**Kilmovee Summary Text**

* **Accommodation**

Accommodation in the parish of Kilmovee in 1944 consisted of three boarding/guest houses in Kilkelly village. There were no hotels in the area.

* **Amenities and general information**

The main village in the parish of Kilmovee was Kilkelly, which had a population in 1944 of 279. Amenities were few, apart from St. Celsus’ church, the National School and a branch of the Carnegie library located in the school. The parish church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was located in Kilmovee townland.

* **Antiquities**

An extensive list of antiquities is included in the survey of Kilmovee. Pride of place among these is Urlaur Abbey, a Dominican foundation, established with the assistance of the Nangle family shortly before 1434. A detailed architectural description, extending to three pages, is provided by the surveyor.

Other antiquities listed are as follows: -

Remnants of church in Kilkelly, traditionally associated with St. Celsus

Church ruins in Rusheen West – nothing known of origins.

Ogham stone in Rusheen West

Cashels and souterrain in Kilcashel

Cashel in Cashellahenny

Cashel in Rinagissaun

Souterrain in Kilmovee

Fort in Carrabeg

Mass rock in Tavraun.

The section on antiquities includes notes on two parish legends: one from Dr. Douglas Hyde’s book, “Legends of saints and sinners” relating to the friars of Urlaur; the other legend is known as the legend of the “Biorán Suain”.

* **Burial places**

Urlaur Abbey is the location of the vault of the Mac Costello family.

St. Celsus, bishop, is said to be buried in the old graveyard in Kilkelly.

* **Curiosities, customs, patterns**

***Curiosities:***

Stones bearing inscriptions on the wall of George Sharkey’s house, beside Urlaur Abbey
Gravestones of the Costello and Duffy families in Urlaur Abbey

***Customs:***

List of calendar and funeral customs and a few superstitions

***Patterns:***

Pattern at Urlaur Abbey each August.

* **Natural features**

Kilmovee parish, is described by the surveyor as being not scenically beautiful. The principal feature is Urlaur Lake. There is a brief description of the geological composition of the land in the parish. Under the sub-heading of “Mansions, Castles and Estates”, there is a note on Tavraun House, once the residence of the O’Grady family.

* **Sports and games**

This section lists angling facilities on the Lung River, Trimoge River, Urlaur Lake and Lough Nanoge. Otherwise, apart from shooting, there is no other sport or club listed.