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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF COSHLERA

TOWN OR VILLAGE BALLYLANDERS PARISH BALLYLANDERS COUNTY LIDERICK

TOPOGRAPHY

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

~~Ballylanders lies two miles due west from the southern end of the Galtee Range & 2 miles east of Slieve Reagh, popularly associated with King Cormac. It enjoys a very pretty location & could be the centre for many interesting expeditions to surrounding beauty spots.~~

GEOLOGY

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

See Beavinta

See R/W.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

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.

BALLYLANDERS CHURCH. These remains lie in local burial ground of same name, half a mile to north of village on road to S. abally. Only fragments remain, with a few feet of the northern wall. It was about 50 x 20 ft. Very little is known about it. Nearby is Our Lady's Well, frequented on 15th Aug. each year.

~~No forts can be traced in the district, due perhaps to the fact that all about here was densely wooded up to Elizabeth's time.~~

~~St. Mary's~~

~~St. Michael's~~

Ballylanders Castle & Church

At the eastern end of the village is a large unroofed building of Red Sandstone with elaborate windows of limestone, all pointed and with a broad, pointed door in the west.

The tower portion to the west was commenced as a Castle in the late 17th Century by the Earl of Kingston, owner of all the surrounding territory, but the building was never completed. High in the front wall is the Kingston coat of arms.

Later, the building was taken over by the Representative Church Body, a new wing was added to the east, the whole completed and opened as a church. The congregation soon dwindled and the church closed and unroofed.

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

At the southern end of the Galtee Mountains and convenient to lofty Slieve Reagh, this district, though purely rural and perhaps rather out-of-the-way, possesses several attractive features of scenic interest.

The Galtee Range, conspicuous in their lofty elevation amidst a level plain, are exceptionally picturesque and afford many remarkable views. ~~of the~~

Galtymore, 3015 ft., will merit a visit, not only for the wonderful sights to be viewed from the summit but also for the view of ^{the} bold escarpments and precipitous gullies which abound on the mountain sides.

In addition, there are many other very pretty localities which will justify exploration, mountains, streams and occasional wooded patches forming some very charming vistas.

Geology.

Largely of limestone formation, the land hereabouts is eminently suited to cattle raising and dairying ~~is~~ farming is very extensively pursued. ~~Red Sandstone is in the common composition.~~

The Galty Mountains to the south and east are composed mainly of red sandstone and shales with some quartzite.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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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 Morning Star Nearest point to town (distance) Adjacent

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Small B. Trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout Quarter pound

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon / Sea trout / Brown trout All season

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon /
Sea trout /
Brown trout Golden Olive, Orange Grouse, Claret

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

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:

The upper reaches of Morning Star river pass by ~~the~~ village of Ballylanders but is not frequented by Anglers from outside areas. Local people fish with all kinds of baits, mainly worms & catch fish up to 1/4 lb in weight

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Local Angling Club / Membership Fee /
Secretary (and Address) /

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SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

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Kinds of fish to be caught :

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

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Bait available locally ?..... Fishing tackle ?.....

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

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GOLFING

Name of Club..... *Noel*..... No. of holes.....

Situation and brief description of course :

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Name of Professional.....

Is there a clubhouse on course ?..... Licensed ?.....

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day..... Per week.....

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year.....

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district :

Foxhounds *Scatter Black & Tans. (Kneetlong)*

Harriers.....

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club *Ballylanders Coursing Club* Meeting held annually? *27th Dec.*

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company.....

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

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

Shooting in the area is practically nil - there being no cover. Some snipe, curlew etc & only very occasionally duck in the neighbouring marshlands.

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

Shooting Club..... Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club..... Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

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

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.

Hurling /

Handball / Handball alley? /

Soccer /

Rugby /

Cricket /

Hockey /

Bowls /

Bowling (on public roads) /

Lawn Tennis / Kinds of courts /

Croquet /

Billiards yes. Small table in Mr. Matt Walsh's Hall

Badminton /

Table Tennis /

Bridge Club /

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

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club Ballylanders Parish Events held under rules of 2

do. Committee

ANNUAL EVENTS

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

Carousing collecting Promoters Ballylanders C. Club.

Pattern Day 15th Aug. 27th Dec. each year.

Hurling, Football, Sports, Parish Committee

Games, etc or visits to the to raise funds for

Lady's Well at Bunal Ground. charitable purposes

in the parish.

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(Signed)

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Surveyor.

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

BARONY OF COSHLEA.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballylanders PARISH Ballylanders COUNTY Limnisk

Location and brief description. Population 220 (57 houses)

Ballylanders lies on the main road from Limnisk to Mitchelstown via Knocklong. It is a well kept village with good shops & substantial buildings. It is five miles from Knocklong & is approached by well surfaced roads from all points. (The land is a mixture of limestone and red sandstone)

Is there a Town Hall? / Location /

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

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Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

There is a water supply of a weak nature which fails in dry summer weather. There is modern sanitation which of course is also affected by drought.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Knocklong Distance 5 miles Bus? J.S.R. daily thro' village
Public lighting by—Electricity? Electricity in houses Gas? /
no public lighting.

DANCING

Dance hall Walsh's Hall Proprietor Mr Matt Walsh
Comery's Hall Publican, Ballylanders.
Mr's Catherine Comery
Ballylanders.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Comery's Hall Pictures shown at odd intervals
(nights)

Theatre do. Kind of shows concerts, plays etc at odd intervals.
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of County Library in Ballylanders National School.*

Private Lending Libraries ~~.....~~

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Ballylanders* Services (Sundays) *8.30 & 11 A.M.*
all time throughout year.

Church of Ireland Community attend Mitchelstown
12. Noon official time.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Main St. Ballylanders*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All branches*

BANKING

Banks *Sub-offices of National & Ulster & Leinster Banks on Wednesday of each week from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. official time. Banks also attend at same hours on fair days.*

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers ~~.....~~

Photographic Stores ~~.....~~

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? ~~.....~~ Location ~~.....~~

Public Baths? ~~.....~~ Location ~~.....~~

ACCOMMODATION.

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PARISH. Ballylanders.

FORM "E"

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HOTELS.

None.

GUEST/BOARDING HOUSES.

None.

RESTAURANTS/CAFES.

None.

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SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs A Branch of Catholic Young Men's Society is being formed. At the moment only in initial stages & no hall has been secured so far.

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Dairying is the chief industry, there being a good creamery in the village of Ballylanders. The surrounding territory is of a rich dairy quality, producing excellent animals for store & milk purposes.

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The R.C. Church is a commodious, solid building erected in 1831, but devoid of any characteristics worthy of mention. The National schools have lately been made up-to-date & are comfortable buildings.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School for Girls at Ballylanders.
National School for Boys at Knockadara.

HOSPITALS

HISTORIC SITES

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

During the War of Independence, very many ambushes took place about Ballylanders and many of the ~~Irish~~ participants ^{being} were killed. (Ballylanders is of course the home of Mr. J. J. Crowley, D.D. who took a prominent part in said war.)

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.

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.

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.

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CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

See picture

On 15th Aug in each year visits are paid to Our Lady's Well beside Ballylanders Burial Ground. Its waters in conjunction with the performance of certain rites are believed to be a cure for eye troubles of all kinds. (All the wells seem to have this power)

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