

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Tirawley

TOWN ~~OR VILLAGE~~ Killala PARISH Killala COUNTY Mayo (North).

Location and brief description.

Population ~~525~~. 449

~~Killala is built on the left bank of the River Moy at Killala Bay. The distance from Sligo is 45 miles; from Castlebar, 31 miles and from Ballina, 8 miles.~~

The town is now devoid of its oldtime industrial and commercial prosperity and during the past thirty years, since the improvements to the channel allowed ships to proceed right upstream to Ballina Quay, the fortunes of Killala have been on the wane. ~~For it was on the boats which called regularly to the little harbour, engaged in trading between here and continental countries that Killala largely depended.~~ At one time too, over three hundred were engaged in fishing but now not a single man in Killala is engaged in this industry. Gone also are the manufactories of linen and other commodities until to-day, Killala is a little town of derelict old warehouses.

Is there a Town Hall? Yes Location Barrack Street; beside Post Office

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

NONE.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

No water supply or sewerage but it seems probable that the former will be installed after the war

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina, (8 miles) Distance 8 miles Bus? Daily service to Ballina and Ballycastle.  
Public lighting by—Electricity? <sup>Domestic supply only.</sup> Houses are lit by electricity but no public lighting. Gas? NONE

### DANCING

Dance hall Town Hall Proprietor Miss Timony - hall at present leased to L.D.F.  
Barrack Street

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None. Pictures shown Occasional showings at Town Hall.  
(nights)

Theatre Town Hall is used for this Kind of shows Occasional concerts  
purpose. (Drama, Comedy &c.) and dramatic productions.

## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries.....  
                                  **NONE**

Private Lending Libraries.....  
                                  **NONE**

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

	Church	Services (Sundays)	Mass at 9 and 11 o'clock.
R.C.	Parish Church, George's St.		3.30 p.m.
Methodist	Court House Street.		11.30 and 3.30 on
C.I.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Church St.		alternate Sundays.

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Barrack Street.

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

One telegraph line serves the three offices, Killala, Ballycastle and Belderg.

## BANKING

Banks National Bank Church Street  
Ulster Bank " "

Both open on Fair Days only.

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers.....  
                                  **NONE**

Photographic Stores.....  
                                  **None**

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? yes Location The River Moy, near the town and  
Public Baths? No Location various parts of the Bay are safe



## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs.....

NONE

Cultural Societies.....

NONE

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Crushing and grinding mills ;  
Palmerstown Mill (Mr Knox), Courthill Mill (Mr Boland)  
Flax scutching also at Courthill.

Numbers of townspeople engage in cockle picking.

In the northern portion of the parish, Carrageen is collected.

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

Ryans, Boatbuilders, Killala.

Spinning is still carried on to a small degree in the country districts.

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

*(Brief description ; inscription to be quoted)*

None

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

*(Give brief notes on architectural features)*

NONE

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Killala National Schools, Boys and Girls, mixed.  
St. Patricks National Schools " " " (Protestant).  
Templemary " " " "

## HOSPITALS

Nearest hospital is at Ballina.

**FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY**

Monthly fairs and markets ..... Last Tuesday in each month generally and three  
"Old Fairs" on May 6th and 28th and November 8th.

Weekly market day..... **NONE** ..... Half-holiday..... **THURSDAY**.....

**GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS**

..... None but Mr James Kelly (Trading as J. Gilvarry), Church Street  
keeps a small supply of petrol in normal times.

**CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :**

Taxis .....  
..... **Patrick Orme, Main Street.**.....

Motors (Touring)..... **None**.....

Boats (State type).....  
..... **NONE**.....

Bicycles..... **NONE**.....

Caravans..... **NONE**

Horses..... **NONE**

**CAMPING SITES**

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... **=====** ..... Landowner.....

..... **NONE** .....

Local Improvements Committee.....

Secretary.....

DATE **May 15<sup>th</sup> 1943.**

(Signed) *Conor O'Brien*  
Surveyor.