

Ballynaclogh Magrath Family

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Introduction

The Thomas Magrath and Joanna Casey family of Ballynaclogh is the best documented so they will be the anchor family for this paper. Thomas' parents have been determined to be Thomas McGrath (b. 1770) and Jane Browne. It isn't known if the younger Thomas had any siblings in addition to Winifred and John, but it is assumed that he did.

The first part of this paper starts with the inscriptions found on two McGrath gravestones in the Tower Hill Cemetery, Cappamore, Co. Limerick. The connections among the individuals described on each stone are filled out in more detail using church, civil, and census records. The family of John McGrath and Catherine Maley was from Ballynaclogh and the Thomas McGrath and Catherine Cunningham family was from Tullabeg — both in Ballynaclogh parish.

The persons described in the inscriptions on three of the more recent McGrath gravestones are shown descended from one family — Thomas McGrath and Jane Browne. This required census, civil and church records and paying careful attention to dates and ages, which were often in conflict. A driving force for combining all these individuals into one family was the closeness of their graves in Tower Hill Cemetery, indicating that they were related.

The plan for the last section of this paper is to push the family history of Thomas Magrath of Ballynaclogh as far back into the past as possible. Thomas' father was born in 1770 which is a significant step into the 18th century which is known as the Penal Times. During those times, laws were in effect which took away almost all the rights of the Irish Catholics. Just about anything that would have left a paper trail was forbidden. The elimination of a paper trail was not the primary purpose but that was one of the lasting effects of the Penal Laws.

Recent research into the history of another Magrath and a McCraith family has been successful in crossing over the Penal Times. The ability to make connections across these times was significantly enabled by the fact that the families were Protestants — members of the Church of Ireland. They were representative of formerly Catholic families who switched to the Protestant faith to avoid the oppressive nature of the Penal Laws.

It was possible to connect this other Magrath family to that of Miler Magrath. In the process it was found that the family had been living in Ballyneety for some time. This was close to some of the land holdings of John Magrath (Miler Magrath's grandson) as described in the Civil Survey of 1654-1656. Ballyneety is also close to Ballynaclogh and in addition both Miler's family and the Ballynaclogh family used the same spelling of the surname — Magrath. The geographical closeness of Ballynaclogh and Ballyneety would indicate that if the Magraths of Ballynaclogh are truly descended from Miler Magrath then this would be the most likely branch of the family to analyze for possible connections.

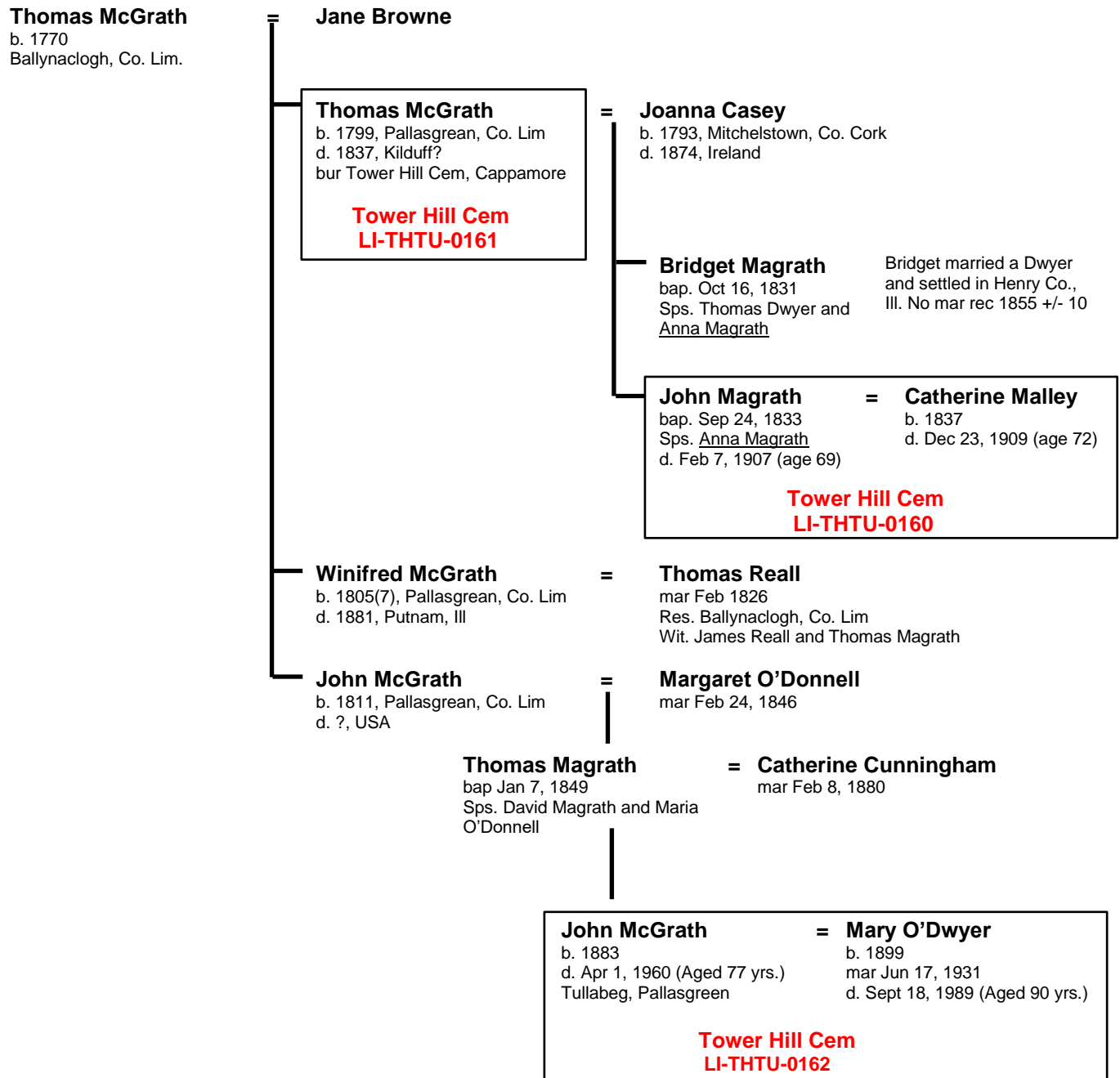
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The Connections at Tower Hill Cemetery



The multi-generation family tree above combines the families of the individuals found in three gravesites in Tower Hill Cemetery, Cappamore, Co. Limerick. These sites are indicated by boxes enclosing the name of those individuals. The numbering of the various graves found in the family tree is from the Tower Hill Cemetery found on the Historical Graves site.

<https://historicgraves.com/graveyard/towerhill/li-thtu>

John McGrath

Tower Hill Cemetery LI-THTU-0178

John McGrath

b.~1682

d. 1757 (age 75, maybe 70)

Monument erected by his son Thomas McGrath

John McGrath and Catherine Maley

Tower Hill Cemetery LI-THTU-0160

(s/o Thomas Magrath and Joanna Casey)

John McGrath M.C.C.

b. 1838
d. Feb 7, 1907 (age 69)
Ballyclough House,
Pallagreen

= Catherine Maley

b. 1837
d. Dec 23, 1909 (age 72)

No church marriage record
was found for John and
Catherine — 1855 +/- 10
yrs.

Dennis McGrath

b. Jun 10, 1873, Ballynaclogh
d. Aug 11, 1953 (age 75)

= Bridget Heelan

(not buried here)
mar Nov 25, 1909
b. 1879

Michael McGrath

b. Jul 2, 1915, Ballynaclogh
d. 1918 (age 2 yrs)

Thomas McGrath

b. Jan 12, 1917, Ballynaclogh
d. 1918 (age 15 mos)

Except where noted, all the persons in
this tree are buried in the same plot in
Tower Hill Cemetery.

Also on same stone:

Michael McGrath – Treanmanagh – no dates (Son of John and Catherine - b. Feb 12, 1861)

Patrick McGrath – Dooradoyle (Mungret par., Co. Limerick) – no dates

(Son of John and Catherine - b. Apr 13, 1864)

Bridget Lonergan – Ballyneety (Oola par.?, Co. Limerick) – no dates

(Dau. of John and Catherine - b. Jun 27, 1862)

Records of John McGrath and Catherine Maley

The John and Catherine in the census records below are probably the same John and Catherine McGrath in Tower Hill Cemetery. John and Catherine's birth years (census) are quite different from the 1838 and 1837 (Tower Hill) birth years. The census ages are usually the source of the errors.

1901 - John McGrath - house 9 in Ballynaclogh (Grean, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
McGrath	John	50	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Catherine	50	Female	Wife	R Catholic
McGrath	Michael	34	Male	Son	R Catholic
McGrath	Patrick	32	Male	Son	R Catholic
McGrath	Denis	28	Male	Son	R Catholic
McGrath	Mary	24	Female	Daughter	R Catholic
McGrath	Kate	23	Female	Daughter	R Catholic

1901 - Patrick Lonergan - house 5 in Ballyneety South (Templebredon, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Lonergan	Patrick	40	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Lonergan	Bridget	36	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Lonergan	Edmond	18	Male	Servant	Roman Catholic
O'Dwyre	Margaret	78	Female	Servant	Roman Catholic

Bridget Lonergan is the brother of Denis and the daughter of John Magrath and Catherine Maley.

1911 - Patrick Lonergan - house 1 in Ballyneety South (Templebredon, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Lonergan	Patrick	53	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Lonergan	Bridget	47	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Barry	Thomas	32	Male	Servant	Roman Catholic
Dwyer	Hanora	20	Female	Servant	Roman Catholic

Patrick and Bridget had been married 11 years and they had no children.

Marriage: Patrick Lonergan and Patrick McGrath - Ballyneety

Sup Reg Dist - Tipperary, Reg Dist - Glean

February 6, 1901 - married at the RC Chapel of Nicker

Husband: **Patrick Lonergan** (Full, Bachelor, Farmer, Ballyneety)

Father: Richard Lonergan (Farmer)

Wife: **Bridget McGrath** (Full, Spinster, Blank, Ballynacloough)

Father: John McGrath (Farmer)

Witnesses: John O'Brien and Mary Anne L. McGrath

Priest: John Sullivan Adm.

Reg: February 8, 1901

1911 - Denis McGrath - house 8 in Ballynacloagh (Grean, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Mc Grath	Denis	38	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Mc Grath	Bridget	31	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
McGrath	John		Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Kenny	Katie	32	Female	Servant	Roman Catholic
Ryan	Pat	17	Male	Servant	Roman Catholic
Beary	John	26	Male	Workman	Roman Catholic

Pallasgreen and Templebredin RC parish

Baptisms

February 12, 1861 - **Michael Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Kate Mulloy, Res: Treanmanagh, Sps. Michael Mulloy and Margaret Magrath

Jun 27, 1862 - **Bridget Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Kate Maley, Res. Treanmanagh, Sps. Denis Maley and Margaret Magrath

April 13, 1864 - **Patt Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Kate Molley, Res: Treanmanagh, Sps. John Molly and Margaret Fleming.

June 10, 1873 - **Denis Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Kate Maley,
Res: Ballinaclogh, Sps. Thomas and Bridget Maley

Marriage: Denis McGrath and Bridget Heelan - Ballinacough Newton

Sup Reg Dist - Bruff, Reg Dist - Kilmallock

November 25, 1909 - married at RC Church of Knockaineey

Husband: **Denis McGrath** (35, Bachelor, Farmer, Ballinacough, Newtown

Father: John McGrath (Dead)

Wife: **Bridget Heelan** (30, Spinster, Blank, Elton)

Father: David Heelan (Farmer, Dead)

Witnesses: Patrick McGrath and Delia Leo

Priest: John McGrath

Reg: December 14, 1909

Sup Reg Dist Tipperary, Reg Dist Grean

Baptisms

July 2, 1915 - **Michael Joseph McGrath**, Par. Denis McGrath (Farmer, Ballinaclogh) and Bridget Heelan, Res: Ballinaclogh, Informant: Denis McGrath, Father, Ballinaclogh, Reg: August 28, 1915.

January 12, 1917 - **Thomas McGrath**, Par. Denis McGrath (Farmer, Ballinaclogh) and Bridget Heelan, Res: Ballinaclogh, Informant: Denis McGrath, Father, Ballinaclogh, Reg: January 13, 1917.

John McGrath and Mary O'Dwyer

Tower Hill Cemetery LI-THTU-0162

John McGrath

b. 1883
d. Apr 1, 1960 (Aged 77 yrs.)
Tullabeg, Pallasgreen

= Mary O'Dwyer

b. 1899
mar Jun 17, 1931
d. Sept 18, 1989 (Aged 90 yrs.)

John McGrath was still single and living with his parents and siblings at the time of the 1911 census. Therefore, the Tommy McGrath below, born in 1898, could not have been a child of John's.

Also on same stone

Tommy McGrath - Garda

b. Aug 25, 1898
d. Apr 21, 1957 (Aged 53 yrs.)
Hollymount, Co. Mayo

Younger brother
of John McGrath

John McGrath

b. 1937
d. Feb 3, 2012 (Aged 75 yrs.)
Tullabeg, Pallasgreen
(Ballynaclogh)

Probably the son of
John and Mary

Records of John McGrath and Mary O'Dwyer

1901 - Thomas McGrath - house 2 in Tullabeg (Grean, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
McGrath	Thomas	57	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Catherine	44	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
McGrath	John	18	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Alice	16	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Johanna	14	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	James	12	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Hanora	10	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Minnie	8	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Cathleen	6	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
McGrath	Thomas	2	Male	Son	Roman Catholic

The John McGrath above, and in the 1911 census below, with the same family, is thought to be the John McGrath (1883-1960) buried at Tower Hill Cemetery. The birth year and the townland of Tullabeg are the same as in the inscription on the gravestone.

1911 - Thomas McGrath - house 2 in Tullabeg (Grean, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
McGrath	Thomas	61	Male	Head of Family	Catholic
McGrath	Catherine	55	Female	Wife	Catholic
McGrath	Margaret	27	Female	Daughter	Catholic
McGrath	John	25	Male	Son	Catholic
McGrath	James	21	Male	Son	Catholic
McGrath	Nora	19	Female	Daughter	Catholic
McGrath	Minnie	16	Female	Daughter	Catholic
McGrath	Kathleen	14	Female	Daughter	Catholic
McGrath	Thomas	12	Male	Son	Catholic

Thomas and Catherine had been married 29 years. All the children were Single.

Marriage: Thomas McGrath and Catherine Cunningham- Tullabeg

Sup Reg Dist - Tipperary, Reg Dist - Cappawhite

February 8, 1880 - married at the RC Chapel of Doon

Husband: **Thomas McGrath** (28, Bachelor, Farmer, Tullabeg)

Father: John McGrath (Farmer)

Wife: **Catherine Cunningham** (23, Spinster, Farmer's Daughter, Ballycoshown)

Father: James Cunningham (Farmer)

Witnesses: Thomas McGrath and Hanora Cunningham

Priest: Thomas O'Donnell, P. P.

Reg: May 11, 1880

Sup Reg Dist Tipperary, Reg Dist Grean

Birth

June 27, 1882 - **John McGrath**, Par. Thomas McGrath (Farmer, Tullabeg) and Catherine Cunningham,

Res: Tullabeg, Informant: Bridget O'Donnell, Present at birth, Tullabeg, Reg: August 21, 1882.

Marriage: John McGrath and Mary O'Dwyer - Tullabeg

Sup Reg Dist - Tipperary, Reg Dist - Tipperary

June 17, 1931 - married at the RC Church of Donohill

Husband: **John McGrath** (Full, Bachelor, Farmer, Tullabeg, Pallasgreen)

Father: Thomas McGrath (Farmer)

Wife: **Mary O'Dwyer** (Full, Spinster, Newtown, Donohill)

Father: William O'Dwyer (Farmer)

Witnesses: Thomas McGrath and Joanna Duckett

Priest: James Ronan, C. C.

Reg: June 30, 1931.

Sup Reg Dist Tipperary, Reg Dist Grean

Birth

August 25, 1898 - **Thomas McGrath**, Par. Thomas McGrath (Farmer, Tullabeg) and Catherine

Cunningham, Res: Tullabeg, Informant: Alice McGrath, Present at birth, Tullabeg, Reg: October 4, 1898.

Thomas McGrath and Jane Browne

Thomas McGrath
b. 1770
Ballynaclogh, Co. Lim.

No marriage found for
Thomas and Joanna
Jan 1816 – Dec 1827

Tithe Applotment - 1832
Ballynaclogh
#12 Thomas McGrath
Land: 33a-0r-2p
Payable: 2£-18s-2-1/2d
No McGraths in 1834
Pallas Grean TA

= **Jane Browne**

Thomas McGrath
b. 1799, Pallasgrean, Co. Lim
d. 1837, Kilduff?
bur Tower Hill Cem, Cappamore
LI-THTU-0161

Bridget married a Dwyer and
settled in Henry Co., Ill
No mar rec 1855 +/- 10

Winifred McGrath
b. 1805(7), Pallasgrean, Co. Lim
d. 1881, Putnam, Ill

John McGrath
b. 1811, Pallasgrean, Co. Lim
d. ?, USA

= **Joanna Casey**
b. 1793, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork
d. 1874, Ireland

John Magrath Died young
bap. May 29, 1822
Sps. James Casey & Maria Grady

David Magrath
bap. Apr 5, 1825
Sps. Michael Magrath & Anna Shaw

Thomas McGrath Died young
bap. Mar 22, 1827
Sps. James McGrath & Bridget Kough

Thomas Magrath
bap. Apr 7, 1828
Sps. Patrick Reall & Maria Magrath

Anna McGrath
bap. Jun 28, 1829
Sps. Michael Grady & Margaret Poe

Bridget Magrath
bap. Oct 16, 1831
Sps. Thomas Dwyer and Anna Magrath

John Magrath = **Catherine Malley**
bap. Sep 24, 1833 b. 1837
Sps. Anna Magrath d. Dec 23, 1909 (age 72)
LI-THTU-0160

= **Thomas Reall**
mar Feb 1826
Res. Ballynaclogh, Co. Lim
Wit. James Reall and Thomas Magrath

= **Margaret O'Donnell**
mar Feb 24, 1846

Thomas Magrath
bap Jan 7, 1849
Sps. David Magrath and Maria O'Donnell

The baptisms and marriage records used in the above tree were found in the registers of Pallasgrean and Templebreden RC parish. Baptism records: 1811-1880; Marriage records: 1811-1881. There was no residence information found with any of the baptism records. The surname spellings of Thomas and Joanna's children, in the family tree above, are exactly as found in the records.

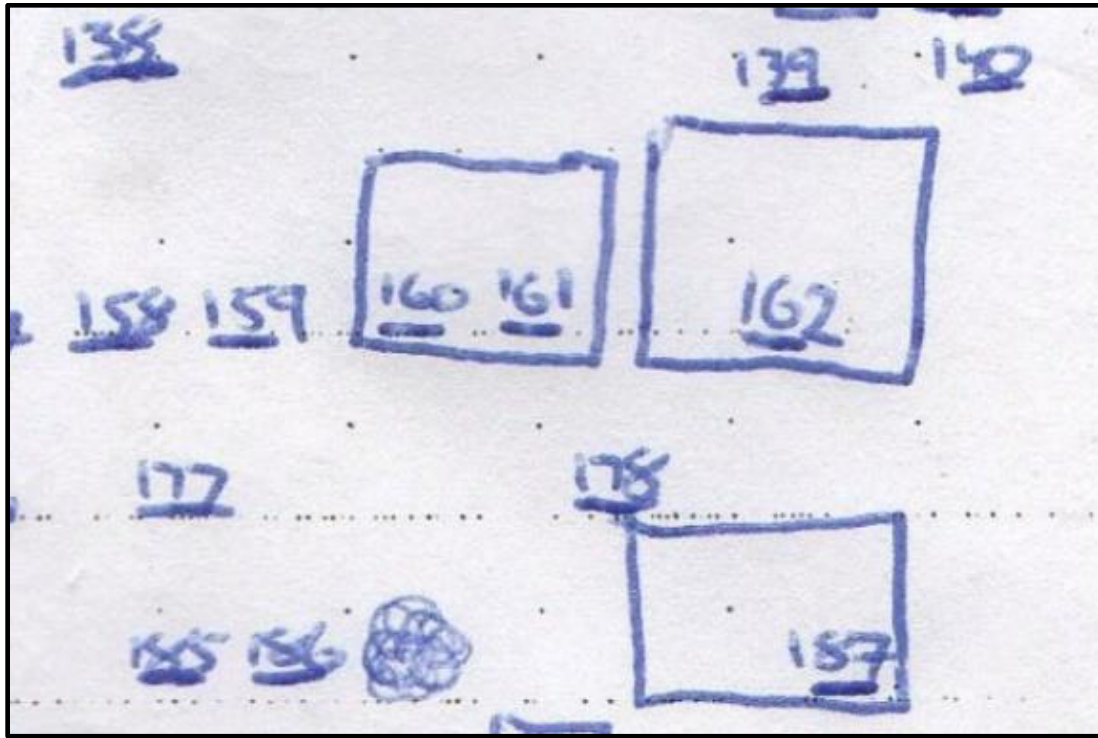
Thomas McGrath and Winifred McGrath were siblings. Thomas McGrath's daughter, Bridget, and Bridget's aunt, Winifred McGrath, both settled in Henry Co., Illinois.

Winifred married a man named Real and is the 3x-great grandmother of Chuck Real.

Thomas McGrath had a daughter named Bridget (b. 1831) who married a man named Dwyer. Thomas is the 3x-great grandfather of Jill Hotchkiss.

Thomas and Joanna don't appear to have followed the Irish naming tradition. The underlined baptism sponsors: Michael, James, Maria, and Anna might be Thomas Magrath's siblings or other relatives.

Tower Hill Cemetery Chart



The image above is a small portion of a larger chart which shows the relative positions of the graves in Tower Hill Cemetery, Cappamore. The close proximity of McGrath graves 160, 161, 162 and 178 suggests that they are related. Grave 161 is a single grave containing Thomas McGrath (1799-1837) and the adjacent grave 160 belongs to the John McGrath (1838-1907) family. It is suspected that this John is the youngest son of Thomas McGrath, in the adjacent grave, although there is a slight discrepancy between John's baptism date (Sept. 24, 1833) and his estimated birth year from his age at death (1838).

<https://historicgraves.com/sites/default/files/pdf-uploads/surveys/52309/towerhill-sketch-plan.pdf>

160 - John Magrath (1833-1907) plus others.

161 - Thomas McGrath (1799-1837)

162 - John McGrath (1883-1960) plus others

178 - John McGrath (1682-1757)

John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell

(s/o Thomas Magrath and Jane Browne)

(d/o Bryan O'Donnell and Honora Leonard)

John Magrath

b. 1811, Pallasgrean, Co. Lim
d. ?, USA

= Margaret O'Donnell

b. Dec 23, 1818
mar Feb 24, 1846

Joanna Magrath

bap May 4, 1846
Sps. Michael Magrath and Anna Magrath

Honora Magrath

bap Jun 17, 1847
Sps. Thomas Magrath and Julianna O'Donnell

Magrath Baptism Sponsors

Michael
Margaret
Anna
Thomas
David
John

These aren't John's siblings
so they must be other
relatives. The bolded names
could be John's nephews and
nieces - children of his
brother Thomas

Thomas Magrath

bap Jan 7, 1849
Sps. David Magrath and Maria O'Donnell

David Magrath

bap Apr 3, 1850, Ballyluddy
Sps. John Magrath and Honora O'Donnell

Anne Magrath

bap Oct 6, 1851, Ballyluddy
Sps. John Magrath and Honora O'Donnell

Brien Magrath

bap Jun 16, 1853, Ballyluddy
Sps. Thomas O'Donnell and Ellen O'Donnell

Margaret Magrath

bap Dec 24, 1854, Ballyluddy
Sps. Brien and Catherine O'Donnell

Michael Magrath

bap Nov 1, 1856, Ballyluddy
Sps. John and Margaret Magrath

John Magrath

bap May 19, 1858, Ballyluddy
Sps. Darby Brien and Catherine Maby

Patrick Magrath

bap Nov 25, 1859, Ballyluddy
Sps. John O'Donnell and Mary Doolan

James Magrath

bap Jul 28, 1861, Ballyluddy
Sps. Thomas and Winifred Dwyer

= Catherine Cunningham

b. 1857, Ballycoshown
mar Feb 8, 1880, Tullabeg

John McGrath

b. 1883
d. Apr 1, 1960 (Aged 77 yrs.)
Tullabeg, Pallasgreen
LI-THTU-0162

According to his children's baptism records, the John Magrath family was living in the townland of Ballyluddy, Ballynaclogh parish from April 1850 through at least July 1861. The Griffith's Valuation (GV) for this area was dated November 1850. However, John Magrath was not found occupying land in Ballyluddy in the valuation. It's possible that the family had moved to Ballyluddy just after the data for the GV was finalized.

Records of John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell

Pallasgreen and Templebredin RC parish

February 24, 1846 - **Joannes Magrath** married **Margarita O'Donnell**, Res: None,
Wit. Bryanus O'Donnell and Helena O'Donnell

Baptisms

May 4, 1846 - **Joanna Magrath**, Par. Joannes Magrath and Margarita O'Donnell, Res: None:, Sps.
Michael Magrath and Anna Magrath.

June 17, 1847 - **Honora Magrath**, Par. Joannes Magrath and Margarita O'Donnell, Res: None, Sps.
Thomas Magrath and Juliana O'Donnell.

January 7, 1849 - **Thomas Magrath**, Par. Joannes Magrath and Margarita O'Donnell, Res: None, Sps.
David Magrath and Maria O'Donnell.

April 3, 1850 - **David Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy, Sps. John
Magrath and Honora O'Donnell.

October 6, 1851 - **Anne Magrath** - Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy, Sps.
James O'Brien and Biddy Magath.

June 16, 1853 - **Brien Magrath**, Par. Michael Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy, Sps.
Thomas O'Donnell and Ellen O'Donnell.

December 24, 1854 - **Margaret Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy,
Sps. Brien and Catherine O'Donnell.

November 1, 1856 - **Michael Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy,
Sps. John and Margaret Magrath.

May 19, 1858 - **John Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res. Ballyluddy
Sps. Darby Brien and Catherine Maby

November 25, 1859 - **Patrick Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy,
Sps. John O'Donnell and Mary Doolan.

July 28, 1861 - **James Magrath**, Par. John Magrath and Margaret O'Donnell, Res: Ballyluddy, Sps.
Thomas and Winifred Dwyer.

Margaret O'Donnell's Records

Pallasgreen and Templebredin RC parish

February 3, 1818 - **Bryan O'Donnell** married **Honora Leonard**, Res: Ballyfoocon
Wit. Patritius Leonard and Patritius O'Donnell.

Baptism

December 23, 1818 - **Margaret O'Donnell**, Par. Brien O'Donnell and Honora Leonard, Res: None, Wit.
Patrick Leonard and Margarite Ryan.

Magrath of Ballynaclogh Pedigree

Magrath of Ballynaclogh
Ballynaclogh par., Co. Limerick
From: Jill Hotchkiss and Chuck Real

Magrath of Ballyneety
Oola par., Co. Limerick
From: *The Magrath and McCraith Families*

John Magrath
b. abt 1609, Kilmacduagh

= **Honora Whelan**
b. abt 1610, Co. Lim.

John Magrath
b. abt 1630, Kilmaduagh

FNU3 Magrath
b. abt 1662

John Magrath
1682-1757, Ballynaclogh
(In Tower Hill Cem)

This Tower Hill John Magrath
(1682) is similar in age to Terence
(1670)

FNU2 Magrath
b abt 1700

FNU1 Magrath
b abt 1725

Thomas Magrath
b abt 1750, Ballynaclogh
(In Tower Hill Cem)

= **Catherine Collins or
(O'Neill?)**

Thomas McGrath
b. 1770, Ballynaclogh

= **Jane Browne**

Thomas Magrath
1799-1837

= **Joanna Casey**
1793-1874

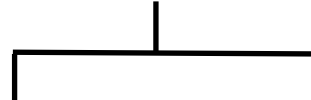
To Miler Magrath



Terence Magrath
b. abt 1670
d. Jul 1743



John Magrath
b. abt 1719
d. Jan 4, 1770



John Magrath
b. abt 1745

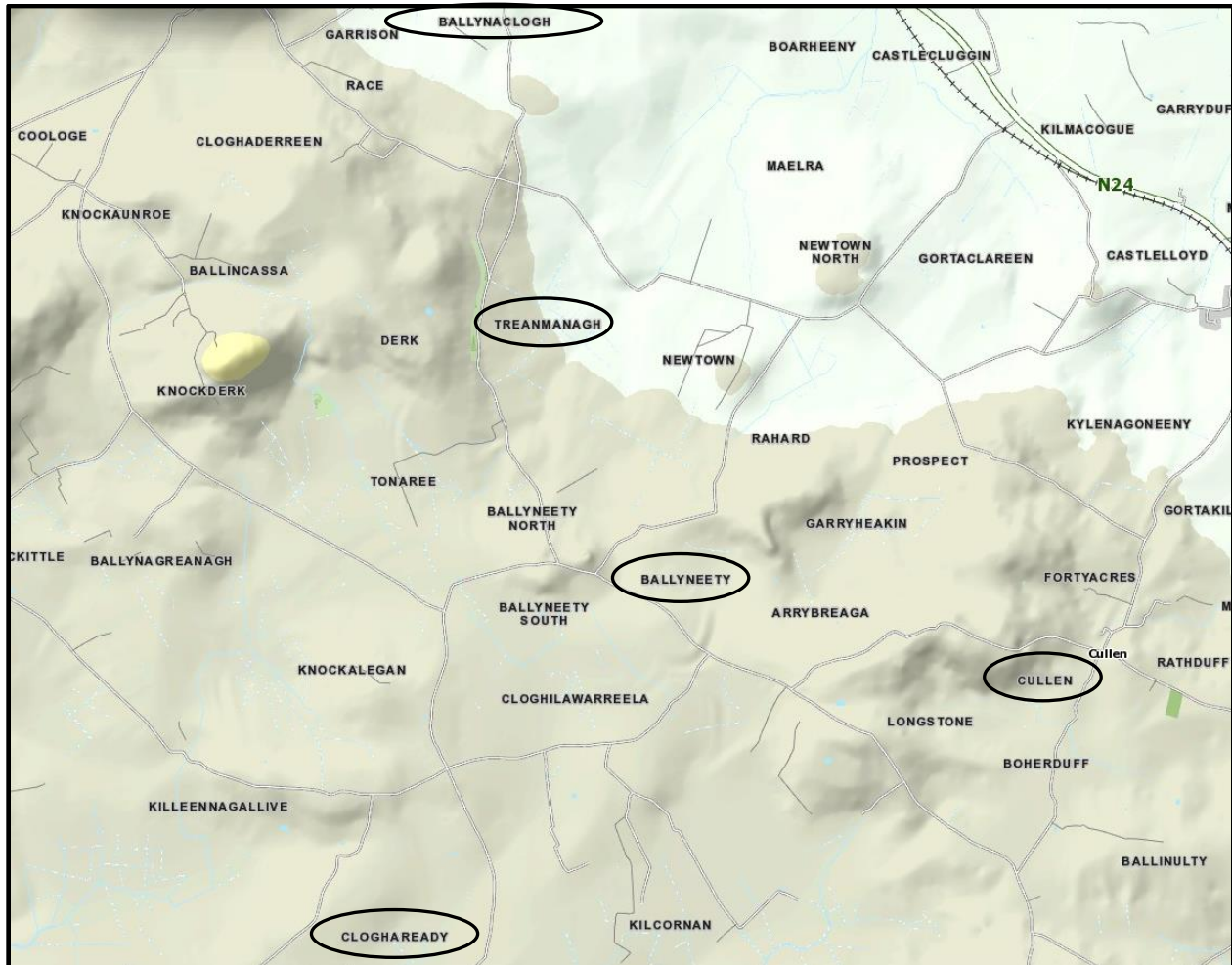
Gamaliel Fitzgerald Magrath
b. 1750

Thomas Magrath (b. abt. 1750), of Ballynaclogh was not found among the graves in Tower Hill Cemetery, documented on the [historicgraves](#) site. However, there were about a half dozen gravestones which were illegible, and Thomas' might be one of them.

The question of where to splice these two Magrath families together needs a little consideration. Thomas (1750) of Ballynaclogh might be a brother to John and Gamaliel of the Ballyneety pedigree, based on similar ages. Also John (1719) and Terence (1670) of Ballyneety probably had brothers so it might be possible to join the Ballynaclogh Magraths into one of these generations of the Ballyneety Magraths. In the Ballynaclogh pedigree between Thomas (1750) and John (1682) there are two unknown Magraths acting as generational buffers. It is possible to make the splice with any of these four Magraths with a bit of hand waving. The simplest splice is a single event and it should include the oldest known Magrath. If the splice occurs later, then that would leave John (1682) of Ballynaclogh unconnected or require a double splice — two descendants from Miler's line at different generations. While the double splice might well be

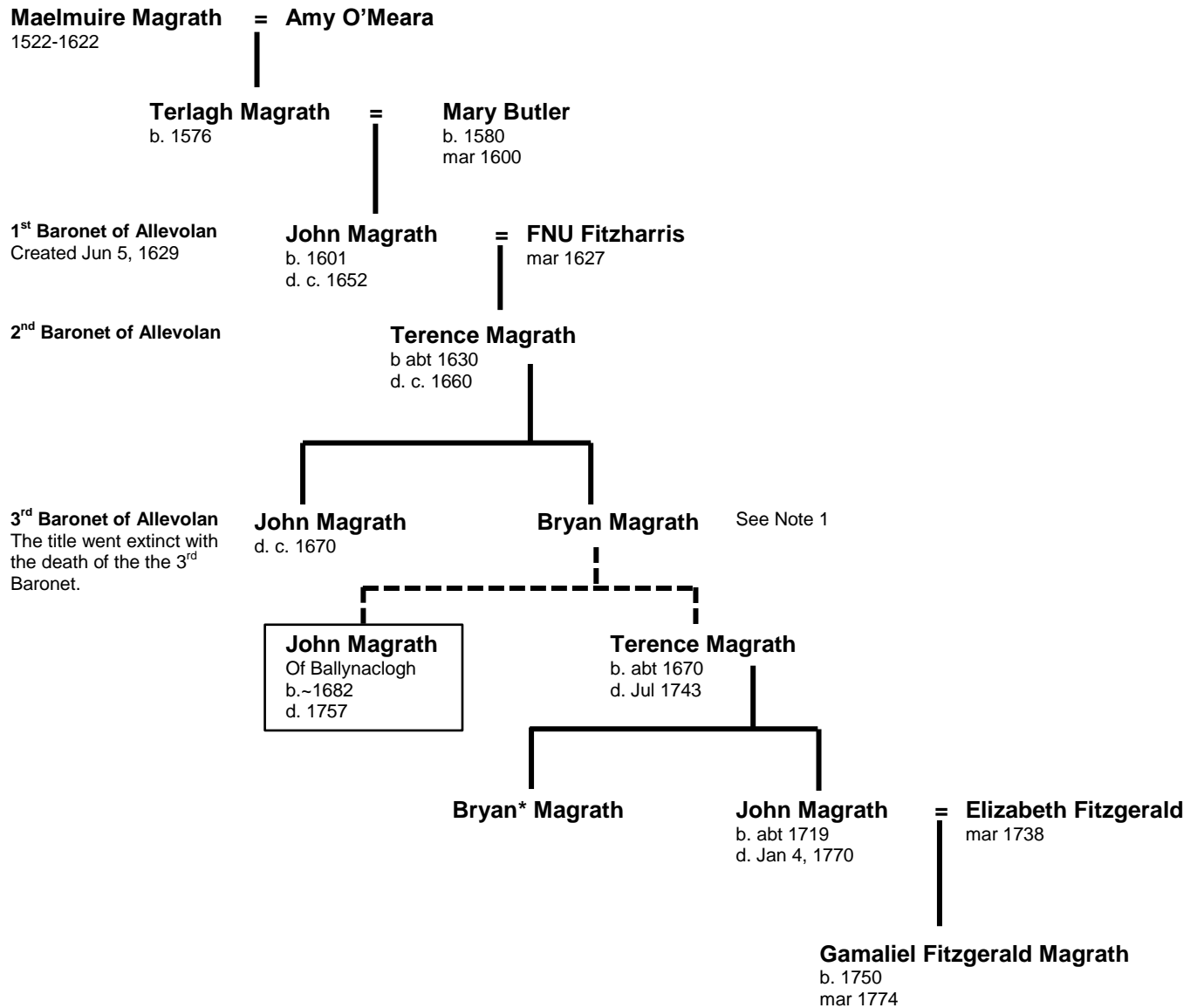
true there is no evidence to support it right now and so the single splice with John (1682) will be proposed at this point.

Ballyneety and Ballynaclogh



The map above shows the closeness of the townlands of Ballynaclogh and Ballyneety. The following individuals are from the “Magrath of Ballyneety” pedigree on the previous page. John Magrath (1719-1770) of Ballyneety, Oola, Co. Limerick married Elizabeth Fitzgerald of Cloghaready, Templebredon, Co. Tipperary. They were the parents of John Magrath (1745) and Gamaliel Fitzgerald Magrath (1750). It has been determined that this Magrath family is descended from Miler Magrath via Miler’s oldest son, Terlagh Magrath.

John Magrath's Possible Descent from Miler Magrath



Note 1: The name Bryan is used to represent an additional son in a given generation to show how the naming convention could still be maintained while the persons of interest are fitted into the family tree. This tree is taken from *The Magrath and McCraith Families*, p. 15.

John Magrath (1682) of Ballynaclogh would fit in nicely as a brother of Terence Magrath (1670) based on their similar ages, their locality, and the same spelling of their surnames. Although Miler Magrath held the Diocese of Cashel and Emly as a Protestant archbishop, he and his wife raised their children as Catholics. Over the following years some members of the family appear to have switched to the Church of Ireland and became Protestants. However, the descendants of John Magrath (1682-1757) appear to have remained with the Catholic faith.

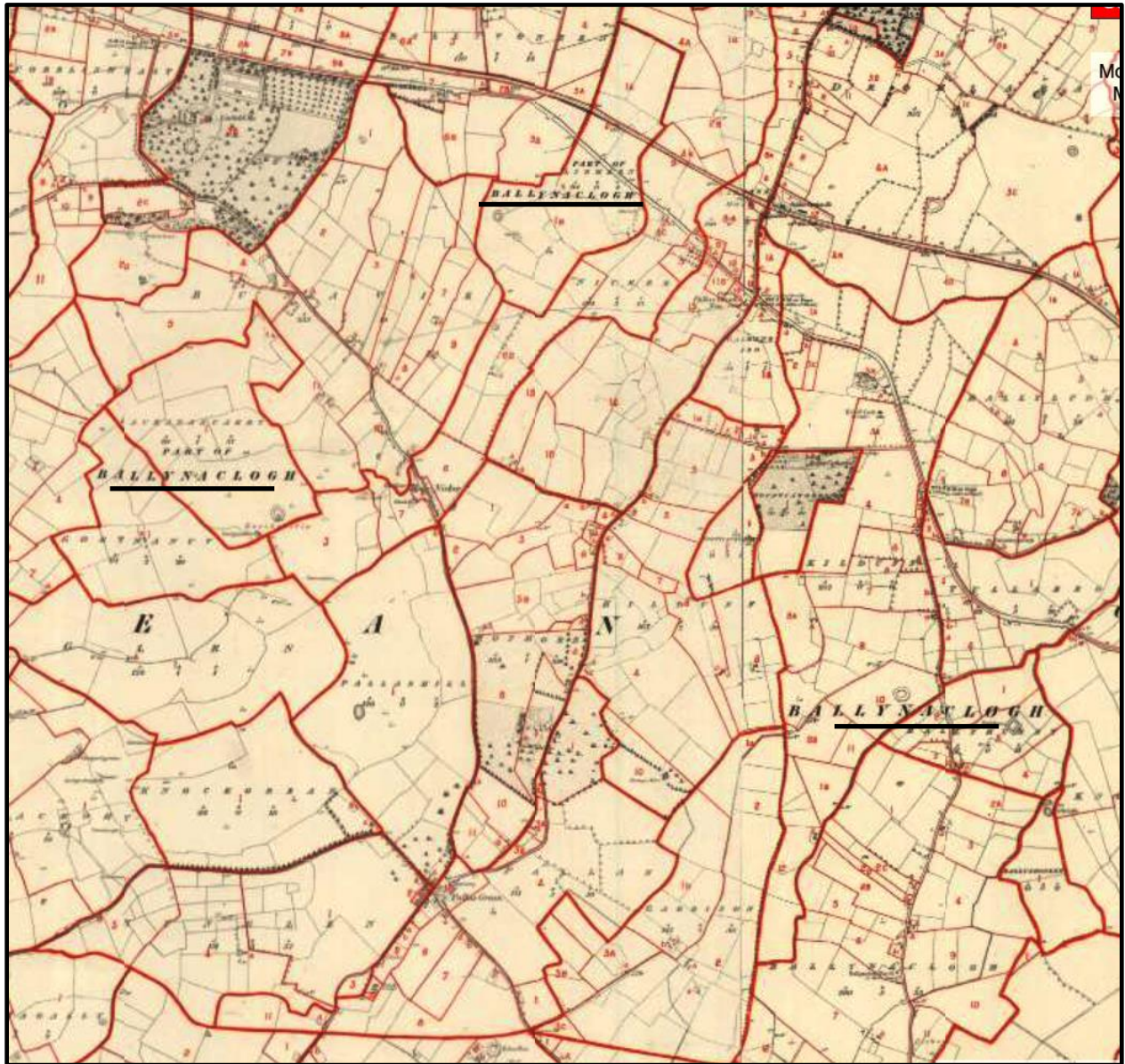
Appendix

Townland Locations

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Ballycoshown		208	Limerick	Coonagh	Doon	Tipperary	Munster
Ballyfookeen		604	Limerick	Connello Upper	Bruree	Kilmallock	Munster
Ballyfookoon		157	Limerick	Coshma	Killonahan	Croom	Munster
Ballyluddy		141	Limerick	Coonagh	Ballynaclogh	Tipperary	Munster
Ballynaclogh		290	Limerick	Coonagh	Ballynaclogh	Tipperary	Munster
Corelish East		169	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
Corelish West		266	Limerick	Clanwilliam	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
Dooradoyle		467	Limerick	Pubblebrien	Mungret	Limerick	Munster
Elton		739	Limerick	Smallcounty	Knockainy	Kilmallock	Munster
Kilduff		252	Limerick	Coonagh	Ballynaclogh	Tipperary	Munster
Kilduff		167	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
Knockaunroe		110	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
Pallas		66	Limerick	Kenry	Kilcornan	Rathkeale	Munster
Pallas		270	Limerick	Connello Upper	Kilmeedy	Newcastle	Munster
Pallas		366	Limerick	Kenry	Chapelrussell	Rathkeale	Munster
Pallas		171	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
PALLAS GREAN T.		xx	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
Pallasbeg		492	Limerick	Owneybeg	Tuogh	Limerick	Munster
Pallashill		128	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
PALLASKENRY T.		xx	Limerick	Kenry	Chapelrussell	Rathkeale	Munster
Shanpallas		221	Limerick	Kenry	Chapelrussell	Rathkeale	Munster
Treanmanagh		225	Limerick	Coonagh	Grean	Tipperary	Munster
Tullabeg		68	Limerick	Coonagh	Ballynaclogh	Tipperary	Munster

Note: Ballynaclogh parish is distributed in three pieces. Two small pieces of Ballynaclogh parish are inside Grean parish while the larger portion of Ballynaclogh parish is on the eastern edge of Grean parish. Pallasgrean is in Grean parish in Co. Limerick.

The Three Pieces of Ballynaclogh



The three separate pieces of Ballynaclogh parish are shown in the map above and are underlined. The two smaller pieces of Ballynaclogh parish are entirely within Glean parish.

Place Names

Ballynaclogh – Baile na Cloiche, Cloch means stone. “Homestead of the stone.”

Ballyneety – Baile an Fhaoitigh. “deFaoite’s homestead.”

Doon = Dun, fortress, fort, a prestige term in Irish writing and is usually employed for dwellings of kings and chieftains.

Fada = Long

Foil = Faill, means cliff.

Knockainy civil parish, Smallcounty barony, Co. Limerick, Kilmallock PLU

Other McGrath Towerhill Graves

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Lawrence McGrath, Parish Priest of Doon, d. --- (aged ---)

David McGrath, Parish Priest of Clonmore, d. Apr 13, 1807 (aged 52)

Johanna McGrath of Towerhill, d. May 26, 1927

Mary Egan (nee McGrath), Cully, Newport, d. Feb 13, 1930

Cornelius McGrath of Towerhill, d. Sep 24, 1931

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Erected by Mary McGrath (alias Coffey)

For her husband

Daniel McGrath of Towerhill, d. May 5, 1828 (aged 38)

Kate McGrath, d. 1884 (aged 64)

Patrick McGrath, d. 1885 (aged 71)

Mary McCormack, d. 1901 (aged 84)

Griffith's Valuation Table

Parish of Ballynaclogh, Co. Limerick - November 1850

No.	Griffith's Valuation Ballynaclogh Par. 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
1	John M'Grath Ballyhurst	Trus E Smith's Charities	Land	8	1	3	5	15	0	—	—	—	5	15	0
7A	Michael M'Grath Ballynaclogh	Edw Crosby Moore, Esq	Land	2	0	8	3	0	0	—	—	—	79	15	0
7Ba			House, offices, & land	54	0	30	74	0	0	2	15	0			
1Aa	David M'Grath Tullabeg	Trus E Smith;s Charities	House, offices, & land	21	3	13	18	8	0	1	17	0	22	5	0
1B			Land	2	3	22	2	0	0	—	—	—			
2a	John M'Grath Tullabeg	Trus E Smith;s Charities	House, offices, & land	18	2	24	14	5	0	2	0	0	16	5	0
2b	Michael M'Grath Tullabeg	Trus E Smith;s Charities	House and garden	0	0	13	0	2	0	0	18	0	1	0	0
	No M'Graths in Ballyluddy														

February 15, 1831 - Michael Magrath married **Bridgeda Carroll**, Res: Ballynaclogh, Wit. Andrius Carroll and Michael Magrath, Pallasgreen and Templebreen RC parish.

These could be the two Michael Magraths found in the Griffith's Valuation above.