

Historical Lands Near Ballaghaderreen

Ancient Land Area of Northwest Ireland

Over the ages, the name and ownership of land surrounding Ballaghaderreen have obviously changed. This digest helps identify those historical names that are the most significant to Towey families and variant spellings who lived in the Ballaghaderreen townlands.

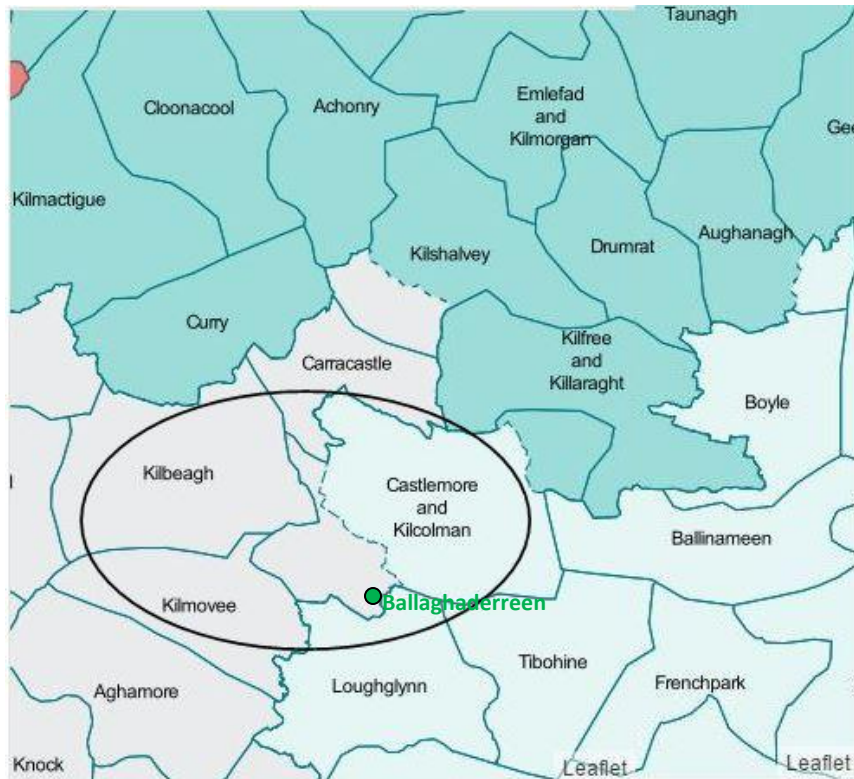
Ballaghaderreen and area townlands were in Co. Mayo until 1898; thereafter in Co. Roscommon

Area Name Or Property Owner	Approximate Timeframe	Historical Digest
Connaught	882 to 1230s	Originally there were several Irish kingdoms, ruled by several dynasties. Also known as one of five Irish provinces, Connaught, Leinster, Munster, Ulster and Meath (Mide).
Gailenga Connacht	980 to 1144	The ua Gadhra dynasty ruled the area. Located in what is now Co. Mayo.
Sliabh Lugha	1181 to 1258	Area became known as Sliabh Lugha. Ruled by Ó Gadhra family. Area located in what is now Co. Mayo. (Sliabh means mountains.)
Barony of Costello Became Barony in 1570	1235 to end 1600s	Originally known as De Nangle and then Nangles Barons (later changed to Costello) who came with Anglo Normans who arrived in 1100s. In 1235 they displaced the Ó Gadhras. In 1864 they built a house in Edmondstown that became the Bishop of Achonry's house. In 1565 Costelloes built Castlemore castle. Costello Barony was in todays districts of Kilkelly, Kilmovee, Kileagh, Kilcolman, and Castlemore.
Viscounts Dillon	1622 to 1899	Theabold Dillon was first of many Viscount Dillons who were absentee landowners, having been granted huge tracts of Costello and other Irish land by British to strengthen Viscount loyalty to England.
Charles Strickland	1842 to 1875	Strickland was an overseer appointed by absentee British landlord 14 th Viscount Charles Dillon to manage his estates in County Mayo. Strickland aided Irish Catholics during famine years. Strickland built Charlestown in 1846.
Diocese of Achonry	c560 to present	Founded as church and monastery in c552 by St Achonry, in Achonry, Co. Sligo. Was later succeeded by St Nathy. Bishops house is in Edmondstown; diocese office is in Ballaghaderreen. Now has 23 parishes in Co. Sligo, Co. Mayo, and Co. Roscommon.

Historical Land Names

Castlemore, Kilcolman,
Kilmovee , Kilbeagh,

Most with Towey surname lived in one of these four parishes. These parishes were part of the pre-Norman territory known as *Sliabh Lugha* ruled by the *O'Gadhra Dynasty* in the 12th and 13th centuries. After the Norman invasion in 1170, these parishes became part of the *Barony of Costello* in the 13th century and later beginning 1622 was within the land granted by British decree to *Viscount Theabold Dillon*.



Green is Co. Sligo, light pink is Co. Mayo, light green is Co. Roscommon

Footnotes:

1. Townlands in Castlemore and Kilcolman parishes are available at <http://leitrim-roscommon.com/MAPS/ballaghaderreenRC.html>
2. Townlands in Kilmovee parish are available at <http://kilmoveeparish.org/townlands-and-villages/>
3. Townlands in Kilbeagh parish are at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlmayo2/kilbeagh_townlands.html
4. More Ireland maps for Diocese of Achonry and its parishes may be viewed at https://www.johngrenham.com/browse/county_index.php#maps/.

Focus on maps for Co. Mayo and Co. Sligo as well as Co. Roscommon. The Diocese of Achonry extends within these three counties.