

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Castello

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballyhamis PARISH Innagh COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 1123 [1923 figures]

Street on main road N^W to N. slightly north-west of Ballyhamis. Street is 6 miles N.W. - Keshilly 7 miles S. - Ballygladreen 14 miles N.E. - Mullagh 6 miles E. - Ahmore 10 miles S.
The town only consists of Main St., Bridge St., Abbey St., Lane St. and Cross St. Abbey St. about 200 yds. long is a continuation of Bridge St. but is very short. Due to streets being a narrowness, the streets, particularly one of general width and length. Lane St. was up till for about 200 yds. and the houses in some small restricted lanes to the west of the school in its own grounds (see on page 2)

Is there a Town Hall? No Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Water supply from local well, near town. Underground spring - pumped by electricity to reservoir. Supply abundant. Water satisfactory. Personnel adequate. Public firing. 60% of houses on tap - Present sewage system consists of factory apparently half-sewn. Half pipe system leading into stream. Rough town. 50% of houses connected. The system does not cater for parts of town. A new sewage system has been PUBLIC SERVICES continued and approved for installation as soon as possible.

See note inside Mob.

Nearest station Ballyhamis Distance 100 yds. Bus? Yes (Daily)

Public lighting by—Electricity? Yes Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall St. James' Hall, Lane St. Proprietor P. J. McJames Esq., Ballyhamis.

Lynette Hall, Abbey St. P. Lynch Esq., Abbey St.

→ St. Patrick's Parish Hall Parish Committee.
(Dances occasionally)

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas St. Patrick's Cinema Pictures shown 5 nights weekly - Recently on
(Parish Hall) (nights) Mon, Wed, Thurs, Friday.
(1921-1922)

Theatre none Kind of shows —

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries branch of county library attached to St. Patrick's
Parish Hall.

Private Lending Libraries Mrs. Walden, Abbey St., [branch]

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church St. Patrick's (Catholic) Services (Sundays) Summer 9.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11.30 a.m.
Winter 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon.

Abbey Church (Anglican) 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Bridge St.

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

BANKING

Banks National Bank

Ulster Bank

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers _____

Photographic Stores Conry's Medical Hall, Main St.,

Walden's The Square.

J. Halpin, Abbey St., Photographers and Stockist.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? none Location _____

Public Bath? none Location _____

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SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs None except for billiard club attached to
Parochial hall chess cards or other social games and
raised on.

Cultural Societies None

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries None

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):
None

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)

None

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

Church of St. Andrew. Inside separated from nave by painted arches, on beam
arches columns into nice plain, matted capitals on twisted shafts. Arch under
are painted, simple, stained glass side gables have six flat circular windows. Vestibule
light small, painted, in pairs. Beams lead to capstone under single column and
two painted arches. The chancel arch is high, painted, arched in cold pattern. The arch
was down each side to be upheld by two stone - wall pillars forming a column with
capitals, in gold arch and with landscape relief. Chancel has two separate windows

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

(COUNTY OR PARISH SCHOOLS)

Convent of Mercy (day school),
Ballymore National School,
Ballymore National School.

HOSPITALS

None

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Big market
 and time of each market

Monthly fairs and markets *Fairs on Jan. 27th; Feb. 17th; March 16th.*
April 5th; May 15th; June 1; July 2nd; Aug. 7th; Sept 22nd; Oct 10th; Nov. 20th

Weekly market day *Tuesday.* Half-holiday *Thursday.* *Dec. 20th.*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

B. T. Lynch, main st. (garage + petrol)
Thomas Goss, Ridge st. (Petrol station)

John Murray, Devils, (Petrol station), (Close to the town).

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *William Leggy, Clare st.; Cas. Fitzgerald, Clare st.*
Geo. W. Walsh, Clarendon st.; James Kilduff, do., P.D. Barry, do.;
Geo. Smalley, do.;
J. Flaherty, main st.
J. Callinan, Upper main st.

Motors (Touring) _____

Boats (State type) _____

Bicycles

B. T. Lynch, main st.
J. Goss, main st.
B. Goss, Ridge st.
Mrs. Murray, Clare st.
J. Murray, Devils (near town).

Caravans _____

Horses _____

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location _____ Landowner _____

Local Improvements Committee _____ *none*

Secretary _____

DATE *April 26th 1914* (Signed) *D. A. Vaughan*

Main St. has the Catholic Church in grounds back from the town. Opposite is the new Parochial Hall. At the back rear of the hall and adjacent houses is the fair green, a plain field.

The buildings in main St. are an assortment of two-story and three story. Some are neat fronted, most are business premises.

Bridge St. is short. It has business premises and the post office. It runs into Abbey St. which is up-hill. This has the convent in own grounds to one side and the entrance to the Augustinian Abbey on the hill overlooking the town. Abbey St. has business houses but is more a residential quarter. There is a neat row of bay-windowed residences with small sailed lawns. The railway station is a hundred yards beyond the end of this street.

Clare St. is a short street of a mixture of smaller shops and dwelling houses.

King St., which with Clare St., forms the cross-roads with the others, is also a less pretentious business section. Houses mostly ordinary two-story.

pointed lights of stained glass. Each light is flanked inwardly by a white half column in wall. Chancel has further interior white straight wall moulds with ornamented terminals.

The nave doorway is well wrought in limestone. It is rectangular.

At the south-western corner is a tower which however loses appearance as it ends abruptly, having no spire.

Some fine sculptured figures are near the church - one is that of Christ the King - others form those of a group - Calvary. Another is attached to gable over main entrance. All of Irish limestone.

Augustinian Abbey Church.

This church is really "double-naved" - being so divided by four pointed arches, plain and with the columns carrying the same simple design. There are no splines or capitals. Arch and column form one whole unit.

The main nave opposite entrance has altar window of three lights with tracery over - the whole being pointed arched. The center light is a cusped pointed head and it is flanked by a cusped round-head. The side-wall windows pointed, of two lights, each cusped round heads. These are retained from the older abbey, some of which is incorporated into present edifice. These windows have inner modern pointed moulds, plain white and with decorated terminals.

The ceiling carries two large paintings of biblical scenes. There is another large one on the wall near the altar.

The doorway is also a retained feature. Some of its tracery is missing but it is yet a fine feature of the church. It is a pointed arch with much relieving and of limestone. It has a moulding with terminals square and on one of which is slight ornamentation.
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The other terminal block is of sandstone and does not evidently belong to doorway.

The main-entrance gable has an upper window divided window and two small eyes lower down. Each has two lights, ogee. One window has a lead moulding with coil terminals. The other has a lead mould and has mullion and jambs decorated with markings in relief. (stained windows).

The aisle or companion aisle has altar window of three single pointed lights - a middle one between two of shorter length.

There is a large painting on the side-wall near the altar. This wall has four windows. Two have each a pair of pointed lights. Each of the other windows is pointed - two light, each light having a lightly curved pointed head. Stained glass.

The church is about 80' long.

ADDENDUM The main east altar window has leaded mullions and a pointed mould with plain terminals.

Ballyhamnis, Co Mayo.

(Extract from list by DA Faughnan,
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"new sewage scheme now in
course of construction in
Ballyhamnis"