

(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 Lelina's southern shore, to Knockacrow 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 Lelina'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, ~~one story~~ ^{T shaped} 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.