

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Tirawley.

TOWN OR VILLAGE None PARISH Lacken COUNTY Mayo (North).

Location and brief description. Population 1,200 approx.

~~Lacken parish lies on the north west shore of Killala Bay and is bounded on the north by the Atlantic Ocean, on the west by Ballycastle parish, on the south by Kilfian and on the east by Killala parish and Killala Bay. There is no town or village in the parish, the nearest shopping centres being Killala and Ballycastle.~~

~~This is mainly an agricultural district and the sea and rich waters of Killala Bay provide a livelihood to large numbers on the Kilcummin side and at Rathlacken.~~

~~Eyesores in the district are the very dilapidated homes at Kilcummin and Rathlacken. Some of these houses are so wretched and ugly looking that they can only be described as hovels. Undoubtedly, poverty prevails at Kilcummin and is probably responsible for a great deal of the squalor to be seen there but I understand that this excuse does not apply at Rathlacken. Where new houses have been built, it is only~~

~~Is there a Town Hall? No location in exceptional cases that any attempt has been made to beautify the home.~~

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina Distance 13 miles Bus? within 2 miles.  
from Post Office at Carrowmore  
 Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

### DANCING

Dance hall At Killogeary Proprietor Mr Pat Kearney  
At Ballygarry, Kilcummin Mr Pat Langan.

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown (nights)

Theatre Occasional concerts etc Kind of shows Concerts and comedies.  
usually held in schools, (Drama, Comedy &c.)

## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries County Library Depot - Miss McGurrian, Post Office, Carrowmore-Lacken.

Private Lending Libraries None

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C. Church Lacken Parish Church. Services (Sundays) 9.30 and 11 a.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month 11a.m. on 4th Sunday.

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office At Carrowmore-Lacken

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) Stamps and Postal Orders only.

## BANKING

Banks At Ballycastle and Killela on Fair Days only, otherwise nearest banks are at Ballina.

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers None

Photographic Stores None

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Yes Location Lacken Bay, at the Strand and several spots near Castlenageehy are very safe

Public Baths? None Location

## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs None

Cultural Societies None

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Large numbers are engaged in fishing at Kilcummin and Rathlacken and the gathering of Carrageen, Crannach and Kelp is now a very welcome and lucrative employment for the poor of Kilcummin.

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

The spinning wheel is still widely used in the district and there are two weavers in the parish.  
The weavers are John Clarke, Cloonalaghan, Mrs Coleman, Rathlacken.

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

None

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Gerrewmore National Schools	Boys and Girls
Creevagh	" "
Banagher	" "
Heathfield	" "

## HOSPITALS

Nearest at Ballina.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets None  
 Weekly market day None Half-holiday None

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Nearest at Ballycastle

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Alec Boyd, Carrowmore  
Martin Lynett, Castletown  
William Langan, Ballygarry, Kilcummin.

Motors (Touring) None

Boats (State type) None other than fishing boats as in Form B

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses Mr Anthony Kearney, Cloonalaghan, Carrowmore-Lacken keeps two horses, one a good thoroughbred and can supply more horses on request. Lacken Strand is only about one and a half miles distant and is an excellent spot for learning horse-riding as well as for those who are proficient in the sport. Mr Kearney can provide tuition and limited accomodation.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location Although not favoured at present as a resort, the "Burro", on the verge of Lacken Strand, is a very good camping site. Landowner This land is comprised largely of sandhills and grassy hollows and knells, ideal for camping. The "Burro" is shared amongst several local farmers; sites may be obtained at a nominal charge.

Local Improvements Committee None

Secretary

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(Signed)

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