

Toomour Parish**Meenmore 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 MEENMORE

Down Survey Name: Murry Quarter

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

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

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Tumocoer

1659 Census

Total: 8

English: 6

Irish: 2

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/>

Meenmore. Min mor. Great misk of field.

Situated on the S. boundary of the parish, on the N. and S. sides of the road from Boyle to Ballymote, about two and three quarters of a mile N.W. of the town of Boyle. It is bounded on the N.

by Derryvolagh; on the E. by Boyle Parish; on the S. by Killaraght Parish, and on the W. by Liskeagh townland. [Side question - any connection with Lord Lorton?]

This townland contains 215 acres, of which 74 are cultivated and 141 of uncultivated heathy mountain bog. The proprietor, Mr. Phibbs, has let the whole townland to tenants at will, their yearly rent being 30 pound. County Cess is generally 2 pound 4s per annum. The soil is of a boggy nature intermixed with boulders of freestone and the crops which are oats, potatoes etc, are n generla, poor and bad. There are no good farmhouses nor any other remarkable object except a high part of the bog on the E. side of the townland, on which there is a Trigl. station 513 feet above sea level.

Townland Place names

Meenmore / **An Mhin Mhor (215—45)**

Meeinmore, *Co. Map/OSNB*, “great misk”, *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
52	50	35	37	40	

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>

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[Dyer, Michl](#)
[Dyer, Patt](#)
[Ohara, Patt](#)
[Colman, Jack](#)
[Hannon, Michl](#)
[Hannon, Jas](#)
[Devin, Patt](#)

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	Thomas Casy	William Phibbs	Land, house and offices
2 a	Patrick Nevin	Same	Land, house and offices
3 a	Patrick Keville	Same	Land, house and offices
4 a	Edward Gaffney	Same	Land, house and offices
5 a	Patrick Smith	Same	Land and house
6 a	Biddy Lavin	Same	Land and house
7 a	Patrick O'Hara	Same	Land and house

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 Meenmore 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 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Michael Casey

Casey	Michael	60	Head of family	Farmer
	Ellen	60	Wife	
	Mary	26	Farmer's daughter	Not married
	James	20	Son	Bricklayer
	John	19	"	"
	Michael	23	"	Farmer
	Mark	16	"	Scholar

House 2 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Michael O'Hara

O'Hara	Michael	50	Head of family	Farmer
	Margaret	40	Wife	

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 5 Outbuildings Landholder is Peter Kevill

Kevill	Peter	58	Head of family	Farmer
	Mary	56	Wife	Born Co. Mayo
	Peter	24	Son	All siblings not married
	James	21	Son	
	Kate	22	Daughter	

House 4 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 4 Outbuildings Landholder is Patrick O'Hara

O'Hara	Patrick	40	Head of family	Farmer
	Cathrin	36	Wife	Born in Co. Roscommon
	Patrick	9	Son	Scholar
	Maggie	6	Daughter	"
	Kate	4	Daughter	
	Bridget	2	Daughter	

House 5 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is Thomas Horan

Horan	Thomas	50	Head of family	Carpenter
	Marianne	39	Wife	
	Bryan	12	Son	Scholar
	Mary Kate	8	Daughter	"
	Andrew	3	Son	
	Maggie [? sic]	4 months	Daughter	

House 6 Stone Thatch Shop 2 rooms 5 Outbuildings Landholder is Patrick Gaffney

Gaffney	Patrick	48	Head of family	Farmer	
	Anne	47	Wife		
	Lizzy	23	Daughter	Dressmaker	None of the siblings are married
	Bridget	22	Daughter		
	Edward	20	Son		
	Hanoria	18	Daughter		

House 7 Stone Slate 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Michael Casey is the landholder.

Casey	Thomas	30	Head of family	Shopkeeper	
Deary	Ellen	13	Relative	Scholar	Not married
Hunt	Ellen	11	Relative	“	“
Casey	Delia	29	Wife	Shopkeeper	

Ireland Census 1911

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

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

House 1 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

Casey	John	33	Head of family	Farmer	
	Michael	75	Father	Widower	
	Kate	30	Wife	Married 6 years	with 3 children born and 2 still living.
	Michael James	4	Son	Scholar	
	Annie	3	Daughter		

House 2 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings

Lannon	James	53	Head of family	Farmer	
	Margaret	54	Wife	Married 1 year and no children	
Bennet	Norah	9	Boarder	Single	Born Co. Roscommon

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

Keville	Peter	73	Head of family	Farmer	
	Mary	72	Wife	Married 30 years with no Children	Born in Co. Mayo
	James	31	Son		

NOTE: Considering James' age, Mary is most likely Peter second wife. Researchers should check civil records for death etc of James mother and his birth

House 4 Stone Thatched 2 rooms # Outbuildings

Gaffney	Pat	66	Head of family	Farmer
	Anne	68	Wife	Married 33 years with 6 children born and 4 still living
	Norah	34	Daughter	Single
	Edward	33	Son	“

House 5 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

O'Hara	Catherine	53	Head	Widow	Farmer	Born Co. Roscommon
	Patrick	21	Son			All siblings are single.
	Maggie	17	Daughter			
	Kate	16	Daughter	Scholar		
	Delia	15	Daughter			“

House 6 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 1 Outbuildings
Landholder is Pat Murray [sic - hard to read]

Horan	Thomas	66	Head of family	Labourer
	Mary A	56	Wife	Married 24 years with 5 children born and 5 still living.
	Mary Kate	17	Daughter	Dressmaker All siblings are single.
	Bridget	15	Daughter	
	Andrew	13	Son	
	Maggie A	11	Daughter	Scholar
	Agnus [sic]	9	Daughter	“

House 7 Stone Slate 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

Kevill	Peter	37	Head of family	Farmer
	Delia	58	Wife	Married 4 years with no children

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 _____