

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Burrishoole

TOWN OR VILLAGE Achill Sound PARISH Achill COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 200

Achill Sound is situated at the point of entry to the island. It is 19 mls from Newport and 25 mls from Westport. This village is the distributing centre for the whole island and is therefore the business end. It is connected to the mainland by a concrete bridge, a section of which formerly swung open to let boats thro' the sound. This functions no more but a new bridge is contemplated. The village is small but pleasant & has some fine shops.

Is there a Town Hall? Parochial Hall Location Main Street

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

no water supply or sewerage schemes

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Westport Distance 25 mls Bus? yes (Achill - Westport Route)  
Public lighting by—Electricity? none Gas? none

### DANCING

Dance hall Dances held in the Proprietor Rev. J. Campbell, P.P.  
parochial Hall.

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas none Pictures shown —  
(nights)

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

## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *none*

Private Lending Libraries *Foyles 2<sup>d</sup> Library Agency - John Scanton  
Main Street.*

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *St. Patrick's Catholic Church* Services (Sundays) *9 or 11 on alternate  
Sundays*

*Holy Trinity Church of Ireland* *11.30 A.M.*

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Main Street (centre of village)*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All business transacted.*

## BANKING

Banks *none (nearest bank is in Westport)*

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *Sweeney's general stores*

Photographic Stores *Sweeney's general stores*

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *none* Location *—*

Public Baths? *none* Location *—*

Note: There are no beaches along the Sound. The shores are either very rocky or are soft mud flats very unpleasant for bathing. There are very strong and highly dangerous currents at all times and no one should attempt bathing or boating without a local guide.

## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs none

Cultural Societies none

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Knitting Industry run by the Mercy Convent nuns.

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

Many cottages do their own spinning and there are 3 weavers in the district who do all kinds of work for the locality. These are P. Cattigan, Polbranny; John McFreal, Askill; Mrs Mac Nully, Belfarsad. Both spinning & weaving are winter occupations.

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

none

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

St Patrick's Catholic Church - This is a very pleasant recently erected church in the Romanesque style and built in the local red sandstone.

Holy Trinity Church of Ireland - This is 19<sup>th</sup> century Gothic of a not very interesting appearance. It has an octagonal tower and is built in limestone.

The courthouse is a concrete building ~~with~~ no architectural interest whatever.

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Convent of Mercy Nat. School for girls. National School for Boys Technical school under Board of Ed. at Castel 4 mts from Achill Sound. Other Nat. schools in the district are Belfarsad and Tonregee, both mixed.

## HOSPITALS

None - nearest hospitals are at Castlebar or Westport.

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{ There is no hospital on Achill Island. The nearest one is at Castlebar

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *General fair on last Friday of each month.*

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Garage - *E. T. Sweeney, Main Road.*

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Alfred Sweeney, Fair Green, Achill Sound.*  
*Joseph Sweeney, " " " "*  
*E. T. Sweeney, Main Road " "*  
*Michael Fadian, Carbel (4 mls from Achill Sound)*

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *none.*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Camps may be pitched on any of the numerous commonages surrounding the village. Permission is not necessary.* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary *—*

DATE *28/8/42*

(Signed) *M. J. B. O'Kelly*  
Surveyor.

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Bunacurry PARISH Achill COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 300

This village is 5 1/2 mls from Achill Sound and is 30 1/2 mls from Westport. It is 1 ml. to the North of the main road from the Sound to the resorts on West part of the island. It is a group of neat white washed cottages not arranged in streets.

Is there a Town Hall? no Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

no water supply, or sewerage schemes

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Westport Distance 30 1/2 mls Bus? Bus stop 1 ml.

Public lighting by—Electricity? none Gas? none

### DANCING

Dance hall The Hall Proprietor Michael Gallagher  
Bunacurry  
Achill Island.

### 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 *Franciscan lay brothers* Services (Sundays) *9 or 11 A.M. alternate*  
*Monastery church (1 ml.)* *Sundays.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Main Road.*  
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All Business transacted.*

BANKING

Banks *none (nearest Westport)*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *none*

Photographic Stores *none*

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *none* Location *—*  
Public Baths? *none* Location *—*

**SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.**

Social Clubs *none*

Cultural Societies *none*

**INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS**

Industries *Tomato Farm (Michael Gallagher)*

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

*Many of the cottages do their own spinning. Michael MacFreal, Arbil does ~~sp~~ weaving for the locality in winter.*

**PUBLIC MONUMENTS**

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

*none*

**IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*none*

**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

*Boys National School (Franciscan Brothers)  
Girls National School.*

**HOSPITALS**

*Note & name of Corleone (Westport)*

**FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY**

Monthly fairs and markets *none*

Weekly market day *none* Half-holiday *none*

**GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS**

*none*

**CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :**

Taxis *Patrick Patten  
Phillip Dineen  
Michael Gallagher.*

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *none. Curraghs and punts are numerous on this part of the Sound but are not for hire. Visitors are welcome to go out with fishermen when they go themselves.*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

**CAMPING SITES**

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Camps may be pitched on the commonage all round the village. Permission not necessary.* Landowner *—*

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary *none*

DATE *28/8/42* (Signed) *M. J. B. O'Kelly*  
Surveyor.



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TOWN OR VILLAGE Cashel PARISH Achill COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 270

*This village is 4 miles from Achill Sound and is 29 mls from Westport. It is situated on rising ground at the N.E. end of Mweelin Mountain and is on the main road from the Sound to the various resorts in the West of the Island. Like most of the villages on the island, it consists of a scatter of white washed cottages not arranged in streets.*

Is there a Town Hall? no Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

No water supply or sewerage schemes.

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Westport Distance 29 mls Bus? yes

Public lighting by—Electricity? none Gas? none

### DANCING

Dance hall none 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 *Bunacurry Catholic Church* Services (Sundays) *9 or 11 alternate Sundays.*  
*(1 1/2 mls)*

Church of Ireland at Achill Sound *11-30 A.M.*  
*(1/2 mls)*

**POSTAL FACILITIES**

Location of Post Office *No post office. Letter box in centre of village.*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *none*

**BANKING**

Banks *none (nearest Westport)*

**SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES**

Sports Dealers *none*

Photographic Stores *none*

**SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS**

Swimming Pool? *none* Location *—*

Public Baths? *none* Location *—*

**SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.**

Social Clubs *none*  
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Cultural Societies *none*  
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**INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS**

Industries *none*  
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Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

*Many cottages still do their own spinning. The nearest weaver is John McFreal, Askil, Bunacurry who does weaving for the locality in winter.*

**PUBLIC MONUMENTS**

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

*Large crucifix in grounds of the Technical School. There is no inscription.*

**IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

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**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

*Board of Education Technical School.  
Nearest National Schools are at Bunacurry (1 1/2 mls).*

**HOSPITALS**

*none (nearest at Castlebar ~~is~~ (pub))*  
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**FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY**

Monthly fairs and markets *none*

Weekly market day *none* Half-holiday *none*

**GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS**

*none*

**CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :**

Taxis *Michael Mac Fadian, Central Hotel*

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *None. There are numerous punts and curraghs along this part of the Sound but are not for hire. Visitors are welcome to go with fishermen when they go out themselves.*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

**CAMPING SITES**

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Most of the land around the village is commonage* Landowner *—*

*and camps may be pitched anywhere. permission is not necessary*

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary *none*

DATE *27/8/42*

(Signed) *M. J. B. O'Kelly*

Surveyor.

Note.

Corraun Peninsula

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All the lakes on this peninsula are very inaccessible. To get to them much fairly steep and rough climbing is necessary. Fishing in them is on the whole not good. Fish are very small and so these lakes are hardly worth recommending to visiting anglers.

The best freshwater angling is to be had in Keel Lake on Achill Island. Visiting fishermen here should apply to Mr Murphy N.T. who lives at The Bungalow, Sandybank, Keel, and who is the best local member of the Achill Sporting Club to whom to apply for information and assistance. Tho' Mr Pike of Glendavy House is secretary of the Society, he, being in the army at present, is not always available and Mr Murphy is empowered to act in his stead at all times.