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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Castello

TOWN OR VILLAGE Cassacastle PARISH Cassacastle COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish, in the south, starts at Cleenmore (which is a few miles south of Kilmore) and runs in a narrow strip for a few miles north to the tiny village of Cassacastle, having for its eastern limit the Mayo/Roscommon county boundary. From Cassacastle the area runs almost to Charlestown, 4 miles almost west. A portion of Co. Mayo juts out north-east of Cassacastle and the parish takes up a good portion of this 'neck' - having the Sligo/Mayo boundary to the north and north-east, and meeting, on the east, a Co. Sligo parish which comes into Mayo at this point. To the south the district meets the Roscommon/Mayo

GEOLOGY

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

The parish is almost completely of limestone - peat or drift covered. There are a few tiny igneous granitic isolated belts which are so small as not to have any effect on the physical character of the area. In Cleenmore-land of J. Owens-Keel was a coal shaft now closed in. The shaft was sunk some hundred years ago by an enterprising Englishman who, according to tradition, abandoned it through lack of capital. Coal was obtained - of what quality is not too certain but said to be at least fair. The shaft was a vertical one. Traces of black and tiny pieces of coal are to be seen. Not far from the coal mine is an unused seam of what is said to be a good blue slate well suited for quarrying.

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