

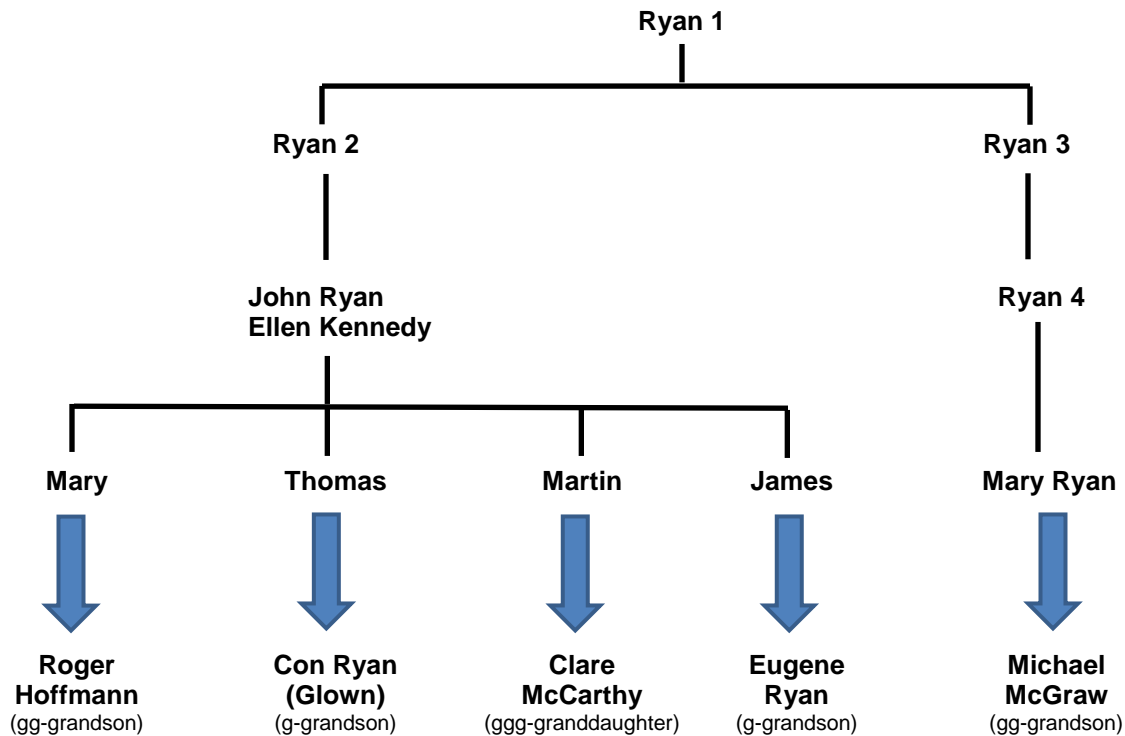
# McGrath- Ryan - Michael McGraw

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## Introduction

The chart below summarizes the connections of five individuals to an unnamed common ancestor labeled Ryan 1. The mutual connection to Ryan 1 was originally discovered by Con Ryan of Glown and his late cousin Michael Quinlan in the Upperchurch parish records back in 2000. The connection was in the form of the dispensation for 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins to marry. Ellen Ryan, the daughter of Thomas Ryan, wed Edmond Ryan, the son of Ryan 4's son Jerry Ryan.

## The Upperchurch Ryan Connections



The discovery of this connection between Con Ryan and myself (5<sup>th</sup> cousins once removed) was eighteen years in the making. My sister had first attempted to contact Con by mail in 1983 with no success and I picked up the task in 1997 and was also unsuccessful. However, it was the letter to his parish priest just before our visit to Upperchurch in 2000 that finally got a response. The entire story is contained in *The Story of the Search for Mary Ryan's Cottage* [http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/Mary\\_Ryan\\_2-9-05.PDF](http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/Mary_Ryan_2-9-05.PDF)

After this discovery progress on my Ryan line stalled out and I proceeded to look for other families from the Upperchurch area who had also settled in the Central New York area. This opened a real flood gate as I discovered that Onondaga and Cortland counties of New York

State were a real magnet for Upperchurch families. The count was up to 62 individuals representing 28 families before I stopped counting. [http://mcgrathsearch.com/Arrival\\_List.htm](http://mcgrathsearch.com/Arrival_List.htm)

Between 2010 and 2015 Roger Hoffmann and I had exchanged information in an unsuccessful attempt to find a connection between our Ryan ancestors who had both come from the Upperchurch area and who also settled in Syracuse, NY.

In July 2017 Clare McCarthy had found a DNA match with Roger Hoffmann. This match focused the search for her mystery grandfather Edward Lee on Roger and his connection to the Upperchurch area. She eventually tracked down an Edward Lee with ties to the Upperchurch area but unfortunately he had passed away several years ago. However, she found one of Edward's brothers who agreed to do a DNA test, the results of which showed that Edward Lee was indeed Clare's grandfather. Now Roger and I had a third person with a connection to Upperchurch. In early December Clare received a match to the DNA results she had submitted to MyHeritage. This was Eugene Ryan and his paper trail contained the connection that she had been seeking.

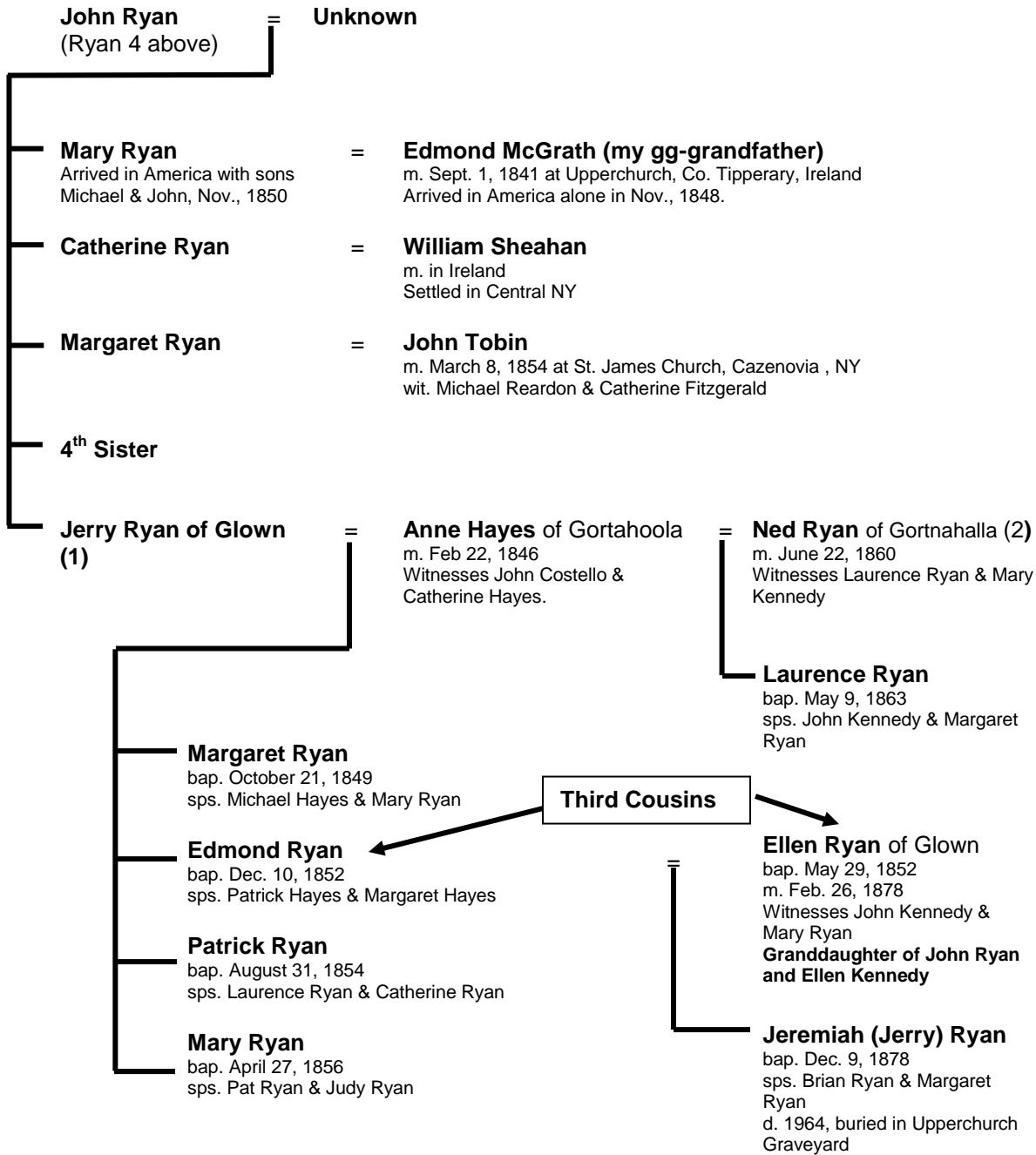
During the second week in December Clare shared her family tree containing Eugene Ryan's new information with Roger and myself. This contained the descendants of John Ryan and Ellen Kennedy and this information turned out to be the missing link in Roger's genealogy and also in mine. Roger was the first to notice that John and Ellen's daughter Mary was the wife of his John Ryan. It wasn't until the next day that I was able to see my connection with John and Ellen Kennedy.

The matches determined from the results of DNA testing can identify high probability individuals who might have the missing pieces to your genealogy puzzle. However, a DNA match with no associated paper trail is next to useless.

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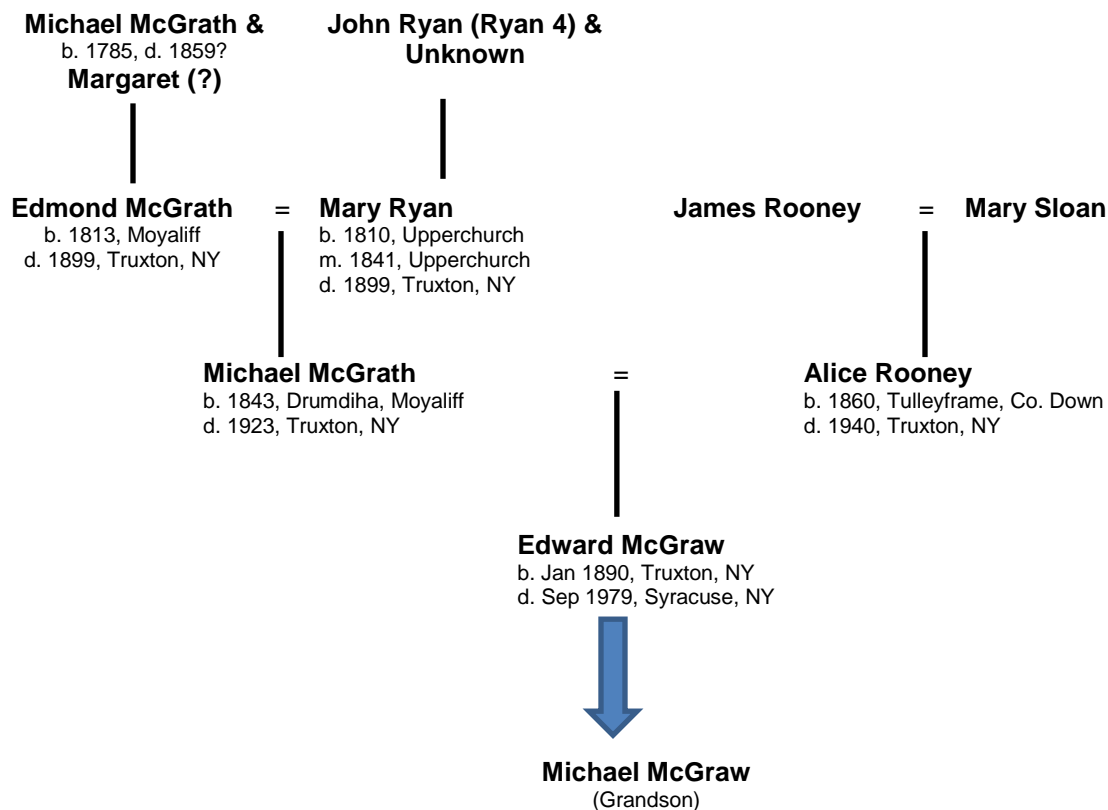
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GEDmatch	A608074

**Mary Ryan's Relatives from Gleninchaveigh, Upperchurch  
(My gg-grandmother)**



The above tree and the one on the following page are from pp. 52, 55 in *The McGrath Family of Truxton, New York* [http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/McGraths\\_of\\_Truxton\\_01.pdf](http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/McGraths_of_Truxton_01.pdf) .

## Edward McGraw - Paternal Grandfather



A number of documents have already been produced describing the McGrath side of the family.

The McGrath Family of Truxton, New York - 2002

[http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/McGraths\\_of\\_Truxton\\_01.pdf](http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/McGraths_of_Truxton_01.pdf)

Finding Michael McGrath from Moyaliff, County Tipperary, Ireland - 2008

<http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/The%20Story%201-15-08.pdf>

The McGrath Family from Moyaliff Parish, County Tipperary - 2008

<http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/Bold%20Hypothesis%201-19-08.pdf>

The Long and McGrath Families - Neighbors on Both Sides of the Ocean - 2011

<http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/The%20Long%20and%20McGrath%20Families%2010-27-11.pdf>

The Neighbors in Ireland - 2012

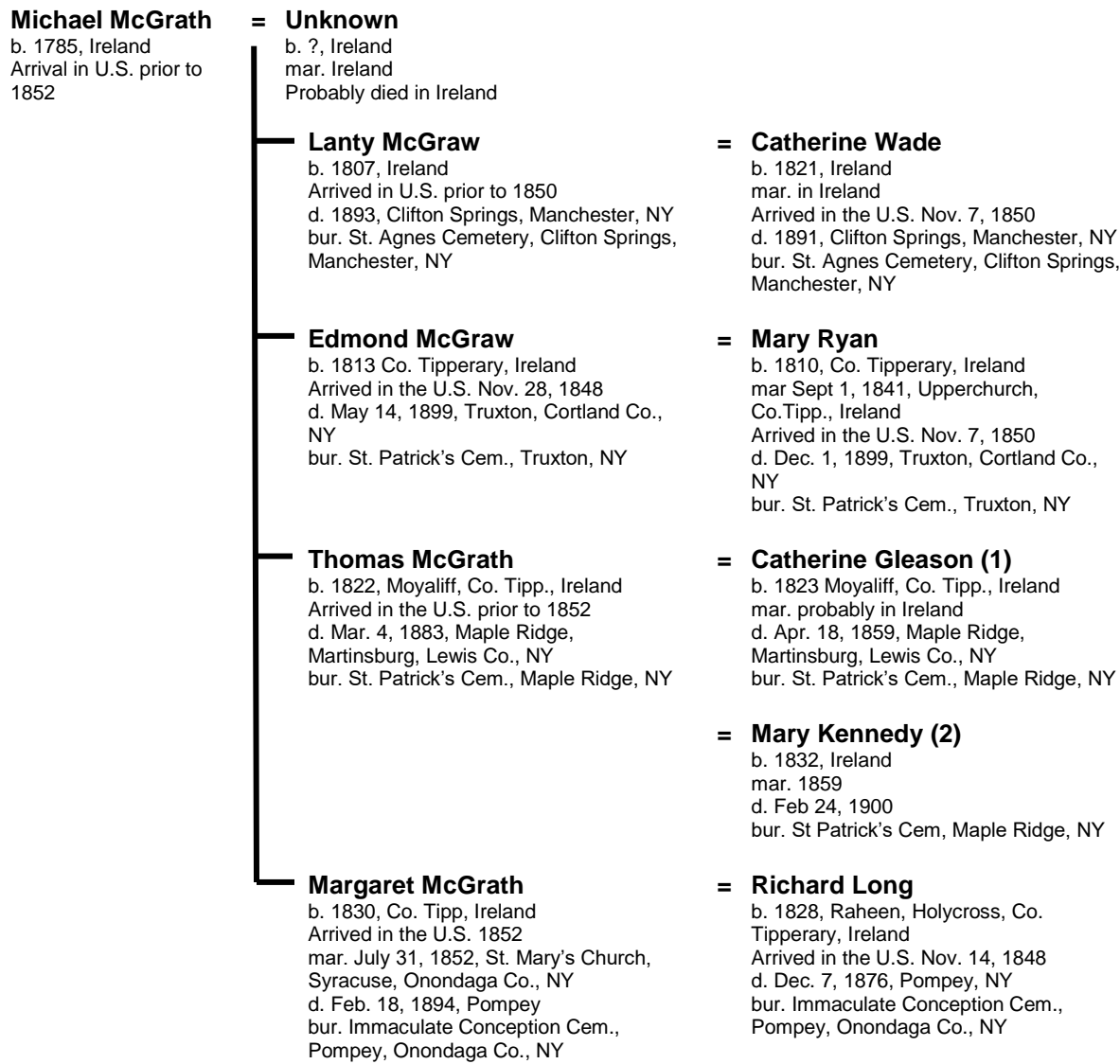
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The Rooney's of County Down

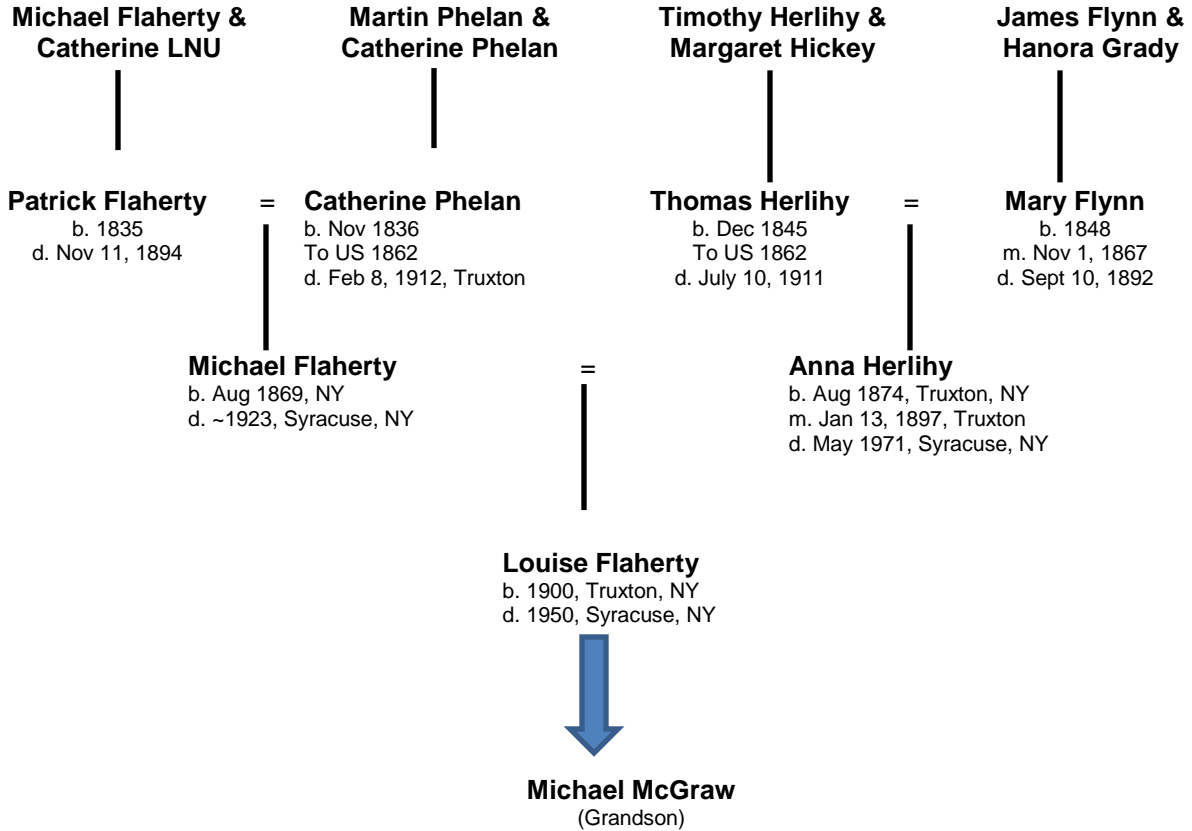
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## The Descendants of Michael McGrath of Moyaliff

In the 1855 NYS census Thomas McGrath was living in the town of Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY. Living at the same residence was Thomas' father Michael and his wife Catherine, formerly Gleeson, and James McGrath. The nature of the connection of James to Thomas McGrath has been the subject of a decade of research. The current status of that connection will be discussed later in this paper. On the next farm, back in 1855, was Bridget Ryan, she was the niece of Catherine Gleeson McGrath and later that year she became the bride of James McGrath. In the latter part of 1858 all of these persons participated in the Maple Ridge Migration. They were part of a group of more than a dozen individuals who relocated from the Pompey area to Maple Ridge in Lewis County. Michael didn't participate in the migration and it is thought that he had died sometime prior to 1860 and was probably buried in Old St. Mary's Cemetery on Renwick Ave, in Syracuse.



# Louise Flaherty - Paternal Grandmother



The Story of the Flahertys

[http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/McGraths\\_of\\_Truxton\\_01.pdf#page=176](http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/McGraths_of_Truxton_01.pdf#page=176)

## Bernard Stack - Maternal Grandfather

**Richard Stack**  
b. ~1820, Ireland  
m. June 6, 1843,  
Ballymacoda, Co. Cork,  
Ireland

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**Mary MacGuinn**  
b. ~1820, Ireland  
m. June 6, 1843,  
Ballymacoda, Co. Cork,  
Ireland

**Jeremiah  
Fitzgerald**

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**Margaret LNU**

**Edmond Stack**

b. ~Dec 23, 1844, Ballymacoda, Co.  
Cork, Ireland  
d. Oct 18, 1892, Syracuse, NY

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**Margaret Fitzgerald**

b. Sept 1851, Ireland  
m. Jan 22, 1876, St. Coleman's  
Cathedral, Cobh (Queenstown), Co.  
Cork, Ireland  
d. Dec 3, 1914, Syracuse, NY

**Bernard Stack**

b. 1900, Truxton, NY  
d. 1950, Syracuse, NY

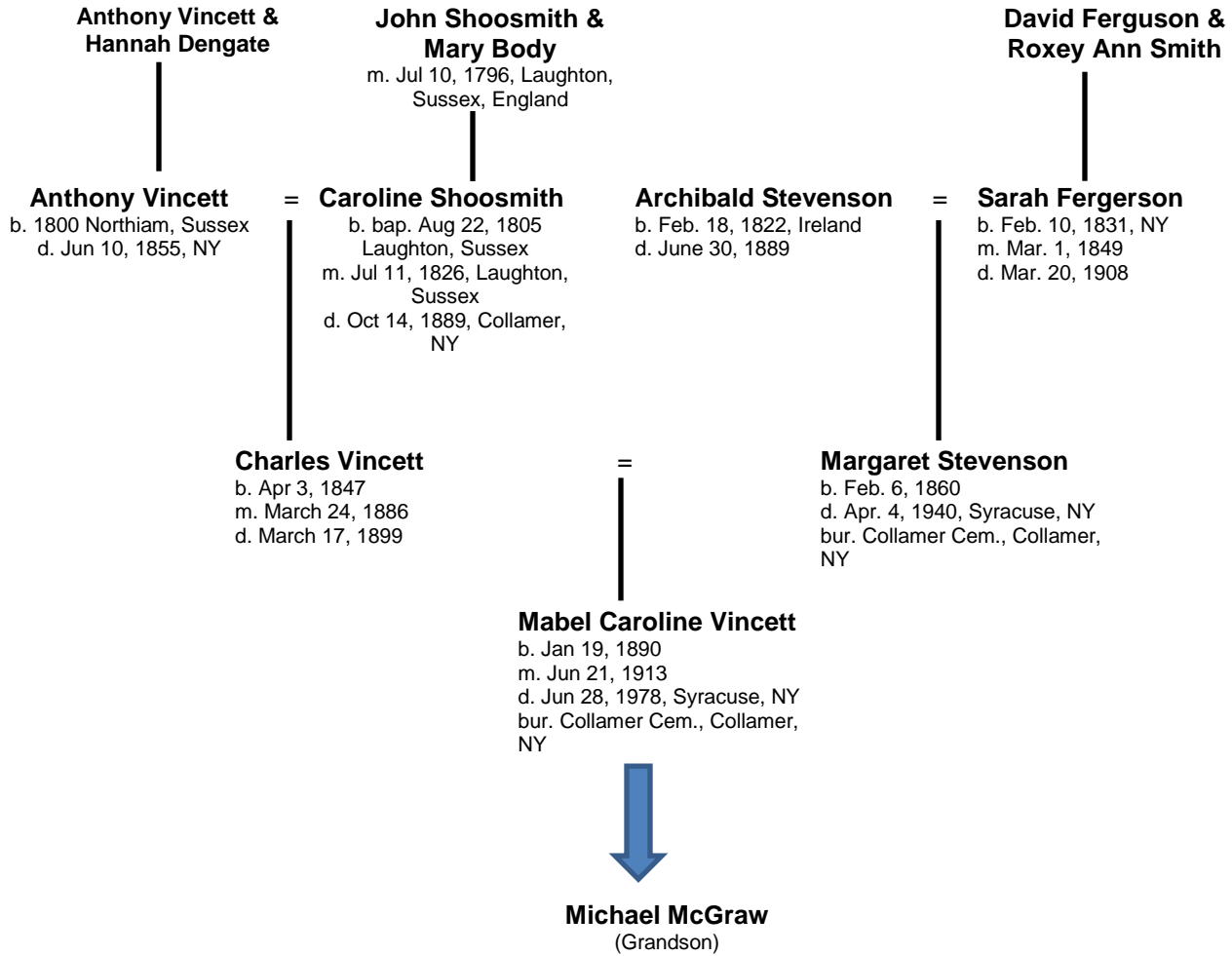


**Michael McGraw**  
(Grandson)

The Stack Family of Co, Cork and Syracuse, NY

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## Mabel Vincett - Maternal Grandmother



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## Appendix

### Rooney Baptismal Records

James Roney, bap. Dec 28, 1851, Tullyframe, Kilkeel, Co.Down (Down and Connor)  
Parents: James Roney and Mary Sloan. Sps Patrick Colgan and Margaret Sloan

Mary Rooney, bap. Apr 5, 1859, Tullyframe, Kilkeel, Co.Down (Down and Connor)  
Parents: James Rooney and Mary Sloan. Sps. John Rooney and Mary McVeigh

Martha Rooney, bap. Dec 22, 1861, Tullyframe, Kilkeel, Co. Down  
Parents: James Rooney and Mary Sloan. Sps. John Colgan and Mary Rooney.

Alice Rooney - not found in Down & Connor parish registers from Jan 1856 to Dec 1864  
John Rooney - not found in the Ancestry index 1865 +/- 10 yrs.

### Flaherty - Phelan

The entire top row of names on the “Louise Flaherty - Paternal Grandmother” tree came from death certificates where these persons were listed as parents of the deceased.

Michael Flaherty’s wife Catherine might be a “Phelan.”

On Catherine Phelan’s (1836-1912) death certificate her parents are given as Martin Phelan and Catherine Phelan. It appears that a Phelan married another Phelan.

Thomas Herlihy death date corrected from July 3 to July 10 based on obituary - Cortland Democrat - Friday, July 14, 1911.

1915-12-31 Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY - Mrs Catherine Grady died Dec 24, 1915 at the home of her niece Mrs. Isaac Henderson in Truxton. She was born in Ireland in 1830 and came to the US as a small girl. She was the daughter of Timothy Herlihy. She was the brother of the Thomas Herlihy just above.

#### Possible connections

Patrick Flaherty, bap. Apr 26, 1835, Athy, Laois & Kildare diocese  
Parents: Michael Flaherty and Maryt Lawler

Catherine Phelan, bap. Aug 13, 1836, Castlecomer, Kilkenny diocese  
Parents: Martin helan and Anty Delaney