

Fair Rent Tribunal

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The 1881 Land Act, known as Gladstone's Land Act came as a response to sustained agrarian unrest led by the Land League and its demands for the 3 F's: Fair Rent, Free Sale and Fixity of Tenure. The Act provided for free sale, security of occupation and provided a mechanism for arbitrating disputed increases in rent known as the Fair Rent Tribunals. Initially tenants with arrears could not apply to the courts, but under the 'Kilmainham Treaty' between William Gladstone and Charles Stuart Parnell, this requirement was dropped. Throughout the 1880's rents fell in line with agricultural prices and the Act paved the way for later legislation allowing for tenant purchase and the breakup of many of the landed estates.

This small collection consists of two Registers of Judgements of cases heard by the Fair Rents Tribunal, sitting in Nenagh, Rathkeale, Croom, Kilmallock, Newcastlewest, Limerick and Tipperary.

Register of Judgements (1881-1916)

Registers of Judgements, including an alphabetical index by landowner, of cases heard and decisions of, the Fair Rent Tribunal; details are entered under the following pre-printed columns; ' Name and residence of Landlord, Landlord's Agent, Name and Residence of Tenant, Area Statute measure, Rent of Holding, Poor law Valuation, Poor Law Union, Electoral Division, Service, Object Sought by Originating Notice, ' to fix fair rent', and Observations- generally comments regarding costs, appeals, record number of the order fixing rent, location of the hearing and agreements between landlord and tenant; the reduced rent amount is entered in red ink beneath the original rent in the ' Rent of Holding', column and other amendments or observations are entered in coloured ink; an notice inside the cover lists the sittings of the Irish land Commission Sub-Commissioners arranged for the circuits from 10 September 1883- 22 December 1883. (2 volumes)

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| 1. | 22 December 1881- 31 March 1900
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Kilmallock, Limerick and Tipperary. | 107ff |
| 2. | 3 February 1882- 20 May 1916
Cases are held in Newcastlewest, Ennistymon,
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