
Tithe Arrears in Myshall, County Carlow 1833

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The North Yorkshire County Record Office holds a book used by the Rudby Parochial Church Council as a Minute Book, which had originally been used in the 19th century as a notebook by the Revd R J Barlow.

The book opens with Mr Barlow's jotted "Notes on Humbolts Cosmos Vol 1." (A few notes relating to 'Cosmos' also appear in another of Mr Barlow's notebooks, in the possession of Hutton Rudby Primary School). These extend over several pages. They are followed by twelve pages of names and figures set out in columns, the first headings being "Myshall", "Arrears May 1st 1833", and "half yearly".

These entries have hitherto been described as "rental of an Irish estate (?). However, a comparison with the Tithe Applotment Book for the townlands of the parish of Myshall in County Carlow (1827) shows that the arrears in question are arrears of tithes.

(I hope there are no inaccuracies in the following transcription and advise those concerned to consult the original)

The Revd R J Barlow's connection with County Carlow

The Revd Robert Joseph Barlow (ca1804-1878) was born in Dublin and educated at Trinity College. He acquired by purchase the living of Rudby-in-Cleveland (the principal township of the parish being Hutton Rudby) and he was instituted vicar on 3 January 1831. He remained in the parish until his death on 23 June 1878.

Mr Barlow's sister Nanny was the wife of the Revd Hector Francis Vaughan, who was Rector of Myshall from 1825 until his death aged 47 in March 1834. Nanny Vaughan later lived with her brother Robert and two unmarried sisters. She was at Hutton Rudby vicarage for the 1851 and 1861 censuses. She died on 26 October 1867 aged 66 and was buried in Hutton Rudby Churchyard.

Barlow's (draft?) list was evidently drawn up after the publication in English of Alexander von Humboldt's 'Cosmos'; an English translation by Elizabeth Juliana Leeves was published in four volumes between 1849 and 1858. At the side of one page Barlow left a note of wages due for work in Hutton Rudby for the sixteen days beginning Tuesday February 7 - a combination of date and day that occurred in 1854, 1865 and 1871.

The year 1854 seems the most likely date for the tithe arrears list. It is not clear whether this was an attempt to claim tithes unpaid in the Tithe War, or whether they were to be claimed from a later incumbent.

Robert Barlow's stipend was not large and he and his sisters depended for their comfort on allowances made them by their elder brother James, who had luckily inherited a fortune from a childless cousin of their father. Unfortunately after James's death in 1843 (the result of an accident) it emerged that his estate was heavily encumbered by mortgages. The annuities that would have replaced the allowances could not be paid and Robert Barlow and his sisters lost a major part of their income.

It seems likely that the household's financial difficulties prompted the idea of claiming arrears of tithes due to Mrs Vaughan, as the Revd Vaughan's sole heir and Executrix. It is not known whether Mr Barlow actually attempted to make the claim; it seems unlikely that he would succeed twenty years after the event. The total arrears of tithe due to Mr Vaughan on 1 May 1833, according to Barlow's notes, amounted to £161-3s-4d. The tithe applotment books show that the total rectorial composition was £400-0s-1d annually. Most of the landholders in arrears seem to have owed 18 months' tithes, though some owed more - for example, the Police Office at Myshall owed 3 years' tithes. It is evident that Mr Barlow worked from the Applotment Book in producing his list of tithe arrears. Against the names of the landholders or their successors, he listed in a first column the arrears due on 1 May 1833, followed by a column of abbreviations and notes, and lastly a column recording the half-yearly amount due to the Rector. Mr Barlow's list is potentially a useful source of information on Myshall parish. It reflects changes in occupancy between 1827 and 1833, and contains some additional notes. For example, against the name Mary Ann Neil of Myshall, Mr Barlow noted "B Schoolmistress"; against John Neil of Coolnashegan, he wrote "Carrier"; and against the entries for Knockbrack, he wrote "Sursfield Colclough holds Knockbrack from the Doyles". However, the abbreviations used by Mr Barlow (eg. "Cor", "B" and "C") await explanation.

Unfortunately Mr Barlow cannot be regarded as an entirely reliable source. He seems to have been impatient of the minutiae of administration and paperwork. The most obvious example of this can be found in the errors of dates and names that have been discovered in the parish registers throughout his incumbency. Indeed for much of the 1840s he made few or no entries in the burials and baptisms registers, and the paucity of entries in the marriages register indicates

that this may also be incomplete. He did not send the registers up to York for Bishops' Transcripts and was rather casual in his replies to Archbishops' Visitations. It is therefore likely that errors exist in his list of tithe arrears and this should be borne in mind.

Tithe Applotment Books for Myshall Parish, Diocese of Leighlin, Co. Carlow

[from microfilm at the Billingham Family History Centre] We the undersigned being appointed Commissioners for the parish of Myshall and Diocese of Leighlin agreeably to an Act passed in the Fourth year of his present Majesty George the fourth, Entitled an Act for the Establishing of Compositions for Tithes in Ireland for a limited time do certify that this Book contains a just true and particular account of all lands, with their Valuations and Compositions here unto annexed in said Parish and by whom payable Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of Decr. 1827 Adam B Feltus George James To the Revd Hector F Vaughan Rector and Vicar of the Parish of Myshall And to Adam B Feltus Esqr of Hollybrook and George James of Clonee Esqr Commissioners of Composition in said Parish A Survey of the PARISH OF MYSHALL containing 5692 acres Irish measure Excluding Roads and Rivers Amounting in the Grass or Field value to £4,744-7-10 the Rectorial Composition £400 British. 342 Dwelling Houses and about 1880 Inhabitants Computing between 5 and 6 to each habitation Extending from Mount Leinster near the Bounds of the Co of Wexford to Killane in the Parish of Kellistown – about five Miles. And from the Parish of Dunleckney to the Parish of Darragh [Barragh?] Above two miles. Situate in the County of Carlow and Diocese of Leighlin Surveyed from May to Decembr 1827 – By Richd Griffith and Robt Mores ” The Book then lists in columns the Landholders ’ names – the Total amount of land – Amount of first quality – Amount per acre – Amount of second quality – Amount per acre – Amount of third quality – Amount per acre – Total Amount of rent – Amount of Rectorial Composition – Observations

For those unfamiliar with pre-decimal coinage:-

12 pence (12d) = 1 shilling (1s. or 1/-)

20 shillings (20s. or 20/-) = £1

One pound and one shilling (£1-1s or £1/1/0) = 1 guinea (1 gn.)

The penny was subdivided:-

One-quarter of a penny (¼d) = 1 farthing

Half a penny (½d) = one halfpenny

It was generally estimated at this time that a yearly income of £150 was the bare minimum for middle-class life, and that a family needed £300 to live respectably in a town, where expenses were higher. A good urban artisan's wage in 1835 was round about a pound a week. An income of £1,000 put a man at the top end of the middle class.

Parts of the original are difficult to read; it can be seen that in places Mr Barlow uses the long "s".

Myshall Arrears May 1st 1833

half yearly

Alice Brennan 5.0 c 1.8

Joe Smith 1

3)

do. 2 6.2 ¼ c 5.11¼)

Michl Brien 1.0 B 4.0

Michl Brophy

Cor 3.0

Mr Brady

do.

do.

Cor

Revd Lau: Cummins 2.8.10¼ C & B 9.7½

Alice Collier x Cor & C)

do.

16.5)
Wm Collier

1¾
John Nowlan Currans

B 2.0
Judith Dillon 1.11¼ Mr Brady 7¾
Eliza Doyle Widow 13.7½ C 4.6½
Edwd Donohoe 14.9 Cor 4.11
Thos & Oliver Eustace x Cor 1.7.1½
Mr Feltus

5.3
Pat Fenton 4.11¼)

1.7¾
Wm Fenton Jr 4.11½) Cor 1.7¾
Mary Fenton Widow x Cor 2.5.9¼
Wm Fenton Senr 4.9¾ Cor 4.9¾

John Fitzpatrick 6.11¼ C 2.3¾
Judy Fitzpatrick Widow 9 C 3
Edwd Jehan [?] 2.0 P.Fallon B 8
L Farrell 3 Cor 1
Jas Kenidy

B 1.9.4½
Bernard Kelly 2.3¾ B 9¼
Maurice Cavanagh
Cor 1.2½
P Farrell
Cor

J Cavanagh Sub-Served [?]
B 1.10.10½
Robert Leirson 3 P Fallon 4
Lau: Morris 16.11 C Coughlarn 4.2¾

6.14.8

2.Myshall May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Thomas Nowlan Qufs 3.18.11¼ B 1.3.3¼
Garret Nowlan
Cor 10.7½
Lau: W: Nowlan and)

John Fitzpatrick) Cor 1.0.11½
John Neil

do. 1.16.11¾ Cor 17.6¼
John Neil Mason
Cor 1¼
Mary Ann Neil 3.2 B Schoolmistress 9¼
Police Office 1.10½ Cor 3¾
Pat Rourke 1
C 4.10½
do. 2
Lau Morris Cor 5.8½
do. 3 1.9.6 B 2.0
Mich: & Mrs Rourke 1.12.0¾ C 10.8¼
Pat John 13.7½ C 4.6½
P Fallon
Nowlans Cor 1½
Revd HFV
B 1.2.5½

Russecurra May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

James Kenedy [Keneely?] 17.10½ Cor 5.11½
Eliza Kenedy Ww. 17.7½ Cor 5.10½
Pat Kenedy 17.7½ Cor 5.10½
Chas Kenedy 1.3.6 Cor 5.10½
Andw Nowlan
B 1.3.11½

Coolnashegawn May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Sim [?] Fegan
Cor 1.1.6½
Edwd Murfit [?] 1.14.0 Cor 11.4
John Murfit
Cor 11.4
John Neil Carrier 17.6 Cor 5.1

16.2.11 [end of page]

Aclare May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

John Fegan
Cor

do.

4.11½
Widow Mary Fenton) x
1.4.0
do.) Jno

do.) note

Jas Gorman

1.3.0¼
O [illeg] Gorman

1.3.4½
Luke Cavanagh 11.11½ Cor 11.11½
Jas Cavanagh 1.12.0¾
10.8¼
Jas Lawton [Lawler?]

2.7½
Thos Lawton [-ler?]

4.0¾
Pat Laughlin x 13.5¼

11.1¾
Denis Laughlin 1.2.4½

10.3½
Cath Laughlin 5.2¼

1.8¾
John Murphy [?] 11.10½

3.11
Peter Nowlan B 7.10½

1.8.2½
Jas Walsh 12.7½

4.2½
Cavanaghs Child 2.6¾ Cor 10½

Knockbrack May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Christr Bryan 8.1½ Sursfield Colclough holds 2.8
Ellen Clowry Ww. 11.11½ Knockbrack from 3.11¼
Wm Doyle
the Doyles 1.2.10
Jas Fenton

1.13.?
Bridget Fenton Ww.

8.?
Pierce & W Fenton 1.4.9

10.1¼
Jas Murphy (Barragh) 1.10.3¾

10.?
Mary Fenton Ww. x

6.?
Thos Fogarty 5 1.14.0¾

3.6
Bartw Kehoe

11.2
Nichs Kelly 11.2½

10.11½
Michl Kelly 1.12.10½

12.2.7

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Knockbrack May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Wm Rourke 5 15.2½
3.0½

Jas Rourke 5 8.1½
1.7½
Jas Rourke (big) 10.5¼
3.5¾
Hugh Rourke 10.2¼
3.4¾
Pat Ryan

Bryan Scully 3.2
9½
Peter Scully 14.2¼
4.8¾
Geo & Jas Wynne

16.11¾

Bollencrea May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Pat Bryan 1.8.5¼
9.5¾
Wm Corrigan Sr

9.5¾ [deleted]
Saml Corrigan pd 16.5 10.12.11
16.5½
Jas Corrigan pd 1.0.0 1.11.1¾
1.11.1¾
Martin Geehan Sulp x
18.8½
John Keys
10.8¾
Mattw Nowlan

12.10¾
do. Wm Corrigan Junr) 2.12.8
9.5½
do. Michl Vaulam [?])

11.9¾

Warrens Ullard May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Dani Byrne Sulp
W [or Mr] McCausland 1.8.4¾
Cath Bryan Ww. 1.5.9¾ Mr Fitzmaurice Claydah [illeg] 8.7¼
Edwd Kenny

2.5.4)
now Nichs Wale Selld [?] pn:

)
& Dennis Dwason 1.5.0
8.8½)
John Ready 12.3¾
4.1¼
Sarah Dawson

12.3¾ [end of page]

Sir Richds Ullard May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Michl Bryan 17.4½
J Whelan
Saml Collins [?] 3.2.8 [deleted]

John Cummins

John Fenton

Mary Walsh Ww. 9.4½

Ballinrush May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

J J Bagot Esqre pd [?] 12.6
Bagot
James Fitzpatrick 4 8.4

Bridget Connar 4 19.6

Peter Fenton

John Fenton Sub 4

Joe Jas. Now Bre..[illeg]
Wm Hayden

Pat Healy 5 5.2½

Denis Kinshela 7.9

Thos Kinshela Mr F x

Fras McDonald 3.15.5¼

Luke Neill 1.16.4½

Michl Nowlan

do.

Edward Nowlan

Cronrus May 1833 Arrears
half yearly

Wm Dunne's Reps

Bagot
Michl Dunne

Laurence Farrell)

Garret Farrell)

Patk Farrell)

Andw Whelan

12.14.4 [end of page]

Hollybrook Arrears May 1833

Richd Cullen 7½

Bissboro [?]
x Dunne

Mr Fel[illeg] 4.0.11 [deleted]

John Fitzpatrick * RL 19.4½ & Myshall

Margt Fitzpatrick * RL 1.13.9¾

Janie Hagan & Kehoe 4 4.10

Michl Kelly

John Kelly

Joseph Keating 2.8¼

Pat Cavanagh 4 1.2

Danl McClain 1.15.2¼

Pat McClain

O [Queen? Owen?] McClain 4 1.8.2

Andw Whelan

Rahenleigh Arrears May 1833

Jas Barron 11.9

Peter Barron 11.9

Pat Byrne 3.2¼

Wm Donohoe 11.9

Michl Donohoe 11.9

Thos Donohoe 7.3

Margt Fitzpatrick * 5.3¾

John Fitzpatrick * 1.9¾

James Hogan [Hagan?] 7.3

Pat Hogan 7.3

Pat Hogan Jr) 2.3.4½

& Ellen Hogan)

Michl [deleted] pd & John Kelly 1.9.4½

John Kelly River qr 4 15.10

John Kelly Slateh…[illeg] Balce 10.2

John Keating 1.6.0

Mattw Cavanagh 1.8.6

Pat Cavanagh 4 18.3

Edwd Cavanagh 14.6¾

John Cavanagh 14.0

Pat Cavanagh 7.0

24.9.5

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Rahenleigh Arrears May 1833

Bt over

James Cavanagh 7

John & Pat Cavanagh 4 4.10

John Kehoe 7.10

John Mahon 7.3

O [Queen/Owen?] McClain 4 2.6

Pat Murphy 7.10

Bryan Scully 4.11½

Moses Simmons 5.10½

Keilmagleish Arrears May 1833

John Cloury
Cor: Bag: Elter I Lecken [?]

Dailey Cloury 1.4.2¼

Martin Cloury 1.4.6

Pat Cloury

Jas Coogan

Danl Headen) 6.0¾

Edwd Nowlan) 16.4

Thos Harris 1.8¼

Pat Hickey 6.11¼

Thos Kearney

Pat Murphy 1.5.2¼

Daniel Moore 4 1.6¾

Jas Nowlan

Edwd Nowlan 17.1

Jas Nowlan M P [?]

Peter Nowlan 4 2.1.10

Dennis Kearney 1.14.7

Nathl Rose 14.4½

Thos Swanley 1.10½

13.3.11

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Turtane Arrears due May 1833

Jas Cummins 1.18.7½ Elliot

Patk Cummins Balce 1.17.4½

Garret Kinshella

Ballaghmore Arrears due May 1833

John Cloury
Cap Butler &c

Wm Cloury

Peter Fenton

Michl Fenton # C: Waler

Thos Hickey 1.2

Edwd Nowlan (C [illeg]) 1.10.0

John Nowlan

Mattw Nowlan Sub

Timothy Nowlan 7½

Geo Nowlan pn

Michl Nowlan Sub

Thos Sheal Sub

Willm Stone [?] 9.10½

John Sheal 2½

Cappawater Arrears due May 1833

Michl Fenton Sd pn
Jas Thomson Carlow

J.F.C: now Pat Rourke [deleted]

Lissaconly Arrears due May 1833

Henry Watson

J.F.C: now Pat Rourke
vid Myshall

Pat Cloury 11.9

Wm McCorra 4½ vid Myshall

Hugh Murphy 1.3.7½

Edwd Nowlan B Rush

8.8.2

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Shangarry Arrears due for May 1833

Mr O Bryan C
Bagt

Mr Feltus [?] 2.13.4½ [deleted]

John Byrne 2.9¾

Nichs Byrne 1.6¾

John Canfield 3¾

John Dayle [?] 7½

Peter Fenton pn x

Danl Fenton

Peter Fenton (miller) Sub

Jas Fenton

Widow Mary Geehan 13.10

Peter Haydon 2.3¾

Martin Kealy pn x

Jas Morris *) 1.3.3)

Thos McClain *) 5.5¼)

Eliza Murphy 5¼

Thos Nowlan 13.0

Pat Nowlan 4.4.½

Pat Nowlan mason

Rosslee & Ullardmore Arrears due for May 1833 Courlourn

Jas Keppel 1

John Brien & ptrns)

Dennis Brien)

Pat Connor)

Peter Cloury p n pd

Michl Connor 7.4½

Ww. Margt Fenton p n pd

Michl Keagon 4 4.0

Thos Lunnox [?] 2.4½

Jas Keppel 2

Edwd McDonald

Pat# Murphy

Pat# Murphy & DI Cloury p n

#P Murphy, Nowlan & Cloury

7.7.1

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Rosslee & Ullardmore Arrears due for May 1st 1833

Jas Nowlan

Thos Nowlan)

James Nowlan)

Pat Nowlan 1.3

Andw Nowlan 6.3³/₄

School land 6.10

Clonee Arrears due for May 1st 1833

Mr J James 3.9.6 Besboro

Widow Bradley 6.3¹/₂

Jas Fenton 1.0.0

Classganny Arrears due for May 1st 1833

Jas Lucas 2.7.9¼ Befsboro pd 1.11.10½

John Lucas

Robt Lucas 1.3.7½

John Nowlan

Rahenwood & Buldoro Arrears due for May 1st 1833

Befsboro

Thos Bradley p.n
pd 2.10.0

Mr O Neill # 1.7.7 [deleted])

O'Murtagh Darcy's land # 1.7.11¼ [deleted]) pd

Mary Cummins Ww. 17.9

Luke Nowlan

Michl Tracey 1.0.3

Edwd Tracey 4.8

13.19.6

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Shraduff

Mr J James 1.14.7 [smudged] Befsboro

Michl Beany

Do. for Wm Butler

Edwd Butler # 17.10½)

Do for Lawler & Prandy # 13.7½)

Philip Butler

Do for

Thos Butler 11.0½

Wm Butler 4 17.2

Michl [deleted] Philp Butler

Malachi Butler 2.2

Edwd Cooke 1.11¼

Catherine

Geo Dixon & ptrns 16.0

John James

Phil: Butler for J:Jones

Widow Prandy 7½

Prandy & Lawler

Reagan & Roe 1.10½

Shean

Pat & Andw Carty 1.17.11¼ Befsboro

Mr Dillon 4 1.7.0

Neal Doyle

Edwd Doyle 6

John Fenton 4 5.10

Hugh Farrel 4 1.2.2 Thos Murray

Peter Fox 5 14.2

Saml Griffith)

Do.)

Richd Martin)

Jas Kehoe)

Esther Martin 1

Joan Murphy 1.4½

Wm Marah 3

Nowlan Ww. 4 1.5.4

Smith Ww. 5 1.19.9

John Smith 11.10½

17.15.4

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Shean

Geo Smith 4 2.6

Shipley 14.1½

Shipley

Knockdrimagh

Mr Langford 3.7.11 Besboro

Geo Brien 1.0.0

Pat Cornerford 1.11.11¼

Dennis Curran 5.2

Alexr Doyle 8.0¾

Bridget Doyle Ww. 5 3.9

Annie Doyle

John & Thos Flinn)
14.9.2

Do. Do.) balce 1.8.0 17.15.4

Michl Kearney 9.10½ 13.19.6

Thos Nowlan) Sub
7.7.1

& John Do.)
8.8.2

John Nowlan 1.4 13.3.11

Laurence Nowlan 1.19.8 24.9.5

Jas Prendergast 1.9.3) 12.12.4

2.9) 13.1.3

Rourke & ptrns 4 15.7% 12.17.7

Pat Walsh 2.0 16.2.11

Widow Troy 10.0 6.14.8

161.3.4

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