

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY.

Natural Features, Antiquities,
Historic Associations, etc.

Barony of Arklow and Gorey
Town or Village Arklow Parish Arklow County Wicklow

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Situated on East Coast at entrance to beautiful Vale of Avoca and exactly half way between Dublin and Wexford (rail and bus routes) Arklow - a town of very ancient origin - and formerly called Invermore (Broad Estuary) is divided into two parts (Ferry-bank and Arklow) by the Avoca River, spanned by a historic old bridge called "The Nineteen Arches". The town proper is on a hillside and runs east and west. The lower portion, probably the oldest, is occupied by the fisher-folk and is known locally as "The Fisheries". On either side of the estuary run two ideal sandy beaches, each about two miles long. (See Form C.) The scenery around Arklow is very beautiful. From top of Arklow Rock one gets a magnificent panoramic view of sea and country. On right hand grand sweeps of the Bay. To left inland can be seen in the far distance rising range upon range the chain of Wicklow Hills, and Lugnaquilla 3,039 ft. can easily be picked out.

This district, lying to the South of the Avoca River, embraces Croghan Mountain and an extensive territory bordered on the east by a coastline exceeding six miles in length. Arklow, at the N.E. corner, is the chief centre of population and the principal subsidiary villages are Johnstown, Coolgreany and Castletown - the latter two villages, as well as a sizeable portion of the parish, are outside the confines of Wicklow County being of the county of Wexford and barony of Gorey.

The scenery is greatly varied, ranging as it does from the placid beauty of the Vale of Avoca to the abrupt ruggedness of Croghan and the indented coastline of alternating strands and rocky headlands.

The environs of the town are esteemed for their charm and variety and from Arklow Head, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mls. south of Arklow, a splendid panoramic view of sea, mountain and valley is obtained. To the east stretches the long sweep of the bay, whilst inland, the Wicklow Hills rise range upon range in a magnificent chain from which Lugnaquilla (3,039 ft) stands out majestically. Nearer to hand are the beautiful hills which surround the town on the land side.

Arklow Rock is highly popular with picnic parties. Near it are several places of interest, including the 'Hanging Stone' a strange freak of nature. The grandeur of the cliff scenery surpasses that of many rival spots on the east coast.

Croghan Kinshela too, with an elevation of practically 2,000 ft. commands exceptional views of sea and land and the woods and valleys below appear unusually attractive when seen from this height.

Another advantage which Arklow possesses is its contiguity to the Vale of Avoca, Skelton Abbey, Glenart Castle and other places of interest which may easily be inspected in the course of a short walk or drive.

Arklow is equidistant (44½ mls.) from Dublin and Wexford.

GEOLOGY

Lower Silurian rock predominates in the geological construction but there are occasional slight intrusions, the chief of these being that at Arklow Head, where the intrusive rocks are poor in Silica.

The surface is broken and mountainous but the soil of the glens and near the sea is rich and productive. There is an abundance of excellent marl which, when used with lime, is an efficacious manure.

The discovery of gold at Croghan Kinshela, west of Arklow, at the end of the 18th Century, excited intense interest in this country and in England. The general belief is that about 1775 a local schoolteacher discovered the presence of the precious metal. He is thought to have sold his findings secretly to a goldsmith until, in 1776, the secret leaked out and in a very short time the district became the scene of a veritable 'Gold Rush'. Thousands of persons took up the search and in six or seven weeks 2,666 ozs. of pure gold, realising £10,000, were extracted. Some nuggets found at this time weighed 9, 18 and 22 ozs.

The Government authorities stepped in at this stage and stationed a detachment of Kildare militia at the mine, of which they possessed themselves. An Act of Parliament was passed to regularise the project and three directors were appointed to control operations. Steam-works were erected on the mountain streams and by May 1798, when the works were wrecked during the Insurrection, a further 944 ozs. of gold were extracted.

Operations were resumed on a much more elaborate and scientific scale. Trenches were cut in every direction into the mountain, the steam-works were installed at the heads of the streams and every mineral substance discovered was carefully analysed, but not a single further particle of gold was found and the mine was subsequently abandoned.

Further attempts were made at intervals and, it is estimated that £30,000 worth of gold has been extracted since 1796.

There is ample evidence that rich deposits of gold were found in Ireland in ancient times. It is of interest to note that the native gold ornaments in the R.I.A. collection weigh about 570 ozs. whilst those of Britain, at the British Museum, weigh only 20 ozs.

There are several unused chalybeate springs in the district of Inch and the surface of the soil in places is strewn with that type of iron ore known as Cat's brain.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

Glenart Castle:

Situated on S. bank of Avoca River and commanding views of Sea. Shelton Abbey and Ballyarthur - Seat of former Earls of Carysfort.

Mansion built on site of ancient castle of Kilcarua, formerly a hunting Lodge.

Site is on a retired spot on a gentle declivity, looking down on a glenn covered with woods. Glenart is almost under the shadow of Croghan Kinshela, or may be aptly named Sliabh-an-Or (Mountain of Gold) - famous for field Rush.

The estates and house are now taken over by a Company (Glenart Estate Co., Ltd.) who are rapidly felling the timber, and the house is about to be stripped of its lead, etc.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, 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.

A Large Fort on Glenart Estate, believed to have been constructed by Danish settlers, has recently been taken over as a National Monument by the Office of Public Works. It is situated in the townland of Ballyraine and the dimensions are approx. 250 yds. sq. The grounds are private but admission may be obtained by applying to Mr. John E. McEleron, Secretary to Glenart Estates, Ltd.

Killahurler: Beside Merrigan's farmhouse are the ruins of an ancient church and burial ground. About a quarter mile distant there is a mote of a fortification which apparently existed here.

Raheens: At Shirsheen, Askinch and Newtown, all near Johnstown. The 'Warriors Burial Ground' at Newtown is known as Grannagall Graveyard.

An Original Document, dated 1st April, 1596, granting a plot of land in Arklow, is held by Mr. Patrick O'Connell, Merchant, Main Street, Arklow. A Copy has been made by Mr. Liam Price, D.J.

Arklow Castle: A mere fragment of the old castle of the Ormonds still exists on an elevated site above the river.

Cistercian Monastery: There is no trace now of this ancient establishment but the site is believed to be identical with an ancient burial ground.

HISTORIC SITES

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

ARKLOW: Known in ancient times as Ardclogh and Abercomshed, and by the Irish name of Invermore (Broad Estuary), the town appears to have been a place of importance as a fishing centre from the earliest days. The name Arklow was applied by 9th Century Norse raiders and the settlement marked the southern extremity of the territory known as the 'Ag flinars ciri', over which the Danes of Dublin ruled.

Henry II included it in a grant of 1172, and an original charter at Kilkenny Castle proves that King John presented the castle and town to Theobald FitzWalter, hereditary lord-butler of Ireland. FitzWalter founded here a monastery dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, for the Cistercian monks whom he brought from Furness, in Lancashire.

A battle between English and Irish armies took place near here in 1281, the English emerging victorious under Stephen de Fulborne, Bishop of Waterford and Lord Justiciary of Ireland. The O'Tooles and O'Byrnes, Irish chieftains suffered a further defeat in 1316, this time at the hands of Edward de Boteler, after burning Arklow, Bray, Newcastle and other villages. The O'Tooles took the castle in 1331 but lost it to Lord de Birmingham and the following year Sir Anthony Lacy had again to force recovery of the fortress from the Irish. Lacy repaired the fortifications and strengthened the garrison.

The garrison was put to the sword and routed by a party of insurgents in 1641 and the castle was held against Cromwell in 1649. The Roundheads assaulted the fort and, on the surrender of its defenders, totally demolished it. Cromwell's forces engaged a royalist army in battle at a ford on the Avonmope River, between Castle Kevin and the Seven Churches.

During the '98 Rising, an attack by the Insurgents led to a fierce battle at Arklow Bridge. Michael Dwyer, Fr. Michael Murphy and many other patriot leaders were engaged on the Irish side which was defeated by the English under General Needhaw. Fr. Michael Murphy, who commanded on that day, was slain in the battle.

FERRYBANK BRIDGE: Originally constructed about 1557, the bridge comprises nineteen arches of narrow span and was built by Andrew Noble who committed suicide in 1559, aged 59 yrs. and who was buried at Ennercilly. In 1798, the fiercest fighting of the battle of Arklow took place at the bridge, and during the erection of the dry-built quays, enormous heaps of bones were discovered, presumably those of the fallen in that fight.

CLONE HILL: Nearly midway between Aughrim and Johnstown, was the scene of an exciting incident in '98, in which Holt, Dwyer and others of the Wicklow leaders were involved. Holt led a party on reconnaissance to the neighbourhood of Coolgreany with the two-fold object of securing supplies of arms and ammunition and of contacting the scattered bands of insurgents who were holding out to the south and east.

Near Coolgreany they perceived a troop of Yeoman Cavalry and an attempt was made to cut the yeomen off from the village. A skirmish followed in which a man from each side fell and the remainder of the troop escaped to the village.

Holt's party retired to Clone Hill and General Craig and Col. Skenet, leading a large force, made a determined effort at surrounding them. Realizing their extremely perilous position, whereby the crown forces might easily cut them off completely with the aid of experienced guides, Dwyer and some of his friends suggested the possibility of retreat behind a smoke screen. Accordingly, a party descended to the base of the gorse-covered hills at the approach of evening and set the furze and heath alight. Under cover of the resulting dense masses of smoke the party extricated themselves successfully and slipped away to the northwest.

Craig and his officers remained unsuspecting for some time, supposing their quarry to be engaged in cooking a meal and to be tired after their strenuous marching to make any movement. On learning of the ruse by which he had been so simply outwitted, the General offered a reward of £300 for the capture of Holt. "Antrim John" Mooney, at the order of Holt, drew up a counter proclamation, signed by a few in imitation of Dublin Castle's privy Council, and offering a large sum for the arrest of Craig.

BALLYFAD: In November '98 a group of insurgents were trapped in Ballyfad Wood, a mile or so from Coolgreany, and after putting up a stubborn resistance some three or four of them were shot. The head of one of the men was 'fixed on a pike in a conspicuous place in the town of Gorey'.

Earlier that year, on the night of July 3rd, Dwyer and some of his followers camped at Ballyfad after burning the English camp at the Gold Mines. They were joined here by a number of their comrades from whom they had parted at Wexford some fortnight earlier.

INCH, CASTLETOWN AND COOLGREANY: have historic associations with the activities of the '98 Insurgents and parties of the United Irishmen were addressed and drilled at these places by their leaders, including Anthony Perry, Miles Byrne and Esmond Kyan.

Perry, a native of Inch, was a captain of the patriot army and was engaged in the ill-fated expedition to Clonard and the Boyne. He, with Father Kearns, was captured at Edenderry and hanged there on July, 21st. 1798.

INCH: In 1690, followers of King James were engaged by the advance guard of William's army near the church of Inch and James' party, which was retreating from the Boyne, was defeated. Inch lies in the County of Wexford and in the Barony of Gorey.

The old estate of St. Austin's, midway between Coolgreany and Inch, was said to occupy the site of an Augustinian Friary.

GALLOWS HILL - CASTLETOWN CROSS-ROADS: Hemenstall, the "Walking Gallows" - so called because he used to throw captured insurgents on his back and carry them downhill to their doom - lived in this area which was the scene of his activities.

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.

GLENART CASTLE:

Sir John Proby, M.P. erected a shooting lodge here, on the site of an ancient castle, at the middle of the 18th Century, but it was perhaps half a century later that the lodge was much enlarged and transformed into one of the finest residential mansions in the county. With the addition of towers and a magnificent castellated front, it was now a truly fitting baronial mansion and in its very secluded situation overlooking a thickly wooded glen, it was a picturesque and conspicuous feature of the scenery.

Sir John Proby was created Baron Carysfort in 1752 and his son and heir, Sir John Joshua, earned further distinction, being created Earl Carysfort of the peerage of Ireland in 1789, peer of the United Kingdom in 1801 and filling the posts of Ambassador at the Court of Berlin in 1800 and at St. Petersburg in 1801. One son of this man entered the army and was raised to the rank of general; another was an Admiral in the Royal Navy.

These two sons succeeded as 2nd and 3rd Earls of Carysfort, respectively.

The title became extinct on the death of the 5th Earl in 1909 and the property and surname were legally assumed by a nephew, Douglas James Hamilton, M.P., D.L., Col. Irish Guards, Son of Lord Claud Hamilton. He was succeeded in 1931 by Capt. Granville Proby, Irish Guards, clerk in the House of Lords since 1907.

The property has now been acquired by a Company, Glenart Estates Ltd., the beautiful mansion has been stripped and demolished and the estate which comprised attractive gardens and walks and densely wooded tracts is dismembered and denuded of most of its arboreal splendour.

LIAM MELLOWES:

Leader of Fianna Eireann in the 1916 Rising, and prominent Republican participant in the post-Treaty conflict, was executed by order of the Free State authorities following the Four Courts battle and his remains were interred in the family burial place at Castletown where the grave is marked by a stone slab.

MATTHEW LYON:

Matthew Lyon was born close to Shelton Abbey, near Arklow, about 1750 and he was only seven years old when his peasant father was hanged on a charge of alleged "treason". For some years the boy devoted his every effort to the assistance of his widowed mother and at the age of 15, when domestic circumstances had improved somewhat, he slipped quietly away to join an 'emigrant ship' bound for America. Having no money, he was forced to work

his passage across the Atlantic and, as was then customary, the captain of the vessel held the right of "selling" his cargo of poor Irish emigrants to the highest bidders on reaching port. On the arrival of one of these ships, a crier, ringing a bell, traversed the streets and quays of the American port, loudly extolling the bargains now available in the form of fresh young emigrants.

Lyon was purchased on arrival at New York for the sum of £60, by one Jabez Bacon, who later exchanged him with a farmer, receiving two bulls in return - Lyon's favourite oath in later life was "By the two bulls that bought me!" After working faithfully for some time he was freed, as was usual when the emigrant had repaid in service the outlay of the purchaser.

In a short time he emerged as an important figure in current American affairs of that turbulent era. He became a colonel of militia in the revolutionary army during the War of Independence and he also held some civil appointments. He interested himself in the newspaper business, establishing a paper, "The Scourge of Aristocracy", for which both type and paper were of his own manufacture. His was the first printing outfit to be introduced in Kentucky and from his press issued the first newspaper produced in Louisville.

He founded the town of Fairhaven in Vermont and engaged in various important commercial ventures, speculative and manufacturing. For ten years Lyon was a member of the Vermont legislature and as a member of Congress (1797-1801) he gave the vote that made Jefferson President of the United States. Convicted of a charge of libel against President Adams, he was imprisoned and fined, but he retained the confidence of his electors and was re-elected whilst in prison remaining in Congress until 1811. Lyon County in Kentucky was named in his honour.

In 1813 he was appointed to an Indian Agency in Arkansas and was again elected to Congress from that State. He died there on August 1st, 1822 and was buried at Eddyville, which town he had founded.

FR. WILLIE RYAN:

In 1798 the parish church was at Johnstown and the P.P., Father Willie Ryan, resided at Johnstown Upper, now Bracken's farmhouse. In that year he was put to death by yeomen and was buried in Kileninor graveyard, where a tombstone marks his grave. Fr. Ryan was a compounder of medicines and his pestle and mortar are preserved by the Bracken family whose ancestors were closely related to the P.P. His name is inscribed at Arklow Church as one of the first Parish Priests of the parish.

THE BROTHERS MACDONALD:

These three brothers lived at Clone, Castletown and sided with their countrymen in '98. One was wounded at the Battle of Arklow and executed later at Gorey; the second brother was shot at Clone Road, and the third was executed at Gilberty. The three were buried at Kilcavan, Tara Hill, where their grave is distinguished by an inscribed tombstone. Descendants of this family still reside at Clone.

THE CASTLETOWN YEOMANRY:

Recruited in '98, occupied the house now held by Mr. Edward Condron, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the National School at that place.

BEAUMAN'S CAVALRY:

Was formed at Hyde Park, 1 mile north-west of Castletown in '98.

THE "BLOODY ASHWOODS":

Another yeoman unit, also founded in '98, occupied a house between Arklow and Inch.

DR. BYRNE:

Late Archbishop of Dublin, lived in his early youth, at Killahurler, in the farmhouse now occupied by the Merrigan family.

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 Hanging Stone" at Arklow Rock is an interesting freak of nature. This huge boulder is so delicately balanced on another rock that it gives the impression that it is going to topple over at any time.

"The Deer's Leap" on Murray's farm, Rockbig; on a stone is clearly marked the likeness of a deer's hoof. Local legend has it that a deer leaping from Tara Hill landed on this spot.

"The Priest's Leap" a sheer drop of about 40 ft. Local legend has it that in the penal days the priest saying Mass got an account of the coming of the Yeomanry and in his flight made this desperate jump which saved his life.

The Five Fingers a curious impression on a big stone also at Rockbig above the quarries.

The "haunted" stile called "Taylor's Stile" on Will Murray's farm. Local people claim to have heard horses gallop over the stile but to have been unable to see them. They will not pass here at night and hold the Stile in awesome reverence.

At Johnstown six or eight houses built by an Earl of Carysfort have their entrances at the rear instead of facing the road. Locals say his lordship, coming from Shillelagh, was annoyed by the inhabitants gazing at his party so decided that in future he would build his houses in the reverse.

Lamberton. In the gardens attached to this property is a miniature cock-fighting stadium - relic of the days when this now outlawed sport was much in vogue.

Emoclew spells 'Welcome' backwards and lies on the road to the cemetery, just outside Arklow town.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

May Bush on Murray's farm, Johnstown. Candles lighted have never been known to blow out. Covered with mayflowers, cowslips, etc. In the evening a dance and sing-song.

Vizard Nights at Coolgreany on November eve. Sing song and dance.

WELLS

Lady's Well situated on Murray's farm at Arklow Rock two miles south of the town of Arklow, is within one hundred yards of an old church called Chapelhogan (Seipeal Iogain?). A small part of the ancient wall of this church is still standing.

People from the Rock district pay great respect to this well and every year on the 25th of March people from the Fishery (Arklow) visit the well, drink some water, say three Hail Marys and carry home some water which is given to the household to drink. Arklow Rock people also give it to sick people at all times. When the people take the water they tie a piece of cloth on a small sceaich thorn which grows by the well.

St. Patrick's Well situated on Murray's farm also in a field through which passed the Mass path for people coming from Chugga. About 200 yards from the site of Chapelhogan in a field on the left-hand side of the rock road going in direction from Arklow.

St. Iber's Well situated in a field on the farm at present known as Moncrief's townland there is an old graveyard here believed to have been the site of a monastery which was founded by some early Danish convert to Christianity. Up to about 40 years ago this well was visited by the people of Arklow Rock District.

Holy Wells in Castletown Area.

Tobar Patrick in Kilpatrick near the sea marked on the O.S. map.

St. Michael's Well, Clonough.

Mass Paths and Rights of Way

1. From Sleighdub via Killahurler to Johnstown Chapel.
2. Sheirsheen via Ashkined to Johnstown Chape.
3. Moneygarrett to Castletown Church.
4. From Arklow Rock via Rockbig through the Golf Course to Arklow.

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Sports and Games

Baronies of Arklow and GoreyTOWN OR VILLAGE Arklow PARISH Arklow COUNTY WicklowANGLING (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 Avoca Nearest point to town (distance) Flows through town

Kinds of Fish Held:

Salmon and Trout

Average Weight of:

Salmon - Sea Trout - Brown Trout -

Some fair brown trout fishing but the river affords practically no salmon fishing since the fish cannot survive up-river where the waters are poisoned by discharges from the Avoca mines.

Note

The Avoca river is poisoned by the drainage from the Ballymurtagh and other Copper mines. Only very few fish manage to get up the river - in heavy floods and August and September some survive but from an Angling point of view, they are of no value. During the fall season great interest is aroused by the locals watching the fish making a gallant attempt to get up, and in most cases they are "poached" being taken out of the water just before they expire when they are quite fit for eating. It is a dream of the Arklow community that some day the authorities will divert the poisoned waters to the sea by canal or piping, when they claim the river could be made a first class angling centre resulting in valuable tourism to the area.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) e)ArklowLocal Angling Club None Membership Fee -SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds:

Arklow was noted for centuries as a Sea Angling centre but has been

on the decline for many years. The few surviving fishermen still hug
 the coast all over Ireland and at the moment, the fleet that
 has survived is active in the Dingle Peninsula. Fair sea-fishing,
 mostly bass.

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

Boats available in the town.

Bait available locally? Yes Fishing tackle? Yes

GOLFING

Name of Club Arklow Golf Club No. of holes 18 H

Situation and brief description of course:

A first-class 18h championship links amongst the sand dunes bordering
 the south strand. The links were laid out by Messrs Hawtree
 and J.H. Taylor of London and the excellent lay-out is planned
 so that the natural golfing features are fully exploited. Annual
 Membership Fee £3. Country Members £1. Green Fees (visitors)
 daily 2/6; after 4 p.m. 1/6. Week 7/6; Month 20/=. Sunday play
 No Professional. Monthly medals.

Name of Professional: None

Is there a clubhouse on course? Yes. The pavilion overlooks sea
 and links and luncheons and teas are served.

Licensed? Yes.

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds -

Harriers Wicklow Harriers.

SHOOTING

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

1,700 acres of Rough Shooting on Shelton Abbey Estate; Coolgreany Forest: Townlands of Ballyowen, Ballytegan Park, Glenoge, Slievefoore, Tinnabawn and Ballythomashill. Pheasant, woodcock, grouse and partridge. There are other tracts where free shooting is available but local landowners should first be consulted.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:
Lord Wicklow's Estate Office, Shelton Abbey, Arklow.

Coolgreany: Land Commission, Upr. Merrion St. Dublin

ROWING AND SAILING

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

A Motor Pleasure boat, the "St. Jude" takes visitors daily for a charge of 1/- per head. Boating on the Avoca River has become very popular of recent years.

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 Club in formation

Hurling None

Handball Yes Handball alley? at Coolgreany

Lawn Tennis Two Clubs - Arklow Catholic Club and Ferrybank L.T.C.

Visitors: 10/- month; 3/- week. Kinds of courts Grass

Billiards At Brennan's, 56 Main St.; Kavanagh Bros., 61 Main Street.

Badminton Marlboro Hall, Chapel Lane.

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)

Skittles on village green at Johnstown.

ANNUAL EVENTS

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

<u>Annual Swimming Gala on August</u>	<u>Promoters</u>	<u>Marian Arts Society,</u>
<u>Bank Holiday, at which Irish</u>		<u>Hon. Secretary, Mr.</u>
<u>Championship Swimming Events</u>		<u>G. O'Toole, 12. Main St.</u>
<u>are held.</u>		<u></u>

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Holiday Amenities and General Information.
Seaside Resorts.Barony of ArklowResort Arklow Parish Arklow County WicklowLocation and brief description of town. Population 4,680

Built on the slopes and around the foot of a low steep hill, one of a group which encircles the town, overlooking the sea, Arklow is admirably situated near the entrance to the lovely Vale of Avoca and exactly mid-way between Dublin and Wexford - 44½ miles from either. Arklow has a long and storied past but until very recent times it was regarded as one of the foremost holiday resorts in the country, already firmly established and steadily growing in popularity with home and cross-channel holiday-makers.

The more modern portion of the town is that on the hill-side. This is built in east-to-west form and as well as being a popular residential quarter, is also the main shopping district, containing many large and progressive business houses, catering establishments, cinemas, dance halls and other amusement centres.

The former primary occupations of Arklowites, fishing and sailing, still find place in the modern setting and the town's sea-faring tradition is yet proudly maintained; the time-honoured industry of the fishermen vying for pride of importance with the newer source of prosperity that has been discovered in the erstwhile unexploited tourist possibilities of the place. The atmosphere of old Arklow is retained in the picturesque fisherfolk and in the pretty white-washed cottages in which they live a detached existence in the more low-lying suburb called "The Fisheries".

In the industrial era which has opened so promisingly in Eire, Arklow has also not been backward and the products of its splendid potteries factory are greatly admired for excellency of quality and finish.

A variety of outdoor pastimes adds to the attractiveness of the resort. These include tennis, golf (18 holes), angling, shooting, boating and bathing on the Avoca. Indeed, the four miles of beautiful strand at the river estuary is one of the main attractions at Arklow. The rainfall too, is below normal due to the shelter afforded by the surrounding hills.

The climate too, is most favourable, being remarkably mild and equable and the recent setting-up in the town of a "Sunshine Home" for children is a confirmation of this most agreeable feature.

Description of beach (Length, sandy, shingle, safe, currents, &c.):

The South Strand is but a few minutes walk from the town and the North Strand, which is more favoured, is only a little more distant. The Sea at Arklow is noted for its exhilarating properties and both strands for their fine velvet sands. Bathing is remarkably safe and nautical experts have commented on the complete absence of dangerous currents as being phenomenal.

On the North Shore, there are several inviting coves such as "Porter's Rocks" and the gaunt ruins of the old cordite factory, evidence of Arklow's earlier industry.

Public right of way to beach or swimming places? Yes

Bathing, swimming and diving facilities. State if mixed bathing allowed, and quote bye-laws (if any) relating to bathing places. Include swimming pools, bathing boxes, surf-riding, &c.

Diving facilities at Arklow Rock on South Beach favoured by good swimmers. Mixed bathing permitted, no restrictions, no charge.

Shelters? None Lavatories? None Seats? Some irregularly distributed

Parking place for cars? No official park but ample Charge None

Life-saving corps? None Beach ^{space} attendant? None

Swimming Club? Annual Gala Held Secretary -

Boats (type) available for pleasure trips? A motor pleasure boat "St Jude"; Row boats.

Amusements Park and games provided:

Amusements in the form of Hobby Horses etc. are provided during summer season. Dancing is principal indoor amusement.

Dance Halls and names of Proprietors:

- Six Dance Halls Mayfair Ballroom, Main Street.
- Ormond Marquee, Parade Grnd.
- Marlboro Hall, St. Mary's Tce.
- Abbey Hall, Upper Main Street.
- Royal Hotel Ballroom
- K.B.C. Hall, Ferrybank
- McGowan's Hall, South Quay.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

An ancient graveyard in the centre of the town has been converted into a small park and playground by the Local Authorities with due reverence and is now a welcome haven of rest to children and their elders.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Modern and up-to-date sewerage and water supply

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Arklow Distance 200 yds. from Bus Service Dublin and Main St. Wexford.

Public Lighting by - Electricity? Yes Gas? _____

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Ormonde Cinema, Parade pictures shown _____
(nights) Nightly
Ground _____
Paramount, Main Street
(To seat about 500 each) _____

Theatre Picture Houses used occasionally Kind of Shows Concerts, etc.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries County Library at Court House, Arklow

Private Lending Libraries The Argosy, Foyles, and other circulating libraries at various booksellers and stationers.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic Parish Church Services (Sundays) 8,9,10,11.30
Church of Ireland 11.00 a.m.
Methodist 11.00 a.m.
Presbyterian 11.30 a.m.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main Street

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

BANKING

Banks Bank of Ireland, and Munster and Leinster Bank.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES, &c.

Sports Dealers Annesley's Stores, Main Street.

Photographic Stores Byrne's Medical Hall, Main Street.

Arnold, Chemist, Main St. Briggs, Chemist, Main St. Earle's, Church Bldgs.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs Arklow Recreation Club, Tinahask (non-Catholic)

Cultural Societies Marian Arts Society hold frequent meetings at
Royal Hotel.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

The tradition of Ship Building is still carried on by John Tyrrell and Sons, and they have produced all kinds of wooden crafts for generations. It is to their credit that they were the builders of the first motor fisherboat in the British Isles "The Avoca". Built and designed as a Motor fishing boat, as against the vessel built in Aberdeen which had sail and motor, but was a failure. They have sent fishing Craft as far as Madras being packed in sections and assembled in the East. At present they are building 48 toners, one every 13 weeks for the Aberdeen and Manx Fishing Fleet. "The Aideen", an ocean racer won in '35 and '37 first place in a race from Dun Laoghaire to the Clyde against 42 others from Gt. Britain and Ireland. Young Mr. Jack Tyrrell has competed in the Technical Magazines and has picked up first prizes as well as dozens of 100 guinea awards.

Arklow Pottery Limited, average 400 hands, South Quay.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

Father John Murphy, hero of the '98 Rising is commemorated by a
monument in the town, which portrays his carved figure with
outstretched hand urging his followers to battle. The monument
also bears the names of other Revolutionary leaders.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

Arklow Protestant Parish Church, St. Saviour's

The foundation stone was laid on June 10th, 1837, and the Church was built by William 5th Earl of Carysfort, to replace the old Parish Church in the centre of the Town. The Church was built as a Memorial Church to the memory of his father, mother, brothers and sisters whose early days were spent at Glenart Castle, and was presented to the Parish of Arklow. The Architect selected to carry out the work was Sir Arthur Blomfield, A.R.A.

The Church is built in the early English Style - it consists of a 14th Century style Nave and two side Aisles, also a Chancel; there is a south Chancel Aisle and on the north side of the Chancel is the Vestry, and over the Vestry the organ loft. On the east side of the north Aisle is an Apse, into which the west side of the Organ loft opens.

Each side of the Church is divided by Arches into five Bays. At the West end is a Tower and Spire (based on the English church styles of the period 1250 to 1400 A.D.) and north and south Porches. The Chancel is approached by two Portland Stone steps, and as the Communion Rails are approached there is a third step of Black Marble, also a fourth at the Communion Rails, and a fifth inside the Rails. The Ceilings of the Nave, north and south Aisle, and Chancel are of Oak.

The Pulpit in Jacobean design is of American Walnut and it stands on a base of Bath Stone, and Green Irish Marble. The Holy Table is also of American Walnut.

There is a handsome Reredos over the Holy Table. The framework of which is of Bath Stone and richly carved. Immediately over the Holy Table is a Mosaic - a row of Angels holding up a scroll, on the right and left of this scroll are the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed in Opus Sextile work and Mosaics.

The Font cover, of elaborate 15th Century woodwork and in steeple form, is extremely attractive and interesting.

The Communion Rails, Chairs in Sanctuary, the Organ case and Seats are all American Walnut.

There is a very handsome West Arch, and the Chancel Arch is an important feature of the Church.

The Church Tower contains Eight Bells; the total weight of the peal is 88 cwt. 8 lbs.

The Church Plate is all of silver gilt, and is of Irish Manufacture and is a gift to the Parish.

The total cost of the Church amounted to £29,511.2.4½.

These notes on the Church have been taken from a Book setting out in the clearest detail all the work in connection with the building of this beautiful Church and compiled by the Earl of Carysfort.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National Schools, Coolgreany Rd.; Carysfort Schools, St. Mary's
Tce.; Ferrybank Schools, Ferrybank; St. Mary's College (Ladies)
Sisters of Mercy; St. Mary's Day School; St. Mary's National
School; St. Peter's Day School, Harbour Road.

HOSPITALS

County Wicklow Memorial Hospital.

FAIRS AND MARKETS; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly Fairs: Second Tuesday of the Month

Weekly market day Thursday Half-holiday Wednesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Keogh's Garage, Wexford Rd.; Nolan Bros., South Quay;
Harry Johnston, 56 Ferrybank; M.J. Kavanagh, Bridge Street.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (OWNERS):

Taxis As Garages and Petrol Stations

Motors (Touring) As above.

Boats (State Type) Row Boats at 1/- per hour.

Boatmen of Quays

Bicycles Earle's Cycle Depot, Church Buildings;

Kavanagh's Cycle Depot.

Horses Horses for hire: Edge, Riding School, Ferrybank.

Jarvey: John Kinch, Tinnahask Lr.

Jarvey: Sam Rowan, 23 Rory O'Connor Place.

CAMPING SITES

Location Avoca River - S. Bank Landowner T. J. Birthistle,

for letting to controlled parties only Main Street.

Local Improvements Committee Urban District Council

Secretary P. J. Gregory Bannon, Town Clerk.

Signed P. J. D'Arcy

Date 13/6/42

Surveyor

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING

Baronies of Arklow and Gorey

Town or Village	<u>Arklow</u>	Parish	<u>Arklow</u>	County	<u>Wicklow</u>
Hotels			No. of Bedrooms	No. of Bathrooms	Licensed?
<u>Bridge Hotel, Bridge Street.</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Royal Hotel, 20 Main Street.</u>			<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Marine Hotel, 58 Main Street</u>			<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Hoynes' Hotel, 62 Main Street</u>			<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Railway Hotel, 64 Main Street</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Tourist Hotel, 3 Upr. Main Street.</u>					<u>No</u>
Guest or Boarding Houses					
<u>Funlong, "Fionn Barra", Coolgreany Rd.</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Shaw, "Vale View", Coolgreany Rd.</u>					
<u>Mrs. A. Browne, 5 Lr. Main St.</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Going, 7 Lr. Main Street.</u>					
<u>O'Brien, 8 Lr. Main Street.</u>					
<u>Daly, 22 Lr. Main Street.</u>					
<u>Mrs. S. Kavanagh, 24 Lr. Main St.</u>					
<u>Gunson, 2 Main Street.</u>					
<u>Earl, 2 Church Bldgs, Main St.</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>O'Hanrahan, 15 Main Street.</u>					
<u>Murphy, 55. Main Street</u>					
<u>O'Byrne, "Springfield", Sheephouse</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>O'Hagan, 10 St. Mary's Tce.</u>					
<u>Moore, 18b Upper Main Street.</u>					
<u>Evans, 20c.(Roseview) Wexford Rd.</u>					

Guest or Boarding Houses.

Mrs. M.A. Thewlis, 4 Ferrybank

Hall, 7 Ferrybank

Marshall, 8 Ferrybank

Wilmott, 10 Ferrybank

Annesley, 13 Ferrybank

Stringer, 18b Ferrybank

Warren, "Glenthorne" 22 Ferrybank

Tarrant, 23 Ferrybank

Joyce, 28 Ferrybank

Heath, 29 Ferrybank

Blake, 30 Ferrybank

Smith, 39 Ferrybank,

Tyrrell, 48 Ferrybank

Shaw, 50 Ferrybank

McDonagh, 58 Ferrybank

Cullen, 60 Ferrybank

Hendy, "Argyle House" Ferrybank (Furnished House)

Tyrrell, 16 Harbour Road,

Byrne, 17c Harbour Road,

Sheehan, 1 Hudson's Square

Frith, Knockenrahan Lower.

Ronan, 31 Lr. Main Street.

Doran, 42 Lr. Main Street.

Tyrrell, 64 Lr. Main Street.

Snell, 51 Lr. Main Street.

McMullen, 52 Lr. Main Street.

O'Brien, 65 Lr. Main Street

Byrne, The Bungalow, Seaview Ave.

McGowan, South Quay

Mulligan, 3 Sea View Tce, Ticknock (Furnished House)

Mulligan, 1 Sea View Tce, Ticknock (Furnished House)

Restaurants and Cafes

Marine, Main Street

St. Brendan's

O'Toole's, Main Street

O'Rafferty's, Tinahask

Date 13/6/42

(Signed) P. J. D'Arcy
Surveyor

M. J. MacC

See Curiosities on Back page

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FORM A.

I. T. A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

Wicklow 16
Ennis 29
Dublin 44 1/2
Wexford 44 1/2

BARONY OF ARKLOW & GOREY

TOWN OR VILLAGE ARKLOW PARISH ARKLOW COUNTY WICKLOW

TOPOGRAPHY

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

Form C

Situated on East Coast at entrance to beautiful Vale of Avoca and half way between Dublin and Wexford (rail and bus routes) Arklow - a town of very ancient origin - and formerly called Invermore ("Broad Estuary") is divided into two parts (Ferrybank and Arklow) by the Avoca River, ~~which~~ ^{is} spanned by a historic old bridge called "The Nineteen Arches". The town proper is on a hillside and runs east and west. The lower portion, ~~which~~ ^{is} probably the oldest, is occupied by the fisher-folk and is known locally as "The Fisheries". On either side of the estuary run two ideal sandy beaches, each about two miles long. The scenery around Arklow is very beautiful. From top of Arklow Rock one gets a magnificent panoramic view of sea and country. On right hand grand sweeps of the Bay. To left inland can be seen in the far distance rising range upon range the chain of Wicklow Hills, and Lugnaquilla ^{3,047 ft.} can easily be picked out.

exactly

GEOLOGY

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

Distance
from C

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER.

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

Glenart
W. S. Guinness 11/10/41

GLENART CASTLE:

Situated on S. bank of Avoca River and commanding views of Sea. Shelton Abbey and Ballyarthur - Seat of former Earls of Carysfort.

Mansion built on site of ancient castle of Kilcarua, formerly a hunting Lodge.

Site is on a retired spot on a gentle declivity, looking down on a glen covered with woods. Glenart is almost under the shadow of Croghan Kinshela, or may be aptly named Sliabh-an-Or (Mountain of Gold) - famous for field Rush. ^{gold}

The estates and house are now taken over by a Company (Glenart Estate Co., Ltd.) who are rapidly felling the timber, and the house is about to be stripped of its lead, etc.

2 m. from Arklow

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrams, 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.

An Original Document

Copy of an old Agreement, granting a plot in Arklow, dated 1st April, 1596. The original deed is held by Mr. Pat O'Connell, Merchant, Main St., Arklow, and a copy was made by Liam Price, District Justice. D.J.

Large
A Danish Fort, approximately 250 yds. square, in the townland of Ballyrairie, parish of Arklow on proby Arklow Estate, now Glenart Estates, Ltd. It was recently taken over by the Board of Public Works as a National Monument, at the request of Liam Price, D.J. At present grounds are private, but permission may be obtained from the Secretary of the Estate Co. Name John E. McEleron. *The fort is believed to have been constructed by early Danish invaders.*

Sites
Perrybank Bridge has nineteen arches of narrow span was built around 1557 by Andrew Noble, who committed suicide in 1559, aged 59, and who is buried at Ennereilly. The Bridge was the scene of the fierce battle of Arklow and on the building of the Quays which are dry-built, an enormous quantity of bones of the combatants, *was located discovered* *presumably* *was*

RAHEENS: One at Sheirsheen, Askinch, Newtown. These are situated in near Johnstown. The Warriors Burial ground at Newtown called "The Grannaall Graveyard"

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Holy Well on Will Kavanagh's land at Johnstown on O.S. map St. Davids? Tebar Gall.

At Johnstown a field called "The Tanyard" formerly a tannery.

Historic Houses
The original parish church of Arklow was at Johnstown. Father Willie Ryan was P.P. and he resided at Johnstown Upper, now Bracken's farmhouse. He was shot in 1798 by Yeoman and is buried in Killniner graveyard where a tombstone marks the grave. In good condition. Father Ryan also compounded medicines and the Pestle and Mortar he used *are* still retained by the Bracken family who were closely related to the P.P. His name appears in the town of Arklow R.C. Church as one of the first P.P.'s of the parish.

note?
At Killahurler the remains of an old Church and graveyard are situated, *of Dublin* At the side of Merrigan's farmhouse where the late Archbishop Byrne was reared. Also a moat quarter mile from Merrigan's farm. Details were sent to the Folklore Commission.

Amusements
At Lambertton in the gardens is a miniature stadium, *which* was used for Cock-fighting in the olden days.

Coolgreany the seat of the evictions by the Brook family in 1845. In 1798 insurgents from Wexford and Gorey, etc. marched via Coolgreany to the Battle of Arklow. Tanyard back of Read's house, Coolgreany still evicted property. Pope's well in field on Black's farm, Coolgreany.

Castletown
Castletown: Beaumans Cavalry founded in Hyde Park. "The Bloody Ashwoods" also founded in '98 had a house standing between Arklow and Inch. The Castletown Yeomanry were formed in '98 and the house is now occupied by Edward Dondron, $\frac{1}{2}$ ml. from the National School.

Emoclew
Emoclew (which is "welcome" backwards") where Hackett of Cratlee who led the Rebel Troops was shot. Emoclew is just outside Arklow town on the road to the Cemetery.

Sites
Myles Byrne, Perry of Inch and Esmonde Kyne names appearing on the Father Murphy '98 Memorial held meetings and drilled parties at Inch and Castletown and Coolgreany.

Gallows Hill
Gallows Hill at the crossroads Castletown - the scene of the activity of Hempenstall, "The Walking Gallows", who lived in the area, so called because he threw *Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information.* the rebels over his shoulders and walked them down the hill to their doom.

Antiquities.

Kilbuckler. Beside Harigan's farmhouse, the ruins
 (2) of an ancient church and burial ground, of
~~which the site is about a quarter mile~~
 distant, there is a note of a fortification which apparently
 existed here.

(4) Rahens. There are at Skinsheen, Askeinch and Newtown,
 all near Johnstown. The "burial" ground at
 Newtown, is known as Grannagall graveyard.

(3) An Original Document, dated 1st April, 1596, granting a plot
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 Mr. Liam Rice, D.F.

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 settlers on Glencart Estate, has recently been taken over
 by the O.P.W. as a National Monument. The grounds are
 private but permission to enter may be obtained from the
 Secretary to the Estate Co., Mr. John E. W. Eleron. (Area necessarily
 approximately 250 yds. square.)~~

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 private but admission may be obtained by applying to
 Mr. John E. W. Eleron, Secretary to Glencart Estates Ltd. (P.T.O.)

Arklow Ph.

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Antiquities Contd

Arklow Castle.

A ^{mere} fragment of the old castle of the Ormondes still exists on an ~~exposed~~ elevated site above the River.

Cistercian Monastery. There is no trace now of this ancient establishment but the site is believed to be identical with an ancient burial ground.

Chapel Hogan.

GEOLOGY

~~Ordovician~~ Lower Silurian rock predominates in the geological construction but there are occasional ^{slight} intrusions, the chief of these being that at Arklow Head ~~at its base~~ where the ^{intrusive} rocks are poor in silica.

L.L.4 The surface is broken and mountainous but the soil of the ~~valleys~~ glens and ~~of the land~~ near the sea is rich and productive. There is an abundance of excellent marble which, when used with lime, is an efficacious manure.

The discovery of gold at Croghan Kinshela, west of Arklow, at the end of the 18th cent. excited intense interest in this country and in England. The general belief is that ~~about~~ about 1775 a local school teacher discovered the presence of the precious metal. ~~He~~ He is thought to have sold his findings secretly to a goldsmith until, in 1796, the secret leaked out and in a very short time the ~~place~~ district became the scene of a veritable "Gold Rush". Thousands of persons ~~soon flocked to the place~~ took up the search and in six or seven weeks 2,666 ozs. of pure gold, ~~to~~ realising £10,000, were extracted. Some nuggets found at this time weighed ~~more than~~ 9, 18 and 22 ozs. ^{Government} The authorities stepped in at this ~~point~~ ^{stage} and stationed a detachment of Kildare militia at the mine, of which they possessed themselves. An act of parliament was passed to regularise the project and three directors were appointed to control operations. Steam-works were erected on the mountain streams and by May 1798, when the works were ~~worked~~ during the Insurrection, a further 944 ozs. of gold were extracted.

Operations were resumed on a much more elaborate

Granite
Gabbro, Selenite
& other intrusive rocks
poor in silica

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GEOLOGY ②

and Scientific Scale. Trenches were cut in every direction into the mountain, the steam-works were ~~shifted to~~ installed at the heads of the streams and every mineral substance discovered was carefully analysed, but not a single further particle of gold was found and the mine ^{subsequently} was abandoned.

~~It~~ Further attempts were made at ~~the~~ intervals and, ~~in all~~, it is estimated that ~~rather~~ 30,000 worth of gold has been extracted since 1796.

There is ample evidence that ~~rich~~ rich deposits of gold were found in Ireland in ancient times. ~~and~~ It is of interest to note that the quantity of ^{native} gold ornaments in the R. I. P. collection weighs about 570 ozs. whilst ~~that of~~ ~~Great~~ Britain, at the British Museum, weigh only 20 ozs.

There are several ^{perused} Chalybeate Springs in the district of Inch and the surface of the soil here is ^{in places} strewn with that type of iron ore known as [^]latybraun.

Pyromorphite
Manganese Phosphate

This district, lying to the South of the Avoca River, embraces Croghan Mountain and an extensive territory bordered on the east by a coastline exceeding six miles in length. Akklow, at the n.e. corner, is the chief centre of population and the ^{principal} subsidiary villages are Johnstown, Coolgreany and Castlebar — the latter two villages, as well as a sizeable portion of the parish, are outside the confines of Wicklow County being of the county of Wexford and barony of Corey.

The scenery is greatly varied, ranging as it does from the placid beauty of the base of Avoca to the rugged ~~character~~ abrupt ruggedness of Croghan and the indented coastline of alternating strands and rocky headlands. It

The environs of the town are ~~renowned~~ famous for their charm and variety and from Akklow Head, ~~1 1/2~~ 1 1/2 mls. S. of Akklow, a ~~superb~~ ^{stunning} panoramic view of sea, mountains and valleys is obtained. To the east ^{stretches} the ~~long~~ long sweep of the bay ~~is to be seen~~ whilst inland, the Wicklow hills rise like a range upon Range in a magnificent chain from which Lugnaquilla (3,039 ft.) stands out majestically. Nearest to hand are the beautiful hills which surround the town on the land side.

Akklow Rock is highly popular with picnic parties. ~~and~~ ~~near~~ it are several ~~other~~ places of interest, including the "Hanging Stone," a ~~very~~ strange freak of nature, and the grandeur of the cliff scenery ~~is~~ ^{spots} surpasses that of many rivers on the east coast.

~~Akklow Head is a~~
Croghan Kershela too, with an elevation of practically

Arklow Ab.

John A.

Topography (2)

2000 feet, commonly exceptional ^{of sea and} ~~heights~~ ^{below} ~~land~~ and the ~~woodlands~~ and valleys ~~that~~ appear unusually attractive when seen from this ~~or~~ height.

~~The Arklow is admirably placed as a centre~~

Another advantage which Arklow possesses is its contiguity to the Vale of Avon, ~~and the~~ Shelton

Abbey, Glenart Castle and other places of interest

which may easily be ~~visited~~ ^{inspected} in the course of a short walk or drive.

Arklow is equidistant (44 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles), from Dublin and Wexford.

Historic Houses

Glenart Castle

~~This~~ Sir John Proby, M.P., created a shooting lodge ^{here} on the site of an ancient castle, at the middle of the 18th century, but it was perhaps half a century later that the lodge was much enlarged and transformed into one of the finest residential mansions in the county, with the addition of towers and a magnificent castellated front~~ing~~, it was now a truly fitting baronial mansion and in its ^{new} secluded situation ~~on the gentle slope of~~ overlooking a thickly wooded glen, it was a picturesque and conspicuous feature of the scenery.

Sir John Proby was created Baron Carrisfort in 1752 and his son and heir, Sir John Joshua, earned further distinction, being created Earl Carrisfort of the peerage of Ireland in 1789, peer of the United Kingdom in 1801 and filling the posts of Ambassador ^{at the Court of} Berlin in 1800 and at St. Petersburg in 1801. One son of this man ~~he~~ entered the army and was raised to the rank of General; another was an Admiral in the Royal Navy.

These two sons succeeded as 2nd and 3rd Lords Carrisfort, respectively.

The title became extinct on the death of the 5th Earl in 1909 and the property and surname were ^{legally} assumed by a nephew, Douglas James Hamilton, M.P., D.L., Col. Irish Guards, son of Lord Claude Hamilton. He was succeeded in 1931 by Capt. Cranville Proby, Irish Guards, Clerk in the House of Lords since 1907.

The property has now been acquired by a Company, Glenart Estates Ltd., ~~and~~ the beautiful mansion has been stripped and demolished and the estate which comprised ~~the~~ attractive gardens and walks and densely wooded tracts is dismembered and denuded of most of its arboreal splendour.

Arklow Anish
Historic Houses

(6) Beaumont's Cavalry was formed at Hyde Park, Lond. near
of Castleturn in '98.

(7) The "Bloody Ashwoods", another yeoman unit, also founded in
'98, occupied a house between Arklow and Inch.

(8) The Castleturn Yeomanry, formed in '98, occupied the
house now held by the Edward Anderson, 1/4 mile from the
National School at that place.

(9) Dr. Willie Ryan. In 1798 the parish church was at Johnstown
and the P.P., Father Willie Ryan, resided at Johnstown Upper,
now Spaheen's farmhouse. In that year he was put to death by
yeomen and was buried in Kilmor grange, where a
tombstone marks his grave. Dr. Ryan was a compounder of
medicines and his pestle and mortar are still preserved by
the Spaheen family whose ancestors were closely related to the P.P.
his name is subscribed at Arklow Church as one of the first
parish priests of the parish.

The Brothers Mac Donald. These three brothers lived at Clone, Co. Dub.
Castleturn and sided with their countrymen in '98. One was
wounded at the battle of Arklow and executed later at Gorey;
the second brother was shot at Clone Road, and the third was
executed at Gilbert. The three were buried at Kilmor,
Dara Hill, where their grave is distinguished by an
inscribed tombstone. Descendants of this family still reside at
Clone.

(10) Liam Mellows, leader of James C. Reams in the 1916
Rising, and prominent Republican participant in the post-Treaty
conflict, was executed by order of the Free State authorities following
the Four Courts battle and his remains were interred in the
family burial place at Castleturn where the grave is
marked by a stone slab.

(11) Dr. Byrne, late Archbishop of Dublin, lived ⁱⁿ his early
youth, at Killaburke, in the farmhouse now occupied
by the Merrigan family.

Historic Houses.

close to Shelton Abbey near Arklow.

3 Matthew Lyon. Matthew Lyon was born about 1750, ~~in Arklow~~ ^{in Arklow} and he was only seven years old when his father ^{a peasant} was hanged on a charge of alleged treason. For some years the boy devoted his every effort ~~to~~ to the assistance of his widowed mother and at the age of 15, when ^{domestic} circumstances had improved somewhat, he slipped quietly away to join an "emigrant ship" bound for America. Having no money, he was forced to work his passage across the Atlantic, and, as was then customary, the captain of the vessel held the right of "selling" his cargo of poor Irish emigrants to the highest bidders on reaching port. On the arrival of one of these ships, ~~there~~ a crier, ringing a bell, traversed the streets and quays of the American port, loudly extolling the bargains now available in the form of fresh young ~~Irish~~ emigrants.

Lyon was purchased, ^{on arrival at New York} for the sum of £60, by one Jabez Bacon, who later exchanged him ~~to~~ with a farmer, receiving two bulls in return — Lyon's favorite oath in later life was "By the two bulls that bought me!" ~~He worked his period of~~ After working faithfully for some time he was freed, as was usual when the emigrant had ~~completed the purchase~~ had repaid in service the ~~initial~~ outlay of the purchaser.

In a short time he ~~began to~~ ^{emerged} as an important figure in current American affairs of that turbulent era. ~~During the war of Independence,~~ ^{he also} he became a colonel of militia in the revolutionary army and held some civil appointments. He ~~turned to commerce~~ and interested himself in the newspaper business, establishing a paper, "The Scourge of Aristocracy", for which both type and paper were of his own manufacture. This was the first printing outfit to be ^{introduced} brought across the mountains ⁱⁿ Kentucky, and from his press issued the first newspaper produced in Louisville.

He founded ^{the town of} Fairhaven in Vermont ~~State~~ and engaged in various important commercial ventures, speculation and manufacturing. For ten years Lyon represented Vermont as a member of the Vermont Legislature and as a member of Congress (1797-1801) he gave the vote that made Jefferson President of the United States. Convicted of a charge of libel against President Adams, he was imprisoned and fined, but he retained the confidence of his electors and was re-elected whilst in prison ^{Remaining in Congress} until 1811. Lyon County in Kentucky was named in his honour.

In 1813 he was appointed to an Indian Agency in Arkansas and was ^{again} elected to Congress from that State. He died there on August 1st 1827 and was buried at Eddyville, which town he had founded.

Baklow Parish

(2) Historic Sites

Dunbank Bridge - Originally constructed by ~~Andrew Noble~~ about 1557, the bridge comprises nineteen arches of narrow span and was built by Andrew Noble who committed suicide in 1559 aged 59 and who was buried at Enniscorthy. In 1798, the fiercest fighting of the battle of Baklow took place at the bridge, and ~~the~~ during the ~~eruption~~ ^{eruption} of the dry-built quays, ~~several~~ ^{many} ~~large~~ ^{massive} heaps of bones, ^{were discovered,} presumably those of the fallen in that fight.

(6) Gallows Hill - Castletown cross-roads. Henry Donnell, the "Walking Gallows" - so called because he used to throw captured insurgents on his back and ~~with~~ carry them downhill to their doom - lived in this area which was the scene of his activities.

(5) Inch, Castletown and Coolgreany have historic associations with the activities of the '98 Insurgents and parties of the United Irishmen were addressed and drilled at these places by their leaders, including ~~Arthur~~ ^{Arthur} Perry, Miles Byrne and Edmund Ryan. Arthur Perry, a native of Inch, was a captain of the patriot army and was engaged in the ill-fated expedition to Clonard and the Boyne. He, with Father Kearns, was captured at Edenderry and ~~was~~ ^{was} hanged there on July 21st, 1798.

(3) Clone Hill, nearly midway between Aughrim and Glinstown, was the scene of an exciting incident in '98, in which John Bonyer and others of the Wicklow leaders were involved. John Bonyer led a party ~~of~~ ^{for} reconnaissance to the neighbourhood of Coolgreany with the ^{purpose} ~~object~~ of securing supplies of arms and ammunition and of contacting the scattered bands of insurgents who were holding out to the south and east.

Near Coolgreany they perceived a troop of Yeomanry

① Arklow. Known in ancient times as Ardclagh and Abercoushed, and by the Irish name of Invermoke (broad estuary), the town appears to have been a place of importance as a fishing centre from the earliest days. The name Arklow was applied by 9th century Norse raiders and the settlement ~~was~~ marked the southern extremity of the territory known as the "Byflinarskiri" over which the Danes of Dublin ruled.

Henry II included it in a grant of 1172, and an original charter at Kilkenny Castle ~~to~~ proves that King John presented the castle and town to Theobald Fitzwalter, hereditary lord-butler of Ireland. Fitzwalter founded ^{here} a monastery, ^{dedicated to the Blessed Virgin}, for the Cistercian monks whom he brought from Furness, in Lancashire.

A battle between ^{the} English and Irish armies took place ^{near} here in 1281, the English ^{emerging victorious} under Stephen de Sukborne, Bishop of Waterford and Lord Justiciar of Ireland. ~~Another engagement~~

The O'Tooles and O'Byrnes, Irish chieftains suffered a further defeat in 1316 ^{this time at the hands of Edward de Botetourt,} after burning Arklow, Bray, and Newcastle and other villages. The O'Tooles took the castle in 1331 but lost it to

Lord de Birmingham and the following year Sir Anthony Lacy had again to force recovery of the fortress from the Irish. Lacy repaired the fortifications and strengthened the garrison.

The garrison was put to the sword ^{and routed} by a party of insurgents in 1641 and the castle was held against Cromwell in 1649. The Roundheads assaulted the fort and, on the surrender of its defenders, totally demolished it.

During the '98 Rising, an attack by the insurgents led to a fierce battle at Arklow bridge. Michael Sweyer, Dr. Michael Murphy and many other patriot leaders were engaged on the Irish side which was defeated by the English under General Needham. Dr. Michael Murphy ^{who} ~~was~~ commanded on that day, was slain in the battle.

⑥ Inch. In 1690, ~~the~~ followers of King James were engaged by the advance guard of William's army ~~when the fugitive king was near the church~~ of Inch and James's party, which was retreating from the Boyne, was defeated. Inch lies in the County Wexford and in the barony of Gorey. ^{The old estate of St. Austin's, midway between Coolquinn and Inch, was said to occupy the site of an Augustinian Priory.}

Dr. K. Low Paisto
Historic Files

Clane Hill (cont'd.)

3) Cavalry and an attempt was made to cut the garrison off from the village. A skirmish followed in which all men from each side fell and the remainder of the troops escaped to the village.

Holt's party retired to Clane Hill and General Craig and Col. Stewart, leading a large force, made a determined effort at surrounding them.

Realizing their extremely perilous position, whereby the crown forces might easily cut them off completely with the aid of experienced guides, Swyer and some of his friends suggested the possibility of retreat behind a smoke screen. Accordingly, a party descended to the base of the gorge-covered hill, ^{at the approach of evening} and set the brush and heath alight. Under cover of the resulting dense masses of smoke the party extricated themselves successfully and slipped away to the northwest.

Craig and his officers remained unsuspecting for some time, supposing their quarry to be engaged in cooking a meal and to ^{be} head after their strenuous marching to make any movement. On learning of the ruse by which he had been so simply outwitted, the General offered a reward of £300 for the capture of Holt. "Antrim John" Morney, at the order of Holt, drew up a counter proclamation, signed by a few in imitation of Dublin Castle's privy Council, and offering a large sum for the arrest of Craig.

4) Ballyfad. In November '98 a group of insurgents were trapped in Ballyfad wood, a mile or so from Coolgreany, and after putting up a stubborn resistance some three or four of them were shot. The head of one of the men was 'fixed on a pike in a conspicuous place in the town of Gorey'.

Earlier that year, on the night of July 3rd, Swyer and some of his followers camped at Ballyfad after burning the English camp at the Gold Mines. They were joined here by a number of their comrades from whom they had parted at Westford some fortnight earlier.

W E L L S

~~The~~ Lady's Well situated on Murray's farm at Arklow Rock one mile^s south of the town of Arklow, ~~It~~ is situated within one hundred yards of an old church called Chapelhogan (Seipeal Iogain?). A small part of the ancient wall of this church is still standing.

People from the Rock district pay great respect to this well, and every year on the 25th of March people from the Fishery (Arklow) visit ~~the~~ well, drink some water, say three Hail Marys and carry home some water which is given to the household to drink. Arklow Rock people also give it to sick people at all times. When the people take the water they tie a piece of cloth on a small scotch thorn which grows by the well.

St. Patrick's Well.

Situated on Murray's farm also in a field through which passed the Mass path for people coming from Chugga. About 200 yards from the site of Chapel-hogan in a field on the left-hand side of the Rock road going in direction from Arklow.

St. Ibears Well.

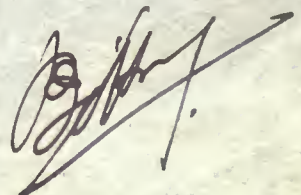
Situate in a field on the farm at present known as Moncrief's townland there is an old graveyard here believed to have been the site of a monastery which was founded by some early Danish convert to Christianity. Up to about 40 years ago this well was visited by the people of Arklow Rock District.

Holy Wells in Castletown Area.

Tobar Patrick in Kilpatrick near the sea marked on the O.S. map.

St. Michael's Well, Clonough .

P. J. D'Arcy



1. From Sleighthub via Killahurler to Johnstown Chapel.
2. Sheirsheen via Ashkined to Johnstown Chapel.
3. Moneygarrett to Castletown Church
4. From Arklow Rock via Rockbig through the Golf Course to Arklow

Note:

The Golf Club have had so much trouble with pedestrians on the Links and risk of injury that they have clearly defined the path with sign-posts.

P. J. D'Arcy

Surveyor

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HISTORIC SITES

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

The Three Brothers McDonalds. They lived at Clone, Castletown and their descendants are still there. One, wounded at the Battle of Arklow and executed in Gorey. ^{One shot at Clone road and} The third executed at Gilberts. The three are buried at Kilcavin, Tara Hill, and over their tombstone is the following—

d? "Good Christians now as you pass by
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so shall you be
Prepared for death
And pray for me."

This inscription is by no means unique. Reported by surveyors elsewhere

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.

Father Willie Ryan, P.P., buried in Killniner graveyard. Was killed in 1798 by Yeomanry.

Liam Mellows is buried in Castletown, in an unmarked grave.

heroic Fianna leader of 1916 and adherent of the Republican cause after the Treaty, was executed by ^{order of} Free State ~~anti-republican~~ government on December 8th 1922 following the Four Courts battle. His remains were ~~found~~ interred in the family burial place at Castletown Cemetery. The grave is marked by a plain stone slab.

~~Father~~ Father Willie Ryan, P.P., who was put to death by the Yeomanry in 1798, was buried at Killniner graveyard.

The late Archbishop Byrne of Dublin lived, in his early youth, at Killakurley, ~~in~~ ^{farm} in the house now occupied by the Merrigan family.

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 Hanging Stone" at Arklow Rock is an interesting freak of nature. This huge boulder is so delicately balanced on another rock that it gives one the impression that it is going to ~~blow down~~ ^{tiple over} at any time.

"The Priest's Leap", a sheer drop of about 40 ft. Local legend has it that in the penal days the priest, saying Mass got an account of the ^{coming of the} Yeomanry, and in his flight made this desperate jump which saved his life.

"The Deer's Leap" on Murray's farm, Rockbig; on a stone is clearly marked the hoof of a deer. Local legend has it that a deer leaping from Tara Hill landed on this spot, and left his impressions ~~to the rock~~.

The "Five Fingers" ^{"curious"} impression on a big stone also at Rockbig above the quarries.

The "haunted stile" called "Taylor's Stile" on Will Murray's farm. The locals have heard horses gallop over the stile but have been unable to see them. They will not pass here at night, and hold the stile in ^{awe} reverence. Also on Murray's farm in a corner of a field three Townlands (Johnstown, Sleighdub and Shirskan) meet in two counties Wicklow and Wexford. The first two are in County Wicklow and third in Co. Wexford.

At Johnstown 6 or 8 houses built by an Earl of Carysfort have their entrances at the rere instead of facing the road. Locals say his Lordship, ~~was~~ coming from Shillelagh, was annoyed by the inhabitants gazing at his party so decided in future ~~to~~ ^{that} build his houses in the reverse.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

May Bush on Murray's farm, Johnstown. Candles lighted have never been known to blow out. Covered with mayflowers, cowslips, etc. In the evening a dance and sing-song.

Vizard Nights at Coolgreany on November eve. Sing song and dance.

Funerals stop and pray at at Somers Corner, Coolgreany and also at Newtown Corner. Heart shaped sward in centre of road here.

Curiosity Lamberton. In the gardens attached to this property is a miniature ^{cock-fighting} stadium, ~~whimsical~~ — relic of the days when this ^{now} outlawed sport was much in vogue.

Enoclew, just outside Arklow, contains spells "Welcome" backwards and ~~lies~~ lies on the road to the cemetery, just outside Arklow town.

(Signed)

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Surveyor

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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARON^{ies} OF *Arklow & Gorey*

TOWN OR VILLAGE ARKLOW PARISH ARKLOW 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 Avoca Nearest point to town (distance) flow through town, Arklow

KINDS OF FISH HELD :

Salmon and Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF :

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout

BEST SEASONS FOR :

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout

SUITABLE FLIES :

Salmon Some fair Brown trout fishing but few salmon on the river affords
Sea trout practically no salmon fishing since the fish cannot survive up-river
Brown trout where the waters are poisoned by discharges from the Avoca
mines.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors :

NOTE

The Avoca river is poisoned by the drainage from the Ballymurtagh and other Copper mines. Only very few fish manage to get up the river - in heavy floods and August and September some survive but from an Angling point of view they are of no value. During the fall season great interest is aroused by the locals watching the fish making a gallant attempt to get up, and in most cases they are "poached" being taken out of the water. Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day: just before they expire, when they are quite fit for eating. It is a dream of the Arklow community that some day the authorities will divert the poisoned waters to the sea by canal or piping, when they claim the river could be made a first class angling centre resulting in valuable tourism to the area.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available) :

Arklow

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds:

Arklow has ^{was} for centuries been noted as a Sea Angling centre

but has been on the decline for many years. The few surviving

~~fishermen~~ still hug the coast all over Ireland, and at the moment the fleet that has survived is active in the Dingle Peninsula.

Fair Sea fishing, mostly bass.

Kinds of fish to be caught:

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

Boats available in the town.

Bait available locally?

Yes.

Fishing tackle?

Yes.

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

GOLFING

Name of Club Arklow Golf Club

No. of holes 18 H.

Situation and brief description of course:

A first-class ^{18 h.} championship ^{links amongst the sand dunes bordering the south strand} course ~~18 H.~~ On Seaside with a length

exceeding 6,000 yds. The Links ^{were} laid out by Messrs Hawtree and J.H. Taylor

^{of London and the excellent lay-out, complete with the natural features} Annual Membership Fee £3. Country Members £1. Green

^(visitors) Fees daily 2/6; after 4 p.m. 1/6. ^{Week 7/6; month 20/6.} Sunday Play. No Professional. ^{monthly}

Name of Professional NONE

The pavilion overlooks sea and links and luncheon and teas are served.

Is there a clubhouse on course?

Yes.

Licensed?

Yes

Green fees (Visitors): Per day 2/6; after 4 p.m. 1/6. Per week

1/6

RACING

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

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

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds.....

Harriers Wicklow ~~Arklow~~ Harriers.....

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club..... Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company.....

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

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

Preserves

1700 acres of Rough Shooting, ^{on Shelton Abbey Estate;} Coolgreany Forest: Townlands of Ballyowen, Ballytegan Park, Glenoge, ^{VE}Slieve ^ope, Tinnabawn and Ballythomashill. Pheasant, woodcock, ~~and~~ grouse and partridge.

There are other tracts where free shooting is available but local landowners should first be consulted.

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

Lord Wicklow's Estate Office, Shelton Abbey, Arklow. (1700 acres)

^{Coolgreany:} Rest of above: Land Commission, Upr. Merrion St., Dublin.

Shooting Club..... Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

and so that the natural golfing features are fully exploited.

Name of Club..... Competitions held?.....

dals.

ROWING AND SAILING

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

~~A Motor Pleasure boat, the "St. Jude" takes visitors daily for a charge of 1/- per head. Boating on the Avoca River has become very popular of recent years.~~

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 Club in formation

Hurling

Handball Yes Handball alley? at Coolgreany,

Soccer

Rugby

Cricket

Hockey

Bowls

Bowling (on public roads) Arklow Catholic Club. Visitors: 10/-month; 3/- week.

Lawn Tennis Two Clubs Ferrybank T.C. Kinds of courts Green Grass

Croquet

Billiards At Brennan's, 56 Main St.; Kavanagh, Bros., 61 Main St.

Badminton Mullins Hall, Chapel Lane

Table Tennis

Bridge Club

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing)

Skittles on village green at Johnstown.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club Events held under rules of

do. 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.

Annual Swimming event, GALA on August Bank Holiday, at which Irish Championship Swimming Events are held. Promoters Marian Arts Society Hon Secy, Mr G. O'Keefe, 12 Main Street

DATE 13.6.42.

(Signed)

[Signature]

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Surveyor.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY
HOLIDAY AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
SEASIDE RESORTS.

BARONY OF ARKLOW

RESORT ARKLOW PARISH ARKLOW COUNTY WICKLOW

Location and brief description of town or village. Population 4680

At entrance to Vale of Avoca, midway between Dublin and Wexford.

town divided by Avoca River into Ferrybank and Arklow. On G.S.

Rail and Bus route. Town proper well supplied as shopping centre.

Description of beach (? Length, sandy, shingle, safe, currents, &c.):

Two miles (each way of estuary) fine sandy beach, safe, no

currents. North beach more popular. Arklow Rock on South

Beach favoured by good swimmers. N. Shore covered with wood piles

and in background ruins of Kynocks' Old Works. S. Shore beautiful

beach to Arklow Rock. Public right of way to beach or swimming places? Yes

Bathing, swimming and diving facilities. State if mixed bathing allowed, and quote bye-laws (if any) relating to bathing places. Include swimming pools, bathing boxes, surf-riding, &c.

Diving facilities at Arklow Rock on South Beach favoured by
good swimmers.

~~Bathing, no charges - Mixed Bathing - no restrictions.~~

Mixed bathing permitted, no restrictions, no charge.

Shelters? None Lavatories? None Seats? Some seats irregularly distributed
~~Some scattered ones~~

Parking place for cars? No official park but ample space Charge? —

Life-saving corps? None Beach attendant? None

Swimming Club? Annual Gala held Secretary —

Sea water baths? None Proprietor —

Boats (type) available for pleasure trips? A motor pleasure boat "St. Jude";
—/- per head. - Row Boats.

Amusements Park and games provided:

Amusements in the form of Hobby Horses ^{etc} are provided during

summer season. Dancing is principal ^{colour} amusement.

Dance Halls and names of Proprietors:

- Six Dance Halls MAYFAIR BALLROOM, MAIN ST.
Ormond Marquee, Parade Grnd. Proprietor
Marlboro Hall, St. Mary's Tce. do.
Abbey Hall, Upr. Main St. do.
Royal Hotel Ballroom. do.
K.B.C. Hall, Ferrybank. do.
McGowan's Hall, Sth. Quay.

Skating Rink? No Proprietor ~~No~~

Is there a Town Hall? No Location ~~None~~

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

An ancient graveyard in the centre of the town has been ~~improved~~
converted into a small park and playground
~~and modernised~~ by the Local Authorities with due reverence to deceased
and is now a welcome haven of rest to

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage: children and their
elders.

Modern and up-to-date Sewerage and Water Supply

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Arklow ~~Arklow~~ Distance 200 yds. Bus Service? ~~None~~ Dublin and

Public lighting by—Electricity? Yes *from Main St.* Gas? ~~None~~ Wexford

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Ormonde Cinema, Parade Pictures shown Nightly
Ground. (nights)

Paramount, Main St.

(To seat about 500 each)

Theatre Picture Houses used *occasionally* Kind of shows ~~None~~ Variety, Concerts, etc.
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries County Library, at Court House, Arklow.

Private Lending Libraries The Argosy, Foyles, and *circulating* various other libraries at
are available from various booksellers and stationers, in town.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church Catholic Parish Church Services (Sundays) 8, 9, 10, 11.30.

Church of Ireland 11.

Methodist 11.

Presbyterian 11.30.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office In centre of town Main St.

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

All above (postal arrangements at present upset)

BANKING

Banks Bank of Ireland, and Munster & Leinster Bank.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES, &c.

Sports Dealers Amesley's Stores, Main St.

Photographic Stores Byrne's Medical Hall, Main St.

Arnold, Chemist, Main St. Briggs, Chemist, Main St. Earle's, Church Bldgs.
Church Buildings.

T. ARKLOW.

BARDON ARKLOW. PARISH ARKLOW CO. WICKLOW.

PARISH OF ARKLOW IN THE ^{Arch} DIOCESE OF DUBLIN

This parish is one of the biggest and most scattered parishes in the Country. The present parish church is at the Apex, (Arklow) while on the base at the east is Castletown having its own church and curate and on the west is Johnstown similarly circumstanced and the Avoca River as far as Woodenbridge is the boundary. Across the Estuary is Ferrybank which is in the parish of Avoca, having an auxiliary chapel at Templeraingy.

Regarding Arklow itself most of the old buildings have disappeared but the names still survive in Abbeylands, Castlepark, etc. Of the Abbey, once Cistercian, nothing now remains and an old graveyard at present occupies the site. A portion of the old Castle of the Ormonds still exists. An underground passage running from the Castle to the old Abbey opening is now sealed.

Arklow, as well as being called Invermore was also called Ardclough, and Alercomshed and is mentioned in some of the earliest books including the Book of Leinster. The River Avoca and Estuary was also known to Ptolemy the ancient Philosopher. It eventually became a Danish Centre. Being seized by the Ostmen they gave it its present name. Evidently these people developed the sea tradition which is in the blood of all Arklowites the world over where they are to be found in ships.

Ship Building

The tradition of Ship Building is still carried on by John Tyrrell and Sons ^{family} (which has been in the family for generations) and they have produced all kinds of wooden craft. It is to their credit that they were the builders of the first motor fisherboat in the British Isles "The Avoca". Built and designed as a Motor fishing boat, as against the vessel built in Aberdeen which had sail and motor, but was a failure. They have sent Fishing Craft as far as Madras being packed in sections and assembled in the East. At present they are building 48 tonners, one every 13 weeks for the Aberdeen and Manx Fishing Fleet. "The Aideen", ~~built in~~ an ocean racer won in '35 and '37 first place in a race from Dun Laoghaire to the Clyde against 42 others from Gt. Britain and Ireland. Young Mr. Jack Tyrrell has competed in the Technical Magazines and has picked up first prizes as well as dozens of 100 guinea awards.

Which was a failure - Tyrrell's or the Aberdeen boat? Not clear.

P.J. D'Arcy.

~~Arkw.~~

Arkwlow Parish

~~Arkwlow Parish~~ - Cont'd - Description

~~Various~~ a variety of ^{outdoor} pastimes adds to the attractiveness of the resort, and ~~including~~ ^{and bathing} tennis. These include tennis, golf (18 holes), angling, shooting ^{and bathing} ~~and~~ on the Avoca. ~~Live~~ ~~and~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~sea~~, and bathing. Indeed, the four miles of beautiful strand at the river estuary is one of the main attractions at Arklow. ^{The rainfall too, is below normal due to the shelter afforded by the surrounding hills.}

The climate too, is most favourable, being remarkably mild and equable and the recent setting-up of a "Sunshine Home" for children in the town is a confirmation of this ^{most} agreeable feature.

Description of Beaches

~~at~~ a distance of two miles on ~~both~~ ~~the~~ ~~east~~ ~~and~~ ~~west~~ ^{each} side of the Avoca estuary. The South Strand is but a few minutes walk from the town, and the North Strand, which is more favoured, is only a little more distant. The sea at Arklow is noted for its exhilarating properties and both strands for their ~~delightfully~~ fine velvet sands. Bathing is remarkably safe and ~~not~~ nautical experts have commented on the complete absence of dangerous currents ^{being} ~~as~~ ~~phenomenal~~.

On the north shore, ~~where~~ there are several interesting coves such as "Porter's Rocks" and the grand Ruins of the old cordite factory, evidence of Arklow's earlier industry.

Notes.

Parish, Arklow.

Description of town

Built on the ^{slope} of a steep ~~thrust out~~ and around the foot of a low steep hill, ^{one of a group which encircles the town,} overlooking the sea, Arklow is admirably situated ^{near} the entrance to the lovely Vale of Avon and exactly mid-way between Dublin and Wexford - 44 miles from either. Arklow has a long and storied past ~~but~~ but until very recent times it was regarded as a shipping and fishing centre only. Now it is generally recognised as one of the foremost ~~and~~ holiday resorts in the County, already firmly established and steadily growing in popularity with home and cross-channel holiday-makers.

The more modern portion of the town is that on the hill-side. This is built in a east-to-west form and ^{as well as being a popular residential quarter,} is also the main shopping district, containing many large and progressive business ^{houses,} ~~shops~~ and ~~well-appointed catering establishments,~~ ~~as well as~~ ~~cinemas, dance halls and other amusement centres.~~

~~The older fishing and more fishery district retains, in the pretty white washed cottages an its picturesque fisherfolk who lead a more or less detached existence in their pretty white washed cottages, the distinctive appearance old-time world a atmosphere~~

~~The old world atmosphere still lingers in the~~

The former primary occupations of Arklowites, fishing and sailing still find place in the modern setting and the tourist sea-prize tradition is ~~still~~ ^{now} proudly maintained, the ^{time-honoured} industry of the fisherman ~~continues~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ ~~for~~ ~~supremacy~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~rising~~ ~~desire~~ ~~for~~ ~~pride~~ ~~of~~ ~~importance~~ with the newer ~~the~~ source of prosperity that has been discovered in the erstwhile unexploited touristic possibilities of the place. The ~~old~~ atmosphere of old Arklow is retained in the picturesque fisherfolk and in the pretty white washed cottages in which they live a detached existence in the more low-lying suburb called "The Fisheries".

Like ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ industrial era which has opened so promisingly in ~~Ireland,~~ Arklow has also not been backward and the products of its splendid Pottery factory are ~~widely~~ ^{highly} greatly admired for ~~the~~ ^{excellence} of quality and finish.

Important Public Bldg.ST SA VIOURS, ARKLOW. (Protestant Parish Church).

St. Saviour's is acknowledged one of the most beautiful churches in Ireland. It was erected ⁽¹⁹⁰⁰⁾ at the sole expense of the Earl of Largsport as a memorial to his parents and family who had resided at nearby Glencart Castle.

~~Sir Arthur Bloomfield of his day, who was concerned for two ecclesiastical~~
The design, by the London architect, Sir Arthur Bloomfield, is based mainly on the English church styles of the period 1250 to 1400 A.D., and the designer has contrived to incorporate some striking medieval characteristics in the lovely modern structure.

The nave is principally of the 14th cent. type and there are two side aisles, with the vestry on the N. side of the chancel and the organ loft ^{over the vestry}, which opens into an aisle on the east side of the N. aisle, ~~is above the vestry~~. Ceilings of the nave, aisles and chancel are of oak. Both sides of the church are divided by arches into five bays and at the west end is a 14th century ^{spired} tower, ~~containing~~ 150 ft high and containing a fine peal of 8 bells weighing over 88 cwt.

The font cover, of elaborate 15th cent. woodwork, and in steeple form, is the ~~Remarkable~~ extremely attractive and interesting and ^{the} ~~other object~~ of Jacobean Pulpit and the altar table, ~~the~~ the Communion Rails and organ case - all of American walnut, the handsome altar screen, framed in richly carved Bath-stone, and the Remarkable mosaics and opus sectile behind the altar table, ~~with~~ all ^{command} ~~draw~~ attention and admiration. The handsome west arch and chancel arch are other important features of the building.

Industries.

Anklow's ~~career~~ ^{a time-honoured reputation for} shipbuilding
~~and the craft tradition~~ is maintained by the firm of John
 Dyrrell & Sons, ^{Generations of} which family have produced all types of wooden
 craft. They were the builders of the first motor fishing boat
 & constructed in ~~the~~ Great Britain or Ireland and have sent
 boats to many parts of the world. Amongst their exports were
 fishing craft, ^{for Madras,} despatched in sections to be assembled at destination,
 and a number of 48 tonners for the Aberdeen and Haulx fleets.
 The "Ardeen", an ocean racer built at Anklow, in competition
 with 42 other ^{Dutch and British} vessels, ~~was first placed in a race~~ from Kintyre to
 the Clyde in 1935 and ~~and~~ 1937, won first place on both occasions.

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

(Protestant)

Arklow Parish Church, St. Saviour's.

The Foundation Stone was laid on June 10th, 1837, and the Church was built by William, 5th Earl of Carysfort, to replace the old Parish Church in the centre of the Town. The Church was built as a Memorial Church to the memory of his father, mother, brothers and sisters whose early days were spent at Glenart Castle, and was presented to the Parish of Arklow. The Architect selected to carry out the work was Sir Arthur Blomfield, A.R.A.

The Church is built in the early English Style - it consists of a Nave and two side Aisles, also a Chancel; there is a south Chancel Aisle and on the north side of the Chancel is the Vestry, and over the Vestry the organ loft. On the east side of the north Aisle is an Apse, into which the west side of the Organ loft opens.

Each side of the Church is divided by Arches into five Bays. At the West end is a Tower and Spire and north and south Porches. The Chancel is approached by two Portland Stone steps, and as the Communion Rails are approached there is a third step of Black Marble, also a fourth at the Communion Rails, and a fifth inside the Rails. The Ceilings of the Nave, north and south Aisle, and Chancel are of Oak.

The Pulpit in Jacobean design is of American Walnut and it stands on a base of Bath Stone, and Green Irish Marble. The Holy Table is also of American Walnut.

There is a handsome Reredos over the Holy Table. The framework of which is of Bath Stone and richly carved. Immediately over the Holy Table is a Mosaic - A row of Angels holding up a scroll, on the right and left of this scroll are the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed in Opus Sextile work and Mosaics.

The Communion Rails, Chairs in Sanctuary, the Organ case and Seats are all American Walnut.

There is a very handsome West Arch, and the Chancel Arch is an important feature of the Church.

The Church Tower contains Eight Bells; the total weight of the peal is 88 cwt. 8 lbs.

The Church Plate is all of silver gilt, and is of Irish Manufacture and is a gift to the Parish.

The total cost of the Church amounted to £29,511. 2. 4½.

These notes on the Church have been taken from a Book setting out in the clearest detail all the work in connection with the building of this beautiful Church and compiled by the Earl of Carysfort.

Presumably Church of Ireland

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SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

Arklow Recreation Club, Tinahask (non-Catholic)

Marion Arts Society hold frequent meetings at Royal Hotel.

Cultural Societies

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Pottery

Arklow Pottery Ltd Average 400 hands, South Quay.

John Tyrrell Sons, Tyrrell's Ship Building. - See Additional notes on loose sheet.

SHIP-BUILDERS.

Deep Sea Fishing. 30 Motor Boats engaged.

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

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

A monument erected to the 1798 hero Father Murphy on a granite base and a carved figure of Father Murphy urging his followers onwards with an outstretched hand.

Father John Murphy, hero of the '98 Rising is commemorated by a monument in the town which portrays his carved figure with outstretched hand urging his followers onwards to battle. The monument also bears the names of other Revolutionary leaders.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

St. Saviour's Protestant Church.

(See attached sheet).

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National Schools, Coolgreany Rd.; Carysfort Schools, St. Mary's Tce. Ferrybank Schools, Ferrybank; St. Mary's Collegè (Ladies) Sisters of Mercy; St. Mary's Day School; St. Mary's National School; St. Peter's Day School, Harbour Rd.

HOSPITALS

County Wicklow Memorial Hospital.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Second Tuesday of Month

Weekly market day Thursday Half-holiday Wednesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Keogh's Garage, Wexford Rd.; Nolan, Bros., South Quay;
Harry Johnston, 56 Ferrybank; Mathew J. Kavanagh, Bridge St.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *as* See Garages and Petrol Stations

Motors (Touring)
As above

Boats (State type) Row boats at 1/- per hour.
Boatmen on quays.

Bicycles ~~Not now available for hire.~~ In normal times
~~obtained from~~ Earle's Cycle Depot, Church Buildings;
~~and~~ Kavanagh's Cycle Depot.

Caravans None

Horses Horses for hire: Edge, Riding School, Ferrybank.
Jarvey : John Kinch, Tinnahask Lr.
Jarvey : Sam Rowan, 23 Rory O'Connor Place.

CAMPING SITES

North and South Shands
Location South side of Avoca Landowner U.D.C.
River and Arklow Rock
N. Beach Rates not fixed.
Avoca River - S. Bank for letting T. J. Birthistle,
to controlled parties only. Main Street.

Local Improvements Committee Urban District Council.

Secretary P.J. Gregory Bannon, Town Clerk.

DATE *13/6/42*

(Signed)

P.J. D'Arcy

Surveyor.

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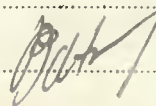
BARONY OF ^{us} Arklow ^{us} Wicklow

TOWN OR VILLAGE Arklow. PARISH Arklow. COUNTY Wicklow.

Check with I.T.A. Register.

Hotels	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Bathrooms	Licensed ?
Bridge Hotel, Bridge Street.	8	1	no
Royal Hotel, 20 Main Street.	2 1/2	1	yes
Marine Hotel, 58 Main Street.	10	1	no
Hoynes' Hotel, 62 Main Street.	16	1	yes
Railway Hotel, 64 Main Street.	8	1	no
Tourist Hotel, 3 Upr. Main St.			no
Guest or Boarding Houses			
Furlong, "Fionn Barra", Coolgreany Rd.	4	1	no
Shaw, "Vale View", Coolgreany Rd.			
Mrs. A. Browne, 5 Lr. Main St.	4	1	no
Going, 7 Lr. Main Street.			
O'Brien, 8 Lr. Main Street.			
Daly, 22 Lr. Main Street.			
Mrs. S. Kavanagh, 24 Lr. Main St.			
Gunson, 2 Main Street.			
Earl, 2 Church Bldgs., Main St.	4	1	no
O'Hanrahan, 15 Main Street.			
Murphy, 55 Main Street.			
O'Byrne, "Springfield", Sheephouse.	8	1	-
O'Hagan, 10 St. Mary's Tce.			
Restaurants and Cafés			
Marine, Main Street.			
St. Brendan's.			
O'Toole's, Main Street.			
O'Rafferty's, Tinahask.			

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	No. of Bedrooms.	No. of Bathrooms.	Licensed?
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GUEST or BOARDING HOUSES. (contd.)

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Moore, 18b Upper Main Street.			
Evans, 20c.(Roseview) Wexford Rd.			
Mrs. M. A. Thewlis, 4 Ferrybank.			
Hall, 7 Ferrybank.			
Marshall, 8 Ferrybank.			
Wilmott, 10 Ferrybank.			
Annesley, 13 Ferrybank.			
Stringer, 18b. Ferrybank.			
Warren, "Glenthorne", 22 Ferrybank.	5	1	—
Tarrant, 23 Ferrybank.			
Joyce, 28 Ferrybank.			
Heath, 29 Ferrybank.			
Blake, 30 Ferrybank.			
Smith, 39 Ferrybank.			
Tyrrell, 48 Ferrybank.	4		
Shaw, 50 Ferrybank.			
McDonagh, 58 Ferrybank.			
Cullen, 60 Ferrybank.			
Hendy, "Argyle House", Ferrybank (Furnished House).			
Tyrrell, 16 Harbour Road.			
Byrne, 17c Harbour Road.			
Sheehan, 1 Hudson's Square.			
Frith, Knockenrahan Lower.			
Ronan, 31 Lr. Main Street.			
Doran, 42, Lr. Main Street.			
Tyrrell, 64. Lr. Main Street.			
Snell, 51, Lr. Main Street.			
Mc Mullen, 52 Lr. Main Street.			
O'Brien, 65 Lr. Main Street.			
Byrne, The Bungalow, Seaview Ave.			
McGowan, South Quay.			
Mulligan, 3 Sea View Terrace, Ticknock. (Furnished Hse.)			
Mulligan, 1 Sea View Terrace, Ticknock. (Furnished Hse.)			

No. of
Bedrooms.

No. of
Bathrooms.

Licensed?

Kearon, "Singleton", Sea View Tce. ✓

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Kinch, Merton Hse., Ticknock.

Bury, Guest House, Ticknock.

Marshall, "Suningdale", Ticknock.

Tyrrell, Ivy Lea, Ticknock.

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