

Drumrat Parish**Sralea 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 SRALEA

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

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-valuati/>

Straghlen. Srath liath, grey holm of strath. Sraclea (an old Irish name most applicable to the white flat bogs of the place, never saw it spelled with a 't'. - Rev. Garrett, Rector.)

Situated at the S.E. extremity of the parish, one mile E. of the road from Boyle to Ballymote and about four and a quarter miles S. of the latter place. It is bounded on the N. by Daughloonagh and on the E, S, and W by Toomower Parish.

This downland contains 60 acres of which 20 are cultivated and 40 of uncultivated, heathy mountain bog. It Bishop land held by Mr. Fibbs [sic] and let to the tenants during pleasure [sic], their yearly rent per acre varying from 1 pound 2s to 1 pound 10s. County Cess is levied by the acre; the last assessment amounted to between 16 and 18 shillings. The S. side of the downland is bounded by the Owenmore. The soil is very poor and crops bad.

Townland Place names

Sraclea / **Sraith Liath (60 — 39-40)**

Shraghlea, *Old Tithe Bk/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
17	12	10	12	12	15

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>

Stralea [Sralea]

15. Patrick Keelty

16. James McDonagh

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	Peter Egan	William Phibbs	Land and house
2	Michael Hart	Same	Land (bog)
3 a	Patrick Keilty	Same	Land, house and offices

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, Sralea Townland, Drumrat Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, DED Toomour

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

House 1 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Three outbuildings Landholder is James Egan.

Egan	James	50	Head of family	Farmer	
	Mary	48	Wife	Maiden family name: Sheeren. Steve Lemken family records	
	Peter	17	Son	Single	
	Patrick	15	Son	Single	
	Mary Anne	14	Daughter	[b. 28 Aug. 1886]	
	Jane	10	Daughter		
	Bridget	8	Daughter		

House 2 Stone Thatched roof One room No outbuildings. Landholder is Anne Egan

Egan	Anne	80	Head of family	Widow	Farmer
	Patrick	52	Son	Farmer	Single
	Mary	50	Daughter	Not married	

House 3 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Three outbuildings.

Keelty	John	39	Head of family	Farmer	NOTE: name is also spelt Keilty on the forms
	Mary	37	Wife		
	Hanoria M	3	Daughter		
	Anne	1 1/4	Daughter		
Cullen	Thomas	56	Relative	Labourer	Not married

Ireland Census 1911

Co. Sligo Sralea Townland, Drumrat Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, DED Toomour

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

House 1 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Two outbuildings

Egan	James	69	Head	Farmer	
	Mary	68	Wife	Married 29 yrs. 6 children born live, 4 still living	
				[Maiden name Sheeren.] Note ages from 1901 - often done - sundry reasons.	
	Patrick	26	Son	Farm labourer	Single
	Jane	20	Daughter	Single	
	Bridget	18	Daughter	Single	

House 2 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Four outbuildings

Gaffney	John	75	Head of family	Farmer	Widower	Noted: Blind at this time.
	John	28	Son			
	Thomas	26	Son			

House 3 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Three outbuildings

Keelty	John	53	Head of family	Farmer	
	Mary	51	Wife	Married 16 yrs,	2 children born alive and 2 still living
	Norah Maggie	13	Daughter	Scholar	
	Annie	12	Daughter	Scholar	
Brehony	Winifred	65	Visitor	Single	
Costello	Edward	73	Boarder	Farm Servant	Widower

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 _____