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My Townland Story

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Area

Drumintee has an area of:

4,288,383 m² 428.84 hectares 4.2884 km

Borders

Drumintee borders the following other townlands:

Aghadavoyle to the east

Annahaia to the north

Carrickbroad to the south

Cloghinny to the west

Foughill Otra to the east

Slieve Gullion to the north

Tievecrom to the south



DRUMINTEE TOWNLAND CO. ARMAGH

Dromintee – Droim an Tí –

The Ridge of the House

Dromintee Parish takes its name from this townland which sits at the heart of the parish.

The townland itself straddles each side of Garriba – the long glacial tail of Slieve gullion that sweeps down from the mountain into the parish and gives the townland the 'ridge' or 'droim' of its name.

In 1605 'Dromentey' was mentioned as one of the local townlands which were given over for the upkeep of nearby Moyry Castle.



Dromainn Tí has been suggested as the Irish translation (still meaning the same in English).

Local pronunciation up until fairly recently was Drementee. This suggests Droim an Tí and not Dromainn Tí.

The house part of the name would suggest a church or ecclesiastical dwelling. It would be assumed that the site of the present Dromintee RC Chapel on the ridge was the site of earlier church buildings.

Below the school is what was known as the clawnyeh. A rough piece of ground which most probably comes from the Irish clochánach meaning stony ground.

One of Dromintee's most famous sons was the folklorist Michael J. Murphy.

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