



Cullen

Home

Carrick, Ballinlough



House and Farm

The Cullen's house and farm was the first house on the left as you turn onto the Coolatinny Road from the Ballinlough-Ballyhaunis road.

A transcription of the hand-written, official page, lists the following people living there at the time the Census was prepared in 1901:

Dominick A. Cullen, Head, Read & Write, 41, Farmer, Married

Mary Cullen Wife, Read & Write, 33, Teacher, Married

Mary Agnes Cullen, Daughter, Read & Write, 7, Scholar

Nannie Cullen, Daughter, Read not Write, 6, Scholar

Kathleen Cullen, Daughter, Cannot Read or Write, 4, Scholar

Joseph Cullen, Son, Cannot Read or Write, 2

Winifred Farrell, Domestic Servant, Read & Write, 50, Widow

Thomas Farrell, Domestic Servant, Read & Write, 12, Not Married

Michael Lydon, Boarder, Read & Write, 23, Mason, Not Married, Born in Co. Mayo

All in the households were Roman Catholic and, except as noted, all were born in Co. Roscommon.

The Cullen household was the first in the townland to be enumerated. On a summary sheet, the census taker described the property as follows:

- ♦ Private dwelling
- ♦ 9 Out-offices & farm buildings
- ♦ Walls of stone, brick, or concrete
- ♦ Roof of slate, iron, or tiles
- ♦ 6 Windows in front
- ♦ Head: Dominick Cullen
- ♦ 5 Rooms
- ♦ 9 Persons





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The population of Carrick at the time was 153 (77 males, 67 females, 25 households). Because a page with detailed information concerning one family was missing from the microfilm copy of the census, many of the statistics will not add up to the total population of the townland.

The total population were all Roman Catholics and there were only 11 people born elsewhere – 10 born in Co. Mayo and one child (a grandson), born in Massachusetts. Six of the ten persons born in Co. Mayo were wives. Carrick is only a short distance from the Co. Mayo border, so it was not surprising that many of the men found their brides in Mayo. 24 of the 25 heads of household were married or widowed.

Most were farmers and agricultural labourers. One was listed as a farmer/bootmaker. One was a farmer/blacksmith and two of his sons were blacksmiths. One person was listed as a mason, one a carpenter, one a dressmaker, and one a post boy. The Cullen household listed two servants, and another house listed one servant.

Five persons (aged 42, 33, 27, 22, and 19) were listed as teachers, and one (age 20) was a substitute teacher. Carrick National School was located within the townland. This explains the large number of teachers. Virtually all children under the age of 16 were in school and were listed on the census as "scholars."

There were a total of 26 houses. One was not inhabited and its construction is unknown.) 4 houses had stone, brick, or concrete walls and roofs of slate, iron or tile. 21 houses had stone, brick, or concrete walls and roofs of thatch, wood, or other perishable materials.

A house with a slate roof apparently was a mark of wealth in Carrick townland. The only two families with servants lived in slate-roofed houses – one of these was Cullens and comprised of five rooms.





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Surnames in Carrick townland in 1901 were Casey, Caulfield, Cullen, Farrell, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Gaherty, Gallagher, Grealley, Hanlon, Kelly, Kenny, Lydon, Lyons, Newell, Wallace, Walsh, and Winston. Some are the surnames of servants or in-laws. Of the 25 known households in the townland, six were headed by a Winston, four by a Kelly, four by a Lyons, two by a Wallace, and one each by the others.

The year the Census was taken (1901), Dominick Cullen's wife, Mary, was pregnant and shortly afterwards Michael Cullen was born. Then followed Tess, born in 1903, Josephine in 1905 and John (my father) in 1907.

