

L.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,  
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REPORT ON COSTELLO

IN THE TOWNSHIP of Highamwood PARISH of Highamwood COUNTY of CO. MAYO

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of surrounding areas above the district, natural situations, or general topographical features.

The parish is situated between 55° 50' N. and 56° 00' N. and 10° 00' W. and 10° 10' W. It is bounded to the north by the parish of Highamwood (the river from Castlebar), and to the west by the parish of Highamwood. The western boundary is the county line; the north-west corner of the parish is about 2 miles from the coast. The parish is about 2 miles long and 1 mile wide.

The parish is not rich. The topography is mainly of rolling country; open fields, with some patches of timber and some **ORCHARD**

There are no mineral deposits, and no other mines.

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BARROWS, CASTLES AND BARRIERS

OF REMARKABLE CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Name. Part associations. Alterations or not indicated? (Marked? Open to nature? Adjacent to?)

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seasonal rainfall.

Aghamore village is tiny but has a setting of trees and pleasant green fields. It lies on a height from which as good a general view as the area affords can be obtained (478') to the north to the range and the Nephin Heights - to the west is Slieve Donard in near view and far away the conical peaks of Croagh Patrick with attendant hills. South west are the Partry and Lencemore mountains; with in between the low rolling country that forms the central plain. To the east the view stretches away to the horizon, with no appreciable height to break the vista.

It is said that on a clear day Ben Bulbin can be seen far over to the north east.

Melaur lake touches this parish - from it alone the local scene is pleasant - the lake itself is small - patches of woods on its opposite shore - and the old abbey ruins of Melaur render it attractive. Lough Ranganoe lies beside Melaur lake, and adds to a pleasing local scene.

Nannin lake, in the south-west of the parish, is shallow and reed-filled and lies in a deep valley which, taken as a whole, is not unattractive. The northern end of the lake is pleasantly contrasted by tree growth and green fields to the water's edge. Nannin castle ruins add their touch.

The parish may be taken in by a cycle ride or drive from Kilkenny, Millinagh or Ballylauris. From Ballylauris the main road carries on through Aghamore village - just beyond is a turn (right) to Nannin lake and castle. Retracing the road running parallel to lake shore past Holy Well, the coming out on main road again and on to golf course - returning by road leading past Raith castle from which tourist may branch left into Aghamore or continue into Kilkenny. Total mileage (to Kilkenny) approx. 14 M.