

# McGrath-Kennedy-Ryan-Gleeson Connections

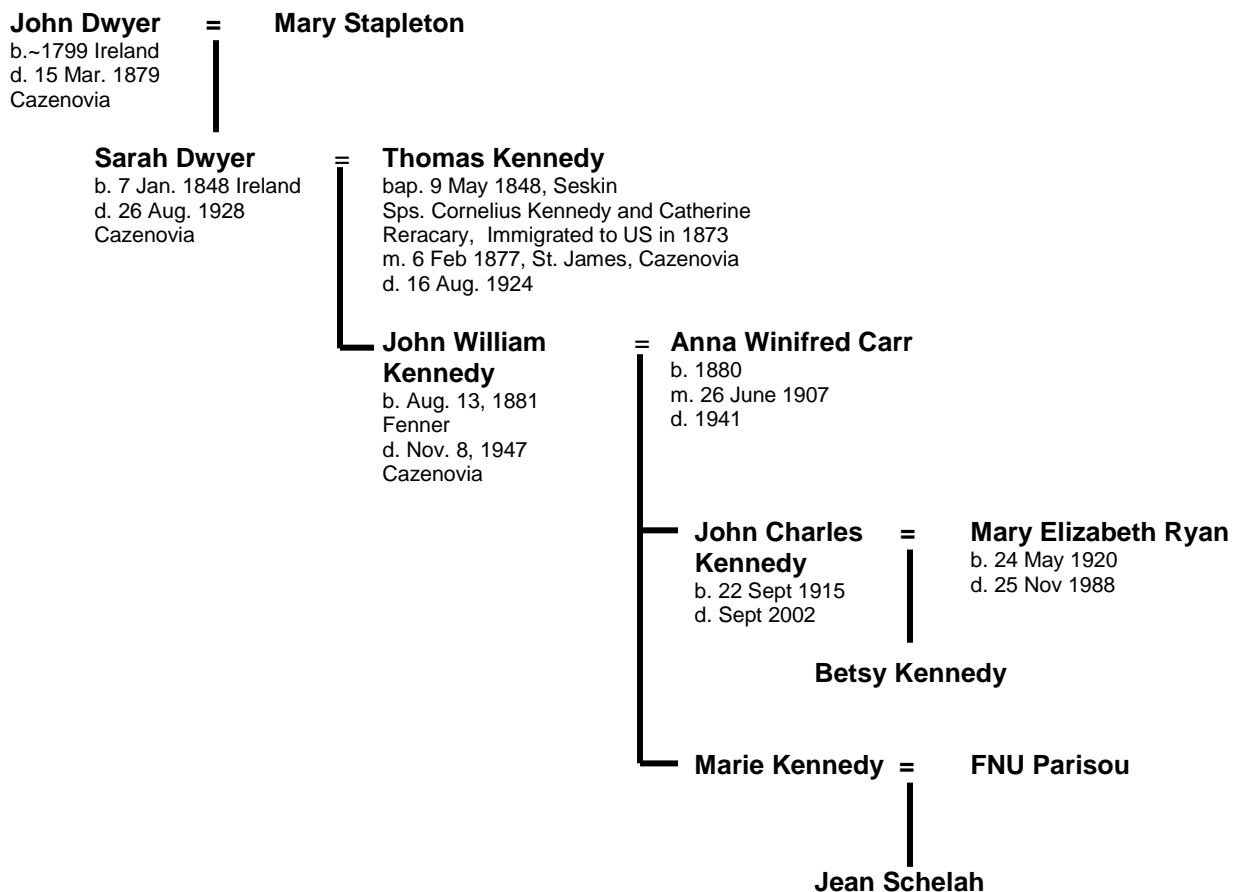
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This paper is meant to describe the detailed connections among several of the above named families in the Upperchurch - Clonoulty area of Co. Tipperary. On the first pages are pedigrees that show the connections to current researchers. The following pages describe the family connections and whether they remained in Ireland or emigrated. It is hoped that others will see possible connections to their families in this paper which will help them in furthering their family research. The long term goal is to push these family histories further back into the past.

## Thomas Kennedy and Sarah Dwyer

(s/o Michael Kennedy and Catherine Kennedy)

(d/o John Dwyer and Mary Stapleton)



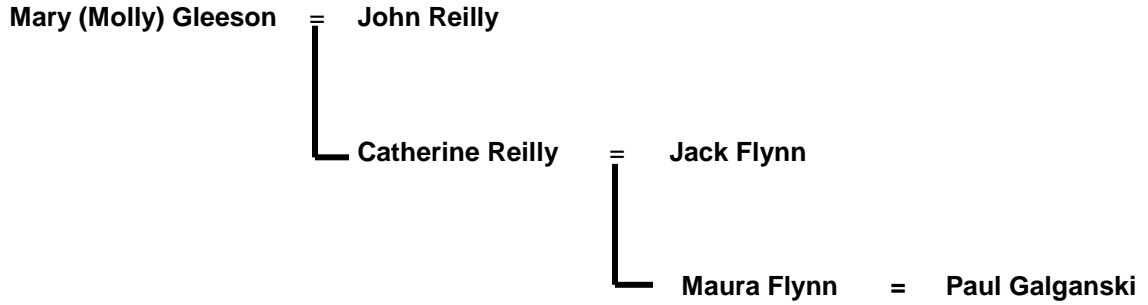
The marriage of Thomas and Sarah took place in St. James. Thomas Kennedy and Sarah Dwyer were married on Feb. 6, 1877 at Cazenovia by Fr. John L. Reilly with witnesses Denis Young and Mary Burke.

Anna Winifred Carr is not from the Dennis Carr family but a witness at her wedding to John William Kennedy was Thomas Carr. Dennis and Bridget Carr had a son named Thomas b. 1869.

**Martin Gleeson and Catherine Ryan**  
(s/o Dan Gleeson and Mary Purcell)  
(d/o Michael Ryan (Raymond) and Margaret Ryan)

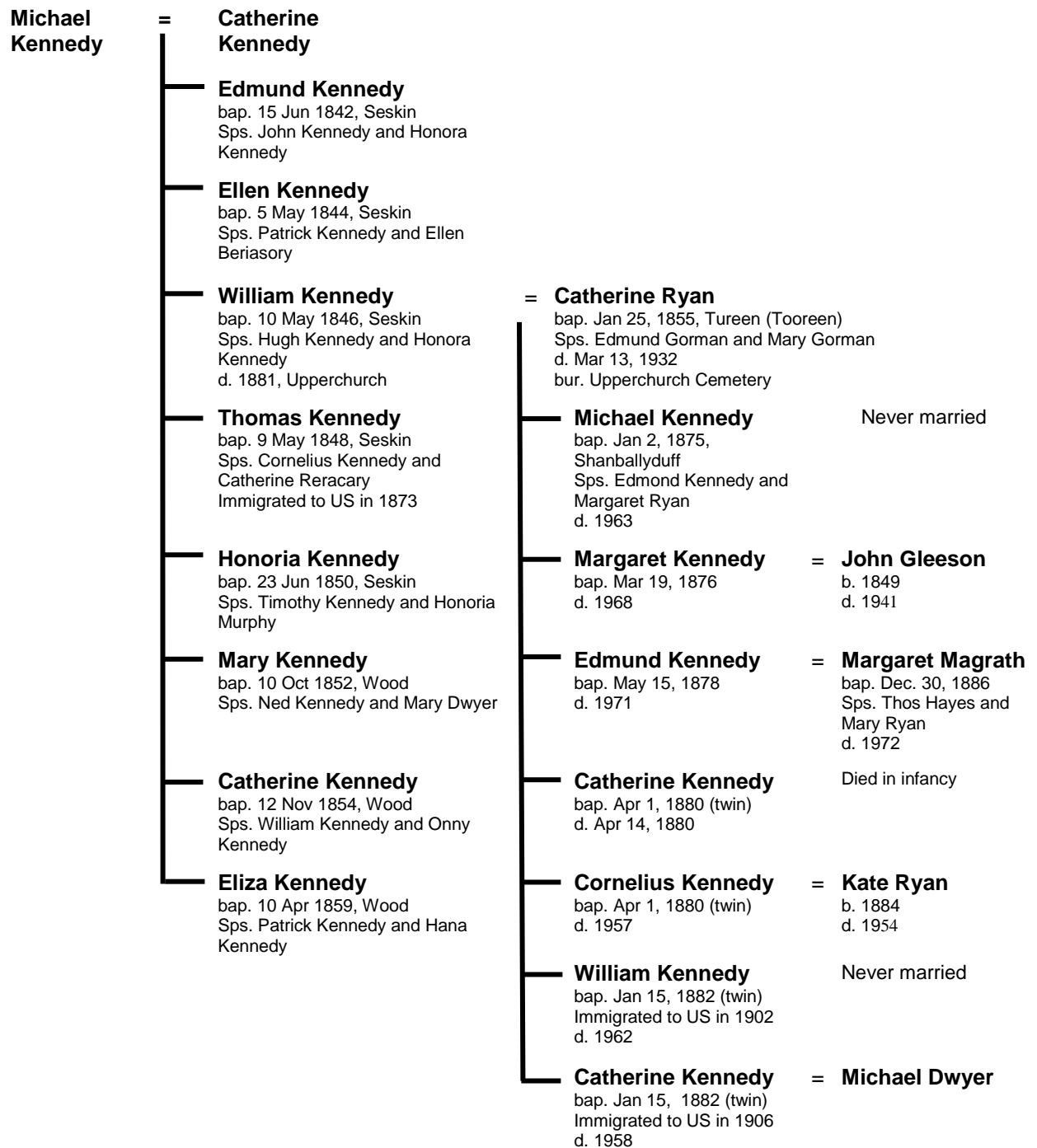
**Martin Gleeson** = **Catherine Ryan**  
b.~ 1843  
bap. Jan 25, 1855, Tureen (Tooreen)  
Sps. Edmund Gorman and Mary Gorman  
d. Mar 13, 1932  
bur. Upperchurch Cemetery

This was Catherine Ryan's second marriage, she was previously married to William Kennedy.



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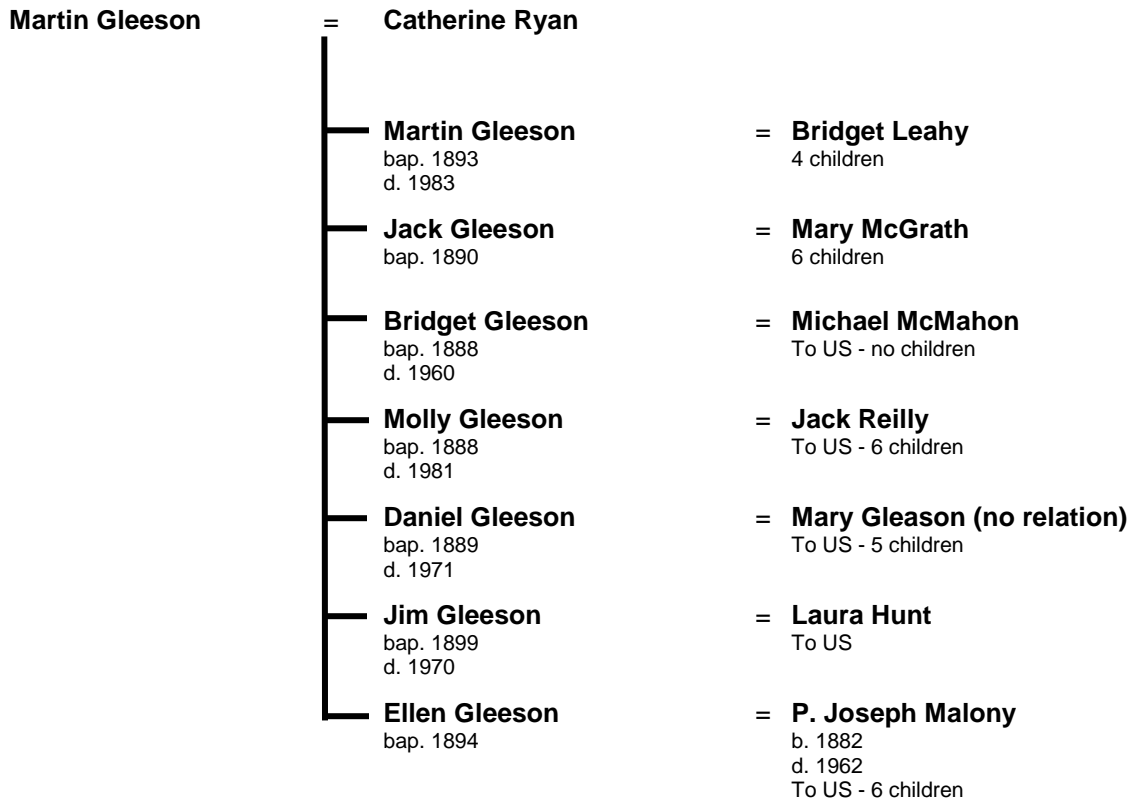
## Michael Kennedy and Catherine Kennedy of Upperchurch



All of William Kennedy and Catherine Ryan's children were born in Shanballyduff. William Kennedy remained in Ireland and was murdered in Upperchurch, in 1881, at the age of 31. William's brother Thomas Kennedy immigrated to the town of Fenner, Madison Co., NY in 1873.

William had two sets of twins: Catherine and Cornelius with Catherine dying at 2 weeks and a second set: William and Catherine who both immigrated to the US: William (1902), Catherine (1906). In 1910 Catherine was married to Michael Dwyer and living in the town of Fenner, Madison Co., NY. William Kennedy never married and lived with his sister Catherine and her family.

**Martin Gleeson and Catherine Ryan**  
 (s/o Dan Gleeson and Mary Purcell)  
 (d/o Michael Ryan (Raymond) and Margaret Ryan)



Source: The Kennedy Family Tree (17) - Jean Schelah  
 This is Catherine Ryan's family with her second husband Martin Gleeson.

### **Catherine Ryan Kennedy Gleeson**

1855 - March 13, 1932

From an obituary in an unknown American paper

“Mother of Fenner Resident, 79, Dies in Ireland

It is with deep and widespread regret that the many friends in Ireland and America will hear of the recent death of Catherine Gleeson of Drombane, Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland. Although nearly 79 years old, she had always enjoyed excellent health, so her illness of the past few months and death on Passion Sunday at the Thurles Hospital was a source of intense grief to all. She belongs to the real old Irish stock and was noted for her keen native wit, ceaseless love of prayer and work, and kindly hospitality. In 1927 she braved the wild Atlantic to cross to America where the unspeakable joy of seeing again seven of her children and enjoying their company awaited her. She enjoyed her stay of two years immensely and none of the American wonders surprised her much. She had the distinction of being the mother of sixteen children, fifty-four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The large and representative funeral cortege from Thurles to Upperchurch leave striking testimony to the great esteem and love in which she was held. After requiem office and high mass she was interred in the nearby cemetery. A solemn requiem months mind mass was celebrated in Drombane chapel April 13, where she worshiped for over sixty years, at the request of her sorrowing children in America. To those children and her host of friends here who have enshrined the loved memory and guiding example of that Irish mother in their hearts, we tender our sincerest sympathy.”

From an unknown Irish paper

“Her surviving children are: Mrs. John Reilly, Mrs. Joseph Maloney, of New York City; Mrs. Michael MacMahon, Dan Gleeson, and James Gleeson, of Paterson, N.J.; Mrs. Michael Dwyer, of Cazenovia, N.Y. (daughters and sons); Edmund Kennedy, Michael and Con Kennedy, Jack Gleeson, Martin Gleeson (sons); Mrs. John Gleeson (daughter), of Drombane, Thurles, Ireland.”

# Michael Ryan (Raymond) and Margaret Ryan (Sean Eamon)

Parents of Catherine Ryan who married William Kennedy

**Michael Ryan**  
(Raymond)

= **Margaret Ryan (1<sup>st</sup> wife)**  
(Sean Eamon)

**Catherine Ryan**  
bap. Jan 25, 1855, Tureen (Tooreen)  
Sps. Edmund Gorman and Mary Gorman

= **William Kennedy**  
bap. May 10, 1846, Upperchurch

**Margaret Ryan**  
bap. Jul 18, 1856, Glenuagh  
Sps. Patrick Ryan and Catherine Hanley

**Bridget Ryan**  
bap. Oct 25, 1858, Glenuagh  
Sps. John Ryan and Winifred Ryan

**Mary Ryan**  
bap. Aug 8, 1861, Glenuagh  
Sps. Roger Gorman and Catherine Ryan

**Cornelius Ryan**  
bap. Nov 30, 1863, Glenuagh  
Sps. Connor Ryan and Margaret Ryan

**Winifred Ryan**  
bap. May 27, 1867, Glenuagh  
Sps. John Ryan and Ellen Ryan

= **James McGrath**  
b. abt 1860  
m. about 1900 in Ireland

**Ellen Ryan**  
bap. Mar 17, 1869, Glenuagh  
Sps. Richard Dwyer and Anna McGrath

= **Margaret (Maggie)** b.~1901  
= **Patrick (Paddy)** b.~1902  
= **Michael (Mick)** b.~1911

= **Margaret Ryan (2<sup>nd</sup> wife)**  
bap Oct 29, 1849, Clonoulty

Dau of John Ryan-Moneen and Catherine Ryan

**Joanna Ryan**  
bap. Aug 12, 1872, Toureen  
Sps. Michael Lenihan and Mary Purcell

**Michael Ryan**  
bap. Oct 23, 1873, Thora  
Sps. John Ryan and Bridget Ryan

Died in infancy

**John Ryan**  
bap. Jun 11, 1875, Toureen  
Sps. Patrick Ryan and Anne Ryan

To Australia

**Michael Ryan**  
bap. Sep 20, 1876, Toureen  
Sps. Patrick Gleeson and Mary Ryan

**Patrick Ryan**  
bap. Mar 18, 1878, Toureen  
Sps. John Dwyer and Bridget Dwyer

**Daniel Ryan**  
bap. Jun 11, 1879,  
Sps. Patrick Murphy and Eliza Kennedy

**Philip Ryan**  
bap. Mar 5, 1881, Tureen  
Sps. Michael Madden and Mary Murphy  
d. Sept 19, 1942 (Stouke)  
bur. Upperchurch Cemetery

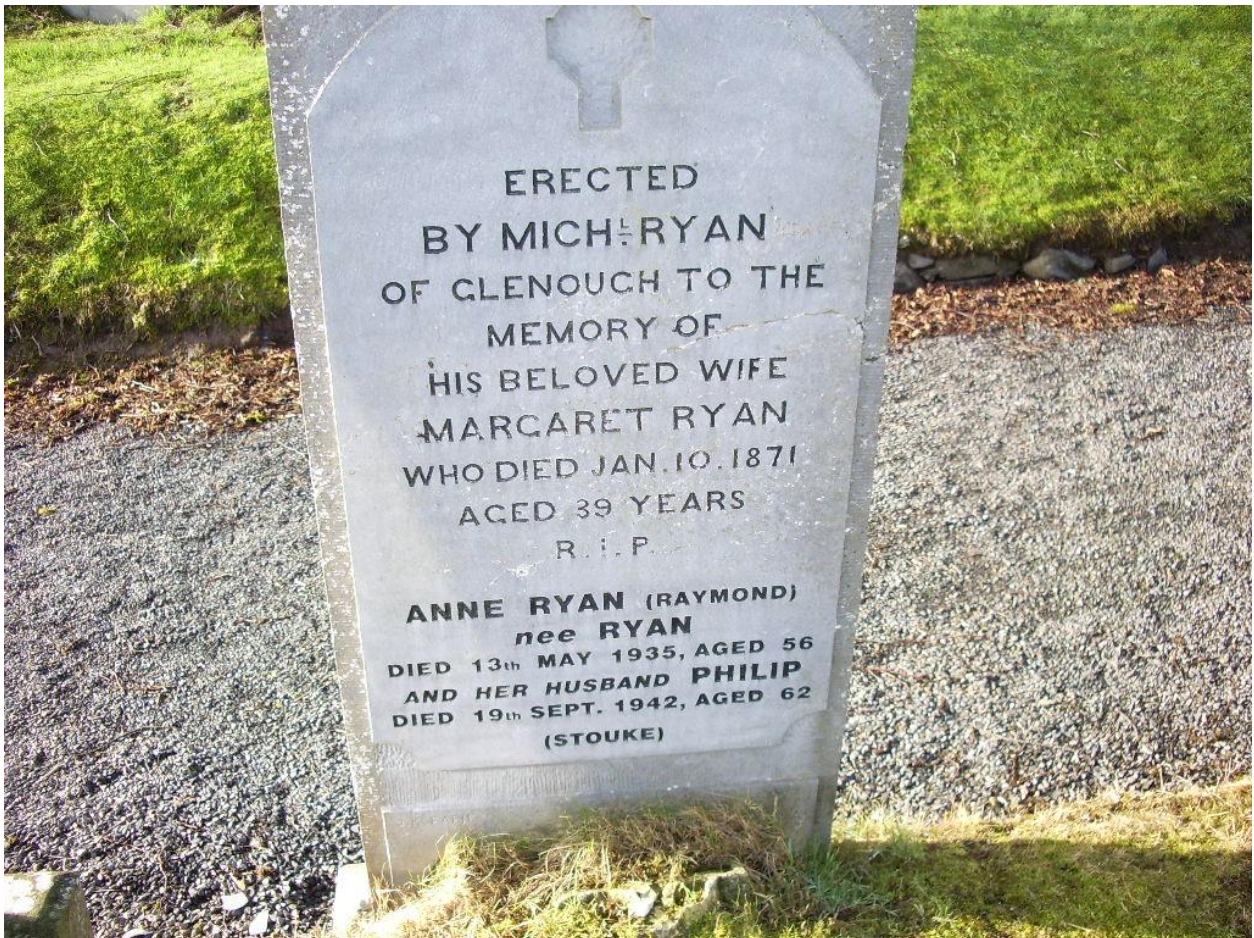
= **Anne Ryan (Dan)**  
b. 1879, Toureen  
d. May 13, 1935  
bur. Upperchurch Cemetery

**Sarah Ryan**  
bap Nov 11, 1882, Toureen  
d. Mar 10, 1966

= **William Ryan (Maher)**  
b. 1881, Clonoulty  
d. May 13, 1923

On "The Kennedy Family Tree (9)" Michael Ryan married a second time, to Catherine Kelly. According to that paper they had children: Johanna, Sarah who married a Ryan, Michael who married M. Short(1) and then B. Buckley (2), Patrick who married ?, John, who married a Dwyer and Philip who married ? A problem arose in that Catherine Kelly could not be found and the baptismal records for all of Michael Ryan's children listed the mother as Margaret Ryan. As the monument below shows Margaret Ryan did indeed die. Paul Galganski discovered that Michael Ryan had married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. He married another woman named Margaret Ryan.

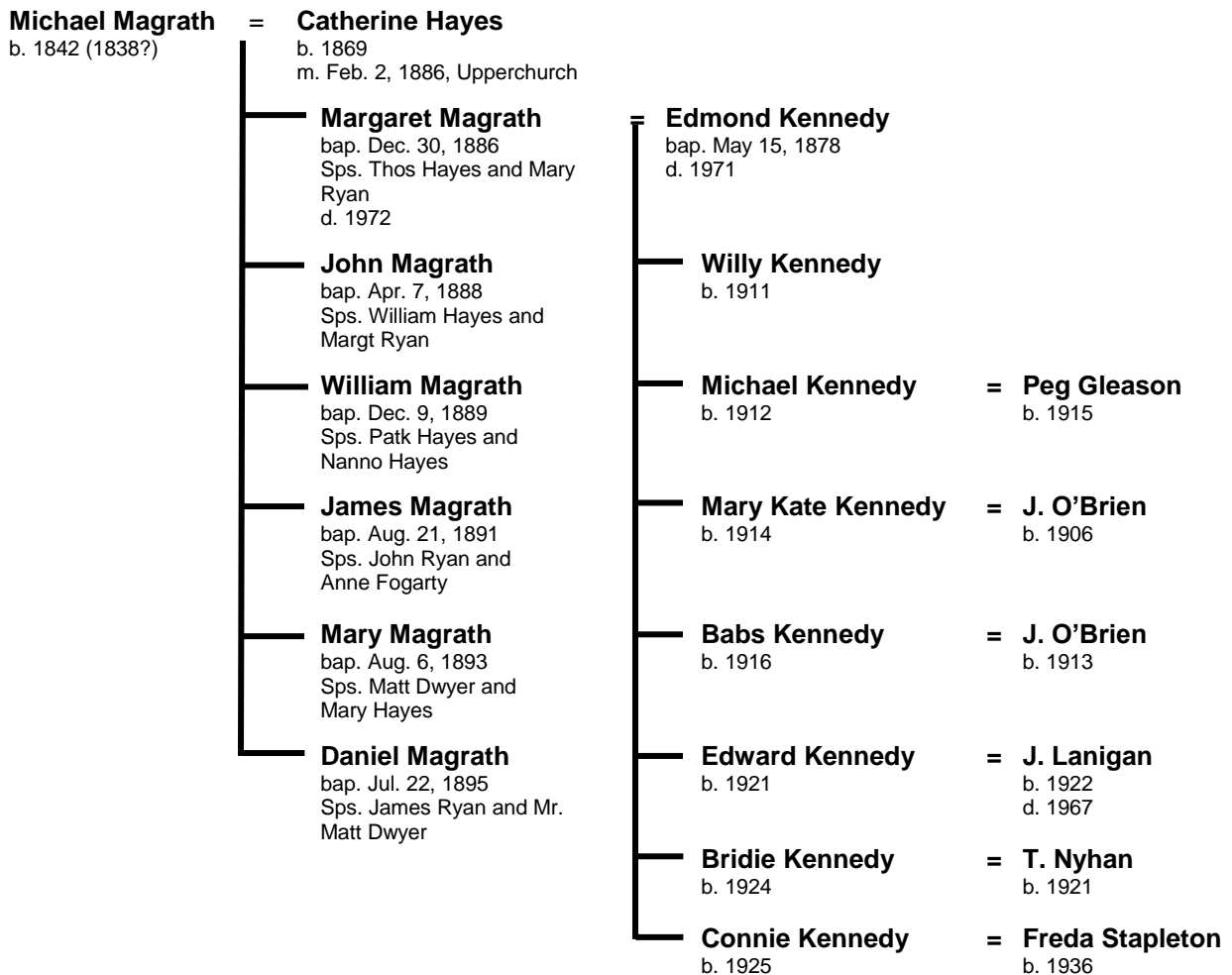
Philip Ryan and Anne Ryan had 11 children. The eldest child was daughter Margaret (Peg) M. Ryan. Her father was a Ryan - Raymond and her mother was a Ryan - Dan. Margaret was born on Jan 14, 1902 in Gortaculrish and she died on May 4, 1980 in Syracuse, NY.



This is Margaret Ryan's gravestone in Upperchurch Cemetery. She was the 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Michael Ryan. The photo was taken by Jeanie Muncie Bouthillier in December, 2005.

## Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes of Coolnamoney

This Michael Magrath was in Coolnamoney at the time of the 1901 and 1911 census. His family's baptismal records were found among the Upperchurch parish records. There was a John Magrath in Coolnamoney in the Griffith's Valuation, on Lot 6 (3a-1r-2p). There is a single baptism record for a John McGrath and Margaret Ryan of Coolnamoney and that was the baptism of a daughter named Norry on Dec. 3, 1852. This possible connection will be explored further since the Michael below named his first son John and his first daughter Margaret.



The Kennedy family records for the children of Edmond Kennedy and Margaret Magrath were provided by Jean Schelah. Edmond Kennedy's parents are William Kennedy (b. 1850, d. 1881) and Catherine Ryan (b. 1858, d. 1935). It was those records that showed Margaret's connection to Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes which led to their children's baptismal records in the computerized baptism record in 2000. That was just a lucky catch since that list surpasses the coverage of the NLI microfilm records and the connections continue to grow.

Source: The Kennedy Family Tree was from Jean Schelah who is descended from William Kennedy's brother Thomas. Thomas Kennedy immigrated to the US in 1873. Many of Edmond's and his brother William's descendants are still living in the Upperchurch area and visited with Jean during her trip to Upperchurch in 2006.



## Probable Michael McGrath Connections - Grandparents and Parents

Clonoulty
<b>Michael Magrath = Mary Ryan</b> Patrick - 30 Mar 1808 John - 2 Dec 1815, Boherlahan

No marriage record found in Clonoulty back to the beginning in 1804.

This family above had a son named John who could be the John below. The marriage below fits with the baptismal records of the John Magrath and Margaret Ryan below.

John Magrath (Clonoulty) and Margaret Ryan (Bishop's Wood) married at Knockavilla, Co. Tipperary, Feb 7, 1836. Witnesses: Joseph Ryan, James Quinlan and Winifred Ryan.

John's naming of his first son and first daughter is consistent with him being the son of Michael Magrath and Mary Ryan above.

<b>John Magrath = Margaret Ryan</b> Michael - 29 Nov 1836, Turraheen Mary - 7 Mar 1838, Turraheen Winifred - 9 May 1839, Turraheen Daniel - 8 Sept 1842, Turraheen Patrick - 15 Mar 1844, Turraheen Margaret - 1 Dec 1845, Turraheen James - 11 Mar 1848, Turraheen
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John McGrath and Margaret Ryan had a daughter Norry, baptized on Dec 3, 1852 while their residence was at Coolnamoney. This could be the same John Magrath and Margaret Ryan family above who had moved from Turraheen to Coolnamoney.

Michael McGrath and Catherine Hayes named their first son John and their first daughter Margaret which possibly links them to the John Magrath and Margaret Ryan above. In the 1901 Coolnamoney census Michael was 59 years old which gives a birth year of approximately 1842. The Michael, son of John Magrath and Margaret Ryan, was baptized Nov 29, 1836. This gives an age gap of about 5 years which is not a real problem given the practice of Irish parents not telling their children their actual ages. In the 1911 Coolnamoney census Michael gave his age as 73 which gives him a birth year of approximately 1838, which is even closer to the 1836 baptism record.

Michael's sister Winifred was also found in Coolnamoney and her 2<sup>nd</sup> son has the same name as her father. The family was not found in Coolnamoney in the 1901 census.

<b>Winifred McGrath = Thomas Ryan</b> Mary Ryan - Feb 23, 1869, Coolnamoney James Ryan - Jul 16, 1870, Coolnamoney John Ryan - Sep 16, 1872
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This might be the other son of Michael Magrath and Mary Dwyer from the top of the previous page. His first son was named Michael and his first daughter was named Mary and they were in Turraheen

**Patrick Magrath = Margaret Fahy**

m. 24 Jan 1837, Turraheen

Witnesses Philip Fahy, Edmond Magrath and Mary Fahy

Michael - 24 Feb 1838, Turraheen

Phillip - 22 Jun 1840, Turraheen

Thomas - 7 Aug 1843, Turraheen

Mary - 18 May 1846, Turraheen

Winifred - 29 Oct 1848, Turraheen

These possible connections described above benefited from several fortunate circumstances. Not every trail will have such a successful conclusion. The primary elements required for this activity are the family trees constructed from the baptism records to form the families. The second of these fortunate circumstances are the census records that connect to the baptism records and then there was the fact that the family was still residing in the same townland. The Irish naming convention allowed a connection to Michael's father in Coolnamoney at the time of the Griffith's Valuation. Here is where some real luck came into the picture. The next family connection was in the baptism records of adjoining Clonoulty RC parish. Michael's baptism record was found there using the naming convention and finding an appropriate age gap. Good fortune appeared once again in the early starting year (1809) of the Clonoulty records and a possible grandfather was found for Michael. Admittedly these connections are only held together by a naming convention, geographic proximity and proper age gaps but the final structure provides a very useful and visual device to guide future research.

# The Entire Set of Magrath Family Assumed Connections in a Single Tree

