

# Crowley – Keohane

## Ireland

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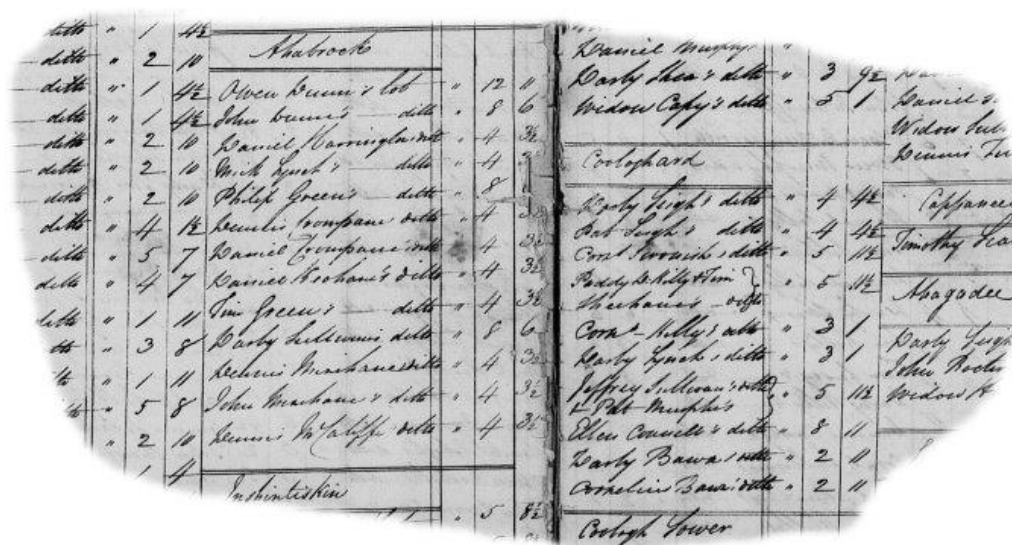
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**Crowley:** The surname Crowley was anglicised from the Gaelic *O'Cruadhlaioich* who lived in the mid-11th century. Some time later, in the late 13th century, descendants of the Cruadhlaoch migrated from Connacht to County Cork, and settled in an area north of the Bandon river in the barony of East Carbery. Tradition has it, in the locality, that they acquired this territory by marrying into the ruling family of the Coughlans, whom they subsequently ousted. The townlands of East Curraghcrowly and West Curraghcrowly near Ballineen do record their presence. The Cork branch of the family earned a formidable reputation as fighters and, as a result, prospered and multiplied rapidly, while the original Connacht branch of the sept went into decline.

**Keohane:** There has been much discussion over the origin of the surname, and a view now held is that they are a branch of the Crowleys. In the Bantry area, the surnames were quite interchangeable in some families up to recent years. There are several instances of people with the surname Keohane in Ireland arriving into the United States as Crowley.

As to why the change of name; well there are a few reasons “tossed around” but it appears that there is no definite explanation, so we will instead focus on figures from some official records as a guide on the locations and popularity of the surname in Ireland. In this document I focus on the spelling “Keohane”, aware that the name has various other variations but on examination I found these to be very small in number.

# Tithe Applotment Books



The **Tithe Applotment Books** will be our starting point and we will look at the total number of the surnames **Keoghane** and **Crowley** listed in the said Books. Of course we must be mindful that only the head of a family who held 1 acre of land, or more, is listed in the Books and one person may be listed more than once if they held two or more parcels of land. However, we will at least see the relative numbers and locations of both surnames in the country.

Firstly, looking at the Keoghane surname.

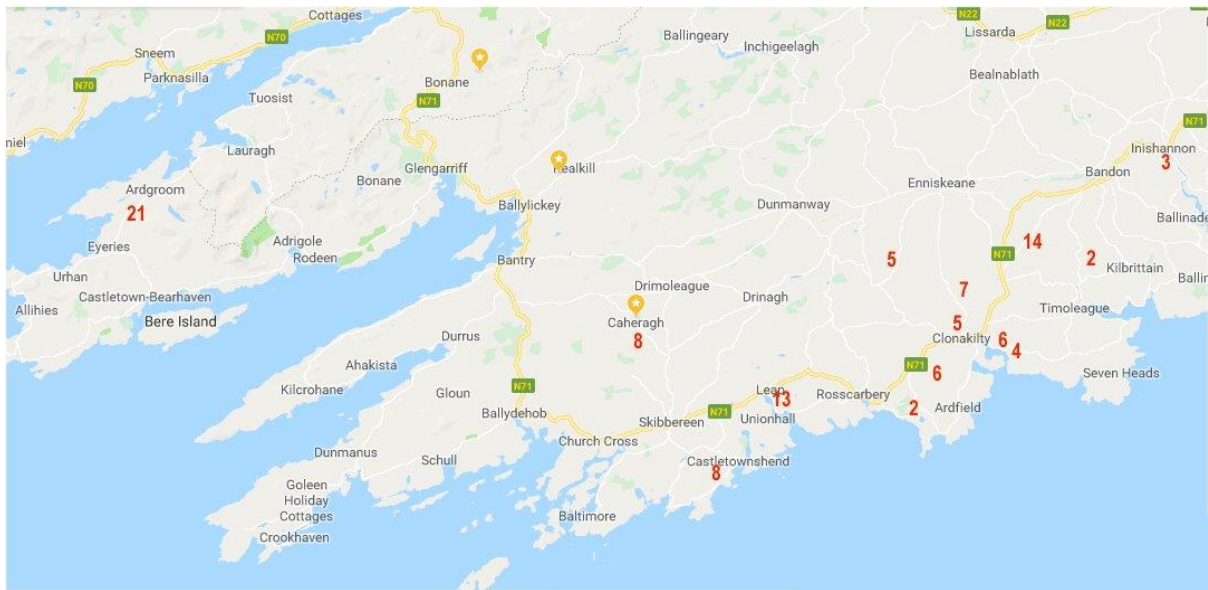
## Keoghane

We find a total of 115 Keoghane surnames in Ireland in the following Civil Parishes:

Civil Parish	Number	Civil Parish	Number
Abbeymahon	1	Kilkerranmore	6
Aghadown	1	Kilmaloda	2
Ballinadee	1	Kilmeen	5
Ballymoney	1	Kilnagross	7
Caheragh	8	Rathbarry	2
Castlehaven	8	Rathclarin	1
Castletownroche	2	Templeomalus	6
Desertserges	14	Templequinlan	4
Inishannon	3	Timoleague	1
Kilcatherine	21	Tullagh	1
Kilfaughnabeg	13	Sligo & Westmeath	2
Kilgarraiff	5	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>115</b>

All except 2 are in County Cork; of those 2 we see one in County Sligo and the other one in County Westmeath

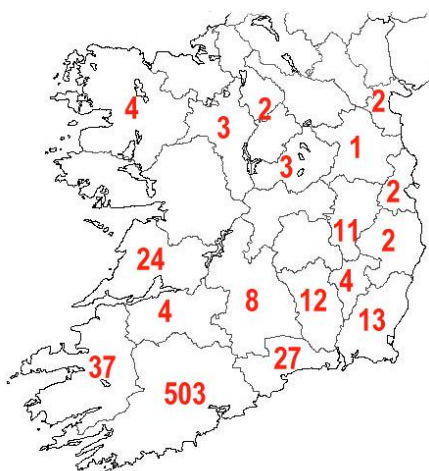
The following map indicates the location of the Keohanes in County Cork where more than one of the surname is found



## Crowley

On the other hand we see that the Crowley surname is spread much more throughout Ireland but County Cork has the much larger number at 503 followed by Kerry at 37, Waterford at 27 and Clare at 24.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number</b>
Carlow	4	Louth	2
Clare	24	Mayo	4
Cork	503	Meath	1
Dublin	2	Roscommon	3
Kerry	37	Tipperary	8
Kildare, Carlow	11	Waterford	27
Kilkenny	12	Westmeath	3
Leitrim,		Wexford	13
Longford	2	Wicklow	2
Limerick	4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>662</b>



Distribution of the Crowley surname in Ireland by County from the Tithe Applotment Books.

We observe the higher concentrations in the Southern half and in particular from Clare to Kerry to Cork, Waterford to Kilkenny.

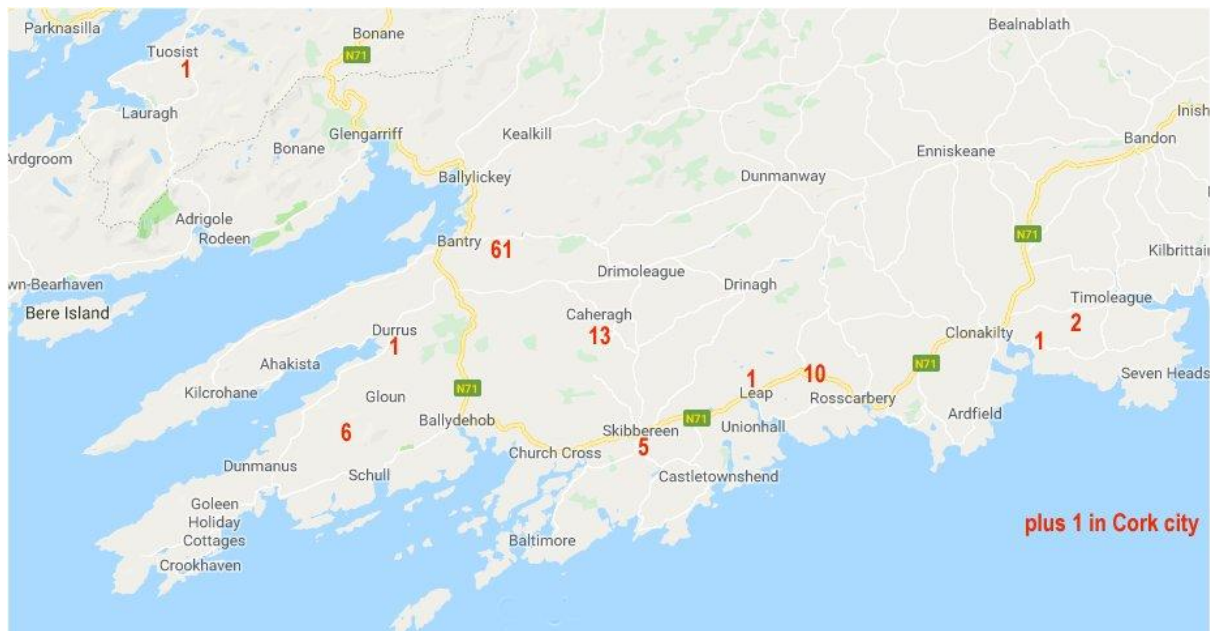
# Griffith's Valuation of Ireland

1	James Keohane	"	House Offices	-	-	
2	Timothy Shea	"	House offices	168	2 37	24 15 0
3	Queen Sullivan	"	House offices	-	-	0
4	John Keohane	"	House	-	-	0
5	Denis Hurley	Queen Sullivan	Land (mountain)	83	1 20	1 6 0
6	Govt. Keohane	Earl of Kenmare	Land	30	1 11	9 14 0
7	Cornelius Keohane	"	House	14	0 29	1 10 0
8	John Keohane	"	Garden	0	0 22	0 2 0
9	John Keohane	"	Land	39	0 37	8 5 0

This survey to value all pieces of land in Ireland was carried out by a team of surveyors headed by Richard Griffith. Most of West Cork was surveyed in the late 1840's to very early 1850's. The survey recorded the head of the house / property so family members are not included and a persons may be listed more than once because of having more than one piece of property. However for this comparative Crowley – Keohane exercise we will take the relative numbers from the survey results.

## Keohane

In Griffith's Valuation of Ireland we find the spread of the Keohane name in County Cork – or really in West Cork plus 1 in Tuosist, Co.Kerry.



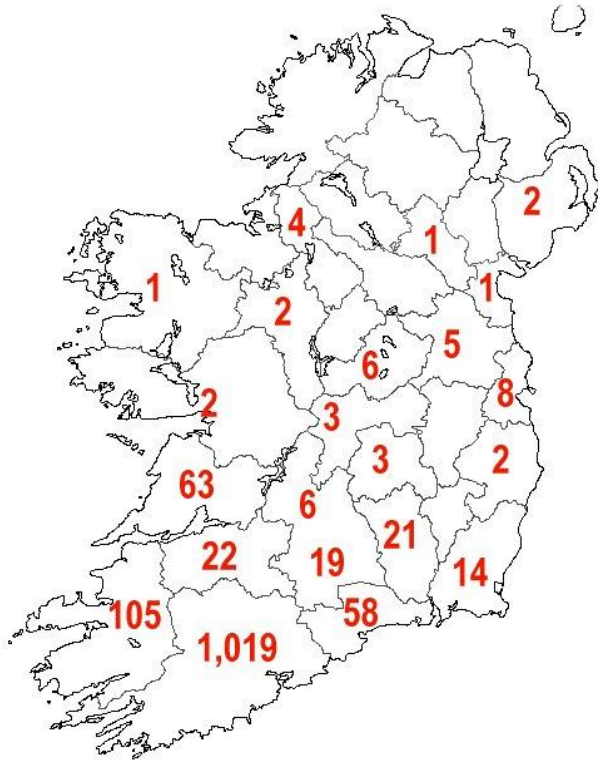
The above data in tabular form:

Civil Parish	Number	Civil Parish	Number
Abbeystowry	5	Ross	10
Caheragh	13	Skull	6
Desert	1	St Finbarr	1
Durrus part of	1	Templequinlan	2
Kilfaughnabeg (part of)	1	Tuosist	1
Kilmocomoge	61	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102</b>

# Crowley

The spread of the Crowley surname by county in Griffith's Valuation is in tabular form:

County	Number
Limerick	22
Queen's County (Laois)	3
Cork	1,019
Down	2
Kerry	105
Waterford	58
Wexford	14
Leitrim	4
Tipperary, South Riding	19
Tipperary, North Riding	6
Westmeath	6
Clare	63
Dublin	8
Meath	5
Kilkenny	21
King's County (Offaly)	3
Mayo	1
Wicklow	2
Monaghan	1
Tipperary	3
Louth	1
Galway, town of	2
Roscommon	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,370</b>



We can see that the surname is spread throughout much of the country with the significantly larger number in County Cork at 1,019 followed by Kerry at 105 and Waterford at 58.

# Census of Ireland 1901

**FORM A.**

**NAME of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY,**

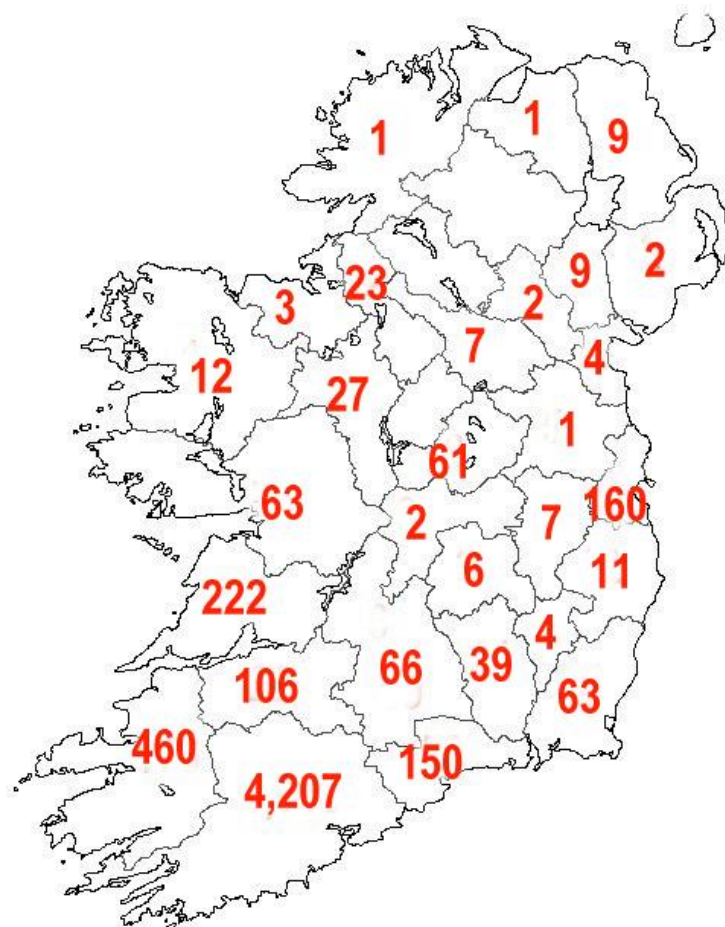
Rank	NAME and SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IN
	Christian Name.	Surname.	State whether "Head of Family," "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or "Other relative."	State here the particular Religion, or Religious Denomination, to which each person belongs. (Members of Protestant Denominations are requested not to describe themselves by the name of any denomination, but to state the name of the Particular Church, Denomination, or Body, to which they belong.)	State here whether he or she can "Read and Write," "Read only," or "Cannot Read."	Years on last Birth-day.	Months in Month under age Year.	Write "M" for Male and "F" for Female. (Before filling this column you are requested to read the instructions on the other side.)	Whether "Married," "Widowed," "Single," or "Not Married."	If in Ireland, state in what County or City; if elsewhere, state the name of the Country.	Write the name of the County or City, or other place, in which the person was born.
1	Louis	Keohane	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	reads & writes	42	M	Farmer	married	Co. Cork	Irish
2	Mary	Keohane	wife	Roman Catholic	reads & writes	36	F		married	Co. Cork	Irish
3	Mary	Keohane	daughter	Roman Catholic	reads & writes	9	F	Scholar	not married	Co. Cork	Irish
4	John	Keohane	son	Roman Catholic	reads	7	M	Scholar	not married	Co. Cork	Irish
	Julia	Keohane	daughter	Roman Catholic	cannot read	5	F	Scholar	not married	Co. Cork	Irish
	John	Keohane	son	Roman Catholic	cannot read	3	M		not married	Co. Cork	Irish
	Mary	Keohane	daughter	Roman Catholic	cannot read	1	F		not married	Co. Cork	Irish

We come forward to the 1901 Census of Ireland which included **ALL** of the people in a household rather than just the head of the household as in previous records. We will look at the distribution of the Crowley surname.

Total number of Crowley surname in Ireland by County in the 1901 Census (over 73% in County Cork):

County	Number	County	Number	County	Number
Cork	4,207	Kilkenny	39	Carlow	4
Kerry	460	Roscommon	27	Louth	4
Clare	222	Leitrim	23	Sligo	3
Dublin	160	Mayo	12	Down	2
Waterford	150	Wicklow	11	King's Co.	2
Limerick	106	Antrim	9	Monaghan	2
Tipperary	66	Armagh	9	Donegal	1
Galway	63	Kildare	7	Londonderry	1
Wexford	63	Cavan	7	Meath	1
Westmeath	61	Queen's Co.	6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,728</b>

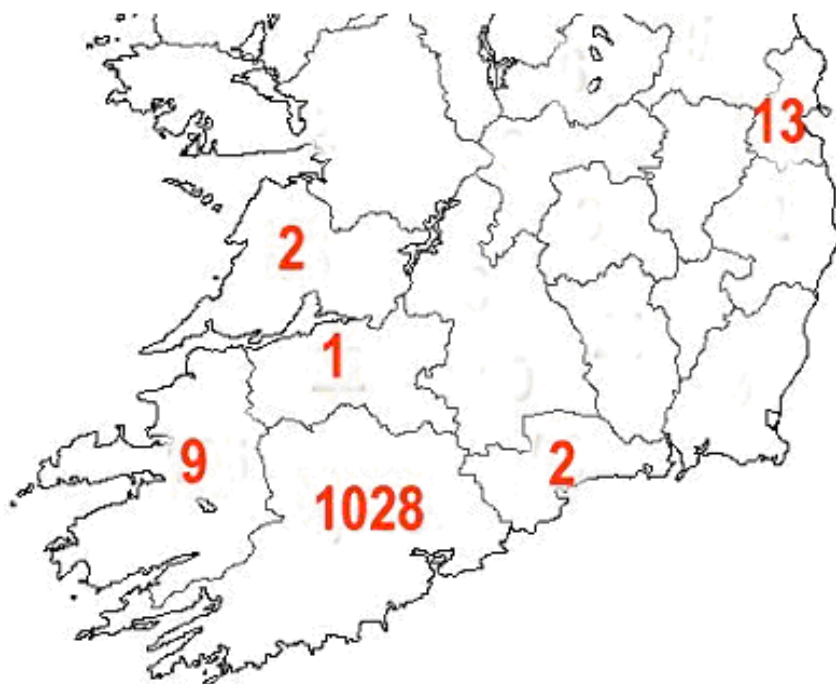
These numbers are shown on the following map.



Total number of Keohane surname in Ireland by County in the 1901 Census is very sparse relative to the Crowley numbers:

County	Number
Cork	1,028
Dublin	13
Kerry	9
Clare	2
Waterford	2
Limerick	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,055</b>

These numbers are shown on the following map and all are in Munster except 13 in Dublin.



We see that Keohane is almost entirely confined to County Cork (97.44%). Then where in the county were the greatest number of that surname? This is tabulated on the next page.

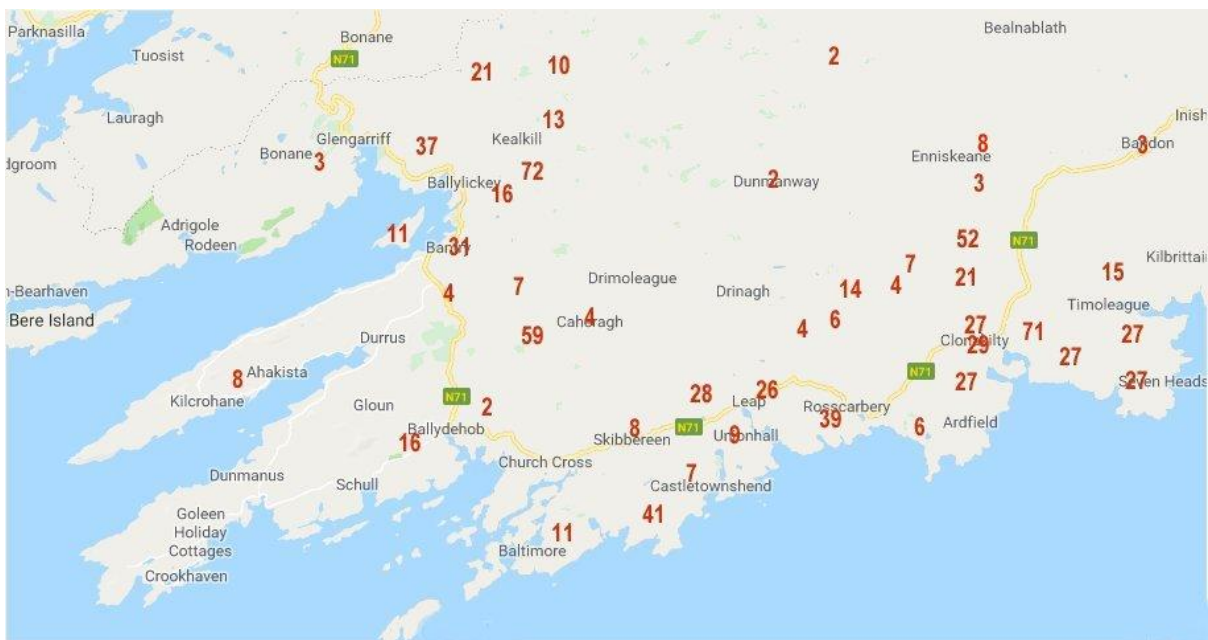
Let us review the birth location of each of the Keohane people who were resident outside of County Cork in the Census of 1901.

- **Limerick** – housekeeper, born in County Cork
- **Clare** – mother and daughter, both born in County Limerick
- **Waterford** – husband and wife; he was born in County Waterford
- **Kerry** – family of 4, head is retired Sgt RIC, he was born in County Cork
  - head of house born in England, wife in County Cork, 3 children in England
- **Dublin** – Head of house (civil servant), and his wife were born in County Cork, their son in Dublin. All other Keohane residents were born in Roscommon, Dublin, Derry or Sligo.

The following table contains the number of Keohane surnames in a DED (spelling of the DED's is as on Census 1901). DEDs with less than 5 of the surname are not included.

DED	Number	DED	Number	DED	Number
Mealagh	72	Kilfaughnabeg	26	Skibbereen	8
Templeomalus	71	Ahil	21	Urban	8
Caheragh	59	Kilnagross	21	Teadies	8
Kilmoylerane	52	Ballydehob	16	Knocks	7
Castlehaven		Bantry Rural	16	Kinsale Rural	7
South	41	Rathclarin	15	Drinagh	7
Rosscarbery	39	Ballingurteen	14	Dromdaleague	
Glengarriff	37	Kealkil	13	South	7
Bantry	31	Coolmain	12	Gurtinascreeny	7
Clonakilty		Whiddy	11	Castlehaven	
Urban	29	Glasnevin	11	North	7
Shreelane	28	Baurleigh	10	Knockroe	6
Clonakilty	27	Douce	10	Ballinspittle	6
Ardfield	27	Argideen	10	Youghal Urban	6
Butlerstown	27	Blackrock	10	Cahermore	6
Courtmacsherry	27	Myross	9	Fermoy Urban	6
Cork Urban No. 5	27	Seafin	8	Ruthbarry	6
Abbeymahon	27	Ballymackean	8	Dromore	5

On the following map of **West Cork** I have indicated the number of the Keohane surname recorded in Census 1901 in the respective DED areas included on the map (excluding where just 1 name found to avoid clutter on the map).



Can we drill down further into these figures and view the number of Keohane in each townland in Ireland. Derreenkealig, a townland a few miles to the East of Bantry has the greatest number of Keohanes. (Note: the spelling is Derrcenbealig in the typed version of the Census of 1901 and I have not amended any such errors in the tables)



<b>Townland</b>	<b>DED</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number</b>
Derrcenbealig	Mealagh	Cork	33
Moulrour	Kilmoylerane	Cork	29
Carhoogarriff	Templeomalus	Cork	27
Cullenagh	Shreelane	Cork	15
Lackenafasoge	Caheragh	Cork	21
Clooncugger	Caheragh	Cork	19
Carran	Glengarriff	Cork	18
Lickowen	Castlehaven South	Cork	18
Ballintemple	Templeomalus	Cork	17
Ballinvrokig	Butlerstown	Cork	16
Maugha	Ahil	Cork	14
Ballinoroher	Kilnagross	Cork	14
Cahergal	Templeomalus	Cork	14
Kilfinnan	Kilfaughnabeg	Cork	14
Lisleecourt	Courtmacsherry	Cork	13
Cullinagh	Courtmacsherry	Cork	12
The Head	Castlehaven South	Cork	12
Seafield	Bantry	Cork	11
Maulmane	Baurleigh	Cork	10
Reenavanny	Whiddy	Cork	10
Gortdromagh	Caheragh	Cork	10
Ballyvireen	Rosscarbery	Cork	10
Grangemore	Abbeymahon	Cork	10
Ardrah	Mealagh	Cork	9
Glenbanoo Upper	Mealagh	Cork	9
Inchinagown	Glengarriff	Cork	9
Strand Road	Clonakilty Urban	Cork	9
Ballyva	Ardfield	Cork	9
Coolnaconarty	Ballingurteen	Cork	9
Glanaphuca	Caheragh	Cork	9
Horse Island	Ballydehob	Cork	9
Lough Road	Cork Urban No. 5	Cork	9
Vicar Street	Cork Urban No. 5	Cork	9
Argehane	Abbeymahon	Cork	9
Barleyfield	Rathclarin	Cork	8
Blackrock Road	Bantry	Cork	8
Arदानenig	Seafin	Cork	8
Kill North	Kilmoylerane	Cork	8
Kilmoylerane South	Kilmoylerane	Cork	8
Ballinlough	Blackrock	Cork	8
Lispatrick Lower	Ballymackean	Cork	8
Garranereagh	Coolmain	Cork	8
Kilnacronagh	Teadies	Cork	8
Lislevane	Abbeymahon	Cork	8
Hollybank Road	Glasnevin	Dublin	8
Cappanaboul	Bantry Rural	Cork	7
Shandrum Beg	Bantry Rural	Cork	7
Barrack Road	Bantry	Cork	7
Coomleigh West	Mealagh	Cork	7
Gallanes	Clonakilty	Cork	7
Patrick Street	Clonakilty Urban	Cork	7
Knockacullen	Knocks	Cork	7
Douglas Street	Cork Urban No. 5	Cork	7

Killany	Kinsale Rural	Cork	7
Drinagh West	Drinagh	Cork	7
Glandart	Dromdaleague South	Cork	7
Dromore	Gurtnascreeny	Cork	7
Rushanes	Kilfaughnabeg	Cork	7
Moalicarrane	Myross	Cork	7
Barleyhill East	Rosscarbery	Cork	7
Downeen	Rosscarbery	Cork	7
Ahilmore	Ahil	Cork	6
Inchiroe	Douce	Cork	6
Breenybeg	Kealkil	Cork	6
Dromlickacrue	Kealkil	Cork	6
Inchydoney	Clonakilty	Cork	6
Carrigeen	Butlerstown	Cork	6
Donoughmore	Templeomalus	Cork	6
Kilnacloona	Ballinspittle	Cork	6
Bawnishal	Castlehaven South	Cork	6
Church Street	Youghal Urban	Cork	6
Mauleregan	Cahermore	Cork	6
Cross Street	Fermoy Urban	Cork	6
Dundeady	Ruthbarry	Cork	6
Gullane	Rosscarbery	Cork	6

While we have seen that Keohane is very much confined to West Cork, what about Crowley? The following table gives us the numbers of Crowley surname in each DED with at least 25 of the surname.

<b>DED</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>DED</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>DED</b>	<b>No.</b>
Cork Urban No. 5	184	Kinsale Urban	46	Youghal Urban	34
Dunmanway	134	Woodfort	46	Rathclarin	33
Bandon	86	Baurleigh	45	Saint Mary's	33
Cork Urban No. 4	86	Kinsale Rural	45	Aglish	32
Adrigole	78	Killaconenagh	42	Garrown	32
Ballymodan	78	Milane	42	Kilmalooda	32
Bishopstown	78	Kilbrogan	41	Skibbereen Urban	32
Manch	78	Carrigaline	40	Ballincollig	31
Coolmountain	77	Knocks	40	Cahereag	31
Kilcatherine	77	Midleton	39	Carrigboy	30
Kinneigh	74	Rossmore	39	Castletown	30
Ballymoney	72	Killarney	38	Kilcullen	30
Ballingurteen	68	Queenstown Urban	38	Lehenagh	30
Ballinadee	67	Cork Urban No. 7	37	Millbrook	29
Aultagh	56	Derreen	37	Macroom	28
Rathcooney	54	No. 2 Urban	36	Ballymartle	27
Blackrock	52	Kilbrittain	35	Kilmoylerane	26
Clonakilty Urban	51	Cashel	34	North East Ward	26
Rathmore	51	Clonkeen	34	Skibbereen Rural	26
Bantry	49	Creagh	34	Knockskagh	25

Looking at some of the townlands with the higher number of Crowley surname

<b>Townland</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>DED</b>	<b>County</b>
Inchafune	35	Ballingurteen	Cork
Behagullane	31	Aultagh	Cork
Castletownberehaven	30	Killaconenagh	Cork
Kilgobbin	29	Ballinadee	Cork
Coolmountain	28	Coolmountain	Cork
Glenbeg	28	Kilcatherine	Cork
Leahill	28	Adrigole	Cork
Leitrim	27	Creagh	Clare
Dangan More	25	Baurleigh	Cork
Kilcullen	24	Kilcullen	Cork
Castle Street	23	Macroom	Cork
Ballyhalwick	23	Dunmanway	Cork
Bauravilla	23	Woodfort	Cork
Enniskeen	22	Teadies	Cork
Traunameddree	22	Glengarriff	Cork
Knockyeala	22	Derreen	Kerry
Ardcahan	20	Aultagh	Cork
Ballyneen Town	20	Ballymoney	Cork
Glanbrack	20	Cahermore	Cork
Clashbredane	19	Carrigboy	Cork
Corncreagh	19	Furroor	Clare
Knocks	19	Knocks	Cork
Burrane	18	Kilmalooda	Cork
Main Street	18	Dunmanway	Cork
Annaharlick	17	Kinneigh	Cork
Barrack Street (part)	17	Cork Urban No. 5	Cork
Gortnacarriga	17	Killarney	Kerry
Inchincurka	17	Coolmountain	Cork
Shanacrane East	17	Garrown	Cork
Carrowreagh West	16	Kilfidane	Clare
Clancoolbeg	16	Ballymodan	Cork
Connagh	16	Kinneigh	Cork
Currahy	16	Abbeymahon	Cork
Deanrock	16	Bishopstown	Cork
Dunkerron	16	Reen	Kerry
Inch West	16	Milane	Cork
Kilbrogan Street	16	Bandon	Cork
Tawlaght	16	Ballynahaglish	Kerry
West Green	16	Dunmanway	Cork
Ballincurragh	15	Blackrock	Cork
Derreen	15	Derreen	Kerry
Glanduff	15	Kilbrittain	Cork
Kilcatherine	15	Kilcatherine	Cork
Kilmacoliver	15	Tullahought	Kilkenny
Knockfinnisk	15	Glensharrold	Limerick
Letter	15	Rossmore	Cork
Phale Upper	15	Ballymoney	Cork
Roundhill	15	Ballymodan	Cork
Shannon	15	Bandon	Cork
South Main Street	15	Bandon	Cork
Aghalinane	14	Kinneigh	Cork

# Census of Ireland 1911

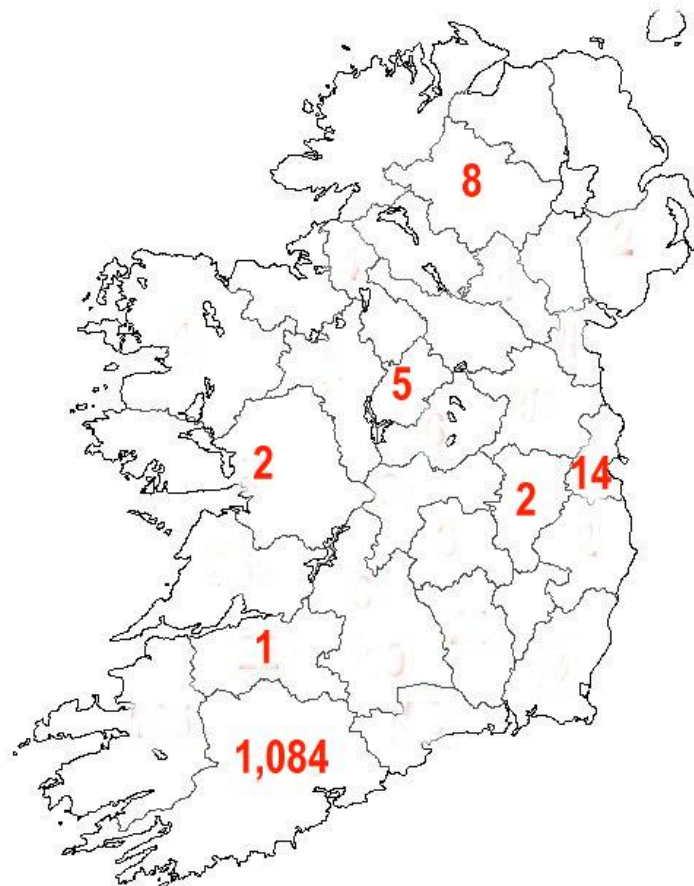
Coming forward to the 1911 Census of Ireland.

## **Keohane:**

We see that the **Keohane** name has spread in very limited numbers outside of County Cork but still over 97% are in County Cork.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number</b>
Cork	1,084
Dublin	14
Tyrone	8
Longford	5
Galway	2
Kildare	2
Limerick	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,116</b>

The above table is represented on the hereunder map of Ireland

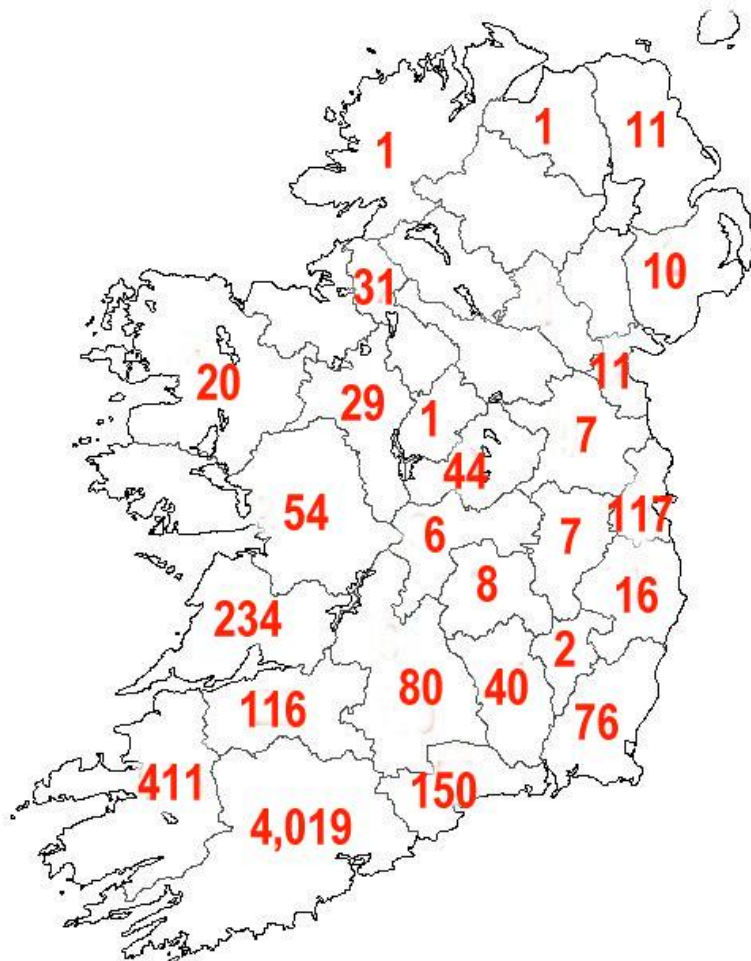


Let us review the birth location of each of the Keohane people who were resident outside of County Cork in the Census of 1911.

- **Limerick** – born County Cork
- **Kildare** – 2 students, born Dublin
- **Galway** – RIC Constable – born County Cork, wife born in Kerry
- **Longford** – creamery manager born in County Cork, wife and family in Sligo and Longford
- **Tyrone** – head RIC Sergt born in County Cork, wife and family born in Counties Limerick, Clare and Tyrone
- **Dublin** – Civil servant born in County Cork, wife and son in Dublin  
     Customs clerk born in County Roscommon, wife and 5 children born in either Londonderry or Dublin  
     coachman born in County Cork  
     1 born in County Roscommon  
     2 students born in Londonderry

## Crowley:

The Crowley surname in Ireland in 1911 is found in 26 of the 32 counties with over 4,000 in County Cork equal to 72.26% of the total in Ireland as on the map and table below:



County	Number
Cork	4,019
Kerry	411
Clare	234
Dublin	177
Waterford	150
Limerick	116
Tipperary	80
Wexford	76
Galway	54
Westmeath	44
Kilkenny	40
Leitrim	31
Roscommon	29
Mayo	20
Wicklow	16
Antrim	11
Louth	11
Down	10
Queen's Co	8
Kildare	7
Meath	7
King's Co	6
Carlow	2
Donegal	1
Londonderry	1
Longford	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,562</b>

# Summary of figures:

Note that in **Tithe Applotment Books** only those who hold one acre or more are included and then only the head of the household.

In **Griffith's Valuation of Ireland** only the head of the household is included.

		<u>Crowley</u>	<u>Keohane</u>
<b><u>Tithe Applotment</u></b>	Number of the surname with over 1acre	662	115
	Number recorded in County Cork	503	113
	Number recorded in other Counties	159	2
	Surname found in total number of counties	20	3
<b><u>Griffith's Valuation</u></b>	Number of tenants of the surname in Ireland	1,370	102
	Number recorded in County Cork	1,019	101
	Number recorded in other Counties	351	1
	Surname found in total number of counties	22	2
<b><u>Census 1901</u></b>	Total number of the surname in Ireland	5,728	1,055
	Number of the surname in County Cork	4,207	1,028
	Number of the surname in other Counties	1,521	27
	Surname found in total number of counties	29	6
<b><u>Census 1911</u></b>	Total number of the surname in Ireland	5,562	1,116
	Number of the surname in County Cork	4,019	1,084
	Number of the surname in other Counties	1,543	32
	Surname found in total number of counties	26	7

Before we close let us check for other likely spellings of the particular surnames in the Census of Ireland in 1901

**Keoghan** - 1 in Dublin, born in County Cork

**Cohane** - 1 in County Cork and born in County Cork

**Mc Cohane** - 1 in Co Down and born in Co Louth

**Keohan** – this is rather more numerous especially in County Waterford for the Census of 1901 and Census of 1911 as in the following table

<b>County</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>1911</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Cork	6	4
Kilkenny	1	1
Leitrim	7	1
Waterford	52	59
Wexford	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>

I did notice that the spelling **Crowly** generated a significant number with most in County Cork in the Census returns for 1901 and 1911 as tabulated hereunder

## Crowly

County	1901 Number	1911 Number
Antrim	2	2
Cavan	6	0
Clare	6	0
Cork	133	77
Dublin	9	6
Galway	7	0
Kerry	3	1
Kilkenny	1	1
King's Co.	1	1
Leitrim	7	0
Queen's Co.	3	2
Roscommon	1	0
Tipperary	6	3
Waterford	2	4
Wexford	6	0
Wicklow	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>106</b>

## Conclusions

- The surnames Crowley and Keohane are very much rooted in County Cork and Crowley outnumbers Keohane by over 5:1 in both 1901 and 1911 Census returns.
- Keohane certainly was almost confined to West Cork in the 1800's
- There is substantial evidence of some people born Keohane in West Cork became Crowley in the United States. One can see that if a Keohane named person was arriving in the US to a near relative who had already changed to Crowley then the new arrival needed to be Crowley too so one could understand the “knock-on” effect.
- There is some speculation about the origin of the Keohane surname but I did not find anything to convince me of its origin, so in such circumstances my attitude is to say that we don't really know. As to the “*story*” that they were a branch of the Crowley clan who lost their way in the fog going to the Battle of Kinsale in January 1602 – *well!, well!*
- Mentioning ‘*speculation*’ I often see examples in genealogy of *speculation today being fact tomorrow.*