

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Gallen

TOWN OR VILLAGE Attyneess PARISH Attyneess COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish has as its eastern boundary the county line between Mayo and Sligo. From here its greatest length west to the river Mayo east bank is about five and an half miles. This east to west line would run through Attyneess village and the parish's greatest north and south length would be 1 1/2 N. south and 2 1/4 N. north of this village.

Taking the parish as a whole its scenery, while not outstanding, has nevertheless a diversity of mountain and low raggy-belted hills, of moorland and flat peat expanse and of long green hillsides - with here and there small lakes and patches of woodland. (Contd.)

GEOLOGY

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

In the south-east the parish has the acid igneous granitic belt of Slieve Donard. This belt runs ~~from the east~~ south-west from the 'gap' just west of Lough Talt and continues in a fairly regular band to the south-east corner of the parish where there is a full break in the formation; further south-west it appears again and veering south in a wider and irregular belt it continues to a point some miles north-east of Lough Talt... Adjoining this igneous belt on the north-west side is a formation of metamorphic rocks, phyllite, gneiss etc. This latter belt covers an area between Lough Kallyneess's east shore to about a mile east and from roughly a mile south-east of the lake to Attyneess at the S.E. lake corner. The metamorphic belt narrows **MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES** to a few hundred yards at Attyneess from where it widens out west and **OF IMPOSING CHARACTER** south-west towards the main Ballinacorney road west of this road and to the west is peat formation. The parish west of Kallyneess lake and S.W. Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections? Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

none.