

Toomour Parish**Greyfield 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.

The following information is from the website. However, there is a problem. There are two Greyfield townlands in the area. One in Toomour Parish and the other in Kilshalvy Parish. When clicking on the TL in Kilshalvy, the following information comes up. **However, note that the Parish here is in Toomour.** When one clicks on the map for the Toomour Greyfield information, nothing comes up. Looking at other townlands owners noted at the time, and they do not quite match up with this one - which one could speculate it should. Placing this information here for now, and the same for Kilshalvy sheet. A conversation with the folks who did the Down Survey website may be in order - or - a look at another site or source book is in order.

Townland of GREYFIELD (Corran By)

Down Survey Name: Murry Quarter

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

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

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Tumocoer

Unprofitable land: 164 plantation acres

Profitable land: 68 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-ge-nealogy/what-is-griffiths-valuati/>

Greyfield. Leit ceatram, meaning half-quarter. Some pronounce the 1st part long, and say it means 'grey'. (not general)

Situated in the N. part of the parish, on the W. side of the road from Ballinafad to Ballymote, about two and a half miles S.E. of the latter place. It is bounded on the N. by the townlands of Knocknafishogue and Knockrory; on the E. by Cross and Feenaghroe; on the S. by Finagh Lough, and on the W. by Knocklough and Lough Davan.

Lord Lorton. This townland contains 100 acres, of which 97 are arable land and 3 are water. The proprietor, Lord Lorton, has granted leases of lives to the tenantry at the yearly rent of 1 pound 7s per acre. The soil is clay intermixed with boulders of lime and freestone and the general produce are oats, flax etc. There are several poor-looking houses in different parts of the land, likewise an old fort near its E. boundary and two lakes, one on the S. boundary called Finagh Lough, and another on the W. boundary, called Lough Davan.

Townland Place names

Greyfield / **An Leithcheathru Riabhach (100 - 39)**

Lecarowreagh, *Str* 169; Greyfield, *Co. Map/OSNB*; leith cheathramh, *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 this townland 1841-1901

1841 1851 1861 1871 1881 1901

Numbers not included under years because the list in hand from our sources did not have two Greyfield Townlands. If we find a list specifically for Kilshalvy, we'll include. Here are the numbers, which may be for the Greyfield of Toomour Parish, that we do have: 42 23 32 30
14 23

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: There is no townland named Greyfield in the list of townlands for the parish of Toomour [circa 1834] on the website re Ttthe Applotments. We will continue to try to locate information for this bit of land, which may be placed in a neighbouring townland.

NOTE: we should check on Larkhillor,Knocknasashay - see online list - this land belongs to James Taafe. Look at map too.

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 digitised at their office to view.

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	Tenant	Owner	Holding Land, house, offices or land
1	a William Orr	Viscount Lorton	Land and house
2	{ William Orr	Same	Land & labourer's ho.
	{ a James McCormack	Same	Land, house & officers
3	a Patrick Feighany	Same	Land, house and offices
4	a Patrick Cawley	Same	Land, house and offices
5			Water of Lough Devan
6			Water of Feenagh Lough

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 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 4 outbuildings Landholder is Michael Cawley.

Cawley	Michael	40	Head of family	Farmer	
	Beesy	38	Wife		
	Patrick	14	Son	Scholar	All siblings not married.
	Michael J.	12	Son	“	
	John	10	Son	“	
	Annie M.	8	Daughter	“	
	Bernard	7	Son	“	
	Thomas	6	Son	“	
	Frances (sic)	4	Son	“	
	Mark J.	2	Son		
	Mat	8 months old			

House 2 Stone Slate 4 rooms 9 Outbuildings Landholder is William Orr.

Orr	William	46	Head of family	Farmer	
	Cecilia	32	Wife		
	Bella	8	Daughter	Scholar	
	Js Fairbanks	7	Son	“	
	Margaret E.	4	Daughter		
Breheny	Martin	66	Farm Servant	Not married	
Gaff	Thomas	50	Farm Servant	“	

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Mary McCormack is the landholder.

McCormack	Mary	86	Head of family	Housekeeper	Widow
	Mary	50	Daughter	“	Not married
	Martin	40	Son	Farmer	Married
	Jane	31	Wife		“
	Mary	1	Daughter		

Ireland Census 1911

Co. Sligo 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

Cawley	Michael	55	Head of family	Farmer	
	Beesy	55	Wife	Married 25 years w/ 9 children born live and 9 still living	
	John	21	Son	Farmer	All siblings are single
	Annie Marie	19	Daughter		
	Thomas	16	Son	Carpenter	
	Francis	14	Son	Scholar	
	Mark	12	Son	“	
	Mattie	10	Son	“	

House 2 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding

McCormack	Jane	45	Head of family	Farmer	Widow
			Married 12 yrs 4 Children born live and 4 still living		
	Mary	11	Daughter	Scholar	All siblings single
	John	8	Son	“	
	James	6	Son	“	
	Martin	4	Son		

NOTE [as an example of how the information here can be added to]: John McCormack marries Annie J Egan of Drumnagranshy TL in 1928 - son Martin [Martie] McCormack born and family moves to Bingnanagh TL. Records of Steve Lemken.

House 3 Stone Slate 3 rooms 8 Outbuildings

Orr	William	49	Head of family	Farmer
	Cecilia	42	Wife	
			Married 19 years with 4 Children born live and 4 still living	
	Catherine Arabella	18	Daughter	All siblings are single.
	James T	17	Son	Scholar
	Margaret E	7	Daughter	Scholar
	Cecilia Mary	7	Daughter	Scholar
Breheny	Martin	82	Domestic Servant	Single
Gaffney	Thomas	59	Farm Servant	Single

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 _____