

## Manx Gaelic inflection, 2. Genitive case

Most nouns in Manx Gaelic do not have a distinct inflected genitive case form. But a significant proportion, which tend to be relatively common concrete nouns, do have such a form. Note, though, that when such a form exists, it is not always used in preference to the base, nominative, form in constructions where it would be appropriate.<sup>1</sup> The genitive case form is traditionally referred to as a genitive singular, but in the majority of its uses number is often irrelevant or unspecified.

Cregeen's *Dictionary* gives some 400 genitive case forms of nouns, which the author labels as *adjective derivatives* (*a. d.*). This terminology corresponds, to one aspect of how genitive case forms are used. But a difficulty arises in that Cregeen uses the same term for some of the Manx derived adjectives in *-agh*. Thus, in the *Dictionary* a number of words have two *adjective derivatives*, one corresponding to what is traditionally called the genitive case, and the other a true derived adjective. For example, under **bing** 'jury' we find "**bingagh**, *a. d.* of a jury; as, *dooinney bingagh* (a juryman); **bingey**, *a. d.* of a jury; as, *deiney bingey* (jurymen);" so, also, **bolg** 'belly' has *adjective derivatives* **bolgey** and **bolgagh**; **cainleagh** or **kainlagh**; **cass** 'foot' has *adjective derivatives* **coshey** and **cassagh**, etc. There are 96 examples of *adjective derivatives* ending in *-agh* in Cregeen. There is no doubt that some forms in *-agh* are indeed genitive case forms of nouns, as can be seen, for example, in *kione ny lhiabbagh* 'the head of the bed', or *faiyr y vagheragh* 'the grass of the field', where the noun with the *-agh* suffix is preceded by the definite article, and the head of the construction (*kione*, *faiyr*) is itself a noun. In other cases, though, Cregeen's examples show that the form ending in *-agh* is really an adjective. Such is the case for **cairagh** "*a. d.* of justice, right, truth", in that it can be preceded by a degree modifier (*feer chairagh* 'very right, etc.'), or used in a copular or comparative construction (*s'cairagh* 'how just, etc.', *s'cairee* 'more just, most just'); or, as Bible examples show, it is used predicatively: *as lhig dasyn ta cairagh, ve kinjagh cairagh* 'and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still' (*Revelation 22.11*). Another example is **toilchinagh**, which is labelled by Cregeen both as an *adjective* (*a.*) 'meritorious' with copular examples "**s'toilchinagh**, *a.* how meritorious; **s'toilchinee**, *a. id.*", and also, in the form **hoilchinagh**, as an *adjective derivative* 'of merit', etc. *Toilchinagh* is clearly an adjective. Another type of so-called "*adjective derivatives*" in *-agh* consists of those derived from parts of the body, as in *skeilt-chassagh* 'cloven-footed', *trome-chreeagh* 'heavy-hearted', *creoi-wannalagh* 'stiff-necked'. In such cases, the apparent head of the construction, —*skeilt*, *trome*, *creoi*, in these examples— is not a noun, as it would need to be if the *-agh* form were a noun in the genitive case, but an adjective. Nor is there even reason to believe that there are actually adjectives *\*cassagh*, *\*creeagh*, or *\*mwannalagh*, any more than that there are English (participial) adjectives *\*footed*, *\*hearted* or *\*necked*. Rather, in each language, a suffix (Manx *-agh*, English *-ed*) is attached to a compound expression containing an adjective and a body-part noun, so as to make an adjective out of the whole: [*trome-chree*]-*agh*, [*heavy-heart*]-*ed*. For these reasons, I do not count among examples of genitive case forms those of Cregeen's *adjective derivatives* in *-agh* that either (a) stand alongside another suffixed *adjective derivative* that has a better claim to be a genitive case form, (b) have copular or comparative forms, or (c) are found in the '*trome-chreeagh*' construction. Twenty-six cases are excluded for these reasons. For most of the remaining 70 "*adjective derivatives*" in *-agh*, the examples of their use,

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<sup>1</sup> For example, Cregeen offers "**agglisagh**, *a. d.* of the Church", but his Dictionary has illustrations with *agglis* (= nominative): *briw-agglis* 'an ecclesiastical judge'; *leigh ny hagglish* 'canon law', *meoir-agglis* 'beadle'. Alongside *lossaghyn ailey* 'flames of fire'; we have *lus yn aile* 'burnet' (herb of the fire); beside "**awiney**, *a. d.* of a river or rivers" we have the example *cabbag ny h-awin* 'colt's-foot' (dock of the river).

where examples exist, either in Cregeen or in the Bible, are structurally ambiguous: in *ny magheryn ourallagh* ‘the fields of offerings’, *ourallagh* could be the (indefinite) genitive case of *oural* ‘sacrifice, offering’, or it could be a derived adjective = ‘sacrificial’. In the case of this example, the parallel construction *ny magheryn arroo* ‘the fields of corn’, where *arroo* is a noun in the (uninflected) genitive case, at least shows that the interpretation of *ourallagh* as a noun in the genitive case cannot be excluded. Only four -agh forms have examples in Cregeen or in the Bible where the grammatical structure points unequivocally to a genitive-case interpretation: *cuillagh*, *killagh*, *lhiabbagh*, and *magheragh* (examples below).

Besides the genitive in -agh (class C in my classification, with 73 members), there are four other patterns of inflected genitive formation. Class A consists of nouns that form the genitive in -ey. There are some 93 of these, predominantly, but not exclusively of feminine gender. Class B consists of nouns that form the genitive in -ee. There are some 185 of these, of which about a dozen also have the plural in -ee, such as *moddey* ‘dog’, genitive *moddee*, plural *moddee*. Class D consists of nouns whose genitive has no suffix, but is formed by a change to the stem, generally changing the final consonant or consonant group from broad to slender, and/or raising or fronting the vowel of the stem. This pattern of formation is also found among noun plurals, and indeed, in half the members of Class D, the genitive and the plural is identical (as in *kione* ‘head’, genitive *king*, plural *king*). Lastly, Class E contains a dozen or so nouns where the genitive is formed irregularly, and in a unique way. Just as with noun plurals, certain final unstressed syllables present in the nominative singular, such as -agh, -aught, -ee, -ey, may be lost before the genitive suffix.

Though Cregeen does not draw attention to it, a bare handful of nouns in Manx have a genitive plural form, perhaps used only in lexicalized constructions (see below). One noun, *cass* ‘foot’ retains dative case forms, after prepositions. The nouns with a genitive plural form in Cregeen or the Bible are these:

Nom. sg.	Gen. sg	Nom. pl.	Gen. pl.	
<i>cabyl</i>	<i>cabbil</i>	<i>cabbil</i>	<i>gabbyl</i>	horse
<i>cainle</i>	<i>cainley</i>	<i>cainleyn</i>	<i>gainle</i>	candle
<i>keyrrey</i>	<i>keyrragh</i>	<i>kirree</i>	<i>geyrragh</i>	sheep
<i>kiark</i>	<i>kirkey</i>	<i>kiarkyn</i>	<i>giark</i>	hen

All the examples happen to begin with /k/, which is ‘nasalized’ here after the plural article *ny*. Apart from the nasalization, for *cabyl*, *cainle* and *kiark*, the genitive plural is the same as the nominative singular, while for *keyrrey* it is the same as the genitive singular.

*boynnyn ny gabyl* ‘horses’ heels’  
*giat ny gabyl* ‘horses’ gate’  
*raad ny gabyl* ‘the road of the horses’  
*Re-Hollys Vooar ny Gabyl* ‘October  
 Moon (after Harvest Moon)’  
*streeanyn ny gabyl* ‘the horses’ bridles’  
*Moirrey ny Gainle* ‘Mary of the Candles’  
 (Candlemas)

*ard-vochillee ny geyrragh* ‘chief shepherd’  
*bwoaillee ny geyrragh* ‘sheepcote’  
*bwoaitchyn ny geyrragh* ‘sheepcotes’  
*dorrays ny geyrragh* ‘the door of the sheep’  
*giat ny geyrragh* ‘sheep gate’  
*lommyrtee ny geyrragh* ‘sheepshearers’  
*connagh ny giark*, ‘henbane’ (hens’ flax-dodder)  
*shirragh ny giark* ‘falcon’ (hens’ kite)

The relic dative case form of *cass* ‘foot’ — *cosh* — is found after prepositions in the following constructions:

*cha jem ny-hrooid agh rish my chosh* ‘I shall go through only on my feet’  
*chossyn eh ersooyl ry-chosh* ‘he fled away on foot’  
*deiyr ad er ry nyn gosh* ‘they followed him on foot’  
*ec cosh y clieau* ‘at the foot of the mountain’  
*fo chosh* ‘under foot’  
*goll ry chosh* ‘go on foot’

*hed deiney harrish ry nyn gosh* ‘men shall go across on foot’  
*hem trooid rish my chosh* ‘I will go through on my feet’  
*lhig dooin ve dy moghey er nyn gosh* ‘let us be early on our feet’  
*myr shen dy jagh ad trooid yn ushtey rish nyn gosh* ‘so that they went through the water on foot’  
*roie ad gys shen rish nyn gosh* ‘they ran afoot thither’

In the lists that follow I give, for each noun that has a distinct genitive form in Cregeen (plus another 16 from J. J. Kneen’s *Grammar of the Manx Language*),<sup>2</sup> its base form (singular), its genitive, its gender, where this can be ascertained, its meaning, its Plural class, and its Noun subclass (a sub-classification of noun paradigms linking the genitive inflection with the plural inflection — see Manx Gaelic Inflection, 3. Noun Paradigms). Genitive forms displaying some additional irregularity in the stem are in **bold** type.

### Class A. Genitive in *-ey*

Singular	Genitive <i>-ey</i>	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
<i>aile</i>	<i>ailley</i>	m	fire	1	A1
<i>airh</i>	<i>airhey</i>	f	gold	1	A1
<i>Albin</i>	<i>Albey</i> (K)	f	Scotland		A1
<i>awin</i>	<i>awiney</i>	f	river	1	A1
<i>bannish</i>	<i>banshey</i>	f	wedding	1	A1
<i>bass</i>	<i>bassey</i>	f	palm of hand	1	A1
<i>binnid</i>	<i>binjey</i> ~ <i>binshey</i>	f	rennet	1	A1
<i>blein</i>	<i>bleeaney</i>	f	year	1	A1
<i>braag</i>	<i>braagey</i>	f	shoe	1	A1
<i>breag</i>	<i>breagey</i>	f	lie	1	A1
<i>brein</i>	<i>breinney</i>	f	womb	1	A1
<i>cainle</i>	<i>cainley</i>	f	candle	1	A1
<i>cass</i>	<i>coshey</i>	f	foot	1	A1
<i>cleaysh</i>	<i>cleayshey</i>	f	ear	1	A1
<i>cloan</i>	<i>clienney</i>	f	children	1	A1
<i>coayl</i>	<i>cailjey</i>	m	loss	1	A1
<i>cooill</i>	<i>cooilley</i>	f	hiding place	1	A1
<i>cooyrt</i>	<i>cooyrtey</i>	f	court	1	A1
<i>creg</i>	<i>creggye</i>	f	rock	1	A1
<i>crosh</i>	<i>croshey</i>	f	cross	1	A1
<i>cuir</i>	<i>correy</i>		sowing	1	A1
<i>drone</i>	<i>dronney</i>	m	hump	1	A1
<i>eeym</i>	<i>eeym(m)ey</i>	f	butter	1	A1
<i>ennym</i>	<i>enmey</i>	m	name	1	A1

<sup>2</sup> Information derived from Kneen is indicated with K.

Singular	Genitive <i>-ey</i>	m/f		Pl.	N class
<i>faasaag</i>	<i>faasaagey</i>	f	beard	1	A1
<i>feeyn</i>	<i>feeyney</i>	m	wine	1	A1
<i>feill</i>	<i>foalley</i>	f	meat	1	A1
<i>firrin</i>	<i>firriney</i>	f	truth		A1
<i>fuill</i>	<i>folley</i>	f	blood	1	A1
<i>Gaelg</i>	<i>Gaelgey</i>	f	Manx		A1
<i>giat</i>	<i>giattey</i>	f	gate	1	A1
<i>grian</i>	<i>greiney</i>	f	sun	1	A1
<i>ingin</i>	<i>ingney</i>	m/f	nail, hoof	1	A1
<i>injil</i>	<i>inshley</i>	f	lowness		A1
<i>juist ~ jyst</i>	<i>juistey</i>	m	dish	1	A1
<i>keeayl</i>	<i>keil(l)ey</i>	f	sense	1	A1
<i>keeil</i>	<i>keelley</i>	f	jaw	1	A1
<i>keird</i>	<i>keirdey</i>	f	trade	1	A1
<i>kennip</i>	<i>kennipey</i>	f	hemp	1	A1
<i>kiark</i>	<i>kirkey</i>	f	hen	1	A1
<i>laagh</i>	<i>laaghey</i>	f	mud	1	A1
<i>laare</i>	<i>laarey</i>	f	floor	1	A1
<i>laue</i>	<i>lauey</i>	f	hand	1	A1
<i>leoiae</i>	<i>leoiaeiy</i>	f	lead	1	A1
<i>lhesh</i>	<i>lheshay</i>	f	hip	1	A1
<i>lhong</i>	<i>lhuingey</i>	f	ship	1	A1
<i>lhune</i>	<i>lhionney</i>	m	ale		A1
<i>meain</i>	<i>meaineyp</i>	f	mine		A1
<i>meinn</i>	<i>meinney</i>	f	meal	1	A1
<i>moayn ~-ain</i>	<i>moaney</i>	f	turf		A1
<i>mooinjer</i>	<i>mooinjerey</i>	f	household	1 K	A1
<i>muck</i>	<i>muickey</i> ~ <i>muigey</i>	f	pig	1	A1
<i>noid</i>	<i>noidey</i>	m	enemy	1	A1
<i>ollan</i>	<i>olley</i>	f	wool	1	A1
<i>ooig</i>	<i>ooigey</i>	f	pit	1	A1
<i>ooir</i>	<i>oorrey</i>	f	earth	1	A1
<i>oyl</i>	<i>ooley</i>	f	apple	1	A1
<i>pabyr</i>	<i>pabyrey</i>	m	paper	1	A1
<i>penn</i>	<i>penney</i>	f	penn	1	A1
<i>prash</i>	<i>prashey</i>	f	brass	1	A1
<i>rheynn</i>	<i>ronney</i> (K)	f	division	1	A1
<i>ruillick</i>	<i>ruillickey</i>	f	graveyard		A1
<i>side</i>	<i>sidey</i>	f	arrow	1	A1
<i>snaid</i>	<i>snaidey</i>	f	needle	1	A1
<i>sonnys</i>	<i>sonney</i>	f	plenty		A1
<i>sooil</i>	<i>sooiley</i>	f	eye	1	A1
<i>stiurt</i>	<i>stiurtey</i>	m	steward	1	A1
<i>strайд</i>	<i>straiddney</i>	f	street	1	A1
<i>thoyn</i>	<i>thoanney</i>	f	arse		A1
<i>stroin</i>	<i>stroaney</i>	f	nose	1/1d2	A1/4
<i>dreeym</i>	<i>drommey</i>	m	back	1/1c2	A1/7
<i>purt</i>	<i>purtey</i>	f	port	1/4	A1/9

Singular	Genitive <i>-ey</i>	m/f		Pl.	N class
<i>ayr</i>	<u><a href="#">ayrey</a></u>	m	father	1a2	A2
<i>bing</i>	<u><a href="#">bingey</a></u>	f	jury	1a2	A2
<i>braar</i>	<u><a href="#">braarey</a></u>	m	brother	1a2	A2
<i>çheer</i>	<u><a href="#">cheerey</a></u>	f	country	1a2	A2
<i>gloyr</i>	<u><a href="#">gloyrey</a></u>	f	glory	1a2	A2
<i>moir</i>	<u><a href="#">mayrey</a></u>	f	mother	1a2	A2
<i>mooir</i>	<u><a href="#">marrey</a></u>	f	sea	1a2	A2
<i>Sauin</i>	<u><a href="#">Souney</a></u>	f	Hollantide	1a2 K	A2
<i>shuyr</i>	<u><a href="#">shayrey</a></u>	f	sister	1a2	A2
<i>balley</i>	<u><a href="#">baljey</a></u>	m	town	1b	A3
<i>keyll</i>	<u><a href="#">keylley</a></u>	f	wood	1b	A3
<i>mill</i>	<u><a href="#">molley</a></u>	f	honey	1b K	A3
<i>mwyllin</i>	<u><a href="#">mwyljey</a></u>	f	mill	1b	A3
<i>glion</i>	<u><a href="#">glionney</a></u>	f	valley	1d2	A4
<i>annym</i>	<u><a href="#">anmey</a></u>	f	soul	1e2	A5
<i>uhllin</i>	<u><a href="#">uhlley</a></u>	f	stackyard	1c2	A6
<i>beayneē</i>	<u><a href="#">beayney</a></u>	f	reaper	1e1	A7
<i>goayr</i>	<u><a href="#">goayrey</a></u> <sup>3</sup>	f	goat	3	A8
<i>seyir</i>	<u><a href="#">seyirey</a></u>	m	carpenter	3	A8
<i>bolg</i>	<u><a href="#">bolgey</a></u>	m	belly	4	A9
<i>corp</i>	<u><a href="#">kirpey</a></u>	m	body	4	A9

Class B. Genitive in *-ee*

Singular	Genitive <i>-ee</i>	m/f		Pl.	N class
<i>boult</i>	<u><a href="#">boltee</a></u>		bolt		B1a
<i>boyn</i>	<u><a href="#">boynnee</a></u>	f	heel	1	B1a
<i>cayrn</i>	<u><a href="#">cayrnee</a></u>	f	trumpet	1	B1a
<i>clagh</i>	<u><a href="#">cloiae</a></u>	f	stone	1	B1a
<i>coyrle</i>	<u><a href="#">coyree</a></u>	f	advice	1	B1a
<i>dress</i>	<u><a href="#">dressee</a></u>	f	bramble	1	B1a
<i>faill</i>	<u><a href="#">faillee</a></u>	f	wages	1	B1a
<i>gioal</i>	<u><a href="#">gioaldee</a></u>	m	mortgage, pledge	1	B1a
<i>imbyl</i>	<u><a href="#">imlee</a></u> (K)		brewing		B1a
<i>inneen</i>	<u><a href="#">innee</a></u>	f	daughter	1	B1a
<i>kiaull</i>	<u><a href="#">kiaullee</a></u>	f	music	1	B1a
<i>maail ~ maill</i>	<u><a href="#">maillee</a></u>	m	rent		B1a

<sup>3</sup> In the Bible the genitive of *goayr* is [goair](#), class D1.

Singular	Genitive <i>-ee</i>	m/f		Pl.	N class
<i>obb</i>	<u><i>obbee</i></u>	f	enchantment		B1a
<i>scraig</i>	<u><i>scraaee</i></u>	f	scraw (turf for thatching)	1	B1a
<i>smale</i>	<u><i>smalee</i></u>	f	spark	1	B1a
<i>surranse</i>	<u><i>surranssee</i></u>	f	suffering	1	B1a
<i>aiee</i>	<i>aae [?]</i>	f	kiln	1e1	B1aV
<i>çharbaa</i>	<u><i>çharbaaee</i></u>		weaning		B1aV
<i>çhiow</i>	<u><i>çhiowee</i></u>		warming		B1aV
<i>craa</i>	<u><i>craaee</i></u>	m	shaking		B1aV
<i>cray</i>	<u><i>craie</i></u> ~ <i>crayee</i>		clay		B1aV
<i>lhoaou</i>	<u><i>lhoauee</i></u>		rot		B1aV
<i>raaue</i>	<u><i>raauee</i></u>	m	warning	1	B1aV
<i>screeu</i>	<u><i>screeuee</i></u>	m	writing		B1aV
<i>sneeu</i>	<u><i>sneeuuee</i></u>		spinning		B1aV
<i>traaue</i>	<u><i>traauee</i></u>		ploughing		B1aV
<i>eeassaght</i>	<u><i>eeassee</i></u>	m	lending, borrowing	1	B1b
<i>farkiaght</i>	<u><i>farkee</i></u>		waiting		B1b
<i>feayraght</i>	<u><i>feayree</i></u>	m	cold	1	B1b
<i>toshiaght</i>	<u><i>toshee</i></u>	m	beginning	1	B1b
<i>caghlaa</i>	<u><i>caghlaaee</i></u>	m	change	1a1	B2a
<i>geay</i>	<u><i>geayee</i></u>	f	wind	1a1	B2a
<i>key</i>	<u><i>keyee</i></u>	m	quay	1a1	B2a
<i>loo</i>	<u><i>loooe</i></u>	m	oath	1a1	B2a
<i>rio</i>	<u><i>rioee</i></u>	m	frost	1a1	B2a
<i>skah</i>	<u><i>skahee</i></u>	f	shedding, shaking	1a1	B2a
<i>thoo</i>	<u><i>thooee</i></u>	m	thatch	1a1	B2a
<i>bashtey</i>	<u><i>bashtee</i></u>	m	baptism	1a2	B2b
<i>beaghey</i>	<u><i>beaghee</i></u>	m	dwelling	1a2	B2b
<i>brasn((agh)ey)</i>	<u><i>brasnee</i></u>		provocation	1a2	B2b
<i>brishey</i>	<u><i>brishee</i></u>	m	breaking	1a2	B2b
<i>bwoa(i)lley</i>	<u><i>bwoa(i)lee</i></u>	m	striking	1a2	B2b
<i>cadley</i>	<u><i>cadlee</i></u>	m	sleep	1a2	B2b
<i>caggye</i>	<u><i>caggee</i></u>	m	war	1a2	B2b
<i>caigney</i>	<u><i>caignee</i></u>		chewing	1a2	B2b
<i>cas(s)ey</i>	<u><i>cassee</i></u>	m	twisting	1a2	B2b
<i>çheerey</i>	<u><i>çheeree</i></u>	m	drying	1a2	B2b
<i>çhymney</i>	<u><i>çhymnee</i></u>	m	bequeathing	1a2	B2b
<i>cleayn(ey)</i>	<u><i>cleaynee</i></u>	m	enticement	1a2	B2b
<i>clo(ghey)</i>	<u><i>cloee</i></u>		chasing	1a2	B2b
<i>coadey</i>	<u><i>coadee</i></u>	m	protection	1a2	B2b
<i>coamrey</i>	<u><i>coamree</i></u>	m	clothing	1a2	B2b
<i>coolley</i>	<u><i>coollee</i></u>	f	leaf of a door	1a2	B2b
<i>cooney</i>	<u><i>coonee</i></u>	m	help	1a2	B2b
<i>coonrey</i>	<u><i>coonree</i></u>	m	exchange	1a2	B2b
<i>coontey</i>	<u><i>coontee</i></u>	m	count	1a2	B2b

Singular	Genitive <i>-ee</i>	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
<i>cosney</i>	<i>cosnee</i>	m	gain	1a2	B2b
<i>cowrey</i>	<i>cowree</i>	m	sign	1a2	B2b
<i>croghey</i>	<i>croghee</i>		hanging	1a2	B2b
<i>cuirrey</i>	<i>cuirree</i>	m	invitation	1a2	B2b
<i>cummey</i>	<i>cum mee</i>	m	form	1a2	B2b
<i>custhey</i>	<i>custhee</i>	m	whipping	1a2	B2b
<i>daaghey</i>	<i>daaghee</i>		dying	1a2	B2b
<i>deamey</i>	<i>deamee</i>	m	projection	1a2	B2b
<i>deyrey</i>	<i>deyree</i>	m	condemnation	1a2	B2b
<i>faarkey</i>	<i>faarkee</i>		bathing	1a2	B2b
<i>faastey</i>	<i>faastee</i>		wringing	1a2	B2b
<i>fanney</i>	<i>fannee</i>		flaying	1a2	B2b
<i>fasney</i>	<i>fasnee</i>	m	winnowing	1a2	B2b
<i>feaysley</i>	<i>feayslee</i>	m	releasing	1a2	B2b
<i>filley</i>	<i>fillee</i>	m	folding	1a2	B2b
<i>fliaghhey</i>	<i>fliaghhee</i>	m	rain	1a2	B2b
<i>fuinney</i>	<i>fuinnee</i>	m	baking	1a2	B2b
<i>geurey</i>	<i>geuree</i>	m	winter	1a2	B2b
<i>glenney</i>	<i>glennee</i>		cleaning	1a2	B2b
<i>jerrey</i>	<i>jerree</i>	m	end	1a2	B2b
<i>kaartey</i>	<i>kaartee</i>		carding	1a2	B2b
<i>kiangley</i>	<i>kianglee</i>		tying	1a2	B2b
<i>koinney</i>	<i>koinnee</i>	m	ling (heather)	1a2	B2b
<i>lhoamey</i>	<i>lhoamee</i>		baring	1a2	B2b
~ <i>lommey</i>					
<i>lhongey</i>	<i>lhongee</i>	m	meal	1a2	B2b
<i>loaght(ey)</i>	<i>loaghtee</i>		handling	1a2	B2b
<i>losht(ey)</i>	<i>loshtee</i>		burning	1a2	B2b
<i>lossey</i>	<i>lossee</i>		blazing	1a2	B2b
<i>margey</i>	<i>margee</i>	m	market	1a2	B2b
	~ <i>mergee</i>				
<i>mastey</i>	<i>mastee</i>		mixing	1a2	B2b
<i>mhilley</i>	<i>mhillee</i>		spoiling	1a2	B2b
<i>moylley</i>	<i>moyllee</i>	f	praise	1a2	B2b
<i>naishtey</i>	<i>nashtee</i>		betrothal	1a2	B2b
~ <i>nastey</i>					
<i>oanluckey</i>	<i>oanluckee</i>	m	burial	1a2	B2b
<i>ooashley</i>	<i>ooashlee</i>	m	worship	1a2	B2b
<i>oonl(agh)ey</i>	<i>oonlee</i>	m	washing	1a2	B2b
<i>osney</i>	<i>osnee</i>	m	sigh	1a2	B2b
<i>plooghey</i>	<i>plooghee</i>		suffocating	1a2	B2b
<i>poosey</i>	<i>poosee</i>	m	marrying	1a2	B2b
<i>raadey</i>	<i>raadee</i>		anchoring	1a2	B2b
<i>raihey</i>	<i>raipee</i>	m	tearing	1a2	B2b
<i>reaghey</i>	<i>reaghee</i>	m	sorting out	1a2	B2b
<i>rubb(ey)</i>	<i>rubbee</i>		rubbing	1a2	B2b
<i>scarrey</i>	<i>scarree</i>	m	separation	1a2	B2b
<i>scoldey</i>	<i>scoldee</i>	m	scalding	1a2	B2b

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				class	class
<i>scooirey</i>	<i>scooiree</i>	m	scrubbing	1a2	B2b
<i>sheidey</i>	<i>sheidee</i>	m	blowing	1a2	B2b
<i>sheshey</i>	<i>sheshee</i>	m	companion	1a2	B2b
<i>shiaulley</i>	<i>shiaullee</i>		sailing	1a2	B2b
<i>shymley</i>	<i>shymlee</i>		pining	1a2	B2b
<i>skihlley</i>	<i>skihllee</i>	m	shelling	1a2	B2b
<i>sluggey</i>	<i>sluggee</i>		swallowing	1a2	B2b
<i>sniaghtey</i>	<i>sniaghtee</i>	m	snow	1a2	B2b
<i>soailley</i>	<i>soaillee</i>		wrapping	1a2	B2b
<i>soilshey</i>	<i>soilshee</i>	m	light	1a2	B2b
<i>sourey</i>	<i>souree</i>	m	summer	1a2	B2b
<i>spooilley</i>	<i>spooillee</i>	m	plunder	1a2	B2b
<i>stiurey</i>	<i>stiuree</i>	m	rudder	1a2	B2b
<i>tashtey</i>	<i>tashtee</i>	m	treasure	1a2	B2b
<i>teaum(ey)</i>	<i>teaumee</i>	m	pouring out	1a2	B2b
<i>teaystney</i>	<i>teaystnee</i>		kneading	1a2	B2b
<i>tidey</i>	<i>tidee</i>	f	tide	1a2	B2b
<i>tilgey</i>	<i>tilgee</i>	m	throwing, vomiting	1a2	B2b
<i>toghtey</i>	<i>toghee</i>		choking	1a2	B2b
<i>trostey</i>	<i>trostee</i>	m	fast	1a2	B2b
<i>walkey</i>	<i>walkee</i>		fulling	1a2	B2b
<i>aarlagh(ey)</i>	<i>aarlee</i>		cooking		B2c
<i>arragh</i>	<i>arree</i>	f	spring		B2c
<i>banjagh</i>	<i>banjee</i>	f	lea land		B2c
<i>bannaghey</i>	<i>bannee</i> (K)		blessing		B2c
<i>chiollagh</i>	<i>chiollee</i>		hearth	1a2	B2c
<i>chyrmagh(ey)</i>	<i>chyrmee</i>		drying		B2c
<i>coodagh</i>	<i>coodee</i>	m	covering	1a2	B2c
<i>cormagh(ey)</i>	<i>cormee</i>		equalising		B2c
<i>eaynagh</i>	<i>eaynnee</i>	m	wilderness		B2c
<i>eeastagh(ey)</i>	<i>eeastee</i>	m	fishing		B2c
<i>faishnagh</i>	<i>faishnee</i>	m	fortune-telling		B2c
<i>famlagh</i>	<i>famlee</i>	m	seaweed	1a2	B2c
<i>feayraghey, cf. feayraght</i>	<i>feayree</i>	m	cooling		B2c
<i>freoagh</i>	<i>freoiae</i>	m	heather		B2c
<i>gerjagh</i>	<i>gerjee</i>	m	comfort		B2c
<i>giallagh(ey)</i>	<i>giallee</i>	f	bleach(ing)		B2c
<i>giucklagh</i>	<i>giucklee</i>	m	broom	1a2	B2c
<i>imbagh</i>	<i>imbee</i>	m	season	1a2	B2c
<i>keeagh</i>	<i>kee</i>	f	breast	1a2	B2c
<i>kionnagh(ey)</i>	<i>kionnee</i>		buying		B2c
<i>lhiasagh(ey)</i>	<i>lhiasee</i>	m	ransom		B2c
<i>lhiaassagh(ey)</i>	<i>lhiassee</i>		feigning		B2c
<i>ollagh</i>	<i>ollee</i>	f	cattle		B2c
<i>ooragh(ey)</i>	<i>ooree</i>		refreshing		B2c
<i>shaslagh</i>	<i>shaslee</i>	f	bent-grass	1a2	B2c

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<i>slaanagh(ey)</i>	<i>slaanee</i>		healing		B2c
<i>ynsagh</i>	<u><i>ynsee</i></u>	m	learning, instruction	1a2	B2c
<i>cleiy</i>	<u><i>cleiye</i></u>	m	hedge	2	B3a
<i>moddey</i>	<i>moddee</i>	m	dog	2	B3b
<i>barragh</i>	<i>barree</i>	f	tow (flax fibre)	2	B3c
<i>boynnagh</i>	<u><i>boynnee</i></u>	f	foot strap	2	B3c
<i>cleragh</i>	<i>cleree</i>	m	clerk	2	B3c
<i>collagh</i>	<i>collee</i>	m	stallion	2	B3c
<i>kellagh</i>	<u><i>kellee</i></u>	m	cock	2	B3c
<i>markiagh</i>	<i>markee</i> (K)	m	rider	2	B3c
<i>sharragh</i>	<u><i>sharree</i></u>	m	foal	2	B3c
<i>sheillagh</i>	<i>sheillee</i>	f	black willow	2	B3c
<i>shynnagh</i>	<i>shynnee</i>	m	fox	2	B3c
<i>bunney</i>	<i>bunnee</i> (K)	f	sheaf	1e1	B4a
<i>losserey</i>	<i>losseree</i> (K)	f	herb	1e1	B4a
<i>colbagh</i>	<i>colbee</i>	f	heifer	1e1	B4b
<i>coonlagh</i>	<u><i>coonlee</i></u>	f	straw	1e1	B4b
<i>curragh</i>	<i>curree</i>	f	bog	1e1	B4b
<i>eaddagh</i>	<i>eaddee</i>	m	clothes	1e1	B4b
<i>geinnagh</i>	<i>geinnee</i>	f	sand	1e1	B4b
<i>gounagh</i>	<i>gounee</i>	f	stripper <sup>4</sup>	1e1	B4b
<i>ingagh</i>	<i>ingee</i>	f	train of nets	1e1	B4b
<i>keynnagh</i>	<i>keynnee</i>	f	moss	1e1	B4b
<i>lhargagh</i>	<i>lhargee</i>	f	slope down	1e1	B4b
<i>mullagh</i>	<u><i>mullee</i></u>	m	top	1e1	B4b
<i>rhennagh</i>	<u><i>rhennee</i></u>	f	fern	1e1	B4b
<i>rimlagh</i>	<i>rimlee</i>	f	fishing line	1e1	B4b
<i>scoarnagh</i>	<i>scoarnee</i>	f	throat	1e1	B4b
<i>streebagh</i>	<i>streebee</i>	f	prostitute	1e1	B4b
<i>taarnagh</i>	<u><i>taarnee</i></u>	f	thunder	1e1	B4b
<i>tarragh</i>	<i>tarree</i>	m	girth	1e1	B4b
<i>tullagh</i>	<i>tullee</i> (K)	f	instant	1e1	B4b
<i>ughtagh</i>	<i>ughtee</i>	f	slope up	1e1	B4b
<i>curnaght</i>	<i>curnee</i>	f	wheat	1e1	B4c
<i>Doonaght</i>	<u><i>Doonee</i></u>	m	Sabbath	1e1 K	B4c
<i>shesheragh</i>	<u><i>shesheree</i></u>	f	plough team	1e1	B4c
<i>eaynin</i>	<i>eaynnee</i>	m	precipice	1c2	B5
<i>jeir</i>	<i>jeirree</i>	f	tear	5	B6

<sup>4</sup> ‘a cow not in calf giving very little milk’

Singular	Genitive <i>-ee</i>	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
<i>carrick</i>	<i>carree</i>	f	chancel		Bx
<i>feneish</i>	<i>fenee</i>	m	presence		Bx

Class C. Gender in *-agh*

Singular	Genitive <i>-agh</i>	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
<i>abane</i>	<i>abanagh</i>	f	ankle	1	C1
<i>agglish</i>	<i>agglishagh</i>	f	church	1	C1
<i>aspick</i>	<i>aspickagh</i>	m	bishop	1	C1
<i>bodjal</i>	<i>bodjalagh</i>	m	cloud	1	C1
<i>bussal</i>	<i>bussalagh</i>	m	handkerchief	1	C1
<i>cabdil</i>	<i>cabdilagh</i>	f	chapter	1	C1
<i>cainlere</i>	<i>cainlereagh</i>	m	candlestick	1	C1
<i>coghal</i>	<i>coghalagh</i>	m	core of sore	1	C1
<i>eaghtyr</i>	<i>eaghtyragh</i>	m	surface	1	C1
<i>eeasteyr</i>	<i>eeasteyragh</i>	m	fisherman	1	C1
<i>ennal</i>	<i>ennalagh</i>	f	breath	1	C1
<i>farrane</i>	<i>farraneagh</i>		fountain	1	C1
<i>fastyr</i>	<i>fastyragh</i>	m	afternoon	1	C1
<i>fedjag</i>	<i>fedjagagh</i>	f	feather	1	C1
<i>fidder</i>	<i>fidderagh</i>	m	weaver	1	C1
<i>foghan</i>	<i>foghanagh</i>	m	bud	1	C1
<i>foldyr</i>	<i>foldyragh</i>	m	mower	1	C1
<i>foster</i>	<i>fosteragh</i>	m	forester	1	C1
<i>ingyr</i>	<i>ingyragh</i>	f	pus		C1
<i>jinnair</i>	<i>jinnairagh</i>	m	dinner	1	C1
<i>kialter</i>	<i>kialteragh</i>	m	unmilled woollen cloth		C1
<i>kiannoort</i>	<i>kiannoortagh</i>	m	governor	1	C1
<i>lannoont</i>	<i>lannoonagh</i>	m	twin	1	C1
<i>lhieuau</i>	<i>lhieuanagh</i>	m	elm	1	C1
<i>lieckan</i>	<i>lieckanagh</i>	f	cheek	1	C1
<i>lioar</i>	<i>lioaragh</i>	f	book	1	C1
<i>londeyr</i>	<i>londeyragh</i>	f	lantern	1	C1
<i>magher</i>	<i>magheragh</i>	m	field	1	C1
<i>mwyllar</i>	<i>mwyllaragh</i>	m	miller	1	C1
<i>oghyr</i>	<i>oghyragh</i>	f	roe	1	C1
<i>ooyl</i>	<i>ooylagh</i>	f	apple	1	C1
<i>ordaag</i>	<i>ordaagagh</i>	f	thumb	1	C1
<i>oural</i>	<i>ourallagh</i>	m	sacrifice	1	C1
<i>padjer</i>	<i>padjeragh</i>	f	prayer	1	C1
<i>peedyr</i>	<i>peedyragh</i>	m	pewter	1	C1
<i>pesson</i>	<i>pessonagh</i>	m	rector	1	C1
<i>phadeyr</i>	<i>phadeyragh</i>	m	prophet	1	C1
<i>pibbyr</i>	<i>pibbyragh</i>	m	pepper	1	C1
<i>pishyr</i>	<i>pishyragh</i>	f	pea	1	C1

Singular	Genitive <i>-agh</i>	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
<i>quallian</i>	<i>quallianagh</i>	m	puppy	1	C1
<i>queeyl</i>	<i>queeylagh</i>	f	wheel	1	C1
<i>quiggal</i>	<i>quiggagalagh</i>	f	distaff	1	C1
<i>saggyrt</i>	<i>saggyrtagh</i>	m	priest	1	C1
<i>shibber</i>	<i>shibberagh</i>	m	supper	1 (Bib.)	C1
<i>shlingan</i>	<i>shlinganagh</i>	f	shoulder	1	C1
<i>shune</i>	<i>shunagh</i>	f	rush	1	C1
<i>sideyr</i>	<i>sideyragh</i>	m	archer	1	C1
<i>sidoor</i>	<i>sidooragh</i>	m	soldier	1	C1
<i>sunder</i>	<i>sunderagh</i>	m	sexton	1	C1
<i>tingleyr</i>	<i>tingleyragh</i>	m	tinker	1	C1
<i>tuittym</i>	<i>tuittymagh</i>	m	fall	1	C1
<i>turneir</i>	<i>turneiragh</i>	m	attorney	1	C1
<i>unjin</i>	<i>unjinagh</i>	m	ash (tree)		C1
<i>çhibbyr</i>	<i>çhibbyragh</i>	f	well	1a2	C2a
<i>bainney</i>	<i>bainnagh</i>	m	milk	1a2	C2b
<i>garey</i>	<i>garagh</i>	m	garden	1a2	C2b
<i>kiebbey</i>	<i>kiebbagh</i>	m	spade	1a2	C2b
<i>lurgey</i>	<i>lurgagh</i>	f	leg	1a2	C2b
<i>sheeidey</i>	<i>sheeidagh</i>	m	silk	1a2	C2b
<i>shilley</i>	<i>shillagh</i>	m	sight	1a2	C2b
<i>stainney</i>	<i>stainnagh</i>	m	tin	1a2	C2b
<i>lhiabbee</i>	<i>lhiabbagh</i>	f	bed	1a2	C2c
<i>moayn</i>	<i>moanagh</i>	f	turf	1d1 K	C3a
<i>bwoaillee</i>	<i>bwoaillagh</i>	f	(sheep) fold	1d1	C3b
<i>lheeannee</i>	<i>lheeannagh</i>	f	meadow	1d1	C3b
<i>keeill</i>	<i>killagh</i> <sup>5</sup>	f	church	1d3	C4
<i>lugh</i>	<i>lughagh</i>	f	mouse	2	C5a
<i>keyrrey</i>	<i>keyrragh</i>	f	sheep	2	C5b
<i>ark</i>	<i>arkagh</i>	f	piglet	4	C6
<i>maidjey</i>	<i>maidjagh</i>	m	stick	1/1b	C7
<i>cuiilee</i>	<i>cuillagh</i>	f	back room, closet	1e1	C8
<i>kairdee</i>	<i>kairdagh</i>	f	forge	1e1	C8
<i>lhiattee</i>	<i>lhiattagh</i>	f	side	1e1	C8

<sup>5</sup> also **killey**, **keilley**

## Class D. Genitive with stem modification

Singular	Genitive stem	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
	change				
<i>baase</i>	<i>baaish</i>	m	death	1	D1
<i>bun</i>	<i>binn</i> (K)	m	base	1 K	D1
<i>dorrays</i>	<i>dorrysh</i>	m	door	1	D1
<i>eayl</i>	<i>eayil</i>	f	lime	1	D1
<i>fouyr</i>	<i>fouyir</i>	f	harvest	1	D1
<i>geayl</i>	<i>geayil</i>	m	coal	1/4 K	D1
<i>jeeas</i>	<i>jeish</i> (K)	f	ear of corn	1	D1
<i>keayn</i>	<i>keayin</i>	m	sea	1	D1
<i>maase</i>	<i>maaish</i>	m	cattle	1	D1
<i>moon</i>	<i>mooin</i>	m	urine	1	D1
<i>rass</i>	<i>resh</i>	m	seed	1/1c2	D1
				K	
<i>seihll</i>	<i>seihill</i>	f	world	1	D1
<i>soalt</i>	<i>soailt</i>	f	barn	1	D1
<i>soost</i>	<i>sooisht</i>	f	flail	1	D1
<i>boayrd</i>	<i>buird</i>	m	board, table	4	D2
<i>cabbyl</i>	<i>cabbil</i>	m	horse	3	D2
<i>cayr</i>	<i>khyr</i> (K)	m	knot (in timber)	4	D2
<i>cronk</i>	<i>crink</i> (K)	m	hill	4	D2
<i>eayn</i>	<i>eayin</i> (K)	m	lamb	4	D2
<i>edd</i>	<i>idd</i>	m	hat, nest	4	D2
<i>glass</i>	<i>gleish</i> <sup>6</sup>	m	lock	4	D2
<i>gob</i>	<i>gib</i>	m	beak	4	D2
<i>kione</i>	<i>king</i>	m	head	4	D2
<i>lhiannoo</i>	<i>lhiennoo</i>	m	child	4	D2
<i>poht</i>	<i>puyt</i>	m	pot	4	D2
<i>sack</i>	<i>saick ~ seick</i>	m	sack	4	D2
<i>shiaull</i>	<i>shiauihll</i> (K)	m	sail	4	D2
<i>stott</i>	<i>stitt</i> (K)	m	bullock	4	D2
<i>towl</i>	<i>tuill</i>	m	hole	4	D2

<sup>6</sup> Gen. *glish* (= pl.) in Kneen

## Class E. Irregular genitive

Singular	Genitive irreg.	m/f		Pl.	N
				class	class
<i>aailagh</i>	<u><i>aail</i></u>	f	brood	1a2/2	E
<i>beéal</i>	<u><i>beealloo</i></u>	m	mouth	4	E
<i>ben</i>	<u><i>mreih</i></u>	f	woman	5	E
<i>booa</i>	<u><i>baa</i></u>	f	cow	5	E
<i>bry</i>	<u><i>braghey</i></u>	f	malt		E
<i>caggey</i>	<u><i>cah</i></u>	m	war	1a2	E
<i>Colloo</i>	<i>Kylloo ~ Keylliu</i>	f	(The) Calf (of Man)		E
<i>leoie</i>	<u><i>leoh</i></u>	f	ash		E
<i>mark</i>	<u><i>markish</i></u>		mark		E
<i>oayll</i>	<u><i>uyll</i></u>	m	haunt	1b	E
<i>snaie</i>	<u><i>snaa</i></u>	m	thread	1c1	E
<i>thalloo</i>	<u><i>thallooin</i></u>	m	ground	1c2	E
<i>Thomaase</i>	<u><i>Thomys</i></u>	m	Thomas		E
<i>traie</i>	<u><i>straie</i></u>	f	shore	1	E

Examples of the use of inflected genitive forms.

The following examples are taken from Cregeen or from the Bible, to illustrate the use of as many as possible of the genitive case forms mentioned in the tables above. Do [Ctrl+Click] on the underlined link to move to the examples. Press [Alt + ←] to return to the table. Observe that in most of the examples, the noun in the genitive case is indefinite. It is virtually never modified by an adjective.<sup>7</sup>

*lossaghyn ailey* ‘flames of fire’  
*ayns y chlaare airhey* ‘in the dish of gold’  
*cainlere slane airhey* ‘a candlestick all of gold’  
*e yallooyn airhey* ‘his idols of gold’  
*earroo airhey* ‘golden number’  
*er y voayrd glen airhey* ‘on the pure gold table’  
*ny fainaghyn airhey* ‘the golden earrings’  
*ny lheiye airhey* ‘the golden calves’  
*ny loaghee airhey* ‘the golden mice’  
*ny scapeyn airhey* ‘the shields of gold’  
*ooilley ny siyn airhey* ‘all the vessels of gold’  
*ooylyn airhey* ‘golden apples’  
*bochilley-anmey* ‘pastor’  
*noid-ny-h-anmey* ‘enemy of souls’  
*taitmys my anmey* ‘pleasure of my soul’

*yn sherriuid anmey shoh* ‘this bitterness of soul’  
*aker ny h-anmey* an anchor of the soul’  
*ayns ynnyd e ayrey* ‘instead of his father’  
*ennym e ayrey* ‘his father’s name’  
*gialdyn yn Ayrey* ‘the promise of the Father’  
*nearey braar dt’ayrey* ‘the nakedness of thy father’s brother’  
*sluight nyn ayrey* ‘the seed of our father’  
*thie dty ayrey* ‘thy father’s house’  
*ben-vanshey*, ‘woman who attends a wedding’  
*shiagh laa ny banshey* ‘seven days of the feast’  
*bwoailley-bassey* ‘slap’  
*lheead bassey* ‘a hand’s breadth’

<sup>7</sup> The only example where it is is *jough feeyney baasoil* ‘a drink of deadly wine’.

*dty hraa beayney* ‘thy time of reaping’  
*laue veayney* ‘hand of [a] shearer’  
*deiney bingey* ‘jurymen’  
*lus ny binjey* ‘dropwort’  
*ayns traafliaghey s'jerree ny bleeaney* ‘at the last rain time of the year’  
*car ny bleeaney* ‘all the year round, throughout or during the year’  
*chiass vleeaney*, ‘heat of the year’  
*imbagh ny bleeaney* ‘the return of the year’  
*jerrey ny bleeaney* ‘the end of the year’  
*keesh cour ny bleeaney* ‘a tax throughout the year’  
*kione ny bleeaney* ‘the end of the year’  
*laa-bleeaney* ‘anniversary day’  
*laghyn ny bleeaney* ‘the days of the year’  
*lioar bleeaney* ‘book of chronicles’  
*maaill bleeaney Vannin* ‘a year’s rent of Man’  
*toshiaght ny bleeaney* ‘the start of the year’  
*y cheesh bleeaney* ‘the annual tax’  
*yn ousal bleeaney* ‘the yearly sacrifice’  
*strap-braagey* ‘shoe-latchet’  
*currym braarey my heshey* ‘the duty of my husband’s brother’  
*thie dty vraarey* ‘thy brother’s house’  
*oaseir my vraarey* ‘my brother’s keeper’  
*yn brinneen ass sooil dty vraarey* ‘the mote out of thy brother’s eye’  
*inneen braarey my vainshtyr* ‘my master’s brother’s daughter’  
*t’eh ny breagerey, as ayr ny breagey* ‘he is a liar, and the father of [a lie]’  
*lostey-chainley* ‘churching of women’  
*boyn e choshey* ‘the sole of his foot’  
*crie-jee veue joan nyn goshey* ‘shake off the dust of your feet’  
*kesmad-coshey* ‘foot step’  
*kesmadyn dty choshey* ‘thy footsteps’  
*ordaagyn coshey* ‘big toes’  
*ordaagyn ny coshey* ‘the toes of the feet’  
*stoyl-coshey* ‘foot-stool’  
*va boyn nyn goshey myr boyn-coshey lhei* ‘the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf’s foot’

*valyn ordaagyn laue as coshey giarit jeu*  
‘their thumbs and big toes were cut off’  
*ard-gheiney ny cheerey* ‘the mighty of the land’  
*balley-beg-cheerey* ‘village’  
*boghtyn y cheerey* ‘the poor of the land’  
*cagliagh ny cheerey* ‘the border of the land’  
*cha nee cliaughtey ny cheerey eh* ‘it is not the custom of the country’  
*chiarn ny cheerey* ‘the lord of the land’  
*cliaughtey ny cheerey* ‘the custom of the country’  
*cummaltee ny cheerey* ‘the inhabitants of the land’  
*dooinney-cheerey* ‘countryman’  
*eebyrt-cheerey* ‘banishment’  
*fud ny cheerey* ‘throughout the land’  
*jaagh ny cheerey* ‘the smoke of the country’  
*jee ny cheerey* ‘the god of the land’  
*kiannoort ny cheerey* ‘the governor of the land’  
*ny baljyn cheerey* ‘the villages’  
*ooilley pobble ny cheerey* ‘all the people of the land’  
*reeaghyn ny cheerey* ‘the kings of the land’  
*sleih ny cheerey* ‘the people of the country’  
*trooid mean y cheerey* ‘through the midst of the land’  
*yn boanlagh s'boghtey jeh pobble ny cheerey* ‘the poorest sort of the people of the land’  
*jewellyn cleayshey* ‘earrings’  
*liorish clashtyn cleayshey* ‘by the hearing of the ear’  
*arran ny clienney* ‘the children’s bread’  
*baase clienney* ‘death of children’  
*brooilagh ny clienney* ‘the children’s crumbs’  
*cloan dty chlienney* ‘thy children’s children’  
*cloan nyn gliennney* ‘their children’s children’  
*cooid chailjey erbee* ‘any manner of lost thing’

*dy chooileey chooid cailjey* ‘all lost things’  
*yn cheyrrey chailjey* ‘the sheep that is gone astray’

*giat ny cooyrtey* ‘the gate of the court’  
*çheeid voalley ny cooyrtey* ‘the thickness of the wall of the court’

*kiare corneilyn ny cooyrtey* ‘the four corners of the court’

*lhiurid ny cooyrtey* ‘the length of the court’

*er baare ny cregghey* ‘on the tip of the rock’  
*sheean chregghey* ‘noise or sound of the sea on rocks’

*scoltaghyn ny cregghey* ‘the clefts of the rock’

*lus ny croshey* ‘cudwort’  
*scammylt ny croshey* ‘the offence of the cross’

*arroo-correy* ‘seed corn’  
*ayns brein y ven chorrey* ‘in the womb of her that is with child’

*ben chorrey* ‘woman with child’  
*traa-correy* ‘shooting time’

*gour e ghrommey* ‘backwards’  
*gour nyn drommey* ‘backwards’  
*y chraue drommey* ‘the backbone’

*braghtan-eeymey* ‘butter cake’

*berrish-feeyney* ‘grape’  
*boteil feeyney* ‘bottle of wine’  
*daa haagh feeyney* ‘two bottles of wine’  
*fuill ny smeir feeyney* ‘the blood of grapes’  
*iuder feeyney* ‘winebibber’

*jough feeyney baasoil* ‘a drink of deadly wine’

*ny banglaneyn-feeyney* ‘the vine branches’  
*ny berrishyn feeyney* ‘the grapes’  
*ny garaghyn-feeyney* ‘the vineyards’  
*ny ourallyn feeyney* ‘the drink offerings’  
*ny teiyderyn feeyney* ‘the grape gatherers’  
*siyn-feeyney* ‘wine bottles’

*y billey feeyney* ‘the vine’  
*y doagh feeyney* ‘the wine press’  
*y fouyr feeyney* ‘the vintage’ (wine harvest)

*y stampeyder feeyney* ‘the treader of grapes’  
*y yien feeyney* ‘the banquet of wine’  
*yn cappan feeyney* ‘the cup of wine’

*goan ny firriney* ‘words of truth’  
*goan yn irriney* ‘words of truth’  
*meillyn ny firriney* ‘the lips of truth’  
*Spyrryd ny firriney* ‘the Spirit of truth’  
*raad yn irriney* ‘the way of truth’  
*er coontey yn irriney* ‘because of the truth’  
*undin yn irriney* ‘the ground of the truth’

*aigney ny foalley* ‘the will of the flesh’  
*annooinid ny foalley* ‘the weakness of the flesh’

*briwnys ny foalley* ‘the judgement of flesh’  
*cree foalley* ‘heart of flesh’  
*dooghys ny foalley* ‘the nature of flesh’  
*eederyn-foalley* ‘eaters of flesh’  
 (carnivores)

*fakin nagh vel eh hene myrgeddin agh foalley* ‘seeing that he himself also is only flesh’ [nb predicate]

*fo reill ny foalley* ‘under the rule of the flesh’

*goaill-foalley* ‘incarnation’  
*jeh aigney ny foalley* ‘of the will of the flesh’

*lurg yn dooghys foalley* ‘according to the flesh’

*nheeghy foalley* ‘things of the flesh’  
*oardaghyn foalley* ‘carnal ordinances’  
*sayntyn ny foalley* ‘the lusts of the flesh’  
*shen t'er ny ruggey jeh'n eill, te foalley*<sup>8</sup>  
 ‘that which is born of the flesh, is flesh’

*yeearreeyn molteyragh ny foalley* ‘the deceitful lusts of the flesh’

*bineyn mooarey folly* ‘great drops of blood’

*deayrtey folly* ‘shedding of blood’  
*giarrey-folley* ‘the bloody flux’  
*loght folly* ‘blood guilt’  
*ourallyn-iu folly* ‘drink-offerings of blood’

*peccaghyn folly* ‘bloody crimes’

<sup>8</sup> This is the only example (*John 3:6*) I have identified in which an apparent genitive case form is used as a predicate.

*ta yn laueyn lane folly* ‘your hands are full of blood’  
*y cooilleeneleyder folly* ‘the avenger of blood’  
*yn magher foalley* ‘the field of blood’  
*currym giattey yn thie* ‘charge of the gates of the house’  
*ny three arreyderyn giattey* ‘the three keepers of the door’  
*raad giattey yn ynnyd-casherick* ‘the way of the gate of the sanctuary’  
*raad ny giattey* ‘the way of the gate’  
*shamryny beggey ny giattey* ‘the little chambers of the gate’  
*traa dooney ny giattey* ‘the time of the shutting of the gate’  
*ftee ny glionney* ‘the ravens of the valley’  
*giat ny glionney* ‘the valley gate’  
*jeelym ny glionney* ‘the remnant of the valley’  
*cassan-ny-greiney* ‘the zodiac’  
*chiass ny greiney* ‘the heat of the sun’  
*gerjagh ny greiney* ‘the comfort of the sun’  
*irree-ny-greinney* ‘the rising of the sun’  
*lhie ny greiney* ‘sunset’  
*lhie-ghreiney* ‘sunset’  
*lostey greiney* ‘sunburn’  
*ooreyder-greiney* ‘sun-dial’  
*scell-greiney* ‘sun-beam’  
*shass-greiney geuree* ‘winter solstice’  
*shass-greiney souree* ‘summer solstice’  
*bossan ingney* ‘nailwort’  
*çheu ny h-inshley* ‘the low side’  
*ec kione nyn geilley* ‘at their wits end’  
*merre-cheilley* ‘deadness of wit or sense’  
*caigney-cheelley* ‘chewing the cud’  
*feeacklyn-keelley* ‘molars’  
*thammagyn ny keylley* ‘the thickets of the forest’  
*maase ny ke[y]lley* ‘the beasts of the forest’  
*phadeyryny keylley* ‘the prophets of the groves’  
*kellagh keylley* ‘woodcock’  
*ny ynnydyn laaghey* ‘the miry places’  
*sloghyn laaghey* ‘slime pits’

*ayns jerrey ny lhuingey* ‘in the stern of the ship’  
*coayl-lhuingey* ‘shipwreck’  
*greiñyn ny lhuingey* ‘the tackle of the ship’  
*jerrey ny lhuingey* ‘the stern of the ship’  
*ny buird lhuingey* ‘the ship boards’  
*ny seyir lhuingey* ‘the shipwrights’  
*toshiaght ny lhuingey* ‘the foreship’  
*yn çeshaght lhuingey* ‘the ship’s company’  
*thie lhionney* ‘ale house’  
*koir veinney* ‘meal box’  
*varrel veinney* ‘barrel of meal’  
*y kere volley*, pl. *ny kerrenyn molley* ‘the honeycomb’  
*creagh voaney* ‘stack of turf’  
*grunt moaney* ‘turfy ground’  
*ayns shille my vayrey* ‘in the sight of my mother’  
*baase e vayrey* ‘his mother’s death’  
*çhengey ny mayrey* ‘the mother tongue’  
*keeayll-vayrey* ‘mother’s wit’  
*veih brein nyn mayrey* ‘from their mother’s womb’  
*fer-mooijersey*, pl. *fir-vooinjerey* ‘manservant’  
*ny mraane-mooijersey* ‘the kinswomen’  
*briw marrey* ‘water bailiff’  
*eeastyn ny marrey* ‘fish of the sea’  
*fannag varrey* ‘cormorant’  
*grunt ny marrey* ‘bottom of the sea’  
*lane marrey* ‘high water’  
*oirr ny marrey* ‘sea shore’  
*sidoor marrey* ‘marine’  
*stroin muickey* ‘pig’s snout’  
*bochilley muickey* ‘swineherd’  
*lhott noidey* ‘the wound of an enemy’  
*eaddagh olley* ‘woollen garments’  
*snaie-olley* ‘woollen yarn’  
*oirryny h-ooigey* ‘the sides of the pit’  
*altar ooirrey* ‘earthen altar’  
*skynn phenney* ‘penknife’  
*boardrymyn prashey* ‘greaves of brass’  
*pillaryn prashey* ‘pillars of brass’

*siyn prashey* ‘brazen vessels’  
*leeideilagh purtey* ‘pilot’  
*cooid ronney* ‘portion’  
*mac shayrey* ‘sister’s son’  
*mac e hayrey* ‘his sister’s son’  
*orraghey sidey* ‘arrow shot’  
*obbyr snaidey* ‘needlework’  
*croae snaidey* ‘the eye of a needle’  
*arkan sonney* ‘hedgehog’ [piglet of plenty]  
*clagh ny sooilley* ‘the apple of the eye’  
*feanish-sooilley* ‘eye witness’  
*meekey sooilley* ‘twinkling of an eye’  
*shilley sooilley* ‘eyesight’  
*jewellyn stroaney* ‘nose jewels’

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*pot aarlee* ‘seething pot’  
*cormid-traa-arree* ‘spring equinox’  
*laa'l Parick arree* ‘St Patrick’s day in spring’ (17 March)  
*yn tobbyr vashee* ‘the baptismal font’  
*aght beaghee* ‘occupation’  
*lowanse beaghee* ‘maintenance’  
*ynnyd-veaghee* ‘dwelling place’  
*ushag voltee* ‘wagtail’  
*oashyr-voynnee* ‘stocking without a foot but having a string under the foot’  
*glaare vrasnee* ‘provoking language’  
*peccaghyn brasnee* ‘sins of provocation’  
*greïnyn brishee* ‘battering rams’  
*jeshaghtyn bwoallee* ‘threshing instruments’  
*laare-voaillee* ‘threshing or winnowing floor’  
*greie woaillee* ‘threshing instrument’  
*gorley cadlee* ‘lethargy’ (sleeping sickness)  
*bayrn caggee* ‘helmet’  
*lhong-chaggee* ‘man of war’  
*sheshaght caggee* ‘army’  
*fir charree* ‘those that minister in the chancel’

*greeishyn cassee* ‘spiral staircase’  
*geay chassee* ‘whirlwind’  
*fer cayrnee* ‘trumpeter’  
*keeil ɔhiollee* ‘fire side’  
*feanish ɔhymnee* ‘testament’  
*boallaghyn cloaie* ‘stone walls’  
*daa voayrd chloaie* ‘two stone tables’  
*kiare coorsyn cloaie* ‘four rows of stones’  
*cree cloaie* ‘heart of stone’  
*kiebbey cleiye* ‘hedge spade’  
*fer coadee* ‘protector’  
*curtan coodee* ‘covering veil’  
*fer coonee* ‘helper’  
*faiyr-choonlee* ‘stubble grass’  
*fer coontee* ‘accountant’  
*fer coyrllee* ‘counsellor’  
*cron-craaee* ‘aspen tree’ (mast of shaking)  
*çhingys craaee* ‘palsy’  
*siyn craie* ‘earthenware pots’  
*shlig craie* ‘potsherd’  
*fer-craie* ‘potter’  
*laa Doonee* ‘Sabbath day’  
*oie Ghoonee* ‘night preceding the Sabbath or Sunday’  
*slat-eeastee* ‘fishing rod’  
*giat ny h-eeastee* ‘the fish gate’  
*loghanyn eeastee* ‘fish pools’  
*croaganeyn eeastee* ‘fish hooks’  
*fer ny faillee* ‘hireling’  
*ben-aishnee* ‘female fortune teller’  
*spyrrydyn faishnee* ‘familiar spirits’  
*Bock-Yuan-Fannee* ‘Shanks’s pony’ (John’s flayed gelding)  
*blein-feayslee* ‘year of Jubilee’  
*cairys feayslee* ‘right of redemption’  
*deayrtey fliaqhee* ‘fall of rain’  
*frassyn fliaqhee* ‘showers of rain’  
*laa fliaqhee* ‘day of rain’  
*scaa-liaghee* ‘umbrella’  
*koinney-freoaie* ‘heather ling’  
*ben uinnee* ‘female baker’

*siyn fuinnee* ‘kneading troughs’  
*bun-ny-geayee* ‘the wind’s eye’  
*gollan-geayee* ‘swallow’  
*lus ny geayee* ‘anemone’  
*mwyllin geayee* ‘wind mill’  
*skianyn ny geayee* ‘the wings of the wind’  
*car y gheuree* ‘throughout the winter’  
*oie gheuree* ‘winter’s night’  
*purt sauçhey geuree* ‘safe winter harbour’  
*fer gerjee* ‘comforter’  
*mac ny gerjee* ‘the son of consolation’  
*eaddagh gioaldee* ‘pawned clothes’  
*laghyn glennee* ‘days of purification’  
*yn lieh jerree* ‘the hinder parts’  
*boandyr kee* ‘wet nurse’  
*gerrym kellee* ‘cock crow’  
*gerrym y chellee* ‘the voice of the bird’  
*fer kiaullee* ‘musician’  
*greïnyn kiaullee* ‘musical instruments’  
*bargane kionnee* ‘evidence of purchase’  
*feeagh y phing chionnee* ‘the purchasing  
value of a penny’  
*fer kionnee* ‘redeemer’  
*beishteig loauee* ‘centipede’  
*chiass loshtee* ‘burning heat’  
*stoo loshtee* ‘inflammable material’  
*traa-longee* ‘meal-time’  
*eirinagh maillee* ‘tenant farmer’  
*e hie maillee* ‘his rented house’  
*thie margee* ‘market house’  
*y laa lurg y vargee* ‘the day after the fair’  
*ynnyd margee* ‘market place’  
*maidjey mastee* ‘mixing stick’  
*arraneyn moyllee* ‘praise songs’  
*dooiney moyllee* ‘applauder’  
*screeuyn moyllee* ‘letters of  
commendation’  
*clagh vullee* ‘headstone’  
*coodagh mullee* ‘covering above’  
*gour e vullee* ‘headlong’

*ny linteyrynn mullee* ‘the upper lintels’  
*bargane nashtee* ‘matrimonial contract’  
*grunt oanluckee* ‘burial place’  
*ynnyd oanluckee* ‘burial place’  
*fer obbee* ‘sorcerer’  
*breck ollee* ‘cow pox’  
*oltaghey ollee* ‘a cattle salute, a fight’  
*thie ollee* ‘cow house’  
*thie ooashlee* ‘mansion’, ‘house of  
worship’?<sup>9</sup>  
*tobbyr oonlee* ‘bath tub’  
*gorley-plooghee* ‘quinsy’  
*ben phoosee* ‘bride’  
*ben y phoosee* ‘bride’  
*dooinney-poossee* ‘bridegroom’  
*lhiabbee phoosee* ‘marriage bed’  
*y stayd phoosee* ‘the state of marriage’  
*fer raauee* ‘warner’  
*kiark rhennée* ‘partridge’ (fern hen)  
*clooid-rubbee* ‘towel’  
*curtan scarree* *yn çhiamble* ‘the veil of  
separation of the temple’  
*screeuyn scarree* ‘bill of divorce’  
*gorley scoldee* ‘venereal disease’  
*boayrd screeuee* ‘writing table’  
*fedjagh screeuee* ‘quill pen’  
*plaityn smalee* ‘snuff dishes’  
*laair harree* ‘brood mare’  
*builg-sheidee* ‘bellows’  
*geay heidee* ‘rushing wind’  
*ben heshee* ‘female partner’  
*greie hesheree* ‘plough team gear’  
*yiarnyn shesheree* ‘ploughshares’  
*leagh shiaullee* ‘fare (for sea voyage)’  
*gorley-shymlee* ‘tuberculosis’  
*poyll sluggee* ‘whirlpool’  
*claghyn sniaghtee* ‘hail stones’

<sup>9</sup> In the Bible *thie ooashlee* is used (in Ezekiel 43:8) where the AV has ‘threshold’.

*earish sniaghtee* ‘time of snow’  
*feayraght sniaghtee* ‘the cold of snow’  
*cryss soaillee* ‘swaddling band’  
*car y touree* ‘throughout the summer’  
*coau yn laare-voorie-souree* ‘the chaff of the summer threshing floors’  
*ny messyn souree* ‘the summer fruits’  
*thie souree* ‘summer house’  
*troar souree* ‘summer fruits’  
*y fliaighey souree* ‘the summer rain’  
*y sniaghtey souree* ‘the summer snow’  
*lhong-spooillee* ‘pirate ship’  
*deiney-stiuree* ‘pilots’  
*çhentyn taarnee* ‘flashes of lightning’  
*cloan ny taarnee* ‘the sons of thunder’  
*sheean haarnee* ‘sound of thunder’  
*fer tashtee* ‘treasurer’  
*y thie tashtee* ‘the treasure house’  
*fer toshee* ‘the foremost one’  
*ny deiney toshee* ‘the mighty men’  
*yn vess toshee* ‘the first fruit’  
*mwyllin walkee* ‘tucking mill’  
*fer ynsee* ‘male teacher’

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*muc arkagh* ‘sow’  
*bayrn bussallagh* ‘a cap or hood with a neck-band attached’  
*dorrays ny cuillagh* ‘back door’  
*thalloo farraneagh* ‘land abounding with springs’  
*spaal fidderagh* ‘a weaver’s shuttle’  
*cront-fidderagh*, ‘a weaver’s knot’  
*yiarn-foldyragh*, ‘scythe’ (mower’s iron)  
*bainney keyrragh* ‘sheep’s milk’  
*bochilley keyrragh* ‘shepherd’  
*bwoaitchyn keyrragh* ‘folds for sheep’  
*coamrey keyrragh* ‘sheep’s clothing’  
*craitnyn keyrragh* ‘sheepskins’  
*lommyrtee keyrragh* ‘sheep shearers’  
*meeyl cheyrragh* ‘sheep-louse’  
*shioltaneyn keyrragh* ‘flocks of sheep’

*eggey chialteragh*, ‘web of unmilled woollen cloth’  
*clagh ny killagh* ‘stone of the church’  
*lugh killagh* ‘church mouse’  
*kione ny lhiabbagh* ‘the head of the bed’  
*shamyr lhiabbagh* ‘bed room’  
*sthoc lhiabbagh* ‘bedstead’  
*jeelt lhiattagh* ‘side saddle’  
*caslys lieckanagh* ‘profile likeness’  
*ynsagh lioaragh* ‘book learning’  
*arreyderyn magheragh* ‘keepers of a field’  
*beishtyn feie y vagheragh* ‘the wild beasts of the field’  
*beïyn y vagheragh* ‘the beasts of the field’  
*coggyl yn vagheragh* ‘the tares of the field’  
*dagh beisht y vagheragh* ‘every beast of the field’  
*dooinney magheragh* ‘a man of the field’  
*faiyr meiygh yn vagheragh* ‘the tender grass of the field’  
*faiyr y vagheragh* ‘the grass of the field’  
*fud y vagheragh* ‘throughout the fields’  
*imraghyn y vagheragh* ‘the furrows of the field’  
*lossreeyn y vagheragh* ‘the herbs of the field’  
*maase y vagheragh* ‘the beasts of the field’  
*mess cadjin y vagheragh* ‘the common fruit of the field’  
*messyn y vagheragh* ‘the fruits of the field’  
*obbyr magheragh* ‘work of the field’  
*oilley biljyn y vagheragh* ‘all the trees of the field’  
*shelg ny feeaihee sleitagh as magheragh* ‘hunting the deer of the mountains and fields’  
*troayr y vagheragh* ‘the harvest of the field’  
*blaay ny magheragh* ‘the flower of the field’  
*lilleeyn ny magheragh* ‘the lilies of the field’  
*ny siyn ourallagh* ‘the sacrificial dishes’  
*yn lheiy ourallagh* ‘the sacrificial calf’  
*ny magheryn ourallagh* ‘the fields of offerings’  
*traa shibberagh* ‘supper time’

*askaidyn yngyragh* ‘sore boils’  
*çhingyn yngyragh* ‘putrefying sores’

## STEM CHANGE

*aggle y vaaish* ‘fear of death’  
*ayns raad y vaaish* ‘on the way to death’  
*blass y vaaish* ‘the savour of death’  
*briwnys y vaaish* ‘sentence of death’  
*builley baaish* ‘death blow’  
*çhaghteryn baaish* ‘messengers of death’  
*cragh baaish* ‘deadly destruction’  
*ec dorrays y vaaish* ‘at death’s door’  
*gah yn vaaish* ‘the sting of death’  
*gaue baaish* ‘danger of death’  
*greinyn baaish* ‘instruments of death’  
*laa dty vaaish* ‘the day of thy death’  
*laa nyn maaish* ‘the day of their death’  
*lhot baaish* ‘deadly wound’  
*marre-vanish* ‘pall’  
*oyr baaish* ‘cause of death’  
*pooar y vaaish* ‘the power of death’  
*ribbaghyn y vaaish* ‘the snares of death’  
*scadoo yn vaaish* ‘the shadow of death’  
*y lhiabee-vaash* ‘the deathbed’  
*keeil dorrysh* ‘the side of the door’  
*aiee eayil* ‘lime kiln’  
*meealys eayin* ‘fat of lambs’  
*ail geayil* ‘fire of coals’  
*gour e ghib* ‘mouthwards, mouth foremost’  
*guilley glesh* ‘lockman’  
*craitnyn goair* ‘goatskins’  
*fynney ghoair* ‘goat’s hair’  
*geaysh goair* ‘goat’s hair’  
*ynsagh-keayin* ‘navigation’  
*folt e ching* ‘the hair of his head’  
*folt y ching* ‘the hair of the head’  
*gour e ching* ‘headlong’  
*ayr y Ihiennoo* ‘the father of the child’  
*lus y vooin* ‘stinking gladwin’  
*arroo resh* ‘seed corn’  
*snaie resh* ‘the vital thread’

## IRREGULAR

*guiy aail* ‘brood goose’  
*bainney baa* ‘cow’s milk’  
*caashey baa* ‘cow’s cheese’  
*eeym ny baa* ‘cow’s butter’  
*meil-baa* ‘cowslip’  
*çheu veealoo* ‘front side’  
*coamrey-vraghey* ‘an old custom of going to drink ale or beer in the person’s house where the malt-seller sold his malt’  
*fir charree* ‘ministers of the chancery’  
*laa yn chah* ‘the day of battle’  
*ardjyn sodjey-magh y thallooin* ‘the ends of the earth’  
*ayns mean y thallooin* ‘in the midst of the earth’  
*ayrnyn s’insley yn thallooin* ‘lower parts of the earth’  
*craa-hallooin* ‘earthquake’  
*eaghtyr y thallooin* ‘the surface of the ground’  
*joan y thallooin* ‘the dust of the earth’  
*meeaylys y thallooin* ‘the fat of the land’  
*messyn dty hallooin* ‘the fruits of thy land’  
*ooilley cretooryn snauee y thallooin* ‘all creeping things of the earth’  
*pick hallooin* ‘bitumen’  
*reeriaghtyn y thallooin* ‘the kingdoms of the earth’  
*logh uyll* ‘drinking pool’