

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

The English in 1798 retreated via Newbrook and Hallymount
to Inam after Kike sent at Castlebar.

Behind formerly had a castle of which it is recorded that Keshald
was known as "Valley of the Ships" a sort of grain market, and
first Viscount Mayo submitted here in 1596 to Sir Conyers
Clifford.

HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities.
Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished
personalities.

Delia Murphy: Born in Mount Jennings - Ross Rowland.
The house is a sizable residence, formerly belonged to a large
land-owner. Owned by Mrs. J. P. Murphy who with his wife
resides here (Delia's parents). Delia Murphy is the wife of Dr.
Keenan, Irish Vatican Minister.

Mrs. Keenan was educated in Presentation Convent, Inam.
Then at Celic St., Dublin. Then to Galway University where
she obtained her B.A., B. Com. Graduated in 1922. Shortly
afterwards married Dr. Keenan, then Inspector of Income Tax
in Galway. He later went to London as secretary to the High
Commissioner for Ireland. After some years came to Ireland as
first Director of Broadcasting. Soon afterwards his wife
became famed as a singer of Irish traditional airs. Most
popular - "Three Lovely Lassies". Also "If I were a Blackbird".
"Cookin' in the Kitchen". "The Spinning Wheel". made records,
broadcast, and toured Ireland - Army concerts etc.

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

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Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?
Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

none.

Delia's sister, Angela Murphy is now following in her more famous sister's footsteps. Angela Murphy deputised for Delia at a Red Cross concert in Clonsilla and was so well received that she took up traditional singing as a career. Has appeared on many stages in Ireland, made records, and broadcast.

Ruins of Newbrook House (Keshannon area). John Newbery. No sight of way. Fragments of the walls remain. Also a pigeon house nearby. (P. Ireland's land). Residence of Lord Clonsilla.

In 1678 Henry Bingham obtained (by cheating, local account says) the castle and lands of John Burke of Bellanabook. Henry Bingham was of the senior family branch whose head was the Earl of Lucan. Henry left the castle and built himself a mansion which he called Newbrook.

{The notorious priest-hunter of Mayo, Sean-ya-Sagart, is said to have carried his clerical heads to Bingham who rewarded him with £5 per head. Sean-ya-Sagart was a Catholic whose notorious career began about 1700 and ended in 1720 at the hands of a fighting priest who killed the priest-hunter on the shore of Lough Corra.}

In 1800, John Bingham M.P. was created Baron of Newbrook, and granted 23,000 acres. These in return for his assistance in the Union Act. The mansion was destroyed by fire about an hundred years ago. The estate was divided in 1905 by the Estates Commission.

The last Lord Clonsilla of Newbrook died on May 10th 1821, aged 56, and lies buried in the Protestant Church grounds at Hollymount. The fine vault here has

The inscription is "erected to the memory of the Right Hon.
John Charles, Smith de Burgh, Bingham, Lord Baron
Clanmorris of Newbrook in the County of Mayo - a
nobleman distinguished for the possession of those many
eminent virtues which adorn life - whether we consider
him in the character of a husband, father, landlord or
friend. The language of panegyric is too often unworthily
displayed in the monumental inscription but the
sincere and universal regret which still accompanies the
recollection of his estimable nobleness sufficiently testifies
how fully he discharged his duties both to God and man.
His lordship died on the 10th of May 1821 in the 56th
year of his age and this monument is erected by his
affectionate and sorrowful widow Anna Baroness
Clanmorris as a memorial of conjugal affection."

On the memorial is also an inscription to Lord
Clanmorris' daughter who died on April 20th 1821
aged 15. "Caroline Aglenby Bingham - a young lady whose
exalted purity of mind, personal charms and vigorous
and cultivated understanding rendered her at once a
delight and ornament to her family:..."

The present Lord Clanmorris lives at Bangor
Castle, Co. Down.

Lewis mentions an Archbishop Vesey who built a
church in Hollymount in 1688 and who is buried here.
There are traces of an old ruin beside the present Hollymount
Rect. Church!

In Hollymount Church graveyard - a tombstone to Mrs. Mrs. Porter
died June 3rd, 1847, of fever contracted while assisting the famine
victims.