

(Mayo East)

FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.BARONY OF GallenTOWN OR VILLAGE Kiltineagh PARISH Killeaden COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.

From Killeaden towards the north of Kiltineagh, to Cullinjo Lake south of the town (this being the parish's N. and S. limits, the distance is about 6 miles. From Rockley on the west slope of Slieve Hown to Cullinjo Lake, a line running from west to slightly north-east, the distance is about 7 miles.

The parish, in general, is not outstandingly picturesque but yet has some pleasant spots. For the most part it is a landscape of rolling low long sloped green hills with patches of peat and heather lowland. Slieve Hown, the greater part of which lies in the area, dominates the district and adds an attractive touch. Rising from smooth lower slopes

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

The parish is completely a limestone area, for the most part drift-covered and assuming the character of long low hills which sometimes are bog-backed and drumlin-like. Slieve Hown, of carboniferous limestone, is peat covered with drift on the lower slopes. In various other small areas in the parish the limestone underlies the peat covering. At Ballinamore is a trace of silica - once there was a silica mine worked by one of the Owenduff landholders but long disused and said to have been the only silica mine in Ireland.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections? Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

Ballinamore House, a square, solidly constructed 3-storied building, purchased by the order of St. John of God in 1936 from J. L. Commission. For generations this was the residence of the Owenduffs, a landed family who are said to have been first granted their estates, and charters to build, from Charles II in 1662, when Charles Owenduff first took possession and afterwards became allied to the O'Hara by marriage with one, daughter of Tony Kibbaach O'Hara. The last of the Owenduffs quitted the house some years before its present purchase. Many of the Owenduff family are buried in the private church cemetery about a mile from Ballinamore House.

The order of St. John of God is a teaching and nursing order. This house is a novitiate for Australia where the order is famous for its nursing. The order was founded in the old mining days of Kalgoorlie, Australia by a

To brown leather-capped summits it offers a magnificent view from its highest point of 855 feet. In the north, north-west and east are Lough Cullen with portion of Lough Cam, Neplein more, the Porteen hills, the tips of Neplein Beg and neighbouring peaks, the Yarlough mountains with their lower slopes dotted by hundreds of hamesteads, the six mountains, the Killassess foot hills with Swan Cam, and far away the peak of Knocknashee in Co. Sligo. Glimpses of the way as it winds around the Yosford hills - the broad lowlands to the east as far as eye can see - the roofs of Kiltinagh just beneath - Balla to the south-west with away beyond it the lowlands ending at the Partey mountains with a glimpse of Lough Carra's waters - more west is Craugh Patrick, beautifully conical, and in between, a great expanse of low country with timbered patches, green fields, lakelets and innumerable hamesteads. South are the plains of Mayo - "flat as a board" as the saying is. The lowland area, sprinkled with tiny water sheets, stretches south to the Rossignol. Ballinmore Wood is just beneath to the south-east; beyond it stretches a wide lowland expanse of rolling country.

Kiltinagh is situated close to Slieve Haven. Its snugly long main street gives it the air of a town much larger than it really is. The Pellegagh River flows north of the town and joins the Glasse further on, which latter river becomes the question further north on its course to the Mayo.

East and south of Kiltinagh the area is one of

peat and leather, innumerable rock belts and scattered
lowlands. The little lakes of Carrick, Oessy, Kibough and
others add much-needed contrast. South and south-west
of Kiltinagh is rolling country, often rock-strewn. Ballinacree
wood, Linnigen and Cultyho and other lakelets render attractive
touches.

Cycle-rides or hikes. From Kiltinagh to Ballinacree
one may ascend Sheehy Hill. 3 1/4 miles to point of ascent.
Kiltinagh to Killeedan in the north of the parish. 2 1/4 miles.

ADDENDUM. It is said that on a very clear day the far
away range of Ben Bulbin beyond Sligo, can be seen.