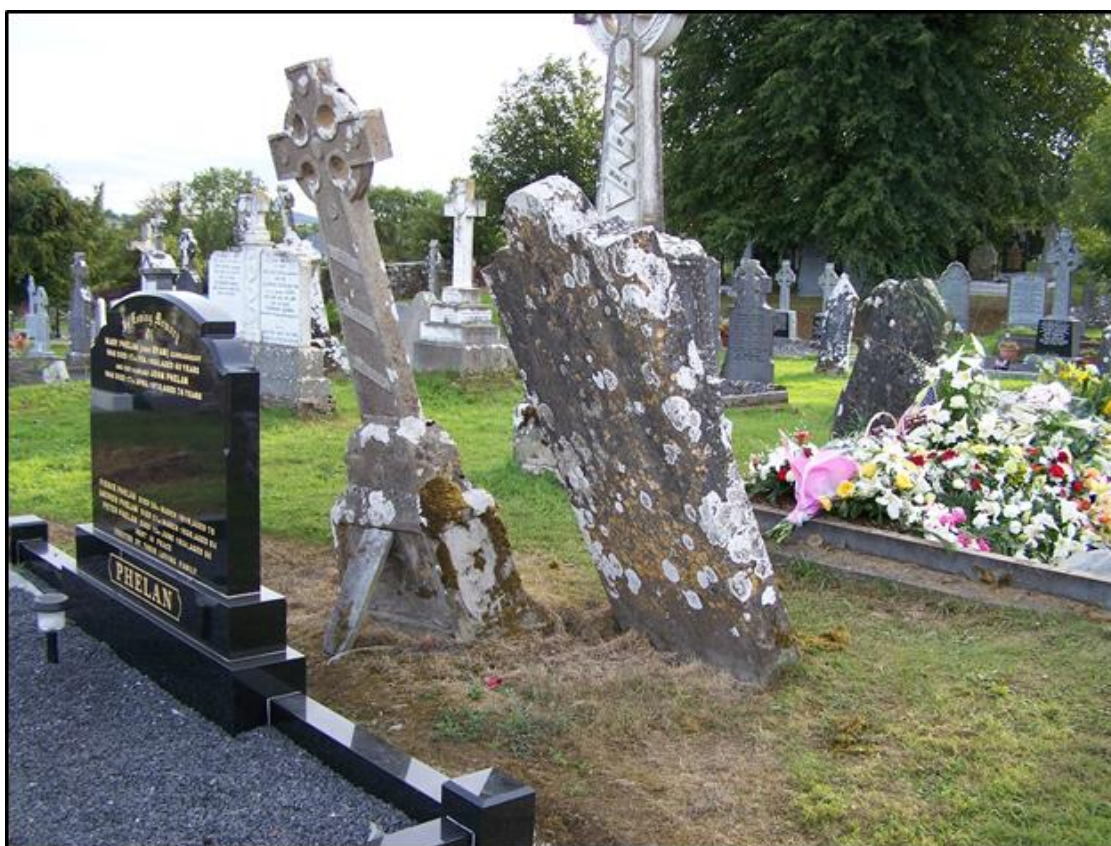


# Michael McGraw - Ryan and Hayes Connections

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## Introduction

This paper includes previously published information on the McGrath and Ryan families of Gleninchaveigh (Glowen), Upperchurch but this one is focused on the Hayes - Ryan connections. The focal point is Jeremiah (Jerry) Ryan who married Anne Hayes, in 1846.



Picture from 2000 - Jerry Ryan's monument is the leaning stone on right:  
"Erected by Ann Ryan alias Hayes in memory of her husband  
Jeremiah Ryan of Gleninchaveigh who departed May 27, 1860 Aged ??"

The inscription on Jerry Ryan's gravestone in the Upperchurch Cemetery was difficult to read in 2000 and by 2015 it was almost impossible to read the inscription despite already knowing what it said.

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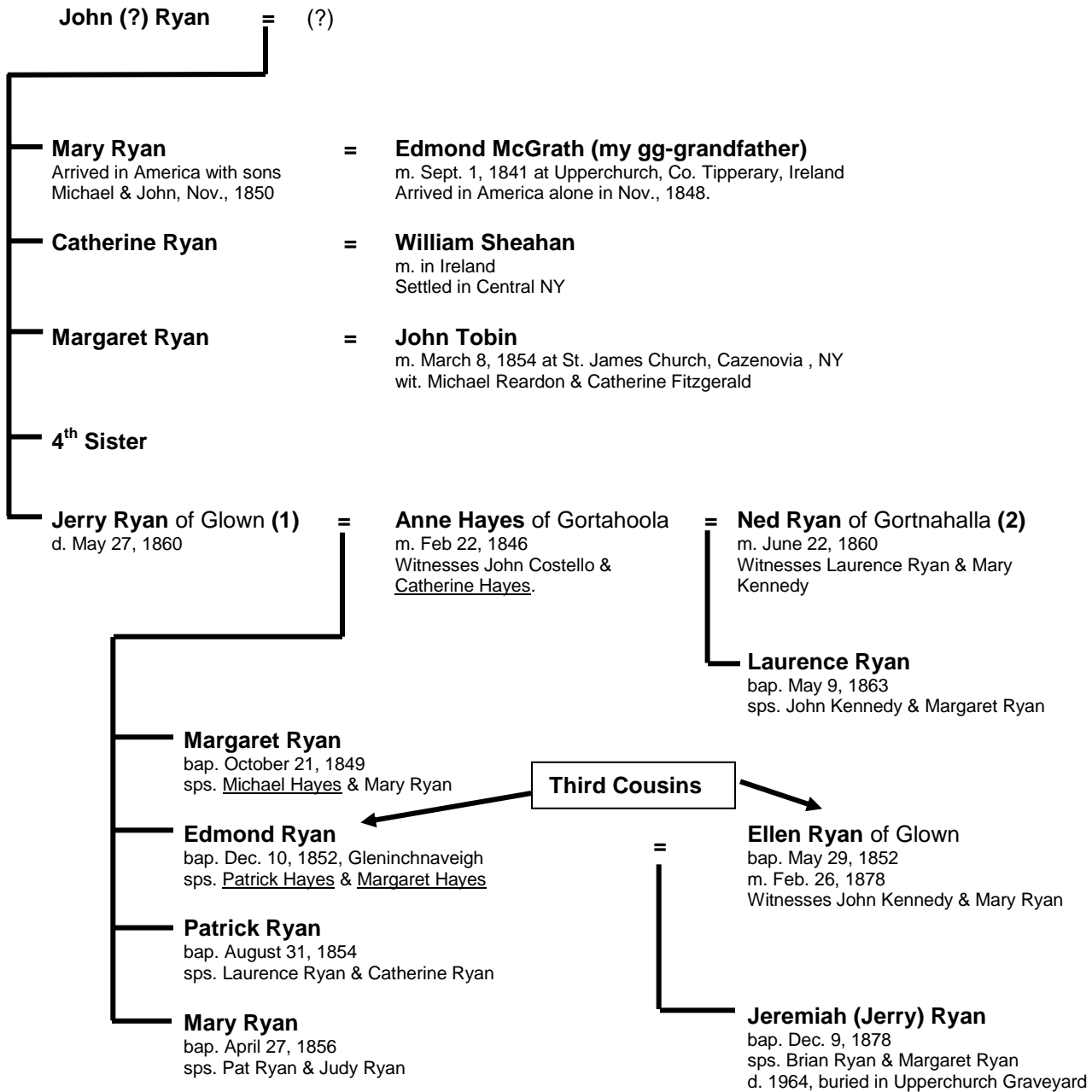
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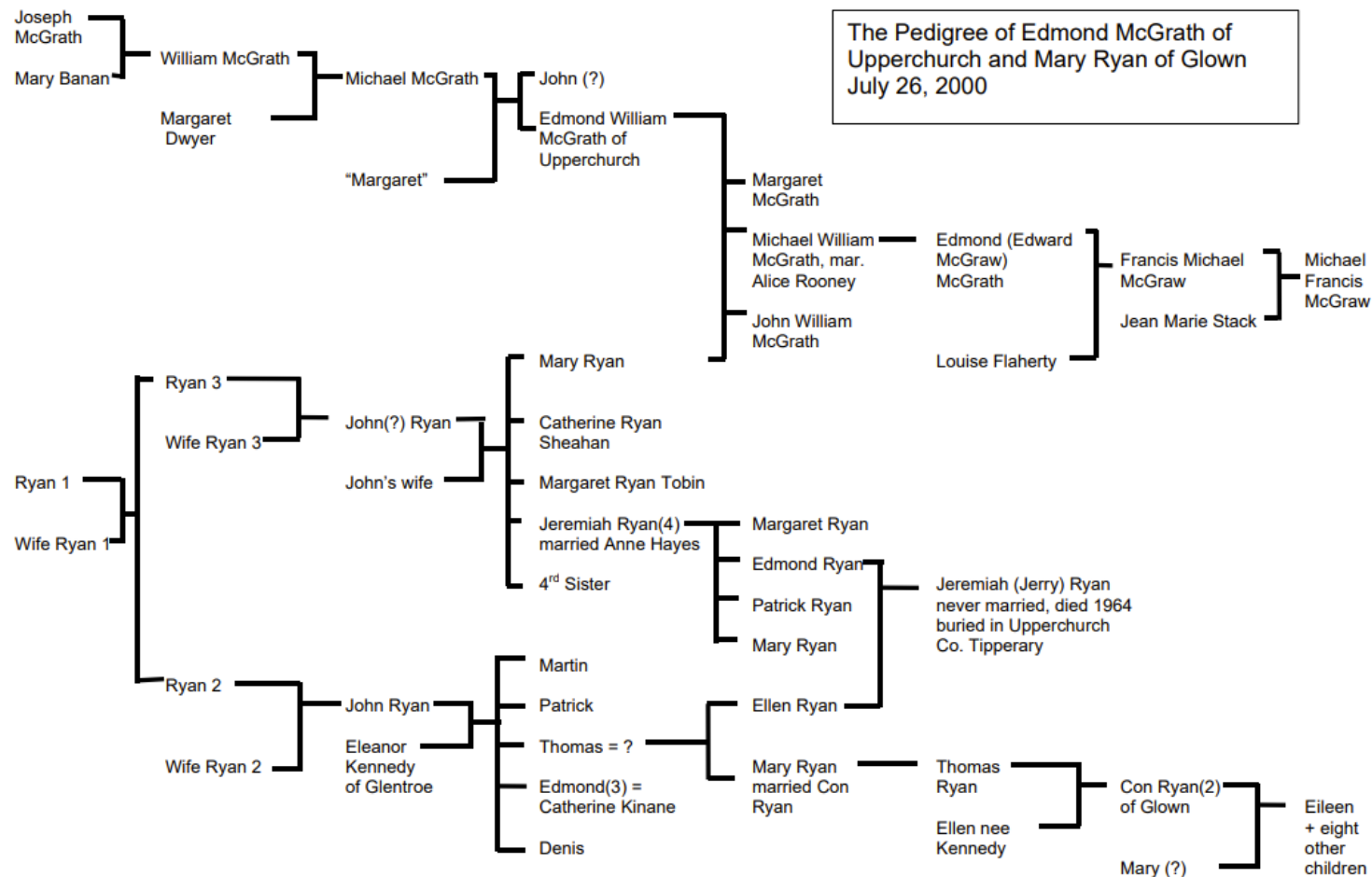
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## Mary Ryan's Relatives from Gleninchaveigh (My gg-grandmother)



The above tree and the one on the following page are from pp. 52, 55 in [The McGrath Family of Truxton, New York](#). The (..) numbers after an individual's name on the family tree on the following page refer to gravestone inscriptions on p. 53 on the above document.



Mary Ryan was one of the Baptism sponsors of Margaret Ryan who was the daughter of Jeremiah Ryan and Anne Hayes.  
 Jerry Ryan, son of Edmond and Ellen Ryan was a very intelligent man. He worked at the bar trade as a young man. He never married and was the end of that line.  
 Edmond Ryan and Ellen Ryan needed to get a dispensation prior to their marriage because they were 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins.  
 John Ryan might be the father of Mary Ryan McGrath but so far there is no hard evidence of that fact.  
 Numbers in (...) refer to gravestone inscriptions in the Upperchurch graveyard shown later.

A McGraw family report, [Descendants of Edmund William McGraw and Mary Ryan](#) is available. A [2006 PDF version](#) is also available.  
 This information is also available as a family tree structure in [The McGrath Family of Truxton, New York](#) starting at p 126.



## Jerry Ryan Finds Coal in His Backyard



Picture from 2000 - Jerry Ryan's monument is the leaning stone on right:  
"Erected by Ann Ryan alias Hayes in memory of her husband  
Jeremiah Ryan of Gleninchaveigh who departed May 27, 1860 Aged ??"

The story of the coal mine has been documented by Frankie Shortt in the first issue (2010) of the Upperchurch Drombane Historical Journal, p. 104.

"Coal was discovered in Gleninchaveigh or Glown in 1856 on Jerry's Ryan property. Tradition says he was digging the foundation of an outhouse when the coal was discovered. Richard Armstrong, Moyaliffe, the landlord, employed Richard Millet as engineer to investigate the vein of coal. Richard Millet wrote a number of letters to his uncle Richard Beere Esq. in Dublin between November 1856 and June 1857 outlining the progress of the mine. The vein of coal was 4 ft below the surface and was 4 ft wide running approximately north south. A shaft was dug 4 ft x 6ft at the start of March 1857. Miners were brought in from Hollyford mines and only 2 miners and 2 labourers could work at any one time. One letter mentions 14 miners and 8 labourers over a certain period of time. The local folklore says that the miners came on horseback from Tipperary town each day."

“At approximately 25 ft deep carpenters were employed to timber the shaft going downwards.” A consultant brought in by Armstrong recommended closing the mine due to the quality of the coal but Millet argued the opposite point of view claiming the coal was of sufficient quality for several uses. Millet’s argument seems to have won the day and the mine became even deeper, employing explosives to aid in the excavation. As the dig continued the air in the mine got worse and water began seeping in. An accident led to the death of one of the miners and this seemed to discourage some of the miners from returning. The work in the mine seems to have stopped shortly after the shaft reached a depth of 63 ft in June 1857 “due to the vein of coal getting so narrow as to make it unprofitable to work.”

“A report in 1858 from the Geological Survey stated that the mine was closed and filled in up to about halfway. It stated also that a shaft had been dug horizontally from about halfway down along the vein for about 30 feet. All in all, the coalmine in Glown lasted only a short time. A shaft existed up to recently (2010) but was filled in due to its dangerous state.”

“The Coalmine of Gleninchaveigh”, Frankie Shortt, Upperchurch Drombane Historical Journal, 2010, p. 104.

## **The Elusive Ryan Family Connection**

The search for the Ryan family connection was filled with hope, luck, some frustration, and a lot of waiting. Shirley Maloney (my sister) had found the family connection to Upperchurch in the civil war pension papers of John W. McGraw, our g-grandfather’s brother. Then some church records obtained by Doug Currie, a cousin, from the Upperchurch priest, Father O’Mara, had identified Gleninchaveigh as the family’s residence at the time of John W.’s baptism in 1843. Shirley later found a Con Ryan of Gleninchaveigh mentioned in the April 1981 issue of the National Geographic in an article titled, “A New Day for Ireland.”

In 1983, Shirley wrote a letter to Con explaining why she thought that we were related to him — but no reply. In 1997, I was bitten by the genealogy bug and wrote a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Con in 1998 and still there was no reply. We were planning a trip to Ireland for June 2000 so I thought that I would try again and in February 2000 I sent a 3<sup>rd</sup> letter to Con. By May I hadn’t heard anything from Con and so I decided to hedge my bet and wrote short notes to the parish priest and the owner of Kinane’s pub in the village of Upperchurch. I felt certain that Con had to be friends with one or both of them. Before Father Cunningham could reply I received a fantastic letter from Con himself.

From: [\*The Story of the Search for Mary Ryan’s Cottage\*](#)

“According to Con, the first two letters had found their way to him, but they had subsequently been lost before he could reply. He said later that perhaps it was fortunate that the first letter got lost because in 1983 he was convinced that we were not related. He was descended from John (died ~1829) and Eleanor Ryan and none of their descendants had emigrated. After receiving the second letter in 1998, he again did some research but was unable to turn up a connection. The third letter, delivered via Father Cunningham, was the magic letter. This time Con enlisted the help of his neighbor and cousin Michael

Quinlan, who was also descended from John and Eleanor Ryan. They were able to determine that there had been a Jeremiah Ryan also living in Glown and that they were almost certain that Mary Ryan McGrath was one of Jeremiah's sisters. In addition, they were able to discover that Jeremiah was related to John Ryan (Con's gg-grandfather) and therefore we were all related to everyone in Glown. ... Michael Quinlan was able to find the record of a dispensation that had been granted to allow two Ryans, namely Edmond Ryan and Ellen Ryan, to be married. This dispensation requirement meant that they were third cousins and hence there was a common ancestor back several generations but an ancestor who is still nameless at this point."

"In his letter Con invited us to visit him and his family when we were in Upperchurch on the 23rd of June 2000 and he also promised to 'introduce you to all your cousins and hopefully you'll drink tea in the house your ancestor emigrated from.'"

The last letter finally got Con and his cousin, Michael Quinlan, to investigate the possible connection between our families. As Upperchurch parishioners, they were allowed access to the old, fragile hand written parish registers and that would turn out to be the key element in their success. In 2000, the average genealogy researcher could not get access to the original registers. These records had been indexed and were available in the form of alphabetized computer print outs, which lacked important information such as the townland residence and dispensations. By the time of the marriage of Edward and Ellen civil records were required and shown below is the record of their marriage. Notice that the civil marriage record contained no mention of any relationship between the bride and groom.

**Sup Reg Dist - Thurles, Reg Dist - Borrisoleigh**

Date: February 26, 1878 (Tuesday) - married at the RC Chapel of Upperchurch

Husband: **Edward Ryan** (full age, Bachelor, Farmer, Gleninchaveigh, Upperchurch)

Father: Jeremiah Ryan (Dead, Farmer)

Wife: **Ellen Ryan** (full age, Spinster, Blank, Gleninchaveigh, Upperchurch)

Father: Thomas Ryan (Alive, Farmer)

Witnesses: John Kennedy and Mary Ryan

Priest: John Wood, P. P.

Reg: March 4, 1878, #159

In 2015, the microfilm copies of the parish registers were put online by the National Library of Ireland. However, the parish microfilms end at various years in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and Upperchurch ended in 1876. If Con and Michael had not been able to look at the actual registers back in 2000, our family connection would still remain undiscovered.



## Cornelius Ryan



[PHOTO IMGP# 0318]

RYAN (CONNIE) GLOWN  
 CORNELIUS RYAN  
 Died 7-Dec. 1925, Aged 85  
 his wife MARY, *nee* RYAN  
 Died 7-June 1924, Age 63  
 their son CORNELIUS  
 Died 13-May 1905, age 9  
 THOMAS RYAN  
 Died 23-Nov. 1957, Age 70  
 his wife ELLEN, *nee* KENNEDY  
 Died 27 Dec. 1975, Age 70

### Cornelius Ryan (Connie) of Glown, Upperchurch

Information from Photo IMPG#0318

#### Cornelius Ryan

b. 1840 (Gravestone)  
 bap Jun 3, 1843, Commonaline  
 d. Dec. 7, 1925  
 bur Upperchurch Cem

#### = Mary Ryan

b. 1861 (Gravestone)  
 bap Sep 7, 1856, Cooga  
 mar Feb 11, 1885  
 d. June 7, 1924  
 bur Upperchurch Cem

#### Cornelius Ryan

b. May 8, 1896, Glown  
 d. May 13, 1905  
 bur Upperchurch Cem

#### Thomas Ryan

b. Sept 15, 1887, Glown  
 d. Nov. 23, 1957  
 bur Upperchurch Cem

#### = Ellen Kennedy

b. Nov 15, 1905, Glown  
 mar Oct 23, 1935  
 d. Dec. 27, 1975  
 bur Upperchurch Cem

These persons are found in the lower right hand corner of the multi-generation chart on page 4.



## Ryan and Hayes Families

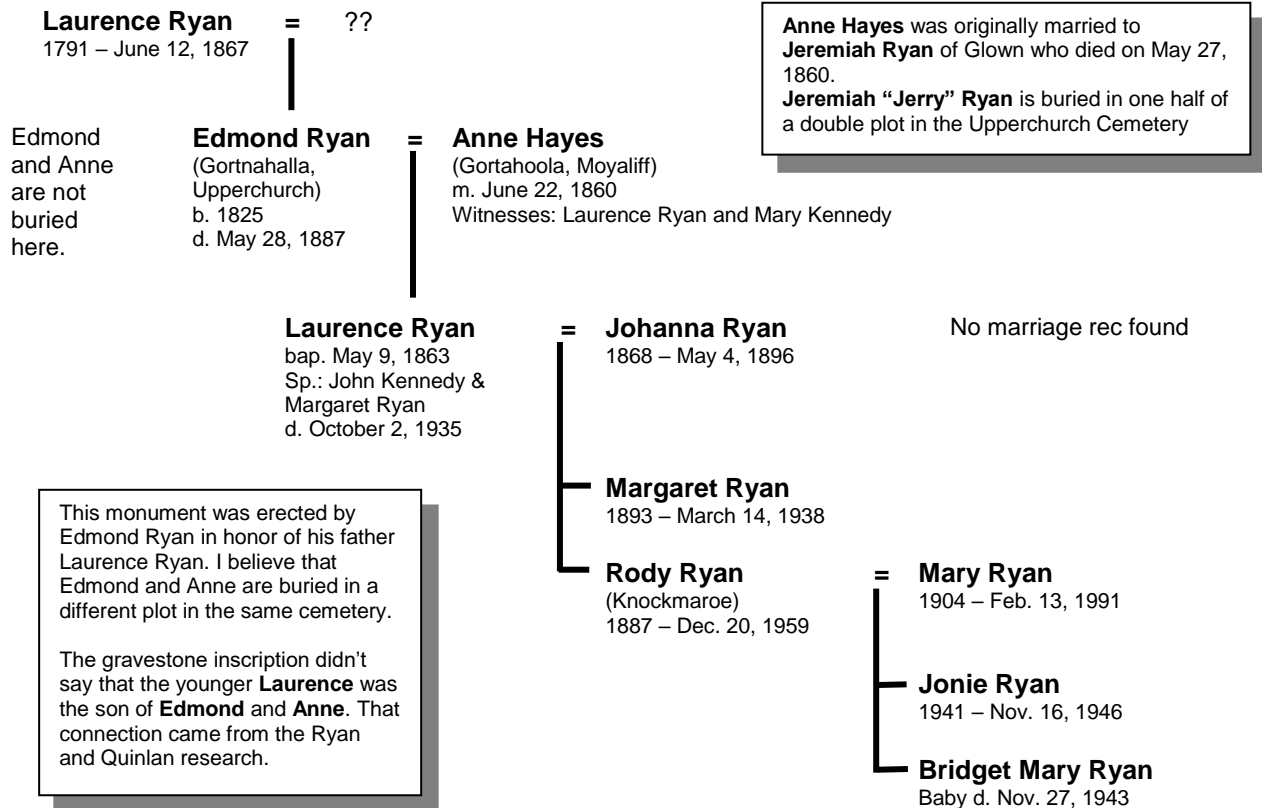


[PHOTO IMG# 0303]  
EDMOND RYAN, *Sourinahalia* (sp.?)  
in memory of his  
father LAURENCE RYAN  
Who Departed This Life  
On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1867  
aged 76 years  
RODY RYAN (*H*), *Knockmaru*  
Died 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1959 aged 72.  
his daughters  
JONIE died 16 Nov 1946 aged 5  
and baby BRIDGET MARY  
Died 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1943  
also his father LAURENCE RYAN  
Died 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1935 aged 72  
mother JOHANNA RYAN  
Died 4<sup>th</sup> May 1896 aged 28  
and sister MARGARET  
died 14<sup>th</sup> March 1938 aged 45  
his wife MARY RYAN  
died 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1991 aged 87  
May he Rest In Peace Again

# Laurence Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0303

Additional research done by Con Ryan (Connie) and Michael Quinlan of Glown, Upperchurch.



At the marriage ceremony of Edmond Ryan and Anne Hayes were witnesses Laurence Ryan and Mary Kennedy. One is tempted to think that Laurence might be Edmond's father and if that is the case the female witness might be Laurence's wife who would be recorded under her maiden name. Therefore Edmond Ryan's mother might have been Mary Kennedy.

In the 1829 Upperchurch Tithes there is only one Lawrence Ryan in the civil parish of Knockcurraghbola which might have been where the family was living at the time. In the later 1837 Moyalliff Tithes, in the adjacent parish to the south, there were no Lawrence Ryans.

Anne Hayes previously married Jeremiah Ryan of Glown on February 22, 1846 with witnesses John Costello and Catherine Hayes. They had at least four children between 1849 and 1856. According to Con Ryan (Connie) of Glown, Jerry, as he was called, was digging around his cottage in the process of making some improvements when he discovered a mineral. This cottage is located next door to Con's present home and was the cottage where Con himself was born and raised. At that time there was a superstition that if a person discovered a mineral while digging then they were not going to live very much longer. Jerry died shortly thereafter on May 27, 1860 and his wife Anne remarried on June 22, 1860. This wasn't even a month later – one wonders if perhaps there is more to this story.

In 1844 my gg-grandmother Mary Ryan, her husband Edmond Magrath and her children Margaret and Michael were living in Glown with her brother Jeremiah when her second son John William was born.

## The Search For Anne Hayes Ryan

It has proved difficult to identify the parents of Anne Hayes and any possible siblings. She married Jeremiah Ryan on February 22, 1844 and if it is assumed that she was 20 years old at that time, then she would have been born in 1824. It is known she was from Gortahoola, Moyalliff parish. According to the Tithe Applotment of 1827 there were four individuals named Hayes occupying land in Gortahoola, providing a minimum of four possible fathers for Anne. Gortahoola is in the Upperchurch Roman Catholic (RC) parish and the records for that parish begin in 1829 — so, there is no baptism record for Anne, which would have provided the names of her parents. Her 1844 marriage record has been found but the church marriage records don't contain the names of the parents and the civil records didn't begin until 1864.

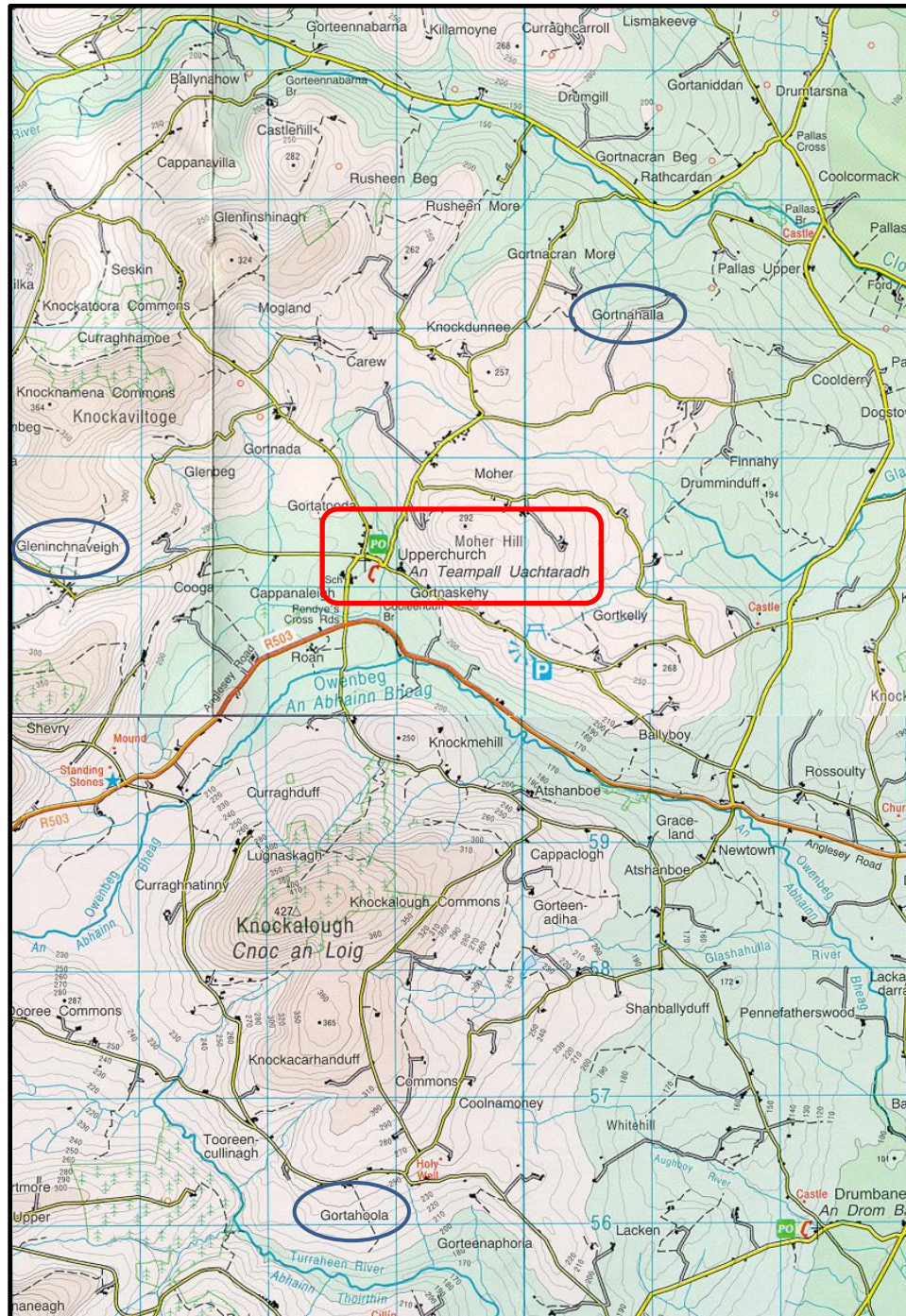
After an extensive search of the Upperchurch parish registers it has been found that Anne and Jerry only had four children (Margaret - 1849, Edmond - 1852, Patrick - 1854, and Mary - 1856). Ann's second marriage, to Ned Ryan in 1860, only produced one child (Laurence - 1863).



This is a picture (2006) of the "old cottage" where my gg-grandmother, Mary Ryan McGrath and her family, were living in 1843, at the time of the birth of her second son, John. This John was the father of John J. McGraw, who was the manager of the NY Giants from 1902 to 1932. The cottage is located in the townland of Gleninchaveigh, on the west road out of the village of Upperchurch. This was the home of Mary's brother Jeremiah Ryan, Anne Hayes' first husband. For well over 200 years the land of Gleninchaveigh has been in Ryan hands and that remains true today. The two story extension on the end cottage was completed in around 2000 by the present occupants, Richard and Eileen Ryan Atkins. Eileen's father, Con Ryan, whose front yard can be seen on the right side of this picture, was born and raised in this cottage.



## The Townlands of Gortahoola and Gortnahalla



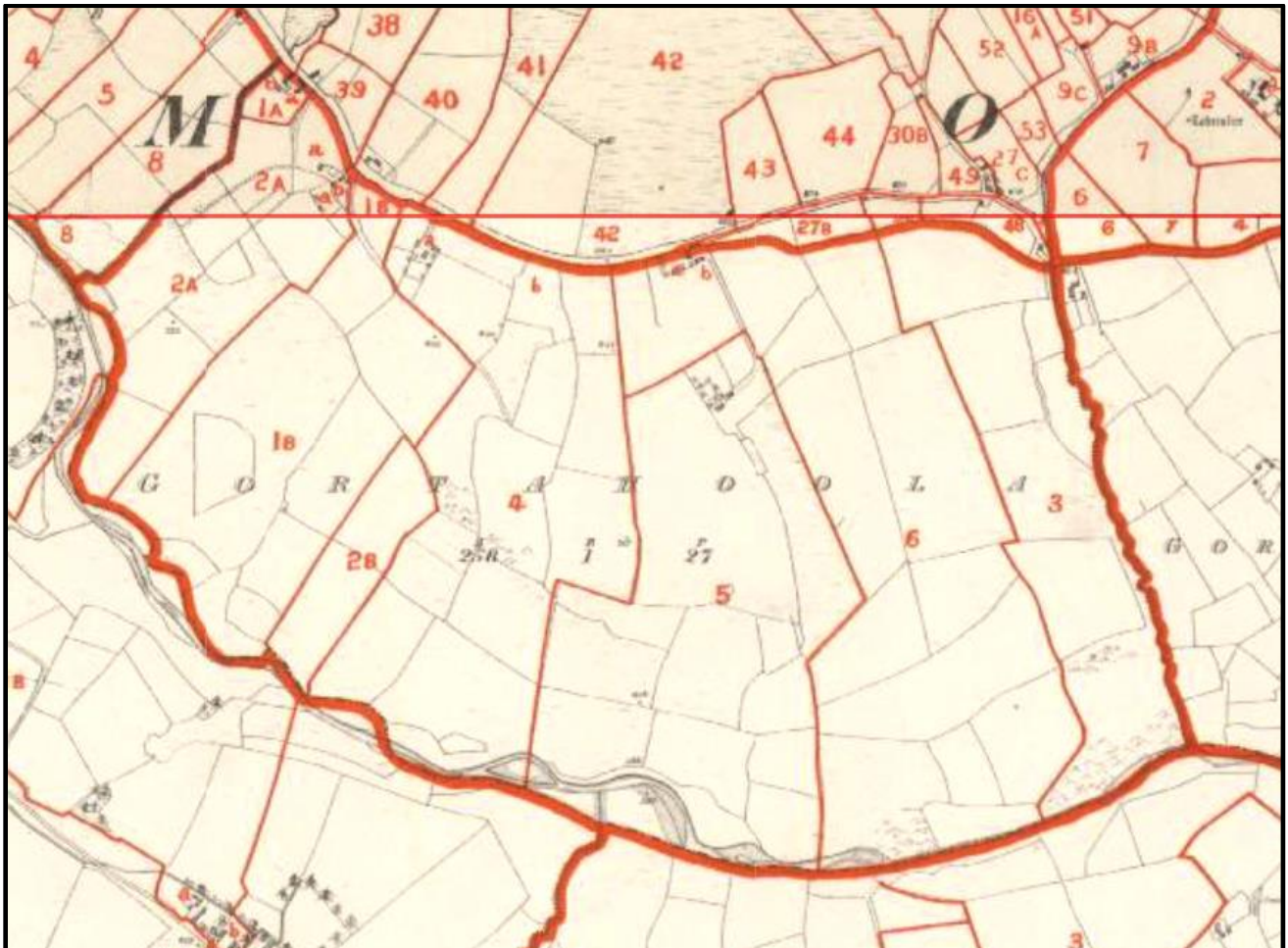
Gortahoola (Anne Hayes) is in Moyaliff parish and is located about 5 km due south of the village of Upperchurch, Gortnahalla (Edmund (Ned) Ryan) is in Upperchurch parish and is located about 3 km northeast of the village of Upperchurch. Gleninchnaviegh (Glown), where Jerry Ryan resided, is about 3 km west of the village of Upperchurch. This composite map was created from the OS Discovery Series maps #59 (top) and #66 (bottom). The blue squares are 1km.



## Tithe Applotment - Gurtacolia (Gortahoola), Moyaliff - 1827

Name	Area (A-r-p)	Owner
Patrick Hayes	20-0-30	General Doyle and Robt Manning, Esq
John Hayes	30-0-0	
William Hayes	27-0-0	
Michael Hayes	10-1-24	General Doyle

## GV Map - Gortahoola



## GV - Gortahoola, Moyaliff - April 15, 1851

Description of Tenement Legend - H = House; L = Land; G = Garden; HO = House and office; HOL = House, office and land; HG = House and garden; OL = Office and land.

No.	Griffith's Valuation Gortahoola Name	Immediate Lessor	Description of Tenement	Content of Land			Net Annual Value of Land			Net Annual Value of Buildings			Total Net Annual Value		
				A	r	p	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1Aa	Edmond Crowe	Captain Wm. Doyle	HOL	1	0	5	0	5	0	1	10	0	1	15	0
1B	Edmond Crowe	Captain Wm. Doyle	L	34	2	27	7	5	0	—	—	—	7	5	0
1Ab	Winifred Ryan	Edmond Crowe	HG	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	6	0
2Aa	Michael Ryan	Captain Wm. Doyle	HL	10	3	36	3	0	0	0	15	0	3	15	0
2B	Michael Ryan	Captain Wm. Doyle	L	3	2	11	0	10	0	—	—	—	0	10	0
3Aa	Patrick Fahey	Captain Wm. Doyle	HL	12	1	32	2	15	0	0	10	0	3	5	0
3B	Patrick Fahey	Captain Wm. Doyle	L	3	3	13	0	10	0	—	—	—	0	10	0
4a	<u>Patrick Hayes</u>	Captain Wm. Doyle	HOL	48	1	0	7	15	0	1	5	0	9	0	0
4b	<u>John Hayes</u>		HOL				7	15	0	1	0	0	8	15	0
5	<u>James Hayes</u>	Captain Wm. Doyle	HOL	51	1	22	15	5	0	1	0	0	16	5	0
6a	<u>William Hayes</u>	Captain Wm. Doyle	HL	61	2	8	7	10	0	1	0	0	8	10	0
6b	<u>Cornelius Hayes</u>		HOL				7	10	0	1	0	0	8	10	0
7	John Magrath	Captain Wm. Doyle	L	30	2	3	9	10	0	—	—	—	9	10	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>

As was seen in the Tithe Applotment, there are still multiple Hayes families in the townland of Gortahoola according to the Griffith's Valuation. How Anne Hayes Ryan is connected to any or all of these Hayes families has yet to be determined.

## Irish Census

### 1901 Census - Lawrence Ryan in house 21 in Knockcurraghbola (Foilnaman, Tipperary)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Ryan P	Lawrence	36	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Rody	13	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Ann	11	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Margaret	9	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Ann	80	Female	Mother	Roman Catholic

### 1911 Census - Laurence Ryan in house 9 in Knockcurraghbola Commons (Foilnaman, Tipperary)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Ryan	Laurence	48	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Rody	23	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Margaret	19	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic

Laurence was a widower. Of his 5 children, only 3 were still alive.

### Death: Edmond Ryan - 62 - 1887

Sup Reg Dist - Thurles, Reg Dist - Borrisoleigh

Date: May 28, 1887 - Location: Gurthnehalla

Name: **Edmond Ryan**

Condition: Married

Age at last Birthday: 62 years

Occupation: Farmer

Cause of Death: Ulcer of stomach. Two years. Uncertified. No med att

Informant: Edward Kinane, present at the death, Gurthnahalla

Reg: June 4, 1887, # 155

### Death: Anne Ryan - 93 - 1904

Sup Reg Dist - Thurles, Reg Dist - Borrisoleigh

Date: February 20, 1904 - Location: Gurthnahalla

Name: **Anne Ryan**

Condition: Widow

Age at last Birthday: 93 years

Occupation: Farmer's widow

Cause of Death: Senile debility, three weeks, uncertified, No med att.

Informant: **Bridget Ryan**, daughter, present at the death, Borrisoleigh

Reg: March 1, 1904, #66

**Note:** Gortnahalla is the townland of Anne's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband Edmond Ryan. Gurtahoola is the townland of Anne Hayes, prior to her 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, to Jerry Ryan. In 1901, Anne was only 80 years old. There wasn't a daughter named Bridget that could be found from either of Anne's two marriages. These items cause some concern that this records is not for Anne Hayes Ryan.

## Appendix

### Tithe Applotment - Upperchurch - 1829

Glaninchivee (Img 13/74) - 1829	
Name	(A-r-p)
Philip Ryan	11-3-20
Ellen Elleanor (over written) <del>John</del> Ryan	19-3-6
John Kennedy	31-2-24-1/2

**Note:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> name was originally John Ryan. The name John had been crossed out and “Elleanor” had been written above it. The name “Elleanor” had then been written over by “Ellen,” in a darker ink. Ellen was the widow of John Ryan. This implies that John Ryan died in 1829.

Glaninchivee (Img 61/74) - 1829	
Name	(A-r-p)
Philip Ryan	11-3-20
John Ryan	19-3-6
John Kennedy	31-2-24-1/2

### Griffith's Valuation - Gleninchaveigh (Glowen)

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				A	r	p	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1Aa	Mary Kennedy	John Armstrong, Esq	OL	24	0	22	6	10	0	0	5	0	6	15	0
	Patrick Kennedy		L				3	5	0	—	—	—	3	5	0
1Ba	Mary Kennedy	John Armstrong, Esq	HOL	2	1	39	0	15	0	1	15	0	2	10	0
1Bb	Patrick Kennedy		HL				0	8	0	0	15	0	1	3	0
1	Jeremiah Ryan	John Armstrong, Esq	G	0	1	8	0	5	0	—	—	—	0	5	0
1	Eleanor Ryan	John Armstrong, Esq	G	0	0	12	0	1	0	—	—	—	0	1	0
2	Jeremiah Ryan	John Armstrong, Esq	L	19	3	0	7	10	0	—	—	—	7	10	0
3a	Martin Ryan	John Armstrong, Esq	L	66	1	12	4	15	0	—	—	—	4	15	0
	Eleanor Ryan		HOL				14	10	0	1	15	0	16	5	0
	Patrick Ryan		HOL				4	15	0	1	0	0	5	15	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>