

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Castello

TOWN OR VILLAGE Charlestown PARISH Kilbegh COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 550

Situated on the main road between Swinford (8 M. west) and Ballaghaderreen (10 M. south-east). Inherently 7 miles north of Killybegh T.M.S. a town consisting of main st. (150 yds. long) which runs to meet Barrack St. and Chapel St. (each 100 yds). The latter two streets forming an straight triangle. The junction of these streets widens to form a sizable 'square'. The streets are of a fine width, and the houses - almost all two-story slated, are all joined. The streets are exceptionally clean and (cont.)

renovated

Is there a Town Hall? no Location ---

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None except for an ordinary field near the town called the "household Park" - part of which is killed. No walks etc. and not resorted to except on occasion of local events.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Water supply from Ballyglass near town. Gravity fed. Water of good quality and generally said to be sufficient in supply. Public sewage system apparently satisfactory except that it is said that main pipes are somewhat small and constant care in flushing required. Only about 60% of the houses are connected with the public sewage PUBLIC SERVICES system and about 65% to water.

There seems to be no reason for the houses not being linked to public system

Nearest station Charlestown Distance 4 miles Bus? yes

Public lighting by—Electricity? yes Gas? no

DANCING

Dance hall yes, town hall (no regular dancing) Proprietor Parochial. vested in trustees.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Enoska Pictures shown Sunday + Thurs day. (Present arrangements). (nights)

Theatre none Kind of shows ---

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Mrs. O'Donnell, Main St. (Carnegie Branch)

Private Lending Libraries B. O'Connor, Barnack St. (Hayles)
P. J. Hanan, Main St. (Hayles)

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church St. James' Catholic Services (Sundays) 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main St.

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

BANKING

Banks Hibernian Bank.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers P. A. Mulligan, Main St.

Photographic Stores O'Donnell's Medical Hall, The Square.
O'Leary's Medical Hall, Main St.
Mr. O'Shea, Church St. (Photographic Studio).

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? None Location -

Public Baths? None Location -

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Little Theater Club.
St. James' Dramatic Club.

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

P. J. Henry & Co. Mineral Water Mfgs.

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

Mrs. Parsons, Barwick St., Knitting Industry.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

None

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

St. James' Church, erected 1856/58. Vault from side sides by painted arches on limestone columns. Chancel arch painted. Chancel painted windows of four trefoil lights with rose light over. Exterior plain moulding. Aisle has trefoil painted lights in piers, stained glass, with end windows of two trefoil lights + rose light over. Vestry rose-leaf lights. Chancel by main rectangular plain doorway, flanked by small trefoil lights. Side aisle lights, trefoil-painted over main doorway. ~~side~~ each aisle has plain painted entrance. Vestry off.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Marist Convent.

Lawrence National Schools.

HOSPITALS

None.

Parish of Killeagh.

Barony of Carleton.

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FORM O. Description of Town. [CHARLES COOKE]

The houses are generally neat although some require freshening up on the exterior. A feature of the town is a "Circular Road" which runs at the back of all the houses in the principal streets and adds to the cleanliness of the town.

The upper end of Chapel St. extends into Cowparks townland where are the National Schools and several bungalows of recent erection. The Catholic Church stands in its own grounds off Chapel St.