

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

[BARONY OF Loshlea (Grouped with)

TOWN OR VILLAGE GALBALLY PARISH GALBALLY COUNTY TIPPERARY
LISVERNANE.

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The Glen of Aherlow can boast of the ^{topographical features} grandest scenery to be found in any inland country. The glen at the widest is scarcely three miles & through the centre winds the slow moving & gentle Aherlow R. To the south rise the lofty Galties & to the north the gentle sloping Slieve-na-mue range, beautifully clothed in young green trees & many forest giants well. The mountains & glen are most accessible, there being many roads & passages.

GEOLOGY

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

On the Aherlow side of the Galties are numerous small caves, but none of any outstanding proportions. They were constantly availed of during the war of Independence & afforded much needed shelter to many "wanted" men. The contour of the mountains is rounded & shapely. There are no abrupt cliffs or angular sections, and while they certainly look majestic there is however, an air of pleasant friendliness about them.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?

Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

BALLINACOURTY. On the Glen side of gently sloping Slieve-na-mue stands this very beautiful estate. The house which was a massive one, of cut stone, was unfortunately destroyed during troubled period. It was the seat of the Massy-Dawson family. It is presently owned by Mr Charles Saunders, who owns Glen of Aherlow Hotel, adjoining the property. The estate is most beautifully planted & interspersed with many walks & avenues, between thousands of forest giants, some over 100 feet high. The view from the steps of the ruined house is most entrancing & entirely beyond description. It faces Galty More, over the tops of the trees planted in lower ground. Thousands of Rhododendrons cover the hillside & make a blaze of colour in the spring & early summer. Well worth seeing. There is no objection to visitors on the estate, which is well worth a visit.

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.

ABBEYS.

MOORE ABBEY, GALBALLY. A short distance to the east of Galbally on the Galbally road, lies this lovely ruin, on left bank of the Aherlow River & on the roadside. Built probably in latter of years of 12th century, but certainly not later than 1220, by Donnadh O'Brien of Cashel fame. It was a Franciscan House & was dissolved in last years of Henry VIII's reign. It had a chancel & nave 35 x 21 & 39 x 21 feet approx. inside. In S.W. angle is a practically perfect (early, neglected) spiral stairs leading to the battlements. There is a pointed east window with interlacing shafts, ^{3 lights & about 12 ft high.} To right of chancel is sedilia with piscina. In south wall of chancel are a pointed window with interlacing shafts & two narrow slit windows with pointed heads. In north wall are two doors. A massive square belfry divides chancel & nave & is about 60 feet high & in excellent condition. In south wall of belfry is a pretty trefoil headed window & high up is a narrow window with hood moulding. Belfry supported by four gothic arches about 30 ft ^{high} to point & 10 feet wide at base. About 18 ft square. Door to north underneath. Nave has a broken window & door to south. Walls about 20 feet high & four thick. All entire section of w. gable is broken. In care of Comms. of Public Works. In reasonably good condition. About 1570 it was occupied by three monks who sheltered certain of the Irish Chieftains sought by Sir Philip Sydney. This latter raided the Abbey & put to death the three occupants. Local tradition has it that one of the monks, a very holy man gave no blood when his head was cut off. To left in chancel is an old slab tomb with indiscipherable lettering. ^{(Main sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).} Very easily approached as west gable forms boundary of road. Presents a very pretty picture. (See picture)

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

BARONY OF Coshlea

TOWN OR VILLAGE GALBALLT PARISH GALBALLT COUNTY LINERICK

Location and brief description.

Population 290 approx.

Galbally lies in a very pretty spot, to west of the lovely range of Galtee Mountains. A extremely well kept village is approached from all sides by well surfaced & picturesque roads. To the west is the Hill of Duntroon, famous since the time of King Cormac, who constructed thereon a fort. The land is good & of limestone quality.

Is there a Town Hall? Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

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Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Up to date water supply & sewerage. Maintained by County Board of Health.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Emly Distance 3 miles Bus? S.R. Daily from

Public lighting by—Electricity? No public lighting. Houses lit by electricity Gas? village

DANCING

Dance hall The Hall Proprietor Galbally Coursing Club.
The Galbe Hall Mrs Winters

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas The Hall Pictures shown occasionally
(nights) by travelling cos.

Theatre The Hall Kind of shows Plays, concerts, etc.
(Drama, Comedy &c.) occasionally.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... Branch of D. Co. County Library
in Galbally Boys' School

Private Lending Libraries.....
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CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R. C. Church Galbally Services (Sundays) 8.30 & 11 A.M.
Old time throughout entire year.

} Church of Ireland
Galbally. Presently not in use.
Service used to be at 12 noon official time.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Galbally Village

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

BANKING

Banks Ulster & Leinster Bank opens a Sub-
Office on all fair days.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers.....
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Photographic Stores.....
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SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

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

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

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs.....
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Cultural Societies.....
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INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *Sawing up is chief industry, there being a good creamery at Galbally. At one time flour milling was carried on, on a large scale at a mill on the river adjacent.*

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

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PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The Church of Ireland at Galbally is a very handsome building of cut stone and having a very pretty belfry. Situated on rising ground in village. The R.C. Church is a large, airy building but without any features worth mentioning. In main st. of village.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*Secondary school for boys & girls in Galbally.
National " " " at Galbally
" " " Girls at "
Ulster National School at KNOCKARRON. Ulster N. School at Barna ^{BARNA}*

HOSPITALS

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FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Sept 17; Oct 14; Nov 18;*
Dec 13 & Jan 24. Winter fairs only.
Weekly market day *—* Half-holiday *Tuesday.*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Jeremiah Kiely, Galbally. Petrol only.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Patrick Fraser, Galbally*
Michael McNeill, do
Thomas Hogan, LISVERNANE, Aherlow } Entered also
Edmond Moroney, do. } on Form D
Patrick Hayes, Kilross } for LISVERNANE

Motors (Touring) *—*

Boats (State type) *—*

Bicycles *—*

Caravans *—*

Horses *—*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Riversdale Hotel* Landowner *Mrs M. Noonan*
Borheen Lough *Mrs G. Saunders*
Lough Binn 2. *Common Property*
Lough Illisking *do.*

Local Improvements Committee *—*

Secretary *—*

DATE *6/10/43*

(Signed) *P. J. Spill*

Surveyor.

*No objections to
camping on allotments
at my part*

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF Coshlea (grouped with)TOWN OR VILLAGE LISVERNANE PARISH Galbally COUNTY TIPPERARY

Location and brief description.

Population 110

Lisvernane a quaint village on the road from Galbally to Banagher. Right in the heart of the magnificent Glen of Aherlow. Nestling snugly at south foot of Slieve Waalkuck & looking across at the Galtees 2 miles distant. Built on rising ground, with its very pretty R.C. church, it forms a charming picture when viewed from the mountains. Land is mainly limestone & of good quality.

Is there a Town Hall? Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

The countryside at large on account of its variety and charm may be justly described as a great park and rambles are continuously organised by the people about.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None, some private arrangements. The County N.O. however has strongly recommended same & with a little pressure from an outside source could be easily acquired. Good springs are numerous.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Emly Distance 5 miles Bus? Galbally. 3 miles daily service.Public lighting by—Electricity? Gas?

DANCING

Dance hall "Riversdale" Proprietor Miss etc. Noonan
"Glen of Aherlow Hotel" Mr Charles Saunders.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas "The Hall" Pictures shown Occasionally by
LISVERNANE. (nights) travelling cos.Theatre "The Hall" Kind of shows Comedy, plays, etc
Lisvernane (Drama, Comedy &c.) occasionally.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of the County Library at LISUERNANE National School.*

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

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R. C. Church *LISUERNANE* Services (Sundays) *10.00 A.M.*
Old time throughout entire year.

Church of Ireland
CLONBEG. *12. Noon*
(near Lisuernane) *official time.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *LISUERNANE*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *P.O., M.O., Stamps & Telephone.*

BANKING

Banks ~~.....~~

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *Fishing tackle etc. to be had at Mr's Moroney's, Lisuernane, Glen of Aherlaw. There is not a great variety kept.*

Photographic Stores ~~.....~~

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

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

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

There is a tiny village at AHERLOW of about 15 houses. There is a branch Post Office, for the sale of stamps & P. Orders. There is a Public Telephone service but no telegraph.

There are no halls or any other facilities to be reported.

AHERLOW is about two miles east of LISVERNANE on road to BANSHA. It is a very pretty spot.

R. D. Dymal.

2/10/43

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries None save Dairying. Splendid creamery at DUNGRUD. There are slates (SLATES) of an excellent quality at LONGFORD nearby but are not quarried. Their presence & quality were at one time made known to the Authorities but nothing was done about it.

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 at LISVERNANE is a very pretty building & extremely well kept. Faced with art stone & standing on high ground forming a charming picture. Church of Ireland at CLONBEY is really a picture. Built of art stone & standing on left bank of R. Aherlow. In centre of an old & crowded graveyard. Very well kept.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Missed National School at LISVERNANE

" " " " " STONE PARK (called AHERLOW)

" " " " " KILROSS

HOSPITALS

FAIRS AND MARKETS ~~HALF-HOLIDAY~~

Monthly fairs and markets *see G. albally*
Weekly market day ~~.....~~ Half-holiday *Tuesday.*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Patrick Fraser, G. albally.
Michael Mc Gath, do.
Thomas Hogan, } None nearer
} than G. albally where
} petrol may be had at
} *Jeremiah Kielip.*

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners):

Taxis *Patrick Fraser, G. albally.*
Michael Mc Gath, do.
Thomas Hogan, LISVERNANE.
Edmond Mooney, do.
Patrick Hayes, KILROSS. } Entered also
} in G. albally
} from "D."

Motors (Touring) ~~.....~~

Boats (State type) ~~.....~~

Bicycles ~~.....~~

Caravans ~~.....~~

Horses ~~.....~~

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Riverside Hotel* Landowner *Mrs M. Noonan*
Borhen Lough *Mrs B. Sanders*
Lough Bunn *Ballinacortie, Aherlow.*
Lough Eluskey. } The territory adjoining
} these loughs seems to be common
} property. No objections to
} camping on any part of mountains.

Local Improvements Committee
Secretary ~~.....~~

DATE *6/10/43* (Signed) *P. J. Lynch*
Surveyor.

CLONBEG. At Clonbeg in Glen of Aherlow, picturesquely situated on left bank of R. Aherlow is the ancient burial ground where stood the early church of St Seadna, one time Bishop of the ancient diocese of Aherlow. There is no trace of the church now as it was pulled down & its stones used to build the present church of Ireland edifice in the very early years of last century. Beside this pretty & well kept church is the Saints' well, where pilgrimages etc take place on 20th July in each year. Approached by good avenue.

DUNTRYLEAGUE. Four miles west of Galbally & three east of Knocklong is the burial ground of this name, where once stood an early church. There is no trace of this early foundation, ^{now} as it was pulled down early in 18th century to build the present ruined church of Ireland, of which only the tower remains, to form a pretty landmark on the side of historic DUNTRYLEAGUE Hill. Only members of the O'Malley family are buried here. On roadside.

GALBALLY. In the burial ground beside the village of Galbally is the ruin of a 16th century church. It was about 115 X 30 feet & had walls 2 feet thick & 15 high. It is mainly featureless except for three windows which appear to have been pitched, in south wall, and a narrow double lighted window in east gable. In reasonably good order but in receipt of no care. Approached by good avenue from village.

CASTLES. DUNGRAUD. At the foot of the Gallies in the district of Dungraud (beside Creamery) is the stump of this castle about 10 feet high. It was a stronghold of the O'Briens, who waged a series of wars in this area. The most notable was a battle with the Danes from Limerick in the year 1,000 A.D. The cause of the battle was a cattle raid on the O'Brien territory. The O'Briens were victorious & the battle ended on the site of Clonore Abbey. Many people believe this event determined the site of the Abbey when Donnchadh O'Brien decided to build it. On roadside. Balrepani.
NO CAR.

BALLYNACOURTY. Near the ruins of Ballynacourty House is the site of this castle. Only foundations remain. It is believed to have been a Geraldine holding & was destroyed during Sir Philip Sydney's campaign in the area. At the same time he cut down the oak forest which stood here.

MEGOLITHIC TOMB. Immediately west of Galbally is the hill of DUNTRY LEAGUE, on summit of which is a splendid MEG. TOMB, believed to be the burial place of Oisell Olum from whom the chief Ulster families were descended. Oisell Olum reigned in the second century. (See picture)

The tomb is formed by eight upright, large, flag stones capped by two very large ones & approached from north by a sort of passage formed by upright flags. Inside, the tomb is about 8 feet long, four feet wide & close on 6 feet high. In most excellent condition & under care of Comms of Public Works. Easily approached from all sides. The tomb is also associated locally with Cormac Cas, the second son of Oisell Olum. During second century Cormac Cas who was King of Ulster & Eochy, King of Ulster engaged in battle at KNOCKSOUNA near Kilmallock & the latter was slain. Cormac got a very severe head wound & was taken to this hill (Duntry League) where there was a clear spring, about which was constructed a Dun. Over the well was constructed a shelter & about it were placed three pillar stones in centre of which Cormac's head rested. Close to spring. Here he lay & one of his attendants constantly poured the pure spring-water on his wound. After three years of this strange hydropathic treatment, Cormac died & was buried within the Dun. Many people believe this tomb was the shelter over the well & later formed Cormac's tomb. ^{This tomb is known locally as DARBY'S BED.} From this the place got its name - Dun-tri-liag. Part of the three pillar stones. Duntry League hill is over 900 feet high & from it may be had fine views of the surrounding country side & particularly the Galtee Mountains to the east.

FORTS.

Antiquities. GALDALLY PARISH.

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BRIAN BORU'S FORT, DUNTRYLEAGUE. On the hill top beside the fine MEG. TOMB already described is a stone fort about 55 feet in diameter & in good preservation. It is about 3 feet above ground. Was a fortification of Brian Boru. In spite of no care & is presently used as a stand for drying turf, cut nearby.

STONE FORT, LISVERNANE. On the land of Mr Joachim Hennessy, Lisvernane, are the remains of a stone fort, which gave the district its name. It stands facing a gap in the Gallies - hence the fort of the gap. Lis Barna. No care. Practically levelled.

Throughout the parish are a number of fort sites, some entirely levelled & others only barely traceable. At Ballywine on lands of Mr Bourke is a comparatively sound earthwork, about 40 yards in diam.

Beside castle at DANGRUD is the site of another fort which was repaired & strengthened by Brian Boru.

OGHAM STONE. Some place on Ballynacounty estate is an Ogham Stone, brought there from Mount Russell, in parish of Ardpatrick, by the late Mr Saunders. I learned of this while in the parish of Ardpatrick. The stone formerly stood near Oscar's Bed in the latter place but was removed when late Mr Saunders gave up his property there to S. L. C. for distribution. I searched at Ballynacounty but could not find it. The present owner Mr Charles Saunders resides mostly in England. When in Ireland he stays at his hotel in Glen of Aherlow. None of the local people could tell me anything about it.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF COSHL EA.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Galbally PARISH Galbally COUNTY Lisnemore

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~~ AHERLOW Nearest point to town (distance) Half mile.

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Brown Trout, Salmon (which are not plentiful).

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon 8 lbs Sea trout / Brown trout 1/2 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon Mar/April Sea trout / Brown trout April/May
Aug & Sept

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon Usual Standard Patterns according to time, weather & season.
Sea trout /
Brown trout do.

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

Entirely free within parish of Galbally/Lisnemore

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors :

I am informed that the Glen of Aherlow is a poachers paradise & were it not for this the best fishing would be excellent. Fish up to 1 lb are regularly caught. Salmon in this river is usually small but are never very plentiful. Mar & April are good enough months when water is plentiful. During summer water is low. Very often fair numbers are to be had towards close of season.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

There is some pike to be found also but not in large number. I am informed that Aherlow River within Parish of Bansha/Kilmoyler has some very good salmon pools in the Bally David area.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Glen of Aherlow. (Two Hotels here). Galbally has a good comfortable Hotel.

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

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 Dufferin Golf Club No. of holes 9

Situation and brief description of course :

There is a nine hole course at Dufferin about 8 miles distant.

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Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ? Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day Per week

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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. grounds adjacent to village.*
Hurling */*
Handball */* Handball alley? */*
Soccer */*
Rugby */*
Cricket */*
Hockey */*
Bowls */*
Bowling (on public roads) */*
Lawn Tennis *2 Tennis Courts at RIVERSDALE HOTEL* Kinds of courts *Green.*
Croquet */*
Billiards */*
Badminton */*
Table Tennis */*
Bridge Club */*
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *cross roads dancing takes place at different places along the Glen of Aherlow. Venue changes often.*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club */* Events held under rules of */*
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.

Coursing Meeting Promoters *Gallabally Coursing Club.*
Pilgrimage & Pattern at Blarney. Parishioners
20th July each year. At well of St Seadna (Promoted SHEE ANNA)

DATE *6/10/43.*

(Signed)

P. J. Equil
Surveyor.

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TOWN OR VILLAGE LISVERNANE PARISH GALBALLY COUNTY TIPP
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ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Lough Bura Nearest point to town (distance) 3 miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Carp, Tench, Roach, etc. Pike

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

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

Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Course fishing only but provides great fun for very many. Holiday makers during summer season. Place about is a favorite camping site. This lake which is about 4 acres in extent lies in a pocket where sun never shines at foot of salt-more peak, slightly to west. Easily approached from garage near Dunquad breamery, leading to a number of houses on mountain side. Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day.
The scenery is perfectly delightful.

See picture of Lough Bura

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Glen of Aherlow. 2 Hotels. "Riverside" & "Glen of Aherlow" Hotel.

Local Angling Club Membership Fee

Secretary

DATE 16/10/43.

(Signed)

P. J. Lynch
Surveyor.

ACCOMMODATION

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BARONY *Coshlea*

COUNTY *Limerick*

PARISH *G albally*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *G albally*

HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>Galtie Hotel (Mrs John Kiely)</i>	10 4	1	2 flush	2	yes.	<i>Very comfortable & well kept. Rooms bright & airy. This Hotel was on your approved list but for the year just gone the usual bill was not sent & so the Proprietor overlooked subscribing</i>	
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>Lebe House (Mrs Winters)</i>	2 5	1	1 flush	2	NO	<i>Business at this house is presently suspended owing to war. The atmosphere is not very cheerful.</i>	

DATE *07.07.43*

(Signed) *P. J. Lynch*
Surveyor.

ACCOMMODATION

PARISH *of abbey of Lisvermore*

BARONY *Coshlea (grouped with)*

COUNTY *Lifford*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *LISVERMORE.*

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HOTELS	NUMBER OF				Licensed	REMARKS	RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS
	Guest Bedrooms	Baths	Lavs. (state kind)	Public Rooms			
<i>RIVERSDALE (Mrs. Mrs. Noonan)</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1 (flush)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>yes.</i>	<i>Both lavatory & bath are not in use owing to burst pipes. This house is ideally situated & could be a beautiful Hotel. It is however badly kept & very cheerless. Could you do anything about it?</i>	
<i>(Riversdale was formerly a country seat of the O'Leary family)</i>							
<i>"Glen of Aherlow"</i>							
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u>							
<i>(Mrs. Charles Saunders)</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2 (flush)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>NO.</i>	<i>A very comfortable house. Ideally situated in heart of Glen beside Aherlow River. & fine of dunes. Very clean & bright. Grand log fires & excellent fare provided at most reasonable rates. Near the village of Lisvermore & on road to Bansha.</i>	

DATE *6/1/43.*

(Additional Forms to be used if necessary)

(Signed) *C. J. Lynch*
Surveyor.

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TOWN OR VILLAGE ~~Lough Edduskey~~ LISVERNANE PARISH BANSHA COUNTY TIPPERARY

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Lough Duskry Nearest point to town (distance) 5 miles

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Carp, Tench, Roach, etc Pike.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout.....

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout.....

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon
Sea trout
Brown trout

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

Entirely free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

This is the 3rd of the Gatee lakes & is about 7 acres in extent, in a very lonely spot between the lower peaks of the range. Approached by a sound passage leaving main road near ROSADREATH Creamery which goes within one mile of lake which is just over 1,600 ft of lake is much frequented & about is a favorite camping site during summer season. This lake is actually in

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

part of Bansha but I thought it might be well to group it with the others with which it is closely connected

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Glen of Aharlow. 2 Hotels. "Riverside" and

Glen of Aharlow Hotel.

Local Angling Club..... Membership Fee.....

Secretary.....

DATE 6/10/43

(Signed)

P. J. Lynch

Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.

On the slope of ^{Landonner.} ~~Slieve-na-duck~~ there once stood a very dense forest of oak which afforded much cover & shelter to the Geraldines during their wars with Elizabeth. During the campaign in the district, of her soldier, Sir Philip Sydney, the entire wood was cut down. Presently on this site is the Ballynacountz property, very beautifully wooded. See picture entitled "Picturesque Decay" Slieve-na-duck is in background, with its fine trees

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.

At CLONBEG is buried St Seadna, one time Bishop of the ancient Diocese of Aherlow.

On the summit of Duntree League hill is a fine Megalithic tomb, believed to mark the burial place of Oilioll Olum. Many also associate the site with Cormac Cas, the second son of the foregoing. See article under antiquities section.

On this hill also & beside the above mentioned tomb is a good stone fort, one time residence of King Brian Boru. See antiqs section.

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.

On the roadside at CORDERT, 4 km of Aherlow is a well with a slight iron content. Water used for ordinary domestic purposes.

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.

On the summit of Falty clove, 3018 ft is a table like rock known as Dawson's Table. As it is carved the name by G. Clancy - Dawson & some representations of cutting. Clancy - Dawson who lived in the latter part of the 19th century, was the proprietor of Ballynacenty in the Glen of Aherlow, (now ruins) one of the prettiest wooded man demesnes I have so far seen.

On the roadside (grass margin, south side) at CURTAVOHER, Glen of Aherlow, is a circular stone, with five deep cups, each about 6 ins in diam. Nobody knows its history or origin but some maintain it was used in Baptisms in very ancient times. No matter how dry the season some water will always be found in one of the hollows. The field behind it is known as "GEATA BAWN" but nobody knows why. It is believed locally that this stone was some years ago removed to a joinery fence but was next morning found back in its old position on the roadside.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

ST SEADNA'S WELL, CLONBEG. In the yard of the very pretty church of Ireland at Clonbeg, Glen of Aherlow, is the well of St Seadna (pronounced shee Anna) over which grows a white-thorn bush gaily bedecked. On 20th July each year pilgrimages are made here & many are the attributed cures, mainly eye troubles. St Seadna was a Bishop of the very ancient diocese of Aherlow & he is believed to lie buried here close by the site of his church, of which there is now no trace, having been replaced by the present building.

Old customs. An old custom practised here is the throwing of a small stone on the site of an accidental or untimely death, every time the spot is passed, at the same time uttering a prayer for the repose of the departed one. On the old coach road leading from the Glen are two oval heaps of stones marking the spot where a coachman was thrown from his seat & killed, & the second marks the site of a hanging. Both took place (Signed) years ago.

The practice of putting St Brigid's cross in the thatel to prevent fire is also observed, as well as the killing of a fool on St Martin's day.

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