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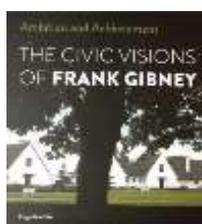
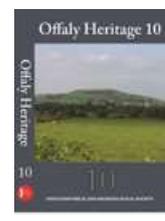
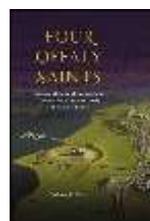
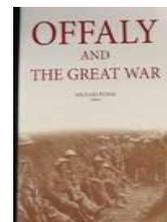
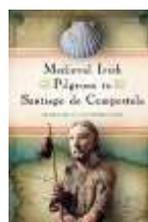
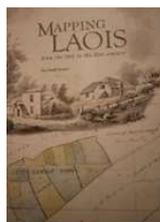
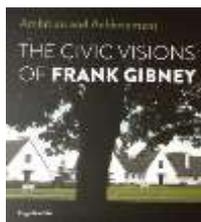
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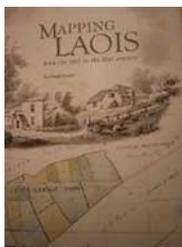
The Civic Visions of Frank Gibney, Ambition and Achievement -Fergal MacCabe, Castles in the air publications, 2018, 175pp **€40.00**

A singular figure in the field of Irish residential design in the middle part of the 20th century, Frank Gibney's reputation rests primarily on the six village schemes in the midlands which he designed for Bord na Mona workers. He is less well known for his adherence to and promulgation of, the principles of the Garden City and Beaux Arts Movements in his planning and architectural work. It is this aspect of his career which distinguishes him from other practitioners of the period by virtue of the broadness and daring of his visionary proposals. Between 1940 and 1950, he produced ambitious plans for more than twenty-five Irish cities, towns and villages, though few of his proposals ever came to fruition.



Birr Year Review 2018 - Volume 18, Birr 2018 196pp, softback, **€10.00.**

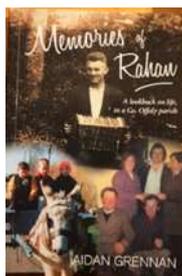
This publication is in progress since 2001 and contains much material on the town not to be found elsewhere.



Mapping Laois from the 16th to the 21st century - Arnold Horner, Wordwell, Dublin, 2018, hardback 376pp €30.00

Reviews and seeks to provide context for the extraordinarily rich diversity of manuscript and printed maps that record the changing political, economic and social circumstances of an Irish county over nearly five centuries. The flavour of these varied, informative and often colourful maps is captured in over 400 illustrations, among which are reproductions of six early county maps and a unique assemblage of images from the Ordnance Survey 'fair plans' of c. 1838–40.

With a map record that stretches back more than 450 years, County Laois (formerly Leix and Laoighis, and between 1556 and 1920 officially known as Queen's County) has a distinguished place in the history of cartography in Ireland. This book explores that record, from the first map of c.1560, covering the eastern part of the county, through to the present century. The aim here is to draw attention to the extent, variety and interest of the maps made during a period of major transformation across the county—a period when far-reaching changes in landownership and settlement were accompanied by significant environmental modifications.



Memories of Rahan, a look back on life in a Co. Offaly parish – Aidan Grennan, 218pp, Rahan, 2018, softback, €12.00

Aidan Grennan has lived all his life in Rahan. Keen on writing he feels the time is right to record some memories from his native parish. We read of his schooldays, his time as an altar boy, going to the youth Club and the joy of St. Carthage's day. Aidan tells of a time when the parish had nine shops and he takes us back to a June day in 1976 when 7000 people arrived in Rahan. His many nights spent at the concerts, plays, meetings and bingo in Rahan Hall are recalled and we hear of a few parish heroes. All in all, this book is a most interesting read.



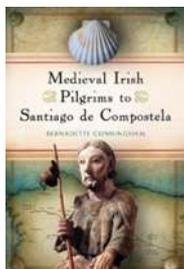
Rory Oge O'More – J.W.H. Carter, Portlaoise, 2018, 118pp, softback, €10.00.

Describes the world of mid-16th century Leix and rescues Rory Oge from the mists of history giving him flesh and blood. Rory was central to the convulsions endured by the Irish Midlands during his time as The O'More. Imbued with Brehon Law and its ancient Gaelic civilisation Rory had to cope with its decline when confronted by land-greedy advocates of a ruthless Common Law. Perhaps the best Swordsman of his day, he fought for his place in Leix, but he could not succeed. Of course, he was not without human failings: he fell for a pretty face, for a while was venal, recognised the inevitability of plantations but could not secure his desired place. A ruthless and capable enemy, he seemed to lead such a charmed life it was thought he was a wrought of spells and in league with the devil. Then he kidnapped two prominent Englishmen, but was caught off-guard and lost, among others, the love of his life. Even he must have been shocked soon afterwards by the atrocity that was Mullaghmast and despite his best efforts he cannot have anticipated being killed by an Irishman.



The Nigeria-Biafra Civil War, My personal Reminiscences of the conflict in Afikpo 1967-1970 – Rory O'Brien SPS, 168pp €10.00

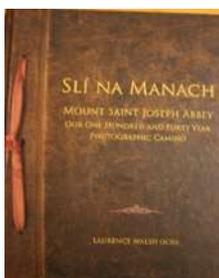
The Nigeria-Biafra Civil War describes how Fr. Rory O'Brien's missionary life took an unexpected course with his posting to Afikpo in 1967. In graphic detail he describes the circumstances of war and the missionary challenges of mistrust, fear, recrimination, death, suffering, starvation and survival together with eventual peace and reconciliation. Selfless and fearless dedication by an extraordinary priest who devoted sixty years to missionary service to the people of Nigeria and Cameroon. His legacy of leadership and inspiration is evident to all who are privileged to have encountered his infectious zest for life and care of people. Fr. Rory now lives in retirement with his family and home community of Ballinamere, in Tullamore, Co. Offaly



Medieval Irish Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela – Bernadette Cunningham, Four Courts Press, Dublin, 2018, softback, 207pp €20.00

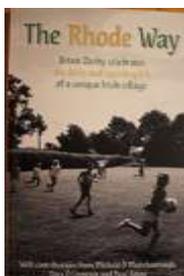
There has been a tremendous resurgence of interest in pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. In this book the author reveals a story of a much longer connection between Ireland and the pilgrimage than previously thought. Stories of men and women who went from Ireland to Santiago de Compostela in the Middle Ages tell of Irish involvement in one of the major pilgrimages of the medieval Christian world. The long and hazardous journey by land and sea to the shrine of St James in Galicia was not undertaken lightly. This innovative book explores the varied influences on and motivations of the pilgrims, as well as the nature of medieval travel, in order to understand when, why and how pilgrims from Ireland went to

Santiago in the heyday of the pilgrimage, between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries. It draws on official documents, historical chronicles, literary texts, saints' lives and archaeological finds to uncover stories of those Anglo-Norman and Gaelic pilgrims who ventured beyond the confines of their local communities in search of salvation and perhaps a little adventure. Included in the book is the story of Margaret O'Carroll of Croghan and Killeigh. Mairgréag Ní Chearbhaill undertook the pilgrimage in the jubilee year of 1445. Mairgréag was an independent-minded woman. The daughter of Tadhg Ailbhe Ó Cearbhaill, lord of Éile (Ely O Carroll) who had died in 1407, she married An Calbhach Ó Conchobhair Fáilghe who succeeded his father, Murchadh, as head of the neighbouring lordship in 1421. An Calbhach enjoyed a reign of more than thirty years from c. 1425 until shortly before his death in 1458. The marriage between An Calbhach and Mairgréag was almost certainly part of a political strategy to help consolidate Gaelic power within the region, on the frontier zone with the English Pale. Their principal residence was located on the west side of Croghan hill. Both families were patrons of the arts and of the church, and Mairgréag's father-in-law, Murchadh Ó Conchobhair Fáilghe, had been the founder of the Franciscan friary at Killeigh, Co. Offaly, in 1394. That friary became the family's burial place.



Slí na Manach: Mount Saint Joseph Abbey our one hundred and forty years photographic camino 116pp, hardback, Roscrea, 2018. €20.00

A new book by Fr Laurence Walsh OCSO, celebrating the 140 year history of Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, in text and pictures. This book is not intended to be a history of the monastery, but rather a welcoming tour through the life of the community and of the various monks. There are photographs of life at the monastery over the period since the 1890s. A wonderful record of a time that is now passing.



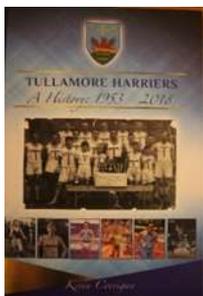
The Rhode Way, Brian Darby celebrates the daily and sporting life of a unique Irish village, Brian Darby, Ballpoint Press, Bray, 160pp, softback, €14.99.

This is a diverse book with an overriding theme – love of place. From schooldays to memories of long summer afternoons working in the bog, no sod is left unturned as Brian Darby introduces us to the characters and communities which make up his village idyll. Shining



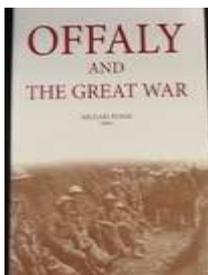
Tullamore Annual 2019 – Tullamore Lions Club, Tullamore, 2018, 180pp, €15.00

As always it's a fabulous publication with stories and articles about people in the greater Tullamore area. Every cent of profit the Lions Club makes goes back into helping so many worthy causes. This is the seventh issue. Offaly History has some back issues for sale also.



Tullamore Harriers A History: 1953 – 2018 – Kevin Corrigan, Print Plus, Tullamore 2018, 340pp, hardback €20.00

The Harriers was formed on a famous night in November 1953 when a group of nine young men, mostly in their twenties, gathered on the town’s William Street and held their first meeting in Clarke’s Hairdressers. It set the wheels in motion for an incredible sixty-five years as the club became absolutely pivotal to life in Tullamore. It is the home to an Olympian, eight national senior champions, who have shared 19 titles between them, victors and medalists in a host of other national and provincial grades and internationals from junior up to senior level. They won the right to build a pavilion that became central to the social scene in the midlands for four decades after a series of appeals against Council decisions and objections from residents. This is the story of all this and much more.



Offaly and the Great War – Michael Byrne Editor, Esker Press, Tullamore, 2018, 450pp, softback €20.00.

The contents of this volume provide a fascinating insight into the war years in County Offaly. Much has been published about the war nationally, but the strength of this volume lies in the authors of the twenty-eight essays being able to provide very specific and well researched county-based examples of what happened at a county level. There is an inclusive approach by Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society (Offaly History) and the editor in the spread of articles, the subject matters of the essays, and the varied profiles of the contributors has succeeded in providing a vivid portrait of the county in the 1914–18 period.



Whisperings – Wordsmiths Tullamore, Choice Publishing Drogheda, 2018, 291pp, softback €10.00.

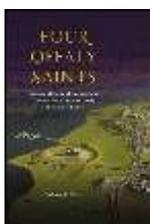
Wordsmiths Tullamore Creative group was established in 2017. The group has enjoyed sustained and on-going interest. Wordsmiths are a voluntary group with a diverse mix of members who meet weekly in Tullamore Library. A miscellany of prose, poetry and memories. Most of the titles will have been drawn from writing prompts given and selected in Creative Writing Class and group presentation.



On mature recollection – Paddy Finlay, Tullamore 2018, softback, 72pp, €10.00

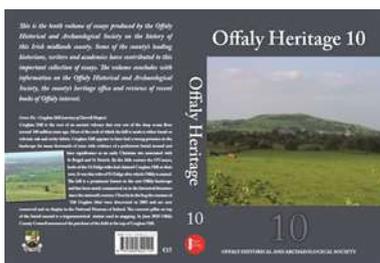
Memoirs of farming life in Bracklin and district east of Tullamore in the 1940s and 1950s. It was a challenging time but people got on with it to survive.

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Four Offaly Saints, the lives of Ciarán of Clonmacnoise, Ciarán of Seir, Colmán of Lynally and Fionán of Kinnitty - Pádraig Ó Riain, Four Courts Press, 2018, 142pp €15.00

The Lives of Ciaran of Clonmacnoise Ciaran of Seir, Colman of Lynally and Fionan of Kinnitty. Lying just south of the line that divided Ireland’s two halves. Leath Chuinn to the north and Leath Mhogha to the south, the churches of the present county of Offaly could scarcely have been other than places of exceptional importance



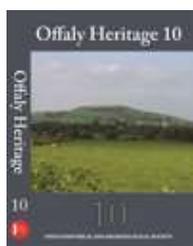
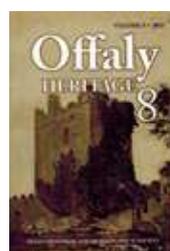
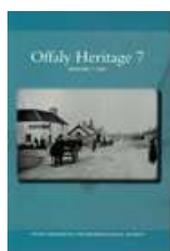
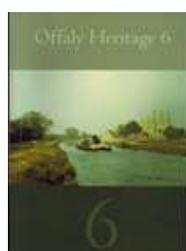
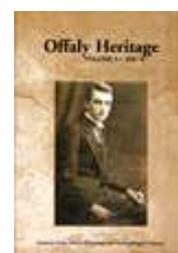
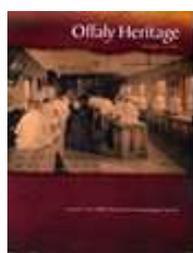
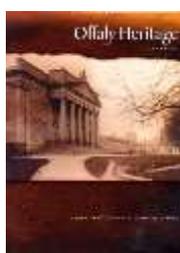
Offaly Heritage 10 – Dr. Ciarán Reilly (ed.) Esker Press, softback 451pp, €15.00.

This is the tenth volume of essays produced by Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society on the history of the Irish Midlands county. Some of the county’s leading historians, writers and academics have contributed to this important collection of essays. The volume concludes with information on the Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society, the county’s heritage office and reviews of recent books of Offaly interest.

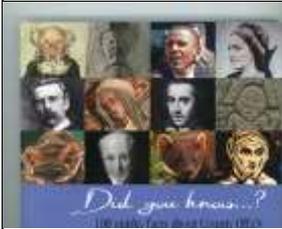
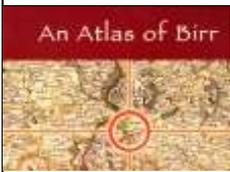
Offaly Heritage 1-10 (but excluding no. 2) are still available but now in small numbers. We can offer the nine issues for just €99.

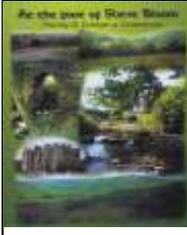
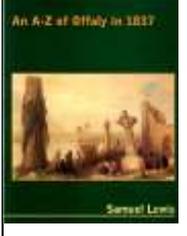
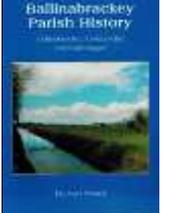
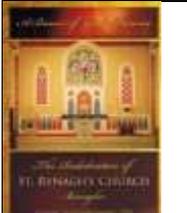
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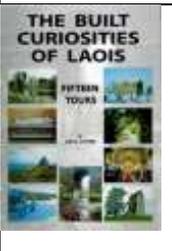
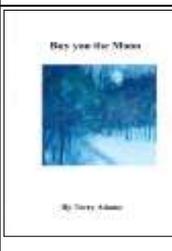
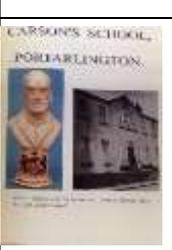
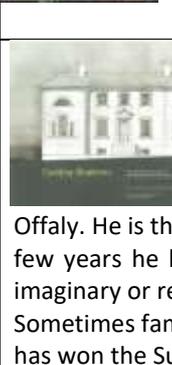
Offaly Heritage is the first such Journal on Offaly History. The first Issue was published in 2003 and Journal 10 was published in 2018. **Volume 2 is out of print.** The Journal is the most extensive collection on Offaly History, from Archaeology to the 20th century with over 100 articles and over one million words. It cost €60,000 to date to publish and is available to you, all nine issues for only **€99.00**

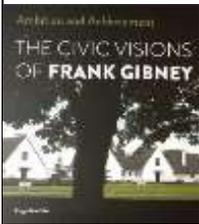
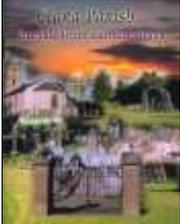
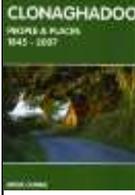
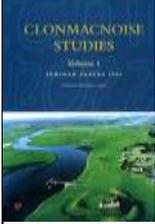


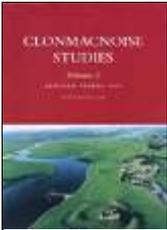
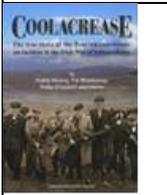
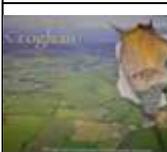
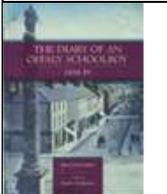
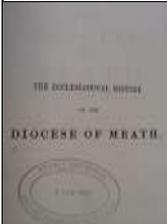
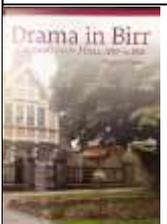
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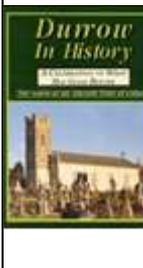
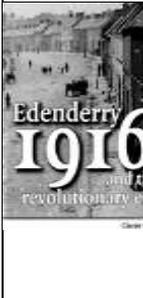
	<p>The 50 Francis Street Photographer – a fascinating view of Dublin and its people through the photographs of John Walsh – Suzanne Behan Hachette books Ireland, 252pp From the 1950's to the 1990's John Walsh ran his photography business out of a small shop on 50 Francis Street in inner city Dublin. He took thousands of photos portraying all aspects of Dublin life. This book brings together stunning and original images from the 1950's and 1960s, together with the words of his granddaughter Suzanne Behan, to give us a unique and nostalgic look at an integral part of a changing city.</p>	<p>Hardback €20.00</p>	
	<p>50 Golden years, the history of Tullamore Musical Society – Geoff Oakley Jetprint 388pp This is the published record of the memories of the Tullamore Musical Society from its gestation in 1954 until this book's publication in 2005.</p>	<p>Hardback €20.00</p>	
	<p>65 years of Offaly Macra – Mags O'Connor, Ger Maher & Brendan Ryan 340pp In the year 2009, Macra na Feirme celebrated its 65th Birthday. To celebrate this fact Offaly decided to publish this book looking back over Macra's career in Offaly. This is the first permanent record of Macra's history in Offaly</p>	<p>Softback €10.00</p>	
	<p>100 Quirky facts about County Offaly – Amanda Pedlow Offaly County Council 207 pp (Tullamore, 2013) Did you know one of Irelands last hangings took place at Tullamore Gaol, that Croghan Hill is a volcano, that the first all-Ireland final took place in Birr, that in 1447 it was illegal for an Englishman living in Ireland to sport a moustache, that Belmont Bridge was built with walkers in mind, that Birr Demesne contains the world's tallest box hedge, that Ireland has 2 Pyramids....</p>	<p>Softback €10.00</p>	
<p>This delightful book presents 100 quirky facts about Offaly. It gives a flavour of the wide spectrum of Offaly's heritage from geology to natural heritage and archaeology to architecture. A best seller.</p>		<p>1958 Clara ICA 50 Years On (Clara, 2008) 104 pp This history book was compiled to commemorate fifty years of the Clara ICA guild from 1958 to 2008.</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>
	<p>An Atlas of Birr - John Feehan and Alison Rosse (Roscrea, 2005), 62 pp, A3 format, This book will be of immense interest to lovers of maps and town history. The ingenious concept of viewing the history of the town of Birr and its environs through the use of a wide range of cartographic material has been developed and expanded by the authors into a fascinating study that allows one to view the changing geography of a classic Irish town in a wide variety of contexts: from the geological to the archaeological and the topographical to the political.</p>	<p>Hardback €45.00</p>	
	<p>An Introduction to the Architectural Heritage of County Offaly - Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. (2006), 132 pp, The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage was established to identify, record and evaluate the architectural heritage of the country in a systematic and uniform manner. Each county inventory is published in a full-colour, attractively illustrated booklet introducing the architectural highlights of the area, with descriptive text and photographs, and relevant mapping.</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>	

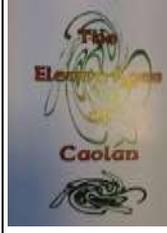
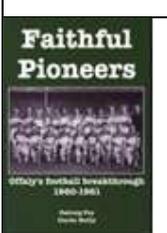
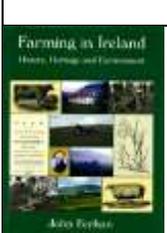
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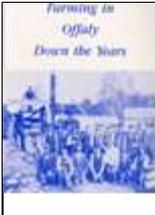
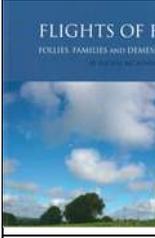
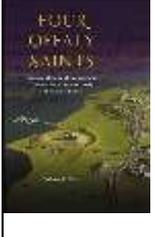
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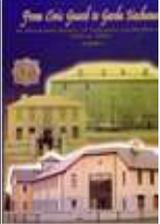
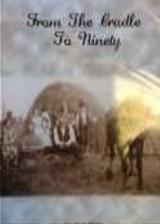
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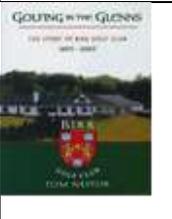
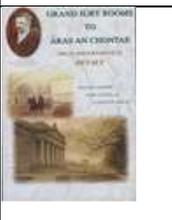
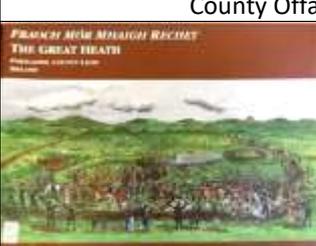
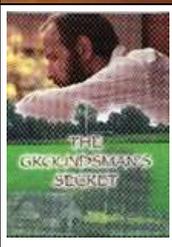
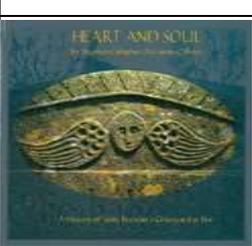
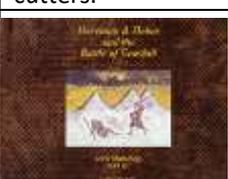
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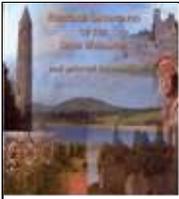
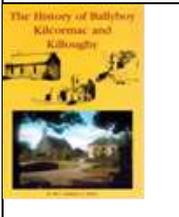
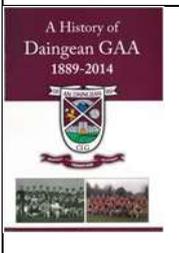
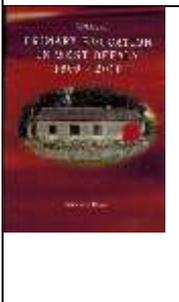
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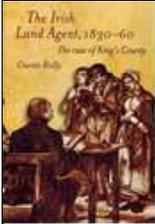
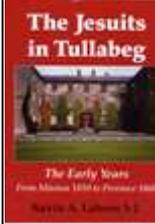
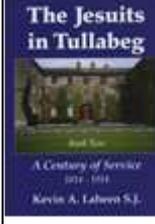
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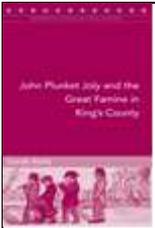
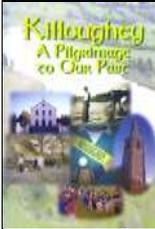
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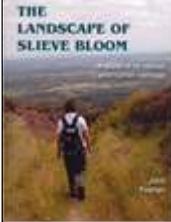
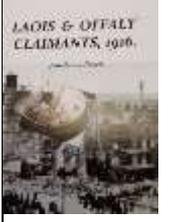
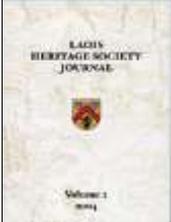
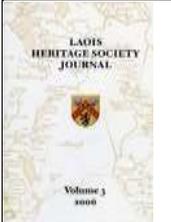
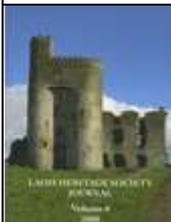
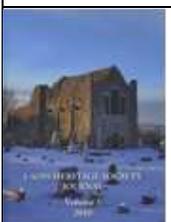
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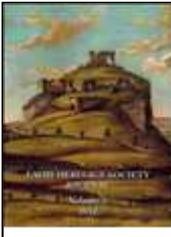
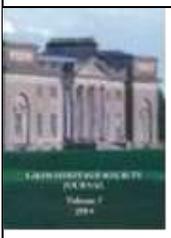
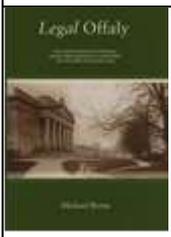
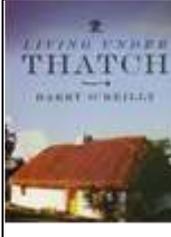
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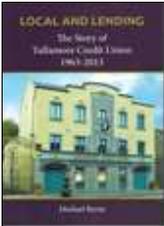
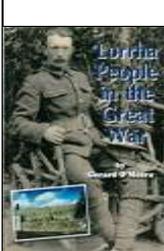
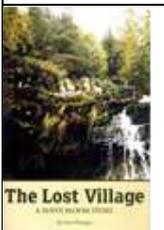
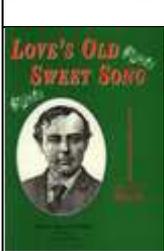
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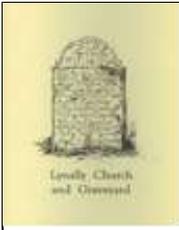
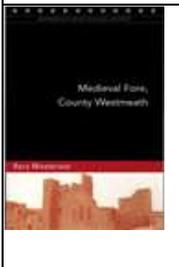
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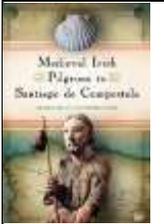
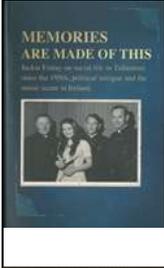
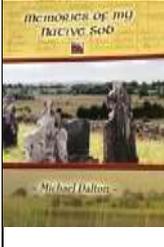
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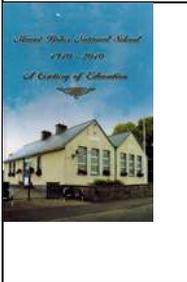
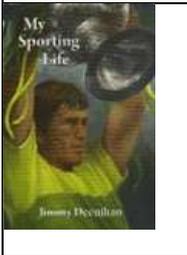
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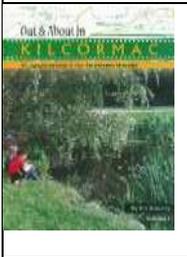
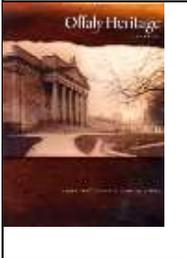
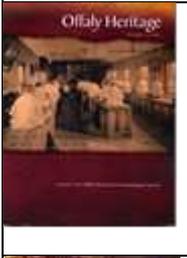
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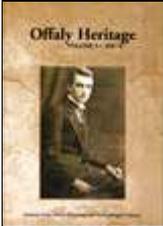
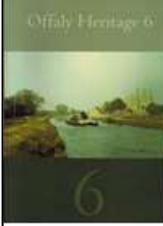
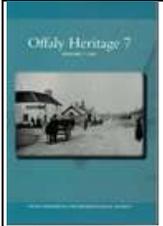
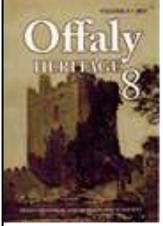
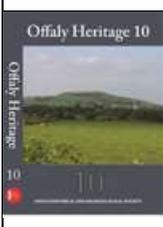
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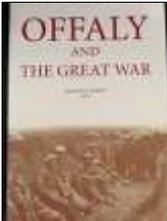
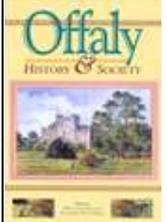
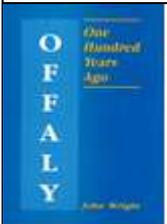
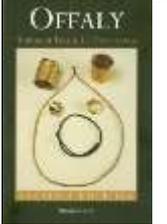
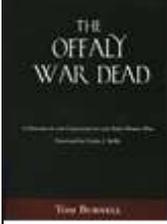
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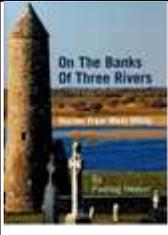
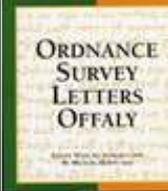
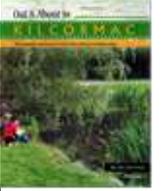
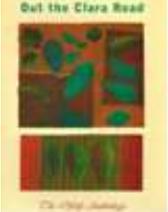
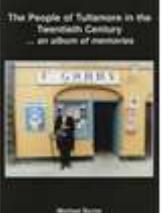
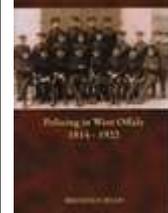
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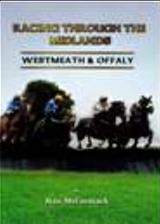
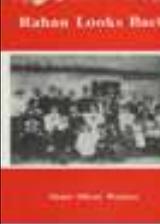
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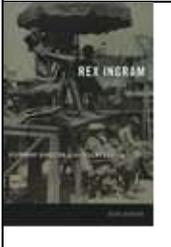
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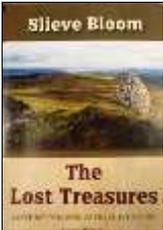
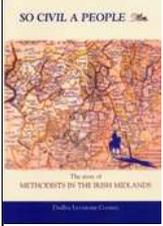
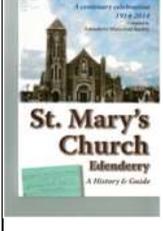
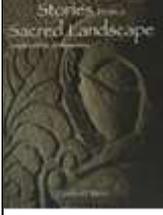
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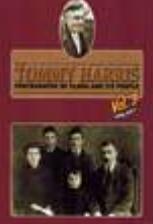
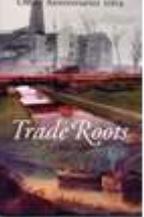
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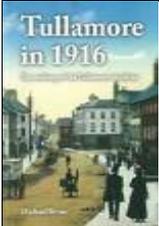
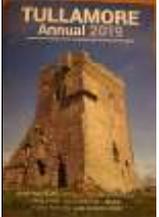
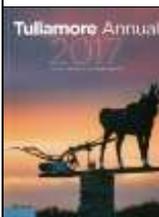
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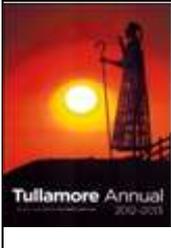
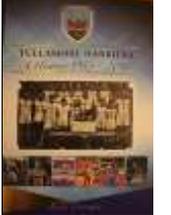
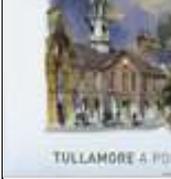
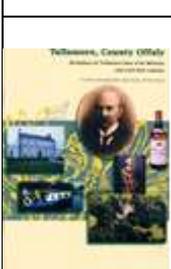
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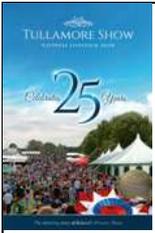
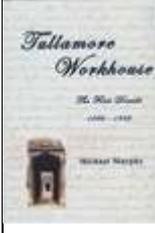
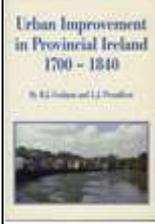
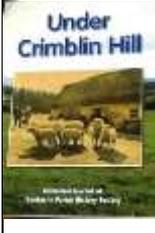
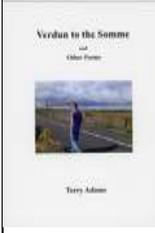
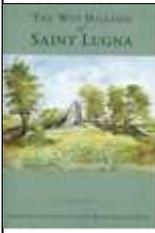
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	<p>The Royal Palace of Emo (2012), 112 pp, SB, €40 <i>John Stocks Powell</i></p> <p>Emo Court, County Laois. Its connections with Royalty, and the proposal for a Royal Residence in 1872.</p>	<p>Out of stock</p>
	<p>School, Community and Nation – the Papers of R.H. Moore 1899-1956 - Offaly County Council and Mary Fitzpatrick, (Tullamore 2005), 59 pp</p> <p>The archive of Roderick H. Moore provides a unique insight into the social, economic and cultural life of Banagher at the turn of the 20th century. The collection paints a broad canvas, illuminating elements of local life and the efforts made by local community groups to improve their lot. Roderick H. Moore played a pivotal role in the development of community and harnessed the energy of committed individuals</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>
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	<p>A Sunny Day Near Mexico, Terry Adams with Poems from Home – (Terry Adams 2014) 108pp, by <i>Colin O’Shea</i></p> <p>This is a collection of poetry produced by an Irish Uncle and Nephew combination. Book 1 – “A Sunny Day Near Mexico”, was written by the Uncle part of the duo, Terry Adams. Born in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland, Terry has lived for the past twenty-four years in Luxembourg city. He has written books of poetry, short stories and novels. Book 2 – “Poems from Home” was written by the Nephew part of this dynamic duo, Colin O’Shea. Colin was born and raised in Tahilla, Co. Kerry, Ireland. He presently lives and works in Kenmare. This is Colin’s first appearance in print. It will not be his last</p>	<p>Softback €12.00</p>
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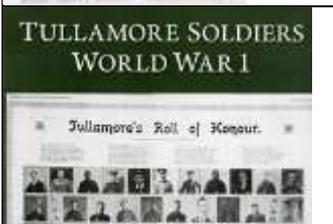
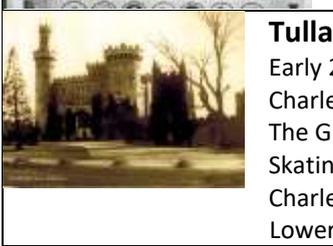
	<p>Tullamore in 1916 - Tullamore in 1916 – The making of the Tullamore Incident – Michael Byrne, Esker Press 295pp (Tullamore, 2016).</p> <p>The 'Tullamore Incident' took place on 20 March 1916, one month prior to the Easter Rising. This book looks at Tullamore town as a place to live during this tumultuous period of Irish history and the issues confronting the town in terms of housing, local government and employment. The incident took place in what some called the Gaelic League rooms, others the Volunteer rooms and others the 'Sinn Fein Hall'.</p> <p>The town and neighbourhood that was said to have had 500 of its menfolk (and a few women) serving in the 1914-18 war faced local tensions between the 'Separation Women', the Irish Volunteers and the people of the quiet town of Tullamore 'where there never had been trouble before'.</p>	<p>Hardback €20.00 Softback €15.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore Annual 2019 – Tullamore Lions Club, Tullamore, 2018, 180pp</p> <p>As always it's a fabulous publication with stories and articles about people in the greater Tullamore area. Every cent of profit the Lions Club makes goes back into helping so many worthy causes. This is the seventh issue. Offaly History has some back issues for sale also.</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore Annual 2018 – Volume 6 - Tullamore Lions Club – 164pp</p> <p>This latest issue covers topics such as Music in the Midlands, Offaly History Blog, Sport in the area, Tullamore profiles , New Writing, Local Services and much more</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>
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	<p>Tullamore annual 2013/2014 – Volume 2 – Tullamore Lions Club, 160pp</p> <p>This issue includes articles on Profiles, Then and Now, Spectrum, Day in the life, Home thoughts from abroad, Mixed Zone, Tributes</p>	<p>Softback €15.00 Scarce</p>

	<p>Tullamore Annual 2012/2013, - Tullamore Lions Club 180 pp, vol 1 The first issue of the new series covering life in Tullamore. This issue deals with 2012 – 2013 including the following articles; Genny from the Block, What is Tullamore, Barrel of Laughs, Katie Taylor visits Tullamore, Cherishing the Great Outdoors, Keeper of Faith. This magazine is published in A4 format and full colour throughout. Three further volumes have been issued up to 2016.</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore Harriers A History: 1953 – 2018 – Kevin Corrigan, Print Plus, Tullamore 2018, 340pp, hardback €20.00 The Harriers was formed on a famous night in November 1953 when a group of nine young men, mostly in their twenties, gathered on the town’s William Street and held their first meeting in Clarke’s Hairdressers. It set the wheels in motion for an incredible sixty-five years as the club became absolutely pivotal to life in Tullamore. It is the home to an Olympian, eight national senior champions, who have shared 19 titles between them, victors and medallists in a host of other national and provincial grades and internationals from junior up to senior level. They won the right to build a pavilion that became central to the social scene in the midlands for four decades after a series of appeals against Council decisions and objections from residents. This is the story of all this and much more.</p>	<p>Hardback €20.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore, a Portrait - Michael Byrne with drawings by Fergal MacCabe (Tullamore, 2010), 280p Historian Michael Byrne provides a witty and informative text which architect and watercolourist Fergal MacCabe illuminates with eighty sketches and paintings. This affectionate portrait of their home town will be a revelation to those who are unfamiliar with Tullamore, whilst those who feel they do know it, will be prompted to look afresh and find new insights and hitherto hidden treasures.</p>	<p>Hardback €30.00 Very scarce</p>
	<p>Tullamore Catholic Parish - A Historical Survey - Michael Byrne (Tullamore, 1987), 187 pp The idea for this book came in the wake of a disastrous fire in 1983 and was intended to give parishioners a commemorative volume. In this historical survey of Tullamore the author tries to document what is known of the development of the Catholic parish from the earliest times to the mid 1980’s.</p>	<p>Hardback €25.00 Softback €15.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore, County Offaly Birthplace of Tullamore Dew Irish whiskey and Irish Mist liqueur - Nigel Brennan (Tullamore, 2000), 40 pp A short introduction and trails of the town - this guide provides the next step to exploring Tullamore by bringing you out to the streets to walk around and discover its urban history. A brief introduction to the development of the town is included in the guide as is also a short history of Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey and Irish Mist Liqueur.</p>	<p>Softback €4.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore Golf Club, A History 2010 (Tullamore 2010), 280 pp Golf has been played in Tullamore since 1886. This book is a history of Tullamore Golf Club from its formation in 1896 when the course was located at the racetrack in Ballykilmurray. An earlier 9-hole course was located at Tinnycross in 1894/95. A move to the Briscoe lands at Screggan took place in 1906 where it was based until 1926 when the Club relocated to its present home at Brookfield, part of the Charleville Estate.</p>	<p>Hardback €25.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore – Have a Look Back – Compiled by Frank Thomas (Ferbane, 2012), 76 pp An eclectic mix of memorabilia from Tullamore’s past, Frank Thomas an avid collector of Tullamore memorabilia fulfils a dream to put some of his collection into book form with the help of photographer friend Brendan Bracken.</p>	<p>Softback €20.00 Scarce</p>

	<p>Tullamore Show celebrates 25 Years – Alastair Hall PrintPlus/Jetprint, Tullamore, 277 pp This is a book that epitomises community spirit at its best. It is a book that gives some insight into the creation and development of the great Tullamore Show, an insight that will entertain and maybe even amuse you. It will take you from the lows to the highs, from 30 trade stands to 700 trade stands, from a voluntary group of can-do people from all walks of life, from humble beginnings to Ireland’s Premier Show. ‘Celebrates 25 years’ is a remarkable book about the remarkable people behind Ireland’s Premier Show.</p>	<p>Hardback €20.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore Workhouse, the First Decade 1842-1852, - Michael Murphy (Offaly, 2007), 148 pp This is the first publication solely on the Tullamore workhouse, which brings into sharp relief the poverty of the time, the steps taken by the guardians to provide sustenance and a basic level of education and training for the poor. More importantly, it provides a unique insight into the work of the poor law guardians and the standards employed in the administration of the workhouse. This study brings together a wealth of information from the minute books and the <i>King’s County Chronicle</i>, providing insights into the difficulties experienced by the guardians in providing food and shelter for the destitute in a period of severe want.</p>	<p>Softback €15.00</p>
	<p>Urban Improvement in Provincial Ireland, 1700 – 1840 - B J Graham and L J Proudfoot (Westmeath, 1994), 68 pp This monograph seeks to establish economic, social and cultural contexts for urban improvement in eighteenth – and early nineteenth-century Ireland, and also to determine the scale and scope of the process.</p>	<p>Softback €8.00</p>
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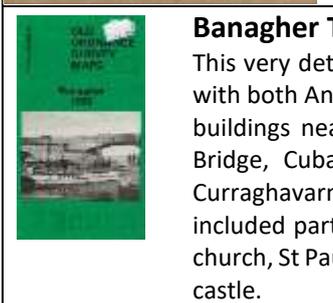
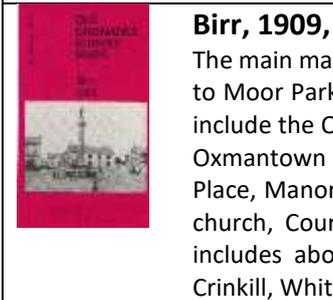
	<p>William Stuart Trench and his management of the Digby Estate, King's County - Mary Delaney, (Dublin, 2012), 56pp</p> <p>This book sets out to establish what the 'true realities' were on the Digby estate in Geashill during the tenure of the notorious and reforming land agent William Stuart Trench over the period from his arrival in 1857 to his departure in 1871. These were critical years in the development of Geashill as we know it today.</p>	<p>Softback €10.00</p>
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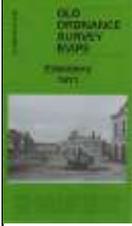
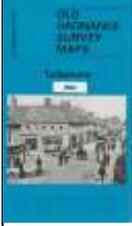
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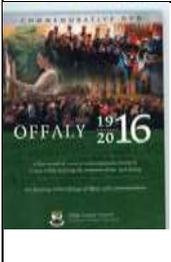
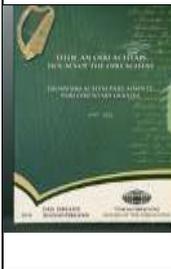
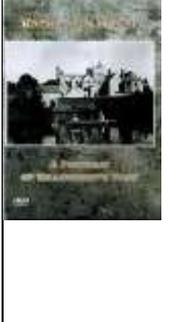
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Maps of County Offaly

Offaly History has worked with Alan Godfrey Maps to make available maps and plans of the Offaly towns and villages.

	<p>King’s County Map 1901, Beautiful old style map showing all the townlands and civil parishes of Kings County in 1901. Size 40cm x 58cm approx..</p>	<p>Unframed €10.00 Framed €50.00</p>
	<p>Banagher Town 1909 This very detailed map covers most of the little town of Banagher, which has connections with both Anthony Trollope and Charlotte Brontë. Features include the Main Street with all buildings neatly shown, railway terminus, Bridge Malt House, River Shannon, Banagher Bridge, Cuba Court, Fair Green, Fort Eliza, Crank Malt House, harbour, Birds Island, Curraghavarna and Portavolla township, Mullaghakaraun township. On the reverse is included part of adjacent sheet 29.04 extending coverage south to include St Rynagh’s RC church, St Paul’s church, Mountcarteret House, Castle Garden House, Distillery, ruined Garry castle.</p>	<p>€5.00</p>
	<p>Birr, 1909, The main map covers most of the town of Birr, with coverage from Pound Street southward to Moor Park and Seefin, and from Mount Palmer eastward to Clonoghil House. Features include the Observatory, town centre with all buildings neatly shown, Scurragh, Syngfield, Oxmantown Bridge, Presentation Brothers School, Birr Castle, Cumberland Square, John’s Place, Manor Saw Mill, Fair Green, St Brendan’s RC church, Industrial School, St Brendan’s church, Court House, Monastery, Union Workhouse, Elm Grove etc. The reverse side includes about half of adjacent sheet 35.14 extending coverage southward to include Crinkill, Whiteford.</p>	<p>€5.00</p>

	<p>Clara & Ferbane 1910</p> <p>This map gives good coverage of Clara, including the town centre and extending westward to the Clashawaun Works and eastward to Kilcoursey House. Principal features include railway with both stations, engine shed, Charlestown area, St. Brigid's Convent, Clara House, Castle Hill, Inchmore, Fair Green, St Brigid's church, Clashawaun jute works, Flour Mill etc. On the reverse is included part of sheet 14.12 covering the small town of Ferbane, with coverage extending from the Main Street southward to Gallen Priory. Features include station, Convent, St Mary's RC church.</p>	<p>€5.00</p>
	<p>Edenderry 1911</p> <p>This map covers the centre and west of the town, including Main Street, Workhouse, St Mary's RC Church, Grand Canal and harbour, Castropetre Church, Market Square, Blundell House, castle ruins. The reverse side includes part of adjacent sheet 12.06 covering the east end of the town, including railway terminus.</p>	<p>€5.00</p>
	<p>Tullamore Town 1910</p> <p>This very detailed map covers the northern part of the town with coverage extending NW to Ballyduff House. Features include Grand Canal, Canal Harbour, St Mary's RC church, Market Square, Constabulary Barracks, Union Workhouse, malthouses, Ballydrohid House, quarries etc. On the reverse is included part of adjacent sheet 17.09 extending coverage southward to include railway with station, Court House, Elmfield, O'Connor Square, High Street, corn mill, Kilcruttin, St Joseph's Cemetery.</p>	<p>€5.00</p>
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