

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

Natural Features, Antiquities
Historic Associations Etc.

Barony of Ballinacor SouthVillage AughrimParish AughrimCounty Wicklow

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HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events - battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, etc. Location. Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

Glenmalure

This wild glen which was the refuge of many Irish patriots in their struggle for freedom is famous chiefly for the exploits of "Fiac McHugh O'Byrne" and Michael Dwyer. "Fiac" the chieftain of the clan of the "O'Byrnes" of County Wicklow took up arms against the English and in the year 1580 inflicted a heavy defeat on an English army sent to capture him. Tradition says that the forces met on top of the high hills on the north of the glen. Fiac manoeuvred his troops in such a way that the English found themselves being driven down the slope. They were eventually forced down into the river in the valley where they were completely routed with a loss of some 800 - 1000 men. Two of the British commanders being killed.

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As one advances a little further one encounters the large "Commemoration" stone, with inscriptions on either side recording the achievements of Fiac McHugh O'Byrne and Michael Dwyer, Here also tradition says a man was "Piked" to death and small indents in the stone are attributed to the point of the "Pikes". This is perhaps rather an exaggeration.

It may be of interest to point out that at this period every house in the glen was burned down. The remains of one still stands, that of a man named Jimmy Kelly who had a woolen factory there. The Walls are incorporated in outhouses belonging to Mr. Brian Farrell whose house is located at the bottom of the waterfall on the south bank of the river. Visitors will be allowed to view it if desired.

Drumgaff Barracks

Drumgaff Barracks at the entrance to Glenmalure and the second barracks on the military road, is worthy of note, due to the fact that it was raided and burned by Michael Dwyer and his men. It was subsequently rebuilt and re-garrisoned. When hostility ceased it was evacuated and since that time it has fallen into decay. In structure it is an exact replica of the house at **AUGHAVANNA**. The owner is Capt. Kemmis, Ballinacor House and the surrounding land is leased by Mr. Byrne Glenmalure. There is full permission for people to examine it if they please.

Macreddin

Situated some three miles above Aughrim to the north east is the townland of Macreddin. This used be the principal place in the parish but has since been superseded by the more recent village of Aughrim. The Roman Catholic church here though now not used is on the site of the church which stood here and was destroyed in 1798. The Chalice belonging to this old church is still used in the parish church at Aughrim. The exact age of it is not known but it was resilvered very early in the 19th century by the then parish priest a Fr. Galvin who was well known due to the fact that he strongly fostered the Cause of Parnell. There are graveyards here but they do not contain anything special.

Ballymorris Bridge

This old bridge about two miles east of Aughrim is a bridge by the above name and it is mentioned locally as being the site of the execution of two men during the '98 trouble.

Note

It is apparently the case around this part of Co. Wicklow that apart from Fiac McHugh O'Byrne practically all history or antiquities are forgotten everything is dated and fixed since 1798. Accordingly it is extremely difficult to obtain information here.

HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES

- (a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities. Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

Aughavanna House

is situated in a wild and desolate place though beautiful in its wildness at the foot of the mountains headed by Lugnaquilla, and deemed some six miles N.W. of the village of Aughrim. The house was originally built as a barracks or block house in 1798 at the extremity of a military road which runs over and through the mountains as far as Glendalough. Having served its purpose as a barracks, it was bought by Parnell and used as a shooting lodge. Subsequently it was bought by the Redmond family and became their residence until some years ago, when on the death of Capt. Redmond they ceased to reside there. It is a hugh long grey stone building resembling a prison more than anything else. The present occupants are "An Oige" who run it as a hostel for the use of the organisation. This house has an exact counterpart at Drumgaff at the entrance to Glenmalure and connecting with this house by the military road. These buildings were erected and garrisoned in an effort to subjugate the rebels headed by Michael Dwyer the hero of '98. Tradition states that two informers named Twomey and Hempenstall were executed by "Piking" at the entrance gate to Augha anna house.

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CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs" freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations) - in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

The only thing of this type mentioned by the people of this parish is what is known as the "Lone Tree" on Ballycooque mountain. This very large tree perched high on the mountain side is a landmark for a great many miles around the surrounding country. At a first visit to the area a person would not remark it but having heard about it, like the people of the locality one automatically looks for it as one would for the north star. Actually it is just outside the parish but it is more easily visible from the parish mentioned than from elsewhere.

Druid Stone ??

Just adjacent to the "Three Wells" described below, lying at the side of the road is a large flattish stone about 3 ft. x 2 ft. the SURFACE of which has a number of indentations as if the stone from them had been scooped out. Locally it is known as the "Druid Stone" but no one can say why.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

Three Wells

In the townland of this name, located about 2½ miles north east of Aughrim village, on the right hand side of the road just where the road enters the "green" or open space can be seen the "Three Wells" side by side. These wells are reputedly here since the time when here stood a monastery. They are three in honour of the "Holy Trinity" and some years ago there used be a pattern to them, but like many of the old customs it has been discontinued. As far as is known the site of the monastery was in the little paddock on the opposite side of the road but authentic information as regards this is not available. There is a right of way to the wells and any one has permission to enter the little field of the monastery if desirous of doing so.

Date 14th July, 1943

Signed J.A. PATTISON
Surveyor

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SPORTS AND GAMES

Town or Village Aughrim Barony of Ballinacor Parish Aughrim County Wicklow

Angling (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this Form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

River Derry Nearest Point to town ^(DISTANCE) flows through village

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Trout (brown)

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon _____ Sea Trout _____ Brown Trout 3 to 4 ozs.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon _____ Sea Trout _____ Brown Trout Averages about same all year.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Brown Trout: Wickham's Fancy, Red Spinner, Blue Body
The "Quills" are good for wet days.

State if angling is - "entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.
entirely free

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day: None

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available): Aughrim

Local angling club: None

SEA ANGLING

None

GOLF

None

RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

NONE

HUNTING

NONE

COURSING

NONE

GREYHOUND RACING

NONE

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

The whole area offers good rough shooting Partridge, grouse, rabbits, hares etc., Practically no free shooting except a small area at Aughavanna where the various owners should be consulted. Note there is also a considerable amount of deer in these parks nowadays.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

The Principal owners are Capt. Kemmis, Ballinacor House near Glenmalure. The Earl of Meath represented by Mr. Wilcox, Cullintra, Rathdrum and the Forestry Commission.

Shooting Club NONE

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club NONE

ROWING AND SAILING

NONE

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following:
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football	Aughrim Gaelic Football Club -	Field situated at western end of village. This is county G.A.A. Field.
	Gaelic Football club in Glenmalure	No Special Ground
Hurling	Aughrim Hurling Club	Same as Football
Handball	None	
Soccer	"	
Rugby	"	
Cricket	"	
Hockey	"	
Bowls	"	
Bowling (on public roads)	"	
Lawn Tennis	Discontinued	
Croquet	None	
Billiards	Small table in Parochial	
Badminton	None	
Table Tennis	"	
Bridge Club	"	
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)		<u>NONE</u>

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club: None

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs etc.) in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

Finals of Co. Wicklow Football and Hurling competitions held here annually. No fixed date.

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ANGLING (Fresh water)

River Avonbeg

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Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon _____ Sea Trout _____ Brown Trout up to $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
with an occas-
ional larger
one

BEST SEASON FOR:

Brown Trout: Early Summer

SUITABLE FLIES:

Brown Trout: Blue Body, Wickhams Fancy, March Brown

Angling is Entirely Free

Owners of Boats for Hire: None

Convenient Angling Centres (where accommodation is available): _____
Glenmalure Hotel

Local Angling Club: None

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

Barony of Ballinacor

Village Aughrim Parish Aughrim County Wicklow.

Location and Brief description

Aughrim is a large village situated amid lovely surroundings where the rivers Ow and Derry meet, about 9 miles north west of Arklow and 11 miles south west of Rathdrum. The village itself is tidy and neat though not impressive. One item that strikes the visitor is, that practically the entire business houses of the place are owned by the Phelan family.

Is there a Town Hall? No Location _____

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Water supply adequate but sewerage is not very good.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest Station Aughrim Distance in village Bus No
Public lighting by - Electricity No Gas? No

DANCING

Dance Hall Parochial Hall Proprietor R.C. Clergy

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures Shown _____
(nights)
Theatres None Kind of Shows _____
(drama, comedy etc)

FAIRS AND MARKETS; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Last monday of each month
Weekly Market day Friday Half-Holiday Tuesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Phelans Garage & Byrnes Garage

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries None

Private Lending Libraries None

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church R.C. Church Services (Sundays) 8.30 & 10.30

Church of Ireland Ballintone 10.30 a.m.

Church of Ireland Aughrim 6.30 p.m. every 3rd
Sunday 9.45 a.m.

Catholic Church of Macreddin Ordinarily no service

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main Street

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

BANKING

Banks Branch of Munster & Leinster Bank

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers None

Photographic Stores Films available at Murphys

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? No Location _____

Public Baths? No Location _____

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES etc

Social Clubs None

Cultural Societies Dramatic Society in Aughrim & Dramatic Society in

Greenane

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Milling

Handcrafts None

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

None

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners):

Taxis Byrnes Garage & Mr. Byrne Post Office

Motors (Touring) as above

Boats (State type) None

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses None

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location No particular sites Landowner
but permission may be
obtained from the various
landowners.

Local Improvements Committee None

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

None

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School

HOSPITALS

Arklow nearest

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BARONY Ballinacor

A C C O M M O D A T I O N

PARISH AUGHRIM
 TOWN OR VILLAGE Aughrim

COUNTY Wicklow

HOTELS	No. Guest Bedrooms	No. of Baths	No. of Lav.	No. Public Rooms	Licensed	REMARKS
Lawless Hotel K. Phelan Prop.	10	1	3	3	Yes	Very Good, Well run hotel
Ardee Mrs. Byrne, Prop.	6	1	2	4	No	Clean, tidy and appears quite good.
Glenmalure Hotel	12	1	3	2	No	Exceptionally good
Aughavanna Hotel	5	-	1 Out-side	1	No	Poorly furnished not well kept, not good.
<u>GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES</u> Macreddin House	6	1	2	2	No	Very well kept & run. ^{FINE} Glass sun lounge PRIVATE TENNIS. INDOOR AMUSEMENTS.
Aughavanna House (An Oige) Hostel	1 dormitory for men 2 for women 1 common room use of kitchen and bathroom					
Refreshments Owen Sheridan, Aughrim.						

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If undelivered please return to:-
IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION (INC.)
15 UPR. O'CONNELL ST.
DUBLIN.

Photos.

Arghrim psh., Co Wicklow.



Aughrem Parish

Aughavannagh House, built as
blockhouse in '98; later used as
shooting lodge by Parnell, then as
residence by Redmond family;
now 'An Oize' hostel.



Aughtonin Parish

Drumgoff Station

Barracks,

Glennalure

once raided & burned by Michael
Dwyer & his men.



Aughorin Parish

Ballinacor Lake

Ballinacor House estate.

~~Capt. Kemmis~~

(Lattison)

~~Estate~~

No. 112000 42 75
a fragment of
MICHAEL O'DUBHIN
(MURRAY DUBOIN)
APR 2 1911 LACROIX
1788 A.D.

Aughrom Parish

Commemoration

~~Commemoration~~ Stone

Glenmalur

Pattison



Aughtrim Parish

Waterfall. ^{Patterson}

Glenmalur



Aughnam Parish

~~Site~~

~~Carthwicks of~~
~~Geach Mc Hugh~~
Site of Frach Mac Hugh
O'Byrne's mountain
O'Byrne's Stronghold

1844



Duaghmore Parish
Ballinacor House.

~~Capt. Kemmis~~

Residence.

Pattison



Aughrim Parish

Site of Fiach Mac Hugh
O'Byrne's mountain stronghold.

~~Earl works of Seagh~~

~~Mc. Hugh's Castle.~~

Pattison

'SΔ Ξλεδnn so bī
Δ lonz pōmz Δξ
Míceál Ó Duibín
(MICHAEL DWYER)
Δξus Δ cúid Iáoíra
1798 A.D.

An Ξλεδnn
m- Δn bīris
Fíada Ó bnoim
(FÍADÉ McHUGH O'BYRNE)
Cāt Δn Ξállaió
1580 A.D.

Inscriptions on Commemoration Stone
Colonnade

6th July 1943.



Head Stone at Glenmalur

6th July 1943

Clughrim?
Roundwood Parish

(1)

Sites

Generalure?

Glendaloch

In 1580 the valley was occupied by native Irish and Anglo-Irish opponents of the English authorities and Lord-Deputy Grey, who had just arrived from England, rashly ordered an army to march to Glendaloch to remove them. The king's army, mainly because of its ^{officers'} ignorance of the locality and terrain, proved an easy prey for the defenders, however, and it was quickly demoralised, ~~with out many of its distinguished leaders slain~~, and forced to return to Dublin, many of its distinguished officers having been slain in the valley.

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Historic Sites

This parish abounds with places of this type and nearly all have to do with the stirring days of 1798. Naturally Glenmalur takes pride of place, as it was the stronghold of Michael Dwyer and his dauntless Comrades. On entering the glen we first see to our left a small headstone in a field. This stone marks the place where two Wexford men were done to death. Some say they were innocent victims being men returning to their native County, having been working in Dublin, and had no association with the "Rising" that however is unconfirmed.

As one advances a little further one encounters the large "Commemoration" stone, with inscriptions on either side recording the achievements of Fiachra Hugh O'Byrne and Michael Dwyer. Here also tradition says a man was "Piked" to death and small indents in the stone are attributed to the point of the "Pikes". This is perhaps rather an exaggeration.

It may be of interest to point out that at this period every house in the Glen was burned down. The remains of one still stands, that of a man named Jimmy Kelly who had a woollen factory there. The walls are incorporated in out-houses belonging to Mrs Brian Farrell whose house is located at the bottom of the waterfall on the south bank of the river. Visitors will be allowed to view it if desired.

Gun Gaff Banacks at the entrance to Glenmalur and the second banacks on the military road, is worthy of note, due to the fact that it was raided and burned by Michael Dwyer and his men. It was subsequently rebuilt and regarrisoned. When hostilities ceased it was evacuated and since that time it has fallen into decay. In structure it is an exact replica of the house at Lughananna. The owner is Capt Kemmis Salinger's house and the surrounding land is leased by Mr Dwyer Glenmalur. There is full permission for people to examine it if they please.

Maeruddin

Situated some three miles above Aughrim to the north east is the townland of Maeruddin. This used be the principal place in the parish but has since been superseded by the more recent village of Aughrim. The R. Catholic Church here though now not used is on the site of the church which stood here and was destroyed in 1798. The Chalice belonging to this old church is still used in the parish church at Aughrim. The exact age of it is not known but it was reserved very early in the 19th century by the then parish priest a Fr Galvin who was well known due to the fact that he strongly fostered the cause of Parnell. There are graveyards here but they do not contain anything special.

Historic Sites Cont

Ballymore bridge. This old bridge about two miles east of Anghrim is a bridge by the above name and it is mentioned locally as being the site of the execution of two men during the '98 trouble

Stoke

It is apparently the case around this part of Co Wicklow that apart from Frac^r Hugh O'Byrne practically all history or antiquities are forgotten everything is dated or fixed since 1798. Accordingly it is extremely difficult to obtain information here

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

Glennmalur This wild glen which was the refuge of many Irish patriots in their struggle for freedom is famed chiefly for the exploits of "Seac" McHugh O'Byrne and Michael Dwyer. "Seac" the Chieftain of the clan of the "O'Byrnes" of County Wicklow took up arms against the English and in the year 1580 inflicted a heavy defeat against an English army sent to capture him. Tradition says that the forces met on top of the high hills on the north of the glen. Seac manoeuvred his troops in such a way that the English found themselves being driven down the slope. They were eventually forced down into the river in the valley where they were completely routed with a loss of some 800-1000 men. Two of the British commanders **HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES** being killed.

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities. Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

Anghavanna House is situated in a wild and desolate, though beautiful in its wildness, at the foot of the mountains headed by Lugnaquilla, and deemed some six miles N.W. of the village of Anghrim. The house was originally built as a barracks or block house in 1798 at the extremity of a military road which runs over and through the mountains as far as Glendalough. Having served its purpose as a barracks, it was bought by Parnell and used as a shooting lodge. Subsequently it was bought by the Redmond family and became their residence until some years ago, ^{when} on the death of Capt Redmond they ceased to reside there. It is a huge long grey stone building resembling a prison more than anything else. The present occupants are "Do Dige" who run it as a hostel for the use of the organization. This house has an exact counterpart at Dummoff at the entrance to Glennmalur and connecting with this house by the military road. These buildings were erected and garrisoned in an effort to subjugate the rebels headed by Michael Dwyer the hero of the '98 struggle. Tradition states that two informers by the names of ^{Wander} ~~Wander~~ and Stempinstall were ~~executed~~ executed by "Peking" at the entrance gate to Anghavanna house.

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?
Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

The only thing of this type mentioned by the people of this parish is what is known as the "Lone Tree" on Ballycooque mountain. This very large tree perched high on the mountain side is a landmark for a great many miles around the surrounding country. At a first visit to the area a person would not remark it but having heard about it, like the people of the locality one automatically looks for it as one would for the North Star. Actually it is just outside the parish but it is more ^{clearly} visible from the parish mentioned than from elsewhere.

Druid Stone?? Just adjacent to the "Three Wells" described below, lying at the side of the road is a large flatish stone about 3ft x 2ft. the surface of which has a number of indentations as if the stone from them had been scooped out. Locally it is known as the "Druid Stone" but no one can say why.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

Three Wells. In the townland of this name, located about 2 miles north east of Aughrim village, on the right hand side of the road just where the road enters the "Green" or open space can be seen the "three wells" side by side. These wells are reputedly here is the time when here stood a monastery. They are three in honour of the ~~Blessed~~ "Holy Trinity" and some years ago there used be a pattern to them but like many of the old customs it has been discontinued. As far as is known the site of the monastery was in the little paddock on the opposite side of the road but authentic information as regards this is not available. There is a right of way to the wells and anyone has permission to enter the little field of the monastery if desirous of doing so.

(Signed)

J. A. Patterson

Surveyor.

DATE

14th July 43

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF *Ballinacor*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Aughrem* PARISH *Aughrem* COUNTY *Wicklow*

ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE *Derby* Nearest point to town (distance) *flows through village*

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Trout (brown)

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout *3 to 4 lbs*

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout *Averages about the same all year.*

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout *Wickhams Fancy Red Spinner Blue Body.*

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc. *The 'Quells' are good for wet days.*

entirely free

Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors :

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Aughrem

Local Angling Club..... *none*..... Membership Fee.....

Secretary (and Address).....

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

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none
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Kinds of fish to be caught :

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Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

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none
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Bait available locally ?..... Fishing tackle ?.....

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.....

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GOLFING

Name of Club..... *none*..... No. of holes.....

Situation and brief description of course :

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Name of Professional.....

Is there a clubhouse on course ?..... Licensed ?.....

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day..... Per week.....

RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year.....

Under which rules?..... *none*

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds.....

Harriers..... *none*

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club..... *none* Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company..... *none*

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

*The whole area offers good rough shooting
Partridge grouse rabbits hares etc,
Practically no free shooting except a small
area at Cughavanna where the riparian
owners should be consulted. Note there is also a
considerable amount of deer in these parts nowadays.*

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

*The principal owners are Capt Kemmis
Ballinacor House near Glenmalur. The Earl
of Meath represented by Mr Wilcox Bullintra
and the Forestry Commission. Rathdaun*

Shooting Club..... *none* Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club..... *none* Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

..... *none*

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following :
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football *Aughrim Gaelic Football Club* } Field situated at
 Hurling *Aughrim Hurling Club* } western end of village
 Handball *none* Handball alley? *This is the country C.A.A. field*
 Soccer "
 Rugby "
 Cricket "
 Hockey "
 Bowls "
 Bowling (on public roads) "
 Lawn Tennis *Discontinued* Kinds of courts
 Croquet *none*
 Billiards *small table in Parish*
 Badminton *none*
 Table Tennis "
 Bridge Club "
 Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)
none
Gaelic Football Club in Glenmalur no special ground.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *none* Events held under rules of
 do.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.)
 in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

Finals of the Wicklow Football Promoters
and Hurling competitions
held here annually. No fixed
date.

DATE *6th July 1943*

(Signed)

J.A. Pattison
 Surveyor.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Ballinacor

TOWN OR VILLAGE..... PARISH Aughrim COUNTY Wicklow

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Auonbeg Nearest point to town (distance).....

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout up to 1/2 lb
with an occasional larger one

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon..... Sea trout..... Brown trout early summer

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout Blue body Wickhams fancy March brown

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

entirely free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day :

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Glenmalur Hotel

Local Angling Club..... none..... Membership Fee.....

Secretary.....

DATE 6th July '43

(Signed) J.P. Patterson

Surveyor.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF *Ballinacor*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *Aughrim* PARISH *Aughrim* COUNTY *Wicklow*

Location and brief description. Population

Aughrim is a large village situated amid lovely surroundings where the rivers Du Linn and meet about 9 miles north west of Arklow and 11 miles southwest of Rathdrum. The village itself is tidy neat though not impressive. One item that strikes the visitor is, that practically the entire business houses of the place are owned by the Phelan family.

Is there a Town Hall? *no* Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Water supply adequate but sewerage is not very good.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *Aughrim* Distance *in village* Bus? *no*

Public lighting by—Electricity? *no* Gas? *no*

DANCING

Dance hall *Parochial Hall* Proprietor *Rev. Fr. Gleason R.C. Clergy*

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas *none* Pictures shown (nights)

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

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries..... none

Private Lending Libraries..... none

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church R. C. Church Services (Sundays) 8:30 & 10:30

Church of Ireland Ballintone 10:30 a.m.

Church of Ireland Anghrim 6:30 p.m., every 3rd Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Catholic Church of Macreddin ordinarily no service

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main St

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

BANKING

Banks Branches of Munster & Leinster Banks

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers none

Photographic Stores Films available at Murphy's

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? no Location

Public Baths? no Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... *none*

Cultural Societies..... *Dramatic Society in Anghrim*
Dramatic Society in Greenane

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries..... *milling*

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)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National School

HOSPITALS

Asklow nearest

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Last Monday of each month*

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

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Philane Garage Byrnes Garage

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Byrnes Garage & Mr Byrnes Post Office*

Motors (Touring) *as above*

Boats (State type) *none*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans

Horses *none*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *No particular sites but permission may be obtained from the various landowners* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary

(Signed)

DATE

Surveyor.

