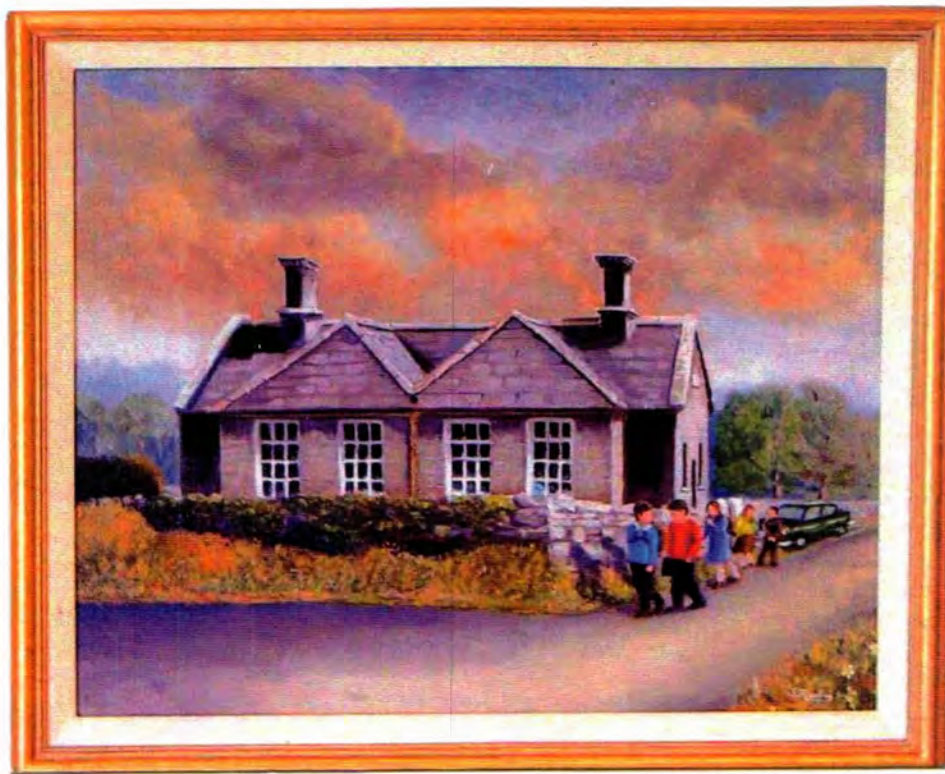
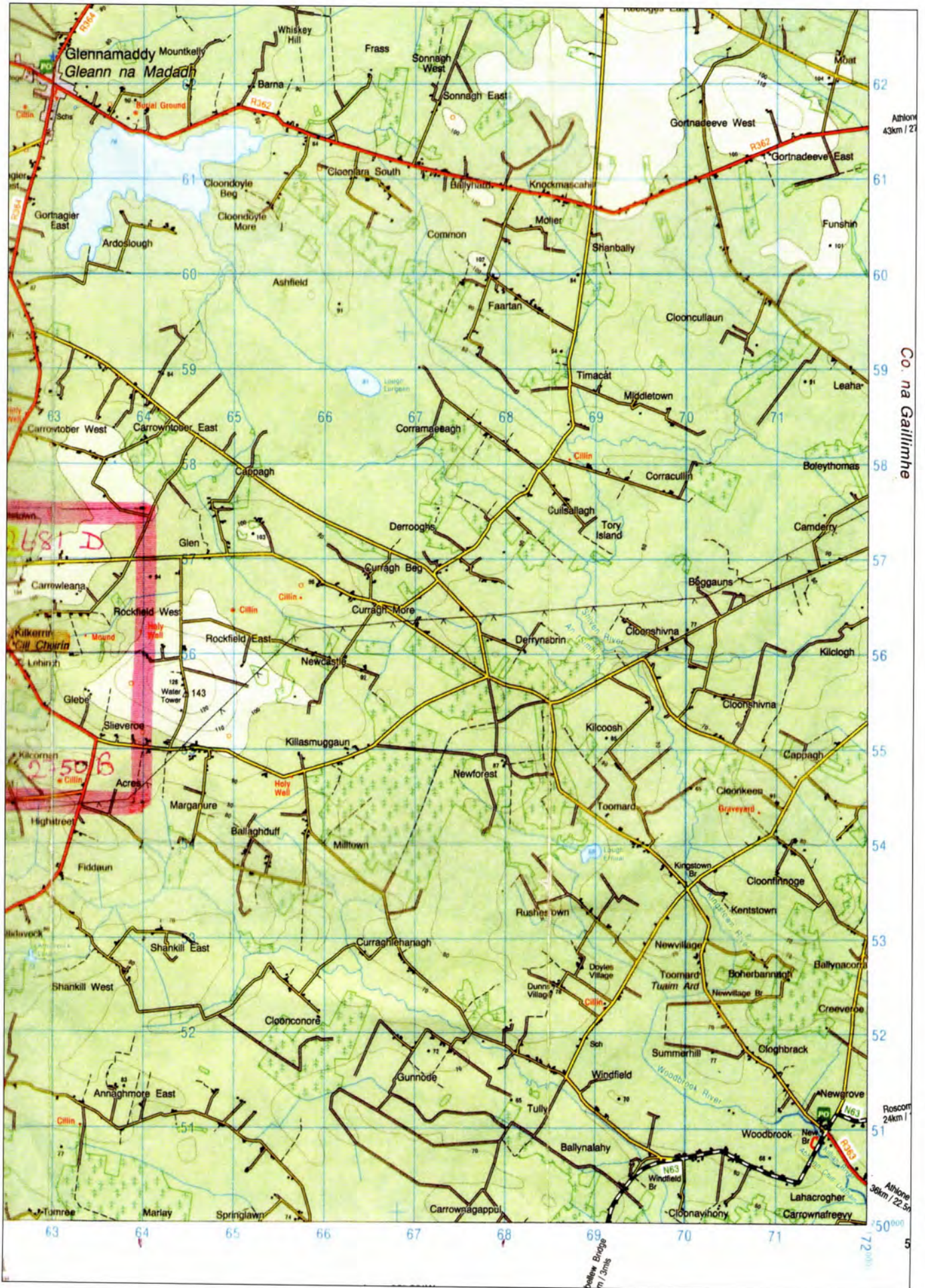


# Curragehmore National School



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## Foreword

A reunion of Curraghmore past pupils was often suggested and long wished for especially at infrequent meetings of past pupils who had shared a school desk and had not encountered any school acquaintances for quite a while. Similar events in the parish and elsewhere had been very successful and inspired a few like minded people to put a notice in the local newsletter to gauge the level of interest in a reunion of past students of Curraghmore national school.

It was evident that there was great enthusiasm and widespread support for this event by the large attendance at the first meeting. Various ideas and suggestions were aired and tentative plans were made to hold the event in August 2010.

A committee was elected that took on the responsibility of finding addresses, fundraising, examining roll books, writing to past pupils, organising the mass, music and celebrations. Past pupils at home and abroad were contacted and invited to submit articles and photographs from bygone days.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the Community Council for making their facilities available, and to all who gave of their time in helping to make this event happen. We thank those who submitted stories and gave family photographs. We wish to express our gratitude to St. Oliver Plunkett's NS and to Maeve Hughes for opening the school to facilitate our research.

This commemorative booklet tells the story of times past through the eyes of past pupils and we hope that you enjoy it. There is an abundance of material available but time constraints meant that we had to be selective. Some local historian may take up the challenge in the future!. Sincere thank you to Jimmy Meehan and his niece Alison Meehan for the Design and Artwork on the covers. We also wish to thank Karan for her work in preparing the booklet for the printers.

A Céad Míle Fáilte to all our past pupils from at home and abroad; we wish you a memorable weekend of reminiscing and catching up. To those of you who cannot make the trip we trust that this booklet will reawaken many happy memories and we will remember you on the day.

All the past pupils and teachers of Curraghmore national school who have gone to their eternal reward may they rest in peace.

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## A Short History of Curraghmore National School

**The Curraghmore area has a long and proud history of education. Documents exist which show that in 1825/26 there was a “pay” school in Tummecatts (Timicat). In 1835 there was a “Day School” in Newforest, with an enrolment of 97 pupils, 70 males, 27 females and the teacher was Mr. Redmond Mullen.**

In September 1831 Edward Stanley, the new Chief Secretary for Ireland proposed a new education system which would provide literacy, numeracy and moral instruction to children of all different religions. The ensuing 1831 Education Act established a state supported national school system in Ireland.

The local, catholic landlord, Mr. James D’Arcy gave a site, for a school, with a 99 year lease to Kilkerrin parish in the 1830s. However, the building erected at this time was of poor quality as money was not available for a more solid construction. The famine of the 1840s had severe consequences for the people of the area. There was a sharp decline in the population and during this dark period, survival rather than education became the main concern of the people.

With the economy improving in the late 1850s, the provision of a school in the Curraghmore area became a priority for the parish. Mr. Richard Darcy provided a site and the construction of a purpose built school for the children of Curraghmore, and its surrounding areas began. The plaque over the south facing door, celebrates the completion of the school in 1860.

Built with faced limestone the school house is approximately square in shape with two porches. The school boasts a hipped roof, which would have been as unusual then as it is now. All of the limestone used in the construction of the school was sourced locally, quarried on lands owned by the D’Arcys. Local lime-kilns supplied quicklime which acted as an excellent building mortar. The stonework on the school building is extremely detailed and as the D’Arcys refurbished their own house and estate in the late 1850s, it is quite probable that they employed the same skilled craftsmen to build the school. Local history indicates that it was the Noone brothers, (owners of the local Derrynabrin Corn Mill) who carried out the detailed roof construction.

The new school house comprised of two separate schools, one for the boys and one for the girls. The boys’ school was established first and had roll number 7707. The girls’ school followed shortly after and had roll number 7724. This arrangement remained in place until 1927 when the two schools became one and boys and girls were educated together. The first register dated 1861 indicates that there was a good attendance of boys. Unfortunately the corresponding register for the girls cannot be located. The first boy on the register was Thomas Ryan aged 15. In those early years it was common for children to enrol at 3 years of age and many stayed at the school until they were 16 or 17 years. The children were taught reading, writing, spelling, grammar, arithmetic and geography.

The majority of attendees came from farming backgrounds and the roll books reveal high absenteeism during the busy farming periods. Typical of that time boys and girls in Curraghmore received separate instruction, with the Master teaching all of the boys in one room and the Mistress teaching all of the girls in the other. A high wall, running through the centre of the playground, existed to enforce this segregation during break times. This wall was later demolished in the 1950’s. A welcome addition to the school grounds came in 1953 when a plot of land adjoining the school was purchased; it became for the most part the boys football grounds. A register dating back to the early years of the 20th century shows a large attendance of late teen and early twenty year olds at evening school in Curraghmore where they studied a range of subjects.

The Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918/19 took its toll on the Curraghmore area, and for the first time since its opening the school was forced to close for a number of weeks.

In the early years there was a strong emphasis on speaking through the English language and children attending school then would have worn tally sticks. The tally stick was a simple stick worn around the neck and each time a word was spoken in Irish a notch was marked on the stick, the pupil was later punished accordingly. This practice was disbanded with the establishment of the Free State and a great emphasis was put on the Irish language, Irish history and Irish sports. From 1922 onwards the names of the girls were entered in the roll books as *Gaeilge* while the boys were not entered as *Gaeilge* until 1928..



Throughout the history of the school inspectors, however unpopular, were frequent visitors holding teachers to account and checking the progress and attendance of the students. Another visitor, who was sure to bring out best behaviour in the students, was the parish priest, who called regularly to examine the children in Christian doctrine and to prepare them for the sacraments.

A list of teachers teaching in the school has been compiled as accurately as possible from the school registers and interviews with local people. A Mrs Hynes was possibly the first teacher. An almost complete list of all pupils to pass through the gates of Curraghmore has been compiled from the existing roll books.

The winds of change blew in the 1970s when a brand new, state of the art Central School was built in Kilkerrin. Curraghmore National School finally closed its doors in May 1977 when its teachers and pupils transferred to St. Oliver Plunkett National School in Kilkerrin Village.

## Priests of the Parish

### Parish Priests

Rev. Henry Kelly	1828- 1864
Rev. Malachy Monahan	1864 - 1872
Rev. Austin O Dwyer	1872 - 1892
Rev. John Concannon	1892 - 1896
Rev. Joseph Maloney	1896 - 1908
Rev. Patrick Colgan	1908 - 1932
Rev. Patrick Waldron	1932 - 1958
Rev. John Keaveney	1958 - 1968
Rev. Michael Godwin	1968 - 1980
Rev. Thomas Lynch	1980 - 1990
Rev. Sean Higgins	1990 - 2005
Rev. Patrick Gilligan	2005 - 2009
Rev. Thomas Commins	2009 -

Rev. James Ronayne	1887 - 1889
Rev. Martin Healy	1889 - 1890
Rev. Michael Donnellan	1890 - 1894
Rev. Bernard McDermott	1894 - 1894
Rev. Francis McDermott	1894 - 1895
Rev. Edward Lavelle	1895 - 1898
Rev. Michael Glynn	1898 - 1899
Rev. Thomas Macken	1899 - 1903
Rev. Patrick Brett	1903 - 1905
Rev. Patrick Nickolson	1905 - 1910
Rev. Patrick Keaveney	1910 - 1911
Rev. Thomas Lynch	1911 - 1913
Rev. Thomas Brett	1913 - 1915
Rev. James Biggins	1915 - 1919
Rev. William Rattigan	1919 - 1922
Rev. Michael Mallone	1922 - 1923
Rev. Michael Concannon	1923 - 1927
Rev. Martin Loftus	1927 - 1942
Rev. Austin Burns	1942 - 1944/45
Rev. Thomas Burke	1944/45 -1946/47
Rev. John Glynn	1946/47 - 1954
Rev. Thomas Dooley	1955 - 1961
Rev. Michael Keane	1961 -1971

### Catholic Curates

Rev. James Geraghty	1866 -1867
Rev. Patrick Waldron	1867 - 1869
Rev. Peter Geraghty	1869 - 1873
Rev. Thomas Hosty	1873 - 1877
Rev. Michael Smyth	1878 - 1880
Rev. Thomas Hosty	1880 - 1886





## Some Fading Memories of Attending School.....Padraig Dowd

I don't exactly remember my first day at school but I did realise after a few days there, that everything had changed. It was fine being carried on the bike by my father but those first days and weeks were long, certainly longer than I was used to. Later, my neighbour, Sean O'Neill carried me to school for a year or two and being in Low Infants, I had the opportunity to nap from two o'clock until three o'clock when the school finished for the day.

St Bridget's National School was an imposing building, made of large grey blocks of stone. It was many years after I first saw it and when I understood the concept of time, that I realised it was already a century old and surely had never changed. It was built to last and so we are here 150 years later. Everything then was solid and unchanging: the school building, the layout of school desks (which also seemed to be a century old judging by the 'rings' and scraped-out ridges on the desk tops) and above all, 'Master' Stephens and Mrs Divilly.

As we progressed through the classes, we talked about former students and were curious as to their whereabouts, but we never got the opportunity of looking at the old roll books.

The school was well positioned, at the centre of three main roads. Behind the girls' play area, there was a triangular area covered by high stone walls. It was a place where the ashes were thrown but fearfully, it was also a place where there were many trees, mainly the 'sally' which provided a regular supply of 'sticks' for meting out punishment or 'slaps' as we called them.

I started school in 1959; generally, you would attend for a few weeks during June to give you a taste of school before the summer holidays would start. Then it was full time from the following September for the next eight years. Mrs Divilly was a delightful lady who I remember as being neatly dressed, orderly and kind. She introduced us all to arithmetic using shells as a tool to show how things were added up and then could be 'taken from' or subtracted. When you got to 'Second Class' (in other words, year four), you had to include the date on a story or essay that you wrote; getting that correct was a major challenge when you got to school in January of the following year. It was difficult to comprehend that not only was it a new month but also to remember that it was a new year.

A greater adventure was writing with ink and nibs from those ink wells on the desk; you ended up with blobs all over your notebook, your hands and your clothes. Once in a while you got the chance to make the ink itself using a mix of water and blue powder which was all stored in large clay pots that would not be out of place in a Biblical scene.

On rare occasions Mrs Divilly would miss a day from school. This was a cause of great delight as we would be supervised by some of the older pupils from the Master's room. The day started at nine o'clock with the roll being taken at 10.00am which determined whether you had actually attended school for that day. On an odd occasion, the 'Cigire' would show up and one of the first things that he would do was to inspect the roll book. It was never clear to us who he was but we did recognise that he was important, certainly in the eyes of the teachers.

Once you had been carried to school for a few months, you had to walk there and then back in the evening; generally, you had a neighbour who would look after you. My neighbour Sean O'Neill looked after me for a while and then Bridie McLoughlin; of course, after a few years, we were more independent and then had the responsibility of looking after our own brothers, sisters and neighbours. We always believed that being in Timicat and three miles from the school, we had the greatest distance to walk to school each day. Our neighbour, Michael Joe McLoughlin, had technically the greatest distance; in any event, it was much further than the Brehenys from Ballaghduff or the Mannions from Milltown had to travel. On those wet days in November when you set off for home with a driving horizontal rain, you had to question how the Higgins and Conneelys

got it so right to be five minutes or less from the school.

For some years, the road to Curraghmore was made of sand that was pressed by what was to us a giant roller; such a road made walking difficult that distance tiring at all times with sand and stones in your wellingtons being a major source of additional pain. Wellingtons were the standard footwear in such a damp climate and they generally kept your feet dry except when you had to face the driving rain (again) that cut across from the open fields as you walked home leaving you with red rings on your legs where the hail stones met the top of your wellingtons. It was sometime in the early 1960s that the road was 'tarred' which was a revolution in terms of comfort. The only downside was all that melting tar in Summer when it messed up your shoes and invariably, white socks. Of course, we then had the roads to ourselves and were entirely safe with no danger of being run-over. Over the years, a few cars were spotted. My neighbour, Anthony Killilea, was the expert on cars, makes and registrations and his notebook had details of up to seven cars when he left school.

Walking to school had its advantages; apart from all of the exercise, you observed things that would otherwise have gone unnoticed. When the Master talked about the evidence that Spring had arrived, you were not only able to observe it but could do so as it emerged gradually everyday from the appearance of the birds, the daffodils in Finneran's garden, the buds on the apple trees in Noone's garden and the frog spawn and water lilies in the roadside drains. When you had to recite all of the bacon and sugar beet factories in Ireland, you were able to link it all to what every farmer along the way to school was doing to contribute to the (1958) First Programme for Economic Expansion. When we discussed why Ireland had first call on all of the Atlantic rains and why it was so green, we had all the daily evidence that was needed.

As we walked to school, we strived to spot all of the birds and trees of Ireland that the Master told us about. We were able to understand distance and area and measured the fields along the roadside in terms of acres, roods and perches. This translated into who had the best and biggest fields and farms, the main source of wealth in the West of Ireland. And as we stood around that large map of Ireland (in Irish, of course), we started to understand everything in terms of one's homeland and how Ireland interacted with other countries such as England and the USA. To England we sent agricultural produce, and to both of them we sent many of our finest people. One of my clearest recollections is of one morning on my way to school, Bridie McLoughlin brought me in to see and say goodbye to Johnny Killilea who was returning to England with his mother making his breakfast for him, an experience that we knew about every year as people came and went. With all this geography, we began to understand that Ireland was a country with little natural resources and where you had to have a high degree of self-reliance.

When it came to history, we learned about Cú Chulainn, Setanta and all the Celtic folklore and identity. 1966 came along and the school was draped in material about the Rising, all the heroes, etc. We were furnished with copies of the Proclamation and heavens help anyone who did not know its seven main signatories or ask what role de Valera had to play in it.

Moving into the Master's room meant that you were moving on as it were but it also brought much more work. You would get all your new books in Summer just before you broke up with the excitement of a new book likely to be tarnished the following September when you had to learn poems that were much longer such as *The Listeners* by Walter de la Mere and then increase your vocabulary with more big words. The person with the flair for the best use of new, big words and interest in all sports was Martin Breheny who continues to exhibit that flair to this day. It was sometime around 1965 when he perfectly linked up 'pugnacious' and 'pugilist' with Cassius Clay who had just beaten Sonny Liston. Of course, the first thing you had to do with new school books was to cover them as soon as possible which involved a search for paper of any kind. The move to the Master's room was also fraught with the threat of the cane which could come swiftly.

We all had a break at eleven o'clock and lunch at around twelve thirty. We would all trample out to the

school yard which was fine during Summer and dry, frosty weather; however, in the dark, wet days of Winter, we had to huddle in the turf shed with all of its peaty and damp smell with nothing to do.

In the frosty weather, the icy path was used to play 'toss a penny' or that is what I remember it with the winner being the person who pitched a coin closest to a stone. The icy and snowy weather also made for a great slide down towards the toilet shed; the debate on many occasions was whether Mrs Divilly would be able to negotiate her way there in her high heels.

The drying weather of Spring and into Summer allowed us to play football without bringing most of the field back into school on our wellingtons. The Meehan and the Higgins families provided the good footballers who went on to show their skills in later years in Croke Park. I was largely useless at football and the only time that as a school we had any claim to fame was when we won the national school football competition at the Kilkerrin Sports Day, and Mick Higgins generously treated us all to choc-ices. This was also the time of the Galway '3 in a row' team and we could list every player in every position. Our interest was helped by the Master putting a shilling into play for whoever guessed the result of those All Ireland Finals.

Other things were changing with the introduction of electricity although I don't recall it being in the school. Piped water started to emerge and we would stop at Martin McLoughlin's tap outside his house for the clear, cold water that emerged before continuing down to Finneran's pump. More cars were appearing; maybe it was a small Celtic kitten that we did not see!

The two large rooms in the school did not lend themselves to energy efficiency. There was a large fire-place in each room which required generous amounts of turf and occasionally timber. It was a requirement of every parent to provide a horse/cart load of turf each Autumn to the school. It was clear from the different textures and type of turf that either there were many varieties of bog in the hinterland or that the farming of the turf left much to the imagination. On many occasions, you needed an excellent draw in the chimney and

the wind blowing in the right direction not to be suffocated by smoke, something not helped by the dampness of the turf. We would always want our father to bring his turf to the school shortly after lunch and with the Master in good form, we would get away early that day and have a lift home in the horse cart.



Padraig, Sean and Rory Dowd.

School finished in mid July; the tradition was that the teachers would bring large boxes or jars of sweets, typically Colleen's or Cleave' toffees, to share out with the pupils on the last day. There was a constant search of the Master's car in the preceding days to see whether he had bought them yet.

When we finished in the Summer of 1967, the school had 72 pupils, a peak which was quickly followed by a decline that eventually led to its closure and pupils being carried by bus to the national school in Kilkerrin. We all wondered at the great record of Liam Higgins in not having missed a single day at school which the Master recognised. As we left, we had learned a considerable amount about life and the world; yet, did not know how much we did not know. Fifty years on, many of those people that I interacted with have since moved on to another world, may they rest in peace.



## A Sporting Start..... Liam Higgins

“Who did you think played well “ asked Mr Stephens, as I dutifully raked the embers for the only heat of tomorrow. “John Keenan”, I replied having watched the flame haired Dunmore man rip the Dubs apart with a personal tally of 2-5 in a league match in Tuam November 1964. Keenan was one of the boyhood heroes then, for a 10 year old who was blessed to be alive in the Golden Galway 3 in-a-row era. It was my first inter-county game. The “teddy boys” ran amok at half-time but order was restored and my father and Master drank pints in Quinns after the game and the young fella sipped orange.

Games and school went hand in hand. There was no Cumann na mBunscol or fancy stadia, just two hastily chosen squads and a rock hard or mud bath playground ,depending on the weather. Times were hard and footballs scarce. Joy was unbridled when someone returned from a fair with a spanking new plastic sphere to replace the innovative padded clod of turf or squeegee bottle which was supposed to be the object of attention in our games of football, rugby and continuous scraps, as we strove to emulate the feats of a Tierney, Mc Donagh, Tyrrell,Gibson or Kiernan of our era.

Cycling the 10 miles to Slammon’s field in Clonberne, with a man on the bar and another on the carrier, was second nature to the bigger boys at the time and the battles with Mahanagh, Lehrin, Kilkerrin and Shankill Nationals were legendary. The abiding memory of my own National School football was the day we “brought home the bacon” dair le Frank Halvey, in the sports in Brannan’s Field against Kilkerrin. Mannions, Meehan, Halvey, Conneelys, Breheny and Dowd stood tall on a day I was told to look after a dangerous forward, Declan Geraghty. His big brother John taught me all I knew about goalkeeping in later years in Coláiste Seosaimh. Assistant manager Michael Higgins, Junior, played no small part in that historic success with his no nonsense approach and support both on and off the field.

Watching the Senior players from Cappagh and Curraghmore do battle with mighty Milltown in Jack Donnellan’s or returns in Michael Ryan’s are especially memorable. Arguments over whether the ball was inside or outside a rush, or not, often spilt into school next day and were sometimes settled on the way home away from the glare of the media and headmaster. All would be forgotten when those two forces would amalgamate to take on neighbouring, Paul Connaughton led, Carn na gCapall in Mountbellew or the Farm, the popular mode of transport being tractor and trailer.

From those humble surrounds some of us went on to represent our club and county with reasonable success. It was a proud day in Croker September 1970 when past pupils Johns Meehan and Higgins climbed the steps of the Hogan a  laying the Kerry replay bogey in the All-Ireland minor final. I was especially delighted to see  John Divilly, The Glebe, win a senior All- Ireland in 1998 as his granny Mrs .Divilly was the junior teacher in Curraghmore when we were snotty-nosed infants.

A good grounding in the Modhanna Fothuite Caite and Orduitheach stood me in good stead as I headed for St. Pat's training college in the early 70's and I had the privilege of completing my teaching practise in my old stomping ground. It was an interesting experience from the other side of the fence, so to speak.

Ballina became my adopted town where I have taught in Scoil Phadraig N.S. for the past 36 years watching former pupils Kevin McStay, Jimmy Browne and Liam McHale achieve all- Star recognition. No All-Ireland yet, mind you, but as long as the native shore wins an odd one I'm happy. I've continued my involvement in sport as a player, manager and a referee with famed Ballina Stephenites but I can't ever forget the fair sporting start to life I got in Curraghmore, Glenamaddy and Kilkerrin-Clonberne.

*Beirigi bua.*



**Curraghmore Tuam, Three-in-a-row; 7 a side. Back Row: Anto Higgins, John Meehan, Sean Higgins, Jimmy Meehan, Bernard Halvey. Front Row: Mick Higgins (Trainer), Michael Meehan, Ray Higgins, Tom Meehan, Michael Higgins, Tom Meehan (Mentor)**

## My Curraghmore Experience..... James Dillon

**I was born in Tunbridge Wells, Kent which is in the South-east of England (approximately 30 miles south of London).**

On Tuesday 1st May 1962, when I was almost 10 years old, I stepped off the mailboat onto the pier at Dun Laoighre carrying a wooden box containing the Dillon family's pet cat. I cannot remember if the boat we sailed on that day was the *Princess Maud* or the *Cambria*. Undoubtedly, these names will be only too familiar to many of you who will read this. It was my fifth and final trip on the mailboat. The family had been to Ireland on two previous occasions for holidays but, as my mother had inherited the "home place" in Newforest, we were now going to reside permanently in Ireland.

I attended St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School in Tunbridge Wells until the end of April 1962. At that time in England there was free school transport – a special bus ticket allowed you to travel on a scheduled service, so I travelled to school each day on a British Leyland double decker. Each child wore a school uniform; the school was centrally heated and sanitation facilities were modern and well maintained. All children were provided with a hot dinner at lunchtime and small bottles of milk were available each morning and afternoon. Physical Education [PE] comprised of organised games of soccer, rounders and cricket. Swimming was taught in the local pool and the school had a fully equipped gym. Each class had 20-25 pupils and there was one teacher per class. Discipline consisted of writing out lines or being made to stand at the back of the class – caning was the exception rather than the norm. There were regular school outings to London, Hastings and Brighton.

After a brief 'holiday', my sisters Catherine and Eileen, and myself resumed our education at Curraghmore National School. On the morning of Monday 14th May 1962 I was enrolled in 3rd Class in the Master's room as number 79 on the new register. The contrast between the school environment in St. Augustine's and Curraghmore was significant, to say the least, and delivered a major culture shock.

Organised school transport did not exist and for the first few weeks we got a lift in the Master's Ford Anglia. After that it was Shank's mare and I well remember that broad green path through the "farm", which was worn free of rushes and thistles by the feet of generations of children, including my own mother, grandfather and great-grandfather. The grass was short and was ideal for 'slides' when the weather was damp. This cross-country route was varied occasionally – sometimes we walked home via the 'Five Roads' usually on the day of the summer holidays.

There was a school uniform of sorts – almost all of us wore wellingtons!, and many of the lads had a green or brown corduroy 'suit'. In the summer I seem to recall that many children wore brightly coloured plastic sandals and they were not called cros!

Central heating was non-existent. There was a large open fire at the centre of the external wall and the Master's desk was beside this fire. Temperature control was manual and was governed by (a) the amount of turf used, and/or (b) the proportions of spodge to stone turf available in the school shed. Each family had to bring a load of turf to the school and there seemed to be a rough rule of thumb – a heaped horse cart with creels for the larger families and a pony cart/ass cart for the smaller families.

Sanitation was basic. Your upraised arm and the words "bhfuil cead agam dul amach" allowed you to avail of the dubious delights of the external toilet block. If you were lucky a piece of paper torn from the Connacht Tribune, Tuam Herald, Sunday Press/Irish Press (most people were Fianna Fail) was available, and the entire was topped off by a sprinkling of turf mould. It was my first introduction to organic waste management.

In Curraghmore you brought your own lunch to school. This generally comprised homebaked brown

bread or soda bread spread with butter and Lambs mixed fruit jam, and was eaten alfresco in the school yard. I recall that in our first few weeks there was a limbo period and we ate our lunch and drank our bottle of diluted Pak orange in the classroom. This did not last long as no school child likes to be regarded as different.

In Curraghmore National School mischevious behaviour and failure to attend to your scholarly duties were not tolerated. Discipline was strict and swiftly administered by the application of a number of strokes from a sally rod, frequently one with a split end, to a reluctantly outstretched palm. Such discipline was common at the time in both national and secondary schools but, needless to say, would not be tolerated nowadays. I would not admit it at the time, but with the benefit of hindsight, I can say that in my case some of it was probably well deserved!!.

Organised PE was unheard of. "Games" as I understood it was replaced by football. This was very confusing for me as 'football' was not soccer!. It was the period of the golden era in Galway football and every lunchtime, if a ball was available, a game was hastily arranged between two teams. Each team was invariably captained by a Meehan or a Higgins, and your level of football prowess was immediately apparent from your place in the "picking" order. Even at that early stage I was left in no doubt as to the direction my football career would take – South!. When the ball was punctured or burst, pitching was the alternative pastime.



September 1957: On my first day at school  
With my sisters Eileen (left) and Catherine (right).

However, sharp and all as they may be, these contrasts were only peripheral. Children attend school to learn. In this regard the experience of seeing five classes [3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th] containing children ranging in age from eight years to fourteen years, being taught in the same room by the Master was entirely new to me. This had a bearing on two incidents that I remember vividly from my early months in Curraghmore.

The first of these related to my initial acquaintance with the Irish language. Before I started in Curraghmore the only Irish phrases I knew were “oscail an doras” and “dun do bheal”!. The first Irish book I had was called ‘Geatai an Eolais, leabhar a IV’ and it contained a story about birds. When the Master was explaining the story to the class he asked what the word ‘spideog’ meant. A number of hands were raised and after a brief hesitation my hand also went upwards. Of course I was selected and an immediate hush came over the entire room as everybody wanted to hear what the new kid on the block had to say. I answered that spideog meant spider – well the words are fairly similar!!. My answer was followed by peals of laughter from everybody. One small boy, whose face now matched the colour of his hair, was instructed in no uncertain terms that the spideog was the robin and that the spider was the ‘duan alla’. This lesson I have never forgotten. Despite this less than favourable introduction I developed a liking for the Irish language and can still manage a basic ‘comhra’ when the occasion arises.

The second incident relates to English reading. As a young child I enjoyed reading and could cope fairly well with difficult words and phrases. In addition when I arrived at Curraghmore I came equipped with a sharp English accent. Fr. Keane was a regular visitor to the school and each time he called the Master asked me to read some English prose. The entire classroom went silent as everyone listened to my perfect English speaking tone!!, and there were the usual smirks and nudges. I am not that slow on the uptake and I quickly realised that nobody from any of the other classes was asked to read, and I guessed that it had something to do with my English accent. From our history books we learned that in a few generations the Normans became “more Irish than the Irish themselves”. Well, they were only in the ha’penny place!. When I returned to school in September 1962, I was again asked to read. But this time the prose was delivered in a fine broad brogue. Fr. Keane’s surprise and disappointment were far exceeded by my delight as I was no longer singled out for individual attention.

Least anyone should think that I feel that I suffered in some way from the period in Curraghmore – far from it. Children are adaptable beings and I feel privileged to have experienced those years. School after all is about education and I can honestly state, without fear of favour, that the thorough grounding I got during my three years in National School formed a solid foundation for my future education.

My days in Curraghmore also introduced me to the delights of wild strawberries, sloes, haws, rose hips, fraughans and ‘caor conns’ [which I now know are the fruit of the whitebeam]. Another favourite snack was a young turnip – Mick Miskell never had a great yield in the area near the headland beside the school boren!

Finally, some of you may be wondering what happened to the cat that crossed the Irish Sea in the wooden box on May Day 1962. Unfortunately, he disappeared after three weeks. He possibly became a victim in the traditional battle between cat and dog. Another theory I have is that he couldn’t handle the change in diet – ‘Whiskas’ was not available in Kilkerrin at that time!.



## Memories of Curraghmore School ..... Moyra Higgins Magner

**I was three years old and probably one of the youngest students to attend Curraghmore National School and as Margaret Finneran, a student at the time, reminded me I cried all day after my father Mick Higgins left me there. My parents Mick and Bridie Higgins lived a short distance down the road from the school and they decided an early start in school for me would provide them a chance to get more work done around the place. I was left in the care of Mrs. Divilly, who taught infants to second year, and Mr. Hoban, who taught classes three to six or seven.**

Mrs Divilly often sent me to Mr. Hoban's classroom because at three years old I was at times too much of a distraction even in infants class. Either Eddy Coen, Mickey Noone or Jarlath Tracey were assigned to watch me and when I stopped crying I began to enjoy my school experience and the many wonderful students I got to know at Curraghmore School.

Curraghmore School was made up of two large classrooms and students walked to school winter and summer. In those days there were no school buses and only a few hackney cars around. The school had no central heating and the children's families, who could afford it were expected to bring a load of turf to help in heating the school. In the winter the children were permitted to keep their top coats on.

Mrs. Divilly and Mr. Hoban had a lot of students to control and they were very strict teachers. I remember Mr. Hoban used to keep a large supply of sally rods which he used often to discipline students. Some of the older boys used to wait until Mr. Hoban wasn't looking and when they got a chance they would throw out his supply. When the Master realized his supply was gone he would take out his pen knife, step outside and cut a new batch! The students would rush to the windows to watch him gathering a new supply. As he turned to come back they all made a mad dash to be in their seats when he came through the door.

School hours ended when Mr. Hoban said they did. One evening in the fall when it was getting dark a student got up and walked out of Mr. Hoban's classroom without Mr. Hoban's permission. He was going home to help his father pick spuds. Mr. Hoban used up more than one sally rod on him the next day. The Master was fond of saying "this hurts me more than it does you". I am sure the students who felt Mr. Hoban's sally rods would disagree with that statement.

I have many fond memories of Curraghmore School and all the wonderful families and neighbours such as the Naughtons, Halveys, Faheys, Meehans, McLoughlins and Noones who were all warm, gracious people and knowing them and attending Curraghmore School has enriched my life immensely.



Michael, Anto, Liam, Sean and Ray Higgins

## The Ballad of Father Gilligan **William Butler Yeats**

*THE old priest, Peter Gilligan,  
Was weary night and day;  
For half his flock were in their beds,  
Or under green sods lay.*

*Once, while he nodded on a chair,  
At the moth-hour of eve,  
Another poor man sent for him,  
And he began to grieve.*

*"I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,  
For people die and die";  
And after cried he, "God forgive!  
My body spake, not I!"*

*He knelt, and leaning on the chair  
He prayed and fell asleep,  
And the moth-hour went from the fields,  
And stars began to peep.*

*They slowly into millions grew,  
And leaves shook in the wind,  
And God covered the world with shade,  
And whispered to mankind.*

*Upon the time of sparrow chirp  
When the moths come once more,  
The old priest, Peter Gilligan,  
Stood upright on the floor.*

*"Mavrone, mavrone! the man has died,  
While I slept on the chair."  
He roused his horse out of its sleep,  
And rode with little care.*

*He rode now as he never rode,  
By rocky lane and fen;  
The sick man's wife opened the door:  
"Father! you come again."*

*"And is the poor man dead?" he cried,  
"He died an hour ago."  
The old priest, Peter Gilligan,  
In grief swayed to and fro.*

*"When you were gone, he turned and died  
As merry as a bird."  
The old priest, Peter Gilligan,  
He knelt him at that word.*

*"He who hath made the night of stars  
For souls who tire and bleed,  
Sent one of His great angels down  
To help me in my need.*

*"He who is wrapped in purple robes,  
With planets in His care,  
Had pity on the least of things  
Asleep upon a chair."*

## I see His Blood upon the Rose **Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887–1916)**

*I SEE his blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,  
His body gleams amid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower;  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but his voice—and carven by his power  
Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree.*

## What It Said in the Paper ..... Martin Breheny

**Monday, 27 September 1965. A happy day in Galway as the county celebrated the previous day's All-Ireland football final win over Kerry in what was the second leg of the famous All-Ireland treble.**

We were all in giddy humour in school and, with the lunch devoured quicker than you could say 'Up Galway', we were lining up for an All-Ireland re-run on the Croke Park pitch that, for that day at least, was the Curraghmore yard. The pitch dimensions weren't quite right but, hey, who cared? One flick of the imagination switch and we were surrounded by the Hogan and Cusack Stands, Hill 16 and the Canal End.

Trouble was that nobody wanted to play for Kerry, with the result that it was Galway all the way as we re-enacted the previous day's game and the heroic exploits of the maroon-and-white boys which of course included Kilkerrin pair, Johnny Geraghty and Christy Tyrrell.

All-Ireland over and Sam Maguire safely in Galway hands we went back inside to find 'The Master' with an 'Irish Press' in his hand. Conscious that whatever chance there was of getting some work done if it involved Galway's win, he started to read the match report.

Then, for some reason, he handed the paper over to me with an instruction to read the rest of the report. Heaven or what? To hell with the Battle of the Boyne, the principal towns of Monaghan, Cavan or wherever and the possessive case, this was something entirely different.

I'm in school time and I'm reading Mick Dunne's report on how Galway put Mick O'Connell, Mick O'Dwyer, Johnny Culloty and Co. in their box.

I'm convinced to this day that it helped shape the direction I later took and which includes writing match reports of All-Ireland finals and all the other great GAA occasions. Alas, my football skills were never going to take me onto Galway teams (John and Jimmy Meehan, Sean and Liam Higgins had a monopoly on real football talent in Curraghmore around then) so I reckoned the next best thing was to write about it.

The great Galway three-in-a-row team was an inspiration to everybody who had any interest in football and I believe that the combination of their influence, plus the grounding in English that I got in Curraghmore, played a huge part in shaping the direction my life took.

The fact that Johnny Geraghty started teaching in Colaiste Seosaimh, Glenamaddy in my first year there further increased my interest in sport. Several years later, as I tried to begin a career in journalism, I was very lucky to come under the patient wing of the late JPB Burke, Editor of the Tuam Herald, who was, without doubt, the best journalist I have ever met.

I have no doubt that influences which may not appear remotely important at the time shape all our lives to a far greater extent than we may realise. Galway going well in football, 'The Master' producing the paper after big games, Johnny Geraghty teaching in 'Glan' and JP Burke willing to take a chance on a young fella from Ballaghduff were all influences which came in a sequence that I would only link together many years later.

Of course school wasn't without the bad days. Get the spellings wrong and two slaps were on their way. It wouldn't be allowed now but have you noticed how the standard of spelling (not to mention grammar) has deteriorated? The risk of getting two slaps tended to make you remember that there were two Cs and two Ms in the word accommodation!

Different times, different world. Tell the modern generation of cart loads of turf being ferried to school by ass, of three-mile walks through fields to school whatever the weather, of blazing fires which scorched a small part of the classroom and left the rest like an Arctic outpost and of copies, lined up on school windows, being

destroyed by crows which somehow came down the chimney and were trying to escape. You simply wouldn't be believed!

And as for the little mice who scurried out from under the skirting boards to seize stray crumbs, sure we had names for them all. It was all part of life in Curraghmore school in my time in the 1960s and before and after too.

None of us can ever say for sure that a place or a particular time made us exactly what we are but it all feeds into the overall package. And if I have one abiding memory of Curraghmore, it's the day I read from the Irish Press about Galway's great All-Ireland win.

Nowadays, I'm very friendly with Mick O'Dwyer, the great Kerryman who played at full-forward in the 1965 All-Ireland where, by his own admission, Noel Tierney didn't give him a ball. We meet every six weeks or so for a chat and a laugh and I never miss a chance to remind him of how Galway tormented Kerry during his playing days.

"Bad cess to the lot of ye, sure I never had a moment's peace with ye," he will complain.

And I'll remind him of 1963-64-65 when Galway beat Kerry in three successive All-Ireland championships. I'll remind him especially of 1965 because thanks to 'The Master' and that Monday afternoon in Curraghmore, I can still recall much of what Mick Dunne wrote in the Irish Press.

Galway Minor Team, All Ireland Champions 1970



Our picture of the Galway team features: (standing, from left) John Tobin (Tuam Stars), Tom O'Connor (Killanin), Peter Silke (Dunmore MacHales), Joe Corcoran (St. Michael's), captain; P. J. Meehan and Seán Higgins (both Kilkerrin-Clonberne), Stephen Cloonan (Athenry), Michael Geraghty (Glenamaddy), Iomar Barrett (Mountbellew) and John Kemple (Tuam Stars). R.I.P.; (front row) Michael Walsh (Oughterard) started at full-forward but was replaced by John Meehan who started in the replay.

The score in the drawn game was: Galway 1-8, Kerry 2-6. Replay: Galway 1-11, Kerry 1-10.

— J.C.

## **My Memories of Curraghmore National School** ..... Anne Coen (*Anne Carton*)

**My family have a long association with Curraghmore National School. My Grandmother Anne Treacy went to school there, as did my mother Julia Madden and all of my brothers and sisters and later many of my nephews and nieces too.**

I started school in Curraghmore in 1933. My first teacher Mrs Blake taught us all subjects through English. When we went into third class, our teacher Mr. James Hoban taught us all subjects through Irish. He was a very good teacher but very strict.

During the winter months the Master would ask two of the boys to light the fire in the classroom. The children brought two sods of turf to school every morning. Some of the parents brought a cart load instead and that did for the year. We had no running water so the Master would again ask two of the boys to go to the well for water. I think it was Moran's well. At lunchtime we would have bread and butter and a bottle of milk and we played games like 'Jackstones', 'Fools' and 'Hide and Seek'. The boys played in one yard and the girls in another.

We all had little chores to do before and after school. Sometimes when we were going to school in the mornings we would drive the cows to the pasture field after they had been milked as it was on our way. I remember one morning before we went to school one of our hens brought in fourteen beautiful chicks that she had hatched out on the ditch. The fox visited our hens a few times and he never left empty handed. However, my mother would easily spot the decrease in numbers at feeding time. Our neighbour had a gander and we were terrified of him, he used to chase us and hit us with his big wings.

When it came to getting holidays the Master brought in his gramophone and played it for us. He also brought in a big can of sweets. Then we went home by the Five Roads which was the long way and we had a great evening. We were easily pleased then.



Anne Coen

## Reflections

As told by **Grett Stephens** to her grandson **James Mahoney** in 2005, when she was 84 years old and he was 11.

**My Grandmother Grett Stephens** attended this school in the 1920's and 1930's. The teachers instilled a great love of learning in their pupils. There was a huge emphasis on the 3 R's and all the pupils excelled in penmanship. **Headline copies were used.**

**My Grandmother remembers the following headlines:**

**"Command your tongue and temper"**

**"Cleanliness is next to Godliness"**

The pupils studied Geography - mainly from wall maps- and they learned continents, countries, oceans, mountains, rivers and capital cities off by heart. Shakespearian plays were read. My Grandmother could recite extracts from Coriolanis. Needlework, knitting and cookery were taught and female pupils carried apple pies and fruit cakes home across the fields and fences.

Everyone had the same school lunch - oaten bread carried in the pocket - no wrapping needed. The schoolbags and clothes were home made.

There was a high level of pupil absenteeism especially in the Spring and Autumn. Boys would be kept at home to help with farm work and girls would have to care for younger siblings and keep house while the parents toiled in the fields. Secondary education was not an option in the 1930's but in the mid 1940's some students went to secondary schools as boarders in Tuam, Galway and elsewhere. They excelled in their chosen professions.



Grett Stephens

**My mother, Margaret Mary Stephens - known to all as Grett,** walked through the fields (Alice Taylor style) to Curraghmore N.S from the mid 1920's to 1933. These were hard, harsh and austere times in rural Ireland where everyone was equal - equally poor. Childhood was short in those days and hard manual labour was the order of the day. Corporal punishment at home and at school was prevalent. **The child-centred curriculum, with its emphasis on active learning was unheard of and many people have painful memories of the education system.**

However, my mother always spoke fondly of her school days and kept in touch with her old school pals as best she could by snail mail and later on by telephone. She always acknowledged that Curraghmore N.S provided her with a good basic education, a love of learning and culture and an enquiring mind - an education that stood her in good stead when she emigrated to Manchester in the 1940's.

Grett passed away in August 2008 aged 87. This reunion celebration would have been a highlight in her life. On her behalf I extend congratulations to the organising committee and wish all the past pupils of Curraghmore National School a most enjoyable weekend.

**Mary G. Mahoney**

## All Roads Lead to Curraghmore NS ..... Cathy Halvey Goodwin

**We arrived at the stoney, grey fortress of learning from the wide road that accommodated bands of “scholars” making their way from Sliebhroe, Glen, Cappagh, Milltown, Curraghmore and Curraghbeg.**

The days when we managed to get to the forked road leading to the double entrances before our pals from Derry, Timicat, Kilsallagh, Dernabrin, Newcastle, Curraghamaeigh and Bealach Dubh, were days of special victory; if there was no teacher’s car at the entrance, we were truly the first and best. Of course, it meant that we had a bit of time to consult with the budding Euclids among us about some mathematical problem in our homework, or make another attempt at memorizing difficult lines from a poem “without rhyme or reason”

Once the big green doors swung open and we had hung our coats on huge pegs that seemed like giant sheep hooks, we marched to our desks determined to unlock some more of life’s great mysteries. By far the most daunting task was getting just the right amount of ink from the inkwells onto those long pen nibs and then writing smoothly on the snow white parchment of our three-penny copybooks without blobs dripping all over the page. A rare achievement!

The mornings were filled with a flurry of activities and a studious buzz filled the big classroom which contained as many as five different classes. Somehow, the teacher kept everything and everyone on schedule. While some classes strained their intellectual might to add and subtract sly arrangements of numbers, others clenched their pencils and pens with enough force to keep looping letters almost on the lines, while the more advanced risked copying a full headline from the blackboard. The pressure to succeed was made all the greater by the presence of a sibling within earshot who was sure to tell at home about the least blunder or mishap.

There was always someone out on the dusty floor waving a hand in the air to the sound of a mumbled “An bhfuil cead agam dul amach?” If the teacher did not immediately notice, other little bladders became contagiously uncomfortable and would also have to join the toilet trail.

After lunch was over, the day seemed to drag. Often it became necessary to practice a few pranks in order to get through some dull exercise. Throwing small wads of paper at random across the room was a favourite, while the ability to emit bizarre noises with would-be ventriloquist skill was only tried by the bravest. Such forays into the world of entertainment could bring down humiliating punishment from a tired teacher, even if the unspoken admiration of one’s pals only increased.

The sweetest time of all was when the books were bundled into bags and we tore through those big green doors at the close of another school day. Now we could relax on the easy road home.

Heading out, we strained for sightings of Noone’s big sow, the most monstrous creature we had ever laid eyes upon. It must have been rather stubborn too, we figured, because there was always someone roaring orders at it. Continuing on for another quarter of a mile, our senses were filled with the sight and scent of hundreds of pink roses adorning Mick Conneely’s garden. We would linger with our Higgins’ pals in the hope of getting a glimpse of an amazing life-size doll, which we believed was the most unique creation in the whole world.

After another short distance, we reached the social highlight of the journey. Over the stone wall around her thatched cottage, peered the head of little Ellie Martin who waited to catch up on the news of the day and often to give us bread and jam. We knew that inside that white cottage there were two friendly ghosts, Peter and Nicholas, who watched over Ellie and probably her good neighbours too. (She was an extraordinary story teller. No one could read and transmit the suspense of a “Kitty the Hare” episode from Ireland’s Own quite like her. At week-ends, we came to listen to her mesmerized as we followed her every frown and gesture. It seemed that her curved over thumbs could feel the words on the next page as she moistened them to quickly flip over page after page and breathlessly continue the story without ever a pause. Of course, such treats only came at week-ends.)

There was always some time for friendly exchanges with the McLoughlin household across the road. Old Tom McLoughlin was the image of the kind grandfather we imagined every family to have at sometime or other. Then, of course, there was the big brown hen that never failed to lay an egg in her roadside nest to provide good organic nourishment for some hungry appetite.

The next and final house on our road home stood by a big bend and was always so neat and colourful. It had a big rhubarb plot which enticed someone or other to plunderous experiments, like creeping along an inside ditch and then dashing out to pluck a stalk or two without being noticed. The intruder was invariably spotted.

The adventures of the day were coming to an end. We checked for berries on the big “Caoracun” tree some yards further on and then climbed the last big hill before the long stretch towards Cappagh. By the hillside, there were a few ruins of an old store which we searched again and again for forgotten treasures. All we ever found, however, was a red pencil - probably lost from the schoolbag of a previous treasure hunter.

The dawdling was now over and it was time to quicken the pace homewards. A passing Gearys’ van might conjure up ideas of a falling box of penny biscuits, or of some driver stopping to dole out lashings of biscuits to these hopeful “scholars”. Pleasant ideas they remained.



Teresa, Bernadette, Louise and Patricia Halvey  
with John Ryan, Cappagh

The world was a huge and exciting place. It revolved around our days at Curraghmore, when we learned about wonderful possibilities with words and figures, heard about great historical characters, and were enabled to move out into the arena of life with some of the best friends, teachers and neighbours anyone could have. This reunion gives us the chance to reminisce and appreciate how much they have blessed our lives.

**Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil libh go léir!**



## From Down Under

### Michael Meehan

**At a tender age I vividly remember walking up Colony Road on a beautiful summer morning with Johnny Fahy to fetch a bucket of water from the green village pump for Mrs. Divilly's classroom. Whilst on our journey we met Julia Noone who lived near the school. We exchanged a greeting and had a few words.**

*She asked "What age are you?" I replied "Eight years old, last birthday".*

*She then asked "How would you like to be double that age?"*

*I informed her: "It would be wonderful! I would be finished with school for good!"*

We were in Fourth Class practising our singing with Master Stephens. Alas we were somewhat out of tune. He then proceeded to demonstrate how our efforts sounded to his musical ear by grabbing the coal shovel and dragging it across the chimney hearth and saying we sounded worse than that!

After gobbling lunch, we often partook in a Gaelic Football game, with plenty of arguments over scores, jackets for goalposts and no referee! How would you be!

Other times I tried my balancing act on the peak capped wall which enclosed the school yard! These were happy moments in contrast to the unfortunate times in class when we drew the ire of the Master when we were unable to recite our poetry, or not being erudite in our Catechism study!

Well my age has doubled a few times since answering Julia Noone's question, when my twin sister Mary and I attended Curraghmore School. In the interim period I began my apprenticeship with the ESB in 1971 and qualified as an electrician. I now live in Brisbane, Australia since 1983 with my wife Brenda from Glasson, Athlone. We have three grown up children, a boy and two girls.

As the Aussie would say "Hoo Roo" for now.

### Tom Kilmartin

**Extract from letter from Tom Kilmartin formerly of Rockfield who attended Curraghmore School in the 1930's. He now lives in Victoria, Australia.**

*"to be honest, I hated being at school and I went AWOL regularly. Feasting on blackberries and 'fraughans' (blueberries) seemed more pleasurable than being at school.*

*They were different times then for a schoolboy, than they are today. A cane or stick was a standard piece of equipment for a schoolmaster. Our master, Mr. Hoban used one as well, but underneath it all he was a nice man and gave me a lift home, despite all my misdemeanours, on numerous occasions"*

## School Life in the 1920's & 1930's ..... Katie Fahy

**I was born in Curraghbeg in July 1919. My father was John Miskell from Curraghmore and he 'married into' my mother Margaret Conneely's place in Curraghbeg.**

The Miskell and Conneely families have a long association with Curraghmore National School dating back to its early years. School registers show that my aunts Delia, Maggy, Kate, Julia and Nellie Miskell and uncles Tommy and Michael Miskell started school in the 1890's. My aunt Katie died from the Great Flu of 1917. I was named after her. On the Conneely side, my aunts Brigid and Ellie and my uncle Tom attended school in the 1880's and 1890's. Tom died in the First World War.

My sisters Mae, Margaret and Delia enrolled in the school in 1910, 1911 and 1913 respectively and my brother Michael in 1918, who subsequently inherited the home place. My sisters emigrated to the USA in the 1920's. All have now gone to their eternal reward and I am the only one left.

I started school in 1925 and as my home was nearby I had not far to walk. Some of my classmates and friends like Nora Stephens and Grett Stephens had to walk all the way from Ballaghduff, crossing the Farm (acres of grassland) or Kathleen Madden who made the long trek by road from Timicat in all types of weather. My other school friends included Mary Duffy-Petit (Curcullen), Brigid Donlon, Ellie Donlon (Newcastle), Kathleen Ryan (Derry), and neighbour Mary Kate Conneely.

School life in the 1920's and 1930's was harsh. I remember the cold and damp classroom heated only by a single open fire, fuelled by the sods of turf everyone was obliged to carry to school. My Junior teacher Mrs Blake was a kind and gentle lady who later taught me Cookery. My Senior teacher was Mrs Ruddy, formerly Miss Rogerson.

The subjects I liked were Irish, English and Arithmetic, but I found History to be difficult. My teacher often requested that my friend and I fetch two gallon tin cans of water from the spring well up Colony Road. We enjoyed this simple outing as it was a welcome relief from class. The school yard was small and often muddy but we still managed to entertain ourselves with games such as 'High Gates' during playtime.

My time at Curraghmore N.S saw the formation of many friendships which have remained strong over nine decades.



Katie Fahy

## Dilín Ó Deamhas

*Dilín ó deamhas ó dí;  
Dilín ó deamhas, ó deamhas, ó,  
Dilín ó deamhas ó dí.*

*Cuirfead mo rún chun suain,  
Cuirfead mo rún 'na luí;  
Cuirfead mo rún chun suain go ciúin,  
Le dilín ó deamhas ó dí.*

*Curfá*

*'S buachaill maith súiste, súist',  
Is buachaill maith súist' é Páid;  
Is buachaill maith súiste, súiste, súist',  
'S is cailín deas tuirn' í Cáit.*

*Curfá*

*Is buachaill aniar, aniar,  
Is buachaill aniar an fear;  
Is buachaill aniar, aniar, aniar,  
'S is cailín ón sliabh an bhean.*

*Curfá*

*Caithimis suas is suas é,  
Caithimis suas an páiste;  
Caithimis suas is suas is suas ,  
'S tiocfaidh sé anuas amárach.*

*Curfá*

## Baidín Fheilimi

*Baidín Fheilimi, d'imigh go Gabhla,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann,  
Baidín Fheilimi D' imigh go Gabhla  
Baidín Fheilimi 's, Feilimi ann.*

*Baidín bideach, baidín beosach, Baidín boidheach,  
baidín Fheilimi, Baidín direach, baidín deontach,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.*

*Baidín Fheilimi d'imigh go Toraigh,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.  
Baidín Fheilimi d'imigh go Toraigh,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.*

*Baidín bideach, baidín beosach, Baidín boidheach,  
baidín Fheilimi, Baidín direach, baidín deontach,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.*

*Baidín Fheilimi briseadh i dToraigh,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.  
Baidín Fheilimi briseadh i dToraigh,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.*

*Baidín bideach, baidín beosach, Baidín boidheach,  
baidín Fheilimi, Baidín direach, baidín deontach,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.*

*Baidín bideach, baidín beosach, Baidín boidheach,  
baidín Fheilimi, Baidín direach, baidín deontach,  
Baidín Fheilimi 's Feilimi ann.*



## **My Time in Curraghmore N.S. .... May Divilly (Sr. Miriam)**

**What a surprise I got to receive an invitation to the 150th anniversary celebration of the opening of Curraghmore National School. In March 2010, I decided to attend and e-mailed my reply to Louise Martin. Louise promptly acknowledged my reply which included a request to write an article for the planned booklet. At first I hesitated mainly because of the faint memories I have of my time there from 1945 to 1949.**

A few spontaneous thoughts came to me as I read the invitation; First of all, the two icons at the top of the page – a school desk and a globe of the world – these captured for me the atmosphere of past school days and they helped me to visualise the old classroom; they also reawakened memories in me. I also felt that a reunion of past pupils was a most appropriate way to mark this anniversary; and in taking this initiative the committee members are expressing for us their appreciation of and their pride in our local history. This is a wonderful opportunity for past pupils to come together, reconnect and be re-introduced to each other.

My overall feelings of the five years that I spent in Curraghmore School are very happy ones. I recall that there were seven pupils in my class; three girls and four boys. One of the girls Mary Teresa Martin died at a young age. Ar dheis Dè go raibh a anam dilis. My classmates were; Benny Doherty, Mary Teresa Martin (RIP), Micky Kelly, Moyra Higgins, Paddy Collins, Peggy Naughton and myself. Peggy and I shared a desk and we were good friends. A few years ago at a funeral in Kilkerrin, I met Paddy Collins and we chatted a bit about our school days. My hope is that the other four classmates will be present at the reunion when we can share some memories.

During my five years there I had three Principal teachers and four subs. The permanent teachers were Mr. Hoban, Mr. McDermot and Mr. Ferry. The subs were: Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Finneran, Mr. McDonagh and Mr. Moran. The latter teachers seemed to adapt very well to us and on hindsight I probably enjoyed the variety of personalities and the different approaches. My mother, Mrs Divilly, the assistant teacher at this time seemed to adjust very well to all these new faces.

Mr. Hoban was my teacher for two years and one memory of him stands out very clearly. He had a loud voice and often worked longer than the official closing school time. This meant that the senior pupils got out later from school so on the days when this happened, my mother would be outside in her car waiting for me. I often think that this regular waiting must have tested my mother's patience.

My two sisters, Teresa and Noreen and other pupils who were attending Shankill School, came to Curraghmore when their school was under repair. At this time, there was a petrol strike so my mother cycled to school while the three of us walked taking a short cut across the fields. I always enjoyed these walks and we

usually met other pupils along the way. During my last year in Curraghmore Bernadette, my youngest sister, started school in the infant class with my mother as her teacher. Later when she moved to third class, Mr Ferry was her teacher.

I'm going to conclude with lines from a poem that I memorised during these school years. For me, the poem conjures up the image of the turf fire which was burning in the classroom to provide the heat we needed during the winter months.

*O, To have a little house!  
To own the hearth and stool and all!  
The heaped-up sods upon the fire,  
The pile of turf against the wall!*

### **Pardaic Colum: The Old Woman of the Roads**



Mrs **Nora Divilly** with daughters, Bernadette and May

*Nora Divilly  
Bernadette & May  
1915*

## School in the 50's ..... Padraic Halvey (Cappagh/ Navan)

**I went to Curraghmore School from 1951 to 1960. I remember well my very first day. My parents Paddy & Nora Halvey R.I.P., sent me by horse and cart which was laden with turf for the school winter fires.**

My first teacher was Mrs Divilly R.I.P. who was both my godmother and cousin. She was very kind to all the children and allowed the little ones to sleep between 2 pm and 3 pm while they waited for older siblings to take them home. I spent four happy years with Mrs Divilly where I learned the basics. I then progressed to the Masters room where the lessons got more difficult and we were introduced to History and Geography.

We welcomed any visitors who distracted us from the humdrum routine of school work. Each year there was the Christian Doctrine exam and I remember the late Fr. Dooley having the knack of sitting behind the examiner and prompting any student who needed a little help with the answer. Another very important visitor was the Inspector who was greeted with “Fáilte romhat a Cigire”. Our good behaviour and effort were rewarded at the end of the day by praise from our teachers and an evening free from homework. Then there was the medical examination, our physical health and eyesight were checked by the doctor and the nurse. The pupils who were ‘fortunate’ enough to have to wear glasses were the envy of their classmates as this necessitated putting ointment in your eyes and a whole day off school.

The most dreaded visitor had to be the dentist. Few students escaped extractions as fillings were unheard of in those days. Mrs Divilly’s room served as the dentist’s ‘surgery’ and I still shiver as I recall the big enamel bath and those horrific long needles. Being allowed home early was little consolation for swollen jaws and bloody mouths. The story is told that a certain student retrieved some unused needles, took them home and injected a number of hens. The reaction of the hens became the topic of conversation for the following weeks and imagination was not lacking in describing the after effects.

Walking home with the school bag strapped to my shoulders was the best part of the day. I walked the one mile home to Cappagh with my neighbour Paddy Meehan. There were many stops on the way and I remember with fondness Ellie Martin who lived in a lovely, white washed thatched cottage. I can still taste that lovely swiss roll that she so kindly gave us from time to time. The last stop was at Wards bountiful garden. Here there were blackcurrants, raspberries, green gooseberries, apples and rhubarb – an enticing feast to the eyes of hungry students. Our appetites were whetted and we did scale the walls. Our mission was not to be spotted but unfortunately we were often caught red handed.

That was fifty years ago – an age of simplicity that cannot be replaced. In spite of the conditions which were far removed from today’s standards the teachers worked hard. I will always cherish these memories.



Patrick and John Halvey (circa 1910)

## School Maintenance ..... Mary Ellen Gormley

My father, Michael (Mick) Gormley, who was the local carpenter was called upon frequently to repair broken windows. During the summer holidays he was kept busy painting doors and windows and mending furniture.



Michael Gormley

The interior of the school was renovated in 1956, almost one hundred years after it was built. The playground was extended when an extra plot of land was acquired. New toilet facilities were built alongside a new concrete wall surrounding the perimeter of the school. Michael Gormley and Jack Carr carried out this work in conjunction with other local labourers. That year, the pupils enjoyed a longer summer holiday as the school did not re-open until late September.



John (Jack) Carr

## The Teaching Tradition

**Curraghmore National School was a two teacher school and during the long years from establishment in 1860 to closure in 1977 many teachers served in the school and imparted their knowledge to generations of schoolchildren.**

Information relating to teachers is sketchy in the early years. However, with the assistance of some local knowledge, the details outlined below are as accurate as the incomplete records allow.

The first teacher's name mentioned in the School Report Book is that of **Mrs.Hynes** who was teaching in the school in 1864. It is also recorded that her son took over the teaching duties for a few days when she was sick.

In 1870 **Ann Rogerson** was appointed to the Girls' School and her husband **Patrick Rogerson** was also appointed to the school in that year. Patrick Rogerson became principal of the Boys' School in 1875 at the age of twenty eight. Their children [Roseanna, Mary and Michael] were enrolled in Curraghmore, and their daughter Mary was appointed as a teacher in the school in 1903. She subsequently married and became **Mrs. Mary Ruddy** and served as principal of the Girls' School until 1928 and principal of the amalgamated school until 1934.

The records would indicate that Patrick Rogerson died in the late 1870's. His replacement in 1878 was John Hoare, who would subsequently marry Ann Rogerson, and their children [John and Matilda] were enrolled in Curraghmore. **John Hoare** taught in the school until 1907 and Ann Hoare (formerly Rogerson) served until 1902/03 at which time she was succeeded by her daughter Mary.

In 1907 **J.J.Cunningham** replaced John Hoare as principal of the Boys' School and he continued in this position until 1928. Two of his children [Marcella and Jimmy] were enrolled in the school.

When J.J.Cunningham left to teach in Leitra in 1928 the Boys' School and the Girls' School were amalgamated and Mrs. Ruddy became principal. In that year **Mrs. Nora Blake** (nee Stephens) was appointed Assistant and she continued to teach in the school until 1940. Mrs. Blake, who was originally from Fiddane, was also a distant relation of Martin Stephens who later taught in the school.

In 1934 **John Hoban** succeeded Mrs. Mary Ruddy and he remained as a teacher in the school until 1947.

In 1940 **Mrs. Nora Divilly** was appointed to succeed Mrs.Blake and she remained in the school until her retirement in 1967.

In 1947 **Thomas McDermott** (an American citizen) replaced John Hoban as principal but he decided to return to America permanently in 1948.

In 1948 **Joseph Ferry** was appointed to succeed Thomas McDermott and he continued in the school until 1954.

**Martin Stephens**, who succeeded Joseph Ferry in 1954; and **Chrissie Cronin**, who succeeded Mrs. Divilly in 1967, taught in the school until 1977 when the amalgamation of the four National Schools took place.



In addition to the permanent teachers named above there were many others who were named in the school records and served as assistants, substitutes, monitors, monitresses, etc. for short periods and they all helped to foster the spirit of learning in the school. Some past pupils have also undertaken the placement part of their teacher training in Curraghmore.

It can be seen from the above that Mrs. Mary Ruddy followed her mother into the teaching profession. Maggie Stephens, an aunt of Martin Stephens and also related to Mrs. Blake, qualified as a Junior Assistant Mistress (JAM) and taught in the school from 1910 to 1915.

### Teachers through the Years

**Mrs. Hynes:** ..... c.1864 - 1870

**Patrick Rogerson:** .....1870 - c.1878

**Ann Rogerson (Hoare):** .....1870 - c.1902/03

**John Hoare:** .....c.1878 - 1907

**Mary Ruddy (Rogerson):** .....c.1902/03 - 1934

**J.J.Cunningham:** .....1907 - 1928

**Nora Blake:** .....1928 - 1940

**John Hoban:** .....1934 - 1947

**Nora Divilly:** .....1940 - 1967

**Thomas McDermott:** .....1947 - 1948

**Joseph Ferry:** .....1948 - 1954

**Martin Stephens:** .....1954 - 1977

**Chrissie Cronin:** .....1967 - 1977



Chrissie Cronin



Mr. Joseph Ferry



Mrs. Nora Divilly



Mr. J.J. Cunningham and Mr. Hoban



Mr. Martin Stephens *The Master*

## Going to School in Curraghmore ..... Evelyn McLoughlin

**I have very pleasant memories of going to Curraghmore National School in the 1950's. Looking back, life then was very different from today. The pace was so much slower, the way of life more simple and everyone had time to stop and talk. While luxuries were few, or nonexistent, the people were relaxed and happy. Our parents were born into war times, before Ireland got its independence; then there was a civil war and later there was the effects of World War II and rationing, a time know as "The Emergency". These memories of hard times were still fresh for our parents and grandparents and that influenced how we were reared.**

I was the third child in a family of five; my older sisters May and Kathleen took me to school. I remember on my first day, being fascinated by the ink wells in each desk covered over with a brass slide and I started dipping a pen into the ink and attempting to scribble on my first copybook.

Being a two-room, two-teacher school meant each teacher had to manage four classes. There were roughly seventy children attending the school. The late Mrs. Divilly was my teacher for the first four years. She was a refined gentle but firm teacher, who was generous with praise when it was deserved. The pupils liked her and she inspired us. We took turns tidying her desk and washing up after her lunch. Our school at the time had no running water or electricity. Water was carried from the nearby Tobar Na Buirce well and a large open fire provided heat during the winters. Every family brought a cart of turf to the school and this ensured we had fires all year. We had primitive outdoor toilets and the school yard was divided by a high wall, separating the play area of the boys and girls. Lunch was a bottle of milk and a homemade bread sandwich.

Conditions in our school in the 1950's were rather Spartan; the only teaching aids were the blackboard and a few maps on the wall. Still we were happy. Although we had little we thought we were rich. The days seemed sunnier and we were never cold. School was still fun and I enjoyed playing with my class pals. There were ten in my class. The roll was taken every day to which we all shouted out "Anseo" and the attendance of each class was put on a slate and left at the back of the room. The Guard visited the school to check the attendance rolls so there was very little scope for "mitching", even if we had wanted to!

The first responsibility I remember getting was taking my late brother Tommy to school. I took him by the hand, introduced him to Mrs. Divilly, was very protective of him and watched him from my desk all day. He settled in quickly and made his own friends. Some years later, Tommy and I took our younger sister Margaret to school and looked after her, until she made her own friends.

Corporal punishment was allowed and accepted in schools in those days. We were very obedient but lived in fear of being slapped with the cane. A lot of learning was done by rote - learning things by repetition. Mrs. Divilly did not use a cane and I can remember her only very occasionally giving a smack with a ruler.

For third class we moved to the Master's room. Martin Stephens was a new teacher that replaced Mr. Ferry whom everyone was very sorry to see leave. The master was a strict teacher, he covered a wide range of subjects very thoroughly and we worked hard. We did our homework diligently, but partly out of fear of the cane. His cane was kept in a particular place beside his desk, and from time to time the cane "magically disappeared". I have memories of being part of one of these "magic" plans. I can remember the fun and laughter we had breaking it before it was well hidden in a ditch. The master never commented on a missing cane and there was one day of grace. Passing the lush green trees of New Forest on his way to school meant a replacement cane arrived soon.

In the masters room he divided the four classes into two groups, then he would teach two, while the other two classes did written work, or made a half circle around the large map on the wall and did Geography. We loved the Geography class and saw it as an opportunity to chat and look at places on the map which we might someday see. That was very understandable as the highest emigration in Ireland was in the 1950's when a half million left our shores, mainly for America or England. It was Ireland's greatest social problem and half of my class emigrated. Every Friday afternoon, while the boys learned Latin for serving Mass, the girls went to sewing class with Mrs Divilly. We learned Hemming, Patchwork, Buttonholes, Embroidery, Darning and Knitting a complete Sock and a Scarf.

Aside from our two teachers we would have visitors come by the school. The priest came every week and doors were opened for him on arrival and on departure. We occasionally had a visit from the Inspector and that would be a nervous day for everyone. What we did not realise as children was that the teachers were probably more scared than us. I remember, on another occasion, a visit by a dentist. We were all put up on the reclining chair. Without warning he pulled two teeth from me and I went home with sore bleeding gums.

One of the biggest events in the school calendar was the Christian Doctrine examination. For weeks before hand, we would learn the long and short Catechism and Bible history. On examination day everyone dressed in their Sunday best as we waited attentively for the arrival of the examiner, a priest. We always answered the questions correctly and the Teachers praised us with great relief when the examiner left.

I remember one day the master told us that we were getting a School Library. Having never been to a library we awaited with enthusiasm and tried to imagine what it would look like. Some days later he came into the school carrying two boxes of books which he left beside his desk. He told us that this was the "library" We all got to take home a book for a week and then write an essay on it. The library did not live up to our imagination, but never the less it got us reading books and that was a good thing

The master was a good teacher and he gave us an excellent general education. He was particularly strong on Arithmetic, Irish Grammar and History. and we learned a lot from him. I liked Arithmetic and Algebra but Irish grammar and History had to be learned off. School homework took priority every evening; the Radio was turned off to ensure we had no distraction. I can remember spending hours with my sisters learning Tables, the dates of battles in history and all the Irish verbs, nouns and pronouns off by heart. Afterwards the night was rounded off with the family Rosary.

There was a great communal spirit in those days. Neighbours helped each other in times of need. Pastimes were simple. People went rambling to each other's houses during the long winter nights, telling stories or playing cards. With no television to distract us, neighbours called in on each other unannounced to discuss what was going on in the world. We listened to these conversations and with our young minds tried to understand them. We heard about the closure of the Suez Canal, meaning those few who had cars could not get petrol. Our parents having grown up through wars always feared another war and the hardship that would come with it.

I remember the great excitement about The Russian Satellite Sputnik that circled the earth carrying a dog called Laika. We all eagerly watched the sky in the evenings hoping to catch a glimpse of it. My grandfather used to tell us that he could see it and that Laika was looking out the window and we believed him. The Galway Footballer won an All Ireland which we listened to on the Radio with that memorable voice of Michael O'Hehir.

All our parents were farmers and we would have helped with farm work, at weekends and during the summer holidays. Our chores were a mixture of milking cows, bringing home the cattle, feeding hens, haymaking, spreading turf, picking potatoes and weeding. We enjoyed it and were none the worse for it. Our mothers baked every day and my mother taught us how to make bread from a very young age. She made homemade butter. We all loved taking turns with the butter churn and drinking the fresh buttermilk afterwards.

We listened to Radio Eireann. As children we loved listening to Paddy Crosbie and his School around the Corner programme and wondered if he would ever knock on the door of Curraghmore School. At week-ends we listened to Dinjo and Ceili house. We heard talk of a new Radio station called Radio Luxemburg which played nonstop music. The reception was so bad that we had to put our ear up to the radio to hear it, but that added to the magic of hearing the Top Twenty on a Sunday night with singers like Bill Haley and Elvis Presley.

The Far East and the Messenger were religious books that families were asked to buy. From them we learned about the Irish priests and nuns in the missions and the problems of Pudsey Ryan. Ireland's Own and Our Boys were regularly bought at home and we eagerly followed the adventures of Kitty the Hare.

All the children walked to school. It was a long walk for those who came from Timicat and Ballaghduff, but as we lived near the school, we were one of a few families allowed to go home at lunch time. In the cold weather my mother encouraged us to bring home a pal for a hot meal. We were in no hurry home from school, spending time playing on the road. Games were simple but equally enjoyable as today's Hi-tech. We played Hide and Seek, Hop Scotch, made Daisy Chains in the summer and looked for birds' nests. The boys kicked football and had Tugs of War which the girls sometimes joined in. They also had homemade catapults and depending how well they were made, they could fire a stone a huge distance, usually aiming at birds. Coming home from school was both an adventure and an education. Neighbours had lots of time and would be out to talk to us. Julia Noone was our first greeter. She told us how she went to school with the Master and she could not understand how we were afraid of him. Bridie Higgins would be out in her garden working. I can remember how she made us laugh as she had a marvellous sense of humour. In summer we would get the lingering fragrance of the roses in Mick Conneely garden before we came to the house. He always gave us beautiful bunches of fragrant pink roses. Our last stop was Ellie Martin. She had a kind of magic control over children, in so far as we all wanted to impress her and more importantly, to be included in the circle that was brought in to listen to her reading or play games. She was well read and took a great interest in the children of the area. She lived alone, across the road from our house and would sometimes help us with our homework.

The fifties was the decade that consigned war and hard times to history and for young children going to school, it was the dawn of the new era of modern Ireland. While I was at school the electrification of rural Ireland was one of the biggest developments in the Country. We watched the "Wiremen" put down the poles, erect the wire and transformers as everyone waited eagerly for the "switch on" day. We still had to get water by either catching it in barrels from the roof of the house or drawing it from the river. Drinking water was brought in a can on our bicycle from Tobar Na Buirce. Plans soon started to bring piped water to every family and that project was completed a few years later. Around this time the roads of the area were tarred, bringing to an end the huge potholes.

Curraghmore School was sandwiched between two roads that converged at the end of the school yard. It was easy to be distracted by the view from the windows of passersby on both roads, usually cyclists and farmers with either a horse and cart or the odd tractor. There was one sound you always knew, it was the brisk trot

of a horse, and this was Doreen D'Arcy going to the shop on horseback. No other woman rode on horseback and I wondered why she could not be like everyone else and go to the shop on a bicycle. But of course she was not like everyone else. She was the last visible remnant of the Landlords of our planted lands. The D'Arcy landlords had estates in the West of Ireland since the 17th century. A branch of the family came to New Forest in 1850 and all the farmers in the area were tenants to them. From what we heard they were good landlords. The land was given over to the farmers through a Land Purchase Scheme in the early nineteen hundreds. The final payments of those Purchase Schemes were made in the 1950's, giving the farmers of the area free title to their farms.

The D'Arcy's provided the land and built our school in 1860. They held onto a farm, where Doreen lived with her parents. At Mass on Sunday, when men generally wore suits, I remember her father dressed in a military type outfit that looked like something from a past war. To my young mind he resembled pictures in my history book. While I was in Curraghmore School the Land Commission bought their farm and divided it between the surrounding farmers. The D'Arcy's moved somewhere up the country, bringing to an end the long history of Landlords in our area.



May, Tommy, Kathleen and Evelyn McLoughlin 1952

While school was strict and we were all very obedient for fear of corporal punishment, that was the norm then throughout the country. We later learned that it was much worse in other places. The master taught us to a high standard and we reaped the reward by leaving the school with an excellent general education. I remember the first time I got slapped by the master, when I gave a wrong answer to a question from homework. First I got the signal call to the cane and I walked up to the front of the class. So many thoughts ran through my head in those few seconds, why did I not learn that question better. Our parents never laid a hand on us, so this was my first experience of corporal punishment, so public with the entire classroom looking on. The master reached for the cane. As he gave it a swing, I heard it whistle in the wind. I thought of pulling back my hand, so that the cane would lash his leg, giving him an own goal. Our obedient upbringing saw to it that I waited powerless for the punishment. It was sore and felt like a burn, but I soon got over it.

School was delightful in early summer as it signalled the summer holidays and the excitement was mounting as they grew nearer. The first sign of summer was the arrival of the sweet smelling blue, purple and white blooms of the tall stately Rockets, inside the school wall. Mrs. Divilly would tell us that the tall blooms were the result of our efforts, when we piled all the fire ashes on the rockets during the year. New scholars started school at this time. If the days were very sunny, we sometimes had class outside in the yard. The arrival of the new school books was an occasion of great excitement. They were so colourful with shining covers and had a fresh smell that seemed part of summer. In 1956 the school acquired the adjoining field. That summer new toilets were built and the school got a facelift. The best of all was that the summer holidays lasted until the middle of October to enable the works to be completed. We always looked forward to getting Christmas holidays when the teachers brought in cans of sweets and divided them among us.

At secondary school there was going to be a payback for all the hard learning done in Curraghmore. Our standard of Irish Grammar, History and Arithmetic was higher than other schools. This meant that it was easy to be ahead in those subjects with little or no effort. I don't ever remember having to learn Irish grammar again. For that I thank my teacher Martin Stephens

Looking back now, the fifties were a defining period in Irish life. To our parents it was the beginning of what they called the good times. They were happy, worked hard and were determined to give us a better life than they had. A new modern Ireland was developing out of the hardship that our parents had triumphed through. Unfortunately the new Industries that emerged from inward investment into Ireland started towards the end of the fifties, too late for the half million young people who had to emigrate. As children we saw a lot of changes for the better while we were at school. When I left Curraghmore School we were about to enter into the Sixties boom period. Ireland began attracting foreign industries for export, which creating employment and slowed down the pace of emigration. Living standards rose quickly and television was on the way. Irish society experienced a huge stepping up in the tempo of social change during my years in Curraghmore School.

The school is now a private house and all is quiet. When I pass by I can recall the sound of young voices, filling the air with vibrancy and laughter and the resounding roar of "Anseo" rings in my ear. It brings back memories of my school days there and I think it was a magical time to be a child.

## Boo-lavogue

*At Boo-lavogue as the sun was setting  
O'er the bright May meadows of Shelmalier  
A rebel hand set the heather blazing  
and brought the neighbours from far and near*

*Then Father Murphy from old Kilcormack  
Spurred up the rock with a warning cry:  
"Arm! Arm!" he cried, "For I've come to lead  
you  
for Ireland's freedom we'll fight or die!"*

*He lead us on against the coming soldiers  
And the cowardly Yeomen we put to flight  
'Twas at the Harrow the boys of Wexford  
Showed Bookey's regiment how men could fight*

*Look out for hirelings, King George of England  
Search every kingdom where breathes a slave  
For Father Murphy of County Wexford  
Sweeps o'er the land like a mighty wave*

*We took Camolin and Enniscorthy  
And Wexford storming drove out our foes  
'Twas at Slieve Coilte our pikes were reeking  
With the crimson blood of the beaten Yeos*

*At Tubberneering and Ballyellis  
Full many a Hessian lay in his gore  
Ah! Father Murphy had aid come over  
The Green Flag floated from shore to shore!*

*At Vinegar Hill, O'er the pleasant Slaney  
Our heroes vainly stood back to back  
and the Yeos at Tullow took Father Murphy  
and burnt his body upon a rack*

*God grant you glory, brave Father Murphy  
And open Heaven to all your men  
the cause that called you may call tomorrow  
in another fight for the Green again*

## She is Far from the Land **Thomas Moore**

*She is far from the land, where her young hero sleeps,  
And lovers are round her, sighing;  
But coldly she turns from their gaze, and weeps,  
For her heart in his grave is lying!*

*She sings the wild song of her dear native plains,  
Every note which he lov'd awaking  
Ah! little they think, who delight in her strains,  
How the heart of the Minstrel is breaking!*

## Westering Home

*Westering home and a song in the air  
Light in the eye and its good by to care  
Laughter o' love and a welcoming there  
Isle of my heart my own land*

*Tell me a tale of the Orient gay  
Tell me of riches that come from Cathay  
Ah but it's grand to be waken at day  
And find oneself nearer to Islay*

*And it's westering home with a song in the air  
Light of me eye and it's goodbye to care  
Laughter and love are a welcoming there  
Pride of my heart my own love*

*Where are the folks like the folks of the west  
Canty and couthy and kindly, our best  
There I would hie me and there I would rest  
At home with my own folks in Islay*

*And it's westering home with a song in the air  
Light of me eye and it's goodbye to care  
Laughter and love are a welcoming there  
Pride of my heart my own love*

*Now I'm at home and at home I do lay  
Dreaming of riches that come from Cathay  
I'll hop a good ship and be on my way  
And bring back my fortune to Islay*

*And it's westering home with a song in the air  
Light of me eye and it's goodbye to care  
Laughter and love are a welcoming there  
Pride of my heart my own love*



*He had lov'd for his love, for his country he died,  
They were all that to life had entwin'd him,  
Nor soon shall the tears of his country be dried,  
Nor long will his love stay behind him.*

*Oh! make her a grave, where the sun-beams rest,  
When they promise a glorious morrow;  
They'll shine o'er her sleep, like a smile from the West,  
From her own lov'd Island of sorrow!*

## Light Hearted Moments ..... John Meehan

When I was asked to write an article for the Curraghmore School booklet, memories of writing essays during my schooldays came flooding back. It was a task that caused some angst back then! It seemed difficult and time consuming to formulate and express ideas in writing about a particular topic - time I would rather have spent at sport and other hobbies.

I am trying to recall a list of “dos” and “don’ts, I was taught about the art of writing

‘Do have a proper introduction and a proper conclusion’ ‘Have one good idea for every paragraph’. ‘Keep the sentences short and use correct punctuation’. ‘Be careful with spelling’ (no word processing spell check back then!)

‘Don’t use hackneyed phrases’. ‘Don’t start a sentence with “and” or “but” (confusion arose when we came across sentences beginning with “And” and “But” in our English book. The teacher said it was OK in the right context and some day we would understand. And I now know he was right!). It was always a good idea to start with a quotation.

So with these clear guidelines in mind I will now begin:

“Mairean an chraobh ar an bhfal ach ní maireann an lámh a chur”. This is a sean- fhocal (old Irish saying) I recall writing in my headline copy. Translated it means “The branch (of a tree) lives in the hedge but the hand that planted it, does not”. It came to mind when I look about the catchment area of Curraghmore National School and see many trees and shrubs planted by past pupils of the school in the boundary enclosures of the farms . Over 150 years many pupils attended the school, grew up, did much planting both literally and metaphorically during their lifetimes and are no longer with us. They had a vision for the future and we benefit from their legacy. They still live on, in the family names they passed on, in the school and church registers and in the stories and lore often told about them. Maybe its time to rewrite that sean-focal : “Mairean an chraobh ar an bhfal agus maireann spiorad an laimh a chur” (The spirit of the planter’s hand lives on along with the branch).

I spent 8 years in school, from 1957 to 1965. I remember walking up the shiny flagstones which made up the steps at the entrance, the hallway and cloakroom, lifting the latch on the inner door, hearing the echo of my footsteps on the wooden floor, seeing the various maps and charts on the wall and smelling the earthy scent the turf burning in the large grate of the fireplace.

It was in those formative years I was to learn and develop the language and numeracy skills for life, with the help and support of my teachers, my family and school friends. I will now describe some light hearted moments of those years.

In Irish grammar we had to learn and recite the various “tuisseals” of the different groups of nouns e.g.

Ta an **tasal** ag teacht .....the donkey is coming

Feach cos an **asail** .....look at the donkey’s foot

Labhar leis an **asail** .....say to the donkey

Dia Dhuit a **asail** ..... Hello donkey

(Hi ha) ..... (Hee haw!)



Then it came to learning the verbs, particularly the irregular ones, in the different “aimsir”(tenses). You would be asked to stand and recite e.g.

Rachaidh me.....	I will go
Rachaidh tu .....	You will go
Rachaid se/si .....	He/she will go
Rachaimid .....	We will go
Rachaidh sibh.....	You (plural) will go
Rachaidh siad .....	they will go
(pause) .....	pause)
Rachfar ( hope it’s right!).....	It will be gone

It was OK when you got a good start. You were on a roll until you came to the “briathar saor” Here you came to a sudden stop! We wondered why we needed the “briathar saor” at all. until later we came across a sean-focal.... “Nil mar a siltear, bitear” ...here there are two in row!

*It means - “things are not always as they seem ”*

We used to have “comhra” (Irish language conversation) daily. The master asked a boy from the class to describe his Sunday morning visit to church and celebration of mass. His description was quite good- getting up early, dressing in his Sunday best, walking the few miles to Kilkerrin arriving and entering the church on time. He then stated “ Bion uisce beatha taobh istigh doras an tseipeil”( There’s whiskey inside the door of the church!) I wonder was he was going to bless himself with it! The class erupted in howls of laughter. The master, normally stern and serious joined in heartily. He then explained that uisce beatha is whiskey and uisce beannaithe is holy water. ( Yes some Irish words look alike!)

We often had to “scriobh aiste”(write an essay) about our summer holiday adventures when we returned to school in September. (Funny I thought the only people who dreaded going back to school after holidays, were pupils, until I became a teacher myself)

I remember writing about the various tasks and chores on the farm- the saving of the hay and turf, tending to the tillage crops along with sporting occasions either spectating or participating. The final sentence of the essay re-echoes - “Bhi se ag cur baisti gach la beagnach” (It was raining almost ever day!). Somehow that sounds familiar and could easily be applied to the last 3 summers- 2007, 2008 and 2009. I now wonder had global warming started back in the 1960’s!

It was preparation time for First Confession and First Holy Communion. Our teacher, Mrs. Divilly was doing her very best to ensure we were adequately instructed about the seriousness and gravity of the forthcoming events. She was explaining to us that there are two types of sins- mortal sin and venial sin. Mortal sin was very serious like murder; venial sin was less serious, like cursing or swearing. Then she stated that no matter how many venial sins committed, the total could never equate to one mortal sin! ( Nowadays in sport 2 yellow cards = 1 red one!). This must have made a big impression on our young enquiring minds- so much so that we continued to discuss this mystery at break time. After all we were supposed to be reaching the “age of reason”- it was 7 years back then! One of our classmates must have liked a challenge. He assumed that this theological teaching could be proved wrong ; no grown up had tried hard enough! So he began to utter curse and swear words repeatedly (we only knew a few “bad words” back then) as rapidly as he could. By the end of break time - 15 minutes - he reckoned that he had succeeded in his task and the catechism would have to be rewritten!.....the innocence of childhood.

In mathematics or arithmetic we had no metric system when it came to measuring and no decimal system when it came to counting money. It was all quite well learning the basic operations addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers based on 10, but we had to learn how to do the same all over on numbers based on 12 and 20 when it came to money, £,s,d £'s pounds, s, shillings d, pence ( d = pennies, bit confusing!)

Problem(1) What change would you get back from a £10 note if two articles (it was always articles that were bought!) cost £1 7s 6d and £5 15s 7d respectively? (Note 12d = 1s and 20s = £1)

Problem (2) Add 3 yards 2 feet 10inches to 2yards 1 foot 4inches  
We will leave that one for another day!

Finally, I'll end with a childhood dream I had or was it wishful thinking! Our school building was in ruins. (I wonder did any reader dream that or wish that, some time!). A violent storm had raged overnight; the slates and supporting timbers of the roof were blown into Moran's field. The proud chimneys were flattened and the tall windows and strong doors were smashed. This was great! It would take a year to build it up again. Imagine a full year off from learning Irish grammar, writing essays, reciting poetry, memorising dates of historical battles. Manna from heaven!

As I trudged along to school the following morning and negotiated the turn at Higgins' house, I expected to see an unfamiliar gap in the landscape. Alas I was disappointed to find the school building looming large and foreboding in the distance. It was intact. There it stood like a colossus, broad shouldered and stout-chested. It seemed to mock me saying "How dare you dream of my destruction. I was built in your great grand father's time and I will still be standing when you are a great grand father!"

So much for childhood dreams and wishful thinking.

<b>Solution</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>s</b>	<b>d</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>s</b>	<b>d</b>
	1	7	6		10	0	0
add	5	15	7	subtract	7	3	1
	<hr/>				<hr/>		
	7	3	1	Ans.	2	16	11

## Junior Classes 4th February 1958



Back Row L-R: Ollie Fahy, John Meehan, Oliver Gormley, Tony Breheny, Bernard Halvey, Tommy Meehan, James Mannion, Jimmy Maloney, Christy Killilea, John Mannion, Michael Mannion, Paddy Flaherty?. Middle Row: Sean Higgins, Mary Halvey, Teresa Daly, Ann Madden, Sile Connealy, Frances Conneely, Kathleen Naughton, Bridie McLoughlin, Margaret McLoughlin, Bridie Meehan, Margaret Madden, Celia Madden, Mickey Wall. Front Row: Olive Maloney, Margaret Conneely, Mary Wall, Esther Halvey, Nora Noone, Maureen Fahy.

## Senior Classes 4th February 1958



Back Row L-R: First Row: Kitty Higgins, Kathy Halvey, Maryz Mannion, Maureen McLoughlin, Peggy McLoughlin, Maureen Conneely, Maureen Conneely (Derry), Ann Madden, Ann Conneely (Derry), Marie Noone. 2nd Row: Kathleen O'Neill, Bridget Madden, Maureen Breheny, Winnie Killilea, Mary McLoughlin, Evelyn McLoughlin, Teresa Lohan, Kathleen Lohan, Mary Pettit, Mary Ellen Gormley, Mary Clarke, Anne Meehan, Raphael Higgins, Frank Meehan. 3rd Row: Gabriel Noone (R.I.P.), Michael Naughton (R.I.P.), Mattie Clarke, John Naughton, John Gormley, Sean O'Neill, Seamus Naughton, Bernie Collins (R.I.P.), Mattie Naughton, John Conneely (C.Beg), Frank Killilea, Anto Higgins, Paddy Meehan, Francis Halvey, Padraig Halvey and Martin Stephens (Master)





## M'Asal Beag Dubh



## An Aimsir Chaite

### Rhyme using Irish verbs from chart on door of Master's Classroom

**Dhúisigh** mé ar a h'ocht a chlog maidin inné

**D'eirigh** mé ansin

**Chuir** mé orm mo cuid eadai

**Nigh** mé mo aghaidh mo lámha agus mo mhúineál

**Chíor** mé mo chuid gruaige

**D'ith** mé mo bhricfeasta

**Chuaigh** mé ar mo ghlúine agus dúirt mé mo phaidreacha

**Rug** mé ar mo mhála agus chuaigh mé ar scoil.

Ar mo bhealach chun na scoile chonaic mé an ghriain sa spéir, agus chula mé na h'éin ag canadh

**Nuar** a chroich mé scoil, bhí an máistir ann romhaim

**Thóg** mé amach mo leabhar agis rinne mé mo chuid oibre

**Séamus Ó Míochain**

# Ó Pheann an Phiarsaigh

## Lá Fán Tuait

PEADAR FADA

**T**UŠAS cuairc fá Šoirćin na mbó le Šairiú. Na fiapraisi óiom cá bfuil Šoirćin na mbó mar ní inseoš oib é. Óá n-insinn is baolac šo mbeaš sib šo léir as toul ann i mbliana, agus, cé šur oroc-múinte asam a rá, b'fearr liom šan sib a toul ann.

Ina óiaró sin is uile, níor mór tóom a rá šo bfuil Šoirćin na mbó timpeall óá míle óeas siar ó tuait ón leicín, agus tá fios as an saol šo bfuil an leicín suite i Šcearc-lár sléibce Conamara.

Má féadann sib Šoirćin na mbó o'áil amac as an tuarascáil sin, céirisi ann is fáilce. Mura bfeadann, is amháir is fearr liom é.

I tóais an Šeiriú sea tušas an éuairc seo ar Šoirćin na mbó. Ní raib fúm toul ann cor ar bíc, šo veimín ní raib 'fios asam šo raib a leitíó o'áic ar óroim talún šo oí an lá ar a bfuilim le trácc.

Šeáro a bí curca romam asam ac an tóair máircín ó máille, sašart pobail Šeampail

# Ó Pheann an Phiarsaigh

PÁDRAIG MAC PÍARRAIG

# Evening School

During our research, we were pleasantly surprised to discover that there were classes held at night in the school in the years 1909 to 1917. Copies of records and rolls are shown along with an inspector's report. The night school took place during the winter months and a copy of the syllabus is shown. It was available for older boys and girls, and the syllabus shows that many practical subjects were taught.

## ROLL

OF

### ELEMENTARY EVENING NATIONAL SCHOOL.

SESSION 19 — 19 .

Name of Elementary Evening School, Burroughmoore male  
 Circuit 4a County Galway Register No. 7707  
 Names of Teachers James Cunningham

**EVENINGS OF MEETING.**  
 (Specify them.)\*

* Monday		* Tuesday		* Wednesday		* Thursday	
From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To
6	8	6	8	6	8	6	8

The Manager should state below the number of pupils who were under instruction upon the occasion of his visit, and attest his entry by dated signature. †

SIGNATURE.	Date of Visit.	No. of Pupils present.	SIGNATURE.	Date of Visit.	No. of Pupils present.	SIGNATURE.	Date of Visit.	No. of Pupils present.
<u>M. O'Connell</u>	<u>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>30</u>						
<u>M. O'Connell</u>	<u>18 Jan. 29.</u>							
<u>M. O'Connell</u>	<u>15. 2</u>	<u>34</u>						
<u>M. O'Connell</u>	<u>6. 3</u>	<u>35</u>						

† Extract from Rule 208 (b).  
 "The registers and rolls must be checked and certified in the schoolroom during the time of a meeting, at least once a month, by the Manager or by some suitable person deputed by the Manager or by the Committee."



I.O. 171. (a.)

County Galway

Roll No. 4424

School Curraghmore Girls

CONFIDENTIAL

For the information of Manager, Teacher, and Board's Officers, and to be preserved amongst the School Records.

Extracts from the General Report on the above-named National School,

dated the 8th November 1906 by Mr. C. P. Shannon Inspector

I.—General Condition of School.

(Opinion of Inspector expressed by one of the following words:—"Excellent," "Very Good," "Good," "Fair," "Middling," "Bad.")

Good.

II.—Inspector's Minute upon the result of the Inspection of the School.

The school is generally in a satisfactory state of efficiency. Permanence, however, should be improved, and a better style of Reading should be acquired.

Roll Call had not commenced at 10.30 on the day of this visit.

Register No. of Pupils	Fees Received, if any Paid	NAME OF PUPIL ELIGIBLE IN POINT OF AGE †	Age	Date of Birth	Dates, on which the Evening School was in session		was in c
					1906	1907	
1		Tom Bonney	19		6/23	6/23	0
2		Pat Madden	24		6/23	6/23	0
3		Pat Collins	15		6/23	6/23	0
4		Robert Collins	19		6/23	6/23	0
5		John Smyth	16		6/23	6/23	0
6		Thomas Bonney	17		6/23	6/23	0
7		Thomas Bonney	26		6/23	6/23	0
8		Pat Connolly	26		6/23	6/23	0
9		John Mulligan	22		6/23	6/23	0
10		John Mulligan	33		6/23	6/23	0
11		Thomas Connolly	20		6/23	6/23	0
12		Pat Noon	18		6/23	6/23	0
13		John Noon	20		6/23	6/23	0
14		Tom Houghton	17		6/23	6/23	0
15		Tom Houghton	19		6/23	6/23	0
16		Tom Houghton	18		6/23	6/23	0
17		Tom Houghton	18		6/23	6/23	0
18		Edward Houghton	18		6/23	6/23	0
19		Edmund Houghton	19		6/23	6/23	0
20		Edmund Houghton	19		6/23	6/23	0
21		Tom Houghton	18		6/23	6/23	0
22		Tom Houghton	18		6/23	6/23	0
23		John Ryan	16		6/23	6/23	0
24		Pat Connolly	17		6/23	6/23	0
25		John Connolly	15		6/23	6/23	0
26		John Connolly	20		6/23	6/23	0
27		Pat Houghton	26		6/23	6/23	0
28		Pat Walsh	15		6/23	6/23	0
29		John Ryan	27		6/23	6/23	0
30		John Connolly	28		6/23	6/23	0
31		Tom Noon	30		6/23	6/23	0
32		Pat Madden	18		6/23	6/23	0
33		Tom Kelly	26		6/23	6/23	0
34		Thomas Smyth	18		6/23	6/23	0

Fees Received, if any Paid.	NAME OF PUPIL ELIGIBLE IN POINT OF AGE †	Dates on which the											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	James Kelly 45	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Martin Moch 12	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	W. Kilmartin 15	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Pat Conneely 37	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	John Condee 39	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Tom Connee 33	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	W. Worle 31	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	J. Ryan 18	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Richard Hamm 26	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Eddie Ryan 15	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	271												

### INSPECTOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Date	Roll Pass	Observations
Jan 6	17 17	Jan 9 1917 32
7	17 17	Jan 10 1917 32
8	18 18	Jan 11 1917 32
9	18 18	Jan 15 1917 32
13	21 15	Jan 16 1917 32
14	26 24	Jan 17 1917 32
15	26 16	Jan 18 1917 32
16	26 20	Jan 22 1917 32
20	26 12	Jan 27 1917 32
21	26 17	Jan 24 1917 32
22	26 14	Jan 25 1917 32
23	27 18	Jan 29 1917 32
24	27 18	Jan 30 1917 32
28	28 16	Jan 31 1917 32
29	28 15	Feb 1 1917 32
30	28 16	Feb 5 1917 32
4	28 16	Feb 6 1917 32
5	28 14	Feb 7 1917 32
6	28 6	Feb 8 1917 32
7	29 12	Feb 12 1917 32
11	29 14	Feb 13 1917 32
12	31 21	Feb 14 1917 32
13	32 25	Feb 15 1917 32
14	32 26	Feb 18 1917 32
18	32 26	Feb 20 1917 32
19	32 25	Feb 21 1917 32
20	32 28	Feb 22 1917 32
21	32 27	Feb 26 1917 32

# Evening School - Syllabus and Timetable

## SYLLABUS OF SESSION.

### SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION.

(Specify in detail for each Standard,

*Please fill*

III and IV  
 Reading: To read and spell and understand 30 pages of reading book.  
 Writing: Headlines given by teacher on R.B.  
 Composition: Simple Subjects such "My Village" "Evening School" etc.  
 Arithmetic: Simple Rules, Compound Mult. Div. etc. Reduction in all Tables

### V and VI

Composition: Subjects like "Town and Country Life", "Intemperance" etc.  
 Arithmetic: Unitary Method, Interest, Practice Problems, Decimals etc.  
 Algebra: The Simple Rules, Removal of brackets, Simple Equations, problems.  
 Geometry: Fifteen propositions of first book

## COPY OF TIME TABLE.

### V and VI

### III and IV

6 to 7.30

Arith 1 and 4  
 Comp 2  
 Book Keeping 3

Writing 1  
 Reading 2 and 3  
 Arith 4  
 Geo

6.30 to 7

Arith 1 and 4  
 Comp 2  
 Book-Keep. 3

Arith 3, 4  
 Comp 2  
 Spelling 1

## On Looking Through the Registers and Roll Books

A group of the committee got together to examine the school rolls and registers of the school. It was exciting looking back in history. Naturally the tendency was to find our own ancestor's names and names of our neighbours' ancestors from the various townlands. Once the initial excitement of locating these was over, the onerous task of transcribing the registered numbers, names of pupils and their native townlands, began. The information in the old books could not be photocopied.

After many hours of scanning through we discovered 6 registers – 3 containing boys' names and three containing girls' names. The first registers do not contain the townlands and are somewhat sketchy. The second registers begin at 1867 and continue up to 1948 when the number reached 900 and the most modern ones began. Each pupil was assigned a particular number. In some cases two pupils may have the same number. This is not an error on our part. There are also gaps in the numbering system for which we have no explanation. We hope every name is included.

What is striking when we look down through the lists is the large numbers of pupils and families from the various townlands in comparison to the number living there today. During the various decades the spelling of the different names of the areas changed e.g Corramoyah became Curraghmeigh.

It is also noticeable the handwriting changed when there a new Principal was appointed. In 1919 for practically two terms the school was closed due to out break of the Spanish Flu. The names began to be recorded in Irish, in the Girls' Register in 1922 and in the Boys' Register from 1928 onwards.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the lists are accurate. At times it was difficult to make out the spelling and to translate the old Irish.

Year	Roll No.	Name
5.26	5	789 Caelín Ní Doiclann
7.26	49	792 Cáic Níe Sciofáin
5.27	69	793 Máire Ní Doiclann
5.27	7	794 Cáic Ní Ciseáin
6.27	4	796 Phyllis Ní Mairín
6.27	4	797 Máireá Ní Doimnall
6.27	5	798 Máire Ní Seascasúig
9.27	79	799 Máire Ní Zurbáin
9.27	69	800 Máire Ní Dubháig
4.28	5	801 Máireá Ní MacDóimnall
5.28	4	802 Máire Ní Doimnall

Year	Roll No.	Name
12.2	298	Michael Hughes
4.2	268	Thomas McManus
11.2	671	John Hurley
11.2	427	Michael Ní Hugh
11.2	405	Michael Ní Hugh
11.2	615	Thomas Naughton
11.2	369	Edward Tierney
11.2	357	Thomas Collins
11.2	510	Martin Burke
11.2	671	Thomas Burke
11.2	287	William Naughton
2.2	760	John Collins
10.2	756	Martin Harty
11.2	762	John Connolly
11.2	763	John Farrell

## Register Boys 1860 - 1867

Reg No.	Name
1	Thomas Ryan
2	Thomas Smyth
3	John Halvey
4	Michael Mullin
5	John Martin
6	Thomas Madden
7	Pat Burke
8	Thomas Madden
9	Mick Conneely
10	Thomas Mullen
11	John Gavin
13	John Donelan
14	Edward Kelly
15	Pat Naughton
16	Pat Ryan
17	John Kearney
18	John Ratiken
19	Edward Cunniffe
20	Pat Hanly
21	John Smyth
22	John Madden
23	Thomas Meehan
24	Martin Ryan
25	Thomas Gannon
26	Mick Conneely
27	James Tracey
28	John McLoughlin
29	Michael Clarke
30	John Moran
31	Ja Conneely
33	Martin Gannon
34	John Conneely
35	Pat Mullin
36	Thomas Haverty
37	Pat Clarke
38	Michael Smyth
39	James Duffy
41	John Hughes
42	Pat Madden
43	Peter Madden
44	Ja Coleman
45	Thomas Miskell
46	Malachy Fahy
47	Pat Culkeen
48	Pat Kerrane
49	Martin Kelly
50	Pat McLoughlin
51	John Gavin
52	Thomas Meehan
53	Michael Smyth
54	Pat Corley
55	Ja Whyte
56	Michael Mannion
57	Laurence Connor
58	Frank McGrath
59	Bryan Madden
60	James Meehan
61	William Whyte
62	Michael Wade
63	Darcy Corley
64	Pat Mannion
65	George May
66	Pat Mannion
67	Pat Donelan
68	James Kelly
69	William Hollins
70	William Haverty
71	Roddy Delaney
72	Thomas Naughton
73	Peter Mullin
74	Edmund Clarke
75	Michael Clarke
76	Michael Madden
77	Michael Brown
78	Michael Brown
79	Augustine Collins
80	Martin Collins
81	Thomas Noone
82	Thady Martin
83	Thomas Duffy
84	John McLoughlin
85	Pat Nohilly
86	Thomas Meehan
87	Andrew Kelly
88	Pat Haverty
89	Thomas Meehan
90	Michael Hollins
91	Pat Walsh
92	John Coleman
93	Michael Nohilly
94	Pat Meehan
95	Jim Ryan
96	John Mullin
97	John Corley
98	Michael Hurley
99	Michael Donelan
100	Pat Gibbons
101	Tom Gibbons
102	Pat Reilly
103	John Smyth
104	Tom Smyth
105	Edward Kelly
106	Malachy Fahy
107	Pat Corley
108	John Smyth
109	Pat Smyth
110	John Madden
111	John Keaveney
112	John Moran
113	Pat Mullin
114	Frank McGrath
115	Pat Hanley
116	Dan Mulligan
117	Hugh Smyth
118	Pat Burke
119	Martin Ryan
120	Mick Conneely
121	Pat Madden
122	John Madden
123	Pat Culkeen
124	William Gilmore
125	John Conneely
126	Michael Madden
127	Michael Gormally
128	Edward Clarke
129	Pat Collins
130	Peter Mullin
131	Tom Smyth
132	Martin Haverty
133	Martin Gavin
134	Edward Cunniffe

135 Michael Hurley  
 136 John Corley  
 137 Francis Stephens  
 138 John Mulligan  
 139 Thomas Duffy  
 140 Michael Delaney  
 141 Thomas Mullin  
 143 Thomas Collins  
 144 Thady Martin  
 145 Edward Kelly  
 147 Laurence connor  
 148 Michael Hughes  
 149 Michael miskell  
 150 Pat Goaley  
 151 thomas Miskell  
 152 Martin Kilmartin  
 154 Pat Smyth  
 155 Thomas Coleman  
 156 James Coleman  
 157 John Moran  
 158 Thomas Smyth  
 159 Pat Hanley  
 160 Pat Clarke  
 161 Peter Connor  
 162 James Conneely  
 164 Hugh Smyth  
 166 Michael Tracey  
 167 Michael Mannion  
 168 Thomas Morgan  
 169 John Treacy  
 170 Martin Shaughnessy  
 171 Thomas Haverty  
 172 Pat Naughton  
 173 Michael Hurley  
 174 John Madden  
 175 Pat Kerrane  
 176 Roddy Noone  
 177 John Kelly  
 178 Michael Cunniffe  
 179 Tom Collins  
 180 William Naughton  
 181 Martin Madden  
 182 Pat Conneely  
 183 John Collins  
 184 Bernard O'Connor  
 185 Charles O'Connor  
 186 Michael Rabbitte  
 187 Martin Ryan  
 188 John Mullin  
 189 Martin Collins  
 190 Thomas Burke  
 191 John Mullin  
 192 Luke Mannion  
 193 John Connor  
 194 John Donelan  
 195 Thomas Duffy  
 196 Thomas Mullin  
 197 Michael Mullin  
 198 John Mullin  
 199 M Kilmartin  
 200 J Stephens  
 201 John Mulligan  
 202 Augustine Browne  
 208 Peter kelly  
 209 William Haverty  
 212 James Naughton  
 213 Michael McHugh  
 214 Michael Mullin  
 216 Michael Hanly

217 Michael Clarke  
 218 Martin Griffin  
 219 Thomas Conneely  
 220 Thomas meehan  
 221 John Mullin  
 222 Michael Flaherty  
 223 Thady Loughnane  
 224 Thomas Gibbons  
 225 Thomas Tiernan  
 226 James Conneely  
 227 John Madden  
 228 Thomas Gannon  
 229 Michael Cunniffe  
 231 Thomas Havert  
 232 Michael Mulry  
 238 James Duffy  
 240 Edward Cunniffe  
 247 Thomas Dowd  
 248 Michael Hurley  
 249 Michael Collins  
 253 Willy Collins  
 254 Martin Collins  
 257 thomas Gaffey  
 258 Pat Conneely  
 259 Thomas Collins  
 260 Henry Collins  
 261 Pat Collins  
 263 Martin Halvey  
 264 Willy Armstrong  
 265 John Armstrong  
 266 Michael Mullin  
 267 John Conneely  
 268 Thomas Meehan  
 269 Ned Corley  
 270 Pat Corley  
 271 Martin Conneely  
 272 Thomas Conneely  
 273 Peter Naughton  
 274 John Nestor  
 275 Michael Nestor  
 276 Pat Gibbons  
 277 John Tiernan  
 278 James Coleman  
 279 Daniel Rabbitte  
 280 James White  
 281 James Morgan  
 282 Michael Rabbitte  
 283 Edward Kelly  
 284 John Kelly  
 285 Michael Gormley  
 286 Brian Finneran  
 287 James Connor  
 288 Patrick Smyth  
 289 John Moran  
 290 Thomas Gannon  
 291 Martin Collins  
 292 Martin Conneely  
 293 Daniel Mulligan  
 294 John Martin  
 295 Thomas Noone  
 296 James Duffy  
 297 Thomas Smyth  
 298 Michael Hurley  
 299 Thomas Madden  
 300 Pat Concannon  
 301 John Collins

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1 Peter Duffy

Colony

2	James Hughes	Colony	65	Pat Owens	Welfort
<b>1869</b>			66	Michael McLoughlin	Kilsallagh
3	Francis Pettit	Curcullen	67	James Conneeny	Culachoosh
4	John Haverty	Colony	68	Pat McLoughlin	Cloonchevna
5	Pat McHugh	Miltown	69	Michael Finneran	Timicat
6	Stephen Mullin	Derroughs	70	Larry Finneran	Timicat
7	Andrew Gormly	Colony	<b>1872</b>		
8	Martin Connor	Cappagh	71	Pat Raftery	Toomard
9	Thomas Madden	Derroughs	72	Thomas Mockler	Toomard
<b>1870</b>			73	Peter Mullin	Derroughs
10	Thomas Hurley	Buggane	74	John Ward	Cloonchevina
11	Pat Conneely	Derrinabrin	75	Pat Ward	Cloonchevina
12	John Connelly	Miltown	76	Martin McLoughlin	Kilsallagh
13	Luke Noone	Curraghmeigh	77	Andrew Finneran	Timicat
14	Pat Noone	Derrinabrin	78	Matt Clarke	Kilsallagh
15	Michael Royan	Cappagh	79	James Fahy	Kilsallagh
16	Pat Conneely	Curraghbeg	80	Matthew Creaghan	Cloonchevina
17	Michael Conneely	Curraghbeg	81	James Creaghan	Cloonchevina
18	John Delaney	Cappagh	82	Larry Connor	Cappagh
19	Thomas Hughes	Colony	83	Matthew Costelloe	Curraghmeigh
20	Martin Noone	Curraghmore (miller)	84	Michael Donnellan	Newcastle
21	William Lyons	Miltown	85	Malachy Ryan	Kilsallagh
22	Michael Naughton	Miltown	86	Michael McLoughlin	Kilsallagh
23	John Costelloe	Curraghmeigh	87	Mark Quinn	Cloonchevina
24	Dan Connell	Miltown	88	Hugh Treacy	Curcullen
25	Thomas Tyrells	Miltown	89	Martin McLoughlin	Kilsallagh
26	Dan Meehan	Cappagh	90	Denis Smyth	Timicat
27	Bryan Finneran	Timicat	91	Thomas Gibbons	Colony
28	Thomas Pettit	Curcullen	92	Michael Burke	Cappagh
<b>1871</b>			93	Pat O' Donnell	Derrinabrin
29	Pat Breheny	Miltown	94	William O' Donnell	Derrinabrin
30	Michael McLoughlin	Curraghmore	95	Stephen Mullin	Derroughs
31	John Connell	Miltown	96	Peter Kelly	Buggane
32	Redy Mullin	Curraghmore	97	Pat Kirrane	Cloonchevina
33	James Conneely	Curraghbeg	98	Peter Mullin	Derroughs
34	John Conneely	Derrinabrin	99	Matt hannon	Cloonchevina
35	John Farragher	Miltown	100	Tim Conneely	Curraghbeg
36	James Rabbit	Cloonchevina	101	Matthew Clarke	Kilsallagh
37	Dan Ward	Cloonchevina	102	Martin Grady	Morganure
38	Bryan Creaghan	Cloonchevna	<b>1873</b>		
39	Martin Fahy	Kilsallagh	103	Thomas Costelloe	Colony
40	William Gibbons	Colony	104	Denis Conneely	Curraghbeg
41	John Gibbons	Colony	105	Luke Dunne	Toomard
42	Denis Smyth(Mike)	Timicat	107	Martin Hughes	Colony
43	Hugh Hannon	Cloonchevina	108	Pat McLoughlin	Kilsallagh
44	John Mullin	Derry	109	John Conneeny	Culachoosh
45	Michael Fahy	Kilsallagh	109	Matt Ryan	Kilsallagh
46	John Pettit	Curcullen	110	Thomas Gormally	Colony
47	John Breheny	Miltown	111	Pat Mullin	Curraghmore
48	James Royan	Cappagh	112	Roger Fahy	Keelogues
49	Thomas Costelloe	Curraghmeigh	113	John Meehan	Colony
50	Pat Lyons	Miltown	114	Michael Treacy	Crcullen
51	Francis Kelly	Buggane	115	Pat Haverty	Colony
52	John Gormly	Colony	116	Edward Smyth	Fiddane
53	Pat Rabbite	Cloonchevina	118	John Quinn	Cloonchevina
54	Andrew Finneran	Timicat	119	James Kirrane	Cloonchevina
55	John Kelly	Buggane	120	Pat Kelly	Buggane
56	Martin Mannion	Miltown	121	Thomas Kirrane	Cloonchevina
57	James Mannion	Miltown	122	Thomas Madden	Rockfield
58	James Mullin	Curraghmore	123	Patrick Mullin	Derroughs
59	Pat Donnellan	Newcastle	124	Thomas O' Donnell	Derrinabrin
60	Tim Conneely	Curraghbeg	125	John Fahy	Welfort
61	Thomas Donnellan	Newcastle	126	Thomas Ryan	Cloonchevina
62	John Coogan	Furhill	127	John Mullin	Derroughs
63	Thomas Burke	Curraghbeg	128	Pat Kelly	Curcullen
64	Edward Corley	Cappagh	129	Walter Burke	Cappagh
			130	Thomas Carty	Toomard

133	Matthew Carty	Toomard	200	Thomas Fahy	Clooncunore
134	Pat Cusack	Toomard	201	Pat O' Brien	Kilsallagh
135	Thomas Raftery	Toomard	202	John Kelly	Morganure
136	John Naughton	Cappagh	203	James Fahy	Kilsallagh
137	Michael Crehan	Cloonchevina	204	Thomas Collins	MMiltown
138	Owen Cunningham	Toomard	205	Denis Conneely	Curraghbeg
139	Michael Raftery	Toomard	206	Matt Costelloe	Curraghmeigh
140	Stephen Mullin	Derroughs			
141	Luke Gorrick	Cloonchevina	<b>1874</b>		
142	Thomas Ward	Cloonchevina	207	John Concannon	Kilsallagh
143	Thomas Lohan	Clooncunore	208	John Ward	Cloonchivina
144	James Collins	Ballaghduff	209	Martin Burke	Morganure
145	Matt Collins	Ballaghduff	210	Pat Gibbons	Colony
146	Pat Creaghan	Clooncheivna	211	Michael Nestor	Derroughs
147	Michael Dively	Rushestown	212	Michael Hughes	Colony
148	Timothy Lohan	Rushestown	213	John Nestor	Derry
149	John Carty	Toomard	214	Pat Concannon	Kilsallagh
150	Michael Wall	Cappagh	215	Pat Quinn	Cloonchivna
151	James O' Donnell	Derrinabrin	216	Michael Finneran	Timicat
152	Pat Mulligan	Rushestown	217	Thomas Coleman	Morganure
153	Michael Dunne	Ballaghduff	218	Michael Kelly	Morganure
154	John Dunne	Ballaghduff			
155	John Collins	Ballaghduff	<b>1875</b>		
156	Martin McLoughlin	Rushestown	219	Thomas Kelly	Morganure
157	Thomas Creaghan	Rushestown	220	John Conneely	Morganure
158	John Cusack	Rushestown	221	Michael O'Brien	Kilsallagh
159	William Creaghan	Rushestown	222	James Fahy	Derroughs
160	Mark Creaghan	Rushestown	224	John Coogan	Furhill
161	Pat Kelly	Morganure	225	Pat Coogan	Furhill
162	Thomas Miskell	Welfort	226	Thomas Mullin (John)	Derroughs
163	Hugh Burke	Cappagh	227	William McLoughlin	Curraghmore
164	John Dively	Rushestown	228	Tim Conneely	Curraghbeg
165	Thomas Creaghan	Rushestown	229	Pat Gavin	Timicat
166	Pat Miskell	Welfort	230	James Coogan	Furhill
167	Hugh Martin	Rushestown	231	Patrick Collins	Streamstown
168	Bernard Creaghan	Rushestown	231	Thomas Lohan (2)	Clooncunore
169	Pat Martin	Rushestown	233	Redmond Mullin	Derroughs
170	James Creaghan	Rushestown	234	Martin Mulligan	Curraghmeigh
171	Pat Cunningham	Rushestown	235	Pat Lohan	Toomard
172	John Connell	Miltown	236	Martin Fahy	Clooncunore
173	Thomas Reggan	Morganure	237	Michael Neill	Timicat
174	Pat Creaghan (1)	Rushestown	238	Michael Finneran	Timicat
175	Pat Creaghan (2)	Rushestown	239	John Finneran	Timicat
176	John Lohan	Rushestown	240	Pat Burke	Curraghbeg
177	Martin Creaghan	Rushestown	241	Martin Conneely	Derrinabrin
178	Pat Cunningham	Rushestown	242	Peter Collins	Ballaghduff
179	John Murphy	Curraghlena	243	Martin Conneely	Colony
180	Pat Collins	Ballaghduff			
181	Malachy Ryan	Derroughs	<b>1876</b>		
182	Thomas Martin	Rushestown	244	Bernard Connor	Welfort
183	Pat Creaghan	Rushestown	245	James Quinn	Derroughs
184	Martin Ryan	Meelick	246	Martin Conneely	Derrinabrin
185	John Clarke	Derroughs	247	Martin Kilmartin	Welfort
186	Andrew McLoughlin	Cloonchevina	248	John Ward	Cloonchevina
187	Edward Pettit	Curcullen	249	Michael Carr	Cloonchivna
188	John Royan	Meelick	250	Pat Creaghan	Cloonchevina
189	Bryan Hannon	Meelick	251	Thomas Ryan	Cloonchevina
190	Edward Fahy	Fartown	252	Pat Maloney	Curcullen
191	Michael Reilly	Fartown	253	Thomas Maloney	Curcullen
192	Pat Creaghan (1)	Rushestown	254	James Mullin	Ballaghduff
193	Pat Creaghan (2)	Rushestown	255	Thomas Morris	Toomard
194	Pat Cunningham(1)	Rushestown	256	Peter Mullin	Curraghmore
195	Pat Cunningham(2)	Rushestown	257	Thomas Dunne	Toomard
196	Bryan Finneran	Timicat	258	Thomas Meehan	Cappagh
197	John Conneely	Morganure	259	Pat Glynn	Cappagh
198	John Grady	Morganure	260	Pat Burke	Cappagh
199	Larry Connor	Welfort			



261	Thomas Mulligan	Curcullen	318	William Pettit	Curcullen
262	Michael Pettit	Curcullen	319	Martin Ryan	Kilsallagh
263	Michael Gormly	Colony	321	Denis Noone	Curraghmore
264	Edward Clarke	Toomard	322	Michael coleman	Curraghmore
265	John Clarke	Toomard			
266	Hugh Treacy	Derroughs	<b>1881</b>		
267	Martin Creaghan	Ballaghduff	323	Michael Conneely	Miltown
268	Michael Maloney	Curcullen	324	Henry Costelloe	Curraghmeigh
269	Martin Connell	Miltown	325	Martin Meehan	Colony
270	Thomas Dunne	Toomard	326	Pat Naughton	Cloonchevina
271	Michael Peter Rogerson (teacher's son)	Currghmore	327	Edward Fahy	Derry
272	Edward Grady	Lehive-formerly Friaryland Sch.	328	Michael Mulry	Curraghmore
		Derrinabrin	329	James Reilly	Gortnagere
273	Thomas Smyth	Colony	330	Pat McLoughlin	Curraghmore
274	Michael Haverty	Colony	332	James Ryan (Andy)	Derry
275	James Glynn	Cappagh	333	Pat Meehan	Cappagh
276	Michael Donnelan	Colony	334	Martin Conneely (Pat)	Miltown
277	John Mannion	?			
278	Patrick Mullin	Derry	<b>1882</b>		
279	John Neil	Timicat	335	Patrick Smyth	Derrinabrin
280	James Maloney	Curcullen	336	Simon Martin	Curraghmore
			337	William Saxon	Morganure
<b>1877</b>			338	Thomas Duffy	Colony
281	Patrick Madden	Timicat	339	Laurence Dively	Colony
282	Michael McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh	340	Mike Noone	Timicat
283	Patrick McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh	341	John Burke	Cappagh
284	Tim Conneely	Curraghbeg	342	Thomas Conneely	Curraghbeg
286	Matt Mullin	Curraghmore	343	John Miskell	Curraghmore
287	Pat Stephens	Ballaghduff	344	Michael McLoughlin	Curcullen
288	Michael Mullin	Curraghmore	345	John McLoughlin	Curcullen
289	Pat Saxon	Morganure	346	Richard Meehan	New Forest (steward)
			347	William Collins	Colony
<b>1878</b>			348	Bernard Kelly	Timicat
290	Michael Finneran	Timicat	349	Thomas Mullin	Derry
291	Michael Finneran (John)	Timicat	350	John Fahy	Derry
292	Thomas Costelloe (Dominic)	Curraghmeigh	351	John Curley	Lodge
293	Patrick Ryan	Curraghmeigh	352	James Curley	Lodge
294	Thomas Mullin	Fidean	354	Thomas Kelly	Lodge
295	Thomas Ratican	Thomastown	355	Eddie Cunniffe	Timicat
296	John McLoughlin	Curraghmore	356	Martin Naughton	Ballaghduff
297	James Meehan	Cappagh	358	Mike Carty	Toomard
298	Pat Madden(Tom)	Timicat	359	Andy Ryan	Curraghmeigh
299	Pat Ryan	Kilsallagh	360	Thomas Noone	Curraghmeigh
300	Thomas Martin	Curraghmore	361	Thomas McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh
			362	John Gaffey	Colony
<b>1879</b>			363	Martin Duffy	Colony
301	Martin Kelly	Cloonchevina	364	Thomas Ward	Cloonchevina
302	John Finneran	Timicat	365	James Ward	Cloonchevina
303	Laurence Connor	Morganure	367	Martin Kerrane	Cloonchevina
304	Martin Madden	Rockfield	368	Michael Curley	Lodge
305	Bernard Creaghan	Cloonchevina	369	John Murray	Cloonchevina
306	Peter Mullin(John)	Derry	370	John Gorrick	Cloonchevina
307	Thomas Mullin	Curcullen	371	Martin Fahy	Derroughs
308	Thomas Kelly	Morganure	372	Mike Gorrick	Cloonchivna
309	Martin Conneely	Morganure	373	James O' Neill	New forest
310	Thomas McLoughlin	Curcullen	374	John Noone (Luke)	Curcullen
311	Michael Nestor (came from England)	Derry	375	Mike Mulligan	Curcullen
<b>1880</b>			376	Thomas Dunne	Ballaghduff
312	Henry Byrne (constable's son)	Kilkerrin	378	Bryan Mullin	Derry
313	Thomas Noone	Curraghmore	379	James Breheny	Ballaghduff
314	Michael Fahy	Derry	380	William Ward	Cloonchevina
315	Michael Mulligan	Curcullen	381	Thomas Fahy (Martin)	Derry
316	Thomas Cunniffe	Timicat	382	John McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh
317	Mike Ryan	Kilsallagh	383	Thomas White	Derrinabrin
			385	Pat Kilmartin	Carrantubber
			386	William Stephens	Ballaghduff
			387	John Collins	Streamstown

388	John Collins	Cloonchevina	450	Martin Stephens	Ballaghduff
389	Tim Conneely	Curraghbeg	451	Edward Queeny (from Mountbellew)	Timicat
<b>1883</b>			452	James Queeny (from Mountbellew)	Timicat
390	Laurence Meehan	Colony	453	James Maloney	Colony
391	John Creaghan	Cloonchevina	454	Thomas Smyth	Colony
392	Pat Daly	Ballaghduff	455	Tim Martin	Curraghmore
393	Pat Naughton	Ballaghduff	456	Pat Ryan (Matt)	Kilsallagh
396	Patrick Connor	Morganure	457	John Fahy	Derroughs
397	Thomas Stephens	Ballaghduff	458	John Ryan (Martin)	Kilsallagh
398	Thomas Conneely(John)	Curraghbeg	<b>1886</b>		
399	John Meehan	Cappagh	459	John Madden	Rockfield
400	Pat Martin	Curraghmore	460	Mike Connor	Morganure
401	Matthew Ryan	Kilsallagh	461	John Wall	Ballaghduff
402	Pat Kilmartin	Curcullen	462	Pat Collins	Cloonchivna
403	James Burke	Cappagh	463	Pat White	Morganure
404	James Madden	Timicat	465	John Naughton	Ballaghduff
405	Pat Nolan	Newcastle	466	Thomas Kenny	Morganure
406	John Stephens (Tomas)	Ballaghduff	467	Pat Neill	Timicat
407	Daniel Kelly	Kilkerrin	468	Pat Kane	Miltown
408	Martin Maloney	Curcullen	468	Thomas Neil	Timicat
409	Mike Wall	Ballaghduff	469	James Stephens	Ballaghduff
410	James Madden	Timicat	470	Thomas Conneely(John)	Curraghmore
411	John White	Morganure	471	Frank Stephens	Miltown
412	Martin Collins	Cloonchivna	<b>1887</b>		
<b>1884</b>			472	Thomas Madden	Derroughs
413	Luke Dunne	Toomard	473	James Dunne	Ballaghduff
414	Thomas Wall	Ballaghduff	474	John Connor (shopkeeper)	Morganure
415	Pat Mullin	Derry	475	Peter Madden	Rockfield
416	Mike Maloney	Colony	476	John Stephens	Ballaghduff
417	Peter Duffy	Colony	477	Mike Fahy (Ned)	Derry
418	John Connor	Curraghmore	478	Thomas Clarke	Derroughs
419	John Fahy (Ned)	Derry	479	John Corly	Colony
420	Pat Cunniffe (shopkeeper)	Timicat	480	Laurence Meehan	Cappagh
421	Michael Reilly	Morganure	481	Pat Stephens(Frank)	Ballaghduff
422	Martin Reilly	Morganure	482	Michael Madden	Derroughs
423	Peter Dunne	Toomard	<b>1888</b>		
424	Michael Kelly	Timicat	483	Pat Clarke	Kilsallagh
425	Matthew Clarke (Michael)	Kilsallagh	484	Andrew Cunniffe	Timicat
426	Pat Wall	Ballaghduff	485	John Noone	Timicat
427	Thomas Ryan	Kilsallagh	487	Hugh Crehan	Cloonshevna
429	Laurence Connor	Morganure	488	Pat Conneely	Curraghmore
430	William Gibney	Welfort	489	John Clarke(Michael)	Kilsallagh
431	Pat Corley	Cappagh	490	Mike Duffy	Colony
432	Pat Dunleavy	Miltown	491	Bernard Martin	Curraghmore
<b>1885</b>			492	John Daly	Ballaghduff
433	Mike Miskell	Curraghmore	493	Mike Burke	Miltown
434	Peter Smyth	Colony (shoemaker)	<b>1889</b>		
435	Martin Smyth(small)	Derrinabrin	494	Pat Fahy	Morganure
436	Matthew Clarke (Pat)	Kilsallagh	495	Patrick O'Rourke	Morganure
437	Mike Clarke	Kilsallagh	496	John Lavin	Kilkerrin
438	Matthew Noone	Timicat	497	Michael Lavin	Kilkerrin
440	Martin Smyth (long)	Derrinabrin	498	Pat Dunne	Ballaghduff
441	Thomas Madden	Timicat	499	Mike Lohan	Derrinabrin
443	Bryan Maloney	Curcullen	<b>1890</b>		
444	Thomas Collins (orphan)	Morganure	500	Thomas Connor (Bartly)	Carrantubber
445	James Collins	Morganure	502	Thomas Naughton(small)	Miltown
446	John Hoare (teacher's son)	Curraghmore	503	John Kilmartin	Curcullen
447	Thomas Fahy	Morganure	504	Pat Ryan	Curraghmore
447	Mike Martin	Curraghmore	505	Mike Kelly	Lodge
448	Pat Fahy	Morganure			
448	John Martin	Curraghmore			
449	Daniel Ward	Cloonchevina			

507	John Ryan(John)	Curraghmore
<b>1891</b>		
508	Andy Ryan Matt)	Kilsallagh
511	James Maloney	Colony
512	John Madden(Michael)	Derroughs
513	Pat Conneely( Michael)	Curraghbeg
514	Martin Lavin	Kilkerrin
515	Pat Conneely(John)	Curraghbeg
516	James Ryan(Martin)	Kilsallagh
<b>1892</b>		
517	Bernard Collins	Kilsallagh
518	Martin Burke	Kilsallagh
519	John Clarke	Kilsallagh
520	Thomas Kerrane(Nestor)	Derry
521	Pat McLoughlin	Cloonshevna
522	Thomas Saxon	Morganure
523	Pat Mitchell	Morganure
524	Mike Kelly(Ned)	Curcullen
<b>1893</b>		
525	Andrew Maloney	Curcullen
526	Pat Smyth	Timicat
527	John Connor (Larry)	Morganure
528	Mike Connor	Morganure
529	Martin Raftery (Connor)	Cappagh
<b>1894</b>		
530	John Geraghty	Miltown
531	Pat Kenny	Carrantubber
532	John Hannon	Colony
533	James Martin	Curraghmore
534	Martin Madden	Derroughs
535	Michael Wynne	Cappagh
<b>1895</b>		
536	Denis Duffy	Colony
536	Daniel Conneely	Derrinabrin
537	Charles Taylor (policeman's son)	Kilkerrin
538	Thomas Smyth	Derrinabrin
539	Pat Kelly	Timicat
540	Peter Dunne	Ballaghduff
<b>1896</b>		
541	Martin Smyth	Colony
542	William Hannon	Colony
543	Thomas Connor	Morganure
544	James Madden(Michael)	Derroughs
545	Andrew Clarke	Kilsallagh
546	Pat Connor	Morganure
547	James Conneely(John)	Curraghmore
548	Pat Noone (Tom)	Timicat
549	Tom Kelly	Timicat
<b>1897</b>		
550	Martin Duffy	Kilsallagh
551	Martin Lohan	Derrinabrin
552	John Wynne	Cappagh
553	John Clarke (Michael)	Derroughs
554	Thomas Madden	Derroughs
555	Thomas Delaney	Welfort
556	Pat Naughtin	Miltown
557	John Conneely(James)	Curraghbeg
558	William Naughtin (James)	Miltown
559	William Naughtin(John)	Ballaghduff

<b>1898</b>		
560	Martin Kilmartin	Miltown
561	Thomas Miskell	Curraghbeg
562	John Smyth	Derrinabrin
563	Michael Tracy	Derry (shopkeeper)
564	James Clarke(Pat)	Kilsallagh
565	Pat McLoughlin	Derroughs
566	Mike McLoughlin	Derroughs
567	Mike Madden (James)	Derroughs
568	Pat Delaney	Welfort(herd)
569	Andy Kelly	Curcullen

<b>1899</b>		
570	Martin Grady	Slieveroe
571	Michael Grady	Slieveroe
572	James Duffy	Kilsallagh
573	Martin Saxon	Morganure
574	John Reilly	Furhill
575	Martin Stephens	Miltown
576	Mike Stephens	Ballaghduff
577	John Lohan	Derrinabrin
578	Martin Clarke (Matt)	Kilsallagh
579	Pat Naughtin (Little)	Miltown
580	Mike Madden(James)	Derroughs
581	Pat Ryan(Martin)	Kilsallagh
582	Mark Crehan	Cloonshevna
583	James Kilmartin	Curcullen
584	Edward Kilmartin	Curcullen

<b>1900</b>		
585	James Naughtin (big)	Miltown
586	John Dunne (Mick)	Ballaghduff
587	Mike Dunne	Ballaghduff
588	James Stephens (Frank)	Ballaghduff
589	John Clarke (Pat)	Kilsallagh
590	Malachy Noone	Timicat
591	Thomas Conneely (James)	Curraghbeg
592	Martin McLoughlin	Derroughs
593	Martin Collins	Ballaghduff
594	Peter Collins	Ballaghduff

<b>1901</b>		
595	James Naughton	Miltown
596	John Noone	Corramoyah
597	Roderick Delaney	Welfort
598	Michael Ryan	Cappagh
599	Pat Madden	Timicat

<b>1902</b>		
600	Edward Clarke	Kilsallagh
601	John Mullin	Ballaghduff
602	Pat Noone	Corramoyah
603	Michael Kilmartin	Miltown
604	Patrick Conneely	New Forest

<b>1903</b>		
605	John Smyth	Colony
606	Michael Gerald Tyrell	Miltown
607	John Collins (Pat)	Ballaghduff
608	Michael Clarke	Kilsallagh
609	Michael Naughton	Miltown
610	John Grady	Slieveroe
611	John Ryan	Cappagh
612	Thomas Mocklare	Miltown
613	John Delaney	Welfort

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614	John Brehany	Miltown
615	John Conneely	Curraghmore
616	Domnick Costello	Corramoyah
617	Michael Noone	Corramoyah
618	Patrick Conneely	Colony
619	Patrick Walsh	Cappagh
620	John Noone	Curraghmore
621	Patrick Ryan	Cappagh
622	Michael Naughtin	Miltown
623	John McLoughlin (Larry)	Derroughs
624	Martin Smyth (Hugh)	Timicat
625	John Smyth	Timicat
626	Thomas Noone	Curraghmeigh
627	James Collins	Ballaghduff
628	Patrick Collins	Ballaghduff

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629	Thomas Naughton	Lodge
630	Mathias Ryan (Martin)	Kilsallagh
631	Mathias Clarke	Kilsallagh
632	Thomas Gough (Ryan)	Cappagh (England)
633	John Coogan	Furhill
635	Patrick Conneely	Ballaghduff
636	Daniel Conneely	Derrinabrin
637	Martin Mockler	Miltown
639	Bernard Cunniffe (shopkeeper)	Timicat
640	Thomas Noone	Timicat
641	Pat Connolly	Timicat

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642	Henry Rhode	Derroughs (orphan)
645	John Lohan	Derroughs
646	John Naughton	Lodge
647	Pat Conneely	Derrinabrin
647	Patrick Grady	Slieveroe
648	Michael Ryan	Currameigh
648	Thomas Petit	Curcullen

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649	Edward Clarke	Kilsallagh
650	Martin Noone	Curraghmeigh
650	James Conneely	Ballaghduff
651	Michael Conneely	Curraghmore
651	Tom Conneely	Colony
652	Michael Conneely	Ballaghduff
654	James Coogan	Furhill
655	Thomas Grady	Slieveroe
656	Willie Haverty	Colony
657	Patrick Halvey	Cappagh
658	Michael Kelly	Cappagh
659	John McLoughlin	Curraghmore
660	Thomas Madden	Derry
661	Michael McLoughlin	Curraghmore
662	Pat Mullen	Ballaghduff
663	Gerald Mockler	Miltown
664	Thomas Mannion	Miltown (miller)
665	Cornelius Noone	Timicat
666	John Naughton	Miltown
667	Luke Noone	Derry
668	Pat Naughton	Lodge
669	James Naughton	Lodge
670	John Petit	Timicat
671	James Tracey	Derry (shopkeeper)
672	Michael Wall	Cappagh
673	Paddy Dunne	Ballaghduff

674	John Culkeen	Welfort
675	John Meehan	Derry (orphan)
676	John Halvey	Cappagh
677	James Kelly	Timicat
678	Michael Finneran	Timicat
679	Patrick Healy	Morganure
680	John Healy	Morganure

**1908**

681	Martin Healy	Morganure
682	John Reilly	Morganure
683	Pat Clarke	Kilsallagh
684	John Mockler	Miltown
685	Martin Gavan	Curraghmeigh
686	Thomas McLoughlin	Derry
687	Thomas Haverty	Colony
688	Eddie Fahy	Derry
689	Lawrence Grady	Slieveroe
690	Thomas Wall	Cappagh
691	Michael Cunniffe (shopkeeper)	Timicat
692	Thomas Culkeen	Cappagh
693	John Ryan	Cappagh
694	Michael Naughton	Lodge
695	Peter Clarke	Kilsallagh

**1909**

696	Michael Conneely	Derrinabrin
697	John Mulligan	Derrinabrin
698	Pat Collins	Miltown
699	Michael Gormally	Colony
700	Pat Wall	Cappagh
701	Pat Smyth	Colony
702	Hugh Treacey	Derroughs
703	Michael Collins	Miltown
704	James Brehony	Miltown
705	Tom Brehony	Miltown
706	John Mullin	Derry
707	Michael Culkeen	Cappagh
708	Andy Ryan	Curraghmore
709	John Burke	Cappagh

**1910**

710	John O'Brien	Kilsallagh
711	Michael Petit	Curcullen
712	Dan Chalyner	New Forest
713	Martin Conneely	Derrinabrin
714	Stephen Mullin	Derry

**1911**

715	Nicholas Kelly	Cappagh
716	Tom Meehan	Cappagh

**1912**

717	Martin Naughton	Lodge
718	Pat Culkeen	Cappagh
719	Tom Conneely	Ballaghduff
720	Pat Noone	Curraghmore
721	John Chalyner	New Forest

**1913**

722	Pat Costello	Curraghmeigh
723	Eddie Petit	Curcullen
724	Tommie Donnellan	Newcastle (herd)

**1914**

725	John Conneely	Ballaghduff
726	Martin McLoughlin	Curcullen

727	Tommie Gormally	Colony	780	Martin Fahy	Cappagh
728	Tommie Mullin	Derry	781	Michael Ryan	Curraghmeigh
729	John McLoughlin	Curcullen	782	Jimmy Cunningham	Kilkerrin (teacher's son)
730	Martin O'Brien	Kilsallagh	783	Martin McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh
731	Paddy Doherty	Timicat	784	Joe Ryan	Curraghmore
732	Matt Costello	Kilsallagh			
733	Willie McLoughlin	Curraghmore	<b>1925 - 1930</b>		
734	Pat Mee	Timicat	785	Paddy Clarke	Kilsallagh
<b>1915</b>			786	Tom Maloney	Toomard
735	John Corley	Newcastle	787	Patrick Maloney	Toomard
736	Michael O' Neill	Morganure	788	Michael Ryan	Curraghmore
737	James O' Neill	Morganure	789	Paddy Owens	Welfort
738	Martin Kinahan	Gortnadieve	790	Michael Owens	Cappagh
739	Martin Fahy	Derroughs	791	John McLoughlin	Curcullen
<b>1916</b>			792	Michael Challoner	New Forest
740	John Meehan	Cappagh	793	John Madden	New Forest
741	Paddy Creavan (policeman's son)	Miltown	794	Danny Madden	New Forest
742	Paddy Mannion	Curraghmeigh	795	Paddy Stephens	New Forest
743	Michael Fahy	Derroughs	796	John Donlon	New Castle
744	John Smyth	Derrinabrin	797	Thomas Ryan	Timicat
745	Pat Glynn	Cappagh	798	John Stephens	<b>Ballaghduff</b>
<b>1917</b>			799	John Smyth	Colony
746	Paddy Smyth	Derrinabrin	800	Thomas Kelly	Timicat
747	Willie Donnellan	Newcastle	801	Dermot Mulryan	Timicat
748	Willie Naughton	Lodge	802	Paddy Kilmartin	Rockfield
749	Martin Conneely	<b>Ballaghduff</b>	803	John Moran	Curraghmore
750	Paddy Smyth(Tom)	Derrinabrin	804	Mick Stephens	New Forest
751	Luke Mee	Timicat	<b>1930 - 1935</b>		
<b>1918</b>			805	Martin McLoughlin	Derroughs
752	Paddy Donnellan	Newcastle	806	John McLoughlin	Derroughs
753	Michael Miskell	Curraghbeg	807	Martin McLoughlin	Derroughs
754	Michael Mee	Timicat	808	John Madden	Timicat
<b>1919</b>			809	Mick Stephens	<b>Ballaghduff</b>
755	Lawrence Wall	Cappagh	810	James Coogan	Furhill
756	Joe Conneely	<b>Ballaghduff</b>	811	Tim Conneally	Curraghbeg
<b>1920 - 1925</b>			812	William Burke	Curraghbeg
757	Jim Meehan	Cappagh	813	Andrew Stephens	Killasmugan
758	Michael O' Donnell	Derrinabrin	814	Jim Ryan	Curraghmeigh
759	Tommie Fahy	Cappagh	815	Michael Ryan	Curraghmeigh
760	Paddy Maloney	Colony	816	Jimmy Treacy	Derroughs
761	John Conneely	Curraghbeg	817	Paddy Treacy	Derroughs
762	Jim O' Donnell	Derrinabrin	818	Tom McLoughlin	Derroughs
763	Jimmy McCarthy	Colony	819	Jim Naughton	Miltown
764	Matt Ryan	Curraghmeigh	820	John Hogan	Carrentubber
765	Gerry Mee	Timicat	821	Patrick Clarke	Kilsallagh
766	Martin Clarke	Kilsallagh	822	Peter Stephens	<b>Ballaghduff</b>
767	J.A. Maloney	Colony	823	Jim Mulryan	Timicat
768	Tommie Chalyner	New Forest (coachman)	824	Larry Daly	<b>Ballaghduff</b>
769	Mike Smyth	Derrinabrin	826	John Kilmartin	Rockfield
770	Francis Stephens	<b>Ballaghduff</b>	827	James Kelly	Timicat
771	Tom McCarthy	Colony	828	Paddy Kelly	Timicat
772	Tommie Smyth	Derrinabrin	829	Mick Martin	Colony
773	Jim Ryan	Curraghmeigh	830	Edward Shaughessy	Curraghmore
774	John Mullin	Derroughs	831	Michael Madden	Timicat
775	Francis Stephens	New Forest	832	Michael Maloney	Colony
776	Luke Stephens	New Forest	833	Mark Maloney	Colony
777	Michael McLoughlin	Curcullen	834	Tom O' Donnell	Derrinabrin
778	Pat McLoughlin	Curcullen	835	Christy McLouhglin	Colony
779	Willie Chalyner	New Forest	836	Martin Duffy	Colony
	Jim Maloney	Colony	837	Michael Moran	Curraghmore
			838	Paddy Kilmartin	Miltown
			839	Michael Clarke	Kilsallagh
			840	Patrick Coogan	Furhill
			841	Charles Murray	Travelling circus
			842	James Murray	Travelling circus
			843	Francis Garvey	Cappagh

844	Michael Kilmartin	Rockfield			
844	John Daly	Ballaghduff	1	Paddy Killilea	Timicat
845	Thomas Dowd	Timicat	2	John Carton	Derry
845	Michael Treacy	Derrougs	3	Christy Coen	Derry
846	John Fahy	Cappagh	4	Martin Ryan	Killsallagh
847	Michael Fahy	Cappagh	5	Francis Halvey	Cappagh
848	Joseph McLoughlin	Curcullen	6	John Killilea	Timicat
			7	Anto Higgins	Curraghmore
			8	John Fahy	Derrougs
			9	Martin Fahy	Derrougs
<b>1935 - 1940</b>			10	Tom Fahy	Derrougs
849	Luke Noone	Curraghmeigh	11	John Halvey	Cappagh
850	Patrick Noone	Curraghmeigh	12	John McLoughlin	Derry
851	Thomas Madden	Timicat	13	Martin Naughton	Glenn
852	Martin Stephens	Ballaghduff	14	John Conneely	Newcastle
853	Francis Kerins	Carrentubber	15	Bernie Collins	Ballaghduff
854	William McLoughlin	Curcullen	16	Seamus Naughton	Rockfield
855	Joseph Kerins	Carrentubber	17	Padraic Halvey	Cappagh
856	Jimmy Fahy	Cappagh	18	Pat Meehan	Cappagh
857	Michael Shaughnessy	Curraghmore	19	Brendan Doyle	Derrinabrin
858	Michael McLoughlin	Newcastle	20	John Conneally	Curraghbeg
859	Jimmy Carton	Derry	21	Martin Pettit	Curcullen
860	Michael Kilmartin	Curcullen	22	Padraic Kerins	Welfort
861	Tom Noone	Curraghmeigh	23	Brian Kerins	Welfort
862	Tom Maloney	Newcastle	22	Gabriel Noone	Curraghmore
863	Patrick Warde	Curraghmore	23	Sean Warde	Collains
864	Edward Coen	Derry	24	Martin Clarke	Killsallagh
865	Thomas Kilmartin	Rockfield	25	John Gormley	Newcastle
866	Michael Noone	Curraghmeigh	26	Michael Naughton	Rockfield
867	John Naughton	Glen Lodge	27	John Naughton	Rockfield
			28	Frank Killilea	Timicat
<b>1940 - 1945</b>			29	Sean O' Neill	Timicat
868	James Kilmartin	Curcullen	30	Tom McLoughlin	Curraghmore
868	James F. Naughton	Glen Lodge	31	John Breheny	Ballaghduff
869	John Madden	Timicat	32	James Mulryan	Timicat
870	Matthew Stephens	Ballaghduff	33	Philip McQuaid	New Forest
871	James Daly	Ballaghduff	34	Francis Meehan	Cappagh
872	Brian Doherty	Timicat	35	Raphael Higgins	Curraghmore
873	Pat Collins	Ballaghduff	36	Gerard McDonagh	Slieveroe
874	Gerard Coen	Derrougs	37	Bernard Halvey	Cappagh
875	Edward Kilmartin	Curcullen	38	Michael Oliver Gormley	Newcastle
876	Pat Carton	Derrougs	39	Tony Breheny	Ballaghduff
877	Michael Kelly	Timicat	40	Tom Meehan	Cappagh
878	John Noone	Timicat	41	James Mannion	Miltown
879	Edward Pettit	Curcullen	42	John Mannion	Miltown
880	William Corley	Newcastle	43	Christopher Killilea	Timicat
881	Pat Collins	Miltown	44	John McDonagh	Slieveroe
882	Michael Madden	Derrougs	45	Michael Higgins	Curraghmore
883	Pat Divilly	Glebe House	46	Michael Wall	Cappagh
884	Michael F. Pettit	Curcullen	47	Jim Maloney	Newcastle
885	Thomas A. Pettit	Curcullen	48	Paddy Flaherty	Curraghmore
886	John Noone	Curraghmeigh	49	John Meehan	Cappagh
			50	Sean Higgins	Curraghmore
<b>1945 - 1950</b>			51	Michael Mannion	Miltown
887	Tom Mannion	Miltown	52	Martin Oliver Fahy	Cappagh
888	Ambrose Stephens	Slieveroe	53	Anthony Killilea	Timicat
889	Jimmy Stephens	Slieveroe	54	Michael McLoughlin	Curcullen
890	Gerard Naughton	Slieveroe	55	Paddy Mannion	Miltown
891	Michael Collins	Ballaghduff	56	Joseph Halvey	Cappagh
892	John Pettit	Curcullen	57	Martin Breheny	Ballaghduff
893	Michael Daly	Ballaghduff	58	James Meehan	Cappagh
894	Arthur Daly	Ballaghduff	59	Gerard Maloney	Newcastle
895	Frank Stephens	Miltown	60	Padraig Dowd	Timicat
896	Martin Crehan	Toomard	61	John Mannion	Curraghmeigh
897	Brian Crehan	Toomard	62	Joseph Conneely	Ballaghduff
898	Eddie Collins	Miltown	63	Martin Smyth	Newcastle
899	Patrick Pettit	Curcullen	64	Liam Higgins	Curraghmore
900	John Lohan	Derrinabrin			

65	Michael Conneely	Derry
67	Micheal Meehan	Cappagh
68	Gerard Conneely	Curraghbeg
69	John Fahy	Cappagh
70	Padraig Noone	Currghmore
71	Sean Dowd	Timicat
72	Patrick J. Warde	Derrinabrin
73	Joseph Conneely	Derry
74	Michael Fahy	Cappagh
75	Jimmy McLoughlin	Derry
76	Michael McLoughlin	Timicat
77	Brian Raftery	Slieveroe
78	Martin Dowd	Timicat
79	Jimmy Dillon	New Forest
80	Eamon Moran	Curraghmore
81	Tom Moran	Curraghmore
82	Sean Moran	Curraghmore
83	Christy Meehan	Cappagh
84	Matt Raftery	Slieveroe
85	Jeremiah Noone	Curraghmore
86	John Smyth	Newcastle
87	Sylvester McDonagh	Rockfield
88	Pat Smyth	Newcastle
89	Padraig Mannion	Curraghmeigh
90	Padraig Conneally	Curraghbeg
91	Rory Dowd	Timicat
92	Michael Raftery	Slieveroe
93	John Lee	Killsallagh
94	Michael Stephens	Furhill
95	Michael Moran	Curraghmore
96	Gerard Meehan	Cappagh
97	Eoin Lee	Killsallagh
98	Gerard O' Donnell	Derrinabrinn
99	Luke Conneally	Curraghbeg
100	John Stephens	Furhill
101	Frank Duffy	Newcastle
102	Patrick McLoughlin	Ballaghduff
103	Aden Naughton	Rockfield
104	Michael Gannon	Timicat
104	Paul Stephens	Furhill
105	Padraig Duffy	Newcastle
106	Joseph Naughton	Rockfield
107	Paul McLoughlin	Ballaghduff
108	Martin Joe Duffy	Newcastle
109	David Naughton	Rockfield
110	Tom Madden	Timicat
111	Kieran Kerins	Curraghmore
112	Peter Collins	New Forest
113	Kevin Collins	New Forest
114	Bernie Martin	Derry
115	Eugene McLoughlin	Ballaghduff
116	John Clarke	Kilsallagh
117	Tony Noone	Curraghmeigh
118	Gerard Noone	Curraghmeigh
119	Michael Collins	New Forest
120	Luke Mee	Timicat
121	Sean Naughton	Rockfield
122	Patrick Collins	New Forest
123	T.J. Pettit	Corcullin
124	Michael McLoughlin	Ballaghduff
125	Kevin Carton	Derry
126	Francis Carton	Derry

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**PRIMARY BRANCH**

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CERTIFICATE**

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This is to certify that the pupil named overleaf completed the sixth standard of the programme of instruction in national schools and passed the Primary School Certificate examination which comprised written tests in Irish, English and Arithmetic, conducted by the Department of Education in June, 1965.

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*The following are the subjects of the prescribed programme of instruction for the sixth standard in national schools:—*

Obligatory Subjects:

IRISH, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, MUSIC, NEEDLEWORK (Girls)

Optional Subjects:

DRAWING, PHYSICAL TRAINING, RURAL SCIENCE or NATURE STUDY, COOKERY (Girls), LAUNDRY WORK (Girls) or DOMESTIC ECONOMY (Girls), MANUAL INSTRUCTION (Boys).



**AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS**  
**Brainse an Bhunoideachais**

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**TEISTIMEIREACHT AR**  
**BHUNOIDEACHAS**

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**Dearbhú é seo gur chríochnaigh**

**an séú rang de chlár an teagaisc sna scoileanna náisiúnta agus gur éirigh leis an dalta san sa scrúdú scríofa sa Ghaeilge, sa Bhéarla agus san Uimhríocht a tionóladh ag an Roinn Oideachais i Mí an Mheithimh, 1965, le haghaidh na Teistiméireachta ar Bhunoideachas.**

*L. O. Raifeartaigh*

Ránaí

*Is iad seo leanas na hábhair de chlár an teagaisc atá ordaithe le haghaidh an tséú rang i scoileanna náisiúnta:—*

**ÁBHAIR ÉIGEANTACHA:**

Gaeilge, Béarla, Matamaitic, Stair, Tíreolaíocht, Ceol, Obair Snáthaide (Cailíní).

**ÁBHAIR NEAMHÉIGEANTACHA:**

Líníocht, Corpoiliúint, Tuatheolaíocht nó Eolas ar Nádúr, Cócaireacht (Cailíní), Níochán (Cailíní), nó Tíos (Cailíní), Lámhoiliúint (Buachaillí).

# Register Girls

## 1866 -1870

- 2 Ellen Gormly
- 3 Margaret Conneely
- 4 Margaret Hurley
- 5 Honor Conneely
- 6 Sarah McLoughlin
- 7 Julia Ryan
- 8 Mary Fahy
- 9 Ellen Naughten

## 1870-1872

- 10 Ann Noone
- 11 Bridget Mullin
- 12 Honor Gannon
- 14 Catherine Meehan
- 15 Honor Warde
- 17 Honor Conneely
- 18 Margaret McHugh
- 19 Ann McLoughlin
- 20 Catherine Donnellan
- 24 Mary Madden
- 25 Kate Royan
- 26 Kate Fahy
- 27 Catherine Gormly
- 28 Mary McLoughlin
- 28 Mary Cuddy
- 29 Mary Hughes
- 30 Bridget Burke
- 31 Honor Finneran
- 34 Catherine Conneely
- 35 Catherine Mullin
- 36 Celia Hurley
- 37 Anne Smyth

## 1872-1874

- 38 Mary Smyth
- 38 Margaret Noone
- 39 Ann Tracey
- 39 Margaret Tracey
- 40 Bridget Fahy
- 41 Ellen Donnellan
- 42 Roseanna Rogerson
- 43 Annie Mullin
- 44 Catherine Mullin
- 45 Marcella Fahy
- 49 Mary Conneely
- 51 Catherine Smyth
- 53 Bridget Tracey
- 59 Ellen Noone
- 60 Honor Connor

## 1874-1877

- 67 Mary Kelly
- 68 Honor Mullin
- 71 Bridget Madden
- 73 Ellen Finneran
- 74 Catherin Naughten
- 76 Catherin Madden
- 79 Mary Mullin
- 84 Margaret Dunne
- 85 Bridget Noone
- 87 Margaret Conneely
- 88 Margaret Clarke
- 94 Mary Naughten
- 99 Bridget Noone
- 109 Julia Meehan

- 110 Bridget Mannion
- 112 Mary O' Brien
- 115 Mary Gormly
- 116 Margaret Gormly
- 117 Mary Tyrells
- 120 Mary Smyth
- 124 Bridget Conneely
- 125 Mary Cunningham
- 126 Mary Conneely
- 126 Julia Kelly
- 127 Honor Haverty
- 133 Mary Finneran
- 134 Kate Lohan
- 135 Bridget Mockler
- 136 Julia Kelly
- 137 Bridget Conneely
- 138 Mary Finneran
- 139 Bridget Miskell
- 140 Mary Miskell
- 141 Ellen Kelly
- 145 Mary Ann Kelly
- 142 Kate Wynne
- 151 Bridget Smyth
- 152 Catherin Wade
- 153 Catherine Cunningham
- 154 Ellen Mannion
- 155 Margaret Ryan
- 156 Bridget Collins
- 146 Mary Coleman
- 157 Kate Wynne
- 158 Honor Tracey
- 159 Mary Conneely
- 160 Mary Mulligan
- 174 Anne Conneely
- 176 Mary S. Rogerson
- 178 Bridget Meehan
- 180 Honor Fahy
- 181 Julia Whyte
- 183 Mary Glen
- 184 Honor Smyth
- 191 Honor Noone
- 197 Bridget Gormly
- 203 Honor Whyte
- 206 Bridget Naughton
- 207 Mary Donnelly
- 214 Mary Fahy
- 215 Honor Fahy
- 217 Bridget Conneely
- 220 Julia Grady
- 224 Honor Meehan
- 238 Honor Concannon
- 239 Bridget Conneely
- 240 Bridget McLoughlin
- 242 Margaret Smyth
- 243 Mary Gaffey
- 244 Ellen Conneely
- 247 Mary Costelloe
- 249 Margaret O' Donnell

## 1887

- 250 Katie Whyte

## Part of the register missing (250 -350)

- 350 Margaret Conneely Curraghbeg
- 359 Catherine Stephens Ballaghduff

370	Kate Corley	Colony	482	Biddy Corley	Colony
381	Kate Noone	Curraghmore	483	Julia Miskell	Curraghmore
391	Mary Ann Reilly	Morganure	484	Kate Madden	Derroughs
<b>1886</b>			485	Kate Miskell	Curraghmore
393	Ellen Conneely	Curraghbeg	486	Kate Fahy	Derroughs
397	Honor Saxon	Colony	487	Julia Reilly	Furhill
399	Maggy Miskell	Curraghmore	<b>1892</b>		
400	Ellen Duffy	Kilasllagh	489	Catherine Madden	Timicat
406	Mary Nolan	Colony	491	Mary Noone	Timicat
408	Delia Hoare	Curraghmore	492	Honor Conneely	Curraghbeg
409	Eliza Naughton	Ballaghduff	497	Sarah Daly	Ballaghduff
411	Ellen Kelly	Timicat	498	Ellie Stephens	Miltown
413	Mary Kelly (Ned)	Curcullen	<b>1893</b>		
414	Mary Kelly (Tom)	Timicat	499	Anne Duffy	Kilsallagh
<b>1887</b>			500	Winefrid Kelly	Timicat
415	Ellen Reilly	Morganure	502	Margaret Duffy	Kilsallagh
416	Maggy Stephens	Ballaghduff	503	Eliza Stephens	Miltown
419	Biddy Madden	Derroughs	504	Biddy Stephens	Ballaghduff
423	Honoriam Smyth	Colony(shoemaker)	505	Delia Ryan	Kilsallagh
424	Biddy Duffy	Killsallagh	507	Ellen Martin	Curraghmore
425	Anne Lavin	Kilkerrin (Herd)	508	Mary Naughton	Miltown
427	Sarah Smyth	Derrinabrinn	<b>1894</b>		
428	Maggy Madden	Timicat	509	Margaret Madden	Timicat
429	Biddy Ryan	Derroughs	510	Ellen Fahy	Morganure
<b>1888</b>			511	Mary Fahy	Morganure
432	Biddy Madden (James)	Timicat	513	Biddy Dunne	Ballaghduff
437	Mary Ann Ryan	Killsallagh	514	Kate Conneely(Js)	Curraghbeg
439	Matilda Hoare (teacher's daughter)	Curraghmore	515	Honor Tracy	Derry (shopkeeper)
440	Honor Smyth	Timicat	516	Mary Tracy	Derry
441	Margaret Fahy	Derry	517	Mary Madden	Derry
<b>1889</b>			518	Mary Ann Grady	Curraghmore
442	Biddy Nolan	Colony	519	Ellen Connor	Curraghmore
443	Honor Fahy	Morganure	<b>1895</b>		
444	Mary Collins	Morganure	521	Biddy Mulligan	Corrameigh
447	Winnie Smyth	Colony (shoemaker)	521	Mary Wynne	Cappagh
448	Delia Stephens(Jno)	Miltown	522	Maggy Smyth	Colony (shoemaker)
<b>1890</b>			523	Mary McDermott	Miltown
449	Mary Madden(Martin)	Timicat	524	Ann Reilly	Derroughs
450	Mary Madden(James)	Derroughs	525	Ann Turly	Corrameigh
452	Mary Moloney	Curcullen	<b>1896</b>		
453	Mary Duffy	Killsallagh	526	Margaret Connor	Morganure
454	Biddy Conneely	Curraghmore	527	Maggy Fahy	Morganure
455	Biddy Conneely(James)	Curraghbeg	528	Anne M Healy	Kilkerrin
456	Mary Conneely (James)	Curraghbeg	529	Mary Conneely	Curraghmore
457	Honor Madden	Timicat	530	Maggy Stephens	Ballaghduff
458	Margaret Clarke	Derry	<b>1897</b>		
459	Kate Stephens	Miltown	531	Mary Collins	Ballaghduff
461	Anne Madden	Derroughs	532	Mary Reilly	Derroughs
462	Mary Madden(Jim)	Timicat	533	Honor Collins	Kilsallagh
463	Lizzy Stephens	Miltown	534	Honor Clarke	Kilsallagh
468	Biddy Smyth	Colony	535	Mary Naughtin	Lodge
472	Kate Nolan	Colony	536	Honor Conneely	Curraghmore
473	Honoriam Stephens	Ballaghduff	537	Delia Naughton	Lodge
475	Honor Stephens	Ballaghduff	538	Honor Collins	Ballaghduff
<b>1891</b>			<b>1898</b>		
476	Biddy Naughton	Miltown	539	Mary Mullin	Ballaghduff
477	Biddy Madden(Jim)	Derroughs	541	Maggy Ryan	Cappagh
478	Maggy Wynne	Cappagh	542	Honor Madden	Derroughs
479	Honor Lohan	Derrinabrinn	543	Catherine Collins	Ballaghduff
480	Christina Reilly	Furhill	544	Bridget Tracy	Derroughs

545	Catherine Dunne	Ballaghduff	596	Mary Lohan	Derrinabrinn
546	Honor Duffly	Colony	597	Ellen Conneely	Curraghmore
<b>1899</b>			598	Ellen Hanley	Colony(shoemaker)
547	Mary Clarke	Derrougns	599	Anne Madden	Derrougns
549	Bridget Hanley	Welfort	600	Nellie Fahy	Derrougns
550	Ellen Miskell	Curraghmore	601	Margaret Brehony	Derrnabrinn
551	Catherine Conneely	Curraghbeg	601	Annie Fahy	Derry
552	Kate Saxon	Morganure	602	Katie Pettit	Curcullen
<b>1900</b>			605	Maggy Collins	Miltown
553	Honor Fahy	Morganure	606	Mary Collins	Miltown
554	Margaret Mullin	Ballaghduff	607	Brigid Collins	Miltown
555	Bridget Burke	Kilsallagh	608	Ellen Noone	Curraghmeigh
<b>1901</b>			609	Brigid Costello	Curraghmeigh
556	Maggy Stephens	Ballaghduff	610	Celia Lohan	Kilsallagh
557	Maggy Madden	Derry	611	Katie Walsh	Cappagh
<b>1902</b>			612	Martha Muldowney	New Forest(coachman)
558	Mary Fahy	Colony	613	Maggy Glynn	New Forest (herd)
559	Bridget Stephens	Ballaghduff	614	Maggy McLoughlin	Curraghmore
560	Margaret Conneely	Curraghmore	615	Margaret Pettit	Curcullen
<b>1903</b>			616	Brigid Ryan	Cappagh
561	Honor Noone	Currameigh	617	Maggy Coneely	Colony
562	Bridget Kelly	Kilsallagh	618	Lizzy Dunne	Ballaghduff
563	Mary Grogan	Curraghbeg	619	Mary Mockler	Miltown
564	Margaret Treacy	Derry (shop)	620	Nora Brehony	Miltown
564	Rose Ryan	Kilsallagh	<b>1907</b>		
565	Delia Grady	Slieveroe	621	Mary Halvey	Cappagh
567	Julia Treacy	Derry (shop)	622	Mary Smyth	Timicat
568	Kate Kilmartin	Miltown	622	Bridget O' Brien	Kilsallagh
569	Mary Conneely	Colony	623	Katie Smyth	Timmicat
570	Mary Delaney	Welfort	623	Mary Coogan	Furhill
<b>1904</b>			624	Maggy Niland	Colony
571	Bridget Lohan	Derrinabrinn	<b>1908</b>		
572	Catherine Fahy	Morganure	624	Mary Clarke	Kilsallagh
573	Bridget Dunne	Ballaghduff	625	Mary Keaveney	Morganure
574	Mary Naughton	Miltown	625	Mary Fahy	Derrougns
575	Margaret Hughes	Colony	626	Sarah Smyth	Colony
576	Margaret Martin	Curraghmore	627	Mary Costello	Curraghmeigh
578	Eliza Collins	Ballaghduff	628	Brigid Kilmartin	Curcullen
579	Mary Morgan	Curraghmore	629	Ellie Clarke	Derrougns
580	Margaret O Grady	Curraghmore	630	Katie O'Brien	Kilsallagh
580	Mary Lohan	Derrougns	631	Anne Cunniffe	Timicat/shopkeeper
<b>1905</b>			<b>1909</b>		
581	Mary Dunne	Ballaghduff	631	Ellie Conneely	Dernabrin
582	Kate Smyth	Colony(shoemaker)	632	Katie Conelly	Timicat
583	Celia Madden	Derrougns	632	Mary O' Brien	Kilsallagh
584	Ellen Treacy	Derry	633	Mary Conelly	Timicat
584	Ellen Tracy	Derry	633	Mary McLoughlin	Derry
585	Ellen Smyth	Newcastle(shoemaker)	634	Bridget Conelly	Timicat
586	Nora Grady	Slieveroe	634	Katie Naughton	Miltown
587	Anne Conneely	Curraghbeg	635	Brigid Collins	Ballaghduff
588	Ellen Delaney	Welforth(shepherd)	635	Maggie Naughton	Miltown
589	Margaret Madden	Derrougns	636	Ellie Connolly	Timicat
<b>1906</b>			637	Winifred Mannion	Colony
590	Nora Duffly	Kilsallagh	638	Delia Ryan	Derrougns
591	Bridget McLoughlin	Derrougns	640	Brigid Wall	Cappagh
592	Mary E. Collins	Miltown	641	Margaret Cunniffe	Timicat
593	Mary Noone	Curraghmore	642	Mary McLoughlin	Curraghmore
594	Brigid Mullin	Ballaghduff	643	Mary Haverty	Colony
595	Celia Naughton	Miltown	644	Julia Madden	Derry
			645	Brigid Burke	Cappagh (herd)
			646	Mary Burke	Cappagh
			647	Katie Wade	Miltown
			648	Mary Wade	Miltown
			649	Maggie Connolly	Timicat

650	Mary Miskell	Curraghbeg	712	Katie Commor	Morganure
651	Katie Conneely	Curraghmore	713	Agnes Smyth	Derrinabrin
652	Mary Gormally	Colony			
<b>1910</b>					
653	Brigid Gormally	Colony	714	Maggy Fahy	Derroughs
654	Nora Petit	Curcullen	715	Annie Fahy	Derroughs
655	Annie Smyth	Colony (bootmaker)	716	Anne Tully	Morganure
656	Nora McLoughlin	Derry	717	Delia Noone	Curraghmore
657	Annie Collins	Miltown	718	Maggy McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh
658	Mary Mullin	Derry	719	Julia Smyth	Colony
659	Margaret Ryan	Derroughs	720	Monica Gormally	Colony
660	Annie O' Brien	Kilsallagh	721	Mary Smyth	Derrinabrin
661	Nellie Clarke	Kilsallagh	722	Katie Donlon	Newcastle
662	Maggie Dunne	Ballaghduff	<b>1915</b>		
664	Wimfred Costello	Curraghmeigh	723	Mary Breheny	Derroughs
665	Nellie Costello	Curraghmeigh	724	Sarah Challoner	New Forest
666	Mary Ryan	Derroughs	725	Delia Conneely	Ballaghduff
667	Delia Wade	Multown	726	Nellie Noone	Curraghmore
668	Nellie Breheny	Derry	727	Christina Wade	Miltown
669	Nellie Madden	Derroughs	<b>1916</b>		
671	Katie Haverty	Colony	728	Mary Naughton	Ballaghduff
672	Nora Connolly	Timicat	729	Margaret McLoughlin	Curcullen
673	Brigid Petit	Curcullen	730	Margaret Mee	Timicat
677	Brigid Naughton	Miltown	731	Elizabeth Smyth	Derrinabrin
678	Katie Conneely	Ballaghduff	732	Mary Connor	Morganure
679	Mary Conneely	Ballaghduff	733	Katie Mannion	Curraghmeigh
680	Winifred Wade	Miltown	<b>1917</b>		
681	Kitty Dunne	Ballaghduff	734	Mary Naughton	Ballaghduff
682	Catherine Dermody	Ballaghduff	729	Margaret McLoughlin	Curcullen
683	Katie McLoughlin	Thomastown	730	Margaret Mee	Timicat
684	Margaret Costello	Curraghmeigh	731	Elizabeth Smyth	Derrinabrin
685	Nora Collins	Miltown	732	Mary Connor	Morganure
686	Bridget Ryan	Derroughs	733	Katie Mannion	Curraghmeigh
687	Margaret Gormally	Colony	<b>1918</b>		
<b>1911</b>					
688	Katie Connor	Cappagh	734	Brigid Corley	Colony
689	Annie Petit	Curcullen	735	Nora Chaloner	New Forest
690	Katie Breheny	Derroughs	736	Julia Geraghty	Derrinabrin
691	Margaret Miskell	Curraghabeg	737	Sarah Breheny	Derry
692	Nellie Wade	Miltown	738	Margarita Naughton	Curraghmore
693	Margaret Wade	Miltown	738	Kathleen Maloney	Colony
<b>1912</b>					
694	Delia Smyth	Dernabrin	739	Annie Mullin	Derroughs
695	Sabina Meehan	Cappagh	739	Mary Mannion	Curraghmeigh
696	Mary Smyth	Dernabrin	740	Brigid Teresa Chaloner	New Forest
697	Mary Donlon	Newcastle (shepherd)	<b>1919</b>		
698	Katie Smyth	Derrinabrin	741	Mary McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh
699	Annie Ryan	Derroughs	742	Brigid Smyth	Derrinabrin
700	Delia Miskell	Curraghabeg	743	Mary Fahy	Derroughs
701	Katie Naughton	Lodge	744	Mary Madden	Colony
702	Mary Wall	Lodge	745	Sarah K. Conneely	Curraghbeg
703	Delia Burke	Curraghbeg	745	Nellie Donlon	Newcastle
704	Maggy Smyth	Derrinabrin	746	Kathleen Mee	Timicat
<b>1913</b>					
705	Nora Wade	Miltown	747	Brigid Ryan	Curraghmore
706	Mary Lafferty	Rockfield	<b>1920 -1925</b>		
707	Ellie McLoughlin	Curcullen	748	Nellie Smyth	Derrinabrin
708	Mary Ellen Mee	Curcullen	749	Katie Fineran	Timicat
<b>1914</b>					
709	Sarah Haverty	Morganure	750	Annie Mannion	Curraghmeigh
710	Julia O' Leary	Curraghmore	751	Mary Dowd	Morganure
711	Kathleen McLoughlin	Curraghmore	752	Marcella Cunningham (teacher's daughter)	Kilkerrin
			753	Delia Madden	Rockfield
			754	Mary Ryan	Curraghmeigh
			755	Katie Fahy	Derroughs
			756	Julie Wade	Miltown
			757	Margaret Fahy	Cappagh
			758	Mary Stephens	Ballaghduff
			759	Mary Conneely	Curraghbeg
			760	Katie Ryan	Derry
			761	Kate Stephens	Ballaghduff
			762	Margaret Mannion	Curraghmeigh

763	Margaret Connor	Morganure	826	Brigid Finneran	Kilsallagh
764	Bridget Donnellan	Newcastle	827	Julia Shaughnessy	Curraghmore
765	Kate Mullen	Derry	828	Mary Coogan	Furhill
<b>1925 - 1930</b>			829	Mary Kelly	Tuam Industrial School
766	Kate Miskell	Curraghbeg	830	Tessie Kerins	Wellfort
767	Margaret McLoughlin	Derroughs	831	Margaret McLoughlin	Derroughs
768	Brigid Stephens	Killasmugan	832	Ann Carton	Derroughs
769	Mary Neill	Morganure	833	Kate Kilmartin	Ballaghduff
770	Nellie O' Donnell	Derrinabrin	834	Nellie Stephens	Ballaghduff
771	Anne Smyth	Derrinabrin	835	Mary Fahy	Cappagh
772	Brigid Shaughnessy	Curraghmore	836	Tessie Duffy	Colony
773	Nellie Carton	Derry	837	Margaret Finneran	Kilsallagh
774	Kathleen Moran	Curraghmore	838	Anne Whelan	Rockfield
775	Doreen Madden	Rockfield	839	Tessie Murray	Traveller
776	Brigid Ryan	Curraghmeigh	840	Mary Carton	Derroughs
777	Nora Stephens	Ballaghduff	841	Mary Stephens	Ballaghduff
778	Margaret Stephens	Ballaghduff	842	Margaret Noone	Timicat
779	Mary Duffy	Colony	843	Eileen Kerins	Wellfort
780	Sally O'Donnell	Derrinabrin	844	Kathleen McLoughlin	Newcastle
781	Margaret McLoughlin	Derroughs	<b>1935 - 1940</b>		
782	Nellie McLoughlin	Derroughs	845	Eileen Finneran	Kilsallagh
783	Kate Hogan	Wellfort	846	Mary Madden	Timicat
784	Brigid Connor	Morganure	847	Eileen Maloney	Newcastle
785	Mary Hogan	Wellfort	848	Mary Kilmartin	Rockfield
786	Mary Ryan	Curraghmore	849	Una Kerins	Wellfort (stone mason)
787	Brigid Stephens	Ballaghduff	850	Philomena Stephens	Ballaghduff
788	Brigid Kilmartin	Rockfield	851	Ann Madden	Timicat
789	Kathleen McLoughlin	Curcullen	852	Eileen Noone	Timicat
790	Anne Mullen	Derry	853	Anne Kelly	Timicat
791	Mary Shaughnessy	Curraghmore	854	Mary Kelly	Kilsallagh
792	Kate Stephens	New Forest	855	Mary Warde	Curraghmore
793	Mary McLoughlin	Derroughs	856	Bridie Carton	Derry
794	Kate Kerins	Wellfort	857	Margaret Shaughnessy	Curraghmore
795	Mary Kerins	Wellfort	858	Eileen Stephens	Ballaghduff
796	Phyllis Madden	Rockfield	859	Teresa Collins	Ballaghduff
797	Margaret O' Donnell	Derrinabrin	860	Shelia Carton	Derry
798	Kate Gilligan	Shankill	861	Nora Collins	Ballaghduff
799	Mary Garvey	Wellfort	862	Chrissy Coen	Derry
800	Mary Duffy	Curcullen	863	Nora Shaughnessy	Curraghmore
801	Margaret Maloney	Colony	864	Margaret Madden	Timicat
802	Nora Donlon	Colony	<b>1940 - 1945</b>		
803	Joan Kerins	Wellfort	865	Mary Doherty	Timicat
804	Brigid Hogan	Wellfort	866	Eileen Clarke	Kilsallagh
805	Kate Mulryan	Timicat	867	Teresa Coen	Derry
806	Mary Mulryan	Timicat	868	Teresa Divilly	Glebe House
807	Mary McLoughlin	Curraghmeigh	869	Mary Divilly	Glebe House
808	Mary Kelly	Timicat	870	Peggy Naughton	Glen Lodge
809	Mary Finneran	Kilsallagh	871	Mary Martin	Newcastle
810	Margaret Ryan	Curraghmeigh	872	Moirra Higgins	Curraghbeg
811	Eileen Shaughnessy	Curraghmore	873	Noreen Divilly	Glebe House
812	Brigid Moran	Curraghmore	874	Brigid Higgins	Curraghbeg
<b>1930-1935</b>			875	Maureen Collins	Ballaghduff
813	Kate Kilmartin	Rockfield	876	Elizabeth Stephens	Miltown
814	Brigid Clarke	Kilsallagh	877	Mary Kilmartin	Curcullen
815	Kathleen Madden	Timicat	878	Julia Coen	Derry
816	Sarah Stephens	Ballaghduff	879	Mary Madden	Derroughs
817	Mary Daly	Ballaghduff	880	Margarita Higgins	Curraghbeg
818	Mary Stephens	Miltown	881	Maureen Stephens	Slieveroe
819	Mary McLoughlin	Colony	882	Brigid Stephens	Slieveroe
820	Margaret Naughton	Miltown	883	Ann Gordon	Slieveroe
821	Kate McLoughlin	Derroughs	884	Mary Gilligan	Slieveroe
822	Agnes Ryan	Curraghmore	885	Maureen Collins	Kilkerrin
823	Brigid Mulryan	Timicat	<b>1945 - 1948</b>		
824	Vera Stephens	Ballaghduff	887	Maureen Lohan	Derrinabrin
825	Kathleen Finnegan	Miltown			

888	Mary Madden	Kilkerrin
888	Kathleen Naughton	Glen Lodge
889	Nora Stephens	Ballaghduff
890	Mai McLoughlin	Curraghmore
891	Mary Dermody	Rockfield
892	Bridie Ryan	Kilsallagh
893	Ann Marie Crehan	Toomard
894	Mary Killilea	Timicat
895	Kathleen McLoughlin	Curraghmore
896	Kathleen Madden	Derrroughs
897	Margaret Naughton	Rockfield
898	Sadie Madden	Derry
899	Mary Mannion	Miltown

**1948-1950**

1	Sadie Higgins	Curraghbeg
2	Evlyn McLoughlin	Curraghmore
3	Elizabeth Collins	Ballaghduff
4	Kathleen Warde	Curcullen
5	Bernadette Divilly	Kilkerrin
6	Mary Teresa Lohan	Derry
7	Brigid Madden	Derry
8	Shelia Naughton	Rockfield
9	Brigid Hogan	Welforth
10	Una Killilea	Timicat

**1950 -1955**

11	Mary McLoughlin	Timicat
12	Maureen Breheny	Ballaghduff
13	Elizabeth Kilmartin	Welforth
14	Kathleen Lohan	Derry
15	Mary Clarke	Killsallagh
16	Kathleen O' Neill	Timicat
17	Peggy McLoughlin	Timicat
19	Kitty Higgins	Curraghmore
18	Josephine Warde	Cloonshevna
20	Mary Pettit	Curcullen
21	Mary Gormley	Newcastle
22	Rita Conneely	Derry
23	Maureen Conneely	Derry
24	Kathy Halvey	Cappagh
25	Maureen Connealy	Curraghbeg
26	Anne Meehan	Cappagh
27	Teresa Carr	Curraghbeg
28	Joan McQuaid	New Forest
29	Philomena McQuaid	New Forest
30	Anne Madden	Derry
31	Maira Noone	Curraghmore
32	Anne Carr	Curraghmore
33	Teresa Daly	Ballaghduff
34	Maureen McLoughlin	Derry
35	Anne Conneely	Derry
36	Shelia Conneally	Curraghbeg
37	Frances Conneely	Curraghbeg
38	Mary Mannion	Curraghmeigh
39	Kathleen Naughton	Rockfield

**1955 -1960**

40	Mary Halvey	Cappagh
41	Bridie McLoughlin	Timicat
42	Bridie Meehan	Cappagh
43	Mary Wall	Cappagh
44	Margaret Mannion	Curraghmeigh
45	Esther Halvey	Cappagh
46	Margaret Madden	Derry
48	Margaret McLoughlin	Curraghmore
47	Celia Madden	Derry

49	Kathleen Cummins	Derrinabrin
50	Eileen Mannion	Curraghmeigh
51	Maureen Fahy	Cappagh
52	Nora Noone	Curraghmore
53	Mary Olive Maloney	Newcastle
54	Margaret Conneely	Ballaghduff
55	Margaret Stephens	Newcastle
56	Kathleen McLoughlin	Curcullen
57	Kathleen Conneely	Curraghbeg
58	Nellie Conneally	Curraghbeg

**1960 - 1965**

59	Kathleen Conneely	Derry
60	Kathleen Noone	Curraghmore
61	Bridie Mannion	Curraghmeigh
62	Mary Meehan	Cappagh
63	Nuala Higgins	Curraghmore
64	Teresa Halvey	Cappagh
65	Bina Meehan	Cappagh
66	Bernadette Halvey	Cappagh
67	Kathleen Mannion	Miltown
68	Bridie Conneally	Curraghbeg
69	Catherine Dillon	New Forest
69	Margaret Meehan	Cappagh
70	Eileen Dillon	Newforest
70	Louise Halvey	Cappagh
71	Mary Lee	Killsallagh

**1965- 1970**

72	Mary O' Donnell	Derrinabrin
73	Lily Meehan	Cappagh
74	Patsy Halvey	Cappagh
75	Mary Dowd	Timicat
76	Kathleen Meehan	Cappagh
77	Teresa Fahy	Cappagh
78	Una Stephens	Furhill
79	Eileen Noone	Curraghmore
80	Ann Marie Raftery	Slieveroe
81	Kathleen Duffy	Newcastle
82	Mary Smyth	Newcastle
83	Margaret McLoughlin	Ballaghduff
84	Eileen Lee	Killsallagh

**1970 - 1977**

85	Caroline Gannon	Timicat
86	Mary T. Clarke	Killsallagh
87	Anne Gallagher	Streamstown
88	Margaret Gallagher	Streamstown
89	Anne McLoughlin	Ballaghduff
90	Martina Duffy	Newcastle
91	Mary E. Mee	Timicat
92	Bridie Mee	Timicat
93	Sarah Noone	Curraghmeigh
94	Angela Dowd	Timicat
95	Anne Stephens	Furhill
96	Geraldine Daly	Ballaghduff
97	Maura Stephens	New Forest
98	Tina Daly	Ballaghduff
99	Bridie Lee	Killsallagh
100	Bernadette Duffy	Newcastle
101	Helen Collins	New Forest
102	Anne Kilmartin	Curcullen
103	Hellen Stephens	Furhill
104	Martina Madden	Derry
104	Margaret Ryan	Killsallagh

## Oldest Pupils Living Locally



Mrs Julia Maloney



Jimmy O'Donnell



Katie Fahy

## Final Pupils Enrolled



Mary Ryan



Kevin and Francis Carton



Helen Stephens



Four Generations of the Carton Family who attended Curraghmore N.S.



Ann Treacy (1st Generation)



Sons - John (2nd Generation) and Patrick Carton



John, Julia Carton (parents), Mary, Bridget, Jimmy, Julia, Patrick and John (3rd Generation)



John's sons - Kevin, Francis and Eddie Carton (4th Generation)

# Down Memory Lane



Tom Meehan, Oliver Gormley  
and John Naughton.



Margaret and Delia Gormley



Mick Gormley and Pat Smyth



Matt Stephens

*Matt's uncle  
(Mark M)*



Moran Family: Sean, Tom, Michael & Eamon pictured with Mrs. Moran

Oldest school photograph - circa 1920's



Grett, Phil, Vera, Mike and Mary (All Stephens of Ballaghduff)



Noreen Divilly (not our Noreen)



Luke, Brigid, Kathleen, Michael, Pat (Paddy) Stephens 1926 / 1927

1826/27

Appendix, N<sup>o</sup> 22.—PAROCHIAL RETURNS:

28. COUNTY OF GALWAY—continued.		NAME of Townland or Place, at which the School is held.	NAME of MASTER or MISTRESS.	RELIGION of Master or Mistress.	FREE, or PAY SCHOOL.	TOTAL Annual INCOME of Master or Mistress, arising in all ways from the School.	DESCRIPTION of the SCHOOL-HOUSE, and probable COST thereof.
BARONY and PARISH.	DIOCESE.						
TYAQUIN—continued.							
Killiereran	Tuam	Barbersfort	Thomas Sullivan	R. catholic	free	not stated; has a promise of payment from R. C. clergyman.	a part of the master's dwelling-house.
Kilkerrin	-	Lissicora	Patrick Murphy	R. catholic	pay	9 l. 13 s. 4 d.	built with stone and lime, thatched; rented at 15 s.
		Cloukeen	Thomas Greaby	R. catholic	pay	6 l. 16 s. 6 d.	a mud cabin, thatched; cost 40 s.
		Carolena	Redmond Mullen	R. catholic	pay	13 l. - -	held in the chapel -
		Tunmeccaris	Patrick Keenon	R. catholic	pay	5 l. 1 s. 8 d.	mud-wall cabin, thatched.
Killascobe	-	Minlough	Walter Williams	R. catholic	free	from 4 l. 4 s. to 13 l.	stone and lime, thatched.
		Minlough	James Moran	R. catholic	pay	from 30 l. to 35 l.	held in the chapel -
Knockmoy	-	Abbey	Hugh Monaghan	R. catholic	free	12 l. - -	held in the chapel -
Monivea	-	Monivea	Miles Allen	protestant	free	11 l. 7 s. 6 d.	a low thatched cabin, repaired by the Kildare-pl. Soc. and the incumbent.
		Monivea	Anne Galvin Patrick Tully	protestants	free	11 l. 7 s. 6 d. 3 l. 8 s. 3 d.	built of stone and lime, thatched.
		Abbert	Michael Connor	R. catholic	free	20 l. and a gratuity from Kildare-pl. Soc. of 10 l.	the school-room is on the upper floor of an out-office, built of lime and stone, slated; would cost 120 l.
		Monivea	Patrick Caulfield	R. catholic	free	10 l. - -	held in the chapel of Monivea.
		Newcastle	Denis Grealy	R. catholic	pay	about 8 l. -	held in the chapel of Newcastle.
		Belville	Patrick McCabe	R. catholic	pay	about 6 l. -	a low thatched cabin; 10 l. would build a good one.
		Monivea Charter-school.	George Corn	protestant	free	not stated -	a large slated house.
		Meira	Peter Holland	R. catholic	pay	4 l. or 5 l. -	a thatched cabin; cost 10 l.
Moylough	-	Moylough	Martin Morgan	R. catholic	pay	from 1/8 to 8/ p' gr. for each pupil.	held in the chapel -

Diocesan Records

1835	BENEFICES.	No. of Schools	Description of each School.	Sources of Support.	No. of Children on the Books at the time of Inspection.	Average daily Attendance.	Attendance has been increasing, stationary, or diminishing, for the last five years.	Kind of Instruction.
	18. KILLCOMMON, (continued.)		4. School, in Hollymount, in connexion with the National Board of Education.	£8 per annum from the Board, and payments of 1d. per week by some of the children, which amounted to 5s. for the previous quarter.	Males.. 47 Females 10 Total. 57	40 to 45	Diminishing.	Reading, writing, and arithmetic.
	Killcommon . . . . . (continued.)		5. Hedge school, kept by Edward Hynes, for about eight months in each year.	Payments by the children, from 1s. to 3s. per quarter.	Males.. 46 Females 11 Total. 57	30 to 40	. . .	Reading, writing, arithmetic, and Roman Catholic catechism.
			6. Day school, kept by John Burke.	Payments by the children, from 1s. to 3s. per quarter, producing from £7 to £8 per annum.	Males.. 99 Females 26 Total. 125	60 to 80	Increasing.	Ditto.
			7. Hedge school, kept by Manniore.	Payments by the children.	No list produced.	..	. . .	Reading and writing.
			8. Agricultural school, kept by Mr. M'Cleary.	School-house, built from funds furnished by the Mansion House Committee for relieving distress in Ireland, in 1822, on an acre of ground given by Mr. Lindsay; and payments by the pupils of £10 per annum, who also give their work.	Males.. 2 Female 1 Total. 3	..	Established Nov., 1834.	Agricultural instruction, as qualification for farm stewards and farmers; dairy work and domestic economy for females; reading, writing, arithmetic, and mensuration.
	Tagheen . . . . .	2	1. Hedge school, kept by Michael M'Grave.	Payments by the children, from 1s. to 2s. per quarter.	Males.. 53 Females 17 Total. 70	45	Diminishing latterly.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, and Roman Catholic catechism.
			2. Hedge school at Cloon-diner, kept by Michael Walsh.	Payments by the children, from 1s. to 2s. 6d. per quarter, producing about £7 per annum.	Males.. 59 Females 15 Total. 74	40 to 50	Increasing.	Ditto.
	Robeen . . . . .	3	1. School, kept by Andrew Kelly, in connexion with the National Board of Education.	£8 per annum from the Board, and payments by the children from 1d. per week to 6s. per quarter, producing about £5 per annum.	Males.. 79 Females .. Total. 79	50 to 60	In connexion with the Board since May, 1832. Diminishing.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, and bookkeeping.
			2. School for girls, kept by Mary Henely, in connexion with the National Board of Education.	£8 per annum from the Board, and payments of 1d. per week by a few children, producing about £1 10s. per annum.	Males.. .. Females 87 Total. 87	50 to 60	Kept by this mistress one year.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, and needlework.
	Total . . . . .	13	3. Hedge school at Brownstown, kept by Mealy.	Payments by the children, from 1s. 1d. to 3s. per quarter.	No list produced.	About 40	Established about three months.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, and bookkeeping.
	1835	Number of Children on the Books of the Daily Schools . . . . .		Males. 437	Females. 212	Total. 649		
	19. KILLKERRIN.		1. Parish free school, kept by Stephen Dalton.	£40 per annum, and a house and two acres of ground, from the rector.	Males.. 20 Females 19 Total. 39	About 23	Increasing.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, needlework for the girls, and scriptural instruction.
	Killherrin . . . . .	6	2. Day school, in the chapel of Killkerrin, kept by John Creig.	Payments by the children, from 1s. to 2s. 6d. per quarter, producing about £8 or £9 per annum.	Males.. 90 Females 34 Total. 124	70 to 80	Ditto.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, and Roman Catholic catechism.
			3. Hedge school at Cloon-kell, kept by Michael Farrell.	Payments by the children, from 1s. to 2s. 6d. per quarter.	Males.. 25 Females 5 Total. 30	About 20	Established eight months.	Reading, writing, arithmetic, and Roman Catholic catechism.
			4. Day school at New Forest, kept by Redmond Mullin.	Payments by the children, from 1s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per quarter, producing from £8 to £9 per annum.	Males.. 70 Females 27 Total. 97	60	Increasing.	Ditto.

## Census Comparisons 1841-1911

### Population 1841 - 1911

<b>TOWNLAND</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>1851</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>1871</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>1911</b>
Ballaghduff	119	106	84	79	94	83	100	85
Cappagh	75	71	75	73	69	49	43	53
Carrowntober East	155	148	159	146	180	167	134	118
Carrowntober West	102	53	60	65	85	101	99	94
Corracullin	104	89	41	41	54	47	38	32
Corramaeegh	177	148	75	48	55	50	49	44
Cuilsallagh	146	134	54	51	46	50	58	48
Curragh Beg	39	48	43	45	45	40	32	24
Curraghmore	215	94	99	65	75	73	64	52
Derrooghs	109	73	136	119	105	94	87	109
Derrynabrin	91	61	50	59	50	54	28	31
Glebe	21	19	11	8	8	10	6	3
Glen	110	17	27	23	30	23	22	27
Killasmuggaun	6	9	20	20	9	6	8	8
Morganure	149	115	116	98	89	97	82	76
Milltown	98	114	126	102	71	56	64	63
Newcastle	24	15	36	83	95	77	63	65
Newforest	233	144	114	20	23	22	19	15
Rockfield East	36	19	20	11	11	5	4	3
Rockfield West	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slieveroe	25	5	9	7	6	6	10	9
Timicat	177	128	139	114	111	107	96	79

### Houses 1841- 1911

<b>TOWNLAND</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>1851</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>1871</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>1911</b>
Ballaghduff	21	18	15	14	17	16	17	16
Cappagh	12	12	12	11	10	10	10	10
Carrowntober East	23	25	27	29	29	29	30	27
Carrowntober West	20	13	13	13	18	19	18	18
Corracullin	18	17	8	7	7	7	7	8
Coramaeegh	31	32	14	10	10	10	10	9
Cuilsallagh	29	22	10	8	8	8	8	8
Curragh Beg	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7
Curraghmore	36	24	19	12	15	12	12	10
Derrooghs	18	13	25	24	22	20	20	18
Derrynabrin	16	13	10	10	9	9	7	7
Glebe	5	4	4	3	2	2	2	2
Glen	22	4	6	4	4	4	4	5
Killasmuggaun	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
Morganure	31	21	19	19	18	19	18	15
Milltown	19	24	26	21	16	13	12	11
Newcastle	4	2	8	17	18	18	17	16
Newforest	42	29	24	7	5	3	3	3
Rockfield East	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	1
Rockfield West	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slieveroe	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Timicat	31	29	27	23	21	20	18	18

# Curraghmore and adjoining Townlands

