

The McGraths of Turraheen

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Introduction

The McGrath families described in this paper were initially identified by linking information found in the Griffith's Valuation, for the civil parish of Clogher, with the church records in the Clonoulty parish registers. Later, this family information was supplemented with birth, marriage and death civil records and the 1901 and 1911 census records.

Bordering Moyaliff parish on the south is the civil parish of Clogher. The border between these two parishes is also the boundary between the North and South Ridings of Co. Tipperary. It is also the boundary between the Upperchurch-Drombane RC parish and the Clonoulty RC parish. In addition it is also the boundary between the Thurles and Cashel Poor Law Unions (PLU) which later became the Superintendents' Registrars Districts of the same names. The proximity of several significant boundaries near the residences of ones ancestors automatically doubles the number of records that need to be searched.

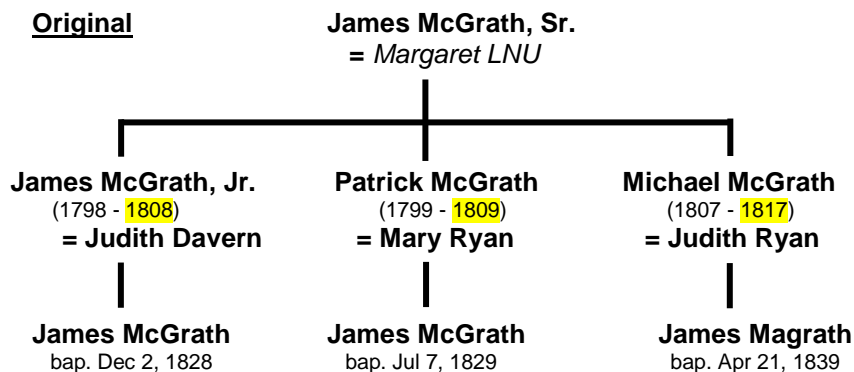
The Griffith's Valuation for the parish of Clogher shows eleven (11) unique individuals named McGrath, in the townland of Turraheen Lower. This particular townland is just across the Turraheen River from the townland of Drumdiha, in the civil parish of Moyaliff. Drumdiha is the townland where Edmond and Mary McGrath (my gg-grandparents) were living when their first two children were baptized at Upperchurch (1842-43). A summarized listing of persons of the surname McGrath in the Turraheen Lower townland in the Griffith's Valuation is shown below:

Lot No.	Occupier Name	Area (A-r-p)
3A & 3B	Mary McGrath	18
6	Thomas McGrath	23
8	Philip McGrath	28
9A & 9B	Patrick McGrath (Jas.)	12
10	James McGrath, Sr.	6
11	John McGrath	25
17a	Michael McGrath	3
21, 22	Michael McGrath (Jas.)	23
24Aa & 24B	James McGrath, Jr.	71
24Ab & 25	Michael McGrath (Edw.)	< 1
30A	Patrick McGrath	16
59	James McGrath, Jr. James McGrath, Sr. Patrick McGrath (Jas.)	10

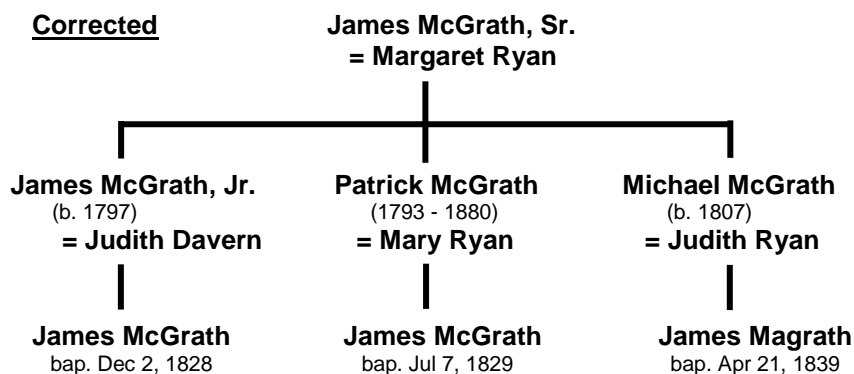
Within a given townland it was not unusual to find two or more individuals with the same name. The method used to distinguish among these identically named individuals in the case of this townland was to append an abbreviated version of their fathers' name. While serving its original purpose of distinguishing among same named persons within a single townland it also

provides the ability to construct the basic family trees. The information on the occupiers of Lot 59 also provides an explicit father-son relationship, in the case of James McGrath, Jr. and James McGrath, Sr. Patrick's co-occupation of Lot 59 implies a family connection and the "Jas" label would indicate James McGrath, Sr. was most likely his father. A third sibling is Michael McGrath, the occupier of Lots 21 and 22. The connected McGraths are bolded in the table above.

The related individuals, from the table above, can be grouped into the following proposed pedigree chart. James McGrath, Sr. was probably born circa 1780 and his children circa 1805. The addition of wives and children for Michael, Patrick and James, Jr. are provided by the baptism records for Clonoulty RC parish and are included as possibilities. All three had named their first sons James which is why these three families were selected. James and Michael both named their first daughters Margaret which gives them another item in common. Patrick McGrath and Mary Ryan had only the one son. Mary was Patrick's 1st wife and with his second wife, Bridget Joy, their first daughter was named Margaret. The completed family trees of Michael McGrath and James McGrath, Jr. are shown on the following pages.



The geographical closeness of the two concentrations of McGraths/Magraths (Turraheen, Clogher and Clonoulty Curragh, Clonoulty) would suggest that they might be related, although the hard evidence of such a relationship is lacking at this time (2018).



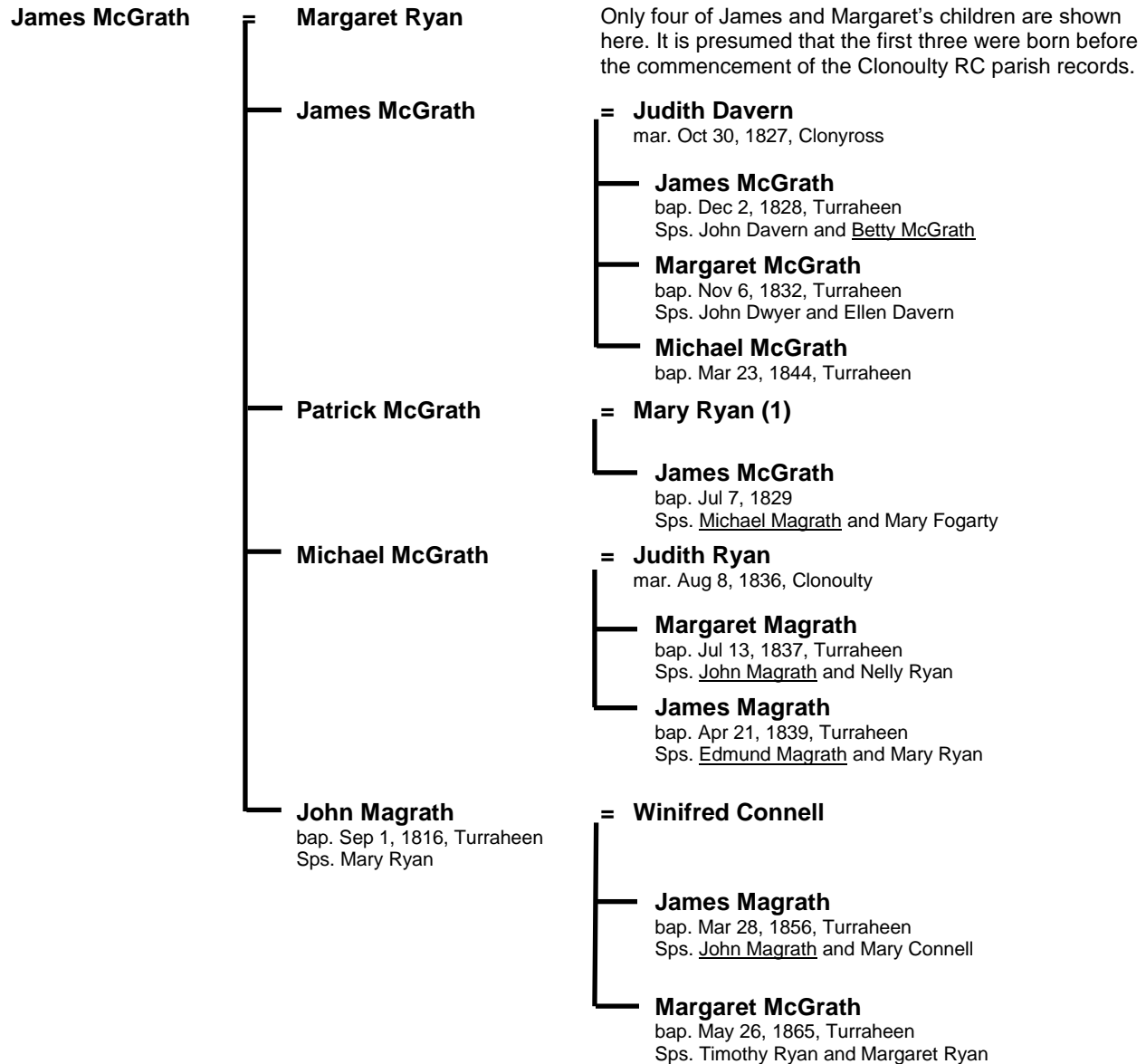
Corrections (7-26-22): The highlighted year ranges in the Original diagram were confusing. Initially meant to indicate an uncertainty in the birth year they could be confused with birth-death years. The original Patrick McGrath was the correct one and Mary Ryan was his 1st wife. This Patrick secondly married Bridget Joy. Patrick and Bridget were married in Coolacussane, in Anacarty and Donohill RC parish, which wasn't part of the original survey area when this paper was written in 2018. Information from Patrick's death certificate, provided by his gg-granddaughter, Michele Cullen, showed that this Patrick's parents were James McGrath and Margaret Ryan.

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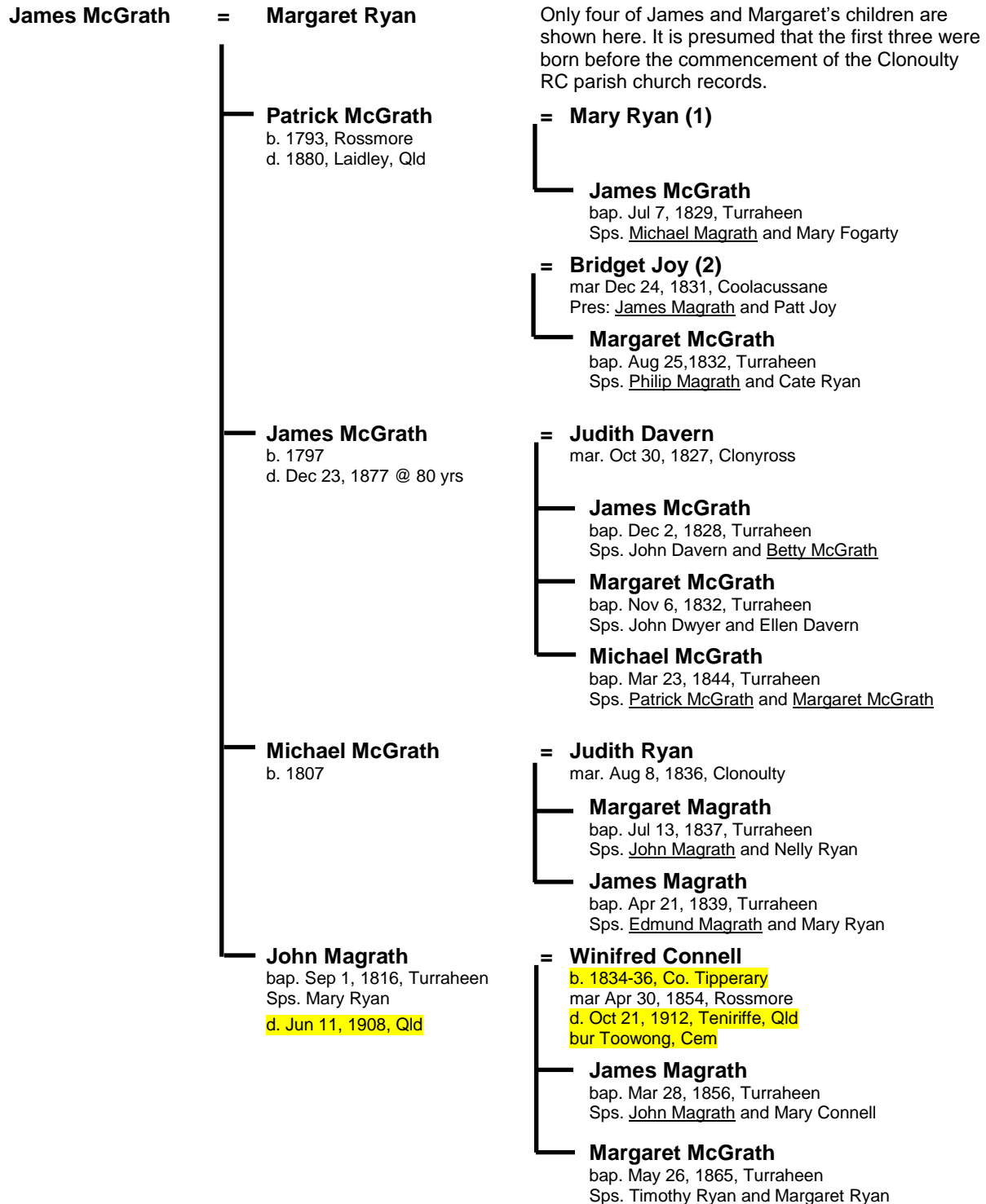
★ James McGrath and Margaret Ryan - Original



The first three McGraths in this tree are the ones linked through the Griffith's valuation. John Magrath was added through the church records. All four named their first sons James and their first daughters Margaret. In the case of Patrick, he who only had one child with his 1st wife, a son named James. Patrick remarried (Bridget Joy) and their 1st daughter was named Margaret.

John and Winifred were added to this group because of their name choices for their children and their Turraheen residence. Information provided by Michele Cullen in the form of a marriage license showed that Bridget, the granddaughter of Patrick McGrath (above) married Michael Magrath, the son of John Magrath and Winifred Connell. Bridget and Michael were have been 1st cousins, once removed.

★ James McGrath and Margaret Ryan - Corrected



Highlighted information from Michele Cullen. On a following page is the family tree found in the Clonoulty RC parish records for James McGrath and Margaret Ryan. James, Patrick and Michael were not found in the parish baptism records but since the parish records started in 1804 they might have been born earlier.

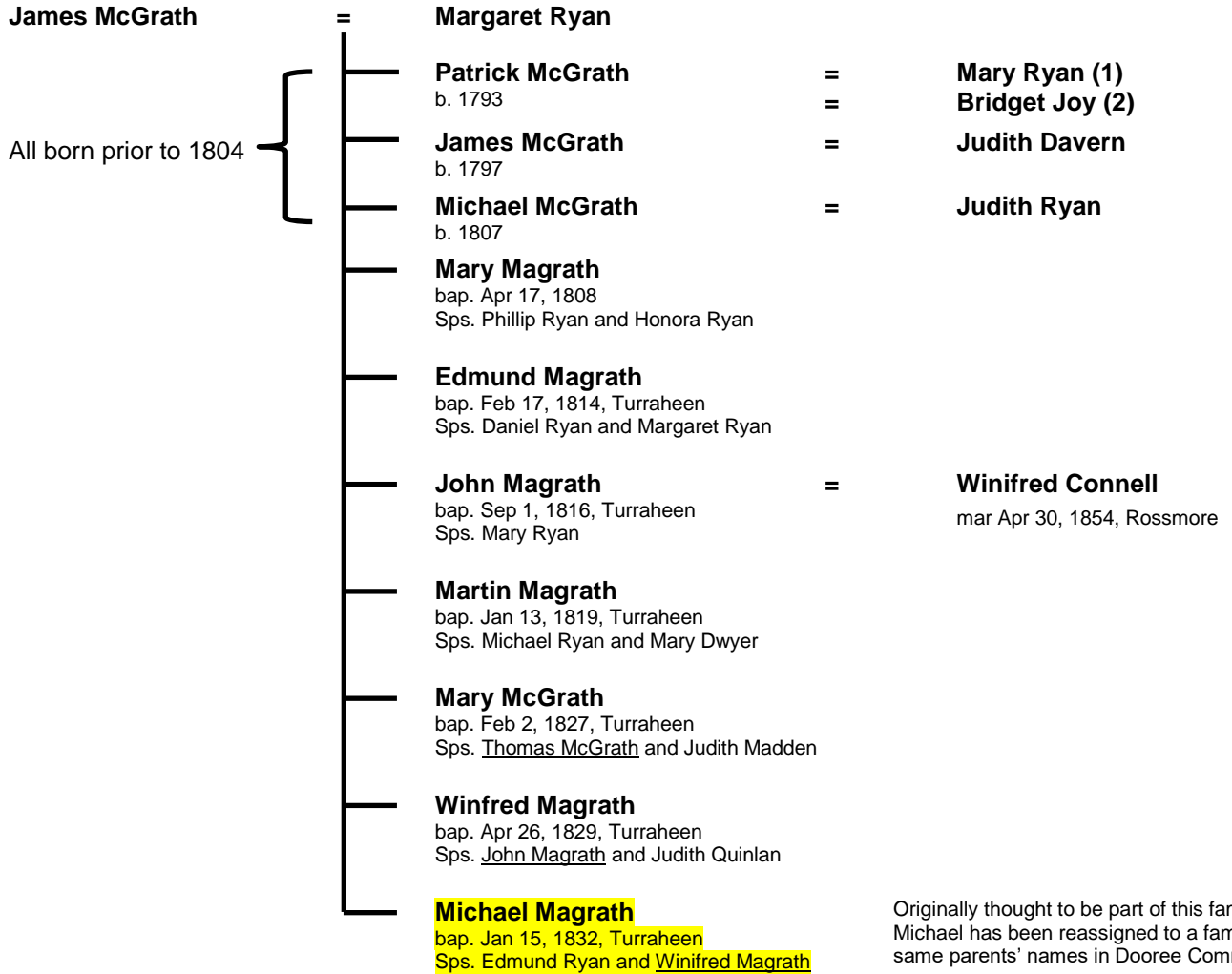
Turraheen Lower GV Details

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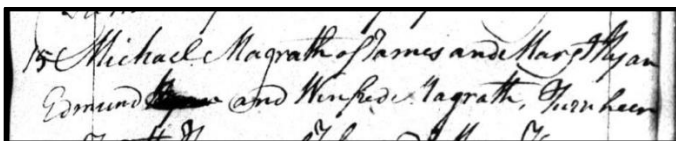
Lot No.	Occupier Name	Area (a-r-p)	Area (Acres)	Description
3A	Mary McGrath	15-2-7	15.54	House , offices & land
3B		3-3-27	3.92	Land
6	Thomas McGrath	23-0-37	23.23	House and land
8	Philip McGrath	28-3-31	28.94	House , offices & land
9A	Patrick McGrath (Jas.)	2-1-20	2.38	Land
9B		10-2-4	10.53	Land
10	James McGrath, Sr.	6-0-37	6.23	House and land
11	John McGrath	24-2-2	24.51	House and land
17a	Michael McGrath	3-2-21	3.63	House and land
21	Michael McGrath (Jas.)	10-2-4	10.53	Land
22		13-1-6	13.28	Land
24Aa	James McGrath, Jr.	70-1-24	70.40	House , offices & land
24B		1-0-13	1.08	Land
24Ab	Michael McGrath (Edw.)	0-0-18	0.11	House and garden
25		0-3-35	0.97	Land
30A	Patrick McGrath	16-2-30	16.69	House and land
59	James McGrath, Jr. James McGrath, Sr. Patrick McGrath (Jas.)	10-2-15	10.59	Land

★ James McGrath and Margaret Ryan - from the church records

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This family is the only James McGrath married to a Margaret in the Clonoulty RC parish records who was old enough to be the James McGrath, Sr. found in the Griffith's valuation. James, Jr., Michael and Patrick McGrath don't appear among the children of James and Margaret McGrath because the Clonoulty RC parish registers started in 1804 and it is possible that all three men were born prior to that year. One complicating item in this scenario is the Michael Magrath baptized in 1832, since a name wasn't reused unless the older child of that name had died. The older child in this case is the Michael McGrath who married Judy Ryan and subsequently had four children. This problem is solved in "Michael McGrath and Bridget Corbett," where Michael is reassigned to another James McGrath and Margaret Ryan family of Dooree Commons, Moyaliff.



Michael Magrath's baptism record - January 15, 1832, Clonoulty RC parish

★ Patrick McGrath and Bridget Joy

(s/o James McGrath and Margaret Ryan)

(d/o Father and Mother) #1

(d/o Patrick Joy and Mary McGrath) #2

Patrick McGrath = **Mary Ryan (1)**

b. 1793, Rossmore
To Brisbane - July 20,
1852
d. Oct 3, 1880 @ 87,
Laidley, Qld

James McGrath

bap. Jul 7, 1829, Turraheen
d. Feb 8, 1878, Laidley, Qld

= **Mary O'Brien**

mar Dec 26, 1854, Ipswich or Brisbane, Qld

= **Bridget Joy (2)**

b. 1806 Dundrum, Clonoulty - from death cert
mar Dec 24, 1831, Coolacussane
d. Aug 31, 1880 @ 74, Laidley, Qld

Margaret McGrath

bap. Aug 25, 1832, Turraheen

Patrick McGrath

bap Aug 5, 1834, Turraheen
d. May 10, 1903, Burnside, Qld

Never married

John McGrath

bap Jun 27, 1836, Turraheen
d. Jan 16, 1906, Ipswich, Qld

= **Anne Kelly**

b.
mar Jan 15, 1862, Petersham, NSW

Michael Patrick McGrath

bap Aug 7, 1838, Turraheen
d. May 2, 1920, Augathella, Qld

= **Susannah Kelly**

mar Feb 16, 1864, St. Stephens, Brisbane, Qld

Bridget McGrath

b. 1869, Laidley, Qld
mar May 23, 1906

= **Michael McGrath**

bap. Feb 24, 1858, Clonoulty
par. Co. Tipperary
Widower; **See Note 1**

Mary Jane McGrath

b. Laidley, Qld

Thomas Magrath

bap Dec 21, 1843, Thurles

Philip McGrath

bap. Dec 16, 1845, Thurles
d. 1937 @ 92 yrs,
"Rossmore", Sandgate, Qld

= **Hanorah Moroney**

mar Aug 3, 1872, Ipswich, Qld

Note 1: Michael McGrath is the son of John McGrath and Winifred Connell. Michael was baptized on February 24, 1858 in Clonoulty RC parish, while residing in Turraheen. This John McGrath, husband of Winifred Connell is also the brother of Patrick McGrath, Sr., which makes Michael and Bridget 1st cousins, once removed.

On Michael Patrick McGrath's death certificate (1920) there was a list of his surviving children along with their ages: Patrick (56), Mary Jane (54), Delia (52), Annie (50), Agnes (49), James (48), Isabella (46), Michael (44), ~~William (42)~~, Thomas (40), David (39), Theresa (38), Stephen (36), Francis (34), Margaret (33), and Kevin (30). William was probably crossed because he had passed away prior to his father. A daughter Bridget, who had married a Michael McGrath, was also missing from this list, also because she was probably deceased. Michael had at least 17 children!

Irish Records

Thurles RC

Baptism

No more Patrick and Bridget baptisms going back to December 1840.

December 21, 1843 - **Thomas Magrath** - Patrick Magrath and Bridget Joyce

Res: None. Sps. Philip Magrath and Mary Leahy

December 16, 1845 - **Philip Magrath** - Patrick Magrath and Bridget Joyce

Res: None. Sps. Cornelius Horan and Judith Ryan

Clonoulty RC

No baptisms for the Patrick Magrath and Bridget Joyce family in this parish from December 1838 to December 1843.

Anacarty and Donohill

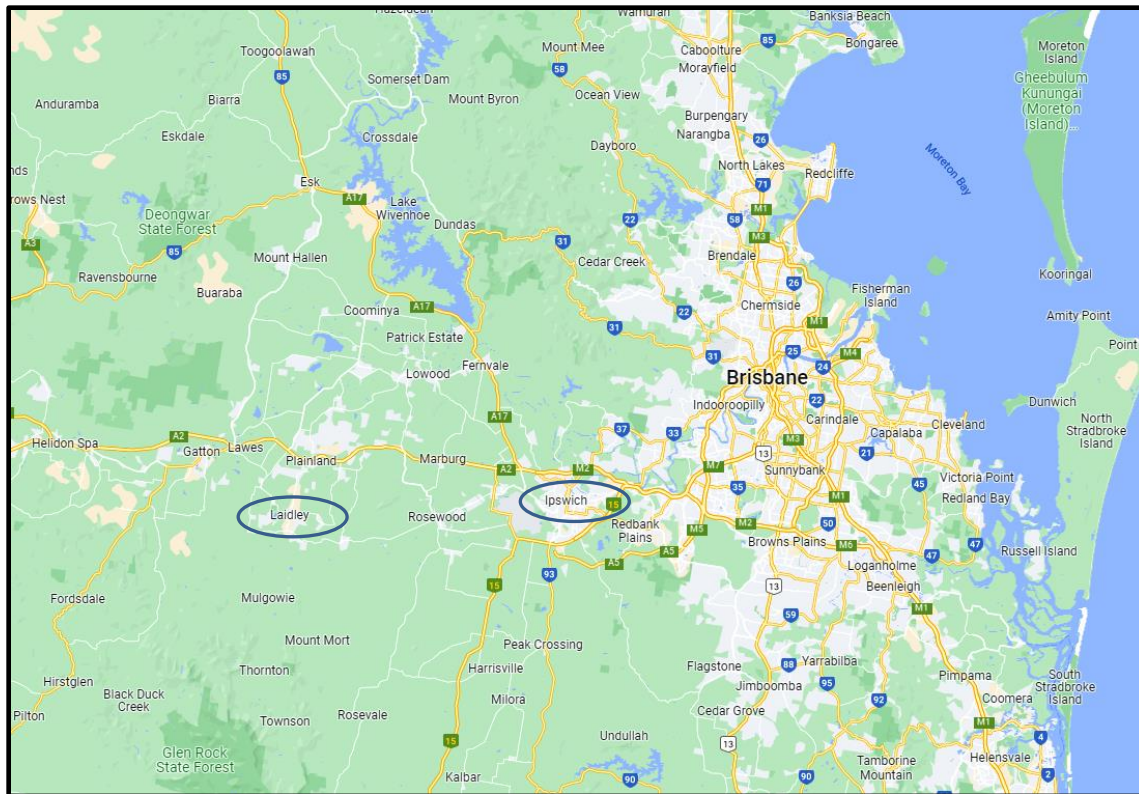
Marriage

December 24, 1831 - “Married **Patrick Magrath** and **Bridget Joy** (having obtained a dispensation from the Very Rev^d Doctor Meagher in 4^o ?? 4^o consanguinity)”

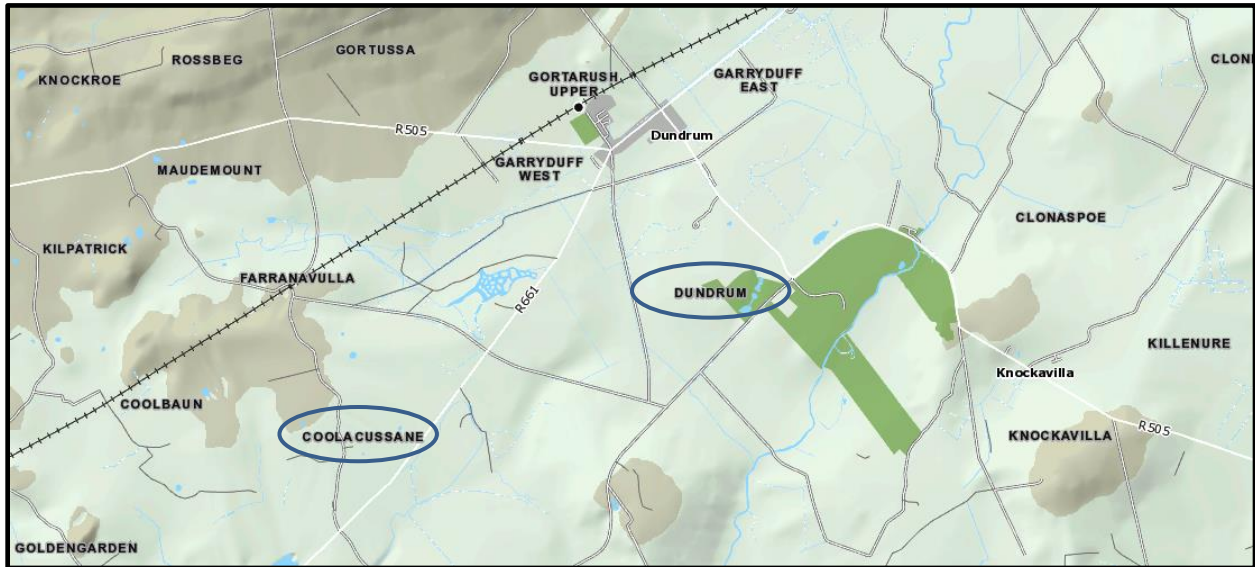
Res: **Culacusane**. Pres: James Magrath and Patt Joy

Note: The dispensation was required because 4 generations back in each of their families were common ancestors — gg-grandparents. Patrick and Bridget were 3rd cousins.

No baptisms found for Patrick and Bridget going back to May 1841.



The two blue ovals indicate the two towns of Lindley and Ipswich, just west of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.



The length of the townland name Coolacussane is about 0.4 miles. The distance between Coolacussane and Dundrum is about 1.6 miles.

There was no baptism record for Bridget Joy in the Clonoulty parish registers from the commencement of the records in October 1804 through the end of March 1811. There were also no baptism records for any other Joy children.

Children of Patrick McGrath

James McGrath Obituary

QUEENSLAND TIMES: Sat 23 Feb 1878. Local & General news Extract.

Anyone who has known Queensland for the last 20 years will hear with regret of death of MR JAMES McGRATH at TATTERSALS HOTEL, TOWNSVILLE on the afternoon of FRIDAY 8th instant. He had been ailing sometime & did occasionally rally, but was evident the end was near, notwithstanding the care from his medical attendants, the tender solicitude of his family & many devoted friends. MR McGRATH may be considered a pioneer of the north in his kind of business which he invariably followed since his arrival in the MORETON BAY DISTRICT before separation. He was in business in IPSWICH FOR SOME YEARS, & afterwards moved TO BRISBANE where he conducted his hotel business on a somewhat extensive scale. He then went NORTH on the outbreak of the gold fields & very few of those who now gain their living by pick & shovel in these localities will fail to remember his many acts of kindness when the helping hand was needed. He leaves a family of 1 SON & 2 DAUS who are in comfortable circumstances owing to the management of the deceased. He was a friend to all & a foe to none. The funeral Saturday last was followed by a lengthy procession of carriage & horsemen representatives of every business house in town & all classes of the community. Services for the dead were read by Rev. Father Touhy who had arrived from the Towers on Frid. afternoon.

The plate on the coffin read he was 48 yrs of age.

Deceased was well known in this town & district & also in GYMPIE where he was in business for some years. He WAS A BROTHER OF MR JOHN McGRATH OF THE NORTH STAR HOTEL.

From Michele Cullen

MR. PHILIP McGRATH (1937)

Death in 92nd Year

FORMER LAIDLAY IDENTITY

One of the original settlers of the Laidley-Mulgowie district, Mr. Philip McGrath, died yesterday, at his home, Third-avenue, Sandgate, in his 92nd year. He drove the first settler's dray up the Laidley Valley to Mulgowie, and made a home in the bush, where his son, Cr. T. McGrath, now lives. The late Mr. McGrath retired from farming and went to Sandgate some years ago. He was born in December 1845, at Thurles, Tipperary, Ireland. On July 20, 1852, he landed in Brisbane with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGrath, and his older brothers. His father worked for three years at Rosewood sheep station. In 1885 the family left the station, and the father took up a farm on Warrill Creek. They stayed there until 1867, when Mr. Phil. McGrath was 22 years of age, and then went up Laidley Creek to his farm, the first settlers there. The late Mr. McGrath remembered playing in the bush practically in the heart of the site of Brisbane. Ipswich was then by far the bigger town.

There were blacks everywhere in these early days, in many places in camps of 500 to 600. At the beginning the chief product of the Laidley Creek settlement was cotton, and Mr. McGrath grew it for about four years. More than 40 years ago Mr. McGrath had the Mulgowie hotel built, and he owned it to the end. For 27 years he and Mr. Hunter had led the agitation for a railway from Laidley, and in 1910, with the assistance of the district member, the late Mr. W. D. Armstrong, the railway was attained. In that year Mr. McGrath built a store near the hotel, and in that year he retired from farming, and went to live at Sandgate, where he had other property. He had increased his Lockyer property from the original farm to 3000 acres, 400 to 500 of which are in Mulgowie, around the first farm. He built the Exchange Hotel in Laidley, many years ago. For 20 years, the late Mr. McGrath was a councilor of Laidley Shire, and four times he was Chairman. His mantle fell upon his son Cr. T. McGrath, who is Chairman, and has been a councillor for many years. The late Mr. McGrath was a member of the Lockyer Agricultural and Horticultural Society from its inception until he left the district. In 1896 Mr. McGrath went home to Ireland for a few months. He had been married in 1872 to Miss Norah Moroney. Mrs. McGrath died about 10 years ago. Most of his family live in the Lockyer district.

The funeral will move from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Laidley, tomorrow, at 11 a.m., for the Laidley Cemetery.
From Michele Cullen

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The image below is of my (Michele Cullen) great-grandfather **Phil McGrath's** retirement home at Sandgate. It was the 'fashionable' beachside suburb of the era and most of the wealthier selectors and squatters had holiday homes there, which they retired to. The house eventually ended up in the hands of Dad's aunty and we often visited her there as children. It was called '**Rossmore**'



Michael McGrath (Phil's older brother) also called his farm "**Rossmore**". His great-grand-son Noel McGrath currently resides there. I've known Noel since childhood. In the early days the postal service only ran as far up the Laidley valley as McGraths Crossing (named after my ancestors). Michael McGrath operated the PO from his farm and it was formally named '**Rossmore Post Office**'



The above is from an email from Michele Cullen - June 30, 2022 - michelecullen12@gmail.com
Michele Cullen > Philip Cullen > Agnes McGrath > Philip McGrath > Patrick McGrath > James McGrath & Margaret Ryan

★ James McGrath and Judith Davern

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(s/o James McGrath, Sr. and Margaret Ryan)

(d/o *Patrick Davern* and *Judith LNU*)

James McGrath

b. 1797
d. Dec 23, 1877 @ 80 yrs

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Judith Davern

mar. Oct 30, 1827, Clonyross

James McGrath

bap. Dec 2, 1828, Turraheen
Sps. John Davern and Betty McGrath

Died young

Patrick Magrath

bap. Apr 2, 1830, Turraheen
Sps. Edmund Magrath and Catherine Dwyer

James McGrath

bap. Nov 6, 1832, Turraheen
Sps. Timothy Crough and Norry Harney

Died young

Margaret McGrath

bap. Nov 6, 1832, Turraheen
Sps. John Dwyer and Ellen Davern

Judith McGrath

bap. Feb 16, 1835, Turraheen
Sps. Mathew Davern

James McGrath

bap. Dec 3, 1836, Turraheen
Sps. Mathew Davern and Bridget McGrath
d. Nov 27, 1887, Sydney, NSW

= **Margaret Kelly (1)**

b. Sydney, NSW
mar. Nov 18, 1865, Ipswich, Qld

= **Susannah Boyle (2)**

mar. Jan 11, 1870

Catherine Magrath

bap. Sep 28, 1838, Turraheen
Sps. John Davern and Bridget Scanlan

John McGrath

bap. Apr 11, 1840, Turraheen
Sps. Michael Davern and Margaret Ryan
d. Feb 1, 1928 @ 88 yrs

= **Catherine Duggan**

b. 1847
mar. Feb 11, 1871, Cappawhite RC

Mary McGrath

bap. Dec 28, 1841, Turraheen
Sps. Patrick Davern and Bridget Davern

Michael McGrath

bap. Mar 23, 1844, Turraheen
Sps. Patrick McGrath and Margaret McGrath

Matthew Magrath

bap. Feb 9, 1847, Turraheen
Sps. Patrick Magrath and Margaret Magrath

Church Records - James Magrath

October 30, 1827 - **James McGrath** married **Judith Daverin**, Clonoulty RC

Res: Clonyross, Married by Revd M. Laffan, Wit: John Dwyer, Margaret Kennedy and Grace Ryan.

Details from James McGrath's Death Certificate

- son of James McGrath and Judith Davern

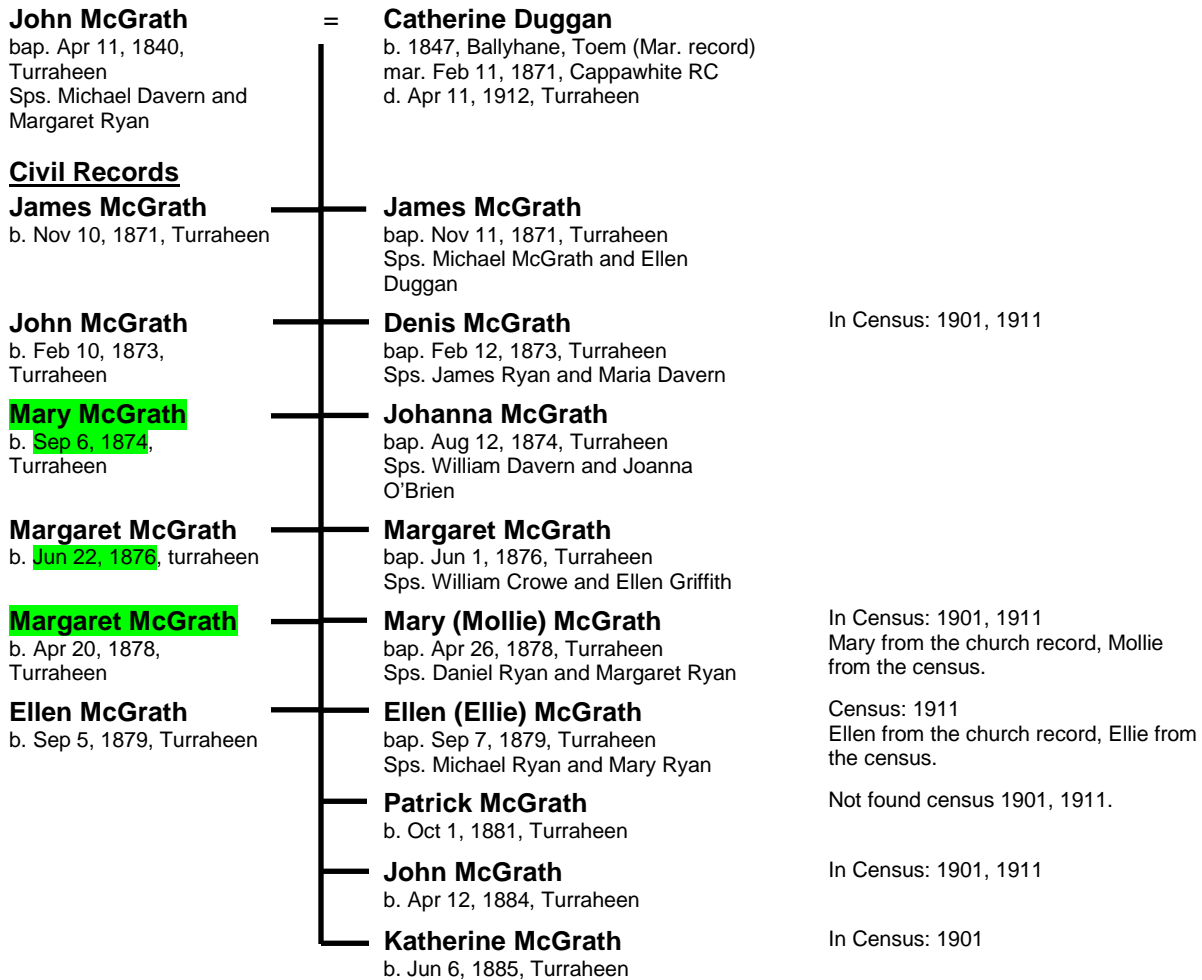
Australian Death Certificate - James McGrath

<p>Deaths in the District of _____.</p>	<p>No. Unknown</p>
<p>Description When: November 28, 1887 Where Died: Hospital Camperdown Name: James McGrath, Laborer Sex and Age: Male, 53 years</p> <p>Death (1) Cause: Fracture of Spine (2) Duration of last illness: 36 days in hospital (3) Medical attendant by whom certified: James Graham (attendant) (4) When he last saw Deceased: Nov. 27th 1887</p> <p>Name and Surname of Parents Father: James McGrath (farmer) Mother (maiden name): Johanna Davern</p> <p>Informant Signature: Thos. Jesse Description: Secretary Residence:</p> <p>Registrar (1) Signature: (2) Date: November 29th 1887 (3) Where Registered:</p> <p>If Burial Registered When: November 30th 1887 Where: R.C. Cemetery, Balmain. (Balmain Pioneers Cemetery, Sydney) Undertaker: Minister: Thomas Bicknell Religion: Witnesses: James Baikel</p>	<p>Origin Where born: Ireland How long in Australia States: 20 yrs in N. S. Wales</p> <p>If Deceased Married - 1st (1) Where: Brisbane (2) What age: 29 yrs (3) Whom: Unknown (Margaret Kelly)</p> <p>If Deceased Married - 2nd (1) Where: Sydney (2) What age: 35 yrs (3) Whom: Susan Boyle</p> <p>Issue: in Order of Birth, Names and Ages 2nd marriage Living: Johanna - 17 yrs James - 15 yrs Ann - 13 yrs Bridget - 11 yrs Margaret - 9 yrs</p> <p>Dead: 1 male 1 female</p>

★ John McGrath and Catherine Duggan - Turraheen

(s/o James McGrath and Judith Davern)

(d/o Dennis Duggan and Johanna Ryan)



The civil birth records are included on the left hand side of the family tree where the church and civil records overlap. On the right hand side of the family tree mainly church baptism records are included, when the civil church records end the civil birth records are used if they are available. In some cases the baptism date precedes the birth date and in those cases the birth date is highlighted in green. Occasionally there is even a difference between the name found in the birth registration and in the baptism record. In these cases the civil birth record name is highlighted in green. Due to penalties for late registration and stubborn Irish resistance the baptism dates are probably closer to the actual birth date. For official government activities the birth registration date is taken as the official birth date.

Church Records

McGrath Marriages

February 11, 1871 - **John Magrath** married **Catherine Duggan**, Cappawhite RC, Res: None, Wit: Jeremiah and James Ryan and Margaret and Brigid Ryan. Priest: M. Callanan P.P.

McGrath Baptisms

November 11, 1871 - **James McGrath**, Par. John McGrath and Catherine Duggan, Clonoulty RC, Res: Tyraheen, Sps. Michael McGrath and Ellen Duggan.

February 12, 1873 - **Denis McGrath**, Par. John McGrath and Catherine Duggan, Clonoulty RC, Res: Tyraheen, Sps, James Ryan and Maria Davern.

August 12, 1874 - **Joanna McGrath**, Par. John McGrath and Catherine Duggan, Clonoulty RC, Res: Tyraheen, Sps. William Davern and Joanna O'Brien

June 1, 1876 - **Margaret McGrath**, Par. John McGrath and Catherine Duggan, Clonoulty RC, Res: Turraheen, Sps. William Crowe and Ellen Griffith.

April 26, 1878 - **Mary McGrath**, Par. John McGrath and Catherine Duggan, Clonoulty RC, Res: Turraheen, Sps. Daniel Ryan and Margaret Ryan.

September 7, 1879 - **Ellen McGrath**, Par. John McGrath and Catherine Duggan, Clonoulty RC, Res: Turraheen, Sps. Michael Ryan and Mary Ryan.

Civil Records - John McGrath - Duggan - Turraheen

Marriage: John McGrath & Catherine Duggan - Turraheen

From Sup Reg Dist Tipperary, Reg Dist Cappawhite

February 11, 1871 - married at the RC chapel of Cappawhite

Husband: **John McGrath**, 27, Bachelor, Farmer, Turraheen

Father: James McGrath, Farmer

Wife: **Catherine Duggan**, 24, Spinster, Farmer's daughter, Ballyhane

Father: Denis Duggan, Farmer

Witnesses: James Ryan, Jeremiah Ryan, Margaret Ryan, and Bridget Ryan

Priest: Michael Callanan, P. P.

Reg: Certified copy made May 8, 1871.

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Ballyhane East		109	Tipperary, N.R.	Kilnamanagh Upper	Toem	Tipperary	Munster
Ballyhane West		108	Tipperary, N.R.	Kilnamanagh Upper	Toem	Tipperary	Munster

Supt Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

November 10, 1871 - **James McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: November 14, 1871.

February 10, 1873 - **John McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: Mary Ryan, present at birth, Turraheen, Reg: February 21, 1873.

September 6, 1874 - **Mary McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: September 22, 1874.

June 22, 1876 - **Margaret McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: June 23, 1876.

April 20, 1878- **Margaret McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: Mary Ryan, present at birth, Turraheen, Reg: April 26, 1878.

September 5, 1879 - **Ellen McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: September 9, 1879.

October 1, 1881 - **Patrick McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: L Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: October 14, 1881.

April 12, 1884 - **John McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: May 16, 1884.

June 6, 1885 - **Catherine McGrath**, Par. John McGrath (Farmer, Turraheen) and Catherine Duggan, Res: Turraheen, Informant: John McGrath, Father, Turraheen, Reg: June 8, 1885.

Yellow highlighting indicates where civil birth and church baptism records overlap.

Death: Catherine McGrath - 65 - 1912

From Sup Reg Dist Cashel, Reg Dist Kilpatrick

Date: April 11, 1912 - Location: Turraheen

Name: **Catherine McGrath**

Condition: Married

Age at last Birthday: 65 years

Occupation: Farmer's wife

Cause of Death: Broncho-pneumonia, 14 days, Cardiac failure gradually, Certified

Informant: John McGrath, Widow of deceased, present at death, Turraheen

Reg: April 19, 1912 (Kilpatrick)

Church Records - Dennis Duggan - Daughter Catherine

Baptisms

June 8, 1843 - **Catherine Duggan**, Par. Denis Duggan and Johana Ryan, Cappawhite RC,
Res: Bahlan, Sps. James Ryan and Margaret Ryan

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Bahagha		588	Tipperary, N.R.	Kilnamanagh Upper	Doon	Tipperary	Munster
Ballyhane East		109	Tipperary, N.R.	Kilnamanagh Upper	Toem	Tipperary	Munster
Ballyhane West		108	Tipperary, N.R.	Kilnamanagh Upper	Toem	Tipperary	Munster

The townland of Bahagha is located about 5.1 km due north of the village of Cappawhite. However, from the civil marriage record Catherine's residence was Ballyhane (East or West). The Ballyhane townlands are located about 5.3 km southwest of the town of Cappawhite. Therefore the 2nd Catherine Duggan baptism above is probably the one who married John McGrath in 1871 and hence her mother was Johanna Ryan..

June 1, 1841 - **Catherine Duggan**, Par. Denis Duggan and Ellen Doherty, Tipperary RC,
Res: None, Sps. Cornelius Duggan and Eliza Leahy.

May 3, 1846 - **Catherine Duggan**, Par. Denis Duggan and Bridget Heaphy, Kilworth RC,
Res: None, Sps. Matt Carey and Catherine Lyons. Priest James Meagher.

Census Records

1901 - John McGrath - house 14 in Turraheen Lower (Clogher, Tipperary)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Mc Grath	John	60	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Catherine	54	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Denis	27	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Molly	22	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	John	16	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Kattie	14	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Stokes	Nora	2	Female	Niece	Roman Catholic

1911 - John McGrath - house 17 in Turraheen Lower (Clogher, Tipperary)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
McGrath	John	71	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Catherine	67	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Denis	36	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Mollie	31	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Ellie	30	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	John	26	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Michael	31	Male	Servant	Roman Catholic

John and Catherine had been married 39 years and Catherine had given birth to 9 children, of whom 8 were still alive. Four of those 8 children were living at home and all were single.

Census Records - Is James one of John's Children?

1901 - James McGrath - house 2 in Holycross (Holycross, Tipperary)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Mc Grath	James	30	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Mary A	24	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Kathleen	3	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Mary	2	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Cleary	Catherine	55	Female	Mother in Law	Roman Catholic
Cleary	Henry	13	Male	Brother in Law	Roman Catholic

This might be the oldest son of John McGrath and Catherine Duggan. He is the right age and isn't living very far from Turraheen Lower.

★ Michael McGrath and Judith Ryan

Clonoulty RS08 - March 29, 2017

(s/o James McGrath, Sr. and Margaret Ryan)

(d/o Father and *Judith LNU*)

Michael McGrath

=

Judith Ryan

mar. Aug 8, 1836, Clonoulty

The addition of this **Michael** is out of sync with the Irish naming tradition. Without Michael the naming tradition agrees with the known grandparents in this case.

Michael Magrath

bap. Sep 17, 1834, Clonyharp

Sps. Cate Ryan
(Clonoulty RC parish)

A **Michael McGrath** in this family originated from another researcher. This Michael doesn't seem to fit in this family. Not compatible with Turraheen residence of all other children or with Michael and Judith's marriage in Aug 1836.

Margaret Magrath

bap. Jul 13, 1837, Turraheen

Sps. John Magrath and Nelly Ryan

James Magrath

bap. Apr 21, 1839, Turraheen

Sps. Edmund Magrath and Mary Ryan

Judith McGrath

bap. May 3, 1840, Turraheen

Sps. Martin McGrath and Ellen Ryan

Bridget McGrath

bap. May 16, 1842, Turraheen

Sps. Martin McGrath and Bridget McGrath

Church Records - Michael McGrath

August 8, 1836 - **Michael Magrath** *married* **Judith Ryan**, Clonoulty RC

Res: Turriheen,

Married by Revd P. Molony *"by special license in 4 and 4 degree of consanguinity"*

Wit: Patrick Magrath, John Ryan and Judith Ryan

Another interesting marriage

Date: March 15, 1820, Clonoulty RC

Res: Ballagh

Michael Magrath *married* **Judith Ryan**

"were joined in marriage by his Revd. P. Molony by *special licence in 3 and 4 degrees of consanguinity* in presence of Judith Banon, Michael Ryan and Patrick Ryan."

Could Michael Magrath (bap. September 17, 1834) be one of their children?

No other possible children found for this couple.

★ John McGrath and Winifred Connell - Original

Clonoulty RS08 - March 29, 2017

(s/o James Magrath and Margaret Ryan)

(d/o *Michael Connell* and Mother)

John McGrath

bap. Sep 1, 1816, Turraheen
Sps. Mary Ryan

The first wife of Michael McGrath is unknown. He later married Bridget McGrath in Australia in 1906.

No Michael McGrath marriage in Irish civil records 1875-1907

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Winifred Connell

mar Apr 30, 1854, Rossmore

James Magrath

bap. Mar 28, 1856, Turraheen
Sps. John Magrath and Mary Connell

Michael McGrath

bap. Feb 24, 1858, Turraheen
Sps. Edmund Ryan and Bridget McGrath

Patrick MacGrath

bap. Jul 24, 1860, Turraheen
Sps. John Dwyer and Bridget Ryan

John McGrath

bap. Sep 1, 1862, Turraheen
Sps. James Aherne and Mary McGrath

Margaret McGrath

bap. May 26, 1865, Turraheen
Sps. Timothy Ryan and Margaret Ryan

Matthew McGrath

bap. Jun 12, 1867, Turraheen
Sps. John Hogan and Mary McGrath

Philip McGrath

bap. Jun 25, 1869, Turraheen
Sps. Patrick Ryan and Mary Ryan

Thomas McGrath

bap. Feb 22, 1871, Turraheen
Sps. James Dwyer and Catherine Dwyer

Clonoulty RC - April 30, 1854

John Magrath married **Winifred Connell**

by the Revd John MacRey, P. P. Res: Rossmore. Pres: Patrick Halloran and Mary Connell

= **Unknown (1)**

Probably married in Australia

= **Bridget McGrath (2)**

b. 1869, Laidley, Qld
mar May 23, 1906

Additional Information (7-26-22): The variation in surname spellings reflect the spellings found in the parish registers. If the Irish naming tradition had been followed by this family then John McGrath's parents were named James and Margaret. At this time John McGrath is believed to be the son of James McGrath, Sr. The marriage of John's son, Michael, to Bridget, the granddaughter of James, Sr. is an example of the marriage of 1st cousin, once removed.

★ John McGrath and Winifred Connell - Corrected

Clonoulty RS08 - March 29, 2017 - Modified with Michele Cullen's **input** 8-12-22

(s/o James Magrath and Margaret Ryan)
(d/o *Michael Connell* and **Mary LNU**)

Clonoulty RC - April 30, 1854
John Magrath married **Winifred Connell** by
the Revd John MacRey, P. P. Res: Rossmore.
Pres: Patrick Halloran and Mary Connell

John McGrath
bap. Sep 1, 1816, Turraheen
Sps. Mary Ryan
d. Jun 11, 1908, Qld

= **Winifred Connell**
b. 1834-36, Co. Tipperary
mar Apr 30, 1854, Rossmore
d. Oct 21, 1912, Teniriffe, Qld
bur Toowong, Cem, Brisbane

— **James Magrath**
bap. Mar 28, 1856, Turraheen
Sps. John Magrath and Mary Connell

= **Maria Butler**
b. 1865, Co. Tipperary
mar Jan30, 1889, Brisbane

— **Michael McGrath**
bap. Feb 24, 1858, Turraheen
Sps. Edmund Ryan and Bridget McGrath

= **Elizabeth Brassington (1)**
mar Nov 26, 1881, Augathella, Australia
d. Jan 11, 1903, Qld

= **Bridget McGrath (2)**
b. 1869, Laidley, Qld
mar May 23, 1906

— **Patrick MacGrath**
bap. Jul 24, 1860, Turraheen
Sps. John Dwyer and Bridget Ryan

— **John McGrath**
bap. Sep 1, 1862, Turraheen
Sps. James Aherne and Mary McGrath
d. Aug 21, 1916, Qld

— **Margaret McGrath**
bap. May 26, 1865, Turraheen
Sps. Timothy Ryan and Margaret Ryan
d. 1932

= **John Chasin**
mar 1889

— **Matthew McGrath**
bap. Jun 12, 1867, Turraheen
Sps. John Hogan and Mary McGrath
d. Nov 27, 1911, Brisbane
bur. Nudgee Cem, Brisbane

— **Philip McGrath**
bap. Jun 25, 1869, Turraheen
Sps. Patrick Ryan and Mary Ryan
d. Jan 21, 1905, Brisbane
bur Toowong Cem, Brisbane

— **Thomas James McGrath**
bap. Feb 22, 1871, Turraheen
Sps. James Dwyer and Catherine Dwyer
d. Oct 10, 1920, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, Qld
bur. Toowong Cem, Brisbane

The information highlighted in yellow is from Michele Cullen which has been added to an already existing family tree from *The McGraths of Turraheen*.

Australian Death Certificate - Winifred McGrath

Deaths in the District of Brisbane.	No. 16552
<p>Description When: 21 October 1912 Where Died: Arthur Street, Teniriffe Name: Winifred McGrath, Widow Sex and Age: Female, 78 years</p> <p>Death (1) Cause: Senile decay, Influenza (2) Duration of last illness: blank (3) Medical attendant by whom certified: F. Wilson (4) When he last saw Deceased: 21 October 1912</p> <p>Name and Surname of Parents Father: FNU Connell Mother (maiden name): Mary LNU</p> <p>Informant Signature: Margaret Cashin Description: Daughter Residence: Arthur Street, Teniriffe</p> <p>Registrar (1) Signature: J. Weedon (2) Date: 22 October 1912 (3) Where Registered: Brisbane</p>	<p>If Burial Registered When: 22 October 1912 Where: Toowong Cemetery [Brisbane] Undertaker: J. T. Smith Minister: Joseph H. Canali Religion: Roman Catholic Witnesses: Thos. H. Crown and John Ormand</p> <p>Origin Where born: Ireland How long in Australia States: 32 years, Queensland</p> <p>If Deceased Married (1) Where: Tipperary, Ireland (2) What age: (about) 18 years (3) Whom: John McGrath</p> <p>Issue: in Order of Birth, Names and Ages Living: James 58 Michael 53 John 47 Margaret 46 Thomas 38 Dead: 2 males</p>

Winifred's birth year: 1836 from marriage info; 1834 from age at death. She came to Queensland in 1880.

Baptism Sponsors

The baptism sponsors are usually siblings or relatives of the children's parents.

James McGrath, Jr. = Judith Davern

Name - Year	Sponsors	Residence
James - 1828	John Davern and <u>Betty McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Patrick - 1830	<u>Edmund Magrath</u> and Catherine Dwyer	Turraheen
James - 1832	Timothy Crough and Norry Harney	Turraheen
Margaret - 1832	John Dwyer and Ellen Davern	Turraheen
Judith - 1835	Mathew Davern	Turraheen
James - 1836	Mathew Davern and <u>Bridget McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Catherine - 1838	John Daverin and Bridget Scanlan	Turraheen
John - 1840	Michael Davern and Margaret Ryan	Turraheen
Mary - 1841	Patrick Davern and Bridget Davern	Turraheen
Michael - 1844	<u>Patrick McGrath</u> and <u>Margaret McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Matthew - 1847	<u>Patrick Magrath</u> and <u>Margaret Magrath</u>	Turraheen

Patrick McGrath = Bridget Joy

Name - Year	Sponsors	Residence
James - Abt 1830	Baptism record not found	
Margaret - 1832	<u>Philip McGrath</u> and Catherine Ryan	Turraheen
Patrick - 1834	<u>Ed. McGrath</u> and Nancy McGrath	Turraheen
John - 1836	<u>Patrick McGrath</u> and Catherine Joy	Turraheen
Michael - 1838	<u>John McGrath</u> and <u>Bridget McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Thomas - 1843	<u>Philip Magrath</u> and Mary Leahy	None
Philip - 1845	Cornelius Horan and Judith Ryan	Noone

Michael McGrath and Judith Ryan

Name - Year	Sponsors	Residence
Margaret - 1837	<u>John Magrath</u> and Nelly Ryan	Turraheen
James - 1839	<u>Edmund Magrath</u> and Mary Ryan	Turraheen
Judith - 1840	<u>Martin McGrath</u> and Ellen Ryan	Turraheen
Bridget - 1842	<u>Martin McGrath</u> and <u>Bridget McGrath</u>	Turraheen

John McGrath = Winifred Connell

Name - Year	Sponsors	Residence
James - 1856	<u>John Magath</u> and Mary Connell	Turraheen
Michael - 1858	Edmund Ryan and <u>Bridget McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Patrick - 1860	John Dwyer and Bridget Ryan	Turraheen
John - 1862	James Aherne and <u>Mary McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Margaret - 1865	Timothy Ryan and Margaret Ryan	Turraheen
Matthew - 1867	John Hogan and <u>Mary McGrath</u>	Turraheen
Philip - 1869	Patrick Ryan and Mary Ryan	Turraheen
Thomas - 1871	James Dwyer and Catherine Dwyer	Turraheen

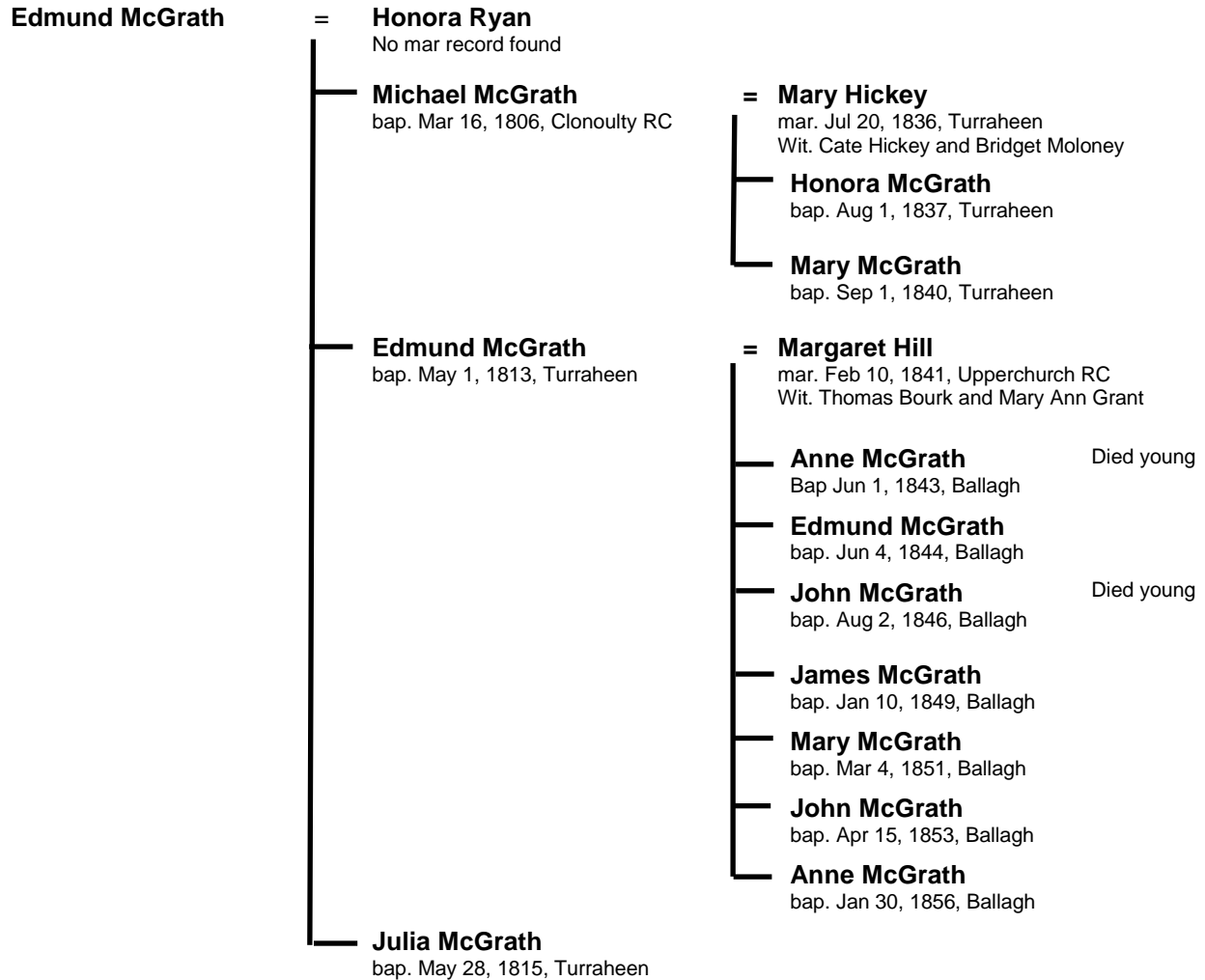
The tables above contain the names of the sponsors for the children of James, Jr., Michael and Patrick McGrath. All the McGrath sponsors are underlined. The McGrath names found, or assumed to be found,

among the children of James McGrath and Margaret Ryan are also **BOLDED**. At the time of the baptism of Patrick (1830 - son of James McGrath, Jr. and Judith Davern) the sponsor, Edmund McGrath, was only about 16 years old. This seems a bit on the young side but 16 year old brides were not all that uncommon so a 16 year old sponsor should work.

★ Edmund McGrath and Honora Ryan

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Father and Mother)



Note (7-26-22): Edmund and Honora were discovered in the Clonoulty church registers. They were included in this paper because of their surname and their connection to Turraheen. At this time there is no connection of this Edmund McGrath to James McGrath, Sr, who was discussed earlier in this paper.

GV - Clonoulty Civil Parish

Published: October 1850

Townland	Lot No.	Occupier Name	Immed Lessor	Description	Area (A-r-p)
Ballagh Town	37-14	Edmund Magrath	John Chidle	House & garden	0-0-8

Civil Records

Death: Michael McGrath - 80 - 1886

From Sup Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Cashel

Date: May 9, 1886 - Location: Cashel workhouse

Name: **Michael McGrath** (Clogher)

Condition: Married

Age at last Birthday: 80 years

Occupation: Labourer

Cause of Death: Brain softening, duration "Not Known", Certified

Informant: James O'Brien, Occupier, Cashel Workhouse

Reg: May 29, 1886

Note: This might be the Michael McGrath on the previous page (son of Edmund McGrath and Honora Ryan). The age, location and marital status all match.

Appendix

Griffith's Valuation -Clogher, Co. Tipperary, S.R.

Published: October 1850

Townland	Acres	Total	McGrath/Magrath
Turraheen Upper	1,925	113	Bourke - 13; Croagh - 7; Ryan - 60
Turraheen Lower	1,153	144	Dwyer - 27; Hickey 6; McGrath - 19; Moroney - 7; Ryan - 38
Clogher	455	47	Hayes - 7; Long - 3; Kennedy - 8
Cloonyross (Percival)	446	60	Ryan - 11
Clonyharp	433	71	Gleeson - 4; Ryan 25
Marlow	390	20	Maher - 5
Gortnaskehy	298	11	McGrath - 1; Ryan - 4
Drumwood	296	13	Maher - 5
Milltown	295	51	Commons - 4; Kennedy - 4; Ryan - 18
Laffina (Lane)	285	13	Mahony - 3; Commins - 4
Brockagh	280	39	Dwyer - 10; Shanahan - 8
Laffina (Jones)	268	12	Commons - 6
Garranmore	264	10	Gleeson - 2; Grant - 1; Ryan - 3
Gatterstown	214	5	Keefe - 3
Gortaculrush	189	17	Croagh - 6; McGrath - 1
Clonely	188	13	Crone - 3; Kennedy - 3;
Cloonyross (Bolton)	166	11	Kennedy - 3; Ryan - 3
Derrymore	117	20	Dwyer - 3; Kennedy - 3; Ryan - 5
Corbally	106	13	Butler - 2; Gooley - 2; Murphy - 2
Fana	96	4	Kelly - 1; Ryan - 3
Borheenduff	92	3	Bourke - 2
Knockaderry	84	8	Gleeson - 2
Kilroe	71	12	Davern - 2; Dwyer - 2; Ryan - 2

Tithe Applotment

The results of the Tithe Applotment for the parishes of Clogher and Clonoulty are not found on the National Archives (Ireland) web site.

Others - Possibly related to John Magrath and Catherine Duggan

February 11, 1871 - **Thomas English** married **Mary Magrath**, Cappawhite RC, Res: None, Wit: Patrick Rourke and Eliza Magrath

February 22, 1865 - **John McGrath** married **Catherine Dempsy**, Ballycahill and Holycross RC, Res: None, Wit: Tom Long and Catherine Mullany.

March 3, 1862 - **John McGrath** married **Joanna Hayes**, Clonoulty RC, Res: Moneen, Wit: Thomas McGrath, William Hayes, and Mary Hayes. Rev. Thomas O'Carroll.

Griffith's Valuation - Clonoulty Civil Parish

Published: October 1850

Townland	Lot No.	Occupier Name	Immed Lessor	Description	Area (A-r-p)
Ballagh Town	37-14	Edmund Magrath	John Chidle	House & garden	0-0-8
Ballagh Town	37-28	James Magrath	John Chidle	House & yard	0-0-0
Clonoulty Curragh	8	Mary M'Grath	Miss Arthur	House, Offices & Land	32-1-7
Clonoulty Curragh	18	Denis Magrath	Miss Arthur	House, Offices & Land	32-2-27
Drum	5	Patrick Magrath	Viscount Hawarden	House & garden	1-0-23
Gortnagranna	3	Mary M'Grath	Viscount Hawarden	House & land	6-2-20
Kilmore -Town of Ballagh	17-18	Mary M'Grath	John Chidle	Garden	0-0-4
Kilmore -Town of Ballagh	17-19	Mary M'Grath	John Chidle	House	—
Kilmore -Town of Ballagh	17-20	Patrick M'Grath	John Chidle	House & small garden	—
Kilmore -Town of Ballagh	17-24	Mary M'Grath	Anne Molony	House	—

Note: The area is measured in acres, roods and perches. The roods and perches are actually linear measures but when used in area measurements it is understood that they are squared. The acres are standard (British) acres. There are 40 perches in a rood and 4 roods in an acre.

McGrath-Joy Connection

The following marriage record is from the Anacarty-Donohill RC parish records.

December 24, 1831 - "Married **Patrick Magrath** and **Bridget Joy** (having obtained a dispensation from the Very Rev^d Doctor Meagher in 4^o ?? 4^o consanguinity)"

Res: **Culacusane**. Pres: James Magrath and Patt Joy.

Note: The dispensation was required because 4 generations back in each of their families were common ancestors — gg-grandparents. Patrick and Bridget were 3rd cousins. The location Coolacussane was not specifically assigned to either individual so it might be possible to assume that both individuals were from Coolacussane. This location cannot be associated with either of the witnesses.

The table below has been constructed to help visualize the connection between Patrick McGrath and Bridget Joy and their unknown, and probably unknowable, common ancestor.

No of Pairs	Paternal Line						Relation	Maternal Line						
16			X				Common Ancestor				X			
8							Siblings							
4	James' parents			Margaret's parents			1C	Patrick's parents			Mary's parents			
2	James McGrath = Margaret Ryan						2C	Patrick Joy = Mary McGrath						
	Patrick McGrath 1793-1880						3C	Bridget Joy b. 1806, Dundrum (D.C.)						

The 3rd cousin relationship between Patrick and Bridget means that they share a pair of ancestors four generations back. Each of the boxes contains two persons. One of the pairs in the paternal line, in the Common Ancestor row, will be identical to one of the pairs, in the same row, in the maternal line. These shared ancestors are symbolically marked by an "X" and the squares are highlighted in yellow. This diagram describes the simplest situation and doesn't include the more complicated possibilities such as second marriages, or cousins marrying cousins.

In the course of updating this paper various hints were found of connections between the McGrath and Joy families. There were the marriage witnesses and baptism sponsors. However, the strongest evidence was in the marriage record of Patrick McGrath and Bridget Joy. The couple received a dispensation that indicated that they were 3rd cousins.

There was no baptism record for Bridget Joy in the Clonoulty parish registers from the commencement of the records in October 1804 through the end of March 1811. This baptism record could have provided a second confirmation of the names of Bridget's parents. There were also no baptism records for any other Joy children.

A search through the Clonoulty RC parish produced the following marriage record.

February 25, 1805 - **Patrick Joy** of Anacarty and **Mary Meagher** of Clonoulty were joined in marriage by Rev^d Patrick Molony in presence of Patrick Magrath, Patrick Dwyer, and John Ryan.

Note: It is very likely that this is not the marriage record of Bridget Joy's parents. In Bridget's death record her parents were given as Patrick Joy and Mary McGrath.

Bridget's age at death (74, from death record) implies a birth year of 1806. In that same death record Bridget's birth place was Dundrum, Clonoulty. There was no baptism record for Bridget Joy found in the Clonoulty parish registers from the commencement of the records in

October 1804 through the end of March 1811. There were also no baptism records for any other Joy children. If Mary Meagher, in the marriage record above, had been Bridget's mother then it would have been expected that Bridget's baptism record would have been found in the Clonoulty parish records.

Summary

The existence of a common ancestor shared by Patrick McGrath and Bridget Joy is on firm ground due to the dispensation described in their marriage record. Although it is tempting to assume that the common ancestor will be a McGrath there is no guarantee of such an outcome. The common ancestor might be a Joy, or some other surname.