

Derrylossary Church of Ireland Vestry Minutes, 1817-33 & 1856-68¹

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Vestry Minutes, 1817-33 & 1856-68

26th May 1817

£55/10/- allocated for church repairs to be cancelled

£77/10/- Parish levy

Allocations: clerk's salary £12, vestry clerk £4, sexton £3, elements £1/10-, deficiencies £5, annuity to widow Gates £3, church repairs £49

16/9 to be paid by Wm Heatly as follows: 5/5 to blacksmith and 11/4 to Mr Johnston

Demand moneys owed by John Rochfort and Samuel Edge

9th June 1817

£77 Parish levy, Churchwardens "be directed most positively to collect money"

Pews paid for by John Synge, John Harding, John Webster, Wm Keegan, Andrew Price, John Freeman, Mr Ormsby, Danl. Healy, Wm. Hugoe, Owen Byrne, Dr Frizzell, Charles Bishop, Yet to pay Roger Mahan and James Barton

20th October 1817

A discussion on a circular letter from Commissioners of Excise proposing to assess houses and to establish a new tax in lieu of a portion of window tax. It was argued that the Government pledged that this would only happen in time of war. It was considered unnecessary and they "are in confident hope that so obnoxious a measure will be abandoned". There was already lobbying for window tax relief.

Andrew Price replaces John Synge as chairman

It was decided that seat be affixed between the doors by the parishioners; to be repaid when parish is free from its present debt

23rd March 1818

William Heatly paid £1/2/- of £5/14/- debt

Wm. Evans paid £5/10/6 of £6/8/9½ debt

Waldron paid £8 by Andrew Kennedy

Widow Gates receives £1/10/-

Archer paid £20/7/4

£6/8/4 paid to Fulton, late clerk

Mr Webster to pay Pim's bill of £30 and Studdert's bill of £7/4/- for hangings

Constable Thos. Smith to get arrears from Robert Kelly and Jas Barton; Smith to get 10/- for this and £1/10/- to be paid by parish for the process

¹ Representative Church Body Library, Dublin, there is a gap 1834-55

20th April 1818

Mr Heatly and Mr Walden to set arrears for cess assessment

To be purchased: new surplice, baptism bowl, 2 tippetts, 2 rubbers, 1 floor cloth, 1 mop

Estimate to be sought for a bell, as cheap as possible

11th May 1818

Meeting abandoned due to non-attendance of parishioners

25th May 1818

£35/11/- Applotment

Pulpit stairs to be moved to other side to allow for a reading desk

9th July 1818

Process served for bill for church repairs

20th July 1818

Process served of £28/10/- for stone cutter

27th July 1818

£54 Applotment

12th April 1819

Bill paid, Mr Heatly paid balance

Application to Board of First Fruits for belfry and gallery; proposed by Andrew Price and seconded by Mr Weekes

Needed: iron gate and proper table cloth

10th May 1819

£51 Applotment

Decrees against Robert Kelly and Jas Barton to be renewed; if Thos. Smith refuses to serve processes another constable to be found

5/- to Mr Belton for wall repairs

24th July 1819

Window has been glazed

Churchwardens should attend vestry meetings

11th March 1820

Board of First Fruits offers loan of £450 to be repaid back in 17 years at 6%

Henry Hardin paid £1/4/- for aisle forms

£2/6/- coffin fund

Decrees renewed

13th April 1820
£53/10/- Applotment

22nd May 1820
Mr Freeman and Harding to be served cess processes
As private subscription fund has failed, £64 extra to be levied for church rebuilding, carried unanimously
Mr Evans, Philpot, Heatly and Freeman to form a committee to meet and agree terms with builder

5th June 1820
Mr Evans has left the parish, Geo Edge to replace him

3rd July 1820
Churchwardens have not yet cleared their accounts
Mr Maginn appointed builder
Belfry to be 8' square, inside and 13' above the roof top, bell to be 6' above roof top, Foundation to be laid on firm ground, walls to be 2' 6" thick, good mason work and well bonded, good hammered quoins, 2 windows and a door, strong oak frame for bell. To cost £125, £100 to be paid from subscriptions and sale of pews
Meeting adjourned for minister to attend Archbishop's Visitation

24th July 1820
"Resolved with regret that any person be so depraved as to plunder one of the valley pieces of lead"; Police to conduct examination and get search warrants
£25 extra to builder for studding
New stained glass for middle of large east window

1st September 1820
End wall of church to be pulled down
Two additional windows with floor for belfry

18th September 1820
To ease poor inhabitants, £30 for studding
New pew owners to pay £10, old pew owners to pay £1; Dr Freeman has paid and is congratulated
Ownership of clergyman's old pew disputed between Mr Freeman and Jas Mason, decided in favour of Mason

16th October 1820
Extra £13 to be spent to make belfry 5' higher than originally planned
Decided to buy a vessel, 2 prayer books, sundial, iron gate, ton of coal
£1/10/- for sewer to be opened between vestry room and Borbridge's ground across graveyard

10th December 1820

Stove is to be built on four pillars so people can walk underneath; smoke to be carried out via east window. £3 for Bryan McGreanor to do the work

5th February 1821

Burial ground to be made larger, church as rights on unenclosed land. A temporary sod fence to be built at 16d a perch

Decided to buy a few chairs and looking glass for vestry room

Wm. Mitchell to build sewer

23rd April 1821

£136 Applotment

Decide to plant trees

Andrew Walsh to build fence at 23d a perch

7th May 1821

£136/12/6 Applotment

Joseph Reilly paid 7/6 for coffin

25th February 1822

£136/12/6 Applotment

Dispute as to whether churchwardens are responsible for cess of whole parish or just their own areas

Lynn Richford to level Churchyard and ditches for £5

13th March 1822

Jas Barry to assist building committee to consider Mr Magen's claim for extra fees

3/4/1822

Applotment list

8th April 1822

Parish fund of £3 for coffins

Sextoness Alice Gates and her assistant, Mrs Tyrrell, £3

8th May 1822

Coal for winter, £3

27th May 1822

To agree with the slater for school and church repairs for the next few years at an agreed rate

Two estimates received from Mr Jenkinson and Wybrants; agreed to give contract to Wybrants at £8 for this year and £3 p.a. for next 20 years

31st December 1822

Applotment £74/5/-

John Freeman, Tomdarragh, and John Bates, Rahan, to be in charge of Applotment

£322/13/3 arrears

Pound to be built in Glasnamullen by Thos Keegan for the convenience of that part of the parish

4th April 1823

Meeting adjourned as no parishioners attended

14th April 1823

Dr Hamilton, lawyer, advises that it is illegal to prosecute ex-churchwardens for cess arrears

19th May 1823

Meeting adjourned as no parishioners attended

19th April 1824

£72 Applotment

Wm. Johnston and Andrew (illegible) to be apploters

Clerk to pay £2 to Moony's bill and £5 to Lynn Rochfort

13th July 1824

£2 allowed to Mr Flynn to pay expenses of child left with him and £5 to foundling hospital

4th April 1825

£79/-/10 Applotment

John Freeman and John Bates appointed apploters

Discussion on dispute between Mr Keegan and Whitmore

16th June 1825

Paid 1/1 to Mr Dempsy for glazing

Summons from Mr Bule for £2/1/2/4

27th March 1826

John Freeman and John Bates appointed apploters

£79 Applotment

Glasnamullen under applotted, should be £3/12/4 instead of £1/1/4. Wm. Keegan swears an oath that he followed the applotment rules and that he has done no wrong. Revised figures accepted

15th May 1826

John Reilly paid 15/-

John Dempsy paid 2/3 for glazing

Mr Walsh paid 1/7½ for expenses to give evidence in Newtownmountkennedy, Mrs Keegan paid

2/6 for car hire

Arrears of John Scarf noted

16th April 1827
£79/-/6 applotment

2nd July 1827
John Rochford paid 10/- for coffin

4th February 1828
£6 paid for expense re child found on Castlekevin Hill; is to be sent to the Foundling Hospital

13th May 1828
£73/16/- applotment
New agreement made with slater. Mr Bourke offers his services

20th April 1829
£10 allocated for church wall
£1 to Calary for glass
New passage to church to be built
£28/18/- for dry wall to be built

21st July 1829
Church coal in John Merrigan's hands
Churchwarden accounts short by £1/4/6

12th April 1830
£75/14/10 applotment
2 coffins from Simon Smith
Denis Rorke to build wall 5' 9" high, 20" thick at bottom and 18" at top

22nd October 1830
Dispute as to whether Tiglin is part of the parish, claimed by the parish. Old vestry minute books to be searched for; John Rochfort of Castlekevin and John Bates of Raheen to go to Wicklow town to check Wicklow vestry minute books

4th April 1831
Mr Bates to make and gravel road £2
£2/5/6 to repair fireplaces
2/6 to clean sewer
New stove discussed
Mrs Price makes over her right and title to Macklin's pew

23rd May 1831
£85/13/10 applotment

Wall, 21' long, to cost £1/10/- per perch

4th June 1832

£70/10/-½ applotment

8th April 1833

Check progress of wall, is as much built as paid for? Building to continue

27th May 1833

£75/10/- applotment

Churchwardens in breach of duty – no accounts

Robert Taylor sells right of pew to William Coleman for £3

Mrs Borbridge sells right of pew, no 11, to Mr Johnson of Oldtown for £7/10/-

Gap 1833-55

25th March 1856

M Heatly of Fort William sells pew right, no. 8, to Thomas Barton for £4

Manuel Heatly swops pew no. 8 for no. 9 by power of grant of his cousins Sophia D and Everina

J Heatly

Sophia Heatly of Port Fairy in Australia, widow, gives over her pew rights to Manuel Heatly

6th April 1863

Thanks to Edward Heatly for church repairs and new stove

Thanks to J J Barton for new harmonium, curtains, fittings and music book

11th April 1863

Robert Edge's plot and tombstone only for his family

17th April 1865

Loss expressed at death of Edward Heatly

Church Wardens, 1818-33 & 1856-68

1818	John Synge	Roger Mahon
1819	Henry Harding, Laragh	John Freeman, Tomdarragh
1820	Geo Philpot, Oldtown	Richard Mahan, Brockagh
1821	Geo Edge, Tomdarragh	Michael Byrne, Seven Churches
1822	Alexander Armstrong, Tomriland	Robert Jolly, Glenmacnass
1823	William Bookey, Derrybawn	Richard Whitmore, Glenmacnass
1824	same as 1823	
1825	Captain Whitmore	Captain Hugo
1826	William Keegan, Glasnamullen	Andrew Craig, Ballinacor

1827	not listed	
1828	Andrew Giles, Freemount	John Fitzpatrick, Whitehall
1829	James Murphy, Togher	Andrew Irwin, Laragh
1830	John Gowan, Roundwood	Surgeon Macklin, Lake Park
	Macklin died 9 February, 1831, replaced by John Coleman, Roundwood	
1831	Thomas Sutton, Coolharbour	Thomas Peelo, Tomdarragh
1832	Robert Burrowes, Laragh	Daniel McClean, Tomriland
1833	Henry Grattan, Cronybyrne	Ralph Bury, Moneystown Hill
1856	William Coleman, Tomriland	William Belton, Laragh
1857	Richard Rochfort. Castlekevin	Richard Dolan, Brockagh
1858	Richard Rochfort. Castlekevin	William Coleman, Annamoe Bridge
	William Grafton, Luganure	James Rochfort. Killalan
1859	William Coleman, Tomriland	Mr Oakes, Derrybawn
1860	Manuel Heatley, Baltinanima	Hugh Mahan, Laragh
1861	Samuel Edge, Tomriland	Richard Dolan, Seven Churches
1862	Edward Heatly, Baltinanima	George Mahan, Seven Churches
1863	Manuel Heatley, Baltinanima	William Grafton, Brockagh
1864	Edward Heatly, Baltinanima	Dr John Hatch
1865	Charles Frizzell, Castlekevin	William Coleman, Tomriland
1866	Charles Frizzell	Samuel Edge
1867	William Coleman	Frederick Beatty
1868	James Coleman	Dr Hatch

Subscribers for a new church at Laragh, 1843

Thomas Johnston Barton	Site and £50
William Bookey	£50
Rev L W Hepenstall	£20
Charles Frizzell Senior	£5
Charles Frizzell Junior	£5
Gerard Macklin	£1
Captain Macklin	£1
Rev William West	£5
Mrs William West	£5
Masters William, Augustus and Henry West	£1/10/-
Edward Harding M.D.	£1
John Johnston	£1
Owen Byrne	£3
Thomas Valentine	£1
Thomas Pielo	£1
Michael Byrne	7/6
Henry Byrne ('dead', undated note)	5/-
James Dolan	10/-

Robert Burrowes	5/-
Roger Mahon	10/-
John Redmond	5/-
Mathew Robb	10/-
Manus Hughes	5/-
J Andrews	5/-
George Dolan	10/6
William Doig	5/-
Richard Dolan	7/6
Esther Byrne	5/-
James Coleman	£1
Sir E Burough	£1
Colonel Acton M.P.	£5
James Mahon	£1
Rev Henry Crofton	£5/5/-
Rev M H Fleming	£1
Rev M J Guinness	£2
Rev W N Vickers	5/-
Rev Richard Connolly	5/-
Rev M F Dudgeon	10/-
Thomas Frewithen	5/-
Charles McLean	£1
George Mahon	10/-
William Mahon	5/-
R. H.	2/6
Rev William Cleaver	£5
Robert Chaloner	£1
J E Scott	£1
John Synge	£5
Bishop of Cashel	£20
Robert Wade	£1
R Gun-Cunningham	£1
W J Westby	£1
M M F Hume	5/-
M J Armstrong	£1
John Brenan Esq	£1
Rev Henry Kearny	10/-
Rev John Drought	£1
Rev Thomas Drought	£1
Capt. Drought	£5
Rev J Caldwell	£1
Rev William McGee	£1
Rev J H Higginbotham	5/-
Rev John Campbell	5/-

Rev Thomas Jameson	5/-
William Bowen	2/6
Lady Louisa Hutchinson	£5
Rev John Richardson	£1
Rev Augustus W West, Ballymore	£1
Henry Darling	£1+ 2/6 for Seven Churches
Yelverton Dawson	£1
Arthur Guinness	£2
Hunter O'Reilly	£1
Mrs O'Reilly	£1
Miss Hepenstall, Sandymount	£1
Mrs Foster, Newbliss	£1
Anon	£10
Capt. Barton	£1
William Kemmis	£1
William Curry & Co.	£1
Isaac Crampton	£1
Bartholomew English	£1
Nicholas Creegan	£1
George Hudson	£1
Richard Hudson, High Sherriff	£1
Miss Julia Erskine	£5
Miss Josephine Erskine	£5
Capt. Hugo	5/-
Edward Litton	£1
Rev Henry (illegible)	10/-
Miss Julia Erskine	£5
Miss Caroline Erskine	£5
Isaac Manders	£1
Miss Chambers	10/-
Chas. David LaTouche	£1
Thos. Jolly	10/-
Mr Jolly	10/-
Jas Bessonett Esq. Q. L.	£5
Charles Doyne	£2
Robert Collins	£1/10/-
Geo Smith	£1
Andrew McDonnell	5/-
Walter Bourn C. L.	£1
Arthur Hume	£2
Lady Fitzgerald	£2
Richard Garde	£1
Lady Elizabeth Stratford	£20
Mr Maginn, Architect for Church	£6

George Sutton	5/-
Rev Furlong	10/6
Adelaide, Queen Dowager	£15
Robert Shaw, Bart.	£1
John Dick	10/-
Archbishop of Dublin	£10
Rev Edward Synge	£1/1/-
John Stewart, Ballinacor	5/-
Abraham Taft, Balintagoat	£1
Mrs Stormount	10/-
J L K Magee	13/-
Hugh Barton, 2 nd subscription	£5
Restitution money per J Barton	£1/2/-
Capt. Barton	£1
Rev Goff	£3
Mrs (illegible)	£1
(blank) Blake	10/-
Alexander Boyd	10/-
Dr Tyler	2/6
Miss Matilda Warburton	4/-
Miss Harriet Gibbs	5/-
H B Haffield	£1
Total	£401/8/6
Rev Johnston	£2
Charity Sermon, 1851	£9/9/6