

Judicial Rents and Land Purchase in the Townland of Gorteade, Parish of Maghera, Barony of Loughinsholin

Here you will find a table that gives details of the rents in the townland of Gorteade in South Derry between c.1855 to 1903 when all tenants bought out their land from the landlord, the Mercers' Company.

The table shows that rents increased by 50% after 1855 and continued to rise a further 12% up to 1882.

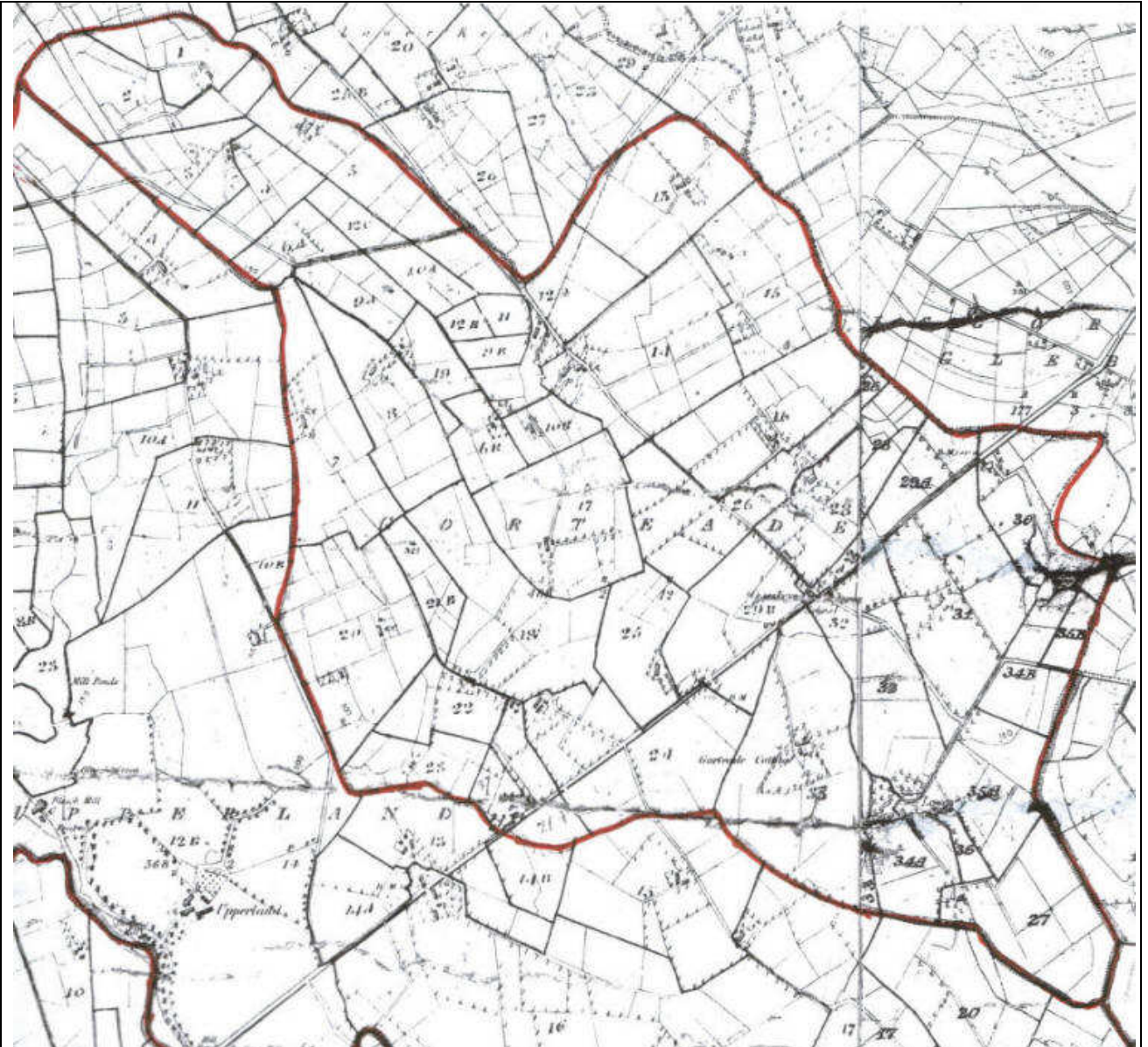
The effects of the Judicial Courts introduced as a result of the 1881 Land Act can be seen after that. Rents were reduced, on average, by 22% in 1882.

Then at the next review of rents in 1898 they were reduced by a further 15%.

In 1903 the land was sold to the tenants under the 1903 Land Purchase Act. The annuity they had to pay was 17% lower than the rent that they had been paying since 1908. Opposite is a map [PRONI: VAL/12/D/5/32B [c.1860-c.1883] & VAL/12/D/5/33C [c.1860-c.1878] showing the location of these properties within the townland.

Note that, within the table, the figures in brackets in the last column shows the value of the tenant right on those farms where a new tenant had taken over a farm during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

The source of most of this information is a rent book from the Mercers' Estate [PRONI: D1118/1/2/3]



No. in Griffiths 1859	Occupier Forename in 1859	Occupier Surname in 1859	Description of Property 1859	Valuation of Land 1859	Valuation of Buildings 1859	Rent before 1855	Rent 1855 to 1876	Rent 1876 to 1882	Judicial Rent 1882 to 1898	Judicial Rent 1898 to 1903	Land Purchase Price	Land Purchase Annuity	Occupier 1903 [Tenant Right Value]	
1	Michael	McGowan	House & land 7.2.15	£3.50	£0.25	£3.30	£3.90	£4.80	£3.90	£3.32	£82.00	£2.67	Michael McKegney [£85]	
2	Thomas	McGrew	House & land 13.2.25	£2.75	£0.25	£2.70	£4.20	£4.80	£3.80	£3.80	£88.00	£2.86	Michael McKegney [£88]	
3	James	Linn	House & land 9.1.20	£2.25	£0.50	£6.05	£7.15	£8.00	£6.00	£5.10	£129.00	£4.35	Thomas Mellon	
4	Thomas	Mellon	House & land 7.1.15	£3.00	£0.50 This farm included with No. 3. by 1876.									Thomas Mellon
5a	Francis	McCormick	House & land 10.3.15	£5.00	£1.00	£5.70	£7.35	£7.35	£6.00	£5.10	£129.00	£5.10	Gardiner Neely [£125]	
6Ba & 6A	Hugh	Laferty	House & land 4.2.25 & 5.1.0	£4.25	£0.50	£4.45	£5.90	£6.10	£4.75	£4.00	£102.00	£3.32	Hugh Lafferty.	
7a	Patrick Sen.	McMaster	House & land 8.1.5	£3.00	£0.50	£6.80	£7.25	£7.70	£6.00	£5.10	£139.00	£4.52	Nancy Crilly	
7b	Patrick Jun.	McMaster	House & land 8.1.5	£3.00	£0.50 This farm included with No. 7. by 1868.									Nancy Crilly
8	Archibald Jun.	Kane	Land 12.2.30	£6.00		£6.40	£7.15	£7.80	£6.50	£5.57	£143.00	£4.55	Michael Kane	
8a	William	Hannay	House		£0.50 This house gone by 1883.									Michael Kane
9A & 9B	Patrick	Kane	Land 5.1.30 & 1.3.0	£3.00		Not known	£7.85	£7.85	£6.25	£5.30	£135.00	£4.38	Michael Kane	
10A & 10B	Patrick & Bernard	Kane	Land 3.2.30 & 3.3.30	£3.00	Nos. 9, 10 & 11 together from 1890.									Michael Kane

10Ba	Patrick	Kane	House		£1.25 Nos. 9, 10 & 11 together from 1890.								Michael Kane
10Bb	Bernard	Kane	House		£0.25 Nos. 9, 10 & 11 together from 1890.								Michael Kane
11	Bernard	Kane	Land 1.3.0	£1.00	Nos. 9, 10 & 11 together from 1890.								John Kane
12Aa, 12B & 12C	John	Kane	House, offices & land 14.3.0, 1.1.25 & 3.0.0	£10.75	£1.50	Not known	£12.80	£12.85	£10.50	£8.92	£227.00	£7.38	John Kane
13	Daniel Sen.	Crilley	House, office & land 15.3.20	£9.25	£1.00	£9.10	£10.70	£12.00	£9.50	£8.07	£205.00	£6.66	James Houston
14a	Archibald Sen.	Kane	House, offices & land 22.0.20	£11.25	£1.50	£11.90	£15.50	£17.10	£14.00	£11.90	£302.00	£9.82	Bridget Crilly [£300]
14b			Unoccupied house		£0.25 This house gone by 1881.								Bridget Crilly
15	Anthony	Kane	House, office & land 15.2.25	£9.25	£1.00	£8.90	£11.50	£12.20	£9.25	£7.86	£217.00	£7.05	Anthony O'Kane
16	Catherine	Crilley	House, office & land 15.2.10	£9.25	£0.75	Not known	£11.20	£11.45	£9.00	£7.65	£194.00	£6.30	William Crilly
17	James	Houston	House, office & land 17.1.0	£11.00	£0.50	£9.90	£12.40	£13.00	£10.50	£8.92	£227.00	£7.37	John Quinn [£270]
18	John	Kissock	House, office & land 19.1.30	£10.25	£2.00	£10.20	£12.75	£12.75	£10.00	£8.50	£215.00	£6.95	Henry Arbuthnot
19	John	Laferty	House & land 4.2.15	£2.25	£0.50	£2.25	£2.90	£3.00	£2.25	£1.40	£48.00	£1.56	Patrick Lafferty
20	Laurence	Diamond	House, office & land 21.3.0	£9.25	£0.75	£10.30	£12.85	£14.15	£10.50	£9.00	£228.00	£7.41	Henry Clark. [£330]

21Aa & 21 B	Samuel	Arbuthnot	House, office & land 8.1.15 & 4.3.10	£7.00	£1.00	£6.70	£7.45	£8.80	£7.00	£5.95	£151.00	£4.91	Robert John Arbuthnot.
22	John	Bradley	House & land 6.1.20	£3.25	£0.50	£2.90	£3.65	£3.65	£3.00	£2.55	£63.00	£2.47	Henry Arbuthnot [£92.50]
23	Patrick	Mellon	House & land 6.2.20	£3.00	£0.50	£2.90	£3.80	£3.80	£3.25	£2.67	£68.00	£2.21	Patrick Mellon
24	Anne	Ballagh	House, office & land 21.1.10	£14.75	£2.00	£13.00	£15.10	£18.00	£14.25	£12.10	£307.00	£9.97	Thomas Kinney.
25	James	Crilley	House & land 9.1.25	£6.25	£0.75	£5.70	£6.80	£8.00	£6.50	£5.52	£140.00	£4.55	Robert Getty [£210]*
26	Daniel	Crilley	House, office & land 15.3.10	£10.25	£0.75	Not known	£11.20	£13.00	£9.00	£8.30	£211.00	£6.86	Nancy Crilly
27	Thomas	Smith	House, office & land 16.0.20	£11.75	£1.50	£11.50	£13.00	£15.50	£12.00	£10.20	£259.00	£8.42	Thomas Smith
28	Matthew	Crilley	House & land 13.1.25	£9.00	£0.75	Not known	£8.50	£10.30	£8.75	£7.42	£188.00	£6.11	Daniel Crilley
29Aa & 29B	Andrew	Ballagh	House, offices & land 7.1.25 & 14.0.10	£14.50	£3.75	Not known	£15.25	£18.10	£14.00	£11.90	£301.00	£9.78	Eliza Ballagh.
29Ab			Unoccupied house		£0.50								Alexander Michael
30	Bridget	Doherty	House & land 13.0.0	£6.00	£0.50	£5.80	£6.50	£7.50	£6.00	£5.10	£129.00	£4.18	Thomas Doherty
31	John	Tighe	House, offices & land 21.1.10	£13.50	£2.00	£13.00	£14.50	£17.00	£13.50	£11.48	£291.00	£9.46	John Toye
32	Henry	Houston	House, offices & land 16.0.5	£11.50	£1.75	£10.60	£12.25	£14.00	£10.50	£8.92	£226.00	£7.34	Catherine McCormick

33a	Rev. Robert	Torrens	House, offices & land 27.3.27	£19.50	£10.00	£18.80	£23.50	£27.10	£20.00	£17.00	£428.00	£13.91	William Mitchell [£595]
33b			Schoolhouse		£1.00								William Mitchell
34Aa & 34B	Alexander	Mitchell	House, offices & land 7.3.35 & 6.3.10	£11.50	£1.25	£11.40	£14.00	£16.00	£12.00	£10.20	£259.00	£8.42	William Mitchell.
35A & B	John	Mitchell	House, offices & land 12.0.35 & 2.0.10	£11.50	£1.50	£11.40	£12.00	£14.00	£10.25	£8.70	£221.00	£7.18	Alexander Mitchell.
36	Alexander & John	Mitchell	Land 1.2.20	£1.50									William & Alexander Mitchell.
Totals				£277.00	£45.75	£211.65	£320.85	£357.65	£278.70	£237.52	£6,052.00	£198.02	

* The value of the tenant right of this farm in 1886 was £120. By 1892 it was £170. By 1897 it was £210. The land was bought out in 1903 for £140.

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