



What are landed estates?

- Begun with the 17th century Plantation of Ulster
- Cromwellian Restoration and Williamite land settlements continued the practice
- System in which a single individual holds title to the lands ranging from 1,000 acres to 100,000 acres and leases to farmers and other tenants
- In effect until the late 1800s, early 1900s when Acts of Parliament broke them up

Landed Estates

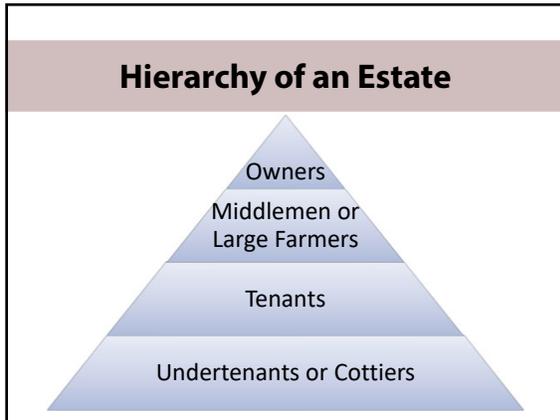
- Owners of the larger estates (upwards of 100,000 acres) were usually members of the aristocracy who may have had several estates in Ireland and Britain
- Smaller estates of 1,000 to 3,000 acres were often owned by more modest farmers and the records may not survive
- Almost all landowners were members of the Church of Ireland

Landowners	}	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entered into leases with individuals/tenants• May have used agents/middlemen to handle the leases
Lessee/Tenant	}	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entered into lease with landowner• Had to pay set rents – 2x a year• May have had a specific number of years on the lease• May have then rented some of their land to sub-tenants or cottiers

Landed Estate System

The image shows two book covers side-by-side. The left cover is for 'THE LANDOWNERS AND AGENTS' PRACTICAL GUIDE' by THOMAS de MOLEYNs, ESQ., published in Dublin by E. Ponsbury in 1842. The right cover is for 'THE LAW OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT IN IRELAND' by HAMILTON SMYTHE, ESQ., published in Dublin by Andrew Milliken in 1842.

Books



Estate Records

What are estate records?

- Documents generated by administration of landed estates
- Prior to 20th century, majority of the land was owned by large and small estates
- Landowner was a member of nobility, landed gentry, or Church of Ireland clergy
- Land could be held by others such as the London guilds and various companies

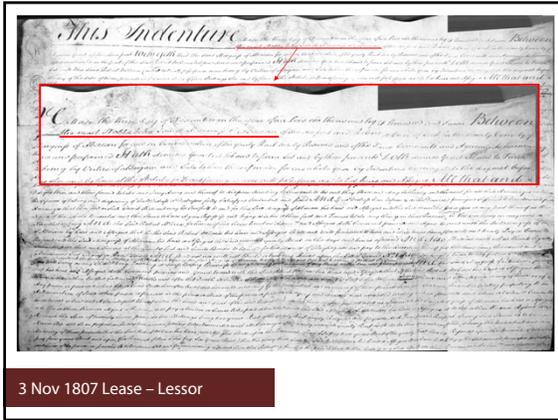
Estate records

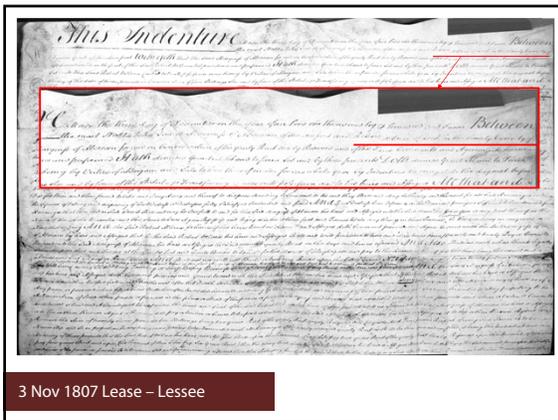
Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent resource for 18th c. and early 19th c. ancestors• Useful source for searching poor ancestors• One of the few record sets that may survive in an area where church records start late	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most rental and tenant's lists document only major tenants• Limited time periods• Not all areas of Ireland had large landed estates• Some records destroyed or still in private hands

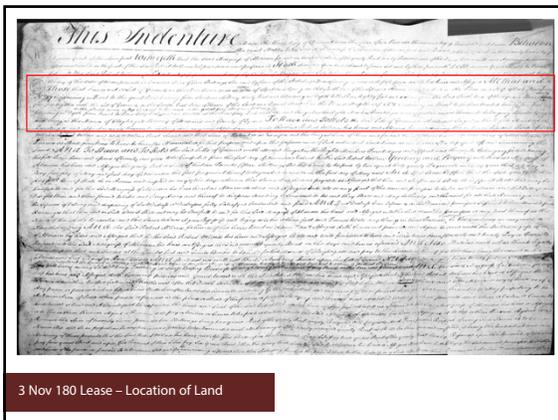
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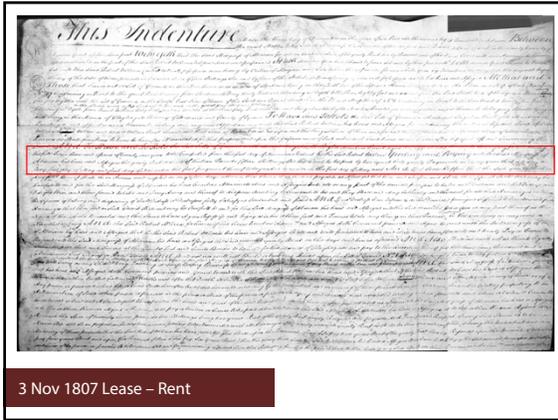
What do they contain?

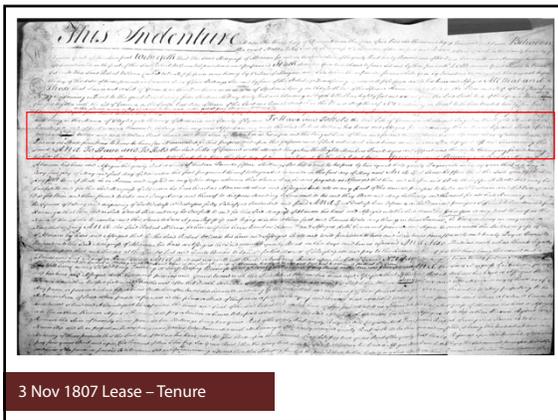
- Leases and lease books
- Rentals, rent books and tenant lists
- Maps
- Correspondence
- Emigration lists and eviction records
- Account books
- Manor Court Records

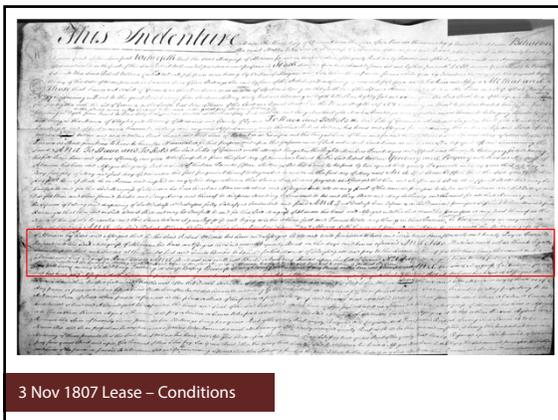


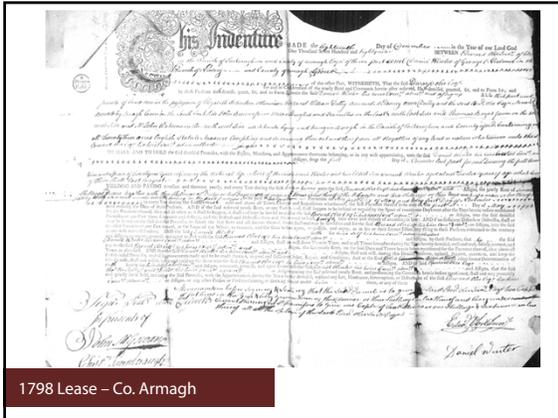


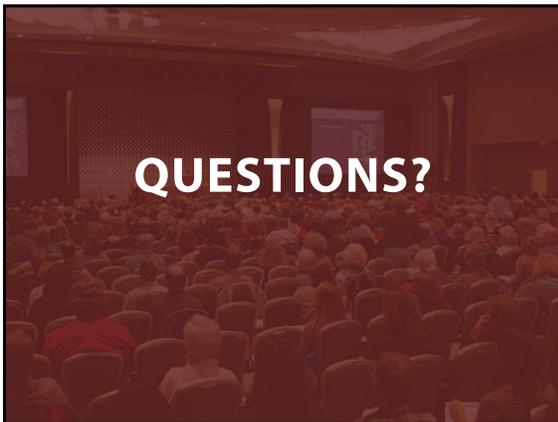




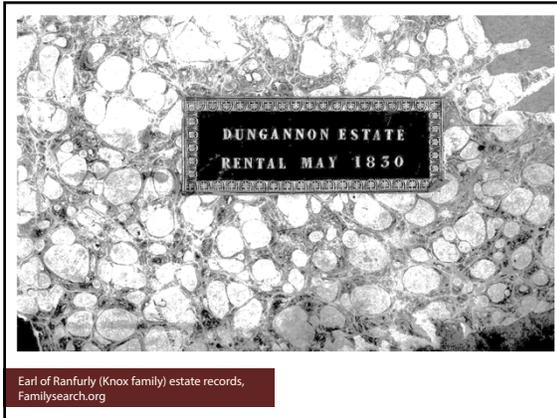




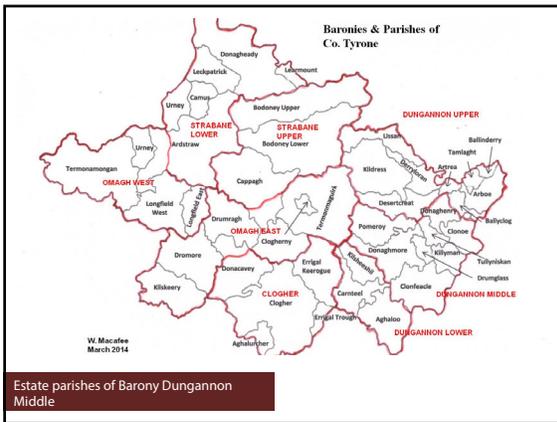








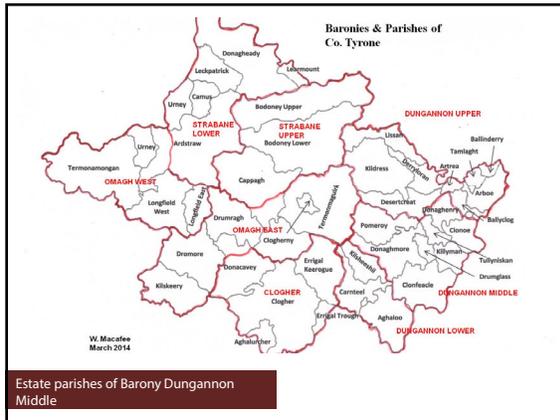
Earl of Ranfurly (Knox family) estate records, Familysearch.org



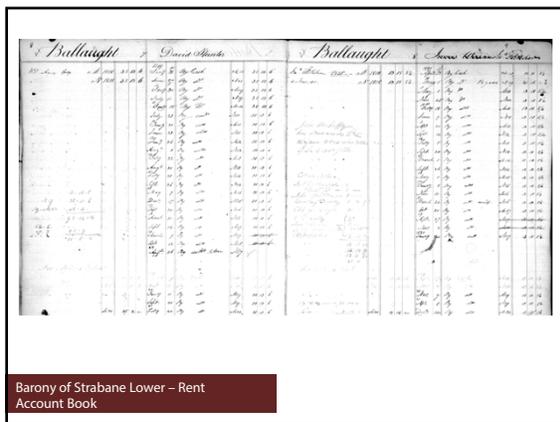
Estate parishes of Barony Dungannon Middle

No.	Tenant's Name	Arises at Novem/br, 1828		Half Year's Rent, Summ. and. from the May, 1828, to the May, 1831.		Arises due at May, 1830.	
		Rent.	Tyths.	Rent.	Tyths.	Rent.	Tyths.
353	Joseph DeLisson	16 0 4 1/2		7 10 0	15 13 8	8 10 1/2	
354	Thomas Ferguson	3 17 1/2		3 17 1/2	3 17 1/2	3 17 1/2	
355	James Stewart	8 13 7	7 1	11 6 1/2	8 13 7	4 6 1/2	
356	James Martin	22 3 1/2		10 2 1/2		32 6 1	
357	Robert Stewart	11 11 1		7 3 1/2	11 11 1	7 5 1/2	
358	Sam. W. Smith	13 2 1		6 11 1/2	13 3 1	6 11 1/2	
359	John Leckert	8 0 7		8 0 7	8 0 7	8 0 7	
360	James Leckert	8 0 7		8 0 7	8 0 7	8 0 7	
361	John Coffey	12 4 3		6 2 1/2	12 4 3 1/2	7 1	
362		16 6 1/2		5 2 1/2	16 4 3	11 4 3	

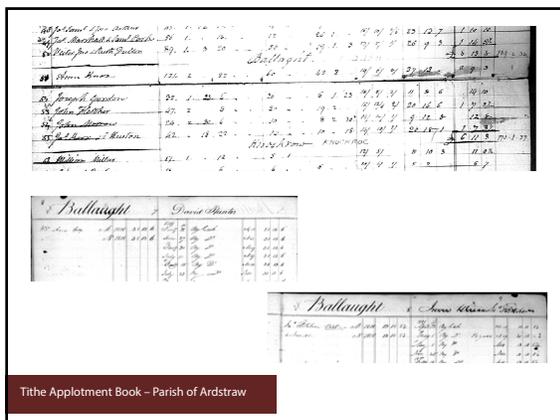
1830 Rent roll, Killybracken, Clonfeacle parish, Co. Tyrone (partial list)



Estate parishes of Barony Dungannon Middle



Barony of Strabane Lower – Rent Account Book



Tithe Applotment Book – Parish of Ardstraw

Correspondence

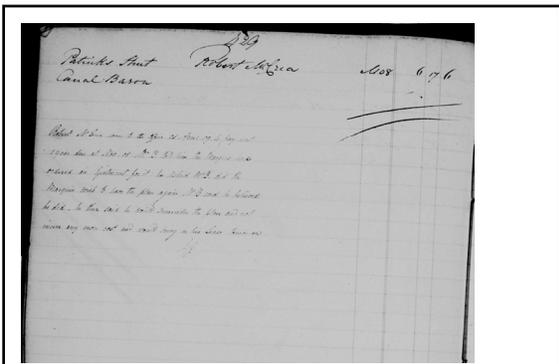
Correspondence

- Seldom between the renters and the landed gentry
- May help in identifying middlemen/jobbers
- May be listed in any summary lists simply as “letters” or “concerning estate and financial affairs”
- Unlikely to be indexed

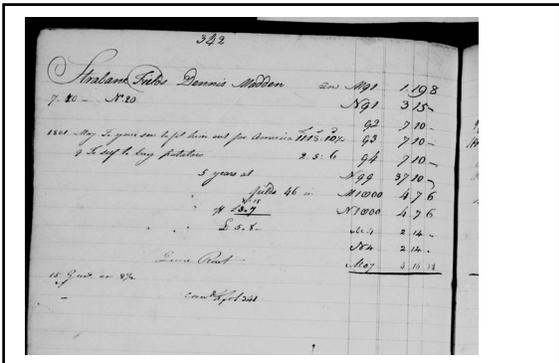
Emigration or Eviction Records

Emigration or Eviction

- Because the large landed estate collections are seldom indexed, you may want to search newspapers for such information first
- Once you have the date, then it may be easier to locate your ancestor in the actual records
- These entries may appear in the rental books

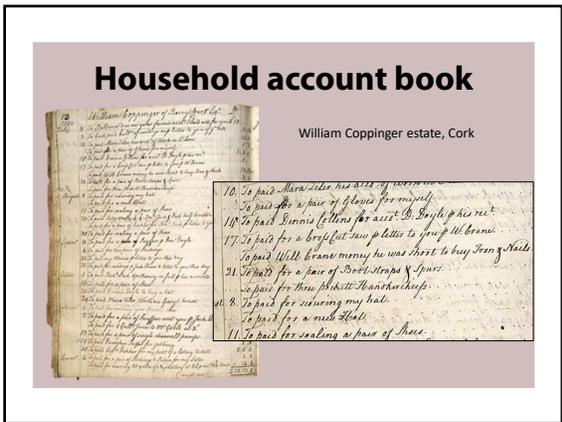


Manor of Cloghogall – Co. Tyrone



Cloghogall Manor – Rental Book





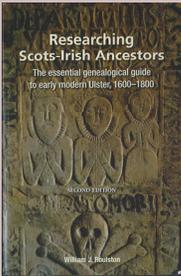


Identifying Estates

Some sources to assist in identification

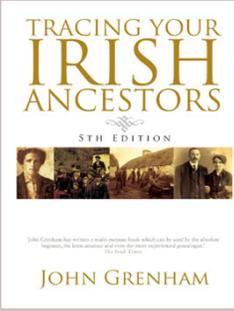
- Published sources
 - Local and county histories
 - Some Irish genealogy guides
- Griffith's Valuation, 1847-1864
- NUI Galway
- 1876 landholders list

Ulster estate records



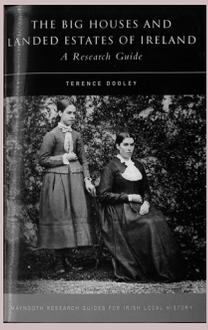
- Appendix 1 – Records relating to parishes in Ulster
- Appendix 2 – Estate Collections

Estate records listed in County chapters



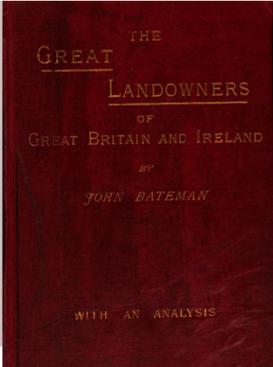
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NUI Galway website

- Identifies landed estates and their records in the Province of Connacht and Munster

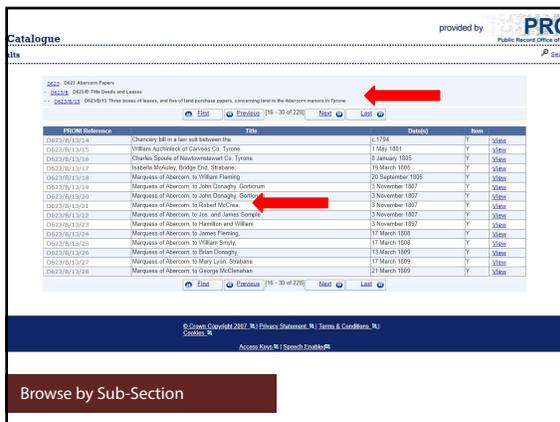
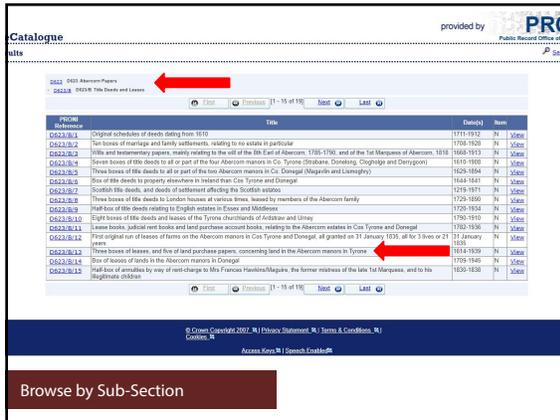




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PRIMARY VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

PARIISH OF BRIGOWEN.

No. and Letter of Section or Map.	Name.	Tenements and Contents.	Immediate Lessee.	Description of Tenement.	Area.	Net Annual Value.					
						Land.	Buildings.	Total.	A.	B.	C.
CORRACINNA. (Ord. No. 10, 11, & 12)											
1	Patrick Henrich.	East of Kingston.	East of Kingston.	House, office, and land.	11 5 14	5 10 0	1 0 0	6 10 0			
2	Edmond Henrich.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	23 3 10	12 15 0	1 0 0	13 15 0			
3	Patrick Walsh.	Same.	Same.	House and land.	20 1 10	2 5 0	0 10 0	2 15 0			
4	John O'Leary.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	57 1 22	12 10 0	1 0 0	13 10 0			
5	John O'Leary.	Same.	Same.	Land.	4 1 27	7 5 0	—	7 5 0			
6	William Sampson.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	28 5 7	14 5 0	1 0 0	15 5 0			
7	Joseph Gordon.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	29 0 21	2 5 0	2 5 0	5 0 0			
8	Constance O'Brien.	Patrick Walsh.	Patrick Walsh.	Land.	1 5 17	1 0 0	—	1 0 0			
9	William Roche.	East of Kingston.	East of Kingston.	House, office, and land.	60 3 25	4 1 0	—	4 1 0			
10	Edw. Herbert.	William Roche.	William Roche.	House & small garden.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0			
11	John Gordon.	Same.	Same.	Land.	15 3 17	7 15 0	—	7 15 0			
12	Patrick Sampson.	Same.	Same.	Land.	3 1 23	2 15 0	—	2 15 0			
13	John Roche.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	0 2 23	5 15 0	0 15 0	6 10 0			
14	Mary Roche.	Same.	Same.	House, office, & garden.	0 0 12	0 3 0	0 10 0	0 13 0			
15	John Daly.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	55 1 19	7 5 0	1 0 0	8 5 0			
16	Michael Gordon.	Same.	Same.	Land.	3 2 24	2 15 0	—	2 15 0			
17	David Gordon.	Same.	Same.	Land.	0 2 2	7 5 0	—	7 5 0			
18	John Roche.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	2 0 16	1 15 0	0 15 0	2 10 0			
19	John Roche.	Same.	Same.	House and garden.	0 12 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	1 0 0			
20	Mary Roche.	East of Kingston.	East of Kingston.	House, office, and land.	16 0 25	9 5 0	0 15 0	10 0 0			
21	John Roche.	Same.	Same.	House, office, & garden.	0 16 0	0 2 0	1 5 0	1 7 0			
22	Thomas Walsh.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	57 3 25	12 15 0	0 15 0	13 10 0			
23	Robert Hayes.	Same.	Same.	Land.	14 1 24	7 15 0	—	7 15 0			
24	William Roche.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	10 1 8	3 10 0	0 10 0	4 0 0			
25	Edmond Fitzgerald.	William Roche.	William Roche.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0			
26	Patrick Roche.	East of Kingston.	East of Kingston.	House, office, and land.	59 3 22	10 15 0	0 15 0	11 10 0			
27	Richard Howe.	Same.	Same.	House, office, and land.	11 1 12	5 15 0	0 15 0	7 0 0			
28	Thomas Walsh.	Richard Howe.	Richard Howe.	House.	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0			

Griffith's Valuation

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Estate records for Brigowen

Landlord	From	To	Nature	Coverage	Location	Ref	Comment	Published?
Egmont	1701	1714	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 1701-12, 1713-14 4674		[Unpublished]
Egmont	1714	1719	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 4675		[Unpublished]
Egmont	1720	1727	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 1720-24, 1729-27 4676		[Unpublished]
Egmont	1728	1733	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 4677		[Unpublished]
Egmont	1734	1738	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 4678		[Unpublished]
Egmont	1739	1746	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 1739-41 1742-46 4679		[Unpublished]
Egmont	1747	1750	Rentals	Major tenants only	NLI	Pub. 4680		[Unpublished]
Kingston	1840	1840	Rentals	All tenants	NLI	Pub. 3276	Rental Book of the Limerick Estates of the Earl of Kingston listing tenants, occupiers, and net payments.	[Unpublished]

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