

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Middlethird

TOWN OR VILLAGE Adnamys PARISH Boherlahan & Dualla COUNTY Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual

The Parish is ^{only} a completely rural parish bounded, on the west by Blountstown, on the south by Bachel, on the north by Halycross and on the east by Moylarky and Hillscrocker. The parish area is part of the fertile 'Golden Vein'. The country is flat and monotonous and has little in the way of beauty or attractions for the traveller. Noticeable, however, is the rich land and the prosperous houses it supports. Although devoid of natural attractions the area abounds in things of interest to the antiquarian.

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

none.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?
Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

none.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrams, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Tower of Protestant Church, Ardara ^{Church} is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the east of Ardara. ~~as seen on the Protestant~~ with its ancient tower of medieval character, ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~informal~~ ⁱⁿ ~~location~~ ^{the} ~~that~~ ^{Protestant} church of Ardara. This tower is a portion of the old pre-Reformation church of Ardara which was originally occupied by the Knights Templars up to the time of their dissolution. It is quadrangular in shape measuring $23\frac{1}{2}$ ft x $24\frac{1}{2}$ ft x $\frac{1}{2}$ ft high, ~~and has~~ ^{it has} a castellated parapet. On the southern side, projecting on the modern building is a curiously carved stone. Its windows are narrow and pointed. ^{3 ft} ~~open~~ ^{for inspection}.

Ardara Note.

A short distance west from the church Ardara note rise to a height of about 30 ft. The diameter on top is 30 ft. It is enclosed by the usual fosse or rampart which connects with the Bailey. The ~~ground~~ ^{bank} surrounding the Bailey is nearly completely obliterated.

Ardara was one of the Manor Lands in the great territory granted to Philip ^{Worcester} in 1200 A.D., ~~the note~~ ^{may} ~~have been~~ ^{well} ~~probable~~ ^{that} the site of his first stronghold here. There is no right of way but visitors can in fact.

The "Baist" of Ardara.

In the ~~remains~~ ^{remains} of Ardara old mingles with ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~great~~ ^{great} ~~ruin~~ ^{ruin} of the "Baist", ~~note~~ ^{note} ~~remains~~ ^{remains} of former greatness, ~~over~~ ^{over} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~low~~ ^{low} ~~comfortable~~ ^{comfortable} ~~cottages~~ ^{cottages} of today. All that remains of this 14th century castellated mansion is the N. wall and small portions of the East & West ends. The North wall stands at its original height of 40 ft and has a frontage $53\frac{1}{2}$ ft. There were five stories. The top windows are large and quadrangular in shape, being divided into six parts by three mullions some of which are missing. The lower windows were even larger, but none of their features remain. The building and its surrounding wall (portions of which remain) was of limestone. ~~The windows & doors~~ ^{being} ~~two of the finest~~ ^{two of the finest} ~~limestone~~ ^{limestone} ~~ashlar~~ ^{ashlar}.

Ardara passed to the Batters in the 13th century, and was held by them as a strong point on the borders of their territory and that of the Geraldines. But the "Baist"

Antiquities
Count of Ardunayle.

as it has come down to us, was built only after the
loss of its lord had been made secure by
the elimination of their arch-enemy - Desmond.
The last Butler of Ardunayle was Theobald, who
for his part in the 1641-50 wars was dispossessed.
The property was given to the Cromwellian Col. Boyle.
There is no right of way but visitors may inspect.

Castlemoyle

This ruin is situated near the Protestant church
and consists of a quadrangular keep 37ft x 29ft
standing about 50ft high, in a poor state of preservation.
It is of 15th or 16th century type and has a vaulted 3rd
floor. Local authorities held that this was the
earlier stronghold of the Butlers before the 'boort'.
~~In any case it is safe to assume that it was~~
their property. The You Masters mention that ^{Sir} John
M Fitzgerald (brother of the Earl of Desmond) raided and
burned the Castle of Ardunayle in 1581 AD.
~~This would most likely be the one.~~

There is no right of way but visitors may inspect.

Modstown Castle.

1½ miles north from Ardunayle. A quadrangular keep
30ft by 24 by 50ft high with a vaulted 3rd floor.
This is noticed in the Baronage Records as
another Castle of the Butlers, ^{but nothing is known further is} ~~known~~ ^{known} ~~got no known~~
~~information as to its history beyond this.~~ 9th.

Ballysheehan Church Ruins.

is situated in the eastern side of the parish about a
half mile west of the Bachel-Dublin Main Road
^{2½} miles from Bachel. The church, which measures
60ft by 20ft, is joined to a square tower at the
western end. The whole building is of discoloured
limestone. The east window is a high two-light window.
The tower, gable, south side wall and part of the north side
wall stand at their original height. On either side of
the east window there are recesses 6ft high by about 3ft
wide, divided by a shaft approximately half way from top

Ballysheehan Church Ruin.

There is also a crude halywates font in the south side. Like its neighbour Ardmayke, Ballysheehan was a foundation of the Knights Templar. ~~Right of way.~~

Ballysheehan Mote

about 200 yards to the south of the church is a mote about 12 ft high and about 45 ft in diameter on top. There is no trace of a fosse or bailey. Nothing is known of it locally. ~~Right of way~~ but visitors may inspect.

Ardmayke Mote.

In my account in page I I omitted to mention that on the summit of the mote, grows a beech tree, said locally, to have been planted by Bianconi.

Synone Castle.

This ruin stands on the side of a road about a mile to the east of the boshel - ~~Thurles~~ road from Bachelahan cross. It is a circular keep measuring 15 ft in diameter internally. It has a mural stairway, and all the usual appointments such as garderobe, murthering hole and bartizan. The walls ~~which are well~~ ^{are well} grouted are $7\frac{1}{2}$ thick at the base. The 2nd floor ^{roof} is a stone vaulted. Its appearance suggests 15th or 16th century ^{date but} ~~nothing is known of its history~~ ^{origin}. ~~Could get no account of its history.~~ ~~This type of~~ ~~keep is most unusual in this part of the country.~~ It is a well preserved ruin. ~~There is no right of way~~ ~~admittance~~ ~~admittance can be obtained by~~ ~~going first to the nearby adjoining farmstead.~~

Ballytasna Castle.

5 miles out from boshel ^{and on the left of} ~~on the Dublin road one turns left~~ ~~at Ballytasna to cross road and proceeds on the bye-road~~ ~~to the first junction to right to right.~~ ~~Turning right here~~ ~~the ruin will be quickly in view.~~ It is a quadrangular keep measuring 36 ft by 31 ft by 60 ft high. There are five storeys, the 3rd and 5th being vaulted. ~~Had strong hold of~~ ~~the Hacketts who lived in this area.~~ ~~It does not~~

Antiquities contd.

Ballytarsna Castle.

seem to have been occupied in 1665 (vide Luffan's Hearth Money Records). of interest to note is that a stone coffin made for one of the Hackett Chief is now used as a holy water font in the Catholic Church in Bodhel. The Church is, of course built on the site of the old Franciscan abbey of which the Hacketts were patrons. No right of way. visitors may inspect.

Lissanore Castle.

4 miles east of Bodhel is Dugall's Chapel and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the chapel, in the land of Mr Lissanore, is the site of a castle of which no features remain. This is said to have been one of the residences of the MacDonnells. I could get no further information about it.

Rathmore

about 250 yards south of Lissanore can be seen this Rath of considerable size. The surrounding fosse at an average depth of about 3 feet can still be seen. The whole site is completely overgrown with black rabbit burrows etc and therefore it is impossible to inspect it thoroughly.

Historic Houses.

Birthplace of Most Rev Dr Scallan, 1st Bishop Salt Lake Most Rev Dr Scallan, first missionary to meet with success amongst the Mormons of Salt Lake City and later its first Bishop was born in the townland of Ballytarsna in the '40s of the last century, in a house now occupied by a family called Bogarty.

Birthplace of Most Rev Dr Gleeson Bishop of Maitland Australia. Born in ^{the} shop at Dugall's cross where his people carried on business. premises now owned by Fitzgerald James.

Birthplace of John Latham Portrait Painter. (probably)

Born at Ballytarsna Ballyshachan, ~~and~~ ^{now} ~~in~~ house now occupied by a family called Keys formerly owned by a family of the Lathams. The date of his birth is year

Historic Houses

Birthplace of James Latham

given as 1696. He studied in Antwerp. His most famous portraits are those of Reg Woffington and Francisco Geminiani, the composer. He was known as "the Irish Wandyke".

G.A.A. History Bachelahan Parish.

Bachelahan may well be called one of the cradles of the G.A.A. The following honours have been brought to the parish by its hurlers.

- 15 County Championships.
- 6 Munster " do.
- 5 all-Ireland do. (3 under the name of Lohradora)
- 1 National League do.

Seven players from the Bachelahan club travelled with unbeaten Tipperary team which toured the U.S.A. in 1926. The club was also represented in the team that toured U.S.A. in 1931.

The Bianconi Monument in Mortuary Chapel.

Situated in an enclosed space beside the Cathedral Church at Bachelahan. This limestone building, Romanesque in style, measures 30 feet by 20 ft externally and is about 40 ft high. On the north side there is a flanking tower topped by a belfry. There is a semicircular bay in western wall ^{marking} an interior recess in which is placed the altar. There are vaults underneath in which lie the remains of Bianconi and members of his family.

High upon the eastern wall there is a limestone plaque bearing the following inscription:-

"This church
dedicated to St Catherine
was erected by Charles Bianconi
AD 1854
as a burial place for himself and his descendants."

It is therefore a holy and a wholesome thought
to pray for the dead that they may be
loosed from their sins

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Admaph PARISH Bahelshane COUNTY Wick

ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE Lee Nearest point to town (distance) 400 yds through village

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 1 lb 1/2 Sea trout none Brown trout 1 lb 1/2

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Feb-March Sea trout — Brown trout March to May

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Jack Snipe, Childers, Mayberry, Black Dr., Silver Dr.

Sea trout Silver Grey.

Brown trout Various olive May fly. Wet fly - March to May, Dry - May to July

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.
Preserved.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Under control of local Golden Anglers Association.
Secretary Daniel Delaney John St. Basil.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Bachel

Local Angling Club Bachel Golden Anglers Club Membership Fee none
Joint Secretary (and Address) Maurice O'Connor, John Street, Bachel
Mathew McManara, Main St, Bachel.

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

Kinds of fish to be caught :

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

Bait available locally ? Fishing tackle ?

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.

GOLFING

Name of Club No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ? Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day Per week

RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year..... *none*

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds..... *Wiltshire Foxhounds*

Harriers..... *Seaton Black & White*

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club..... *none* Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company..... *none*

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

*Snipe, Partridge, Pheasant & Wild Duck fairly plentiful
Shooting completely free.*

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

Shooting Club..... *none* Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club..... *none* Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

none

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following :
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football.....

Hurling Bodorlahan G.A.A. club.

Handball.....none. Handball alley? none.

Soccer.....none.

Rugby.....none.

Cricket.....none.

Hockey.....none.

Bowls.....none.

Bowling (on public roads).....none.

Lawn Tennis.....none. Kinds of courts.....none.

Croquet.....none.

Billiards.....none.

Badminton.....none.

Table Tennis.....none.

Bridge Club.....none.

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing).....none.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club.....none. Events held under rules of.....

do.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.)
in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

none. Promoters.....

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

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TOWN OR VILLAGE

Ardenmore

PARISH

Baleslahan
Quella

COUNTY

Upplary

Location and brief description.

Population

22

The hamlet of Ardenmore is pleasantly situated on both banks of the river Lur about 3 miles N.W. of Bachel, from which there is a well made road. Formerly of importance as a stronghold & as of the forest lands of the Butlers, it is today chiefly of interest as a centre of some of the best trout fishing in the barony and as a locality of considerable interest to the antiquarian.

Is there a Town Hall?

none

Location

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Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Bachel.

Distance

4 miles

Bus?

There is a local bus service
Blonnel & Threales

Public lighting by—Electricity?

Gas?

There is a local bus service
Blonnel & Threales
pass through Baleslahan

DANCING

Dance hall

none.

Proprietor

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

*none*Pictures shown
(nights)

Theatre

*none.*Kind of shows
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Baharlahan. Carnegie Library Branch,*
Mr. Denis Ryan, Baharlahan.
Private Lending Libraries *None.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Catholic. Baharlahan.* Services (Sundays) *9.30 11.30 am.*
do. St. Dualla. *10.0 am*
Church of Ireland Dualla. *4 pm.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Baharlahan. Postal business only.*
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *Telephone at Ardaraugh Creamery*

BANKING

Banks *None.*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *None.*

Photographic Stores *None.*

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *The Lees* *Anglorough* Location

Public Baths? Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *none*

Cultural Societies..... *none*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *Adunaple cooperative Creamery Society*

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

none

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

*Bianconi Mortuary Chapel.
Situated beside Catholic Church Bolelahaan.*

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Bolelahaan Boys & Girls H.S.

Adunaple do

Dualla do

Ballytarsna do

HOSPITALS

none

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *none*
Weekly market day *none* Half-holiday *none*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *none*

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *none*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *none* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary

DATE *13/4/43*

(Signed) *W. J. W. W.*

Surveyor.

PARISH.....
TOWN OR VILLAGE.....

COUNTY.....

PARISH.....
TOWN OR VILLAGE.....

HOTELS

No. Guest
Bedrooms

No. of
Baths

No. of
Lavs.

No. Public
Rooms

Licensed

Remarks

none.

GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES

none.

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(Additional forms to be used if necessary)

Signed.....
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HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

None.

HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities.
Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

Longfield House, Victorian mansion.

Situated $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of. Ardara in a small demesne was the residence of Charles Blarney (see account in my survey of Blarney). The present owner, Mrs Watson, is a great-grand-daughter of Blarney. The house is at present unoccupied, the owner being in Lt Britain.

Ardara House, is situated $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the east of Ardara, village. It was formerly the residence of this ^{family} ~~unfortunate~~ ^{family} ~~house~~ was a place of many happy holidays for Sir Edward Carson during his school days. It was then occupied by his uncle Rev Dr Carson an C of Ireland minister. The present owner is Major Gibson.
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SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?
Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

no.

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

none.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

none

(Signed)

W. B. O'Brien

Surveyor.

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