

# Kilmacud and Stillorgan: Useful Sources of Information

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## 1) Books

There are entries on Stillorgan and Kilmacud in the following selected publications:

*A topographical dictionary of Ireland : comprising the several counties; cities; boroughs; corporate, market and post towns; parishes; and villages, with historical and statistical descriptions embellished with engravings of the arms of the cities, bishoprics, corporate towns, and boroughs ; and of the seals of the several municipal corporations;... / Samuel Lewis.*

London : published by S. Lewis & Co. ..., 1837.

Lewis's work provides a detailed description of Ireland's parishes, towns, villages etc at that time. Descriptions include those of the buildings, bridges, squares etc of specific areas.

Vol. 2 of Lewis is available on Google Books (<http://books.google.com>); fortunately the entries for both Kilmacud and Stillorgan are included in this volume. To search Google Books for entire books (which have to be out-of-copyright – Google Books is therefore a good source for 19th century material) use the 'Advanced book search', then 'Full view'.

STILLORGAN, a parish, in the barony of HALFRATHDOWN, county of DUBLIN, and province of LEINSTER, 4 miles (S. E.) from Dublin, on the road by Donnybrook to Bray; containing 2001 inhabitants, of which number, 650 are in the village. This parish comprises only 648 statute acres, of which about three-fourths are meadow and pasture, chiefly demesne lands, and the remainder principally garden grounds. There are numerous handsome seats and pleasing villas beautifully situated and commanding some fine sea views and mountain scenery, with extensive prospects over Dublin bay. The principal are Stillorgan House, the residence of J. Verschoyle, Esq., anciently the property of the Allens, ancestors of the present Viscount and Baron Allen of Stillorgan; Carysford House, the seat of the Right Hon.

Both volumes are available on the Ordnance Survey Ireland website (<http://shop.osi.ie/shop/pdf/lewistopographicaldir.pdf>)

*A history of the County Dublin : the people, parishes and antiquities from the earliest times to the close of the eighteenth century. ... Being a history of that portion of the County comprised within the parishes of /* Francis Elrington Ball.

Vol. 1: Monkstown, Kill-of-the-Grange, Dalkey, Killiney, Tully, Stillorgan, and Kilmacud Dublin : Printed and published by Alex. Thom & Co. (Limited), Abbey-St, 1902.[-1920]

The Dublin History website ([www.chaptersofdublin.com](http://www.chaptersofdublin.com)) includes entire texts of old books relating to Dublin. This is an extract from Ball for Kilmacud:

## Parish of Kilmacud.

*The Parish is now divided into the Townlands of Kilmacud East and Kilmacud West.*

### Kilmacud.

The lands of Kilmacud, or the Church of Macud, were granted after the English Conquest, together with the lands which lay between Stillorgan and Dublin, to Walter de Rideleford, Lord of Bray, and became part of the manor of Thomcastle, now represented by Booterstown. As portion of that manor they were, in the 14th century, in the possession of Sir John Cruise, and subsequently passed to the Fitzwilliams of Merrion, from whom the Earl of Pembroke is descended in the female line.

During the 15th century the lands, on which there were two stone houses, were held under the Fitzwilliams by the tenants of Shanganagh, and their trustees, Thomas Sale, of Salestown, and William Walter, a clergyman; and in the 16th and 17th century by the Archbalds.

*A companion guide to architecture in Ireland 1837-1921 /* Jeremy Williams.  
Blackrock : Irish Academic Press, 1994.

A gazetteer covering the specific buildings of this era, throughout Ireland.

*The new neighbourhood of Dublin /* Joseph Hone, Maurice Craig, Michael Fewer.

Dublin: A & A Farmar, 2002.

Focuses on Dublin County.

*The history of County Dublin* / John D'Alton.

Cork : Tower Books, 1976.

Originally published, Dublin : Hodges and Smith, 1838.

The full text of this very descriptive work is available on the Dublin History website ([www.chaptersofdublin.com](http://www.chaptersofdublin.com)); the original volume is available on Google Books:

From Cornell's Court a rather dreary road leads to Stillorgan, the Three Rocks mountain at left alone giving interest to the scene. On the approach, however, to the latter village, a number of handsome demesnes and sequestered villas beguile the way, Mount-Eagle, that of Mr. Grady, with its very handsome gatehouse, being peculiarly attractive.

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may be characterized as a village of the better order, consisting of a street of houses, principally slated. Here was formerly the residence of Lord Carysfort, to whose heir the fee belongs.

### **The following is a selection of books specific to the Stillorgan/Kilmacud area:**

*Between the mountains and the sea: Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County* / Peter Pearson.

Dublin: O'Brien Press, 1998.

Useful history of this area, focussing on the architecture.

*'The cure of souls' : a history of St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Stillorgan* / John A. Ingram.

[Dublin]: [Typemasters], 1997.

*Dundrum, Foxrock and Kingstown Junction Railway*: a talk by Liam Clare to the Foxrock Local History Club at Foxrock Parish Community Centre on 9th May 2000.

Foxrock Local History Club, No. 46

(Dublin) : Foxrock Local History Club, 2000.

*Dundrum, Stillorgan and Rathfarnham: gateway to the mountains* / paintings by Olivia Hayes; text by Christopher Ryan.

Donaghadee, Co. Down: Cottage Publications, 2002.

*Eccentric Archbishop: Richard Whately of Redesdale* / Bryan MacMahon.  
Dublin: Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society, 2005.

*History around you*, compiled by Dermot J. Kennedy  
Dublin, D.J.Kennedy, 1986  
About Stillorgan

*Irish townlands: studies in local history*, Paul Connell, Denis A. Cronin &  
Brian Ó Dálaigh.  
Dublin, Four Courts, 1998  
Contents include Kilmacud (Dublin).

*Obelisk : journal of the Kilmacud Stillorgan local history society*. 2006-  
(Annual)  
Dublin: Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society.

*A short history of some Dublin parishes* / by N. Donnelly.  
Pt.3, Booterstown, Blackrock, Stillorgan, Kilmacud, and Dundrum.  
Blackrock : Carraig Books, 1977.  
Facsimile reprint of: 1st ed. Dublin: Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, 1906.

*A short history of the Woodley estate Kilmacud, Co. Dublin*, (incorporating  
Woodley House, Woodley Villa and Woodley Park House), compiled by  
Frank Tracy for Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society.  
*Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, 2003.*

*Sketchbook with views of South County Dublin*, ca. 1824, by Reverend  
Hamilton Verschoyle, (1803-1870) [graphic].  
Includes views from around Stillorgan 1824–1827. Some of these are  
reproduced on the National Library's website ([www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)).

*St. Helen's: an 18th century mansion on Stillorgan road* : a talk given by Moira  
Laffan to the Foxrock Local History Club at St. Brigid's School Foxrock on  
Wednesday, 13th January 1988 / Moira Laffan.  
Foxrock Local History Club ; Publication No.21.

*Stately Homes Around Stillorgan* / by Bonnie Flanagan; with photographs by  
Larry Dalton.  
Dublin : Bonnie Flanagan, 1991.

*Stillorgan Again but different* / by Bonnie Flanagan; with photography by  
Larry Dalton.

Dublin : Bonnie Flanagan, 1996.

*Stillorgan Park golf club : a brief history, 1908-1917* / Cornelius F. Smith.  
(Dublin) : Foxrock Local & District History Club, 1982.

*The story of Stillorgan* / by the Rev. Canon E. H. Lewis-Crosby

*A tale of two churches: Saint Brigid's, Stillorgan, All Saints, Blackrock* / by  
Myles McSweeney

### **Books which outline general sources include:**

*Irish towns : a guide to sources* / edited by William Nolan and Anngret Simms;  
compiled by Ríonach Ní Néill assisted by Yvonne Whelan.  
Templeogue, Dublin : Geography Publications, c1998.

*Tracing the past : sources for local studies in the Republic of Ireland* / William  
Nolan. Dublin : Geography Publications, 1982.

## 2) Theses

Irish Georgian Society: Catalogue of Irish Theses and Dissertations Relating  
to Architecture and the Allied Arts

[www.igs.ie/Resources/Theses-and-Dissertations.aspx](http://www.igs.ie/Resources/Theses-and-Dissertations.aspx)

This catalogue is an academic resource tool that has been compiled by the  
Irish Georgian Society in collaboration with Ireland's academic institutions.  
It provides a centralised database of Irish theses and dissertations relating to  
architecture and the allied arts, which have been submitted as part of an  
academic qualification awarded on the island of Ireland.

Check also the catalogues of individual University/College Libraries, e.g.  
University College Dublin: [www.ucd.ie/library](http://www.ucd.ie/library).

## 3) Journal and Newspaper Articles

*Sources: a National Library of Ireland Database for Irish Research*

<http://sources.nli.ie>

The first public (beta) release of this freely-available database took place in  
September 2009. It includes references to the following material:

\* All of the National Library's manuscripts catalogued up to the 1980s

- \* Irish manuscripts held in other libraries and archives in Ireland and worldwide, listed between the 1940s and the 1970s
- \* Articles, reviews and other content that appeared in over 150 Irish periodicals up to 1969

The above records are also accessible via the printed indexes: *Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation* and *Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation: Articles in Irish Periodicals* (Hayes Indexes).

Example search on Stillorgan:

The screenshot shows the 'Sources' search interface from the National Library of Ireland. The search term 'stillorgan' is entered in the search box, and the results are sorted by 'Relevance'. The results list five items, each with a title, author, citation, and a 'Journal Article' icon. A sidebar on the right provides filters for 'Resource Type', 'Subjects', 'People', 'Dates', and 'Places'.

Resource Type	Count
Manuscript	18
Journal Article	5

Subjects	Count
Manuscripts	5
Estates	3
Estates, Property in	2
Maps and Surveys	2
Rentals	2
more...	

People	Count
Allen of Stillorgan, family of	1
Ball, Francis Elrington	1
Boswell, family of	1
Burne, J. C.	1
Children's Sunshine Home	1
more...	

Dates	Count
1740	1
1740-1749	1
1749	1
1760	1
1760-1769	1
more...	

Places	Count
Stillorgan	12
Dublin	7

*Planning Architecture Design Database Ireland* (PADDI: [www.paddi.net](http://www.paddi.net))

This freely-available Web database is produced in collaboration by the Architecture and Planning Libraries of the Queen's University of Belfast and University College Dublin. PADDI provides access to articles on specific buildings, streets, areas in journals and books.

Example search:

Select This Record

Record 8 of 9

**Building/Structure Name:** St Laurence's School  
**Place:** Kilmacud, Co Dublin, Republic of Ireland  
**Document Type:** Journal article  
**Journal/Book Title:** Architectural survey  
**Vol/Issue/Date/Page:** 1963, p25  
**Description of Contents:** ill  
**Article/Chapter Author:** Delany, Patrick M  
**Architect/Designer:** Office of Public Works  
**Subject:** primary schools  
**QUB Location:** qNA1.A65  
**UCD Location:** Journals

*Irish History Online* ([www.irishhistoryonline.ie](http://www.irishhistoryonline.ie))

Irish History Online is an authoritative guide (in progress) to what has been written about Irish history from earliest times to the present. It was established in association with the Royal Historical Society Bibliography of British and Irish History (of which it is now the Irish component) and London’s Past Online. Example search on Stillorgan:

**Irish History Online - Brief display**

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Sort results by date of publication | Sort results by author

To view a record in more detail, and to search for a copy online or in a library, click on the title, or click the check box for one or more records and click "View marked records".

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dundrum, Stillorgan and Rathfarnham : a gateway to the mountains / Ryan, Christopher. 2001
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	The cure of souls : a history of St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Stillorgan / Ingram. John A. 1997
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stillorgan again but different / Flanagan, Bonnie. 1996
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stately homes around Stillorgan, with photographs / Flanagan, Bonnie; Dalton, Larry. 1991
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	St Helen's : an 18th century house on Stillorgan Road / Laffan, Moira. 1988
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stillorgan Park Golf Club : a brief history 1908-1917 / Smith, Cornelius F. 1982
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	A short history of some Dublin parishes, Part 3 : Booterstown, Blackrock, Stillorgan, Kilmacud, and Dundrum 1977

*Irish Times Digital Archive* ([www.irishtimes.com/search/](http://www.irishtimes.com/search/))

A fully searchable digital archive containing every page published since the newspaper’s foundation in 1859. Priced service. Example search on Stillorgan:

- 225 **THE SHOOTING AT STILLORGAN; EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST CORONER AND A STATE OF SLAUGHTER**  
*Weekly Irish Times (1876-1941)*. Sep 16, 1922. p. 8 (1 page)

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- 226 **MURDER BY ROBBERS AT STILLORGAN**  
*Weekly Irish Times (1876-1941)*. Oct 14, 1922. p. 2 (1 page)

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- 227 **GOLF; OLD STILLORGAN G.U.**  
*The Irish Times (1874-Current File)*. Dublin, Ireland: Nov 20, 1922. p. 8 (1 page)

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- 228 **STILLORGAN ROAD SMASH; HURLING TEAM AS WITNESSES**  
*The Irish Times (1874-Current File)*. Dublin, Ireland: Jan 18, 1923. p. 3 (1 page)

*Irish Newspaper Archive* ([www.irishnewsarchive.com](http://www.irishnewsarchive.com))

Comprises the digitised images of over six million national and regional newspaper pages. Content includes the *Irish Independent* (1908 to 2001), *Sunday Independent* (1935 to 2002), *Freeman's Journal* (1763-1924) and *The Nation* (1842 – 1865).

Priced service.

#### 4) Maps

Historical mapping for Kilmacud and Stillorgan includes:

*Dublin County Rocque maps* (1756/1760)

*1st edition Ordnance Survey 6" maps* (1830s/1840s)

The bound volumes are generally available in Archives and Special Collections' Libraries. They have been scanned by Ordnance Survey Ireland and are available to access on computers in local public libraries.

*Dublin Parish Maps*

A series of Dublin Parish Maps of the late 1860s originally published by the Ordnance Survey (15" to 1 mile). Reproduced by Brown Projects Ltd./The Neptune.

More information on mapping sources and coverage for Ireland is available at:

*Maps and map-making in local history* / Jacinta Prunty.

Dublin : Four Courts, 2004.

*History in the Ordnance map : an introduction for Irish readers* / by J. H. Andrews.

Kerry, Montgomeryshire : D. Archer, 1993.

*UCD Library's maps page* [www.ucd.ie/library/maps](http://www.ucd.ie/library/maps)

#### 5) Miscellaneous Sources

*Local Authority Development Plans*

The framework for the long term expansion of Dublin was derived broadly from Myles Wright's 1967 report on *The Dublin Region* which was implemented through the Dublin County Development Plan, 1971.

Development plans contain information on individual historical buildings, policies on conservation, development, etc. The accompanying maps can be



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useful though for the older plans they are of poor quality.

There is a good selection of all Dublin County and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown plans in UCD's Richview Library [www.ucd.ie/library/ichview](http://www.ucd.ie/library/ichview)

Details of the current plan are available on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's website [www.dlrcoco.ie/](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/)

### *Census Information*

1911 Census: [www.census.nationalarchives.ie/](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/)

Current census: [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)

### *Archaeology, History and Architecture*

<http://www.archaeology.ie/>

*Griffith's Valuation* – freely available at:

- [www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/](http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/)

Richard Griffith was the Commissioner of Valuation appointed to produce



accurate information necessary for local taxation. The Valuation was published between 1848 and 1864. It lists every landholder and every householder in Ireland.

Search this resource by name. This will bring you to details including description of property, acreage, valuation, name of person from whom the property was leased and relevant mapping.

*Dublin History* [www.chaptersofdublin.com](http://www.chaptersofdublin.com)

This contains historical information about Dublin, including full-texts of old books (e.g. Ball, Gilbert – see above).

Local history emphasis with some architecture.

*Dictionary of Irish Architects 1720 – 1940* [www.dia.ie](http://www.dia.ie)

An Irish Architectural Archive database that contains biographical and bibliographical information on architects, builders, and craftsmen born or working in Ireland during the period 1720-1940. Searchable by person or by works.

## 6) Libraries and Archives

The following is a selection:

Stillorgan Public Library ([www.dlrcoco.ie/LIBRARY/ea.htm](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/LIBRARY/ea.htm))

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local History Department  
([www.dlrcoco.ie/LIBRARY/lhistory.htm](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/LIBRARY/lhistory.htm))

National Library ([www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie))

National Archives of Ireland ([www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie))

UCD Library ([www.ucd.ie/library](http://www.ucd.ie/library))

Irish Architectural Archive ([www.iarc.ie](http://www.iarc.ie))

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