

# BALLYCASTLE,

A SEA-PORT and market town, in the parish of Ramoan, barony of Carey, county of Antrim, 14½ miles N. from Dublin, 50 N.W. from Belfast, 20 N.E. from Coleraine, 6 S. by W. from Rathlin Island, in the North channel of the Irish Sea, 4 N. by S. from the promontory of Fair-head, and about eight leagues S.W. from the apex of the Mull of Cantyre, Argyleshire, Scotland. The name of this place *Ballycastlain*, signifying, in the Irish language, 'Castletown,' is derived from a castle, built here in 1609, by Randolph, Earl of Antrim, of which there are still some remains. In 'Atkinson's Ireland,' we find Ballycastle thus noticed:—'North-east lies the island of Rathlin, above which, on a clear day, the dome-like mountains of Jura seem to rise—

As if some viewless hand had traced  
An airy palace on the sky.

To the east the sea view is terminated by the lofty mountains of Argyshire, above whose summits the steep crags are faintly seen, softened by distance into a delicate and almost ethereal tinge of blue. South-east the basaltic promontory of Fair-head projects its grave and impressive outline to the sea. Colfeightrin, clothed with white houses and interspersed with the monastic ruins of Bona-Margy, Churchfield, &c. extends its beauties to the south. South-west Knocklead rises in a graceful waving line on the horizon; Danish raths, distant cottages, and the spire of Ballycastle church, glittering above the trees, give an admirable finish to the picture. Ballycastle may be said to owe its origin to Hugh Boyd, Esq. to whom a lease of the estate was granted by the Earl of Antrim in 1736. This gentleman obtained a grant from parliament of £20,000, and upwards, for the purpose of erecting a pier to protect the shipping frequenting this part of the coast; in consequence, however, of the transfer of the property upon the decease of Mr. Boyd, to other parties, who took little interest in the place as a harbour, the accumulation of sand, and the injury done to the pier by high tides, its value as a haven of refuge is not now recognized. The place consists of the upper and the lower town, lying about a quarter of a mile asunder, and connected

by a beautiful avenue of lofty trees. The lower town is called the Quay, separated from which, by a small channel, stands the Glass-house, fallen to ruin since the decline of the local trade; likewise a building once used as a custom-house, but now occupied as a barrack. The upper town is the larger and more important section, and contains the places of worship, several neat villas, and the principal inns—these, the Antrim Arms and Mr. Boat's Hotel, are admirably conducted establishments, and are both posting-houses. The beauty of its situation, the delightful scenery from numerous spots in the environs, and its advantage for sea bathing, have rendered Ballycastle attractive in the summer to several families of respectability. A station of the constabulary police and of the coast guard are established here; and petty sessions are held occasionally, and a court baron twice a year; these courts are held in the court-house, a commodious building.

A handsome church, in the Grecian style of architecture, with a finely-proportioned octagonal spire, was erected, in 1756, at the sole expense of Mr. Boyd, who was interred within its walls on the day of its consecration. The parish church of Ramoan is a short distance from the town. The other places of worship are for Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and Methodists. The charities comprise a dispensary and fever hospital, almshouses, founded and endowed by Mr. Boyd, and a union workhouse. In the neighbourhood are two chalybeate springs; some remains of the ancient castle, from which the town obtained its name, and the ruins of Bona-Margy monastery, founded for monks of the Franciscan order. The chapel of this establishment, which is the burial place of the Antrim family, is in a more perfect state than the other remains. The weekly general market is held on Saturday, and for grain on Thursday; there is also a market for yarn, &c. held every third Tuesday. Fairs Tuesday in Easter week, the last Tuesday in May, July 26th, and the last Tuesday in the months of August, October and November, for cattle, pigs, &c. The population of the town, as returned in 1841, was 1,697.

**POST OFFICE,** Archibald M'Donnell, *Post Master*.—Letters from BELFAST, ANTRIM, BALLYMONEY, BALLYMENA, COLERAINE and LONDONDERRY arrive every afternoon at half-past four, and are despatched every morning at nine.—Letters from BELFAST, CARRICKFERGUS, LARNE, GLENARM and CUSHENDALL arrive every evening at six, and are despatched every morning at a quarter past seven.

## GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Black Mrs. Catherine, Ballycastle  
Blackwood the Honourable and Rev.  
—, Glebe, Armoys  
Blois Captain John, Ballycastle  
Boyd Captain Francis, Ballycastle  
Campbell Mr. John, Ballyverdagh  
Carter Rev. H. D.D., Ballintoy  
Clarke Mr. Robert, Breen  
Cubbage Adam, Esq. Glenbank  
Dempsey Rev. George, Ballycastle  
Douglas Charles Esq. J.P. Dervock  
Duncan Captain —, Ballycastle  
Gage Rev. Robert, Rathlin Island  
Graham Rev. Jackson, Armoys  
Graves Mrs. Jane, Ballycastle  
Hinks Rev. Thomas, Ballycastle  
Kirkpatrick Chas. Esq. White Hall  
Loughlin James, Esq. Dervock  
Lyle Rev. Samuel, Ballycastle  
Macartney George, Esq. J.P. Lis-  
sanour Castle  
McGildowny John, Esq. Clare Park  
McManaby Rev. James, Ballycastle  
McNeale John, Esq. Ballycastle  
McNeill Hugh, Esq. Annville  
Miller Mr. Alexander, Ballycastle  
Moore Miss Mary, Ballycastle  
Moore Jno. S. Esq. Moargate Lodge  
Phillott Rev. James R. the Glebe  
Reynolds William, Esq. Willmount  
Rightson Rev. William, Ballycastle  
Sturms Rev. John, Tarralokin  
Smith Mrs. Elizabeth, Ballycastle  
Walsh Rev. Luke, Churchfield House  
Wilson Mr. David, Ballycastle

## BAKERS.

Curry Frederick  
McCurdy Alexander  
Wilson Thomas

## BLACKSMITHS.

Cameron John Scullion Henry  
Kane John Smith James  
Kerr Christy

## BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.

McDougal Chas. Scally William  
Sauders Robert Stewart John

## BUTCHERS.

Donnelly Edwd. McKiernan Ber-  
nard  
Lavery James  
Lavery Owen Neill Thomas

## CARPENTERS.

Archer Hugh McNeill Neill  
McGuile James Sharpe Alexr.

## DRESS MAKERS.

Beady Ellen  
Jelly Margaret  
Upcott Mary

## GROCERS.

Jolly Ann Sharpe John  
Kirkpatrick Alex. Sharpe Alexander  
McCurdy Alex. Skelly Patrick  
McDermont Cath. Thompson John  
Mathers Mary A. Tommers Edward  
Robinson George Wilson Thomas

## HABERDASHERS.

Keenan James  
Lavery Ann  
McGlash Jane  
Tweed James

## HOTELS,

AND POSTING ESTABLISHMENTS.

(See also Spirit Dealers.)

Boat William, Hotel  
McDonnell Archibald, Antrim Arms  
Hotel

## IRONMONGERS AND HARD- WAREMEN.

Kirkpatrick James  
Sharpe Alexander  
Sharpe John

## LEATHER SELLERS.

Black Archibald  
McMichael Hugh  
Sharpe Alexander

## LINEN & WOOLLEN DRAPERS

Black James McConaughy John  
Ferguson Neal Robinson Alexr.  
Kirkpatrick Jas. Stewart Alexander

## PAINTERS & GLAZIERS.

Archer Henry  
McGuile James  
McLean Alexander  
McNeill Neill

## SPIRIT DEALERS.

Duncan Daniel  
Kelly John  
Kerns Daniel  
Lavery Owen  
McCambridge John  
McDonald Samuel  
McCraw Francis  
McDonnell Alexander  
McKindly Robert

# Directory.

McLean Alexander  
McNeill John  
Sharpe Catherine

## STRAW BONNET MAKERS.

Lavery Mary  
McAlister Mary Ann  
McClosky Mary

## SURGEONS.

Birt Thomas  
Ewing Robert  
O'Connor George

## TAILORS.

Black Denis  
Ross John

## WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS.

McClusky Francis  
Manners Samuel

## WHEELWRIGHTS.

McKiernan John  
Robinson George

## WOOLLEN DRAPERS.

See Linen & Woollen Drapers.

# BALLYCASTLE.

## Miscellaneous.

Black Archibald, tanner, currier, and  
leather merchant  
Happer John Thomas, apothecary  
Hollywood John, linen merchant  
Kirkpatrick Alexander, registrar of mar-  
riages, commissioner for taking affi-  
davits in Chancery, the Queen's Bench,  
and stamp distributor  
Lloyd William Henry, principal officer  
of customs  
McAlister Alexander, cooper  
McAlister Samuel, clerk of petty sessions,  
and to the board of guardians, and to  
the Farming Society  
Moore Matthew, saddler & harness maker

## PLACES OF WORSHIP,

And their Ministers.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH—Rev. William  
Rightson, minister  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL—Rev. George  
Dempsey, parish priest  
PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL—Rev. Samuel  
Lyle, minister  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL—mi-  
nisters various

## Public Institutions, &c.

COAST GUARD STATION—William H  
Lloyd, principal officer  
DISPENSARY—George O'Connor, attend-  
ing surgeon [secretary]  
FARMERS' SOCIETY—Samuel McAlister,  
FEVER HOSPITAL—George O'Connor,  
attending physician [Court  
MARKET SESSION-HOUSE AND MANOR  
POLICE STATION—Mr. James Ross, sub-  
inspector  
UNION WORKHOUSE—David McElheron,  
governor; Jane McElheron, matron

## CARS.

To BALLYMONEY, a Mail Car, from  
the Antrim Arms, every morning at nine,  
and another, first Thursday in every  
month; both go through Moss-side and  
Dervock.  
To COLERAINE, a long Car, from the  
Antrim Arms, every Saturday morning  
at four; go thro' Moss-side & Dervock.  
To GLENARM, a Mail Car, from the  
Antrim Arms, every morning at a quar-  
ter past seven; goes thro' Cushendall.  
To KILLAGAN, a Car, from Mr. Wm.  
Boat's Hotel, every Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday.

# BALLYCLARE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

BALLYCLARE is a flourishing little market town, partly in the parish of Ballinure, barony of lower Belfast, but chiefly in that of Dough-Grange, barony of Antrim Upper, county of Antrim, 119 miles N. by E. from Dublin, 11 S. from Ballymena, 7 W. from Carrickfergus, 9 N.E. from Belfast, the like distance W. from Larne, and 7½ E. from Antrim; situated on the road between the last named places, on Six-mile water. The town, which is neatly built, is of considerable importance in a commercial point of view; as containing the extensive bleach works of Messrs. Bell & Co.; and linen is manufactured by other establishments in the vicinity.

**POST OFFICE,** James Cunningham, *Post Master*.—Letters from all parts arrive (from BELFAST) every morning at ten, and are despatched every afternoon at half-past three.

## GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Agnew Stewart Robt. Esq. Ballyclare  
Alexander Mr. James, Ballyclare  
Courtenay Rev. Daniel C. Ballyclare  
Ellis the Misses Jane and Isabella  
Hall Rev. John, Ballyclare [clare  
Kirkpatrick Jno. Johnston, Esq. Bally-  
McKay Rev. James W. Ballyclare  
Owens James, Esq. Holeston House,  
Doagh  
Owens John, Esq. Doagh  
Russell Rev. William, Ballyclare  
Cunningham James, surgeon  
Peden James, surgeon & apothecary  
Simpson James, solicitor

## LINEN MERCHANTS AND BLEACHERS.

Bell John & William L. & Co.  
Smyth William  
Swan Hugh, Doagh

## SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS.

Beatty Robert, woollen draper and  
haberdasher, Ballyclare  
Corry Samuel, book binder

Crawford Sarah, straw bonnet maker  
Ewens Robert, blacksmith  
Forsythe William, grocer, Ballyclare  
Gordon Robert T. woollen draper  
and grocer  
Greenfield Jas. paper manufacturer  
Hill Wm. saddler & harness maker  
How Robert G. cotton spinner and  
corn miller, Ballyclare  
Huston Ann, straw bonnet maker  
Kerr William, grocer, Ballyclare  
Kirk Sarah, grocer, Ballyclare  
Langtree George, corn & flax miller  
Lawson Wm. haberdasher & grocer  
Lindsay Margaret, dress maker  
Lyle Thomas, flax spinner  
McCullough Adam, saddler  
McCullough Neil, woollen draper  
McKinstry Thomas, grocer  
McMeekam William, leather seller  
Marshall James, boot & shoe maker  
Murdoch Eliza, stamp distributor  
Stewart Hugh, straw bonnet maker  
and haberdasher  
Thompson Jane, haberdasher

Thomson Matilda, haberdasher and  
grocer [seller  
Valentine James, grocer and leather  
Woods Letitia, grocer, Ballyclare

## SPIRIT DEALERS.

Baird John Forsythe Andrew  
Bayne Thomas Forsythe Samuel  
Cochran David Knox Samuel  
Dickey John McAlister James

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UNITARIAN CHAPEL—Rev. John Hall,  
PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL—Rev. James  
McKay, minister.  
COVENANTERS' CHAPEL—Rev. William  
Russell, minister.

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three—and one from Samuel Forsythe's,  
Ballyclare, every Friday.

# BALLYCONNELL,

A SMALL market and post town, in the parish of Tomreagan, barony of Tullaghan, county of Cavan, is 86 miles N.W. from Dublin, 16 N.W. by W. from Cavan, 11 M. E. from Ballinamore, 3 W. from Belturbet, and 9 S. from Killishandra; lying on the road between the last named towns, and on the northern bank of the Wood-ford river—opposite to which is Ballyconnell House and demesne, the fine seat of W. H. Enery, Esq. The site of the town is romantic and imposing; from its extremity rises the mountain of Sieve-Russel to an altitude of thirteen hundred feet above sea level, and forms a conspicuous and remarkable feature in the landscape for a considerable circuit. No particular branch of trade distinguishes this from other rural

towns—its business being confined to shop-keeping. The court-house is a building of stone, with some pretensions to the ornamental—attached to it is a bridewell. General sessions of the peace, for the county, is held at Easter and in October, and petty sessions every alternate Friday. A manorial court of record, the jurisdiction of which extends to £5., is held every second Saturday, and a chartered court of pie-poudre is presided over by the seneschal, at the periods of holding the fairs. A station of constabulary police is established here.

The places of worship are the parish church, a hand-  
some building of stone, with a tower surmounted by a  
spire, a Methodist chapel; and a neat one for Roman