

Toomour Parish**Cross 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 on 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 CROSS

Down Survey Name: Crosse

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

1670 Owner(s): [Strafford, Earl of \(Protestant\)](#)

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Tumocoer

Profitable land: 73 plantation acres

Forfeited: 73 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-genealogy/what-is-griffiths-valuation/>

Cross. a cross. A Chres. Three roads join at it.

Situated in the N. part of the parish and near the centre on the E. and W. sides of the road from Ballinafad to Ballymote, about two and three quarter miles S.E. of the latter place. It is bounded on the N. by Tonaponra; on the W. by Knockbacroy and Greyfield, and on the S. by Feenaghroe and Cloonagh.

This townland contains 78 acres of which 76 are cultivated and 22 of uncultivated mountain pasture. The proprietor Mr. Alexander Duke, has let it to the tenants at will, their yearly rent per acre amounting to 1 pound 14s for the arable. The mountain they have free. County Cess is paid by the acre and generally amounts to 3/-. The tithe is 1/10d. The soil is light and stoney, intermixed with limestone rocks and the general produce are oats, flax etc. The road to Balinafad to Ballymote passes through the centre of the townland on the sides of which are situated the houses of the tenantry, which are in general, poor buildings.

Townland Place names

Cross / **An Chrois (98—39)**

Crosse, *HD*; ‘an Chres’: ‘three roads join at it’, *OSNB*

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
22	17	18	21	33	30

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>

Cross Townland, Toomour Parish, Co. Sligo 1834

[Healy, Patt](#)

[Healy, James](#)

[Cunnane, Patt](#)

[Hannon, Owen](#)

[Davey, James](#)

[Hannon, John](#)

[Kevanny, Martin](#)

[Kevaney, Patt](#)

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.

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	Tenant	Owner	Holding Land, house, offices or land
1	a James Caveny	Viscount Palmerston	Land, house and offices
2	a Michael Benson	Same	Land, house and offices
3	a Andrew Hannan	Same	Land, house and offices
	{ Michael Hannon	Same	Land
4	{ Andrew Hannan	Same	Land
	{ Michael Cunnane	Same	Land
5	Michael Cunnane	Same	Land (severance)

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 Cross TL, Toomour Parish, DED Drumrat, Boyle 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 Hannon.

Hannon	Andrew	84	Head of family	Farmer
	Catherine	60	Wife	
	Katie	29	Daughter	Not married
	Maggie	27	Daughter	“

House 2 Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Martin Keveney.

Keveney	Martin	48	Head of family	Farmer
	Mary	33	Wife	
	Maggie	8	Daughter	Scholar All siblings not married
	Delia	7	Daughter	“
	John	5	Daughter	“
	Annie	3	Daughter	
	Kate	1		
	Teresa	1 month	Daughter	

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is John Benson.

Benson	John	56	Head of family	Farmer
	Catherine	36	Wife	
	Annie	17	Daughter	Domestic Business All not married
	Maggy E	16	Daughter	Scholar
	John	14	Son	Scholar
	James	11	Son	Scholar
	Patk	9	Son	“
	Mary J	6	Daughter	“
	Francis	3	Son	
	Bridget A	6 Months	Daughter	

House 4 Stone Slate 3 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is John Benson.

Sheeran	Peter	47	Head of family	National School Teacher
	Hanoria	35	Wife	
	Bridget Agnes	7	Daughter	Scholar All siblings not married
	Mary Hanoria	5	Daughter	“
	Patk Michael	4	Son	
	Owen Francis	3	Son	
	Catherine Margt	1	Daughter	

Ireland Census 1911**Co. Sligo Cross TL, Toomour Parish, DED Drumrat, Boyle Poor Law Union**

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

House 1 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings

Keavney	Martin	60	Head of family	Farmer	Married
	Maggie	17	Daughter	Scholar	All siblings are single.
	Delia	16	Daughter	“	
	John	15	Son	“	
	Annie	12	Daughter	“	
	Kate	11	Daughter	“	
	Martin	8	Son	“	
	James	46	Visitor	Ex Const RIC	Single

House 2 Stone Thatch 4 rooms 2 Outbuildings

Hannon	Patk Joseph	42	Head of family	Farmer
	Bridget	45	Wife	Married 5 years
	Catherine	76	Mother	Widow
	Thomas	1	Nephew	born Co. Roscommon

House 3 Stone Thatch 4 rooms 2 outbuildings

Sheeran	Hanoria	47	Head of family	Post Mistress	Widow
			Married 18 yrs. w/ 9 children born live and 8 still living		
	Bridget A	17	Daughter	Scholar	All siblings are single
	Mary H	15	Daughter	“	
	Patrick M	14	Son	“	
	Owen F	13	Son	“	
	Kate M	11	Daughter	“	
	John James	9	Son	“	
	Annie Jane	8	Daughter	“	
	Sebina T	6	Daughter	“	

House 4 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 5 Outbuildings

Benson	Catherine	47	Head	Farmer	Widow
	James	22	Son	All siblings single	
	Patrick	20	Son		
	Mary	18	Daughter		
	Francis	13	Son	Scholar	

Bridget	10	Daughter	Scholar
Thomas	8	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 on-line 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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