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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.BARONY OF Iffa cappa EastTOWN OR VILLAGE Grangemoakler PARISH Ballyneal & Grangemoakler COUNTY Lifferry

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The modern parish area includes the medieval parishes of Kilmurray Ardcollum, Grangemoakler, Glenflemichael and Glanraigibborn. It is an extensive parish stretching from the Suir at Ballyneal to the borders of Lifferry at Kinsidehouse. The land is rich and plentifully timbered, especially along the banks of those streams that run down from Slievenaman by Glenboney. The scenery here is delightful. Mountain woodland and water combine to portray nature at her prettiest. From the hills over Glenboney the evening view of the Suir valley with the sun perched on the rugged peaks of the Comeraghs away in the background, is dazzling and unforgettable.

GEOLOGY

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

Mahony's Cave.

Situated on the lands of Mrs. Thlandeville of Ballycarkeon House about a mile from Ballyneal this cavern which is entered through a narrow aperture between two rocks is about 7 ft square. It is reputed that Col. John Mahony used it as a hiding place during the '48 revolt.

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, Rath, 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.

Kilnassary Church Ruin

This ruin of a mediæval church of comparatively large size lies about a mile from Ballyneal and about five miles from Grange moor on the left hand side of the road to Ballydine. The last window is of the double light type 4 ft by 4 inches. Two doors face each other on each of the side walls and in addition there is placed in the west gable (most unusually for this type of church) another door, which would to be a later addition. In the adjoining graveyard can be seen the recumbent monumental slab dated 1629 and bearing a scarcely decipherable Latin inscription commemorating the Oheale family of Ballyneal Castle (see under Ballyneal Castle). Right of way. Not preserved.

Ballyneal Castle

This ruin adjoins the dwelling of Mrs. Whelan of Ballyneal and consists of a circular tower 4 ft in diameter by about 40 ft high, the wall being $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft thick. The tower encloses a stairs rising cork-screw fashion, and evidently projected from the main building which has completely disappeared except for a small portion of the north wall which joins the tower. This was the seat of an O'Neill family who settled here ~~and~~ in the 13th century. These O'Neills were originally a branch of the northern O'Neills, the Coghlan House, and held an estate of 23 plowlands @ an annual rent of £28 from William de Burgh Lord of the Manor of Kilshellan. (Burrell's History of the County). The O'Neill held on the these lands until the Cromwellian confiscations when Hugh O'Neill "Irish Rapist" was transplanted to Connaught in 1654. This Hugh O'Neill is stated to have died in Rome, and the O'Neills of Desionagh, who claim to be the present representatives of the family show a rosary bead presented to him by Pope Innocent X. The Cromwellian grantee of the property would appear to be one John Spillman, and while it is probable that he lived in the castle, we have no evidence bearing out this assumption, of its subsequent history there is nothing to account. It is not preserved. There is no right of way, but Mrs. Whelan has no objection to inspection by visitors.

Antiquities Land I

Dovehill. Church Ruin

Situated off the main blannet - barwick road this ruin ~~is situated~~ is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Ballyheal and about $6\frac{1}{2}$ from Grangemoakles. It is in a good state of preservation and consists of south wall lost gable, part of the north wall. The rubble masonry is of sandstone underneath limestone, a fact which suggests that it was originally a Celtic structure rebuilt during the mediæval period. There is a square-headed doorway on the South Side wall. There are three window openings and a large entrance. The usual wooden gable was erected at the western end. This ruin is not especially preserved and there is no right of way, but visitors may inspect it.

Grangemoakles Ruin. Right of way. Not preserved.

Situated to the west of Grangemoakles village the remains consist of the lost gable with small portions of the side walls. The building appears to have of ~~late~~ pre-Invasion character and is of sandstone rubble. The buttress to the lost gable, which must have been erected centuries later, closed ~~the~~ the lost window.

Temple Michael.

Nothing remains here except the ancient graveyard, which is situated near Grangemoakles (about 1 mile south west) on the banks of the Loughan Stream. Its importance lies in the fact that it has been indicated by historians as the site of "Aí na gCarbad" of early Irish history and hagiology (Rover history of Meath Waterford & Kismore). Local tradition relates that St Patrick travelled the road leading north from Temple Michael.

Other Church Sites

There are lovely church sites, without any remains, at Yarragibbon 2 miles south west of Grangemoakles and Carragh Dobbin $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Grangemoakles.

Historic Birth Places.

Thomas Kiely

The "belaupian" Kiely as he known locally, was born in the a house, now the residence of his brother Sir Lawrence Kiely in the townland of Ballyheal. Tom Kiely who is now 73 years of age, and lives at Traigue Co. Wicklow has had an outstanding career in the athletic world. Perhaps his most notable achievement was the winning of the All-round Championship of America open to the world at the ~~the~~ Olympic Games of 1904 and 1906. He also holds the Irish record for the running hop, step & jump at 50 ft 9", the Scottish record for the long jump (gross take off) at 22 ft 3 inches the Irish record for the 56 lb. with follow at 38 ft 11" and the record for the old style hammer at 138 ft.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF

Gfa. & Gfa. East

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Grangemoor Kls.

PARISH

Ballyneal &
Grangemoor Kls.

COUNTY

Sligo

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

Suir

Nearest point to town (distance)

4 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon

20 lbs

Sea trout

Brown trout

3 1/4 lbs

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon

Feb - March

Sea trout

Brown trout

Feb - May

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Mystery, Suir Blue, Black Doctor Black Goldfinch

Sea trout

Brown trout

Various flies, March Brown, Pale Evening Dun, Black Knot.

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

entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

N.B.

This portion of the river (on the western bank) is known as the Ballyneal stretch and affords very poor fishing as the salmon do not stand there.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Barrick-on-Suir

Local Angling Club

None

Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

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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 ? Yes Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day 15/- Per week 100/-

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..... *none*

Harriers..... *none*

Beagles..... *none*

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 & Grouse. Good.
whole parish area preserved by local landowners, who however
would grant permission to shoot free of charge in most cases.
Only ^{really} good shooting area is the Ballynecan estate portion
of which extends in the north of the parish from Kilsheelan.*

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

Ballynecan estate. Estate agent Kilbenny Castle.

Shooting Club..... 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 Grangemockler C.A.A. Football Club

Hurling

Handball no Handball alley?

Soccer no

Rugby no

Cricket no

Hockey no

Bowls no

Bowling (on public roads) no

Lawn Tennis no Kinds of courts

Croquet no

Billiards no

Badminton no

Table Tennis no

Bridge Club no

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) Yulloha Cross Roads dancing platform Sunday evenings

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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(Signed) W. B. McNeill

Surveyor.

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

BARONY OF

Giffa & affa East.

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Grangemoakler

PARISH

*Ballyneal
Grangemoakler.*

COUNTY

Co.

Location and brief description.

Population

40

*Situated 13½ miles east of Glenties and 8 miles west of Ballin on main
Glenties - Killybegs Road, Grangemoakler (formerly known as
Mullenaaglogh) is a small village of poor wind swept appearance
On the eastern slope of Slieve Donard, Grangemoakler has for long
a base from which travellers set out to climb the famous mountain*

Is there a Town Hall?

*Parochial
Hall.*

Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

none

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Borwick-on-Lake

Distance

9 miles

Bus?

*Glenties - Killybegs
Saturday Bus to Borwick-on-Lake*

Public lighting by—Electricity?

none

Gas?

none

DANCING

Dance hall

Ballyneal.

Proprietor

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

*none*Pictures shown
(nights)

Theatre

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries.....

none.

Private Lending Libraries.....

none.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church

Catholic

Ballyneal

Services (Sundays)

9.30

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12

do.

Grangemoyle

9.30

5

12

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office

one mile house (1 mile east of Grangemoyle)

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

yes

BANKING

Banks

none.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

none

Photographic Stores

none

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?

none

Location

Public Baths?

no

Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *none*

Cultural Societies *Youngmen's Dramatic Society.*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *none.*

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

*Youngmen's Boys' High S.S.
Ballyneal do do.*

HOSPITALS

none.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets.....none

Weekly market day.....none Half-holiday.....Thursday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Yelling Station W. Rorer Grangemockler

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis.....W. Rorer Grangemockler.
Jas O'Lea Glen Rorer.

Motors (Touring).....none

Boats (State type).....none

Bicycles.....none

Caravans.....none

Horses.....none

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location.....Landowner.....

Local Improvements Committee.....none

Secretary.....

DATE.....28/11/42

(Signed)

H. O'Brien

Surveyor.

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ACCOMMODATION.

PARISH

BAFONY *Alfa & Alfa Ltd*

COUNTY *Sligo*

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Ballynall & Young & Co. Ltd
Wanganuella

HOTELS

none.

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

GUEST or BOARDING HOUSES

none.

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(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

Signed *W.D. Price* Surveyor

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.

Ballycurkhar House.

Residence of Mrs Frank Mandeville situated about 1 mile south of Ballyneal on the Ballydine road. Here resided John Mahony, future Fenian leader, during the '48 movement. He sought refuge in "Mahony's case" (already mentioned under geology) after the abortive attempt, and it is from this neighbourhood that he made his escape to France. During Mahony's residence a '48 club was founded by the local curate Rev Patrick Power at Ballyneal.

Rev Dr Patrick Browne.

Professor of Mathematical Physics Marquett College was born at Grangemockler in the premises now occupied by Mr Power. Most Rev Dr McCabe (Former Bishop of Ardagh)

Is said to have been educated at a classical school which existed at Grangemockler.

Right Rev Dr Maher (First Bishop of Port Augusta Australia)

Born in the townland of Gullaha Grangemockler

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.

Tobas Pádraig. Garrygibbon

Reputed to have been a holywell. Nothing is known locally as to its attributes, and it is not held in veneration now.
Tobas na cailíe burragh doblin.

Like Tobas Pádraig this well was once held in veneration but at what period it is not known. All that seems to have come down is the name. Nothing is otherwise known about it.

(Signed)

H. H. H.

Surveyor.

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