

Kilshalvy Parish**Tawnaghmore 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 TAWNAGHMORE

Down Survey Name: Tawnaghmore & Coolefadda

1641 Owner(s): [Hurley, Owen \(Catholic\)](#); [O'Hugh \(Catholic\)](#); [O' Owen \(Catholic\)](#)

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

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Killoshally

Profitable land: 143 plantation acres

Forfeited: 143 plantation acres

1659 Census

Total: 7

English: 7

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/>

Taunaghmore Tamnac mor. Great field.

Situated on the E. Side of the old road from Ballymote to Gurteen, in the E. corner of the parish two miles N.E. of the latter village. It is bounded on the N. by Toomower [sic] Parish and Cullined; on the W. by Coloonena; on the S. by Derrynagraugh and on the E. by Kilfree and Drumrat Parishes.

This downland contains 185 acres of which 166 are cultivated, 5 of uncultivated rough pasture 12 [?] of bog and 2 of water. The proprietor, Sir R.B. Gore has it let to the tenantry at 1 pound per acre yearly rent. County Cess amounts generally to 2/4d per acre. The soil is light intermixed with boulder of lime and sandstone and the general produce are oats, flax and potatoes, but at present there is a good deal of the land under stock. There are no farm houses, nor any other remarkable objects of any kind.

Townland Place names

Tawnagh, Tawnaghmore / **Na Tamhnacha; An Tamhnach Mhor (147, 185 — 39; 39, 44)**

? Tullaghmore, *CPR* 331B (1617), Tawnaghmore, *Str* 168, Tawmaghmore, *DS*, Thawnaghmore, *Cen.*, Tawnamore, *HD*; Tamnaghmore, *Co. Map/OSNB*, tamnachaidh, ‘mountain fields’, tamhnach mor, *OSBN*

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 the townland in 1841-1901

| | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 | 1881 | 1901 |
| 40 | 44 | 54 | 39 | 47 | 40 |

SLIGO TITHE APLOTMENT BOOK Parish listings

Below are the names of heads of families in the Toomour and Drumbeat parishes in 1833.

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>

80 Tavnagh more [Tawnaghmore] James Knott, Esq.

NOTE: *Knott is the only person listed in the Tithe book at this time. In a town land close by named in Tunnagh [Tunnagh], there are 3 Higgins: Charles, James and Thomas Higgins.*

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 1858

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 Dominick Dolan | Sir Robt. G. Booth, Bt. | Land, house and offices |
| 2 | a Michael Higgins | Same | Land, house and offices |
| 3 | {a Dominick Dyer | Same | Land and house |
| | {b John Dyer | Same | Land and house |
| 4 | a Catherine Shannon | Same | Land, house and offices |
| 5 | a Peter Redigan | Same | Land, house and offices |
| 6 | James Nott | Same | Land |
| 7 | Michael Scanlan | James Nott | Land |
| 8 | Thomas Higgins | Same | Land |
| 9 | a Martin Rush | Sir Robt. G. Booth, Bt. | Land and house |
| 10 | a Peter Higgins | Same | Land, house and offices |
| 11 | | | Water of Derrynagrang Lough |

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 Tawnaghmore TL, Kilshalvy Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, DED Kilshalvy

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

House 1 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Four outbuildings

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----------|----|----------------|--------|--------|
| Dolan | Patrick | 70 | Head of family | Farmer | Single |
| | Catherine | 60 | Sister | Single | |

House 2 Stone Slate roof 3 rooms Seven outbuildings

Higgins John 35 Head of family Farmer
 Kate E 32 Wife
 Michael J 1 Son
 Michael 81 Father Married
 Catherine 71 Mother “

House 3 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Two outbuildings

Shannon James 59 Head of family Farmer
 Mary 49 Wife
 Kate 26 Daughter All children not married
 Patrick 24 Son Farm labourer
 Owen 22 Son “
 Thomas 20 Son
 Mary 18 Daughter
 Ellen 11 Daughter
 George Joseph 7 Son

House 4 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Two outbuildings

Higgins Patrick 70 Head of family Farmer
 Mary 60 Wife
 Peter 30 Son All listed as scholars and not married
 Bridget 24 Daughter
 Patrick 22 Son

House 5 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Two outbuildings

Redican Thomas 53 Head Farmer
 Kate 43 Wife
 Kate 19 Daughter
 Peter 18 Son Labourer
 James 16 Son “
 Thomas 14 Son
 Bridget 12 Daughter
 Joseph 10 Son

House 6 Stone Slate roof 2 rooms Three outbuildings

| | | | | | |
|--------|----------|----|----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Alcock | Richard | 46 | Head of family | Farmer | Both he and wife born Co. Sligo |
| | Margaret | 44 | Wife | | |
| | Richard | 21 | Son | Not married | Born in England |
| | Bridget | 19 | Daughter | Not married | Born in England |
| | Mary A | 17 | Daughter | “ | All rest born in Co. Sligo |
| | Patrick | 14 | Son | | |
| | Annie J | 12 | Daughter | | |
| | Hanoria | 10 | Daughter | | |
| | Teresa | 2 | Daughter | | |

House 7 Stone Thatched roof 1 room One outbuilding

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|--------|------|----|----------------|------------|
| Conlon | John | 53 | Head of family | Farmer |
| | Mary | 50 | Wife | Dressmaker |

Ireland Census 1911

Co. Sligo Tawnaghmore TL, Kilshalvy Parish, Boyle Poor Law Union, DED Kilshalvy

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

House 1 Stone Thatched roof 3 rooms 2 outbuildings Matthew Murphy is the land holder.

| | | | | |
|--------|---------|----|----------------|------------------------------|
| Murphy | Matthew | 40 | Head of family | Farm Labourer |
| | Annie | 50 | Wife | Married 12 yrs. No children. |

House 2 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms Three outbuildings Patt Conlon is the landholder.

| | | | | | |
|--------|--------|----|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Conlon | Patt | 52 | Head of family | Farmer | Single |
| | Thomas | 48 | Brother | Farm labourer | Single |
| | Katie | 22 | Niece | | Single |

House 3 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms 3 outbuildings. James Shannon is the landholder.

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|---------|---------|----|----------------|---------|--|
| Shannon | James | 73 | Head of family | Widower | Farmer' |
| | | | | | Was married 40 years, 7 children born live and 7 still living. |
| | Patrick | 36 | Son | | All farmworkers, all single |
| | Owen | 32 | Son | | |
| | Thomas | 30 | Son | | |
| | Mary | 26 | Daughter | | |
| | Gorge | 17 | Son | | |

House 4 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms 4 outbuildings Thomas Redican is the landholder.

| | | | | |
|---------|-----------|----|----------------|---|
| Redican | Thomas | 73 | Head of family | Farmer |
| | Catherine | 68 | Wife | Married 25 yrs with 9 living children born and 8 living still |
| | Peter | 28 | Son | Single |
| | Thomas | 23 | Son | Single Blacksmith |
| | Bridget | 21 | Daughter | Single |
| | Joseph | 20 | Son | Single |

House 5 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms 4 outbuilding Peter Higgins is the landholder.

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|---------|---------|----|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Higgins | Peter | 42 | Head of family | Farmer | Widower |
| | | | | | Married 1 year with 1 child born live and 1 still living |
| | Patrick | 30 | Brother | Labourer in gas works | Single |
| | Mary | 75 | Mother | Housekeeper | Widow |

House 6 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms 5 Outbuildings Richard Alcock is the landholder.

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|--------|-------------|----|----------------|--|
| Alcock | Richard | 68 | Head of family | Farmer |
| | Margaret | 67 | Wife | Married 42 yrs with 10 children born live and 10 still living. |
| | Richard | 31 | Son | Single |
| | Bridget | 28 | Daughter | Single |
| | Teresa | 17 | Daughter | “ |
| | Katie Agnes | 11 | Daughter | “ |

House 7 Stone Thatched roof 2 rooms 1 outbuilding Margaret Scanlon is the landholder.

| | | | | | |
|--------|------|----|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Conlon | John | 70 | Head of family | Farm labourer | Widower |
|--------|------|----|----------------|---------------|---------|

House 8 Stone Thatched roof 3 rooms 7 outbuildings John Higgins is the landholder.

| | | | | |
|---------|---------------|----|----------------|--|
| Higgins | John | 46 | head of family | Farmer |
| | Kate Elizah | 44 | Wife | Married 12 yrs with 5 children born live and 4 still living. |
| | Michael James | 11 | Son | |
| | Francis Peter | 9 | Son | |
| | Mary Alice | 7 | Daughter | |
| | John Andrew | 4 | Son | |

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 _____