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KILL ABBEY HOUSE.

Kill Abbey House is one of the oldest houses in South County Dublin. It was built in the late 16th Century on the site of the old Manor lands of the monks.

Christ Church held great estates on both sides of Dublin city: the manors of Glasnevin and Gorman in the north, Clonkeen in the south, a great manor covering the parishes of Stillorgan, Kill, Killiney and Tully.

In 1592 George Ussher, a Dublin merchant, leased out the farm of Clonkeen from the Chapter of the Cathedral. He built Kill Abbey House. Members of the families of Ussher, Espinasse and Jammet occupied the house for 400 years.

The lancet shaped window over the front door gives the house an ecclesiastical appearance. The block chimneys remain. The house has a Tyrolean finish. Inside, the Queen Anne staircase still serves its purpose. The vaults have yet to be discovered.

Some scenes for "The Year of the French" were filmed at Kill Abbey.

Kill Abbey is now divided into four apartments.

The original plaque has disappeared. The one shown above is probably of a recent family of McManus.

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