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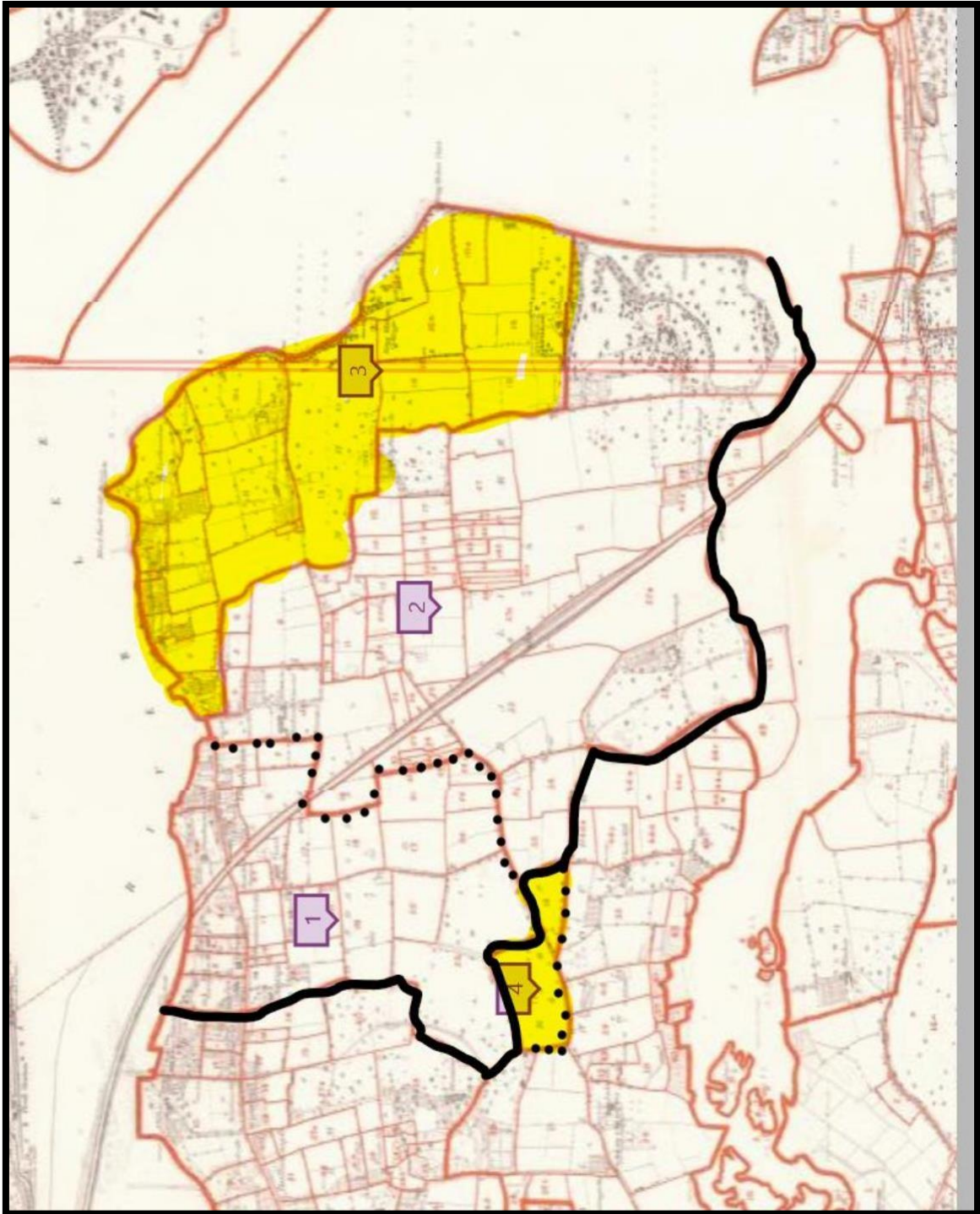
*The Census districts of
Ballinure, Blackrock Town,
Dundanion and Mahon
at the time of the 1901 Census*

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(with thanks to the many who helped)

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Townland Boundaries
(as shown in Griffiths Valuation circa 1850)

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brendan', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Introduction

I at first set out with the narrow intention of recording the actual location of houses listed in the 1901 Census. Modern development has erased much of the landscape of that time and I wanted to create a resource that would be openly available to anyone who had family or relations in the area at the time. I felt a resource such as this might be particularly of use to the 'diaspora' of Blackrock people who no longer have a local family presence.

However, as people shared their memories with me I realised that something more than the location of houses should be recorded. In my research I began to come across anecdotes and local knowledge that I felt should not be lost. I have included as much as possible in this booklet.

I also found that I sometimes needed to either go forward in time to the mid-20th century or back towards the mid-9th century in order to validate parts of the residential record for circa 1900. Along the way, I ended up gathering names of residents from 1850 onward to about 1950 in some cases. This was particularly useful in identifying what I call the older local families and their earlier footprint in the Parish. I would be happy to share whatever I have learned with anyone looking at his or her own individual family background.

Overall, the project was a bit of a jigsaw and there are still pieces missing or possibly in the wrong spot as I was unable to fully account for the exact location for every resident in the Census. Where doubt existed, I tried to leverage off all available reference sources and failing that, I relied on what looked like the logical Census route based on the positioning of other houses in the immediate vicinity. Sometimes though, even all that failed to come up with a practical location for a small number of houses.

Although I hope not, it may also be that I may have mis-interpreted some of what I have been told or researched. I therefore would be very interested to receive feedback /additional information and especially corrections, to help improve and/or add to the project.

The entire research is of course available to everybody. However, while I certainly would be pleased to assist anyone trying to find out more about where their family lived or with general information about the area, I cannot help with any personal information about families as I have not gathered or recorded any personal data specific to any families.

Using this document to find your family

Lastly, this is not a history story. It does not record events nor does it record the history of any local individual or family. It is really a reference document. I hope it can be read cover-to-cover or can be used to dip in and out of as curiosity grabs you.

For someone looking to locate their family presence in 1901, the easiest way to go about it is to go straight to page 7 (*Census 'Head of family' A-Z surname index*) if you already know which house number your family were in at Census time. For example, in my own case, I know that my own family of Cotters were in house number 31 in Mahon and the surname index tells me the page number for that house.

However, this A-Z will only work for you in cases where the house concerned was the family home. If your family or family member was lodging with another family, then you will need to know that family's surname. Failing that, you would firstly need to go and find your family member on the Census website, note the house number and 'head of family' in that house before using my index. See guide to browsing the Census on page 101. Alternatively, give me a call and I will try and find it for you.

Just a note about ongoing research

I have more or less completed a similar exercise for the 1911 Census and have also built up significant general information on the area from 1850 onwards. Looking ahead, I intend to look at the period 1800 to 1900 in more detail and would obviously be delighted to hear from anyone who feels they can share some information.

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The 1901 Census

1901 the end of an era and the beginning of a transition?

I have not looked at the aftermath of the Famine in detail, but I had supposed that it must have had a significant immediate impact on the local population and subsequently, the local economy in the following years. There certainly are local stories of suffering and mortality in the famine years.

Economic change in the aftermath of the Famine is more obvious. Many of the larger local estates began to go into decline. In 1857 the Chatterton Estate divested itself of its holdings in Blackrock. Chattertons, whose local residence was Castlemahon, owned the lease for the entire townland of Mahon. Their estate was sold under the Landed Estates Court (*something like a 19th century NAMA*). This subsequently heralded major change in the area as tranches of land changed hands, particularly in the portion of Mahon to the south of Ringmahon Rd. This change of ownership set the peninsula up for the major population growth from 1900 onwards.

The James Rockey Estate (*more about him later*) and that of Richard Longfield Jameson were a couple of other local noteworthy names whose estates were also processed by this 19th century NAMA.

If you judge population by the number of ratepayers, it seems there was little change in the overall population in the four Census areas (*Ballinure, Blackrock Town, Dundanion and Mahon*) over the fifty years from 1850 to 1901. However, the true pre-1901 population cannot be established as there is no way of knowing the number of people who were tenants and therefore not rate-payers and therefore not on any official record other than a Census. This cohort of the population (*not rate-payers*) is effectively 'invisible' in that the Census records of earlier times are mostly destroyed.

Ten years on from 1901, by the time of the 1911 Census the area was already beginning to show an increase in housing – the Blackrock Town Census area itself showed about a 30% increase in the number of families in those ten years. The other Census areas showed smaller increases.

Some established locations of small populations saw the residents leave. There is no way now of knowing whether this was a consequence of land changing hands or whether it was for economic reasons. An example would be the area near 'the Nook' at the Green point which had 7 families remaining in the early fifties but which was down to zero by the mid 1870's. The landowner did change in that time (*after the Chatterton sale*). Just to the south evolved a similar tale. The old boreen to 'the Yanks' and the field system to the south had a number of families on the land. There were houses on the boreen on the way to 'the Yanks' and along the waterside in the area of what was later known as Fr. Power's house. There were just a few residents left by 1901. The Fr. Power (*professor of archaeology at UCC*) immortalised in a local place-name, was present in the area for about a year circa 1914.

By 1901, the residents remaining in these locations may well have been the remnants of the population originally recorded by the Co-Adjutor Bishop of Cork (*Dr. Florence McCarthy*) in 1809 when he surveyed the area. According to Canon Walsh in his Parish

history, the 1809 survey recorded over 300 families numbering about 1500 people living along the Ring of Blackrock. Their living conditions were poor and it may be that the Famine wreaked havoc on this population. Interestingly though, the Ordnance Survey map of circa 1840, which predates the Famine, does not show any obvious concentration of housing on the Ring at that time. You therefore wonder what happened to them or whether the geographic area concerned was actually the peninsula itself rather than the narrow stretch of land along the Ring.

You could say the same for the families on Church Rd. in the area of the present day 'Headquarters' hairdressers. Possibly a small village in earlier times (*pre-Famine*) and even by circa 1850 there were still nine families living at that location.

In looking at the records for the fifty years pre-1900, what you can also notice is the number of properties (*of all types and size*) in the four Census areas in decline or being abandoned/allowed go to ruin during this period. This could be due to extended families being weakened by the aftermath of the Famine or possibly for economic reasons. Although I cannot be sure of absolute dates, it seems a number of larger houses may have been abandoned in this period - houses such as Ballinure Cottage, Snugborough and Ringmahon Cottage. Of course the 20th century also saw some big houses disappear – Lakelands house, Ferney, both Lakeviews - so maybe economics was the real driver in both the 19th and 20th centuries. The large estate houses Bessborough, Castlemahon and Ringmahon House have all survived although in different circumstances.

Change though is not always for the worse. This fifty-year period also saw the arrival of new blood who undoubtedly left a positive mark on the locality.

Overview

Census boundaries in 1901

General directions to note:

North – Castle Rd. /The Lee

East - Lough Mahon /Green Point /The Yanks

South – The Douglas river estuary /Lakelands /Bessborough

West – Ballintemple /Beaumont /Ballinlough

The three townlands of Ballinure, Dundanion and Mahon were split into four Census areas – ***Ballinure, Blackrock Town, Dundanion and Mahon***. The individual Census areas can be defined as follows:

Ballinure Census area

This took in all of Ballinure Townland except for the following parts of Ballinure which are in the Blackrock Town Census area:

All houses on the south side Cat Lane

From the junction of Cat Lane/Convent Rd. to Barry's Corner

Barry's Corner down to the corner of Cat Lane.

Dundonian Census area

This took in all of Dundonian Townland except for the following parts of Dundonian which are in the Blackrock Town Census area:

All houses on the north side of the Blackrock Rd. from King's Quay Lane (*Church Avenue*) to the Moorings

– except for Northcliffe, no.2 Lota View and Riverview House which were retained as part of the Dundonian Census

All houses on the south side of the Blackrock Rd. from the railway to Sunnynook

- except for the Parochial House and Glandore Villas which were retained as part of the Dundonian Census. I could not confirm whether the Convent lodge on Glandore Avenue was also included in the Dundonian Census.

Mahon Census area

This took in all of Mahon Townland except for the following parts of Mahon which are in the Blackrock Town Census area:

Beginning at Nugent's, the east side of Convent Rd. to the corner of Cat Lane

All houses on the north side of Cat Lane

Blackrock Town Census area

The boundaries of the Census area can therefore be summed up as follows:

South side of Blackrock Rd. beginning at Sunnynook and ending at the last house before the railway

North side of Blackrock Rd. from Nugent's shop up to and including most of Lota View

Convent Rd. from the Pier Head to the last house on left at Barry's *Corner (does not include Upper Convent Rd.)*

Both sides of Cat Lane and the houses between the junction of Cat Lane/Rope Walk to Barry's Corner

As already mentioned, a small handful of properties were excluded from the Census geographic area. These were – Glandore Villas, The Parochial House, Northcliffe, no.2 Lota View, Riverview House and possibly the Convent lodge on Glandore Avenue.

Index of ‘Head of Family’ surnames mentioned in the Census

All surnames in this index are in alphabetical order. I have only listed the ‘head of family’ surname as it appears in the Census.

However, watch out for the fact that some names were incorrectly recorded in the Census so when searching the Census, other records or indeed this document you need to watch out for spelling variations. Some examples of surname spellings:

The ‘O’ in surnames is often spelled as in the O’Keeffe example below. Other examples would be O’Leary, O’Driscoll, O’Sullivan, O’Brien
O’Keeffe – Keeffe, OKeeffe, O Keeffe, O’Keeffe

Other names are spelled as they sound:

Heaphy – Heafy
Hegarty – Heagherty

Some names are just transcribed incorrectly:

Scannell – Seannell
Huggins - Higgins

Some names have variations:

Cremen – Cremin

It is also the case that there are no Irish names in the Census so you will need to search for the English language equivalent.

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Census Area

- Ballinure, Blackrock Town, Dundanion, Mahon

Census House no.

- The Census enumerator gave each house a sequential number in order to record the resident details. The number has no other meaning.

Surname

- I have only recorded the family surname of the head of the family. In many cases, there would have been several different surnames in an individual house e.g. visitors, in-laws, nieces, nephews, servants and so on. You would need to consult the Census to see all the resident names in a particular house

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| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 87.1 | <i>Delea</i> | 37 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 80 | <i>Fox</i> | 37 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 2 | <i>Donovan</i> | 16 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 108 | <i>Frizell</i> | 39 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 19 | <i>Donovan</i> | 17 | | Mahon | 15 | Gardner | 57 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 99 | <i>Donovan</i> | 39 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 129 | <i>Geary</i> | 41 |
| Dundanon | 29 | Donovan | 49 | | Dundanon | 13 | Gill | 47 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 36 | <i>Dorney</i> | 35 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 28 | <i>Good</i> | 20 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 57 | <i>Dorney</i> | 36 | | Dundanon | 4 | Green | 47 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 122 | <i>Dorney</i> | 41 | | Mahon | 8 | Hall | 57 |
| Mahon | 38 | Dorney | 60 | | Mahon | 35 | Hall | 57 |
| Mahon | 4 | Dowling | 57 | | Mahon | 46 | Hall | 60 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 48.1 | <i>Downey</i> | 36 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 66 | <i>Hannigan</i> | 23 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 138 | <i>Downing</i> | 42 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 104 | <i>Harness</i> | 39 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 81 | <i>Doyle</i> | 24 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 139 | <i>Hartnett</i> | 42 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 21 | <i>Driscoll</i> | 17 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 81 | <i>Harvey</i> | 37 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 125 | <i>Driscoll</i> | 41 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 36 | <i>Hayes</i> | 20 |
| Mahon | 7 | Duggan | 57 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 40 | <i>Hayes</i> | 20 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 82 | <i>Dwyer</i> | 24 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 45 | <i>Hayes</i> | 21 |
| Dundanon | 5 | Dwyer | 47 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 53 | <i>Hayes</i> | 21 |

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| <i>Dundanon</i> | 41 | <i>Hayes</i> | 52 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 11 | <i>Kidney</i> | 33 |
| <i>Dundanon</i> | 43 | <i>Hayes</i> | 52 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 18 | <i>Kidney</i> | 33 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 20 | <i>Heafy</i> | 35 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 19 | <i>Kidney</i> | 35 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 109 | <i>Heagherty</i> | 39 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 39 | <i>Kidney</i> | 49 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 14 | <i>Healy</i> | 17 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 119 | <i>Kiely</i> | 41 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 48 | <i>Healy</i> | 21 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 78 | <i>Lane</i> | 24 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 49 | <i>Healy</i> | 21 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 4 | <i>Leahy</i> | 17 |
| <i>Dundanon</i> | 37 | <i>Healy</i> | 49 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 12 | <i>Leahy</i> | 17 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 59 | <i>Heaphy</i> | 36 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 37 | <i>Leahy</i> | 20 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 44 | <i>Hegarty</i> | 21 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 39 | <i>Leahy</i> | 20 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 17 | <i>Heskin</i> | 17 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 56 | <i>Leahy</i> | 23 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 24 | <i>Hickie</i> | 57 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 69 | <i>Leahy</i> | 23 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 22 | <i>Hobson</i> | 57 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 100 | <i>Leahy</i> | 39 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 102 | <i>Howard</i> | 39 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 22 | <i>Leahy</i> | 49 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 48.3 | <i>Huff</i> | 36 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 49 | <i>Leahy</i> | 52 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 111 | <i>Huff</i> | 39 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 40 | <i>Leahy</i> | 60 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 58 | <i>Huggins</i> | 23 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 9 | <i>Lehane</i> | 57 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 59 | <i>Huggins</i> | 23 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 28 | <i>Lehane</i> | 57 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 74 | <i>Jackson</i> | 37 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 63 | <i>Lenehan</i> | 23 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 1 | <i>Jermyn</i> | 57 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 14 | <i>Long</i> | 33 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 106 | <i>Jones</i> | 39 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 32 | <i>Long</i> | 57 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 17 | <i>Keating</i> | 57 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 83 | <i>Love</i> | 24 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 5 | <i>Keeffe</i> | 17 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 76 | <i>Love</i> | 37 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 38 | <i>Keeffe</i> | 20 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 10 | <i>Lynch</i> | 47 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 41 | <i>Keeffe</i> | 21 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 61 | <i>Lyons</i> | 23 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 75 | <i>Keeffe</i> | 24 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 35 | <i>Lyons</i> | 35 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 10 | <i>Kelleher</i> | 33 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 77 | <i>Lyons</i> | 37 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 113 | <i>Kelly</i> | 39 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 124 | <i>Lyons</i> | 41 |
| <i>Dundanon</i> | 27 | <i>Kelly</i> | 49 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 8 | <i>MacMullen</i> | 47 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 8 | <i>Kidney</i> | 17 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 70 | <i>Mahony</i> | 37 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 47 | <i>Kidney</i> | 21 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 26 | <i>Mahony</i> | 57 |

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| Ballinure | 65 | Mc Carthy | 23 | | Dundanon | 28 | Murphy | 49 |
| Ballinure | 77 | Mc Carthy | 24 | | Mahon | 29 | Murphy | 57 |
| Blackrock Town | 51 | Mc Carthy | 36 | | Blackrock Town | 131 | Murray | 41 |
| Dundanon | 47 | Mc Cullagh | 52 | | Dundanon | 19 | n/a | 47 |
| Blackrock Town | 45 | Mc Donald | 36 | | Dundanon | 20 | n/a | 47 |
| Dundanon | 2 | Mc Namara | 47 | | Dundanon | 33 | n/a | 49 |
| Ballinure | 29 | Mc Namee | 20 | | Dundanon | 34 | n/a | 49 |
| Ballinure | 25 | McCarthy | 20 | | Dundanon | 35 | n/a | 49 |
| Blackrock Town | 47 | McCarthy | 36 | | Dundanon | 36 | n/a | 49 |
| Blackrock Town | 121 | McCarthy | 41 | | Blackrock Town | 3 | Nugent | 33 |
| Blackrock Town | 130.3 | McCarthy | 41 | | Ballinure | 6 | O Keeffe | 17 |
| Dundanon | 30 | McCarthy | 49 | | Blackrock Town | 39 | O Leary | 35 |
| Blackrock Town | 92 | McCashin | 39 | | Dundanon | 31 | O Sullivan | 49 |
| Mahon | 2 | McFerran | 57 | | Mahon | 37 | O'Leary | 57 |
| Blackrock Town | 116 | McGrath | 41 | | Ballinure | 20 | OBrien | 17 |
| Blackrock Town | 30 | McGuinness | 35 | | Blackrock Town | 72 | OBrien | 37 |
| Blackrock Town | 2 | McLaine | 33 | | Mahon | 30 | OBrien | 57 |
| Mahon | 21 | McNamara | 57 | | Ballinure | 13 | O'Brien | 17 |
| Ballinure | 35 | Minihane | 20 | | Blackrock Town | 7 | OConnor | 33 |
| Blackrock Town | 105 | Minter | 39 | | Blackrock Town | 97 | OConnor | 39 |
| Blackrock Town | 132.2 | Mitchell | 41 | | Dundanon | 45 | OConnor | 52 |
| Blackrock Town | 49.4 | Moloney | 30 | | Blackrock Town | 52 | ODonoghue | 36 |
| Blackrock Town | 133 | Moore | 41 | | Ballinure | 70 | ODriscoll | 24 |
| Mahon | 44 | Moore | 60 | | Ballinure | 73 | ODriscoll | 24 |
| Blackrock Town | 21 | Morgan | 35 | | Blackrock Town | 4 | O'Driscoll | 33 |
| Dundanon | 18 | Morris | 47 | | Blackrock Town | 65 | O'Driscoll | 37 |
| Mahon | 25 | Morrogh | 57 | | Ballinure | 23 | O'Keefe | 20 |
| Blackrock Town | 98 | Mortell | 39 | | Ballinure | 22 | O'Keefe | 20 |
| Blackrock Town | 126 | Mullins | 41 | | Dundanon | 32 | O'Keefe | 49 |
| Ballinure | 18 | Murphy | 17 | | Blackrock Town | 82 | O'Keefe | 37 |
| Ballinure | 24 | Murphy | 20 | | Mahon | 49 | O'Keefe | 60 |
| Ballinure | 51 | Murphy | 21 | | Blackrock Town | 29 | O'Leary | 35 |
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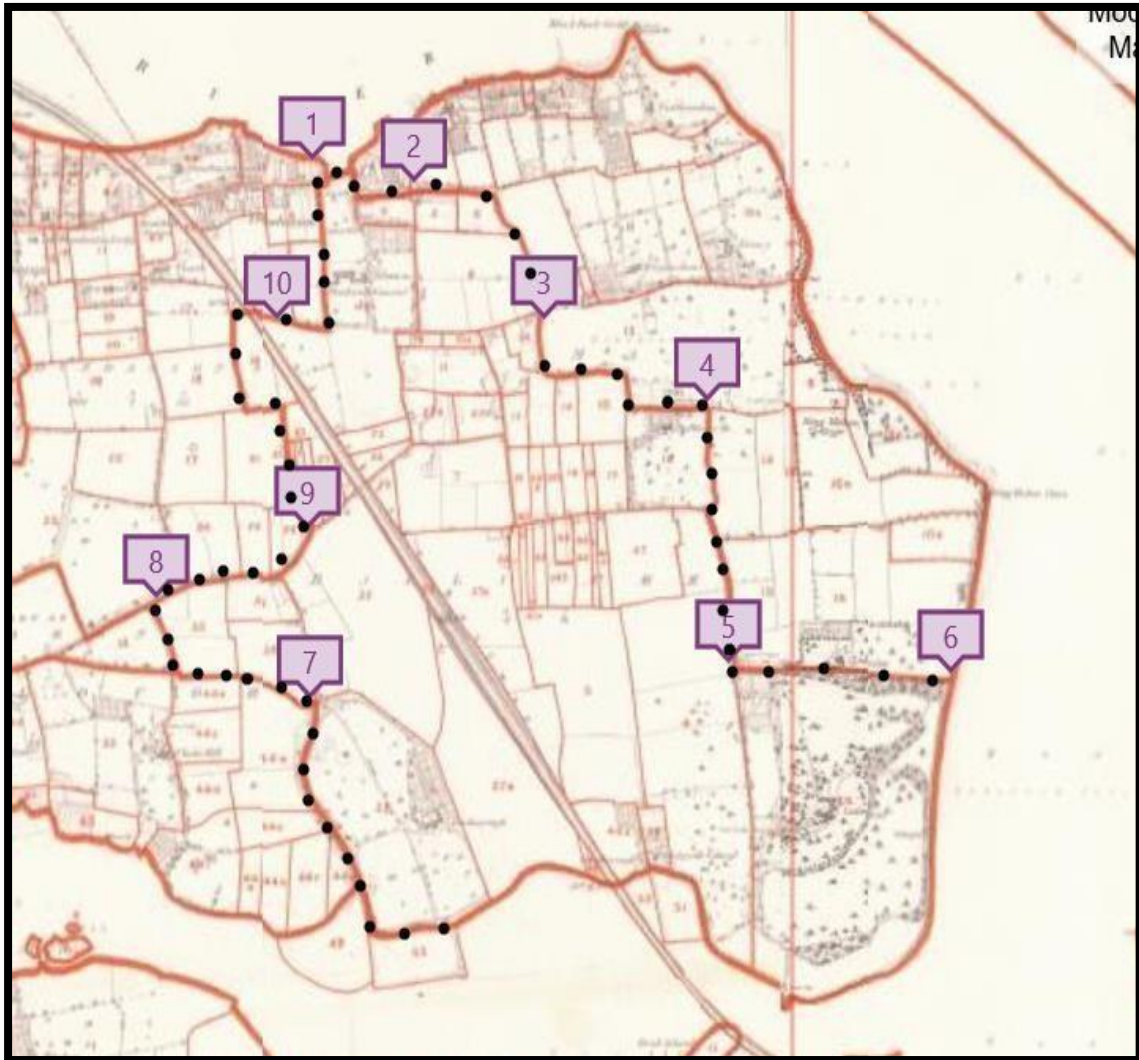
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| <i>Dundanon</i> | 7 | <i>OLeary</i> | 47 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 93 | <i>Simmons</i> | 39 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 27 | <i>OLeary</i> | 57 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 74 | <i>Sisk</i> | 24 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 39 | <i>Oleary</i> | 60 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 46 | <i>Slattery</i> | 21 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 8 | <i>O'Leary</i> | 33 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 49.3 | <i>Sloane</i> | 36 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 75 | <i>O'Leary</i> | 37 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 135 | <i>Smyth</i> | 41 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 63 | <i>O'Reilly</i> | 37 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 17 | <i>Smyth</i> | 47 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 3 | <i>ORiordan</i> | 57 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 45 | <i>Staveley</i> | 60 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 101 | <i>Peek</i> | 39 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 43 | <i>Street</i> | 35 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 71 | <i>Perrier</i> | 24 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 48 | <i>Stritch</i> | 52 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 33 | <i>Pike</i> | 20 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 42 | <i>Sullivan</i> | 35 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 42 | <i>Punch</i> | 21 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 55 | <i>Tewksbury</i> | 36 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 107 | <i>Punch</i> | 39 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 23 | <i>Tivy</i> | 49 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 115 | <i>Quirk</i> | 41 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 48.2 | <i>Twohig</i> | 36 |
| <i>Dundanon</i> | 24 | <i>Richardson</i> | 49 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | <i>No house number</i> | <i>Twohig</i> | 41 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 7 | <i>Riordan</i> | 17 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 21 | <i>Twohig</i> | 47 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 43 | <i>Riordan</i> | 21 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 26 | <i>Twomey</i> | 35 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 46 | <i>Riordan</i> | 36 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 128 | <i>Twomey</i> | 41 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 117 | <i>Riordan</i> | 41 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 79 | <i>Ursuline Convent</i> | 24 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 11 | <i>Ronan</i> | 57 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 34 | <i>Varian</i> | 20 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 87.2 | <i>Rowke</i> | 37 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 84 | <i>Wallace</i> | 37 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 38 | <i>Russell</i> | 35 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 123 | <i>Walsh</i> | 41 |
| <i>Dundanon</i> | 16 | <i>Russell</i> | 47 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 12 | <i>Waters</i> | 57 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 47 | <i>Sandham</i> | 60 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 1 | <i>Weir</i> | 47 |
| <i>Mahon</i> | 48 | <i>Sandham</i> | 60 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 66 | <i>Williams</i> | 37 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 32 | <i>Scannell</i> | 35 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 36 | <i>Williamson</i> | 57 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 130.1 | <i>Scannell</i> | 41 | | <i>Ballinure</i> | 67 | <i>Wilson</i> | 23 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 60 | <i>Seannell</i> | 36 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 69 | <i>Wood</i> | 37 |
| <i>Ballinure</i> | 52 | <i>Shanahan</i> | 21 | | <i>Dundanon</i> | 9 | <i>Woodhouse</i> | 47 |
| <i>Dundanon</i> | 11 | <i>Shaw</i> | 47 | | <i>Mahon</i> | 10 | <i>Woodward</i> | 57 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 15.1 | <i>Sheehan</i> | 33 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 67 | | 37 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 15.2 | <i>Sheehan</i> | 33 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 90 | | 39 |
| <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 88.1 | <i>Sheehan</i> | 37 | | <i>Blackrock Town</i> | 91 | | 35 |
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The Ballinure Census
in detail

Ballinure

The townland boundary as shown in Griffiths Valuation circa 1850

Ballinure Townland area – Approximately 483 acres



- 1) Entrance to Ursuline Convent
- 2) Boundary comes down middle of Cat Lane and Rope Walk roughly as far as the back garden of the last house of what is now Dunlocha
- 3) Boundary crosses Ringmahon Rd. (*near what is now Derek's shop*)
- 4) Boundary turns south at corner of Perrier's Field
- 5) At the lodge to Lakelands House, the boundary turns left towards Lough Mahon
- 6) Meets the Ring just south of Fr. Power's house
- 7) Bessborough Gate lodge
- 8) Skehard Rd. at the junction with the lane to Clover Hill
- 9) Riordan's in Ballinsheen (*opp. entrance to Skehard lawn*)
- 10) Boundary crosses the railway and moves down the boundary of the Ursuline Convent to emerge beside Sunnynook

Walking the Townland boundary in 1901

Beginning at Cuffe's Corner (*the Pier Head*), the boundary ran along the middle of Convent Rd., turned left onto Cat Lane and ran down the middle of the road approximately as far as the back garden of the last house on the west side of Dunlocha Cottages. Ballinure townland always on your right side.

The boundary then turned right and went south crossing Ringmahon Rd. just to the east of the house lived in by O'Driscolls (*Moss Buckley's house in later years – just beside Mahon Park*). It then carried on along part of Michael's Boreen (a laneway that connected Ringmahon Rd. to Ballinure Village). Ballinure townland always on your right side.

At the top of that lane it continued east and skirted the back of the Ballinure House grounds (*Roche's Field always on your left*). It continued east before turning south at the boundary of Perrier's Field. Ballinure townland always on your right side.

It then emerged at Cemetery Corner (*Rockey's Corner in earlier days*) and headed down the middle of Crawford's Rd. as far as what was Mahony's in later years before turning east onto the avenue (*with the Beech trees?*), skirting further in - the mound atop which people would view the coursing in later years - before continuing straight to the water's edge at Lough Mahon. Ballinure townland always on your right. The land west of Crawford's Rd. was also part of Ballinure.

The boundary then ran along the water's edge, first south and then west as far the area below the windmill on the Bessborough estate before turning approximately north/northwest and follows the western boundary of the Bessborough estate to Bessborough lodge. Ballinure townland always on your right side.

It then continues in a north-westerly direction until it meets the eastern corner of 'the three cornered field' before going north to join Skehard Rd. at the junction with the laneway leading to Clover Hill. Ballinure townland always on your right side.

The boundary then heads east down the middle of Skehard Rd. before going north at the western boundary of Riordan's in Ballinsheen. Ballinure townland always on your right side.

The boundary eventually connects with the top of Glandore Avenue (*at the Convent Lodge*) before heading east and ending back on the Convent grounds. The Ursuline Convent and all the Convent lands at the time were part of Ballinure.

Census route

The Census route took in all of Ballinure Townland except for the following parts of Ballinure that are included in the Blackrock Town Census area:

All houses on the south side Cat Lane
Convent Road from the junction with Cat Lane to Barry's Corner
Barry's Corner down to the corner of Cat Lane and Rope Walk

The Census was completed in three sections.

The first section (house nos. 1 to 7) starts at Skehard Rd. opposite what is now McGrath Park and takes in the south side of Skehard Rd. (from what is now Scally's) as far as Bessborough Cross before crossing the road to take in Riordan's.

The **second section** (house nos. 8 to 61) starts just up from Barry's Corner and works its way up the Boreen, into Ballinsheen, down Bessborough Rd., through the Bessborough Estate and back up to Ballinure Cross via the area now occupied by PCWorld in Mahon Retail Part. Takes in most of Ballinure Village and then heads down the Ballinure Rd. to Carey's Cross.

The third section (house nos. 62 to 83) begins by taking in a few houses that were actually part of Mahon townland. These were house nos. 62,63,64 and they were in the area of the 'Yanks' boreen and Fr. Power's. It then continues over to the Lakelands House grounds, then goes up Crawford's Rd. to take in Ballinure House and the remainder of Ballinure Village before going up 'Michael's Boreen' and coming out opposite Dunlocha. It then takes in the houses on the south side of Ringmahon Rd. before ending up at the Ursuline Convent.

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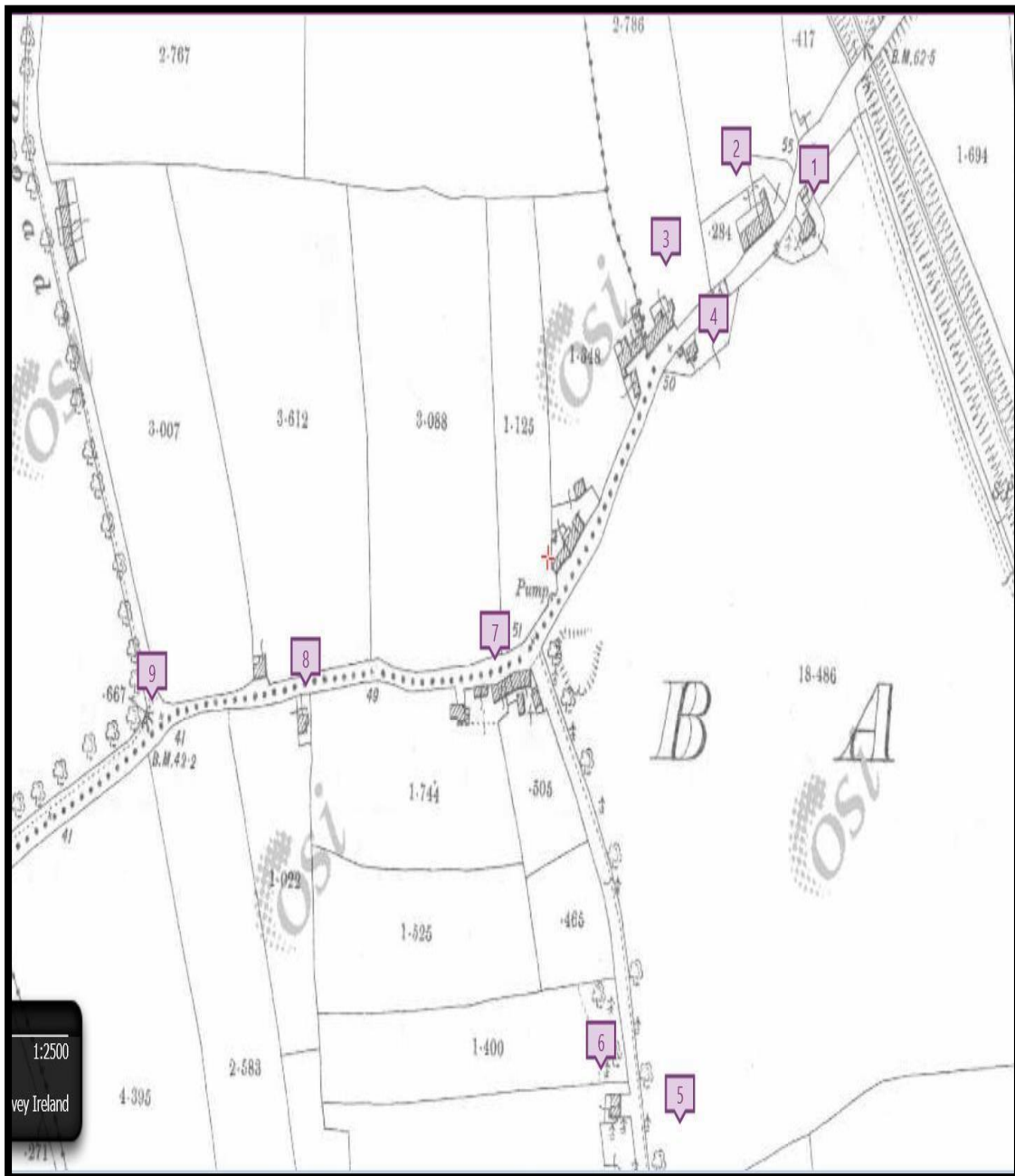
The 'Census House' number is just the sequential numbering system used by the Census authorities.

The named person is the 'Head of Family'. All spellings of names are as recorded in the Census.

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no. |
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| 1 | South side of Skehard Rd. opposite McGrath Park between 'Scallys' and Bessborough Cross | Michael | Flaherty | 18 |
| 2 | South side of Skehard Rd. opposite McGrath Park between 'Scallys' and Bessborough Cross | John | Donovan | 18 |

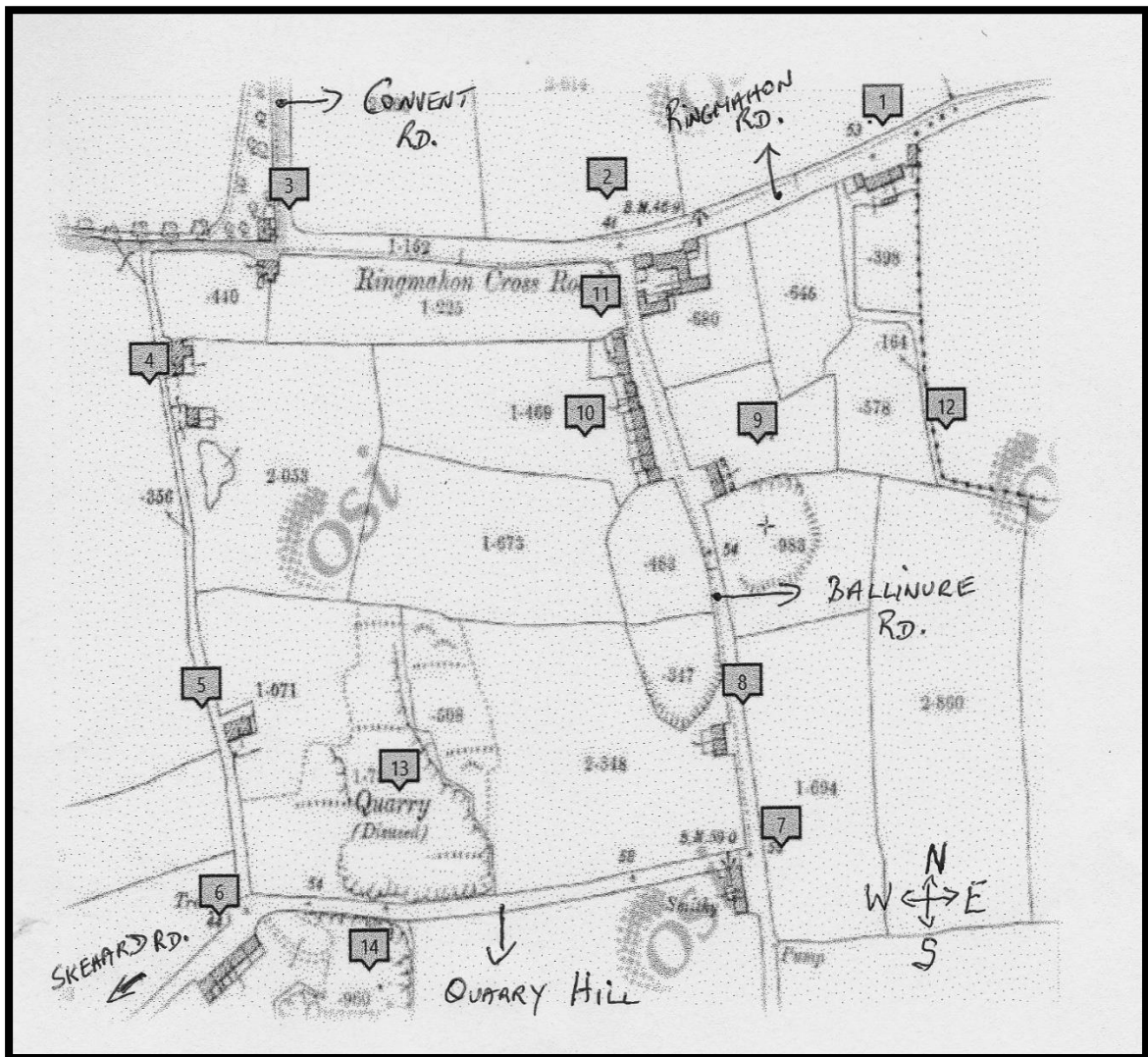
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| 3 | South side of Skehard Rd. opposite McGrath Park between 'Scallys' and Bessborough Cross | Mary | Cronin | 18 |
| 4 | South side of Skehard Rd. opposite McGrath Park between 'Scallys' and Bessborough Cross | Bridget | Leahy | 18 |
| 5 | South side of Skehard Rd. opposite McGrath Park between 'Scallys' and Bessborough Cross | William | Keeffe | 18 |
| 6 | South side of Skehard Rd. opposite McGrath Park between 'Scallys' and Bessborough Cross | Ellen | O Keeffe | 18 |
| 7 | Ballinsheen opposite entrance to what is now Skehard lawn | Michael | Riordan | 18 |
| 8 | Upper Convent Rd. between Barry's Corner and Brady's Farm | John | Kidney | n/a |
| 9 | Upper Convent Rd. between Barry's Corner and Brady's Farm | John | Fitzgerald | n/a |
| 10 | Upper Convent Rd. | Edward | Brady | n/a |
| 11 | Upper Convent Rd. - probably the back lodge of the Convent at Leahy's Cross | Mary | Corcoran | 19 |
| 12 | Leahy's Cross | Jeremiah | Leahy | 19 |
| 13 | The Boreen | John | O'Brien | 19 |
| 14 | The Boreen | James | Healy | 19 |
| 15 | The Boreen | Daniel | Delany | 19 |
| 16 | The Boreen | Daniel | Coakley | 19 |
| 17 | Cottages opposite pump at Quarry Hill end of the Boreen | George | Heskin | 19 |
| 18 | Cottages opposite pump at Quarry Hill end of the Boreen | William | Murphy | 19 |
| 19 | Cottages opposite pump at Quarry Hill end of the Boreen | Timothy | Donovan | 19 |
| 20 | Cottages opposite pump at Quarry Hill end of the Boreen | Cornelius | OBrien | 19 |
| 21 | South side of Skehard Rd. on the west side of Ballinsheen bridge (<i>Pike's Field</i>) | Mary | Driscoll | 18 |

Ballinsheen and Bessborough Road circa 1901



- 1) Census house no. 21 (*Driscoll in Pike's field*)
- 2) Census house nos. 22 and 23 (*two O'Keeffe families*)
- 3) Census house nos. 25, 7
- 4) Census house no. 24 (*Murphy in Pike's Field*)
- 5) Census house no. 27 (*Allanach in Pike's Field*)
- 6) Census house no. 26 (*Cox on Bessborough Rd.*)
- 7) Census house nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 8) Census house no. 1
- 9) Junction of Church Rd. and Skehard Rd.

Quarry Hill, Ballinure Rd., Ringmahon Rd. and The Boreen circa 1901

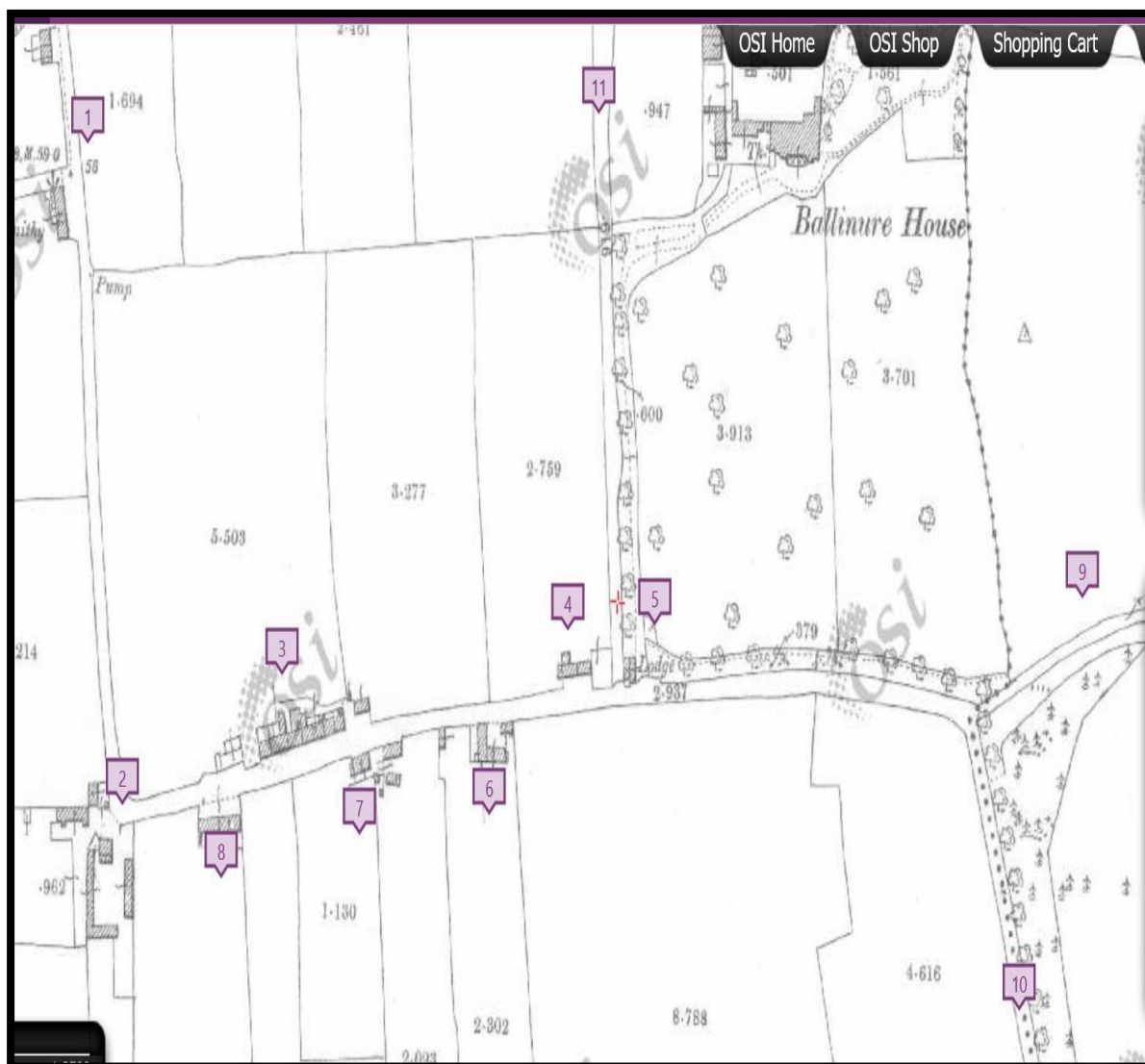


- 1) Census house no. 73 – William O’Driscoll (*Moss Buckley later*)
- 2) Ringmahon Cross – Census house nos. 74,75 & 76
- 3) Leahy’s Cross – Census house nos. 11 & 12 here
- 4) The Boreen – Census house nos. 13,14 & 15
- 5) The Boreen – Census house no. 16 (*Coakley*)
- 6) The cottages opposite The Boreen – probably Census house nos. 17,18,19 & 20
- 7) Forge Cross – probably Census house nos. 52 & 53
- 8) Ballinure Rd. - Census house no. 54
- 9) Ballinure Rd. – Census house nos. 55 & 56
- 10) Ringmahon Cottages – Census house nos. 57, 58, 59, 60 & 61
- 11) Ringmahon Cross to Ringmahon Cottages - Census house nos. 77 & 78
- 12) Ballinure /Mahon boundary line
- 13) Coakley’s Quarry
- 14) Barry’s Quarry (*Healy’s Quarry later*)

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no. |
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| 22 | North side of Skehard Rd. on the west side of Ballinsheen bridge (<i>opposite Pike's Field</i>) | Annie | O'Keefe | 18 |
| 23 | North side of Skehard Rd. on the west side of Ballinsheen bridge (<i>opposite Pike's Field</i>) | William | O'Keefe | 18 |
| 24 | South side of Skehard Rd. on the west side of Ballinsheen bridge (<i>Pike's Field</i>) - opposite Riordan's | Patrick | Murphy | 18 |
| 25 | Beside Riordan's - north side of Skehard Rd. on the west side of Ballinsheen bridge (<i>opposite Pike's Field</i>) | Hanorah | McCarthy | 18 |
| 26 | West side Bessborough Rd | Maurice | Cox | 18 |
| 27 | East side Bessborough Rd. - roughly opposite Cox's | Francis | Allanach | 18 |
| 28 | The lodge to Bessborough House | Annie | Good | n/a |
| 29 | On Pike Estate (<i>possibly the farmyard area to rear of Bessborough House</i>) | William | Mc Namee | n/a |
| 30 | On Pike Estate (<i>possibly the farmyard area to rear of Bessborough House</i>) | George | Allardyce | n/a |
| 31 | On Pike Estate (<i>possibly the farmyard area to rear of Bessborough House</i>) | Ronald Cameron | Bain | n/a |
| 32 | On Pike Estate (<i>possibly the farmyard area to rear of Bessborough House</i>) | Thomas | Armstrong | n/a |
| 33 | Bessborough House | Anne E | Pike | n/a |
| 34 | Ballinure Cottage area | Thomas | Varian | 29 |
| 35 | Ballinure Cottage area | John | Minihane | 29 |
| 36 | The Yard at Ballinure Cross | Daniel | Hayes | 22 |
| 37 | The Yard at Ballinure Cross | James | Leahy | 22 |
| 38 | 1st plot of land on south side of Ballinure Village after Ballinure Cross | John | Keefe | 22 |
| 39 | Census sequence suggests this house was on the grounds attached to no.38 above | William | Leahy | 22 |
| 40 | Census sequence suggests this house was on the grounds attached to no.38 above | David | Hayes | 22 |

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 41 | South side of Ballinure Village | William | Keefe | 22 |
| 42 | South side of Ballinure Village | Michael | Punch | 22 |
| 43 | South side of Ballinure Village | William | Riordan | 22 |
| 44 | North side of Ballinure Village - 2nd last house before the lodge at Ballinure House | William | Hegarty | 22 |
| 45 | North side of Ballinure village on Ballinure Cross side of Hegartys (<i>on Healy's Plot</i>) | Stephen | Hayes | 22 |
| 46 | North side of Ballinure village on Ballinure Cross side of Hegartys (<i>on Healy's Plot</i>) | Michael | Slattery | 22 |
| 47 | North side of Ballinure village on Ballinure Cross side of Hegartys (<i>on Healy's Plot</i>) | Michael | Kidney | 22 |
| 48 | North side of Ballinure village on Ballinure Cross side of Hegartys (<i>on Healy's Plot</i>) | Denis | Healy | 22 |
| 49 | North side of Ballinure village on Ballinure Cross side of Hegartys (<i>on Healy's Plot</i>) | Mary | Healy | 22 |
| 50 | North side of Ballinure village on Ballinure Cross side of Hegartys (<i>on Healy's Plot</i>) | Richard | Kidney | 22 |
| 51 | Forge Cross south side (<i>Barry's Field</i>) either at Forge Cross or at Ballinure Cross | Mary Ann | Murphy | 22 |
| 52 | Forge Cross south side (<i>Barry's Field</i>) either at Forge Cross or at Ballinure Cross | Patrick | Shanahan | 19 |
| 53 | Forge Cross south side (<i>Barry's Field</i>) either at Forge Cross or at Ballinure Cross | Patrick | Hayes | 19 |
| 54 | Between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross (<i>1st house west side Ballinure Rd. after Forge Cross</i>) | Cornelius | Collins | 19 |
| 55 | 2nd last house before Ringmahon Cross (<i>east side Ballinure Rd. between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross</i>) | Michael | Birmingham | 19 |

Ballinure Village Circa 1901



- 1) Forge Cross
- 2) Ballinure Cross /Barry's Field – Census house nos. 36,37, 51, 38, 39,40
- 3) North side of Ballinure Village – Census house nos. 44,45,46,47,48,49,50
- 4) Census house no. 70 (*Driscoll*)
- 5) Lodge to Ballinure House – Census house no. 72
- 6) Census house nos. 68, 69
- 7) Census house nos. 42, 43
- 8) Census house no. 41
- 9) The new boreen to Lough Mahon (*Yank's boreen in 20th century*)
- 10) Crawford's Rd.
- 11) Michael's Boreen – leading around to Ringmahon Rd. emerging just to the west side of what is now Mahon Park

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no. |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 56 | Last house before Ringmahon Cross (<i>east side Ballinure Rd. between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross</i>) | John | Leahy | 19 |
| 57 | Between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross (<i>2nd house west side Ballinure Rd. after Forge Cross</i>) | Cornelius | Collins | 19 |
| 58 | Between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross (<i>3rd house west side Ballinure Rd. after Forge Cross</i>) | Bridget | Huggins | 19 |
| 59 | Between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross (<i>4th house west side Ballinure Rd. after Forge Cross</i>) | Mary | Huggins | 19 |
| 60 | Between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross (<i>5th house west side Ballinure Rd. after Forge Cross</i>) | Robert | Hayes | 19 |
| 61 | Probably 6th house west side of Ballinure Rd. after Forge Cross (<i>Lyons family seem to have lived in this area for some time</i>) | Thomas | Lyons | 19 |
| 62 | Unsure but probably in the area of the Yank's boren /Lakeview House estate | Timothy | Forde | n/a |
| 63 | Unsure but may be in the Yank's house or at Fr. Power's | Daniel | Lenahan | n/a |
| 64 | On Lakeview House estate (<i>just above Lakelands - Magner</i>) | Michael | Foley | n/a |
| 65 | The Rentals records show this house as being the gate lodge to Ringmahon Cottage (<i>at the Green Point</i>) | Denis | Mc Carthy | n/a |
| 66 | House on west side of Crawford's Rd. opposite what was later to be Mahonys | William | Hannigan | n/a |
| 67 | On Magner land - not sure where | Richard | Wilson | n/a |
| 68 | South side of Ballinure Village - 2nd last house before Cemetery Corner | Mary | Cotter | 22 |
| 69 | South side of Ballinure Village - last house before Cemetery Corner | David | Leahy | 22 |

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no. |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 70 | North side Ballinure Village last house before Ballinure House lodge | Michael | ODriscoll | 22 |
| 71 | Ballinure House | Maria F | Perrier | 22 |
| 72 | The lodge at Ballinure House | James | Blemens | 22 |
| 73 | 4th house east of Ringmahon Cross (beside modern day Mahon Park) | William | ODriscoll | 19 |
| 74 | 3rd house east of Ringmahon Cross (Mahon Park side) | Patrick | Sisk | 19 |
| 75 | 2nd house east of Ringmahon Cross (Mahon Park side) | Timothy | Keeffe | 19 |
| 76 | 1st house east of Ringmahon Cross (Mahon Park side) | Maurice | Carey | 19 |
| 77 | 1st house up from Ringmahon Cross on Leahy's side | Ellen | Mc Carthy | 19 |
| 78 | 2nd house up from Ringmahon Cross on Leahy's side | William | Lane | 19 |
| 79 | Ursuline Convent and Boarding School | | | n/a |
| 80 | Ursuline grounds - possibly in the area of the farm yard | James | Canniff | n/a |
| 81 | Ursuline grounds - house just opposite Cat Lane | Margaret | Doyle | n/a |
| 82 | Ursuline gate lodge | Mary | Dwyer | n/a |
| 83 | Ursuline grounds - possibly in the area of the farm yard | Vivian | Love | n/a |
| House nos. 84 -94 | These houses are listed as vacant - the locations are unknown - it is likely that these houses are not geographically sequential | | | |

Some Comments on the Ballinure Census

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| No. of inhabited houses | 83 |
| No. of vacant houses | 11 |
| No. of residents recorded | 527 |
| No. of residents 18 & older | 302 |
| Eldest resident (Timothy Donovan in house no.19) | 80 years of age |
| No. of adult residents able to speak Irish | 47 |
| Census signed by | Constable James Smyth |

(Some Comments on the Ballinure Census cont/-)

House no. 11

The 'back' Convent lodge (*at Leahy's Cross*) is also recorded in the Census – a Mary Corcoran being head of family.

Barry's Field – Census house nos.

House nos. 17,18,19,20 and 51,52,53

There were seven houses on this field split across three locations

a row of houses opposite the Boreen at the bottom of Quarry Hill

one or two houses by the forge at Forge Cross

one or two houses overlooking 'the Yard' at Ballinure Cross.

I was unable to definitively establish from the records which families lived in which location and in which particular house. However, I am very confident that the four listed at nos.17,18,19,20 are correctly positioned opposite the Boreen. Nos. 51,52,53 were split between overlooking 'The Yard' at Ballinure Cross or beside the Forge. It is probable that no.51 was at Ballinure Cross and nos.52 and 53 were at Forge Cross.

Bessborough Grounds

House nos. 29,30,31,32

The Pike family owned these houses. Again, I cannot say for certain where on the estate the houses exactly were although it is certain that some staff lived in buildings around the farmyard. Perhaps one was in the house on the west side of 'John Leahy's bridge'. I think this latter house was the house known as Bessborough Cottage.

Ballinure Rd. between Forge Cross and Ringmahon Cross

House nos. 58,59,60,61

The first houses in the row later known as Ringmahon Cottages. Again, I could not be sure which sequence the houses were actually recorded so I am assuming that the Census moved down the row in sequence.

Lakeview House Estate (the one near the coursing viewing point)

House nos. 62,63,64

These houses should have been part of the Mahon Census but were included in Ballinure for some reason. The houses were either on the old boreen to 'the Yanks' or were in the area of Fr. Power's.

The Gate Lodge to Ringmahon Cottage

House no. 65

The Rentals Records show Denis McCarthy as being in the gate lodge for Ringmahon Cottage at the Green Point. This house should also have been part of the Mahon Census.

(Some Comments on the Ballinure Census cont/-)

Lakelands Estate?

House no. 67

This house is recorded as being owned by Edward Magner. Similar to other estates, there is no way of identifying exactly where the house was but as Richard Wilson (*head of family*) is listed as Gardener it is probably safe to assume he lived either in the lodge or at the farmyard complex at Lakelands House.

Ursuline Convent

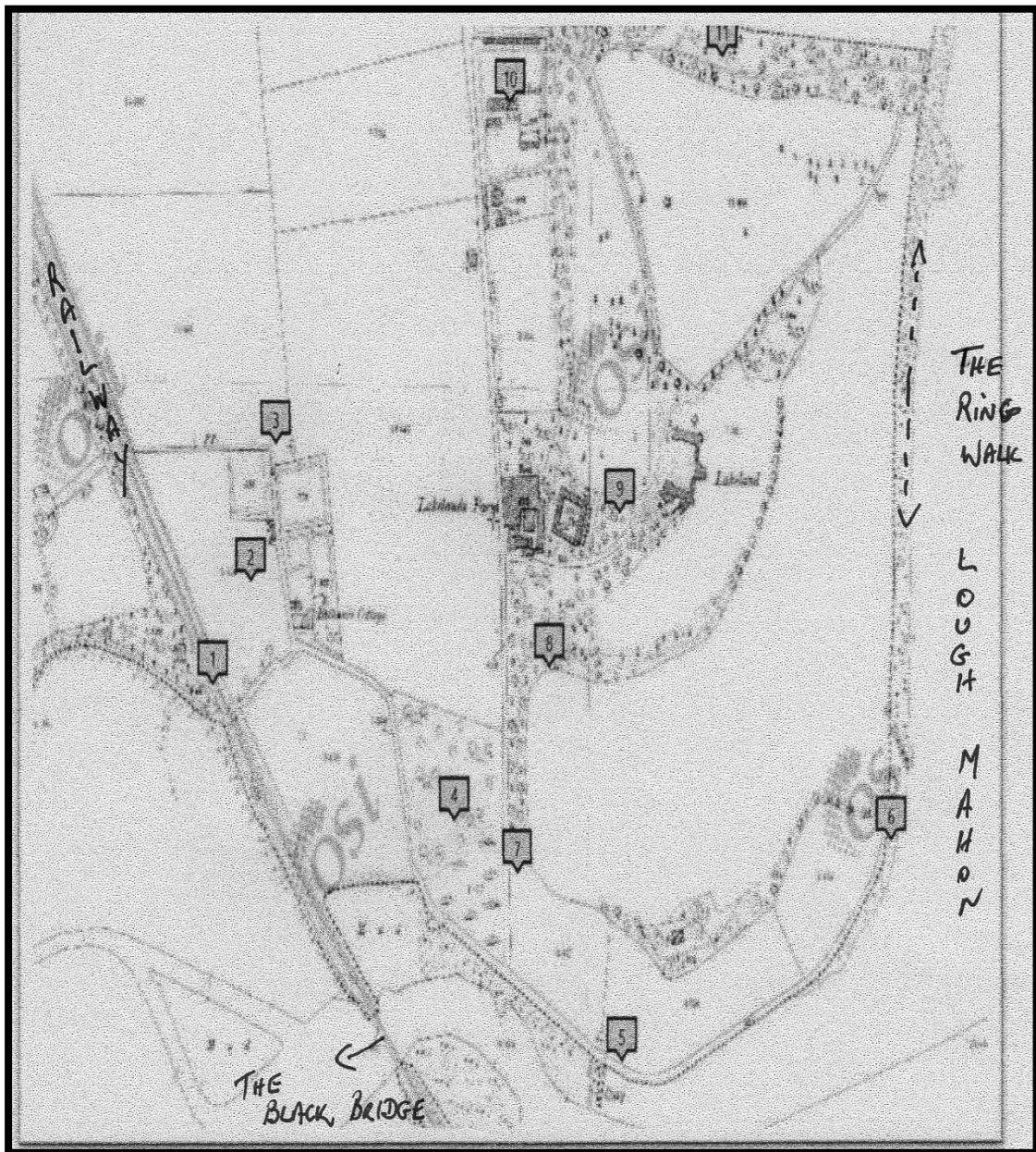
House nos. 80,81,82,83

These houses were owned by the Ursuline Convent so would have been within the Convent grounds. Again, I cannot say for certain where houses no.80 and no.83 exactly were. Mary Dwyer in no.82 is listed as ‘Gate lodge keeper’ so it seems fair to place her at the lodge. Mary Doyle was in no.81 and is listed as assistant National school teacher and she lived in a house just inside the Convent Wall directly opposite Cat Lane. No.80 is James Canniff (*farm labourer*), and no.83 is Vivian Love (*gardener*). It seems strange that no.80 comes before the lodge (*does not make sense sequentially*). Like other working farms in the area, it is likely that nos. 80 + 83 were located near or at the farmyard complex.

Vacant Houses

One of these houses was definitely Lakelands House. Although Edward Magner owned Lakelands House at the time, he was not resident on either the 1901 or 1911 Census nights. Furthermore, there were none of the usual household staff resident on either Census night so this suggests to me that Mr. Magner was not in continuous residence at that time. In fact, in both 1901 and 1911, Mr. Magner was recorded as living on the South Mall at Census time.

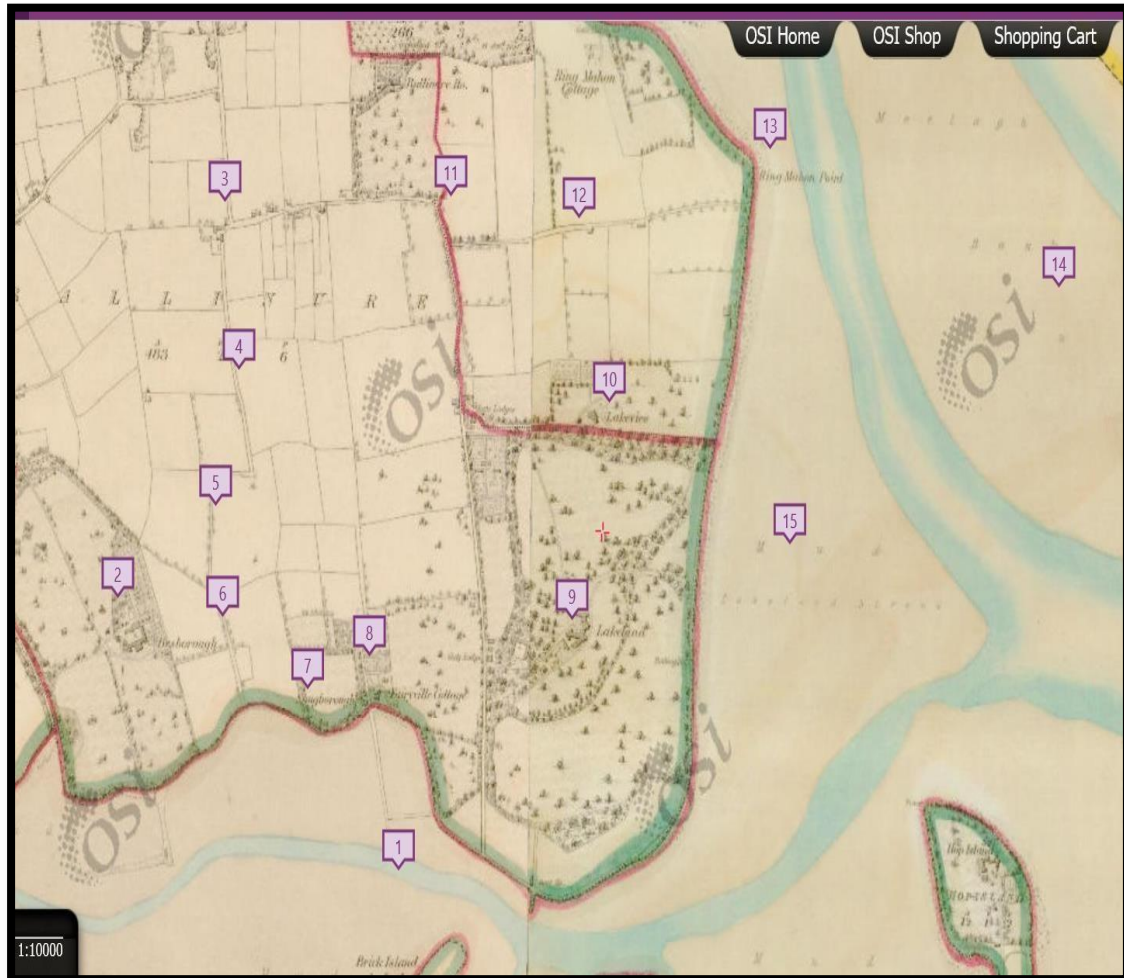
Bessborough to Lough Mahon circa 1901



- 1) John Leahy's Bridge
- 2) Site of Snugborough
- 3) Varian's Boreen (also known as Ross's Boreen)
- 4) Barry's Marsh
- 5) Crawford's Quay
- 6) Moll Duggan's
- 7) The March Gate (Marsh Gate?)
- 8) Mac's Wood
- 9) Fairy Fort
- 10) The walled garden of Lakelands House
- 11) Site of Ice House just below Lakeview House (later the site for viewing coursing in the 20th century)

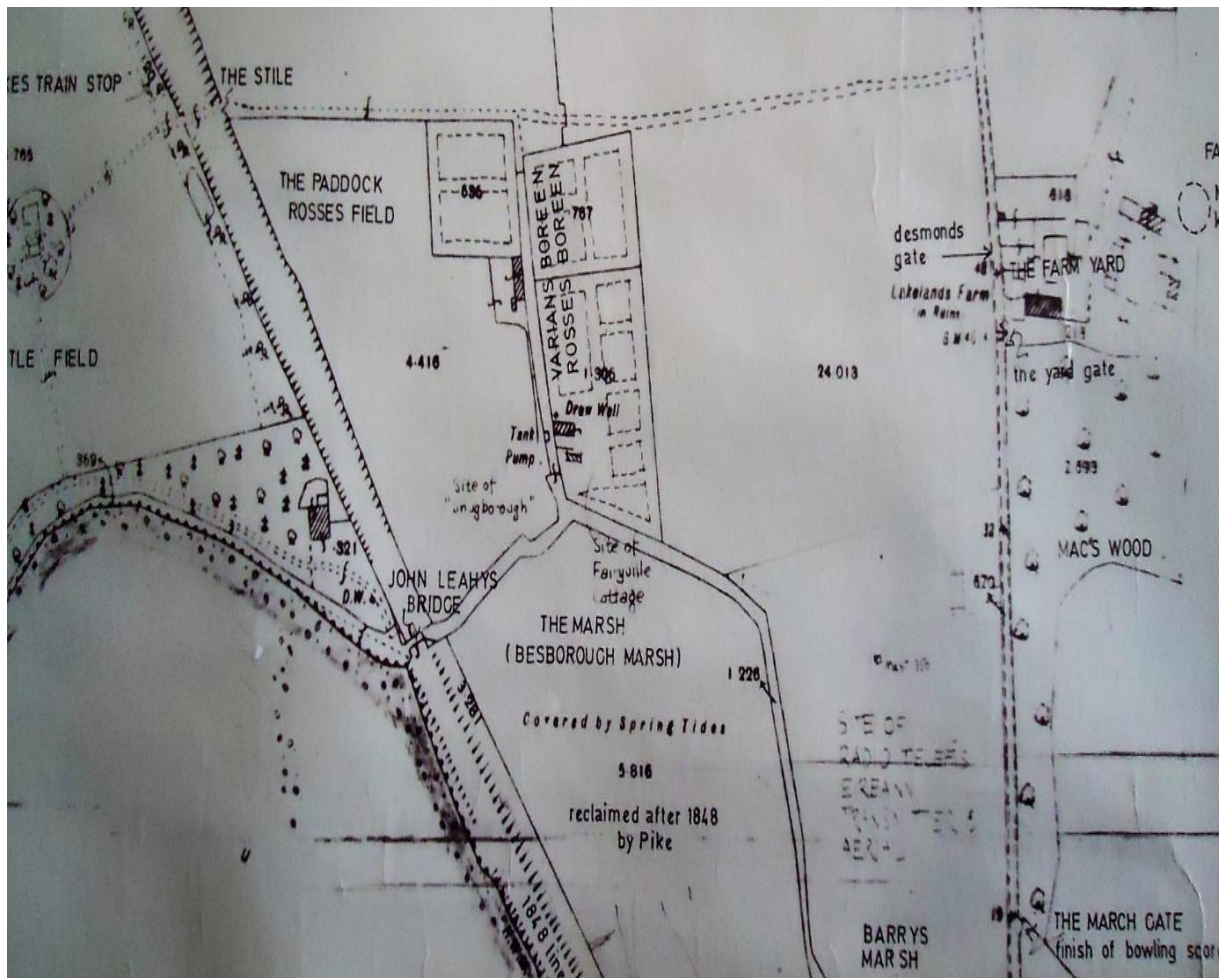
Bessborough to Lough Mahon circa 1840 (before the railway)

Note the narrow River Lee channels. See also the laneway running from Ballinure Cross down to the area of what later became John Leahy's bridge. This may well have been Crowley's Boreen. Snugborough Cottage and Fairyville Cottage are both on this map.



- 1) The site of the later Black Bridge
- 2) Bessborough House
- 3) Ballinure Cross
- 4) + 5) + 6) Crowley's Boreen (ran from Ballinure Cross to the Douglas river)
- 7) The site of the later John Leahy's Bridge
- 8) Site of Snugborough (Fairyville) and Ballinure Cottage
- 9) Lakelands House
- 10) Lakeview (the 20th century coursing viewing point)
- 11) Rockey's Corner (later Cemetery Corner)
- 12) The original boreen to Lough Mahon (the Yanks)
- 13) Ringmahon Point (The Black Rock)
- 14) The Meelagh Bank
- 15) Lakelands Strand (mud)

Between the railway line and Crawford's Rd.
(from a local map circa 1980)



Note the place names associated with Ross and Varian – **Census house nos. 34 + 35** were here which is now in the area of PCWorld

This general area was the site of two large houses – Snugborough and Ballinure Cottage, with the latter being roughly in the area marked on the map as 'draw well'

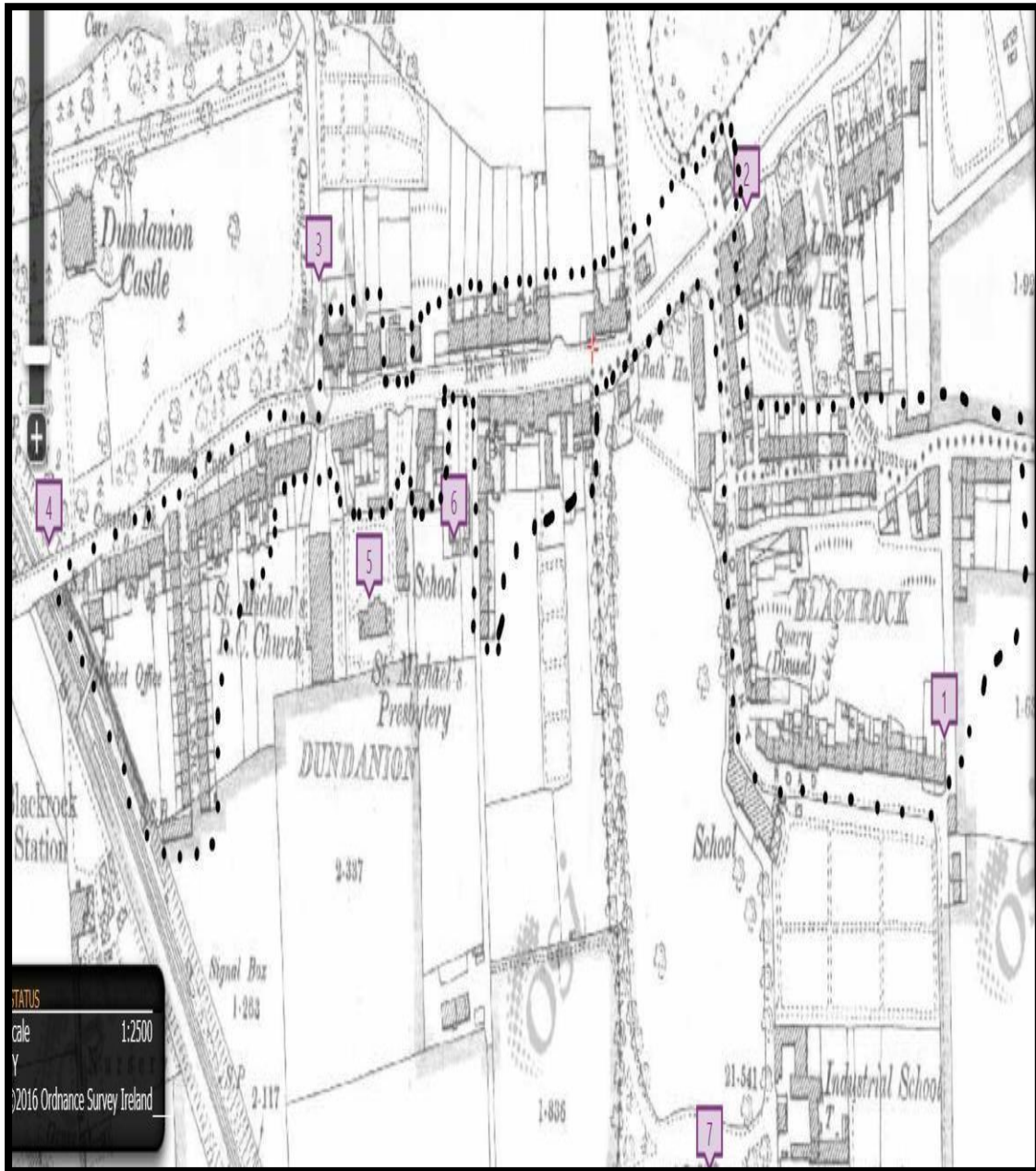
Ballinure Cottage was also known as Fairyville – possibly a reference to the fairy fort which was almost straight across Crawford's Rd. at Lakelands. The plot of land on which this house stood had actually been part of the Lakelands estate up until the death of William Crawford. The Rentals records refer to this house as Bessborough Cottage but only after the passing of title to the Pikes at Bessborough

The house just slightly above left of John Leahy's Bridge. John Leahy was a coachman at Bessborough and lived in this house – I think this was sometime later than the 1901 Census. This bridge also allowed continuation of the Ring route which had been severed when the railway was built (*see Crowley's Boreen on Ordnance Survey 1840 map on page 28*)

The Blackrock Town Census
in detail

Blackrock Town Census Area

The Census boundary circa 1901 (dotted line). This boundary is a bit hard to follow so please see description on page 32.



- 1) Barry's Corner
- 2) Boundary crosses between Victoria House (*behind Pier Head*) and Mahon House
- 3) Church Avenue (*King's Quay Lane*)- boundary crosses behind Lota View
- 4) Boundary goes south at the railway line
- 5) Parochial House
- 6) Glandore Villas
- 7) Ursuline Convent

Walking the Census boundary in 1901

Blackrock Town was not a townland. The Census area was an amalgamation of parts of the three townlands of Ballinure, Dundanion and Mahon.

The boundaries of the Blackrock Town Census area in 1901 can be summed up as follows:

South side of Blackrock Rd. beginning at Sunnynook and ending at the last house before the railway

North side of Blackrock Rd. from Nugent's shop (*Kellehers later*) up to and including Lota View

Convent Rd. beginning at the Pier Head and running around to the last house on left at Barry's Corner

Both sides of Cat Lane and the houses between the junction of Cat Lane and Barry's Corner

As already mentioned, a small handful of properties were excluded from the above. These were – Glandore Villas, The Parochial House, Northcliffe, no.2 Lota View and Riverview House

Census Route

The Census was completed in three sections.

The first section (*house nos. 1 to 31*) begins at the Pier Head, then takes in Nugent's shop and goes up Convent Rd. to Barry's Corner

The second section (*house nos. 32 to 62*) takes in Cat Lane, Rope Walk and the houses between Barry's Corner and the junction of Cat Lane and Rope Walk.

The third section (*house nos. 63 to 137*) starts at Lota View (*corner of Church Avenue and Blackrock Rd.*), heads down to The Moorings, crosses the road and then goes from Sunnynook all the way to the railway and ends there.

Note re Census listing below

The 'Census House' number is just the sequential numbering system used by the Census authorities.

The named person is the 'Head of Family'. All spellings of names are as recorded in the Census.

Note regarding the Blackrock Town maps -

For the Blackrock Town census area, two of the maps I have used (*pages 34 and 38*) have come from the Valuation Office. These are a different type of map to those of the Ordnance Survey. The Valuation Office maps show the Griffiths Valuation numbering system for each building. These numbers bear no relation to the Census numbering system.

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | Ref. no. on Blackrock Town map page 34 |
|------------------|---|------------|------------|--|
| 1 | The Pier Head | Mortimer | Cuffe | 13 |
| 2 | Victoria House (a two/three storey house behind the Pier Head) | John | McLaine | 12 |
| 3 | Nugent's Shop (Kelleher's later) | Sarah | Nugent | 1 |
| 4 | 1st house Convent Rd. after Pier Head | William | O'Driscoll | 14 |
| 5 | Convent Rd. corner of Cat Lane on Pier Head side | Daniel | Cashman | 19 |
| 6 | Beside no.7 below. At the corner of first laneway after Cat Lane. | Thomas | Cremen | 31 |
| 7 | Convent Rd. corner of Cat Lane on south side | John | O'Connor | 32 |
| 8 | Convent Rd. At the corner of the first lane up from Cat Lane | Michael | O'Leary | 26? |
| 9 | Convent Rd. | Margaret | Creamer | 25 |
| 10 | Convent Rd | Dan | Kelleher | 24 |

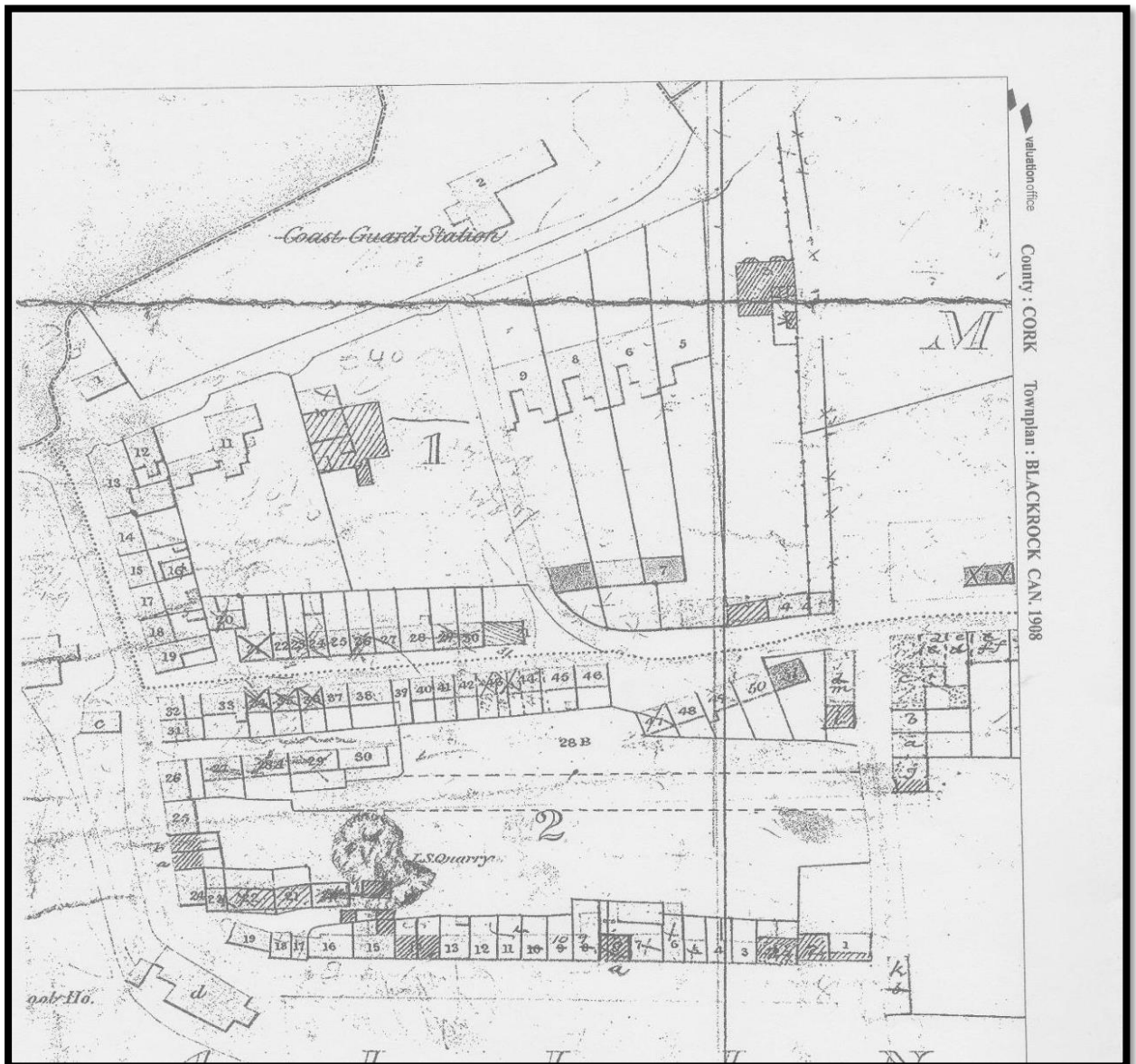
*There is a different map referencing system on this page. As heretofore, the number on the left is the usual Census house number. However, the numbers on the right are Griffiths Valuation reference numbers as the Blackrock Town map on **page 34** uses that referencing system. On this page, house nos. 1-5 were part of Mahon townland while the rest were all part of Ballinure townland. Because two townlands are involved you may see some duplication of reference numbers e.g. Census house no.1 (in Mahon) and Census no.16 (in Ballinure) both have a Griffiths reference of 13*

| | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|---------|-----|
| 11 | At the bend on Convent Rd. Corner house at 2nd lane up from Cat Lane | John | Kidney | 23 |
| 12 | Off Convent Rd. In the laneway between houses 13 and 11. | John | Cremen | 22 |
| 13 | At the bend of Convent Rd. Last house at corner entrance to small quarry opposite girl's school | Kate | Cremen | 19 |
| 14 | Convent Rd. | Denis | Long | 16 |
| 15.1 | Convent Rd. | Dan | Sheehan | 15? |
| 15.2 | Same house as no. 15.1 | Jeremiah | Sheehan | 15? |
| 16 | Convent Rd | Edward | Canty | 13 |
| 17 | Convent Rd. | John | Ahern | 12 |
| 18 | Convent Rd. | Catherine | Kidney | 11 |

Blackrock Town Map
Cat Lane and Convent Road circa 1908

*This is a different type of map to those already seen. This map shows Griffiths Valuation reference numbers for individual houses. ***These numbers are not the Census house numbers.*** The large numeral **1** (*top centre*) indicates the first Griffiths plot in Mahon, the large numeral **2** (*bottom centre*) indicates the second Griffiths plot in Ballinure. See page no. 100 on how to find Griffiths Valuation on the internet.

The centre of Convent Rd. and Cat Lane was the Ballinure/Mahon townland boundary in this area. Individual houses have small numeral or letter references. So, on this map, while the Pier Head map reference is Griffiths Mahon **1.13**, it is actually house no.1 on the Blackrock Town Census. The first house on the south side of Cat Lane is Griffiths Ballinure **2.33** but is Blackrock Town Census house no. 32.



| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | Ref. no. on Blackrock Town map page 34 |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 19 | Convent Rd. | John | Kidney | 10? |
| 20 | Convent Rd. | John | Heafy | 9 |
| 21 | Convent Rd. | Elizabeth | Morgan | 8 |
| 22 | Convent Rd. | Patrick | Enwright | 7 |
| 23 | Convent Rd. | Lizzie | Fitzgerald | 6 |
| 24 | Convent Rd. | John | Ahern | 5 |
| 25 | Convent Rd. | Edmond | Flaherty | 4 |
| 26 | Next house on Blackrock side of no.27 | Hanorah | Twomey | 4 |
| 27 | Part of house no.29 | Patrick | Ahern | 2b |
| 28 | Part of house no.29 | Richard | Barry | 2a |
| 29 | Convent Rd. | Arthur | OLeary | 2 |
| 30 | Convent Rd. The Corner house at Barry's Corner. | Thomas | McGuinness | 1 |
| 31 | Off Convent Rd. In the laneway between houses 6 and 8 above. | Daniel | Ahern | 30 |

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| | | | | |
|----|---|-----------|----------|----|
| 32 | South side Cat Lane - first house in from junction with Convent rd. | John | Scannell | 33 |
| 33 | Next house south side Cat Lane | John | Calden | 35 |
| 34 | Next house south side Cat Lane | Thomas | OLeary | 37 |
| 35 | Next house south side Cat Lane | Annie | Lyons | 38 |
| 36 | Next house south side Cat Lane | John | Dorney | 39 |
| 37 | Next house south side Cat Lane | Denis | Cremen | 40 |
| 38 | Next house south side Cat Lane | Denis | Russell | 41 |
| 39 | Next house south side Cat Lane | Thomas | O Leary | 42 |
| 40 | Next house south side Cat Lane | Peter | Cummins | 44 |
| 41 | South side Cat Lane second last house before junction with Factory Lane | Thomas | OLeary | 45 |
| 42 | North side Cat Lane - last house before Factory Lane | John | Sullivan | 31 |
| 43 | North side Cat lane | George | Street | 28 |
| 44 | North side Cat lane | Catherine | Barry | 27 |

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | Ref. no. on Blackrock Town map page 34 |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 45 | North side Cat lane | James | Mc Donald | 26 |
| 46 | North side Cat lane | Matthew | Riordan | 25 |
| 47 | North side Cat lane | James | McCarthy | 24 |
| 48.1 | North side Cat Lane - 3rd house in from Convent Rd. junction | John | Downey | 23? |
| 48.2 | Same house as 48.1 above | Abina | Twohig | 23? |
| 48.3 | Same house as 48.1 above | Michael | Huff | 23? |
| 49.1 | North side Cat Lane - 2 nd house in from Convent Rd. junction | Jeremiah | Cremen | 22 |
| 49.2 | Same house as 49.1 above | Cornelius | Foley | 22 |
| 49.3 | Same house as 49.1 above | Philip | Sloane | 22 |
| 49.4 | Same house as 49.1 above | Maurice | Moloney | 22 |
| 50.1 | North side Cat Lane—behind house no.5 | David | Cremen | 20 |
| 50.2 | Same house as 50.1 above | Bridget | Cantwell | 20 |
| 50.3 | Same house as 50.1 above | Mary | Callaghan | 20 |
| 51 | South side Cat Lane - 2nd last house before Ursuline Cottages | Daniel | Mc Carthy | 48 |
| 52 | Last house south side Cat Lane just before Ursuline Cottages corner | Hannah | ODonoghue | 50 |
| 53 | Ursuline Cottages - the only one in 1901 | Ellen | Ahern | 3L |

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|------------|---|----------|-----------|------|
| 54 | East side Rope Walk at Barry's Corner | Daniel | Buckley | 3J |
| Not listed | In no.55 with Charles Tewkesbury | Timothy | Murphy | 3G |
| 55 | Rope Walk (<i>opposite Mahon Terrace</i>) | Charles | Tewksbury | 3G |
| 56 | Rope Walk? | Daniel | Creamer | 3F? |
| 57 | Rope Walk? | Owen | Dorney | 3E? |
| 58.1 | West side of Rope Walk on way to Barry's Corner | Patrick | Cox | 3A |
| 58.2 | South side Rope Walk | John | Barry | 3D |
| 59 | Rope Walk? | James | Heaphy | 24B? |
| 60 | Rope Walk? | Denis | Seannell | 14A? |
| 61 | Rope Walk? | Anney | Canty | ? |
| 61.2 | Same house as 61 above | Jeremiah | Ahern | ? |
| 62 | Rope Walk? | Henry | Ahern | |

House nos. 63-78 (except no.75) run from Church Avenue to The Pound.

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | Ref. no. on Blackrock Town map page 38 |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 63 | Lota View (<i>corner of Church Avenue</i>) | Timothy | O'Reilly | n/a |
| 64 | Lota View (<i>3rd house from corner</i>) | David | Ahern | n/a |
| 65 | Lota View (<i>4th house from corner</i>) | Joseph | O'Driscoll | n/a |
| 66 | Lota View (<i>5th house from corner</i>) | Samuel | Williams | n/a |
| 67 | Listed as vacant – probably Lee View | | | |
| 68 | Riverview (<i>terrace opp. Glandore Ave</i>) | Laurence | Collins | 10 |
| 69 | Riverview (<i>terrace opp. Glandore Ave</i>) | Archibald | Wood | 11B |
| 70 | Riverview (<i>terrace opp. Glandore Ave</i>) | Mary | Mahony | 11A |
| 71 | Riverview (<i>terrace opp. Glandore Ave</i>) | Mary A | Bary | 12 |
| 72 | One of pair of houses before Annville | James | OBrien | 13 |
| 73 | One of pair of houses before Annville | Edmond | Conway | 14 |
| 74 | Annville | William | Jackson | 15 |
| 75 | Census crossed road to Maple Leaf | Mary | O'Leary | 7 |
| 76 | Smaller house beside no.77 below | William S | Love | 16A |
| 77 | 2 nd last house north side Blackrock Rd. | Kathleen | Lyons | 16B |
| 78 | Last house north side Blackrock Rd. | Philip | Barry | 16C |

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| | | | | |
|-------------|--|-----------|----------|----|
| 79 | Sunnynook | Eugene C | Murphy | 2 |
| 80 | Sunnynook | Jane | Fox | 1 |
| 81 | Between Sunnynook and Maple Leaf | John J | Harvey | 3 |
| 82 | Between Sunnynook and Maple Leaf | Ellen | O'Keefe | 4 |
| 83 | Between Sunnynook and Maple Leaf | Henry | Simmons | 6 |
| 84 | The house at the corner of Blackrock Rd. and Glandore Avenue (<i>now part of the Maple Leaf</i>) | Henry | Wallace | 8 |
| 85 | 1st house east side Glandore Avenue | John | Coughlan | 9 |
| 86 | 2nd house east side Glandore Avenue | Annie | O'Leary | 10 |
| 87.1 | 3rd house east side Glandore Avenue | James | Delea | 11 |
| 87.2 | Same house as 87.1 above | John | Rowke | 11 |
| 88.1 | 4th house east side Glandore Avenue | Michael | Sheehan | 12 |
| 88.2 | Same house as 88.1 above | Catherine | Bussin | 12 |
| 89 | 5th house east side Glandore Avenue | Patrick | Coughlan | 13 |

Blackrock Town Map
Glandore Avenue and part Riverview circa 1895

Similar to the map on page 34, this map shows Griffiths Valuation reference numbers for individual houses. ***These numbers are not the Census house numbers.*** See page no. 100 on how to find Griffiths Valuation numbers on the internet.

Dundanian townland plot 5 (*large numeral top*) covered the north side of Blackrock Rd. from Church Avenue to The Pound while Dundanian plot 6 (*large numeral bottom*) covered the south side of Blackrock Rd. from Sunnynook to the Leaping Salmon.

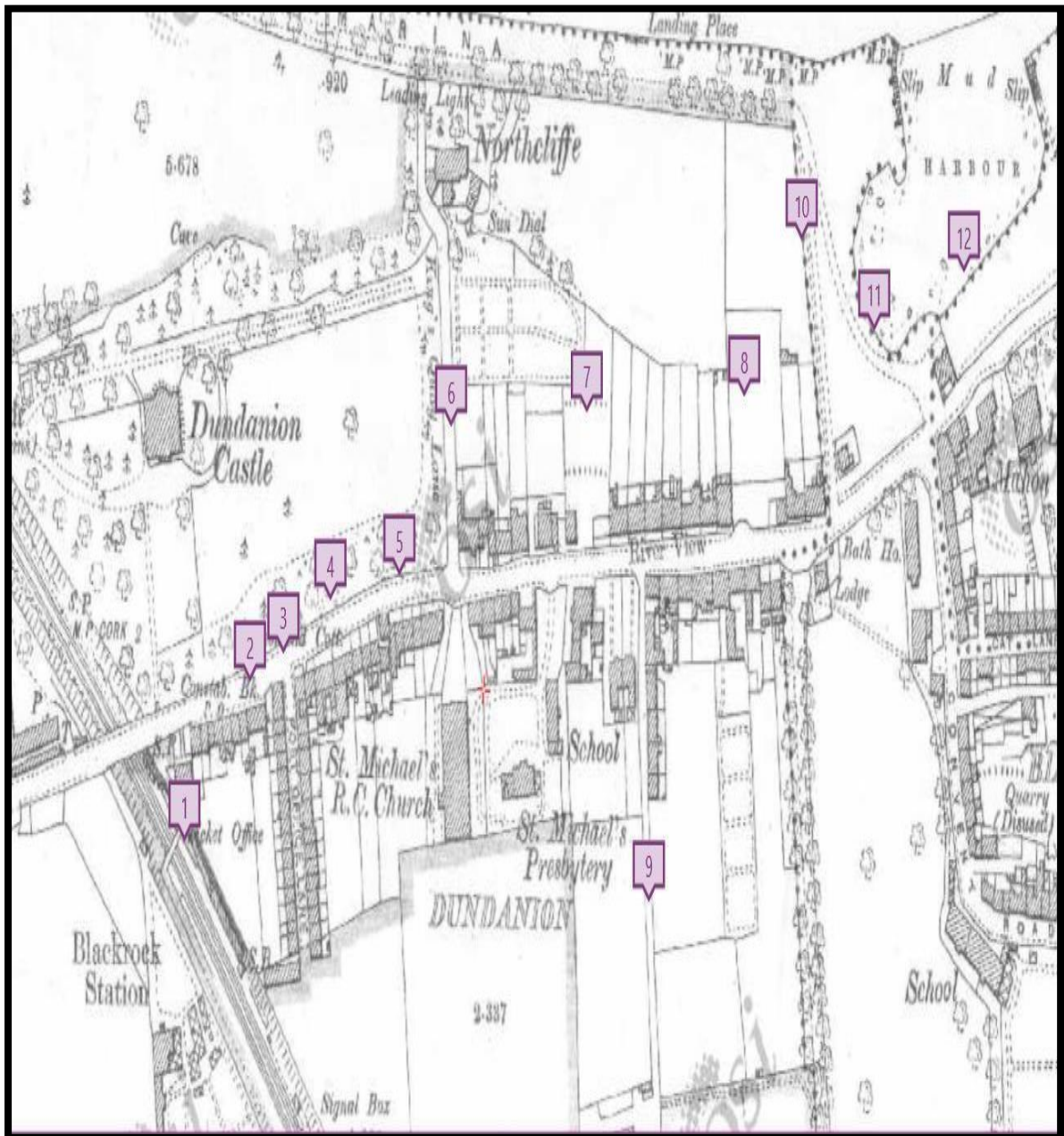


| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | Ref. no. on Blackrock Town map page 38 |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 90 | 6th house east side Glandore Avenue <i>(Possibly the two RIC men at Census nos. 138+139)</i> | Shown as vacant | | 14 |
| 91 | Shown as vacant | | | |
| 92 | Beside Leaping Salmon | John | McCashin | 17 |
| 93 | Leaping Salmon | Thomas | Simmons | 18 |

Normal map referencing resumed from this point

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page ref. |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 94 | 2nd house after Parochial House but before St. Michael's | Catherine | Cooney | n/a |
| 95 | 3rd house after Parochial House but before St. Michael's | Philip | Cantillon | n/a |
| 96 | Last house before St Michael's | Annie | Foley | n/a |
| 97 | 2nd last house before St. Michael's | Richard | OConnor | n/a |
| 98 | St. Michael's Terrace | Patrick | Mortell | 40 |
| 99 | St. Michael's Terrace | Timothy | Donovan | 40 |
| 100 | St. Michael's Terrace | David | Leahy | 40 |
| 101 | Dundanion Terrace | Gilbert | Peek | 40 |
| 102 | Dundanion Terrace | Michael | Howard | 40 |
| 103.1 | Dundanion Terrace | Jeremiah | Brady | 40 |
| 103.2 | Room in 103.1 above | William | Butler | 40 |
| 104 | Dundanion Terrace | George E | Harness | 40 |
| 105 | Dundanion Terrace | Charlotte | Minter | 40 |
| 106 | Thomond Cottage | Richard | Jones | 40 |
| 107 | Dundanion Terrace | Patrick | Punch | 40 |
| 108 | Dundanion Terrace <i>(Constable Smith in this house?)</i> | Ellen | Frizell | 40 |
| 109 | 1st House on east side Post Office Lane | Jeremiah | Heagherty | 40 |
| 110 | 3rd House on east side Post Office Lane | Michael | Murphy | 40 |
| 111 | 2nd House on east side Post Office Lane | William | Huff | 40 |
| 112 | 5th House on east side Post Office Lane | David | Cummins | 40 |
| 113 | 6th House on east side Post Office Lane | Patrick | Kelly | 40 |
| 114 | 7th House on east side Post Office Lane | Daniel | Cronin | 40 |

Blackrock Rd. from the railway to the village circa 1901



- 1) The footbridge over the railway line
- 2) RIC barracks (*not on corner but one building further west*)
- 3) Post Office Lane – Census house nos. 109 to 130 (*except house no.120*)
- 4) Dundanion Terrace – Census house nos. 101 to 108, 120
- 5) St. Michael's Terrace – Census house nos. 98, 99, 100
- 6) Church Avenue (*King's Quay Lane or Quay Lane*)
- 7 & 8) Lota View and Riverview to The Moorings (*note plots yet to be developed*)
- 9) Glandore Avenue – Census house nos. 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90
- 10) Dundanion/Ballinure boundary
- 11) Ballinure boundary goes down as far as the grotto
- 12) Mahon boundary comes in to the front of Nugent's shop

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page ref. |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 115 | End house west side Post Office Lane | Mary | Quirk | 40 |
| 116 | End house west side Post Office Lane | Ellen | McGrath | 40 |
| 117 | End house west side Post Office Lane | John | Riordan | 40 |
| 118 | End house west side Post Office Lane | Patrick | Ahern | 40 |
| 119 | West side Post Office Lane | George | Kiely | 40 |
| 120 | Last house Dundanion Terrace (corner of Blackrock Rd.) | Mary | Barry | 40 |
| 121 | West side Post Office Lane | Thomas | McCarthy | 40 |
| 122 | West side Post Office Lane | Bridget | Dorney | 40 |
| 123 | West side Post Office Lane | James | Walsh | 40 |
| 124 | West side Post Office Lane | Mary | Lyons | 40 |
| 125 | West side Post Office Lane | Charles | Driscoll | 40 |
| 126 | West side Post Office Lane | John | Mullins | 40 |
| 127 | West side Post Office Lane | David | Connell | 40 |
| 128 | 2nd last house west side of Post Office lane? | Ellen | Twomey | 40 |
| 129 | Last terraced house west side of Post Office Lane at Blackrock Rd. end | Bridget | Geary | 40 |
| 130.1 | Corner of Post Office Lane (<i>west side</i>) and Blackrock Rd. | Ellen | Scannell | 40 |
| 130.2 | Same house as 130.1 above | Mary | Daly | 40 |
| 130.3 | Same house as 130.1 above | Julia | McCarthy | 40 |
| 130.4 | Same house as 130.1 above | John | Cullinane | 40 |
| 131 | Probably 1st house railway side of RIC Barracks | Ellen | Murray | 40 |
| 132.1 | Probably 2nd house railway side of RIC Barracks | Mary | Fisher | 40 |
| 132.2 | Same house as 132.1 above | Albert | Mitchell | 40 |
| 133 | The Post Office | John | Moore | 40 |
| 134 | Between the Post Office and the railway | Eugene | Flavin | 40 |
| 135 | Between the Post Office and the railway | John | Smyth | 40 |
| 136 | 2nd last house before railway | William | Barry | 40 |
| 137 | Last house before railway | Elizabeth | Cotter | 40 |
| Not on Census | In no.137 | Richard | Twohig | 40 |

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page ref. |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 138 | Unknown | Eugene | Downing | ? |
| 139 | Unknown | Michael | Hartnett | ? |
| 140 | RIC Barracks (between nos. 130 and 131) | Peter | Cooke | 40 |
| 141 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |
| 142 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |
| 143 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |
| 144 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |
| 145 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |
| 146 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |
| 147 | Vacant - location unknown | | | |

Some Comments on the Blackrock Town Census

| | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| No. of inhabited houses | 139 |
| No. of vacant houses | 8 (house nos. 90 and 141 to 147) |
| No. of residents recorded | 638 |
| No. of residents 18 & older | 409 |
| Eldest resident | 80 years of age |
| <i>(Catherine Bussin in house no.88.2)</i> | |
| No. of residents able to speak Irish | 36 |
| Census signed by | Constable James Smyth |

Pier Head to the Convent Rd. junction with Cat Lane

From the Pier Head to the corner of Cat Lane was a terrace of five houses. There was another house behind the second house after the Pier Head. The Census sequence suggests that only two of the five houses were occupied on Census night. This seems very unlikely yet there is no match between other Census names and the Rentals records for the houses in between.

Houses on north side of Cat Lane

nos. 48,49,50,

These were multi-occupancy houses. Sequentially these look right for the location although none of the ten surnames in the Census match with the Rentals records. There were three available houses at this spot on Cat Lane so it is probably the right spot.

Houses on Rope Walk

Nos.53 to 58.2

The Rentals records have had so many revisions for the site of these houses that it was practically impossible to place many of the names. The maps of the time also offer little help (*see map on page 34*). The 'L' shape collection of buildings at the junction of *Rope Walk heading east and Rope Walk heading towards Barry's Corner* are described as a mixture of stables, offices, houses, yards.

(Some Comments on the Blackrock Town Census cont/-)

House no.75

This was the Maple Leaf. Although the Census was working down the north side of Blackrock Rd. towards the houses known as the Moorings it seems the Census jumped across the road to take in the Maple Leaf and then went back to take in the Moorings before crossing the road again to Sunnynook.

House nos. 90

A general point to be made is that the Rentals records do not match oral memory for who lived where on Glandore Avenue.

House no. 90 is shown as vacant on Census night. It is possible that the two RIC men listed as 138 and 139 were actually living in this house. Certainly, by the time of the 1911 Census, there were several RIC men living on the lane so it is possible that they might have been there in 1901. It was sometimes the practice not to identify the residences of RIC men. In the 1911 Census for example, some RIC men were identified only by an initial e.g. M, N etc.

House no.108

The Rentals records show this house as the residence of Constable James Smyth (*he signed the Census returns*). However, in the Census this house is the home of an RIC pensioner, Ellen Frizell. Smyth may have been a lodger in this house given the RIC connection.

House no. 120

I am pretty certain that this was the last house in Dundanion Terrace at the corner of Post Office Lane but its position in the Census house listing is completely out of sequence.

House 140

The RIC barracks. It looks like Sgt Peter Cooke was in residence.

Houses nos.

55,108,137,140

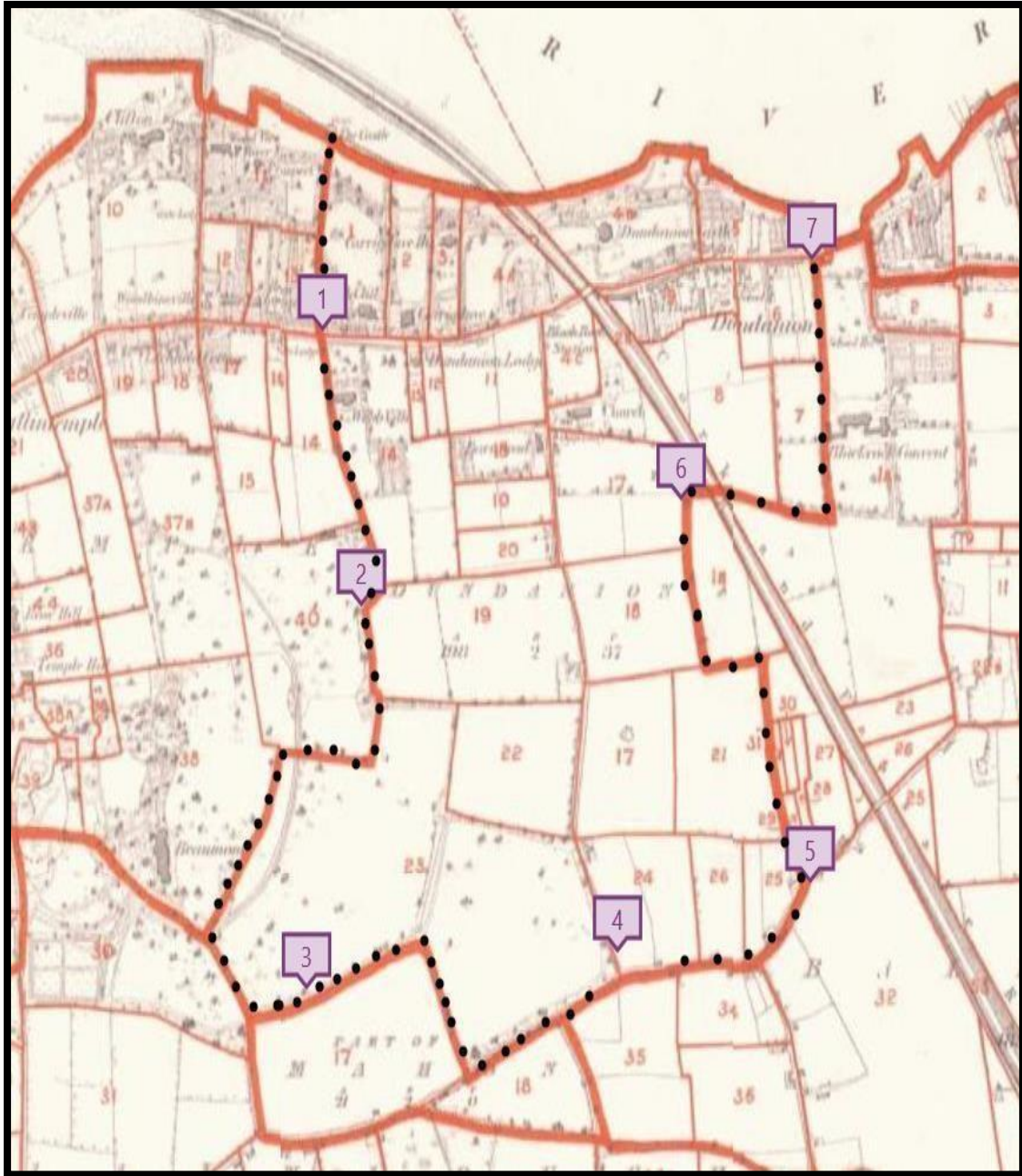
Each of these houses had a resident who was not included in the main Census listing. One was Sgt Cooke in no.140. I think the same can be said about Constable James Smyth in no.108. I could find no easy plausible reason for the other two.

The Dundanion Census
in detail

Dundalion

The townland boundary as shown in Griffiths Valuation circa 1850

Dundalion Townland Area – Approximately 198 acres



- 1) Boundary crosses Blackrock Rd. in the area of Rockcliffe Terrace
- 2) Boundary at the top of O’Keeffe’s fields (*near what was later the ‘Huts’*)
- 3) Boundary skirts across the top of the Ashleigh Estate
- 4) Junction of Church Rd. and Skehard Rd. (*Kathleen’s Cross*)
- 5) Boundary turns north just opposite the entrance to Skehard Lawn.
- 6) Boundary heads back over the railway to the east of Ardenza (*Church Rd.*)
- 7) Boundary re-emerges at the side of Sunnynook on Blackrock Rd.

Walking the Townland boundary in 1901

Beginning at the Moorings, Dundanion runs westward along the edge of the Lee before turning southwards down to Rockcliffe Terrace. Dundanion townland always on your left.

The boundary dissects Rockcliffe Terrace between the fifth and sixth house as it crosses the Blackrock Rd. It then continues along the edge of the land attached to Webb Ville (*Menloe*) and then across the top of what were O’Keeffe’s sports fields in later years. Dundanion townland always on your left.

It continues west before turning south roughly in the area of the modern Beaumont Lawn and then reaches the Skehard Rd. in the area of Ashleigh Rise. Dundanion townland always on your left.

It then heads down the middle of Skehard Rd. before hitting the Ballinure boundary beside what was Riordans in 1901 (*opposite the modern day Skehard Lawn*). Dundanion townland always on your left.

The boundary eventually connects with the top of Glandore Avenue (*at the Convent Lodge*) and takes in the houses on both sides of Glandore Avenue and the houses of Blackrock Rd. as far as Sunnynook. Dundanion Townland always on your left. (*the Ursuline Convent and grounds being part of Ballinure*).

There is one complication in the above in that on Skehard Rd. in what might be expected to be part of Dundanion there is what they called a ‘detached part’ of the Mahon Townland. This was a 15-acre plot in the area of the Ashleigh estate. There was another 5-acre plot, also a ‘detached part’ of Mahon, on the other side of Skehard road comprising the field known as the ‘three cornered field’ (*Kilbrack there now*). This latter plot might otherwise have been expected to be part of Ballinlough.

Census route

The Census route took in all of Dundanion Townland except for the following parts of Dundanion that were included in the Blackrock Town Census area:

All houses on the north side of the Blackrock Rd. from King’s Quay Lane (*Church Avenue*) to the Moorings except Northcliffe, no.2 Lota View and Riverview House

All houses on the south side of the Blackrock Rd. from Sunnynook to the railway except the Parochial House, Glandore Villas and possibly the Convent lodge on Glandore Avenue

The Census was completed in **one section**.

Begins at Northcliffe, works up the north side of Blackrock Rd. as far as mid-Rockcliffe Terrace, crosses the road and works back to the junction of Church Rd. with the Blackrock Rd. It then takes in all of Church Rd. before picking up five houses on the north side of Skehard Rd. between Church Rd. and Riordan’s in Ballinsheen.

No.2 Lota View, Riverview House, Glandore Villas and the Parochial House are added at the end. There is a possibility that the Convent lodge on Glandore Avenue was also included but I am unsure whether that lodge was built prior to 1901.

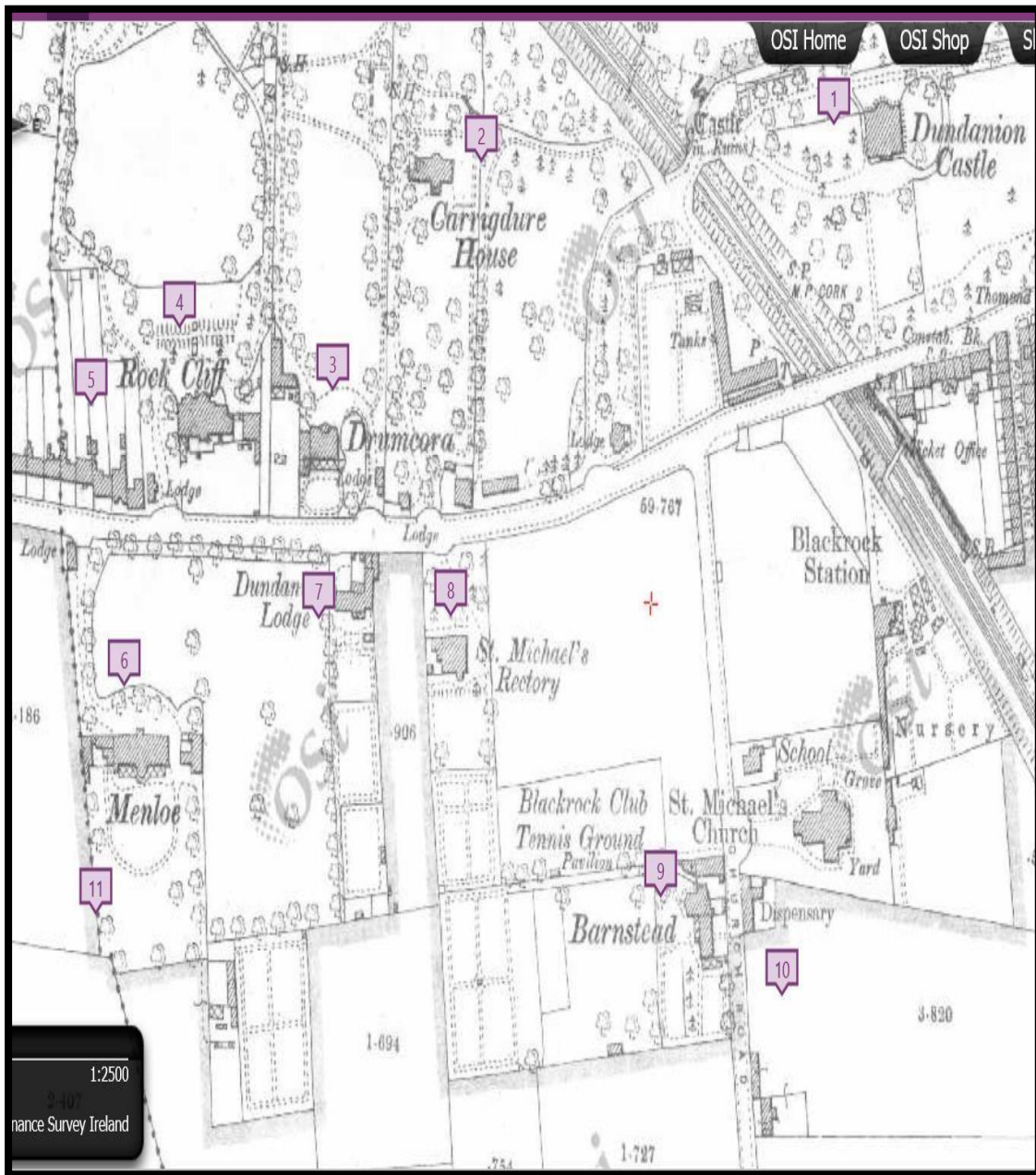
Note re listing below

The 'Census House' number is just the sequential numbering system used by the Census authorities.

The named person is the 'Head of Family'. All spellings of names are as recorded in the Census.

| Census house no. | Location | First name | Surname | See map on page no. |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Northcliffe | Andrew | Weir | |
| 2 | Dundanion Castle | Kate | Mc Namara | 48 |
| 3 | Lodge to Dundanion Castle | William | Fitzgerald | 48 |
| 4 | Carrigduve House | John | Green | 48 |
| 5 | Lodge to Carrigduve House | John | Dwyer | 48 |
| 6 | Carrigduve (<i>Drumcora</i>) | Dominick J | Daly | 48 |
| 7 | Lodge to CarrigDuve | John | OLeary | 48 |
| 8 | Rock Cliff House | William | MacMullen | 48 |
| 9 | Lodge to Rock Cliff | Charles | Woodhouse | 48 |
| 10 | Rock Cliff Terrace | Michael | Lynch | 48 |
| 11 | Rock Cliff Terrace | Alfred H | Shaw | 48 |
| 12 | Most likely Rock Cliff Terrace | Elizabeth | Edward | 48 |
| 13 | Rock Cliff Terrace | James | Gill | 48 |
| 14 | Webb Ville | Jeremiah | Blake | 48 |
| 15 | Lodge to Webb Ville | Daniel | Feely | 48 |
| 16 | Dundanion Lodge | Thomas | Russell | 48 |
| 17 | St. Michael's Rectory | George K | Smyth | 48 |
| 18 | Unknown (<i>Sexton to St. Michaels COI</i>) | Robert | Morris | n/a |
| 19 | On Barnstead land (field beside Barnstead grounds) | Vacant | n/a | |
| 20 | Opposite Barnstead (<i>The old Dispensary</i>) | Vacant | n/a | 48 |
| 21 | Opposite Barnstead | Michael | Twohig | 48 |

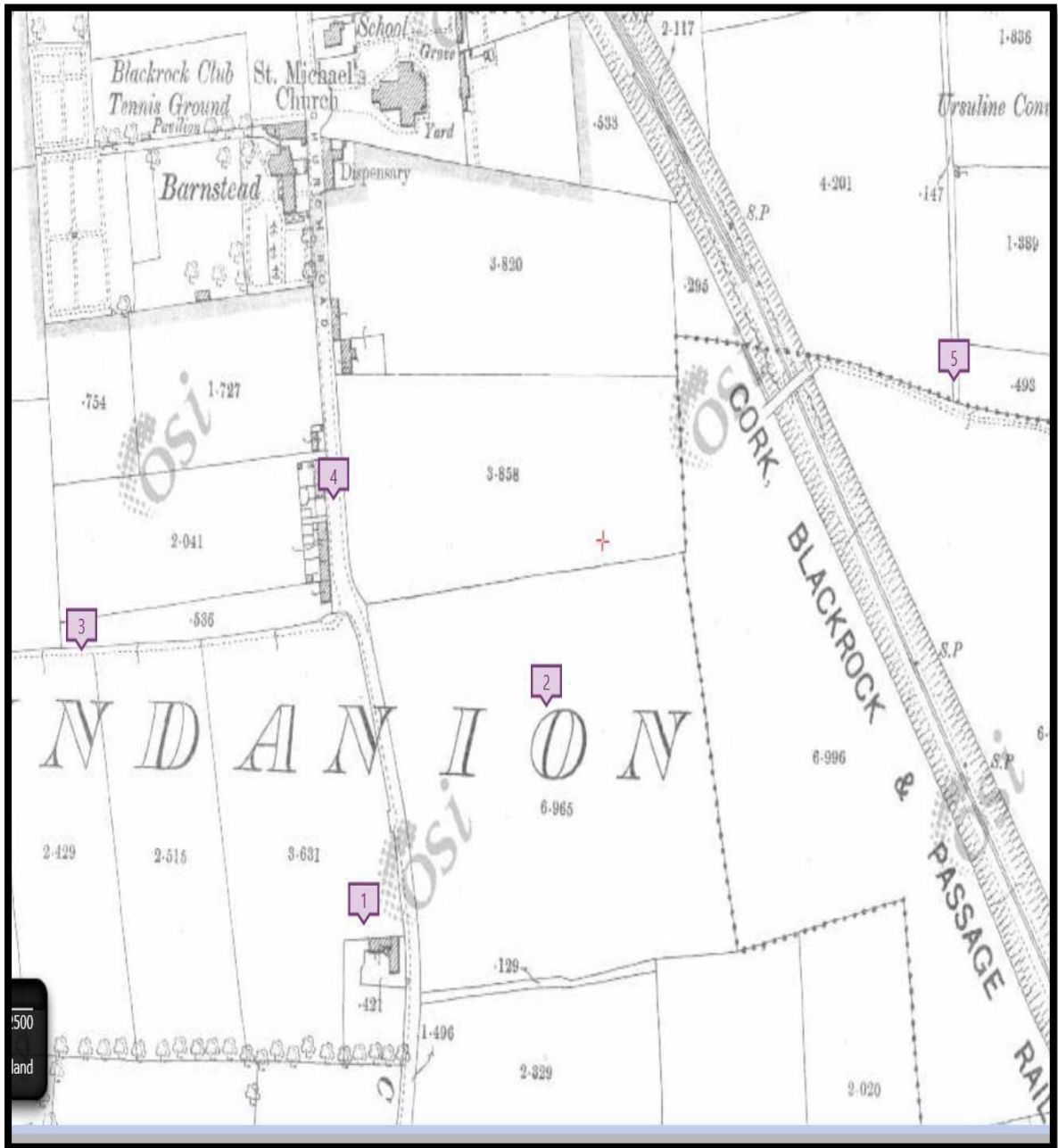
Blackrock Rd. and the north end of Church Rd. circa 1901



- 1) Dundanion Castle (also known as Dundanion House) – Census house nos. 2, 3
- 2) Census house nos. 4, 5
- 3) Referred to as Carrigduve (also known as Drumcora) - Census house nos. 6, 7
- 4) Census house nos. 8, 9
- 5) Part Rock Cliff (Rockcliffe) Terrace - Census house nos. 10, 11, 12, 13
- 6) Census house nos. 14, 15
- 7) Census house no. 16
- 8) Census house no. 17
- 9) Census house no. 23
- 10) Census house nos. 21, 22, 24
- 11) Dundanion /Ballintemple townland boundary

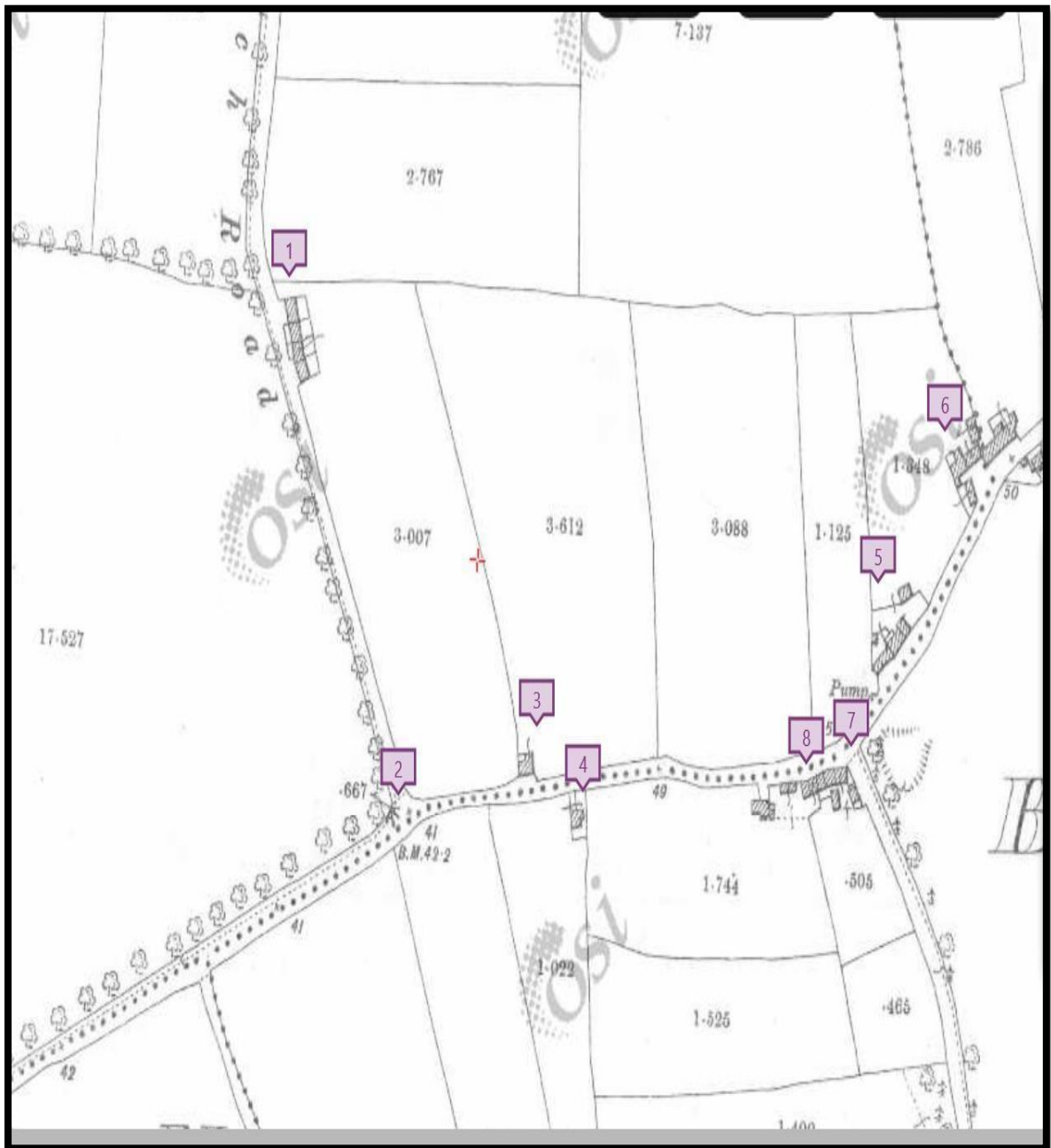
| Census house no. | Location | First name | Surname | See map on page no. |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 22 | Opposite Barnstead | John | Leahy | 48 |
| 23 | Barnstead | Henry | Tivy | 48 |
| 24 | Ardenza | Catherine | Richardson | 48 |
| 25 | Probably the field between Barnstead and house now known as Bóthar Glas | Jeremiah | Coughlan | 50 |
| 26 | House now known as Bóthar Glas | Daniel | Cotter | 50 |
| 27 | Cottage between no.26 and what were later the soccer pitches | Bridget | Kelly | 50 |
| 28 | Cottage between no.26 and what were later the soccer pitches | Ellen | Murphy | 50 |
| 29 | Cottage between no.26 and what were later the soccer pitches | Patrick | Donovan | 50 |
| 30 | Cottage between no.26 and what were later the soccer pitches | John | McCarthy | 50 |
| 31 | Cottage between no.26 and what were later the soccer pitches | Mary | O Sullivan | 50 |
| 32 | Keeffe's Church Rd. | Cornelius | O'Keeffe | 50 |
| 33 | Unknown but could have been at O'Keeffe's | Vacant | n/a | |
| 34 | Unknown but could have been at O'Keeffe's | Vacant | n/a | |
| 35 | Unknown but could have been at O'Keeffe's | Vacant | n/a | |
| 36 | Unknown but could have been at O'Keeffe's | Vacant | n/a | |
| 37 | Probably at the site that later became Coughlan's shop (<i>now Ursula's</i>) | William | Healy | 51 |
| 38 | The buildings in the area of what later became Coughlan's shop | Patrick | Cox | 51 |
| 39 | The buildings in the area of what later became Coughlan's shop | Michael | Kidney | 51 |

Church Rd. in the region of Blackrock National Hurling Club circa 1901



- 1) Census house no. 32 (*Keefe's*)
- 2) Now Blackrock Hurling Club
- 3) *Bóithrín Glas (laneway from Church Rd. heading towards Beaumont)*
- 4) In the area of the house now known as *Bóthar Glas* - Census house nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 (*there were nine houses here in 1850*)
- 5) Top of *Glandore Avenue (lane at top leads west to railway bridge and possibly over towards no. 4 in earlier times)*

South end of Church Rd. - the junction with Skehard Rd. circa 1901



- 1) Dundanion Census house nos. 37, 38, 39, 40
(at the site of what is now Ursula's hairdressers)
- 2) Caitlín's Cross (junction of Church Rd. and Skehard Rd.)
- 3) Two houses at this site but both vacant on Census night
(Bertie O'Driscoll's house later)
- 4) Ballinure Census house no.1 (Flaherty)
- 5 +6) Dundanion Census houses nos. 41, 42, 43
- 7) Bessborough Cross
- 8) Ballinure Census house nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

| Census house no. | Location | First name | Surname | See map on page No. |
|------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------------|
| 40 | The site of what is now 'Ursula's' hairdressers | Walter | Carey | 51 |
| 41 | Ballinsheen – opp. Credit Union, the house with the corrugated roof | Denis | Hayes | 51 |
| 42 | Ballinsheen – opp. Skehard Lawn entrance | Ellen | Carey | 51 |
| 43 | Ballinsheen – opp. Skehard Lawn entrance | Hannah | Hayes | 51 |
| 44 | Unknown - possibly the Convent lodge on Glandore Avenue | Ellen | Deasy | 38 |
| 45 | Lota View (2 nd house in from Church Avenue) | Ellen | OConnor | n/a |
| 46 | St. Michael's Parochial House Blackrock Rd. | Archdeacon | Coghlan | n/a |
| 47 | Riverview House | William | Mc Cullagh | n/a |
| 48 | Glandore Villas | John H | Stritch | n/a |
| 49 | Glandore Villas | Hamah | Leahy | n/a |

Some Comments on the Dundanion Census

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| No. of inhabited houses | 43 |
| No. of vacant houses | 6 (at least) |
| No. of residents recorded | 225 |
| No. of residents 18 and older | 158 |
| Eldest resident (2 of same age) | 84 years of age |
| <i>(Louisa Shaw in house no.11 and Ellen Hayes in house no.41)</i> | |
| No. of adult residents able to speak Irish | 21 |
| Census signed by | Constable James Smyth |

House no. 18

This was the house of the sexton to COI Church Rd. I am unsure as to the exact location.

Church Rd.

House no.25

Terry Hassett has confirmed that there was a house just inside the wall of the field beside the house known as 'Bóthar Glas'.

(Some Comments on the Dundanion Census cont/-)

Church Rd.

House nos. 27,28,29,30,31

These were houses between the house now known as Bóthar Glas (*house no.26*) and the corner of Keffe's land. Like some other examples elsewhere, the Census sequence supports the placing of these houses at this point. The Rental records confirm the names for this location but there is a mis-match in dates. Also, back in the 1850's there were eight houses on this plot with two of them being to the rear of the roadside houses so there is no way of knowing if all five houses in 1901 were roadside or were two to the rear?

Church Rd.

House nos. 33,34,35,36

These houses come after the cluster of buildings that was O'Keeffe's (*house no.32*) on Church Rd. and before the cluster of houses at what was later Coughlan's shop just before McGrath Park. Neither the Ordnance Survey maps nor the Griffiths Valuation map show any houses in-between these two reference points. Also, there is no Rental record for these houses. This leads me to suggest that some/all of these houses could have been on the site of what later became O'Keeffe's farmyard. As the O'Keeffes were the rate-payer, it follows that any other houses on their land would not appear in the Rental records. See also note on vacant houses below.

Church Rd. (lat er C ough lan 's sh op /n ow Ursula's hairdressers).

House nos. 37

Michael Healy the resident of house no.37 does not appear in the Rentals records so I could not prove his position for definite. However, there were four houses at the site of Coughlan's in 1901 and three of them (*house nos. 38,39,40*) can be verified for this site so it is most likely that the Healys also lived at that location.

House no. 41

Possibly a very old house. It would have been a very substantial property in its time. It dates back to at least 1840. This was surely the ancestral home of the Hayes family who had land holdings in this area.

House no. 44

I was unable to place this house. All houses on the contemporary maps are all accounted for. The head of household was Ellen Deasy and her occupation is listed as farmer. The Deasys had a plot of land in the area of Gort na gClocha. Fr. Seán Carey's memoir places the Deasys in the Convent lodge on Glandore Avenue when he was a youth but I cannot say for certain that the Deasys were resident there in 1901.

Vacant houses

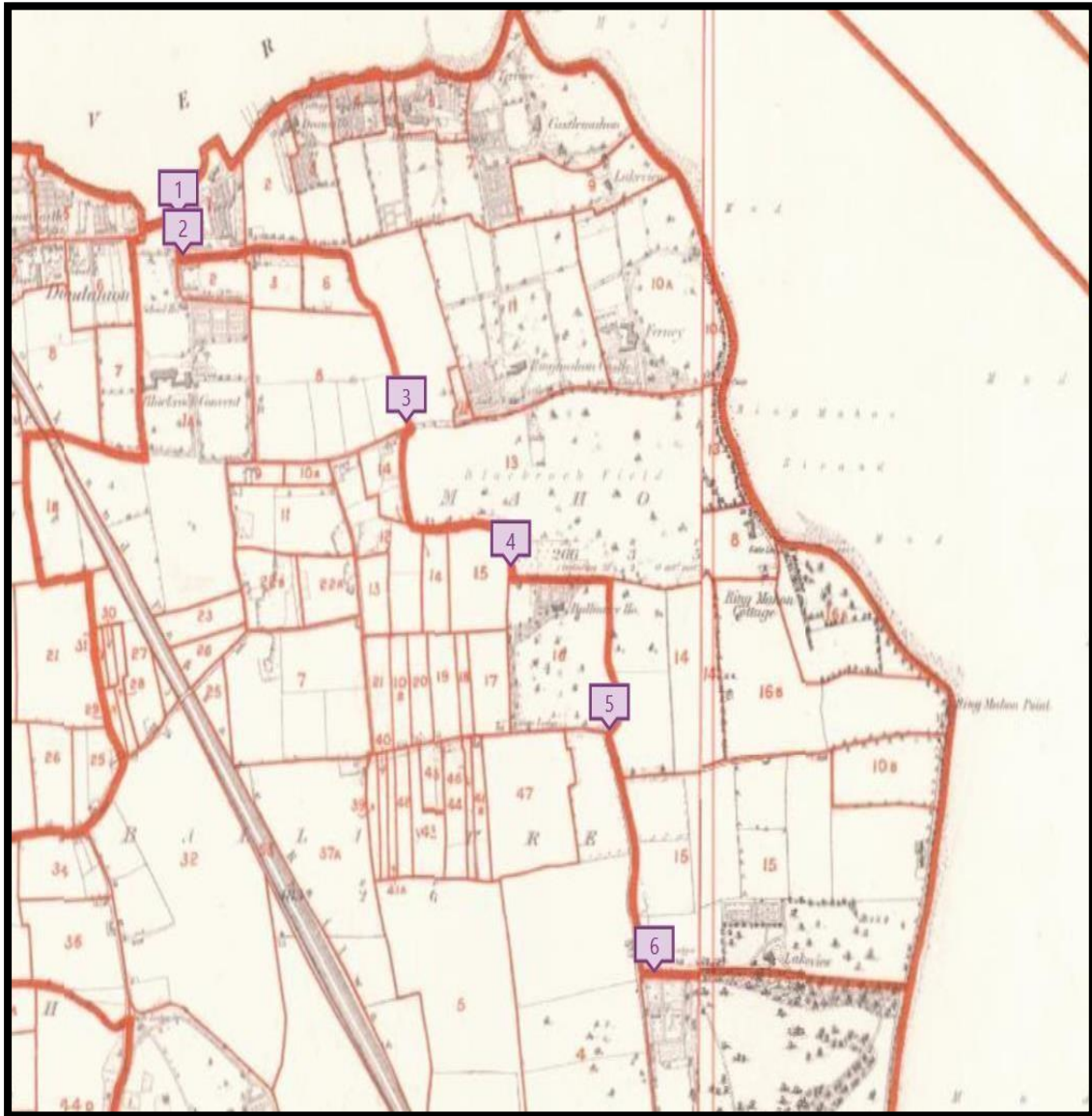
The first two houses on the Ballinsheen side of the Church rd. /Skehard rd. junction were vacant on the night of the Census. One of these was the house that later became Bertie O'Driscoll's, the other house was right beside it. The Census though does not record any vacant houses for this stretch of road so it is a possibility that these two houses could be part of the four vacant mentioned earlier (*house nos. 33,34,35,36*).

The Mahon Census
in detail

Mahon

The townland boundary as shown in Griffiths Valuation circa 1850

Mahon Townland Area – Approximately 266 acres



- 1) **The Pier Head**
- 2) **Junction of Cat Lane and Convent Rd.**
- 3) **Boundary crosses Ringmahon Rd. in the area of what is now Mahon Park**
- 4) **Michael's Boreen to the side of Ballinure House**
- 5) **Cemetery Corner**
(also known as Rocky's Corner)
- 6) **Entrance to Lakeview House and Lakelands House**

Walking the Townland boundary in 1901

Beginning at Nugent's shop, the boundary ran down the middle of Convent Rd. and turns left onto Cat Lane taking in the houses on the left hand side. Mahon Townland always on your left.

The boundary continues down the middle of Rope Walk approximately as far as what is now the back garden of the last house on the west side of Dunlocha. It then turns right taking in all the land to the east of the Ballinure Boundary i.e. Jameson's Field (*the site of Dunlocha*). Mahon Townland always to your left. It then crosses Ringmahon Rd. just to the east of the house then lived in by O'Driscolls (*Moss Buckley's house in later years*) and takes in Roches Field turning south at Perrier's Field. Mahon Townland always to your left.

It then cuts down the middle of Crawford's Rd. before turning left to Lough Mahon at Mahony's. Mahon Townland always to your left.

There is also what is known as a 'detached' part of Mahon townland. This comprises two parts either side of Skehard Rd. The larger portion is a 15-acre plot on the north side of Skehard in the area of the Ashleigh Estate. This field was known as Judge's Field. The second portion is 5 acres and comprised what was known as the 'three cornered field'. This is now the Kilbrack estate.

Census route

The Census route took in all of Mahon Townland except for following parts of Mahon that were included to the Blackrock Town Census area:

Beginning at Nugent's, the east side of Convent Rd. to the corner of Cat Lane
The terrace of houses on the north side of Cat Lane

The Census was completed in two sections.

The first section (*house nos. 1 to 28*) begins at Mahon House on Castle Rd. and ends somewhere between Cliffmahon and the Castlemahon grounds.

The second section (*house nos. 29 to 49*) begins at Ringmahon House, goes down Ringmahon Rd. to Manley's Quay and then goes back along Castle Rd. to take in Lakeview. It then goes out the west side of the Lakeview grounds to the top of Castle Lane and takes in all the remaining houses in Mahon including the house in the detached portion of Mahon at Ashleigh Estate on the Skehard Rd.

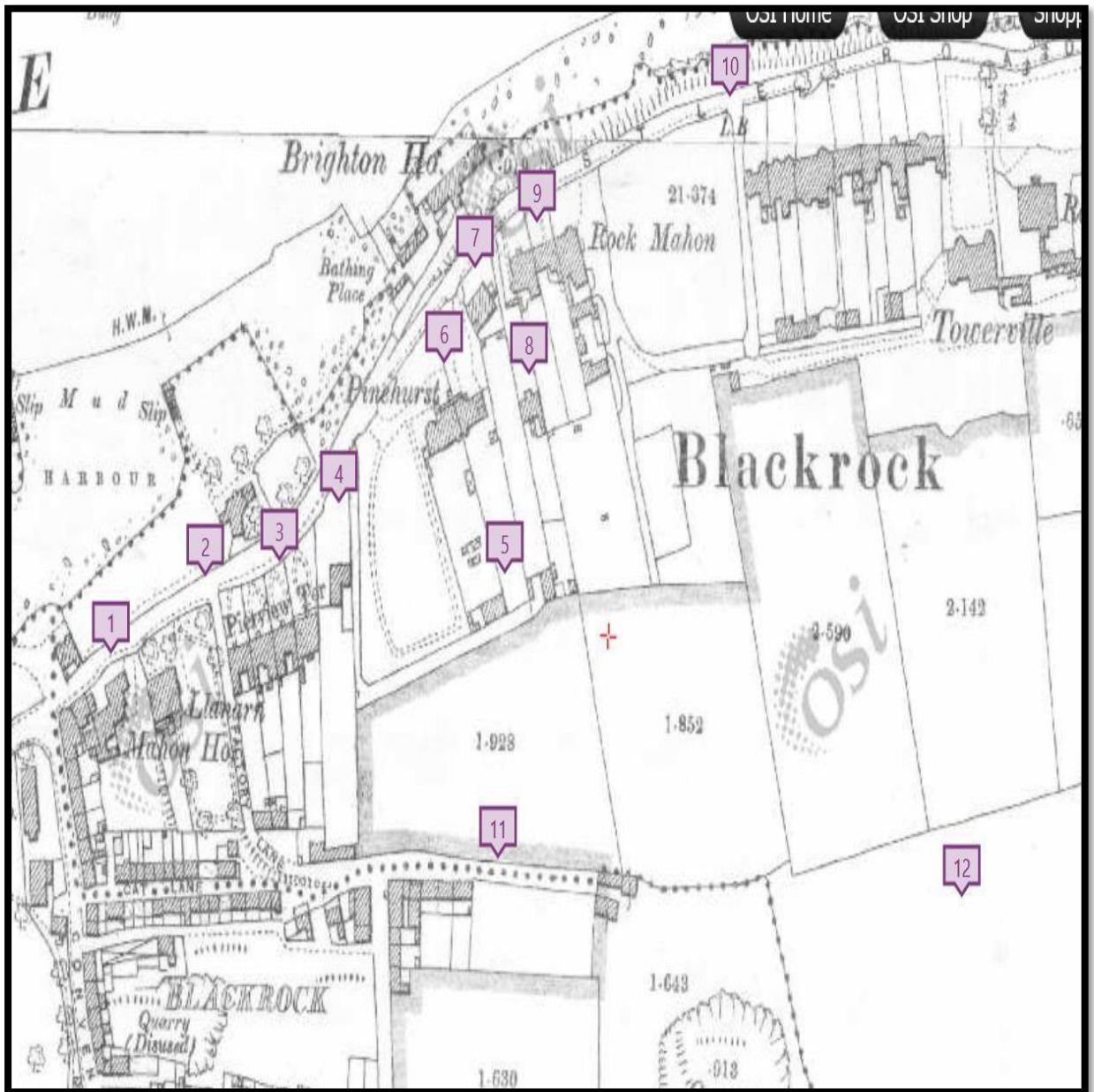
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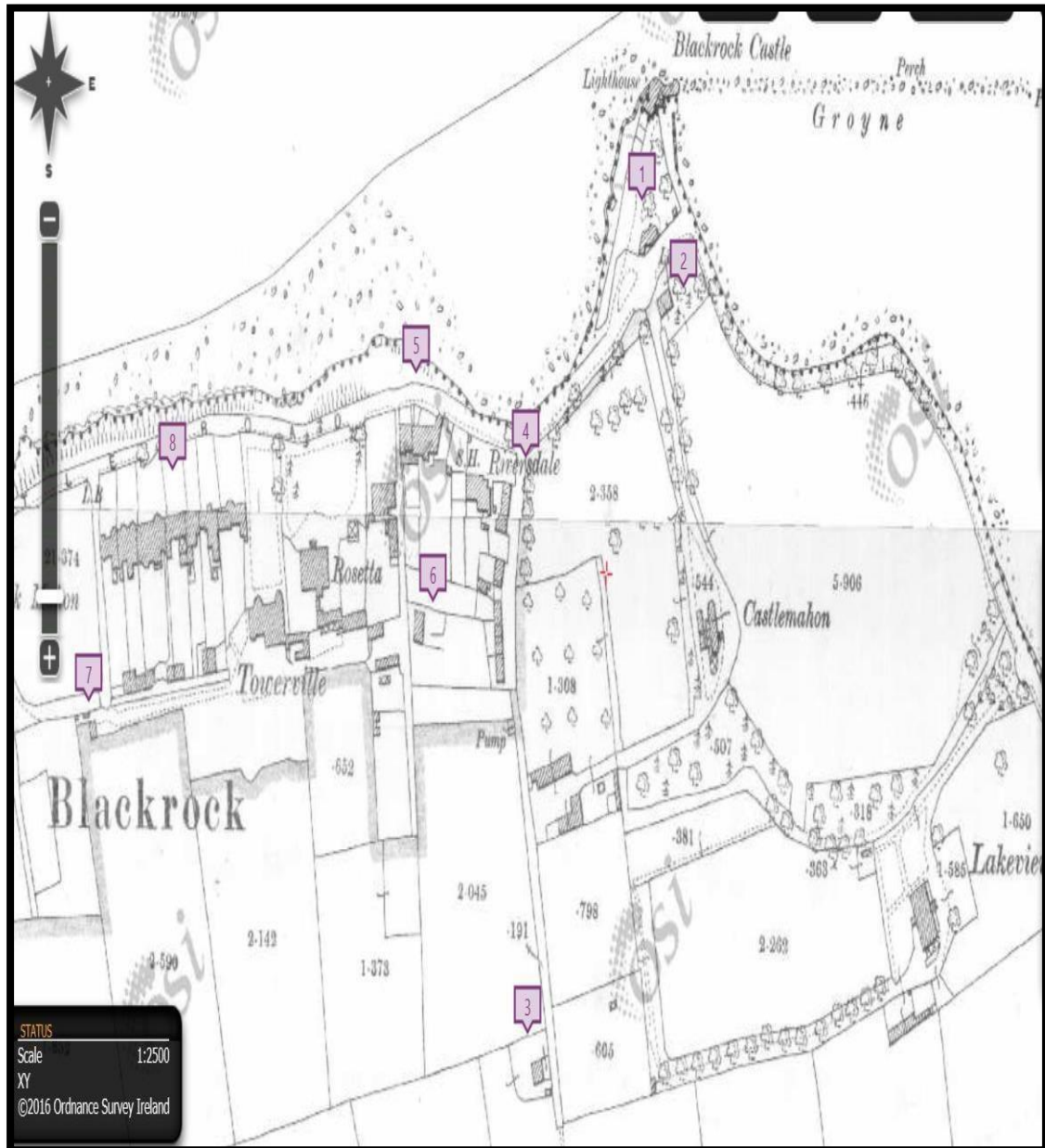
| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Mahon House, Castle Rd | Thomas | Jermyn | 58 |
| 2 | Llanarn, Castle Rd. | Henry C | McFerran | 58 |
| 3 | Lysanne (<i>Pierview Terrace</i>) | Bridget | ORiordan | 58 |
| 4 | Lota (<i>Pierview Terrace</i>) | John | Dowling | 58 |
| 5 | Eudion (<i>Pierview Terrace</i>) | Emily R | Conron | 58 |
| 6 | Lotaville (<i>Pierview Terrace</i>) | Maria | Baker | 58 |
| 7 | Pierview House | Denis | Duggan | 58 |
| 8 | Pinehurst | Edwin | Hall | 58 |
| 9 | Probably in the lane behind Pinehurst | William | Lehane | 58 |
| 10 | Brighton House | Joseph | Woodward | 58 |
| 11 | Eastcliffe | Walter | Ronan | 58 |
| 12 | Rathmahon | Thomas | Waters | 58 |
| 13 | Waverley | Richard | Fetherstonehaugh | 58 |
| 14 | Mahonville | Isaac | Boulger | 58 |
| 15 | Coolim | Anne | Gardner | 58 |
| 16 | Rockmahon | Emily | Mayne | 58 |
| 17 | Towerville lodge | James | Keating | 59 |
| 18 | Tenby Cottage | Elizabeth | England | 59 |
| 19 | Bayswater Cottage | Samuel | Anglin | 59 |
| 20 | Mahon Lodge | David H | Chapman | 59 |
| 21 | Analore | Patrick J | McNamara | 59 |
| 22 | Glanmire View | John | Hobson | 59 |
| 23 | Riverside | William J | Collins | 59 |
| 24 | Towerville | Henry | Hickie | 59 |
| 25 | Rosetta | Walter | Morrogh | 59 |
| 26 | Cliffmahon | Dominick | Mahony | 59 |
| 27 | 1st house on Castle Lane? | Daniel | OLeary | 58 |
| 28 | Lodge to Castlemahon | Patrick | Lehane | 59 |
| 29 | Ringmahon House | James | Murphy | n/a |
| 30 | Garden House | Cornelius | OBrien | n/a |
| 31 | Lodge to Ringmahon House | Edward | Cotter | n/a |
| 32 | House in the paddock at Roches Field | Denis | Long | n/a |
| 33 | Lodge to Ferney | Mary | Forde | n/a |
| 34 | Ferney | Dudley | Coppinger | n/a |
| 35 | Lakeview | Frederick | Hall | 59 |
| 36 | Last house top end Castle Lane | Dan | Williamson | 59 |
| 37 | Maggie Leary's lane | Julia | O'Leary | 58 |

Castle Rd. area circa 1901



- 1) Mahon House – Census house no.1
- 2) Factory Lane
- 3) Pierview Terrace – Census house nos. 3, 4, 5, 6
- 4) Pierview House – Census house no. 7
- 5) Census house no. 9
- 6) Census house nos. 8 and 11
- 7) Census house no. 12
- 8) Census house no. 13
- 9) Census house nos. 14, 15, 16
- 10) Hickie's Lane leading to Census house nos. 17 and 24
- 11) Mahon/Ballinure townland boundary on Rope Walk
- 12) Roughly the point where Rope Walk meets the Dunlocha road

Castle Rd. from Tenby Cottage to Blackrock Castle circa 1901



- 1) The lodge at Blackrock Castle – Census house no. 43
- 2) The lodge to Castlemahon – Census house no. 28
- 3) The lodge to Lakeview – Census house no. 36
- 4) Castle Lane – Census house nos. 38, 39, 40, 41 and possibly nos. 27 and 42
- 5) Cliff Hill Terrace – Census house nos. 46, 47, 48
- 6) Census house no. 37
- 7) The lodge to Towerville – census house no. 17
- 8) Census house nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

| Census House No. | Location | First Name | Surname | See map on page no. |
|------------------|--|------------|----------|---------------------|
| 38 | Castle Lane – furthest house in from Castle Rd. | Bessie | Dorney | 59 |
| 39 | Castle Lane - 2 nd last house furthest in from Castle Rd. | Hannah | OLeary | 59 |
| 40 | Castle Lane - 3rd house in from Castle Rd. | John | Leahy | 59 |
| 41 | Castle Lane - 5th house in from Castle Rd. | Daniel | Coughlan | 59 |
| 42 | Probably Castle Lane. House location uncertain | Peter | Corcoran | 59 |
| 43 | Blackrock Castle Lodge | Ellen | Cashman | 59 |
| 44 | Castlemahon | Barbara | Moore | 59 |
| 45 | Riversdale | Anne | Staveley | 59 |
| 46 | Carriglee (Cliff Hill Terrace) | Rachel | Hall | 59 |
| 47 | Castle View (Cliff Hill Terrace) | Rhode | Sandham | 59 |
| 48 | Castle View (Cliff Hill Terrace) | Thomas | Sandham | 59 |
| 49 | Skehard Road | John | O'Keefe | n/a |

Some comments on the Mahon Census

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| No. of inhabited houses | 49 |
| No. of vacant houses | none |
| No. of residents recorded | 286 |
| No. of residents 18 and over | 218 |
| Eldest resident | 90 years of age |
| <i>(Timothy Murphy in house no.40)</i> | |
| No. of adult residents able to speak Irish | 13 |
| Census completed by | Constable James Smyth |

House 27

Both the Rentals records and the Boys National School Roll Books support the placing of the house in Castle Lane. However, the Census sequence is a bit odd here. House 26 in the Census is Cliffmahon (*beside Maggie Leary's Lane*). The Census then skips the next houses on Castle Rd. after Cliffmahon before stopping to take in only one house on Castle Lane (*no.27*) and then goes straight to the Castlemahon estate before taking in house no.28. Castlemahon itself is not recorded until later (*house no.44*). It is surprising that only one house on Castle Lane was counted at this stage but there was a William O'Leary (*son*) in this house identified on the Census as a jewellery traveller and local memory places him in this house. Interestingly, a residential directory in the mid-1940's refers to the address as Castle Terrace.

(Some comments on the Mahon Census cont/-)

House 32

Blackrock Field (*later Roche's Field*) was part of the Ferney Estate at the time of the Census, Thomas Roche only coming along circa 1907. Denis Long (*in no.32*) was living on Ferney land and I am working on the basis that he lived at the paddock in the field across the road from the main gate to Ringmahon House. His occupation in the Census is listed as cattle dealer and being in Roche's Field seems consistent in that Roches also were engaged in the same activity.

House 42

Peter Corcoran is listed twice in the Census, once as butler in Ringmahon House and then secondly in his own house. I have placed his house in Castle Lane but cannot be sure that is 100% correct. His house comes after Coughlan's and before the Cashmans in Blackrock Castle lodge. Peter's son Michael, does appear in the Boys School Roll Books but unfortunately the address is just quoted as Blackrock.

House 49

Part of the detached portion of Mahon Townland. This house was on a 15-acre field roughly in the area of the Ashleigh Estate on the north side of Skehard Rd. The location of the house itself is still an undeveloped plot on Skehard Rd.

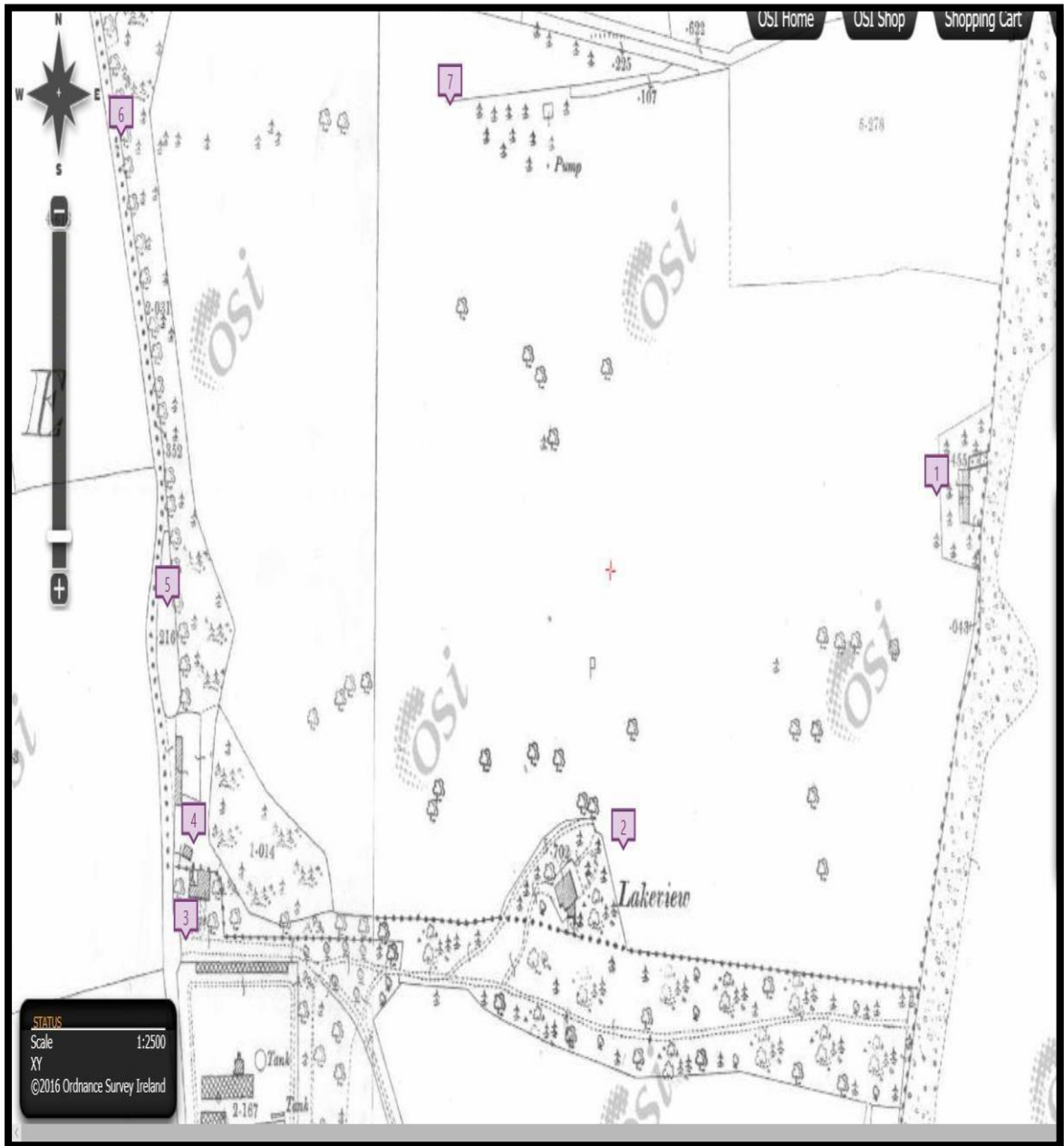
Parts of Mahon not included in the 1901 Census

The area around the 'the Yanks' and the nearby Fr. Power's house together with what was the coursing land in later years were also part of Mahon townland yet were included in the Ballinure Census.

Vacant Houses

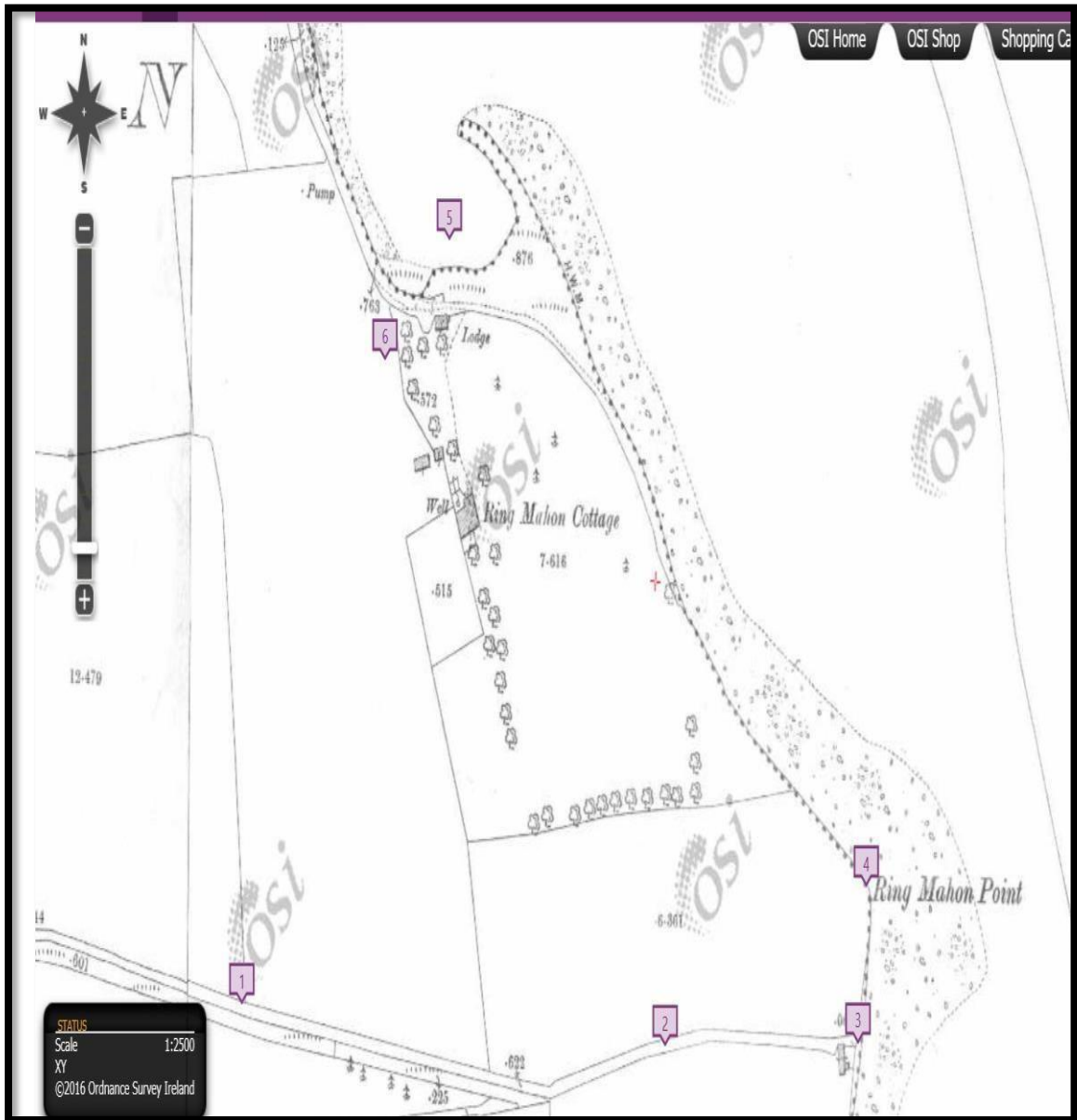
Strangely, none listed for Mahon in 1901.

Crawford's Rd. at the entrance to Lakeview circa 1901



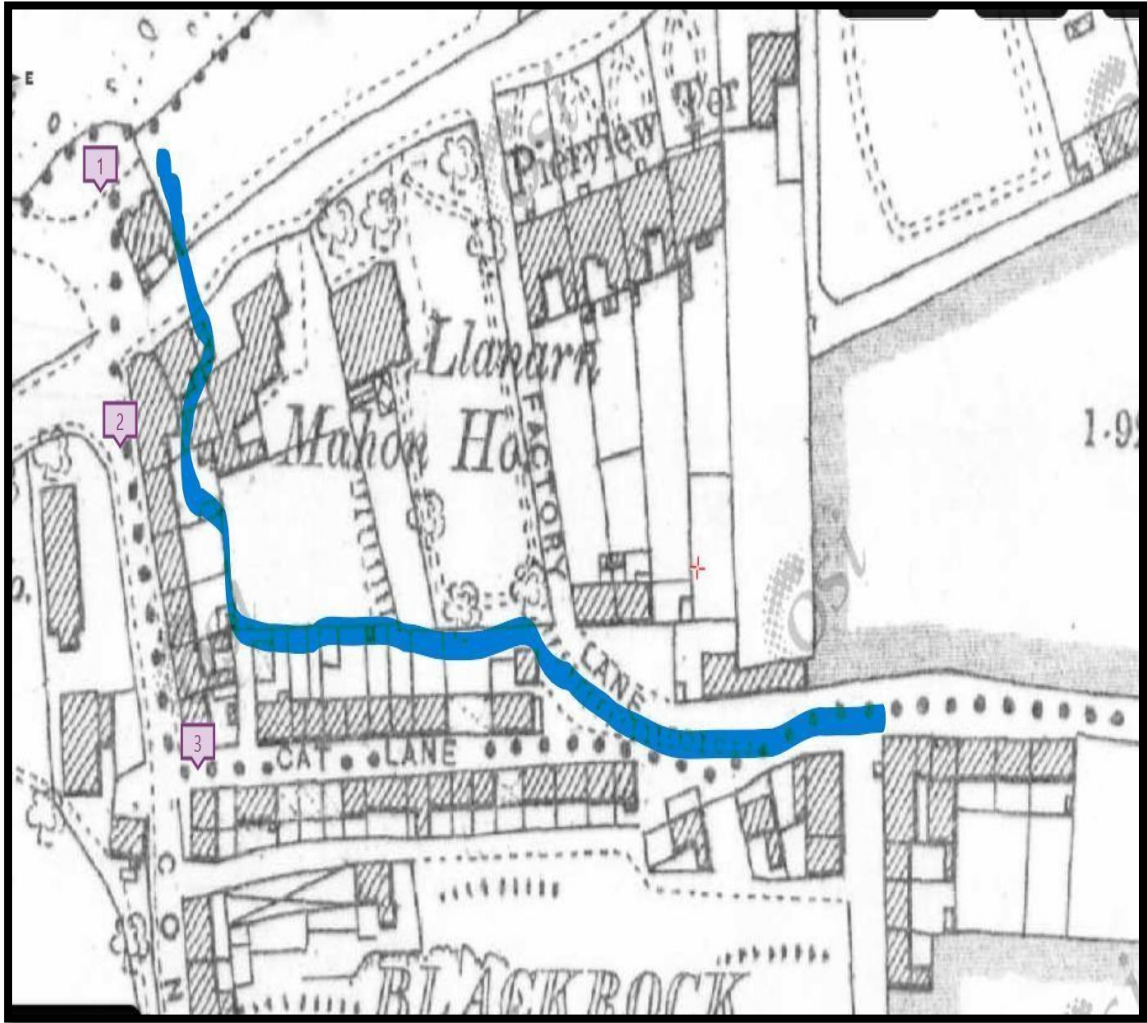
- 1) The site of 'Fr. Power's' house
- 2) Lakeview House – the site of the coursing viewing point in the 20th century
- 3) The entrance to Lakelands House
- 4) The old entrance to Lakeview House
- 5) The Lough
- 6 -7) The old breen to the waterside at Lough Mahon at what later became known as the 'Yank's'

The Green Point to the 'Yanks' circa 1901



- 1) The route of the new boreen to Lough Mahon (sometime between 1840 and 1900)**
- 2) The older part of the boreen to Lough Mahon (known as the 'Yank's' boreen in the 20th century)**
- 3) The Yanks**
- 4) Ring Mahon Point – the most easterly point in Blackrock (this was known as The Black Rock in the 19th century and possibly earlier)**
- 5) The strand at the Green Point**
- 6) 'The Nook'**

The Mahon/ Blackrock Town Census boundary circa 1901



The parts of Mahon Townland contained in the Blackrock Town Census area

- 1) Nugent's shop – later Kellehers
- 2) From the Pier Head to the corner of Cat Lane
- 3) The north side of Cat Lane

How residents were matched to houses

A question that I posed to myself early on was the following – ‘how could I be sure that I had the right family in the right location?’ I reckon you might be asking the very same thing.

Here is how I approached the process. When I was looking at a name in the Census, I crosschecked the name against the official sources available – **residential directories**, the **Griffiths Valuation map** and the **Rental Valuation** handwritten records. The latter records names of registered ratepayers for individual properties.

There were a number of local **residential directories** published over the years. The earliest I consulted was from 1837. However, prior to mid-20th century, these directories only recorded the larger houses or local persons of note. The greater part of the local population was not included. Nevertheless, they do provide house names and residents which, when combined with other resources, helped identify the Census routes and sequencing of houses.

The **Griffiths map** shows the entire area divided into individual plots. For example, plot 6 on the Dundanion Townland map covers the area on the south side of Blackrock Rd. from Sunnynook to the Leaping Salmon. The Rental records then give every building and piece of land on that plot an individual reference number. For example, the Maple Leaf is 6.7 on the original map although today it would be 6.7, 6.8 and 6.10 having expanded into the house and yard on the corner of Glandore Avenue.

So, in an ideal situation it might be possible to match the Census name directly to a particular plot. However, this only works when the Census follows the Griffiths map sequentially and when there are no unrecorded vacant houses on the Census night to disrupt the sequence (*often the vacant houses are not counted or can be numbered at the end of the Census*). Also, it requires the Rentals records to be fully up to date. This was regularly not the case as records were always retrospectively updated e.g. often a year or possibly longer before records were updated. This means that in some cases, it can be the Rentals records of 1904 or 1905 that match the 1901 Census.

There were cases where the Rentals record was assigned to the wrong plot. I know that Frank and Marie Murphy (*formerly of Ballinsheen*) won't mind me relating how, based on what I was seeing in the official records, I tried to challenge whether the family had ever been in Ballinsheen! There are other examples.

Even when the **Rental records** are up to date, the handwriting is not always legible and easy to follow. These books were bound books so the lack of space on a page often created a problem in cases where there are multiple changes of name or where plots are sub-divided or redeveloped (*see page 69*).

A problem also arises when the ‘head of family’ in the Census was not a ratepayer. This means they did not appear in the Rentals records and as residential directories of the time listed less than 10% of all residents, I therefore had to rely on the sequence of houses in the Census being geographically in order. Unfortunately, there were a number

Matching residents to houses cont/-

of incidences which demonstrated that the Census did not always progress down roads and streets in any clear sequence.

Just a further point on people who were not ratepayers. If your house was within the grounds of a large house e.g. Dundanion Castle, Ringmahon House, Ferney, it was the owner of that house who was the rate-payer so therefore the residents of lodges /other houses within the grounds are 'invisible' in the Rentals records but will of course be in the Census.

Because of the above, there was some guesswork involved on my part from time to time as to the exact locations of houses. Most times, the Census sequence and /or maps suggested the right place for a particular house. The local knowledge of my 'collaborators' often solved particular problems. However, it was not always that straightforward. For example, vacant houses on Census night were not always listed in their correct order.

The consequence of all this is that I could not categorically say that I was always able to place all residents with 100% accuracy. It also needs to be noted that many families were a lot more 'mobile' in those days and you find some families moving regularly. You can see the same family living in different houses in different years. I imagine families moved for economic reasons, family size and possibly moving in with grandparents and so on.

The following examples will hopefully illustrate some of the decision-making in relation to houses that could not be placed with complete accuracy: -

Ballinure Census

The Census moved up Brady's Rd., turned right at Leahy's Cross and went up the Boreen to the junction with Quarry Hill. It then turned right, headed to Ballinsheen and then down Bessborough Rd.

I can match nearly all residents to the Rentals in the above sequence except for four names appearing after the Boreen families and before the Ballinsheen families. The only houses in between were the cottages opposite the pump at the Boreen junction. These cottages were in Barry's Field (*Jack Horgan's field in later 20th century*). I can verify the family surnames for Barry's Field but the dates in the Rental records and the family Christian names therein do not match for 1901. I therefore cannot say with 100% certainty that these four names are matched correctly but the sequence seems right.

Blackrock Town Census

Post Office Lane was a real problem. It looks like the Census moved down the east side and back up the west side before heading towards the railway. In so far as I can be, I am happy that I have placed the names in the right sequence but I cannot claim 100% accuracy as there is no clear independent source showing the actual number of houses on the road in 1901. Also, there are big differences between the Rentals records and the Census records.

Dundanion Census

The houses in the area of what was Coughlan's shop (*now Ursula's hair salon*) on Church Rd. were another problem. The field from that plot down to the junction with Skehard Rd. and eastwards beyond Bertie Driscoll's house on the north side of Skehard Rd. was one plot with six houses. These houses are listed as a, b, c, d, e, f in the Rentals books. The houses on this plot were grouped in two units –one group of four in the area of Coughlan's shop and the other two houses adjacent to each other on Skehard Rd. There is no way of knowing with absolute certainty which houses were exactly where in 1901 but like other cases, having traced names of residents up to the 1950's I am happy that my suggested sequence is accurate. A further complication here is that although houses 'e' and 'f' were vacant on Census night, the Census does not record them as vacant in sequence.

Mahon Census

Mahon posed only a couple of problems with house no. 42 (*Peter Corcoran*) being one. My best guess is Castle Lane for Corcoran's. This was a perfect example of getting no clue from the map and no mention in the Rentals record. Incidentally, this Peter Corcoran has the distinction of being recorded twice in the 1901 Census – no easy achievement. He was the butler in Ringmahon House and is listed as present on Census night there while simultaneously also being listed as present in his own house.

A reproduction of a typical page in the Rental Valuation Records

This page dates from the mid -1880's and shows part of the south side of Ballinure Village. Details recorded include:

On left hand side - Townland name, Griffiths Map reference (e.g.43, 44), Lessee (e.g. David Leahy, Patrick Driscoll), Lessor (e.g. Lindsay), description of property (e.g. house, land).

On right hand side – land measurement (e.g. 1acre, no roods, 20 perches) rateable amount for the land, rateable amount for the property and date of last change in details.

| Reference to Map | NAMES | | Description | Area A R P | ESTIMATE AMOUNT VALUATION | | | Total L S D | Date |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|------|
| | Townlands and Occupiers | Immediate Lessors | | | Land L S D | Buildings L S D | | | |
| | Ballinure | | | 34 3/4 | 5 9 13 | 4 32 14 | 10 26 15 | | |
| | | keant. John Keefe. | House. | | | | 1 10 0 | 1 10 0 | |
| 41 1/4 | David Leahy | Francis M. Lindsay | No off. land | 1 0 20 | 2 0 0 | | | 5 0 0 | |
| 43 | Patrick Driscoll | same. | land | 1 0 32 | 2 0 0 | 1 0 0 | | | |
| | John Murphy | same | land | 1 2 14 | 2 15 0 | | | 2 15 0 | |
| 44 | Patrick Punch. | same | No off. land | 0 2 30 | 1 5 0 | | | 1 5 0 | |
| 45 1/4 | Michael Punch. | same | No off. land | 2 0 14 | 3 10 0 | 1 10 0 | | 5 0 0 | |
| 46 1/4 | Michael Punch. | same | No off. land | 1 0 39 | 2 0 0 | 1 5 0 | | 3 5 0 | |
| 46 1/2 | Michael Potter | same | No off. land | 1 0 23 | 1 17 0 | 0 78 0 | | 2 15 0 | |
| 47 1/4 | William H. Leonard | same | land | 9 0 15 | 19 0 0 | | | 19 0 0 | |

Some more examples from the Rental Valuation Records

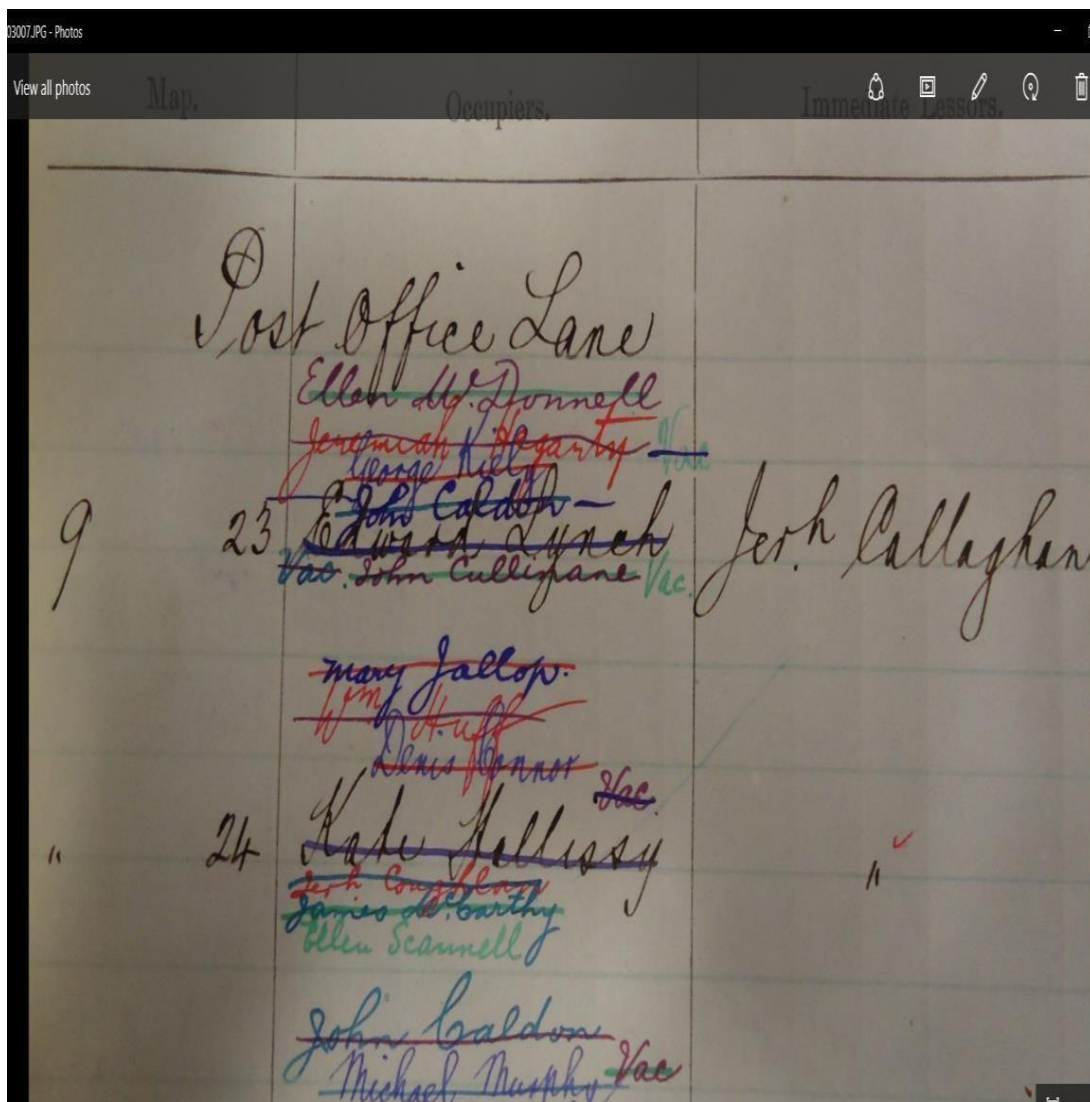
This page dates from 1908 and shows part of Post Office Lane. In this instance, there are multiple changes to the name of the lessee making identification of the correct resident at a particular date almost impossible.

Details:

9 = the Griffiths Valuation plot number. This plot ran from the grounds of the Parochial House to the railway line.

23 = the house number on that plot. In this case, this was the first house on the left hand side of Post Office Lane (*Bulldog Lane*) as you enter from Blackrock Rd.

Six different occupants and three vacant periods have been recorded in about a ten-year period for this house. The lessor for this house was Jeremiah Callaghan.



This page shows how date changes were recorded. Mostly, changes in different years were recorded in different ink colour thereby making it easy enough to track changes.

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| Description of T... | Area Statute Measure. | | | RATEABLE ANNUAL VALUATION. | | | | | | OBSERVATIONS: | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----|----|----------------------------|----|----|--------------|---------------|----|---------------|---------------|----|--------------|
| | A. | R. | P. | Land. | | | Buildings. | | | | Total. | | |
| | | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| <i>land</i> | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1905 1900 |
| | | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1900 1901 |
| <i>of land</i> | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | |
| | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1905 1900 |
| | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1900 1901 |
| | | | | | | | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1900 1901 |

By contrast, the page below was chaotic with multiple changes. Colour coding was of little help in deciphering the content.

Cork

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|----|---|----|---|--------|----|----|---|----|----|---|-------------------------|
| <i>land</i> | 0 | 1 | 10 | - | - | - | 18-2-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1901 |
| <i>land</i> | 3 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 15-2-0 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 1906 Comm. file No 1905 |
| <i>land</i> | 2 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 15-2-0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1907 |
| <i>land</i> | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 18-2-0 | 27 | 5 | 0 | 27 | 5 | 0 | 1907 |
| <i>land</i> | 1 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 18-2-0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 1907 |
| <i>land</i> | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 18-2-0 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 1907 |
| <i>land</i> | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 18-2-0 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 1907 |
| <i>land</i> | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 18-2-0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 1907 |

Sources of Information

I consulted as widely as I could but certainly did not get to speak to everyone I might have done or fully explored the available public records. Outlined below are the various resources I tapped into.

State sources

Ordnance Survey maps circa 1840 and 1901

- Shows roads, fields, buildings, identifies larger buildings of note

Griffiths Valuation

– Original property index and map prepared circa 1850. Shows location of all rateable plots of land and buildings and records the names of the rateable person as at 1850 approximately

Rental Valuation Records at the Valuation Office Dublin

- records any subsequent change to the rateable property or person from early 1850's onward

Other

National Archives Dublin

National Library of Ireland Dublin

Cork City Library

Cork City Archive

RCB Library Dublin

Tithe books 1820's and 1830's

Quaker Library Dublin

Mormon Genealogy Centre

Various local residential directories from 1837 onwards

Contact /interviews with local residents, ex-residents and local historians

Books and other printed material

Parish records

The memoir of Fr. Seán Carey R.I.P.

Holy Cross School, Mahon

Irish Genealogy Projects

Reliability of the above sources

As you would expect, both printed matter and personal memories were usually very accurate but a cautionary note for other researchers would be -

The available online Ordnance Survey maps do not give enough minute detail to avoid occasional ambiguity

In Griffiths, there can be discrepancies between the property index and the map
The Rental Valuation Records contain discrepancies, particularly as the 20th century progressed

The Rental Valuation Records can also be hard to follow particularly when dealing with terraces of houses. Over time, in some cases outbuildings became converted to housing, spaces between houses were built on, houses sometimes went to ruin or ruins were

Reliability of the above sources (cont/-)

rebuilt. It is only when you get the chance to match the Census to the Rentals records that you begin to see the inconsistencies.

I imagine it is also fair to say that my own work will undoubtedly contain some discrepancies! Hopefully not too many.

Names and spellings

Surname spelling errors are widespread in the Rental books. There are also errors in transcription in the Census due to mis-transcription of the original handwriting on the individual 'household returns'. All spellings in this document are as recorded in the official record.

There are numerous variations in place name spellings. An example is Rockcliffe Terrace opposite Menloe. The older records refer to the location as Rock Cliff. As regards the place-names index (*page 73*), I took my spellings from the Ordnance Survey maps from circa 1840 and 1901, local oral memory and also a local map produced in the 1980's. This latter map recorded many of the old place-names in the area.

Some local place names / House names

I tried to gather as many names as possible but it is likely I did not get all of them. See page nos.74 to 86 for some information on the names I could identify.

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Place names (cont/-)

Nowadays of course every road has an official name. At the time of the Census though, local people still relied on names of fields or features or family names when describing somewhere. In the case of family surnames attached to locations, the origins are sometimes obvious and in other cases, the origin is shrouded in the mists of time.

For example, Carey's Cross comes into being around the 1870's, Brady's Rd. around 1880 while Jack's Field is a mid-20th century name. All easy enough to trace to the people named. The Careys came up from the Green Point area, the Bradys were new arrivals around the 1870's while Jack Horgan (*Church Rd.*) bought what had been called Barry's Field in the mid-20th century. Names such as Crawford's Rd. and Crawford's Quay, Hickie's Lane and the various Pike connotations can all be traced to large houses and estates.

Other names proved harder to nail down. Crowley's Boreen being a good example.

| Name | Comment |
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| Back Convent Rd. | This was the Boreen running from Leahy's Cross to the bottom of Quarry Hill |
| Ballinure Cottage | Also known as Fairyville. This house was across the road from Snugborough. Both of these houses were just below what is now Currys /PCWorld in Mahon Retail Park. |
| Ballinure Cross | The junction of Ballinure Rd. and Ballinure Village |
| Barry's Corner | Named after Mrs. Barry who lived in the last house of that stretch of Convent Rd. Mrs. Barry was not a Blackrock woman. She was a native Irish language speaker and referred to her house as 'tigh beag an cúine'. She was unconnected to the Barry in the other local place names. |
| Barry's Field | The field bordered by Forge Cross, Quarry Hill and Ballinure Rd. |
| Barry's Marsh | The ground on the west side of Crawford's Rd. opposite the 'March Gate' |
| Barry's Rd. | The road from Ringmahon Cross to Ballinure Cross. Also known as Ballinure Rd. |
| The 'Barry' place-name | My guess is that the 'Barry' place names may be connected with the Barry family who lived at the Dunlocha end of Rope Walk on the Ballinure townland side. They seem to have been a family with both property and landholdings in the 1850-1900 period and possibly earlier. It is of course equally possible that the Barry in the place names was not living locally. |
| Bessborough Cross | Junction of Bessborough Rd. and Skehard Rd. Also known as Pike's Cross |

| Name | Comment |
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| Blackrock Field | Known as Roche's Field in the 20th century. Owned by William Crawford when he lived in Lakelands House. Still earlier owned by Jameson. Dunlocha across the road was also part of the same plot. The field ran down to Lough Mahon and may earlier have extended as far as the Black Rock which later was renamed as Ringmahon Point |
| Bóithrín Glas <i>(Boreen Glas)</i> or Bóthar Glas | Bóithrín Glas predates the Church Rd. name (<i>St. Michaels COI foundation stone 1826</i>). I don't know when the Church Rd. name replaced Bóithrín Glas but the original Irish name persisted at least to 1867 in Cork residential directories and appears in Parish records at least to the late 19 th century. Austin Shine tells me that older residents also used the Bóithrín Glas name for the laneway that ran from the side of Keffe's up to behind Menloe. |
| Bóthar Glas | Possibly another name for Bóithrín Glas |
| Bóthar Nua | The name given to the lane that ran outside the western boundary of the Bessborough grounds (<i>from the Douglas river up to Bessborough lodge</i>) |
| Brady's Rd. | From Barry's Corner to Leahy's Cross. Official name is of course Upper Convent Rd. The Bradys arrived circa 1868 |
| Brighton House | Commercial bathing and accommodation below Castle Rd. Had its own access from Castle Rd. |
| Bulldog Lane | Known officially as Post Office Lane. The RIC Barracks was located near the Blackrock Rd. end and was burnt down circa April 1920. The site later became the Garda Barracks and Libertas Terrace. The Civic Guards were on the site before the Gardaí. The Civic Guards had earlier been located in Lynch's house at the corner of Glandore Avenue. |
| Carey's Cross | Ringmahon Cross - named after the Careys who lived in the corner house. This branch of the Careys almost certainly came up from the Green Point about 1875. |
| Cat Lane | Official name is Convent Avenue. Connects Convent Rd. to Rope Walk. A map circa 1855 tantalisingly shows an entrance to the Convent opposite Cat Lane. There was a house on the Convent Grounds at that junction and one wonders whether this was another entrance to the Convent with that house being a one-time gate lodge. |
| Cemetery Corner | Also known as Rockey's Corner. Rockey had plots of land around Blackrock and owned the land on the west side of Crawford's Rd. from cemetery corner down to Crawford's Quay (<i>almost fifty acres</i>). |

| Name | Comment |
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| Church Avenue | Also known as Kings Quay Lane or just Quay Lane. Originally led to a pier used in earlier times for loading stone from the quarries. |
| Cliff Hill Terrace | On Castle Rd. between Cliffmahon and Riversdale. |
| Coakley's Boreen | Also known as The Boreen |
| Coakley's Quarry | On the Boreen before the junction with Quarry Hill |
| Cocker's Lane | It seems the name 'Cocker' was a prefix to at least two surnames living here suggesting the name was a place name and not a personal nickname. Another name is Glandore Avenue. In the latter part of the 19th century it became known as Leahy's Lane. Named after the Leahys who owned the land on both sides of the lane at that time. Yet another name was Dundanion Lane. |
| Corcoran's Field | The field to your left as you enter the Boreen from Quarry Hill |
| Crawford's Quay | A little way along from the bottom of Crawford's Rd. on the Douglas river estuary. I am open to correction on this but I believe it was used by Crawford to land /load goods which otherwise might have docked in Cork and thereby incurring docking fees. A local story relates that it was alcoholic beverages being transported and that Crawford, in order to avoid giving offence to the Pikes (<i>Quakers</i>), built a new road /laneway to transport his goods so that they would not pass by the Bessborough land. Although the above is only an anecdote, it is fact that Michael's Boreen is listed as a new road built by William Crawford circa 1850 |
| Crawford's Rd. | The road from Rockey's Corner (<i>Cemetery Corner</i>) to the Douglas river. Also known as Mahony's Rd. after John Mahony who lived in the lodge at Lakelands House. |
| Croft's Field | Part of the Ballinure House grounds – Croft being resident in Ballinure House before Perrier |
| Crowley's Boreen | This may have been the Boreen shown on the 1840 Ordnance Survey map running from 'The Yard' at Ballinure Cross down to the water's edge slightly on the Bessborough side of what was later John Leahy's bridge. The name apparently refers to a boreen at a time earlier than 1848. The building of the railway would have severed the old boreen. There is no mention of a Crowley in the original Griffiths Valuation which could indicate this was a really old place name. John Leahy's bridge may have been the means by which the old route was maintained after the railway was built. |

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| Cuffe's Corner | The corner of Convent Rd. and Castle Rd. Named after Cuffe's who had the Pier Head pub at the time |
| Deansville | An earlier name for Rockmahon on Castle Rd. |
| Desmond's Gate | On the west side of Crawford's Rd. opposite Lakelands Farm. Origin of Desmond name unknown. |
| Dundanion Lane | Also known as Glandore Avenue, Cocker's Lane, Leahy's Lane. After the Civil war, the Civic Guards were located for a few years in the corner house (<i>Lynch's in later years</i>). John and Hannah Leahy owned the land at both sides of the lane in the late 19th century and while Dundanion Lane may have been the official name at the time, residents tended to put Leahy's Lane on documents. The lane was also Cocker's Lane in the 20th century. 'Cocker' was prefixed to at least two surnames resident there so it seems the name was not a personal nickname. |
| Factory Lane | A lane from Castle Rd. to Rope Walk. See page 95. |
| Fairyville | Another name for Ballinure Cottage. |
| Fairy Fort | A local map records a fairy fort on the Lakelands House estate close to Lakelands farm. |
| Foley's Field | St. Michael's Credit Union on part of this field? |
| Forge Cross | There was a forge here at least as early as 1850. Thomas Cashman was the farrier at that time. Dan O'Driscoll (<i>Convent Rd.</i>) may have been the farrier in the 20th century. The Driscolls also had a forge in Douglas. |
| Fr. Power's house | On Lough Mahon just south of the Yanks. Fr. Power taught archaeology at UCC and lived here for about a year circa 1914. |
| Glandore Avenue | Another name for Dundanion Lane. |
| Glandore Cottage | The house at the corner of Glandore Avenue and Blackrock Rd. (<i>now part of the Maple Leaf</i>) |
| Healy's Cross | Another name for Ballinure Cross. |
| Healy's Quarry | On right hand side on Quarry Hill on way to Forge Cross and just after junction with the Boreen. Turf was piled here for local use during WW2. |
| Hickie's Lane | The laneway running to the side of Tenby Cottage on Castle Rd. Named after a Henry Hickie who lived in Towerville, the house known as Mount Rivers in more recent times. |
| Ice House | There are two ice houses marked on Ordnance Survey maps in 1840. One at Bessborough and the second on the Lakelands House estate close to Lakeview House. (<i>continued below/-</i>) |

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| Ice Houses <i>(cont/-)</i> | This latter one may have been connected by an underground passage directly to Lakelands House as local memory recalls quite a long tunnel. There may have been a third ice house in the grounds of the Ursuline Convent at the hockey pitch. I spoke with both Peter Hyde and Sr. Mary McDaid about this. Peter recalls discovering an entrance to an underground brick built room when ploughing one day while Sr. Mary related a story about something like a sink hole opening up in the same area when it was then the hockey pitch. |
| Jack's Field | A 20th century name for Barry's Field when it was owned by Jack Horgan |
| Jameson's Factory | Edward Jameson had a factory somewhere in Blackrock in earlier times - Factory Lane indicating its location? See page 95. |
| Jameson's Field | Site of what is now Dunlocha. The Jamesons had extensive holdings in Mahon. |
| John Leahy's Bridge | Named after John Leahy who was coachman in Bessborough. This was the bridge mentioned in the note about Crowley's Boreen |
| Judge's Field | The site of what is now the Ashleigh Estate on Skehard Rd. |
| Kathleen's Cross <i>(Caitlín's Cross)</i> | The junction of Church Rd. and Skehard Rd. Prone to flooding in olden days and indeed a drowning is reported to have occurred here when a horse and cart overturned. |
| Keeffe's Cross | Another name for Ringmahon Cross |
| Keeffe's Quarry | Small quarry depression on left hand side Ballinure Rd. coming from Ringmahon Cross. |
| King's Quay Lane | Earlier name for Church Avenue |
| Lady's Field | Haunted spot with a ghost being seen on a horse! In the general area of Coach House Avenue. |
| Lakelands House | William Crawford to 1888 and later Magner between 1894 and 1914. Magner did not reside there at either the 1901 or 1911 Census. The Rental Valuation Records show the house demolished by 1922. |
| Lakeview | A local residential directory in 1837 mentions three houses called Lakeview in Blackrock. One was between Ferney and Castlemahon, the other was just northeast of Lakelands House roughly in the area of the viewing point for coursing in the 20 th century <i>(cont/- below)</i> |

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| Lakeview (cont/-) | In his writings, the late Con Foley, a well-known historian from Ballinlough mentioned a third house called Lakeview which overlooked the Douglas Estuary. This Lakeview was close to the house known as Lakeville which seems to have been just below the roundabout at the Ballinlough end of Skehard Rd. |
| Leahy's Cross | The junction of Ringmahon Rd. and Upper Convent Rd. The Leahys lived in this location from at least the 1850's if not earlier. |
| Leahy's Lane | A different family of Leahys. This dates from the second half of the 19 th century. Just one of four known names for Glandore Avenue. Named after John Leahy who owned the land on both sides of the road up as far in as what later became the Convent lodge. |
| Leahy's Quarry | South side Rope Walk just before Dunlocha. |
| Mac's Wood | On the Lakelands estate below the farm yard |
| Maggie Leary's Lane | The laneway to the side of Cliffmahon on Castle Rd. It is possible the lane may have swung westwards to link up with an earlier longer version of Rope Walk. See page 96. |
| Mahony's Road | Another name for Crawford's Rd. A John Mahony lived in the gate lodge to Lakelands House and although he did arrive in the area in 1901 he was not there at Census time. In fact, he was living in house 11.3 Mary Street, Cork on the 1901 Census night. He does appear in the 1911 Ballinure Census (house no.55) Jack Ahern R.I.P. recalled the verse on the next page which immortalises a 'Mahony John'. Unsurprisingly, you often get variations of words and airs with songs/ditties of this type and this one is no exception. I am grateful to Martin Thompson for the second version. |
| Mahony's Wood | Somewhere on the Lakelands House estate. Seems to have been along the avenue in from the old lodge (<i>Mahony's</i>). |
| Manley's Quay | Where Ringmahon Rd. meets Lough Mahon. Local fishermen would land here depending on the tide. The Manleys lived in Ferney. |
| Menloe House | A later name for Webb Ville. |

John Mahony

(see Mahony's Rd. on page 79)

I am a scottislander, my name is Mahony John
I am living down at Lakelands since the year 1901
There cutting down the timber and breaking down the walls
And didn't leave a rafter in the stables or the stalls
One morning in October as I march down the strand
I met a gang from Dunlocha and they were armed every man
And for safety sake I turned on my heels and up the Yanks I ran

I am an old lakelander, my name is Mahony John
I am living down at Lakelands since the year 1901
There cutting down the timber and breaking down the walls
Sure there's not a poor old rafter left in John Mahony's at all
One fine morning in October as I walked along the strand
I met a gang from Dunlocha and they were like the Black and Tans
They'd hatchets saws and hammers and were armed every man
So I took to my heels and away I flew and up the boreen I ran

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| Michael's Boreen | The Ballinure entrance was between Ballinure House lodge and Driscoll's in Ballinure Village. This laneway led all the way around to the side of what was Moss Buckley's in later years. Owned by William Crawford. |
| Moll Duggan's or Mary Duggan's | John Duggan worked for Crawfords circa 1850 and probably later so Moll was probably either the wife or daughter. This was a house near the water's edge on the old Ring of Blackrock. Located on the bend between Crawford's Quay and the old Lakelands House bathing house on Lough Mahon. A popular picnic site in the 20th century. |
| Moore's Passage | A laneway from Dunlocha (1913) into the yard at the back of Ringmahon House. There is no sign of a laneway on maps before 1913 and yet it is unlikely that residents would have forfeited land after the cottages were built so possibly this was put in at the request of the Murphys in Ringmahon House at the time Dunlocha was built. Joe Moore (<i>brother of John A Moore</i>) had lived in the nearby Garden House (<i>Murphy property</i>) in 1906 so I'm supposing that sometime afterwards he may have moved into living quarters at the yard to the rear of Ringmahon House hence Moore's Passage? |
| Parknaplumpa | Often seen in 19th century as a generic name for Ballinure although it may just be an anglicised form of Páirc an Puipe. The latter was the field on your left as you turn into the Boreen when coming from Ballinsheen. That field was also known as Corcoran's Field. There was a water pump and trough on your left just before the turn left into the Boreen - hence the 'pump field'? Possibly 'Parknaplumpa' might have referred to the 'well field' behind the Ursuline Convent in earlier times. |
| Perrier's Field | Part of the Ballinure House estate - the field in front of Ballinure house at the Ballinure village side. |
| Perry's Boreen | As you come up Quarry Hill, this was a laneway directly in front of you at the junction of Forge Cross and Ballinure Rd. Possibly an earlier connection to Ballinure House (Perrier). It did connect straight across to Michael's Boreen. |
| Pike's Cross | Another name for Bessborough Cross. |
| Pike's Height | See the 'Mound'. A large heap of excavated earth from the construction of the railway. |
| Post Office Lane | Known locally as Bulldog Lane. The 19th century Post Office was roughly in the same spot as Keefe's Post Office in the 20th century. |

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| Quarry Hill | The road from Ballinsheen bridge to Forge Cross. |
| Quay Lane | Another name for Church Avenue. |
| Ringmahon Cottage | Home of the Tivy family in the mid-19th century. Although I could not prove it 100%, I believe this was the house known as the 'White House'. See page 94. |
| Ringmahon Cross | The junction of Ringmahon Rd. and Ballinure Rd. Also known as Carey's Cross. |
| Ringmahon Point | The 1840 Ordnance Surveys map calls this the 'Black Rock'. See page 97. |
| Roche's Field | Roches bought the field in 1907. Called Blackrock Field in the 19th century and possibly earlier. |
| Rockey's Corner | Known as Cemetery Corner in the later 20th century. Named after James Rockey who owned the land to the west of Crawford's Rd. (<i>approx. 50 acres</i>). Rockey owned various plots of land in Blackrock. |
| Rockey's Field | A 50-acre field on the west side of Crawford's Rd. |
| Rockey's Gulp /Gulf? | Another name for Barry's Corner. This opening provided access to the James Rockey land holdings between Barry's Corner and Castle Rd. Rockey owned the land on the right hand side as you headed down to the junction of Cat Lane and Rope Walk. He also owned the plot of land on which Pinehurst on Castle Rd. was later built so this entrance off Convent Rd. led into Rope Walk and out onto Castle Rd. The remainder of the laneway onto Castle Rd. is still there but now blocked off by Mahon Terrace. |
| Rope Walk | There are roads called Rope Walk in many cities. Typically there would have been an assembly process for making rope either in the open air or perhaps canopied. We're probably talking late 18th century and this could be the local factory attributed to the Jameson family. At that time Jameson owned the land at both sides of Rope Walk. |
| Rory O'Connor's House | Marked on a local map as being on the east side of Crawford's Rd. just south of the Lough. Origin unknown. Possibly the same house as what was later Cronins. |
| Rosetta | On Castle Rd. Once the home of Bishop Delaney. |
| Ross's Field | In the area of Mahon Retail park and the railway. |
| Ross's Lane | Also known as for Varian's Boreen around the turn of the 19th/20th centuries. Roughly in the area of what is now Mahon retail Park at the location of PCWorld. (<i>cont/- below</i>) |

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| Ross's Lane (cont/-) | This was the site of two houses noted in earlier times - Snugborough and a house variously known as Ballinure Cottage or Fairyville. |
| Smith's/Smyth's House | Directly behind Ringmahon Cottage. May have been known as the Garden (<i>Gardener's</i>) house |
| Smith's/Smyth's Mound | The site of the ruin of the Lakeview House near Lakelands. Also the viewing point for coursing in the 20th century. Origin of Smith name unknown. |
| Snugborough or Snugboro | There were two houses and possibly three, with this name in Blackrock in the 19th century. Snugboro was an earlier name for Riversdale on Castle Rd. (<i>Robert O'Connor showed me some paperwork showing the house was also known as Copenhagen at one time</i>). In 1843, a Joseph Allen lived in a Snugborough. This Allen may have been related to the Allens living in Lakeview (<i>beside Castlemahon</i>). The Spencers owned a Snugborough for quite a period up to about 1850 after which it looks like it passed to James Rockey Sleeman. This Snugborough may be the one below Mahon Retail Park. |
| Stoker's | Stoker's was off the Clover Hill lane beyond Clover Hill on the left hand side just above the Douglas River. Stoker was the family name. |
| Strand Cottage | Could have been anywhere on the ring but there are really only two likely locations. Strand Cottage was listed as the address of James Rockey Sleeman and I'm guessing the Snugborough at Mahon Retail Park was it. The only other likely location is over at the Green Point. |
| The Black Bridge | The local name for the old ruined railway bridge across the Douglas river. Good for fishing and a handy short cut to Rochestown and beyond as long as you didn't mind walking on the open girders. |
| The Black Rock | Called Ringmahon Point in 20th century. This is the most easterly point of Blackrock Parish. I find it intriguing to think whether an earlier Blackrock Village was nearby possibly at the Green Point. |
| The Boatman's House | There were two 'Boatman' houses. One was on your left as you entered the Boat Club grounds though the pedestrian gate on Castle Rd. (<i>opposite Pierview</i>). The other was no.1 Lota View. Tony Hogan tells me that the original owner was a boatman at the quay at the bottom of Church Avenue. |

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| The Boatyard | An open site on Cat Lane just beside the Sullivans. Owned by Jameson in earlier times. |
| The Boreen | Also known as the Back Convent Rd. and also as Coakley's Boreen |
| The Bridge Wall | A local 'institution'. Up to recently, this was the little wall in the centre of Blackrock Village. It disappeared in the current redevelopment. It separated the rough surface parking area from the main road. This wall would earlier have run to the west of the café and possibly as far as the gable end of the last house on Blackrock Rd. In earlier times the tide may have come as far as the Convent Wall. A reproduction of a print in the book on the Ursuline Convent shows a wooden quay beside the Convent wall. The bridge wall was probably built as a later attempt to keep out the tide. |
| The 'Dead Donkey' | Down at Lakelands |
| The Furry Walk | Within Bessborough grounds |
| The Garden House | Two 'Garden Houses' appear on local maps. The first seems to have been also known as Smiths /Smyths and was part of the Ringmahon Cottage estate being directly behind the main house according to a local map from the 1980's. The second 'Garden House' was on the Ringmahon House estate and is still standing today - opposite the Garda Station. This house is at least 180 years old and over the years had a succession of familiar local names take residence there - Donovan, Philpot, Carey, O'Brien, Moore, Cotter. |
| The Green Point | A popular picnic and swimming location for both locals and people from the city. Blessed with lovely white sand. The nearby 'Nook' was also a picnic favourite. Fr. Seán Carey's memoir refers to the Green Point area as his family's ancestral home. Indeed, around 1850, two of eight families listed as ratepayers were Careys and at least one of whom was a fishing family. Canon Walsh's history of St. Michael's Parish refers to a survey conducted in 1809 by Dr. Florence McCarthy, then Co-Adjutor Bishop of Cork. Perhaps this survey was a prelude to the formation of the Parish in 1822. Dr. McCarthy mentions that 309 families lived on the Ring – I imagine this may be the 'Old Ring of Blackrock' which ran all the way from Blackrock Castle around by the Green Point to below Bessborough and then up to what is now the site of Scally's Supervalu. |

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| The Lighter House / Lightering House | <p>Hart family history tells us that goods were lightered ashore here perhaps due to the shallowness of the river nearer Cork.</p> <p>In his 'East to Mahon' book, Richard Henchion mentions goods being landed at Blackrock in the mid-18th century so perhaps this was the spot. This house was not what later became Kelleher's as the latter house was only completed circa 1870.</p> <p>Martin Thompson mentioned an anecdote related by John Hannigan that there was an underwater seam of rock in Lough Mahon which impeded river navigation in earlier times so a lightering service would have been needed.</p> <p>The Lighter House may have been on the site of the Boat Club which, in the 19th century, was at different times both a Customs House and then a Coast Guard Station. The house may have some connection to 'the Pound' in some way. There is also a story that bodies, deaths at sea, were unloaded at the 'Lighter House' in Blackrock and buried at Temple Hill.</p> |
| The Lough | A small lake /pond on Crawford's Rd just north of the entrance to Lakeview. |
| The Lough Field | The field opposite the Lough. Flax was grown here for a time in the early 20th century. |
| The March Gate | <p>The end point for the road bowling on Crawford's Rd. There was a track from this gate to the building ruins nowadays fenced in on Jacobs island. I did not find out the origin of the name 'March' but there is one strong possibility. The area between what is now Jacobs Island and the river may have been known as the Marches - a medieval term for a borderland. Of course that name might just be a mispronunciation - given the boggy ground perhaps the area was known as 'the marshes' - therefore the 'marsh' gate perhaps?</p> <p>Another possibility is that the 'March Gate' was in some way linked to the celebrations in connection with Edward Magner's (<i>Lakelands House</i>) re-election to the Corporation as mentioned by Richard Henchion in his book.</p> <p>A local photo shows a fife and drum band at Lakelands House circa 1900. This photo captures many of the local men and boys of the time. Edward Magner is said to be in the photo.</p> |

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| The Moorings | The last houses on the north side of Blackrock Rd. opposite the entrance to the Ursuline Convent. |
| The Mound | Also called Pike's Mound. A name given to a large heap of excavated earth from construction of the railway line. This was just south of Ballinsheen bridge on the east side of the railway track. The name of the adjoining field was - The Mound Field! |
| The Nook | The site of some house ruins close to the Green Point. Popular for picnics. |
| The Parish Field | On Rope Walk. Had originally been planned as the site of the new Boys National school before the decision to build behind St. Michaels. |
| The Pound | There are a few possible explanations for this term. There was a Customs House on the site of the Boat Club in the 1850's and possibly earlier and perhaps they had a 'Pound' or a holding area in that context. Customs were replaced by a Coast Guard station - did they have a 'Pound'? Perhaps a better explanation is that the term might be related in some way to a holding area for animals impounded by Tithe Proctors, a pre-1835 activity. See also the 'Lighter House'. |
| The Three Corner Field | There were two of these. The first one was the field on left side just before Ballinsheen bridge when coming from Forge Cross. Owned by Creamer. The second one was by Skehard Rd. near the road to Clover Hill – now the Kilbrack estate. |
| The Well Field | The field on the west side of the Boreen at the Convent end. See also Páirc an Púimpe |
| The White House | At the Green Point. Local memory places this as a different house to Ringmahon Cottage (<i>see page 94</i>) |
| The White House Field | The field to the front and south side of Ringmahon Cottage. |
| The Wire Fields | The fields below the houses south side Ballinure village. |
| The Yank's Boreen | This was the old laneway from Crawford's Rd. to Lough Mahon. It originally ran from a point just below the cemetery and dated as far back at least to 1840. Sometime between 1840 and 1900, the boreen was re-routed to begin at Cemetery Corner and connected with the old boreen at the north-eastern boundary of what is now the cemetery. The 'Yank's' is a 20th century name and the Yank himself is recalled but unfortunately his name remains elusive. |

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| The Yank's house | On your right hand side as the 'Yank's 'boreen reached Lough Mahon. I could not say for certain who lived here at the time of the 1901 Census. The 'Yank's' was also the name given to the popular swimming place in that area. |
| Towerville | On Castle Rd but access via Hickie's Lane. Previously known as Midsummer Lodge on Ordnance Survey maps. This was 'Caseys' in the later 20th century. The most recent name is Mount Rivers. The one house on Castle Rd. that faces south. (<i>see page 96</i>). |
| Varian's Boreen | Another name for Ross's Lane. Varian was a mason who lived here from about 1891 to about 1905. Not bad to get a lane named after you after only being there 15 years! Sullivans lived here in later years. |
| Webb Ville | An earlier name for Menloe House. |
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| <u>Irish Place names</u> | |
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| Bóthar na Carraige | Quarry Hill |
| Bóthar Nua | This ran along the west boundary of the Bessborough House grounds. Although called the new road, this was also part of what was known as the Old Ring of Blackrock. |
| Dunlocha | The accepted translation seems to be 'the fort of the lough'. A house and kiln and a nearby quarry were in this area at least in 1840 or even earlier. The house and land were later associated with a Barry family whose interests also extended to the 'L' shaped complex of buildings on Rope Walk mentioned earlier. Were these the Barrys that gave their name to local place names? |
| Gort na gClocha | The rocky field? A large rock can still to be seen on the green in Berlingford. |
| Páirc an Puimpe | This was Corcoran's Field. There was a pump and trough on the road outside. |
| Poll Niallach or Poll a Miallach | The scrub area behind the Monkey puzzle tree just between the motorway and Jacobs island. If 'Miallach', it may be a reference in some way to the Meelagh Bank out in Lough Mahon. |
| The Carraig | A slight height beside Ballinure Rd. on left side coming from Ringmahon Cross |
| The 'Pál Cé' (<i>phonetic - Paul K</i>) | Pál appears to be an old Irish place name - meaning a wooden fence. (<i>see page 95</i>) |

Some local family 19th century surnames

Just like anywhere else, some family surnames endure while others move on elsewhere and additional families migrate inwards. Blackrock has been no different.

To trawl for familiar surnames, I consulted the St Finbarr's Cathedral tithe books for the 1780's and 1790's and also the Tithe Book Applotment records for the 1820's and 1830's. Tithe books mostly only recorded holders of agricultural land in excess of one acre and it was interesting to note that many of the names familiar to residents in the 20th century had a footprint in the area going back 70 or 80 years and longer. Combined with the Rental Valuation Records, it is therefore possible to gain a good insight into the permanence of some names and the ebb and flow of others. Unfortunately, while the Tithe Books also record townland names they do not disclose house locations.

When you take a close look the pattern of residential change you are drawn to the conclusion that many of the larger houses experience a high turnover of occupants when compared to the group of indigenous local families. The latter families often remain in the same locations or relocate within the Parish while the other cohort may come and live in the area for a while and then leave.

Looking at the Tithe Books for the 1820's and 1830's some familiar local indigenous surnames that pop out include –

Ballinure

Buckley, Cotter, Cox, Donovan, Driscoll, Hegarty, Keeffe, Kidney, Leahy, Murphy, Neill, Punch

Dundanion

Hayes, Huggins, Keeffe, Murphy, Russell, Scannell

Mahon

Bennett, Carey, Donovan, Dorney, Driscoll, Geany, Keeffe, Leahy, Leary, Mehigan, Moloney, Purcell, Twomey

By the 1850's, change was underway. Some large tracts of land had changed hands both among the larger landowners and also smaller plot-holders. While Ballinure remains broadly the same, Dundanion and Mahon show significant change. Perhaps a legacy of the Famine.

Some familiar local surnames in the 1850's include –

Ballinure

Corcoran, Cotter, Donovan, Driscoll, Hayes, Hegarty, Huggins, Keeffe, Kidney, Leahy, Neill, Punch, Walsh

Dundanion

Brien, Cotter, Driscoll, Hayes, Hegarty, Keeffe, Leary, Lynch, Murphy, Moloney, Sloane, Twomey, Twohig, Walsh, Ware

Mahon

Birmingham, Carey, Corcoran, Cronin, Foley, Hayes, Kidney, Leahy, Leary, Neill, Purcell, Russell, Scannell, Sullivan, Twomey

Some surnames and where they lived (1850 –1900)

**Just a selection and not a complete listing neither in surname nor location*

| <i>Surname</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|--|--|
| Ahern | Convent Rd. |
| Barry | Convent Rd., Rope Walk, Castle Lane |
| Birmingham | The Green Point, Ballinure Rd. |
| Buckley | Ballinure Village, Church Rd., Rope Walk |
| Canty | Convent Rd. |
| Carey | Church Rd., Green Point, Ringmahon Cross |
| Cashman | Forge Cross |
| Collins | Barry's Field, Ballinure Rd., Convent Rd. |
| Corcoran | Convent Rd. |
| Cotter | Ballinure Village, Barry's Field, Church Rd. |
| Coughlan | Castle Lane, Convent Rd., Glandore Avenue, Church Rd., St. Michael's Terrace |
| Cox | Bessborough Rd., Rope Walk, |
| Creamer | Convent Rd., Ballinsheen, Ballinure Village |
| Cremin /Cremen | Convent Rd. |
| Cronin | Church Rd., Ballinure Cottage area, Castle Lane |
| Crowley | Ballinure Rd., Church Rd., Lakelands, Blackrock Rd. |
| Cummins | Cat Lane |
| Delaney | The Boreen, Ballinure Rd., |
| Donovan | Skehard Rd., Convent Rd., Bessborough Rd. |
| Dorney | Castle Lane, Post Office Lane |
| Flavin | Barry's Field, Post Office Lane, Castle Lane |
| Foley | Convent Rd., Ballinure, Lakeview House Estate |
| Forde | Convent Rd., Ringmahon Rd. |
| Grady | Post Office Lane |
| Hayes | Skehard Rd., Ballinure, various elsewhere |
| Healy | Ballinure Village |
| Heaphy | Convent Rd. |
| Hegarty | Ballinure Village, Church Rd., Convent Rd., |
| Huggins (<i>sometimes listed as Higgins</i>) | Ballinsheen, Ballinure Rd. |
| Kidney | Green Point, Convent Rd., Ballinure Village, Church Rd., Barry's Field |
| Leahy | Leahy's Cross, Castle Lane, various elsewhere |
| Lehane | Castle Rd., Ballinure Rd., |
| Long | Convent Rd. |
| Lyons | Ballinure Rd., Glandore Avenue, Post Office Lane |
| Mahony | Convent Rd., |
| Meany | Church Rd. |
| Mehigan | Castle Lane, Church Rd. |
| McCarthy | Convent Rd. |

| <i>Surnames</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|--------------------|---|
| Muldowney /Moloney | Convent Rd., Green Point, Post Office Lane |
| Murphy | Church Rd., Convent Rd., Lakelands, Ballinure Rd., Barry's Field, Bessborough Rd. |
| Neill | Bessborough Rd., Ballinsheen, Convent Rd., Green Point |
| O'Brien /Brien | Pike's Field, Barry's Field, The Boreen, Ringmahon Rd., various elsewhere |
| O'Donnell | Convent Rd. |
| O'Driscoll | Various Ballinure, Ballinsheen, Ballinure Rd. |
| O'Keefe | Church Rd., Ballinsheen, Ballinure, various elsewhere |
| O'Leary | Castle Lane, Convent Rd., various elsewhere |
| O'Riordan | Ballinsheen, Ballinure Village, |
| O'Sullivan | Cat Lane, Ballinure Rd., Glandore Avenue, Church Rd. |
| Punch | Ballinure Village, Skehard Rd., Blackrock Rd. |
| Russell | Ballinure Village, Green Point, The Yank's Boreen |
| Roche | Convent Rd. |
| Scannell | Castle Lane, Convent Rd. |
| Shea /O'Shea | Ballinsheen, Convent Rd. |
| Sheehan /Sheahan | Convent Rd., Castle Lane |
| Sloane | Convent Rd., Post Office Lane |
| Streets | Convent Rd. |
| Twohig | Church Rd., Ballinsheen, Post Office Lane |
| Twomey | Convent Rd., Green Point, Lakelands |
| Walsh | Church Rd., Convent Rd., Post Office Lane |
| Ware /Weare | Post Office Lane, Church Rd., Convent Rd., Lakelands |

Some landholders mentioned in Griffiths Valuation circa 1850

Ballinure

| Lessor | Lessee | Where | Area | Griffiths ref. |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| Bousfield estate | Ursuline Convent | Convent lands | 38 acres | 1 |
| Bousfield estate | Ebenezer Pike | Bessborough House grounds | 39 acres | 33 |
| Bousfield estate | Various | From Clover Hill lane to Bessborough Rd. | 14 acres | 34,35,36 |
| Bousfield estate | John Madden | Land from Barry's Field down to Douglas River | 44 acres | 37a, 37b |
| Bousfield estate | William Crawford | Lakelands Estate | 89 acres | 49 |
| Harrison & Herrick | James Rockey | Land from Rockey's Corner to Douglas River. All the land being west side of Crawford's Rd. | 49 acres | 4 |
| Anne Spencer | James Rockey | The land below Ballinure Village south side - extends down to middle of Mahon retail Park | 22 acres | 5 |
| Ebenezer Pike | Anne Spencer | Directly between the above and the river | 5 acres | 48 |
| James Rockey | William Jones | Site of Ballinure Cottage parallel to the above | 2 acres | 38 |
| Richard Lindsay | Various | Market gardens - from Ballinure Cross south side to almost opposite the Driscolls | 10 acres | 39 to 46 |
| Richard Lindsay | Various | The rest of Ballinure from Ringmahon Rd. southwards except Ballinure House estate and Barry's Field | 50 acres | 9 to 15 17 to 31 |
| Ebenezer Pike | | Pikes field opposite Ballinsheen and bordered on west by Bessborough Rd. | 32 acres | 32 |
| Perrier estate | John Smith Haines | Ballinure house and grounds | 12 acres | 16 |
| Richard Rye | William Barry | Barry's Field | 15 acres | 7 |
| Joseph Fuller | John Reade | What later became Brady's | 15 acres | 8 |
| William Deane | James Rockey | Rope Walk | 2 acres | 3 |
| Jameson estate | William Barry | Parallel to the above | 2 acres | 6 |

By 1901, the only major lessor changes are that the Pike lands now include what had been the 5) Spencer and 38) Rockey holdings.

Dundanon

| Lessor | Lessee | Where | Area | Griffiths ref. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Richard Perry | Wright Sherlock | Rock Cliff House | 6 acres | 1a |
| Richard Sampson | George Sherlock | Carrigduve House | 4 acres | 2a |
| Richard Sampson | Sir Thomas Deane | Dundanon Castle and grounds | 14 acres | 4 |
| Richard Sampson | Various | Some properties from Sunnynook to the Leaping Salmon | | 6 |
| Bousfield estate | Johanna Simmons | The Leaping Salmon | | |
| Nagle estate | Various | Most of the property from Church Avenue to the Moorings | | 5 |
| Bousfield estate | Ursuline Convent | Plot of land directly behind Glandore House | 3 acres | 7 |
| Bousfield estate | St. Michael's Church | A strip of land running parallel to the above and running from Glandore Ave. to the railway and includes the land to the south of Post Office Lane | 6 acres | 8 |
| Frederick Hughes | Patrick Driscoll | COI Parochial Hall site | 5 acres | 11 |
| Bousfield estate | Catherine Sampson | Land | 1 acre | 12 |
| Anne Wigmore | Catherine Sampson | Dundanon Lodge site | 1 acre | 13a |
| Richard Sampson and Other | | Webb Ville & land | 12 acres | 14 |
| Mary Barrington | Francis Lindsay | Barnstead | 2.5 acres | 15a |
| Notter estate | Francis Lindsay | Not marked on map | 2.5 acres | 16 |
| Bousfield estate | Francis Lindsay | Between COI Church and Ardenza on Church Rd. | 8 acres | 17 |
| Bousfield estate | Francis Lindsay | Hurling Pitch | 7 acres | 18 |
| Bousfield estate | Daniel Keeffe | On Church Rd. | 21 acres | 19 |
| Sir Thomas Deane | James Cotter | On Church Rd. | 2.5 acres | 20 |
| Bousfield estate | Various | In the area of Gort na gClocha | 8.5 acres | 21 |
| Bousfield estate | Thomas Deane | Site of Marian Park | 8 acres | 22 |
| Bousfield estate | Rev William Hamilton Thompson | Bordering Church Rd. and Skehard Rd. and running up towards Beaumont House | 44.5 acres | 23 |
| Bousfield estate | James Hayes | McGrath Park | 9 acres | 24 |
| Bousfield estate | James Hayes | Parallel to the above on East side | 2.5 acres | 25 |
| Bousfield estate | William Hayes | Beside the above - Ballinsheen | 3.75 acres | 26 |

By 1901, the major changes in lessor names are 4) William Wise, 8) Lawrence Fulham, 14) James Hamilton, 17) Repts Francis Lindsay 23) Presentation Brothers.

Mahon

| Lessor | Lessee | Where | Area | Griffiths ref. |
|----------------------|------------------|--|------------|----------------|
| Rev George Gumbleton | James Rockey | What later became Pinehurst on Castle Rd. | 3.5 acres | 2.1 |
| Rev George Gumbleton | Michael Twomey | Site of Coolim on Castle Rd. | 4 acres | 3 |
| Chatterton estate | Henry Westropp | Rosetta on Castle Rd. | 8.5 acres | 5a |
| Chatterton estate | | Castlemahon | 16.5 acres | 7a |
| Chatterton estate | | Lakeview | 6 acres | 9a |
| Chatterton estate | Joseph Manley | Ferney - also includes the last field on right hand side of Yanks boreen just before the Yanks house | 25 acres | 10 |
| William Crawford | James Murphy | Ringmahon House | 20.5 acres | 11,12 |
| Jameson estate | William Crawford | Roches Field and Dunlocha | 50 acres | 13 |
| Chatterton estate | William Harris | Croft's Field - the field on the east side of Ballinure house front field | 18 acres | 14 |
| Chatterton estate | William Harris | The land north of Lakelands house estate as far as the Yank's Boreen | 47 acres | 15 |
| Chatterton estate | Richard Tivy | Ringmahon Cottage | 27 acres | 16 |
| Chatterton estate | David Hayes | On Skehard Rd. in the area of the Ashleigh Estate | 15 acres | 17 |
| Chatterton estate | James Hayes | The three corner field on Skehard Rd. in the area of what is now Kilbrack. | 5 acres | 18 |

By 1901, there had been significant change in land ownership. The two big events had been the Chatterton sale in 1857 and the death of William Crawford in 1888.

The major changes in lessor names are

- 3) +16) + 17) + 18) - Frederick Hall,**
- 5a) - W.P. Harris**
- 7a) + 9a) +10) - Reprs. P. Harris**
- 11) + 12 + 13) + 14) + 15) - Edward Magner**

Some remaining ‘Unknowns’

The main purpose of my research was to try and place residents in their house locations at the time of the 1901 Census. In conversations with some long-term local residents and in examining the various resources, I inevitably came across anecdotes and fragments of earlier times. Unfortunately, due to my own lack of experience and not knowing exactly what existing research was available, I was unable to follow up on all of these leads. The following are some of the ones I would have liked to have resolved. Maybe someone reading this might have the answers.

The White House

Said to be a substantial limestone two storey-house close to the Green Point. I believe the White House is actually the house that was known as Ringmahon Cottage.

Oral tradition places the White House remarkably close to Ringmahon Cottage and a local map records both as separate houses. However, Griffiths Valuation (*dating from circa 1850*) and subsequent revisions over the following years only records Ringmahon Cottage. The Ordnance Survey 1827 -1841 map and later updates also only show Ringmahon Cottage. This suggests that if the White House was a separate house to Ringmahon Cottage, then it must already have been a ruin by 1840 even though local memories record it as still being in very good condition almost a hundred years later. If so, it seems strange that it would have been abandoned so many years previously

The Tivy family lived in Ringmahon Cottage around the mid-19th century. Ownership of the house and lands passed to the Townsend family, then O’Keeffe, Crawford, Magner and latterly Dunnes. The Rentals records show Ringmahon Cottage no longer being subject to rates sometime between 1891 and 1898. This indicates a decision to vacate or abandon the house and such a late date may well account for the ‘White House’ still being in such good condition 30/40 years later.

Just recently, I asked a couple of our longer-term residents to mark the approximate position on a map. Both placed the White House at the general location of Ringmahon Cottage.

The Pound

I could find no definitive explanation for the name. It could have been a site connected to the Customs post when located at what later became the Boat Club or else to the activities at the Lightering House. May also have been connected to the activities of Tithe Proctors and they may have kept impounded animals at this location although perhaps that explanation is doubtful given the tidal nature of that area.

Dr. Florence McCarthy research 1809

Mentioned by Canon Walsh in his Parish History. I was unable to locate a copy of the research. Neither the Cork Diocesan archives nor the Maynooth archives had a copy. Depending on the detail recorded, it could conceivably have been the equivalent of a local census.

Church Road / Bóithrín Glas

The name Bóithrín Glas was the original Irish language name for the road that later became known as Church Rd. Oral folk memory suggests a spur branched off westwards at the north side of O’Keeffe’s fields. Terry Hassett recalls his grandfather telling him that a laneway, from what is now the site of the house known as ‘Avalon’, at one time ran all the way to Beaumont Quarry. It is tempting to think that long ago, a laneway could have run from the Boreenmanagh Rd. over the quarry and came down the laneway behind Menloe before emerging onto the now Church Rd. In 1850 (*post-famine*), there was still a group of nine houses at this location and it may have been a mini-village at a crossroads. Might this laneway have also continued east along a track beside Ardenza, crossing what became the railway and then maybe coming out at Leahy’s Cross and onto Ringmahon Rd.?

Fortfield and the ‘Pál Cé’

Fortfield is described, in the deeds for the house that later became the Ursuline Convent, as the field to the south. This is an intriguing reference and might suggest a reference to something quite old. Jerry Hegarty recalls Mr. Geany (*local national school teacher*) referring to an old settlement somewhere in Blackrock Field (*Roches Field later*). Richard Henchion mentions in his book that Fr. Patrick Power found a stone axe on a local strand and Fr. Power suggested at the time that this was evidence of early settlement in that area.

A second local place-name in the same area is the ‘Pál Cé’. Pál is an old Irish word. The family home of Michael Collins near Clonakilty was on the slope of a hill known in English as Woodfield but called by the older people of the time as ‘Pál Beag’ which may be taken to mean a small wall or paling which sort of brings us back to the old fort reference and the name Dunlocha (*the fort of the lough*).

Factory Lane

Perhaps we should be cautious about the word ‘factory’. We are probably talking about a smallish size activity and not something the size of Fords or Dunlops! I could uncover no clear details as to the factory location and activity.

There is an Edward Jameson mentioned circa 1800 as having a factory in Blackrock. I did come across a reference in some estate records as to the factory site but could not fully follow the description of the location. It did appear though that it was probably behind the terrace of houses known as Pierview Terrace. This is consistent with the records stating the factory was in the townland of Mahon (*the south side of Cat Lane and Rope Walk is in Ballinure townland*). Jameson was the lessor of the land on which Lysanne was built (*the first house on the Castle side of Factory Lane*) so this supports the idea of the factory being located in this location. Jack Crowley tells me that his house (*Lota – beside Lysanne*) was built in 1781.

You would also wonder about the idea of a factory being in such close proximity to some of the ‘big’ houses on Castle Rd. – perhaps it pre-dated the building of houses such as Mahon, Llanarn, Pierview House and Pierview Terrace. The build date of 1781 for Lota might suggest the ‘factory’ activity was in decline or finished by that date.

The original route of Castle Road?

I understand that the house deeds for some houses on Castle Rd. show the gardens running down to the water's edge. This seems to be a feature of the plot from Tenby Cottage to Riverside. It is possible that the ground on which these houses are built was originally part of the grounds of the house known as Midsummer Lodge (*later Towerville and more recently Mount Rivers*). If so, the original 'Castle Rd.' must have run to the south of the current road and this may account for the fact that the front of Midsummer Lodge faced south unlike all other houses on Castle Rd. Might an earlier version of Rope Walk have been the original route to Blackrock Castle via Maggie Leary's Lane or Castle Lane?

The map on page 98 seems to show Rope Walk connecting with a feature referred to as 'Passage'. This can really only be Maggie Leary's Lane or Castle Lane. I have opted for the latter because the map shows Rope Walk emerging beside the site of what was McMahon's house in later years (*at the top of Castle Lane*). This point also happens to be beside the Castle Lane entrance to Ringmahon House.

When you consider that the front of Ringmahon House faces north and that the front door of Midsummer Lodge faces south, could it be that both were fronting on to the same road in older times (*18th century*)? Could the road that later became Rope Walk have been an earlier access route via Castle Lane to the Castle? By 1840, maps show Rope Walk petering out around the site of what was later 'Eddie John's' shop.

How far into Blackrock village did the tide come prior to the building of the Lee Navigation Wall?

The building of the navigation wall to Blackrock began in the latter part of the 18th century and continued into the 19th century. Page 75 of the book 'The Ursulines in Cork Since 1771' shows an 1825 print which clearly shows the close proximity of the river to the Convent wall and shows what looks like a wooden quayside in the area of what later became the 'Bridge Wall'.

Rope Walk

Rope Walks feature in many towns. They were often open-air long straight lanes where the stranding of ropes took place. Sometimes they were semi-enclosed. Did we have one in Blackrock? Was it connected in some way to the factory owned by Edward Jameson (*late 18th century?*). What is certain is that land on both sides of Rope Walk was owned by Jameson and it could be that the 'L' shaped mix of buildings at the junction of Rope Walk east-side and the part of Rope Walk heading towards Barry's Corner could be connected to the activity. The buildings, even as late as 1850, were described as offices, stables and dilapidated houses.

The Strand

Appears as an address in the Boys National School roll books. Could have been anywhere from the Green Point to Lakelands.

Where was the original Blackrock Fishing Village?

The river was badly silted prior to the intensive dredging of the 19th century. Mud banks seem to have been widespread at low tide. Where would fishing have been based at that time?

19th century prints show fishing nets being repaired at the little strand opposite Castle Lane. Fr. Sean Carey's memoir mentions that his ancestors were fishermen who were based at the Green Point. The strand at Green Point was covered in shells suggesting that it may have been a long-term fishing location. Fanciful to think if this location could have been the original Blackrock Village many centuries ago given that the Green Point was at the edge of the old Blackrock Field and around the corner from the Black Rock (*Ringmahon Point*).

James Rockey's house

James Rockey had extensive land holdings in Blackrock and left his name attached to several locations (*Rockey's Corner, Rockey's Field, Rockey's Gulp*). He does not appear in any local residential directory and does not appear in Griffiths Valuation. James Rockey Sleeman (*son of James Rockey's daughter*) is listed as living at a Snugborough but I have yet to confirm whether this was the Snugborough at Mahon Retail Park or the one on the Blackrock Rd.

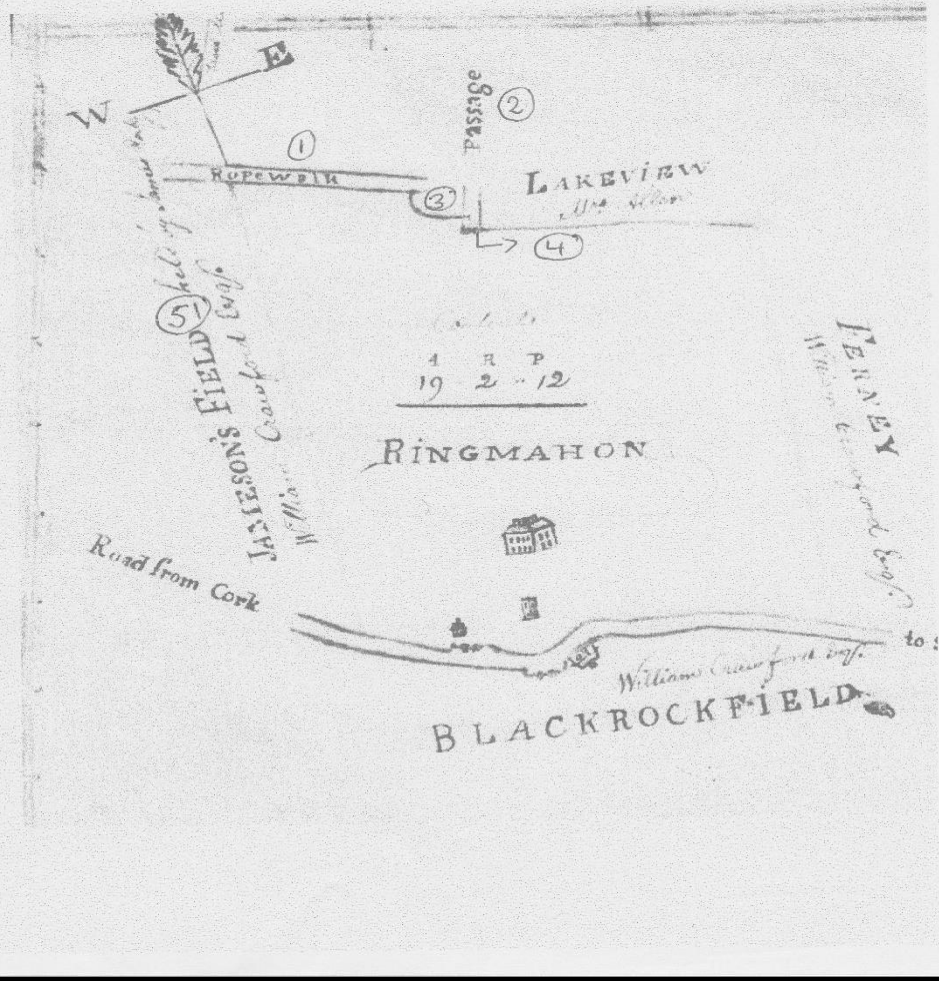
Castle Terrace

A Castle Rd. address that appears in a 1945 residential directory. I could not tie down its location.

Rope Walk connection to Castle Lane?
map 1

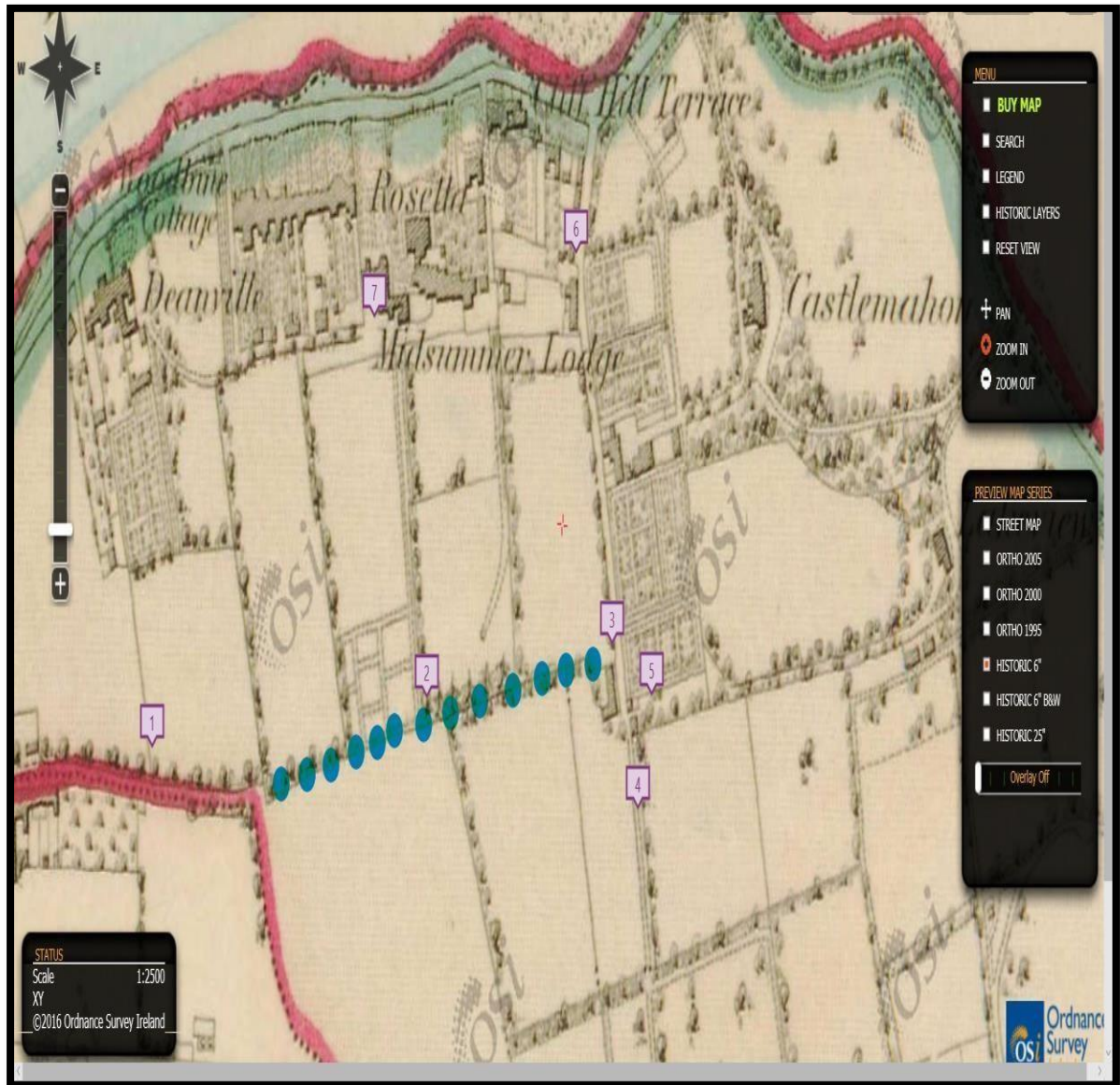
Map of Ringmahon, 1835.

Taken from a lease, the map shows property in the Blackrock area with most of the land owned by William Crawford, a prominent brewer. Ringmahon House was associated with another important brewing family: the Murphys. James Murphy (1769-1855) lived at Ringmahon from 1818. Over several generations, the Murphys established themselves as one of the most successful of the 'merchant princes' of Cork. Members of the family were involved in tanning and general trading, as well as establishing a distillery in 1825 and a brewery in 1856. They were involved in local affairs and contributed to many charitable and religious organisations.
(CCCA)



- 1) Rope Walk extending beyond modern day Dunlocha
- 2) 'Passage' – this has to be Castle Lane
- 3) The site of McMahon's house
- 4) The back gate to Ringmahon House. Old maps do show a track leading up to the house.
- 5) The site of Dunlocha

Rope Walk connection to Castle Lane?
map 2
(from Ordnance Survey map circa 1840)



- 1) **Rope Walk**
- 2) **I have put in a dotted line to show the suggested Rope Walk extension to the top of Castle Lane as shown on the Ringmahon House map on page 98**
- 3) **Junction with what is described as ‘Passage’ on the map on page 98 – the site of McMahons house in the 20th century**
- 4) **Entrance and lane/avenue to Ringmahon House. Large wooden gates here in the 20th century**
- 5) **Entrance to Lakeview**
- 6) **Castle Lane**
- 7) **Towerville**

Using the Internet together with this document

I have mostly used the place names of the time when describing locations but have also relied on more modern references where additional clarity was required. I realise that this will pose a problem for people unfamiliar with the area. In those cases, I recommend that the following maps be consulted as both have an in-built facility that allows you to overlay the up-to-date modern landscape on the older landscape. Hopefully this would allow better understanding of house locations.

Ordnance Survey map of Ireland –

<http://www.gov.ie/services/explore-maps-using-the-osi-free-viewer/>

Using this just involves moving the cursor to Cork and using the zoom button to view the Blackrock area. You then have a choice of three historic maps. The 6” is the 1840 map; the 25” is the 1901 map

Griffiths Valuation Map -

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>

This one requires more a bit more manipulation. To view the map, take the following steps –

Select Griffiths Places

Enter place-name e.g. Ballinure (*or Dundanion or Mahon*)

Select Cork in the ‘County’ field

Select Cork in the ‘Barony’ field

Select Cork in the ‘Union’ field

Select St Finbar in the ‘Parish’ field

Click ‘search’

After that, just use the zoom button to home in on the area you want.

You can also use this site to view lists of residents by townland for circa 1850. The above web-link defaults to a ‘name’ search and all you need to do is populate some data fields in order to see the names in an individual townland.

However, in order to ensure you get into the right townland, I suggest that you use the following names just to access the lists (*I have chosen these names for their uniqueness as some names can appear more frequently and bring up more than one townland thereby causing even more confusion!*) –

For Ballinure use - *Ebenezer Pike*

For Blackrock Town use – *Joseph Bradford*

For Dundanion use – *Wright Sherlock*

For Mahon use – *Henry Westrop*

Once you enter one of the above names, you will then need to select the same choices as above i.e. Cork, Cork, Cork, St. Finbar followed by ‘search’. After that, you can view the results by selecting ‘Original Page’.

Searching the 1901 Census online

As mentioned on page 7 (*Index of 'Head of family' surnames mentioned in the Census*), you can research details on your family member by searching the government Census website as follows:

Log on to the following link <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

Select 'Browse Census' on menu bar

Select the '1901' Census year

Select 'Cork'

Select 'Blackrock'

Having selected 'Blackrock', you will then see a list of all the Census areas in Blackrock and you now need to select whichever Census area you want to look up

e.g. either Ballinure, Blackrock Town, Dundanion or Mahon

Having selected your required Census area, you will see a list of the houses in that Census area and all the surnames in those houses. Once you spot the surname you need, you then select the surname in the colour blue to view the names of all people recorded in that house on Census night.

You can then select the 'show information' option if you wish to see all the information recorded on the residents listed for that house.

Census house number index
with corresponding Griffiths Valuation map reference from circa 1850

The following pages show the Griffiths Valuation reference for most Census houses. I was able to get Griffiths map locations for the older houses and even where the house was not old enough to be on the map, the plot reference allowed for most later houses to be identified. See page 100 on how to access the Griffiths Valuation map.

See sample Griffiths image for Ballinure Village below:



Each number identifies a specific plot of land in Ballinure Village circa 1850. Some plots were land only, others were housing and land. The plot number never changed in subsequent years so if you take plot no.20 above as an example, it had two houses in 1850 (Kidney & Foley) but had six houses by 1901 (*Census house nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50*). It was a plot of about two acres, 1.5 acres belonged to the Healys while the remaining 0.5 acres belonged to Kidneys. So in this case, if you consult the index on pages 102-106 you will see the Ballinure Townland Griffiths map references are 20a to 20f for these six houses. These Census houses were roughly in the area of what is the back gardens of the middle section of the modern day Ballinure Lawn.

| <i>Census Area</i> | <i>Census house no.</i> | <i>Surname</i> | <i>Griffiths Map ref</i> | | <i>Census Area</i> | <i>Census house no.</i> | <i>Surname</i> | <i>Griffiths Map ref</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Ballinure | 1 | Flaherty | 35a | | Ballinure | 36 | Hayes | 37a |
| Ballinure | 2 | Donovan | 34f | | Ballinure | 37 | Leahy | 37a |
| Ballinure | 3 | Cronin | 34d | | Ballinure | 38 | Keeffe | 39 |
| Ballinure | 4 | Leahy | 34c | | Ballinure | 39 | Leahy | 39? |
| Ballinure | 5 | Keeffe | 34e | | Ballinure | 40 | Hayes | 39? |
| Ballinure | 6 | O Keeffe | 34a | | Ballinure | 41 | Keeffe | 40b |
| Ballinure | 7 | Riordan | 31 | | Ballinure | 42 | Punch | 45a |
| Ballinure | 8 | Kidney | 8b? | | Ballinure | 43 | Riordan | 44 |
| Ballinure | 9 | Fitzgerald | 8c | | Ballinure | 44 | Hegarty | 19 |
| Ballinure | 10 | Brady | 8a | | Ballinure | 45 | Hayes | 20c |
| Ballinure | 11 | Corcoran | 1 | | Ballinure | 46 | Slattery | 20d |
| Ballinure | 12 | Leahy | 9a | | Ballinure | 47 | Kidney | 20f |
| Ballinure | 13 | O'Brien | 11h | | Ballinure | 48 | Healy | 20e |
| Ballinure | 14 | Healy | 11i | | Ballinure | 49 | Healy | 20a |
| Ballinure | 15 | Delany | 11k | | Ballinure | 50 | Kidney | 20b |
| Ballinure | 16 | Coakley | 24 | | Ballinure | 51 | Murphy | 7 |
| Ballinure | 17 | Heskin | 7a | | Ballinure | 52 | Shanahan | 7 |
| Ballinure | 18 | Murphy | 7d | | Ballinure | 53 | Hayes | 7 |
| Ballinure | 19 | Donovan | 7b | | Ballinure | 54 | Collins | 22a |
| Ballinure | 20 | OBrien | 7c | | Ballinure | 55 | Birmingham | 12d |
| Ballinure | 21 | Driscoll | 32b | | Ballinure | 56 | Leahy | 12e |
| Ballinure | 22 | OKeeffe | 27b | | Ballinure | 57 | Collins | 11a |
| Ballinure | 23 | O'Keefe | 27a | | Ballinure | 58 | Huggins | 11b |
| Ballinure | 24 | Murphy | 32c | | Ballinure | 59 | Huggins | 11c |
| Ballinure | 25 | McCarthy | 28a | | Ballinure | 60 | Hayes | 11d |
| Ballinure | 26 | Cox | 36b | | Ballinure | 61 | Lyons | 11? |
| Ballinure | 27 | Allanach | 32d | | Ballinure | 62 | Forde | |
| Ballinure | 28 | Good | 33 | | Ballinure | 63 | Lenehan | |
| Ballinure | 29 | Mc Namee | 33 | | Ballinure | 64 | Foley | 15g |
| Ballinure | 30 | Allardyce | 33 | | Ballinure | 65 | Mc Carthy | 16a |
| Ballinure | 31 | Bain | 33 | | Ballinure | 66 | Hannigan | 15d |
| Ballinure | 32 | Armstrong | 33 | | Ballinure | 67 | Wilson | ? |
| Ballinure | 33 | Pike | 33 | | Ballinure | 68 | Cotter | 46a |
| Ballinure | 34 | Varian | 48d | | Ballinure | 69 | Leahy | 41a |
| Ballinure | 35 | Minihane | 48 | | | | | |

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| Ballinure | 70 | ODriscoll | 17a |
| Ballinure | 71 | Perrier | 16a |
| Ballinure | 72 | Blemens | 16a |
| Ballinure | 73 | ODriscoll | 14a |
| Ballinure | 74 | Sisk | 12c |
| Ballinure | 75 | Keefe | 12a |
| Ballinure | 76 | Carey | 12b |
| Ballinure | 77 | Mc Carthy | 10a |
| Ballinure | 78 | Lane | ? |
| Ballinure | 79 | | 1 |
| Ballinure | 80 | Canniff | 1 |
| Ballinure | 81 | Doyle | 1c |
| Ballinure | 82 | Dwyer | 1e |
| Ballinure | 83 | Love | 1 |
| Blackrock Town | 1 | Cuffe | M1.13 |
| Blackrock Town | 2 | McLaine | M1.12 |
| Blackrock Town | 3 | Nugent | M1.01 |
| Blackrock Town | 4 | O'Driscoll | M1.14 |
| Blackrock Town | 5 | Cashman | M1.19 |
| Blackrock Town | 6 | Cremen | B2.31 |
| Blackrock Town | 7 | OConnor | B2.32 |
| Blackrock Town | 8 | O'Leary | B.2.26? |
| Blackrock Town | 9 | Creamer | B2.25 |
| Blackrock Town | 10 | Kelleher | B2.24a |
| Blackrock Town | 11 | Kidney | B2.23/ |
| Blackrock Town | 12 | Cremen | B2.22 |
| Blackrock Town | 13 | Cremen | B2.19 |
| Blackrock Town | 14 | Long | B2.16 |
| Blackrock Town | 15.1 | Sheehan | B2.15? |
| Blackrock Town | 15.2 | Sheehan | B2.15? |
| Blackrock Town | 16 | Canty | B2.13 |
| Blackrock Town | 17 | Ahern | B2.12 |
| Blackrock Town | 18 | Kidney | B2.11 |
| Blackrock Town | 19 | Kidney | B2.10? |

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| Blackrock Town | 20 | Heafy | B2.09 |
| Blackrock Town | 21 | Morgan | B2.08 |
| Blackrock Town | 22 | Enwright | B2.07 |
| Blackrock Town | 23 | Fitzgerald | B2.06 |
| Blackrock Town | 24 | Ahern | B2.05 |
| Blackrock Town | 25 | Flaherty | B2.04 |
| Blackrock Town | 26 | Twomey | B2.04 |
| Blackrock Town | 27 | Ahern | B2.02b |
| Blackrock Town | 28 | Barry | B2.02a |
| Blackrock Town | 29 | O'Leary | B2.02 |
| Blackrock Town | 30 | McGuinness | B2.01 |
| Blackrock Town | 31 | Ahern | B2.30 |
| Blackrock Town | 32 | Scannell | B2.33 |
| Blackrock Town | 33 | Calden | B2.35 |
| Blackrock Town | 34 | O'Leary | B2.37 |
| Blackrock Town | 35 | Lyons | B2.38 |
| Blackrock Town | 36 | Dorney | B2.39 |
| Blackrock Town | 37 | Cremen | B2.40 |
| Blackrock Town | 38 | Russell | B2.41 |
| Blackrock Town | 39 | O Leary | B2.42 |
| Blackrock Town | 40 | Cummins | B2.44 |
| Blackrock Town | 41 | | B2.45 |
| Blackrock Town | 42 | Sullivan | M1.31 |
| Blackrock Town | 43 | Street | M1.28 |
| Blackrock Town | 44 | Barry | M1.27 |
| Blackrock Town | 45 | Mc Donald | M1.26 |
| Blackrock Town | 46 | Riordan | M1.25 |
| Blackrock Town | 47 | McCarthy | M1.24 |
| Blackrock Town | 48.1 | Downey | M1.23? |
| Blackrock Town | 48.2 | Twohig | M1.23? |
| Blackrock Town | 48.3 | Huff | M1.23? |
| Blackrock Town | 49.1 | Cremen | M1.22? |
| Blackrock Town | 49.2 | Foley | M1.22? |
| Blackrock Town | 49.3 | Sloane | M1.22? |
| Blackrock Town | 49.4 | Moloney | M1.22? |
| Blackrock Town | 50.1 | Cremen | M1.20? |
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For the Blackrock Town Census Area– I have used the prefixes B (*Ballinure*), D (*Dundanion*) and M (*Mahon*) to indicate which townland the respective houses were in.

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| Blackrock Town | 50.2 | Cantwell | M1.20? |
| Blackrock Town | 50.3 | Callaghan | M1.20? |
| Blackrock Town | 51 | Mc Carthy | B2.48 |
| Blackrock Town | 52 | ODonoghue | B2.50 |
| Blackrock Town | 53 | Ahern | B3L |
| Blackrock Town | 54 | Buckley | B3j |
| Blackrock Town | 55 | Tewksbury | B3g |
| Blackrock Town | 56 | Creamer | B3f? |
| Blackrock Town | 57 | Dorney | B3e? |
| Blackrock Town | 58.1 | Cox | B3a |
| Blackrock Town | 58.2 | Barry | B3d |
| Blackrock Town | 59 | Heaphy | B2.24b? |
| Blackrock Town | 60 | Seannell | B2.14a? |
| Blackrock Town | 61 | Canty | ? |
| Blackrock Town | 61.2 | Ahern | |
| Blackrock Town | 62 | Ahern | |
| Blackrock Town | 63 | O'Reilly | D5.2 |
| Blackrock Town | 64 | Ahern | D5.3? |
| Blackrock Town | 65 | O'Driscoll | D5.4 |
| Blackrock Town | 66 | Williams | D5.5 |
| Blackrock Town | 67 | | D5.9 |
| Blackrock Town | 68 | Collins | D5.10 |
| Blackrock Town | 69 | Wood | D5.11b |
| Blackrock Town | 70 | Mahony | D5.11a |
| Blackrock Town | 71 | Bary | D5.12 |
| Blackrock Town | 72 | Obrien | D5.13 |
| Blackrock Town | 73 | Conway | D5.14 |
| Blackrock Town | 74 | Jackson | D5.15 |
| Blackrock Town | 75 | O'Leary | D6.7 |
| Blackrock Town | 76 | Love | D5.16a |
| Blackrock Town | 77 | Lyons | D5.16b |
| Blackrock Town | 78 | Barry | D5.16c |
| Blackrock Town | 79 | Murphy | D6.2 |
| Blackrock Town | 80 | Fox | D6.1 |
| Blackrock Town | 81 | Harvey | D6.3 |

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| Blackrock Town | 82 | O'Keefe | D6.4 |
| Blackrock Town | 83 | Simmons | D6.6 |
| Blackrock Town | 84 | Wallace | D6.8 |
| Blackrock Town | 85 | Coughlan | D6.9 |
| Blackrock Town | 86 | O'Leary | 6.10? |
| Blackrock Town | 87.1 | Delea | D6.11 |
| Blackrock Town | 87.2 | Rowke | D6.11 |
| Blackrock Town | 88.1 | Sheehan | D6.12 |
| Blackrock Town | 88.2 | Bussin | D6.12 |
| Blackrock Town | 89 | Coughlan | D6.13 |
| Blackrock Town | 90 | | D6.14 |
| Blackrock Town | 91 | | |
| Blackrock Town | 92 | McCashin | D6.17 |
| Blackrock Town | 93 | Simmons | D6.18 |
| Blackrock Town | 94 | Cooney | part 9.3 |
| Blackrock Town | 95 | Cantillon | D9.4 |
| Blackrock Town | 96 | Foley | D9.6 |
| Blackrock Town | 97 | O'Connor | D9.5 |
| Blackrock Town | 98 | Mortell | D9.10 |
| Blackrock Town | 99 | Donovan | D9.11 |
| Blackrock Town | 100 | Leahy | D9.12? |
| Blackrock Town | 101 | Peek | D9.14 |
| Blackrock Town | 102 | Howard | D9.15 |
| Blackrock Town | 103.1 | Brady | D9.16? |
| Blackrock Town | 103.2 | Butler | D9.16? |
| Blackrock Town | 104 | Harness | D9.17 |
| Blackrock Town | 105 | Minter | D9.18 |
| Blackrock Town | 106 | Jones | D9.19 |
| Blackrock Town | 107 | Punch | D9.20 |
| Blackrock Town | 108 | Frizell | D9.21 |
| Blackrock Town | 109 | Heagherty | D9.23 |
| Blackrock Town | 110 | Murphy | D9.25 |
| Blackrock Town | 111 | Huff | D9.24 |
| Blackrock Town | 112 | Cummins | D9.27 |
| Blackrock Town | 113 | Kelly | D9.28 |
| Blackrock Town | 114 | Cronin | D9.29 |
| Blackrock Town | 115 | Quirk | D9.30b |

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| Blackrock Town | 116 | McGrath | D9.30c |
| Blackrock Town | 117 | Riordan | D9.30d |
| Blackrock Town | 118 | Ahern | D9.30e |
| Blackrock Town | 119 | Kiely | D9.31 |
| Blackrock Town | 120 | Barry | D9.22 |
| Blackrock Town | 121 | McCarthy | D9.32 |
| Blackrock Town | 122 | Dorney | D9.35? |
| Blackrock Town | 123 | Walsh | D9.36 |
| Blackrock Town | 124 | Lyons | D9.37 |
| Blackrock Town | 125 | Driscoll | ? |
| Blackrock Town | 126 | Mullins | D9.41 |
| Blackrock Town | 127 | Connell | ? |
| Blackrock Town | 128 | Twomey | ? |
| Blackrock Town | 129 | Geary | D9.43 |
| Blackrock Town | 130.1 | Scannell | D9.44 |
| Blackrock Town | 130.2 | Daly | D9.44 |
| Blackrock Town | 130.3 | McCarthy | D9.44 |
| Blackrock Town | 130.4 | Cullinane | D9.44 |
| Blackrock Town | 131 | Murray | D9.46a |
| Blackrock Town | 132.1 | Fisher | D9.46b? |
| Blackrock Town | 132.2 | Mitchell | D9.46b |
| Blackrock Town | 133 | Moore | D9.47 |
| Blackrock Town | 134 | Flavin | D9.48b |
| Blackrock Town | 135 | Smyth | D9.49 |
| Blackrock Town | 136 | Barry | D9.50 |
| Blackrock Town | 137 | Cotter | D9.51 |
| Blackrock Town | 138 | Downing | RIC |
| Blackrock Town | 139 | Hartnett | RIC |
| Blackrock Town | 140 | Cooke | RIC |
| Blackrock Town | 141 | Vacant | B2.17? |
| Blackrock Town | 142 | Vacant | B2.18? |
| Blackrock Town | 143 | Vacant | B2.46? |
| Blackrock Town | 144 | Vacant | D6.5 |
| Blackrock Town | 145 | Vacant | D5.6 |
| Blackrock Town | 146 | Vacant | |
| Blackrock Town | 147 | Vacant | |

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| Dundanon | 1 | Weir | 5.1 |
| Dundanon | 2 | Mc Namara | 4b |
| Dundanon | 3 | Fitzgerald | 4b |
| Dundanon | 4 | Green | 3 |
| Dundanon | 5 | Dwyer | 3 |
| Dundanon | 6 | Daly | 2a |
| Dundanon | 7 | OLeary | 2a |
| Dundanon | 8 | MacMullen | 1a |
| Dundanon | 9 | Woodhouse | 1a |
| Dundanon | 10 | Lynch | 1b |
| Dundanon | 11 | Shaw | 1c |
| Dundanon | 12 | Edward | 1d? |
| Dundanon | 13 | Gill | 1e |
| Dundanon | 14 | Blake | 14a |
| Dundanon | 15 | Feely | 14a |
| Dundanon | 16 | Russell | 13a |
| Dundanon | 17 | Smyth | 11b |
| Dundanon | 18 | Morris | ? |
| Dundanon | 19 | n/a | 16a |
| Dundanon | 20 | n/a | 17d |
| Dundanon | 21 | Twohig | 17c |
| Dundanon | 22 | Leahy | 17b |
| Dundanon | 23 | Tivy | 15a |
| Dundanon | 24 | Richardson | 17a |
| Dundanon | 25 | Coughlan | ? |
| Dundanon | 26 | Cotter | 20a |
| Dundanon | 27 | Kelly | 20b |
| Dundanon | 28 | Murphy | 20d |
| Dundanon | 29 | Donovan | 20e |
| Dundanon | 30 | McCarthy | 20f |
| Dundanon | 31 | O Sullivan | 20g |
| Dundanon | 32 | O'Keefe | 19a |
| Dundanon | 33 | n/a | |
| Dundanon | 34 | n/a | |
| Dundanon | 35 | n/a | |
| Dundanon | 36 | n/a | |

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| Dundanon | 37 | Healy | 24a? |
| Dundanon | 38 | Cox | 24b |
| Dundanon | 39 | Kidney | 24c |
| Dundanon | 40 | Carey | 24d |
| Dundanon | 41 | Hayes | 25a |
| Dundanon | 42 | Carey | 24c? |
| Dundanon | 43 | Hayes | 25b |
| Dundanon | 44 | Deasy | ? |
| Dundanon | 45 | OConnor | 5.2 |
| Dundanon | 46 | Coghlan | 9.1a |
| Dundanon | 47 | Mc Cullagh | 5.5 |
| Dundanon | 48 | Stritch | 6.16a |
| Dundanon | 49 | Leahy | 6.16b |
| Mahon | 1 | Jermyn | 1.11 |
| Mahon | 2 | McFerran | 1.1 |
| Mahon | 3 | ORiordan | 1.9 |
| Mahon | 4 | Dowling | 1.8 |
| Mahon | 5 | Conron | 1.6 |
| Mahon | 6 | Baker | 1.5 |
| Mahon | 7 | Duggan | 1.3 |
| Mahon | 8 | Hall | 2.1b |
| Mahon | 9 | Lehane | 2.1b |
| Mahon | 10 | Woodward | 2.5 |
| Mahon | 11 | Ronan | 2.1c |
| Mahon | 12 | Waters | 2.2 |
| Mahon | 13 | Fetherstonehaugh | 2.3 |
| Mahon | 14 | Boulger | 2.4a |
| Mahon | 15 | Gardner | 2.4b |
| Mahon | 16 | Mayne | 3a |
| Mahon | 17 | Keating | 5a |
| Mahon | 18 | England | 4.1 |

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| Mahon | 19 | Anglin | 4.2 |
| Mahon | 20 | Chapman | 4.3 |
| Mahon | 21 | McNamara | 4.5 |
| Mahon | 22 | Hobson | 4.5a |
| Mahon | 23 | Collins | 4.6 |
| Mahon | 24 | Hickie | 5a |
| Mahon | 25 | Morrogh | 6.1 |
| Mahon | 26 | Mahony | 6.2 |
| Mahon | 27 | OLeary | 6.8 |
| Mahon | 28 | Lehane | 7a |
| Mahon | 29 | Murphy | 1a |
| Mahon | 30 | OBrien | 12a |
| Mahon | 31 | Cotter | 11 |
| Mahon | 32 | Long | 10b |
| Mahon | 33 | Forde | 10a |
| Mahon | 34 | Coppinger | 10a |
| Mahon | 35 | Hall | 9a |
| Mahon | 36 | Williamson | 7b |
| Mahon | 37 | O'Leary | 6.17 |
| Mahon | 38 | Dorney | 6.18 |
| Mahon | 39 | OLeary | 6.16 |
| Mahon | 40 | Leahy | 6.11 |
| Mahon | 41 | Coughlan | 6.9 |
| Mahon | 42 | Corcoran | n/a |
| Mahon | 43 | Cashman | 7c |
| Mahon | 44 | Moore | 7a |
| Mahon | 45 | Staveley | 6b |
| Mahon | 46 | Hall | 6.5 |
| Mahon | 47 | Sandham | 6.4 |
| Mahon | 48 | Sandham | 6.3 |
| Mahon | 49 | O'Keefe | 17a |