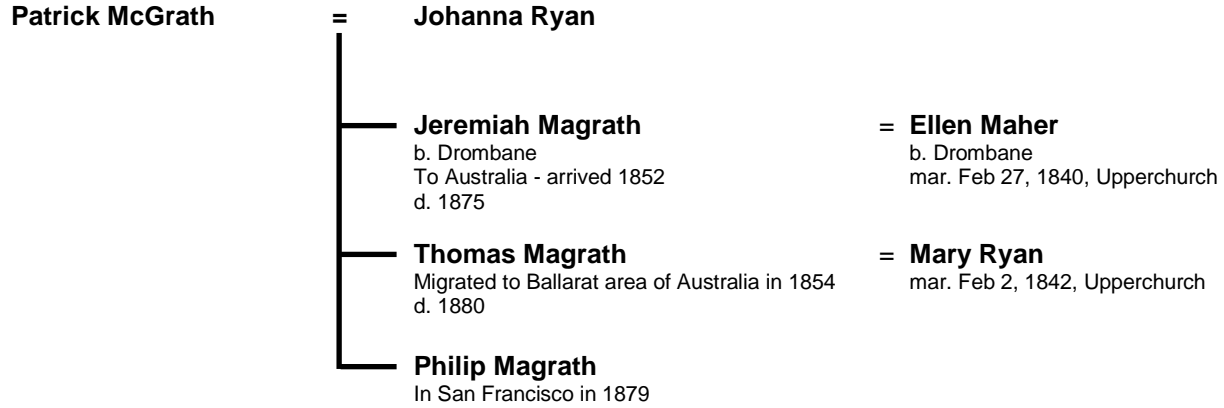


# McGrath-Ryan of Upperchurch

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## Patrick McGrath and Johanna Ryan

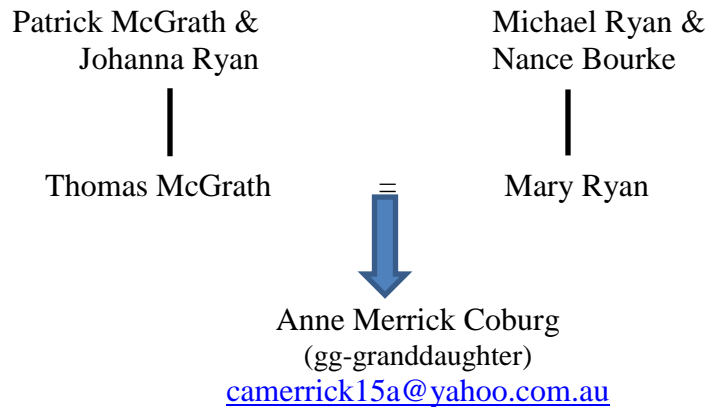


**Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 3:17 AM**

**Subject: Thomas McGRATH and Mary RYAN of UPPERCHURCH**

I am a gg granddaughter of Thomas McGrath (son of Patrick McGrath and Johanna Ryan) and Mary Ryan (daughter of Michael Ryan and Nance Bourke) of Upperchurch. My gg grandparents and their children migrated to Australia in 1854 and settled in the Ballarat area.

Best wishes,  
Anne Merrick Coburg, VIC Australia



### DNA Information

Name	GEDMatch	Ancestry
Anne	A011258	K.M.
Kirsty	A886888	G.M.
Gabrielle	A552852	

# Thomas McGrath and Mary Ryan

Upperchurch\_Drombane RS04 - March 29, 2017

(s/o Patrick McGrath and Johanna Ryan)

(d/o Michael Ryan and Nance Bourke)

## Thomas McGrath

Migrated to Ballarat area of Australia in 1854  
d. 1880

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## Mary Ryan

mar. Feb 2, 1842, Upperchurch

### Judy Magrath

bap. Nov 10, 1842  
Sps. Thomas Ryan and Bridget Ryan

Not a passenger on the *Medway* to Australia. Probably died young.

### Anne Magrath

bap. Oct 16, 1843  
Sps. Bridget Stapleton

Not a passenger on the *Medway* to Australia. Probably died young.

### Bridget Magrath

bap. Feb 21, 1845  
Sps. William Brien and Ellen Callanan

### Judy McGrath

bap. Sep 17, 1846  
Res.: Finnahy  
Sps. Henry Ryan and Onny Grady

Name in baptism record was McCreat.

### Patrick McGrath

bap. Jul 19, 1848  
Res.: Finnahy  
Sps. Andrew Grady and Bridget Grady

### Michael McGrath

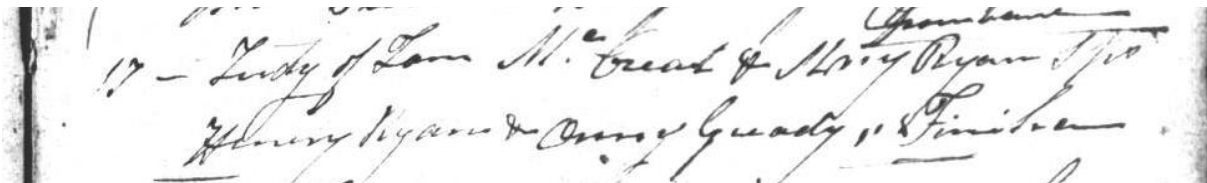
bap. Aug 14, 1850  
Res.: Finnahy  
Sps. Richard Stapleton and Margaret Searson

### William McGrath

bap. Nov 29, 1852  
Res.: Finnahy  
Sps. William McGrath and Winny McGrath

Following children were born in Australia:  
**Annie** - 24 Dec 1857 at River Street, Richmond, Victoria  
**Mary Jane** - 28 Oct 1859 at River Street, Richmond, Victoria  
**Winnifred** - 7 Nov 1861 at Glendaruel, Victoria

Judy McGrath - September 17, 1846 - Upperchurch & Drombane



## Jerry McGrath and Ellen Maher

Upperchurch\_Drombane RS04 - March 29, 2017

(s/o Patrick McGrath and Johanna Ryan)

(d/o Michael Ryan and Nance Bourke)

### Jerry McGrath

b. Drombane  
To Australia - arrived 1852  
d. 1875

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### Ellen Maher

b. Drombane  
mar. Feb 27, 1840, Upperchurch

### Patrick McGrath

bap. Dec 28, 1840  
Res.: Drombane  
Sps. James Maher and Bridget McGrath

### Sarah Magrath

bap. May 11, 1842  
Res.: Drumbane  
Sps. Thomas Dolan and Margaret Long

### John Magrath

bap. Dec 17, 1843  
Res.: Drombane  
Sps. John Mara and Margaret Corcoran

### Laurence Magrath

bap. Jul 16, 1845  
Sps. Daniel Leary and Ally Byrns

Not listed on the passenger list of  
*Bourneuf* in 1852.

### James Magrath

bap. Aug 7, 1846  
Sps. John Ryan and Bridget Ryan

James or Thomas. See actual record  
below.

### Judith Magrath

bap. Jan 31, 1849  
Res.: Drumbane  
Sps. Jerry Maher and Peggy Ryan

### Mary Magrath

bap. Sep 1, 1850  
Res.: Drumbane  
Sps. Ned Garther and Mary Maher

### Ellen Magrath

b. Jul 8, 1855, Victoria, Australia

From Anne Merrick: There are two other children listed on Jeremiah's death certificate:

**Lawrence** – deceased. I would assume his birth was around 1845 based on his position in the list of children (between John and Thomas). I have been unable to locate a baptism for this child and he is not listed on passenger list of *Bourneuf* in 1852

**Timothy** – 21 Sep 1853. Day and month taken from Victorian Police Gazettes. He appears to have put his age down by four years when he joined the Victoria Police in 1882 and again by seven years when he enlisted in the AIF in 1915.

Larry McGrath - July 16, 1845 - Upperchurch & Drombane

July 16 1845  
Larry of Jerry McCrete & Kelly  
Masters of St. Paul Leary & Mly  
Byans - Drombane  
Margaret Hogan's

James or Thomas Magrath - August 7, 1846 - Upperchurch & Drombane

Sp. of Jerry Magrath and Edmond Mahon  
Sp. John Ryan and Bridget Ryan  
Margaret of Denis Coomane & Mary

Sp. of Jerry Magrath  
Sp. John Ryan and Bridget Ryan

**From:** Anne Merrick [mailto:camerrick15a@yahoo.com.au]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2015 5:15 PM  
**Subject:** Thomas McGRATH and Mary RYAN of UPPERCHURCH

No new sources but we are fortunate here in Victoria that, from the mid-1850s, the authorities required that, when registering the birth of a child, parents provide details of their own ages, date of marriage and the names and ages of all their children. On death, the names of the deceased's parents were also required, if known, as well as the names and ages of all children, and names of deceased children. Absolute gold standard!

I have also managed to identify a possible brother for Thomas McGrath who arrived here in 1852, through our local death indexes. He also had a child in Victoria and was very specific in the information he gave down to the month of marriage and place of birth (Drumbane), mine only gave Tipperary.

**From:** Anne Merrick [mailto:camerrick15a@yahoo.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2015 4:01 AM  
**Subject:** Thomas McGRATH and Mary RYAN of UPPERCHURCH

The birth registration for Jeremiah McGrath's daughter Ellen, in Victoria in 1855, says that both he and Ellen Maher were born in Drumbane. There is a Jeremiah McGrath in the Griffiths Valuation for Drumbane. As it was taken in 1851 (not 1853 as I was told), I believe it is the same man. I am pretty certain he is my gg grandfather's brother. Their death certificates both give the same names for parents - Patrick McGrath and Johannah Ryan, their eldest sons were both Patrick and both had daughters called Johannah(baptized Judith). Both settled in the vicinity of Ballarat. I suspect that the Thomas Magrath also at Drumbane is my gg grandfather.

There is no marriage at Upperchurch for Jeremiah Magrath and Ellen Maher but there is a marriage on 27 Feb 1840 for a John Magrath and an Ellen Maher. The birth registration for Jeremiah and Ellen's daughter, Ellen, says that they were married in Feb 1840 and Jeremiah and Ellen's first child, Patrick, was baptized at Upperchurch ten months later. I wondered if, perhaps, this is actually Jeremiah and Ellen's marriage and that the priest wrote the wrong name down or John was known as Jeremiah. Unprovable, of course.

It is interesting to wonder what brought some people from an area to decide to migrate to America and others to Australia. The lure of gold was a factor for many coming to Victoria in the 1850s. Although both Jeremiah and Thomas were assisted immigrants with the colonial government paying all or part of their passage, Jeremiah, who arrived in 1852 made his way to Warrenheip where he took up mining; however, he is described on his death certificate (1875) as a farmer. Thomas remained in Melbourne until 1860 when he moved to Glendaruel. He died in 1880.

Sent: **Monday, December 28, 2015 11:11 PM**  
Subject: Thomas McGRATH of UPPERCHURCH

Hi everyone,

I thought I would pass on the small discovery I have made as a result of being able to view images of the parish records of Upperchurch courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

My gg grandparents, Thomas McGrath and Mary Ryan, were married at Upperchurch on 2 Feb 1842. Thomas's brother, Jeremiah, is listed on the Griffiths Valuation at Drumbane in 1851. I had assumed (I know, never assume) that the Thomas McGrath also listed at Drumbane was my gg grandfather; however, the baptismal records for Thomas and Mary's youngest three children born in Ireland list their abode as Finnahy - so the Thomas McGrath in the Griffith's Valuation for Finnahy is mine, not the man at Drumbane.

Again looking at the baptismal records, it appears that the Thomas McGrath listed at Drumbane is the man who married Ellen Purcell at Upperchurch on 13 Sep 1843 and that Thomas and Ellen were in some way related ("dispensatio obtenta facit").

Thomas and Jeremiah also had a brother Philip McGrath who was staying at the Oriental Hotel in San Francisco in 1879 according to a notice in the Melbourne newspaper The Advocate in May 1879. I have no more information on him or any other siblings.  
Hoping this information is of use to someone else.

Best wishes,  
Anne Merrick Coburg,  
VIC Australia

**Example : “Dispensatio Obtenta Facit”**

(The individuals below are not related to the other families in this report. They are being used to give an example of the use of this Latin phrase.).

“Dispensatio Obtenta Facit” means obtaining a dispensation.

JANUARY 30th 1876 MICHAEL MULLANY from BELLA married to BRIDGET MOLONY from TRUSCLIEVE. Dispensation for consanguinity to allow marriage: “Dispensatio Obtenta facit in 3rd & 4th degree” : so they were 2nd cousins, once removed.  
Witnesses: MICHAEL MULANY & ELLEN MURRAY