Clare Towns and Villages with Houses that Featured in the Great War.

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In his book ‘The Houses of Clare’ Dr Hugh Weir outlined the history of over 700 houses. It is impossible not to drive a short distance in Clare without passing the entrance gate and lodge to some of these great houses. They invariably have elegant pillars with ornate gates, a lodge(s), tree lined sweeping avenues, a magnificent vista, stables, a walled garden and a separate entrance for trade and supplies. The following are 107 Clare houses, with links to the Great War.
Barefield

**Trinaderry House Barefield**
Home to the Enright, Kelly, Griffin and McMahon families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘*Houses of Clare*’ by Hugh W L Weir page 265.

**Dr C J Kelly:** Son of Mr Francis Kelly of Trinaderry, Templemaley (Barefield). He enlisted in Nov 1914 and volunteered for the front. He got a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and was attached to the Connaught Hospital at Aldershot.

Ballynacally

**Fort Fergus Ballynacally**
Home to the Harrison, Ross, Ross-Lewin, Stacpoole, Evans, O’Grady, Ball, Beauchamp and Garry families. The old house is ruined. A modern house is standing. See ‘*Houses of Clare*’ by Hugh W L Weir page 127.

**Major William Hawkins Ball. Fort Fergus,** attended a public meeting in Nov 1915, at the Courthouse to fundraise for Clare POW’s in Germany.

Gate Lodge at Fort Fergus
Daniel Neylon: Toonagh, Ennis. He was the Chief Accountant in the War Office, and was Financial Advisor to the Salonica Expeditionary Force. In Jan 1918 he was conferred a Member of the Order of the British Empire and made a C.B.E. He was the son of James Neylon, the brother of John Neylon Knockroe House Boston, and the sister of Miss Neylon, the Matron of the Clare County Infirmary.

Knockroe House Boston
Home to the Neylon family. The house is still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 171.

Broadford

Castlelake Broadford.
Home to the Gabbett, Parker, Donnellan and Carroll families. The house is still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 67.

‘Brigadier-General Parker’ was created C.M.G. in 1918, C.B. in 1919, was mentioned a further three times, and received the French Croix de Guerre and the Italian Order of the Crown. In October 1919, he was promoted to Colonel, and commanded the 164 (North Lancashire) Infantry Brigade, T.A. from 1920 to 1924. He retired last year, and had lived since at Castle Lake, Sixmilebridge, County Clare.’ Sat Record July 1927. He was born in Ballyvalley, Killaloe.
Clonboy, Bridgetown
Home to the Brown, Kingsmill and Studdert families. The house has been completely demolished. The original gates and gateway still remain. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 75.

Ernest George Brown: Born near Ballingarry, Co. Limerick in 1864. Ernest educated at Trinity College Dublin. When his father died in 1907, he inherited the Clonboy Estate as well as other lands at Ballynagown, Lisnagry. In 1907 he described himself as a farmer of about 2,000 acres. The Clonboy estate consisted of 893 acres.

He was loved and respected by his Tenants. He was a strong supporter of the co-operative movement founded by Horace Plunkett, a founder member of the Irish Farmers Federation and he attended the Landlords convention of 1902. Ernest Brown backed the Irish Volunteers in 1913 and during the WW1 served with the British Army in East Germany and East Africa. Ernest Brown died 19th October 1942 and was buried in the family vault in Killaloe Cathedral graveyard.

His memorial tablet in the Killaloe Cathedral, quote the following verse from the Book of Proverbs:

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches
And loving favour rather than silver and gold.
The rich and the poor meet together
The Lord is the maker of them all.
Bunratty Castle
Home to the O’Brien, Cooper, Westropp, Studdert and Russell families. Now owned by Shannon Development and is a major tourist attraction. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 49.

Firgrove Bunratty
Home to the McMahon, Scott, Kelly, Butler, Roche-Kelly and Frost families. The old house is demolished and a new house is standing on the site. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 126.

Major Richard Studdert: Bunratty Castle. Army Service Corps (Formerly Royal Irish Regiment). He was mentioned in Despatches twice. He remained on in the army after the war dying in Egypt on active service in 1924.

Major Edmund Roche-Kelly was born 1881 in Firgrove House, Bunratty, County Clare. He was aged 35 in 1916. He was a pre-war soldier. He attended Downside School in Somerset before being commissioned into the Royal Irish Regiment in 1901. He served with the 2nd Batt. in the Boer War (officially the 2nd South African War, 1899- 1902) and, by 1909, had risen to the rank of Captain. He also served with the Regiment in India and was promoted to major in 1916. He served with the British Forces during the Easter Rising.
Carnelly, Clarecastle

Mr and Mrs Lane Joynt donated £2 to the Ennis Sub Depot of the Irish War Hospital Supply Fund in June 1917. This money was used to buy materials for bandages and dressings which were sent to the front.

Miss Lane Joynt organised Christmas treats for the children of sailors and soldiers in 1915. (Joe Power)

Lt Lane-Joynt: Carnelly, Clarecastle. He was cited for bravery. (Joe Power)
**Clare Abbey House Clarecastle**
Home to the **O’Brien**, Hewitt, Burton, Copleman, Casey, and Leydon families. In 1984 part of it was developed as a sports complex by the Clarecastle GAA Club. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘*Houses of Clare*’ by Hugh W L Weir page 70.

**Daniel Joseph O’Brien**: Clare Abbey House Clarecastle, died Nov 1917 age 33 in **Passchendaele**, Royal Munster Fusiliers, G/M in Belgium. He was a member of Clare County Council and a leader of the Clarecastle National Volunteers. He was accidentally wounded in training in Oct 1915, and a devoted follower of Willie Redmond. See **Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 60 and 158**.

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**Glenard House Clarecastle**
Home to the Church of Ireland, **Pilkington**, O’Donoghue, Fahy and McCarthy families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘*Houses of Clare*’ by Hugh W L Weir page 135.

**Lieut Thomas Lionel Pilkington**: Glenard, Clarecastle. Royal Irish Regiment. He received a commission as Second Lieutenant in Feb 1916. Wounded Sept 1916. (See **Clare WW1 Individual Profiles**).
The Barracks in Clarecastle

Mrs McElroy from the Barracks Clarecastle launched an appeal ‘for comforts such as flannel shirts, woolen underclothing, or flannelette garments, socks etc or money to purchase materials for making garments, for our prisoners of war in Germany of the Munster Fusiliers: also for those shortly to be sent to the front where this regiment has been earning undying fame.’ Clare Journal March 1st 1915.

As it looks today.
Clonlara

**Islandmagrath House (Island) Clarecastle**
Home to the Burton, Maunsell, Mellett and O’Connor families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 151.

George Wyndham (Lyndham) Maunsell: Islandmagrath House, Clarecastle, died Feb 1917 age 28, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, G/M in Iraq. An Executive Engineer. He died in Kut Mesopotamia. Son of Richard and Elizabeth Maunsell. Wyndham was killed in the Battle of the River Tigris. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 125.

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Clonlara

**Doonass House Clonlara**

Lt J F R Massy-Westropp: Doonass House, Clonlara. Royal Irish Fusiliers. Wounded near Ypres in April 1915. (Kiltenanlea Parish Church Clonlara)
R Massy-Westropp: Doonass House, Clonlara. (Kiltenanlea Parish Church Clonlara)
Col. Massy Westropp: An officer of great experience took over the Clonlara Volunteers in Aug 1914.
**Summerhill Clonlara**

Home to the Massy, **Vincent**, Macnamara and O’Connell families. It was a large eighteenth century, three storey, hip-roofed house, over a basement, facing south-east over the River Shannon. The house is now demolished. The Gate Lodge is standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 256.

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**Arthur Rose Vincent: Summerhill House, Doonass, Clonlara**. 1876-1956. Owing to a permanent disability to his hip suffered as a young boy, he was considered unfit for active service during the War 1914-1918. Nevertheless he volunteered as an ambulance driver and served on the Western Front with the French army in 1915 and 1916. *(Freddie Bourke’s History of the Clonlara C of I Community)*

**Berkley Vincent CBE KBE: Summerhill House, Doonass, Clonlara**. 1871-1963. At the beginning of the 1914-18 War he left India for France where he took part in the Battle of the Somme and later Ancre. During the Battle of Arras he was buried by constant shelling, but was dug out alive. Nearly all his command were killed. In 1919 he was awarded the CBE and six years later he was honoured by George V with the KBE. *(Kiltenanlea Parish Church Clonlara)*
Clonlara

**Waterpark House Clonlara**
Home to the Bindon, Phelps, Massey, Williams, Hartigan, Latham, Houlihan and Conway families. It was a very large, irregular, Victorianised, eighteenth-century house, facing south-east down the Shannon river valley. The house is now demolished. The original gateway and gates and gate lodge are standing. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 272.

![Image of Waterpark House Clonlara](image-url)

**Lt Lancelot Alexander Montgomery**: Grandson of John Lecky Phelps of Waterpark, Clonlara. Elder son of Major General Robert Arundel Kerr Montgomery C.B. DSO and Annie his wife. He was torpedoed on HMS Good Hope, Flagship of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock, which sank with all hands in the Battle of Coronel, South Pacific, All Saints Day 1914. Born at Meernt April 2nd 1888.

**Edgar Phelps**: Clonlara. (Kiltenanlea Parish Church Clonlara)
Baunkyle House Corofin
Home to the Upton, Neylon, Jervis, Foster and Macnamara families. Still standing and occupied. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 36.

Macon John Macnamara:
Baunkyle, Corofin, died March 1918 age 20 in Pozieres, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, G/M in France. Son of Dr George and Frances Jane Macnamara, Baunkyle, Corofin.

Lieut-Colonel William James Macnamara:
Lieutenant-Colonel John William Unthank Macnamara, M.A., M.D., late I.M.S., died on Saturday last in a private hospital in Dublin, in his seventy-ninth year. He was the son of Dr. Michael Macnamara, of Corofin, Co. Clare, and was educated at Queen's College, Galway, and in Dublin. In 1891 he was given the rank of Major, and in 1899 was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel. He retired from the Service in 1908.—R.I.P. Obituary 9th Jan 1932.

Caherblonick Cottage, Corofin

Major-General Sir Cyril Brudene Bingham White:
Caherblonick Cottage, Corofin. ‘The honours conferred by the King in connection with the Duke of York’s tour include a KCB for Major-General Sir Cyril Brudene Bingham White. He is the third son of the late John Warren White, Caherblonie, Clare. He was born on 23rd September, 1876. In 1905 he married Ethel, daughter of Walter Davison, Victoria, N.S. Wales. He served with distinction in the European war.’ Sat Record July 1927.
Corofin

Clifden House Corofin
Home to the Columbine, Burton, Paterson, Studdert, Gray, Kane, Deaves and Robson families. Still standing and occupied. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 73.

Clifden House

Miss Burton: Clifden House Corofin organised Christmas treats for the children of sailors and soldiers in 1915.

(TB)

Clifden House

Cragmoher Corofin
Home to the Griffey, Hogan, Studdert and Douglas families. The house was tragically burnt down at the end of the twentieth century. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 90.

Miss Burton: Clifden House Corofin organised Christmas treats for the children of sailors and soldiers in 1915.

(TB)

Cragmoher Corofin

Captain Bindon Blood: Rockforest House, Corofin, Co Clare, died Sept 1915 age 33, Royal Flying Corps. Mentioned in Despatches. G/M in England. (TB) He was born on 30th Dec 1881. He was the son of Bagot Blood and Florence Studdert and a brother of Charles Newman. He fought in the Boer War as a Captain with the 8th Cavalry, Indian Army.

Charles Newman Blood: Rockforest House, Corofin, Co Clare. Royal Field Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Flying Corps. Born on the 10th June 1887. He was the son of Bagot Blood and Florence Studdert and a brother of Bindon Blood. In Oct 1926 he married Nellie Flora Lang. He died on 10th Feb 1961 age 73. He was an engineer and lived at La Vallee Bray Co Wicklow.
Ennis

Abbeyfield House (Abbeyville) Ennis
Former home of the Patterson and Crowe families. The House dates from the 1750s. Also known as Abbeyville House, the building was later used as an R.I.C. and Garda Barracks. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 3.

Photo shows the 8th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers perform during a recruiting drive outside the old RIC Barracks in 1915. The Band of the Irish Guards also mounted their own recruitment drive in Clare in 1915.
Abbeyview House became known as Remount House during WW1 when it was the home of Patrick Howard the Veterinary Surgeon, who was a purchasing agent for the British Army. He also supplied the RIC with transport and horses. During the War years the price of horses rose to between £25 and £45.
Mrs Arthur Green: In Dec 1915 Mrs Green was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee. She was the wife of Dr Arthur Green.

Ashfield Ennis (Clarence Hall)
Home to the McBeth, Green, Mahon and Deegan families. Still standing and occupied. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 9.

Ashline House Ennis
Home to the Mahon, Gore and Finucane families, The Roman Catholic Church and St Flannan’s. It was demolished in 1968. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 10.

Bishop Fogarty lived in Ashline House until 1919 when he moved to Westbourne. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 4, 6 & 237. Initially he supported the War, but then became a vehement opponent of it.
Lieut Hugh Murrough Vere O'Brien: Ballyalla Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in Aug 1916 ‘for conspicuous gallantry during raids on enemy trenches. On one occasion after his return, finding that a man was missing, he went out in a wounded condition and brought him in under heavy gunfire.’ CJ See Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 95, 97 and 101.

Florence Vere O'Brien was born Florence Arnold, the elder daughter of William Arnold, son of Dr Thomas Arnold of Rugby. Both her father and mother had died young leaving four orphaned children. Florence, her sister, and two brothers, were sent home from India and were adopted by their aunt, Jane Arnold and her husband, William E. Forster.
In 1880 Mr Forster was appointed Chief Secretary of Ireland. Florence lived with them for two years at the Chief Secretary’s Lodge in Phoenix Park, Dublin. It was during this time that Florence met Robert Vere O’Brien, a young barrister from Limerick, son of The Hon. Robert O’Brien of Dromoland. In 1899 they moved to Ballyalla, a property previously belonging to the Stacpoole family, where the embroidery class continued. The property included extensive woods, a gate lodge, a large walled garden, a crannóg in the lake, the remains of a castle nearby, an ice-house, a lime kiln and a cave with an underground passage. Their younger daughter, Flora, remained in Ballyalla until 1958.
Mrs Marcus Keane: Beechpark. In Dec. 1915 Mrs Keane was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee. In July 1917 Marcus Keane was the Chairperson of the Co Clare Needlework Guild, which donated articles of clothing to the front.

Capt William F Cullinan: Belle Vue Ennis. Fleet Paymaster in the Royal Navy. In May 1919 he was awarded ‘The High Order of the Brilliant Star’ by the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of ‘services rendered in the protection of the Sultan’s Dominion’. He was frequently Mentioned in Despatches. In June 1919 The King was pleased to confer the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George on Capt Cullinan in recognition of services during the war. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 182.
Ennis

Cahercalla House Ennis
Home to the Crofts, England, Maguire, Studdert, Mahon, Crowe, Stacpoole and O’Gorman families. It is now a nursing home. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 54.

Lt Col C J O’Gorman DSO:
Brother of T A O’Gorman, Cahercalla Ennis. Royal Army Medical Corps in German East Africa. A letter from him featured in the Clare Journal in May 1916. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 82.

Claureen House
Home to the Armstrong, Clare Militia, Davoren and Howard families. Claureen is a very long, nineteenth century, two storey, eight bay, gable ended house with its northern gable adjoining the main road. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 73.

Claureen House, Ennis, died Oct 1918 age 37 on the RMS Leinster, a nurse in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Nora Davoren: sister of the above, died also on the RMS Leinster and also nursed in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)
In June 1917 Mrs Knox fundraised for the Ennis Sub Depot of Irish War Hospital Supplies in WW1. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 142.

**Clonroad, Ennis**
Home to the O’Brien, Egremont, Gore, Greene, Sims, Knox, Torrens and Merry families. It is one of the most historic houses in Co Clare. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 78.

**Cragleigh House Ennis**
Home to the Woulfe, Mahon, Pilkington, Janns, Kenny, Cullinan, Dowling, Molony and Houlihan families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 89.

Francis J Kenny: **Cragleigh House** b 1894 was a second Lieutenant with the Lancashire Fusiliers according to Cecil Stacpoole Kennys family history. He was the son of Major Matthew J Kenny of Cragleigh House Ennis. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)
Drumconora Ennis
Home to the Crowe, Fleming, Dalton, O'Loghlen and Culliney families. The house is now demolished. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 111.

Sir Michael O'Lochlen His Majesty’s Lt. for the County in 1915 resided in Drumconora. He was on the Co Clare POW Aid Committee in Dec 1915.

Eden Vale
Home to the O’Brien, Patterson, Stacpoole families and the Health Board. Still standing but uninhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 115.

George Eric Guy Stacpoole: Edenvale, Ennis, died Jan 1915, Royal Irish Regiment, G/M in Belgium. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Lt R.H. Stacpoole MC: Edenvale Ennis. Royal Field Artillery. Awarded the Military Cross for Gallantry. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Miss Norah Stacpoole held a collection for sandbags for the front in 1915.
Erasmus Smith Academy
It was used as a base for Belgian refugees, and later as a nursing home for the wounded sent back from the front. It is now a Music and Language School.

Edward Patrick Cullinan: Ennis, died March 1918 age 30, Lord Strathcona’s Horse, Royal Canadians, G/M in France. Son of Thomas and Angela P Cullinan. He died in ‘The Last Great Cavalry Charge’ of WW1. On enlistment he named his father Thomas Cullinan of Fountain House, Ennis as his next of kin.

Fountain House Ennis
Home to the Daxon, Milward, Powell, Kelly, Considine and McMahon families. The original house is demolished. Present house standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 130.
Mrs Greene: Green Lawn. In March 1915 she donated £6 5s 3d from a Bridge Tournament towards the Munsters Prisoner Of War Fund. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 32.

In Dec. 1915 she was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.

Miss Irene Scott, The Manse, featured in a golf competition in Oct 1916 at the Ennis Golf Club to raise funds for the Co Clare POW Fund. ‘In her youth Irene was a fine badminton and tennis player and a left hander to be reckoned with on the golf course’. Clare Champion 1984.
In Nov 1915 Mrs Mills attended a meeting at the Courthouse to form the Co Clare Prisoner of War Aid Relief Committee.

Dr McDonnell from New Hall attended a meeting between Nationalists and Unionists in August 1914 in Carmody’s Hotel Ennis. The meeting was for the two traditions to pledge solidarity to one another during the Great War. Mrs MacDonnell set up a fund for wounded soldiers in 1915. In Dec. 1915 she was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.
In Dec. 1915 J.F. Gelston, Chief Inspector of the RIC was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.

**Rosslevin, Ennis**
Home to the Fitzgerald, Swyney, Rynd, Kerin, Scott, O’Brien and White families. The house is now a ruin. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 234.

**Stamer Park, Ennis**
Home to the Stamer, Finucane, Daxon, Stackpoole, Lopdell and Daly families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 253.

**Mr J W Scott:** Justice of the Peace and a land agent for Lord Leconfield. His office was opposite Ennis Post Office. He lived originally in Roslevan and then moved to Strasburgh House in Drumcliffe. In 1917 **Mrs J W Scott** made a donation of £1 towards the Co Clare Needlework Guild, an organisation that sent articles to the front.

In Dec. 1915 J.F. Gelston, Chief Inspector of the RIC was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.
Mr and Mrs F N Studdert Templemaley House, were elected onto a Committee in Nov 1915, at the Courthouse whose aim was to fundraise for Clare POW’s in Germany. In 1915 Mrs F N Studdert held a collection on the 15th Aug at the County Agricultural Show for prisoners. She wrote to the paper saying she had received 243 letters and post cards from Royal Munster Fusiliers prisoners, expressing their gratitude to the people of Clare. In 1915 the Rev she was also elected honorary secretary of the newly formed Prisoners of War Aid Fund Committee.

Waterpark House Ennis
Home to the Pilkington, O’Brien and Moody families. Until recently it was home to the Ennis Urban District Council. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 273.

Thomas Moody:
1892 - 1917
Waterpark Ennis, died Nov 1917 age 25, Irish Guards, G/M in Drumcliffe.
**Westbourne**

Home to the Gore, Bannatyne, Parkinson families. It is now home to the Roman Catholic Bishops of Killaloe. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 275.

**Miss Parkinson** daughter of Capt. Parkinson, J.P, a local gentleman and Treasurer of the County Infirmary. They lived at Westbourne. Miss Parkinson was elected to the Co Clare POW Aid Committee in Dec 1915.

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**Ennistymon**

**Ennistymon Glebe, Ennistymon**

Home to the Church of Ireland and O’Dwyer families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 118.
Ennistymon House
Home to the O’Brien, Finucane, Macnamara and Woods families. Still standing and inhabited and is now The Falls Hotel. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 118.

George Macnamara: Ennistymon House, died May 1917 age 27 near Loos, Wiltshire Regiment. G/M in France. Just before he died he was Mentioned in Despatches.

Miss Violet Macnamara: raised funds for the Red Cross in 1915.

Inagh
Mount Callan Inagh
Home to the Synge and Tottenham families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 194.

Col Tottenham: He was elected on to a fundraising Committee in Dec 1915, whose aim was to fundraise for Clare POW’s in Germany.

Capt Tottenham: Mountcallan. He lost an arm in Gallipoli. He met the Viceroy Lord Wimbourne when he toured Clare in August 1915 in Miltown Malbay.
Kildysart

Cahercon Kildysart
Cahercon House is located east of the Labasheeda road, 4.5 km southwest of Kildysert. Associated names include Rogers, Scott, Vandeleur, Kelly and White. It later became a school, run by the Salesian Sisters of John Bosco. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 54.

Captain Alexander Moore Vandaleur: Cahercon, Kildysart, died Oct 1914 age 30, the Life Guards, G/M in Ypres Belgium. The Vandaleur family, of Dutch descent, were the big landowners in west Clare since the early 1800’s. He was killed in a battle in Zanvoorde in Belgium, where fierce fighting led to the British Expeditionary Force suffering many casualties. He leaves behind a three year old son and heir Giles Alexander Meysey and his wife of four years Violet Ethel Meysey-Thompson.

Shore Park Kildysart
Home to the Scott, O’Grady, O’Connell, Hayes, Garry, Meehan and Hogan families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 247.

**Miss M O’Connell-Bianconi:**
Lackanashinnagh, Kildysart. She was awarded the Military Medal ‘for Gallantry during an air raid in France’ in June 1918. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

**Paradise Kildysart**
Home to the Henn, Scott, Arthur and Linnebaker families. The house is now ruined and uninhabitable. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 214.

**Col. Henn** in Aug 1914, supported the meeting between Unionists and Nationalists, in Ennis. The meeting was for the two traditions to pledge solidarity to one another during the Great War. **Lt Edward Henry Lovett Henn:** Grandson of Thomas Rice Henn K.C., D.L., of Paradise Co Clare. The only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Lovett Henn of Sidi Mirrong Algeria. Rifle Brigade. Killed in action May 1915 age 23. G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium.
**Atlantic House Kilkee**
Home to the Westby and Studdert families, and the Coastguard Service. The house has since been demolished. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 11.

**Theodore Studdert:**

**Liscrona House Kilkee**
Home to the MacDonnell, Griffin, O’Dwyer, Lloyd and Bellair families. The house is still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 180.

**2nd Lt R C R G Vance:** Limerick. Died March 1915 age 22 in Ypres. Cheshire Regiment. He was in command of a trench at the time he was shot, a bullet hitting him on the head and killing him instantly. Youngest son of Rev Chancellor Vance M A Rector of Ardagh Co Limerick. His brother is also at the front. He was the nephew of Thomas R Griffin, Liscrona House Kilkee, ‘where part of many happy years of youthful life were spent in the land of the West’. (Clare Journal)
The Retreat Kilkee


Tarman (Termon House) Kilkee

Edward J Falloon: Son of Honora Mary Pilkington from Tarmon (Termon House) Kilkee. Australian Army, died 18th April 1918, age 31. (KCT)
Kilkee

Trafalgar Lodge Kilkee
Home to the Keane and Gloster families. With a beautiful view over the Bay. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 264.

Henry Colpoys Gloster: Trafalgar Lodge, Kilkee, died March 1915 age 20, Gordon Highlanders, G/M in France. ‘His Colonel spoke highly of him as an officer whose work in the trenches deserved special praise. He suggested improvements and saved several lives of his men when wounded by close attention and skill (he was a medical undergraduate)... He was in command of his platoon in a German trench on the morning of his death, Lt Gloster was a good tennis player, and won the Caius College Fresher’s Tournament in 1914.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.

Kilkishen

Kilkishen Glebe Kilkishen
Home to the Church of Ireland and Graham families. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 159.

Sapper John Godfrey King: The Rectory, Kilkishen. He was aged 18 when he enlisted in May 1918. Royal Engineers 352649. His father was Samuel Waldson King. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Ballyvalley Killaloe

Major R. G. Parker: Ballyvalley, Killaloe. King’s Own Lancaster Regiment. Mentioned in Sir John French’s despatches. He served in the South African War, being present at nearly all the important engagements during the campaign. He was mentioned in despatches twice, and received the Queen’s Medal with 6 clasps and the King’s Medal with 2 clasps. (Our Heroes website)

Ronald Elphinstone Parker: Ballyvalley, Killaloe, died Sept 1914 age 28 in the Battle of the Marne, Royal Horse Artillery, G/M in France. Brother of Major R G Parker.

Tinerana Killaloe

**Cambrai Ballina**

Home to the *Lefroy* family. Still standing and occupied. See ‘*Houses of Clare*’ by Hugh W L Weir page 56.

**Major Henry Lefroy P.C. J.P.:** ‘Born 1860, the eldest son of Henry Maunselle Lefroy of Fern Hollow and Ellen, daughter of James Shine of Ballymacresse, Co Limerick. He was educated at Malvern College, for the Royal Artillery and afterwards he was appointed to be the Engineering Department of Survey, Rocky Mountain Division U.P. (Union Pacific) Railway. When this was finished he came back to Ireland and went into business. In 1895 he married Minnie, daughter of Falkner John Minchin, Annagh Castle, Nenagh. He built his house ‘Cambrai’ at Killaloe, and kept a yacht *The Phoenix*, on the Shannon.

At the outbreak of the 1914 war he was given command of S.R.A. Royal Irish Regiment area; and in 1916 was promoted as personal assistant to the Director General Royal Artillery in 1917 and was Liaison Officer between the Admiralty, War Office and Royal Air Force. He was gazetted Brevet Major for his services in the First World War and retired in 1919. He was a devoted worker in the interests of ex-servicemen in Ireland, and was chairman of Earl French’s ex-servicemen’s Advisory Committee and member of the Advisory Committee of the Minister of Pensions, Ireland... He was appointed a Trustee of the Irish ex-servicemen’s Land Trust in 1923 by the Duke of Devonshire (H.M. Colonial Secretary), in which capacity he represented the ex-soldiers in the Irish Free State and it is for his work in this position that he is best remembered. He died at Killaloe in 1935, aged 74 years’. *(Sean Kierse The Killaloe Anthology)*

He was the recruiting Officer in Killaloe who enlisted 112 men. *(CJ)*
2nd Lt. Gerald Lefroy: Killaloe, died Aug 1916 on the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers, G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Mr J A G Lefroy, Japan and grandson of Henry Maunsell Lefroy, of Ferns Hollow Killaloe. (TB)

Ferns Hollow Ballina
Description: Detached multiple-bay three-storey house, built c. 1830, with subsidiary blocks to the north. Hipped slate roof with rendered chimneystacks. Still standing and inhabited.

The Palace Killaloe (Clarisford)
Church of Ireland Bishop’s residence. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 72.

In June 1917 the Bishop for Killaloe raised £20 for the Ennis Sub Depot of Irish War Hospital Supplies in WW1. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 142.

The Right Reverend E Sterling Berry D D Bishop of Killaloe 1913-1924.
Kilrush

Pella House Kilrush
Home to the Studdert, Newport and Glynn families. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 216.

Pella House was the home of the Glynn family. Charles Glynn: Owner of the Mills in Kilrush was responsible for recruiting over 416 men from Kilrush for the Great War. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 238 & 239. After the War he published a booklet on the Kilrush Men who fought in the Great War in the British Army, Navy and the Merchant Navy. During The Great War a lookout which once stood to the south-west of Pella House, was used by coastguards to watch for enemy submarines and invasion craft.
Kilrush House
In 1915 the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Wimbourne visited the Glynn’s at Kilrush House.
Norman Gore Hickman: Kilmore, Knock, Kilrush. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. His 2 brothers Poole Henry and Thomas also served.

Capt. Henry Poole Hickman: Kilmore, Knock, Kilrush, died Aug 1915 age 35 in Gallipoli, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, G/M in Turkey. The first line was led by Captain Poole Hickman of D Company, who came of a well-known Clare family, and was a barrister by profession. He never returned from the charge. As the Dubliners appeared at the summit there was a splutter of fire along the ridge, which was lined by Turkish marksmen. The men wavered and swayed uncertainly for a minute or two before the shower of bullets. Hickman was well in front, waving his revolver and shouting “On Dublins”. That was the last that was seen of him alive. From The Irish at the Front. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Thomas Hickman: Kilmore, Knock, Kilrush. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
**Liscannor**

**Birchfield Liscannor**  
Home to the O’Cahill, O’Brien, Stackpoole, Hamilton, Gore, Purdon, Comyn, Arthur, Furnell, Macnamara, Lysaght, O’Brien, Keogh and McDonagh families. The house is now ruined and uninhabited. The original gateway is still standing. The O’Brien column and O’Brien’s tower on the Moher cliff-top (now a tearoom and a tourist shop) are still standing. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 42.

**Captain Frederick Bertram Keogh:**  
*Birchfield*, Liscannor, died Aug 1918, Tank Corps, G/M in France. Awarded the Military Cross for Gallantry.

**Moymore House Liscannor**  

**Cecil Stacpoole Kenny:**  
*Moymore House*, Liscannor Co Clare, died Nov 1915 age 27, Shropshire Light Infantry, G/M in England. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)
**Liscannor**

**Seamount House Liscannor**
Home to the O’Callaghan, Fallon, Thynne and O’Higgins (Higgins) families. A large, two storey, three bay, hip-roofed house with crenellated corners, facing east. The house is now ruined and uninhabited. The Gate Lodge is standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 242.

**Michael Higgins MM, Seamount House, Liscannor,** died Sept 1916 on the Somme, Irish Guards, G/M in Thiepval France. He won the Military Medal for Gallantry in the Field.

**Lisdoonvarna**

**Elva View Lisdoonvarna**
Home to the Forster family. The excellent Elements B&B stands on the site today giving excellent views over the Slieve Elva mountain. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 117.

**Robert Burke Forster:** Elva View, Lisdoonvarna, died May 1917 in Arras, Machine Gun Corps, G/M in France.
Thomond House Lisdoonvarna

Jose Laurent Gonzales Tinchant: Belgian Army. Died Sept 1915 age 17. He was the grandson of Mrs Bugler, Thomond House. G/M in Belgium.
Loophead

The Cabin Loophead
Home to the O’Brien and Keane families. The house is now demolished. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 52.

Henry Colpoys Gloster: Trafalgar Lodge, Kilkee, died March 1915 age 20, Gordon Highlanders, G/M in France. ‘His Colonel spoke highly of him as an officer whose work in the trenches deserved special praise. He suggested improvements and saved several lives of his men when wounded by close attention and skill (he was a medical undergraduate)... He was in command of his platoon in a German trench on the morning of his death, Lt Gloster was a good tennis player, and won the Caius College Fresher’s Tournament in 1914.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.

Meelick / Limerick

2nd Lieutenant James O’Grady Delmege: Castlepark Limerick. Died 27th 1915 Age 24 in the Second Battle of Ypres. 4th Dragoon Guards. Killed in action. G/M in Belgium. Son of James O’Grady Delmege and Mrs Delmege. The Delmeges were landlords of half of the parish of Meelick. The family seat however was at Castlepark in Co Limerick, one hundred yards from the Clare boundary. ‘On 24 May 1915, the 4th Dragoon Guards, after a long spell in the trenches, were relieved by the 18th Hussars, but Lieutenant Delmege was left behind to instruct the 18th in the plan of the trenches. During the night and early morning they were heavily gassed by the enemy, and he succumbed to gas poison.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour. (TB)
Mountshannon

Mountshannon House

Frederick Ralph George: Mountshannon House, died Nov 1914 age 31, Connaught Rangers, G/M in France. ‘Son of the late Barry George, 13th Foot, was born at Mountshannon House Co Clare, the residence of his uncle, on 9th Sept 1883...Lt George volunteered to take part in a bayonet attack on the night of the 5th November 1914 and was shot during the charge.’ From Bond of Sacrifice Volume 1.

Doolough Lodge
Home to the Kelly, Kelly-Kenny, O’Gorman and McMahon families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 103.
Mountshannon Rectory
Home to the Creagh and Murphy families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 200.

Cyril Dermott Fouace Somers: Mountshannon Rectory, died May 1917 aged 20, Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers, G/M in France. He was the elder son of the Rev. S.H. Somers, Rector of Inniscaltra Parish, Co. Clare.

Newmarket on Fergus

Caherbane (Carrowbane), Newmarket on Fergus
Home to the Creagh and Murphy families. This was a comparatively large rectangular house, which faced north over a tree scattered parkland. There was a magnificent wooded park and demesne, and the house was approached by a long drive from the north. The original house and the gate lodge are now demolished with a new house standing on the site. There are monuments to the family in the Kilnasoolagh Church of Ireland. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 53.

Charles O’Moore Creagh: Caherbane Co Clare, died March 1918 age 21 in Arras, Royal Field Artillery, G/M in France. Mentioned in Despatches 21 May 1918 for his ‘gallant and distinguished service in the field’ ‘At the Battle of Messines he was taking signals from the infantry to his headquarters for fifteen hours, and on 1 September was on liason for the third attack, when he was reported killed in action at Fevillacourt, near Mont Street Quentin, 23 March 1918. He took part in the actions at Richebourg 17 May 1915, and those at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, Loos, Vermelles, Ypres, on the Somme, at Messines and Passchendal etc, and when he was killed was within a few days of obtaining his Captaincy.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.
Beechlawn Newmarket on Fergus

Dr Augustine Thomas Frost (Austin):
Beechlawn Newmarket on Fergus. He joined the RAMC. and was a Lieutenant in 1904, rising to Lt Colonel. He specialised in VD and Dermatology. He served in Hong Kong, India and England. During the first World War Austin served for a time in Mesopotamia (Iraq) and Egypt. This was part of the Indian Division. He was awarded the OBE in 1919.

Castlereagh, Newmarket on Fergus

Lord Inchiquin: Dromoland Castle. In Jan 1915 he housed some Belgian refugees at Castlereagh, Newmarket on Fergus
Carrigoran, Newmarket on Fergus

30 September 1914

Honour of Ireland

Sir,

EVERY true Irishman, irrespective of class or creed, will heartily wish success to Mr Asquith’s recruiting campaign, and hope that the resulting great meeting, patriotically supported by Mr John Redmond and other Nationalist leaders, will effectually rouse and rally Ireland, so that the whole of the British Empire may present a united front to the common foe.

I have just returned from a visit to England and have been enormously impressed by the wonderful enthusiasm which animates all classes of the community.

Recruits are pouring in everywhere, and are drilling on all available open spaces. Hardly a house or shop but bears on its window or frontage the War Office “Call to Arms,” whilst the flags of the Allies, notably that of brave little Belgium, are flying everywhere!

The touching sympathy shown by high and low to the helpless Belgian and French refugees, and the money pouring in to the numerous War and Relief Funds shows unmistakably how deeply the hearts and sympathies of the British people have been stirred, by the heroic bravery of one of the smallest States of Europe facing undoubtedly the overwhelming might of the greatest European military power in righteous defence of its violated territory and of its threatened liberty and independence.

Surely Belgium’s brave stand equally and specially appeals to Irish hearts!

This is no want of war of aggression or of conquest, but one of the most righteous struggles that has ever been waged in defence of the weak against the strong, of liberty against tyranny, in Mr Asquith’s own words: “In fulfilment of a small and relatively weak country of our pledged word.”

No true man, reading of this terrible conflict, of ruined and devastated Belgium, of the merciless destruction of Louvain, of the sufferings and barbarities inflicted on unarmed and helpless people, of priests, women, children and old men shot down in cold blood by the ruthless soldiers of the Kaiser can control a feeling of burning indignation against the authors and perpetrators of so much ruin, misery, sorrow and suffering.

No Irishman who realises that the guilt of this terrible war lies solely with Germany’s overweening ambition and brutal and shameless disregard of solemn treaties and obligations can be in doubt where his duty lies or to which cause his sympathy and support should be given.

For the honour of Ireland may the Southern Irish Brigade be there when the hour of our victory has come.

Yours faithfully,

W. W. A. FITZGERALD
Carrigoran House,
Newmarket on Fergus.
Lord Inchiquin: In Jan 1915 he housed some Belgian refugees at Castlefergus, Newmarket on Fergus. He was a prominent of the unionist community during the war and was the President of the Clare Unionist Club.

Lady O’Brien: Ethel wife of Lord Inchiquin, played a major role in the county in looking after the Belgian refugees. For this work and her generosity, Lady Inchiquin received a medal from the Queen of Belgium at the end of the war. She also promoted the Queen’s Appeal in 1915 with Mrs Willis of Bindon Street. This was a charity for unemployed women and girls in great distress. (Joe Power)


The Hon Desmond O’Brien: Dromoland Castle, died Feb 1915 age 19, Lieut in the Royal Naval Air Service, G/M in England. (TB) Desmond was taking part on a air raid on the Belgium coast. The role of honor from his school, Charterhouse reads "Flight Lieutenant. Born 14th May 1895, 6th son of Edward Donough O’Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin, of Dromoland Castle, Co. Clare, Ireland (where he was born), and Lady Inchiquin. He was at Charterhouse [S] 1909 - 1911. In the Great War he joined the R.N.A.S. He was killed in action on 16th February 1915 in what a contemporary claims to have been the first air attack launched on German naval bases. He is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Ref. 12. At Charterhouse O’Brien is said by Robert Graves and others to have been an heroically disruptive influence, a kind of one-man Stalky & Co. On his eventual expulsion he was cheered down Charterhouse Hill on his way to the railway station."
Mrs Hickman: Fenloe House, Newmarket on Fergus. In May 1920 she was recognised as ‘The Soldier’s Friend for Clare’. She was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Comrades of the Great War Club in Newmarket on Fergus.

Second Lieutenant Patrick Senon/Stan McMahon: Knockaun House, Newmarket on Fergus, died Dec 1915 age 28, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th, G/M in France. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Mr Stoney from Rathlaheen House, Newmarket on Fergus, sent a letter of apology for missing a public meeting at the Courthouse, to raise funds for Clare POW’s in Nov 1915.
Captain Annesley St. George Gore: Derrymore, O’Callaghans Mills. Gurkhas. He was reported unofficially as having fallen in action. He first joined the Royal Irish Regiment at Rawal Pindi, and afterwards the 10th Mahratta Light Infantry (Gurkhas). He exchanged later into the 2nd Battalion of the 9th Rifles, with whom he was serving when he fell at the head of his men on Saturday, June 26th 1915, leading an attack to recover the body of one of his Scouts, and to drive the Germans back. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Lieutenant Desmond Arthur (1884–1913) Glenomera, O’Briensbridge. He was an Irish aviator in the Royal Flying Corps. Following his crash in 1913 in Scotland’s first fatal aircraft accident his name is connected to a ghost believed to haunt the airfield at RAF Montrose in Montrose, Angus, Scotland. The case is considered one of the most famous ghost stories from the First World War, and was investigated by the British government. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

O’Briensbridge

Glenomera, O’Briensbridge
Home to the Arthur family. The house and Gate Lodge are completely demolished. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 137.

O’Callaghan’s Mills

Derrymore House O’Callaghan’s Mills
Home to the Molony, MacGrath and Gore families. The main portion of the house has been demolished. The servants quarters incorporating the original seventeenth century house is standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 101.

O’Callaghan’s Mills

The remaining gate lodge
Maryfort House, Tulla.
Maryfort, also known as Fortane, and Lismehane House. The house is located 1km north of the Scariff road, 4.5 km east north east of Tulla.

Members of the O'Callaghan-Westropp family on the steps of Maryfort House (Lismehane House) O'Callaghan's Mills in 1918. The man standing centre back is Colonel George O'Callaghan-Westropp who attended a meeting between Nationalists and Unionists in August 1914 in Carmody’s Hotel Ennis. The meeting was for the two traditions to pledge solidarity to one another during the Great War.

Mary Fort O’Callaghan’s Mills
Home to the Butler, Westropp, O’Callaghan, O’Callaghan Westropp and Smidth families, and Fleming Gmb H. The house is now demolished. There is a bungalow in front of site. Original entrance gateway, gates and gate lodge (inhabited). Yard and utility buildings standing and used. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 186.
Fairy Hill Parteen

Parteen House Parteen
Home to the Vincent, Crowe, Kelly and Gloster families. The house is now demolished. The original gate piers and gate are standing. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 215.

Francis Beresford Gloster: Parteen House, died Dec 1917 age 20, Royal Flying Corps, G/M in France. He was an observer in a reconnaissance plane that was shot down. Francis and his pilot were buried on the spot where they fell behind enemy lines. His family received some measure of comfort from a letter of sympathy written by a German officer Lt. C. Mayweg, which was dropped from a plane onto a British held position. Son of George and Mrs A J Gloster.
Ballykilty House (Manor) Quin
Home to the Creagh, Macnamara, McMahon, Davoren, **Blood** and Conroy families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 26.

In 1915 the Hon Mrs Blood was elected President of the newly formed Prisoners of War Aid Fund Committee.

Corbally Quin
Home to the Keane, Spaight, **Mahon**, Gabbett, O’Brien, Comyn, Burtchaell, Quin and O’Neill families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 86.

**Lt B E Stacpoole-Mahon : Corbally, Quin.** Northumberland Fusiliers. He was reported missing in May 1915. He had been previously reported wounded. He was the son of Mr Thomas G Stacpoole-Mahon. **Miss Geraldine Mahon** appealed for eggs for wounded soldiers and sailors in Dublin hospitals in 1915.
**Hazelwood Quin**
Home to the Gibbon, Studdert, McGee and Singleton families. The house is demolished. The gateway is standing and the Gate Lodge is inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 146.

**Lieut Robert H. Studdert**: Hazelwood, Quin. Royal Field Artillery. **Mentioned in Despatches** ‘For gallant and distinguished service in the field’ Feb 1915. He also received the **Military Cross** ‘For distinguished service in the field’ July 1915. Wounded Sept 1916. The shrapnel stopped just short of his heart. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 26, 48, 101 and 156.

**Miss Studdert** organised a concert in the Town Hall in 1915 which raised £20 for the Blue Cross, a charity for wounded horses.

**Knappogue Castle Quin**
Home to the MacNamara, Smyth, Scott, Creagh-Scott, Butler and Quin families. In 1966 the Andrews family of Texas purchased the castle and developed it as a special tourist project and banqueting centre. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 166.

**The Hon L J P Butler**: Knappogue Castle, Quin. Irish Guards. Son of Lord Dunboyne, promoted in March 1915 to Lt Colonel for service in the field. He had also been **Mentioned in Despatches twice.**
Captain Fitzwilliam Hume Crowe: Dromore, Ruan. Leinster Regiment. Wounded by a bullet in the arm 4 days after he arrived on the front in 1915. He returned to France and fought in the Battle of the Somme, where he was also wounded. In October 1917 as he was leading a raiding party to capture German prisoners, a grenade burst beside his head blinding him and killing his sergeant. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Mr Crowe of Moyriesk, supported the meeting between Unionists and Nationalists, in Aug 1914 in Ennis. The meeting was for the two traditions to pledge solidarity to one another during the Great War.

Dromore House Ruan
Home to the Crowe, Studdert, Paterson and O’Brien families. A three-storey, three bay gable-ended house with a central porch-protected front door. A big tree stands to the left. The house is now demolished. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 110.

Moyriesk, Quin
Home to the Macnamara, Sampson, O’Callaghan, Fitzgerald, Vesey-Fitzgerald, Foster-Vesey-Fitzgerald, O’Brien and Crowe families. Part of the house still stands, most of which was demolished. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 203.

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**Port House Ruan**
Home to the Mellett, Dexter, O’Loghlen, Sampson, Cullinan and Kelly families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 216.
Port House Ruan on the shores of Dromore Lake.

**John Montague ‘Monty’ Kelly: Port House, Ruan.** Leinster Regiment. Suffered from shell shock. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

**Moynoe House Scariff**
Home to the Ringrose, Bowerman, Ringrose, Bowerman, Reade, Brady, Henchy, Stewart, Sampson and Macnamara families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 203.

Major F C Sampson M B: Moynoe House Scariff. Royal Army Medical Corps. Mentioned in Despatches twice (Oct 8th 1914 & Oct 15th 1914). He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Order DSO in Jan 1916 ‘in recognition of his distinguished conduct and devotion to duty’. He was the son of Dr F C Sampson. CJ (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)
**Sixmilebridge**

**Castlecrine Sixmilebridge**
Home to the Fanning, Purefoy, **Butler**, Massy and **Graham** families. This delightful house was demolished in 1955. The Gate Lodge walls are standing. The original front gates are demolished, but the rear gates are standing. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 66.

**Miss Henrietta Butler**
**Castlecrine** attended a public meeting in Nov 1915, at the Courthouse to fundraise for Clare POW’s in Germany.

Eddie Graham and Jack Graham fought in WW1. They were from Castlecrine.

**Glenwood, Sixmilebridge**
Home to the Gabbett, Davoren, levers, **Studdert** and Maunsell families. This house was demolished in the 1930’s. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 139.

**Captain Loftus A Studdert:**
Glenwood Sixmilebridge. ‘Age 49. He worked in the War Office, Lands Branch with Major G J Ball.”
Mount levers, Sixmilebridge

Home to the levers and Morrow families. This house is still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 196. In Aug 1916 Mrs levers Sixmilebridge collected £2 12s to aid the Co Clare Prisoners of war Aid Fund Committee.

Description

Detached seven-bay three-storey over raised basement Georgian house, built 1730-1737, to designs by John Rothery. Hipped slate roof with cut-stone eaves course, moulded frieze and rendered chimneystack. Red brick walls to south elevation, cut-limestone to north elevation, having cut-stone quoins, string courses and architraves. Roughcast rendered walls to sides with cut-stone plinth and string courses. Segmental-arched openings to basement and square-headed openings to upper floors with timber sliding sash windows having thick glazing bars and limestone sills. Carved limestone pilaster and entablature doorcases with timber panelled doors to south and north elevations. Flight of limestone steps leading to south entrance. Detached eight-bay single-storey outbuilding with round-headed integral carriage arch and moulded architraves to openings. Red brick piers with ball finials having pedimented round-headed flanking niches and bellcote, set in rubble stone boundary walls.
**Spencil Hill**

**Cranagher Spencel Hill**
Home to the Bindon, Kerin, Blood, Loughnane and Brohan families. Still standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 91.

**General Sir Bindon Blood G C B G C V O : Cranagher House, Spencil Hill.** Born 1842. He had joined the Royal Engineers when aged 18 and served in the Zulu War, the Afghan War and in India. He was credited with shooting 57 tigers. In 1914 he was made Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Engineers, and worked to recruit soldiers for WW1. He died in 1940. His wife Charlotte died in 1948. They are both interred in Corofin Churchyard.

**Tuamgraney**

**Raheen House (Raheen Manor) Tuamgraney**
Home to the Brady, Crofton, Moreland and MacLysaght (Lysaght) families. The house is now demolished. The Gate Lodges and main gateway and gates are standing. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 222.

**Capt Edward Lysaght:** Raheen Manor Tuamgraney. He was a leading member of the National Volunteers that had a barracks at Raheen Manor. The brother of Thomas Lysaght.

**Lt Thomas Lysaght: Raheen Manor Tuamgraney,** died Dec 1914, Royal Horse Artillery, G/M in France. He was promoted from Corporal to Lieutenant in Dec 1914 for repeated acts of bravery. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 23 and 247.

**Edward Vivian Morgan Crofton: Raheen** His mother was Francis Westropp Harrison Moreland formerly of Raheen Manor Co Clare. He died July 1917 age 28, Royal Engineers, G/M in Belgium.
**Tulla**

**Affick House Tulla**

**Castleview Cottage (Fomerla House) Tulla**
Home to the Perry family. Castleview ia a small, early nineteenth-century, two storey, three bay, gabled house, with a central fanlit front door facing south west towards Formerla Castle. It is still standing but uninhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 70.

**Lt. Henry Spaight:** Affick House, Tulla. Royal Army Medical Corps. Wrote a letter from the front in Dec 1914. (CJ) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 Page 17 and page 21

**Charles Joseph Perry:** (1882-1955) Tulla. He served as a gunner with the Royal Field Artillery – reg no. L31269. He was awarded 5 medals including a **Distinguished Conduct Medal DCM** and survived the War. (Eric Shaw)

**Frederick Perry:** Tulla, He was taken prisoner by the Turks and he held in Bor Nigde until he was released. He had been with the British Army in India and was a professional soldier all of his life. He came home from the camps in very poor health and shortly afterward died tragically in London. He is buried in Ballysheen, Sixmilebridge. (Eric Shaw)
Kiltannon House, Tulla
Home to the Molony, Engler and Talty families. The house is now ruined. The original gate piers and gate lodges are standing and inhabited. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 164.

Bertram Weldon Molony: Kiltannon Tulla Co Clare, died Feb 1915 age 26, East Lancashire Regiment, G/M Belgium. Bertram joined the army in 1911 and was made a Captain the year before his death. He came from the well know Molony family from Kiltannon, Tulla who had substantial lands in Tulla, Feakle and beyond.

New Grove House Tulla
Home to the Macnamara, Browne, Brady and Brady-Browne families. The house is now demolished. The main entrance gateway and gates and original driveway are standing and used. The kitchen garden walls are standing. See ‘Houses of Clare’ by Hugh W L Weir page 206.

Captain Thomas Henry Brady-Browne: (1882-1937) Newgrove, Tulla. Royal Field Artillery. He fought in France throughout the war. He had previously been with the Clare Artillery and the Fifth Irish Lancers and saw service in the Boer War. He had retired in 1913 but enlisted again in 1914. (David Brady-Browne) (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

Windham Alexander Brady-Browne: (born 1887) Newgrove, Tulla. Trench Mortar Battalion, Canadian Army. He had previously been with the the Clare Artillery (like his brother above) until 1908. He went to Canada in 1911 and joined the Canadian Army in 1915. He was very badly wounded (gunshot and shrapnel) in the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) in 1917, after which he was repatriated to the Canadian Orthpaedic Hospital in Derbyshire. His injuries were too severe for him to resume military service. (David Brady-Browne) (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)
William Archer Redmond (1825-1880) was one of Ireland’s first Home Rule MPs, elected for Wexford Borough in 1872. He married Mary Hoey of Dunganstown, Co. Wicklow. They lived at Ballytrent House near Rosslare Harbour, Co Wexford. Their two sons, John Edward Redmond (1856-1918) and William (Willie) Hoey Kearney Redmond (1861-1917), served as Irish Parliamentary Party MPs until their deaths.
The John Bartholomew Map of Clare showing the location of some of the great houses.

A list of Clare houses in the Great War

Abbeyfield House (Abbeyville) Ennis
Abbeyview House (Remount Castle) Ennis
Affick House Tulla
Ashfield Ennis
Ashline House Ennis
Atlantic House Kilkee
Ballyalla Ennis
Ballyglass House Clonlara
Ballykilty House (Manor) Quin
Ballyleaan House Kildysart
Ballyvalley Killaloe
The Barracks in Clarecastle
Baunkyle House Corofin
Beechpark Ennis
Beechlaw Newmarket on Fergus
Belle Vue Ennis
Birchfield Liscannor
Bunratty Castle
The Cabin Loophead
Caherbane Newmarket on Fergus
Cahercalla House Ennis
Cahercon Kildysart
Cambrai Ballina
Carnelly, Clarecastle
Caherblonick Cottage, Corofin
Carrigoran, Newmarket on Fergus
Castlecrine Sixmilebridge
Castlefergus, Newmarket on Fergus
Castelake Broadford.
Castlepark Meelick / Limerick
Castleview Cottage (Fomerla House) Tulla
Clare Abbey House Clarecastle
Clifden House Corofin
Clonroad Ennis
Claureen House
Clonboy, Bridgetown
Corbally Quin
Cragleigh House Ennis
Cragmoher Corofin
Cranagher Spancel Hill
Derrymore House O'Callaghan's Mills
Doolough Lodge
Doonass House Clonlara
Dromoland Castle Newmarket on Fergus
Dromore House Ruan
Drumconora Ennis
Edenvale Ennis
Elva View Lisdoonvarna
Ennistymon Glebe
Ennistymon House
Erasmus Smith Academy (Ordnance House)
Fairy Hill Parteen
Fenloe House Newmarket on Fergus
Ferns Hollow Ballina
Firgrove Bunratty
Fort Fergus Ballinacally
Fountain House Ennis
Glenard House Clarecastle
Glenomera O’Briensbridge
Glenwood, Sixmilebridge
Green Lawn Ennis
Hazelwood Quin
Islandmagrath House (Island) Clarecastle
Kilkishen Glebe Kilkishen
Kilmore Knock
Kilrush House
Kiltannon Tulla
Knappogue Castle Quin
Knockaun Nemarket on Fergus
Knockroe House Boston
Lackannashinnagh Kildysart
Liscrona House Kilkee
The Manse Ennis
Mary Fort O’Callaghan’s Mills
Mill View Ennis
Mount Callan Inagh
Mount levers, Sixmilebridge
Mountshannon House
Mountshannon Rectory
Moymore House Liscannor
Moynoe House Scariff
Moyriesk, Quin
New Grove House Tulla
New Hall Ennis
The Palace Killaloe
Paradise Kildysart
Parteen House
Pella House Kilrush
Port House Ruan
Raheen House (Raheen Manor) Tuamgraney
Rathlaheen House Newmarket on Fergus
The Retreat Kilkee
Rockforest House Corofin
Rosslevin Ennis
Seamount House Liscannor
Shore Park Kildysart
Stamer Park Ennis
Summerhill Clonlara
Tarman (Termon House) Kilkee
Templemaley Ennis
Thomond House Lisdoonvarna
Tinerana Killaloe
Trafalgar Lodge Kilkee
Trinaderry House Barefield
Waterpark House Clonlara
Waterpark House Ennis
Westbourne