Historic Associations, etc.

Barony of Ballinacor

Town or Village Rathdrum Parish Rathdrum County Wicklow

TOPOGRAPHY

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

There are innumerable really beautiful views in the vicinity so it is difficult to single out the best ones. In mentioning those most easily obtained one probable finds the solution. The "Vale of Clara" as seen from the Rathdrum road is exceedingly beautiful. The valley from Ballinaclash to the "Meetings" is very lovely when viewed either from Whaley Abbey or from the Dublin road. The valley after Avonmore from Rathdrum to the "Meetings" is well worth looking at particularly if one can include a visit to the Forestry Commissions estate at Avondale. For equally beautiful scenery but more difficult to get at, the trip from Knockrath over the mountains to Greenane will well repay the tourist for the difficulty in obtaining it.

GEOLOGY

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

The terrain in this parish is extremely mountainous in fact throughout the whole area it would be difficult to locate a couple of hundred yards of level ground. Most of the hills are well tree-covered which enhance the general appearance. I think it can be fairly safely assumed that the unevenness of the land is probably due to glacier action. The predominant rocks of Co. Wicklow are the far fa med pink and grey granites, rocks which are so hard and weather resisting, that they have produced the jagged outlines of the typical Wicklow mountain scenery.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

Of Imposing Character

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

Nothing of this type in the area.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone circles, Ogham stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Raths, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker or where key is kept.

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Whaley Abbey. Bahana Whaley. Kilkini Monastery.

In 1658 Oliver Cromwell wrote to his son, Harry, the Lord Protector of Ireland commanding to his care, his cousin Whaley. He thereby established in this country a rapacious adventurer whose race continued with all its excesses down to 1800 when the last of them died in extreme poverty. Harry the "Protector" granted to Whaley his relative by marriage great tracts of land in Wicklow and other counties and accordingly the place spoken of became known as Bahana Whaley of Whaley Abbey. One member of this family Richard Chapell Whaley M.P. for Co. Wicklow 1747 - 1760 known as "Burn Chapel Whaley" owing to the number of Catholic Chapelries which he destroyed as "Commissioner of the Peace"!!! was a vicious persecutor of the Papish Eccleastical priests. Son of this man was Thomas Whaley better known as "Buck" Whaley the dissolute roue of the late 18th century in Dublin. The stories of his gambling and fast living are related even to the present time his associations with the "Hell Fire Club" in the Dublin mountains, his dogs and racehorses, his racecourse in the grounds of Whaley Abbey, and, most famous of all, his wager to journey to Jerusalem, play handball against its walls and return inside two years, during the height of the Napoleonic wars, a feat which he accomplished thereby winning as a result £16,000. This man who inherited £60,000 in money and an inco me of £7,000 p.a., in the course of a few years dissipated a fortune of £400,000 and died penniless as the last of the Whaleys.

Bahana ("The place of the Birch trees") Whaley, overlooking the beautiful Vale of Avoca is an enchanting spot and little is it to be wondered that it was chosen by "Cian" a relative of Caoimhghim of Gleann Da Loca (St. Kevin) as a site for a monastery. There is a good deal of controversy as to who exactly "Cian" was. According to Canon O'Hanlon in his lives of Irish Saints she was a virgin and possibly a sister of St. Kevin. Rev. M.V. Ronan in his investigations inclines to the belief of a male founder and determines Cian or Coemhan the brother of St. Kevin. The abbey, which apparently stood somewhere close to the present graveyard, but of which there is now no trace, was in use until approximately the 11th century at which time many of the Celtic Monasteries closed down. The church is believed to have been used by the people and was mentioned as one of the churches of the Dublin Diocese in 1275. It is thought that it was used up to the late 16th century and then fell into disuse. In the centre of the graveyard is the ruin of a church, the bare outline of the foundations being visible. Whether or not this was the original church it is difficult to say, but it may be as it is apparently in disuse for a very long period. In the graveyard are a number of XVIII Century headstones which may be interesting. There is free access to the graveyard etc. The house of Whaley Abbey is occupied but the owner is of the opinion that only a very small portion of it is the original building as it has been many times renovated since the time of the Whaleys. He is a Mr. Martin by name and he has no objection to genuinely interested people visiting the house.

In the field opposite the house, which was once the racecourse can be seen the broken-down monument which once stood there. Regarding the exact purpose of this it is obscure but is said to have been erected in honour of King William. The location of Whaley Abbey is to the left of the Aughrim - Ballinaclash road, one mile south of Ballinaclash. It also overlooks the "Meetings" and the village of Ballinaclash, better known as "Clash". There remains a legend around Avoca, though not now generally known and it is as follows:-

"Cian the brother of St. Kevin was sent by him to mind sheep one day and he was instructed to give them his whole attention but unfortunately he became distracted by a beautiful deer. Overcome with remorse he confessed his fault, Kevin being very austere directed him for penance, to walk backwards with his face towards Glendalough along the Avonmore River holding a withered holly branch and continue until it should turn green again. At the "Meetings of the Waters" his holly became miraculously green again and at the nearby Bahana he established his monastery. Until recent years the "May-hole" at the "Meetings" was bathed in for its curatine properties.

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Rathdrum The town of Rathdrum is situated high on a prominance overlooking the Avonmoderiver and it is believed that at one time a large and important Rath was located here from which the town takes its name. There is at the present time no trace whatever of this rath and no remnant of antiquity to link the townwith the past.

Site of Abbey or Monastery

As far as can be gathered this old monastery stood in the townland of Ballinabarney on the site now occupied by the house of a Mrs. Moran. Not a stone of the original building remains apparently, and the only thing that could be learned about it was that it was called St. Mary's Abbey. What community peopled it is also unknown. The most convenient way to locate the site is to proceed to Greenane bridge on the Ballinaclash — Glenmalure road, and enquire in Byrne's licensed house situated there to point out the exact spot. The intending visitor could either traverse the fields which would be infinitely shorter or go around the road for some couple of miles. Mrs. Moran has no objection to people visiting site. She herself does not know anything of its history being a newcomer.

Kilcommon Graveyard

This old graveyard is situated about two miles north of the town of Rathdrum overlooking the main Rathdrum — Dublin road. Right of way up to it is at the house of Mr. Martin, Bahana Rathdrum. Not in the care of public works and free access.

Lines to the memory of a cousin by Michael Lawlor on a plaque on the wall or gable of Kilcommon old church:

"In this lone corner by this sacred wall,
Where dews of Heaven on ivy festoons fall
Lie the remains all mouldering into dust
Of one whose virtue neck was soiled with rust
The noblest specimen of womankind
That 'eer blew her breath on wind
She loved the good and always shunned the wrong
Her angel spirit now sings Heavens song."

Kilcommon is situated in the townland of Bahana on top of a steep hill about the distance described above. Within the graveyard are the remains of an old chapel consisting chiefly of the north gable, though it is badly broken down, and an outline of the foundations of the church. The building was 40ft x 21ft and was built of crude stones of various sizes. In the existing gable standing is the remains of a window with deep inwards splay; which is considerably wider and larger on the inside than on the outside; the measurements are approx. $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ ft inside and $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 8" on the outside. It is built like the embrasure windows in a castle. The stones forming the coping or edging stones on the outside are of sandstone and the top stone is missing, it cannot be ascertained what form of architecture was revealed by the arching. The wall is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick. Regarding its history, little is definitely known. According to Fr. M. Ronan the church was being used in 1531. This was apparently not the church founded by St. Coman or Colman, but probably stood on the site of the original church. Regarding the origin here again Antiquarians are controversial. Fr. Ronan in writing on its founder concluded that it was founded by a St. Colman the word "Common" being a corruption of Colman. According to a Fr. Galvin late P.P. Rathdrum St. Kevin had a brother Colmanus 448. These men are also claimed as being the founders of Kilcommon. "Common" being held as being a corruption of any of these names. Abbot of Ardensis also Caemhan another brother: which of these, if any, founded the institution is a matter for conjecture, nor does it materially affect the case that it was the cell or church of one of the early disciples of our patron saint. In the graveyard are some 18th Century headstones which may be of interest. The one claiming most notice is that to a Rev. Bryan Byrne 1776. Its quaint but interesting carving is unusual as it depicts,

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besides the Crucifixion, a Roman soldier with a lance, others on horseback, figures in the background and the representation of a church.

"Stump of the Castle"

This is exactly what the name implies, a stump of a castle and is situated high on the side of a hill or mountain in the townland of that name, exactly opposite the town of Rathdrum to the North of Rathdrum and approximately 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from that town.

The "stump" consists now of about half of what was probably a corner tower and is for the most part heavily ivy covered. The structure is of no very early date being of large stones similar to those of 15th and 16th century buildings. Inside it one finds a narrow passage running 8 - 10 feet and ending in a circular little room with a narrow slit - like window and corbelled roof. The ceiling is of overlapping stone slabs forming a very shallow dome. The outlines of the entire building are no longer traceable though it is believed to have been quite large. It is owned by a Mr. Cahill who has no objection to people visiting it. Unfortunately there appears to be no record of who built it or at what time and, apparently, it is quite a long time in disuse, and as nothing in this county prior to 1798 seems to be known locally the only reference may be found in the Journal of Soc. of Antiquities Vol. 63 and Vol. 66 (1933 - 1936) on Castles in Wicklow by Dist. Justice Price.

Castle at Knockrath

High up on the hillside on the southern side of the Vale of Clara is found the remains of an old castle. Situated about 3 miles west of Rathdrum and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the left of the Rathdrum Glendalough road. It is located by going up the road which commences at the house of Mr. Sainsbury R.C.V.S. and following this road until the woods are past then on looking up to the left can be seen the castle remains. At the present time it consists chiefly of the remnants of walls which have become more or less covered with soil and grass and around are inumerable heaps of stones which probably belonged to the building these stones are undressed. The plan of the Castle is rectangular being about approx. 200ft x 150ft. The various apartments or yards whichever they may have been can be discerned. On the southern side stands the remains of an old stone house probably of a much later date. This is comprised of the gables and side wall having being built with the stones of the original castle. A rough sketch of the foundations would be like the following:-

The land is owned by a Mr. Cullen and there is no difficulty about viewing it. Unable to find out anything about its history locally.

Ref. Journal Royal Soc. of Antiquities Ireland Vol. 63 and Vol. 66, these may possibly allude to it.

HISTORIC SITES

In the Vale of Clara high up on the northern slope above the little chapel is a house which was once owned by Henry Grattan of Irish Parliamentary fame. Here he lived at certain times but it is more probable that it was used as a kind of shooting lodge for him. An ordinary unimposing two storey stone building it is at present owned by a Mr. Healy. Anyone wishing to visit it may do so. To locate it one must go to Clara on the Rathdrum — Glendalough road, go down to the chapel and up the other side, the house is easily visible facing down. It might be remarked that the climbing to this house, both ways, is very heavy.

The Flannell Hall Rathdrum

Nowadays this old hall is used as a courthouse for petty sessions but originally it was built as a kind of market hall where flannel was traded. Subsequently it was used as a jail and during troubled times insurgents and others, having been apprehended and executed their heads were impaled on spikes outside of it. It is situated on top of the hill at the southern side of the town of Rathdrum and can be easily seen. Owned by the CoolaMin estate (Lord Fitzwilliam).

The Vale of Clara is one, or it should be said the only historic site around this district. It cannot even claim much prominance in that line except that it was around this lovely valley that Michael Dwyer and some of his companions found refuge during their flight after being nearly captured at Danenamuck in various holes and corners throughout this valley they hid themselves while the search was going on, and eventually escaped to safer parts of the county.

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.

Avondale House

This beautiful house is situated in an extensive demesne owned by the Forestry Commissioner or Department about 2 miles east of the town of Rathdrum. Formerly it was the habitat of Charles Stewart Parnell. The house is a 2 storey building rather long and the exterior is often "pebbledashed". The front being well propositioned offers a pleasing aspect. Built in 1779 by a Colonel Hayes who was an expert on Afforestation he was also a Colonel in the Irish Volunteers. On his demise he willed the house to Parnell. Apart from a picture there are no relics of Parnell. The house itself has some very interesting features. First on entering one is arrested by the hall which is comprised of two storeys and has a balcony high up facing the door. This is I believe Italian style and possibly Renaissance. The interior woodwork and ceiling etc. are of the same period. Even the doors are well worth attention. In an adjoining room one is enchanted to find a beautiful mantelpiece by Bossy. Wall ornamentation in another room is worthy of note but I fear that as it is a school for forestry students these treasures do not get the care they deserve. Permission to visit the house and grounds has to be obtained from the Forestry Department, 88, Merrion Square.

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.

Nothing of this type located in this district.

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.

"Lovers Leap" This is a spot in the grounds of the Forestry Department at Avondale house. It consists of a rock prominence overlooking the river Avonmore and making a sheer drop of up to a couple of hundred feet. The visitor has a most beautiful view from this spot. The old legend so often come by of the unhappy lovers leaping from such a place applies in this instance also. It is

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located by taking the little road to the left immediately on entering the gate at the gatehouse and as one traverses this route the railing can be seen on the left hand side less than a quarter mile from the gate. It may be worth mentioning here that if this road is continued for another half mile or so one is arrested by the sight of three tremendously tall fir trees. Actually they are the three tallest trees in Ireland and very probably in the British Isles? They are more or less about the same height the tallest rising to a height of 145 feet. To visit these sights one need only apply to Mr. O'Bierne who is in charge of the estate, and will be found there almost anytime.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

None.

SIGNED SURVEYOR

DATE 31st July 1943

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY Sports And Games

Barony of	Ballinacor	_
Town or Village Rathdrum	Parish Rathdr	cum County Wicklow.
	ANGLING (Fresh Water	<u>-)</u>
If there is only one river or additional waters Form Ba to	lake in the parish this be used.	s form (B) will suffice. For
River Avonmore	Nearest point to town	(distance) ½ mile. Runs at
	base of hill on which	town is situated.
	KINDS OF FISH HELD:	
Brown Trout		
	AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:	
Salmon	Sea Trout	Brown Trout <u>Very small up to</u>
		½ lb. Numerous.
	SUITABLE FLIES	<u>:</u>
Brown Trout Any of the common	patterns such as Blue b	ottle, wielchams fancy
Red Spinner etc.		
State if angling is — "entire	ly free"; "free except o	n preserved stretches"; etc.
Entirely free.		
Preserved stretches with names	s and addresses of Propr	ietors:
None.		
Owners of boats for hire, and	charges per day:	
None.		
Convenient angling centres (wh	nere accommodation is av	ailable):
Rathdrum.		
Local Angling Club None	Membershi	p Fee
Secretary (and Address)		

SEA ANGLING

None.

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges pe	r day:
None.	
GOLFING	
Name of Club None,	
RACING	
(Including "Point — to — Point" and "Flapper"	meetings)
No. of meetings normally held during the year	None.
Under which rules?	
Situation of course	
HUNTING	
Hounds which hunt in the district:	
Foxhounds None.	
Harriers None.	
Beagles None.	
COURSING	
Name of Club None	Meeting held annually?
GREYHOUND RACING	
Name of CompanyNone.	
SHOOTING	
Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds o shooting is available:	f wild fowl or game, and if free
Although there is a good deal of rough shootin no free shooting. The principal game found is pheasant woodquest and rabbit almost so thick	Grouse, Woodcock occasional
If preserved, give names of landowners or less	ees and addresses:
The Earl of Meath who preserves a tremendous a have practically the remainder. The area to t the only free shooting (Riparian owners) but h	he north east of the town provides
CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING	
Name of ClubNone	

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

	Committee concerned with the following: ve location of sports ground or recreation hall)
Gaelic Football:	Avondale G.F.C. No particular field. Ballinaclash G.F.C. Field near ¹ Clash bridge.
<u>Hurling:</u>	Avondale Hurling Club. No particular field.
Handball:	No.
Soccer:	No.
Rugby:	No.
Cricket:	No.
Hockey:	No.
Bowls:	No.
Bowling (on publi	c roads): No.
Lawn Tennis:	Rathdrum L.T.C. Kinds of courts 2 grass On road to Avondale.
Croquet:	No.
Billiards:	No.
Badminton:	Rathdrum Badminton Club (at Courthouse)
Table Tennis:	Rathdrum Table tennis Club (at Courthouse)
Bridge Club:	No.
Other games or re	creations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing): None.
	ATHLETICS AND CYCLING
Name of Club Non	DB•
	ANNUAL EVENTS
Give list of annuetc.) in each cas	eal events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, e. Include pilgrimages and patterns.
None.	

Date 19th July, 1943.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

Amenities and General Information

Towns and Villages (Other than Seaside)

Barony of <u>Ballinacor</u>		_	
Town or Village Rathdrum Par	ish <u>Rathdı</u>	cum	County <u>Wicklow</u> .
	F	opulation .	700 - 800 approx.
Location and brief description.			
The little town of Rathdrum is perched hoviews of the valley of the Avonmore and centre for touring mid Wicklow being wit Glendalough, Glenealy, 'Meetings of the about 14 miles north of Arklow 10 miles of Dublin.	the Wicklow hin easy re Waters', /	mountains each of The Aughavanna	. It is an excellen Vale of Clara, etc. Rathdrum is
Is there a Town Hall?			
Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds.	Brief desc	ription:	
None.			
Brief comments on water supply and sewer	age:		
Good water supply and sewerage system an	d both are	quite well	availed of.
PUBLIC SE Nearest station Rathdrum		½ mile	Bus? Yes
Public lighting by - Electricity?Ye			
DANCTA			
DANCIN	2		
Dance Hall Pavilion at Barry's Hotel		Propr	ietor <u>Mr. Barry</u>
CINEMAS AND	THEATRES		
Cinemas None.	_		
Theatre None.			
LIBRARI	T		
Public Libraries Branch of Co. Wicklo	w Library.		
CHURCHES AN	D SERVICES		
Church R.C. Church Rathdrum	Services	(Sundays)	8.30 & 11.30 am.
Methodist Church Rathdrum			10.30am.
Church of Ireland Rathdrum			7pm every Sunday

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	12 noon. 2nd & 4th 10.30am
R.C. Church Clara	9am.
POSTAL FACT	ILITIES
Location of Post Office:Main Street.	
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)	All
BANKIN	NG
Banks _ Hibernian Bank Main Street.	
SPORTS AND PHOTO	SUPPLIES
Sports Dealers No particular sports deal	The same of the sa
Photographic Stores The Medical Stall Main	Street.
SWIMMING POOLS	AND BATHS
Swimming Pool? None.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURA	L SOCIETIES, &c.
Social Clubs: Dramatic Club Rathdrum.	
<u>Cultural Societies:</u> Gaelic League Class (H	eld in Courthouse)
INDUSTRIES AND	HANDCRAFTS.
Industries: Milling, Forestry, Electrial	Appliance Factory
Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give name	s of craftsmen, employer, &c.):
None.	
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(Brief description; inscription to be quote	
None.	
Nothing that could be called important exce Architecturally the same as all others.	pt perhaps the County Home.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Convent Primary School for girls.

National Schools at Rathdrum 'Clash, Clara and Trooperstown. Industrial school in the Convent for children under 10 years.

HOSPITALS

Hospital at County Home) Rathdrum

FAIRS AND MARKETS: HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets: 1st Tuesday each month.

Half-Holiday: Wednesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

O'Reilly's garage Main St. Mrs. Cullen's petrol station. (Garage not now in use).

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners):

Taxis: Mr. O'Reilly (Garage) Main St. Mr. Weulahan Main St.

Mr. P. Cullen Market Square.

Motors Touring: As above.

Boats (State type): None.

Bicycles: Mr. McGrath Main St.) Under normal conditions. Mr. L. O'Toole Main St.)

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location: No particular sites. Owners commission usually obtainable.

Local Improvements Committee: None.

Date: 19th July 1943

BARONY Ballinacor

ACCOMMODATION

COUNTY Wicklow

PARISH Rathdrum.

TOWN OR VILLAGE Rathdrum.

	Mrs.	GUEST	Ph	NB Con	Pi	NB Baı	周
Rhine View Guest House (Mrs. Garrett Doyle)	s. Byrne Main St. Rathdrum	GUEST OR BOARDING HOUSES Mrs. Givern Ballinaclash	Phelan's Hotel Ballinaclash	Commercial Hotel	Pierces Hotel Main St.	Barry's Hotel Main St.	HOTELS
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Clean. Adequately furnished. Having stayed there surveyor is not en-	Poor. Typical ordinary boarding house Food beautiful but very roughly served.	Rooms small, beautifully kept furn- ished excellent accom. but not often available owing to permanent guests.	Excellent hotel beautifully kept.	Fair. Difficulty in obtaining essential supplies prevents them taking people at the moment. Trying to overcome the problem.	Will not be in use until after the emergency owing to the fact that the rooms are being used for Government storage.	Nice and clean apparently comfortable.	REMARKS

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Note:- Rockmount Hotel though in this parish was done by Mr. D'Arcy.

If undelivered please return to:-

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION (INC.) 15 UPR. O'CONNELL ST.
DUBLIN.

Photos.
Rathdrum psh.



Rathdrum Parish Vale of Clara Pattison



Rathdrum Parish avondule House Pattison



Rathdrum Parish "Parnell's Coomlect" Clatteson



Rachdrum Parish Grattano House, Clara Vale of Clara Tattison



Rathdrung Parish Frelando Tullest Frees, avondale-145 ft. Heigh Cattern



Rathdrum Parish Stump of the Castle, Pattison



Rathdrum Parish "Lovers' Leap" avondale



Rathdrum Parish Allcommon Kilcommon



Rathdrem Parish Monumente on old race course at Cattion Whaley abbey

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

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TOWN OR VILLAGE PARISH PARISH Park drum COUNTY Wicklow
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ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Chirches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Raths, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Whaley Abbey. Bahana Whaley Kilkine monastery In 1658 Oliver lenouwell wrote to his som Harry the Lord Protector of Ireland commending to his Care, his consision whaley. He thereby established in this country a repactor adventure whose race continued with all its excesser down 16 1800 when the last of them died in extreme poverty. It may the "Protector" granted to this relative by manually Whaley) quest tracks of land in Wicklow and other counter and becomingly the place spoken of became known an Bahana Whaley or Whaley Abbley. One member of the family Richard Chapell Whaley w.f. for Co Wicklow 1747- 760 known as "burn Chapel Whaley" owing to the number of Paperti Chapelrie which he destroyed as "Commes Estactical priests. Son of the sman was Thomas Wholey better thrown as "Buck" Wholey the dessolute some of the late 18th Century in Dublin. The stories of his famille and fast Juning I are related even to the present time - This associations with the Hell Fine Club in the Dublin mountains, his dogs and nacehorses, his nace course in the grounds of Whaley Albert and most famous of all, the wages to Journey to Jerusalem, play handle against its walls and return in side two years, during against its walls and return in side two years, during the height of the Kapoleonie wars, a feat which he accomplished thereby winning as a result £16000. This man who inherited £60000 in arriver and an income of £ 1000 p. 1., in the course of a few years dissapared a fortune of \$400,000 and died penniless as the last of the Whaleys! Bahana " The place of the birds trees) Whaley, over looking to beautiful Vale of Anoca is an enchanting spot little to the worldered that it was chosen by Eises" relative of Redish & Day of Flesons Daloca, as a site for the a buonastry! There is a good deal of controversy as to who exactly Crass was. According to Caron Offanlow in his lives of driets sample was a virgin and possibly a lister of A Kevin. Ker h. V. Ronan in his investigation unclines to the helief of a male founder and determines Ceas or Coembas the brother of & Levin The abbey, which apparantly stood somewhere close to the Present gravey and, he of which there is now no trace, was in use until approx the III century at which time transfor the Celtic honosh closed down! The church is believed to have been used by the people and was mentioned as one of the churches of (Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).

The Dublin devesse, in 1275. It is thought that it was used up to the late 12.15 Century and then fell into desire. In the centre of the gravey and is the season of a church, the have outline of the foundations being sinsible to hether or not the was the original church it is difficult to cay, but it may be as it is apparently in discuss for a very long period. In the graveyard are a number of xviii to Century head stones which maybe interesty. There is the access to the gravestand after the house There is free access to the gravey and ste. The house of Wholey Abbey is occupied but the owner is of the opinion that only a very small portion of it is the original benilding as it has been many terrestendent that since the time of the Wholep. It is a thing the halup the is a day make interested people visiting the house. It has been and be has no objection to generately interested people visiting the house. In the feeld apposed the house, which was once the have come of the straint which and the season the broken - down monuncial which once blood their have information except from a freak wat with any information except from a freak person who stated that it had been erected in hor our of king william. The location of wholey the how our of king William. The bester of Wholey Whey is to the left of the Aughum - Ballimaclash board, lands gently of Ballimaclash. It also overlooks the "meetings" and this village of Ballimaclash, bether known as "Clash!"

Hore semanic a legend around Avoca, though not now glowably the first and it is as follows: - Cross the brother of the Review and it is as follows: - Cross the brother of the Review was sent by him to wand sheep one day and he was instructed to give them his whole attention but unfortunately he became distracted by a heartiful deer. Overcome with remorse he confessed by a heartiful deer. Overcome with remorse he confessed his facility. Keven being very austere derected him for persone, to walk theochwards with his face towards Glendoop along the Abbatisos by any holding a withered holly branch and container until it should turn prem again.

At the "westings of the Walter" his holly became muracularity queen again and at the nearby Sallera he istablished his monastery. Until nearby Sallera he established his knownstery Until accent year the "way hole at the trackings" was betted in for its curative properties.

Rathdown. The toron of Rathdown is setucted high a a frommore one looking the Frommore iver and it is believed that at one time a large and important Rath was located here, how which the foron takes its name. There is at the present time no trace whatever of their rath and no remnanth of antiquety. To link the form beith the Bask.

an Expetie auch. Sito of Abbert or monastery

the far as can be gathered this old monastery stood in

the townshould by Ballina barrey on the sike now accurated

typhe house of a humbroran. Not a stone of the original

building remains apparently, and the only thing that Could

be learned about it was that it was called It many

belief what commenty peopled it is also unknown. The most convenient way to locate the site is to proceed to
Cheenane bridge on the balling cloth - Slemmalure road, and
askers in his bypues becaused house setuated there to point out the exact spot. The intending visitor goold cetter proverse the fuld which would be infinitely shorter or go around the wood for some comple of wiles. toghtone has no objection to people visiting ate. He herself does not know anothing of the being Henry a new comer. Historie Sitis In the Vale of Clara high up on the northern slope above the stille chapel is a house which was once owned by Graffam of Just Indiam way fame. here he lived at certain times but it is more probable that it hured at certain times but it is more probable that it was well as the standard for the standard of shootling lodge for their. An order any muniposing two stony stone building it is at present owned buy a hur Healy. Again fary one wishing to visit it may do so. To locate it one much go to Classe on the Ruth drum - Glandaloup, road on down to the sol to the Rath drum - Glandaloup road, go down to the chapel, and up the other add; and the house is casely visible facing down. I might be remarked that the alimbring to this house, both wacp, is very heavy. The flummell Hall Rathdrews. Nowd days this old hall is used as a court house for petry persons but originally it was built as a kind of market hall where flamed was traded. Subsequently it was used as a fail and during troubled times in my sent seems apprehended and executed, the part of it head of were impaled on spikes out side of it. It is orbited on top of the hill at the southern side of the fown of Rathaum and can be easily seen. Owned by the Coolatin estate (ford Fogwelliam).

Kelcommon Graveyara This old graveyard is situated about two will not ofthe town of Kathdrin overlooking the man Rathdring Dublin road. Right of way up to it is at the house of the martin Sahana Rathdring. Not in the care of public works and free access. huis to the memory of a cousin by michael law for on a plaque on the wall or gable of felcommon old church. In this lone corner by this sacred wall, Where dews of heaven a way festoons fall fire the vernous all moulding into dust Of one whose vertice nech was soiled with rust. The woblest opicinan of womankind That eer blew here break on wind He loved the good and always shumed the wrang Her angel spirit now sengs heavens song! Kelcomma is aiterated in the Townland of Balana on top of a steep hill about I he defance decided alone Within the gravey and aft the remains of an old claped Consisting Cheefly of the north gable, though it is hadly broken down, and an out has efthe foundations of the Church. The building was soft x 34 h and was brull of crulk stown being a wan down to the gattle clamburg to the person being and larger on the inspected has an the aboute. The measurements are approx 5 x 33 h mode and 32 ft x ghose and on the outside. It is built like the embraned windows in a cotte. The otomes forming the coping or edging stome on the outside are of slandstone and a the top stone in missing, it cannot be assertanced what form of architecture was repealed by the arching. The wall to about 3's fet theek. Regarding its history, little is alfanit is humberdowing to fr. M. Ronen the church was being held in 1531. This was appeared by probably stoods on the city of the original church. Regarding the Common being her again shippinames are contoversial. In large had a spain shippinames are contoversial. In large had a substant or its sanday the word Common their hard by some sounded by a blooker the word Common their hard by and by a blooker the word Common their was founded by a St Coleman, the word Common being a corruption of Coleman. According to a & Galvin late P.P. Ratidum It Revisi had a brother Colemanno 448 %: altot of Andenses also Counts on another broker; whall of these, if any founded the institution is a matter for conjecture, nor does it materially affect the Cese that it was the cell or church of one of the early desaples of our patron saint. In the grevey and are some XVIII the Cent heads lones which may be of interest. The one claming most notice is that to a Rev Beyon Syme 1776. Its quant

but interesting carving is puresual as it depicts, besides the Consepsion, a Roman soldier with a lance, others On hoseback, figures in the background and the representation of a church. of Kilconnow. Common being held as being a comption of any of hese hames. Stump of the Castle ." This is it actly what the name implies, a stromp of a castle and of is situated high on the side of a hill or mountain in the townland of that name, another opposite the large of Stat drawn to the worth band, and approximately 2" to it wiles from sense that town half of what was probably a corner tower and is for the most part heavily implemented the structure is of no very larly date being of large stones similar to the TVK + TNJK certary buildings. Inside it one finds a namon parage turn into 8 to 10 ft and ending in colorida little room with a various slid-tike were done to concilian little room with a various slid-tike were done to concilian little room with a various slid-tike were done to concilian little room with a various slid-tike were done to concilian in of overlapping along slaps forming a very shallow dome. The out lines of the entire building are no longer trace able though it is bullevied to have been girth large. It is owned believed to have been quite large. It is owned by a we Cabill who has no objection to people veseting built it or at what time and apparently, it is quite a long time in disuse, and as nothing in the country prior to 1798 seems to be known locally the only reference may be found in the found of Koyal Joe of antiquances Vol 63 + vol 66 (1933- 1936) on Castles in Wieklow by Ded Justice Caste at Knock rath. Jeigh up on the hellside on the Bouthern side of the vale of Clara is found the remains of an old crothe. Situated about 3 miles west of Rath drum and If of a mile to the left of the Rath drum Glendalough road. It is located by going up the toad which commences at the house of the Perusbury and Rouse and following this road will the woods are past them on looking and following this wood until the woods are past then on looking up to the left, can be seen the castle pen airs. At the Bresent time it consides theefly of the semmants of walls which I have become work or less covered with oal regass and around are here stone were or these covered with Doch regions and around are humanicable heaps of stones which probably belonged to the building their stone are undersed. The plan of the Castle is nechangular being about appear 900 ft x 150 ft. The various apartments or youds which ever they may have been can be discused. On the contien aide stands the remains of an old alove house probably of a much later date. This is comprised of the gables and old walls having here built with the stones of the brignial castle. A rough sketch of of the foundations would be like the following:

The land is overed by a time called and there about viewing it. Unable to find and there are the solding to sally Ref: Towned Royal soe of the fifteethy about the bidory locally Ref: Towned Royal soe of the fifteethy about to hidory locally Ref: Towned Royal soe of the fifteethy about to be the first possibly alude to it.

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

The Nale of Clara is one, or, it should be said, the only historic site around this district. It cannot even claric much prominence intoller except that it was around this lovely walley that buchael Dwyer and some of his companions Bund refuge during their flight after being nearly captared at Danenamnet in various holes and corners throughout this walley that his themselves while the seach was going on, and eventially escaped to safer parts of the County.

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.

Show beautiful house is setuated in an extensive demesne ownell by the fortestry Commission or Department about mile east of the town of Kathdrew. Formerly at was the habitat of Scharle Stewart Parvell. The house is a story building rether long and the elector to person aptended. The front level performed the was also a Calonel in aptending aspect. Scult in 1779 by a Colonel thaught who was an injection. On this demise he willed the house to Parvell. Apail from apicture their are no relies of Parvell. Apail from apicture their are using interesting fleatures. Find on intering one is anished by the hall which is comprised of two stories and has a ballony interesting the door. This is I believe Italian stiffs and possibly dinasissance. The interior woodwork and certain step and his adjoing noom one is enclosed to find a beautiful wardlying room one is enclosed to find a beautiful warblying room one is enclosed to find a beautiful warblying worth of tooks that the doors are well works after the soon is worthy of tooks but I fear that as it is a section for fortestry of total the house heaviers do not get the care they deserve. I sure soon to the otherwise from SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS the tooks of perfect the Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?

Mineral content and overative properties so far as known locally.

holting by two Type located in this district

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.

Yourestry Dept at Avandale house. It consists of a rock prominence overlooking the river amount and making show drop of up to a comple of hundred feet. The visition has a most heartiful view from this spot. The old legend so often come by of the unhappy lovers leaping from such a place applies in this instance also. It is located by taking the little road to the left enmediately On entering the gate at the gate house and as one triverses this south the railing can be seen on the left hand side less have a quarter mile from the gate. It may be worth mentioning here that if this word is continued for another half mile or so one is arrested by the sight three tremel dously fall fir trees. Act wally they are the the Butist bales hey are more on les about the dame height the tallest using to a height of 145 feet. To visit Keese rights one need only apply to him observe who is change of the estate, and will he found there almost amplime. CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Ballon a Cor
WN OR VILLAGE Rath drum PARISH Rath drum COUNTY Weeklow
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 Avan more Nearest point to town (distance) to mile, Runs at has en which tom
KINDS OF FISH HELD:
Brown Trank.
AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:
Salmon Sea trout Brown trout Very small up s
BEST SEASONS FOR:
Salmon Sea trout Brown trout hurch the pane
SUITABLE FLIES: " maybe alittle better
Salmon
Sea trout
Brown trout frag of the Common fraftuns such as Slice body Both State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc. Lentucky free Preserved stretches with names and addresses of Proprietors:
none
Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:
uone
Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):
Local Angling Club Membership Fee Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes	on fishing grounds:
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Kinds of f	fish to be caught:
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Owners of boats, type	of boats, and charges per day:
none	*
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	Fishing tackle?
	angling Assn
Representative of B.S.A.S. of other sea	anging Assir.
, 0	COLFING
Name of Club usus	No. of holes
	ief description of course:
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Is there a clubhouse on course?	Licensed ?
	Per week

RACING

(Including	g "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)	
No. of meetings normal	ly held during the year	
	none	
Situation of course		
	HUNTING	
	Hounds which hunt in the district:	
	none	
Beagles		
	COURSING	
Name of Club	Meeting held annually?	
	GREYHOUND RACING	
	nae	
Races on (nights)		
	SHOOTING	
	reas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:	
	is agood deal of rough shooting	
	w is practically to fee dooling	
	game found is Grouse Woodlock	
	easant woodquest + rellieb almost	
so thick as to	he nearly cought by hand	
	ve names of landowners or lessees and addresses:	
the Earl of	The eath who preserves a humendons	
	he fortestry Commission who have	
Shooting Club here it	e semainder the (see to the north east ords the andy free shooting (Repairer owners) but is not very good secy.	
CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING		
Name of Club	Competitions held?	
	ROWING AND SAILING	
Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.		

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 Anondale G. F. C. No particular field Ballina clash C. F. C. Field near Clash bridge.
Hurling Asondale Hurling Club No particular feel
Handball Handball alley?
Soccer
Rugby 20
Cricket
Hockey
Bowls no
Bowling (on public roads)
Lawn Tennis Rathdrum F.C. Kinds of courts 2 grass
Croquet
Billiards -uo
Badminton Late dum badumlow Club (at Courthouse)
Table Tennis " Table Tennis " ". ".
Bridge Club, 40
Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)
ingue.

ATHIETICS AND CUCLING
Name of Club 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.
Promoters
None
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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF Ballen a Con				
TOWN OR VILLAGE Rath drum PARISH Rath drum COUNTY Wicklaw				
Location and brief description. Population 700 - 800 approx				
The little town of Ratidium is puched high apon				
a hill come anding heartiful views of the valley				
ofthe avormore and the weeklow mountains. I				
is an excellent centre for toming hid wicklow				
king butter easy meall of Thevale of Clara, Standalong				
Stenealy meetings of the Waters aughavanna etc. Rationer				
about 14 miles North of Arklow 10 miles weld of Wicklow form and 38 miles				
Is there a Town Hall? Location				
Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:				
house				
Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:				
Coard were Dupply and severage supple				
and bats are quite well availed of				
PUBLIC SERVICES				
Nearest station Rathdum Distance 2 mile Bus? Yes				
Public lighting by—Electricity? 45 Gas?				
DANCING				
Dance hall Panellois at Proprietor				
Camp Statel lu Lany				
CINEMAS AND THEATRES				
Cinemas Pictures shown				
(nights)				
Theatre Kind of shows				

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Brunch of les Wicklan	Library
Private Lending Libraries	
CHURCHES AND SERVICES	
Church R. C. Church Rath dum Services (Sundays	8.30 ~11.30 am.
McKodest Church "	10.30 am
Church of Ireland "	TPH every ounday
R.C. Church Clara	10+31d Sundap 12 noon 2nd 14 10:30 am. 9 a.m.
POSTAL FACILITIES	
Location of Post Office Main Street	
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)	
BANKING	
Banks Acherman Bank Main	16
Daliks	A
	-
SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIE	S
Sports Dealers no particula Sports	dealers
Photographic Stores The Medical It all	man A.
SWIMMING POOLS AND BATH	
Swimming Pool? Location Location	
Public Baths? Location Location	

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c. Social Clubs Stram ship Chil Rath drawn Cultural Societies Gaelie League Class (leld in Burthouse) INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS Industries Willing, Fortisty, Electrical Appliance factory Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.): PUBLIC MONUMENTS (Brief description; inscription to be quoted) usul IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Give brief notes on architectural features) except perhaps the County House. Bucheteel wally the Jame as all others SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES Convent brunny Sthool for Guls Napranal Schools at Raktum Clash Clash Clase and Theoperstown Industrial School we two Consent for Children under 10 years

HOSPITALS

Haspital at County Hour & Rathdrum

FAIRS AND MARKETS; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Tues day	, each worth.			
Weekly market day I	Half-holiday Wednes day			
GARAGES AND PETROI	STATIONS			
Melly Garage Fram St.				
masquelline Schal Station	(Garage not now in use			
CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners):				
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In Wouldhan Man -	Tquare.			
Motors (Touring) as above				
motors (Touring)				
Boats (State type) uonl				
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Bicycles hw mcGrath ham	. 6			
Mus La Corrole to am	Jr Conditions			
Caravans	1			
Horses				
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CAMPING SITE				
Location to particular site. Lan	downerdowner			
Owner Journey	downer			
usually obtamable				

Local Improvements Committee				
Secretary	1Mb			
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Hotels

Bedrooms Baths Lavs, Rooms

Bauge Hafel han F 3 5 1 3 2 49. COUNTY William ACCOMMODATION Commenceal Hotel & 3 1 1 1 3 Milans Hotel is 9 (1655) 1 2 4 Mus Genein bolling 3 1 1 Mrs Byrne hegin G 3 -. 1 Mui Vius Engl House 5 DA HOMY. By allenging. I.T.A. SURVEY FORM E. Guest or Boarding Houses