

## Drumrat Parish      Knockbrack 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 KNOCKBRACK (Corran By)

**Down Survey Name:** Knockacollan & Knockraver

**1641 Owner(s):** [Taaffe, Christopher Viscount \(Catholic\)](#)

**1670 Owner(s):** [Taaffe, Theobald earl of Carlingford \(Catholic\)](#)

**County:** Sligo

**Barony:** Corran

**Parish:** Drumratt

**Profitable land:** 45 plantation acres

**Forfeited:** 45 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/>

**Knockbrack.** Cnoc breac, speckled hill.

Situated on the N. side of the parish, on the E. and W. sides of the road from Boyle to Keash, about 4 miles S. of Ballymote. It is bounded on the N. by the parish of Toomower; on the E. by Binganagh and Doughloonagh; on the S. by Listrush and on the W. by Kilsallagh and Bunamuck.

This townland contains 275 acres of which 184 are cultivated, 23 of uncultivated pasture laible to flooding, and 68 of bog. This is Bishop's land, held by Mr. Phibbs and let by him to the tenantry during pleasure at 1 pound 7s per acre yearly rent. The County Cess is paid by the acre, the last assessment amounted to 9 pound 12s 11d for the whole townland. The soil is light and gravelly and the general produce are oats, flex etc. There is an old church and graveyard near the E. side of the townland and 25 chains S. of the Church stands the Hill of Knockbrack on which there is a Trigl. station 349 feet above sea level.

## Townland Place names

Knockbrack / **An Cnoc Breac (275—39)**

Knockbrack, *Str* 168, Knockebracke, *DS, Cen.*, Carrickbracke, *HMR* 28, 36, K:brack, *HD*

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; **E:** 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
37	36	22	17	31	3

## SLIGO TITHE APLOTMENT BOOK Parish listings

Below are the names of heads of families in the Toomour and Drumbeat 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>

### *Knockback TL, Drumrat Parish, Co. Sligo 1833*

Killoran, Patt

Connor, Molly

Dyer, Domk

Knott, Doctor

Mchugh, Patt

Mcgany, Michl

Knott, Doctor

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.

### Knockbrack TL Page 44 (*Ord. S. 39*)

	Tenant	Owner	Holding Land, house, offices or land
1	Thomas McGarry	William Phibbs	Land
-	a		Land (severance)
-	b		Land (severance)
2	a Catherine McGarry	William Phibbs	Land and house
-	b Thomas McGarry	Same	Garden and house
3	a William Phibbs	in fee	Land, farm, house & offs.
-	b Thomas Kelly	Willaim Phibbs	House and offices
-	c John Keilty, jun.,	Viscount Lorton	Land (severance)
-	d John Keilty, sen.,	William Phibbs	Land (severance)
-	e Martin Tighe	Same	Land (severance)
4		Constabulary barrack & garden (see exemptions) William Phibbs	
		Half annual rent derived from Constabulary Barrack and garden	
5			Grave yard (see Exemptions)
6	James Dowd	William Phibbs	Land
-	a		Land (severance)

7	James Henry	Sir Robt Gore Booth, Bt.	Land (severance)
8	Thadeus Flynn	Same	Land (severance)
9	Robert Beatty	Same	Land (severance)
10	Bartholomew Tighe	Willam Phibbs	Land (severance)
11	James Gorman	Sir Robt Gore Booth, Bt.,	Land (severance)
	Exemptions		
4		William Phibbs	Constabulary Barrack and garden
5			Graveyard

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

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

**House 1** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is Owen Phibbs.

Cryan	Patrick	52	Head of family	Caretaker
	Anne	50	Wife	
	John	15	Son	Scholar Not married

**House 2** Unoccupied Landholder Owen Phibbs

**House 3** “ ditto

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

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

**House 1** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding

Killoran Michael 50 Head of family Carpenter  
 Bridget 40 Wife Married 10 years w/ no children

**House 2** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding

Egan Peter Francis 27 Head of family Agricultural Laborer  
 Dwyer Bridget 30 Wife Married 4 years w/ 3 children born live and 3 still living  
 Egan Michael James 3 Son  
 Mary Anne 1 Daughter  
 Patrick Joseph 1 month Son

**House 3** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding

Hannon Pat 65 Head of family Agricultural Laborer  
 Mary 50 Wife Married 29 yrs. w/ 11 children born live and 10 still living  
 Hanoria 17 Daughter Agricultural Laborer All siblings single.  
 Joseph J 16 Son Agricultural Laborer  
 Mary Anne 14 Daughter Scholar  
 Francis 12 Son "  
 Lizzie 9 Daughter "  
 Helina 7 Daughter [NOTE: a close look at the original lead to this spelling]

**House 4** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding

O Rourke Joseph 45 Head of family National Teacher  
 Moran Una 32 Wife Married 6 yrs. w/ 4 children born live and 4 still living  
 O Rourke Mary Rose 5 Daughter  
 William Gerard 4 Son  
 Margaret Mary 3 Daughter  
 Patrick Joseph 1 Son  
 Finerty Mary 17 General & Domestic Servant Single Born in England.

**House 5** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding

Morris	Isidore	34	Head of family	Photographer	Born in England.
	May	24	Wife		Born Co. Monaghan
			Married 3 years w/ 1 child born live and 1 still living		
	Walter	Barrebger	1	Son	Born Queens Co. [Sic]

**House 6** Stone Slate 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is William G. Phibbs

Cryan	Pat	69	Head of family	Herd [herder]	
	Anne	68	Wife	Married 37 yrs. w/ 8 children born live and 8 still living	
	Anne	36	Daughter	Single	
	John	27	Son	Herder	Single

**NOTE:** There are three more private dwelling listed on the buildings form for this 1911 Census in this townland and they are owned by William G. Phibbs. None are occupied.

### **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** \_\_\_\_\_