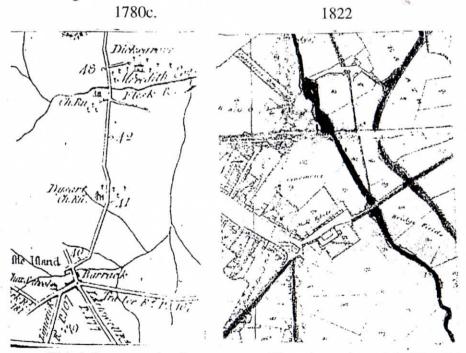
BARRACK LANE

Oh the dear old Barrack Lane Oh the dear old Barrack Lane We will fight, fight, fight for Barrack Lane On the shores of the lovely Maine.

The above is a snatch from the Barrack Lane anthem. It was usually sung, with great gusto, on the occasion of the annual bonfire night celebrations which took place on the eve of St. John (June 24).

It was customary for other areas in the town to hold their own bonfire and clashes often took place.

Local historian T.M. Donovan (1863-1950) tells that, prior to 1831, the only bridge from the town to the south, across the Maine, was Barrack Lane bridge.



This is borne out by the two maps. There is no sign of the New Line or the Killarney Road. After 1822, there was a major road and house building boom. Lewis' Topographical Directory of 1837 says that the river was by then crossed by three bridges a short distance from each other.

A close look at the top, right hand side of the 1822 map reveals that

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the Barrack Lane road ultimately turns left at the priests' cross and on the lower right, makes its way to Cahernard via the Bridge Fields.

Unfortunately, restricted space limits the effect of the maps. The map of 1780c. clearly shows the existence of a barracks in Barrack Lane. Nowhere have I come across the exact date of the building of the barracks.

Fr. Kieran O'Shea, in his book "Castleisland Church and People", published in 1981, tells us that c. 1678 it was felt that a company of troops, quartered in Castleisland, would benefit the town and keep control over the local rebels or "Tories". (p.16).

Charles Smith wrote a history of Kerry, published in 1856. In it he wrote – "In Castleisland are a decent parish church, a good parsonage house, a foot barrack, a session and market house, with a handsome assembly room for dancing".

J.C. Pleydell visited Castleisland in 1774. Among other things, he observed that there was a good barracks for two companies. (Kieran O'Shea p.17). George Holmes travelled through Castleisland in 1797. He described the barracks as large and in tolerable repair but uninhabited. 1798. I will return to this in greater detail shortly.

An article by Seán Ó Lúing in the Journal of Kerry Archaeological Society (No. 8) informs us that c. 1822 there were a large garrison in Castleisland and other towns and villages. An article in Journal 9 tells us that these garrisons had now been withdrawn. This is no surprise.

In 1829, Sir Robert Peel, the then Home Secretary recognised the London Police Force. Things developed rapidly and Lewis' Directory of 1837 tells us that a constabulary force had been stationed in Castleisland. Slaters Directory of 1846 states that the barracks was situated on the main street.

In 1853, Mary Knight was paid £6 as a half year's rent for the constabulary barracks, offices and yard. The location was the premises formerly known as Jerh. Andy's, now The Country Market. The barracks was still there in 1870 with John Howard head constable. However, by 1881, it was located in Barrack Lane with James Lenihan as head constable.

The move was necessary. The land troubles were under way and a strong police presence was needed. In July 1881, the Kerry Sentinel reported – "There are now 70 police in the Castleisland area. Twelve months ago there were 7 sub. constables and 2 constables". In October 1822, at Castleisland Petty Sessions, sub-inspector William Davis stated

that "2 years ago there were 50 police . . . now there are 160". In time the troubles subsided.

In 1922 the Gardai Siochana took over the barracks and, except for a minor switch in location, remained in possession until they moved to Church Street in August 2001.

A bridewell was opened in Barrack Lane in 1828-29. This was closed in 1875. On June 27 1824, an act of parliament was passed for the purpose of dividing the town of Castleisland and its immediate surroundings among the six landowners in the area.

Ultimately, the system of dividing the town was based on existing townlands of which there were four. Two new townlands had therefore to be created. Thus Castleview and Chapelquarter came into existence. Castleview separated, inter alia, Cahereen East from Cahereen West.

Old Barrack Lane ran through the Cahereens. As a result of the division, the eastern side of the Lane was in Cahereen East which became the property of the Meredits and the western side became part of the new townland of Castleview which became the property of the Herberts.

I now include a list of householders who lived in Barrack Lane on the date given at the head of each column. The accuracy of the names, and the location of the houses, cannot be guaranteed.

1885 Rates	31 March 1901 Census Cahereen East	2 April 1911 Census
Catherine O'Connor	Thomas Lawlor	Patrick Horan
Joan Connell	James Horan	Mary Lawlor
Benjamin Rawlins	John Shanahan	James Horan
Margaret connell	Timothy Buckley	John Connor
William Horan	Patrick Horan	Mary Buckley
John McCarthy	Catherine O'Keeffe	Daniel Kirby
Bridewell	Bridewell	Bridewell
Michael O'Sullivan	Denis Breen	Mary Breen
Michael Reidy	John Leary	John Browne
John Hanifin	John Browne	John Die Wile
John Greaney	David Fitzgerald	
Mary Connor	Blurred	
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Thomas Griffin	Jeremiah Brosnan	Jeremiah Brosnan
John Ryan	Henry O'Donnell MD. Const	 Deignan MD. Const
Barracks (Red. Roche)	Edward Seery R.I.C.	John Drumm R.I.C.
John Walker	Daniel O'Leary	- ^B /P Parker ?
	John Walker	John Broderick

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Benjamin Rawlings is mentioned by T.M. Donovan on page 195. Catherine O'Keeffe is probably the wife of Daniel O'Keeffe who is listed in Directories of 1856 and 1870 as Keeper of the Bridewell and clerk of petty sessions. His son, Patrick, played with the Desmonds G.A.A. Club and served as secretary until his untimely death in October 1891 at the age of 27.

John Walker is listed as petty sessions clerk in 1881, 1886, 1893 and 1894. He gave two daughters to the local nuns. Their crosses are to be seen in the convent graveyard. Many of the other householders will, hopefully, be well known. I now return to 1798.

I have seen conflicting reports on what was supposed to have happened in Castleisland on that occasion. All were based on hearsay. I hereby include a report on the Courts Martial of 1798-99 at Limerick. It is based on an article by Patrick C. Power, published in The Irish Historical Press of 1997 (pages 126 and 127).

In April 1799 James Prendeville and Edmond Connor were tried by court martial in Limerick with the murder of William Harold, Michael Boyle and Richard Boyle at Castleisland, all yeomen, on the night of the 13th/14th August 1798 and taking arms and ammunition from Castleisland Barracks. The three yeomen were members of the Mounteagle Corps of Yeomanry. Prendeville was also charged with houghing two cows belonging to Thomas Denahy (Dennehy) Esq. of Belleview 19th July 1798. The custom of houghing was described at that time in one source as "a barbarous practice" that was "peculiar to Ireland".

According to Timothy Nowlan of Maynas, County Limerick, a witness for the prosecution at the court martial, Daniel O'Grady, tried to assemble men to take arms and ammunition from the barracks at Castleisland, but only Tim Dawly (Daly), Brosnahan, M. Fitzgerald, Cornelius Flynn, Maurice Fowlie (Foley), Cornelius Crowley, William Kiely, Timothy and Darby Howran (Horan), Edmund Connor, Darby McCarthy and about six or seven more assembled to carry this out. They gained entrance and killed the yeomen arid took away with them a cask of ammunition and some arms. Many more refused to go with O'Grady on that occasion, he said.

The witness also informed the court that Daniel O'Grady houghed the cows with Dawly, Brosnahan, Danahy (Dennehy), Connor and Darby McDermody. At this stage the court martial noted that Nowlan's evidence on this occasion contradicted that given previously. For this he was condemned to suffer 700 lashes. Some of this was carried out at once. Nowlan said that in jail O'Grady had bribed him to give perjured evidence on that last occasion. Thus it is clear that Nowlan was also a rebel who had turned King's Evidence.

Timothy Howran of Springmount also admitted to prevarication, so he was sentenced to 500 lashes, of which 19 for contempt of court were administered at once. He then promised to tell the truth. His evidence and that of Nowlan decided the fate of the accused men. Edmund Connor was declared guilty of all the charges and sentenced to be hanged and his body handed over for dissection to the surgeons. Prendeville was declared guilty of aiding and assisting in the murder and sentenced to serve His Majesty for life in the armed forces abroad. He was acquitted of both carrying out houghing and of aiding it.'

A contemporary source states that the Castleisland men were incited and summoned to rise by a country schoolmaster who was the secretary of a committee. This was probably Daniel O'Grady who is not reported as being brought to trial.

It is interesting to compare the above with T.M. Donovan's account which appeared in "A Popular History of East Kerry" pages 187-8.

P.S.: Barrack Lane was always referred to as Barrack Street in official documents.

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In 1931, a Castleisland man, T.M. Donovan, published A Bapulai History of East Kerry". It mainly dealt with Castleipland + its hinterland.

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837 Lewis Topographical Directory (In Castleisland) a constabulary police force has been stationed here. There is a small but neat bridewell is near the old barracks, [A portion of This budewell is now The home of Batty Makony + his wife Margaret]

> Co Kerry Castleisland Main St South Lower Mr Michael O'Donoghue

Townlands: Calereen East + Castleview

Shortly after the death of the Earl of Desmond in Af on Nov. 11 1583 the Seigniony of Castleisland became the 25 Apr 1587 property of Sir Wm. Henbert, a Welshman.

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In Those early days the only bridge across The Maine was The one in Boarlack Lave. Pre 183x

p.183 Mrs. Ellen Long of Sandville Tells That when she was a little girl she remembers seeing a feet man dying of hunger near The old market house. He had come in the mile country and was waiting his Turn to so before the relief committee, when he collapsed + died. As she went down home to Barrack Lane, after witnessing sight, she called into a neighbour's to tell him the sad news. He was an old man living by himself, and she saw him preparing his one and only meal for that day. He had a small turnip stewing in a skillet and he put one firstful of yellow meal in to thicken it. Not in COMPATH

p. 187 The present generation will be surprised to heal on that he fore 1831 The only bridge from the Town to the south, across the Maire, was the old Bollack Law bridge

Barlack have too has felt The improving hand of time. The old bridge was once The only outlet across the river Maire to the South. People going to Killand in Those days had to pass That way; and my lond, The Judge of Assires, in his grand coach and accompaine by a guard of yeomen, on his way from Conk to Tralee, had to cross The old bridge and so Through Barlack have before passing round to Barley's Hotel for refreshments + a change of houses for refreshments + a charge of horses when the old

Yeoner Barracks, now undergoing extensive repairs, will be completed, and The Bridewell apposite, which at present is being pulled down, is turned into residences, The old Lane will again be restored to its printine importance, and no doubt will be advanced to the status of a street; it should be called Ask Street of Colling Street.

(His wishes for the name have not been respected).

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