

(Mayo East)

FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF

Gallen

TOWN OR VILLAGE

Straide

PARISH

Templemore

COUNTY

Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

This parish is, in outline, like an elongated and flattened figure 8, the lower loop being smaller than the upper. The area stretches south-west from Lough Lellic's southern shore, to Knockarow at the opposite parish end, a distance of perhaps 7 miles. At its widest the area is hardly more than 3 miles. Its narrowest portion is in the south-west where it is not much more than an half-mile in width. There lies one the three 'island' townlands

GEOLOGY

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

The area is almost totally of drift-covered limestone - the drift area rising up in a succession of low long-sloped hills which sometimes have a hummock-like or hog-backed character. This drift area is suitable for tillage and is not hard to work for the most part. On Lough Lellic's southern shore is a narrow band of igneous gneiss formation - the extension eastwards of the fairly large irregular gneiss area lying to the west close. South of this narrow band is a great tract and out of this rises a small belt of metamorphic character - mica schist etc.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

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

(None of imposing character)

at Ashbrook, land of James White, are the ruins of Ashbrook, once the residence of the ancestors of Mooshall.

The ruins are of a plain-featured house, two stories, about 45' long by 16' wide internally, with a central rear porch and flanked by a small one-story addition to one gable. Nearby are the remains of a small private chapel, ^{T-shaped} ~~crossed~~ and of internal dimensions - nave 24½ by 12' and heavy short transepts 9' wide. A pointed plain arch recess held the altar. In one of the transepts is an horizontal tombstone with on it the inscription - Here lies the body of Geo. Moore Esq. of Ashbrook and Mooshall who died at Mooshall 40. 11. 11.

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1799. May the good God be merciful to his soul.
requires cat in fact. —

According to the book "An Irish Gentleman" by Isabel
Murray Moore, C.S., which deals with the life of George
Henry Moore; his travel; his reading; his politics".....
Pages 1 to 3. "It is related that a descendant of Sir Thomas
Moore settled in Mayo and acquired lands near Kallina,
and it is known that in the time of William of Orange,
George Moore of Kallina held the title of Vice-Admiral of
Connaught; his son and grandson were living in
Arboree, near Strand Abbey, in 1717, for there is a
deed and a tomb of that date.

"..... we have few records of these people"

"John, Moore of Arboree married Jane Lynch
of Kervilla, and thus came into alliance with the
"Squires of Galway" who had large and prosperous
trading colonies in Spain. Their son George, being of
an adventurous spirit, joined one of these houses in
Alicante made a great fortune, married an Irish-
Spanish lady, one of the Penal laws refugees
returned to Mayo in the last quarter of the eighteenth
century and built a fine Georgian house on the shores
of the beautiful Lough Lassa." [this is Woodhall]

"He had a long and prosperous life but in old age
fortune deserted him, his eldest son John joined
the French under Humbert in 1798 after the victory of
Castlebar John Moore was elected President of the
Republic of Connaught but ... a few weeks later was taken
and dragged to Athlone for trial and then ... was remanded

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to Carlebar. weary and shivering, he was driven along the road, and died before his trial began.

"His brother George was a philosopher and historian of the school of Gibbon. . . . He wrote a "History of the English Revolution" - the lives of Cardinal Alberoni and a history of the French revolution. . . . his wife . . . a grand-daughter of the first Earl of Altamont. of this marriage there were three sons."

The book goes on to give the lives of these three sons but principally dealing with George Henry Moore (1810-1870) who was famous in Irish politics and famous for his sportsmanship and his losses. The other two brothers Augustus, and John, sustained fatal injuries while on horseback in the field.

Colonel Maurice Moore and George Moore, the famous author, were sons of George Henry Moore. Their lives are connected with Moorhall, as Ashbrook was apparently allowed to fall into decay after the death of George Moore (who built Moorhall) in 1799. Traditionally he is said to have requested burial at Ashbrook, which residence he used for a time although the chief house was Moorhall. Thus, this George Moore of Ashbrook was the great-grandfather of George Moore the novelist, whose brother, Colonel Maurice Moore, is the author of the book quoted from above.

The Capt. George Moore, in memory of whom there is a slab in Templemore old church (vide antiquities), is difficult to place in the family history, and is not dealt with in Colonel Moore's book. Family motto is - "Fatis cadere cedere non potest."