Detail from G. V. Sampson's map of County Londonderry, 1813, beside a contemporary aerial photograph of the same area. (Courtesy of Limavady Borough Council, map donated by Brian Brown).

Grangepark does not appear as a townland on a map by G.V. Sampson made in 1813. It then lay in Altibrian, marked as 'bishop's land'. By the 1830s Ireland was being mapped by the Ordnance Survey. Its staff recorded that Grangepark was mountainous, with no shelter from trees or hedges and few or no crops. It was used only for grazing horses and cattle. If it had been a grange, this must have been in the distant past when the land was sheltered and fertile.

Townland and field names may refer to how people have used land in the past.

The Ordnance Survey benchmark at Magilligan, recording the height above sea level at this point. The first Ordnance Survey was completed in 1846 and was accurate to within one inch of modern electronic equipment. (Courtesy of Limavady Borough Council).