

**Toomour Parish****Cloonagh 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 CLOONAGH (Corran By)**

**Down Survey Name:** Clowneganweigh

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

**1670 Owner(s):** [Radcliffe, Hugh \(Protestant\)](#)

**County:** Sligo

**Barony:** Corran

**Parish:** Tumocoer

**Profitable land:** 95 plantation acres

**Forfeited:** 95 plantation acres

### **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/>

**Cloonagh.** Clun eac, lawn or meadow of the horses.

Situated near the centre of the parish, on the E. and W. sides of the road from Ballinafad to Ballymote, 3 miles S. E. of the latter place. It is bounded on the N. by Cross; on the E. by Murthy; on the S. by Fallougher, Knockoconnor and Drumrat Parish, and on the W. by Feenaghroe,

This townland contains 172 acres, of which 103 are cultivated and 69 of uncultivated heathy and rocky pasture. The proprietor, Lord Palmer, has let it to tenants at will, their gross yearly rent per acre varying from 1 pound 5s and 1 pound 10s. The mountain part is free. County Cess amounts to 2/- and the tithes 1/3d per acre yearly. The soil is light intermixed with limestone and the general products are oats, potatoes. There are several middling farmhouses on the E. and W. sides of the road, near which are several old forts, etc., etc.

## Townland Place names

### Cloonagh / Cluain Each (172 39-40)

Cloonagh, *Old Tithes Bk/OSNB*, clun ach - acc[en]t on 1st [or l[a]st], *OSBN*

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 townland 1841-1901

1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1901
61	42	38	33	40	32

## SLIGO TITHE APLOTMENT BOOK Parish listings

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

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>

### *1834 Cloonagh [Cloonagh]*

Jack McDonough

Bryan McDermott

Rev. James O'Hara

Michael Divine [Michl]

Andrew O'Connor [Andw]

Michael O'Connor [Michl]

Owen Hannon

Laurence Doude

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](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/](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.

### Cloonagh TL Page 56 (*Ord. S. 39 & 40*)

	Tenant	Owner	Holding Land, house, offices or land
1	a Michael Benson	Viscount Palmerston	Land [severance]
	b Andrew Hannan	same	Land [severance]
2	a Michael Cunnane	same	Land, house and offices Waste
3	a Michael Hannan	same	Land, house and offices
4	Michael Hannan	same	Land
4	Andrew Hannan	same	Land
4	Michael Cunnane	same	Land
5	a Bryan McDermott (Roe)	same	Land and house
6	a Henry McDonagh	same	Land and house

7	a	Ellen Devince	same	Land and house
8	a	Rev. David O'Hara	same	Land, house and offices
9	a	Mary O'Connor	same	Land and house

## 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, Cloonagh TL, Toomour Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, Drumrat DED

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

**House 1** Stone Thatched 2 rooms Two Outbuildings Landholder is Mathias O'Connor

O'Connor	Mathais	60	Head of family	Farmer
	Ellin	49	Wife	
	Michael	25	Son	All siblings not married
	John	18	Son	
	James	13	Son	
	Jane	22	Daughter	

**House 2** Unoccupied

**House 3** Stone Slate ? 4 rooms Four outbuildings Landholder is Rev. Patrick Scully

Scully	Patrick	57	Head of family	Parish Priest	Not married.
Moran	Patrick James	25	Boarder	Curate	Not married.
Scully	Kate	28	Niece	Housekeeper	Not married
Flynn	Thady	17	Visitor	Scholar	Not married
O'Brien	Michael	22	Servant	Farm servant	Not married

**House 4** Stone Slate ? 3 Rooms Five outbuildings Landholder is Fitzstephen Devine.

Devine	Fitzstephen	64	Head of family	Farmer	
	Elizabeth	45	Wife	Postmistress	
	Joseph	22	Son	Rate collector	All siblings here not married
	Richard	8	Son	Scholar	
	Thomas	3	Son		

**House 5** Stone Thatched 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is John McDonagh

**House 6** Stone Slate ? 2 rooms Three Outbuildings Landholder is James Short.

Short	James	39	Head of family	Farmer	B. Co. Sligo
	Nora A.	32	Wife		B. Co. Cork
	James H.	10	Son	Scholar	B. America

**House 7** Stone Slate ? 4 rooms Five outbuildings Landholder is Luke Hannon.

Hannon	Luke	35	Head of family	Farmer	
	Nora Agnes	34	Wife		
	Reta Marian	6	Daughter		
	Lessy M.	4	Daughter		
	John Francis	2	Daughter		
	Michael James G	Six months	Son		

**House 8** Stone Slate ? 2 Rooms Two Outbuildings Landholder is Luke Cunnane.

Cunnane	Luke	60	Head of family	Farmer	
	Bridget	50	Wife		
	Margaret	26	Daughter	Dressmaker	All siblings not married
	Catherine	20	Daughter	Dressmaker	
	Bridget	16	Daughter	Scholar	
	Patrick	14	Son	Farmer's son	

## Ireland Census 1911

**Co. Sligo, Cloonagh TL, Toomour Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, Drumrat DED**

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

**House 1** Stone Thatched 2 Rooms Three Outbuildings

O'Connor Ellen 65 Head of family Farmer Widow  
 She was married 43 years, w/ 11 children born live and 9 still living.  
 Michael 38 Son Farmer Single  
 John 30 Son " "  
 Jane 35 Daughter " "

**House 2** Stone Slate ? 4 rooms Four outbuildings

O'Grady Dominick J. 50 Head of family RC Clergyman Blank Not married  
 Cunnane Michael 70 Servant General Servant Not married  
 Gillian Honoria 65 Servant Housekeeper Not married

**House 3** Stone Slate ? 4 rooms Nine outbuildings

Hannon Luke 47 Head of family Farmer  
 Nora A. 50 Wife Married 18 years with six children born live and 6 living.  
 Fessie A. 14 Daughter All siblings single.  
 John F. 13 Son Scholar  
 Gerard 11 Son "  
 Attracta 9 Daughter "  
 Joe F. 5 Son "  
 McKeon James 16 Nephew "

**House 4** Stone Thatched 2 rooms Four outbuildings

Queenan Bridget 71 Head of family Farmer Widow  
 Married 35 years, w/ 6 children born live and 4 still living.  
 Margaret 32 Daughter All siblings farmers and single  
 Katie 30 Daughter  
 Bee Teresa 25 Daughter  
 Patrick 23 Son

**House 5** Stone Thatched 2 rooms Four outbuildings

Short James 52 Head of family Farmer and Mason B. Co. Sligo  
 Nora A. 42 Wife B. Co. Cork  
 Married 21 [?] years with one child born live and still living  
 James H. 20 Son Mason B. America



**House 6** Stone Tile ? 3 tooms Three outbuildings

Devine Joseph 33 Head of family Rate Collector and Farmer  
 Nellie 36 Wife Married 6 years w/ one child born live and still living  
 Valentine 5 Son

**House 7** Stone Tile ? 3 rooms Six outbuildings

Devine Elizabeth 59 Head of family Postmistress Widow  
 Married \_\_\_ years? with 10 children born live and 8 still living.  
 John Patrick 24 Son Farmer's son All siblings single.  
 Richard 18 Son "  
 Thomas 14 Son Scholar

### **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.

**Questions or something to add? Contact \_\_\_\_\_**