

THE REGISTERS OF
ARDCLARE PARISH CHURCH
(ST GEORGE'S)
BAPTISMS 1880-1900
MARRIAGES 1860-1919

TRANSCRIBED AND INDEXED

Diocese of Elphin

County of Roscommon

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CHURCH (County, Diocese)	BAPTISMS	MARRIAGES	BURIALS
Longcross, Christ Church (Surrey, Guildford) [Aug 91]	1847-1990	1847-1990	1847-1990
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Kilgarvan, St Peter's Church (Kerry, Ardfert & Aghadoe) [Mar 92]	1811-1850	1812-1947	1819-1850 1878-1960
Fermoy Garrison Church (Cork, Cloyne) [Jul 93]	1920-1922		
Barragh, St Paul's Church (Carlow, Ferns) [Apr 94]	1799-1805 1831-1879	1799-1805 1830-1844	1799-1805 1838-1878
Newtownbarry, St Mary's Church (Wexford, Ferns) [Oct 97]	1799-1903	1799-1903	1799-1903
Affpuddle, St Laurence's Church (Dorset, Salisbury) [Nov 97]	1728-1850	1731-1850	1722-1850
Barragh, St Paul's Church (Carlow, Ferns) [Jul 95]		1845-1903	
Kenmare, St Patrick's Church (Kerry, Ardfert & Aghadoe) [Sep 95]		1819-1950	
Clonegal, St Fiaac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [May 96]	1792-1831	1792-1831	1792-1831
Clonegal, St Fiaac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [Jul 96]	1831-1903		
Kilsaran, St Mary's Church (Louth, Armagh) [Sep 96]	1818-1840	1818-1844	1818-1900
Clonegal, St Fiaac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [Feb 97]		1831-1906	

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JUBILATE DEO
(Psalm 100)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

From the Order for Morning Prayer, The Book of Common Prayer (Church of Ireland)

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Clonegal, St Fiac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [Oct 96]			1832-1903
Cloghran Parish Church (Dublin, Dublin) [Feb 97]	1782-1864	1738 1782-1839	1732-1864
Kilrush, St Brigid's Church (Wexford, Ferns) [Feb 97]	1878-1903	1845-1903	1878-1903
Templeshanbo, St Colman's Church (Wexford, Ferns) [Mar 97]		1800-1814	
Stabannon Parish Church (Louth, Armagh) [Dec 97]	1688-1750 1765 1782-1847	1698-1754 1778-1844	1698-1751 1782-1864
Dromiskin Parish Church and Manfieldstown Parish Church (Louth, Armagh) [Feb 98]	1791-1839 1824-1856	1805-1903 1824-1850	1802-1907 1838-1884
Stabannon Parish Church (Louth, Armagh) [Dec 98]		1845-1876	1865-1907
Buttevant Garrison Church (Cork, Cloyne) [Dec 98]	1917-1922		
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) [Feb 03]	1666-1779	1666-1777	1666-1779
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) [Dec 99]	1777-1819	1777-1819	1777-1819
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) [Aug 00]	1819-1840	1819-1840	1819-1840
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) [Oct 01]	1840-1865	1840-1865	1840-1865
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) [Oct 02]	1866-1900	1866-1900	1866-1900
Newtownbarry Union Index: Newtownbarry, St Mary's Church Barragh, St Paul's Church Clonegal, St Fiac's Church Kilrush, St Brigid's Church [Oct 01]	1799-1903 1799-1805 1831-1879 1792-1903 1878-1903	1799-1903 1799-1805 1830-1903 1792-1906 1845-1903	1799-1903 1799-1805 1838-1878 1792-1903 1878-1903
Delgany Index [Sep 06]	1666-1900	1666-1900	1666-1900
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) [Apr 12]	1901-2000	1901-2000	1901-2000
Longcross, Christ Church (Surrey, Guildford) [Aug 10]	1847-2003	1848-2003	1848-2003
Derryloran Parish Church (Tyrone/Londonderry, Armagh) [Mar 13]	1796-1842		
Ewshot, St Mary's Church (Hampshire, Guildford) [Aug 13]			1886-2013

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Derryloran Parish Church (Tyrone/Londonderry, Armagh) [Sep 13]	1843-1896		
Kilgobbin/Kilternan Parish Church (Dublin, Dublin) [Nov 14]	1817-1900	1817-1900	1817-1900
Kilternan Parish Church (Dublin, Dublin) [Sep 17]	1901-2000	1901-2000	1901-2000
Strokestown, St John's Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Jul 17]	1811-1971	1811-1919	1811-1985
Kilglass Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Sep 17]	1822-1842	1823-1880	1825-1842 1883
Derryloran Parish Church (Tyrone/Londonderry, Armagh) [Jun 18]		1797-1845	1797-1879
Aughrim Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Sep 18]	1879-1890 1926-1930	1885-1910	
Kilmore Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin>Ardagh) [Dec 18]	1886-1890 1898-1977	1845-1952 1973	
Ballymascanlan, St Mary's Church (Louth, Armagh) [Dec 18]	1801-1844	1805-1816	
Eastersnow Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Nov 19]	1800-1902	1803-1877	1807-1886
Ardclare, St George's Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Jul 20]	1880-1900	1860-1919	

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INTRODUCTION

Having worked on six recent projects in Co Roscommon, I attempted to produce a 'family tree' of the Anglican parishes in the county in order to understand how they had been progressively gathered into larger groups since the late nineteenth century. Using the standard reference works, I was unable to find or deduce a satisfactory answer for a number of parishes and decided to investigate further. That piece of work is nearly complete, but publication will have to wait until the current restrictions are eased and final checking in record repositories and on the ground is allowed.

Whilst researching that topic, I also decided to transcribe all surviving registers of all the Anglican parishes in the county. I started with some of the smaller parishes and this is the first.

The following points should be borne in mind when using the transcript:

Dates All dates have been standardised as follows; day in numbers, month in three letters (abbreviated as necessary), year.

Index The index lists in alphabetical order all persons who were recorded as baptised and married at Ardclare over the period 1860-1919. Where circumstantial evidence points to entries for more than one event for the same person, they have been included on the same line in the index. In the absence of any such evidence they have been listed separately.

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SOURCES

A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland - Samuel Lewis (London 1837, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company 1984 and 1985)

The Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland - A Fullerton (Dublin, London and Edinburgh 1846, available on Archive CD Books Ireland)

MS 139 (four volumes of church drawings by Joseph Welland, 1798-1860) Volume 1 page 35 (held at the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin)

A Guide to Irish Churches and Graveyards - Brian Mitchell (ed) (Genealogical Publishing Company 1990)

Clergy of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (KEA) - Canon J B Leslie and Canon D W T Crooks (Ulster Historical Foundation and the Diocesan Council of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh 2008)

Churches of the Church of Ireland Dedicated to St George - Duncan Scarlett (2010)

The List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers (Representative Church Body Library website 2020)

DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this document have been distributed to the following:

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Roscommon County Library
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

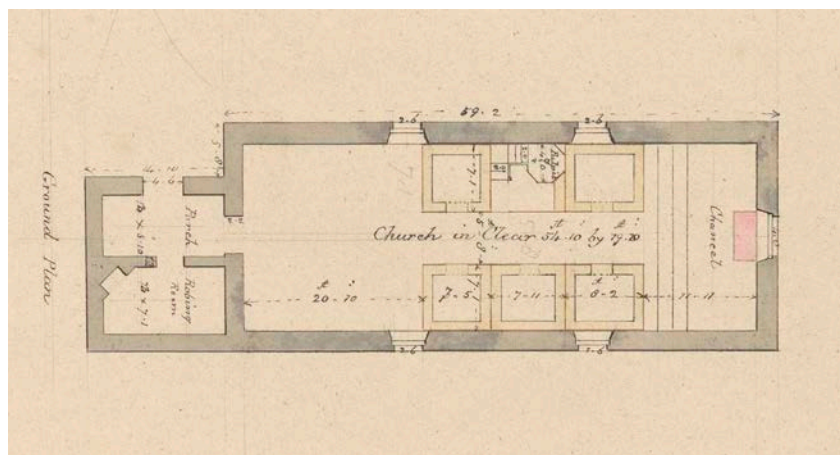
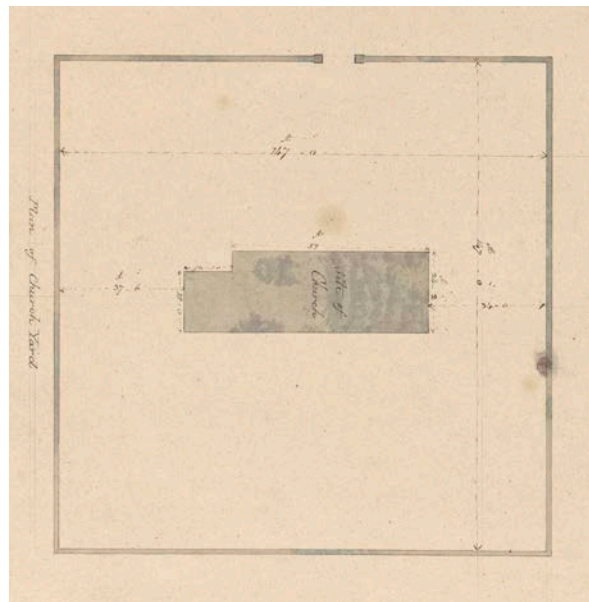
B	Bachelor	f	of full age
L	Marriage Licence	RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
S	Spinster		

Incumbents' initials are to be found on pages v.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH

Ardclare (or Aghclare, also Cloonygormican or Clonigormican) is an ancient parish in Co Roscommon, between Roscommon (to the SE) and Castlerea (to the WNW), comprising just over 8,500 acres. It was a vicarage in the Diocese of Elphin and the Ardclare Union included Creeve, Kilcooley, Killuken, Kilmacumsey, Shankill and Tumna (all vicarages), from 1809 according to Lewis. Fullerton noted that: Ardclare, Kilcooley and Killuken were mutually contiguous, Creeve, Kilmacumsey and Shankill were also mutually contiguous, but Tumna was remote from the other six; there were also churches in Creeve and Killuken; three curates were employed.

Ardclare Church was built by Charles Hawkes Esq of Brierfield as a chapel-of-ease, about 1720 (according to Lewis) or 1750 (according to Fullerton). It was located in Carrowbaun Townland, to the east of Brierfield and to the north-east of Shad Lough. Dedicated to St George, it subsequently became the parish church for Ardclare. Lewis described it as '*a plain edifice in good repair*' and Fullerton noted a seating capacity of 100. The churchyard and church plans below (by Joseph Welland) date from about 1850.



This church must have been closed shortly after 1869 as a new church was completed that year.

The replacement was built in Manor Townland, which is actually in Killuken Parish. It was funded largely by private subscription, through the efforts of G W Drought Esq JP of Cargins, with the balance provided by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The new building was dedicated on 11 May 1869, as reported in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* of 20 May 1869. No architectural drawings of this church are held at the RCB Library, but the ground plan visible is on modern aerial photography and shows a small rectangular building. The church was effectively closed in the 1930s; no precise reference has been found. Scarlett claims that the final service was held on 30 December 1928, but correspondence at the RCB Library suggests that services were held quarterly into the next decade.

The Ardclare Union was dissolved in 1846, when separate clergy were appointed to Ardclare, Creeve with Kilmacumsey and Shankill, Killuken, Tumna and the Prebendary. Ardclare (with Kilcooley) was united to Elphin in 1904 and then Elphin (with Ardclare) was united to the Boyle Group of Parishes in 1958.

MINISTERS' INITIALS

VICARS OF ARDCLARE

1846-1878 Richard Cowen RC

OTHER CLERGY

The following clergy also appear in the Ardclare registers. They are identified here, in chronological order, for completeness. To differentiate them from the parochial clergy, their initials are shown in *italics* in this transcript.

Entries	Name & Appointment when making entries	
1880	G O Redman Lancaster	<i>GORL</i>
1881	Michael Neville Kearney - Vicar of Bumlin 1878-1881	<i>MNK</i>
1882-1919	Edward Irwin - Curate of Elphin 1876-1895, Rector of Elphin and Ogulla 1895-1929	<i>EI</i>

DETAILS OF THE REGISTERS

This transcript is based on the following registers.

Baptism Registers

The first one is a baptism register (P0733.01.1) containing:

Baptisms 1880-1900 (12 entries)

Marriage Registers

The second one is a marriage register (P0733.03.1) containing:

Marriages 1860-1919 (2 entries)

NO	BAPTISM	BIRTH	NAME	PARENTS	ABODE	PROFESSION	MIN'R
1	8 Aug 1880	14 May 1880	William James COTTON	Cox/Alice Mary	Grange Ardclare	Gent	<i>GORL</i>
2	14 Aug 1881	23 May 1881	Robert Johnston COTTON	Cox/Alice Mary	The Grange Ardclare	Gent	<i>MNK</i>
3	29 Oct 1882	20 Sep 1882	Susan Johnston COTTON	Cox/Alice Mary	Brierfield Ballinaheglis	Gent	<i>EI</i>
4	16 Oct 1887	20 Jul 1887	Rebecca HAMILTON	Archibald/Fannie	Ballinderry	Sergeant RIC	<i>EI</i>
5	15 Apr 1888	3 Mar 1888	Elizabeth Alice May COTTON	Cox/Alice Mary	Brierfield Ballinaheglis	Gent	<i>EI</i>
6	13 Oct 1889	30 Jul 1889	William John HAMILTON	Archibald/Fannie	Ballinderry	Sergeant RIC	<i>EI</i>
7	10 Nov 1889	16 Sep 1889	Albert Cox COTTON	Cox/Alice Mary	Brierfield Ballinaheglis	Gent	<i>EI</i>
8	21 Jun 1891	-	Archibald HAMILTON	Archibald/Fannie	Ballinderry	Sergeant RIC	<i>EI</i>
9	23 Oct 1892	17 Aug 1892	Samuel John COTTON	Cox/Alice Mary	Brierfield Ballinaheglis	Gentleman Farmer	<i>EI</i>
10	14 Jun 1896	5 May 1896	Thomas SMITH	Joseph/Susan	Cargins Tulsk	Coachman	<i>EI</i>
11	1 May 1898	8 Feb 1898	George Neill SMITH	Joseph Henry/ Susan Louisa	Cargins Tulsk	Coachman	<i>EI</i>
12	10 Jun 1900	17 Dec 1899	Sarah SMITH	Joseph Henry/ Susan Louisa	Cargins Tulsk	Coachman	<i>EI</i>

12 entries in this Register.

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MARRIAGE NO	MIN'R	NAMES	AGE & STAT	OCCUPATIONS	ABODES	FATHERS' NAMES & OCCUPATIONS	WITNESSES	
31 May 1860 No 1 - RC		David LYNCH Margaret Anne KEON	28 B 22 S	Farmer -	Elphin Annfield	Rob't LYNCH Wm Burne KEON	Merchant Gentleman	Hugh D Lynch William J Keon
25 Feb 1919 No 2 L EI		Robert John Bowman MADDEN Elizabeth Alice May COTTON	f B f S	Medical Practitioner -	Knockadoo, Boyle Brierfield	Thomas MADDEN Cox COTTON	Gentleman Gentleman	Richard Thomas Madden Sarah Constance Johnston

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2 entries in this Register.

¹ Marginal note says 'Copied from the certified copies in the General Register Office but no copy of this Entry should be given to the public it not being an original Entry'.

² Note says 'This Register contains no further entries'.

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NAME	BIRTH	BAPTISM	MARRIAGE
COTTON, Albert Cox	16 Sep 1889	10 Nov 1889	
COTTON, Elizabeth Alice May	3 Mar 1888	15 Apr 1888	25 Feb 1919
COTTON, Robert Johnston	23 May 1881	14 Aug 1881	
COTTON, Samuel John	17 Aug 1892	23 Oct 1892	
COTTON, Susan Johnston	20 Sep 1882	29 Oct 1882	
COTTON, William James	14 May 1880	8 Aug 1880	
HAMILTON, Archibald	-	21 Jun 1891	
HAMILTON, Rebecca	20 Jul 1887	16 Oct 1887	
HAMILTON, William John	30 Jul 1889	13 Oct 1889	
KEON, Margaret Anne			31 May 1860
LYNCH, David			31 May 1860
MADDEN, Robert John Bowman			25 Feb 1919
SMITH, George Neill	8 Feb 1898	1 May 1898	
SMITH, Sarah	17 Dec 1899	10 Jun 1900	
SMITH, Thomas	5 May 1896	14 Jun 1896	

15 entries in this Index.