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

Thomas McGrath
b. 1770
Ballynaclogh, Co. Lim.

Jane Browne
b. 1799, Pallasgrean, Co. Lim
d. 1837, Kilduff?
bur Tower Hill Cem, Cappamore

Thomas McGrath
b. 1793, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork
d. 1874, Ireland

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

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

John Magrath
bap. Sep 24, 1833
Sps. Anna Magrath
d. Feb 7, 1907 (age 69)

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

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

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

Margaret O'Donnell
mar Feb 24, 1846

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

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

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

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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. = Catherine Maley
b. 1838
b. 1837
d. Feb 7, 1907 (age 69)
d. Dec 23, 1909 (age 72)
Ballyclough House, Pallagrean

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 – Treenmanagh – 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)

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<td>Michael</td>
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<td>R Catholic</td>
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<td>McGrath</td>
<td>Kate</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>R Catholic</td>
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1901 - Patrick Lonergan - house 5 in Ballyneety South (Templebredon, Limerick)

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<td>Patrick</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lonergan</td>
<td>Bridget</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Lonergan</td>
<td>Edmond</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>O’Dwyre</td>
<td>Margaret</td>
<td>78</td>
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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)

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<td>Dwyer</td>
<td>Hanora</td>
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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, Ballynaclough)
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 Ballynaclough (Grean, Limerick)

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<td>McGrath</td>
<td>Bridget</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Wife</td>
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<td>McGrath</td>
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<td>Kenny</td>
<td>Katie</td>
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<td>Beary</td>
<td>John</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Workman</td>
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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: Ballynaclogh, Sps. Thomas and Bridget Maley

**Marriage: Denis McGrath and Bridget Heelan - Ballinachough Newton**
Sup Reg Dist - Bruff, Reg Dist - Kilmallock
November 25, 1909 - married at RC Church of Knockainey
Husband: Denis McGrath (35, Bachelor, Farmer, Ballinachough, 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 Heelen, 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 = Mary O’Dwyer
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)

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<td>44</td>
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<td>Son</td>
<td>Roman Catholic</td>
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<td>McGrath</td>
<td>Johanna</td>
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<td>James</td>
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<td>Minnie</td>
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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)

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<td>Catholic</td>
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<td>Margaret</td>
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<td>McGrath</td>
<td>John</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Son</td>
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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,

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

Jane Browne

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

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

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

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

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

Thomas McGrath  
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  
bap. Sep 24, 1833  
Sps. Anna Magrath  
LI-THTU-0160  
b. 1837  
d. Dec 23, 1909 (age 72)

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).


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

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

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

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

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

Margaret O'Donnell’s Records

Pallasgreen and Templebredin RC parish
February 3, 1818 - Bryan O'Donnell married Honora Leonard, Res: Ballyfoocon

Baptism
Magrath of Ballynaclogh Pedigree

John Magrath = Honora Whelan
b. abt 1609, Kilmacduagh
b. abt 1610, Co. Lim.

John Magrath
b. abt 1630, Kilmacduagh

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 = Catherine Collins or
b abt 1750, Ballynaclogh
(O’Neill?)
(In Tower Hill Cem)

John Magrath
b. abt 1745

Gamaliel Fitzgerald Magrath
b. 1750

Thomas McGrath
b. 1770, Ballynaclogh

Thomas Magrath = Joanna Casey
1799-1837
1793-1874

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
dozens 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 Ballynaclough 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

Maelmuire Magrath 1522-1622

≡ Amy O’Meara

Terlagh Magrath b. 1576

≡ Mary Butler b. 1580

mar 1600

1st Baronet of Allevolan
Created Jun 5, 1629

John Magrath b. 1601 d. c. 1652

≡ FNU Fitzharris mar 1627

2nd Baronet of Allevolan

Terence Magrath b abt 1630 d. c. 1660

3rd Baronet of Allevolan
The title went extinct with the death of the 3rd Baronet.

John Magrath d. c. 1670

≡ Bryan Magrath See Note 1

Bryan* Magrath

John Magrath Of Ballynaclogh b.~1682 d. 1757

Terence Magrath b. abt 1670 d. Jul 1743

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

≡ Elizabeth Fitzgerald mar 1738

Gamaliel Fitzgerald Magrath b. 1750 mar 1774

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

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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

0207
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

0224
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

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