

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Gallen

TOWN OR VILLAGE Swinford PARISH Kilconduff COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population ~~1114~~ 1303

Situate on the main road 8 miles S.E. of Rosford. 7 M. north east of Kiltinagh. 6 miles north-west of Kiltelly and 8 M. west of Charlestown.
 Consists of main St. (about 400 yds. long), of good width, pavements and lined to each side by a row of houses (joined), shops etc. all slated, two storey and three storey.
 off main St. is Teacher's Sec., a short row of private well-kept houses. At right angles to the top left of main St. is Bridge St., narrower and paved, lined to each side with shops etc. There are two thatched one-storey houses. Dublin Rd. is a continuation of Bridge St. both being about 500 yds. long. Dublin Rd. ends in cottages, scattered
 Is there a Town Hall? No Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

Breatagran Park, beside town. About 200 acres of rolling ground with a good sprinkling of trees. The whole is grass covered. [There are no walks etc.] on it are a golf course and tennis courts.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

There is a public water system. Most houses on tap. Water pumped from wells to reservoirs by electricity - then by gravity feed to town. Pressure seemingly satisfactory - the water has often been let come through taps filled with mud (verified) nobody complains of drinking the water - town uses water (drinking) from Wood Well (spring) chiefly, and me and two others. Public sewerage system - apparently satisfactory.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Swinford Distance beside Bus? yes

Public lighting by—Electricity? yes Gas? —

DANCING

Dance hall Swinford Town Hall (General Hall) Proprietor Swinford Town Hall Ltd. Sec. A. Casey Esq, Swinford.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Hygie Cinema Pictures shown normally every night: Presently Sunday and Tuesday (E.S.B. restrictions)

Theatre none Kind of shows —
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

copy of analyst's report re water.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Branch of Carnegie library in the Convent of Mercy (school).*

Private Lending Libraries *none*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Catholic* Services (Sundays) *8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12 o.c.*

Church of Ireland

no service.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Main St.*

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

BANKING

Banks *Provincial Bank*

Irishman Bank

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *W. Bellott, Market St. (guns)*

Wm. Howley, Market St. (fishing tackle); P. D'Gowan (Arch. Base) fishing tackle

William Qualley, Market St. (fishing tackle).

Photographic Stores *Mrs. Gleeson (chemist) Main St.*

Mrs. Scull

Miss Walsh .. Market St.

Patrick Duffey, Hill St.; James Duffey, Kilbride Cottages.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *none* Location *—*

Public Baths? *none* Location *—*

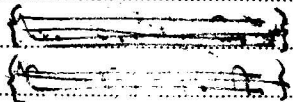
SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Cultural Societies *St. Joseph's Choral and Dramatic Society of which
the Debating Society is a branch.*
N. S. P. C. C.
P. T. A. A.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

St. Anne's Laundry


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 Our Lady, Help of Christians: nave separated from side aisles
by six pointed arches on columns. There is no chancel arch, the nave
east gable having six pointed windows of 3 pointed lights with circle & half circle
lights over. Aisle lights pointed arch. East aisle gables have each a pointed window of
two pointed lights with panel light over. Pointed doorway (west) moulded, plain block terminals
over door 3 long pointed single lights, small pointed light each side of doorway. Small Vestry,
sanctuary with lancet arch over altar and columns.*

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*St. Mary's Convent (Kubine diate - Sisters of Mercy).
Krabergan Park Primary and Poulley School (Sisters of Mercy).
Swiford National School.*

HOSPITALS

*St. Joseph's General Hospital
Swiford District Hospital*

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *fairs first Wed. of the month.*

Weekly market day *Tuesday* Half-holiday *Wednesday except for five days when h. d. is on preceding Monday.*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Patrick Keane, Circular Rd., Main St.
Homas Donegan, Dublin Rd.,
Wm. Brennan, " "
P. W. Davitt, Market St.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Homas Dunskin, Main St.* *B. O'Brien, Chapel St.*
Peter Dunleavy, Main St. *Joseph W. H. H. The Square.*
Patrick Keane, Circular Rd.
Patrick Campbell, Bridge St.
John McGeary, Bridge St.

Motors (Touring) *—*

Boats (State type) *—*

Bicycles *none for hire. Garages as above deal in bicycles.*

Caravans *—*

Horses *—*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location..... Landowner.....
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Local Improvements Committee..... *none*
Secretary..... *—*

DATE *July 30th 1944* (Signed) *Donald A. Faughnan*
Surveyor.
Juverna Press, Ltd., Dublin.

houses, and the hospitals off it to the right.

At right angles to top right of main St. is Market St., narrower than main St., with pavements, lined by shops etc. two stories slated. After 200 yds. its continuation is Chapel St. which goes on for another 200 yds. and has as its end buildings on the right, the Convent and Catholic Church.

Between Market St. and Chapel St. a street called Pound St. continues for two hundred yds. At the junction of the three streets is the Court house. Pound St. has some shops and some semi-detached residences. It leads on to Park Rd. which has some shops and some detached residences. The Church of Ireland stands back from it. Crossville Avenue is a short back street running from bottom left of main St. to Bridge St.

A narrow road (Station Rd.) leads to Station off from the junction off Market St. and Chapel St.

Principally the town streets form a letter T, main St. being the upstroke, Bridge St. and Dublin Rd. to the left of it and Market St. and Chapel St. to its right. The cross-stroke being twice as long as the upstroke.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Church of Ireland. nave (about 24'5" x 20') with tower (square) at west gable and small chancel at east. Three broad pointed windows each wall of nave - wooden mullions. One pointed window in chancel. Tower has built-up pointed windows.

Plain structure - dashed exterior.

Courthouse. Plain two story rectangular building with plain brown stone around eaves.

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Dublin, C. 19.

25th October, 1938.

Report on 2 samples of water examined bacteriologically.
Received from Dr. M.F. Daly, P.H. Offices, Castlebar, 21/10/38.

Sample A : Carracanada Wells - Swinford Source of Supply.

No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. at blood-heat.	-	497.
No. of colonies growing from 1cc.c. at room-temperature	-	1,132 developed in 24 hours: the plate being completely liquefied in 72 hours.
Coli test	-	B.coli present in 10c.c. and 1c.c. but absent from 0.1c.c.

Sample B: Church Street Fountain, Swinford:

No. of colonies growing from 1 l.c.c. at blood-heat.	-	1,040.
No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. at room-temperature.		1,756 developed in 24 hours; the plate being completely liquefied in 72 hours.
Coli test.		B.coli present in 10c.c. and 1c.c. but absent from 0.1cc.

Comment: Both these waters are bad ones. The bacterial counts are extremely high and Bacillus coli is present in so little as 1c.c. in each sample.

(Sgd.) Thos. T. O'Farrell.

Copy of analyst's report: received from Mrs. M. Rowley N.T., Ex.B.C.
A further report found B. coli present in so little as 0.1cc.
and this report was marked "Highly confidential" with the added
comment that the water showed evidence of sewage contamination.
[It is a fact that Swinford is a noted fever centre]

Incidentally, rates on water supply are 4s 3d, much higher than any town adjacent.