

COOSAN

An Cusasan, The small cove/hollow

Area 71 acres

This small townland on the lakeshore lies west of Gortnashingaun. The land here is mainly dry with some rock outcrop.

Not sure who lord was in 1641. (Possibly the Earl of Clonrichard or Bryan O Fflahertie.) At the time of the Griffith valuation in the 1830s the Proprietor was Thos. B. Martin Esq. of Ballinahinch. The land was described as *very bad, stony and wet, containing 71¾ acres* all arable except 40 acres of boggy pasture.

The lessor was Wm. D. Griffith leasing to a Michael O'Brien, with rent at £10 for the land and 10 shillings for the house. A lot of money in the 1850s.

According to the 1911 census there were three members of the family there Charles, Margaret and Sarah whom was Sarah Lee. Charles married Mary Halloran daughter of Martin from Derroua and had one son Charles and four daughters Margaret, Molly Maria, and Bridget. Charlie as he was known was the first to have a registered bull in Glann. Charlie O'Brien's Bull was famous.

Maria married James Sullivan from Curraghduff West. James or Jimeen as he was known was a great character and used to play the squeeze box and sing. One of his old favourites was a song written by Terry Hynes from Ballygally.

*Have you heard of the dance held at Antfield in Glann?
The crowd that attended was three score and one man,
When the Campers heard it they hired out Pat Faherty's
van*

*O the dancing was high and the swingin uneven,
But what would you expect from the 'musicianor' John
Stephen*

Bill Clancy was MC but failed to keep order.

So asked Joe Padhraig to sing South of the Border.

*And when someone remarked that the fog was getting
thick*

Joe Padhraic had to take home pretty Mary Dick

Their daughter is Mary Rose Mons. Charles lived and farmed at Coosan until recently when his health deteriorated. He now lives with his niece Mary Rose Mons, Matt and their son Patrick. Now in his eighties



Martin McDonagh and Charles O'Brien

he must surely hold the record for working at the one job for life, working at Currarevagh for 54 years, not retiring until he was 80 years.

Dún Uisce, owned by Keron and Margaret Sarkar.

DERROURA

Doire Abhra, Oak wood on the brow of the hill

Area 646 acres

This large townland lies west of Curraghduff West running high onto the hill. It is mostly afforested with Sitka Spruce and has some large areas of natural woodland also.

Not sure who owned it in 1641.

In the 1850s the Proprietor was Thomas B. Martin Esq. of Ballinahinch. The land was described as containing 64¾ acres with about 40 under tillage and pasture. The remainder rough mountain and bog. There were two copper mines there. There is a triangulation station here at 395 feet.

The land was leased out by a man called Edward Archer. The land and a house was leased by a William Murphy. The rent was £12.0.0.



Carnseefin (*Cairn Suidhe Finn*—Carn of Finn's Seat) is in this townland. This large pile of stones at the top of the Glann Hill (1006 feet) is an ancient burial tomb probably a passage tomb dating to Bronze Age Period. It can be seen from many places in Connemara and Mayo and East Galway. It is said that 8 counties are visible from Carnseefin as are the Aran Islands and the Burren.



Carnseefin 1006 feet

At the time of the 1911 census, Martin and Sarah O Halloran live in Derroua. The ruins of their lovely home are visible in the forest to this day. They had four children Bridget, Michael, Stephen and Thomas there at that time. They had ten in family in total. Stephen was a great runner, he beat the Chonnaught champion at the sports in Clifden. Stephen was an uncle to Charles O'Brien.



Mary Halloran O'Brien

In recent years a trail track or cycle track was constructed on the Glann hill. It starts in Letterfore on the southern side of the hill and comes across to Glann via Barratleva and Derroua. It is 17 km long and was funded by the Tourism Board and Coillte the state forestry service. The contractor was Seamus McDonagh a local man from Letterfore.



The scenery overlooking Glann and the Corrib is unrivalled.



View from cycle track