The Upperchurch Coonan Families
August 15, 2018

Introduction

This paper connects the research of the late Robert J. Conan, Jr., (1924-2002), concerning Coonan families from the Upperchurch area, with their descendants. In the late 60s and early 70s Robert Conan made multiple trips to Ireland where he sought out and interviewed as many Coonan descendants as he could find. During the last year, through the efforts of Robert Conan’s nephew, Paul B. Conan, Jr., his research papers and the notes, upon which those papers are based, have been published on the mcgrathsearch.com web site as part of the Conan Archive Project. Among Robert’s original material are the hand written notes which he produced contemporaneously with those Ireland interviews. After several months of exchanging information with Philip Coonan of Co. Laois, and his cousins Tom Carroll and Pat Donnelly, the possible connection of several Coonan lines to a common Coonan ancestor in the Upperchurch area has begun to take shape. The diagram below illustrates the descents of several Coonan/Conan individuals who have contributed to the research for this paper. The dotted lines at the top of the diagram signify the possible existence of a common Coonan ancestor.

Contributors

Philip Coonan (of Ireland) has made many valuable contributions. The author has benefitted from the research of the late Robert J. Conan, Sr. which is being organized by his nephew Paul B. Conan, Jr. This research is being published on the Internet as the Conan Archival Project. http://mcgrathsearch.com/Conan%20Family/The%20Conan%20Archival%20Project.html

Common Coonan Ancestor

Jeremiah Coonan
1810

James J. Conan
1830-1905

James J. Conan, Jr.
1858-1915

Paul B. Conan, Jr.
(g-grandson)

Denis Coonan
1805

John Coonan
1840-1920

Denis Coonan
1874-1939

Philip Coonan
(grandson)

Mary Coonan
1868-1924

Thomas Carroll
(grandson)

Patrick Donnelly
(grandson)
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Robert Conan’s Approach

Robert Conan’s approach was to find connections that led to Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty of Killavinoge civil parish and his choice of John Guinan was geographically close to that family. The second approach was working backwards from Patrick and Mary Fitzpatrick Coonan and trying to find a connection that was close to Upperchurch civil parish.

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<td>Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty</td>
<td>Dennis Coonan and Mary Ryan</td>
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<td>Killavinoge, Killavinoge par. Templemore RC</td>
<td>Illeigh Borrisoleigh</td>
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<td>Michael Guinan and Judy Fogarty</td>
<td>mar. Feb 1846</td>
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<td>Roscrea Bournea &amp; Corbally RC</td>
<td>John Coonan</td>
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<td>John Guinan</td>
<td>bap. Aug 20, 1848, Borrisoleigh, Glenkeen par</td>
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<td>bap. Dec 11, 1846 - St. John Baptist - Bournea</td>
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John Coonan and Johanna Long
1846
1845 Curraduff

Patrick Coonan and Mary Fitzpatrick
Ballyboy

Patrick Coonan and Anne Woods
Upperchurch

Michael Coonan and Anne O’Hallernan
1935

Robert Conan cautiously made the assignment of the father of Patrick Coonan of Ballyboy, John Coonan (born about 1846), as being descended from Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty of Killavinoge. He attempted the connection by using one John Guinan (b. 1846) of Roscrea. This John’s father, Michael Guinan, was then proposed to be the son of Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty, even though Michael Guinan’s baptism record was not found among the records of Michael and Mary Coonan’s other children. This attempted connection has three strikes against it: no baptism record, a different surname variation and a residence in Roscrea, which is quite a way from Upperchurch, but close to Michael and Mary Coonan.
Another Approach

In an earlier version of this paper it was suggested that a better way of extending Patrick Coonan’s line would be to use a Coonan family which was geographically closer to Patrick Coonan of Ballyboy. At that time it was suggested that John Coonan (b. 1848) from Borrisoleigh, Glenkeen parish, which is located just a little north of the village of Upperchurch, would be such a person. This John’s parents were Dennis Coonan and Mary Ryan who were married on Feb 9, 1847 and resided in the sub-townland of Illeigh.

### Robert J. Conan, Jr. Approach

- From Binder_02-01, p. 29
  - St. John the Baptist par., Bournea RC
    - (#621) December 11, 1846 - **John Grunlon**, par. Michael Grunlon and Judy Fogarty
    - No res., Sps. Tom Grunlon and Anne Fogherty
- From NLI site
  - February (11-15), 1846 - Michael Ganion married Judy Fogerty, Roscrea
    - Wit: Patrick Larkin and Patrick Carroll
    - Roscrea is about 20 km north of Templemore town.

### Closest Parish Approach

- August 20, 1848 - **John Coonan**
  - Par. Dennis Coonan and Mary Ryan
  - Res: Borris(oleigh), Sps. Bridget Ryan - Borrisoleigh RC
- February 9, 1847 - Denis Coonan married Mary Ryan, Res: Illeigh, Borrisoleigh RC
  - Wit: John Howard and Mary Ryan

But here the trail ends because the Upperchurch parish records start in 1829 and the Borrisoleigh records start in 1814. Illeigh appears to be in the townland of Knocknaharney in Glenkeen civil parish. This “Closest Parish Approach” has a closer geographic proximity to Upperchurch and the surname spelling remained the same, however no baptism record has been found for an appropriately aged Dennis Coonan in the Borrisoleigh or Upperchurch records.

Another Dennis Coonan and Mary Ryan has surfaced in Clonoulty and they had children baptized in both Clonoulty and Upperchurch RC parishes. I found several of their children and Philip Coonan has found an additional two children.

### A Second Dennis Coonan and Mary Ryan

#### Marriage

- January 31, 1832 - Denis Coonane married Mary Ryan - Clonoulty RC parish
  - Res: Shehane, Wit: William Ryan, Margaret Forman and Mary Carteen?
  - Rev. P. Molony.

#### Baptisms

- August 20, 1836 - William Coonane, Par. Denis Coonane and Mary Ryan - Knockavilla RC
December 12, 1840 - John Coonane, Per. Denis Coonane and Mary Ryan - Upperchurch RC
Res: Moher, Sps. William Ryan and Ellen (surname illegible)

August 9, 1846 - Margaret Coonane, Per. Dennis Coonane and Mary Ryan - Upperchurch RC

No additional baptismal records were found for either Denis Coonan or Denis Coonane.

**Denis Coonan and Mary Ryan**

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<th>Denis Coonan</th>
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<td>b. Abt 1805</td>
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- **Jerry Coonan**
  - bap. Mar 7, 1833, Skehanagh, Clonoulty par
  - Sps. Tim Barraga and Judith Walsh

- **William Coonan**
  - bap. Aug 20, 1836, Clonoulty
  - Sps. James Ryan and Mary Ryan

- **John Coonan**
  - bap. Dec 12, 1840, Upperchurch
  - Sps. William Ryan and Ellen Byrne

- **Margaret Coonan**
  - bap. Aug 1, 1846, Knockalough, Upperchurch

  **Skehanagh** (194a.), Tipperary, S.R., Kilnamanagh Lower bar., Clonoulty par., Cashel PLU

- **Ballyboy** (523a.) and **Gortkelly** (438a.) are two different townlands in Upperchurch civil parish.

**Church Records - Baptism - Clonoulty RC**
March 7, 1833, Jerry Coonane, par. Denis Coonane and Mary Ryan
Skeehane, Sps. Tim Barraga and Judith Walshe

**Census Records - John Coonan**
1901 - Knockalough, Gortkelly DED, Co. Tipperary
John Coonan, 60, Can read & write, Widower, born Co. Tipperary
Johannah Coonan, 20, daughter, Can read & write, Not married, born Co. Tipperary
Mary Long, 80, Mother-in-law, Can read, Widow, born Co. Tipperary
Patrick Coonan and Mary Fitzpatrick
(s/o John Coonan and Johanna Long)

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<tr>
<th>Pat Coonan b. 1874 d. 1964</th>
<th>Mary Fitzpatrick b. 1876 mar 1901</th>
<th>1901 - Family in Ballyboy 1911 - Family in Ballyboy Pat was a blacksmith. Mary had 7 children with 4 still alive.</th>
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<td>John Coonan b. 1901 d. Oct 12, 1922, Glencoshabinnia, Clonbeg, Co. Tipperary</td>
<td>William Coonan b. 1903 d. 1946</td>
<td>= Maggie Ryan From Loughbrack</td>
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<td>Patrick Coonan b. 1905 d. 1946</td>
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<td>Gerald Coonan b. 1963</td>
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<td>Michael Coonan b. 1967</td>
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Pat Coonan (1874-1964) was a blacksmith who “Lived on road just east of cemetery (Upperchurch) and up the hill.” (June 1969). Robert Conan interviewed a couple Upperchurch cemetery workers and Michael Coonan, Patrick’s son, on June 21, 1969 who provided the basic structure information for this family tree. The church records filled in some of the remaining information and Michael’s children’s ages were adjusted based on the 1911 census information for the Patrick Coonan family of Ballyboy.

From Bob’s Binder_01-05, p. 3
The Death of John Coonan from Phil Coonan

“John Coonan (b.1901) volunteered to join the Free State Army (National Army) during the Irish Civil War. His army records show that he served in the Mid Tipperary Brigade’s National Force as a private under Colonel L. Ryan. He was shot in action at the Glen of Aherlow. His death occurred on 12th October 1922. The regional newspaper Tipperary Star on 14th October 1922 listed the Latest News Headline:

Fight in Aherlow’s Glen: Upperchurch Volunteer Shot Dead.
Tipperary, Friday morning (Passed Field Censor)

“While a party of troops were engaged on Thursday searching the Glen of Aherlow for irregulars they were attacked on three sides by irregulars with machine gun and rifle fire at Glenrashabina on the slopes of the mountain at the foot of Galteemore. Troops replied. The fight lasted half an hour. The attackers possessed numerous vantage points while National troops could get scarcely any cover. Vol. John Coonan, Upperchurch, Thurles, National troops, shot through the lung, died immediately. No other casualties in this engagement.”

Glencoshabinnia

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Patrick Long and Mary Grant
Parents of Johannah Long

Patrick Long
b. 1848

Mary Grant
mar. Oct 4, 1845,
Upperchurch

Johannah Long
bap. Oct 4, 1845, Curraghduff,
Upperchurch par.

Margaret Long
bap. Nov 29, 1849, Curraghduff,
Upperchurch par.

William Long
bap. Feb 8, 1852, Curraghduff,
Upperchurch par.

Mary Long
bap. Apr 16, 1854, Curraghduff,
Upperchurch par.

Nancy Long
bap. Feb 4, 1857, Curraghduff,
Upperchurch par.

Honoria Long
bap. Apr 10, 1859, Drombane,
Moyaliff par

Pat Long
bap. Mar 10, 1861, Atshanboe,
Templebeg par

John Coonan
bap. Aug 20, 1848, Borrisoleigh,
Glenkéen par

Church Records
Marriage - Upperchurch RC
October 4, 1845 - Patrick Long married Mary Grant - Upperchurch RC
Res: None, Wit: Thomas Brennan and Bridget Fogarty

Baptisms - Upperchurch RC
December 27, 1845 - Judy Long, Par. Pat long and Mary Grant
Res: None, Sps. James Grant and Margaret Long

November 29, 1849 - Margaret Long, Par. Patrick long and Mary Grant
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. Patt Dwyer and Ann Grant

February 8, 1852 - William Long, Par. Patrick Long and Mary Grant
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. Michael Long and Margaret Grant

April 16, 1854 - Mary Long, Par. Patrick Long and Mary Grant
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. James Long and Mary Bourk

February 4, 1857 - Nancy Long, Par. Pat Long and Mary Grant
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. William Bourke and Judy Grant
April 10, 1859 - Honoria Long, Par. Patrick Long and Mary Grant
Res: Drombane, Sps. Patrick Long and Honoria Grant

March 10, 1861 - Pat Long, Par. Patrick Long and Mary Grant
Res: Atshanboe, Sps. William Grant and Bridget Murray
It was previously suggested by Robert Conan that Jeremiah Coonan (1810) might also be one of Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty’s children. No such baptism record was found from the start of the Templemore RC parish records in 1807 up to 1812. Michael and Mary Coonan were married March 4, 1810 and their first child, John, was baptized on November 4, 1810. It is proposed that a better fit would be if Jeremiah and Dennis were descended from a Coonan from the Upperchurch area.

The left hand side of the above pedigree is found in “The Conan Family of Foilagoule, Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary.” A present day descendant of that family is Paul B. Conan, Jr. who provided access to his uncle’s research material (Robert J. Conan, Jr.)

### John Coonan and Johanna Long - from Philip Coonan

(s/o Denis Coonan and Mary Ryan)
(d/o Patrick Long and Mary Grant)

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<td>b. 1862, Whitehall, Drombane, Moyaliff par.</td>
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<td>d. Sep 9, 1924, Cloneyharp, Clogher</td>
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<td>b. Jan 6, 1870, Knockalough, Upperchurch</td>
<td>b. May 16, 1875, Banquet Hill, Kilcommon, Dist of Borrisoleigh Thurles PLU</td>
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<td>d. Feb 2, 1957, Fairview, Kildare Town</td>
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<td>b. Apr 5, 1875, Ballyboy (1901 census)</td>
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<td>d. Feb 18, 1959, Fianna Road, Thurles</td>
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<td>d. Mar 9, 1878, Curraghduff, Upperchurch</td>
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<td>d. Oct 2, 1883, Knockalough</td>
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**Townland Clarification**

Clonyharp (42a.) is a townland in Moyaliff civil parish.

Clonyharp (433a.) is also a townland in adjacent Clogher civil parish. The border line between the North and South Ridings of Co. Tipperary separates these two portions of the townland of Clonyharp.

Drombane (Drumbane) (1,748a.) is a townland in Moyaliff civil parish.
Whitehall is a sub-townland in Drumbane Townland, in Moyaliff Civil Parish, Barony of Kilnamanagh Upper, Co. Tipperary

Curraghduff. Upperchurch civil parish, Barony of Kilnamanagh Upper, Co. Tipperary. Banquet Hill is Knocknabansha in Knocknabansha townland, Upperchurch parish. It is east of and adjacent to the townland of Loughbrack in Templebeg civil parish. Both of these are in Upperchurch Roman Catholic (RC) parish.

Banquet Hill - “Banquet Hill, Kilcommon, Dist of Borrisoleigh, Thurles PLU” is wrong. It should be: Knocknabansha (Banquet Hill), Upperchurch parish, Dist of Foinman, Thurles PLU

From: Philip Coonan [mailto:coonanp@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 5:22 AM
To: Michael McGraw
Subject: Re: Jerry Conan and Winifred Walsh 02-25-18.pdf

Hello Mike,

I have had a look at your paper and my comments as follows:

My father John Joseph (Jack) married May Doyle who was born and living in the Courthouse Roscrea Co. Tipp. Both my brother Denis and I were also born and lived at the Courthouse. We grew up and went to school in the town and lived in Roscrea until early manhood. I can say with certainty that our father had no family relations living in Roscrea. I can also say that we have no knowledge of having relations living in Templemore. I remember my father taking the family to visit his mother (our grandmother, Bourke) living at Highfield Meadows in Thurles (near the sports ground). Travelling from Roscrea to Thurles you pass through Templemore and there was never a mention of us having relations living there. I mention this in relation to the competing pedigrees listed in your paper.

I followed up on your observation from our earlier exchange and requested Nora O’Meara Genealogist, Nenagh recheck on Denis Coonan and Mary Ryan’s family. Nora found Denis and Mary in Clonoulty and you will see her findings on the opening remarks on the attached pdf “Report Families” taken from my family tree. Your latest discovery also fits with Denis Coonan and Mary Ryan (married 1847) competing pedigrees.

Kind Regards
Phil
Mary Coonan and Thomas Carroll
(s/o Father and Mother)
(d/o John Coonan and Johanna Long)

Thomas Carroll
b. 1862, Whitehall, Drombane, Moyaliff par.
bap. Oct 19, 1862, Upperchurch
d. Nov 5, 1937, Cloneyharp, Clogher

Mary Coonan
b. Nov 1, 1868, Curraduff, Upperchurch
mar. Jun 11, 1889, Rossmore, Clonoulty
d. Sep 9, 1924, Cloneyharp, Clogher

Martin Carroll
b. Jan 14, 1891, Clonoulty
d. June 28, 1915, Gallipoli, Turkey
Bachelor, Soldier

Thomas Carroll
b. Feb 10, 1902, Cross of the Hough, Cloneyharp, Clogher
d. Nov 18, 1989

Margaret O'Dea
b. Apr 27, 1909, Lisnagomman, Abbeyleix, Laois
mar. Oct 10, 1941
d. July 3, 1988, Cross of the Hough, Cloneyharp, Clogher

Thomas Carroll
b. Jul 23, 1942, Cross of the Hough, Cloneyharp, Clogher

Pauline Lawlor
b. Ballyraggert, Kilkenny
mar. Oct 15, 1966

James Donnelly
b. Mar 13, 1941, Cloneyharp, Clogher

Mary Fogarty

Bachelor, Soldier

Bridget Carroll
b. 1912
mar. Apr 24, 1940, Clonoulty RC
d. Feb 11, 1971, Clonoulty


Tom & Mary Coonan Carroll had a family of fifteen children. Ten male, five female.
Source: Tom Carroll (Limerick)

Hymenstown and New Inn are located 4.5 km apart

Hymenstown is in the Electoral Division of Ballycarron, in Civil Parish of Relickmurry and Athassel, in the Barony of Clanwilliam, in the County of Tipperary. Grid Coor: R037 329

New Inn is a town in Knockgraffon civil parish, in Middlethird barony, in Co. Tipperary S.R., in Cashel PLU. Grid Coor: R081 321. Located 9 km north of Cahir.

'Cross of the Hough' is a placename in Cloneyharp townland, Clogher civil parish, Clonoulty R.C. parish.
John Coonan and Johanna Long - from Church Records

The usual situation found in Irish genealogy research is characterized by a scarcity of records. In the case of this family there were three sources of records: (1) the National Registration of Births, Marriage and Death; (2) the Irish Parish Register (online); (3) the research notes of Robert J. Conan, Jr (hand transcriptions from the original register books). This caused a problem not often found in Irish research - records that don’t agree. The John Coonan and Johanna Long family tree seen earlier was based on the birth registrations found by Phil Coonan. Listed below are baptism records for the same persons from the Irish Parish Registers. Also shown are baptism records for these persons from the Conan Archival Project. An effort is made to explain the discrepancies.

Church Records - Upperchurch

Searched UC marriage records Jan 1860 - Jan 1869 - No marriage recs for John Coonan and Johanna Long; Upperchurch online records end in February 1876

Baptisms

November 2, 1868 - Mary Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long
Res: Curraduff, Sps. James Ryan and Margaret Walsh

January 24, 1870 - Margaret Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long
Res: L Gortnahalla, Sps. William Coonan and Margaret Long

January 14, 1871 - Denis Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long
Res: Curraduff, Sps. William Grant and Anna Long

February 14, 1872 - Johanna Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. Edmund Bourke and Mary Long

June 1, 1873 - Johanna Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. William Long and Margaret Ryan

June 23, 1874 - Anne Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. Michael Dwyer and Mary Dwyer

October 28, 1875 - Patrick Cooney, Par. John Cooney and Johanna Long
Res: Curraduffe, Sps. Cornelius Dwyer and Mary Dwyer

Census Records - John Coonan

1901 - Knockalough, Gortkelly DED, Co. Tipperary
John Coonan, 60, Can read & write, Widower, born Co. Tipperary
Johannah Coonan, 20, daughter, Can read & write, Not married, born Co. Tipperary
Mary Long, 80, Mother-in-law, Can read, Widow, born Co. Tipperary
Death of John Coonan - Husband of Judith Long
Thurles record - Binder_02-01, p. 18
(395) June 10, 1920, John Coonan, died, widower, age 72. Denis Coonan of Thurles present at death.

From: Philip Coonan [mailto:coonanp@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 6:06 AM
To: Michael McGraw
Subject: Re: Jerry Conan and Winifred Walsh 02-25-18.pdf

Hi Mike,

You can comment on this on your return. Looking again at both of our notes I am of the view that John Coonan (1840) is my grandfather, however, I put forward the case that he died June 10th 1920, Ballyboy, Gortkelly, Upperchurch. My reasoning for this argument is that the death record states that he died a widower (fits with census 1901) and Denis Coonan was present at death and residing at Thurles. The only Denis Coonan residing at Thurles was my Grandfather (1871). This scenario does pose the question of age difference as the age at death is given at 72 years which leaves eight years of a difference. Nothing simple, let me have your thoughts.
Hope your trip went well.
Phil

The Children of John Coonan and Johanna Long
UC Reg - Upperchurch parish registers - Online records end Feb 1876
Following all in Binder_02-01
A - Borrisoleigh - p. 15
B - Thurles - p. 18, no dates, just years
C - Borrisoleigh - p. 27

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Upperchurch record for Margaret Coonan - Jan 24, 1870 - from NLI
The UC Reg dates came from the NLI online microfilm records, which end in February 1876, and therefore there are no entries for William, John or Honora. The information for the dates in columns A, B, and C were from transcriptions made by Bob himself while he was in Ireland or were made by other persons in Ireland who made transcriptions from the handwritten parish registers and sent them to Robert Conan. It’s isn’t certain why some of the dates are so far off from the dates found in the registers.

Record Comparisons

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The three columns on the left contain information from the birth registration. The three columns on the right contain the information from the baptism records in the Irish Parish Registers. The initial discrepancies that arose from having several transcribers from three sources have been dealt with and only two significant discrepancies remain. In the case of Denis and Patrick Coonan the baptism dates precede the birth dates.
Several Upperchurch Coonan Pedigrees

Common Coonan Ancestor

Jeremiah Coonan
1810 -
= Winifred Walsh
1808 -
Dennis Coonan
1805 -
= Mary Ryan
mar 1832

James J. Conan
1830-1905
= Ann Walsh
1835-1883
John Coonan
1840, Moher, Upperchurch
1920, Ballyboy, Upperchurch
= Johanna Long
1846-1883

James J. Conan, Jr.
1858-1915
Nellie L. Lane
1869-1917
Dennis Coonan
1871-1939
Elizabeth Bourke
1876-1957
Mary Coonan
1868-1924
Thomas Carroll
1862-1937

Robert J. Conan, Sr.
1897-
Helen O’Brien
1894-1968
John Joseph Coonan
1907-1956
May Doyle
1912-1982
Thomas Carroll
1902-1989
Margaret O’Dea
1909-1988
Bridget Carroll
1912-1971
James Donnelly
1902-1979

Paul B. Conan, Sr.
1929-2013
Philip Coonan
1944
Thomas Carroll
1942
Patrick Donnelly
1941

Paul B. Conan, Jr.

This pedigree is similar to the previous one. In first pedigree the right hand side was based on the research of Robert J. Conan, Jr. This version of the pedigree is based on the research of Philip Coonan. The same conclusion applies to this pedigree. It is proposed Paul B. Conan, Jr. and Philip Coonan are descended from a Coonan from the Upperchurch area. If the common ancestor was in the Coonan line, as indicated in the pedigree, then Paul and Philip would be 4\(^{th}\) cousins once removed. The common ancestor is not from Paul’s mother’s side of the family so the common ancestor is 5 generation back. At that level Paul’s side would have 32 possible ancestors and one of those would also appear in Philip’s list of 32 ancestors. This is the most conservative estimate ignoring the possibility of cousins marrying cousins or other complicating factors.
Patrick Coonan's Forge

Below is a photograph that was taken of Philip Coonan with his cousins Tom Carroll and Pat Donnelly all whose great grandmother was Judith (Johanna) Long. It was taken 30th September 2015 when they visited Upperchurch in search of the Coonan Heritage. They were brought to Patrick Coonan's (b.1875) Forge by a local historian. They are standing at a roadside well (seen between Philip and Pat) that is opposite the ruined remains of the forge that was essential in the forging process. The forge was located at Gortnaskehy, Upperchurch parish on the east road out of Upperchurch village.

Photo courtesy of Philip Coonan

Photo L-R

Tom Carroll, Ennis Road, Limerick City.
Phil Coonan, Dysart, Stradbally, Co. Laois.
Pat Donnelly, Nodstown, Boherlahan, Co. Tipperary.
Denis Coonan and Elizabeth Bourke
(s/o John Coonan and Johanna Long)
(d/o Richard Bourke and Mother)

Denis Coonan = Elizabeth Bourke
b. May 16, 1875, Banquet Hill
Of Borrisoleigh
Living at Highfield Meadows, Thurles
d. 1957 Kildare

John (Jack) Joseph Coonan = May Doyle
b. 1907, Thurles
d. 1956 @ 48, Cork

Mary Coonan = Frank Ryan
b. 1913, Thurles
d. 2004, Wicklow

Frederick Coonan
b. 1911, Thurles
d. 1965, Thurles

Christopher (Christy) Coonan
b. 1914, Thurles
d. 1949, Roscrea

Denis Coonan
b. 1917, Thurles
d. Feb 17, 1970 @ 52, London

Josephine (Johanna) Coonan = Peter Hawkins, Sr.
b. 1910, Thurles
d. 2004, Shropshire, UK

Kathleen Coonan
b. 1916, Thurles
d. 1916, Thurles (6 days)

Jack Coonan and May Doyle’s Children
Denis Coonan (b. 1943) = Gisela Zanger, Stuttgart, Germany
Philip Coonan (b. 1944) = Mary Darby, Dublin
Marion Coonan (b. 1954) = Patrick Coonan, Nenagh

Robert’s interview with Margaret Coonan residing at St. Conlan’s Road, Nenagh mentioned Patrick (Pat), her son. Margaret’s husband William had died 1965. This Pat Coonan (b. 1952) married Philip Coonan’s sister Marion Coonan. Source: Robert’s Binder 01-05
Agnes Bourke and Denis McGrath

Elizabeth Bourke (Coonan) and her twin sister Agnes were born May 16, 1875 at Banquet Hill. Agnes married Denis McGrath and their marriage was solemnized at the Catholic Chapel Thurles, 4th October 1903. Fathers Names: Denis McGrath and Richard Burke in the presence of Lizzie Bourke and Denis Coonan (Philip Coonan’s grandparents)

Mary Coonan and Frank Ryan

Mary Coonan b.1913 Thurles and Frank Ryan b.1909 Thurles were married 1935 Thurles. They resided in Thurles then relocated to to Kildare Town and later to Brickfield Drive, Crumlin, Dublin where Robert interviewed Mary Ryan Re: Binder 01-05. They had a family of 10 children of which Finola b.1937 was the firstborn. Finola married William Niall Murphy 1963.

Finola is the daughter who remembers Robert visiting her mother when her parents lived at 25 Brickfield Drive, Crumlin, Dublin.

In June 1973 Robert Conan interviewed a Mrs. Ryan - [Binder_01-05, p. 9] The family tree above was based on Robert J. Conan, Jr.’s interview with a Mrs. Ryan, #25 Brickfield Drive, out Crumlin Road, Dublin. It was further expanded by information from Philip Coonan, who is Mrs. Ryan’s nephew.

Reply by Finola Murphy to Philip Coonan (first cousins) on June 3, 2018, concerning the interview of her mother (Mrs. Mary Coonan Ryan) by Robert J. Conan, Jr. in 1973.

I remember the visit by Robert Conan, Mam didn’t want to even let him in!! She was funny that way! Anyway after a bit of persuasion she invited him in & he explained who & why he was calling. I was fortunate enough to be in the house & heard some of the conversation but couldn’t stay for all as it was evening time & the children we all young then & we had to get home.

However Mam was very reluctant to talk to a ‘stranger’ at first but Robert explained what he was about & slowly she opened up about the family.

Can’t really remember a lot except he had the same slight build that the Coonan’s had, mentioned the family had dropped the second ‘o’ in the Coonan name which he spelt Conan. Also spoke about the pigment in the skin of all things, showing Mam his hands were he had age marks the same as Mam had! Not that you would be interested but I have them too!

He really was very interesting but at that time I didn’t really know a lot about genealogy & it’s importance. As I’m writing to you I can see him in my mother’s room sharing his life story with her. Amazing really.

God bless, Finola
Denis Coonan’s Gravestone

Photo courtesy of Philip Coonan

From Phil Coonan: “I attach a photograph of the resting place of the Coonan family at Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, Loughtagalla, Thurles. The headstone records memories of:
   Denis Coonan b.1871 my grandfather,
   his wife Elizabeth b.1875,
   son Christopher b.1914,
   son Frederick b.1911,
   son John Joseph b.1907 my father and
   wife Mary b.1912 my mother”
## Appendix

### The Mysterious Michael Woods

To eliminate the 1st cousin problem in the Annie Woods (b. 1911) pedigree it was assumed there were two Michael Woods: one local (Upperchurch area) and the other from Bodyke, Co. Clare. The census and church records were searched to determine if there was support for the two Michael Woods hypothesis. It turned out that if a record was found for one of the Michaels then that same record could not be found for the other Michael. In the end the only record that could be found for the local Michael was the August 13, 1904 marriage record. This could be explained by Michael Woods from Bodyke coming from the Bodyke area to Atshanboy where he met and married Annie Coonan (1874) at Drombane on August 13, 1904. The family then moved to the Bodyke area (Coolreagh, Kilnoe par., Co. Clare) where they had at least 7 children. Therefore it appears that there was only one Michael Woods - and the 1st cousin problem is back again.

### Michael Woods: Local vs. Bodyke

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<td>Marriage Recs</td>
<td>Michael and Annie Coonan from Atshanboy, married at Drombane Chapel, Aug 13, 1904. Michael’s father Edmond. Annie’s father John Coonan.</td>
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<td>1911 Census</td>
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<td>Michael and Annie in Coolreagh More, Co. Clare with their four children: John, Michael, Ellen, and Josie. Michael and Annie married 6 years.</td>
<td>Coolreagh More is about 1 km northeast of Bodyke. Annie (wife) was born in Co. Tipp.</td>
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Good Morning Mike,

I have been looking again at Robert's binder 01-05 in relation to his interview with Mrs Ryan, Brickfield Drive, Crumlin Dublin. I note he recorded that Mrs Ryan mentioned “that Anne Woods was a sister in law of Pat Coonan’s wife” this has prompted me to review my file to see if I could find any connection.

My notes as follows:

Anne Coonan (Atshanboy) b.1874 Curraduff, married Michael Woods (Atshanboy) 13/8/1904. The marriage was solemnised at the RC Chapel of Drumbane in the Registrar’s District of Holycross in the presence of Michael Ryan and Maggie Carroll. Fathers Names: John Coonan, Edmond Woods.

Patrick Coonan b.1906 Ballyboy, married Annie Woods 17/11/1934. The marriage was solemnised at the Cathedral of Thurles in the Registrar’s District of Thurles in the presence of Patrick Woods and Bridget O’Brien. Fathers Names: Patrick Coonan, Michael Woods.

State Death Register records Annie Coonan of Finnahy Upperchurch died 5/3/ 1946 Roscrea.

Robert also recorded in his notes: Mary & Anne a Mrs Woods Co. Clare.

My cousin Tom Carroll also mentioned that he understood that Anne Woods came from Bodyke, Co. Clare.

Let me have your thoughts

Phil
Church Records - Woods - Co. Clare

Superintendent Dist: Scarriff, Registrar’s Dist: Feakle


Civil Records - John Coonan family

July 8, 1874 - Anne Coonan, Par. John Coonan and Johanna Long - Borrisoleigh, Thurles Res: Curraghduff, Reg: July 21, 1874
The search over 1860 - 1880 found no other Ann Coonans.

Civil Records - Edmond Woods family


February 11, 1866 - Edmond Woods married Ellen Garvey - Kilnoe RC Res: Coolreagh, Ballymalone, Wit: Michael Kelly and Mary Kennedy Priest: John Vaughan

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From: Philip Coonan [mailto:coonanp@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 7:09 AM
To: Michael McGraw
Subject: Re: Coonan Headstone Thurles

Hi Mike,

Robert's Binder 01-05
On further review of our exchanges together with Robert’s notes and interpreting his entry to mean “the above mentioned Ann Woods (a Mrs Woods. Co. Clare) was a sister in law Pat Coonan’s wife”. This relationship is not supported by any known marriages. Pat Coonan’s sister Ann Woods - Coonan b.1874 was a sister in law of Pat Coonan’s wife Mary Fitzpatrick. Looking again at Ann’s marriage record to Michael Woods m.1904, both were residing at Atshanboy, Brumbane. Ann was age 30. The 1901 Census records Ann present at Gotraskehy, Gortkelly as a domestic servant, age 25. I followed up further and spoke with my cousins Tom Carroll and Pat Donnelly and they believe that Ann never moved away and that she married a local Michael Woods. They further believe that Ann Woods from Bodyke Co. Clare married Patrick Coonan b.1906 Ballyboy. In this scenario “the above mentioned Ann Woods (a Mrs Woods. Co. Clare) was a daughter in law to Pat Coonan’s wife.

Has your research found any record of an Ann Woods, Bodyke, father Michael supporting this line
Phil

Solution to Binder_01-05, p. 9 -
"The above mentioned Ann Woods was sister in law Pat Coonan's wife."
Anne Coonan Woods (b. 1874) was the sister-in-law of Pat Coonan’s (b. 1875) wife Mary Fitzpatrick (b. 1876). A convoluted way of saying Pat and Anne were siblings.

1901 - Residents of a house 14 in Coolready (Boherglass, Clare)

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All were Roman Catholics and all had been born in Co. Clare. All could read and write except Edmond, Sr. who could not Read.

1901 - Residents of a house 3 in Gortnaskehy (Gortkelly, Tipperary)

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All were born in Co. Tipperary. Margaret Cahill was a widow and all others were single. Annie Coonan was a “General Servant Domestic.”

1911 - Residents of a house 11 in Coolreagh More (Coolreagh, Clare)

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Michael was an Agricultural Labourer and Maggie Carroll was a Scholar. Census day was April 2, 1911 and Michael and Ann reported they had been married 6 years. According to the marriage record Michael and Annie were married on August 13, 1904. On census day they would have been married 6 years with their 7th wedding anniversary coming on August 13, 1911.

“Children born alive to the present marriage” Total born alive = 5; Children still living = 5. However, there only appear to be four children in this marriage: John (4), Michael (3), Ellen (2), and Josie (1). The 5th child is a step-daughter; from Annie’s previous marriage?

After searching the civil records from 1890 to 1905 there were no marriages of a Carroll to a Coonan. However, there was a Margaret Coonan born to Anne Coonan on October 13, 1902 in the Thurles Workhouse. This Margaret would have been 8 years old in the 1911 census.

Supt Reg Dist - Thurles; Reg Dist - Thurles
296 - October 13, 1902 - Margaret Coonan, Par. No father and Anne Coonan. Informant: P. Russell, Occupies Workhouse, Reg: October 20, 1902; Res: Workhouse, Thurles.

There was also a Maggie Carroll who was a witness at Michael and Annie’s 1904 wedding at the RC Chapel at Drumbane. This is not the young Maggie Carroll.
Annie Woods and Patrick Coonan
(d/o Michael Woods and Anne Coonan)
(s/o Patrick Coonan and Mary Fitzpatrick)

**Edmond Woods**
1841

**Ellen Garvey**
1851
m. 1866

**John Coonan**
1840-1920

**Johanna Long**
1845-1883

**Michael Woods**
1881

**Anne Coonan**
1874
m. 1904

**Patrick Coonan**
1875-1964

**Mary Fitzpatrick**
1876
m. 1901

**Dennis Coonan**
1871-1939

**Elizabeth Bourke**
1875-1957

**Annie Woods**

b. 1911, Coolreagh, Kilnoe par, Co. Clare

**Patrick Coonan**
1905-1946
m. 1934

**Mary Coonan**
1913-2004

**Frank Ryan**
1909-1982

The townland of Coolreagh, Coolreagh More, Coolready, and the town of Bodyke in the civil parish of Kilnoe.
Circled parish numbers indicate where Coonan, Coonane or Guinane individuals were found in the Tithe Applotment 1824-1828 or The Griffith’s Valuation 1850 for the North Riding of Co. Tipperary.
The townlands of Lisloran, Ballygriffin civil parish and Skehanagh in Clonoulty civil parish
This map shows proximity Moher, Curraghduff, Knockalough Commons, Upperchurch village, and Foilagoule. The area south of the village of Upperchurch contains the townlands associated with the Coonans in the area. These are: Curraghduff, Knockalough, Foliagoule, Gortnahoola, Drombane, Ballyboy and Moher.
The sub-townland of Ileigh is located southwest of the townland of Knocknaharney and north of the townland of Lismakeeve. The townland of Moher is near the bottom of the map.
In trying to make a connection to Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty of Templemore RC parish Robert Conan chose a John Guinan from the Roscea area (Bournea and Corbally RC parish). The Closest Parish Approach employs a John Coonan from Borrisoleigh as the person who married Johanna Long of Curraghduff which is closer to Upperchurch.