**Text Summary Shrule**

* **Natural features**

Shrule is the most southerly parish in Mayo, bordered by County Galway to the east and south. Scenically, the most interesting features are the views to be obtained over Lough Corrib from different vantage points in the parish.

* **Antiquities**

There are nine pages in the Shrule survey devoted to descriptions of the antiquities of the parish. These include:

Shrule Castle: - Detailed architectural description is provided. The castle was built by the Burke family, date unknown. In 1570 it was taken by Sr. Edward Fitton, but subsequently taken back by the Burkes.

Ballycurran Castle: - Again a detailed architectural description is provided, with a rough sketch of the ground floor. Nothing known of its history – may have been a Burke stronghold.

Kinlough Castle and church: - Architectural details described. Little known of their history, apart from the fact that Kinlough was held by Burke of Ballinrobe Castle.

Moyne Castle: - Architectural description given but no historical details.

Mocorha Castle: - Again no historical record but probably a Burke castle.

Church ruins in Shrule graveyard. Marked on Ordnance Survey map as St. Colman’s church. Thought to have been a former parish church.

Church ruins in Moyne

Church ruins in Brodullagh South

Cahermore – cashel in townlands of Brodullagh and Kinlough

Cashelled souterrain in Kinlough

Souterrains in Cahernabrock, Brodullagh and Mocollagan townlands.

Dalgan Park ruins: - House built over a hundred years prior to the survey. Originally residence of the Kirwan family.

Ballycurran House ruins: - Originally residence of Lynch family.

St. Patrick’s well in Dalgan.

* **Accommodation**

This section of the survey just lists two boarding houses in Shrule village.

* **Historic sites**

In 1570 Shrule was the site of a battle between Sir Edward Fitton, President of Connaught and the Burkes. In 1641 an incident known as "The Massacre of Shrule" occurred, where a party of Protestants were attacked and many of them slaughtered.

* **Curiosities, customs.**

Under the heading of "Curiosities" there is a brief note on a lighthouse on the shore of Lough Corrib, erected by the owners of Ballycurran house to guide them across the lake. the only customs mentioned are a few calendar customs.

* **Amenities and general information**

The population of Shrule village in 1945 is given as 165. Predictably, there were few amenities apart from church and school. No public water or sewage supply.

* **Sports and games**

Sports listed in this section include shooting, angling on Lough Corrib and the Black river, Shrule G.A.A. Club and race meetings.