**Overview Kilcolman**

* **Accommodation**

Accommodation in Claremorris in 1945 included three hotels: Conway’s, Imperial and Central. In addition, there were numerous boarding houses and the surveyor includes some interesting comments on the quality of the accommodation.

* **Amenities and general information**

This section includes a detailed description of the town of Claremorris with a hand-drawn map of the layout of the town. Amenities include various businesses, Claremorris Bacon Factory, Hollybrook Farm Produce, churches, schools, Town Hall Club and Foresters’ Club. The architectural details of the Catholic and Protestant churches are described.

* **Antiquities**

Antiquities in Kilcolman parish are as follows:

* + Ballinasmaula Abbey: - ruins of church and a few other smaller buildings. The surveyor describes the architectural features of the ruins in considerable detail. There is not a lot known of the history of the abbey, but it was believed to have been founded for the Carmelites by the Prendergast (MacMorris) family.
	+ Kilcolman church ruins: - Formerly the parish church. Tradition ascribes the founding of the parish to St. Colman.
	+ Castle ruins in Murneen: - Said to have been a de Burgo castle, probably taken by them from the Prendergast (MacMorris) clan with whom they frequently fought.
	+ Souterrain beside St. Michael’s Convent.
* **Historic sites**

This section of the survey for Kilcolman parish deals with historic events and personalities associated with the parish. Claremorris was the venue for several Land League meetings, in particular meetings addressed by Parnell and his sister. Other notable personalities associated with Claremorris were Dr. Dalton, bishop of Meath who was born in Claremorris in 1883, Canon Ulick Burke, Irish scholar who was president of St. Jarlath’s College, Tuam and subsequently parish priest of Kilcolman and Chief Justice Maguire, president of the High Court, who was raised in Claremorris from the age of 3.

* **Customs**

This section contains a brief list of some calendar, funeral and marriage customs practised in the area.

* **Natural features**

This section contains a description of the landscape of Kilcolman parish, which in the words of the surveyor is “generally unremarkable”. The main geographical feature is the Robe river which touches the parish at the southern end. The highest point is 450 feet near Barneycarroll and the views from here are described.

* **Sports and games**

Sports listed for the parish of Kilcolman include angling on the Robe river, shooting, Claremorris Golf Club, Claremorris G.A.A club, handball, tennis and an annual race meeting at Claremount, which had not taken place from 1940 to the time of the survey, but was expected to resume.