

Toomour Parish**Greenan 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 GREENAN

Down Survey Name: Murry Quarter

1641 Owner(s): [Land, Church \(Protestant\)](#)

1670 Owner(s): [Land, Church \(Protestant\)](#)

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Tumocoer

Profitable land: 158 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-valuati/>

Greenan. Grianan, sunny ground; so called from being calm and warm in spring, the mountain (Ceis) protecting it from the North breezes. It is at the foot of Ceis facing S.E.

Situated in the centre of the parish on the N. and S. sides of the road from Ballymote to Ballinacfad, about four and a half miles S.E. of the former place. It is bounded on the N. by Murhy, Treenmore and Lough Goura; on the E. by Tully; on the S. by Carrowreagh and Knockconnor, and on the N. by Murhy.

This townland contains 153 acrs, of which 115 are cultivated, 31 of uncultivated rocky pasture and ground liable to floods, and 7 of bog or boggy pasture. The proprietor, William Phibbs Esq., has let it to tenants at will at 15/- per acre for the rocky portion, and 1 pound 8s for the remainder. County Cess amounts to 10 Pounds 8s per annum for the whole townland. The soil is light and the general produce oats, potatoes, etc. There is a large group of houses near the centre of the townland, near which there is the remains of an old church; on the N. side of the church there is a large stone, which is rendered famous by curing people of a pain in the back.

Townland Place names

Greenan / **An Grianan (153—40)**
Greenan, *Old Tithe Bk/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
27	25	23	24	25	19

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>

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Walsh, Patt
Drury, James
Brehaney, Bryan
Brehany, John

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 John Brennan	William Phibbs	Land, house and offices
2	Patrick Costello	Same	Land
3	a Anne Breheny	Same	Land and house
4	a Thomas Walsh	Same	Land and house
5	a} Michael Breheny	Same	Land, house and offices
6	}		Land
5	b Margaret Breheny	Michael Breheny	Garden, house & office
7	Margaret Breheny	William Phibbs	Land
8			Water of Lough Gowra

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 Greenan TL, Toomour Parish, DED Toomour, Boyle Poor Law Union

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

House 1 Stone Slate 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is Ellen Walsh.

Walsh	Ellen	50	Head of family	Farmer	Widow
	Nora	17	Daughter	Not married	
	Francis	15	Son	"	

House 2 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 4 Outbuildings Landholder is Patrick Henry.

Henry	Patrick	33	Head of family	Farmer	
	Maria	33	Wife		
	Michael James	2	Son		
	Patrick Joseph	1 month	Son		

House 3 Stone Thatch 3 rooms 6 Outbuildings Landholder is Michael Brennan.

Brennan	Michael	60	Head of family	Farmer	
	Winifred	42	Wife		
	Mary Ellen	21	Daughter	None of the siblings are married.	
	Michael	19	Son		
	Belenda	18	Daughter		
	John	16	Son	Scholar	
	Maggie	12	Daughter	"	
	Winifred	10	Daughter	"	
	Jerome	8	Son	"	
	Katie	5	Daughter	"	
	Henry W	3	Son		
	Alice	2	Daughter		

Ireland Census 1911

Co. Sligo Greenan TL, Toomour Parish, DED Toomour, Boyle Poor Law Union

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

House 1 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 4 Outbuildings

Henry Patrick 46 Head of family Farmer Born Co. Roscommon
 Mary 40 Wife Married 3 yrs w/ 1 child born live and 1 still living

NOTE: There is a difference here re wife. If researching, check for death of wife listed in 1901 sometime after birth of Thomas. Check also marriage records and birth certs.

Michael James	12	Son	Scholar	Single
Patrick Joseph	10	Son	“	“
Thomas William	8	Son	“	“
Mary	6 months	Daughter	“	“
Kielty James	23	Farm Servant	Single	
Cullen Thomas	77	Visitor	Single	

House 2 Stone Thatch 3 rooms 3 Outbuildings

Brennan Michael 75 Head of family Farmer
 Winifred 62 Wife Married 32 yrs. w/ 11 children born live and 7 still living
 Michael 30 Son Single
 Belenda B 27 Daughter “
 Katie 15 Daughter “

House 3 Stone Slate 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

Walsh Ellen 67 Head of family Farmer Widow
 Patrick 29 Son-in-law
 Norah 27 [name sp. per close look at original form] Daughter
 Married 1 year w/ 1 child born live and 1 still living
 Patrick Joseph 3 months Grandson

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.

Questions or something to add? Contact _____