

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF *Connells Lower*.....

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Askeaton*..... PARISH *Askeaton*..... COUNTY *Limerick*.....

TOPOGRAPHY

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

There are no good views, or special features in above flat & undulating Parish, though the view from Beagh Castle might be described as interesting - if not very scenic. From this headland ancient Castle can be traced the winding, mudcovered, Eastures of Shannon and Fergus, with their Islands, Lighthouses and Air bases, the limestone crag dotted Parishes of Stonehall and Keldimo, and in the northern & N Eastern background the distant hills of Clare and Tipperary.

GEOLOGY

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

The only unusual Geological feature is the amount of Limestone all over this Parish, which reaches its peak around the town of Askeaton, where it is profitably utilized in the manufacture of Lime & Carbide. The elevated banks of the Deel, from Askeaton to the Shannon are picturesque, still they show no caves or Eskers in their rocky limestone sides. The land is good for tillage & pasture, and share with the other west Limerick Parishes a reputation for fruit growing.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

"Ballysteen House" to the west of Askeaton village - owned by Mrs Westropp.

"Inchourke more House" nicely situated on the banks of the "Deel river" - 1/2 mile from Askeaton village - is occupied by Mr Hunt, who owns the fisheries along the river's north bank, within the confines of his estate.

Neither of above mansions have any special Architectural features

"Castle Hewson House" located two miles west of Askeaton - has no very remarkable exterior appearance. There is a western castle attachment in good repair with a "windcharger" on top to supply Electric Light. A deep shaft at bottom of castle is sunk to level of nearby garden lake, the water from this shaft provided the requirements of the ancient castle defenders. A steep fall from the castle gives access to a beautiful garden below. This garden and its attachments are a replica of a Swiss garden. Mr Hewson owns, and at the present time Tourists are not encouraged to visit. Owner's wife could not give me castle's history - if any exists -

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, 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.

Desmond Castle located within the confines of Askeaton town is built on a bog in an "Islet" of the Deel River. It towers about 90ft high and is a landmark in the surrounding flat country. Unfortunately the stairs are torn away and only the 2nd floor can be reached by the nervous climber. There is a projecting west turret and several vaulted rooms - one with a massive oaken boltstudded door the latter room has a large square hole crossed on top by a strong iron bar. This room is locally reputed to be the "condemned Cell" from which the culprits were hanged, and its appearance would support that reputation. The main tower has two vaulted, and one upper rooms. To the South is another separate 3 story building called (locally) "The Ladies Castle" It has a neat fireplace.

Another building called "Desmond's Hall" lies to the west which has vaulted rooms underneath and a small chapel at the South end. Above the vaults is a very fine apartment with large windows, and a new cement floor. There is a ruined club house called "Hell Fire Club" on the north side of the Islet - In fact the entire "Islet" is taken up with "Ruins", "Courts", "Fish ponds" & "Club" which would take an expert Archaeologist to describe or reconstruct. This fine old Ruins is supposed to have been erected by the 7th Earl of Desmond in the 15th century, though more likely it was a reconstruction on an older foundation.

In the 16th Century the English besieged and captured it, not through the destruction of its defences, but through the noise of their cannon. - The Garrison got frightened and fled.

Its history is long and varied, and its description confusing, but it would repay an inspection by any Tourist.

In charge of Office of Public Works. Key at Mr Casey's adjoining

Beagh Castle - located one mile west of the small village of Ballysteen - on the Shannon's edge, was also a Desmond castle and a later pirate's stronghold, and a hiding place for smuggled goods. It measures 24 x 40 x 35 ft high, has 3 rooms with arched roofs and windows looking out on water. The stairs - inside East entrance door - is in good repair to top of Castle from whence a fine view can be obtained. Roofs of 2nd & 3rd apartments are down. The ground floor apartment measures 18 x 12 and has a good arched roof. Second floor apartment measures 21 x 16. Has a "murdering Hole" over the entrance door & shot-holes and slitted windows all over the castle, also some square window. Corners are undermined at foundation, otherwise the Ruins is not in bad condition.

A Pier (or Quay) for boats adjoins the Castle.

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

The Franciscan Friary or Abbey, Askeaton.

The above is located on the sloping craggy bank of the Deel River adjoining the town. The ruins are extensive and varied, and in good repair. One section was used for worship up to 1851 — when the new R. C. Church was built —

"Westropp" in the J. R. S. A. J. NO VII. Pages 58 & 60. describes it as consisting of a church and transept to the north, with a beautiful arcaded cloister to the south, round which are vaulted rooms to the east and west. The latter said to be the chapter house. A projecting wing is (said to ^{possibly} be) the refectory. The upper rooms are reached by a staircase, partly modern, at the south west corner the little prison and garderobes are curious; note an unusual cruciform window in the south vaulted room. The bells of the friary were recently dug up not far from the south east porch. The cloister is in fine preservation. The little crocketed niche with a figure of St. Francis showing the Stigmata will be found at the north east angle in the north walk and in 1875 was reputed to cure toothache. The ornaments on the base of the door pier leading into the church are well carved. The church had a large battlemented bell-tower with string courses, unfortunately it has been entirely removed. Many fragments of an ornate altar tomb with a richly goined canopy are heaped in the Sedelia. There is a fine row of these seats and panels beneath the south window of the chancel with the Stephenson monument in the south-east angle. The monument is dated 1646. The ^{Latin} inscription is broken and at the present time undecipherable.⁹⁷

The east window has beautiful interlacings and is in fine preservation. The gable is battlemented, the transept has a west aisle ~~with~~ which has fallen or was wrecked. There are some interesting wall slabs — back to 16th century — set in the walls. In the west end of the nave there is a tablet to the Driscoll family in 1780 put up in 1780

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"Askeaton Franciscan Abbey," continued

The inscription reads

"Alas oh flag? good is thy treasured up companion.
Though strong is man he must be one day weak in clay
There is no lord or chief in (The enjoyment of) action, leap, or agility
And the Shannon is barren since Edmond is laid under thee.

In the Chapter room of the Abbey the "Naish family" seem to have a monopoly, one large vault occupies the centre of the room, while the wall slabs also tell of others of the name. The cloister arcade which is a perfect specimen, measures 36 ft. square and is strewn with ^{small} fragments of human bones & coffins, from whence the fragments came one can only guess. The interlacings in the fine western window of the Nave are part broken away, there is a square tomb inside to the right of this window the owners name is undecipherable.

The Abbey is reputed to have been founded in the 14th century, and like all the other Abbeys it had a varied career of trials, triumphs & reverses — too long to relate — The 7th Earl of Desmond was the founder, it was burned down in 1579, an attempt was made to restore it in 1641. The church measures 130^{ft.} x 23^{ft.}.

The Earl of Essex lodged in the Abbey and while there had a vision of the ghosts of the victims of the Desmond wars marching before him in weird procession — Soldiers, murdered clansmen, priests, stricken women, and children.

Please note

The Revd Mr Penny M.A. and archaeologist, furnished me with the brief history of the Abbey, from whence he got his information I was not informed, but he claims some of it as original — for instance the Earl of Essex's ghost vision.

Address

Rev Mr Penny M.A.

C.O.D. Rector, Castlelown, Tallasherry, Co. Linn.

St. Mary's Church Askeaton
of
Ballysteen Church & Cemetery
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St. Mary's Church Askeaton - 15th Century

Only the Belfry and Chancel remain of the above old church. The Belfry is square below and octagonal above. The upper part seems to have had Gothic windows and battlements which are in fair - if broken - repair. The side window has a curious head. It looks as if it had two isles. The Chancel is crowded with the remains of local gentry, including the Taylors & Westropp, Nearby is the tomb of the Poet Aubrey De Vere. There are no other remarkable tombstones. The "Church of Ireland" Church is also enclosed in this cemetery and has weekly services.

Ballysteen Church & Cemetery

The old Church measures 54' x 20' by 8' high. Has a two light Eastern window and a nearby South one showing through the thick ivy. The door is in the usual south position. There are no remarkable tombstones, but the cemetery is fairly well kept.

Tomdealy Old Castle & Church
Askeaton Parish Co. Limerick

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① Tomdealy ancient wy Castle is located a mile ^{WEST} from ~~west~~ Askeaton village, measures 63' x 36' by 40' high. It is one of the uncommon castles (which I have not met before) The usual square pointed corners are replaced by flattened ones, and the ground interior ^{FLOOR SPACE} ~~apartment~~ is divided into two equal 42' x 12' x 10' high apartments running from E. to W. with another at the end 20' x 9' running " N. to S. Six well built arches divide the first two apartments, and the arched corbelled roof springs from this arch and the outer castle walls. A 6' ^{foot} dividing wall separates the latter chambers from the smaller one, this wall has an interior cavity. A broken stairs gave access from this smaller apartment to the upper apartments — which are gone — There is a South door and holes where other doors may have been. The upper windows look square and large, with a couple of pointed, and one slitted one. There is no ornamental work, and the "murdering hole" is not showing through the intact arched ground floor ceiling. I imagine this castle was designed for residence — not defence — History unknown locally, O'Mahony ^{OR McSHEEHY} the reputed owners.

② The wy clad remains of an old church lie 43 yards to the North. This building like the nearby old castle has unusual characteristics. It measures 60' x 20' The East Gable is completely gone, and the rough stone walls are cracked. The outline foundations of a courtyard or enclosing wall 70 yds x 36 yds surround the old church with other outcrop mounds. Human remains were found there so evidently there was a cemetery attached.

A McSHEEHY OWNS THE LANDS

Lismakeera or Bettyville Castle & Church
Askeaton Parish, Co. Limerick

Lismakeera old Castle is located a mile south west of Askeaton. It is similar in design to the two mile distant "Tomdealy Castle," though in a much worse state of repair and shows only 20 feet above its foundations. There is a huge gap in the north wall, though some of the arched roof remains intact.

200 Yards to the N. East is the old Church and Graveyard of Lismakeera with its tombstones falling & leaning in all directions, as if an earthquake had struck it - The old Church, which measures 56' x 20', is in good condition though it has a cracked north wall. North doorway measures 6' x 3½'. It has the usual fairly large East window, with two other well played windows in the N. & S. walls - 10ft from East window - There are 6 or 7 tombstones in the church interior.

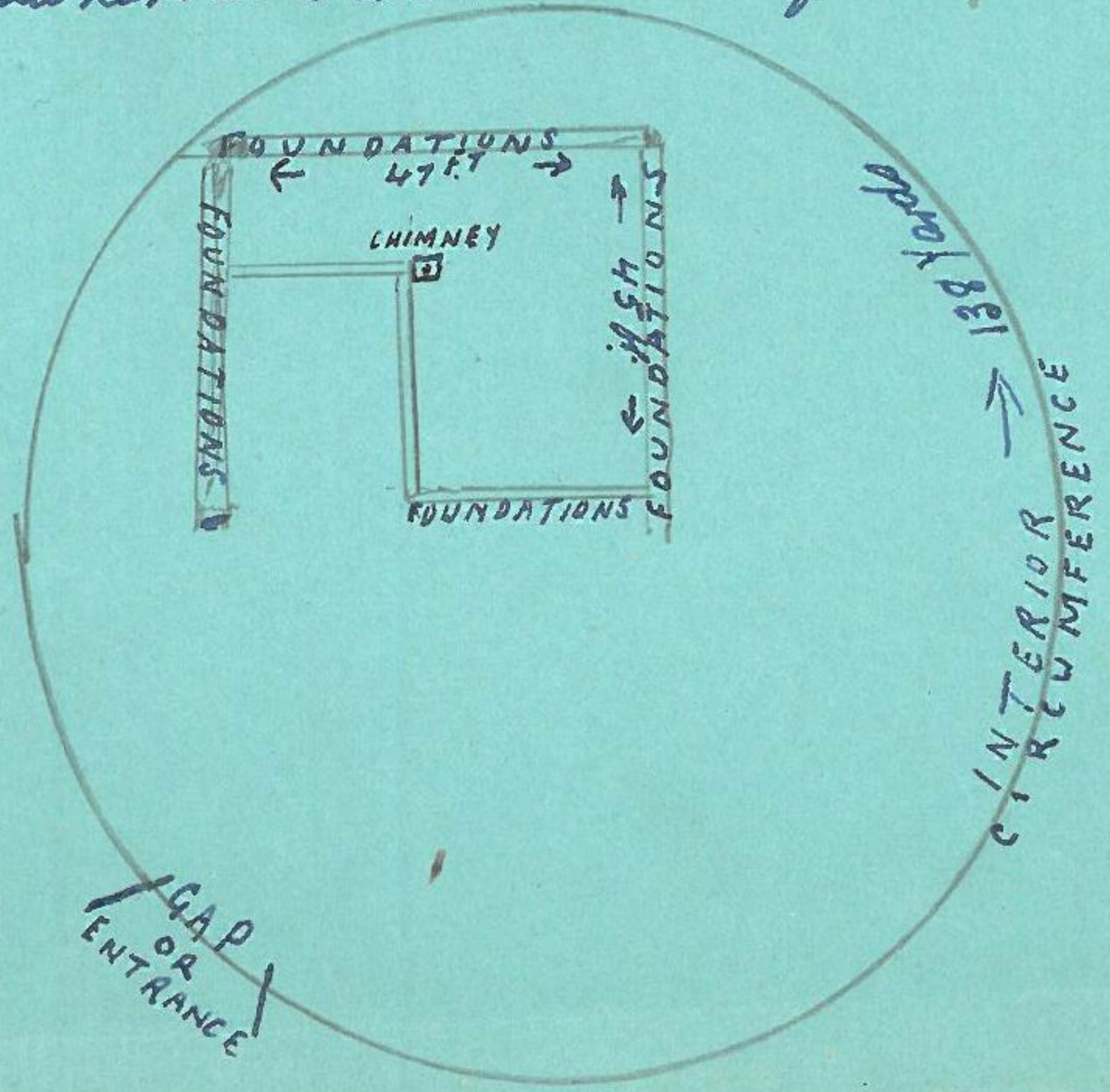
There are no remarkable Tombstones outside, or inside this Church.

There are several "Lisses or Forts" to the E. & N. of this townland, none however are remarkable, or worth noting, except Melltown.

Milltown Castle — or Baker Askeaton,

In the Ordnance Survey map, Sheet 17. there is listed in the townland of Milltown, — two miles from Askeaton — on the ^{OR SOUTH} left bank of the Deel River a castle — or which could be better described as a Baker or ^{CIRCULAR} Stone Fort containing the remnants of a low building. There is a difficult approach over tillage land & meadow, as the breen from the main road (Askeaton, Rathkeale) has been closed up, however an enquiry at the roadside houses will bring all the necessary directions — though not the history or mystery of this fine old circular curiosity, which is unknown in the locality.

The walls are 13^{ft} wide and about 7 feet high, and the circumference 138 yards — all approximate interior measurements — It is built of large rough stones though it presents a smooth surface, and has an eastern entrance. Near the western interior ~~entrance~~ circular wall, there is the foundation of the old castle or house, with a double chimney of 24^{ft} still standing though its under structure is practically gone. The Photograph of this antiquity will I hope bolster up this written description. Underneath is a rough plan, its history — if I can get it in the Library or elsewhere — with Film will follow.



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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Bonnells Lower

TOWN OR VILLAGE Askeaton PARISH Askeaton 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 Deel Nearest point to town (distance) Flows through

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 10 ^{lbs} Sea trout 1 ^{lb} Brown trout 3 ^{lb} / 4 "

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Feb, March, April Sea trout May, June, July Brown trout April to August
PALE - May, June, July

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon "Jack Scott", "Lemon Grey", "Black Doctor", "Silver Grey", "Orange Grouse", "Thunder", "Lightning", etc. etc.
 Sea trout Fancy Coloured Flies "Fenian Fly" the best
PALE Ditto Ditto
 Brown trout Brown Rail, "Orange Grouse", "Olive Quill", "Purple Rail", "Olive Dun", "Silver & Green Rail"

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

Free - except bank of River owned by Mr. Hunt, Inchrouke

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Mr. Hunt of Inchrouke, Askeaton presents his stretch of River, but facilitates the "Deel Angler's Association", and allows its members and their patrons to "Free fish" his preserves.
Any Angler wishing to fish the Deel River should get in touch with P. Purtille Esq, Sec Deel Angler's Association, Askeaton, or with Mr. George Finn, Askeaton, who will give all information, & secure fishing facilities.
30,000 Trout Ova, or spawn this season were released this season in the Deel - practically all matured, and the river is well stocked
 Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None available - or required.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Rathkeale - 7 Miles - has suitable Hotel Accommodation
Foynes - 7 " - is overcrowded with Air Base Officials
Askeaton - has 3 or 4 Lodging Houses which might suit the non particular
 Local Angling Club The Deel Angler's Association Membership Fee write Sec for all particulars
 Secretary (and Address) P. Purtille Esq, Askeaton, Co Limerick

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

No Sea Rod Fishing

Kinds of fish to be caught :

No Sea Rod Fishing

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

No Boats available

Bait available locally ?

Fishing tackle ?

G. Fin's supplies fresh fishing tackle only.

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.

GOLFING

Name of Club

NONE

No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

NONE

Name of Professional

NONE

Is there a clubhouse on course ?

NO

Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day

Per week

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH..... *Askeaton*

BARONY..... *Cornells Lower*

COUNTY..... *Limerick*

TOWN OR VILLAGE..... *Askeaton*

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HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>None.</i>						<i>The Boarding houses of Askeaton are not too satisfactory, and Tourists should not expect much attention when patronizing the few available ones. There are no Hotels.</i>	<i>The Boarding houses will supply Teas etc.</i>
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>"Hanley's"</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>dry</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>No</i>		
<i>"Ruttles"</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>"Mahony's"</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>		

DATE *May 15th 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..... *NONE.*

Under which rules?..... *NONE*

Situation of course..... *Horse jumping once a year — on Easter Sunday.*

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds..... *The ^{LIMERICK} ~~Clare~~ Hounds occasionally hunt in this Parish.*

Harriers..... *The Stonehall Harrier " " "*

Beagles..... *None.*

COURSING

Name of Club..... *None.* Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company..... *None.*

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

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

There is very little shooting in above Parish except wild Geese, & Duck — which is Free on the Shannon Estuary.

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

The owners of the Preserves will not set, or let the shooting.

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

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..... *NONE.*

Hurling..... *YES.* ~~*NONE.*~~

Handball..... *NONE.* Handball alley?..... *NONE.*

Soccer..... *NONE.*

Rugby..... *NONE.*

Cricket..... *NONE.*

Hockey..... *NONE.*

Bowls..... *NONE.*

Bowling (on public roads)..... *NONE.*

Lawn Tennis..... *YES.* Kinds of courts..... *GREEN.*

Croquet..... *NONE.*

Billiards..... *NONE.*

Badminton..... *NONE.*

Table Tennis..... *NONE.*

Bridge Club..... *NONE.*

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)..... *NONE.*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club..... *Askeaton.* Events held under rules of..... *G.A.A.C.*

do.

ANNUAL EVENTS

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

One Sports meeting yearly, Promoters..... *M. Sheehy Esq.*

Date varies. Secretary..... *Askeaton.*

DATE..... *May 15th 1944* (Signed)..... *Ralph Lucas.*
Surveyor.

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

BARONY OF Bonnells Lower

TOWN OR VILLAGE Askeaton PARISH Askeaton COUNTY Limerick

Location and brief description. Population 600. approx

The ugly looking village of Askeaton is located on the tidal waters of the river Deel - on the main Limerick Foynes Air base road - 7 miles from Foynes, 7 from Rathkeale. Nature placed it in nice surroundings in a warm limestone district. The chiefs and monks of old decorated it with castles, Abbeys, Churches, and a mill. Though the modern resident is content to look on at the lovely ruins of the past rub shoulders with the decaying homes of the present, even the shipping pier is deserted, and its store falling down. It has 10 Pubs, 16 Hotels & 2 Factories. The twisted streets are unsafe for modern traffic.

Is there a Town Hall? NO Location ---

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

NONE

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Public water supply. Sewerage system Primitive at the present time. There is a new sewerage system in contemplation which will remedy this great defect in a year or two.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Askeaton Distance 7/8 mile Bus 4 Busses call daily for Limerick & Foynes.
Public lighting by—Electricity? E. S. B. Gas? NO

DANCING

Dance hall NONE Proprietor ---

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas NONE Pictures shown ---
(nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *"Carnegie Free Library" - used as a Secondary School as well.*

Private Lending Libraries *NONE.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *A. C. Church Askeaton* Services (Sundays) *10. & 11.30 A.M.*

" " Ballysteen 11. A.M.

Church of Ireland Askeaton 12 NOON.

" Ballysteen 3.30 P.M.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Near Centre of village - opposite National Bank.*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *ALL THREE.*

BANKING

Banks *The National Bank only.*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *Mr. George Finn, Askeaton supplies Fish tackle, and Flies suitable for the various requirements of the Angler and for the different months. He is an authority on The Deel Fisheries*

Photographic Stores *There is a Chemist Shop in village which is out of stock of Films at the present time.*

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *NONE* Location *---*

Public Baths? *NONE* Location *Bathing can be carried out in the tidal waters of the Deel which touches Askeaton. River bed is muddy & unsuitable & little used.*

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *N O N E.*

Cultural Societies..... *N O N E.*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *"Southern Chemicals Ltd & Askeaton Grinding Mill," Employ 56 hands in the quarrying, grinding, and manufacture of Lime, Carbide, & corn grinding. They also manufacture Electrodes - an essential in Carbide making. This factory is self supporting, has its own water & Electric Power & Fine Limestone quarry. There is only one other similar mill in Euro - at ~~Askeaton~~ in Co. Sligo. Askeaton co-operative Greenery (housed in Russell's former Mills) also grinds corn.*

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

N O N E.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

N O N E.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

R.C. Church Askeaton - Gothic, Cruciform, 3 Gallery, Neat Altar, built 1851.
R.C. Ballysteen - Gothic, Nave only, No Gallery. Stone flagged floor, Seats, Interior porch to Southern entrance door, - an old church.
"Askeaton Church of Ireland, Gothic, small & neat, Graveyard attached, also "Hexagonal topped" Belfry Church nearby.
Ballysteen Church of Ireland - Gothic, small & dark.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Askeaton N. Schools - one - a "doubledecker" - looks old and primitive. A neat modern "junior" N.S. adjoins. There are Five Teachers.
Ballysteen N. School - dark, and primitive looking double school. 4 Teachers

HOSPITALS

Nearest Limerick - 17 Miles.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Yes: monthly Fairs*

Weekly market day *Tuesday* Half-holiday *wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

*There is a Petrol Pump.
No Repair Garage.*

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *None*

Motors (Touring) *There are Three Hackney cars for Hire.*

Boats (State type) *None.*

Bicycles *None.*

Caravans *None.*

Horses *None.*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *"Free" camping sites
all over the Parish -
particularly on vacant spaces
on River Deels banks* Landowner *No objection by
my owner.*

Local Improvements Committee *Parish Council*

Secretary *Mr Jones. N.T.*

DATE *May 15th 1944.* (Signed) *Joseph Lucas*

HISTORIC SITES

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

No Royal Seats,

The only historic events, battles, or historic festivals, are connected with "Desmonds Castle", "The Abbey", and "Church"

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.

No residence of distinguished Irishmen etc.

The remains of the Poet Aubrey De Vere are interred in Cemetery which surrounds St Mary's Ancient Church, and the more modern Church of Ireland

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.

I could ^{FIND} nothing coming under above headings in Askeaton Parish.

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 a Mass Rock or Wishing Stone in Tomdealy townland — near ancient castle and church of same name. I could not trace history, or miracles, and believe it is not worth recording. Tomdealy is one mile west of Askeaton.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

I could not trace any old customs, cures, Pilgrimages, or Patterns, or in fact any trace of superstition in above Parish.

DATE May 15th 1944

(Signed)

Ralph Lucas

Surveyor.