

The Religious Survey of 1766

Early in 1766, the Government instructed Church of Ireland rectors to compile lists of all the householders in their parishes – not just those in the established church, but dissenters as well as Catholics. Neither the manner in which this was to be done, nor the precise details required, was defined. Some rectors merely detailed the numerical totals of population, some drew up partial lists, and others detailed all householders, including their addresses.

All of the original returns were lost at the Four Courts fire in 1922, but extensive transcripts survive for some areas, and are deposited with various institutions. There is a full listing of all surviving transcripts and abstracts in the National Archives in Dublin, though it doesn't differentiate between those returns which supply names and those which merely give numerical totals.

The following information is from the PRONI transcript of the Co. Cavan records retained at T808/15266 (the "P" column is for Priests and the "F" for Friars):

Parliamentary Religious Returns No. 885 Bundle 78

Summary for Kilmore Diocese

<i>Co. Cavan</i>	<i>Families</i>			
<i>Parish</i>	<i>Prot</i>	<i>Pap</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>F</i>
Drumlane	161	376	0	0
Lavey	5	254	1	0
Denn	33	298	0	0
Killinagh	32	231	1	0
Ballintemple	37	278	1	0
Lurgan & Munterconnaught	35	569	3	0
Urney & Annaghgeliffe	229	636	2	0
Mullough	87	478	1	0
Killeshadra	259	293	2	0
Killdallon	106	197	1	1
Killan	239	398	1	0
Drung & Larah	71	839	3	1
Kilmore	101	350	1	1
Castleterra	118	324	1	0
Knockbride	148	273	1	0
Killershendinny	233	336	1	0
Moybolg	28	159	1	0
Ballynuculeny	50	94		
Drumlummon	27	456	2	0
Ballym'Hugh	43	160		

Summary for Kilmore and Ardagh

<i>Co. Cavan</i>	<i>Families</i>			
<i>Parish</i>	<i>Prot</i>	<i>Pap</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>F</i>
Kildrumferton & Crusherlough	38	416	1	1
Belturbet	250	429	1	0
Drumreilly	97	496	2	0
Templeport	46	454	3	0

County Cavan Lurgan and Munterconnaught parishes
Religious Census 1766 Returns to the Lords ...
Protestants in Lurgan and Munterconnaught parish
Co. Cavan and Kilmore Diocese taken in April 1766
By Rev. W. Cradock, Rector and Vicar

<i>Families</i>	<i>Souls</i>	
	<i>Prot</i>	<i>Pap</i>
Protestant		
William Cradock, Rector and Vicar	1	2
Mrs Kellet	8	4
Mrs Carlile	3	4
Widow Kellet	3	3
Jos : Moreton	12	1
Robt Nugent	7	-
John Long	6	-
Art M'Quaide	7	-
Thos M'Quaide	6	-
John Gunnis	4	-
John Doughty	4	1
Chas Doughty	6	-
Geo : Husey	3	-
Geo : M'Fadden	10	-
Thos Young	6	-
Val : Nelson	3	1
Garret Plunket	4	-
Owen Wiggins	4	-
James Long	4	-

<i>Families</i>	<i>Souls</i>	
	<i>Prot</i>	<i>Pap</i>
Dissenters		
James Heney	5	2
Robt Heney	7	-
Jam[es] Hunter	2	1
Alex : M'Fadden	4	2
Phil : Reilly	2	2
Edw : Linchy	1	5
Robt Byers	8	-
Robt Johnston	6	1
James Watson	5	1
John M'Cabe	1	7
John Makenel	10	2
Nic : Doyle	1	6
Mic : Fitzpatrick	1	5
Henry Lenox	2	-
Moses Cahoon	5	-
Mary Linchy	2	-
Frank Smith	1	3

Total 35* or 164 53
 *(35 – presumably not counting himself !)

Here follow Names of 569 Papist Families [but not actually listed in the PRONI transcript]
 Total 35 Protestant Families or 164 Protestant Persons
 Total 569 Papist Families or 2803 Papist Persons
 including 3 Priests