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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Castell

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballyhenris PARISH Annagh COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish extends from 2 miles west of Ballyhenris to the county boundary (Mayo/Roscommon) 3/4 to 4 miles east of the town. The county line forms the parish boundary for most of its eastern and north-eastern limit. The parish runs 2 miles north of Ballyhenris and 2 miles south of it.

Generally the parish is not interesting. The note is one of rolling hills green-topped and tilled, low ridges bounding flattish areas; stretches of bog with low and few tiny lakes; and a few largish lakes. Of the latter, principal are Ward Lake, Shallow and Seed Field, Laker Lake and Begins Lake. What tree growth there is is of a stunted variety. The town of

GEOLOGY

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

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Ballyhenris lies on a limestone area. The parish itself is all of limestone, drift or peat covered, except for a portion towards the south and south-east of the town which takes in part of a belt (isolated) but runs east through Callinagh and is altogether about 7 miles long and 1 to 2 miles wide. This belt is of Old Red Sandstone.

Principal geological feature in the area is the presence of many small eskers and stream eskers. These sand and gravel ridges sometimes are shaly and shaly, as again seen in low ridges sometimes broken across bar with.

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.