

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Clemensonia

TOWN OR VILLAGE Balla PARISH Balla + Manulla COUNTY Meigo

Location and brief description. Population 250 ^{west}

Situate $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Ballyvaugh and $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Clemensonia. Kiltinagh is 8 miles N.E. and Lestlibere $8\frac{1}{2}$ N.W.
A town of a single broad street about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long running north + south with off it to the west a small square (50 yds.) and further to the south off east side a wide fair-green. There are pavements. The main portion of the street has its houses of two-story, slated type, joined. Generally speaking the houses are neatly fronted, a few of the larger

Is there a Town Hall? no Location --- (contd.)

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Town Park of about 25 acres. While it has no gardens or laid-out walks, it is well-timbered and has some paths and roads leading through. In it are the local club's tennis court and a playing pitch for football etc.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

no public water system. Town supply from a pump in main street - water good enough.
no public sewage system. Some houses have private flush sanitation.

Town is suited for sewage works. Schemes seen as possible.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Balla Distance to M. Bus? yes - daily (except Sunday) west part / hours / and bus
Public lighting by—Electricity? yes, local plant. Gas? no

DANCING

Dance hall Maple Hall Proprietor Local committee. P.P. presides.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas none Pictures shown ---
(nights)

Theatre none Kind of shows ---

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of Carnegie under Miss McWalters
in courthouse

Private Lending Libraries none

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic Services (Sundays) 9: 11.30 a.m.
Protestant no regular services.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Centre of main St.

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) M.O., telegraph, telephones etc.

BANKING

Banks National Bank

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers guns ammunition - Messrs McEllin + Messrs Higgins.

Photographic Stores (none) Murphy's Medical Hall.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? none Location -

Public Baths? none Location -

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs None - there is a local dramatic club.

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)

Monument to P. W. Kelly, Celtic cross with interlaced scroll.
Has on its front base the inscription, "In loving memory of Patrick
William Kelly of Rockstown House, Balla, Patriot and martyr
born 13th Mar. 1850 and due to death (by the) in Mauritius
prison on the eve of his liberty 9th Nov. 1891 by G. W. W. W. W.
(contd.)

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

Church of the B.V.M.: A fine building, nave four aisles by high pointed arches
on plain fluted columns (no capitals or plinth). nave window east (five lights) has
five trifid lights with tracery above, set in a pointed arch with exterior plain mould.
West gable entrance high pointed, five orders, wide fluted, plain moulded. West nave
(over entrance) windows (two beside each other); east has two long round-lead lights with
eight plain tracery above, fluted, pointed mould over each light, Romanesque being
continuous. steep pitched roof. aisle side windows in pairs long, narrow
(contd.)

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Convent of St. Louis (situate some distance from town),
Balla National Schools

HOSPITALS

None

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *fairs on Jan. 22nd; Feb. 14th; Mar. 19; April 11; May 1; June 11; July 11; Aug. 11; Sept. 24; Oct. 14; Nov. 7; Dec. 12th.*

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

(month's markets as if weekly)

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

*Murphy's Garage
Petrol Station - P. Wade.*

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *J. Gallagher,
J. Murphy.*

Motors (Touring) */*

Boats (State type) */*

Bicycles *Repairs at Murphy's Garage.*

Caravans */*

Horses */*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location */* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none [There is however a Town Park Com.]*
Secretary *Sec. Mr. P. Conway.*

DATE *29th 1945* (Signed) *Donald A. Taylor.*
Surveyor.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES FORM D (CONTD)

Shopping premises present very well kept exteriors. One of these takes up the whole southern side of the square; its west side is of plain two-storey dwelling houses - its north side has an olden walled graveyard with round towers and beside it a former church now a hall. A public monument stands in the centre of the square's vacant east side where it opens to the street. Many of the street's buildings enclose shops. Near the large premises mentioned above is an unusual dwelling house which dominates the street - it is facaded in castellated 'castle' style.

At the southern street end, on the east side, stands the Catholic Church, set back from the roadway. Near it the garda station and opposite ~~to~~ this latter a neat bank premises. South of the church the parochial residence, the local schools (modern) and some neat bungalows. Opposite the church a very pretty modern bungalow in its own lawn.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS (CONTD)

jailed in England after ten years penal torture. A model of energy nearly victim he had no enemies except the enemies of Ireland. His life was a record of unselfish patriotism. He endured fatal imprisonment with the courage of an Irish soldier. His example is cherished with gratitude and remembered with pride. Such as P. W. Hally are the hope of the nation."

on the south side of monument: "go back and tell those whom you represent that Pat Hally would not be a traitor to his country for all the gold that ever passed through the mint of England or for the highest honours which England can bestow"

memorable words. The answer of an Irish soldier enduring fatal torture to the government emissary who visited him in his prison cell, offering liberty, honours and the rest if P. W. Hally would only give evidence against C. S. Parnell in the Times Commission. The answer sealed his doom.

on north face: An can scrúsbair na h-Éireann coiscteo an leas seo mar cuimne ar Parnell mar an t-ádh. Le fionnacht na n-ádh ar Éireann, i sárádh 7 in n-ádháiréa bair dhis da d'ádh é. Do seas sé i n-ádháiréa an t-ádh 7 d'ádháiréa a cuimne ar an t-ádh sin coiscteo na n-ádháiréa leascteo. An ádháiréa 7 bairéiréa an leas seo in na coiscteo ádh. (contd.)

Tower D. (contd.) Balla. Important Public Buildings.

lights, cusped eye leads. East (gable) side windows of two lights, round headed with tracery iron, exterior mould plain. Entrance into south aisle near west (right) gable has high pointed arch, four orders, light joint columns decorated at capitals; chamfering. Chamfered light mould. Entrance set in porch.

The tower lies to south side, two quarter way to east gable. Surmounted by a short spire. Has lower slot eyes with higher up cusped two-light smallish eyes. Vestry off south side near east gable. Has small round-headed lights. Tower has cancellations - so also the aisle walls - the latter cancellations going well above lower nave roof line. All eyes limestone-building of low stone. Nicely wrought iron gates and railings to street front of church.

Protestant Church (500 yds. from tower): A neat edifice of low stone with some exterior contrast of brick lines. Size approx. 60' x 27' externally. Nave with proportionate east chancel, and tower with spire to south at west gable. Small vestry off north side at east gable.

Nave west gable has windows of six circular small lights surrounding a cross. Below are (set apart) five point head loops with rounded chamfer. Nave side-wall windows are plain point head, chamfered, single light with tracery surrounds.

Chancel has three similar eyes to nave sides. Higher is a small oval light, chamfered.

The tower is 10' square (ext), has a slight tower going to height of 15' surmounted by a squat spire. Well grained. In E., W., and S. faces it has lower slots and over pointed eyes. Each spire face has a small narrow pointed chamfered eyes with small circular opening over.

Tower is set some five feet from nave. The space between forms a porch which has the doorway facing east. Entrance is a keelfail, rebated, set to the inside of a pointed well edged arch.