Crewe Armand Hamilton Townsend [6B37]



The Castle and St Barrahane's Church 2013



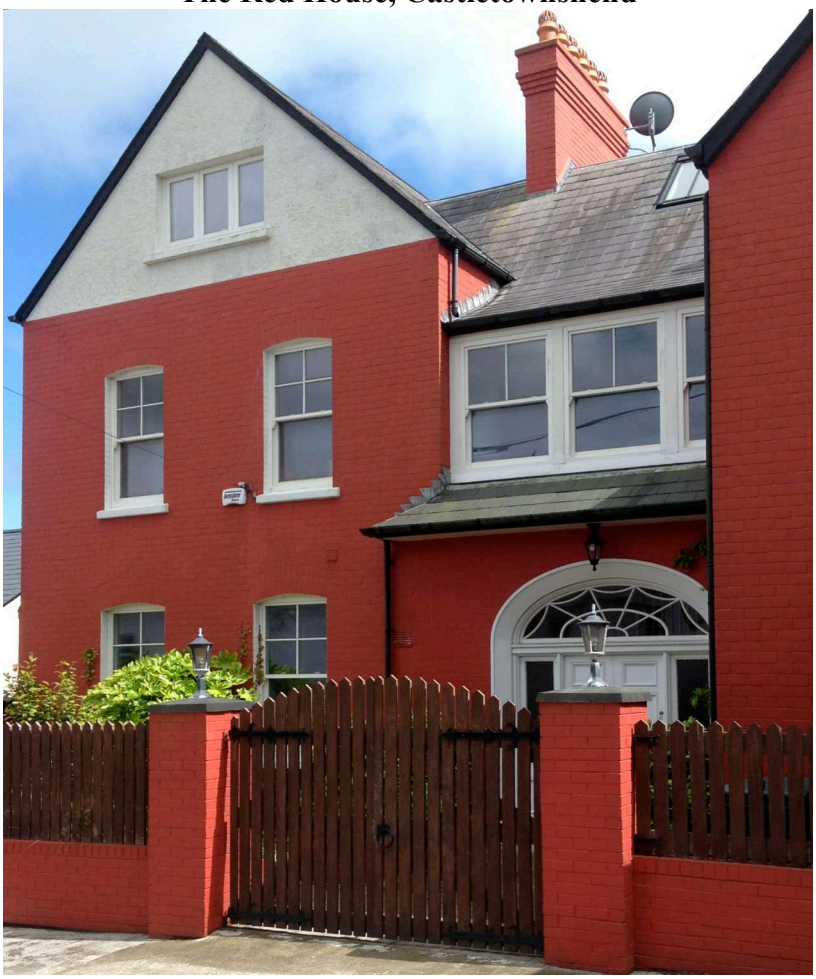
The Main Street



The harbour



The Red House, Castletownshend



Extracts from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Directory 1837

CASTLE-TOWNSEND, a village, in the parish of CASTLEHAVEN, East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (E.) from Skibbereen; containing 901 inhabitants. This village, which derives its name from Castle-Townsend, the seat of Col. Townsend *(Colonel John Townsend [230])*, is situated on the north side of the harbour of Castlehaven, and consists of one long street, with a shorter one diverging from it, comprising 150 houses, which are mostly small but well built. It contains the custom-house for the port of Baltimore, and is a coast-guard station in the district of Skibbereen, and a constabulary police station. It occupies a gentle declivity, which descends to the bay, and is well adapted for an extensive trade, but has none, except a little in fish. The harbour, which is half a mile wide, is well sheltered, and vessels of 500 tons' burden can anchor within the haven. There is a ferry to the opposite parish of Myross, affording a ready communication with the village of Union-Hall, on the harbour of Glandore. The fine seat of Castle-Townsend was attacked, in 1690, by about 500 Irish troops in the interest of Jas. II., under young O'Driscoll, who were so warmly received by the proprietor and a garrison of 35 men, that in two assaults they lost 40 of their number, with their commander and two other officers. It was attacked again, soon afterwards, by Mac Fineen O'Driscoll, at the head of 400 men, who, having slain five of its garrison of 30 dragoons compelled the rest to surrender. Col. Culliford subsequently retook the castle, after killing ten and capturing five of the Irish garrison. The elegant church of Castlehaven stands on a bold eminence above the village; and the parochial and infants' schools are also situated here. --See CASTLEHAVEN.

CASTLEHAVEN, a parish, in the East Division of the barony of WEST CARBERY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 1/2 miles (W.) from Skibbereen; containing 5619 inhabitants. This parish, anciently called *Glanbarrahane*, derived that name from a deep rocky glen dedicated to St. Barrahane, and its modern appellation from the castle that protected the haven. This parish is situated on the harbour of the same name, on the southern coast, and contains 10,421 statute acres, as applotted under the tithe act, and valued at £6336 per annum. About two-thirds of the land are cultivated; the remainder is waste, consisting of high barren rocky ridges, or bog.

Cultivation is principally performed by the spade, or the heavy old wooden plough. The harbour is more than half a mile in width, and is very secure and well sheltered: it is adapted for vessels drawing 10 feet of water, which can lie about a quarter of a mile above Reen Head, with the rocks called the Stags in sight. The coast here is bold and picturesque, with several small islands lying off it, the principal of which are Horse Island and one called Blackrock. The Stags are three very conspicuous rocks lying four miles (S. W. 1/2 W.) from the entrance of the harbour; and Toe head is a broad promontory, between which and Gokane point is a small but well sheltered bay. The principal seats are Castle Townsend, the residence of Col. Townsend *(Colonel John Townsend [230])*; Point House, of R. B. Townsend *(Richard Townsend [221])*, Esq.; Drishane, of T. Somerville*, Esq.; Smithville, of T. Townsend *(Thomas Townsend [319])*, Esq.; and Shepperton, of M. Townsend *(Jonas Morris Townsend [222])*, Esq. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Ross, and in the alternate patronage of the Crown and the Bishop: the tithes amount to £600. The church is a large and very handsome edifice, with a lofty square tower supported by buttresses and crowned with pinnacles: it stands in the demesne of Castle Townsend, and was built in 1827, of hewn fawn-coloured freestone obtained from the quarries on Horse Island, at an expense of £1500, of which £1250 was granted by the late Board of First Fruits, and £250 was contributed by Col. Townsend *[230]*. There is an elegant glebe-house, standing on a glebe of 15 acres. The male and female parochial schools are in Castle Townsend, and are aided by the rector and Col. Townsend *[230]*. An infants' school was established there in 1835, and is supported by subscription. There are also four hedge schools and a Sunday school in the parish. The ancient castle, the walls of which are still visible near the mouth of the harbour, was built by the O'Driscolls, and subsequently belonged to the family of Touchet, of which George Touchet, Lord Audley, who had been governor of Utrecht, and was wounded at Kinsale in 1602, was created Earl of Castlehaven, in 1616: this title was enjoyed through five generations, but became extinct in 1777. Not far distant from the castle are the remains of the old church of Glanbarrahane; and near it is a well, dedicated to St. Barrahane, still frequented.

* *Somerville connections here at Elizabeth [225], Henrietta [234], Jonas Morris [237], John [316] and Mary [506].*

Entry in Who's Who 1951-60

TOWNSEND, Crewe Armand Hamilton, C.I.E. 1924; I.C.S., retired; *s.* of late H. H. Townsend, J.P., of Cordangan Manor, Tipperary; *m.* 1906, Rhoda Mary Whitmore, *d.* of late T. J. Franks, J.P., of Ballyscadane, Co. Limerick; two *s.* one *d.* *Educ.:* Shrewsbury School; St. John's College, Cambridge. Entered I.C.S. 1898; held various posts as District Officer, Settlement Officer, 1906; Director of Agriculture, 1914; Financial Comr., Punjab, 1928-31; Member of Legislative Assembly, 1921, 1923, and 1925; Public Works and Revenue Minister Bahawalpur State, 1931-39. *Recreations:* tennis, riding. *Address:* Red House, Castle Townshend, Co. Cork. *Club:* County (Cork).

[*Died* 25 *Feb.* 1954.

Obituary

Died Feb 25th 1954

MR. C. A. H. TOWNSEND

Mr. Crewe Armand Hamilton Townsend, C.I.E., formerly Public Works and Revenue Minister of Bahawalpur State, died at his home at Castle Townsend, co. Cork, on Thursday at the age of 79.

The son of the late H. H. Townsend, of Cordangan Manor, co. Tipperary, he was born in 1874 and was educated at Shrewsbury and St. John's College, Cambridge. In 1898 he entered the Indian Civil Service, and after holding various posts as district officer and settlement officer was appointed Officiating Director of Land Records for the Punjab in 1911. He was appointed Deputy Commissioner in 1914, and was made Director of Agriculture and Industries for the Punjab in the same year. Four years later he became Director of Civil Supplies and Director of Industries, and in 1923 he was appointed Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.

He was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly in 1921, 1923, and 1925, and in 1924 was Commissioner of Jullundur. From 1928 to 1931 he was Financial Commissioner of the Punjab, and from 1931 to 1939 he held the post of Public Works and Revenue Minister of Bahawalpur State. He was made a C.I.E. in 1924, and retired from the Indian Civil Service in 1932.

He married in 1906 Rhoda Mary Whitmore, daughter of the late T. J. Franks, of Ballyscadane, co. Limerick. There were two sons and a daughter of the marriage.

Memorial Tablet in St Barrahanes Church Castletownshend



Crewe's Grave in St Barrahanes Churchyard



IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF CREWE ARMAND HAMILTON TOWNSHEND
1874 - 1954
AND OF HIS WIFE
RHODA MARY WHITOMORE TOWNSHEND
1870 - 1962
NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY
THESE THREE, BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS CHARITY