

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Tirawley

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballina PARISH Kilmoreemoy County: Mayo

5728 ✓

Location and brief description. Population 6,000 (approx)

Caps

Ballina, the chief and largest Town in Mayo, (though Castlebar is the County Town), is the third Town of importance in Connacht, after Galway and Sligo. It is very pleasantly situated near the mouth of the River Moy, on the Northwest coast, and about 6 miles south of Killala Bay. The town is prosperous, and the townspeople progressive. First-class roads lead from it to Sligo, Castlebar, Swinford, and other Towns of the West; and in addition to a good rail service, ~~the town~~ is well served by buses. The streets, though here and there in need of resurfacing, are well laid out, and broad enough generally, for all traffic. The Market Square has recently been cleared, and a concrete surface laid, thus adding largely to the cleanliness and appearance of that part of the town. *Sligo 37 m; Castlebar 22 m; Galway 72 m*

Though the industries of the Town are mainly centred in the Flour, Sawmills and Cornmills trade, there are plentiful signs of industrial awakening, temporarily hindered by war conditions.

Is there a Town Hall? No Location: There is no Municipal Town Hall, but Mr. P.J. Mulligan has a Cinema-Dance Hall, "Town Hall Estoria" Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

The Urban Council recently acquired a site for a Public Park, nicely situated on the western bank of the River Moy; but the place is now divided into vegetable plots during the emergency

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

~~The town has an excellent water supply from Lough Broghly, a lake some few miles away. Sewerage in the urban area is satisfactory, but the lack of sufficient public lavatories requires to be remedied. At present there are two, one in the Turf Market, the other in the Market Square.~~

Water supply unsatisfactory Sewerage system inadequate

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina G.S.R. Distance 1/2 mile Bus? Yes
Public lighting by—Electricity? Yes Gas? Used mainly for cooking and heating

DANCING

Dance hall Town Hall Estoria Proprietor Mr. P.J. Mulligan
Wibernian Hall Ballina A.O.H. Club

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Estoria Pictures shown 6 nights weekly; no showing Wednesday or Saturday, according to programme, owing to E.S.B. restrictions
Town Hall Estoria Occasional showings only

Theatre Town Hall Estoria Kind of shows Occasional Drama, Comedy, Variety Shows, etc.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... Carnegie Lending Library (Vocational Schools), Ballina

Private Lending Libraries.....
 100.) Mr. ^{ARGOSY} B. Walkin, McDermott Street (1,000; monthly replacement 80);
 Torch, Mr. John Clarke, P.C., O'Rahilly Street (40; replacement 40);
 Sundial, Mrs. O'Reilly, O'Rahilly Street, (300; occasional replacement);
 The "Ballina Herald" Lending Library (a few hundred books).

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church	Services (Sundays).....
R. C. Church Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception	7.30 a.m.
R.C. Church, St. Muredach's Cathedral	7.30; 8.30; 9.30; 11.12. Evening 7.0
C. I. St. Michaels, Plunkett Rd., Ardarae	11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Methodist: Connolly Street	11.30; Sunday School-10.30
Presbyterian: Walsh Street	11.15 a.m.
Christian Brethren: Lloyds Lane	12 noon

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office..... Junction of Casement and O'Rahilly Streets *all business*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)..... M. O.; Telegraph; Telephone. No public phone when office closes at 7 p.m. All night Exchange

BANKING

Banks	Munster & Leinster	Pearse Street
	Bank of Ireland	Do
	National Bank	Do
	Ulster Bank	Do
	Provincial Bank of Ireland	Do

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers	James McConn & Sons,	Tone Street
	D. Stephens	Do
	International Stores	O'Rahilly Street

Photographic Stores	Adams & Co., Ltd.,	O'Rahilly Street
	M. J. Durcan	Tolan Street
	W. J. McKane	O'Rahilly Street
	G. C. Hewson	Tone Street
	J. J. Maya	Tone Street
	Slaters	MCDERMOTT Tone Street (Developing (and printing (on premises)

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?..... Location.....

Public Baths?..... Location.....

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... Moy Club..... Dillon Terrace
..... A.O.F. Club..... Casement Street
..... Commercial Club..... Pearse Street

Cultural Societies..... Gasra na Fhainne; Conradh na Gaeilge, Ballina
..... Archaeological and Folklore Society
..... Ballina Art Club
..... Ballina Dramatic Club
..... The Moy Players

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... Joseph Murphy..... Corn Millers
..... James Murphy & Sons..... Corn Millers
..... James Murphy & Sons..... Flour Mills
..... Moy Fishery..... Ballina
..... John Egan & Sons..... Mineral Water Mfrs.
..... Hugh Ruddy & Co..... Mineral Water Mfrs.
..... Hugh Ruddy & Co..... Motor Works
..... Kilcullen & Co..... Mineral Water Mfrs.

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

Industries..... Red Gates Confections..... Ardnaree
..... Fabrics Patents..... Ardnaree
..... Ge. Feil, Ltd..... Ballina

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

See D 2

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

No public buildings worthy of mention

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

See D 2

HOSPITALS

St. Joseph's District Hospital, Lord Edward Street, under the care of the Sisters of Mercy (General and Fever Hospital); Grovedale Private Nursing Home, Quignashee, Ballina

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets First monthly Friday, for horses cattle and sheep
At Ardara, Ballina: June 20th; Oct 10th; Dec 13th
Weekly market day Monday Half-holiday Thursday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Michael Hopkins, Pearse Street; Andrew Byron, do; Martin McAndrew, do;
Patrick Clarke, Arran Place; Whites Auto Co., Ltd., Dillon Terrace;
Patrick Leonard, Arthur Street; Thomas Conolly, Station Road; Syl.
Cottrell, Arthur Street (all having Petrol Stations); Lynns' Garage,
Lord Edward Street (no Petrol Station).

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Andrew Byron, Pearse Street; John Walsh, Curroy; John Cronin,
Arthur Street; Thomas Cafferty, St. Muredachs Terrace; Thomas Maloney,
Arthur Street; Patrick J. Clarke, Convent Terrace; James Corcoran,
Casement Street; Patrick Doherty, Walsh Street; Patrick McGowan,
Motors (Touring) Morrison Terrace; Patrick Hughes, Corcoran Terrace; John
Lynn, Gore Street; George Watts, Raheenroe; George Treacy, Convent
Terrace; Michael Battle, Corcoran Terrace; Robert Walsh, Shamble Street
Boats (State type) Michael O'Boyle, Quignalegan; John Reddington,
Tullysleva; Michael Hopkins, Pearse Street; Patrick Durcan, Tone
Street; Michael V. Leonard, John Street; Martin McAndrew, Knox Street;
John Corcoran, John Street.

Bicycles (For Boats See D3)

Bicycles: John Lowther & Sons, McDermott Street. (10 cycles @
3/- per day)

Caravans

Horses Edward Callaghan, Lord Edward Street. One braka; three
traps; sidecar, with horses.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location None Landowner

Local Improvements Committee

Secretary

DATE August 1st 1942.

(Signed) Walter O'Brien

Surveyor.

Tirawley Baryny - Kilmeremey Parish-- Maye (North).

Addendum - Form D- Fairs and Markets.

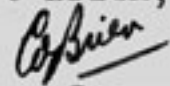
Fairs at Ardnaree, Ballina :-.

June 20

October 10

December 13.

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Surveyor,

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FORM D3

BOATS FOR HIRE

Patrick Hearn, Mill Street (3 oots); Martin Melvin (1); Con Humbert (3); Anthony Shaw (1); Patrick Tighe (2); Thomas Cuffe (1); Owen McNulty (1); J. J. Melvin (1); P. Loughney (1); M. Hennigan (1); M. Lacken (1); Henry Hennigan (1); E. Melvin (2); James Munnelly (1); Thomas Walsh (1); Martin Killeen (1); A. Cowley (1); P. Gordon (2).

Motor boats, owned by the following, and included in above list, are available for fishing, at extra cost:

E. Melvin (2); Martin Killeen (1); A. Cowley (1); P. Gordon (1).

With the exception of Patrick Hearn, all the other boat owners live at Ballina Quay.

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Form D Supplementary.

Kilmorenoy Parish Ballina Town.

Ballina is thirty seven miles to the southwest of Sligo Town, **22** miles north of Castlebar **72** miles from Galway City which is almost directly south.

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Under "Important Public Buildings"

St. Muredachs Cathedral, ~~with its~~ nearby, newly-erected Vocational School; the residence of Most Revd. Dr. Naughton, Bishop of Killala; St. Muredachs Diocesan College (practically beside it); the Convent and Schools of the Sisters of Mercy at Bearnadearg, with a newly-erected School there also; as well as St. Joseph's District Hospital, also under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, are outstanding architectural features of the Town.

The pretty surroundings; the River Moy; the close proximity of many lakes; Enniscrone, Killala, etc.; and the excellent fishing, shooting and golf in the district, all combine to make Ballina an ideal centre for spending an enjoyable holiday. The shops in town are quite modern, and almost any need may be secured locally. Hotels, Guest Houses, and other accommodation, is of a very good standard; and there are also good restaurants.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

Centrally placed, near the lower end of Pearse Street, is a splendid Monument, erected in 1898 by the voluntary subscriptions of the Priests and people of Mayo and Sligo, to commemorate the landing of the French under General Humbert at Killala, in August, 1798.

The inscription, in Irish, French and English, reads, "In memory of General Humbert; Sarrazin au Louis Octave Fontaine; Bartholomew Teeling; Matthew Tone; Henry O'Keon; Father Conroy; Patrick Walsh, and the other gallant Patriots who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of their country after the landing of the French at Killala in 1798".

The sculptured figure of a woman, holding in one hand a double-edged sword, and in the other a shield, with harp and shamrock, representing "Bire", is supported on a column of marble.

The inscription is engraved on a large block of stone; and the Monument stands about 20 ft. in height.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

St. Muredachs Diocesan Training College
and Secondary School for Day Boys

East bank (Howley Terrace)
of the River Moy

Convent of our Lady of the Immaculate
Conception

Bearnadearg

Infant Boys & Girls New School

Do.

Girls National School

Do.

Girls Secondary School

Do

Boys National School

Arthur Street

Church of Ireland Mixed School

Francis Street

Boys & Girls National School

Crocketstown (The Quay)

Boys & Girls National School

Breaffy

Boys & Girls National School

Behy

Boys & Girls National School

Culleens

Vocational School

Cathedral Road

Private Secondary (mixed) School

Walsh Street - all creeds

Hillside Private School

Connolly Street (all

creeds - Kindergarten &
mixed Commercial School)

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EXTRACT OF LETTER (15-8-42) from MR. CONOR O'BRIEN,
SURVEYOR, EAST MAYO

"Re report on Kilmoremoyle parish. I regret that in Form D. I reported the water supply of Ballina as being good. I acted on the words of several local people including Urban Councillors but I now find from experience that the water supply is really very bad, the water from the taps being undrinkable and apparently unfiltered."