

The Upperchurch Coonan Families

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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.

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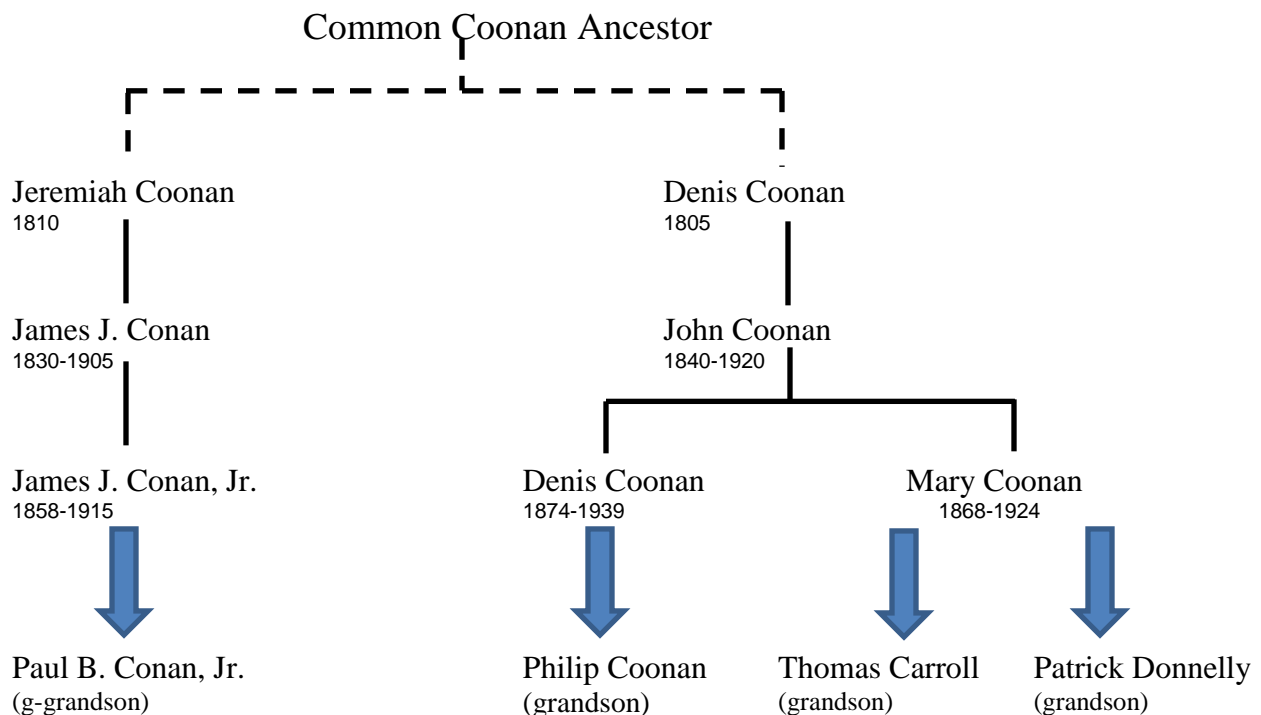


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Robert Conan's Approach

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.

Robert J. Conan, Jr. Approach	Closest Parish Approach
<p>Michael Coonan and Mary Delahunty Killavinoge, Killavinoge par. Templemore RC</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>Michael Guinan and Judy Fogarty Roscrea Bournea & Corbally RC mar. Feb 1846</p> <p>┆</p> <p>John Guinan bap. Dec 11, 1846 - St. John Baptist - Bournea</p>	<p>Dennis Coonan and Mary Ryan Illeigh Borrisoleigh mar. Feb 9, 1847</p> <p>┆</p> <p>John Coonan bap. Aug 20, 1848, Borrisoleigh, Glenkeen par</p>
<p>John Coonan and Johanna Long 1846 1845 Curraduff</p> <p>┆</p> <p>Patrick Coonan and Mary Fitzpatrick Ballyboy</p> <p>┆</p> <p>Patrick Coonan and Anne Woods Upperchurch</p> <p>┆</p> <p>Michael Coonan and Anne O'Hallernan 1935</p>	

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	Closest Parish 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 Fogherly <u>From NLI site</u> Dec 11, 1846 - John of Michael Guinan & Judy Fogerty. Sps. Thos Guinan & Anne Fogarty. No residence 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.	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 Knocknahaney 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
Res: Lislouran, Sps. James Ryan and Margaret Ryan -

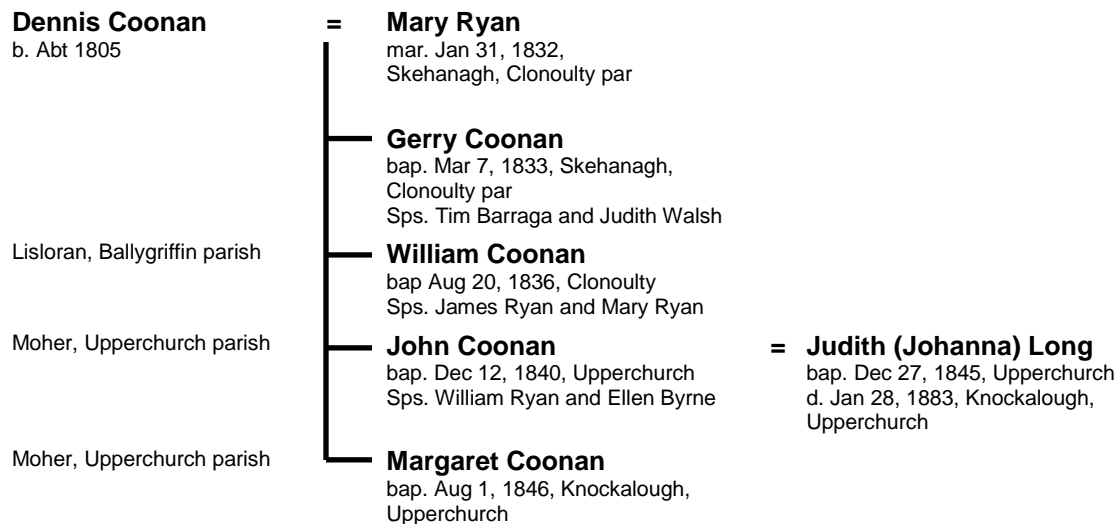
Lisloran, Ballygriffin civil par, Cashel PLU. Knockavilla RC parish borders Clonoulty RC parish on the south.

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
Res: Moher, Sps. Patrick Maher and Judy Carroll.

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

Denis Coonan and Mary Ryan



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

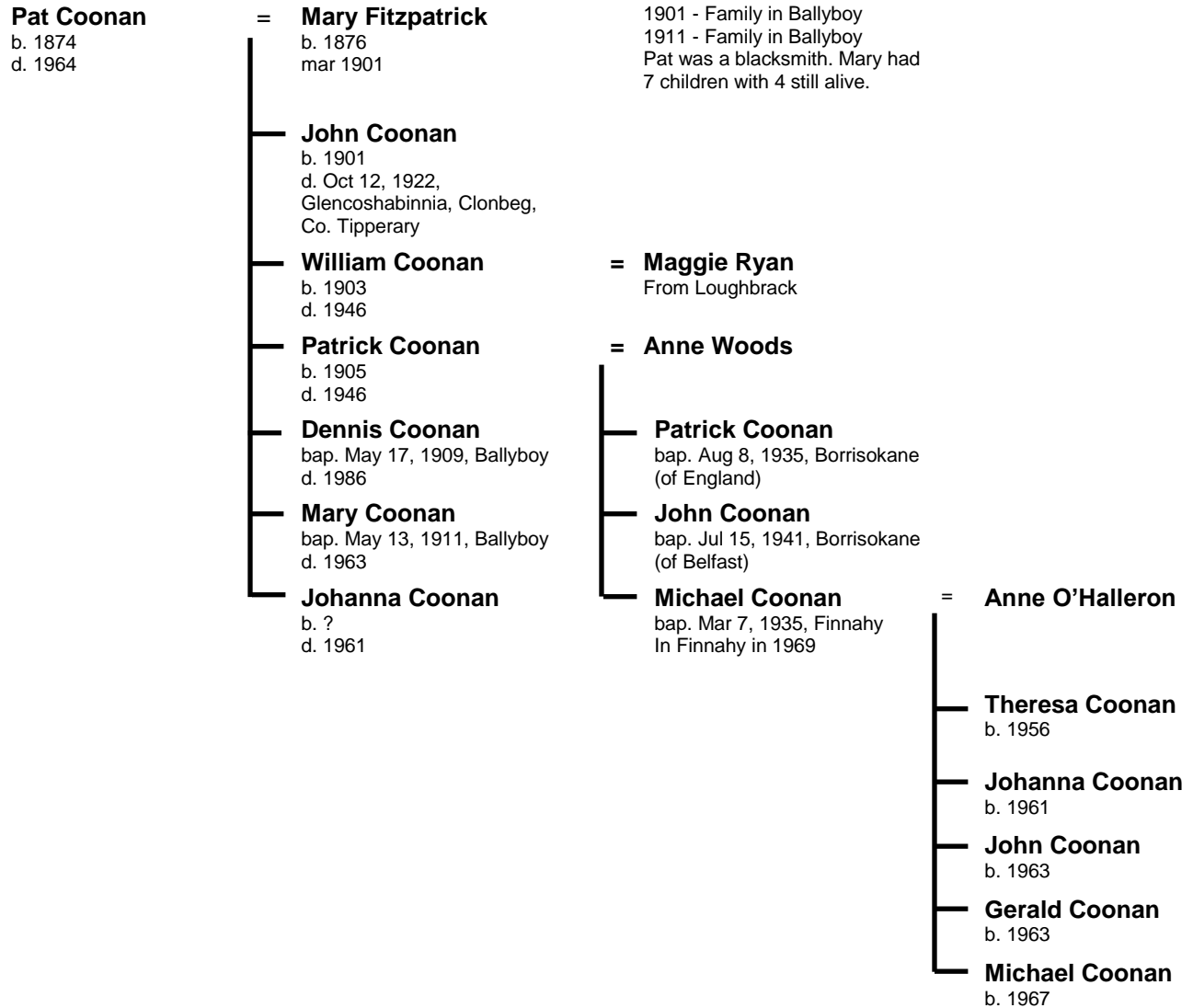
John Coonan, 60, Can read & write, Widower, born Co. Tipperary

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)



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

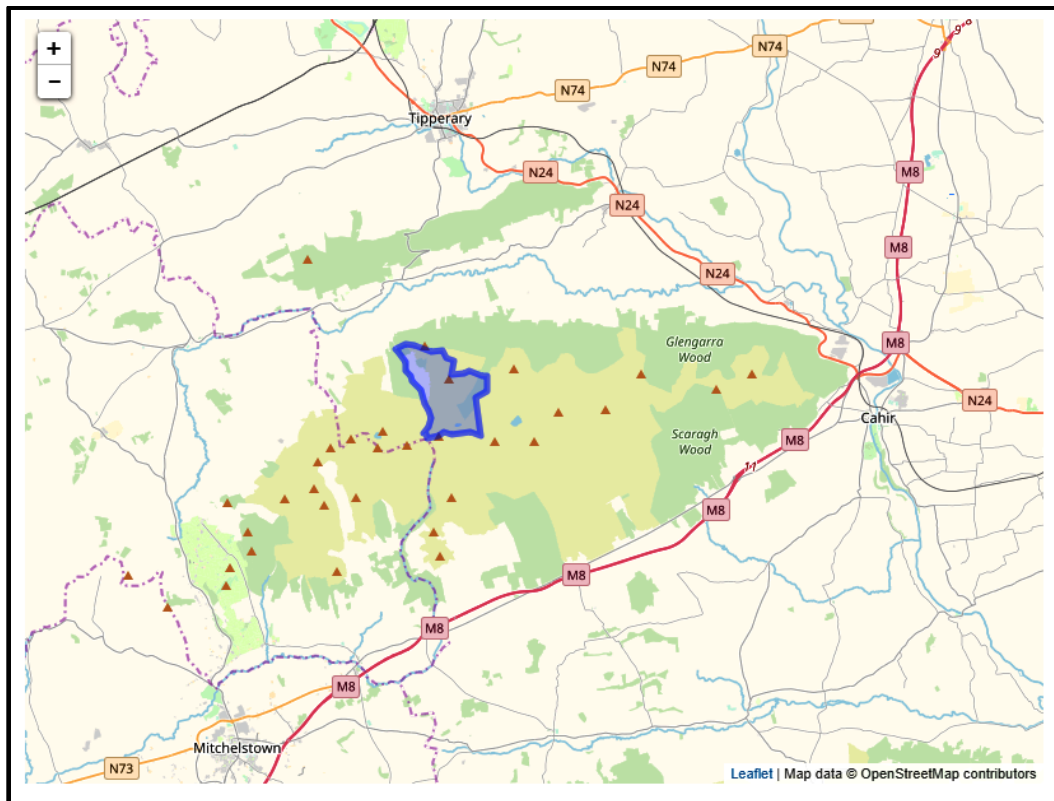
The Death of John Coonan from Phil Coonan

“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



Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Glencoshabinnia		1,552	Tipperary, S.R.	Clanwilliam	Clonbeg	Tipperary	Munster

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.

= **John Coonan**
bap. Aug 20, 1848, Borrisoleigh,
Glenkeen 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.

— **Honorina Long**
bap. Apr 10, 1859, Drombane,
Moyaliff par

— **Pat Long**
bap. Mar 10, 1861, Atshanboe,
Templebeg 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

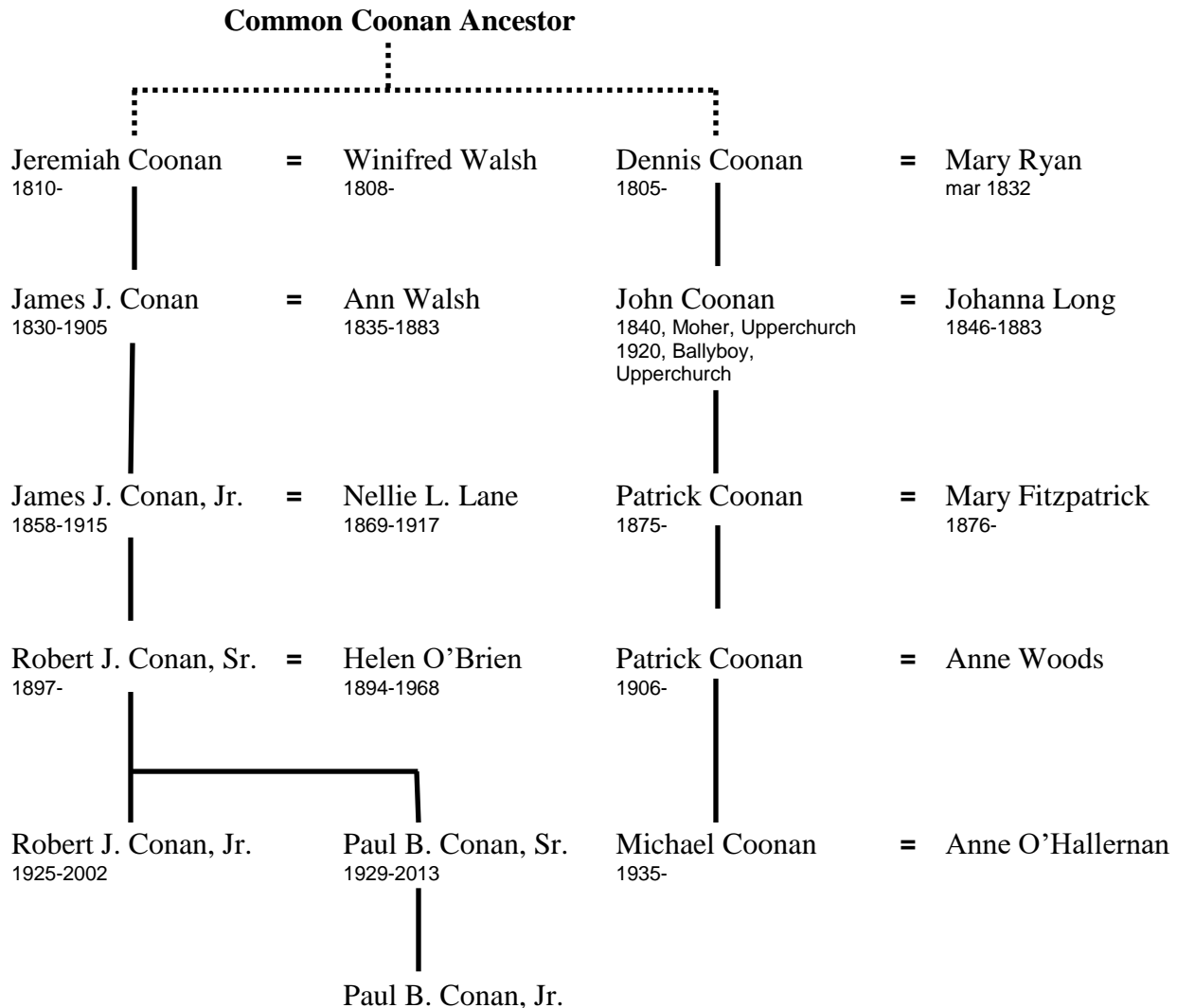
February 4, 1857 - Nancy Long, Par. Pat Long and Mary Grant

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

Upperchurch Coonan Pedigrees



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.)

<http://mcgrathsearch.com/Conan%20Family/Jerry%20Conan%20and%20Winifred%20Walsh%20003-25-18.pdf>

John Coonan and Johanna Long - from Philip Coonan

(s/o Denis Coonan and Mary Ryan)

(d/o Patrick Long and Mary Grant)

John Coonan

b. Dec 12, 1840, Moher,
Upperchurch
d. Jun 10, 1920, Ballyboy,
Gortkelly, Upperchurch

= Judith (Johanna) Long

bap. Dec 27, 1845, Upperchurch
d. Jan 28, 1883, Knockalough,
Upperchurch

Mary Coonan

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

= Thomas Carroll

b. 1862, Whitehall, Drombane,
Moyaliff par.
d. Nov 5, 1937
bur. Clogher Cem, Clogher

Margaret Coonan

b. Jan 6, 1870, Knockalough,
Upperchurch

Philip Coonan's grandfather

Denis Coonan

b. Jan 18, 1871, Curraduff, Upperchurch
d. Nov 23, 1939, Thurles

= Elizabeth (Betsie) Bourke

b. May 16, 1875, Banquet Hill,
Kilcommon, Dist of Borrisoleigh Thurles
PLU
d. Feb 2, 1957, Fairview, Kildare Town

Johanna Coonan

b. 1872
d. Mar 25, 1873, Curraduff, Upperchurch

Died young

Johanna Coonan

b. Jun 1, 1873, Curraduff
d. Jun 7, 1873, Knockalough

Died young

Anne Coonan

b. Jun 18, 1874, Curraduff

= Michael Woods

Patrick Coonan

b. Oct 25, 1875
d. Jun 12, 1961, Finnahy, Upperchurch

= Mary Fitzpatrick

b. Apr 5, 1875, Ballyboy (1901 census)
mar. Jan 23, 1901
d. Jul 20, 1945, Thurles

William Counihan

b. Dec 7, 1877
d. Mar 9, 1878, Curraghduff,
Upperchurch

Died young

Johanna Counihan

b. Feb 10, 1879, Knockalough

= James Fogarty

b. Feb 12, 1879
d. Feb 18, 1959, Fianna Road, Thurles

John Counihan

b. Nov 4, 1880, Knockalough

Honora Counihan

b. Dec 8, 1882, Knockalough
d. Oct 2, 1883, Knockalough

Died young

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 Foilnaman, 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, Moyliff 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
Killed in action

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. Ballyraggett,
Kilkenny
mar. Oct 15, 1966

Bridget Carroll

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

= James Donnelly

b. 1902, New Inn, Tipperary
d. 1979

Patrick Donnelly

b. Mar 13, 1941,
Cloneyharp, Clogher

= Mary Fogarty

b. Jun 22, 1946
Boherlahan, Tipp.

James Donnelly's Grandparents were: Lawrence Donnelly, b. 1870, New Inn, Co. Tipperary, d. Aug 9, 1965, Hymenstown, Co. Tipperary; Julia Carroll, b. 1880 Knockavilla, Oughterleague, Tipperary, d. Oct 11, 1943, Hymenstown, Co. Tipperary.

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

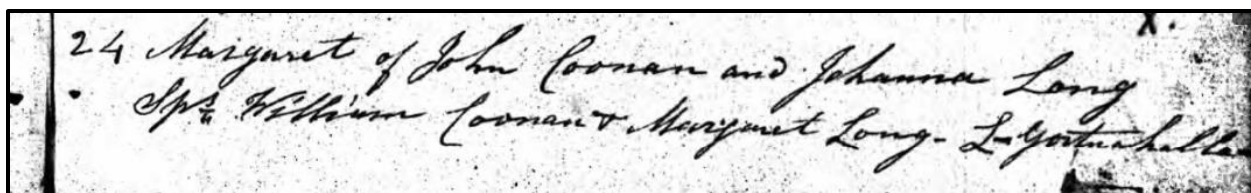
A - Borrisoleigh - p. 15

B - Thurles - p. 18, no dates, just years

C - Borrisoleigh - p. 27

	UC Reg	A	B	C
Mary	Nov 2, 1868	Nov 1, 1868	1868	Nov 1, 1868
Margaret	Jan 24, 1870	Aug 1, 1870		Feb 6, 1870
Denis	Jan 14, 1871	Feb 18, 1871		Feb 16, 1872
Johanna	Feb 14, 1872		1873	
Johanna	Jun 1, 1873	Feb 10, 1879	1879	Feb 10, 1879
Ann	Jun 23, 1874	Jul 8, 1874	1874	Jul 8, 1874
Patrick	Oct 28, 1875			
William		Dec 7, 1877		
John		Nov 4, 1880	1880	Nov 4, 1880
Honora		Dec 8, 1882	1882	Dec 8, 1882

Upperchurch record for Margaret Coonan - Jan 24, 1870 - from NLI



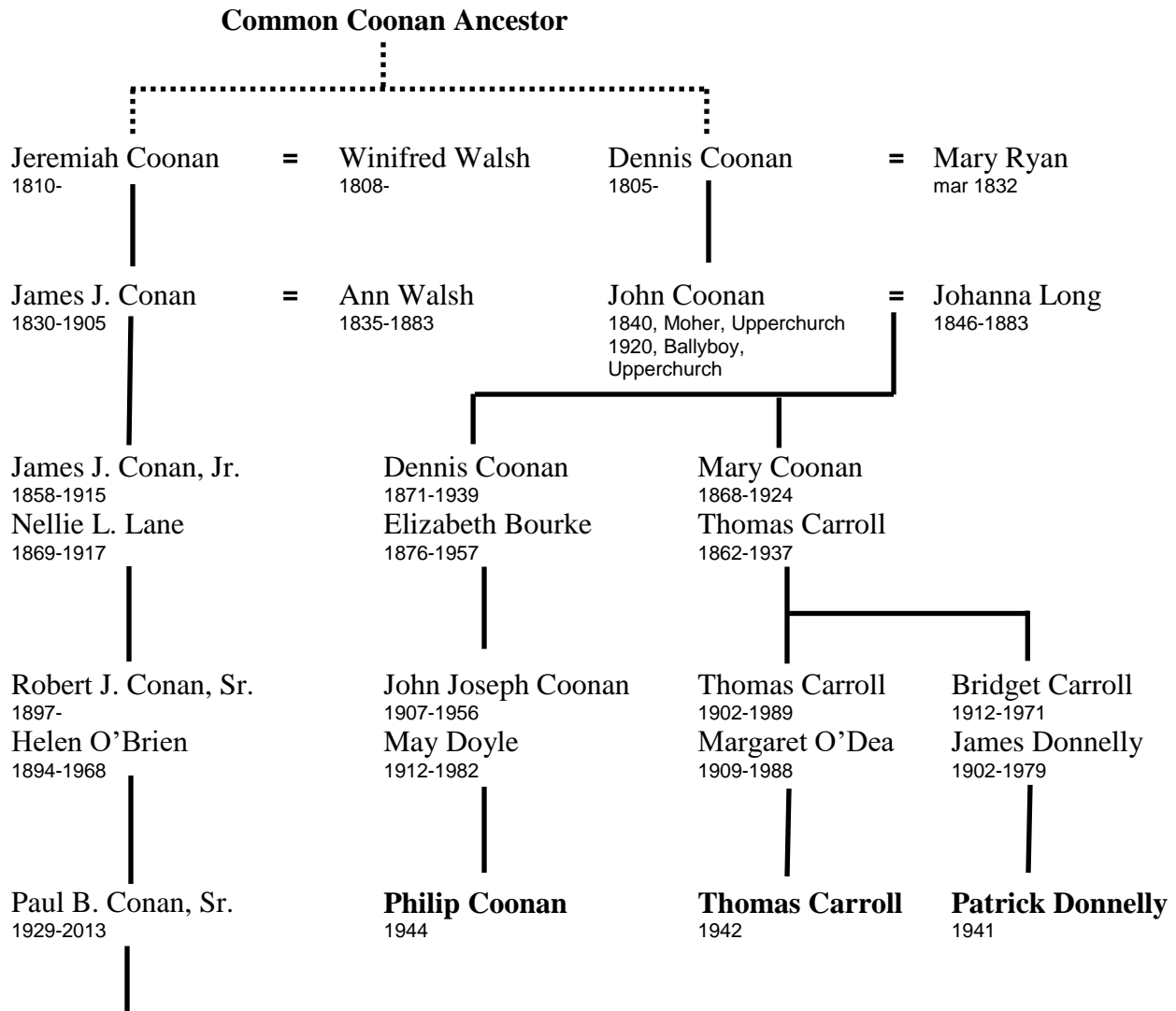
The UC Reg dates came from the NLI online microfilm records, which end in February 1876, and therefore there are no entries for William, John or Honora. The information for the dates in columns A, B, and C were from transcriptions made by Bob himself while he was in Ireland or were made by other persons 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

Name	Birth Date	Location	Name	Bap. Date	Location
Mary Coonan	Nov 1, 1868	Curraduff	Mary Coonan	Nov 2, 1868	Curraduff
Margaret Coonan	Jan 1, 1870	Knockalough	Margaret Coonan	Jan 24, 1870	Gortahoola
Denis Coonan	Jan 18, 1871	Curraduff	Denis Coonan	Jan 14, 1871	Curraduff
Johanna Coonan	Record not found		Johanna Coonan	Feb 14, 1872	Curraduff
Johanna Coonan	Jun 1, 1873	Curraduff	Johanna Coonan	Jun 1, 1873	Curraduff
Anne Coonan	Jun 18, 1874	Curraduff	Anne Coonan	Jun 23, 1874	Curraduff
Patrick Coonan	Dec 25, 1875	Curraduff	Patrick Cooney	Oct 28, 1875	Curraduff
William Counihan	Dec 7, 1877	Curraduff	William Coonan	Dec 7, 1877	Curraduff
Johanna Counihan	Feb 10, 1879	Knockalough	Church record not found		
John Counihan	Nov 4, 1880	Knockalough	John Coonan	Nov 4, 1880	Knockalough
Hanora Counihan	Dec 8, 1882	Knockalough	Honora Coonan	Dec 8, 1882	Knockalough

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



Paul B. Coonan, Jr.

This pedigree is similar to the previous one. In first pedigree the right hand side was based on the research of Robert J. Coonan, 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. Coonan, 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 4th 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

b. 1907, Thurles
d. 1956 @ 48, Cork

= May Doyle

b. 1912, Courthouse, Roscrea
Co. Tipp.
d. 1982, Clonmel

Denis Coonan

b. 1943, Courthouse, Roscrea

Philip Coonan

b. 1944, Courthouse, Roscrea

Marion Coonan

b. 1954, Cork

Mary Coonan

b. 1913, Thurles
d. 2004, Wicklow

= Frank Ryan

b. 1909, Thurles
d. 1982, 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

b. 1910, Thurles
d. 2004, Shropshire, UK

= Peter Hawkins, Sr.

b. 1907, Galway
d. 2003, 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 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 where 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 & its 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

Record	Michael Woods (Local)	Michael Woods (Bodyke)	Comment
1901 Census	Not found	Found with family in Coolreagh. Michael age 19, father Edmond, and mother Ellen Garvey.	Coolreagh about 1 km southwest of Bodyke.
Marriage Recs	Michael and Annie Coonan from Atshanboy, married at Drombane Chapel, Aug 13, 1904. Michael's father Edmond. Annie's father John Coonan.	No record found for another Michael Woods marriage to an Ann Coonan. Searched 1890-1905	
Baptism Recs	No local baptism records found	1905 - Edmund - Coolreagh 1906 - John - Coolreagh 1907 - Michael - Collreagh 1908 - Ellen - Coolreagh 1910 - Johanna - Coolreagh	Naming convention followed.
1911 Census	Not found	Michael and Annie in Coolreagh More, Co. Clare with their four children: John, Michael, Ellen, and Josie. Michael and Annie married 6 years.	Coolreagh More is about 1 km northeast of Bodyke. Annie (wife) was born in Co. Tipp.
Baptism Recs	No local baptism records found	1911 - Annie - Coolreagh 1914 - Patrick - Cooleagh	

-----Original Message-----

From: Philip Coonan [mailto:coonanp@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 5:43 AM

To: Michael McGraw

Subject: Re: Coonan Headstone Thurles

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

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Coolreagh		615	Clare	Tulla Upper	Kilnoe	Scarriff	Munster
Coolreagh Beg		455	Clare	Tulla Upper	Kilnoe	Scarriff	Munster
Coolreagh More		624	Clare	Tulla Upper	Kilnoe	Scarriff	Munster

Coolreagh	2 km NW of Bodyke
Coolreagh More	1 km NE of Bodyke
Coolreagh Beg	2-1/2 km N of Bodyke
Coolready	1 km SW of Bodyke

Church Records - Woods - Co. Clare

Superintendent Dist: Scarriff, Registrar's Dist: Feakle

43 - May 13, 1905 - **Edmond Woods**, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: July 28, 1905.

141 - June 20, 1906 - John Woods, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: October 26, 1906.

212 - July 11, 1907 - Michael Woods, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: August 30, 1907.

308 - October 31, 1908 - Ellen Woods, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: January 29, 1909.

384 - January 26, 1910 - Johanna Woods, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: February 25, 1910.

9 - September 8, 1911 - **Annie Woods**, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: October 27, 1911.

175 - March 24, 1914 - Patrick Woods, Par. Michael Woods and Annie Coonan,
Res: Coolreagh, Reg: April 24, 1914.

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

October 2, 1881 - Michael Woods, Par. Edmond Woods and Ellen Garvey, Feakle, Scarriff
Res: Coolready, Reg: Nov 18, 1881, Father's occupation: Labourer.

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

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Ballymalone		1,153	Clare	Tulla Upper	Tomgraney	Scarriff	Munster
Coolreagh More		624	Clare	Tulla Upper	Kilnoe	Scarriff	Munster
Coolreagh Beg		455	Clare	Tulla Upper	Kilnoe	Scarriff	Munster

Source: The IreAtlas Townland Database - <http://www.thecore.com/seanruad/>

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 Gortraskehy, 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)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Occupation
Woods	Edmond	60	Male	Head of Family	General Labourer
Woods	Ellen	50	Female	Wife	Blank
Woods	Edmond	21	Male	Son	Ag Labourer
Woods	Michael	19	Male	Son	Ag Labourer
Woods	Katie	17	Female	Daughter	Scholar

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

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Coolready		294	Clare	Tulla Upper	Kilnoe	Scarriff	Munster

Source: The IreAtlas Townland Database - <http://www.thecore.com/seanruad/>

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

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Cahill	Margaret	55	Female	Head of Family	R Catholic
Cahill	Patrick	26	Male	Son	R Catholic
Cahill	Margaret	24	Female	Daughter	R Catholic
Cahill	Willie	22	Male	Son	R Catholic
Coonan	Annie	25	Female	Servant	R Catholic

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)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Where Born
Woods	Michael	28	Male	Head of Family	Co. Clare
Woods	Annie	29	Female	Wife	Co. Tipperary
Woods	John	4	Male	Son	Co. Clare
Woods	Michael	3	Male	Son	Co. Clare
Woods	Ellen	2	Female	Daughter	Co. Clare
Woods	Josie	1	Female	Daughter	Co. Clare
Carroll	Maggie	8	Female	Step Daughter	Co. Tipperary

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.

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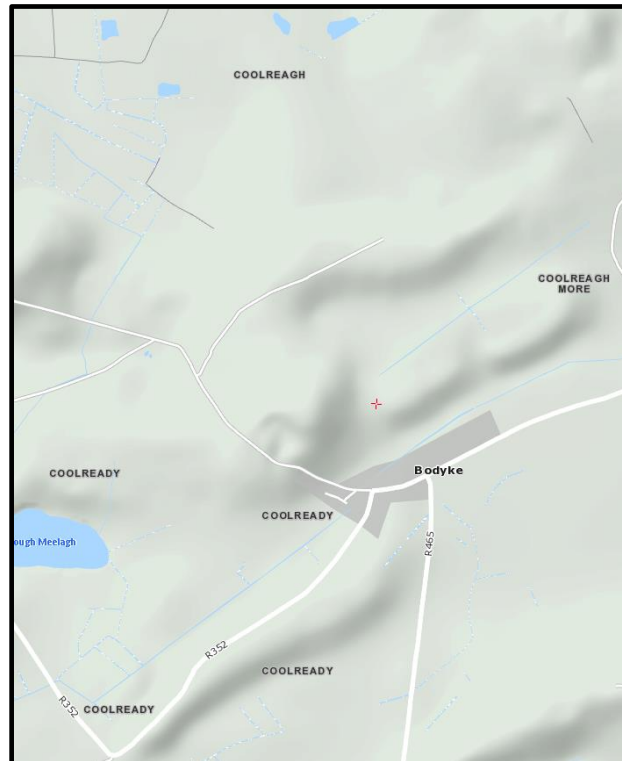
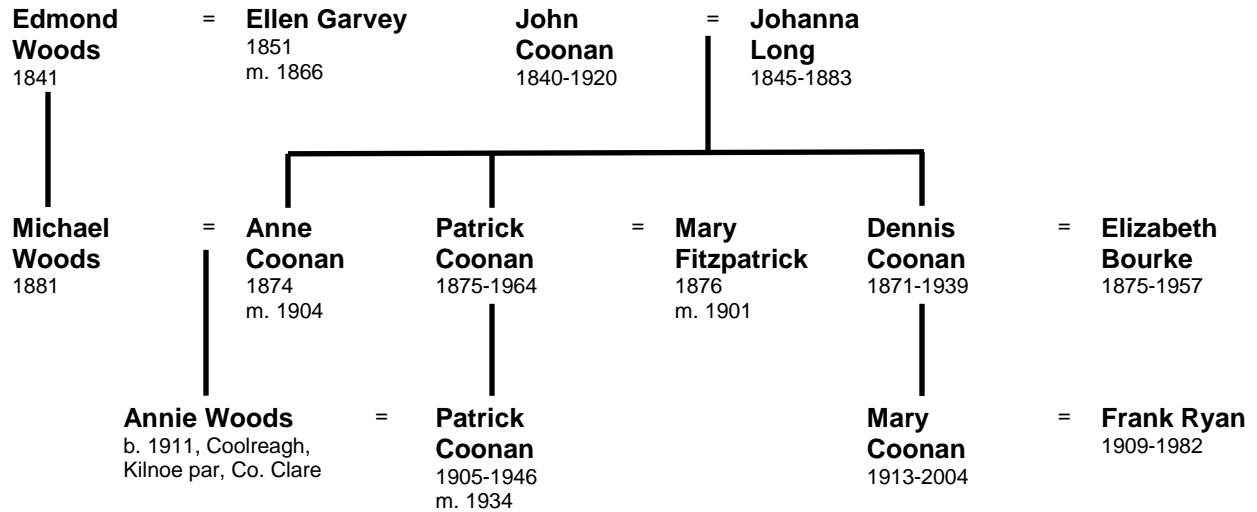
296 - October 13, 1902 - Margaret Coonan, Par. No father and Anne Coonan. Informant: P. Russell, Occupies Workhouse, Reg: October 20, 1902; Res: Workhouse, Thurles.

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

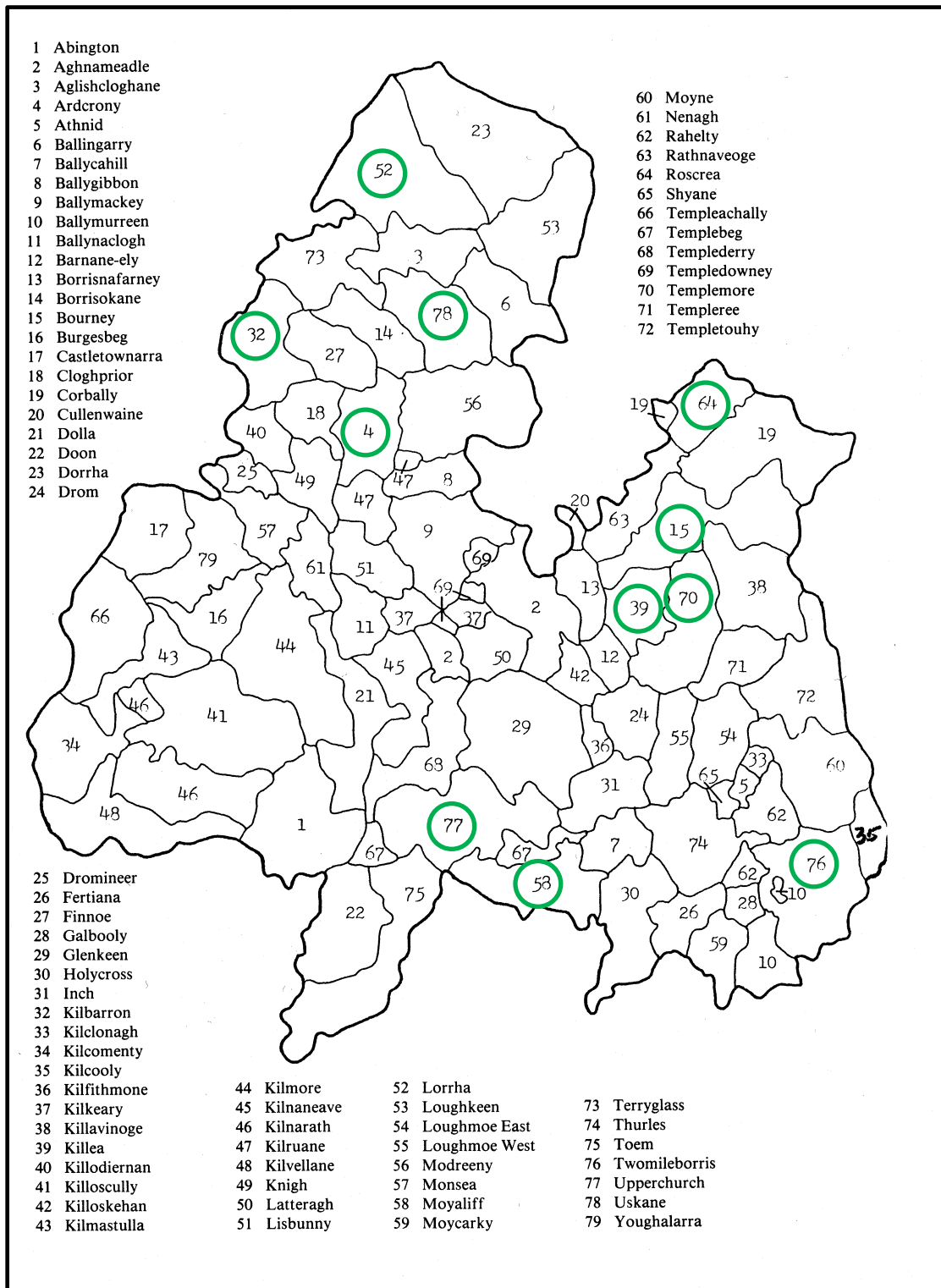
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(s/o Patrick Coonan and Mary Fitzpatrick)

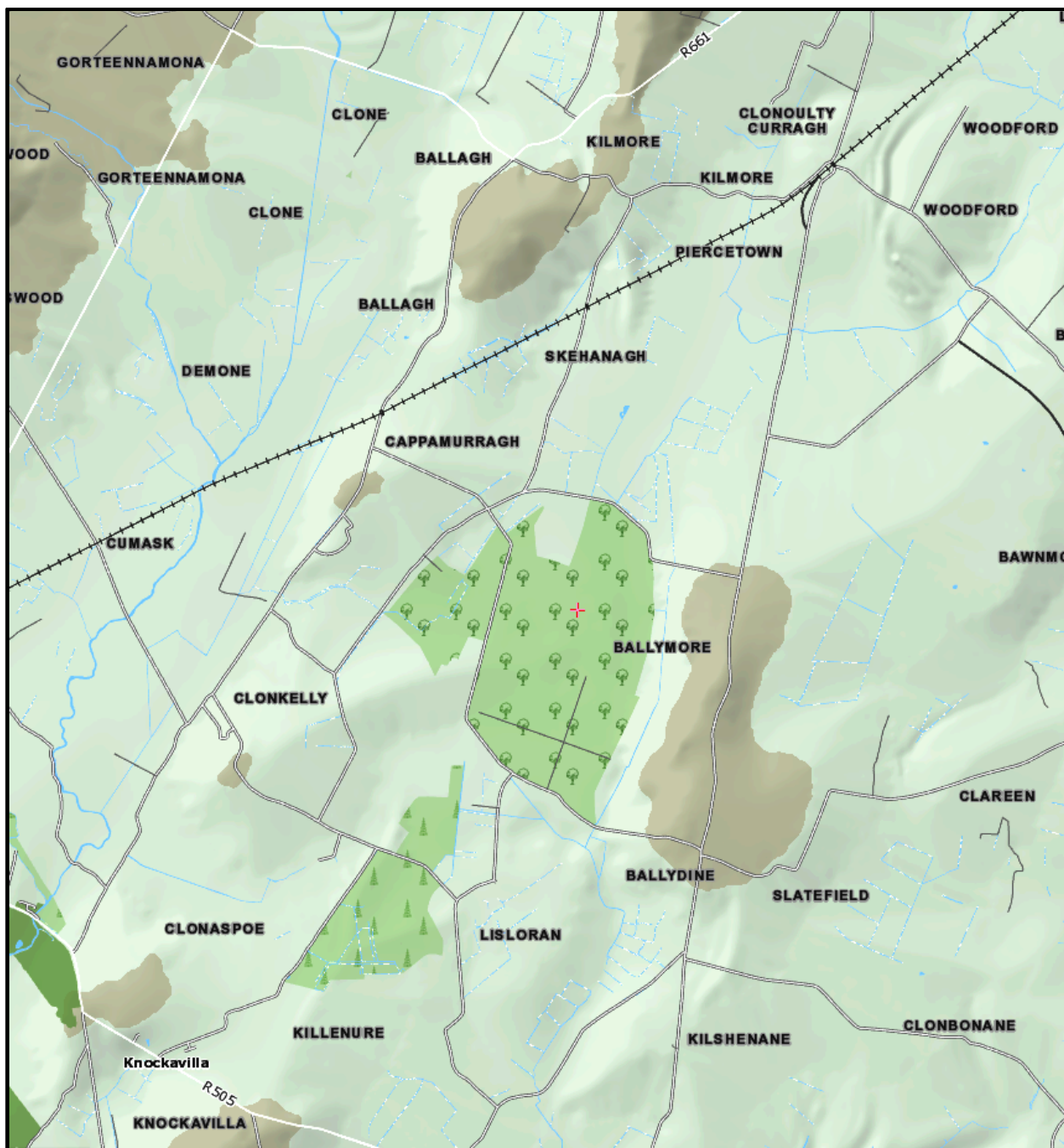


The townland of Coolreagh, Coolreagh More, Coolready, and the town of Bodyke in the civil parish of Kilnoe.

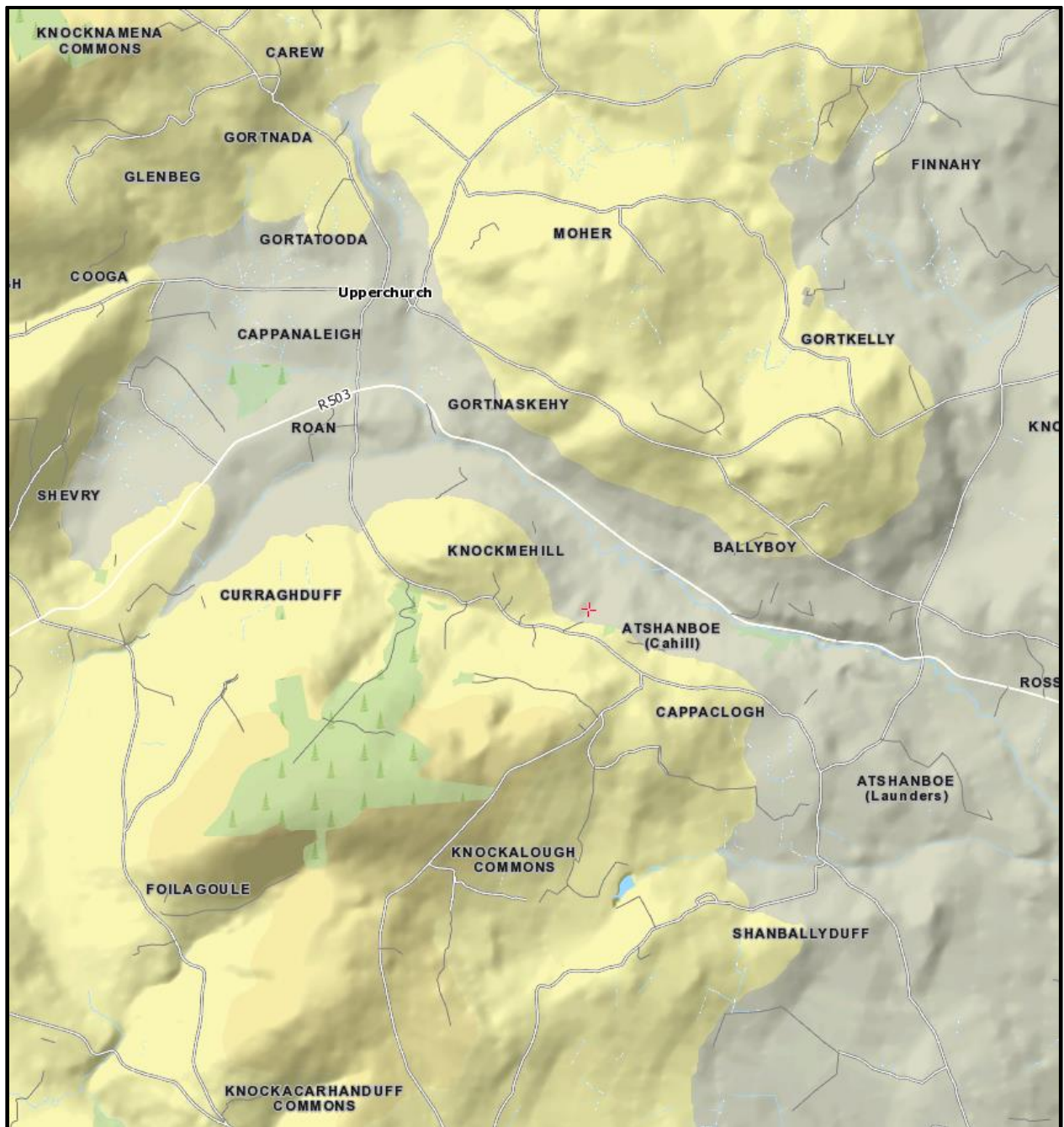
Various Maps



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.

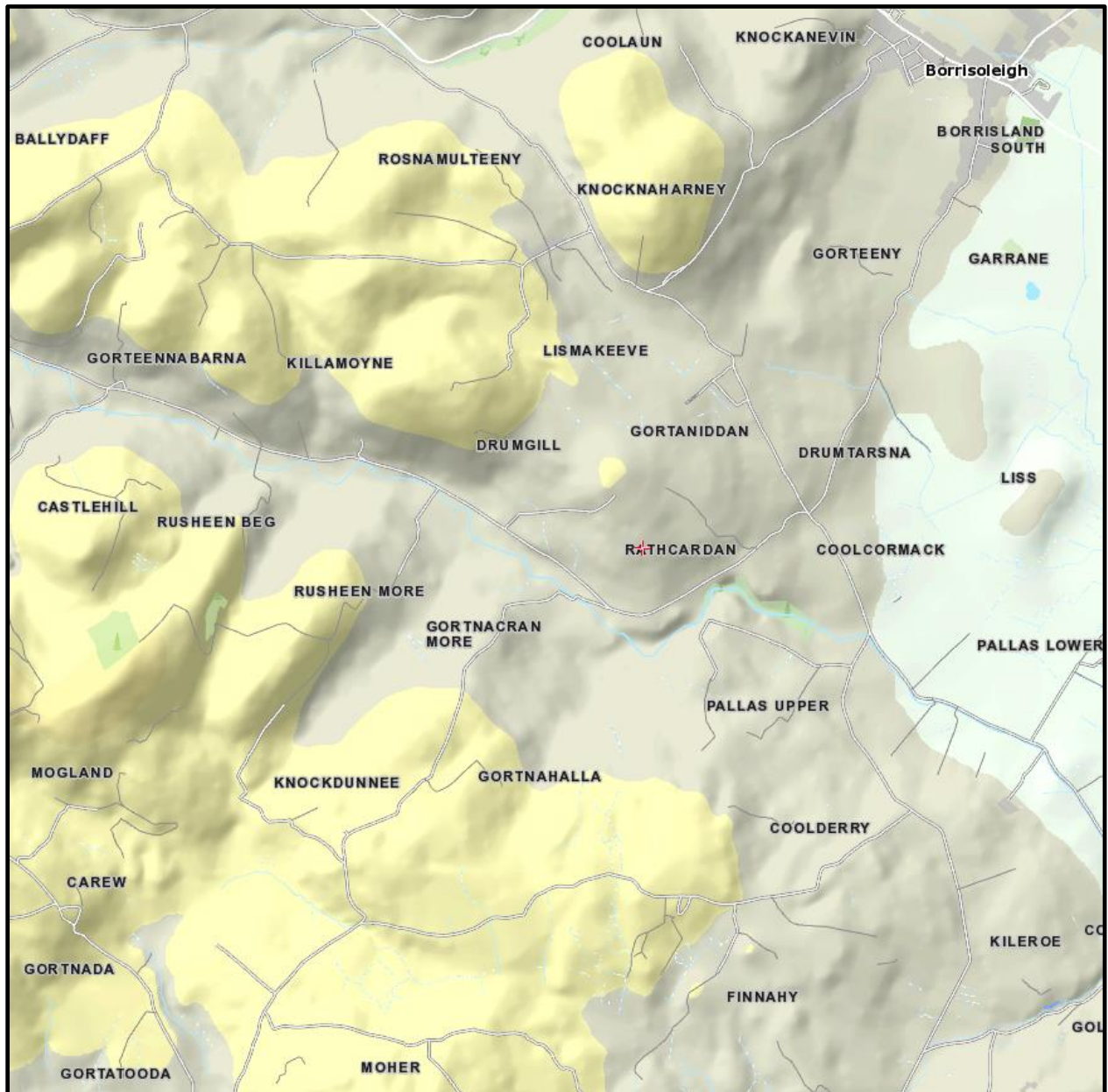


The townlands of Lisloran, Ballygriffin civil parish and Skehanagh in Clonoulty civil parish



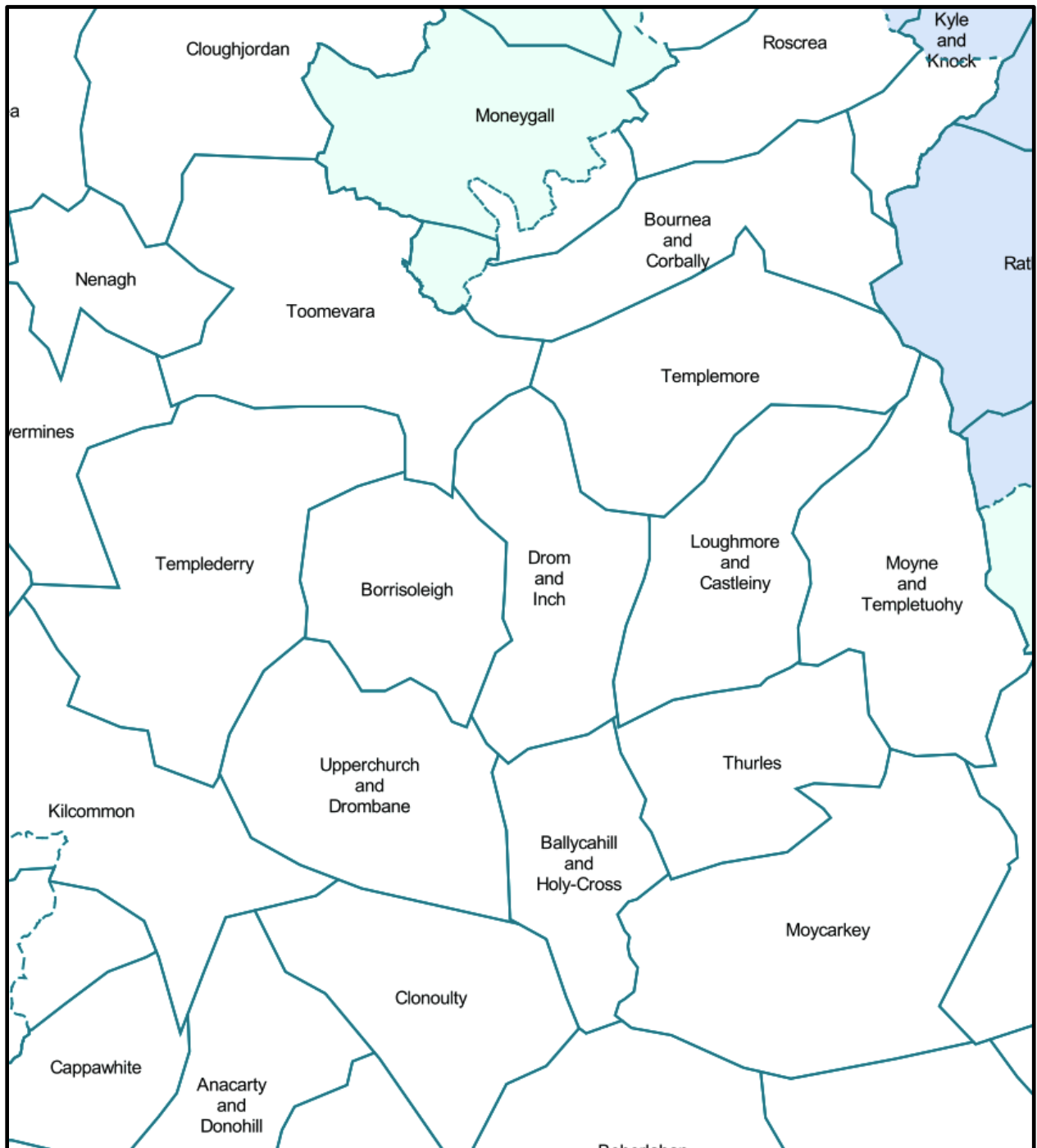
This map shows proximity Moher, Curraghduff, Knockalough Commons, Upperchurch village, and Foilagoule.

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 Knocknharney and north of the townland of Lismakeeve. The townland of Moher is near the bottom of the map.

Roman Catholic Parishes in the northeastern part of the North Riding of Co. Tipperary



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.