

Drumrat Parish**Tonaponra 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 TONAPONRA

Down Survey Name: Toneponra

1641 Owner(s): [Dowdall, Henry \(Catholic\)](#)

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

County: Sligo

Barony: Corran

Parish: Tumocoer

Profitable land: 58 plantation acres

Forfeited: 58 plantation acres

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/>

Tonaponra. Toin na ponra, bottom land of the beans.

Situated near the centre of the parish, on the N. Side of the road from Ballmote to Ballinafad, two and a half miles E. of the former place. It is bounded on the N. by Drumnagranshy; on the E. by Murhy; on the S. by Cross, and on the W. by Knocknacroy.

Lord Lorton. This townland contains 106 acres, of which 84 are cultivated, and 22 of uncultivated heathymountain pasture. The proprietor, Lord Lorton, has let it to the tenantry by lease of lives and terms of years at 1 pound 7s per acre. County Cess is paid by the acre and generally amounts to 2/8d. The tithe is 1/3d. The soil is light and stoney, intermixed with limestone, and the general produce are oats, flax and potatoes. The road from Ballinafad to Riverstown passes through the townland, and there are several middling farmhouses in different parts.

Townland Place names

Tonaponra / **Toin na Ponra (106—39-40)**

Townaponra, *Str* 189, Toneponra, *DS*, Tonypornera, *HMR* 21, 47, 68, Tenoporna, *HD*;
Toniponra, *Map of Estate 1822/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).

Population, landowners and tenants

Population figures for this townland 1841-1901

1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1901
44	27	28	31	21	25

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>

Toanleponra TL, Toomour Parish, Co. Sligo 1834

[Gaffrey, Michl](#)

[Lavin, Thomas](#)

[Donde, Bartly](#)

[Murray, James](#)

[Brennan, Domk](#)

[Graffney, Ned](#)

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-
valuati/](http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/history-heritage/irish-genealogy/what-is-griffiths-
valuati/)

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 Cryan	Viscount Lorton	Land, house and offices
2 a	Michael Gaffney	Same	Land, house and offices
3 {a	Dominick Murray	Same	Land and house
{b	Dominick Dowd	Same	Land and house
4 a	William Bell, jun.,	Same	Land and herd's 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 Tonaponra TL, Drumrat Parish, DED Drumrat, Boyle Poor Law Union

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

House 1 Stone Slate 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings Landholder is Henry Bell.

Bell	Henry	36	Head of family	Farmer
	Martha	38	Wife	
	Thomas	9	Son	Farmer's son
	Margaret	7	Daughter	Scholar
	Robert J	4	Son	

Martha 3 Daughter
House 2 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is John Taheny.

Taheny John 64 Head of family Farmer
 Anne 62 Wife
 James 28 Son Not married

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 2 Outbuildings Landholder is Michael Gaffney.

Gaffney Michael 47 Head of family Farmer
 Maria 45 Wife Housewife
 Bridget 14 Daughter Scholar
 Kate 11 “ “
 Mary Anne 10 “ “
 Helena 8 “ “
 Michl James 5 Son
 Francis Berd 3 Son
 Edward Joseph 1 Son

House 4 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 4 Outbuildings Landholder is John Cryan.

Cryan John 56 Head of family Farmer
 Mary 50 Wife
 John 25 Son All siblings not married
 Mary Anne 22 Daughter
 Henry 15 Son Scholar
 Delia 13 Daughter Scholar
 Norah 4 “ “

Ireland Census 1911

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

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

House 1 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 4 Outbuildings

Taheny Anne 74 Head of family Farmer Widow
 James 40 Son Single
 Annie 35 Daughter “

House 2 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 3 Outbuildings

Gaffney	Michael	58	Head of family	Farmer
	Maria	58	Wife Married 26 yrs. w/ 7 children born live and 7 still living	
	Kate	21	Daughter	Single
	Helena	17	“	“
	Michael J	15	Son	“
	Francis B	13	“	“ Scholar
	Edward J	10	Son	“ Scholar

House 3 Stone Thatch 2 rooms 6 Outbuildings

Cryan	John	70	Head of family	Farmer
	Mary	65	Wife Married 37 yrs, w/ 8 children born live and 8 still living	
	John	36	Son	Single
	Norah	15	Daughter	Scholar Single
Brennan	Mary	3	Grand daughter	

House 4 Stone Slate 3 rooms 6 Outbuildings

Bell	Henry	55	Head of family	Farmer
	Susan	40	Wife Married 2 yrs w/ 1 child born live and 1 still living	
Note - this person is the 2nd wife. Martha in 1901 is 1st. Look in Civil Records if researching.				
	Margaret Jane	17	Daughter	
	Robert	14	Son	
	Hubert	1	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 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 _____