

**Drumrat Parish****Knocknagore 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 KNOCKNAGORE**

**Down Survey Name:** Unforfeited Land

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

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

**County:** Sligo

**Barony:** Corran

**Parish:** Drumratt

### **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/>

**Knocknagower** [sic] Cnoc nangabar, hill of the goats

Situated at the N.W. extremity of the parish 7 chains W. of the road from Boyle to Ballymote, about 3 miles S. of the latter place. It is bounded on the N. by Knockatilla and Knockanagher; on the E. by Rooskeybeg and Finiklin and on the S. and W. by the parish of Kilshalvy.

This townland contains 92 acres of which 62 are cultivated, 8 of uncultivated flooded pature and 22 of bog. The proprietor Alexr. Creighton Esq. has let it partly to tenants at will and others with leases of one life, their yearly rent per acre varying from 1 pound to 1 pound 10s. County Cess is paid by the acre and generally amounts to 1/8. The soil is a red loam intermixed with limestone rock and the general produce are oats, flax, etc. There are two old forts in the S. side of the townland and a hill near the center on which there is a Trigl. station called by the the inhabitants Knocknagower or Goat Hill.

**Townland Place names**

Knocknagore / **Cnoc na nGabhar (92 - 39)**

Knocknagower or Goat Hill, *Inhabs, /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
34	25	38	32	26	18

## 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>

### *Knocknagower TL 1833*

*Casey, Roger*

*Callaghan, Michl*

*Walsh, John*

*Keelty, Michl*

*Keelty, Michl*

*Keelty, James*

*Creighton, Andw*

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.

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	Tenant	Owner	Holding Land, house, offices or land	
1	a	Martin Gallagher	Sir Alex. Crichton	Land, house and offices
2	a }	Martin Walsh	Same	Land, house and offices
3	}			Land
4	a }	Dominick Davy	Same	Land, house and offices
5	}			Land
6	a	James Kielty	Same	Land, house and offices
7		Sir Alex. Crichton	In fee	Land
8		James Keville	Sir Robt. Gore Booth	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 Knocknagore TL, Drumrat Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, DED Drumrat

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

**House 1** Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder John Callaghan

Callaghan	John	39	Head	Farmer
	Mary	36	Wife	

**House 2** Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 4 Outbuildings Landholder Michael Davey [sic]

Deavy [sic]	Michael	56	Head	Farmer
Keetly	Honnor	50	Wife	
Deavy	Mary	23	Daughter	Not married
	Martin	13	Son	

**House 3** Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder Mary Walsh

Walsh	Mary	70	Head	Farmer	Widow
Walsh	John	32	Son		All Siblings Not Married
	Martin	30	Son		
	Mary	26	Daughter		
	Bridget	24	Daughter		
	James	20	Son		

**House 4** Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 4 Outbuildings Landholder [Go back to check]

Kielty	James	75	Head	Family
	Bridget	60	Wife	
	James	34	Son	No Siblings married
	John	32	Son	

Honorina	28	Daughter	Seamstress
M. Ellen	13	Niece	Scholar

## Ireland Census 1911

### Co. Sligo Knocknagore TL, Drumrat Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, DED Drumrat

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

#### House 1 Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 3 Outbuildings

Callaghan	John	54	Head	Farmer		
	Mary	55	Wife	Married	18 Years	No Children
Higgins	Anne	76	Lodger	Single		

#### House 2 Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 3 Outbuildings

Davy	Michael	70	Head	Farmer		
	Norah	64	Wife	Married	38 years	8 children born live and 3 still living
	Mary	35	Daughter			
	Domnick	28	Son			

#### House 3 Stone Thatch 2 Rooms 2 Outbuildings

Walsh	Martin	50	Head	Farmer	All residents single	
	John	51	Brother	Agricultural Laborer		
	Mary	46	Sister	Same		
	James	38	Brother	Same		

#### House 4 Stone Thatch Rooms Outbuildings [go back to get info]

Keelty	James	49	Head	Farmer		
	Kate	38	Wife	Married	5 Years	3 children born live and 3 still living

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