

(Mayo East)

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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Gallen

TOWN OR VILLAGE Bannicoulton PARISH Kilgarvan COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish embraces an area which has as its boundary to the north, north-east, east and south-east the boundary line which divides counties Mayo and Sligo. It runs to about 1 1/2 miles west of Bannicoulton and to about 2 miles south of this village. North to south its greatest length is about 5 1/2 miles and east to west approx. 6 miles.

Most of the parish does not possess a great or variable scenic attraction. West and south-west and north the area is a succession of low long hilled country with little to relieve the landscape. (contd)

GEOLOGY

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

Bannicoulton and the area S. and S.W., N. and N.W., and W of this village is of carboniferous limestone, driftcovered and in an uneven distribution of low hills, sometimes long-backed and sometimes of a dumble character. East and north east there is much of the great formation which in the S.E. covers about a metamorphic formation, mica schist, phyllite, gneiss etc. which continues in a narrowing belt through Co. Sligo N.E. to Lough Eskey. Shiel gneiss of the Ox mountain range sends a portion of its igneous granitic formation also into the S.E. corner of the parish. This igneous belt is continued on S.W. through Arnyman area where there is a break and then, widening it swings more directly south and ends at Blackmore's Mountain, a few miles N.E. of Foxford.

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.