name of Duignan's was at the very end. There was Andie, Jim, Bidie and Mary. Bidie was Mrs. Bidie Duffy.

211. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN**

Coming back to the Boreen, on the right hand side lived Darby's three children: Tom, Neddy and Ann. Mrs. Barrett of Killkeen outside Athboy and her brother, Tom married Moyra Darby who was from Cloneylogan.

212. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN**

Next on the left, lived Pat Commons, School Teacher. Shields married Bridie Commons. One son was a lecturer in Maynooth College. No trace of the house remains.

213. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN**

Next on the left hand side lived Nicholas Kearney, son Alfie and his daughters Mary and Dymphna. No trace of the house remains.

214. HOUSE DEMOLISHED**TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN**

Down at the end of Mount Boreen turn right. This is where Tommy Brien lived. He was better known by his nickname, "Mallet Brien". No trace of the house remains.

215. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN

Further on the left people by the name of Dixon lived. One of them had the nickname "Blue Dick." No trace of the house remains.

216. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN

Straight on the right hand side lived people by the name of Butterley. No trace of the house remains.

217. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN

Proceed on into the Bog where people by the name of Andrews lived beside Andrews Planting on the Bog side of the Forestry. No trace of the house remains.

BACK TO THE KILDALKEY - ATHBOY ROAD

218. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: COOLRONAN

On the left side as the you turn on the main road was a big long thatched house where people by the name of Gilligan lived. This was the Grandfather of Frank Kelly. Frank's mother often told him that when he was about a month old she brought him down to Grandfather's for him to see his grandson. Frank's grandfather was very ill in bed and Frank's mother put him down beside him and said "Father, there is a man child for you." Grandfather passed on three weeks later in Sept, 1923. No trace of the house remains.

219. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BALLYBRITTAS

Crossing over on the right, down to Ballybrittas Boreen, right down by the new houses, second sharp turn on the right at the sharp corner lived Liza Rispin who was Tommy Rispin's aunt. No trace of the house remains.

220. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BALLYBRITTAS

By going through Liza Rispin's yard, down the field on the right hand side was a small thatched house which belonged to Pat and Bessie McCauley. Pat's nickname was "Slog McCauley."

221. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: BALLYBRITTAS

Back on the main road, over on the left where Darby's are living now there was no trace of any house, only a big old shed which was always called Russell's shed. There was a big door on the front with animal heads over the door. It was supposed to be haunted. Neddy Danby remodeled it into a house and reared his family there. New house built - no trace of the old house.

222. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: BALLYBRITTAS

By proceeding up the road, on the right hand side, by the present Geoghan's house, on the lane to the right and down at the end of the lane lived an old lady named Ann Flood. Mick Geoghan used to do jobs for her and she left him the place. He was no relation. The house is now derelict.

STARTING ON CLONMORE BOREEN:

223. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

On the right hand side there's a farmhouse where people whose name was Tuite's lived. It now belongs to the McGurl's.

224. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Down the lane, on the right hand side in front of Jim Hesnan's and into the left was where Peter Rowe lived. He was a carpenter by trade. No trace of the house remains.

225. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

On the same side people by the name of Russel lived. No trace of house remains.

226. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

On the same side Paddy and Molly Cusack lived. No trace of the house remains.

227. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

People by the name of Carney lived down at the very edge of the River. No trace of the house remains.

228. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Straight on down were two houses belonging to Sedger Fagan and Duff. The land now belongs to Darby. No trace of the houses remain.

229. HOUSE RENOVATED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Coming back to the Boreen, proceed down the far side of Johnny Fagan's and before you come to Jack Farrelly's on the left hand side as you go down, was the home of the Farrelly family. The house has been renovated.

230. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

On the right hand side the high cottage was Paddy Kearney's. He died from outside (skin) cancer and wouldn't be allowed into the Chapel so they brought him to the Graveyard in a horse and cart and buried him straight away.

231. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Jim McDonald lived on the same side not too far away. He married Nellie Carney and the house was hers.

232. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

When passing Johnny Fagan's old home on the right, turn up a lane on the right and on the left hand side at the corner, people by the name of Fagan. Bill Priest's Fagans. No trace of the house remains.

233. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

The next house on the left hand side was where Batt Kearney lived. He was to get married to one of the Loughlin women. He built a house but when he had gotten as far as the window sills, she dropped him and he never finished the house. She married Pat Newman instead and they had three children: Tommy, Leo and May.

234. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

A small bit further on and turn up a small lane to the right was a shop whose owner was Johnny Carney. The father of Jimmy Carney now lives in Athboy. He used to work on the Council.

235. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Coming back to the Boreen, turn right. People by the name of Fagan lived there: Ounie, Pat and Jimmie and sisters: Bridgid and Mary. Mrs. Gret Masssey and Mrs. Nanny Faulkner.

236. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Just over the River lived people by the name of Clerkin. No trace of the house remains.

237. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Back to the Boreen, on the left hand side, almost at the Bog lived the Lynch's. Planting Lynch's lived there for years. Hannagh was married to a Lynch.. No trace of the house remains.

238. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Along the edge of Lynch's Planting, people by the name of Russel lived and later the house was occupied by the Lynch's. No trace of the house remains.

239. HOUSE DERELICT

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Coming back to the Boreen and proceed nearer to the Bog and on the right hand side lived the Newman's: the "Dillie Newman". Later the house was occupied by Paddy Rourke. Paddy had four sons and a daughter: Tommy, Neddy, Paddy, Barney and Mollie. Paddy's brother, Peter lived across the road from here behind Hesnan's. The houses are now derelict.

240. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Across the field from Paddy Rourke's lived people by the name of Bligh: Andie and Margie. They were on the very edge of the Bog and the house they lived in was supposed to be one of the oldest houses of its kind left. It had been there since at least the time of the famine and so was referred to as "a famine house." There were no windows as such but round holes in the wall but without glass. The way the windows worked was with bags of straw and that depended on whatever way the wind was blowing, switching them around to suit the weather. No trace of the house remains.

241. HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TOWNLAND: CLONMORE

Proceeding on straight to the top of the Bog and believe it or not people by the name of Hunt lived in a house there, Birdie Hunt by name. It was built from Bog *lack* which was obtained from the bottom edge of the Bog. You tramped it in a hole with water spread it on the ground like cement and when it dried out it was practically water resistant. Rumour had it that when you walked into Bridies kitchen the delph (dishes) used to rattle on the dresser. People today would say "why did those people build houses in the swamp and on the edge of the Bog?" Well, they had no other option with the landlords in those years. You were not allowed to build on arable land, hence the saying "to Hell or Connaught." So what could they do? Opt for Hell or the Bog or the Swamp. These houses were called Scraw Houses.

LOCAL PIECES OF HISTORY CONCERNING KILDALKEY PARISH

Poet, Patrick McNamee, was born in Kildalkey around the year 1840 in the townland of Ballybrittas and died in 1902. He was a poet and scholar who spoke several languages and was educated by his mother. He wrote many poems about local areas including *The Legend of Frayne*, *The Lay of Trimbletown* and *The History of Meath*. He took a prominent part in the Fenian Movement and he was also well versed in the histories of the old and the new worlds. The Abby in the old graveyard owes its preservation to him for it was he who collected the funds for the repair of this venerable landmark which had almost crumbled away.

On the Carnisle Road down at Battalion Field in front of Tom Canty's place, but further than Johnny Daly's, but on the same lane, are sheds which had been owned by people named May. They lived in a thatched house which was a good bit in off the road. Returning home one evening they found their house had burned down. There was nothing left but one fighting cock sitting on the hedge. Mr. May had bred fighting cocks and there was a big fight coming up. He entered the cock and won. He bought Johnny May's place down at the Wood Boreen with his winnings and that's how the May's came to be around Kildalkey. Johnny, Kit and their sister, Alice May owned the Pub in Kildalkey for years.

KILDALKEY NEW CEMETERY

A plot of land for a cemetery was purchased in 1936 from the Land Commission for £33.

CARNISLE HOUSE

Carnisle House was a bit unusual because there was a private chapel in it. Only on Christmas morning were the general public allowed to use it. The bell would ring out loudly for a full ten minutes to call the local people to attendance. George Canty recounts that his mother remembered very well in days past when she went to Mass with her father and mother in a trap and pony. She was only a small girl at the time. It has been renovated since and people by the name of Flood, Allen and McGlues have lived there since.

MOYRATH CASTLE

Originally built in the Parish of Kildalkey according to the annals of Innisfallen in the year 1219 by the Viceroy Lord Geoffrey. The Manor House and Castle of Moyrath were purchased by William age?? Nugent, second son of William, First Baron of Delvin. Henry Gratton owned Boyrath Castle at the beginning of the 19th century and A. (*do you know the first name*) Potterton rented it from him in 1837. Moyrath Chapel was said to have been separate from the Castle and demolished when it ceased to be used. Before the Reformation it was in constant use and most likely a resident priest was kept. Then weekly services were held in it for it's Protestant owner, tenants and servants until Kildalkey Protestant Church was built in 1704. Rev. James Carey was registered as Parish Priest of Kildalkey and lived at Moyrath. He died in 1730 and was buried in Kildalkey Graveyard.

KILDALKEY GRAVEYARD

Kildalkey Old Graveyard is situated on a Fort and has a well marked Foss??? encircling it. On it's western portion we get an angular bit of a tower house which is all that remains of this military structure. The oldest tomb in the Old Graveyard dates to 1574. Interments have taken place inside the church for over 400 years. The original Celtic Church in Kildalkey is said to have been dedicated to St. Dympna who's Patron Day is on the 15th May. The curious vault or tower is believed to be a watch house or tower to overcome the threat of body snatchers in a radius of forty to fifty miles from Dublin where the medical schools were situated. Generally an old soldier with a gun would keep watch in the graveyard for several seeks after a funeral to protect the corpse.

KILKDALKEY PAROCHIAL HOUSE

A stone slab on a stable wall of the Parochial House bears the inscription W.N. Anno 1725. It is most likely that the Parochial House was built at the same time. Tradition gives Nangle as the builder. The present Parochial House was bought by the Parish in 1884 together with a farm of 32 acres for £200 in 1938.

TUNNEL

The tunnel from the Old Graveyard goes to Johnny Ward's cottage. (*Does the tunnel still exist. If not, I should change it to "A tunnel once existed from the Old Graveyard to Johnny Ward's cottage." Do you want to say what it was used for?*)

KILDALKEY PARISH POPULATION

In the year 1834 there were 2,902 Catholics and 105 non-Catholics in the Parish. In 1838 there were 109 Baptisms, 30 marriages and 32 deaths. In 1933 there were 937 Catholics and 7 non-Catholics in the Parish. In 1938 the corresponding figures were 20, 3 and 7.

ST. DYPNA'S WELL

KILDALKEY BURNED BY THE NORSE

The cemetery within which the Abbey of St. Dympna is situated is supposed to be about the centre of the ancient mudwall of the City of Kildalkey which was burned three times by the Norse. About 10 perch from the Abbey is a Well dedicated to St. Dympna and it's waters are said to possess several cures. The low-lying ground close to the Cemetery is said to have formed part of the principle street of the Ancient City of Kildalkey. None but Catholics are interred there. It is recorded that a great battle was fought at Kildalkey between the Norse and the Irish under O'Neill. The Norse were utterly defeated leaving thousands dead on the battle field. St. Dympna's Well is in the foreground (under repair). Also to the right are mounds in the field which were once mud wall houses, part of the Old City of Kildalkey.

CARNISLE SCHOOL

Father O'Connell, Parish Priest, from 1830 to 1837 wrote that if Kildalkey School receives aid it would at once annihilate all the other wretched schools throughout the Parish of Kildalkey which on account of their cheapness all poor children attended and from which they derive a most wretched education. He also wrote about the same time that it is intended to build a new school at Carnisle and was officially opened on 1st May 1843. A Mr. J. Stack Murphy, Esq. subscribed £30 towards the school at Carnisle. In the nineteen hundreds school teachers at Carnisle School were Mrs. Daly and Miss Murray and then Miss Dunne became permanent teacher. Miss Murray was the present Jimmy Daly's mother, now living down Clonbarron Boreen.

KILDALKEY CHAPEL REPAIR IN 1782

Father O'Reilly repaired the Chapel of Kildalkey in the year 1782 and was successful in getting a belfry erected. However, it was obliged by the Protestant Rector of Athboy who enforced the Penal Statue against Catholic Belfries, to have it taken down. This officious and ungenerous interference coming too from a man who was living on the spoils of the Catholic Church naturally produced a great degree of irritation in the minds of the people. To evade the

Law the bell was suspended from the branches of a tree in the vicinity of the Chapel and from this humble eminence the little bell tinkled on. (From the Diocese of Meath).

SAINT IREANA

Saint Ireana, the founder of Kildalkey was a contemporary of St. Patrick.

KILDALKEY

The property of Mr. Hodgins of Dublin and contains 1,314 acres of which 177½ acres are of bog and the remainder good arable land. The Village of Kildalkey is in the Southern part and has a Roman Catholic Church. There are four Fairs held yearly. Clonbanny House is the residence of Mr. Nangle. There are ruins of an old church and a graveyard.

KILDALKEY PARISH

CLONBARRON HOUSE

Clonbarron House is the residence of the Nangle Family. Built in the year 1641, there are 525 acres of land. Joeceline Nangle lived there around that time. A Coat of Arms imbedded in the wall of an outhouse to the north of the residence represents the Nangle Family who were mercenary soldiers as well as sea faring men. James Nagle, Esq. of Kildalkey signed the Catholic Qualification Roll on the 9th Dec 1779.

FAIR DAYS

There were four Fair Days held in Kildalkey each year. (*Would you like to add something about what a fair day was like. Did people come to sell their sheep, cattle, goods or homemade items? Would people come looking for a wife?*)

PRIESTS BORN IN THE PARISH OF KILDALKEY

Rev. John Flood died, C.C. (*what does C.C. mean?*) Rathmolyon.

Rev. John Fulham died, Parish Priest, Ratoath.

Rev. James Moore C.M. (*what does C.M. stand for*) born Sept 1836, educated at St. Finians and Maynooth, ordained 10th June 1862. Professor at St. Finians, joined the Vincentians and served as Professor and President of Castleknock and President of All Hallows. He died 20th Jan 1923. Dom Aiden White Spinner, O.S.B. (*what does OSB stand for?*). He was educated at St. Finians, Ware and Meredsous and was ordained at Thurles on 11th June 1930.

SLAB ON WALL AT NEW SCHOOL TAKEN FROM OLD CRUCIFORM CHURCH

The Epitaph of Father James Rickard in Athboy Church states that as Parish Priest of Kildalkey from 1814 to 1830, he built a Chapel and two Schools. A slab which was inserted in the wall of the Church would appear to contradict this. It reads: "Dympnae Sanctae ecclesia restaurata anno salautes;" 1815 Jacob Rickard, Pastore. (*I think that the close quote should be at the end of the word Pastore if the slab says '1815 Jacob Rickard, Pastore*) Kildalkey Chapel appears on an 1812 Larkinsh Map as a "T" shaped building. It is cruciform on the Ordnance Map of 1837. No doubt as a result of Father Rickard's restoration it remained in use until 1898. When the present church was opened in 1931, the main aisle of the old church was removed and the remaining portion was renovated so as to form the present Girls School. There was once school in Kildalkey in 1788. Two are described in 1826. One of these being mudwalled.

LADY ISLAND, TRIMBLETOWN

Oilean na Baintagh Earna, property of the Early of Darnley and contains two and three quarters acres being one small field. To reach it, one crosses a footbridge over Trimbletown River opposite the Castle. Trimbletown Castle and lands were owned by Lord Darnley.

TRIMBLETOWN GRAVEYARD AND TABLETOMBS

The Vicarage of Athboy was united with the Vicarage of Ginley and the Rectories of Moyagher, Rathmore and Kildalkey under an act of Council 1678 and in 1830 were under the patronage of the Crown, the Archbishop of Armagh and the Bishop of Meath.

FRAYNE CASTLE

NORMAN CASTLES

Whenever the Normans conquered a locality they at once erected a castle in it. Athboy and Frayne are two such castles. The Normans occupied these castles with strong garrisons of soldiers. From these castles they could subject the native Irish people. Frayne Castle was erected to accommodate one officer and forty archers. Frayne Castle was on the edge of the Pale and as such much have seen much action. A lot of Frayne Castle stands today and the slits are still visible high up on the balcony.

EARL'S MILL

Earl's Mill was built in the year 1809 by Thomas Lynch. The lintel stones under the windows were brought from the Old Protestant Church in Moyrath when it was demolished in 1704.

DONORE CASTLE

In the year 1429 King Henry VI promised a grant of ten pounds to every one of his subjects who built a castle 20 ft. long, 16 ft. wide and 40 ft. high before 1439 in Counties Meath, Dublin, Kildare and Louth. These were also called Tower Houses. Several castles were built around Athboy, Caucestown and Castletown. Donore Castle which is halfway between Ballivor and Longwood is an almost perfectly preserved example of these £10 tower houses. It can be found two miles outside Ballivor by turning left off the Hill-of-Down Road. One cannot miss it down on the left. It has been preserved by the government.

FRAYNE HOUSE, BETTER KNOW AS MOORE'S

Frayne House was supposed to have been built by King James, II who received a grant of 50 acres in Frayne Townland in the mid 1600's. In 1770 the house was occupied by a Mr. Taylor and in 1814 Haman Monford, Esq. A branch of the Hopkins Family rented the house from the Chapmans. The head of the Chapman Family in 1848 was Sr. Benjamin T. Chapman, Bart Clonmellon. (????)

FRAYNE SCHOOL

In 1835 a National School was built of mud and thatch in Frayne. B. Lynch was the School Master and there were 62 children on the rolls in 1835.

A well beside the school is supposed to be a good source of mineral water used as a tonic.

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