

# Your Family Tree Series: 20



## How to Use Griffith's Valuation

Griffith's Valuation, 1848-64, is the first Valuation to list the all occupiers of land, tenements and houses in Ireland. It is therefore one of the principal sources for family history. It is available in both manuscript and printed form in PRONI. The printed volumes are on open access in the Search Room.

If you are unsure where your family came from you should check the Householders' Index which is on open access in the Search Room in PRONI and follow steps 1-6 below. You may already know the townland or town where your family came from so you need first to identify the Poor Law Union, barony and parish in which the townland/town is located and then follow steps 4-6 below.

1. Use the Householders' Index to find in which County the name is most prevalent.
2. Having done this the Householders' Index will indicate in which Barony/Parish the name is most often found.
3. In the Parish section of the Householders' there will be information to tell you which Union (i.e. the Poor Law Union) the Parish is in, e.g. Lisburn Union, Co. Antrim.
4. The printed Griffith's Valuation books are arranged by Poor Law Union so next go the relevant Poor Law Union book which will give the page numbers for the required Barony/Parish and the townlands therein.
5. Search the pages of the Barony/Parish for the required name. When found, the details beside the name will show the type of property, acreage and valuation.
6. The numbers in the first column in the printed Griffith's Valuation books give the plot numbers of each holding which are demarcated on the valuation maps. The small letters in the same column refer to houses which will also be marked on the valuation maps.

66 VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.										
PARISH OF AGHADERG.										
No. of the Householder or Occupier.	Name.	Tenement and Occupier.	Description of Tenement.	Rateable Annual Valuation.			Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.	£	s.	d.
				Ann.	Land.	Buildings.				
<b>GHUNAN—</b>										
32	James Little.	House and land.	11 3 5	2 0 0	1 5 0	4 8 5	4	8	5	
33	James Little.	House, office, and land.	7 3 0	8 0 0	1 5 0	9 5 0	9	5	0	
34	David Mearns.	Land.	—	2 15 0	—	2 15 0	—	2	15	0
35	John McClelland.	Land.	—	4 0 0	4 0 0	—	4	0	0	
		Water.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total.	185 0 55	102 5 0	91 5 0	379 10 5				
<b>BRICKLAND.</b>										
(Old, N. 54.)										
1	James Copley.	Marquis of Downshire.	House, office, & land.	25 3 15	18 3 0	10 0 0	53 6 15	53	6	15
2	High Deane (William).	Same.	House and land.	15 2 85	8 0 0	—	23 8 85	23	8	85
3	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, and land.	25 5 9	30 0 0	—	55 5 9	55	5	9
4	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, and land.	15 1 0	11 3 0	—	26 4 3	26	4	3
5	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, & land.	20 3 29	15 10 0	4 0 0	39 8 29	39	8	29
6	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, & land.	7 9 15	6 15 0	—	14 15 0	14	15	0
7	Walker Habes.	High Deane.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Samuel McCall.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Patrick McChery.	Marquis of Downshire.	House and land.	1 0 10	3 10 0	—	4 10 0	4	10	0
10	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, and land.	25 0 12	30 0 0	0 10 0	55 12 0	55	12	0
11	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, and land.	20 0 0	47 0 0	5 10 0	72 10 0	72	10	0
12	High Deane (William).	Same.	House, office, & land.	15 2 2	16 10 0	—	31 12 2	31	12	2
13	Mary Shannon.	Isabella Donohue.	House.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	William Strain.	Marquis of Downshire.	Countess's la. & land.	25 1 0	30 10 0	0 5 0	55 6 0	55	6	0
15	John Strain.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	John Strain.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Richard Tibbert.	Same.	House.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	John Balla.	Marquis of Downshire.	House, office, & land.	10 3 5	8 10 0	—	18 13 5	18	13	5
19	John Balla.	Same.	House and land.	15 0 0	11 0 0	0 15 0	26 15 0	26	15	0
20	William McCarroll.	Same.	House, office, and land.	5 0 0	4 0 0	0 10 0	9 10 0	9	10	0
21	Robert Campbell.	Same.	House, office, and land.	7 0 5	6 0 0	2 0 0	15 5 5	15	5	5
22	James Campbell.	Same.	House and land.	4 0 0	4 10 0	0 0 0	8 10 0	8	10	0
23	James Ewart.	Same.	House, office, and land.	14 9 12	11 3 0	1 10 0	27 12 2	27	12	2
24	James Ewart.	Same.	Water.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total.	367 8 3	306 10 0	48 9 0	722 10 0				
<b>CASSUM</b>										
(Old & 54.)										
1	John Henry.	Marquis of Downshire.	House, office, and land.	14 0 0	14 10 0	2 10 0	30 10 0	30	10	0
2	John Henry.	Same.	House, office, and land.	10 0 0	10 0 0	1 20 0	21 20 0	21	20	0
3	John Henry.	Same.	House, office, & land.	2 0 0	2 0 0	—	4 0 0	4	0	0
4	Robert Harvey.	Same.	House, office, and land.	4 0 0	3 8 0	—	7 8 0	7	8	0
5	High Thompson.	Same.	House, office, and land.	3 0 0	9 0 0	3 0 0	15 0 0	15	0	0
6	High Thompson.	Same.	Office and land.	15 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	17 0 0	17	0	0
7	High Thompson.	Same.	House, office, and land.	5 0 0	5 0 0	3 10 0	13 10 0	13	10	0
8	Joseph Sheppard.	Same.	House, office, & land.	45 0 5	35 0 0	9 0 0	89 5 5	89	5	5
9	John White.	Joseph Sheppard.	House and garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	James Eak.	Marquis of Downshire.	House, office, and land.	5 0 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	6 10 0	6	10	0
11	James Eak.	Same.	House, office, and land.	5 1 10	7 0 0	—	12 8 10	12	8	10
12	James Eak.	Same.	House, office, and land.	1 10 0	10 0 0	—	21 0 0	21	0	0
13	Arthur McAvoy.	James Mulligan.	House and garden.	0 1 0	0 10 0	0 15 0	1 15 0	1	15	0
14	Francis O'Leary.	Same.	House and son, garden.	0 1 15	0 10 0	—	1 25 0	1	25	0
15	Thomas O'Leary.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Thomas O'Leary.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	John O'Leary.	Marquis of Downshire.	House, office, and land.	0 1 15	0 10 0	1 5 0	1 40 0	1	40	0
18	John O'Leary.	Same.	House, office, and land.	21 3 85	0 9 0	14 0 0	36 4 85	36	4	85
19	John O'Leary.	Rev. James Rogers.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	John O'Leary.	Same.	House.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	John O'Leary.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	John O'Leary.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	John O'Leary.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	John O'Leary.	Marquis of Downshire.	House, office, and land.	15 2 10	10 10 0	—	25 12 10	25	12	10
25	John O'Leary.	Same.	House, office, and land.	20 1 0	23 0 0	7 0 0	50 10 0	50	10	0
26	James Shannon.	John McCall.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	James Shannon.	Same.	House and son, garden.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Page from printed Griffith's Valuation

Directly underneath the name of each townland in the Griffith' Valuation books you will find the Ordnance Survey (OS) sheet number (also used for the valuation maps) for the map of that townland.

7. The valuation maps are listed as follows:-

<b>VAL/2A/1/</b> sheet number	Co. Antrim
<b>VAL/2A/2/</b> sheet number	Co. Armagh
<b>VAL/2A/3/</b> sheet number	Co. Down
<b>VAL/2A/4/</b> sheet number	Co. Fermanagh
<b>VAL/2A/5/</b> sheet number	Co. Londonderry
<b>VAL/2A/6/</b> sheet number	Co. Tyrone

Maps should be ordered by county and sheet number as indicated with each townland name in the valuation books.

An index to surnames included in the valuations for Belfast and Co. Fermanagh is available at PRONI Reference **MF8/1-2**. Alternatively, you can search the indexes and the images of the pages in the valuation books online at [Irish Origins](#) for a fee.

