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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF *Gfs & Gfa lat.*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Blerihan* PARISH *Blerihan* COUNTY *Lifford*

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The modern parochial area of Blerihan comprises the ancient parishes of Ballycleasahan and Newchapel, and is small in extent. It is an area of rich pasture land pleasantly timbered and in the Archdiocese of Cashel has been given the sobriquet of the "smallest but richest parish". Though of pleasant appearance the countryside has no outstanding scenic or other attractions and contains very little of interest to the tourist.

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, Baths, 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.

Baleman abbey

Situated in the lands of his Hanly on the south side of the Letham road about 1 mile from Bleahan village all that remains here are the foundations of a one-time monastic establishment and the featureless ruin of what was evidently a 'medieval church. The gables and side walls ~~are~~ are all in a state of (preservation) dilapidation and standing unprotected as it is in an open field it will fast disappear altogether. The dimensions are '24 ft by 60 ft internally. I have been unable to obtain any account of its history but local tradition recounts that it was confiscated at the Reformation. There is no right of way, but visitors may inspect the ruin - at their own risk - I was chased by a bull while doing so.

Ballycleavahan Church Ruin.

Situated in a much used graveyard of the same name about 1 mile to the west of Cleavahan off the bally road this ruin of a post-invasion church is unusually large and measures 45 ft x 30 ft. It is badly preserved and all that can be seen are the west gable which is covered with ivy, and portions of the South side wall and east gable. There are no features to indicate the style of architecture. According to local tradition it was burned in conjunction with the remainder of the old village of Ballycleavahan, as a reprisal, by the Cromwellians for a gallant but vain attempt at resistance by the local inhabitants.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Gfa & Gfa EastTOWN OR VILLAGE Blesham PARISH Blesham COUNTY Wiltshire

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 none Nearest point to town (distance)

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

none

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon none Sea trout Brown trout

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout none

Brown trout

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Local Angling Club none Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

none.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

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

none.

Bait available locally ? *none* Fishing tackle ?

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

GOLFING

Name of Club *none* No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional *none*

Is there a clubhouse on course ? *no* Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day *none* 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 South Tipperary Hunt

Harriers Blennel Harriers

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:

* Pheasant good.
Wild Fowl fair.

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

Free

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 Bleivihar G.A.A. Football. bleivihar. (no special sportsground)

Hurling Bleivihar G.A.A. Hurling bleivihar

Handball has. Handball alley? yes

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 none

none

none

none

none

none

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(Signed)

W. J. O'Brien

Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF *Iffa & affa East.*TOWN OR VILLAGE *Blanchan*PARISH *Blanchan*COUNTY *Lifford*

Location and brief description.

Population *36*

Blanchan is situated 4 1/2 miles north of Blommel and 10 miles south of Boshel on the main road between these towns. The modern hamlet is all that remains of a once large and thriving village which extended west to the old church ruin and graveyard and was known as Ballygellachan. There is a tradition that resistance to Cromwell caused its destruction but we have historical confirmation for this.

Is there a Town Hall? *Parochial Hall* Location *in village*

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *Blommel.* Distance *4 1/2 miles* Bus? *Princess Bus Co. Blommel-Boshel service.*

Public lighting by—Electricity? Gas?

DANCING

Dance hall *Parochial Hall.* Proprietor *Mrs James Bates W.T. Blanchan*

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas *none.* Pictures shown (nights)Theatre *none* Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries

Boragie library in School

Private Lending Libraries

none

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church

Catholic blersham

Services (Sundays)

9.30 & 11.30

Church of Ireland New Chapel

3 o'clock pm

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office

Mrs Catherine Byrne's blersham

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)

Telephone, Telegraph

BANKING

Banks

none

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

none

Photographic Stores

none

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?

none

Location

Public Baths?

none

Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

none

Cultural Societies

none

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

~~(none)~~
Springmount cooperative brewery.

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

none

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

none.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

none.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Meriden
Hallman
Boys & Girls H.S.
do.

HOSPITALS

none.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Mr O'Shea *Mr Brian* *Petrol Station*

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Mr O'Shea* *Mr Brian*

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 *none*

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(Signed) *Mr Brian*

Surveyor.

PARISH *Bootham*

COUNTY *West Yorkshire*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Bootham*

HOTELS

No. Guest Bedrooms	No. of Baths	No. of Lavs.	No. Public Rooms	Licensed
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Remarks

none

GUEST or BOARDING HOUSES

none

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(Additional forms to be used if necessary)

Signed *Wm. Bruce* Surveyor

HISTORIC SITES

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

Indeon na ndeisi

Mullaighnoney as it is called in English is situated in the lands of Mr Meagher of Springmount and has been identified as the above where St Patrick and St Declan met and conferred (vide St Declan's life written in the 11th century). This is at New Chapel, about 7 miles South West of Bleaham. There is no local tradition in connection with it.

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.

None.

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.

None

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.

Michaelmas Day 29th Sept.

The parish is dedicated to St Michael and Michaelmas day is kept as a special feast-day and general holiday in the parish.

(Signed)

Hobbs

Surveyor.

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