

Kathy Roughan is a Clarecastle native and lives in Sydney. At school, Kathy had a great interest in local and family history, much of it passed on from her father Paddy Roughan. During frequent trips home to Clarecastle, Kathy renewed this interest. In 2018 she enrolled as an on-line student in the Master of Art, History of the Family program at the University of Limerick. Having completed her course work on-line Kathy returned to stay with her brother John in April 2019 to undertake research and write up her Master's dissertation *Clarecastle 1901-1911*. Kathy attained a 1st Class honours MA and graduated in January 2020.

As part of the research for her MA, Kathy transcribed the 1896-1910 Griffith cancelled/revision book which overlapped with her research period. She found the information from the cancelled/revision books provided historical data to assist with her dissertation. She also saw how the information in the revision/cancelled books could benefit family and local historians as it allows a researcher or historian to follow the ownership of tenancies of houses and land in a townland or village. Changes such as the name of a new owner or tenant provide clues as to when someone emigrated or died or a change in their circumstance such as a farm passing to the next generation.

In March 2020, as Covid-19 isolation measures were being implemented in Sydney, Kathy began transcribing the Griffith Valuation cancelled /revision ledgers which cover the period 1855-1934 for the Town of Clare, present day Clarecastle. Eric Shaw photographed each page on each ledger at the Valuation Office in Dublin some years ago and these formed the basis for Kathy's transcription. Kathy also visited the Valuation Office in May 2019 and photographed the ledgers for Clareabbey and Creggaunahilla townlands which are also included here.

The County Clare revision/cancelled books ledgers have now been digitised and can be viewed on computer at the Valuation Office. The digitised ledgers have not been transcribed and are not yet available to view on-line. Photographs can be taken of the screen shots or can be printed for a fee. There are about thirty pages in each of the Clarecastle ledgers.

Kathy hopes that this project could serve as an incentive for others to transcribe the cancelled/revision books from their townland, village, town or parish and make them available for researchers and local historians.