

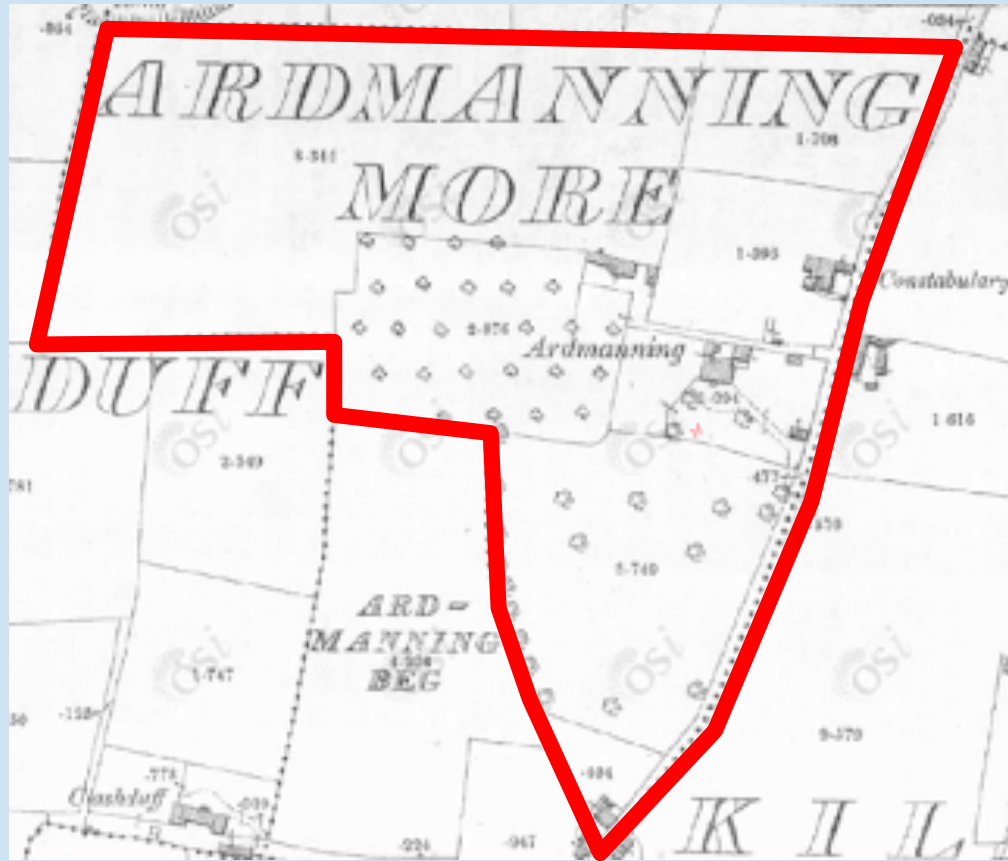
Irish Land

Dividing it up



The location of this cottage might be described (at different times) in terms of

- townland
- civil parish
- barony
- county
- Poor Law Union
- Registration District
- District Electoral Division
- ecclesiastical parish



Ardmanning More townland (Barony of Cork) map 1890, approx 20 acres



Ardmanning Heights, Togher in 2010



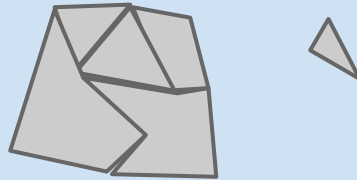
Moycarky Townland within Moycarky Civil Parish

(County Tipperary)

Townlands vary from less than
1 acre to more than 1000.
Moycarky is 518 acres.

- There are around sixty thousand townlands and more than a thousand civil parishes.
- Townland names are not unique
- Nor are Parish names
- You need both to be (reasonably) certain of location.

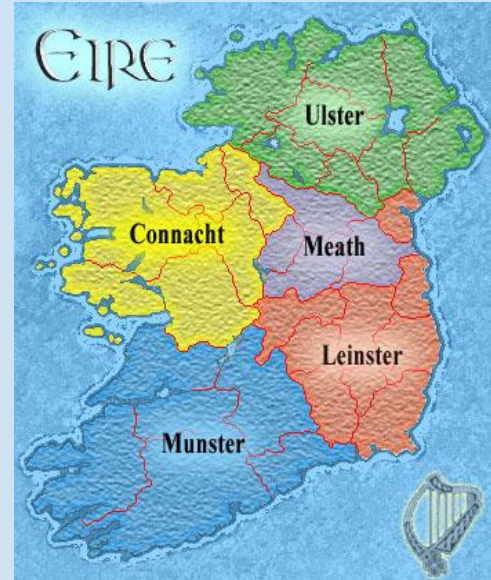
- Parishes need not be contiguous. One (or more) townland may be “outside” or “without”.



Note:

- A modern Civil Parish is not the same as an Ecclesiastical Parish.
- Although its history can probably be traced back to a church community.
- A single cottage or farm in a townland might be “covered by” a civil parish, a Church of Ireland parish and a Roman Catholic parish (or a Presbyterian parish) simultaneously.

- 1000 years ago there were 5 “kingdoms”
 - Ulster (Irish: *Ulaidh*),
 - Leinster (Irish: *Laighin*),
 - Connacht (Irish: *Connachta*),
 - Munster (Irish: *An Mhumhan*) and
 - Mide (Irish: *An Mhídhe*).



- 1169 Norman Invasion
 - ignored pre-existing “borders”
 - created shires (now counties) and 300 baronies
 - reinforced by English Crown (Henry II, Richard, John)

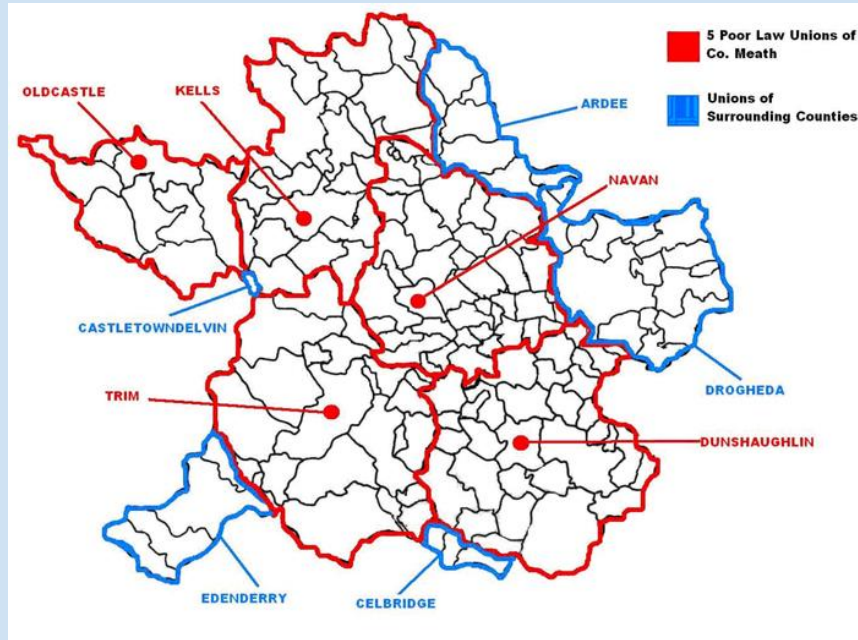


32 modern Counties

6 in one country (Northern Ireland, UK)

26 in another (Republic of Ireland)

Poor Law Unions were created to mimic the English system of “social service” delivery to more than one parish. (*Poor Relief Act of 1838*)



From 1898, became the basic administrative unit and divided into Registration Districts (BMD) and Electoral Districts (voting).

County Electoral District Townland



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Residents of a house 2 in Chambers Street (Cromac, Antrim)

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Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
McAllister	Robert	41	Male	Head of Family	Presbyterian
McAllister	Albert	15	Male	Son	Presbyterian
McAllister	Robert Joseph	8	Male	Son	Presbyterian
McAllister	William Henry	6	Male	Son	Presbyterian

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