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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Clannore

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballindine PARISH Kilvine COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish of Kilvine (all in one = church of Meidhin) lies in a south-east corner of the county which here abuts the counties of Galway and Roscommon. It lies a few miles south-east of Clannore and has as its southern and eastern limits the county line. It appears to be 6 1/2 miles in length west to east, and its greatest north to south width is 4 miles.

The area is generally inconspicuous, being, except for bogland tracts, an area of low rolling hills under tillage and pasture. North-west of

GEOLOGY

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

The area is totally of limestone formation - in places well-capped but otherwise suited to cultivation - the district is purely agricultural.

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

Ballindine, a small one-streeted village to the west of the parish, portion of the Larklaganet tennish lies in, and borders on, the area of Kilvine. The thick wood growth renders an attractive look and portion of the main Ballindine/Clansmen road is edged with pleasant foliage. The Rake River flows through this end of the parish.

Ballindine (back an *Daunzu* = town of the fort) lies some 2½ miles west of Inishtown, a tiny village famous for its land league associations. The village, although universally known as Inishtown (*baile zolac*), is nevertheless mapped and signposted as Bray Mills, a title which is not extant even locally.

East of ^{Inishtown} Kilvine flows the Dalgan River. A deep pool in it bears the name "Poll na Dúnaí Zompaí" - at this point the counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon have their meeting. Kilvine townland is nearby - situated on the highest point in the area - 372 ft. The view is chiefly one which takes in to all sides - an horizon-reaching stretches of low terrain - bog and tillage, green fields and houses and timber belts of the two counties.