

**Kilshalvy Parish****Kilnaharry 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 KILNAHARRY**

**Down Survey Name:** Carrowreagh

**1641 Owner(s):** [King, Sir Robert \(Protestant\)](#)

**1670 Owner(s):** [King, Sir Robert \(Protestant\)](#)

**County:** Sligo

**Barony:** Corran

**Parish:** Killoshally

#### **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-valuation/>

**Culnaharry TL** Coill na haitrige, wood of the penance. (Kilnaharry.)

Situated on the N. boundary of the E. part of the parish, two and a half miles N. of the village of Gurteen. It is bounded on the N. by Drumrat Parish; on the W. by Greyfield; on the S. by Attyville and on the E. by Parish of Drumrat.

This townland contains 100 acres, of which 92 are cultivated and 8 of bog. The proprietor, Sir Alexander Creighton has it let to tenants at will at the yearly rent of 1 pound 10s per acre. County Cess amounts to 2/5p per acre. The soil is light and stoney intermixed with boulders of lime and sandstone and the general produce are oats, flax and potatoes. There are two or three middling farmhouses in different parts of the townland, and an old fort on which there is a Trig. station 305 feet above sea level.

### **Townland Place names**

Kilnaharry / **Coill na hAithri (100—39)**

Collneharry, *Cen.*, Coillnaharry, *HMR* 47, Cullnaharry, Co. *Map/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
88	28	42	37	28	25

### **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>

Kelneharre Townland, Parish Kilshalvy, Co. Sligo 1834

[Mcgowan, Jas](#)

[Keave, Michl](#)

[Raferty, Edwd](#)

[Mcgowan, Patk](#)

[Mcgowan, Patrick](#)

[Guthrie, Wm Jno](#)

[Gallagher, Patk](#)

[Belly, Jas](#)

[Murray, Jno](#)

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.

### **Kilnaharry TL Page 46 (Ord. S. 39)**

	Tenant	Owner	Holding Land, house, offices or land
1	John Shannon	Sir. Alex Crichton	Land
2 }	Patrick Shannon	Same	Land
3 a}			Land, house and offices
4	Lawrence Kielty	Same	Land
5 a	James McGowan	Same	Land, House and offices
- b	Barthw. McGowan	James McGowan	House
6 a	Michael Kane	Sir Alex. Crichton	Land, House and offices
7 a	Patrick McGowan	Same	Land and offices
8	Michael Kelly	Same	Land

## **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 Kilnaharry TL Kilshalvy Parish DED Drumrat Boyle Poor Law Union**

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

**House 1** Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is Bartholomew McGowan

McGowan	Bartholomew	30	Head of family	Farmer
	Catherine	29	Wife	
	Anne	60	Boarder	Domestic Servant Cook Widow
	John	27	Son	Farmer's Son Not married
	Mary Anne	11 months	Daughter	

**House 2** Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is Thomas Keane.

Keane	Thomas	41	Head of family	Farmer
	Catherine	36	Wife	
	Michael	21	Son	All siblings not married.
	Catherine	16	Daughter	
	Winnie	12	Daughter	Scholar
	Thomas	10	Son	"
	Mary	8	Daughter	"

**House 3** Stone Thatch 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is Thomas McGowan.

Dyer	Catherine	60	Head of family	Cottier Married
	Michael	28	Son	Agricultural Laborer Not married
Higgins	Patrick	10	Nephew	Scholar

**House 4** Stone Thatch 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is Thomas McGowan.

McGowan	Thomas	39	Head	Farmer
Kevil	Mary	40	Wife	
McGowan	Patrick	19	Son	All siblings not married
	Thaddeus	17	Son	
	Barthw	13	Son	
	Hanoria	11	Daughter	

**House 5** Stone Slate 2 rooms 4 Outbuildings Landholder is Ellen O'Rourke. [sic]

O'Rourke	Ellen	62	Head of family	Farmer Widow
	Joseph	34	Son	National School Teacher All siblings not married.

Patrick 29 Son  
 Kate 27 Daughter

## Ireland Census 1911

**Co. Sligo Kilnaharry TL Kilshalvy Parish DED Drumrat Boyle Poor Law Union**

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

**House 1** Stone Slate 4 rooms 3 Outbuildings

O'Rourke Ellen 73 Head of family Farmer Widow Born in Co. Roscommon.  
 Married 46 yrs. w/ 13 children born live and 11 still living  
 Patrick 40 Son Farmers son Single  
 Elizabeth 34 Daughter National Teacher Single  
 Lucy 33 Daughter National Teacher Single  
 Wynne Mary 40 General Domestic Servant Single Born in Co. Roscommon

**House 2** Stone Thatch 3 rooms 2 Outbuildings

McGowan Thomas 53 Head of family Farmer  
 Mary 66 Wife Married 30 yrs. w/ 4 children born live and 4 still living  
 Thady 25 Son Single  
 Norah 21 Daughter Single

**House 3** Stone Thatch 3 rooms 3 Outbuildings

Kane Thomas 70 Head of family Farmer  
 Catherine 64 Wife Married 40 yrs. w/ 10 children born and 5 still living  
 Michael 37 Son Single  
 Mary 20 Daughter Single

**House 4** Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings

McGowan Catherine 49 Head of family Widow  
 Married 8 yrs. w/ 4 children born live and 4 still living  
 Mary Anne 11 Daughter Scholar All siblings single  
 Batty 7 Son "  
 Kate 6 Daughter "  
 Ellen 5 Daughter "  
 John 40 Brother-in-law Agricultural Laborer 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** \_\_\_\_\_