

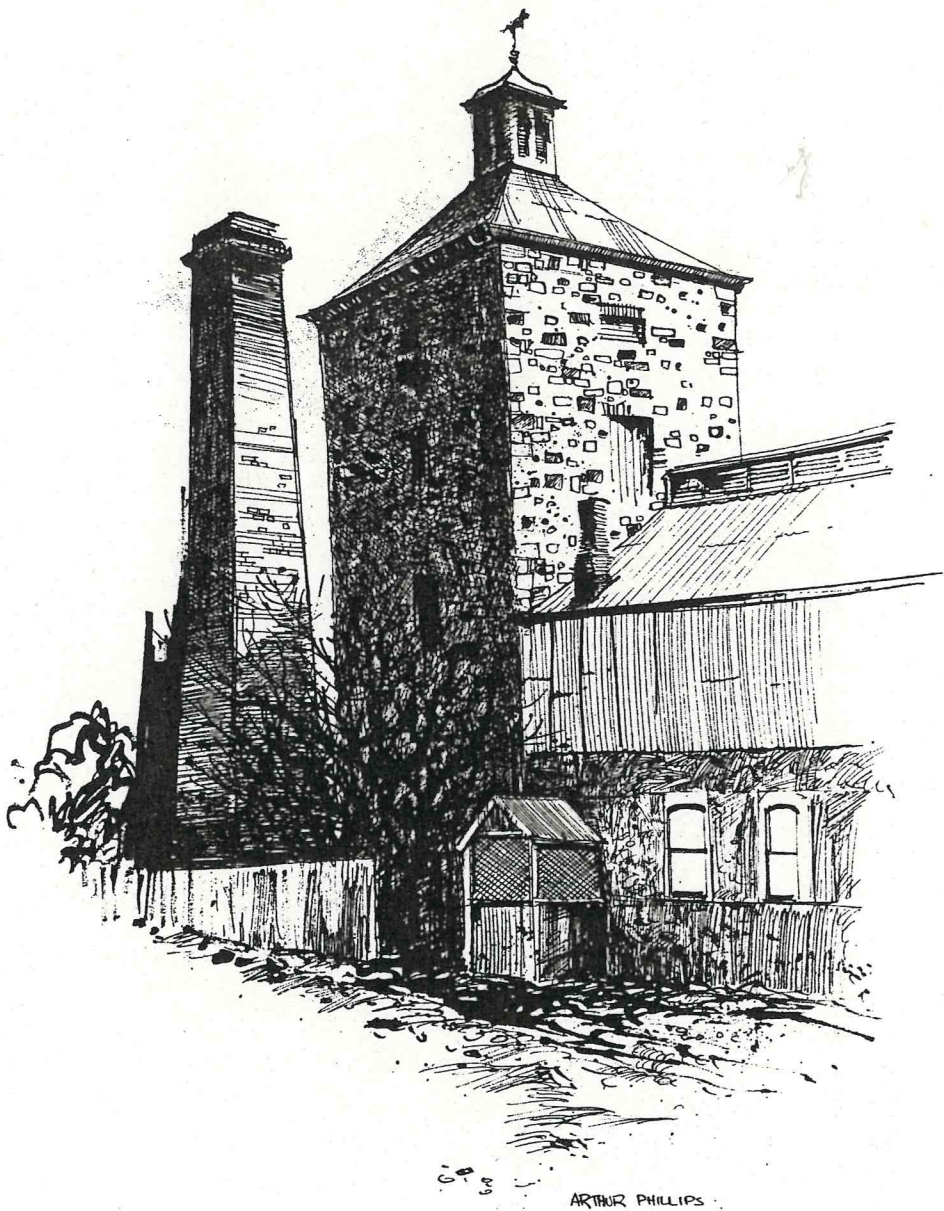
ENTERPRISE BREWERY, CLARE

One of the first breweries in the district was at Armagh. It was owned by Willie Kerr, who used to deliver his beer in a dray drawn by two bullocks. The original Enterprise Brewery was built in the main street of Clare about 1858. It was a two-storey building with a large cellar, and the coolers were on the top floor, the liquor descending by gravity through the usual processes into the cellar, where it was casked and stored, fifty hogsheads at a time. A boiler in the yard held 300 gallons of Clare water which was admirable for the manufacture of beer.

The present structure, which is the subject of the sketch, was erected by Enterprise in 1878.

The brewery drays were drawn by five mules which trudged over the whole district and delivered ale over rough tracks as far as Redhill, thirty-five miles away. After such a trip they were turned out into a yard and they continued to walk round and round the enclosure until they were fed. Later the brewery purchased the first motor truck in the district. This was a Dennis with solid tyres. For the convenience of farmers a keg was broached on the back of the truck, and thirsty men of the soil armed with large pannikins would meet the driver. They must have had exceptional thirsts, for the temperature at times rises to 40°C.

Upon the death of the proprietor in 1911 the brewery closed, but local entrepreneurs worked it as a co-operative until 1917. It then became a soft-drink and cordial factory run by F. Bulfield, who had been secretary of the brewery, and this enterprise, the Clare Mineral Waters Co., is still flourishing under the management of his son.





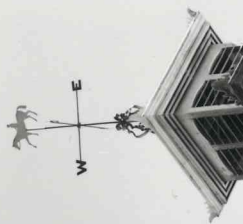
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FORMER CLARE BREWERY TOWER
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