

## **General Introduction**

The Poor Law Act was introduced in 1838 in Ireland to provide institutional care for the destitute through its network of workhouses. It diversified so much in the course of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that it provided the foundation for the new local authorities established in 1898. The poor law system was gradually dismantled, and eventually abolished in 1923.

The Irish Poor Law System was modelled on the 1834 English Poor Law Act. Ireland was divided into 130 Poor Law Unions based on the existing town lands and electoral divisions. Each Union was managed by a Board of Guardians. Some guardians were elected, and others were appointed by local magistrates. Each Board of Guardians was responsible for building and running a workhouse to provide 'indoor' relief for the poor within their Union. The Poor Law system was financed by rates levied on all property within a Union. Each Union was responsible for the striking and collection of its own rates.

Initially the Boards of Guardians were under the central supervision of the Poor Law Commissioners in London. However in 1847, a separate Irish Poor Law Commission was established to provide advice and guidance to the Guardians who had been overwhelmed by the famine in Ireland.

To ensure that only the very destitute applied to workhouses for aid, life within the workhouse was generally very unpleasant. There was segregation of the sexes, a ban on tobacco and alcohol, a Spartan diet, and compulsory labour for the able bodied poor. Not surprisingly the workhouse became widely hated and feared in the popular imagination.

Outdoor relief was first permitted in 1847 and in 1850, a number of boundary changes resulted in an increase in the number of Unions from 130 to 163.

Throughout the second half of the nineteenth century, legislative changes resulted in the Board of Guardians acquiring additional responsibilities in the areas of public health from the early 1850s, boarding out of children from the early 1860s and rural housing from 1883.

The most important piece of legislation in this regard was Medical Charities Act (1851). Under the provisions of this act, each union was divided into dispensary districts. In each district a dispensary committee consisting of poor law guardians and ratepayers was appointed by the Board of Guardians. Each district had a dispensary,

or medical clinic, staffed by a qualified medical officer, and poor people, in receipt of a ticket from the dispensary committee, were entitled to free medical care there. The system was financed by the poor rate. The dispensaries were a great success, and brought medical services to the whole of Ireland for the first time

In 1856 the Guardians became the Burial Board for the rural parts of the Union.

In 1862, the hospitals attached to workhouses were opened to non-inmates.

In 1863, the dispensary doctors became registrars of births, deaths and marriages.

Under the Sanitary Act of 1866, the Guardians became the sewer authorities in rural Ireland.

Under the Local Government Act of 1871, the Poor Law Commission was replaced with the Local Government Board in, which acted as the central authority supervising local government in Ireland until its abolition in 1922.

In 1878 the Public Health (Ireland) Act established the Guardians as Rural Sanitary Authority adding additional sanitary and health functions to their responsibilities.

In 1883 the Labourers Act made the Board of Guardians responsible for building labourers cottages

With the passing of the Local Government Act in 1898, the role of the Board of Guardians shrank dramatically. Their roles as sanitary authority under the Public Health Act, burial boards, register of births, and builders of labourers cottages were taken over by the new Rural District Councils. Though the Board of Guardians retained responsibility for Poor Law Relief and the dispensary system, they no longer had the power to levy rates. This responsibility had passed to the County Councils, and the Guardians were obliged to request funding from the Councils to finance their work

The collections held by Limerick County Archives consists of the surviving records of the Unions located in Limerick County, namely Croom, Kilmallock, Newcastlewest and Rathkeale. The collections held by Limerick City Archives consists of the surviving records of Limerick Union and Glin Union. These Board of Guardian records were originally listed by S.C. O' Mahoney (See: *The Poor Law Records of Counties, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary*, Supplement to North Munster Antiquarian Journal, Volume XX1, 1979), and this original coding scheme and arrangement has been retained in so far as possible. The collection is organised alphabetically by Union, and a separate introduction and contents page is provided for each Union.

The most voluminous type of records that has survived is minute books, which are invaluable for local historians researching the period from the Irish famine to independence. Also a small number of other records have survived such as letter books, and general ledgers. These records collectively provide information on the social and economic circumstances of each Poor Law Union, and allow researchers to determine poverty levels, the spread of disease, life within the workhouse, and other valuable information on the social history of each union.

Unfortunately for genealogical researchers, the collection includes only one register of inmates. This is a register of death for Limerick Union dating from 1907-1915 (BG 110/H/1). However inmates are occasionally mentioned by name within the Minute Books.

# **Croom Union**

## **BG 71**

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### **Croom Union Introduction**

Croom was declared a union in March 1850, and a new workhouse built there in 1852. The new Union was formed by regrouping, and sometimes dividing, electoral divisions formerly pertaining to the Unions of Rathkeale, Newcastle West, and Limerick. Its electoral divisions were:

Abbeyville	Ballygrennan	Crean	Garrane
Adare North	Ballynabanogue	Creora	Grange
Adare South	Ballynoe	Croom	Kilfinny
Ballingarry	Castletown	Dunnaman	Kilpeacon
Ballyagran	Coolrus	Fedamore	Rathmore

The Croom Board of Guardian collection consists of Board of Guardian Minute Books (1850-1822), Rough Minute Books (1850-1866), Correspondence Books (1885-1919), and a general ledger (1916-1919). A number of the Board of Guardian Minute books dating from the twentieth century, are in poor condition, and have been closed to public access.

## **BG 71 Croom Union**

### **Board of Guardians Minute Books (1852-1922)**

Minute Books of the Board of Guardians of Croom Union. Meetings were held weekly. Entries are recorded under headings, which include Clerk's reports, Treasurer's Account, Reports of the Master and Other Officers and Orders of and Letters from the Poor Law Commissioners. Also recorded are members present, details of correspondence, proposals and resolutions passed, and payments made. Also completed at every meeting is a table showing 'Return of Paupers who were Admitted into, or Discharged from, the Workhouse; and the number of Sick, and the number Born, or who Died therein, during the week ending (date)'. From 1 August 1868 (BG/71/A/36) a second table is also completed showing 'State of the Workhouse for the week ending'. This table records the number of inmates for which accommodation is provided in Workhouse/Temporary Buildings/Additional Workhouses/Permanent Fever Hospital/Fever Sheds/Total; the number of inmates in categories such as 'aged and infirm', (male/female); able-bodied (male/female), boys and girls and children under 2 years/born (male/female); and Return of Sicks and Lunatics: Number in Hospital, Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date. Also recorded are numbers admitted during the week, numbers discharged during the week, number died during week, and total remaining at end of week. Also noted in each volume is information provided by the census on population of the Union in each decade.

From 1855 (BG/71/A/10) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under Medical Charities Act and Nuisance Removal and Disease Prevention are also included.

From 1855 (BG/71/A/11), most of the volumes also show a 'Table of Dietaries for Sick and Healthy Inmates'.

From 1875 (BG 71/A/50) to 1900 (BG/71/A/88) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians as the Sanitary Authority are included.

From 1882 (BG/71/A/65) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under the Public Health Acts are included.

From 1894 (BG/71/A/82) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under the Vaccination Acts and Dispensary House Acts are included.

From 1899 (BG/71/A/86) to 1900 (BG/71/A/88) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts are included for each meeting. Additionally Financial Minutes for each meeting are completed on a form titled 'Form 1A'. Index to minutes included at beginning of each volume.

51 volumes

[1-4]		
A/5	29 June 1852 – 20 January 1853	c. 350 pp
A/6	27 January 1853 – 30 June 1853	c. 350 pp
A/7	7 July 1853 – 15 December 1853	c. 250 pp
A/8	29 December 1853 – 6 July 1854	c. 200 pp

A/9	13 July 1854 – 1 February 1855	c. 200 pp
A/10	8 February 1855 – 16 August 1855	c. 200 pp
A/11	23 August 1855 – 6 March 1856	c. 200 pp
A/12	13 March 1856 – 3 October 1856	c. 150 pp
A/13	10 October 1856 – 9 April 1857	c. 200 pp
A/14	16 April 1857 – 8 October 1857	c. 250 pp
A/15	15 October 1857 – 8 April 1858	c. 200 pp
A/16	15 April 1858 – 7 October 1858	c. 250 pp
A/17	9 October 1858 – 10 April 1859	c. 250 pp
A/18	14 April 1859 – 6 October 1859	c. 250 pp
A/19	13 October 1859 – 5 April 1860	c. 250 pp
A/20	12 April 1860 – 11 October 1860	c. 250 pp
A/21	18 October 1860 – 11 April 1861	c. 250 pp
A/22	18 April 1861 – 3 October 1861	c. 250 pp
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A/24	10 April 1862 – 2 October 1862	c. 250 pp
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A/27	8 October 1863 – 31 March 1864	c. 250 pp
A/28	7 April 1864 – 29 September 1864	c. 250 pp
A/29	6 October 1864 – 30 March 1865	c. 250 pp
A/30	10 April 1865 – 21 September 1865	c. 250 pp
A/31	28 September 1865 – 5 April 1866	c. 250 pp
A/32	12 April 1866 – 18 October 1866	c. 250 pp
A/33	25 October 1866 – 2 May 1867	c. 200 pp
A/34	9 May 1867 – 7 November 1867	c. 200 pp
A/35	14 November 1867 – 20 April 1868	c. 250 pp
A/36	7 May 1868 – 29 October 1868	c. 250 pp
A/37	5 November 1868 – 29 April 1869	c. 250 pp
A/38	6 May 1869 – 28 October 1869	c. 250 pp
A/39	4 November 1869 – 28 April 1870	c. 250 pp
A/40	5 May 1870 – 27 October 1870	c. 250 pp
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A/42	4 May 1871-2 November 1871	c. 300 pp
A/43	9 November 1871-9 May 1872	c. 600 pp
A/44	11 May 1872-14 November 1872	c. 600 pp
A/45	21 November 1872-22 May 1873	c. 600 pp
A/46	29 May 1873-20 November 1873	c. 600 pp
A/47	27 November 1873-21 May 1874	c. 600 pp



A/48	28 May 1874-19 November 1874	c. 600 pp
A/49	21 November 1874-27 May 1875	c. 600 pp
A/50	3 June 1875-25 November 1875	c. 600 pp
A/51	2 December 1875-25 May 1876	c. 600 pp
A/52	1 June 1876-23 November 1876	c. 600 pp
[A/53]		
A/54	31 May 1877-22 November 1877	c. 600 pp
[A/55]		c. 600 pp
A/56	30 May 1878-21 November 1878 Includes correspondence relating to Contagious Diseases Act (Arrivals) Act 1878.	c. 600 pp
[A/57]		
A/58	29 May 1879-20 November 1879	c. 600 pp
[A/59]		
A/60	27 May 1880-18 November 1880	c. 600 pp
A/61	25 November 1880-12 May 1881	c. 600 pp
A/62	19 May 1881-10 November 1881	c. 600 pp
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A/64	18 May 1882-16 November 1882	c. 600 pp
A/65	23 November 1882-17 May 1883	c. 600 pp
A/66	24 May 1883-8 May 1884	c. 600 pp
A/67	22 November 1883-8 May 1884	c. 600 pp
A/68	10 May 1884-6 November 1884	c. 600 pp
A/69	12 November 1884-7 May 1885	c. 600 pp
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A/72	12 November 1885-6 May 1886	c. 600 pp
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A/74	11 November 1886-3 November 1887	c. 1000 pp
A/75	10 November 1887-1 November 1888	c. 1000 pp
A/76	8 November 1888-24 October 1889	c. 1000 pp
A/77	31 October 1889-23 October 1890	c. 1000 pp
A/78	30 October 1890-22 October 1891	c. 1100 pp
A/79	29 October 1891-27 October 1892	c. 1100 pp
A/80	3 November 1892-26 October 1892	c. 1100 pp
A/81	2 November 1893-25 October 1894	c. 1100 pp
A/82	1 November- 1894-24 October 1895	c. 1100 pp
A/83	31 October 1895-22 October 1896	c. 1100 pp
A/84	29 October 1896-21 October 1897	c. 1100 pp
A/85	28 October 1897-20 October 1898	c. 1100 pp

A/86	27 October 1898-19 October 1899	c. 1400 pp
A/87	26 October 1899-11 October 1900	c. 1400 pp
A/88	18 October 1900-25 April 1901	c. 700 pp
A/89	2 May 1901-7 November 1901	c. 700 pp
A/90	14 November 1901-22 May 1902	c. 700 pp
A/91	29 May 1902-27 November 1902	c. 700 pp
A/92	4 December 1902-9 June 1903	c. 700 pp
A/93	11 June 1903-17 December 1903	c. 700 pp
A/94	24 December 1903-30 June 1904	c. 700 pp
A/95	7 July 1904-12 January 1905	c. 700 pp
A/96	19 January 1905-20 July 1905	c. 700 pp
A/97	27 July 1905-25 January 1906	c. 700 pp
A/98	1 February 1906-26 July 1906	c. 700 pp
A/99	2 August 1906-7 February 1907	c. 700 pp
A/100	14 February 1907-1 August 1907 <i>Fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
A/101	8 August 1907-9 January 1908	c. 700 pp
A/102	16 January 1908-16 July 1908	c. 700 pp
A/103	23 July 1908-28 July 1909 <i>fragile- some pages glued together</i>	c. 700 pp
A/104	4 February 1909-5 August 1909 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
A/105	12 August 1909-17 February 1910	c. 700 pp
A/106	24 February 1910-25 August 1910 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
A/107	1 September 1910-9 March 1911 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
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A/110	4 April 1912-3 October 1912 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
A/111	10 October 1912-10 April 1913	c. 700 pp
A/112	17 April 1913-16 October 1913	c. 700 pp
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A/113	23 October 1913-30 April 1914	c. 850 pp
<b>Closed</b>		
A/114	21 May 1914-19 November 1914	c. 850 pp
<b>Closed</b>		
A/115	20 November 1914-3 June 1915	c. 850 pp
A/116	10 June 1915-16 December 1915	c. 850 pp
<b>Closed</b>		

A/117 <b>Closed</b>	23 December 1915-22 June 1916	c. 850 pp
A/118 <b>Closed</b>	29 June 1916-4 January 1917	c. 850 pp
A/119 <b>Closed</b>	11 January 1917-12 July 1917	c. 850 pp
A/120	19 July 1917-24 January 1918 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 850 pp
A/121	31 January 1918-1 August 1918 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 850 pp
A/122 <b>Closed</b>	8 August 1918-13 February 1919	c.850 pp
A/123 <b>Closed</b>	20 February 1919-21 August 1919	c. 850 pp
A/124 <b>Closed</b>	28 August 1919-25 December 1919 Some pages missing.	c.500 pp
A/125 <b>Closed</b>	1 January 1920-3 March 1921 Some pages missing	c. 1770 pp
A/126	31 March 1921-29 September 1921	c. 840 pp
A/127	6 October 1921-6 April 1922 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c.800 pp

### **Board of Guardian Rough Minute Books (1850 – 1886)**

Minute books recording the same information as BG/71/A/1-127. Index to minutes not included in each volume.

51 volumes

AA/1	5 April 1850 – 19 November 1850	c. 300 pp
AA/2	19 November 1850 – 10 June 1851	c. 300 pp
AA/3	18 June 1851 – 9 December 1851	c. 300 pp
AA/4	16 December 1851 – 29 June 1852	c. 300 pp
AA/5	6 June 1852 – 27 January 1853 Includes list of Guardians for Croom Union, noting their address, and attendance at meetings for half-year ended March 1853.	c. 300 pp
AA/6	3 February 1853 – 30 June 1853	c. 300 pp
AA/7	7 July 1853 – 24 December 1853	c. 300 pp
AA/8	5 January 1854 – 8 July 1854 Includes a Master's Report (9 February 1854) and a Copy of Healthy Dietary.	c. 300 pp

AA/9	12 July 1854 – 1 February 1855	c. 300 pp
AA/10	8 February 1855 – 16 August 1855	c. 300 pp
AA/11	23 August 1855 – 6 March 1856	c. 300 pp
AA/12	18 March 1856 – 10 October 1856	c. 300 pp
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AA/21	18 October 1860 – 11 April 1861	c. 300 pp
AA/22	18 April 1861 – 3 October 1861	c. 500 pp
AA/23	11 October 1861 – 3 April 1862	c. 500 pp
AA/24	10 April 1862 – 2 October 1862	c. 500 pp
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AA/26	9 April 1863 – 1 October 1863	c. 500 pp
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AA/43	9 November 1871 – 9 May 1872	c. 500 pp
AA/44	16 May 1872 – 14 November 1872	c. 500 pp
AA/45	21 November 1872 – 15 May 1873	c. 500 pp
AA/46	30 November 1876 – 24 May 1877	c. 500 pp
AA/47	29 November 1877 – 23 May 1878	c. 500 pp

AA/48	28 November 1878 – 17 May 1879	c. 500 pp
AA/49	4 December 1879 – 20 May 1880	c. 500 pp
AA/50	14 May 1885 – 5 November 1885	c. 500 pp
AA/51	13 May 1886 – 28 October 1886	c. 500 pp

### **Board of Guardian Correspondence Books (1885-1919)**

Board of Guardian Minute books which record date of meeting, and summarise correspondence received by Union and outline Orders given by the Union thereon. Includes letters received from the Local Government Board, the Irish Land Commission, contractors to the Union, Board of Guardians of neighbouring districts and others.

4 volumes

AB/1	19 February 1885-11 July 1889	c. 500 pp
AB/2	25 July 1889-4 July 1895	c. 500 pp
AB/3	21 October 1901-12 August 1909	c. 450 pp
AB/4	26 August 1909-26 June 1919 <i>Fragile. Please handle with care.</i>	c.400 pp

### **General Ledger (1916-1919)**

C/1      6 December 1916 – 13 November 1919      General ledger of Croom Union showing half Yearly accounts. Volume is organised into tables that deal with matters such as unpaid Bills; Reconcilement of the Treasurer's Balances at the Close of this Half year; Clerk's Petty Disbursement; Repayment of Relief; Rents of Dispensary Residences; Sales of Farm Produce; Sales of Offal, Old Stores and Other Receipts; Provisions and Necessaries; Abstract of Provision Receipt and Consumption Account; Clothing and Bedding; Workhouse Burials; Relieving Officers (Out-door Relief; Establishment; Memorandum of Transactions in Relation to the Workhouse Farm; Maintenance of Extern Institutions; Abstract of Persons Maintained in Extern Institutions during this half year; Board of Management of District School; Workhouse Inmates sent for Special Treatment; Emigration, Law and Other Poor Relief Expenditure; Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages and of Vaccinations; Fees to Medical Officers for Examination of Lunatics; Medical Charities; Superannuation Allowances;

Salaries Accounts; Repayment of Loans; Union Fund and County Accounts;  
Transferring Unions Accounts); Receiving Unions Accounts

95 pp

# Glin Union

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## **Glin Introduction**

The Glin Union was dissolved on 30 September 1891, and the electoral divisions were divided between its two neighbouring Unions, Rathkeale and Listowel Union. The workhouse at Glin was retained as an Industrial School for children under the age of 15 who had been placed in the workhouses of the five Limerick Unions (Croom, Newcastle West, Rathkeale, Kilmallock, and Limerick) and Listowel Union. The school was administered by a board of management made up of members of the Board of Guardians from the six Unions mentioned above. The Christian Brothers and Sisters of Mercy were invited to teach the boys and girls respectively. Several thousand pounds were expended in adapting the building and four monks, including a master, and five sisters, including a matron, were appointed to run the schools. The first children were admitted on 1 May 1895.

Inmates were given an elementary education and were also instructed in useful occupations. The boys were instructed in subjects such as carpentry, shoemaking, tailoring, bakery, plumbing, gardening and agricultural work. The girls were instructed in subjects such as dress-making, laundry work, shirt-making, domestic work, in the use of knitting machines, and in hand knitting. At the age of 15 children were discharged, frequently to positions of employment as domestic servants, and farm labourers.

By 1923 the Poor Law Unions were in the process of being disbanded and their functions being taken over by the Boards of Health and Public Assistance. In 1924, the Limerick Board of Health had deemed that the school should close, as it was too heavy a burden on the rates. An extension was granted until 1926, when the County Council of Limerick, directed the Board of Health to have the children removed. The building was reopened in 1928 as an industrial school for boys only which was run and managed by the Christian Brothers. It remained open until 1967.

The Collection consists of 7 volumes of the Board of Management Minute Books dating from 1893 to 1921. The collection provides valuable insight into how the school was administered, and its daily operations during this period. The collection will not be of much use to genealogical researchers, as it does not contain registers of inmates. However very occasionally inmates were referred to by name in the various reports of the master, matron and doctor, which were submitted to the Board of Management and recorded in the minute books. As these reports may contain sensitive information relating to living individuals, access is restricted to certain sections of the minute books BG/73/AG/5-7.

Researchers may also wish to consult the Boards of Health and Public Assistance records held by Limerick Archives, the Irish Christian Brothers, St. Helen's Provincialate Archives, and the Department of Education and Science for additional information regarding the Glin Industrial School. Additionally, Kerry County Library (Tralee) holds a small number of Board of Guardian Minute Books of the Glin Union dating from 1870-1891.

### Sources:

- Anon, 'Glin District School', *Ballyguiltenane Rural Journal*, No. 12 (1989), p 8.
- Christina Craft, *Glin Industrial School* (1998)
- Bernard Stack, 'Glin Workhouse', *Glencorby Chronicle*, No. 1 (1997), pp 12-18.

**BG 93 Glin Union****Board of Management Minute Books (1893-1921)**

Minute Books of the Glin District School Board of Management. Board of management meetings were generally held monthly, and minutes note the date, board members present and resolutions passed. From 15 April 1893 to 23 February 1895, the minute books relate mainly to financial and administrative decisions made by the Board regarding preparations for the opening and daily operation of the school, and the adaption of the workhouse building. Includes motion passed 'that we fix the late Glin Union Workhouse for our Industrial School and that we ask the local government Board to hand over the workhouse to us' (15 April 1893). From 9 March 1895 minutes are recorded under various headings. This includes table recording the number of the children from each Union in workhouse during month, the numbers admitted and discharged, number dead, and number under medical treatment. Minutes also record information regarding school finances such as monthly abstracts from the Book of receipts and payments; clerks accounts of petty disbursements; Master's estimates of provisions and necessaries for the ensuing month and any Orders made for the articles specified, clothing account, establishment account, and invoice account. Minutes also records reports received by the Board of Management and Orders made thereon. Includes reports of the Visiting Committee, of the Master and other Officers, of the Matron and Doctors reports. Reports from the master include comments such as 'that food supplied since last meeting was of good quality' (24 June 1901) and 'that a number of children having been attacked with influenza the doctor ordered him to procure the services of two nurses.' (16 December 1916). Includes also summary of Orders and correspondence received by the Board of Management from the Local Government Board, and other correspondence received. Minutes generally signed by Clerk to the board.

7 volumes

AG/1	15 April 1893 – 23 February 1895	c. 300 pp
AG/2	9 March 1895 – 9 January 1897 Includes 'that on the 1 <sup>st</sup> May 55 boys and 43 girls came from Limerick Union to Glin School' (14 May 1895)	c. 480 pp
AG/3	30 January 1897 – 20 December 1902	c. 1000 pp
AG/4	17 January 1903 – 24 September 1907	c. 800 pp
AG/5	26 November 1907 – 24 February 1912 <b>Access restricted</b>	c. 560 pp
AG/6	25 March 1912 – 15 January 1917 <b>Access restricted</b>	c. 650 pp

AG/7      29 January 1917 – 28 November 1921 (-1922)      c. 900 pp  
Includes Statement showing expenditure of each of  
the contributory Unions for half year ended 30  
September 1922, which is signed by John Conway,  
Clerk to the Board (18 November 1922).  
**Access restricted**

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### **Kilmallock Introduction**

Kilmallock Poor Law Union was originally declared in January 1839 as Bruff Union and covered an area of 220 square miles. Later that year however, it was agreed that the workhouse would be built at Kilmallock, and the name of the Union was changed. 'At a Special Meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Bruff Union, this 26 March 1839. (...) The question of either Bruff or Kilmallock being the centre of the workhouse, having been introduced, as the object of this Special Board Meeting. (...) It was therefore carried by a majority of one that Kilmallock be the site of the Workhouse of the Bruff Union', (BG/106/A/1). The workhouse was designed by the Poor Law Commissioners' architect George Wilkinson and was planned to accommodate 800 inmates. Its construction cost £7,000 plus £1,212 for fittings etc. The workhouse was declared fit for the reception of paupers on 18th February 1841, and received its first admissions on 29th March. The Board was dissolved suddenly and improperly in June 1921 (BG/106/A/128), but it started its business again after few months. 'On the preposition of Mr. Flynn (...) the Board unanimously dissolved itself as from today. The Chairman pointed out that all the Poor Law Business was now transferred to the Rural District Council. The Clerk pointed out to the Board that the proceedings were grossly improper, and that the Board had no power of itself to dissolve or to transfer their business to the District Council' (Annual Meeting, 18 June 1921).

Initially, this Union comprised the electoral divisions of:

Ardpatrick	Cahercorney	Kilflyn	Tankardstown
Ballinvana	Dromin	Kilfinnane	Uregare
Ballinlough	Galbally	Kilmallock	
Ballylanders	Glenroe	Knockaney	
Bruff	Glenbrohane	Knocklong	
Bruree	Hospital	Manisteranenagh	

In 1840, the Charleville Electoral Division was added from the Mallow Union.

In 1850 reshuffle, Kilmallock lost Galbally and Ballylanders to the newly formed Mitchelstown Union. What remained was divided again to give the following divisions:

Ardpatrick	Charleville	Hospital	Milltown
Athlacca	Colmanswell	Kilfinnane	Particles
Ballymacshoneboy	Darragh	Kilflyn	Rockhill
Bruff	Dromin	Kilmallock	Springfort
Bruree	Emlygrennan	Kilteely	Tobernea
Bulgaden	Glenbrohane	Knockainy	Uregare
Cahercorney	Griston	Knocklong	

The collection consists of Board of Guardians Minute Books (1839-1922), Rough Minute Books (1854-1855), Dispensary Committee Minute Books (1852-1898), Labourers' Acts Minute Books (1886-1898), General Ledgers (1907-1922) Rate Books (1842-1873) and Abstract of Rate Books (1862-1876). Two Rate Books for the Charleville Electoral Division (1842 and 1848) are held by the Cork Archives Institute.

## **BG 106 Kilmallock Union**

### **Board of Guardians Minute Books (1839 – 1922)**

Minute Books of the Board of Guardians of Kilmallock Union. The Union was first known as Bruff Union, and this is the name that appears on the first volume.

Between 20 February 1839 (first meeting) and 26 February 1841 meetings were held monthly; and from 26 February onwards, meetings were held weekly.

Entries are recorded under headings, which include Clerk's reports, Treasurer's Account, Reports of the Master and Other Officers and Orders of and Letters from the Poor Law Commissioners. Also recorded are members present, details of correspondence, proposals and resolutions passed, and payments made. Also noted in each volume is information provided by the census on population of the Union in each decade.

From 1846 (BG/106/1/6) minutes include a table showing the 'Return of Paupers who were Admitted into, or Discharged from, the Workhouse; and the number of Sick, and the number Born, or who Died therein, during the week ending (date)'. From 1848 (BG/106/A/8), the headings changes to 'Return of Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last week ending (date) authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this meeting'.

From 1848 (BG/106/A/8) minutes include additional table titled 'State of the Workhouse for the week ending (date)'. This table records the number of inmates for which accommodation is provided in Workhouse/Temporary Buildings/Additional Workhouses/Permanent Fever Hospital/Fever Sheds/Total; the number of inmates in categories such as 'aged and infirm', (male/female); able-bodied (male/female), boys and girls and children under 2 years/born (male/female); and Return of Sicks and Lunatics: Number in Hospital, Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date. Also recorded are numbers admitted during the week, numbers discharged during the week, number died during week, and total remaining at end of week. Also noted in each volume is information provided by the census on population of the Union in each decade.

From 1852 (BG 106/A/16) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under Medical Charities Act and Nuisance Removal and Disease Prevention are also included.

From 1874 (BG 106/A/49) to 1900 Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians as the Sanitary Authority are included.

From 5 January 1900 (BG/106/1/89) Financial Minutes for every meeting are included. Index to minutes included at the beginning of each volume.

118 volumes

A/1	20 February 1839 – 20 October 1841	c. 180 pp
A/2	18 November 1841 – 15 December 1842	c. 220 pp
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A/4	25 January 1844 – 21 November 1844	c. 120 pp
[5]		
A/6	28 March 1846 – 6 February 1847 Includes a letter (10 September 1846) from the Poor Law Commission Office (Dublin) to the Board of Guardians of Kilmallock Union related to the state of the potato crop: 'Adverting to the information received from the Board of Guardians regarding the state of the Potato Crop in the Kilmallock Union, I am directed by the Poor Law Commissioners to express their deep regret that the Report of the Guardians is to so great and extent unfavourable. The Commissioners anticipated, in consequence hereof, a great increase of poverty and distress among the labouring population of the Union'.	c. 220 pp
[7]		
A/8	8 January 1848 – 23 September 1848	c. 180 pp
A/9	30 September 1848 – 21 July 1849	c. 215 pp
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A/11	30 March 1850 – 28 September 1850 Includes a table of 'Diet for Healthy Inmates'	c. 140 pp
A/12	5 October 1850 – 22 March 1851	c. 140 pp
A/13	29 March 1851 – 4 October 1851	c. 220 pp
A/14	11 October 1851 – 24 April 1852	c. 230 pp
A/15	1 May 1852 – 25 September 1852	c. 180 pp
A/16	2 October 1852 – 26 March 1853	c. 270 pp
A/17	2 April 1853 – 17 September 1853	c. 270 pp
A/18	29 September 1853 – 11 March 1854 Includes a list of 'Arrears of Rate Expunged and Initiated by the Chairman of the Committee on Saturday, December 31, 1853'	c. 270 pp
A/19	18 March 1854 – 9 September 1854	c. 280 pp
A/20	17 September 1854 – 8 September 1855 Rough Minute Book	c. 520 pp
A/21	15 September 1855 – 13 September 1856	c. 520 pp
A/22	20 September 1856 – 28 March 1857	c. 260 pp
A/23	4 April 1857 – 26 September 1857	c. 270 pp
A/24	29 September 1857 – 3 April 1858	c. 300 pp
A/25	10 April 1858 – 25 September 1858	c. 250 pp
A/26	2 October 1858 – 26 March 1859	c. 200 pp
A/27	2 April 1859 – 24 September 1859	c. 200 pp
A/28	1 October 1859 – 24 March 1860 Includes a list of articles acquired and prices, e.g.	c. 200 pp



	'Knitting Needles, per lb, 4'4'	
A/29	31 March 1860 – 15 September 1860	c. 200 pp
A/30	22 September 1860 – 23 March 1861	c. 200 pp
A/31	30 March 1861 – 28 September 1861	c. 200 pp
A/32	3 October 1861 – 22 March 1862	c. 200 pp
A/33	29 March 1862 – 21 March 1863	c. 400 pp
A/34	28 March 1863 – 26 March 1864 Rough Minute Book	c. 470 pp
A/35	2 April 1864 – 25 March 1865	c. 410 pp
A/36	1 April 1865 – 31 March 1866	c. 400 pp
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A/38	7 November 1868 – 8 May 1869	c. 220 pp
A/39	15 May 1869 – 5 November 1869 Includes an 'Estimate for Rates required for 12 months ending 24 June 1870'	c. 210 pp
A/40	13 November 1869 – 7 May 1870	c. 200 pp
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A/42	12 November 1870 – 4 November 1871	c. 400 pp
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A/44	11 May 1872 – 16 November 1872	c. 210 pp
A/45	23 November 1872 – 31 May 1873	c. 210 pp
A/46	7 June 1873 – 13 December 1873	c. 210 pp
A/47	20 December 1873 – 27 June 1874	c. 210 pp
A/48	4 July 1874 – 3 October 1874	c. 100 pp
A/49	10 October 1874 – 17 April 1875	c. 210 pp
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A/51	6 November 1875 – 6 May 1876	c. 210 pp
A/52	13 May 1876 – 18 November 1876 Includes 'Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of Kilmallock Union for the Year ending 29 September 1877'	c. 210 pp
[53]		
A/54	9 June 1877 – 8 December 1877 Includes 'Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of Kilmallock Union under the Poor Law Rating (Ireland) Law 1876. Period under Estimate: 29 September 1877 to 29 September 1878'	c. 260 pp
A/55	15 December 1877 – 22 June 1878	c. 210 pp
[56]		
A/57	11 January 1879 – 5 July 1879	c. 220 pp
A/58	19 July 1879 – 24 January 1880	c. 210 pp

A/59	31 January 1880 – 7 August 1880 Includes a list of ‘Tenders for Clothing and Bedding’ and a list of ‘Tenders for Provisions and Necessaries’.	c. 210 pp
A/60	14 August 1880 – 26 February 1881	c. 230 pp
A/61	5 March 1881 – 27 August 1881 Includes a list of ‘Tenders for Clothing and Bedding’	c. 250 pp
A/62	3 September 1881 – 28 January 1882	c. 200 pp
A/63	11 March 1882 – 3 March 1883 Includes a list of ‘Tenders for Provisions and Necessaries’	c. 450 pp
A/64	10 March 1883 – 1 March 1884	c. 500 pp
A/65	8 March 1884 – 28 March 1885 Includes a list of ‘Tenders for Provisions and Necessaries’	c. 440 pp
A/66	9 May 1885 – 29 May 1886 Includes a clothing receipt	c. 440 pp
A/67	5 June 1886 – 25 June 1887 Includes an ‘Inventory Book’ and a ‘Clothing Receipt Book’	c. 420 pp
A/68	2 July 1887 – 7 July 1888	c. 440 pp
A/69	14 July 1888 – 3 August 1889	c. 440 pp
A/70	10 August 1889 – 30 August 1890	c. 440 pp
A/71	6 September 1890 – 25 February 1891	c. 220 pp
A/72	7 March 1891 – 12 September 1891 Includes a ‘Clothing Receipt Book for Half Year’	c. 240 pp
A/73	19 September 1891 – 12 March 1892 Includes a clothing receipt	c. 220 pp
A/74	19 March 1892 – 10 September 1892	c. 220 pp
A/75	17 September 1892 – 11 March 1893	c. 220 pp
A/76	18 March 1893 – 9 September 1893	c. 230 pp
A/77	16 September 1893 – 10 March 1894	c. 220 pp
A/78	17 March 1894 – 22 September 1894	c. 270 pp
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A/80	13 April 1895 – 19 October 1895 Includes an inventory of ‘Furniture and other articles in the Establishment’	c. 270 pp
A/81	26 October 1895 – 2 May 1896	c. 270 pp
A/82	9 May 1896 – 14 November 1896	c. 270 pp
A/83	21 November 1896 – 29 May 1897	c. 280 pp
A/84	5 June 1897 – 12 December 1897	c. 240 pp

A/85	18 December 1897 – 25 June 1898	c. 280 pp
A/86	2 July 1898 – 21 January 1899	c. 270 pp
A/87	28 January 1899 – 3 June 1899	c. 180 pp
A/88	10 June 1899 – 9 December 1899	c. 240 pp
A/89	23 December 1899 – 29 December 1900 Includes 'Visiting Committees' Reports' Also includes a inventory showing 'Furniture and Other Articles in the Establishment'	c. 500 pp
A/90	5 January 1901 – 13 July 1901	c. 300 pp
A/91	20 July 1901 – 25 January 1902 Includes an inventory showing 'Furniture and Other Articles in the Establishment'	c. 300 pp
A/92	1 February 1902 – 9 August 1902 Includes some newspaper advertisement cuttings, e.g. 'Nightwatchman wanted' or 'Yearly Supplies Wanted'.	c. 300 pp
A/93	16 August 1902 – 21 February 1903	c. 300 pp
A/94	28 February 1903 – 29 August 1903 Includes an inventory showing 'Furniture and Other Articles in the Establishment'	c. 300 pp
A/95	5 September 1903 – 19 March 1904	c. 300 pp
A/96	12 March 1904 – 24 September 1904 Includes a paper showing 'Return of Children transferred from the Workhouse of above Union (Kilmallock) to the Glin District School, this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of August 1904'	c. 300 pp
A/97	1 October 1904 – 1 April 1905	c. 300 pp
A/98	8 April 1905 – 14 October 1905	c. 300 pp
A/99	21 October 1905 – 5 May 1906	c. 300 pp
A/100	12 May 1906 – 10 November 1906	c. 270 pp
A/101	17 November 1906 – 18 May 1907	c. 280 pp
A/102	25 May 1907 – 9 November 1907	c. 280 pp
A/103	16 November 1907 – 9 May 1908	c. 280 pp
A/104	16 May 1908 – 14 November 1908	c. 300 pp
A/105	21 November 1908 – 8 June 1909	c. 300 pp
A/106	11 June 1909 – 15 November 1909	c. 270 pp
A/107	27 November 1909 – 25 May 1910	c. 300 pp
A/108	4 June 1910 – 3 December 1910	c. 320 pp
A/109	10 December 1910 – 17 June 1911	c. 300 pp
A/110	24 June 1911 – 16 December 1911	c. 270 pp
A/111	23 December 1911 – 29 June 1912	c. 700 pp
A/112	6 July 1912 – 4 January 1913	c. 700 pp

A/113	11 January 1913 – 21 June 1913	c. 700 pp
A/114	28 June 1913 – 27 December 1913	c. 700 pp
A/115	3 January 1914 – 4 July 1914	c. 700 pp
A/116	11 July 1914 – 16 January 1915	c. 700 pp
A/117	23 January 1915 – 17 July 1915	c. 500 pp
A/118	24 July 1915 – 22 January 1916	c. 500 pp
A/119	29 January 1916 – 2 September 1916	c. 500 pp
A/120	9 September 1916 – 7 April 1917	c. 500 pp
A/121	14 April 1917 – 6 October 1917	c. 500 pp
A/122	13 October 1917 – 11 May 1918	c. 500 pp
A/123	18 May 1918 – 23 November 1918	c. 500 pp
A/124	30 November 1918 – 7 June 1919	c. 500 pp
A/125	14 June 1919 – 24 January 1920	c. 500 pp
A/126	31 January 1920 – 21 August 1920	c. 500 pp
A/127	25 August 1920 – 10 August 1923 From 25 May 1922 to 10 August 1923 they are minutes of the Rural District Council	c. 500 pp
A/128	5 February 1921 – 9 December 1921 Includes a memorandum of the clerk about the dissolution of the Board Includes minute of one meeting of the Rural District Council (15 July 1921)	c. 250 pp
A/129	13 January 1922 – 7 April 1922	c. 75 pp

### **Board of Guardians Rough Minute Book (1854 – 1855)**

AA/1 13 September 1854 – 11 August 1855

Rough Minute Book of the Board of Guardians of Kilmallock Union.

Same structure and contents than the general Minute Books (see BG/106/A)

c. 500 pp

### **Dispensary Committee Minute Books (1852 – 1898)**

Minute Books of the Committee of Management of the Bruree Dispensary District and the Kilmallock Dispensary District, in Kilmallock Union. Meetings were held once a fortnight for the Bruree Dispensary District and once a month for the Kilmallock Dispensary District,

2 volume

AJ/1	6 March 1852 – 21 February 1899 Bruree Dispensary District Includes an 'Extract from the General Rules of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, for the Government of Dispensary Districts'. Includes a letter with a copy of a report received from the Clerk of Works relative to the proposed repairs of the Medical Officers Residence at Bruree (13 June 1896). Also includes a note requiring the celebration of an extraordinary meeting due to the state of the Dispensary residence (21 February 1899). Index included	c. 100 pp
AJ/2	13 April 1872 – 6 May 1898	c. 120 pp

### **Board of Guardians Labourers' Act Minute Books (1886 – 1898)**

Minute Books of the proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Kilmallock Union under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts. Meeting were held weekly and dealt with matters such as acceptance of tenders, erection and maintenance of cottages, payments and loans. Includes entries such as 'Read letter Patrick Brey tenant of a cottage in Athlacca Rural District stating that his cottage requires repairs' (BG/106/AK/5), 'Mr Carroll architect reported that the following cottages are completed and fit for occupation' (BG/106/AK/6)

6 volumes

AK/1	4 February 1886 – 3 October 1889	c. 170 pp
AK/2	10 October 1889 – 6 November 1890 Index included	c. 100 pp
AK/3	13 November 1890 – 19 January 1893	c. 170 pp
AK/4	26 January 1893 – 9 May 1895	c. 200 pp
AK/5	30 May 1895 – 23 September 1897	c. 200 pp
AK/6	30 September 1897 – 15 December 1898 Includes minutes of one meeting of the Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts (27 October 1899)	c. 100 pp

**Board of Guardians General Ledgers (1907 – 1922)**

General Ledgers of the Board of Guardians of the Kilmallock Union.

Each volume is organized in different tables that deal with financial matters detailing as follows: Unpaid Bills; Reconcilement of the Treasurer's Balances at the Close of this Half year; Clerk's Petty Disbursement; Repayment of Relief; Rents of Dispensary Residences; Sales of Farm Produce; Sales of Offal, Old Stores and Other Receipts; Provisions and Necessaries; Abstract of Provision Receipt and Consumption Account; Clothing and Bedding; Workhouse Burials; Relieving Officers (Personal Accounts); Out-door Relief; Establishment; Memorandum of Transactions in Relation to the Workhouse Farm; Maintenance of Extern Institutions; Abstract of Persons Maintained in Extern Institutions during this half year; Workhouse Inmates sent for Special Treatment; Emigration, Law and Other Poor Relief Expenditure; Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages and of Vaccinations; Fees to Medical Officers for Examination of Lunatics; Medical Charities; Superannuation Allowances; Salaries Accounts; Repayment of Loans; Union Fund and County Accounts; Transferring Unions Accounts (Tipperary); Receiving Unions Accounts (Mallow).

3 volumes

[1]		
C/2	March 1907 – March 1909 <b>Closed</b>	c. 40 ff
[3]		
C/4	October 1912 – March 1915 Includes a 'Detailed Expenditure of Dispensary District for the half year ended the last day of September 1913', detailing Medicines; Medical Appliances; Books, Form, Stationery, Printing and Advertisement; Salaries of Medical Officers and Midwives; Vaccination Expenses and Other Expensed for Bruff, Bruree, Charleville Hospital, Kilfenaran and Kilmallock Dispensary Districts	c. 50 ff
[5]		
C/6	October 1920 – September 1922 Includes 'Statement showing Expenditure &c, of each of the Contributory Unions, for Half Year ended the 30 September 1922 for Glin District School'	c. 55 ff

### **Rate Books (1842 – 1873)**

Collecting books for the Poor Rate of Kilmallock Union. Each volume relates to one electoral division in the Union.

A rate was estimated every year for a period of twelve months, as stated in the volumes. Each folio is headed by the Name of the Union (Kilmallock), the Electoral Division, the Townland which the collection of rate is referred to and the rate made on the correspondent poundage (e.g. 'Rate made 10 day of September 1863 on a poundage of 8 in the Pound', BG/106/N/30).

The first volumes (1842) are organized in columns under the following headings: Number; Name of Occupier; Name of Owner; Description of Property Rated (e.g. land, house, etc.); Name or Situation of Property; Estimated Extent, Statute Measure (A./R./P.); Net Annual Value; Landlords' Rate; Tenants Rate; Landlords' Taxes and Other Public Charges (not filled); Tenants Taxes and Other Public Charges; Landlords' Repairs and Insurances (not filled); Tenants Repairs and Insurances; Landlords' Other Expenses (not filled); Tenants Other Expenses; Gross Annual Value; Rate at (amount) d. in the Pound; Arrears due (if any).

Between 1848 and 1873, the structure of the volumes simplifies, with the columns detailing Number; Name or Situation of Property Rated; Description of Property Rated (e.g. land, house, etc.); Estimated Extent, Statute Measure (A./R./P.); Net Annual; Person on Whom the Rate is made (Occupier; Immediate Lessor of Hereditaments not exceeding – amount- £); Rate at (amount) d. in the Pound; Arrears due (if any); Total

In 1873, each rate book is organized in columns under the following headings: Number in Rate Book; Name or Situation of Property Rated; Description of Property Rated (e.g. land, house, etc.); Occupier; Immediate Lessor of Hereditaments for which occupier is not liable; Immediate Lessor of Hereditaments under agreement with Guardians; Net Annual Value (£/s.); Amount of Rate; Arrear of Former Rate (not filled); Total Amount to be collected (not filled); Amount Collected; Number of Receipt Given; Arrears (not filled); Number of Receipts for Arrears (not filled); Observations; Total.

A summary of all the townlands is included in every volume. Also it is included in the last page a sealed and signed General Warrant to Collect and Levy Poor Rates.

29 volumes

N/1	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Ballinlough	21 ff
N/2	12 May 1842 Electoral Division of Ballinvana	20 ff
N/3	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Bruff	35 ff

	First pages of the volume are missing	
N/4	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Bruree	37 ff
N/5	17 February 1842 Electoral Division: Cahercorney	18 ff
N/6	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Dromin	20 ff
N/7	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Kilflyn Photocopies of original Includes a folder with photocopies of receipts for Kilflynn Electoral Division (1875 – 1876) stating Net Annual Value; Number in Rate Book; Amount and Person Rated.	34 pp
N/8	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Manisteranenagh	14 ff
N/9	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Tankardstown First pages of the volume are missing	25 ff
N/10	12 May 1842 Electoral Division: Uregare	18 ff
N/11	23 March 1848 Electoral Division: Ardpatrik	35 ff
N/12	23 March 1848 Electoral Division: Ballinlough	25 ff
N/13	24 March 1848 Electoral Division: Ballinvana	20 ff
N/14	[23 March] 1848 Electoral Division: Bruff	35 ff
N/15	23 March 1848 Electoral Division: Galbally	50 ff
N/16	23 March 1848 Electoral Division: Glenbrohane	17 ff
N/17	23 March 1848 Electoral Division: Glenroe	15 ff
N/18	[24 March] 1849 Electoral Division: Ballinlough	20 ff
N/19	24 March 1849 Electoral Division: Bruff	40 ff
N/20	24 March 1849	30 ff



	Electoral Division: Bruree	
N/21	24 March 1849 Electoral Division: Knockainy	45 ff
N/22	7 August 1856 Electoral Division: Rockhill	13 ff
[23]		
N/24	10 September 1863 Electoral Division: Hospital	25 ff
[25]		
N/26	25 September 1873 Electoral Division: Bruff	
N/27	25 September 1873 Electoral Division: Cahercorney	15 ff
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N/30	25 September 1873 Electoral Division: Hospital	20 ff
N/31	25 September 1873 Electoral Division: Killeely	12 ff
N/32	25 September 1873 Electoral Division: Miltown (Co. Cork)	9 ff
N/33	25 September 1873 Electoral Division: Springfort (Co. Cork)	10 ff

### **Abstract of Rate Books (1862 – 1876)**

Abstract of Rate Books for Kilmallock Union. Each volume is organized in columns under the following headings: Number in Rate Book; Number of Receipt; Amount; Observations. Rear of volumes includes a Weekly Balance Sheet of Collector's Receipts and Lodgements, which is divided in columns such as 'Week ended', 'Amount (if any) brought forward remaining in hands of Collector at close of previous week' 'Amount of Receipts during week per Abstract of Rate Receipts' 'Total', 'Amount lodged during week; with Treasurer, per Treasurer's Receipt' 'Amount (if any) remaining in hands of Collector at close of week' 'Total' 'Amount collected to the above date' 'Amount uncollected at close of week' 'Initials of Clerk' and 'Observations'.

4 volumes

NA/1	23 November 1862 – 18 April 1863 Electoral Division: Athlaccá	12 pp
NA/2	18 October 1862 – 2 May 1863	10 pp

	Electoral Division: Bulgaden	
NA/3	15 October 1865 – 7 April 1866 Electoral Division: Bulgaden	12 pp
NA/4	17 October 1875 – 27 May 1876 Electoral Division: Uregare	18 pp

# **Limerick Union**

## **BG 110**

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## **Limerick Introduction**

Limerick Union, an area of some 197 square miles with a population of just over 140,000, was declared in December 1838. Of its 17 electoral divisions, five were in Co. Clare. .

Abington	Crecora	Killmurry
Ballybricken	Castleconnell	Limerick City
Caherconlish	Doon	Murroe
Cappamore	Fedamore	Patrickswell

### Clare Division

Kiltenanlea	Killokennedy	Kilseely
Kilfeenaghta	Killeely	

In 1850, Crecora and Fedamore were ceded to Croom Union and the numbers of electoral divisions doubled as follows:

Abington	Caherelly	Cratloe	Kiltenanlea
Ballybricken	Cappamore	Cloontra	Lackerragh
Ballycannan	Carrig	Doon West	Limerick City
Ballycummin	Castlecrine	Fahymore	Mountievers
Ballyglass	Castleconnell	Glenstal	O'Brien's Bridge
Ballysimon	Cappaville	Kileely	Patrickswell
Ballyvarra	Clarina	Killokennedy	Roxborough
Caherconlish E.	Clonkeen	Kilmurry	
Caherconlish W.	Cloghera	Kilseely	

The headquarters of the Limerick Union was in the new workhouse built on Shelbourne Road, Limerick City between 1839 and 1841 at a cost of nearly £13,000. The first paupers were admitted on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1841. It was designed to hold 1,600 inmates. It superseded the old House of Industry on the North Strand, which closed down at this time, and later became a barracks. In 1861 the Sisters of Mercy were introduced into and given charge of the administration of the Union Workhouse. William Monsell (1812-94), MP for County Limerick from 1847 to 1874, was chairman of the board of guardians from 1857 to 1882, which lent the Union additional prestige, both locally and nationally. After the Boards of Guardians were abolished in 1923, the workhouse on Shelbourne Street became the City Home and Hospital.

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93 volumes

[1-2]		
A/3	4 May 1842 – 22 March 1843 Includes two pages of collector's accounts	c. 550 pp
A/4	29 March 1843 – 11 October 1843 Index included	c. 150 pp
[5-6]		

A/7	11 June 1845 – 20 May 1846	c. 300 pp
A/8	27 May 1846 – 7 April 1847	c. 330 pp
[9]		
A/10	19 January 1848 – 11 October 1848	c. 210 pp
A/11	14 October 1848 – 14 March 1849	c. 220 pp
A/12	17 March 1849 – 14 November 1849	c. 220 pp
A/13	21 November 1849 – 29 May 1850	c. 150 pp
A/14	3 June 1850 – 18 September 1850	c. 280 pp
A/15	25 September 1850 – 5 February 1851	c. 140 pp
A/16	12 February 1851 – 27 August 1851	c. 320 pp
A/17	3 September 1851 – 10 March 1852	c. 200 pp
A/18	17 March 1852 – 29 September 1852	c. 200 pp
A/19	13 October 1852 – 11 April 1853	c. 270 pp
A/20	20 April 1853 – 5 October 1853	c. 250 pp
A/21	12 October 1853 – 3 April 1854	c. 230 pp
A/22	5 April 1854 – 27 September 1854	c. 260 pp
A/23	4 October 1854 – 28 March 1855	c. 230 pp
A/24	2 April 1855 – 3 October 1855	c. 230 pp
A/25	10 October 1855 – 7 April 1856	c. 210 pp
A/26	9 April 1856 – 1 October 1856	c. 270 pp
A/27	8 October 1856 – 1 April 1857	c. 200 pp
A/28	1 April 1857 – 30 September 1857	c. 210 pp
A/29	7 October 1857 – 31 March 1858	c. 210 pp
A/30	3 April 1858 – 29 September 1858	c. 210 pp
A/31	6 October 1858 – 23 March 1859	c. 210 pp
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A/33	4 April 1860 – 26 September 1860	c. 270 pp
A/34	3 October 1860 – 27 March 1861	c. 270 pp
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A/36	2 October 1861 – 26 March 1862 Index included	c. 250 pp
A/37	2 April 1862 – 24 September 1862	c. 250 pp
A/38	1 October 1862 – 8 April 1863	c. 290 pp
A/39	15 April 1863 – 7 October 1863	c. 250 pp
A/40	14 October 1863 – 17 March 1864	c. 270 pp
A/41	23 March 1864 – 1 March 1865	c. 500 pp
A/42	8 March 1865 – 7 February 1866 Index included.	c. 500 pp
A/43	14 February 1866 – 30 January 1867	c. 500 pp

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A/44	10 February 1867 – 29 January 1868 Index included	c. 500 pp
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A/46	5 August 1868 – 29 January 1869	c. 220 pp
A/47	3 February 1869 – 28 July 1869	c. 200 pp
A/48	4 August 1869 – 29 September 1869	c. 90 pp
A/49	6 October 1869 – 30 March 1870	c. 220 pp
A/50	6 April 1870 – 5 October 1870	c. 220 pp
A/51	12 October 1870 – 28 March 1871	c. 370 pp
A/52	5 April 1871 – 4 October 1871	c. 300 pp
A/53	11 October 1871 – 27 March 1872	c. 370 pp
A/54	3 April 1872 – 25 September 1872	c. 370 pp
A/55	2 October 1872 – 26 March 1873	c. 300 pp
A/56	2 April 1873 – 1 October 1873 Includes (back of the volume) ‘Minutes of Evidence of an Inquiry held at the Limerick Workhouse on the 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> August, 1873’ and ‘Copy of Letter from Local Government Board, Ireland relative to an investigation held in the Workhouse in August 1873 by Dr. Charles Croker King, Local Government Inspector’. Also includes ‘Workhouse Hospitals. Report of the Evidence given before a Special Committee of the Board of Guardians, 1873’.	c. 370 pp
A/57	8 October 1873 – 25 March 1874	c. 270 pp
A/58	1 April 1874 – 23 September 1874	c. 300 pp
A/59	30 September 1874 – 24 March 1875 Includes ‘Special Report prepared for the consideration of the Board of Guardians of the Limerick Union by the Chairman of the Committee, appointed to enquire into the Medicine and Stimulant question, which he requests permission to attach as an appendix to the original proceedings’. Also includes ‘Proceeding and Report. Committee appointed to investigate the Cause of the Increase in the Cost of Medicines used in the Workhouse Hospital’.	c. 350 pp
A/60	31 March 1875 – 29 September 1875 Includes a ‘Healthy Dietary Table’ and a ‘Sick Dietary Table’.	c. 370 pp
A/61	6 October 1875 – 29 March 1876	c. 370 pp



A/62	5 April 1876 – 27 September 1876	c. 370 pp
A/63	4 October 1876 – 28 March 1877	c. 370 pp
A/64	4 April 1877 – 3 October 1877	c. 400 pp
A/65	10 October 1877 – 20 March 1878	c. 400 pp
A/66	27 March 1878 – 18 September 1878 Includes (back of the volume) 'Rules for the Guidance of the Medical Officers of the Workhouse Hospital of the Limerick Union' and 'Proceedings of a Committee appointed by the Board of Guardians of the Limerick Union, to Report as to whether the existing Medical Staff is sufficient to meet the requirements of so large on Hospital'.	c. 400 pp
A/67	25 September 1878 – 26 March 1879	c. 350 pp
A/68	2 April 1879 – 24 September 1879	c. 370 pp
A/69	1 October 1879 – 24 March 1880	c. 400 pp
A/70	31 March 1880 – 29 September 1880	c. 400 pp
A/71	6 October 1880 – 23 March 1881	c. 400 pp
A/72	30 March 1882 – 28 September 1881	c. 400 pp
A/73	5 October 1881 – 5 April 1882 Includes a 'Report of the Special Committee of the whole Board to consider the Loan Committee's Estimate of money proposed to be borrowed for past and future expenditure in Buildings, Alterations and Renewals at the Workhouse'.	c. 400 pp
A/74	12 April 1882 – 4 October 1882	c. 400 pp
A/75	11 October 1882 – 4 April 1883	c. 400 pp
A/76	11 April 1883 – 26 September 1883	c. 400 pp
A/77	3 October 1883 – 26 March 1884	c. 400 pp
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A/79	1 October 1884 – 25 March 1885 Includes a table showing 'Return of Outdoor Relief' in each division of the Union.	c. 400 pp
A/80	1 April 1885- 23 September 1885 Includes 'Healthy and Sick Dietary Tables'	c. 400 pp
A/81	30 September 1885 – 24 March 1886	c. 400 pp
A/82	31 March 1886 – 22 September 1886	c. 400 pp
A/83	6 October 1886 – 23 March 1887 Date of the first meeting can't be read.	c. 400 pp
A/84	30 March 1887 – 28 September 1887	c. 500 pp
A/85	5 October 1887 – 28 March 1888	c. 500 pp

	Includes brief index.	
A/86	4 April 1888 – 26 September 1888 Includes brief index	c. 500 pp
A/87	3 October 1888 – 27 March 1889	c. 450 pp
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A/95	28 September 1882 – 22 March 1893 Includes reports by John McInerney, Ambrose Hall and W. Spillane	c. 490 pp
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A/97	27 September 1893 – 21 March 1894	c. 490 pp
A/98	28 March 1894 – 19 September 1894	c. 500 pp
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A/100	27 March 1895 – 18 September 1895 Includes 'Proceedings of a committee assembled by the Limerick Board of Guardians on 17 July 1895 to consider steps to provide more suitable accommodation for lunatics'.	c. 480 pp
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A/106	23 March 1898 – 14 September 1898	c. 470 pp
A/107	21 September 1898 – 18 March 1899 Includes a Chart of Expenses 1894 - 1897	c. 490 pp
A/108	22 March 1899 – 21 June 1899	c. 180 pp
A/109	28 June 1899 – 3 January 1900 Includes several 'Tender Sheet for Workhouse Supplies'.	c. 380 pp
A/110	10 January 1900 – 18 July 1900 Includes letter from Clerk's Office re appointment of contractor for drugs.	c. 390 pp
A/111	25 July 1900 – 30 January 1901 Includes a letter from the 'Ladies' St. Vincent de Paul Society'.	c. 400 pp
A/112	6 February 1901 – 14 August 1901 Includes a letter from the Assistant Secretary re Maintenance Requirements.	c. 400 pp
A/113	21 August 1901 – 26 February 1902	c. 400 pp
A/114	5 March 1902 – 27 August 1902	c. 400 pp
A/115	3 September 1902 – 25 February 1903	c. 360 pp
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A/117	10 October 1903 – 23 March 1904	c. 360 pp
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A/119	4 January 1905 – 28 June 1905	c. 300 pp

A/120	1 July 1905 – 20 December 1905	c. 300 pp
A/121	3 January 1906 – 2 May 1906	c. 250 pp
A/122	9 May 1906 – 12 September 1906	c. 250 pp
A/123	19 September 1906 – 30 January 1907	c. 250 pp
A/124	6 February 1907 – 19 June 1907	c. 250 pp
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A/126	4 December 1907 – 22 April 1908	c. 250 pp
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A/128	27 October 1909 – 23 February 1910	c. 250 pp
A/129	2 March 1910 – 6 July 1910	c. 250 pp
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A/131	26 November 1910 – 26 April 1911	c. 250 pp
A/132	10 May 1911 – 20 September 1911 Includes Memorandum from Secretary to Local Government Board.	c. 250 pp
A/133	27 September 1911 – 14 February 1912 Includes a list of tenders.	c. 250 pp
A/134	21 February 1912 – 10 July 1912	c. 250 pp
A/135	17 July 1912 – 20 November 1912	c. 250 pp
A/136	27 November 1912 – 7 May 1913 Includes note from Clerk's Office re supplies	c. 250 pp
A/137	4 June 1913 – 5 November 1913 Includes a 'Proposed New Dietary Table'	c. 250 pp
A/138	19 November 1913 – 25 March 1914	c. 300 pp
A/139	1 April 1914 – 4 November 1914	c. 300 pp
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A/141	7 April 1915 – 29 September 1915	c. 250 pp
A/142	6 October 1915 – 29 March 1916	c. 250 pp
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A/145	28 February 1917 – 28 March 1917	
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A/147	23 January 1918 – 5 June 1918	c. 250 pp
A/148	12 June 1918 – 13 November 1918	c. 300 pp
A/149	20 November 1918 – 26 March 1919	c. 250 pp
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A/151	28 January 1920 – 7 July 1920	
[152-153]		
A/154	27 August 1921 – 11 February 1922 Includes a Standing Order for Payment for an Agent on behalf of an incapacitated person.	c. 390 pp

**Board of Guardians Rough Minute Books (1842 – 1883)**

Rough Minute Books of the Board of Guardians of Limerick Union. Same structure and contents as the Minute Books (see BG/110/A/1-154).

5 volumes

AA/1	1 June 1842 – 26 July 1843	c. 250 pp
AA/2	28 July 1843 – 31 July 1844	c. 280 pp
AA/3	14 April 1847 – 12 January 1848	c. 460 pp
AA/4	10 October 1880 – 23 March 1881	c. 400 pp
AA/5	25 April 1883 – 26 September 1883	c. 360 pp

**Rural Sanitary Board Minute Book (1885-1890)**

- AL/1     1 August 1885 – 15 February 1890     Minute Book of the Rural Sanitary Board, stating members present, letters received, orders and resolutions in relation to the auction, rent, build and repair of cottages, communication with the Local Government Board, contracts adopted for cottages and reports. The minutes from the first meeting (1 August 1885) include 'It was ordered that in future the Board met every Saturday until further notice in order to transact increasing business under the Labourers Act'.
- c. 200 pp

**Contagious Diseases (Animal) Committee Minute Book**

- AM/1     12 October 1878 – 15 November 1893     Minute Book of the Contagious Diseases (Animal) Committee. The minute of the first meeting states the names of the members of the Committee from 1878 to 1881. It also states the functions and responsibilities of the Clerk 'The Clerk was directed to provide the necessary hand bills required for the purposes of the Act and to inform the County Inspectors of Limerick and Clare that M. Johnstone V.S. has been appointed inspector for this Union' and of

the Inspector 'The Committee delegated to the Inspector their authority to order the slaughter of diseases beast. (...) The Inspector was directed to keep an effective supervision on all railways waggons so as to see that they are properly disinfected and cleansed'. The minutes include reports of the Inspector re slaughters and money paid for them, letters and orders and resolutions re cattle. The meetings were held irregularly and in some months (e.g. from 31 December 1879 to 10 August 1881) no meetings were held.

c. 55 pp

### **Wages' Book**

W/1      6 December 1916 – 13 November 1919

Wages' Book of tradesmen that did works for the

Union. Each page is headed with statement 'We, the undersigned Tradesmen, have received Wages as set out opposite our names for Week ended (date)'. The Tradesmen stated are: Foreman Baker, Baker Assistant, Carpenter, Shoemaker, Shoemaker Assistant, Tailor, Machinist (Tailor), Boot Machinist, Painter and Ambulance Driver. It is also included the Number of Days at Work, Rate of Wages per day, Signature of Tradesman and Weekly Wages (£, s, d). At the end of the page it is the signature of the Clerk of the Union and of the Master.

c. 160 pp

### **Clerk's Letter Books (1909 – 1919)**

Letter Books from the Clerk of the Union; The clerk of Limerick Union, W.J Guinane also acted as clerk Limerick Rural District 1 and 2 Council, so the volumes cover all three bodies. The letters deal with a variety of topics including communications with the Local Government Board, with local medical staff, contractors, suppliers of goods to the workhouse. Also includes correspondence relating to the election of Guardians, outdoor relief, Union's finances, building and maintenance of District Council cottages, health and welfare of the inmates, council orders, etc.

3 volumes

B/1	17 June 1909 – 7 January 1911	c. 1000 pp
B/2	18 August 1911 – 15 August 1914	c. 350 pp
B/3	20 January 1914 – 27 June 1919	c. 600 pp

### **Letters from Local Government Board (1887 – 1895)**

Books of letters from the Local Government Board. The letters deal with sanction of payments, recommendations from the Board, advertisement of vacancy positions in the Union 'I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of the Minute of the Board of Guardians of Limerick Union of the 29 ultimo proposing to advertise for an Assistant Schoolmistress for the Workhouse' (5 July 1887, BG/110/BC/2), acknowledgment of receipts and letters received, information about new appointments and rates, resolutions and orders from the Local Government Board.

5 volumes

[1]		
BC/2	5 April 1887 – 31 May 1888	c. 190 pp
[3]		
BC/4	5 February 1889 – 28 October 1890	c. 300 pp
[5]		
BC/6	2 January 1892 – 30 December 1892 Includes letter re cholera regulations (31 August 1892)	c. 250 pp
[7]		
BC/8	2 January 1894 – 31 December 1894	c. 250 pp
BC/9	2 January 1895 – 31 December 1895	c. 250 pp

### **General Ledgers (1842 – 1875)**

General Ledgers of the Board of Guardians of Limerick Union. Each page of the volumes is divided in columns under the following headings: Date; Folio in Minute Book; Folio of Corresponding Credit; Items; Total. Each page has also a different title heading such as 'The Treasurer', 'Invoice Account', 'Provision

Account', 'Maintenance Account', 'Clothing and Bedding Account', 'Maintenance and Clothing Union Paupers', 'Cost of Maintenance of Paupers in Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums', 'Relief by way of Loan', 'Other Receipts Accounts', 'Establishment Accounts', 'Collectors Remuneration Account', 'Emigration Account', 'Burial Account', 'Medical Charities Account', 'Clerk Petty Disbursement Account', 'Unpaid Bills', 'Union at Large' and 'Union Divisions' (different pages for every division of the Union). Slight variations to the title of accounts are apparent in later volumes.

5 volumes

C/1	March 1842 – September 1842 Brief index included	c. 200 pp
C/2	September 1862 – September 1863	c. 200 pp
C/3	October 1866 – September 1867	c. 200 pp
C/4	April 1870 – March 1871 Index included	c. 200 pp
C/5	April 1875 – September 1875 Index included	c. 100 pp

## Register of Deaths (1907-1915)

H/1	7 January 1907-2 February 1915	Register of deaths. Entries recorded under columns titled 'register no', 'date of death', 'cause of death', 'name', 'sex', 'condition', 'relating to marital status', 'rank or profession', 'date of admission', and 'when registered'.  c.110 pp
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### **Newcastle West Introduction**

Newcastle West Union was declared in December 1838. It covered an area of just over 207 square miles and comprised the electoral divisions of:

Abbyfeale	Clonneagh	Kilmeedy	Rathroan
Ardagh	Dromcollogher	Mahoonagh	
Ballingarry	Killagholehane	Monagay	
Castletown	Killeady	Newcastle	

A new workhouse, with accommodation for 550, was in operation from Mach, 1841. While the formation of the Croom Union lessened the area of the Union, the number of the electoral divisions was greatly increased in 1850. The new divisions were:

Abbyfeale	Cleanglass	Glenagower	Mount Collins
Ardagh	Cloncagh	Glengort	Mountplummer
Ballintober	Danganbeg	Glensharrold	Newcastle
Ballynoe West	Dromcolliher	Kilmeedy	Port
Boola	Dromtrasna	Knockaderry	Rathronan
Broadford	Feenagh	Mahoonagh	Rooskagh
Caher	Garryduff	Monagay	Templeglantine

The collection held by Limerick Archives consists of Board of Guardian minute books (1848-1922) and general ledger (1907-1909).

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### **Board of Guardians Minute Books (1848-1922)**

Minute Books of the Board of Guardians of NewCastle West Union. Meetings were held weekly. Entries are recorded under headings, which include Clerk's reports, Treasurer's Account, Reports of the Master and Other Officers and Orders of and Letters from the Poor Law Commissioners. Also recorded are members present, details of correspondence, proposals and resolutions passed, and payments made. Also noted in each volume is information provided by the census on population of the Union in each decade.

Volumes include tables titled 'Return of Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last week ending (date) authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this meeting'.

Also included is additional table titled 'State of the Workhouse for the week ending (date)'. This table records the number of inmates for which accommodation is provided in Workhouse/Temporary Buildings/Additional Workhouses/Permanent Fever Hospital/Fever Sheds/Total; the number of inmates in categories such as 'aged and infirm', (male/female); able-bodied (male/female), boys and girls and children under 2 years/born (male/female); and Return of Sick and Lunatics: Number in Hospital, Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date. Also recorded are numbers admitted during the week, numbers discharged during the week, number died during week, and total remaining at end of week. Also noted in each volume is information provided by the census on population of the Union in each decade.

From 1853 (BG 130/A/13) Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under Medical Charities Act and Nuisance Removal and Disease Prevention are also included.

From 1875 (BG 130/A/41) to 1900 Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians as the Sanitary Authority are included. Index to minutes included at the beginning of each volume.

93 volumes.

[1-5]		
A/6	7 March 1848 – 3 January 1849	c. 440 pp
A/7	18 January 1849 – 11 October 1849	c. 450 pp
[8-10]		
A/11	25 January 1852 – 15 September 1852	c. 550 pp
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A/13	16 November 1853 – 14 June 1854 'Special business' discussed at meeting is bookmarked with a slip of paper.	c. 380 pp
[14]		
A/15	28 December 1854 – 5 July 1855	c. 390 pp

A/16	12 July 1855 – 10 June 1856	c. 710 pp
A/17	17 January 1856 – 24 July 1856	c. 1025 pp
A/18	31 July 1856 – 29 January 1857	c. 330 pp
[19-23]		
A/24	13 October 1859 – 5 April 1860 Includes comparative expenditure account of Rathkeale and Newcastle West Unions for year ended 31 March 1859.	c. 600 pp
A/25	12 April 1860 – 18 October 1860	c. 500 pp
A/26	25 October 1860 – 12 September 1861	c. 800 pp
A/27	14 September 1861 – 6 September 1862	c. 800 pp
A/28	18 September 1862 – 10 September 1863	c. 600 pp
A/29	12 September 1863 – 3 September 1864	c. 800 pp
A/30	15 September 1864 – 7 September 1865	c. 500 pp
A/31	14 September 1865 – 30 August 1866	c. 600 pp
A/32	6 September 1866 – 29 August 1867	c. 600 pp
A/33	5 September 1867 – 3 September 1868	c. 600 pp
A/34	10 September 1868 – 4 March 1869	c. 300 pp
A/35	11 March 1869 – 3 March 1870	c. 500 pp
A/36	10 March 1870 – 2 March 1871	c. 570 pp
A/37	9 March 1871 – 29 February 1872	c. 550 pp
A/38	7 March 1872 – 1 March 1873	c. 550 pp
A/39	8 March 1873 – 5 March 1874	c. 550 pp
A/40	12 March 1874 – 4 March 1875	c. 450 pp
A/41	11 March 1875 – 2 March 1876	c. 800 pp
A/42	9 March 1876 – 22 February 1877	c. 800 pp
A/43	8 March 1877 – 28 February 1878	c. 800 pp
A/44	7 March 1878 – 20 February 1879	c. 1000 pp
A/45	27 February 1879 – 12 February 1880	c. 1000 pp
A/46	14 February 1880 – 3 February 1881	c. 900 pp
A/47	10 February 1881 – 19 January 1882	c. 1000 pp
A/48	26 January 1882 – 4 January 1883	c. 900 pp
A/49	25 January 1883 – 10 January 1884	c. 900 pp
A/50	17 January 1884 – 1 January 1885	c. 1200 pp
A/51	8 January 1885 – 14 January 1886	c. 1000 pp
A/52	21 January 1886 – 20 January 1887	c. 1200 pp
A/53	27 January 1887 – 2 February 1888	c. 1100 pp
A/54	9 February 1888 – 28 March 1889	c. 700 pp
A/55	4 April 1889 – 27 March 1890 Includes 'The Police Gazette' or 'Hue and Cry',	c. 1200 pp

	13 October 1899 Also includes Petition signed by rate payers of the electoral division of Newcastle West calling on Board of Guardians to oppose motion of 19 September 1889 for getting up water works in the town of Newcastle West. Petition gives name, address and valuation of property of rate payers.	
A/56	3 April 1890 – 2 April 1891	c. 1300 pp
A/57	14 May 1891 – 26 May 1892 Index not included	c. 1300 pp
A/58	2 June 1892 – 17 August 1893	c. 1500 pp
A/59	24 August 1893 – 4 October 1894	c. 750 pp
A/60	11 October 1894 – 31 October 1895	c. 1400 pp
A/61	7 November 1895 – 3 December 1896	c. 1400 pp
A/62	12 December 1896 – 6 January 1898	c. 1400 pp
A/63	3 February 1898 – 18 August 1898	c. 700 pp
A/64	25 August 1898 – 15 April 1899	c. 800 pp
A/65	27 April 1899 – 8 June 1899	c. 150 pp
A/66	22 June 1899 – 6 June 1900	c. 900 pp
A/67	21 June 1900 – 1 August 1901	c. 900 pp
A/68	15 August 1901 – 16 January 1902	c. 400 pp
A/69	13 February 1902 – 24 July 1902	c. 430 pp
A/70	7 August 1902 – 10 September 1903	c. 1000 pp
A/71	17 September 1903 – 29 September 1904 <b>Closed</b>	c. 1000 pp
A/72	13 October 1904 – 2 November 1905	c. 1000 pp
A/73	23 November 1905 – 16 August 1906	c. 400 pp
A/74	6 September 1906 – 20 June 1907 <b>Closed</b>	c. 500 pp
A/75	27 June 1907 – 29 August 1908 <b>Closed</b>	c. 500 pp
A/76	[] September 1908 – [] January 1910 <b>Closed</b>	c. 500 pp
A/77	10 February 1910 – 11 May 1911 <b>Closed</b>	c. 1000 pp
A/78	25 May 1911 – 24 August 1912 <b>Closed</b>	c. 1000 pp
A/79	26 September 1912 – 7 August 1913 <b>Closed</b>	c. 1000 pp
A/80	14 August 1913 – 30 July 1914 Includes Financial Minutes until 12 November	c. 1200 pp

	1914	
A/81	13 August 1914 – 31 July 1915 Includes Financial Minutes until 11 November 1915	c. 1200 pp
A/82	12 August 1915 – 13 February 1916 Includes Financial Minutes until 10 August 1916	c. 1000 pp
A/83	5 February 1916 – 22 July 1916	c. 1000 pp
A/84	11 August 1916 – 15 March 1917 <b>Closed</b>	c. 1000 pp
A/85	22 March 1917 – 25 October 1917 <b>Closed</b>	c. 1000 pp
A/86	10 November 1917 – 4 April 1918 Includes Financial Minutes until 11 April 1918	c. 500 pp
A/87	11 April 1918 – 12 September 1918 No meetings were held between 18 April and 17 October 1918; however information regarding the state of the workhouse was recorded	c. 500 pp
A/88	26 September 1918 – 27 March 1919 Includes Financial Minutes until 8 May 1919	c. 500 pp
A/89	10 April 1919 – 4 September 1919 Includes Financial Minutes until 13 November 1919	c. 500 pp
A/90	9 October 1919 – 18 March 1920 Includes Financial Minutes until 18 June 1920 Occasionally minutes annotated with 'no meeting' information regarding state of the workhouse entered.	c. 500 pp
A/91	8 April 1920 – 14 October 1920	c. 500 pp
A/92	11 November 1920 – 11 August 1921 Index not included	c. 500 pp
A/93	11 August 1921 – 11 May 1922	c. 500 pp

### General Ledger (1907-1909)

C/1 September 1907 – March 1909

General Ledger of the  
Board of Guardians of  
Newcastle West Union.

Volume is organised into tables that deal with matters such as unpaid Bills;

Reconcilement of the Treasurer's Balances at the Close of this Half year; Clerk's Petty Disbursement; Repayment of Relief; Rents of Dispensary Residences; Sales of Farm Produce; Sales of Offal, Old Stores and Other Receipts; Provisions and Necessaries; Abstract of Provision Receipt and Consumption Account; Clothing and Bedding; Workhouse Burials; Relieving Officers (Out-door Relief; Establishment; Memorandum of Transactions in Relation to the Workhouse Farm; Maintenance of Extern Institutions; Abstract of Persons Maintained in Extern Institutions during this half year; Board of Management of District School; Workhouse Inmates sent for Special Treatment; Emigration, Law and Other Poor Relief Expenditure; Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages and of Vaccinations; Fees to Medical Officers for Examination of Lunatics; Medical Charities; Superannuation Allowances; Salaries Accounts; Repayment of Loans; Union Fund and County Accounts; Transferring Unions Accounts); Receiving Unions Accounts

c. 50 pp

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### **Rathkeale Introduction**

As originally formed in December 1838, Rathkeale Union covered an area of 160 square miles and comprised the electoral division of:

Adare North	Dunmoylan	Kilscannel
Adare South	Iveruss	Loghill
Ardcanny	Kilcornan	Lismakeery
Askeaton	Kilfinny	Nantenan
Croagh	Kilfergus	Rathkeale
Croom	Kilmoylan	Shanagolden
	Kildimo	

Its workhouse was built for 660 people and was operative from July 1841.

Contributions to the formation of Glin and Croom Union in 1850 deprived the Union of some seven divisions. The remainder were redrawn as follows:

Askeaton East	Dromard	Rathkeale
Askeaton West	Iveruss	Riddlestown
Aughinish	Kilcornan	Dunmoylan East
Ballyallinan	Kildimo	Dunmoylan West
Ballynacarriga	Kilscannell	Loghill
Castletown	Lismakeery	Mohernagh
Craggs	Nantinan	Shanagolden
Croagh	Pallaskenry	Shanid

Unfortunately a fire started by the IRA in 1922 at the work house destroyed almost all the records of the Rathleale Union. Only a single volume of board of guardian minutes survived the fire.

### **BG 139 Rathkeale Union**

#### **Board of Guardians Minute Book (1921)**

A/1	12 January 1921 – 30 November 1921	Minute Book of the Board of Guardians of Rathkeale Union. States guardians present and includes Statistical Minutes, Minutes under the Medical Charities Act and Financial Minutes. Also includes, in the first page of every minute, two tables, showing 'Return of Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last week ending (date) authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this meeting' and 'State of the Workhouse for the week ending (date)'
		c. 350 pp



