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	<p>Exterior Description And Setting: HB09/09/002A Bellarena Country House (1780 – 1799)</p> <p>The house is a triple pile structure. The main facade, facing south, is five bays wide with a central projecting doorway set in a semi-circular sandstone porch with side windows, two storeys high with two tall Georgian sash windows on either side. The sashes are of 12 panes each. Above the entrance porch there is an ill proportioned wide Venetian window. It has two Georgian sash windows on either side with nine panes each. The walls are of roughly coursed basalt terminated with plain and chamfered quoins. A sandstone cornice with two running mouldings rises above the central venetian window to form an open pediment. Above there is a low plain sandstone parapet which stops at either side of the pediment and does not return round the sides of the building. The semi-circular porch in ashlar sandstone is crowned with plain frieze and moderately projecting cornice with low parapet above. The frieze and cornice steps forward slightly to rest on single $\frac{1}{4}$ engaged Ionic columns on either side of the double entrance doors. The side windows of the Venetian ensemble have a flat pilaster on either side with frieze and cornice above. A semi-circular architrave crowns the central window. The whole is painted white. The Georgian windows have delightful slender astragals giving an elegant air to the sashes particularly those of the ground floor. All the cills are of sandstone. The east facade has five bays the centre of which is a forceful canted bay, two storeys high in ashlar sandstone. The remainder of the walling is similar to the south face without the parapet wall except over the canted bay. On the west side there is a variation in the window punctuation because of floor level changes and the projection of the north pile of the house. The centre pile on this facade contains the library which begins at</p>																																																																								

first floor and rises through two floors. The north pile has three floors throughout. Headroom is achieved in this pile by the introduction of square headed dormers. The windows on the east and west facades are similar to the front except that those of the library are taller with 15 panes and have segmental heads. The coursed basalt stonework is used on all facades and on the rear. The five bay width is contained by similar sandstone quoins as the front and the west wing. This is not so defined, but it does have the sandstone cornice which disappears on the west and south of the wing. From the west it is easy to discern the triple pile roofs with the two valleys and the hips. The front pile is wider than the others and the west wing a little narrower. On the east side the slated roof is returned in one plane not displaying the individual hips giving a heavy appearance as the pitch is at least 30° and the ridge line of the south front is maintained. The east facade is presently screened with scaffolding and netting. On the west side between the wing and the library there is a small projecting block, which contains toilets on ground and first floor and an exit door. Fortunately the dark basalt helps to blur the number of black downpipes. On the roofs there are numerous chimneys some in ashlar stonework, others smooth rendered. Those on the south front are symmetrically arranged on either side of the staircase hall. The north facade is asymmetrical because of the three bay wing nevertheless the original block here is only four bays wide and there are two back doors in each end bay. The difference in ridge line can also be observed here. The whole house has been completely restored and renovated in the last five years and subtle changes have been made, the roofs being one. These have been completely re-slated and most likely the roof timbers altered. Ridges and hips are in lead and slates are grey throughout. The complex consists of a number of parts - first the house, second the rear courtyard with enclosing outbuildings including the splendid two storey gateway edifice opposite the house with its five segmental brick arches, the centre one being the access and above a white wood clad clock pedestal crowned with a copper clad steeple, third, an L-shaped byre and boiler block, ice house a little removed from the courtyard, fourth the landscaped lawns reaching to the River Roe, the walled garden, main avenue, gates and principal gate lodge. The latter is listed separately. The house is set in flat terrain on the banks of the river Roe and has a long sweeping avenue approach from the east and the Seacoast Road. In front of the house and to both sides wide expanses of flat smooth pacifying lawns handsomely planted with trees and shrubs in variety. The size of the estate has been greatly reduced and what is retained is in the main pleasure gardens. In the rear courtyard there is a small pond with fountain and some planting. The two storey range of buildings to the west was the oldest but has recently been completely rebuilt. All the outbuilding roofs have been re-slated and timbers renewed where necessary. Likewise the clock tower and steeple. (See HB02/09/002B). The barn, boiler and byre block likewise too (see HB02/09/002C). At the western extremity of the complex is a brick built ice house with brick domed interior and at the apex the hatch that once received the ice(See HB02/09/002D). The whole has been given a new lease of life by the new owner. (The main gate house still part of the estate is recorded in HB02/09/002E.) Other buildings, formerly part of the estate, are described in records: HB02/09/040 (Tower, racecourse plantation); HB02/09/004 (Gate house, Scotstown Road); HB02/09/005 (Plantation Lodge, Seacoast Road).

Architects

Lanyon, Charles

Architectural Interest

A. Style B. Proportion C. Ornamentation D. Plan Form E. Spatial Organisation H+. Alterations enhancing the building H-. Alterations detracting from building I. Quality and survival of Interior J. Setting

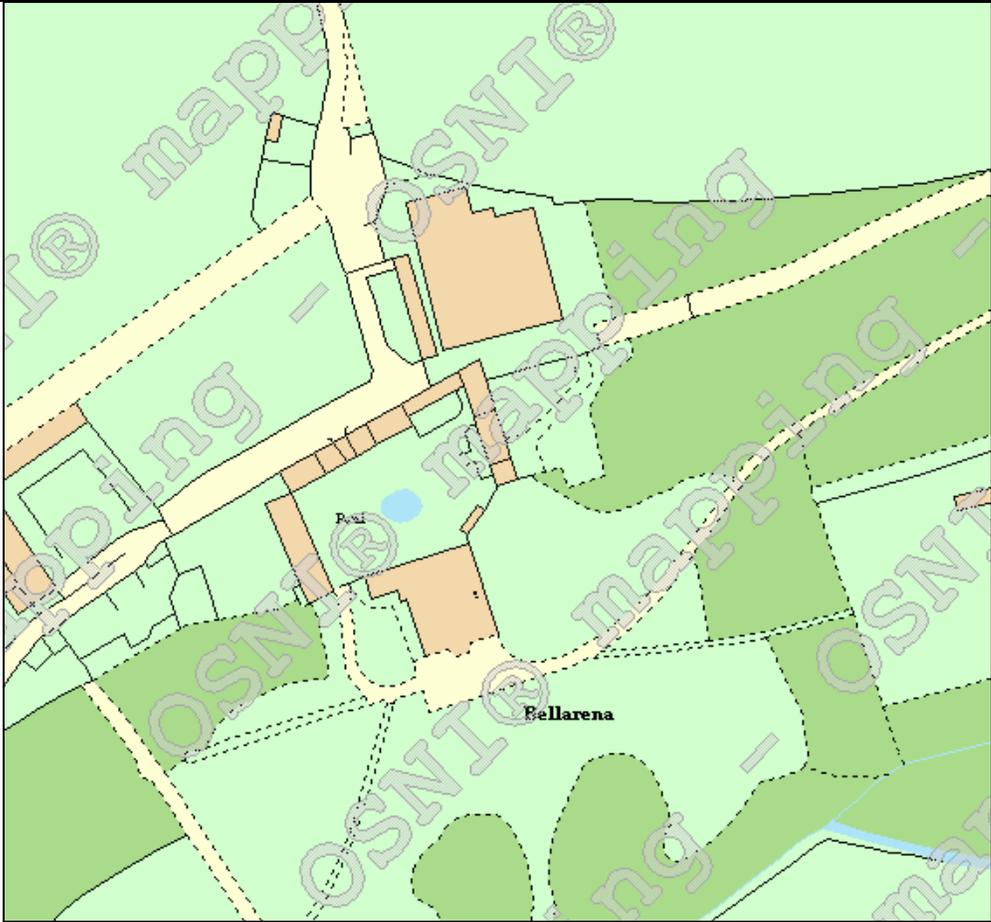
	<p>Historic Interest</p> <p>V. Historical Association/Authorship W. National/International Interest X. Local Interest Y. Social Importance</p> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>A fine example of a late Georgian country house architecture and early Victorian additions by Charles Lanyon set in complimentary landscape on a historic site.</p> <p>HB002/09/002B Courtyard Buildings West Range, North Range, East Range (1840 – 1859)</p> <p>HB02/09/002 C Estate Outbuildings. Former salmon factory, boiler house and byres, and walls enclosing courtyard. (1780 – 1799)</p> <p><i>Exterior Description And Setting</i></p> <p>This range of buildings formed a courtyard located some 50 metres west of the main complex and formerly contained four ranges of buildings of which only two now remain, that on the south west and north west. The courtyard is a sunken area bound by the existing buildings and low stone walls. The south west range consists of three bay long three storey high basalt built stone building with a two storey return. From the three storey part, a 1&½ storey byre block continues in line to complete the range on that side of the courtyard. As the roadway approaches the south east gable of the three storey part it goes up an incline and a bridge is formed to give access to segmental arched double doorway to the first floor. Above this doorway two windows light the roofspace and the gable terminates in a pedimented bellcote. Windows and door openings are formed in cut red brickwork. Basalt is roughly squared and coursed. Roof slated. The opening under the bridge is a segmental with sandstone voussoirs. At ground floor fronting onto the courtyard there are two single wooden doors with small fixed nine pane windows. The two storey return has tall three centre arched openings on two sides, two of which on the gable have been built up and at the corner between these openings a massive buttress rising to first floor level. Above these large openings two casement windows on the south east side. The slated roof is hipped and on the north west side there is a tall red brick factory chimney. The 1&½ storey byre continues for six bays and then turns at right angles to form another side of the grassed courtyard and is nine bays long. The wall construction and the openings are similar to that to the three storey block. The central bay has a slight break front with brick pediment which is the exterior wall of a dovescote. The return range continues to the south east to form two storey two dwellings in similar construction but having 12 ground floor sash windows and first nine pane sliding sash windows. Each dwelling has a redbrick chimney. Formerly the grass courtyard was enclosed with building ranges and was originally cobbled.</p> <p>HB02/09/002 D Ice House (1800 – 1819)</p> <p><i>Exterior Description And Setting</i></p> <p>Entrance consists of trabeated pedestrian doorway, built of red hand made brick leading to a passageway to the ice house chamber. This entrance is partially concealed with grassy bank with random rubble basalt wall passing over the top beyond which and below ground is the ice house structure. Access is gained to the entrance from the roadway leading to the barn (see HB02/09/002C). An ice house of interesting brick dome construction of early 19th century and illustrative of the range of building types necessary in the running of a large country estate.</p>
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	<p>HB02/09/002E Lodge,Gates, Railings, Walls and Pillars. (1920 – 1939)</p> <p><i>Exterior Description And Setting</i></p> <p>Single storey gate lodge with coursed basalt walls, hipped slate roof and single chimney with three pots at apex. Two bay windows to front elevation (facing south) flank centrally placed sheeted door. Third bay window to east elevation (perpendicular to Seacoast Road) and located near front facade. Fourth bay window to west elevation located near rear facade. Small extension to rear to match main building forming L plan. Sheeted door to east, 450 x 450mm four pane sash to north and west. Larger four pane sash to original north wall to east of the extension. The building sits back from Seacoast Road behind formal entrance gates to the Bellarena Estate. Double gates in cast iron electronically operated are flanked by two square plan (800 x 800mm) coursed basalt pillars with ball topped finials. Two pedestrian gates to each side are joined to the main gate by a basalt wall topped by cast iron railing. The wall curves out to further pillars at each side on Seacoast Road.</p> <p>Historical Information</p> <p>Built circa 1920 replacing two earlier lodges shown on 1831 map. Renovated in 1995 by Caroline Dickson Architects of Derry. References: Historic Buildings files U A H S North Derry by Girvan</p> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>Simple and pretty gate lodge which complements the entrance gates of the Bellarena Estate and which gives a suggestion of the architecture of the main house beyond. Important because of its continuing association with Bellarena House as are the entrance gates and associated gate screen and pillars.</p>
Landscape Context (setting)	The Bellarena Estate retains important Historic Gardens L-002
Site Appraisal	
Sensitivity	
Associations	<p>Situated within the parish of Ardmagilligan alias Tamlaghtard, the land of the Bellarena Estate was leased from the Bishop of Derry in 1603 by William Gage followed by John Gage and remained in this family though names changed through marriage to Heygates in 1851. The 4th Baronet died in 1976, and shortly after that the property and contents were sold. The present owners acquired the place in c 1990. The amount of land has been greatly reduced and apart from the major outbuildings, main gate lodge and the dispensary all other parts of the estate and tenants building including Bellarena School, have been acquired by others. The Ordnance Survey Memoirs in 1835 record “Bellarena, the residence of Conolly Gage - the present dwelling house has been erected at two different periods: one part being built in 1797 and the other in 1822. The demesne is kept in the most exact order and with great taste. The garden and orchard consists of two acres and is in the highest state of cultivation and abounds with all kinds of fruits and flowers with extensive hothouses for grapes”. The work of 1797 was carried out by Marcus McCausland, son of the heiress of Bellarena, who changed his name to Gage. Conolly Gage created the library and manipulated the third floor at the rear of the house in 1822. In the late 1830s Charles Lanyon (1812-89) remodelled the hall, created the billiard room bay and remodelled the main reception rooms and added the</p>

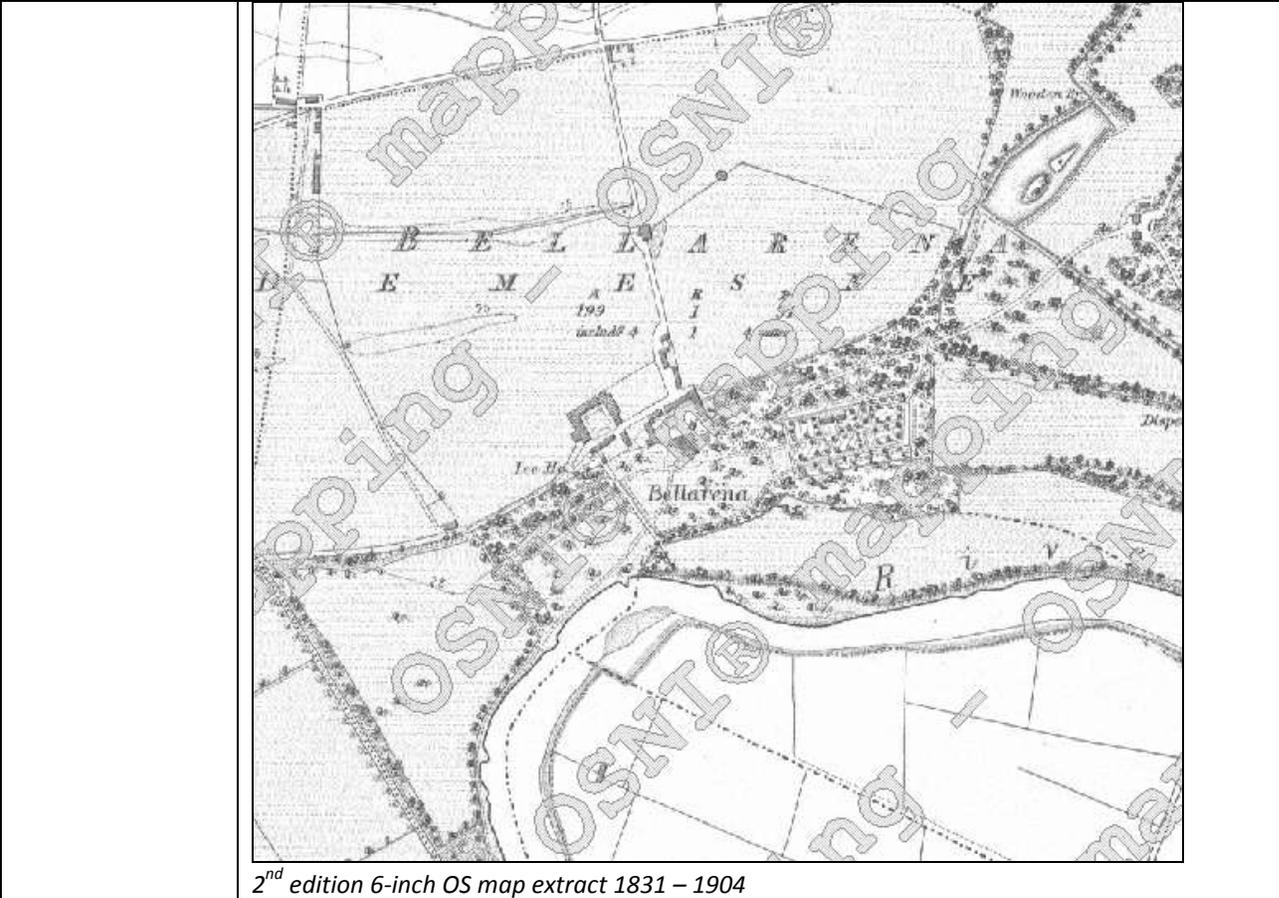
projecting porch. All this at the request of Conolly Gage's wife Henrietta whose sister Marianne, married to Marcus McCausland, had engaged the same Lanyon to rebuild Drenagh. The daughter of Conolly Gage, another Marianne, married Sir Frederick Heygate in 1851. The clock tower, steeple and associated buildings are not indicated on the Ordnance Survey Sheet of 1831 nor are the outlying barn and byres nor cart shed. The rear entrance gate lodge (HB02/09/004) was built c1860 while the main gate lodge at Seacoast Road (HB02/09/002E) around 1920 replaced a pair of gate lodges of 1797. The gates and railings were probably updated at this time. The land steward's house, walled garden and viewing gazebo (now not within the present estate) are all pre 1831. Sir John Heygate, 4th Bart was a novelist and journalist who married first Hon Evelyn, daughter of the Lord Burghclere who was first wife of Evelyn Waugh, writer. The architect for the recent restoration was Caroline Dickson. The contractor was Sidney Gamble of Strabane. References: The Civil Survey 1654-56 Simington Ordnance Survey Memoirs Vol. 11 p.85 A Guide to Irish Lodges of Ulster Victorian Architecture Dixon & Muthesius Buildings of North Derry by Girvan Mrs A Desmond Historic Gardens Ref: L/029

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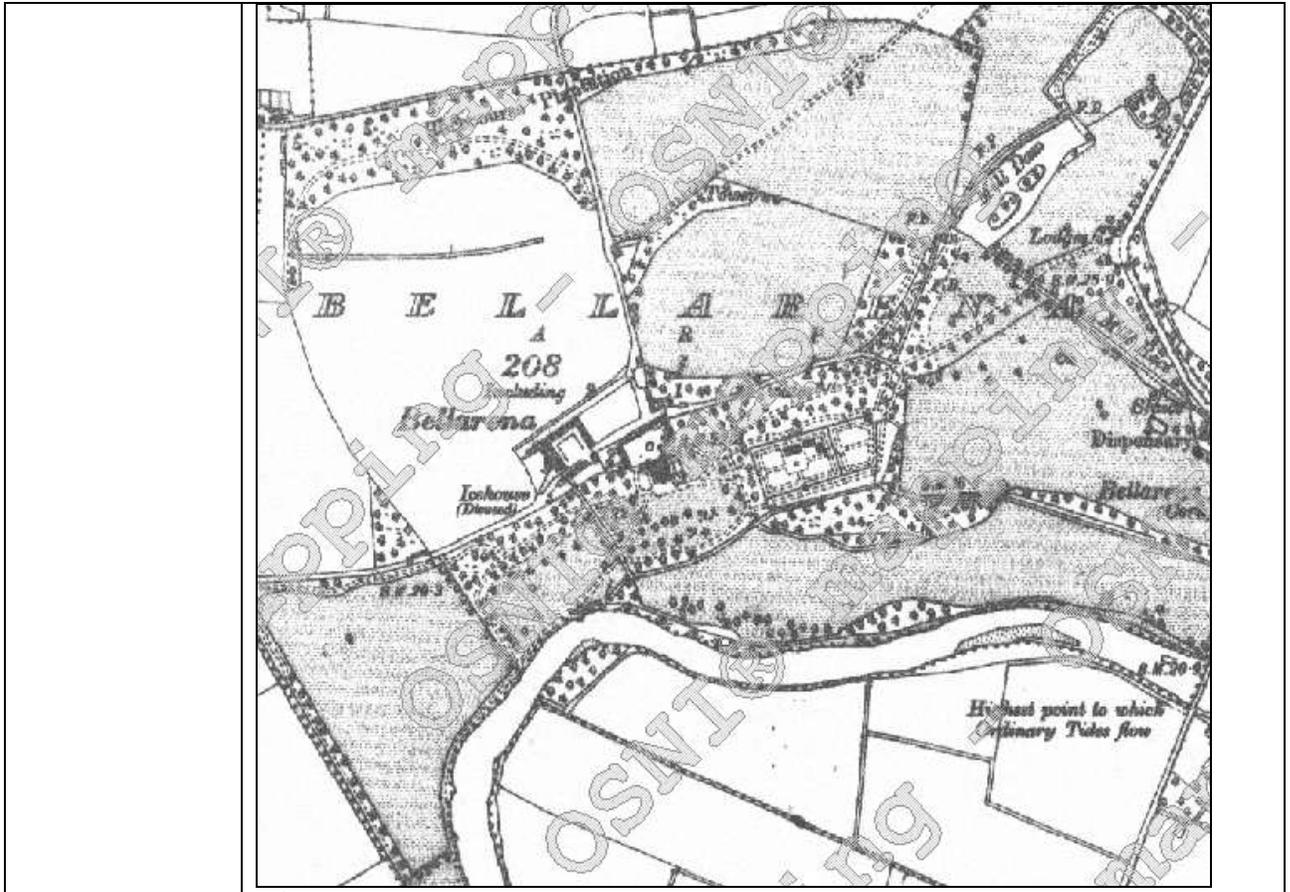
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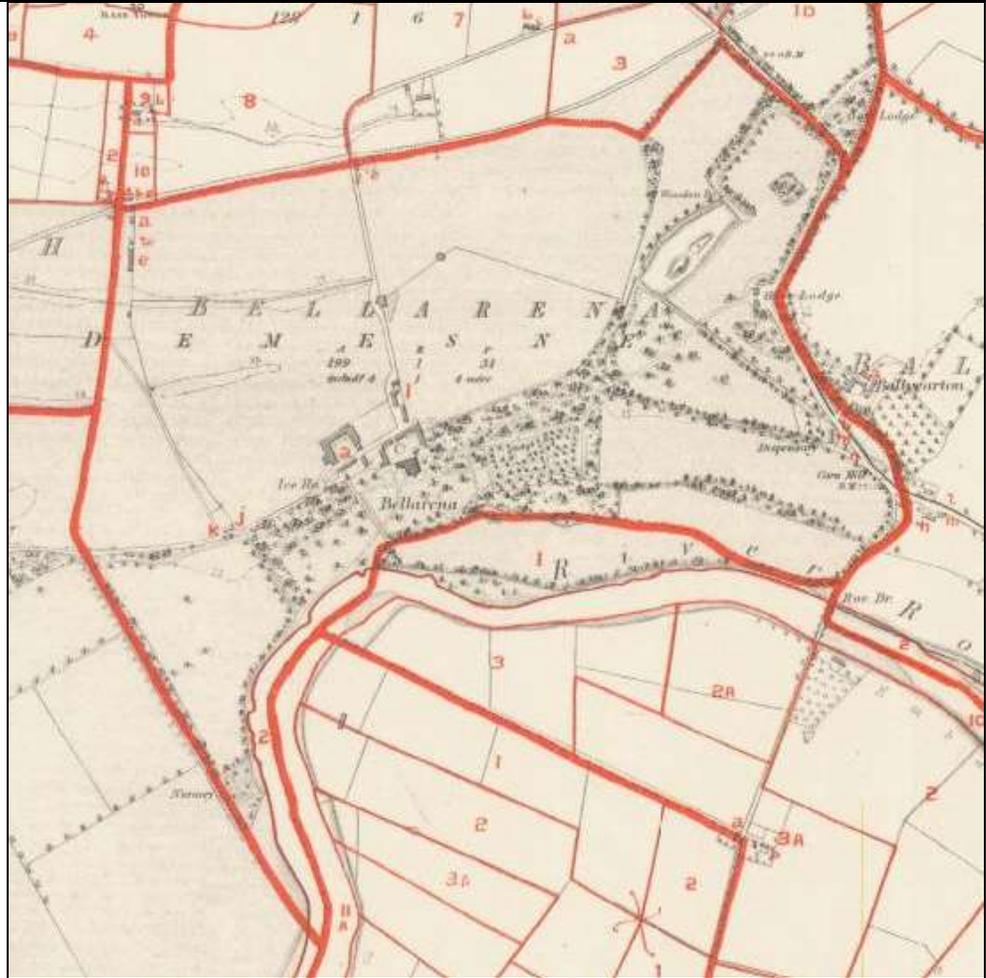
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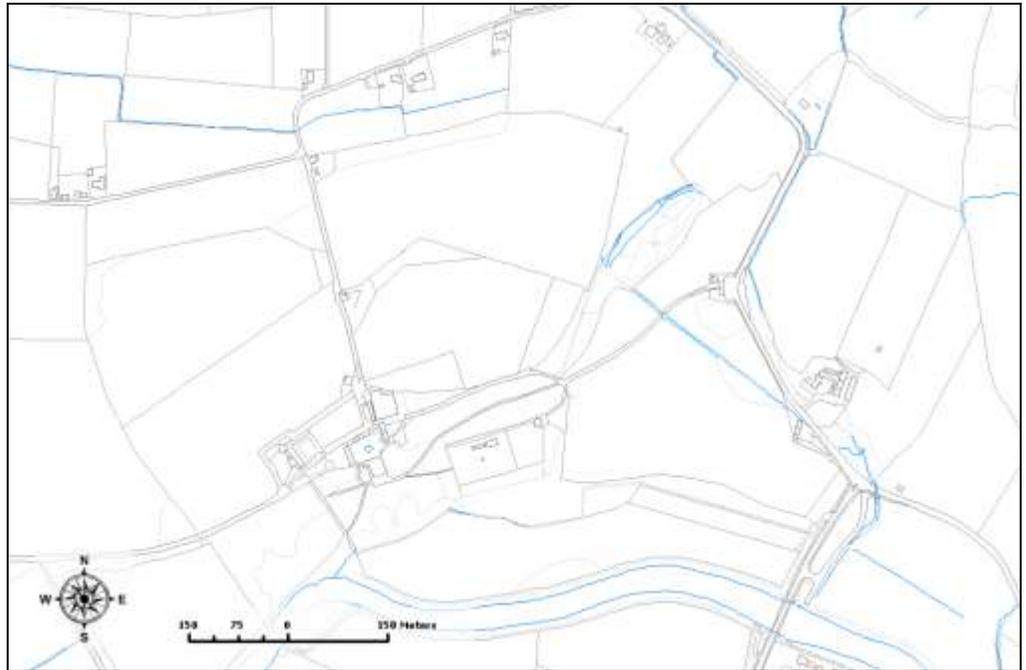
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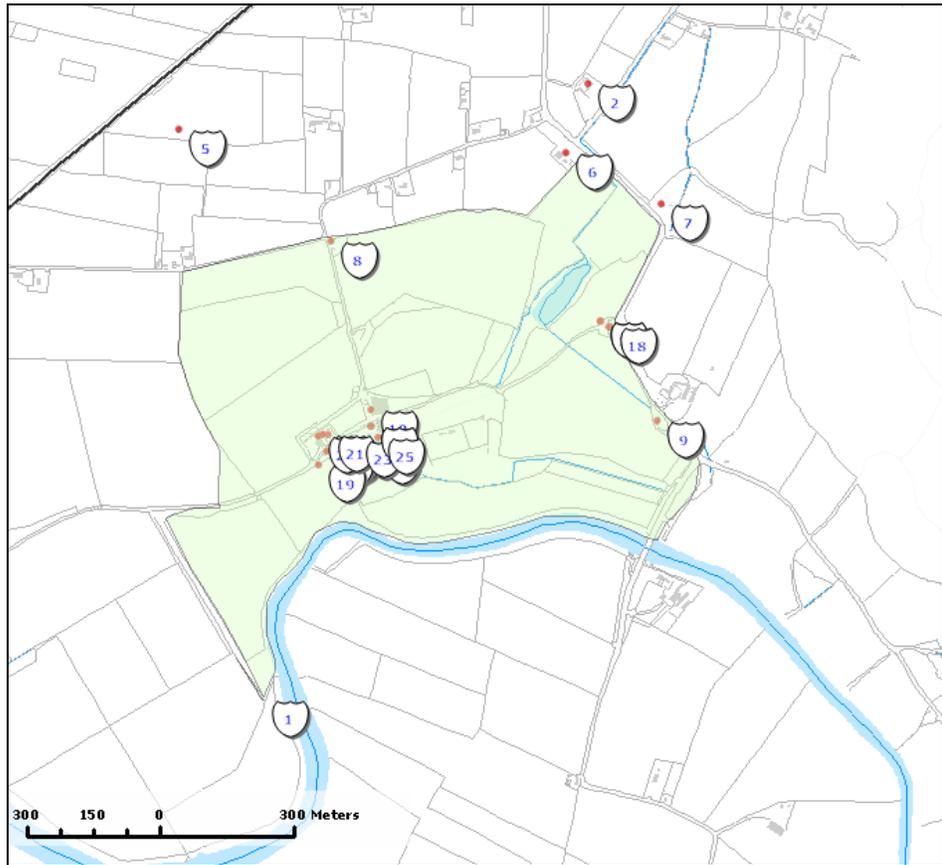
PARISH OF TAMLAGHTARD, OR MAGILLIGAN.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.			Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.
	Townshend Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.		
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(Ord. S. 5.)								
1	a	Sir Fred. W. Heygate, Bt.	In fee,	Ho offe. gate lodges, &ld.	195 0 27	160 10 0	103 0 0	263 10 0
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-	c	Peter Kane,	Same,	House,	-	-	1 15 0	1 15 0
-	d	Gavin Craig,	Same,	House and offices, . .	-	-	5 0 0	5 0 0
-	e	William Begley, . . .	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	f	Martha Gilway, . . .	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	g	Thomas M'Intire, . . .	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	h	John Gilway,	Same,	House,	-	-	0 10 0	0 10 0
-	i	Thomas Stanfield, . .	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	j	Charles Boyle,	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	k	Hugh Doherty,	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	l	Dispensary,	(See Exemptions.)		-	-	-	-
-	m	James Moody,	Sir Fred. W. Heygate, Bt.	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-	n	John Quinn,	Same,	House,	-	-	0 15 0	0 15 0
-		Sir Fred. W. Heygate, Bt.	Rev. Robert Gage, . .	Salmon fishery, . . .	-	-	-	5 0 0
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