

Toomour Parish**Murhy 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 MURHY

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: 21

English: 21

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/>

Murhy. Murtaig, abounding in walls, or mounds. Pronounced ‘murhy.’

Situated near the centre of the parish, on the E. side of the road from Ballinafad to Boyle, three and a quarter miles S.E. of the latter place. It is bounded on the N. by Drumnagranshy and Tonaponra; on the E. by Treem,ore; on the S. by Greenawn [sic] and Toomower, and on the W. by Fallouhger and Cloonagh.

This townland contains 299 acres, of which 165 are cultivated, and 134 of uncultivated heathy and rocky mountain pasture. The proprietor, William Phibbs Esq., has it let by lease to Mr. Knott; this latter person has the arable portion let to tenants at will at 1 pound 10s per acre; the mountain part he holds for grazing etc. County Cess amounts to 13 pound 10s per annum for the whole townland. The soil is light intermixed with lime, which is burned and sold on the spot from 6d to 10d per barrell. There are several middling farmhouses at the S. end of the townland, and a mountain at the N. end called Kesh on which there is a Trigl. station 1183 above sea level.

Townland Place names

Murhy / **Murthaigh (299—39-40)**

Levalleymorey, *Str* 175, Morhy, *Cen.*, *HMR* 37, 49, 75, Murry, *HD*; Marray, *Co. Map/OSNB*, Murhy, *Old Tithe Bk/OSNB*, murthaigh, ‘abounding in walls or mounds’, *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; **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).

From “**Keash and Culfadda: A Local History**” , on page 95, the following is noted - Local names: Scanlon’s Hill, Pinnacle (cairn on top of hill), Glanmore (Gleann Mor, great glen), Donagher’s Den, [location uncertain: Doolarrigan (Dubhleargan, black slope), Kotthabawn]

Population, landowners and tenants

Population figures for this townland 1841-1901

1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1901
69	42	51	63	48	

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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[Cain, John](#)

[Coane, Michl](#)

[Cain, Patt](#)

[Coane, Thomas](#)

[Druery, James](#)

[Knott, Dick](#)

[Nangle, Bryan](#)

[Knott, James](#)

[Hart, Michl](#)

[Nangle, Thomas](#)

[Conlon, Bartty](#)

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 Michael Kiely	William Phibbs	Land, house and offices
2	{ Thomas Lavin	Same	Land
	{ Patrick Lavin	Same	Land
3	a Patrick Lavin	Same	Land, house and offices
4	a Thomas Lavin	Same	Land, house and offices

5	a	Patrick McDonagh	Same	Land and house
-	b	Cecilia McManus	Same	House
6	a	James Scanlan	Same	Land and house
7	a	Mark Connolly	Same	Land, house and offices
8	a	Laurence Connolly	Same	Land and house
9	a	James Lavin	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 Murhy 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 Landholder is Martin MacGowan

MacGowan	Martin	31	Head of family	Farmer
	Margaret	35	Wife	
	Patrick	7	Son	Not married
	Mary	5	Daughter	
	Bridget	3	Daughter	
	James	1	Son	

House 2 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Thomas Lavin

Lavin	Thomas	40	Head of family	Farmer	Not married
	Mary	30	Sister	Housekeeper	

House 3 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is James Scanlon

Scanlon	James	32	Head of family	Farmer
	Mary	30	Wife	

House 4 NOTE - this house is somehow missing on this Census site. But - is noted on the House and Building Return Form with the following information:

A private dwelling, 2 outbuildings, stone house, thatched roof with 2 rooms. Living there was a **Margaret O'Connor** with one other person. Landholder is John McDonagh. If she is located elsewhere, please note.

House 5 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is John McDonagh

McDonagh	John	63	Head of family	Farmer	
	Mary	49	Wife		
	C Patrick	20	Son	Agricultural Laborer	None of the siblings are married.
	Anne	18	Daughter		
	Thomas	15	Son		
	John	13	Son		
	Andrew	11	Son	Scholar	

House 6 Stone Thatched 1 room 2 Outbuildings Land holder is Mark Connelly.

Conly	Mark	54	Head of family	Farmer	
	Kathern	40	Wife		
	Owen	5	Son	Scholar	
	Joseph	3	Son		

House 7 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 0 Outbuildings Landholder is John McDonagh.

Lavin	Thomas	75	Head	Farmer	
	Alies [sic]	76	Wife		
	Hanoria	35	Daughter	No Married	

House 8 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 7 Outbuildings Landholder is Dominick Buoye.

Buoye	Dominick	50	Head of family	Farmer	
	Kate	45	Wife		
	Bridget	20	Daughter		All siblings not married
	Mary A	18	Daughter		
	Michael	16	Son	Scholar	
	Maggie	14	Daughter	“	
	Thomas E	12	Son	“	
	John P	10	Son	“	
	James J	6	Son	“	
	Katie	4	Daughter		

House 9 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Micahel Keilty [sic]

Keelty	Michael	48	Head	Farmer	
	Beesy	34	Wife		
	Thomas	21	Son		All siblings not married.
	Bridget	17	Daughter		
	Annie	11	Daughter	Scholar	
	John	8	Son		“
	Andrew	6	Son		“
	Martin	4	Son		
	Margaret	1	Daughter		

Ireland Census 1911

Co. Sligo Murhy 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 4 Outbuildings

Hannon	John	50	Head of family	Farmer
	Mary	50	Wife	Married 9 years. No children.

House 2 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

McGowan	Martin	42	Head of family	Farmer and Bootmaker
	Margaret	50	Wife	Married 18 years with 10 children born and 10 still living.
	Patrick	17	Son	All siblings are single.
	Mary	16	Daughter	
	Bridget	14	Daughter	Scholar
	James	12	Son	“
	Martin	10	Son	“
	John	8	Son	“
	Norah	6	Daughter	“
	Michael	4	Son	
Twins	Maggie Ann	9 months	Daughter	
	Kate Agnes	9 months	Daughter	

House 3 Stone Thatched 2 Rooms 3 Outbuildings

Keelty Michael 58 Head Farmer
 Beesy 45 Wife Married 18 years with 5 [sic] children born and _ still living
 Annie 21 Daughter Dressmaker All siblings are single.
 John 18 Son
 Andrew 16 Son
 Martin 14 Son
 Margae 11 Daughter Scholar
 Patrick 8 Son “

House 4 Stone Thatched 2 Rooms 1 Outbuilding

Davy Thomas 45 Head of family Farmer
 Ellen 45 Wife Married 9 years with 6 children born and 3 still living.
 Bridget May 8 Daughter Scholar
 Ann Elizabeth 5 Daughter “
 Thos Joseph 1 Son

House 5 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 1 Outbuilding Landholder is John McDonagh

Lavin Thomas 85 Head of family Widower Labourer
 Norah 40 Daughter Single

House 6 Stone Thatched 2 Rooms 4 Outbuildings

Buoye Dominick 68 Head of family Farmer
 Kate 66 [sic] Wife Married 30 years with 10 children born and 8 still living.
 Michael 24 Son All siblings are single.
 Maggye 22 Daughter
 John P 25 Son
 James J 18 Son Tailor
 Katie 16 Daughter Scholar

House 7 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 6 Outbuildings

McDonagh John 72 Head of family Farmer
 Mary 65 Wife Born Co. Roscommon
 Married 23 years w/ 7 children born and 5 still living
 Patrick 31 Son
 Thomas 27 Son
 John 25 Son

House 8 Stone Thatched 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings

Scanlon	James	50	Head of family	Farmer
	Mary	48	Wife	Married 12 years w/ 2 children born and 2 still living.
	John Joseph	9	Son	Scholar
	Maggie Anne	6	Daughter	Scholar

House 9 Stone Thatched 1 room 1 Outbuilding

Connelly	Mark	50	Head of family	Farmer
	Catherine	60	Wife	Married 22 years w/ 5 children born and 3 still living
	Owen	17	Son	General Laborer Single
	Mark Joseph	14	Son	General 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 _____