

Toomour Parish Bellanascarrow East Townland 1838 map

The Drumrat, Toomour and parts of Kilshalvy Parish Townland Information sheets bring together the first bits of information that inquisitive people ask about when looking for a relation and where they lived. These pages provide some name and place lists and online sources to introduce you to those who lived hereabouts in the recent, and not so recent, past.

Our hope is that your search fosters an appreciation for the past and its peoples and the lands they called home.

Our goal is to be helpful. Welcome to the neighbourhood.



The red numbers in the map note the specific Griffith's Valuation (GV) fields/parcels of land. See the GV list for this town land below to match with tenants and owners holding these fields in 1857.

Lands boundaries have been redone since over the years, and of course land has changed hands. Information from the Land and Tenant Rate books at the Valuation Office will be a good source for more information about the people living on and working the land after this 1857 information. See the section below re Valuations.

We begin with the Down Survey of Ireland and other descriptive information about the townland below to get our bearings. Some sheets may contain estate records we were able to locate to give names of tenants early in the 1800s. We move on to the Tithe Applotment listings which tell us the heads of families in the town land in 1833. The Census records of 1901 and 1911 tell us who was in the houses in the townland on Census night. By visiting and searching other web sites, URL addresses provided, you may be able to track people via church records and civil records of births, marriages and deaths. Hint: The more information you have before searching, the better.

The Down Survey of Ireland

Taken in the years 1656-1658, the Down Survey of Ireland is the first ever detailed land survey on a national scale anywhere in the world. The survey sought to measure all the land to be forfeited by the Catholic Irish in order to facilitate its redistribution to Merchant Adventurers and English soldiers. For more information and to view the maps, go to <http://downsurvey.tcd.ie/index.html> and explore the site.

Townland of BELLANASCARROW EAST

Down Survey Name: Ballynasgarwagh

1641 Owner(s): [French, Patrick \(Catholic\)](#)

1670 Owner(s): [Taaffe, Theobald earl of Carlingford \(Catholic\)](#)

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Tumocoer

1659 Census

Total: 13

English: 11

Irish: 2

The Ordnance Survey Name Book John O'Donovan 1836

John O'Donovan (1806-1861) led the Ordnance Survey project collecting information about the topography of Ireland. The work was carried out by sundry surveyors' visiting every parish in Ireland. O'Donovan wrote the place name reports based on the data the surveyors collected.

For more information: <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/history-heritage/irish-geology/what-is-griffiths-valuati/>

Townland descriptions: A description will be included once located.

Townland Place names

Bellanscarrow, E & W / **Beal Atha na Scarbhach, Thoir & Thiar (139, 150—33)**

Ballinasaraugh, *DS*, Ballinscaruagh, *Cen.*, B:nasarvagh, *HD*, Ballinascarrow, *Co. Map/OSNB*, "Mouth of the shallow ford," *OSNB*

NOTE: This same descriptive will be found on the Bellanascarrow West TL information paper. This section and these names need a bit more attention to make sure we get it right. Likewise, the reader will note the Tithe section is also under review re tenants who are liable to pay tithes.

This information from "The Placenames of Corran," by Nollaig O Muraile, given in a lecture at the 2008 Ballymote Heritage Weekend.

Sources cited: **Tax.**: Ecclesiastical Taxation, 1306; **F:** Fiants of Tudor Sovereigns (searched selectively); **CPR:** Calendar of Patent Rolls of James I; **Str:** Strafford's Inquisition, 1635 (from Wood-Martin's *Sligo*); **DS:** Down Survey, c 1655 (most citations taken from OSNB); **Cen.:** 'Census' of Ireland, c. 1659; **HMR:** Hearth Money Roll for Co. Sligo, 1665 (ed. MacLysaght); **HD:** Hiberniae Delineatio (al. Petty's Atlas), publ. 1685 (but engraved c 1663); **OSBN:** Ordnance Survey Parish Namebooks, 1837 (consulted - especially for evidence of Irish forms collected from native speakers of the language).

Population, landowners and tenants

Population figures for this townland 1841-1901

1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1901
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No numbers available at this time.

SLIGO TITHE APLOTMENT BOOK Parish listings

Below are the names of heads of families in the Toomour and Drumrat parishes in 1833-4.

The Tithe Applotment Books are records compiled between 1823 and 1837 to determine the amount which occupiers of agricultural holdings over one acre should pay in tithes to the Church of Ireland. We recommend a visit to the sites below for more information.

<http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/home.jsp>

<http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/about.jsp>

<http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/aboutmore.jsp>

NOTE: The following list of names of tenants liable for the tithe may be the correct one for this townland which may be Bellanascarrow East. We have a similar determination to make for Bellanascarrow West. If needed, we'll switch the lists ASAP. [Appears right so far w/ a look at GV]

Ballynascarragh TL, Toomour Parish, Co. Sligo 1834

Jenkins, William

Gilmore, Jas

Hudson, Wm

Jenkins, Willm

Gore, Robt B

Gilmore, John

Cregg, Jas

More information may be found at the National Archives Genealogy Website. Access the Census Records for 1901 and 1911 and many other informative sites at <http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie>

Parish Online Resources

Diocese of Achonry | County of Sligo Variant forms of parish name: Keash [includes townlands in Drumrat and Toomour]

This website contains images from the National Library of Ireland's collection of Catholic parish register microfilms. The registers contain records of baptisms and marriages from the majority of Catholic parishes in Ireland and Northern Ireland up to 1880. Go to <http://registers.nli.ie/about> These are incomplete but you may be surprised!

Other online resources for other denominations may be found at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/County_Sligo,_Ireland_Genealogy#Church_Records

Griffith's Valuation 1857

County of Sligo, Barony of Corran, Union of Boyle

Griffith's Valuation is the name given to the Primary Valuation of Ireland, a property tax survey carried out in the mid-nineteenth century. The survey involved the detailed valuation of every taxable piece of property and published county-by-county between 1847 and 1864.

The information with tenant and owner names for this town land is below. You can see the rest by going to the page on the GV site.

Explore Griffith's Valuation online at these sites:

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml>

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/history-heritage/irish-genealogy/>

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/history-heritage/irish-genealogy/what-is-griffiths-valuation/>

Looking for more about properties? See the Valuation's Office web site at

http://www.valoff.ie/en/Archives_Genealogy_Public_Office/

Follow the links. Some material is online, other information is digitized at their office to view. The information for this townland was collected from GV online Pages 272 and 274.

Bellanascarrow East TL, Toomour Parish Page 273 & 274 (Ord. S. 33)

Tenant	Owner	Holding
		Land, house, offices or land
1 Sir Robt. Gore Booth, BT.,	In fee	Land (plantation)
2a Samuel Gilmore	Sir Robt. Gore Booth, BT	Land, herd's ho., & offs.
b Vacant	Samuel Gilmore	House
3 a Francis Sheridan	Sir Robt. Gore Booth, BT	Land, house and offices
4 a Thomas Sheridan	Same	Land, house and offices
5 a William Jenkins	Same	Land, house and offices
6	Water (Bellanascarrow Lake)

Census of Ireland

Census pages may be accessed through The National Archives of Ireland.

This is the home page: <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>

We recommend reading the information available to become familiar with the records. We only provide names, ages and the briefest of other information. The Census pages has more about individuals and families and their houses and land.

Ireland Census 1901

Co. Sligo Bellanascarrow East TL, Toomour Parish, DED Ballymote, Sligo Poor Law Union

Occupants and houses (private dwellings/buildings). Ages as given in Census.

House 1 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 5 Outbuildings Landholder is Andrew Sheridan.

Sheridan	Andrew	54	Head of family	Farmer
	Ellen	52	Wife	
	Francis	24	Son	Not married
	Mary	25	Daughter	“ “
	Andrew	17	Son	Scholar Not married

House 2 Stone Slate 4 rooms 10 outbuildings Landholder is Alexander Gilmore.

Gillmor	Alexander	64	Head of family	Farmer
	Sarah	62	Wife	
	Emily M	28	Daughter	All siblings not married
	Joseph H	30	Son	
Nelson	Sarah E	7	Granddaughter	Born Co. Donegal
Flaherty	Martin	22	Domestic Servant	
Kemmit	Beesy	21	“	“

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Thomas Sheridan.

Sheridan	Thomas	44	Head of family	Farmer
	Winnifred	40	Wife	
	Kathleen	16	Daughter	Scholar All siblings not married.
	Norah J	14	Daughter	“
	Thomas J	12	Son	“
	James	9	Sons	“
	May	6	Daughter	“

House 4 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 6 Outbuildings Landholder is Ruth Jenkins.

Jenkins Ruth 59 Head of family Farmer Widow Born in C. Leitrim
 Porteus Williams 33 Son Not married
 Annabell Sophia 23 Daughter Not married
 Elizabeth Helena 25 Daughter Not Married

House 5 Unoccupied with 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Joseph Gilmor.

Ireland Census 1911

Co. Sligo Bellanascarrow East TL, Toomour Parish, DED Ballymote, Sligo Poor Law Union

Occupants and houses (private dwellings/buildings). Ages as given in Census.

House 1 Stone Slate 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is James B Rafferty.

Rafferty James B 47 Head of family Laborer Single
 Mary 75 Mother Widow

House 2 Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is Patrick Meehan

Meehan Patrick 37 Head of family Agricultural Laborer
 Mary 27 Wife Married 6 yrs. w 3 children born live and 3 still living
 John Joe 5 Son Scholar
 Patrick 3 Son
 Margaret Mary 2 Daughter

House 3 Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is James Tighe.

Tighe James 60 Head of family Laborer
 Anne 48 Wife Married 16 yrs. w 4 children born live and 3 still living
 Mary 14 Daughter Scholar Single
 Catherine 9 Scholar Single
 Annie Elizabeth 5 Daughter Scholar Single

House 4 Stone Slate 4 rooms 9 Outbuildings Landholder is P.W. Jenkins

Jenkins Porteus Wm 43 Head of family Farmer
 Frances Margaret 28 Wife Married 5 yrs. w/ no children
 Ruth 69 Mother Widow

House 5 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is Thomas Sheridan

Sheridan	Thomas	61	Head of family	Farmer
	Winnifred	59	Wife Married 28 yrs	wi 6 children born live and 5 still living
	James	20	Son	Single
	May	17	Daughter	“

House 6 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 5 Outbuildings Landholder is Ellen Sheridan.

Sheridan	Ellen	74	Head of family	Farmer	Widow
	Francis	34	Son	Single	

House 7 Stone Slate 4 rooms 14 outbuildings Landholder is Alexander Gilmor.

Gillmour	Alexander	74	Head of family	Farmer
	Sarah	73	Wife Married 52 yrs.	w/ 11 children born live and 9 still living
	Samuel William	52	Retired Bank Official	Single
Tinan	Ellen	19	Domestic Servant	
Mulligan	Michael	19	Farm servant	

What else can we know about our old parishes and townlands?

County Sligo is long inhabited, and the folks who lived here left many reminders - like the ring-forts dotting our fields. We can now learn more of these and other monuments via the Archaeological Survey of Ireland, a unit of the National Monuments Service, and its' online database base. Go to <https://www.archaeology.ie> and look for the [Historic Environment Viewer](#) - an online digital service provided by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Tis quite a tool. The viewer is accessible on most browsers and platforms, including smart phones.

Future additions to assist users of these Townland Information Sheets

The local people of the Keash/Culfadda Parish area will continue to refine these Townland information sheets as time goes on. With the valuable help of neighbors and relations they will add names of residents who came to live, work and pass on to others the fields and homes of these townlands for a few more years beyond the 1911 Census, to bring knowledge of the past up close to current memory and understanding. They will also do their best to name the local fields and gathering places of by-gone days - where, for instance, our ancestors used to dance at the cross-roads or meet at a well marked land mark, etc. This way, even as old places take on new meanings befitting the era, the past is not lost and our ancestors might still be seen along the roads, in the fields and their old homes - here or gone.

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