

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Kilmaine

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballinacole PARISH Ballinacole COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 1400

Situated on the main road (Ballina/Galway line route) - 3 1/2 M. east of  
Leagh. West post 19 1/2 N.W.: Putney 7 / Castlebar 18 N.: Hollymount 5 3/4 /  
Ushmore 13 N.E.: Long 7 S.S.W.: Galway 29.

A town comprising Main St. and its direct N. + S. continuations Abbey St.  
and Bowgate St. — Bridge St. and its continuation west i.e. High St. which  
has a fork termination in Leagh Rd. and Chapel Rd. — Globe St.  
which runs east from the crossing ~~at~~ junction of Main St. + Abbey St. and  
is in direct line with Bridge St. — News St. running at right angles  
Is there a Town Hall? no Location: (contd.)

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

only a grass field near town used for sports etc.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Public water supply. Ample. Good water. Gravity fed to reservoir near town.  
modern sewage scheme to be put into operation soon as emergency situation  
eases. Present scheme not so satisfactory.

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballinacole Distance 1/2 mile from main st. Bus? yes - 6 days weekly Ballina/Galway/Ballina  
Public lighting by—Electricity? yes (town plant) Gas? —

### DANCING

Dance hall yes - Maple Hall Proprietor Joseph Gannon Esq.  
St. Mary's Hall (Town Hall) Parochial Committee.

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Popular Cinema Pictures shown Sun., Wed., Friday.  
(nights)

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

St. Mary's Operatic Society

## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of (Public) Co. Library in St. Mary's Hall.

Private Lending Libraries Longtree's - main St. (Hayle's)  
J. Murphy - " "

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic (St. Mary's) Services (Sundays) 8.30 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.  
Protestant (St. Mary's)  
of 1st, 3rd + 5th Sundays at 11.30 a.m.  
M 2nd Sunday 10.30 a.m.  
T 4th " 12 noon  
H Subsiding every Sun. 6.30 p.m.

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Rangate St. (behind main St.)  
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) M.O. Telegraph, Telephone etc.

## BANKING

Banks Wentworth & Co. Ltd.  
Waters  
Bank of Ireland

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers J. B. Stanton, Bridge St. (guns + fishing tackle)  
W. M. Higgins Bridge St. (fishing tackle)  
Richard Colgan, main St. (Fishing Tackle)  
Photographic Stores Wentworth's Medical Hall, Bridge St.  
Kyden's " " main St.  
(Miss) Fair's " " main St.

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? none Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Baths? none Location \_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs Town Hall Club (Billiards, Cards)

St. Mary's Operatic Society

Cultural Societies

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Patten's Glass Mill  
Harri's Saw Mill - Cornmarket  
Moran's Sawmill - Cornmarket  
Messis Clarke, - Burns, Monumental Sculptors - New St.

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

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

St. Mary's Catholic Church: a fine building of cut limestone, nave, chancel, double aisles, transepts, vestry. nave from first aisle by pointed arches on short round columns. the arches carrying continuous light mould springing from lead up. terminals. outer aisle from first by pointed arches on diamond section columns. chancel has no feet arch but has, for each side a high pointed chancel arch giving to side-altar. chancel window of 5 long trefoil pointed lights with tracery above. side altar gables have each a double trefoil. aisle windows of two trefoil-pointed lights, two of the windows (originally in transept gables) to each aisle side are larger than the rest and each has 2 trefoil-pointed with 5-foil above. each aisle side gable has two small lights - 6 foil.

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Convent of Mercy - Primary and Intermediate  
Christina Ross School, " " "  
Church of Ireland School - primary [no other done just now]

## HOSPITALS

St. Teresa's Sanatorium situated in Cragh Cragh outside town. (15M)

C+S = Cattle and Sheep

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets

Jan. 9 C+S; Feb 8 C+S; March 4 C+S; April 1 C+S. April 28, C+S; May 28 C+S; June 28 C+S; July 28 C+S; Aug 22 C+S; Sept. 13 S; Sept. 14, C; Oct. 8, S; Oct. 9, C; Nov. 12, C+S; Dec. 13 R C+S; Pig fairs 1st and 3rd Thurs. of month. Weekly market day Monday Half-holiday Wed. (Bank Saturday) Pig market 1st + 3rd Monday of month

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Stamnis Garage, Abbey St.
Gannons, Main St.
Hassess, Chapel Rd.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Harry Murphy; P. Burke - main st. M. J. Gannon, P. Doherty -
Creegh Rd. M. Walsh, Barge St. W. Gibbons, High St.
P. Walsh, M. Tierney - Glee St. P. Donnell, Cornmarket.
M. Gannoy, Church Lane.

Motors (Touring)

Boats (State type)

Bicycles

garages as above
T. Mollay, Cornmarket.

Caravans

Horses

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location

Landowner

Local Improvements Committee

none

Secretary

DATE

Aug. 16th 1925

(Signed)

Donald St. Laughnan

Surveyor.

Parish of Ballinacree Barony of Kilmore 6. May 1893  
FORM D. BALLINACREE  
to Glebe St. and parallel with Main St. and Bowgate's St. — ~~Low~~  
Lowmarket, which runs parallel to Glebe St., and Church  
Lane which joins Main St. and New St.

~~The~~ Main St. and Bowgate's St., most of Glebe St., New St.,  
and Lowmarket, thus form the west, north, east, and  
south sides of a rectangle, respectively. In the rectangle are  
the Catholic Church in its own grounds and fronting Main St.  
and the Protestant Church which is in its own ground of ab  
an acre and is shut away between the streets with an entrance  
by gate through a Main St. building.

Main St. is perhaps 150 yds. long. It has some three storey  
houses — the best two-storey — slated. Business premises, with  
the Court House, and two banks. The latter, with a few neat shop-  
dwelling houses are the best and cleanest buildings in the street.

Main Street's southern continuation, Bowgate's St. (about 100 yds.) has  
some 20 houses, 3 of which are slated two-storey and 1 slated single  
storey dwellings and single-storey slated. A few houses are neat  
kept of the remaining two-storey slated. This street and Main St. have  
pavements. Bowgate's thoroughfare 30' wide — Main St. wider.  
Abbey St. has a good bank building on its corner and opposite  
a clean 3-storey workers premises. Further are some business  
premises and garages — dwellings, slated and slated, and a  
row of 2-storey slated cottages.

~~High St.~~ Bridge St. is short. Has a few solid and clean shops  
High St. has the goods shops, and an interspersed number of slated  
and slated dwellings. Cheap shops, and Chapel St. Lane 2-storey  
slated and unkept, very poor and small one-storey slated by  
also the same zinc roofed, slated. Very unprepossessing. Some  
tumbledown houses.

Glebe St. has some 3-storey houses near its junction with  
Main St. and Abbey St. — further on its length (350 yds. approx)  
a motley collection of two-storey slated, one-storey slated,  
(contd.)

a few two-storey Ketched, and about 20 very poor, low, six storey Ketched cottages. also some old tumble down houses and bits of old walls. paved street. unkempt and ugly feed for the most part. at the end of the street is the entrance to the Convent of Mercy.

new St. (about 300 yds.) has some 35 houses - (positions each side of street are vacant) - of which some 15 are Ketched some tiny and neat, and the most unkempt also. One tiny zinc dwelling. also the dilapidated ruins of old buildings.

of the end of Cornmarket near the Rly. Station about 10 yds. is ordinary road with, with an hotel (3 storey) and some houses neat enough - then the street widens into the market place and narrows again to its right angle junction with the bottom of Bowgate St. Cornmarket's wide portion has some solid houses, some ill-kept two-storey slated, and some Ketched dwellings also unimpressive. There is one tiny zinc roofed house. and some tumble-down houses. except for the main paved portion the street is stony and grass-tufted. The portion running to Bowgate St. has the Christian Bros. school, clean-cut, modern, with front lawn. opposite it is Mayor's Hall. Further it has shops (with opposite a wall: Cranmore House in own grounds) and a cinema with dance hall.



Church lands is narrow - perhaps a dozen houses, so (off High St. to the south are the wrecked buildings the former military barracks.

FORM D — BALLINACOLEImportant Public Buildings.

(There are no clerestory lights. All lights are of stained glass)

West nave gable has main entrance. Painted clamped limestone with nave in blocks terminals. Each outer aisle has also a western porch door of dressed limestone, of similar design to main doorway over which is the west nave window of 3 long trefoil-pointed headed lights with 6 panes in pointed arch with black terminal mould. Between main door north aisle & double trefoil-pointed window lights first aisle and between main door and outer south aisle is the tower which has a short spire - double trefoil below, a central small trefoil and an upper row trefoil which holds the church clock dial. Vestry to south-east.

Nave and first aisles erected between 1850/60. Transepts and tower added about 1877. Outer aisles (which run into former transepts) present

St. Mary's Church (Protestant): Nave and tower to west gable. A west church. (30' x 30'). West window of clamped limestone. 2 light pointed with 3 roses & eiv. Pointed arch nave windows of two pointed light wooden mullioned. Square west tower with plain pointed entrance vestry off tower north. Tower flanked (south & north) by a smallish cut pointed window in upper west nave gable.

Levin gives section in 1815 - had 4000 lbs gave 1000 and sum of money to start the building.

Convent House - a plain two-story building in main St.

Surveyor's Note on town of Ballinrobe - Co. Mayo. ITA/315 (11)

Form D gives to perhaps unnecessary length - street details of Ballinrobe town. Form A - Topography - deals little with the aspect of the town. This because the town of Ballinrobe is easily the most ill-kept town in Mayo - if not in Ireland. There is no semblance of public spirit in the matter of pride in the place. It is doubtful if there are a dozen sound buildings in the town. Streets are left for days & weeks uncleaned after fairs - sometimes the rain is allowed to do the cleaning. The town has ugly dilapidated ruins in almost every street - most of the shop & dwelling edifices are badly in need of knocking up. Worst aspects are the many tiny shanty thatched hovels that ~~are~~ lie in almost all the streets. These habitations, and also some with zinc roofs, should long ago have been



condemned and removed.

For these reasons the town of Ballinacorney must fail to offer a pleasing glimpse to the tourist. Although it should be an ideal centre for the lakes circuit, water, and canoe + the Rye River fishing — it cannot be so — since the accommodation + service afforded by the few hotels in the town are the poorest possible.

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