

## I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.  
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF *Burrishoole*TOWN OR VILLAGE *Achill Sound* PARISH *Achill* COUNTY *Mayo*

Location and brief description.

Population *200*

*Achill Sound is situated at the point of entry to the island. It is 19 mls from Newport and 25 mls from Westport. This village is the distributing centre for the whole island and is therefore the business end. It is connected to the mainland by a concrete bridge, a section of which formerly swung open to let boats thro' the Sound. This functions no more but a new bridge is contemplated. The village is small but pleasant & has some fine shops.*

Is there a Town Hall? *Parochial Hall* Location *Main Street*

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

*none*

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

*no water supply or sewerage schemes.*

## PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station *Westport* Distance *25 mls* Bus? *yes (Achill - Westport Route)*Public lighting by—Electricity? *none* Gas? *none*

## DANCING

Dance hall *Dances held in the* Proprietor *Rev. J. Campbell, P.P.*  
*parochial Hall.*

## CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas *none* Pictures shown (nights) *—*Theatre *none*Kind of shows  
(Drama, Comedy &c.) *—*

## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *none*

Private Lending Libraries *Foyles 2<sup>d</sup> Library Agency - John Scanlon  
Main Street.*

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *St. Patrick's Catholic Church* Services (Sundays) *9 or 11 on alternate  
Sundays*

*Holy Trinity Church of Ireland* *11.30 A.M.*

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Main Street (centre of village)*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All business transacted.*

## BANKING

Banks *none (nearest bank is in Westport)*

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *Sweeney's General Stores*

Photographic Stores *Sweeney's General Stores*

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *none* Location *—*

Public Baths? *none* Location *—*

Note: There are no beaches along the Sound. The shores are either very rocky or are soft mud flats very unpleasant for bathing. There are very strong and highly dangerous currents at all times and no one should attempt bathing or boating without a local guide.



## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *none*

Cultural Societies *none*

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *Knitting Industry run by the Mercy Convent nuns.*

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

*Many cottages do their own spinning and there are 3 weavers in the district who do all kinds of work for the locality. These are P. Cattigan, Polbranny; John M<sup>c</sup>Greal, Achill; Mrs MacNulty, Belfarsad. Both spinning & weaving are winter occupations.*

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

*none*

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

*St Patrick's Catholic Church - This is a very pleasant recently erected church in the Romanesque style and built in the local red sandstone.*

*Holy Trinity Church of Ireland - This is 19<sup>th</sup> century fabric of a very interesting appearance. It has an octagonal tower and is built in limestone.*

*The Court House is a concrete building with no architectural interest whatever.*

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*Convent of Mercy Nat. School for girls. National School for Boys Technical School under Board of Ed. at Castlebar 4 mls from Achill Sound. Other Nat. Schools in the district are Belfarsad and Tonnagee, both ruined.*

## HOSPITALS

*none - nearest hospitals are at Castlebar & Westport.*

*Insert this note and do not repeat for other villages.*  
{ There is no hospital on Achill Island.  
The nearest one is at Castlebar

## FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *General Fair on last Friday of each Month.*

Weekly market day *none* Half-holiday *Thursday.*

## GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Garage — *E. T. Sweeney, Main Road.*

## CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *Alfred Sweeney, Fair Green, Achill Sound.*  
*Joseph Sweeney, " " " "*  
*E. T. Sweeney, Main Road " "*  
*Michael Fadian, Ceshel (4 mls from Achill Sound)*

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *none.*

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

## CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Camps may be pitched on any of the numerous commonages surrounding the village. Permission is not necessary.* Landowner

Local Improvements Committee *none*

Secretary *—*

DATE *28/8/42*

(Signed) *M. J. B. O'Kelly.*  
Surveyor.