

# ATHBOY

As a small market town and parish, in the barony of Lunc, county of Meath, 35 miles N.W. from Dublin, 11 S.W. from Navan, 7 1/2 N.W. from Trim, and the like distance S.W. from Kells; situated near the borders of Westmeath. The environs are very agreeable, and there are many ornate residences of the gentry around. It is an ancient town, and at a remote period was a depot for the Galway merchants, during their trade with the Spaniards. With the exception of the extensive flour mills of Messrs. Webb and Co. the trade of the place is now inconsiderable; those mills are propelled by a stream called the Yellow River, and at a short distance is Yellow-ford, where a severe battle was once fought; near which many ancient coins were dug up a few years ago. Petty sessions are held on the third Wednesday in every month. There are two well-conducted posting hotels, Darling's, and the Sun.

**POST OFFICE**, Eliza Molloy, *Post Mistress*.—Letters from all parts arrive (from Kells) every morning at seven, and are despatched thereto every evening at six.

**GENTRY AND CLERGY.**  
Barnewall Patrick, Esq. Grenastown  
Chapman Sir Montague, Killna Castle  
Cusack George, Esq. Moyagher  
Dillon Rev. James, Athboy  
Disney Lambert, Esq. Clifton Lodge  
Dyas Richd. Esq. Heathtown House  
Hopkins William, Esq. Frayne  
Hopkins Wm. Esq. Mitchell Town  
Irvine Rev. William, Kildalky  
M'Veah Ferdinand, Esq. Drewstown House  
Noble Rev. Robert, Vicarage  
Rickard Rev. James, Athboy  
Rotherham Thomas, Esq. Triemore  
Tandy J. Esq. John's Brook  
Thorogood William, Esq. (coroner)  
Ballinadrumna (House)  
Vaughan Edward, Esq. Parkstown  
Walsh Francis, Esq. Frankville  
Warner Henry B. Esq. Dawson Court  
Webb John, Esq. Dancis Court

**SCHOOLS.**  
**EARL DARNLEY'S SCHOOL**, Market House—William Rourke, master; Martha Clarendon, mistress  
**INFANTS' SCHOOL**, Green—Ellen Bates, mistress  
**NATIONAL SCHOOL**—William Duffy, master; Catherine M'Dermot, and Rose M'Dermot, mistresses  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**, adjoining the church—teachers various

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.**  
Darling Edward, auctioneer  
Nolan John, M. D. and surgeon, Maryville  
Stephenson James, apothecary  
Wood Robert Alexander, surgeon and apothecary

**INN—POSTING.**  
Darling's Hotel, Edward Darling  
Sun Inn, Luke Cunningham

**PUBLIC HOUSES.**  
Fagan Michael  
Kiernan Edward  
Lynch Patrick  
M'Loughlin William  
Murtough James  
Norris Elizabeth  
Ward Ann

**SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS.**  
Baldwin D. dealer in groceries  
Cassidy Jas. linen & woollen draper  
Castles William, baker and grocer  
Cunningham Jas. dealer in groceries  
Fagan Patrick, grocer [draper]  
Flood Richard, linen and woollen  
Harvey Edward, grocer  
Higgin Michael, draper and grocer  
M'Cann Patrick, hatter [monger]  
M'Grath John, grocer and butcher  
M'Laughlin George, butcher  
May Patrick, blacksmith [stamps]  
Molloy Eliza, sub-distributor of

Murphy James, tallow chandler  
Rorke Wm. clerk to petty sessions  
Smythe Francis, boot & shoe maker  
Vaughan Maria, linen and woollen draper  
Ward Thomas, lodging house keeper  
Webb John & Co. flour and oat meal millers, **ATHBOY MILLS**  
Webb William, grocer

**PLACES OF WORSHIP,**  
*And their Ministers.*  
**ESTABLISHED CHURCH**—Rev. Robert Noble, vicar; Rev. William Irvine, curate  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL**—Rev. Jas. Rickard, parish priest; Rev. James Dillon, curate

**COACHES, CARS, &c.**  
To DUBLIN, Coaches, from Darling's Hotel and E. Kiernan's, every morning (except Sunday), at six; and from the Sun Inn, every day (except Monday), at twelve; all go through Trim  
To CLOGHAN and CASTLE-POLLARD, Cars depart, on the arrival of the above Coaches from Dublin, in the evening  
To GRANARD, a Coach, from Dublin, calls at the Sun Inn, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at half-past twelve  
To KILLISHANDRA, a Coach, from the Sun Inn, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at half-past twelve  
To OLD CASTLE, a Car from Darling's Hotel, every evening (except Sunday) at half-past eight

# ATHLONE

As an ancient market and post town and parliamentary borough, 76 miles W. from Dublin, 29 S.W. from Mullingar, and 15 N.E. by R. from Ballinasloe. The noble river Shannon, which rolls its pure stream through the town, divides the parishes of St. Mary and St. Peter, likewise the counties of Westmeath and Roscommon, and the provinces of Leinster and Connaught, so that Athlone is partly in all the six, and nearly in the centre of the kingdom. The antiquity of the town renders it one of considerable interest. It derives its name from *Ath-Luain*, signifying, in the Irish language, 'the ford of the moon,' of which, before the introduction of Christianity, the inhabitants were said to be worshippers. Formerly Athlone was surrounded by a wall, a portion of which still remains; it had also gates, forming the north and south entrances; the former, in a dilapidated state, is still standing, and bears upon its scarp front vivid traces of having been the object of heated contest. A short distance from the gate is a fragment of the remains of an abbey, founded, according to an inscription thereon, about the middle of the thirteenth century.

Athlone was first incorporated by charter of James I. and the privileges of the corporation extended by Charles II.; but the government of the town is now vested in twenty-one commissioners. The borough sent two

representatives to the Irish parliament prior to the Union, since which period it has returned one to the imperial parliament. The present member is John Collett, Esq. The sheriff of Westmeath county is the returning officer. The manufacture of felt hats was formerly carried on here to a great extent; but this branch is now of little, if any, importance. In the corn trade, tanning, and distilling, there are some respectable establishments, and the shopkeepers carry on a considerable inland trade. There are two branch banking establishments, and three principal inns—the 'Royal Hotel,' in Mardyke-street, is a family, commercial, and posting-house of acknowledged excellence. A newspaper, named the 'Sentinel,' is published, in Athlone, on Friday.

Important and costly works and alterations, connected with this place, are being effected, which will both improve its appearance and advance its trade; amongst these the new bridge stands conspicuous. It is built of native stone, and consists of three arches of sixty feet span each, with an additional swivel arch of forty feet span, to admit of steamers and other boats. It cost upwards of £20,000, was ranked among the first of modern structures of the kind, and presents to the eye of the traveller, from either approach, a bold and beautiful object. The navigation of the river is also

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undergoing great improvement, in order to render it accessible to steam-boats of one hundred horse-power. Below the bridge an spacious dock or basin, three hundred yards by one hundred yards in extent, will be formed by means of a lock now constructing. These improvements will supersede the use of the old canal, and the traffic will be confined to the river course. The whole of these important works are superintended by the Shannon commissioners, who act under the provisions of an act of parliament, and the entire expense will exceed £80,000. The projected line of railway between Dublin and Galway will pass through Athlone, so that two direct lines of communication will be opened, the one east and west by rail, the other north and south by water.

The places of worship are two churches of the estab-

**POST OFFICE**, Church-street, Ann Pakenham, *Post Mistress*.—Letters from DUBLIN and most of the NORTH and SOUTH OF IRELAND and all parts of ENGLAND and WALES and SCOTLAND arrive every morning at half-past four, and are despatched thereto every night at half-past eight.—Letters from GALWAY and WESTMEATH COUNTIES, CASTLEBAR and WESTPORT arrive every night at half-past eight, and are despatched thereto every morning at half-past four.—Letters from SLIGO, LONGFORD and ENRISKILLEN arrive every morning at one, and are despatched thereto every night at nine.—Letters from MULLINGAR, BALLYMAHON and BALLYNACRAGGY arrive every morning at half-past ten, and are despatched thereto every afternoon at half-past two.

The Office opens at seven in the morning in summer and eight in winter, and closes at seven in the evening.

# NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Allen Rev. Edward Hawthorn, Strand street [omb glebe]  
Armstrong Rev. John, rector, Kilt-Betty Mrs. —, Auburn  
Brown Right Rev. George Joseph, Bishop of Elphin, Chapel st  
Bruce Lieut. John, Auburn  
Butler Mr. John, Convent lane  
Butler Mr. John, jun. Connaught st  
Byrne Edward, Esq. Sally grove  
Byrne John, Esq. J. P. Lyster field  
Cahill Rev. Michael, O. S. A. Saint Augustine's Convent, College st  
Campbell Major General Sir Guy, Bart. the Moorings [gate st]  
Castlemaine Dowager Lady, North-Castlemaine Lord, Hare Island  
Castlemaine Viscountess, Moydrum  
Chaigneau Arthur, Esq. (barrister), Benown  
Coffey Rev. Michael, Wentworth st  
Corfield Rev. Thos. (rector), Benown  
Cuniffe Mrs. Maria, Fortfield  
Cuppadee Miss —, Northgate st  
Daly Miss Maria, Wentworth st  
Dardis Rev. Patrick, C.C. Mardyke st  
De Burgh Raymond, Esq. Elm Brook, Ballinasloe road  
Dillon Gerald, Esq. J. P. Lachen Lodge  
Donavau Rev. John (guyardian, O. S. F.) Friday lane  
Dowdall Mrs. Mary, Irish Town  
Dowdall Mr. Walter, Church st  
Egan Rev. Joseph, C.C. Wentworth st  
Finn Mrs. Eliza, Mardyke st  
Fitzgerald Rev. John, P. P. Ballybay  
Fox Lieut. Peter, Connaught st  
Hall Colonel (assistant quartermaster general), Northgate street  
Hamilton Rev. Wm. (baptist) Moate  
Handcock Hon. Chas. Northgate st  
Henry Mr. William, Corboy  
Hodson Edward, Esq. J. P. Twyford  
Hodson John, Esq. Twyford  
Holmes Robert, Esq. Waterstown  
Hudson Leonard, Esq. Hudson's Bay  
Jones Gustavus, Esq. Belleville  
Kelly Dennis Bernard, Esq. J. P. Johnstown  
Kelly James, Esq. Irish Town  
Kelly Mr. Patrick B. Connaught st  
Kelly Mrs. Rose, Connaught st  
Kilroe Rev. Kieran, P. P. Mardyke st  
King Geo. Esq. J. P. Miltown pass  
Lauder Mrs. Harriet, Mardyke st  
Lauder Rev. Robert, Wentworth st  
Lloyd Mrs. Elizabeth, King st  
Longworth John, Esq. Glynn Wood

Longworth Stephen, Bonna Henly  
Mahon Ross, Esq. Glasson  
Maunsell Rev. William, Killianre  
Moffatt Rev. James R. Rectory House  
Murphy Edward, Esq. Summer hill  
Murray Mr. Henry, King st  
Murray Rev. Hugh, St. Peter's glebe  
Naughten Edmund Henry, Esq. J. P. & deputy-lieut. Thomas-town Park  
O'Reilly Rev. Martin, P. P. Chapel st  
O'Sullivan John, Esq. Mount Florence  
O'Sullivan Patrick, Esq. the Cottage  
Page Rev. Michael Joseph, Prior, O. S. A. St. Augustine's Convent, College street  
Plunkett Mrs. —, the Grove  
Potts the Misses, Northgate st  
Smith Robert, Esq. Portlie Castle  
Smythe Henry M. Esq. J. P. New Park  
Sproule Mrs. Eliza, King st  
Sproule Mr. Henry, Connaught st  
Sproule William, Esq. Excise st  
Tabuteau Joseph, Esq. J. P. King st  
Trench Sir Frederick William, Bart. M. P. Moyvaun Castle  
Walker Mr. Robert, Court Devenish lane [street]  
Wallis Rev. Edward, C.C. Wentworth  
Walsh John Hussey, Esq. (barrister), Mount Hussey and Kilduff, Tyrrell's pass.

**ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS.**  
Glennan Deborah (ladies') Mardyke st  
O'Keefe Richd. Court Devenish lane  
**PAROCHIAL SCHOOL**, Scotch parade — Robert Judge, master; Ann Judge, mistress  
**RANELAGH ENDOWED SCHOOL**, Ranelagh — Joseph Macnamara, master  
Scally William, Mardyke st

# APOTHECARIES.

Fallon Jos. Malachi, Connaught st  
Gilchrist William, Main st  
Kelly Dennis, Church st  
Mathews George Rd. Market place

# ATTORNEYS.

Baile Edward, Rockfield  
Connice James F. Northgate street, and 11 Nelson st. Dublin  
Duignan Patrick, Mardyke st  
Kelly William, Court Devenish lane  
Magrath Eneas, Court Devenish lane

# AUCTIONEERS.

Day Philip, King st  
Dean William, King st  
Lynch Edwd. (& coroner), Main st

ishment; the like number of Roman Catholic chapels; and one each for Presbyterians, Baptists, and Wesleyan Methodists. There are two convents, respectively dedicated to Saint Augustine and Saint Francis, and two public schools, viz.—the Ranelagh endowed school and a parochial one: two dispensaries, a handsome and commodious union workhouse, a court-house, the barracks, &c. are the other principal public establishments—the last named adequate to the accommodation of three thousand soldiers, are pleasantly situated on the western bank of the river. The markets, which are well supplied, are held on Tuesday and Saturday. Fairs, the third Monday in January, March 21st, the first Monday in September, and a fair in May, which is governed by the falling of Lent. The population of the town, in 1841, was 6,393.

**BAKERS.**  
Brennan Michael, Bridge st  
Dillon John, Fry place  
Galvin Peter, High st  
Geraghty John, Church st  
Glynn Thomas, Victoria place  
Green Patrick, Connaught st  
Kenney John, Market place  
Lynch James, Church st  
Maher Daniel, Main st  
Molony Peter, Market place  
Nolan Michael, Wentworth st  
Regan Thomas, Connaught st  
Turpington John, King st

**BANKS.**  
**NATIONAL BANK OF IRELAND**, Connaught st—(draws on Barnetts', Hoare & Co. London)—Mr. Thos. Rowan, manager  
**PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND**, Victoria place—(draws on Spooner, Attwoods & Co. London, and the Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh)—Mr. William Hay, manager

**BLACKSMITHS.**  
Duffy John, Irish Town  
Kenne John, Connaught st  
Mara Terence, Cemetery lane  
Murray Hugh, Irish Town  
Reddington Michael, Irish Town

**BOOKSELLERS, PRINTERS AND STATIONERS.**  
Geoghegan John (printer) Irish Town  
Martin James, Mardyke st

**BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.**  
Burchell George, Mardyke st  
Christie William, Main st  
Curley Michael, Connaught st  
Onggan Richard, Victoria place  
Fallon Francis, Main st  
Hillard William, Irish Town  
Hopkins Andrew, Victoria place  
Hopkins John, Bastion st  
Hopkins William, Barrack st  
Kearney William, Irish Town

# BUTCHERS.

In Shambles-st if not otherwise stated.  
Burke James  
Coffy Malachi  
Coffy Thomas  
Coyle Edw. Wentworth street  
Coyle James  
Coyle Patrick  
Coyle Peter  
Fallon James  
Fox John  
Higgins Henry  
Higgins Thomas  
Jervis Gamble  
Jervis Robert  
Keighley John  
Kilmartin Edward  
Kilmartin Thimothy  
Lynch Ed. Main st  
Ross George  
Ross Hugh  
Savage Henry  
Smith William  
Timon James  
Winn Thomas