

Register of Burials

for

Annagh

Including Burials from

17th December, 1951 — 22nd August, 1960



Comhairle Contae
an Chabháin
Cavan
County Council





CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL.

Rules and Regulations

BY THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD FOR IRELAND

FOR THE

Regulation of Burial Grounds

WHEREAS, by "The Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Local Government Board for Ireland, from time to time, to make such rules and regulations, in relation to the Burial Grounds and places of reception of bodies previous to interment which may be provided under the said Act, as may seem proper for the protection of the public health and the maintenance of public decency, and for the proper registry of interments; and to provide for the imposition and recovery of penalties, not exceeding Ten Pounds for each offence, for the breach or non-observance of such regulations.

Now, We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the said Act, or otherwise howsoever, do hereby make the following Rules and Regulations, which shall apply to all Burial Grounds provided, or which may be provided, under the said Act, that is to say—

I. Every Burial Ground shall be kept sufficiently fenced; and, if necessary, shall be underdrained to such a depth as will prevent water remaining in any grave or vault.

II. The area to be used for graves shall be divided into grave-spaces, to be designated by convenient marks, so that the position of each grave-space may be readily ascertained. A corresponding map or maps of the Burial Ground shall be constantly kept in some convenient place, at or near the Burial Ground, and shall be open to the inspection of all persons. On such map or maps every grave-space shall be shown with its distinctive mark inscribed thereon.

III. The grave-spaces for the burial of persons above twelve years of age shall be at least nine feet long by four feet wide; and those for the burial of children under twelve years of age shall be at least six feet long by three feet wide.

IV. (i.) Each grave, when opened for the first interment therein, shall be sunk to the perpendicular depth of eight feet at least, or in case the nature of the sub-soil will not permit of the grave being sunk to such depth, then to such lesser depth as the Medical Officer of Health of the Sanitary Authority shall certify in writing to be sufficient for the protection of public health, but in such case not more than one interment shall be permitted in such grave without the written authorisation of the Medical Officer of Health of the Sanitary Authority.

(ii.) Every person who shall inter a body in a grave in contravention of the foregoing Rule shall be liable to a penalty of Two Pounds sterling.

V. No interment shall be permitted in any Burial Ground, nor shall any dead body be admitted into any place of reception of bodies previous to interment, unless the body be enclosed in a coffin of wood or other sufficiently strong material. Any person presenting a body for interment in violation of this Rule shall be liable to a penalty of Two Pounds sterling.

VI. One body only shall be buried in a grave at one time, unless the bodies be those of members of the same family; and every person interring any body in violation of this Rule shall be liable to a penalty of Two Pounds sterling.

VII. No unwallied grave shall be re-opened within fourteen years after the burial of a person above twelve years of age, or within eight years after the burial of a child under twelve years of age, unless to bury another member of the same family, in which case a layer of earth not less than one foot in depth shall be left undisturbed above the previously buried coffin; but if on re-opening any grave the soil be found to be offensive, such soil shall not be disturbed. In no case shall human remains be removed from the grave. Every person acting in violation of this Rule shall be liable to a penalty of Two Pounds sterling.

VIII. No coffin shall be buried in any unwallied grave unless the lid or upper surface thereof shall be sunk to a depth of at least four feet below the ordinary level of the ground; and every person acting in violation of this Rule shall be liable to a penalty of Two Pounds sterling.

IX. Any person unlawfully preventing or attempting to prevent the interment of any person in a Burial Ground, or unlawfully preventing

or disturbing the celebration of funeral rites over any person, shall be liable to a penalty of Five Pounds sterling.

X. No grave, in which any body has been interred, shall be opened, save for the purpose of interment or the erection of a tombstone or headstone, without the written order of a Coroner or Peace Commissioner of the County, to be previously produced to and left with the Registrar. Any person violating this Rule shall be liable to a penalty of Ten Pounds sterling.

XI. No body, nor the remains of any body, shall be removed from one place of burial to another, or exhumed (except under the conditions set forth in Rule X.) without a Licence from the Local Government Board, and with such precautions as such Board may prescribe as the condition of such Licence; and any person who shall remove or assist in removing any such body or remains contrary to this Rule, or who shall neglect to observe the precautions prescribed as the condition of the Licence for removal, shall be liable to a penalty of Ten Pounds sterling.

XII. A proper Registry Book (hereinafter referred to as the Registry Book), made of parchment, vellum, or other durable material, with strong binding and suitable printed pagings, and ruled in columns with proper printed headings, shall be constantly kept in some convenient place at or near the Burial Ground, and shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times; but no person, except the person having the care and management of the Burial Ground, and in these Rules called the Registrar, shall be permitted to write in the Registry Book save as hereinafter mentioned.

A printed copy of these Rules shall be kept constantly affixed to the Registry Book.

Any Registrar refusing to give inspection of the Registry Book, as required by this Rule, shall be liable to a penalty of Five Pounds sterling; and any person whatever unlawfully writing in, defacing, altering or mutilating the Registry Book, shall be liable to a penalty of Five Pounds sterling.

XIII. Before the interment of any person in a Burial Ground, or before admission into such place of reception as aforesaid, the Registrar shall, after due inquiry as to the facts from some relative of the deceased, or from the person having the direction and management of the interment, cause an entry to be made in the Registry Book, in plain and legible characters, under its proper headings, and in numerical order, of the Christian and Surname, time of death, sex, age, religious persuasion, and occupation or rank in life of the deceased, together with his or her last place of residence, and condition, as whether "married" or "single," "widower" or "widow," or "the child of A.B., of" etc. After the interment due entry shall be made under its proper heading of the distinctive mark of the grave; and the signature of the person having the management of the interment shall be affixed in the last column but one, in token of the accuracy of the foregoing statements; and such signature shall be attested by the signature of the Registrar, in the last column. Any such person wilfully refusing to give to the Registrar information as to the matters aforesaid, or to affix his signature as aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty of Five Pounds sterling.

And We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, in further pursuance of the powers vested in us under and by virtue of the said Act, do hereby enjoin and require all Burial Boards, and all Registrars, Clerks, and other persons having the care of such Burial Grounds and places for the reception of dead bodies, strictly to conform to and obey these our Rules and Regulations, of which all persons concerned are directed to take notice, and which are to take effect from the day of the date hereof.

Given under our Hands and Seal of Office, this Sixth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight.

Signed,

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR,
HENRY ROBINSON,
F. MACCABE.

DUTIES OF CARETAKERS AND REGISTRARS OF BURIAL GROUNDS.

1. To take charge of, and be responsible to the local authority for the general care of the burial ground.
2. To ensure that the Rules and Regulations for the Regulation of Burial Grounds dated 6th July, 1888, 23rd December, 1919 and 12th March, 1929 (hereinafter called the "Regulations") are fully observed and to report immediately to the local authority any breach of the said regulations.
3. To be present at the opening of graves and at interments for the purpose of ensuring that:
 - (a) each new grave is sunk perpendicularly to a depth of 8 feet or to such lesser depth as may be authorised by the County Medical Officer of Health (or by the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health if the burial ground is situated in a County Borough).
 - (b) no unwallied grave shall be re-opened within the periods prescribed by the said Regulations, and where such re-opening is permitted by the said Regulations to ensure that a layer of earth one foot in depth shall be left undisturbed over the previously buried coffin.
 - (c) remains for interment are enclosed in a coffin of wood or other sufficiently strong material.
 - (d) no coffin shall be buried in a grave unless when the interment has been made the lid of the coffin is at least four feet below the ordinary level of the ground.
 - (e) human remains shall not be removed from a grave except where such removal is authorised in pursuance of the said Regulations. Human remains accidentally exhumed shall be immediately restored to the grave.
 - (f) after interment, the grave is properly filled in and neatly finished.
4. (a) Not to permit any grave to be opened except for the purpose of an interment or the erection of a tombstone or headstone unless authorised by the authorities specified in the said Regulations.
(b) To direct any person wishing to erect a monument or headstone to apply in writing to the local authority for permission to do so, enclosing for their approval with such application a plan or sketch of the monument or headstone and the foundation, and an undertaking accepting liability for any damage caused to adjoining graves by the excavation work.
Not to permit any such excavation or erection until the approval of the local authority has been obtained.
5. To keep the Registrar of Interments in accordance with the said Regulations.
6. To take care of all tools supplied to him by the local authority and to have them available as and when required.
7. To keep the gate of the burial ground closed when not required to be open in connection with an interment or other proper purpose and to retain the key in his possession.
8. To report promptly to the local authority -
 - (a) any unauthorised burial.
 - (b) any case where bones or human remains are accidentally exhumed in the course of an interment.
 - (c) any unauthorised interference with any grave, or any damage or injury to vaults, tombstones, crosses, or wreaths.
 - (d) any encroachment by trees on graves, or the planting on or near graves of shrubs, bushes or plants.
 - (e) any grazing by animals in the burial ground.
 - (f) any damage to fences and boundary walls.
 - (g) any case where the drainage of vaults or graves is necessary.

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No. of Entry	Christian Name and Surname (in full)	Religious Persuasion	Occupation or Rank in Life	Last Place of Residence	Situation of Grave Plot	Date of Death	Date of Interment	Signature of Person having Management of Interment	Signature of Registrar
1	Mc Avinee <i>Age 6 months</i>	R.C.	—	Kilnalackz	Centre	Dec 15 th 1951	Dec 17 th 1951	Mc Avinee	J. Patterson
1	Eileen Patterson <i>Age 1 week</i>	C.S.	—	Drumrilla	North	Dec 27 th 1951	Jan 1 st 1952	Math Patterson	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Palmer <i>Age 73</i>	C.S.	old age pensioner	Drumalooz	Centre	Dec 30 th 1951	2 nd Jan 1952	W. Palmer	J. Patterson
1	^{Rose} Mrs Gowran	R.C.	—	Buttersbridge	West	Jan 3 rd 1952	6 th Jan 1952	J. Mc Gowran	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Hagg <i>Age 83</i>	C.S.	old age pensioner	Buttersbridge	South	1951	1952	Richard Hagg	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Pogue <i>Age 69</i>	C.S.	Farmers. W.	Doles	Centre	April 12 th 1952	April 15 th 1952	Thomas Pogue	J. Patterson
1	Francis Reilly <i>Age 78</i>	R.C.	Farmer	Keeney	Centre	June 9 th 1952	June 12 th 1952	Hugh Reilly	J. Patterson
1	Richard Hogg <i>Age 92</i>	C.S.	old age pensioner		South. W.	Aug 12 th 1952	15 th Aug 1952	Alfred Hogg.	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Lyth ^{Rose Ann} <i>Age 70</i>	R.C.	Publican	Belturbet	North. W.	Sep 2 nd 1952	Sep 5 th	John Gillich	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Bell <i>Age 74</i>	C.S.	Farmer	Bessbrook	Centre	Sep 10 th 1952	Sep 12 th	Robert Clark	J. Patterson

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1	Joseph Bray Age 65	C. S.	Farmer	Kilduff	North. W	6th 8 th 1952	6th 11 th 1952	Bernard Bray	J. Patterson
1	Miss Smyth Age 68	P. C.	Publican	Betturbet	North. W	6th 31 st 1952	2 nd Nov 1952	Miss Gillick	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Mc Avinee Age 37	P. C.	Lab	Annagh	Centre	6 th Jan	6 th Jan 1953	Frank Mc Avinee	J. Patterson
1	Mrs Jackson Age 76	C. S.	Farmer	Drumaloor	North	8 th Jan 1953	10 th Jan 1953	Robert Jackson	J. Patterson
	Mrs Strong Age 30 years	C. S.	Lab	Drumaloor	South	May 3 rd 1953	May 5 th 1953	Charly Strong	J. Patterson
	Hague Age 71 yrs	C. S.	Lab	Monaghan	South	June 15 th 1953	June 18 th 1953	J. Hague	J. Patterson
	Mrs Bell Age 70	C. S.	Farmer	Aughnaging	Centre	Nov 13 th 1953	Nov 15 th 1953	John Bell	J. Patterson
	Miss Smyth Age 72	P. C.	Publican	Betturbet	North. W	Dec 17 th 1953	Dec 19 th 1953	Miss Gillick	J. Patterson
	George Smyth Age 63	C. S.	Farmer	Derrahoe	South W	Dec 27 th 1953	Dec 29 th 1953	Mrs Smyth	J. Patterson

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	Mrs Knop Age 68	CS	Farmer	Drumaloor	Centre	27 th Jan 1958	29 th Jan 1958	Robert Knop	J. Patterson J. Patterson
	Mrs Knop Age	CS		Butterbridge	North			Robert Knop	
	Mrs Saddle Age 50	CS	widower	Butterbridge	North	11 th FEBRUARY 1958	13 th FEBRUARY 1958	Robert Saddle	J. Patterson J.P.
	Mrs Hewitt Age 70	CS		Belfast	Centre (late of Drumaloor)	4 th Nov 1958	6 th Nov 1958	George Storey	J. Patterson J.P.
	Robert Pogue Age 70	CS	Farmer	Bessbrook	South	Feb 24 1959	Feb 27 1959	Robert Pogue	J. Patterson J.P.
	Mrs Smyth Age 68	CS	Widow	Belturbet	Centre				J. Patterson J.P.
	Herbert, Rea Age 70	CS		Kilduff	North W	sep 17 th 1959	sep 19 th 1959	Miss Rea	J. Patterson J.P.

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	Michael Smyth Age 81 years	R.C.	Farmer	Putashun Betturbet	North W	29 th Oct 1959	31 st Oct 1959		J Patterson
	Kate Lawlor aged 80	R.C.	Farmer	Derryleague		16 th April			J Patterson
	Phil Kellegan aged 73	R.C.	Farmer	Plush		20 th April			J Patterson
	John Lawlor aged 76	R.C.	Farmer	Keeney		4 th April		Mrs Lawlor	J Patterson