

My Home District

The name of my townland is Tykillen. It is situated in the parish of Crossabeg in the Barony of Shelmalier East. There are eleven families in my district. The number of people residing in Tykillen amounts to about forty. The most common family name is 'Butler'. Most of the houses are thatched, three are slated. There are four old people in the district, they do not know Irish and they do not tell stories. There are five old ruins of houses in my district. There are two houses called the Pond-field houses which were there in ninety-eight, and the people who lived there were thrown out by the yeos. One of the descendants of the people who lived there, remains here still. His name is James Carroll of Tykillen. People emigrated from this district in former years for want of work.

Some parts of the land are boggy more parts hilly, and more parts good. There are lots of valleys around this district. There are many woods growing around here also. 'Belardstown Wood' extends to the bank of the Slaney and goes up to Killurin and back by the roadside. The 'Pond field' wood extends for about three miles.

The river Slaney washes the borders of the townland. There is one lake in Tykillen, it has a small island on the centre of it and a little thatched house on it. There is a hand made lake and fish were brought from other countries to it. There are four streams around here and all join at the ram which supplies water for Tykillen House. There are other streams which are connected with each other at Glanine and are tributaries of the Slaney.

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