**Killedan Summary Text**

* **Accommodation**

There was one hotel in Kiltimagh in 1944: Roughnees’s. Also listed in this section are six boarding houses of varying quality.

* **Amenities and general information**

The main town of Killedan parish is Kiltimagh, which according to the surveyor had a population of 1,000 in 1944. Amenities included the town park, town hall, church, schools and Savoy Cinema. The only important public building described was the Church of the Holy Trinity. The only club listed was the Kiltimagh Dramatic Club. There are comments about the public water supply, about which there was some controversy at the time. A short newspaper cutting from the Western People of September 16th 1944 is included in the survey. This reports on a meeting to discuss the water supply and mentions arrangements for an inquest into a fire tragedy which occurred earlier in the year.

* **Antiquities**

Antiquities described in the survey of Killedan parish, are as follows:

Church ruins in Killedan graveyard. Mentioned by O’Donovan in the Ordnance Survey letters. He believed it to be called “Cill Liadáin” or Lydon, and that this was the origin of the name Killedan, not as is thought, “Cill Aodáin” as there is no tradition or history associating St. Aidan with the area.

Collapsed dolmen in Killedan townland

Cashel and souterrain in Cortoon townland.

Some foundation stones of church in Kilkinure graveyard.

Crannóg in Carrigeen Lake.

Ruins of castle in Ballinamore. Said to have been built by the Jordan family.

Two disused wells: one known as “Tobar na Cuimhne” or “well of Memory” near Kiltimagh anglers’ hatchery; the other in Carrowdangan townland.

* **Customs**

This section contains a listing of superstitions, calendar customs, marriage and funeral customs and folk cures in the Killedan area.

* **Historic sites**

This section of the Kiledan survey contains notes on St. Patrick’s Well in Ballinamore townland; the poet Raftery who was born in Killedan townland; novelist Lottie McManus who lived in Killedan House,; boxer Gene Tunney whose mother was Mary Lydon, born in Gortgarriff or Gortgarve; handballer James Kelly and athlete Dr. Sean Lavan.

* **Natural features**

Killedan parish is described by the surveyor as being “not outstandingly picturesque”, the exception being the views from the summit of Slieve Horn, which are described in some detail. The other main features in the parish are the Pollagh/Glore/Gweestion river and the Carrick and Derrykinlough lakes.

* **Sports and games**

The only sports clubs and activities listed in this section of the Killedan survey were fishing on the Glore / Pollagh river, shooting, Kiltimagh G.A.A. Club and Kiltimagh Handball Club.