



**The County Kerry Townland Map  
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**Reference Code:** IE 2135 P24

**Title:** The County Kerry Townland Map Collection

**Dates of Creation:** 1763, [1819?]

**Level of Description:** Fonds

**Extent and Medium:** 2 items

## **CONTEXT**

**Name of Creator(s):** Ryves, Dudley (d. c. 1793); Frizell, Charles Senior (1738-1812); Frizell, Richard (d. 1804); [William Hare, 1st Earl of Listowel (1751-1837)?]; unknown

**Biographical History:** Dudley Ryves (d. c. 1793) was the agent and receiver to Francis Thomas, 3rd Earl of Kerry in the 1760s.

Charles Frizell (1738-1812) was the son of Charles Frizell of county Wexford. He was a land surveyor and a leading member of his profession in eighteenth-century Ireland along with his brother, Richard Frizell.

Richard Frizell (d. 1804) was the son of Charles Frizell of county Wexford. He was a land surveyor and a leading member of his profession in eighteenth-century Ireland along with his brother, Charles Frizell. In 1778, he became agent to the Earl of Ely of Rathfarnham, county Dublin.

William Hare, 1st Earl of Listowel (1751-1837) was a Member of Parliament in the Irish House of Commons until the Act of Union in 1801. Having voted in favour of the Union, he was raised to the peerage of Ireland as Baron Ennismore in the county of Kerry. He was created Viscount Ennismore and Listowel in 1816 and Earl of Listowel in county Kerry in 1822.

**Archival History:** Unknown.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Purchased by the University of Limerick from Patrick Lysaght on 22 July 2004.

## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

**Scope and Content:** Two small bound volumes of hand-drawn townland maps formerly in the possession of book collector Patrick Lysaght.

**Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information:** All records have been retained.

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected.

**System of Arrangement:** The volumes have been arranged chronologically by date.

## CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

**Conditions Governing Access:** Unrestricted access to all items.

**Conditions Governing Reproduction:** Standard copyright regulations apply to all items. For photocopying or reproducing material, please consult with the staff.

**Language/ Scripts of Material:** English.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** Bound volumes in good condition.

**Finding Aids:** A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the Special Collections and Archives Department, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick.

## ALLIED MATERIALS

**Existence and Location of Copies:** Microfilm copies of the items in this collection are available in the National Library of Ireland, ref. POS 8575.

**Related Units of Description:** The items in this collection originally formed part of Patrick Lysaght's collection of books and manuscripts relating to County Kerry purchased by the University of Limerick in 2004. The printed books can be consulted in the Special Collections and Archives Department in the Glucksman Library.

## DESCRIPTION CONTROL

**Archivist's Note:** Papers arranged and described by Anna-Maria Hajba.

**Rules or Conventions:** This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000, *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*, 2009, *National Council on Archives: Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names*, 1997, and *EAP Guidance on Data Protection for Archive Services*, 2018.

**Date of Description:** October 2022.

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- 1            March 1763  
Small leather-bound volume of maps of Lixnaw, county Kerry and adjacent lands surveyed for Dudley Ryves by Charles Frizell Senior and Richard Frizell in March 1763. The book begins with an index of townlands, followed by coloured maps of each surveyed townland on a scale of 40 perches to an inch. Comments accompanying each map provide the names and sizes of individual fields within each townland, the overall quality and value of the land and recommendations for its use or for suitable improvements to increase quality or productivity. The pages have been numbered but the numbering runs sequentially on right-hand pages only and many of the numbered pages are blank. A digital scan of the document is available in the Glucksman Library's [digital repository](#).  
118 pp.
  
- 2            [1819?]  
Small leather-bound volume of maps of the estate of the Earl of Listowel. The volume bears the address of Creagh & Byrne Solicitors of Listowel, county Kerry, and a note on the endpaper indicates that the maps were used as an exhibit in a court case involving the Irish Land Commission in 1905. The book commences with an index of townlands and five folding maps of multiple townlands. These are followed by individual townland maps, each on a single page. The maps show the boundaries and sizes of holdings on each townland and occasionally the name of the occupant or the nature of land, whether arable, pasture, bog or wood. The owners of surrounding townlands are also frequently identified. The maps are hand-coloured, and many of them contain coloured vignettes of thatched cottages, churches, ruins, trees or landscapes. The pages have been numbered throughout but many of the pages are blank. A digital scan of the document is available in the Glucksman Library's [digital repository](#).  
254 pp.