

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Glenquin

TOWN OR VILLAGE Abbeysale PARISH Abbeysale COUNTY Limerick

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The only view worth mentioning is that from Abbeysale Hill south of the town, From this hill, on a clear day the counties of Limerick, Clare, Cork, and Kerry and Tipperary are visible, and the glittering broad ribbon of the Shannon is in sharp contrast with its winding lazy tributary Peale, crawling between low hills towards the great hazy estuary nineteen miles away to the west. If we see the Kerry mountains too clearly - and they are impressive - we sigh, descend, and say - "more rain"

GEOLOGY

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

There are no unusual features. Like the other parishes within the confines of the "Mullaghareirk", "Glenaruddy", and "Knockawelig" mountains "Abbeysale" shares the same geological characteristics of sandstone and cold moisture soddened clay where early, or satisfactory crops need not be expected, and where dairying and cattle rearing thrive in spite of the fact that no creamery exists in the parish to encourage the latter industry. Open, treeless, mountain & valleys stretch on all sides to the horizon. No stone shows above ground, the fences are sod & bush. Fruit growing is a failure. Bogs exist on the hills

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?
Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

There are no imposing Mansions, Castles, or Estates, in above Parish.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rath, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

"Portinard Castle" located $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Abbeyfeale town is reached by the main Abbeyfeale Listowel road, two intervening fields and the railway line to the left give access. By following the rails from Abbeyfeale station a shorter & quicker - if illegal - arrival is effected. The Castle is on a slight elevation above the "Feale" river. The deep river beds which once surrounded the Castle on all sides are still there, but are dry owing to the construction of the Railway line across their courses, and the diversion of the waters elsewhere. The old ruins are getting obliterated partly because of the inferior material used in its construction. It originally measured 40' x 13' by 20' high, now only 20 feet of north wall, west gable, and fragments of south wall remain. A 10 feet section of ground floor with vaulted ceiling is still there jagged sections of second story still cling lovingly and perilously to the walls which are 6 feet thick. Curious sloping depressions run the outer walls. "Portinard" was reputed to have been built in the 14th Century on an older foundation. "Westropp" 347 (42) mentions it as a round castle in 1583. It has well battered

in foundations. The old ruins have an exaggerated value to Abbeyfeale folk, partly because it is the only Antiquity of the highlands, particularly because of its romances and legends. Romance is as dear to the heart of the Abbeyfeale Colleen as it is to her city sister, and the legends of "Tut" are as varied as the temperments and whims of the fair sex. "Moore" immortalized

- "Portinard" in his song, but it would take a Solomon to decide which of the following legends is the correct one.
- ① "Westropp 347 (42) states it was from "Portinard," Thomas Earl of Desmond started on a hunt which led to his marriage with M^{rs} Bormack's daughter and the loss of his inheritance. This tale suggested "Moore's" song "By Feale's waves benighted."
 - ② The Earl of Desmond's wife was bathing in the "Feale" when she saw a man approaching in the distance, to cover her nudeness and modesty she sought deeper water, was caught in a whirlpool and drowned before the man - who was her husband - could save her.

Briefly the above are only two of the many legends attached to this romantic spot, and indications show that romance was ^{not} confined to the Earl of Desmond or his lost bride. To day there are other many others - in search of romance, & qualifying for matrimony around the old Castle walls.

(Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).

Abbeysale Cistercian Abbey.

Westropp 172 (42)

"It was a cell of Monasternenagh before 902, and in 1116 & 1188, destroyed in war 1302.

Site D. S. (B) shows the church as roofless, with a lofty tower and pointed spire at north west angle. It had a nave with a south door, and two west windows - a chancel with two south windows.

Some fragments of its walls stood in the graveyard and are said to be embodied in the new R.C. Church."

To day the only portion of the Cistercian Abbey extant is the wyclad south wall. It stands in what is locally called "the old graveyard." Should anyone suffer from "vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself" or an exaggerated sense of self importance a visit to this graveyard will provide an effective and permanent cure, for here "Sceptre and Crown have tumbled down," and human remains, but for the coarse shaggy nettles, and rank grass would be exposed to view. The neglected appearance of this last resting place at first awakens amazement, later mixed emotions of pity and revulsion. Houses form the south wall of this cemetery, and it was observed that a waste pipe from a bathroom fed into a grave. This burial ground should long since have been closed and levelled. It is the only blot on an otherwise well kept town.

There are four Killeens - child burial grounds - in Abbeysale Parish in the following townlands -
"Abbeysale" "Kilkinlea" "Killeenight" (near Tolermerry)
"Theenakilla"

"Rockites" Abbeyfeale Parish, Co. Limerick.

Co Post Office

Ref SM/AB.

Glenquin Barony.

Newcastlewest

Co Limerick

28/8/44

D. Barry Esq.

Sec. J. T. A.

14 Upper O'Connell St.

Dublin.

Dear Sir

I revisited Abbeyfeale to contact Priests, Teachers, and others in connection with your query re "The Rockites". The information I received ~~I received~~ is not as detailed or comprehensive as would be the case if the "Rockites" were worthy of historical record.

I was told they were more an agrarian than a patriotic organization, and that their proclamation from "The Camp at Abbeyfeale" was the usual bluff characteristic of the period (1822).

A reasonable — if unfair — comparison of "The Rockites" of 1822 and the "Cattle Drivers" of 1917-18 may be quoted. The "Cattle Drivers" were patriotic, as while driving the cattle from the ranches — particularly in Clare — they did so to embarrass the British Government by creating a state of lawlessness. They did not want personal gains by confiscating the lands, without compensating the owners. However the leaders were rounded up by the military, and refusing to recognise the British Courts the jails were filled with unrepentant "Sons of the Soil".

The "Rockites" were credited with different intentions, their programme was to create a state of terrorism for their own personal ends, they are well branded as Church burners and looters, — as proof "In Westropp's Castles & Churches of Limerick 177 (44) the author quotes Lewis ii. p. 136 as recording — "Killeedy Church was finally burned by the Rockites". None of the contacts I made would agree with "Lewis" as to the burning by the "Rockites", though none had anything good to say of them. Ninety per cent of the people Abbeyfeale never heard the word "Rockites", though a local historian told me that the gang was rounded up by the military and its leader hanged. In my hunt for detailed information I went to Limerick Library, contacted very Rev Fr O'Sullivan, & Aoulahan, P.P. local historians, Teachers, and a score of others, so if my report is not as comprehensive as I'd wish please do not blame —

Pathfully yours

Ralph Lucas (Surveyor)

c/o Newcastle P. Office
Co. Limerick

29th July. 44.

D. Barry Esq.

Sec. J. T. A.

14 Upper O'Connell St.

Dublin.

Dear Sir,

Herewith Forms for Abbeyfeale
Parish. I am now starting on the
last four Parishes of my allotment. —
viz — East "Monagea" "Mahoonagh,"
"Killeady," & Newcastle.

Faithfully Yours
Ralph Lucas.

Ref SM/AB

"Rockites" Abbeyfeale Parish

In answer to query re headquarters of "Rockites", Abbeyfeale. I regret to say that from the very vague and contradictory reports I got on that organization I could not truthfully commit myself to a report and am waiting the Teacher's return from holidays to check up on information I have already received.

Unfortunately no printed history of the Rockites is available to me, and the deficiency cannot be made good by any contacts I have made since receiving your instructions. When one remembers that the leading and learned historian of Abbeyfeale claims verbally (and ~~in~~ in book form) that "St Patrick" and "Moses" originated from the Abbeyfeale district you cannot blame me for being sceptical of all the information I got, and my hesitancy in reporting the "Rockites". The claim to our Patron saint, and Moses, is based on the number of place ~~names~~ and christian names such as "Moses", "Mosey", "Mosey" & "Mosey" to be found in most households - particularly in the Mountcollins districts.

Trusting delay in furnishing the information you require re the "Rockites" will not inconvenience you.

Faithfully yours
Ralph Lucas.

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

BARONY OF Glanquin

TOWN OR VILLAGE Abbeysfeale PARISH Abbeysfeale COUNTY Limerick

Location and brief description. Population 1122

Abbeysfeale is situated 38 miles due west of Limerick city. In the golden days before the war people thought of it as a good place to get out of, for Tralee and Kilmarnock are just 28 miles to the west & S.W. respectively, and the subtropical sea coasts of Kerry and Cork were an unfailing anodyne to the monotony of Abbeysfeale. Since the war many people have found that it is not such a bad place to stay in, for there is good salmon fishing, an excellent hotel, good food, and an abundance of whiskey. Abbeysfeale — even in these days — is justly famous for the number of young men & women it has sent to work in the "missionary fields" — and without any attempt at anti-climax — its calf markets.

Is there a Town Hall? None Location None

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

As small towns in Eire go the water supply and sewerage systems are good. Water is pumped electrically from the Feale, chlorinated and filtered. The Reservoir is situated on Abbeysfeale Hill. A main Sewer serves Main St. & new Street, while the old Sewer of Bridge St is shortly to be brought into line with the best modern standards of Sanitation.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Abbeysfeale Distance 1/4 Mile Bus? Yes?
Public lighting by—Electricity? E. S. B. Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall John's Hall Proprietor Messrs John Bros
Saint Stas' Hall The V. Priest — Let to L.D.F. at present

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown (nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *County Council*

Private Lending Libraries *"Argosy" - at Murphy's Chemist shop*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Services (Sundays).....

Abbeyside R.C. Church *8.30. 10.30 AM. 12 Noon.*
"Church of Ireland," Feale's Bridge 3 Miles
distant, and outside Abbeyside Parish *12 Noon.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *End of Main Street - on Killarney Road*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone).....

BANKING

Banks *"Munster & Leinster" Main St*
"National" " "
"Provincial" " "

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *J. D. Hartnett main St. Abbeyside*
D. F. O'Connor " " "
O'Connell's New St. "

Photographic Stores *can be purchased at the four Chemist shops*
in normal times - Photographic supplies not available at present.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *None.* Location *can bathe in the nearby Feale River.*

Public Baths? *None.* Location.....

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Social Club rents St. Ita's Hall.

Cultural Societies

None.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

The only Industry is a small brush factory. There is no Co-operative Creamery in the Parish though there are four just over the Parish boundaries — in Athea, Templeglantine, Brosna & Tournafulla Parishes.

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

None.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

"Father Casey's" Bronze Monument, The Square, Abbeysale.
Inscription: "His grateful fellow countrymen at home and beyond the seas erected this monument to memory of Rev. W. Casey, for a quarter century prior to his death P.P. of this Parish. He found his people struggle in the coils of landlordism, left them owners and freemen at his death. Religion lost a shining light, the cause of temperance a strenuous advocate, the poor an ever helpful friend, Ireland a devoted son. His memory will live for ever in the hearts of the people in a rich enabling and inspiring inheritance."

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R.C. Church Abbeysale, is a Cruciform, Gothic structure, with no special architectural features. The Gallery is in a very bad state of disrepair, and the whole church shares the same dilapidated appearance. It is entirely "out of step" for a town like Abbeysale. The three Banks are substantial buildings, The "Convent & Rectory" likewise.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

There are three "National" and two "Secondary Schools" in Abbeysale Town.
1 - Two Teacher School in "Springmount." 1 - 3 Teachers at "Knocknana."
1 - Three Teacher at "MeenKilly." 1 - 3 Teachers at "Feale View."
Education - Primary & secondary is well catered for.

HOSPITALS

Nearest Limerick 38 1/4 miles

Broom 25 " approximately

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Monthly fairs*

Weekly market day *Monday* Half-holiday *Any day - except Monday.*
rates in different houses

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Three Garages. another Petrol Pump.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *None.*

Motors (Touring) *There are twelve Hackney cars*

Boats (State type) *None.*

Bicycles *None.*

Caravans *None.*

Horses *None.*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *All over the Parish.* Landowner
Free.

Local Improvements Committee *Yes?*

Secretary *Mr. Hanley N.J. New Road, Abbeyfeale, Co Limerick*

DATE *July 29th 1944.*

(Signed) *Ralph Lucas.*
Surveyor.

Ref SM/AB.

Abbeyfeale Parish Forms

% Post Office,
Newcastlewest,
Co. Limerick

D. Barry Esq.
Secy. G. T. A.
14 Upper O'Connell St.
Dublin

Aug 7th 1944

Dear Sir,
Further to yours of the 3rd re Hackney Cars
in "Abbeyfeale" Form D.

Herewith names and addresses of Hackney
owners, with number of cars registered by each -

Daniel Tobin	Main Street	3 cars
Michael Collins	" "	4 "
William Collins	" "	1 "
Thomas Tobin	Convent Terrace	1 "
William Curtin	" "	1 "
Jeremiah O'Donovan	Church St	1 "
Denis Lyons	" "	1 "
	<u>Total</u>	12

with apologies for previous omission on Form D.

Faithfully yours

Ralph Lucas

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Glenquin

TOWN OR VILLAGE Abbeysale PARISH Abbeysale COUNTY Limerick

ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE Feale Nearest point to town (distance) 100 Yards

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon Sea trout small Brown trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 10^{lbs} Sea trout 1^{lb} 15^{oz} Brown trout 1^{lb} 4^{oz}

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon March to July Sea trout June & July Brown trout Apr. to Sept.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon "Thunder & Lightning", "Wilkinson", "Bulldog", "Jack Scott", "Black goldfinch", "mystery"
 Sea trout "Silver rail", "Silver doctor", "Jungle cock", "Purple rail"
 Brown trout "Wickhams fancy", "Red spinner", "Hax's ear", "Orange grouse", "Brown rail"

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

"Free except on preserved stretches";

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

A stretch on left bank of river to "Port Castle" is preserved by J. C. Hartnett, Abbeysale.
A stretch on right bank from "Port Castle" to opposite "Bun's Wood" by Dan Dillon "Island boy".
To avoid misunderstanding I would strongly advise anglers seeking "Lettings" to communicate with Mr. Hanley, N.T. Sec. Local Anglers Club, New Road, Abbeysale who will give the necessary particulars. The preserves, or their intended prohibitive charges, need not deter anybody from fishing the "Feale", as the "Entirely Free" covers 99% of the entire river and should satisfy the wishes of the most fastidious Angler.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None required.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Abbeysale.

Local Angling Club Yes Membership Fee None.

Secretary (and Address) Mr. Hanley N.T. Sec. "Abbeysale district Anglers Association"

New Street. — near Railway Station
Abbeysale.

Note Please see covering letter re Angling on Feale

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

None.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

None.

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

None.

Bait available locally ? None. Fishing tackle ? None.

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn. None.

GOLFING

Name of Club Abbeyfeale Golf Club. No. of holes 6.

Situation and brief description of course :

Adjoining Town on west side, It is not a regular Golf course, is rough surfaced, and slightly unkept, however a good - if small - game of Golf might be played there, and there is no charge - for the present - to the Touring Golfers.

Name of Professional No Professional - Mr O'Ballaghan, Mr L. Bank, Abbeyfeale will give all particulars

Is there a clubhouse on course ? No. Licensed ? No.

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day None. Per week None.

Angling on the Feale.

Because of the difficulty in clearly defining the preserved stretches of the Feale river, and other matters in connection therewith in the limited space allotted in "Form B" I thought it advisable to add a covering note.

About 99% of the river and its tributaries are "Entirely Free". Any angler possessed of the E.2. licence can fish. Others wishing for exclusive rights — with doubtful advantages — on the few preserved stretches will get the necessary information from Mr Hanley N.T. See "Abbayfeale District Anglers Association" or from the Garda, or Proprietor Leen's "Registered" Hotel.

Incidentally Mr Hanley has few members in his Association, and it is doubtful if a majority of the Feale fishermen recognise the right of any Association to make laws or regulations. However this does not affect or alter the freedom and welcome extended to Tourists and others by both the members and non-members of the Association. While the Feale is a fine river for Salmon fishing it is claimed in Abbeyfeale that the fish pass in the dam at Letchford's Mills Listowel needs much improvement. Unsatisfactory investigations have taken place with a view to solution.

While on the Abbeyfeale Survey I saw some beautiful fish "legally" caught, while the tales of the escaping monsters would put to shame a greater liar than Isaac Walton. A local fisherman hooking a huge Salmon, after being pulled up and down the river for hours, through mud, slush, and weeds, submerged and surfaced a dozen times, was eventually horrified when the brute put its head above water and roared "If you don't let me go, ^{By St. Sta.} I'll drown you.

Another fisherman exhibited a selection of fine stuffed Salmon in varying sized glass cases, with a larger case vacant. When queried why the empty case, he replied. "That's for the one that got away."

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH *Abbeysale.*

BARONY *Glenquin.*

COUNTY *Limerick*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Abbeysale.*

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HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>"Leen's" Proprietor D. Murphy</i>						<i>"Registered"</i>	
<i>Murphy's Commercial</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>None.</i>	<i>1 Flush</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Registration refused pending suggested improvements. viz - a Bathroom.</i>	
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>Mrs M^c Auliffe, New Street</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"Flush"</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>No.</i>		<i>Any of Lodging Houses will supply Dinners, Teas</i>
<i>(J. B. Hartnett, Main Street -</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1 Yard Lav</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Yes.</i>		
<i>"American Bar"</i>			<i>"Flush"</i>				
<i>(J. O'Keefe, main Street</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1 Yard Lav</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Yes.</i>		
<i>J. J. Horgan main Street</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1 Yard Lav</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Yes.</i>		

DATE *July 29th 1944.*

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) *Ralph Lucas*
Surveyor.

RACING

(Including " Point-to-Point " and " Flapper " meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year *One - date varies.*

Under which rules? *A Flapper meeting*

Situation of course *To SW west of Town (adjoining)*

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds *None*

Harriers *None*

Beagles *None.*

COURSING

Name of Club *Abbeydale Coursing Club.* Meeting held annually? *Yes.*

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company *None.*

Races on (nights) *None.*

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available :

Shooting could be "ruled out," as only a small sprinkling of rabbits, a rare Grouse or woodcock, a scattered Snipe, with periodical plover & Curlew, and a passing wild Duck or Goose.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses :

Nothing to preserve.

Shooting Club *None.* Secy. *None.*

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club *None.* Competitions held?

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

None.

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following :
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football *Yes? Abbeyfeale Club Field convenient to Abbeyfeale*

Hurling *Yes? " " Field on other side of road from Football Field*

Handball *Played in Abbeyfeale* Handball alley? *In Town*

Soccer *None*

Rugby *None*

Cricket *None*

Hockey *None*

Bowls *Yes? — On Public Road only.*

Bowling (on public roads) *Yes?*

Lawn Tennis *None* Kinds of courts *None*

Croquet *None*

Billiards *Played on Two Tables in "St. Ita's Hall" Main St, Abbeyfeale.*

Badminton *Was played in "St. Ita's Hall" up to recently — None now.*

Table Tennis *None*

Bridge Club *None*

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)

There are no other Games, or "Cross Road" dancing in the above Parish.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *None* Events held under rules of *None*

do. *None* *None*

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.) in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

<i>"Horse Racing" — indefinite date</i>	Promoters
<i>"Coursing" at "Banard" — near Town.</i>	<i>Mr. Thomas O'Connell</i>
<i>"Football Matches"</i>	<i>Mr. Canon W. O. Barry, N.T.</i>
<i>"Yearly Carnival"</i>	<i>L.D.P. last year — J. Collins Esq</i>
<i>"Hurling matches"</i>	<i>Mr. Canon W. O. Barry</i>
	<i>Addresses of above Promoters — Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.</i>
DATE <i>July 29th 1944</i>	(Signed) <i>Ralph Lucas</i> Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location. Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

None.

HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities. Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

None.

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public? Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

None.

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

There is nothing coming under above headings in Parish.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

The Abbeydale people are religious, having the unique distinction of claiming fifty five citizens in the "world's missionary fields" at the present time.

No Saint seems to have reciprocated by establishing a "Holy well," "Shrine," or "Miracle," in the Parish.

DATE *July 29th* 1944.

(Signed)

Ralph Lucas

Surveyor.