

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

## NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Slieveardagh

TOWN OR VILLAGE Mullinahone PARISH Mullinahone COUNTY Lifford

### TOPOGRAPHY

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

The modern parish of Mullinahone comprises the ancient ecclesiastical divisions of Kilaenmon, Madeshill, Isatighkerrin. It lies to the south of Slievenaman and is bounded in the east by the county of Wick. A pleasant thickly timbered countryside, which from the distant heights of Slievenaman appears to be completely wooded. The River Lifford flows down through the parish from the north and flows slowly, meanderingly to the south-west round the broad base of Slievenaman.

### GEOLOGY

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

#### Caves.

In the land of the John Burke of Priesttown about 3 miles north-west of Mullinahone there is a cave which has not been explored. Its mouth or opening was almost completely closed by explosion during the civil war.

### 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 contd.

### Kilvennon Ruin.

of the wall and some loose stones strewn on the ground, remain. Public right of way. Not preserved.

### Modochil Ruin

about 3 miles east of Mullinahone. Both gable and side walls remain in a fairly good state of preservation. Plan and features today it is of mediaeval origin not preserved. Public right of way.

### Mass Stone Keshlatta

on this boulder, which can be seen in a field about 3 miles South of Mullinahone, Mass is said to have been celebrated during the penal days. Local tradition relates that a Fr. Galvin was martyred in the neighbourhood after having celebrated Mass here. There is no right of way but visitors can inspect.

### Hickham contd.

He was released in 1869 in a poor state of health and almost completely blind.

As a novelist Hickham was one of our greatest story writers. No writer has produced more faithful picture of Irish country life. 'Knocknagow' his masterpiece is generally considered to be the greatest of Irish novels. Also from his pen came 'Sally Kavanagh' (written in gaol) and 'For the old Land'. As a poet and ballad maker he was also outstanding. His 'Irish Pleasant Girl' 'Patric's Sheehan' 'St John's Eve' 'The Exile' 'Little Mary' 'Loggath Aroon' and 'Lory of the Hills' have all stood the test of time and are just as popular today as when they first appeared.

Hickham died at Blackrock Dublin on the 22nd August 1882 at the age of 54.

His remains were brought home to his beloved Tipperary and he ~~rest~~ has his last resting place in Mullinahone which he had immortalised. Over his grave, at the rear of the Catholic Church stands  
over



Kickham contd

a fine Celtic cross bearing the following inscription

C.-J. Kickham

Born 9th May 1828

died 22 Aug 1882

Journalist, Novelist

But above all patriot

Traitor to crime to vice and fraud.

But true to Ireland and to God.

A plaque on the wall of his one time home in Beltrond  
Street is inscribed as follows:-

Seo é an t-éir in sa éirinnig  
Seánas Seosain Cíviam.

This was the house of  
Charles Joseph Kickham  
1828 — 1882.

Cuizann, Bóirí Odeacais, in Éirinn  
Do eirread in síde na comdala  
18 chuan Meala  
Mevicann 1937



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## SPORTS AND GAMES

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## 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 Amber Nearest point to town (distance) 2 miles

## KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Trout.

## AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon ..... Sea trout ..... Brown trout  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

## BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon ..... Sea trout ..... Brown trout .....

## SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon not suitable for fly fishingSea trout Bait fishing only.Brown trout Bait fishing only.

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

entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

none.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

noneLocal Angling Club none. Membership Fee .....

Secretary (and Address) .....



## SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

*none*

Kinds of fish to be caught :

*none*

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.

*none*

## GOLFING

Name of Club *none* No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional *none*

Is there a clubhouse on course ? *none* 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 *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:

*all shooting in parish area is free. Permission to be sought from local landowners. Good for pheasant and snipe. With a little grouse, woodcock, partridge and wild fowl.*

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

*none.*

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 Mullinahone Gaelic Football Club G.A.A. Sports Ground Mullinahone

Hurling none.

Handball none Handball alley? no

Soccer none

Rugby none

Cricket none

Hockey none

Bowls none

Bowling (on public roads) none

Lawn Tennis Mullinahone Tennis Club Kinds of courts 2 grass courts

Croquet none

Billiards Mullinahone Social Club

Badminton none

Table Tennis none

Bridge Club none

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)  
blona goose cross dancing Sunday evenings in summer.

## 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 do.

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DATE 20/1/43

(Signed) W. O'Brien  
Surveyor.



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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.  
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF Slieveardagh.TOWN OR VILLAGE Mullinahone PARISH Mullinahone COUNTY Limerick,

Location and brief description.

Population 250

Mullinahone at the foot of the northern slope of Slievenaman is situated on the Yethand - Ballan road, 10 miles from Yethand, 6 from Ballan. Once a thriving little town, noted for its boot and basket making industries, it was an early victim of 19<sup>th</sup> century agrarian troubles which, through evictions, sadly depleted its population. It is now remembered as the home of the illustrious Kichham and the evidence of his association with the place is today proudly pointed out to the visitor.

Is there a Town Hall?

Yes

Location

Killaghy St.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Water Supply.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station

Yethand

Distance

10

Bus?

every Friday  
Ballan to Kilkenny

Public lighting by—Electricity?

Gas?

## DANCING

Dance hall

Yes

Proprietor

Thomas Brown

## CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas

nonePictures shown  
(nights)

Theatre

noneKind of shows  
(Drama, Comedy &c.)



## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries.....

*none.*

Private Lending Libraries.....

*Richard Moxley Agent Doyle  
Library*

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church.....

*Catholic  
Church of Ireland*

Services (Sundays).....

*9.30 & 12 noon  
alternate Sundays  
12 noon & 3 pm*

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office.....

*Kickham St.*

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

*Yes.*

## BANKING

Banks.....

*Branches Monday & Friday  
Provincial & Bank of Ireland*

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers.....

*Michael Maher M.P.S.I. Photo supplies only*

Photographic Stores.....

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?.....

*none*

Location.....

Public Baths?.....

*none*

Location.....



Tom D.

Public Monument Conto.

imbuan - cunnig as  
cear laora gaedial

Seán de Bheir

Seán Ó Cuinn

Seamus <sup>7</sup> Ó h'adairgáin.

do fuair bás ar son na h-Eireann

18 cogad' na Saoirse 1916 - 1923

is iad a gcompanaig eirde in óglav

na h-Eireann do tóg an báir so.

Solus na Soilse 7 Radarc

na thionóide da n-anamaca.

And in English:—

To perpetuate the memory of

a noble trio.

Seán Brett.

Seán Ó Cuinn

Seamus Egan

who gave their lives

in the struggle

for Irish Freedom

during the war

of Independence

1916 - 1923

Erected by

their loving comrades.

of the I.R.A.



## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *Mullinahone Social Club*

Cultural Societies *none.*

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *Mullinahone Coop. Creamery Society.*

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

*none.*

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

In the centre of the village is a monument commemorating <sup>me</sup> local men who gave their lives in the anglo-irish war. It is ~~is~~ <sup>represented</sup> a life size effigy of the Irish Volunteer standing with rifle on a pedestal about 4 ft from the ground. It is of local workmanship and is very executed in good limestone. It contains the following inscriptions (see continuation sheet)

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*none.*

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*Mullinahone Boys & Girls School.*  
*Ballydonnell do.*  
*Kilvillanor do.*  
*Poulacappelle do.*

## HOSPITALS

*none.*



## FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *none*

Weekly market day *Monday* Half-holiday *Thursday*

## GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

*Edward Brett Petrol Station*

## CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Philip Sheehan Edward St.  
Thos. Hennessy Killaghy St.  
Richard Wacker Wickham St.  
Patt Sullivan Bannavoda*

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *none*

Bicycles *Michael Sullivan Killaghy St.  
Thos. Hays Wickham St.*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

## CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *none* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary

DATE *20/1/43*

(Signed) *Woburn*

Surveyor.



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ACCOMMODATION.

PARISH Mullinahone

BAGONY Shevagh

COUNTY Tipperary

TOWN OR VILLAGE Mullinahone

HOTELS

none

No. Guest No. of No. Public Licensed

Bedrooms

Baths

Lavs.

Rooms

Remarks

GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES

Mrs G. S. Raleigh

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none

1 (only)

1

not

very clean and well kept, but furniture etc very old & shabby.

Date 20/1/43

(Additional forms to be used if necessary)

Signed W. J. W. Surveyor



## HISTORIC SITES

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

### Kickham's Tree.

An ancient three-forked ash on the southern side of the public road from Yetham to Mullinahone about 5 miles west of the latter, a favourite resting place of the great Irishman. In its peaceful shade, overlooking his beloved Anner and Lievenam, Kickham poured forth his soul in the beautiful prose and verse that have come down to us in his immortal writings. This tree is held in great veneration locally.

## 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.

### Yetham St Mullinahone.

This house, now the property of Mrs J. L. Norton ~~this~~ was formerly the home of the Kickham family, where the illustrious Charles, Patriot ~~poet~~ poet and novelist spent the greater part of his life. Although not factually certain it is generally believed locally that Kickham <sup>was</sup> actually born at a place called Mockler's Hill near Bachel while his mother was on a visit to her own people. The date of his birth was the 9th May 1828. For his early education Kickham had the services of all the best of the local schoolmasters. Destined for the medical profession his parents' plans in this connection came to an abrupt finish at when at the age of thirteen, the accidental explosion of a powder flask resulted in the permanent impairment of his sight and hearing. Nothing daunted by these afflictions Kickham turned his attention to literature and politics. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Young Ireland, Tenant Right and Fenian Movements. For his part in the latter movement he was sentenced, in 1865 to fourteen years penal servitude (see continuation sheet)

## 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.*

none

(Signed)

W. Brien

Surveyor.

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