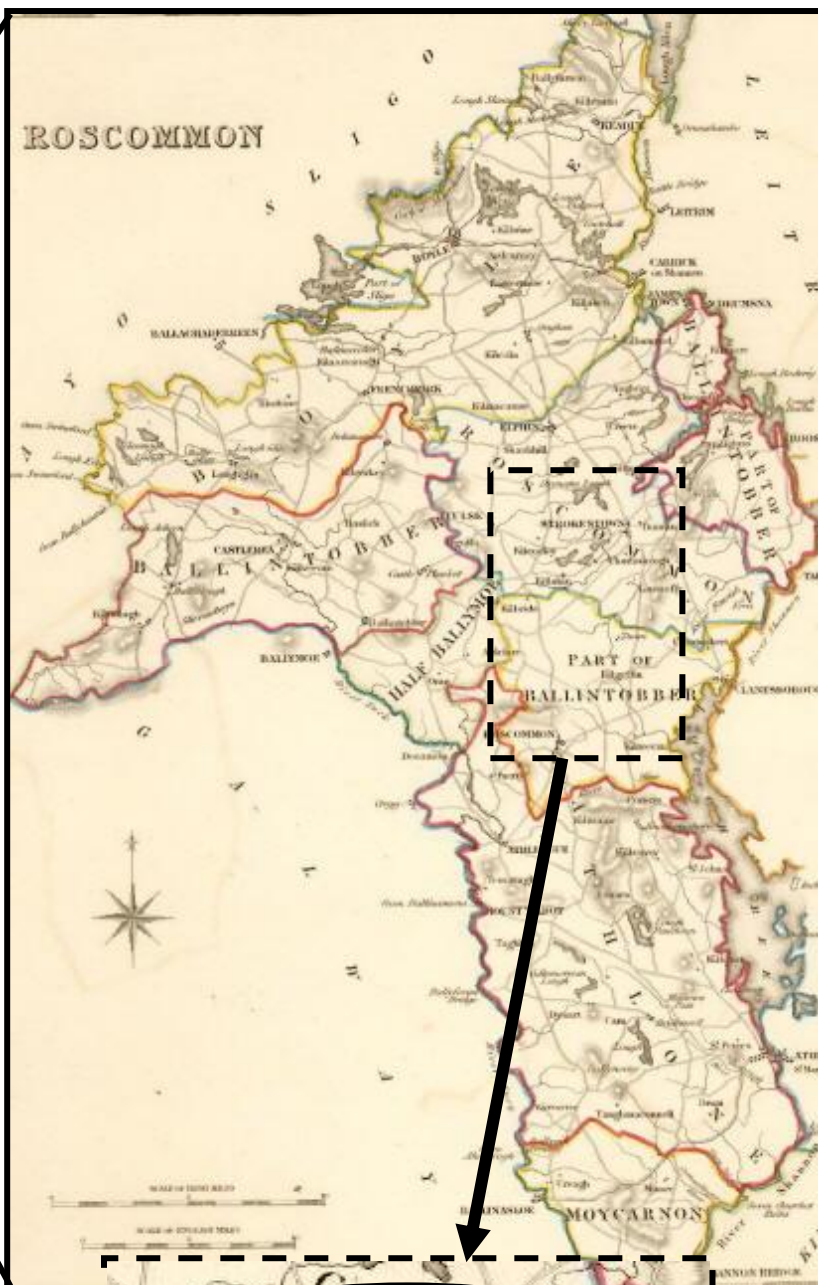
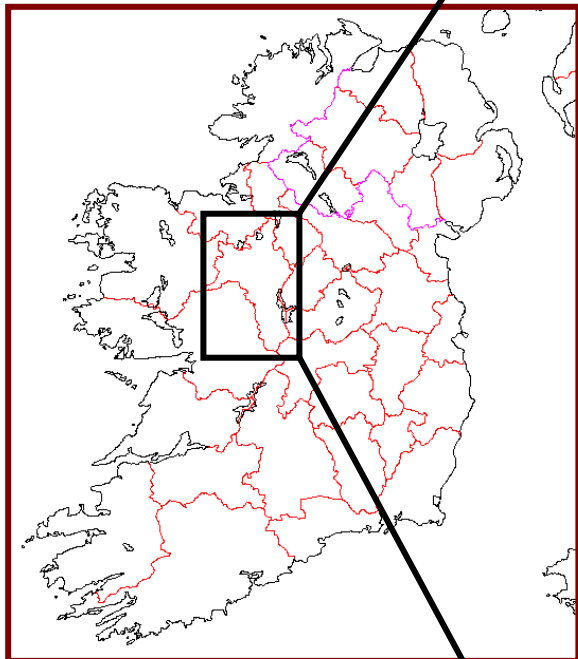


County Roscommon, Ireland

(*Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* - Samuel Lewis, London, 1837)



William Manion #2 was our ancestor who came to America from Ireland. His father, **William Mannion #1**, died in Ireland. His mother, **Catherine (Hanley) Mannion**, remarried **John Coffay** in Ireland and had more children. **William Manion #2** and his Coffay family emigrated to **Baltimore, Maryland** in 1853. They came from County Roscommon, Ireland.

The Roman Catholic parish registers of **Strokestown** and **Roscommon & Kiltewan** contain records for these people that correspond with church and civil records in Baltimore, Maryland.

Some of the records name the townland, **Cloontimullan**, as the origin of the Mannion/Manion & Coffay families. **Cloontimullan** (aka **Cloontymullan**) is in the Roman Catholic parish of Roscommon & Kiltewan, in County Roscommon.



Catherine Hanly(Hanley) and William Mannion #1

William Manion #2 refers to our ancestor who came to Baltimore, Maryland from Ireland.

William Mannion #1 refers to his father, who probably died in Ireland.

William Manion #2 emigrated to Baltimore, Maryland, USA, with his mother and siblings in 1853. He was born in **Cloontimullan**, County **Roscommon**, Ireland in 1837. He died in Baltimore, Maryland in June 1916. His Maryland death certificate gives his parents' names as **William Mannion & Catherine Hanley**. That information made it possible to trace his origins to a place called **Cloontimullan** (aka **Cloontymullen**) in **Kilteevan Parish**, **County Roscommon**, Ireland.

The Tithe Applotment Books

The **Tithe Applotment** Books were surveys of landholders in Ireland between 1823 and 1837 who paid a tithe (*tax*) to the Church of Ireland (Anglican). In 1833, the Tithe Applotment Books of Ireland listed **Will Mannion #1** as a landholder in **Cloontymullan** (aka Cloontimullan & Cloontymullen). **Cloontymullen** was a townland in the Diocese of Elphin, the Parish of **Kilteevan** in County Roscommon.

Diocese of <i>Elphin</i>		Parish of <i>Killteeven</i>					
TITHEABLE.							
TOWNLAND.	NAMES OF OCCUPIERS.	Quantities in Detail.	Quality.	Total Quantity in Holding.	Total Quantity in Townland.	Rents paid.	Real Acreable Value.
<i>Cloontymullen</i>							

In the **Cloontymullen** excerpt below, **Will Mannion #1** was sharing land with four other tenants: Thomas **Killeen** (aka Killion), Michael **Taaffe**, John **Fannon** & Pat **Killeen** (aka Killion).

Each occupied a little over 2 acres, if they divided the land equally.

Total Quantities (of land): 10 acres and 2 roods. A rood is about a quarter acre.

Quality (use) of Land: **Arable & Past(ure)**. **Rents Paid:** 21 pounds.

Vicar's Tithe: 5 shillings & 8 pennies. **Mr. Armstrong's Tithe:** 7 shillings and 5 pennies.

14	John Staunton	4 1 20	D ^c	4 1 20					
	Will Mannion								19
	Tho ^s Killeen								19
15	Mich ^d Taaffe	10 2 0	Arable & Past.	10 2 0		21			19
	John Fannon								19
	Pat Killeen								19
16	Thomas Coffy	4 0 20		4 0 20		8 5 0			19
7	Connor Coffee	4 0 20		4 0 20		8 5 0			19

NOTE: The next "occupiers" on the list are Thomas and Connor **Coffy/Coffee**. This family would eventually become connected with the Mannion/Manion family.

You can see the full document when you click on Will Mannion's name at **Ireland's National Archives Website**:
<http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/results.jsp?surname=mannion&firstname=will&county=&parish=&townland=&search=Search>

Cloontymullan (Cloontimullan) was a **townland**. A townland in Ireland was like a rental neighborhood. Land **holders** leased property from a land **owner**. The landholder was also known as an "**occupier**." Most landowners were English, and some lived in Ireland on large estates among their holdings. The Cloontimullan land belonged to **John E. Mapother**, who lived in Kiltreevan.

The Tithe Applotment Books do not give specific information about an occupier's family. The Roscommon & Kiltreevan Roman Catholic Church Parish Records had a little more information about the people in Cloontimullan. (*Copies are in the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.*) The records include marriages and baptisms beginning around the year 1820. While looking through them, I saw the names of Cloontimullan neighbors on each other's records.

For example, here is a church baptism record from Roscommon/Kiltreevan parish (where Cloontimullan is located):

Name: Thomas **Killion** Date of Baptism: April 14, **1822**

Father: Patrick **Killion** Mother: Eleanor **Carty**

Sponsors: **William Mannion #1** & Mary **Carty**

Pat **Killion** (aka Killeen) was one of the people **Will Mannion #1** shared land with in 1833. **Carty** was also the name of a Cloontimullan landholder in 1833.

This baptism record is a good indication that **Will Mannion #1** was living in Cloontimullan as early as **1822**.

**Cloontimullan, Kiltreevan Parish,
County Roscommon, Ireland 1857**



The map above right shows the land that was leased by the occupiers of Cloontimullan in around 1857. Our ancestors had emigrated by then, but **William Mannion #1's** neighbors, whom he had shared land with in 1833, were still there:

Michael **Taaffe** was the occupier of lot 12.

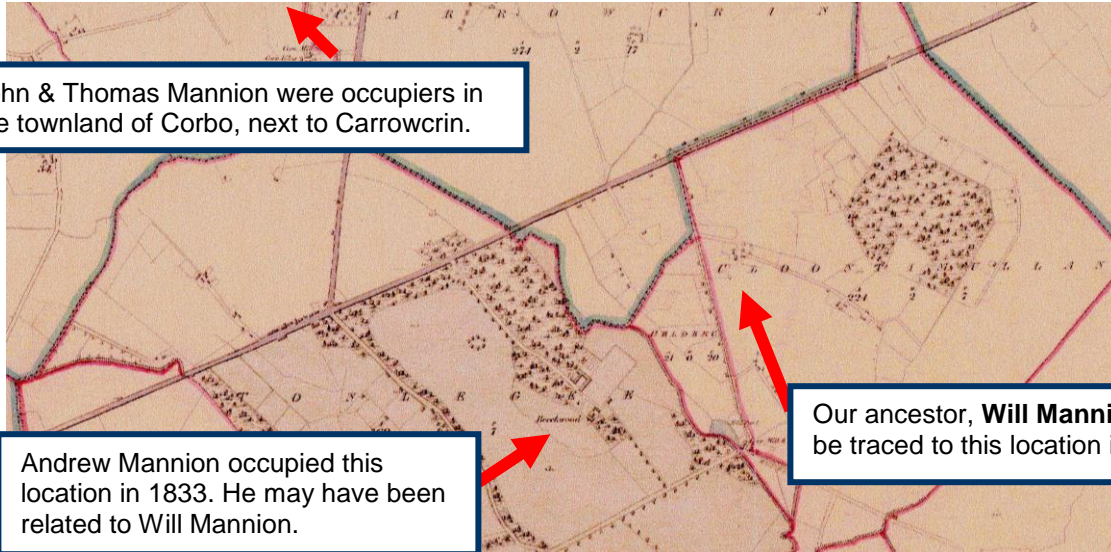
The **Killeen (Killion)** family occupied lots 10, 13 & 14.

The **Fannan (Fannon)** family occupied lots 11, 17 & 18

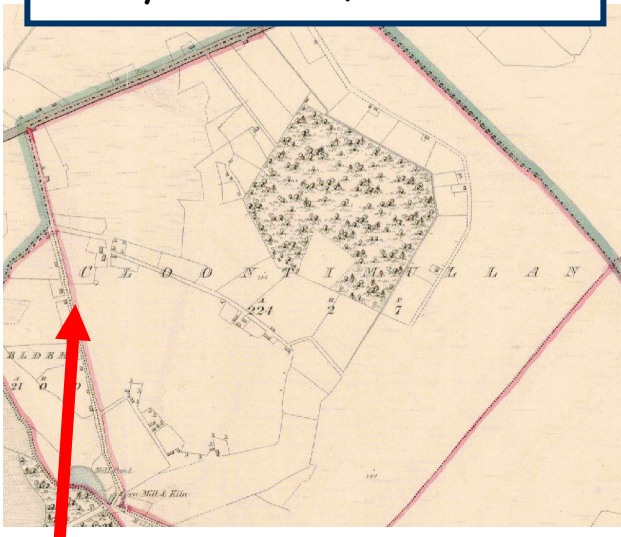
Because **William Mannion #1** shared land with those families in 1833, he may have occupied land near or on one of these numbered lots.

There was one other Mannion "occupier" listed in the Kiltewan Parish Tithe Applotment Book of 1833. **Andrew Mannion** was an occupier on a landowner's estate called Beechwood, west of Cloontimullan.

The Tithe Applotment Book of 1826 listed **John & Thomas Mannion** in the parish of Kilbride, which was adjacent to Kiltewan. They were in the townland of Corbo, next to Carrowcrin. There were other Mannion and Manion occupiers in the townlands surrounding Kiltewan, but these three were the nearest to **Will Mannion #1** in **Cloontimullan**.



**Cloontimullan, Kiltewan Parish,
County Roscommon, Ireland 1857**



**Cloontimullan, Kiltewan Parish,
County Roscommon, Ireland 2012**



<http://mammonmannioncorraycoyle.com/>

The link below should take you to Google Maps to see Cloontimullan. It is about 4 miles northeast of Roscommon Town, off N63, next to the **Lisnannarriagh Bog** (Natural Heritage Area). Zoom in to see Cloontimullan.

https://maps.google.com/maps?q=roscommon+town+ireland&ie=UTF-8&ei=cuVWUoruKNPE4AOpl4HYCQ&ved=0CAoQ_AUoAg

Another church record shows the wedding of **William Mannion #1** and **Catherine Hanly**.

Marriage Record – February 19, 1835,

Strokestown Parish, County Roscommon.

Husband: **William Mannion**, Wife: **Catherine Hanly**

Husband's father: Mannion, Wife's father: Hanly

Witness 1: Thomas **Fannon**, Witness 2: Brigid **Nolan**, Priest: Fr. J. Tighe

*Note: **Fannon** was a family in Cloontimullan that shared land with Will Mannion in 1833. There was a Nolan "occupier" in the small townland of Belderg, which bordered Cloontimullan on the west.*

There was a Pat **Hanly** in Cloontimullan according to the Tithe Applotment Book of 1833, so it is possible that Catherine Hanly and her father were also residents of Cloontimullan.

Cloontimullan	Bryan Cunningham	0 15	5
d ^o	Mick Duck	1 10	5
d ^o	Edw. Hanagan	1 10	5
d ^o	Barth Duck	1 10	5
d ^o	Mick Gallagher	1 10	5
d ^o	Fra ^s Carican	1 0 0	5
d ^o	Mick Finnane	10 0	5
d ^o	Pat Hanly	10 0	5

Some smaller Roman Catholic parishes such as Kiltewan didn't have resident priests. Priests traveled to them from the larger market towns to say Mass and minister sacraments. Kiltewan Parish had a Roman Catholic chapel near Cloontimullan, but often a wedding would have to be arranged to take place in a larger market town that had a resident priest available. Roscommon Town was the nearest market town to Cloontimullan. However, William & Catherine headed up to Strokestown (which was in a different parish) to be married in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in 1835.



There are Hanlys & Mannions in Strokestown today.

William & Catherine (Hanley) **Mannion** settled in **Cloontimullan**, twelve miles south of Strokestown, where William Mannion #1 was a landholder. **Catherine** (Hanley) **Mannion** was probably a relative (maybe daughter) of **Pat Hanly**, another landholder in Cloontimullan.

Cloontimullan was in the Roman Catholic parish called *Roscommon & Kiltewan*. The parish included **Roscommon Town** and the outlying area of **Kiltewan**. The name of the parish was sometimes referred to as "**Roscommon and Kiltewan**" with both names used together. Other times the names were used alone, as "**Roscommon Parish**" or just "**Kiltewan Parish**."

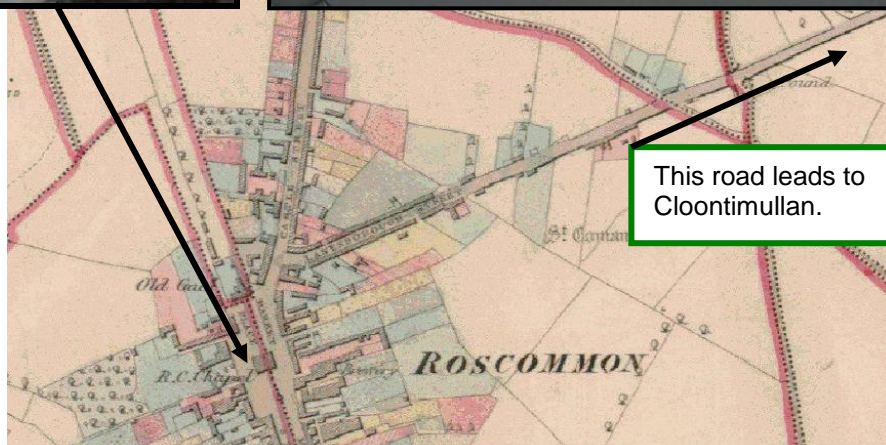
The town of Roscommon, or **Roscommon Town**, was the capital of County Roscommon and a large market town. Closer to Kiltewan than Strokestown, residents would travel there to buy & sell goods and services and conduct business.



Roscommon Town, Roscommon County, Ireland



The photo above left is the center of **Roscommon Town** around 1900, The photo at right was taken in 2009.



William Manion #2

Catherine (Hanley) Mannion gave birth to her first child, **John Mannion**, in November, 1835. He was baptized in Roscommon Parish, County Roscommon.

John Manion, baptized on Dec, 3, 1835.

Roscommon Parish, Roscommon County, Ireland.

Father: **William Manion #1**

Mother: **Catherine Hanly**

Sponsors: John **Garraghan**, Margaret Murry ***NOTE:** (Garraghan was a name in Cloontimullan)* Priest: Fr. Dominic Smyth

Catherine's second child, **William Manion #2**, born in December, 1837, was also baptized in the parish of Roscommon.

William Mannion #2, baptized on Dec, 10, 1837.

Roscommon Parish, Roscommon County, Ireland.

Father: **William Mannion #1**

Mother: **Catherine Hanly**

Sponsors: Patrick **Killion**, Ann Shiel Priest: Fr. McGowan

***NOTE:** Pat Killion was a land holder in Cloontimullan who shared land with William Mannion #1.*

***Note:** The family name was spelled "Manion" on John's record and "Mannion" on William's. At some point in Baltimore, William Manion #2 chose to use the "**Manion**" spelling. For this history, the name **William Manion #2** refers to the one who emigrated to **Baltimore, Maryland**.*

The nearest Roman Catholic chapel to Cloontimullan was in the town of Kiltreevan, about one-quarter mile southwest of Cloontimullan. Residents could also travel four miles west to the larger church in Roscommon Town. The two Mannion children were probably baptized in the Kiltreevan chapel, which is still standing in Kiltreevan today.



This 18th century structure served as the Roman Catholic chapel for the parish of **Kiltreevan**, which included **Cloontimullan**.

William Mannion #1 Dies Catherine (Hanley) Mannion Marries John Coffay

The Roscommon & Kiltreevan parish records contain a marriage record for **Catherine (Hanley) Mannion** and **John Coffay**. They were married on February 2nd, 1839 in Roscommon & Kiltreevan Parish, Roscommon County, Ireland. The ceremony probably took place in the Kiltreevan chapel or in the Catholic chapel in Roscommon Town.

This means that Catherine's first husband, **William Mannion #1** must have died in 1838, although there is no known record of his death.

Catherine Hanley Mannion, a widow with two young sons, married **John Coffay**. Remember, in the Tithe Applotment Book of 1833, **Will Mannion #1** was leasing land near the **Coffey/Coffy** families. So, this means that Catherine married a neighbor, acquaintance and/or friend of her deceased husband, **William Mannion #1**.

William Manion #2 was a baby when his father died. He was raised as a **Coffay**, and because of that it has been difficult to determine any concrete facts about what happened to his Manion/Mannion relatives.

John Coffay, Step-father to William Manion #2

Like **William Mannion #1**, **John Coffay** was from the townland of **Cloontimullan**, in **Kiltreevan**. There were three **Coffay** occupiers in Cloontimullan: Martin, Connor (Cornelius) and Thomas. Variations of the name are: Coffey, Coffy, Coffee & Caughey. "Coffay" is how it was spelled in America.

Martin Coffay may have been John Coffay's father. John Coffay's first son with Catherine was named Martin, and none of their sons were named Thomas or Connor.

John Coffay became the step-father to **Will Mannion #1's** sons. The family continued to live in Cloontimullan, where **Catherine (Hanley/Mannion) Coffay** gave birth to five more children.

The Coffay children were all baptized in the parish of **Roscommon and Kiltreevan**. **The baptisms would have taken place in the Kiltreevan chapel or in Roscommon Town.**

1. **Mary Coffay**: January 26, 1840 - Sponsors: Martin **Coffey** & Ann **Coffey**
2. **Martin Coffay**: Sept. 30, 1841 - Sponsors: Thomas **Killion** & Mary Fahy
***Note:** In 1833, Thomas **Killion** shared land with William Mannion (#1)*
3. **Patrick Coffay**: Jan. 22, 1843 - Sponsors: John **Coffey** & Mary **Hanley**
4. **Catherine Coffay**: Feb. 28, 1847 - Sponsors: Thomas **Killion** & Mary **Taaffe**
***Note 1:** In 1833, Thomas **Killion** & Michael **Taaffe** shared land with **Will Mannion #1**.
Note 2: Catherine Coffay's baptism record specifically names **Cloontimullan** as her birthplace.
The other childrens' records only name the parish, Roscommon & Kiltreevan.*
5. **John J. Coffay**: 1851

William Manion #2 was raised with his Coffay siblings in Cloontimullan. There were other Mannions & Manions in Roscommon that may have been William's uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents, etc., but he and his mother became a part of the Coffay family in Cloontimullan.

***Note:** It's not clear what happened to William's older brother, **John Mannion**. He didn't accompany the family when they emigrated to America, so he may have died or settled in Ireland. Nothing else is known about him at this time.*

Griffith's Valuation

In the 1850s, County Roscommon was included in a government survey of landowners and tenants. The survey listed the names of tenants and landlords, along with the type and size of property leased and owned. Maps were created to show the exact locations of property.

The records from this survey are available to the public in several places. The website, *Ask About Ireland* <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml> has the records as well as the maps.

The townland of **Cloontimullan** in Roscommon was included in the Griffith's Valuation and we can see exact locations where people lived.

The **Coffay** family shows up in Griffith's survey published in 1857. This was four years after **John and Catherine Hanley (Mannion) Coffay** emigrated, but it gives us information about where they lived before their emigration.

Martin Coffay was included in the 1857 survey in the townland of Cloontimullan, parish of **Kilteevan**, County Roscommon

Griffith's survey shows us that **Martin Coffay** was the tenant of **Connor (Cornelius) Coffay**. Connor Coffay was the tenant of **John Mapother**. So, Martin Coffay was sub-letting the land from his relative, Connor Coffay. **Thomas Coffay** also leased property from Connor Coffay. These were the only Coffays in Kilteevan at that time, so they must be John Coffay's family. This means that the property listed in Griffith's Valuation was where he lived with **Catherine Hanley (Mannion)** and their children, including **William Manion #2**, before their emigration.

Tenants	Landlords								
John Feeney	John E. Mapother	Land (pennation),	21	1	21	10	0	0	11 0 0
	Same	Land (beg),	42	1	10	0	5	0	
	Same	House and land,	1	2	10	0	15	0	1 5 0
	Same	House, office, and land,	9	2	50	3	15	0	4 10 0
	Same	Land,	3	0	0	1	0	0	
	Same	House and land,	2	0	10	0	10	0	2 0 0
	Same	House and land,	4	2	0	1	15	0	2 5 0
	Same	House and land,	1	3	20	0	15	0	1 5 0
	Same	Land,	0	2	30	0	5	0	
	Same	House, office, and land,	2	1	0	0	15	0	1 10 0
	Same	Land,	0	3	0	0	5	0	
	Same	House and land,	2	1	20	0	15	0	2 0 0
	Same	Land,	0	2	20	0	5	0	
	Same	Land,	1	2	0	0	10	0	
	Same	House and land,	3	3	30	1	5	0	2 15 0
	Same	Land,	0	2	0	0	5	0	
	Same	Land,	0	3	0	0	5	0	
	Same	House and land,	11	1	20	6	0	0	7 5 0
	Same	Land,	0	3	23	1	0	0	
	Same	Land,	1	0	20	0	10	0	0 10 0
	Same	House, office, and land,	2	0	30	1	10	0	0 10 0
	Same	House, office, and land,	12	2	0	8	0	0	0 10 0
	Same	House,							0 5 0
	Same	House and land,	1	2	0	1	5	0	0 5 0
	Same	House, office, and land,	14	3	15	7	5	0	1 10 0
	Same	House and garden,	0	0	25	0	5	0	8 0 0
	Same	House and land,	1	0	35	1	5	0	1 0 0
	Same	Garden,	0	0	34	0	5	0	1 15 0
	Same	House, office, and land,	3	2	20	3	0	0	0 5 0
	Same	House, office, and land,	3	1	20	3	0	0	4 0 0

The Griffith's record, at right, shows **Martin Coffay** as occupier of location **16** on the map below. **Connor & Thomas Coffay** occupied location **15**..

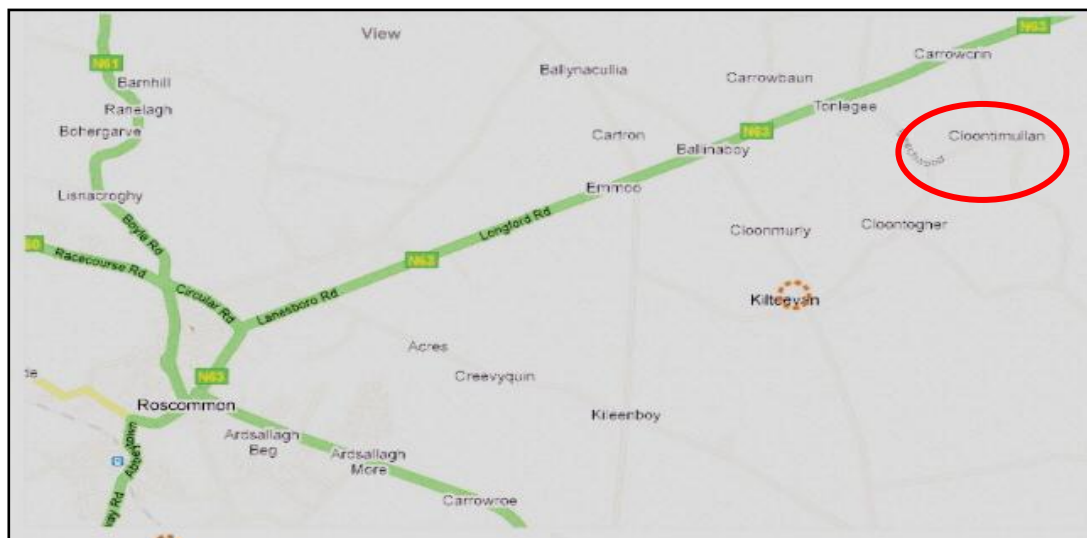
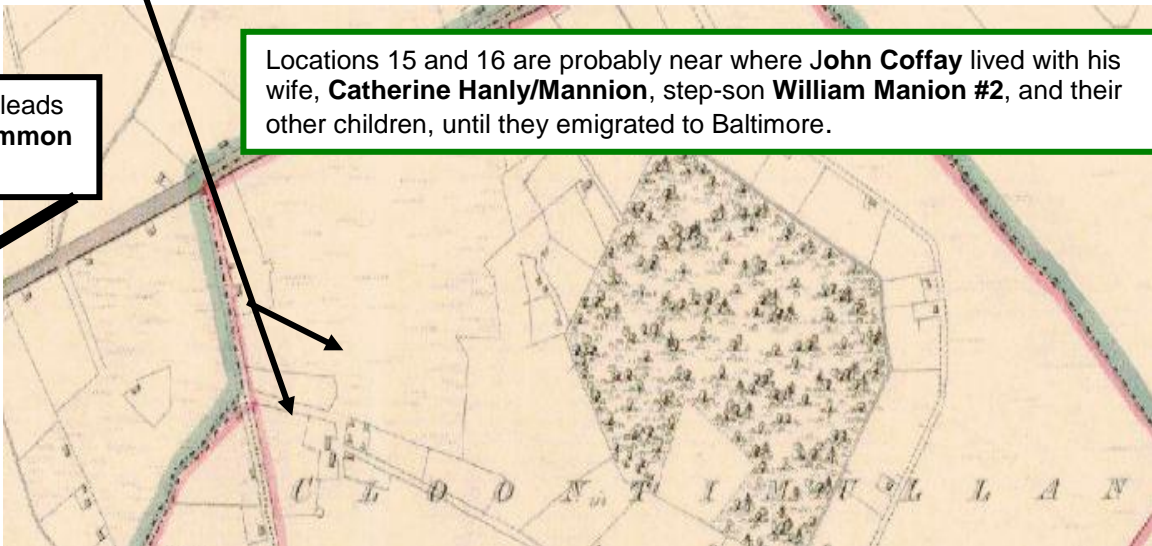
Griffiths Valuation Record Information

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Family Name 1	COFFEY
Forename 1	MARTIN
Landlord	
Family Name 2	COFFEY
Forename 2	CONNOR
Location	
County	ROSCOMMON
Barony	BALLINTOBER, SOUTH
Union	ROSCOMMON
Parish	KILTEEVAN
Townland	CLOONTIMULLAN
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This road leads to Roscommon Town

Locations 15 and 16 are probably near where **John Coffay** lived with his wife, **Catherine Hanly/Mannion**, step-son **William Manion #2**, and their other children, until they emigrated to Baltimore.



What Happened to William Manion #2's Relatives in Ireland?

Many baptisms and marriages with the names **Mannion** and **Manion** are recorded in the Roscommon County parish records of 1820 – 1845. Some of these may have been William Manion's relatives. After the famine period, there were fewer Manion/Mannions in Roscommon. Some had emigrated to other countries or to other parts of Ireland.

One or some of William Manion's relatives may have settled in **Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland**. This information came from a relative that **John J. (Jack) Manion, Jr.** met in County Longford in the 1980s. She was a first cousin of **Mary McGoey Manion**. Mary was the daughter-in-law of **William Manion #2**. She married one of his sons, **Frank Manion**, in **Philadelphia** in 1896. The McGoey cousin in Longford remembered Mary McGoey Manion saying that there were relatives of William Manion #2 in Clonmel, County Tipperary. It's possible that John Mannion, the first son of William Mannion #1 and Catherine Hanly, stayed in Ireland, married, and had descendants in the Clonmel area..

Kilteevan Cemetery

Kilteevan Cemetery is located near the original Kilteevan Roman Catholic chapel. This should be the burial site of **William Mannion #1** as well as other relatives and neighbors from Cloontimullan.



The Mapothers

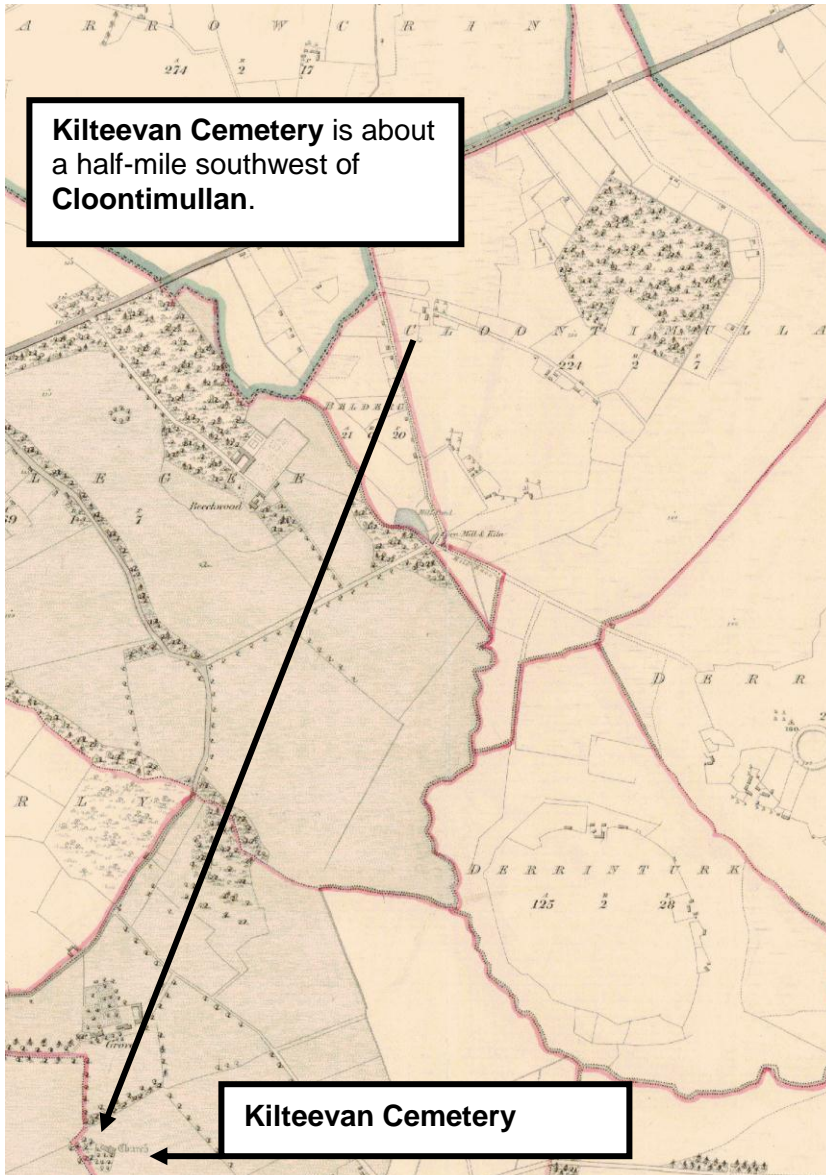
The Mapother family played a very significant role in the history of the Kilteevan area. They first arrived from Dorset in 1566 when Richard Mapother was allocated land around here and they converted to Catholicism around 1622. The family's reputation has been heralded as that of a benevolent landlord regime. From their base at Kilteevan House they rebuffed the concept of evictions, contributed to the upkeep of the local school and allowed their turf and wood to be used by the community in cold winters. Most importantly of all they built the old parish church at the crossroads in the 18th century, within the period of the Penal Laws. This building is currently used as a community centre.



The church ruins in the cemetery date back to the 14th century on the site of an **early Christian monastery**.

Adjoining the church ruins is the **Mapother family crypt**. The **Mapothers** owned **Cloontimullan**.

Actor **Tom Cruise's** great-great grandmother was a Kilteevan Mapother, and he has visited this cemetery to research his family's history.



This is the grave of one of the **Cloontimullan** neighbors that **Will Mannion #1** shared land with in 1833. This marker even names the townland, **Clontymullen** aka: **Cloontimullan**.



I couldn't find a grave stone for **William Mannion #1**. He's probably in an unmarked grave. This Celtic cross memorial was meant for him and for his son, **William Manion #2**, who died in Baltimore, Maryland.

