

Leinster.

BANAGHER.

H. Slater's

Directory.

BIRK.

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LINEN & WOOLLEN DRAPERS AND HABERDASHERS.

Boyle John, Main st
Brereton Benjamin, Main st
Claffey Michael, Main st
Glenn David Hempson, Main st
Moylan Michael, Main st
Sheane Henry (and sub-distributor of Camps), Main street

MILLERS.

Armstrong Wm. B. Garry Castle Mills
Horton John L. & Co. Bridge

MILLINERS & DRESS MAKERS.

Clegg Margaret, Main st
Dowling Ellen (and straw bonnet maker), Main street

PAWN BROKERS.

Hipwell Daniel, Main st
Kierpan Coligan, Main st

PROVISION DEALERS.

Briscoe Edward, Main st
Cunningham Joseph, Main st
Hennesy Kieran, Main street
McLeod John, Main st

PUBLIC HOUSES.

Bennett Thomas, Main st
Callaghan James, Main st
Connell Daniel, Main st
Coreoran Patrick, Main st
Cusack Biddelia, Main st
Kilken Denis, Main st
McCarthy Jane, Main st
McNamara Michael, Main st
Molloy Frank, Main st

Molloy Thomas, Bridge
Young Martin, Main st

SEEDSMEN.

Scott Richard, Main st
Smith William, Main st

SURGEONS.

Bird John James, M.D. Main st
Dickson Eusebius Drought, M.D. Main street

Gilfoyle William, Main st

TAILORS.

Broder William, Green st
Duffy James, Main st

Feighy Denis, Main st

Fell John, Main st

Killeen James, Main st

Mulhare John, Main st

TALLOW CHANDLERS AND SOAP BOILERS.

Forster James, Main st
Gorman Thomas, Main st

Woods Benjamin (& confectioner), Main street

TANNER & CURRIER.

Briscoe John, Main st

Miscellaneous.

Briscoe John, discount office, and harony-
cist collector, Main street.
Fahy James, butcher, Main st
Fleetwood Thomas Faulkner, agent to the
City of Dublin Steam Packet Com-
pany, Main street
Flond William, saddler, Main st
Langford Peter, excise officer, Main st
Logan John, Main st
Madden John, painter and glazier, Green

Molloy Kieran, distiller & brewer, Main st
Hennesy William, butcher, Main st
Smith William, perfumer, stationer, and
haberdasher, Main street
Woodhouse George, civil engineer, Main

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH.—Rev. John
Joseph Fletcher, D.D. vicar.
CATHOLIC CHAPEL.—Rev. Kiernan
Egan, P.P.; Rev. James Smith, curate.

Public Institutions, &c.

BARRACKS, Bridge.—Captain John Ord,
barrack master; Henry Aspin, master
gunner.
BILLIARD ROOM, Main st.—John Mul-
DISPENSARY, Main st (attendance on
Thursdays).—John James Bird, M. D.
surgeon.

SHANNON COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Bridge.—Frederick Hall, agent.
STAMP OFFICE, Main st.—Henry Sheane,
distributor.

CARS.

To BALLINASLOE, a Mail Car (from
Birk), calls at the post-office every after-
noon at three, goes through Pyrcourt
and Laurencestown.
To BIRK, a Mail Car (from Ballinasloe),
calls at the post-office every morning at ten.

CONVEYANCE BY WATER.

To LIMERICK, a Steamer, calls at the
Bridge Wharf, after the arrival of the
Boat from Dublin, at Shannon harbour.
To SHANNON HARBOUR, a Steamer,
from Limerick, calls at the Bridge Wharf
every afternoon at three, and proceeds
to meet the Dublin night Boat on the
Grand canal.

BIRK or PARSONSTOWN.

A handsome market and post town and a parish, in the barony of Ballybrit, King's county, is 80 miles south-west from Dublin, 24 north-east from Nenagh, the like distance south-west from Tullamore, 123 north from Roscrea, 11 south-west from Frankfort, and 73 south-east from Banagher. This, the most considerable town in King's county, is situated in the Birk, and adjoined with a fine castle, built by the family of the Parsons, now the residence of the Earl of Rosse. This castle was besieged by General Sarsfield, and relieved by Kilk. The demesne connected with the man-
sion is liberally open to the public, affording a charm-
ing promenade; the river flows through it, and is crossed by a wire suspension bridge. The centre of the man-
sion was destroyed by fire in 1832, and was re-built with great improvement. His lordship possesses some
valuable MSS., being annals of the civil wars from 1541
to 1688; and T. C. Cooke, Esq., has many ancient war-
like weapons in his custody; this gentleman has written
a history of Parsonstown. As Parsonstown has acquired
distinguished celebrity from the scientific achievement
of its noble townsman, the Earl of Rosse, it will be
proper to give a brief detail of the progress and com-
pletion of what is not inaptly termed the 'monster
telescope.' Those who are desirous of more appre-
ciation are referred to the skillful descriptive work,
published by Messrs. Shields and Son, of this town,
from which we derive the chief portion of this narra-
tive. On entering his lordship's beautiful demesne two
castellated stone walls will be noticed, upwards of fifty
feet high, between which reclines this Leviathan of opti-
cal instruments; and near it is seen a second of one
half its dimensions, surrounded by ingenious machinery.
This latter was first constructed; the specimen of which
is three feet in diameter; while that of the larger is
six feet. The tube is fifty-six feet long, including the
specimen box, and its diameter seven feet; it is made
of deal, lapped with iron. It is fixed to mason work
in the ground by an universal hinge, which allows it to
turn in all directions. The walls between which it turns
are twenty-four feet apart, and seventy-two feet long,
lying exactly in the meridian line; and the celestial
objects are one hour in passing over the space between
the two walls. The machinery by which the telescope
is raised, depressed, or turned laterally, is beautifully
simple and efficient; and the gallery upon which the

spectator places himself for observation, is moved by
an ingenious apparatus, enabling him to follow the in-
strument in its motions. The specula of both instru-
ments are compound, of copper and tin, in the pro-
portion of 126-4 copper to 58-9 parts tin. The specula
were cast in moulds of his lordship's contrivance, and
ground and polished by machinery of his own invention;
and the foundry and furnaces were constructed under
his lordship's directions. The largest speculum is of the
enormous weight of four tons. It is gratifying to state
that his lordship's arduous, persevering, and costly
labours in the cause of science, have been rewarded by
complete success. What may be the ultimate gain to
our astronomical knowledge, it is impossible to calcu-
late; but the Earl of Rosse has the honour of having,
by his gigantic telescope, furnished the astronomer
with a means of observation that may be deemed the
non plus ultra. The pecuniary cost of these elaborations
cannot be less than £12,000.

The Earl of Rosse is lord of the manor, the seneschal
being his deputy. A manorial court is held on the first
Monday monthly, for the recovery of debts under 40s.;
sessions are held four times a year, and petty sessions
weekly, in the court-house, which adjoins the gaol. In
Cumberland-square is a stone column of the Doric
order, surmounted with a pedes-
talian statue of the Duke
of Cumberland, in a Roman habit, erected, in 1747, to
commemorate the battle of Culloden. This square and
the streets diverging from it, consist of modern well-
built houses, to which this elegant church, the banks,
and the mechanics' institute, are graceful ornaments.
Few towns in Ireland can vie with this portion of Par-
sonstown for elegance. The banks are branches of the
London and Dublin, of the Provincial Bank, and a
savings' bank. Three excellent hotels are in the town
—Dooly's is adapted for families of the higher grade,
and Molloy's is much frequented by commercial gen-
tlemen; both are large posting establishments. There
are two large distilleries, and a popular ale and porter
brewery. The building and timber trades are exten-
sively conducted, and many of the shopkeepers transact
a large business; the printing-office of Messrs. Shields
is of a superior character, and from it many literary
works have issued. The mechanics' institute occupies
a handsome building, in which are several commodious
rooms appropriated to the various classes, with a spa-

cious lecture-room, and apartments also for the library
and philosophical apparatus; there are eight teachers
of the various branches of science and literature. This
institution has the Earl of Rosse for its president, and
the benefit of lecturers of high attainment: there are
between two and three hundred members.

The church is a modern structure of stone, the tower
of which is richly pinnacled, and the buttresses that
support the walls are surmounted by minarets. The
cost exceeded £11,000. The interior is tastefully fitted
up, and the congregation numerous and of great respect-
ability. The Roman Catholic chapel is also a graceful
edifice of stone, with a nave, transepts, and spire, the
latter one hundred and fifty feet high. The Earl of
Rosse munificently gave the site and the stone, and
£100 towards the cost of its erection. The other places
of worship are for Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists,
and the Society of Friends: that of the Wesleyan

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NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Ansley Mrs. Alicia, 11 Oxmantown
place [Irish]
Atkinson Guy, Esq. Cangort, Shin-
Baldwin Charles Barry, Esq. M. P.
D. J. Parsonstown
Barlow Mrs.—10 Oxmantown place
Bayly Mrs. Catherine, John's place
Berry John, Esq. Banagher road
Booth Rev. Thomas, Wallcut
Bradin Mrs. Sarah, Cumberland st
Brereton John, Esq. Cumberland sq
Buchanan Miss—, Rosse's row
Cathie Rev. James, William st
Cassidy Robert, Esq. Killyon
Castle Jno. Esq. 3 Oxmantown place
Chadwick Robt. Esq. John's place
Cleary Rev. Francis, John's place
Clifford William, Esq. Cumberland st
Collins Major Reeve, Cumberland st
Corrigan Mrs. Charlotte, Cumber-
land street [place]
Conland Mrs. Margaret, John's
Cox Capt. Thos. 14 Oxmantown place
Despard Mrs.—, 6 Oxmantown place
Drought Phillip, Esq. Rosse Villa
English Hamilton, Esq. Eglish Castle
Gordon Captain, William st
Gromé John Perse, Esq. J. P. Cum-
berland square
Hackett Shippson, Esq. Riverstown
Hackett Thomas, Esq. Riverstown
Hackett Thomas, jun. Esq. 5, Ox-
mantown place [Clady]
Hammersley Richard, Esq. Curra-
Harris Richard, Esq. John's place
Heenan Geo. Esq. 9 Oxmantown pl
Holmes Major George Washington,
4 Oxmantown place [place]
Julian Mrs. Mary, 17 Oxmantown
Kelly Alfred, Esq. 8 Oxmantown pl
Kennedy Rev. Phillip, John's place
Kingsly Capt. Jas. 1 Oxmantown pl
Lloyd Lieut.-Col. H. D. L. Gloster
Shirone
McCausland Mrs.—, John's place
McCausland Rev. Marcus, Glebe House
McCausland Rev. William Henry,
John's place
Manners Major Richard, Cumber-
land street
Mellon John, Esq. Cumberland st
Mitchell Capt. Andw. Beugal Lodge
Mitchell John, Esq. the Green
Mishell Mrs.—, Cumberland sq
Moffat Mrs. Colonel, Cumberland sq
Mogart Mrs. T. H. 13 Oxmantown pl
Molloy Daniel, Esq. Glenbella
Mollins Bernard, Esq. Ballyegan
Orr Capt. John, Barracks [st]
Palmer Mrs. Catherine, Cumberland

Methodists is a very neat building. The charitable in-
stitutions comprise a fever hospital and dispensary, and
Sunday and day schools for children of both sexes, sup-
ported by the benevolent inhabitants. The Rev. Marcus
McCausland, the rector, supports two schools for the
children of each sex; and the Rev. James Cathie, the
Presbyterian minister, maintains also two excellent
schools; there is a national school, and children are
instructed in the convent. The market is held on Sa-
turday; fairs February 11th, May 5th, August 25th,
and December 11th. Fairs take place in April. Popu-
lation of the town, in 1841, 6,336. The villages of
CRINKLE, BALLINDALLA, BALLYLOUGHANE, and
SILFEN, are so near the town, that they may be con-
sidered as suburban, and were their population added to
that of Parsonstown, the importance of the latter
town would be apparently much augmented in this
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61 Upper Sackville street, Dublin
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quay, Dublin
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BACON MERCHANTS.
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ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS.

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Ridder Eliza Ann, Cumberland sq
CONVENT OF THE SISTERS OF MER-
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FREN SCHOOL, supported by Rev.
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McDonough Lawrence, Cumberland
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Michael Mitchell, master; Cath.
[Chk], mistress.
Scott Patrick, Connaught st
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Cathie's), William-street—John
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BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.

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Compton John, Moor park
Egan Denis, Market square