

General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland 1848-1864 [generally known as Griffith's Valuation – after Sir Richard Griffith [1784-1878]

VALUATION BOOKS	Griffith's [Townland] Valuation 1828-1840 Manuscript Field Books PRONI: VAL/1/B	Griffith's [Tenement] Valuation 1848-1864 Printed Books * Manuscript Field Books PRONI: VAL/2/B**	Griffith's Revision Books c1860 - c.1930. Manuscript Field Books PRONI: VAL/12/D***
VALUATION MAPS	Six Inch Valuation Maps PRONI: VAL/1/A/1/Sheet No.****	Six Inch Valuation Maps PRONI: VAL/2/A/1/Sheet No.****	Six Inch Valuation Maps PRONI: VAL/12/D/1/Sheet No.****
"CENSUS" RECORDS	Tithe Applotment Book 1823-1838 PRONI: FIN/5/A/10	1851 Census Returns [Online at www.searchforancestors.com]	1901 and 1911 Census Returns [Online at www.census.nationalarchives.ie]

* The **Printed Griffith's Valuation Book** for the Poor Law Union of Ballymena [dated 23rd January 1862] is available in PRONI, Ballymena Library and online at www.askaboutireland.ie. Eull Dunlop published a copy of this Valuation in 1997 [Publication No. 37 of Mid-Antrim Historical Group]. Here you can find the details for the Townland of Craigs, in the Parish of Craigs, in the Barony of Kilconway on pages 171-176. The rest of the townlands in the Parish of Craigs are in the Barony of Lower Toome and can be found at pages 189-212.

** The **Manuscript Field Book** for the townland of Craigs in the Barony of Kilconway [dated c.1860] is only available in PRONI under the Ref. No. VAL/2/B/1/45. The PRONI Ref. Nos. for the Manuscript Field Books that cover the remainder of the townlands in the Parish of Craigs in the Barony of Lower Toome are VAL/2/B/65A & VAL/2/B/65B.

*** Until recently, the **Griffith's Revision Books** [which include the townland of Craigs in Dunminning DED] were only available in PRONI. They cover the period 1863 -1929 and the PRONI Ref. No. is VAL/12/B/3/13A-E. The PRONI Ref. No. for the remainder of the townlands in the Parish of Craigs in the Barony of Lower Toome is VAL/12/B/3/14A-F. These books are now online and you will find a direct link to the four Revision Books covering the townland of Craigs [1863-1929] on my website.

**** The **Six Inch Valuation Maps** that accompany the Valuation Books enable us to locate the exact location of the houses and holdings listed in each book. The townland of Craigs is covered by four maps – sheets 26, 27, 31 & 32. You will find copies of the VAL/2/A maps in Ballymena Library. These VAL/2/A maps are often difficult to read. Normally I would suggest that you use the online maps at www.askaboutireland.ie. Unfortunately, the quality and coverage of the Ballymena area is not so good. Only sheets 31 and 32 are shown on [askaboutireland.ie](http://www.askaboutireland.ie) and are still difficult to read. "Zooming in" does help - to some extent. I normally use the later VAL/12/D maps that match the Griffith's Revision Books and, although the numbering and lettering on the VAL/12/D maps do not always correspond with the numbering and lettering in the earlier c.1860 Printed Valuation Books, they are much clearer than the VAL/2/A maps.

I have also included the earlier **Townland Valuation 1828-1840** which was also overseen by Sir Richard Griffith. The **Manuscript Field Book** [dated 1836] for the **townland of Craigs in the Parish of Ahoghill** is only available at PRONI - Ref. No. VAL/1/B/155. I have included copies of the pages on my website. There are also accompanying Valuation Maps for this valuation, but these are only available in PRONI. Ballymena Library holds the Six Inch OS Maps that were used as base maps for the Valuation Maps.

There are also large scale maps available in PRONI for villages, towns, & cities. Note, however, that these are **not available** on the [askaboutireland.ie](http://www.askaboutireland.ie) website. The following maps are available at PRONI for Cullybackey Village - VAL/2/D/1/3 [1859] & VAL/12E/23/1 [1906-1935]. Ballymena Library has a copy of the VAL/2/D/1/3 map.