

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Gallen

TOWN OR VILLAGE Yoxford PARISH Loonore COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description.

Population 625 (town ¹⁹²⁶ census)

Situate on main road between Ballina (104. N) and Swinford (8 M. S.E.)
A town consisting of a long main street roughly E. and W. and intersected by
Bridge St. to north and Chapel St. to south. Providence road, about 200 yds. long
joins east end of main street to south end of Chapel St. which breaks long, and
its continuation is a 300 yd. road lined with houses, detached and joined,
and which is called Lishtown. There are, off Lishtown, a few houses. The
principal being O'Keefe's. Main St. is approx. 530 yds. long and

Is there a Town Hall? no Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Piped water supply from reservoirs in Curra (to W.) mountain spring
fairly good. Water of fair quality - cloudy in flood time. Pressure sufficient but supply is
not satisfactory in dry spell. Most houses on top. Some houses along the way
take extra pumped supply from the river. ... no public sewage system. Some
houses along the way have private sanitation (flush) ... some others utilize flush system
into stream going to the way but PUBLIC SERVICES sometimes deficient in long dry spell.

Nearest station Yoxford Distance 1 M. Bus? yes

Public lighting by—Electricity? yes [E.S.E.] Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall Brown Memorial hall (general hall) Proprietor local committee
Sec. Mrs. M. Kennedy.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas none Pictures shown —
 (nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of Carnegie run by the committee in charge of
Keown Memorial Hall. Present library

Private Lending Libraries Convent has a library to which towns people
have access. Books available on Sundays usually.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church	<u>Catholic</u>	Services (Sundays)	<u>1st week to 1st Nov. 8 a.m. 11.30 a.m.</u>
	<u>[Convent chapel]</u>		<u>1st Nov. to 1st March 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.</u>
	<u>Protestant</u>		<u>Children's mass at 10.30 a.m.</u>
			<u>7.30 a.m. (Private chapel. Admission)</u>
			<u>by request</u>
			<u>12.10 p.m.</u>

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main St.
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) M.O., telegraph, telephone etc.

BANKING

Banks National Bank holds office every Friday.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers Bridge House (guns + ammunition normally). Fishing tackle.
Mr. James Healy (Fishing tackle), Main St.
Mr. Brendan Jones (Fishing tackle), Main St.

Photographic Stores Forford Co-operative stores (Kerinstay included).

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? None Location —

Public Baths? None Location —

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *none* except for the dramatic and musical activities of the Providence Mill workers in conjunction with below.

Cultural Societies *none* There is however, attached to Providence Mills, a School of Music for the benefit of mill-workers and their families. Permission (on fee) is given to others not connected with mill, to study music.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *none* Providence Woolen Mills.
Morris's Dry Cleaning establishment.

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

none.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

"Admiral Brown Memorial Hall" Erected in memory of Admiral Brown, father of the Argentine navy.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

Church of St. Mary and St. Michael. Nave (about 95' x 35') with short transepts separated from the pines by two pointed arches with single column. Nave has same width all through there being no actual chancel or west gable which has windows of three pointed lights, long and narrow. West wall windows single light pointed, long & narrow. Pointed arch entrance with moulding (wall with black terminals) in east gable which has upper windows (2) of two lights each, pointed and surrounded by small circular light. Towers and bell tower at N.E. corner, small rectangular ones. Each transept has small chancel with arch (pointed) opening into nave and another into transept itself.

Convent National Schools.

Yorford National Schools

HOSPITALS

none.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *fairs first Tues. of Jan., Feb., March, April, July, Aug., Sept.,*
Also on May 15th, June 25th, Oct 3rd, Nov 9th, Dec. 10th. Markets as of the week.
Weekly market day *Thursday.* Half-holiday *Wed. (shops). Thurs. Sat.*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

O'Hara's Garage.
Connell's Petrol Station

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *John Mayock, Rosford.*
Patrick O'Hara, Rosford.

Motors (Touring) *—*

Boats (State type) *—*

Bicycles *Repairs and sales. John O'Connell, Main St.*

Caravans *—*

Horses *—*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *—* Landowner *—*

Local Improvements Committee *—* *Local Improvements Ctee.*

Secretary *—* *Sec. Mr Sean Hanson, Sole., Ford.*

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(Signed) *Donald A. Vaughan.*

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narrows at its western end where the houses are of various ages and kinds and some unimproved, single storey very small slated, similar size zinc roofed and some two-storey slated. The Protestant Church stands where the road begins to narrow.

The remainder of main street is of good width with pavements. The houses are two-storey slated and, except for a few, are fairly well kept in exterior. Much of the east end of main St. is taken up with the convent and chapel buildings which are solid and clean fronted, just off the end of east main St. are the ^{various} ~~various~~ hills which occupy a goodly portion of the ground ~~between~~ the convent buildings and the R. way and which are the outstanding feature of the town itself.

Bridge St. is interrupted by the bridge over the way; beyond it the street continues for a few hundred yards with a few shops and some detached residences.

Chapel St., a few hundred yards long, is, on its eastern side, a row of shops and houses, some two-storey slated, some single and detached, with small lawns, and the National schools. Most of the west side of the street is taken up by the Catholic Church, well over street level, and its small cemetery, while to each side of it, and set back from road, the houses of the Catholic clergy stand in rows.

Important Public Buildings (Contd.)

Church of Ireland. has with square tower at north end. has plain-dashed exterior and is about 45' x 25' and has pointed arched windows of three pointed lights and segment-lights over. [Wooden mullions] plain painted doorway in east tower; the latter being about 12' square and having small corner mullions and a sort of cancellation between.

Convent Chapel. A modern building in that it has exterior done in a brownish coloured heavy shell-like dash and its main windows have cement mullions. The exterior is cruciform, the west and south transepts being short and each separated from nave by single column (center) and two pointed arches. East nave (altar) window is wide, pointed arched, five pointed lights and tracery over. South transept has pointed arch window of five lights, round headed and tracery over. East lights narrow long round-headed. Entrance plain pointed arch.

Convent House. Plain building, ordinary two-storey level.