

# The Descendants of Michael Magrath and Mary Ryan of Clonoulty

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## Introduction

This investigation began with the Michael and Mary McGrath family of Clonoulty and the trail led through the Kennedy family of Upperchurch and to Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY, as a portion of the Kennedy family emigrated. Further research turned up connections to the Hayes, Corbett and Young families.

The possible family connections described in this paper benefited from several fortunate circumstances. It started with the marriage and baptism records of the Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes family of Upperchurch and then a Kennedy connection was found. After that the family histories were stretched back in time to uncover new connections. This effort benefitted from the online availability of the Parish Registers and the Civil Registration Records.

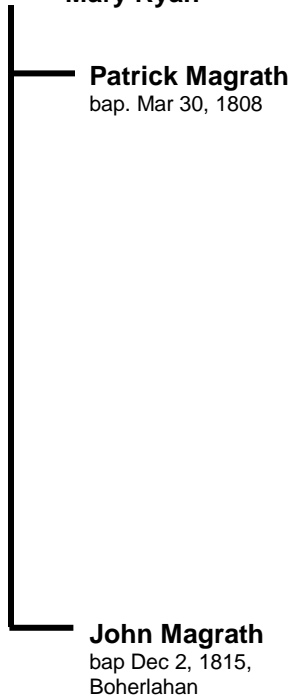
Not every trail will lead to a successful conclusion. The primary elements required for this activity are the family trees and pedigrees constructed from the basic records to form the families. The Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes records were originally photographed in 2000 from a computerized index at the Upperchurch Parochial House. These records were from the 1880s which extends past the online Upperchurch records which end in 1877. The second of these fortunate circumstances were the 1901 and 1911 census records that correlated with the baptism records and then there was the fact that the family was still residing in the same townland. The Irish naming tradition allowed a connection to Michael Magrath's father in Coolnamoney at the time of the Griffith's Valuation. Some real luck came into the picture when the next family connection was found in the baptism records of adjoining Clonoulty RC parish. Michael's baptism record was found there using the naming tradition and finding an appropriate age gap. Good fortune appeared once again in the early commencement (1804) of the Clonoulty records and a possible grandfather was found for Michael. Admittedly many of these connections are only held together by a naming tradition assumption, geographic proximity and proper age gaps, but the final multi-generation pedigree structures provide a very useful visual device to guide future research.

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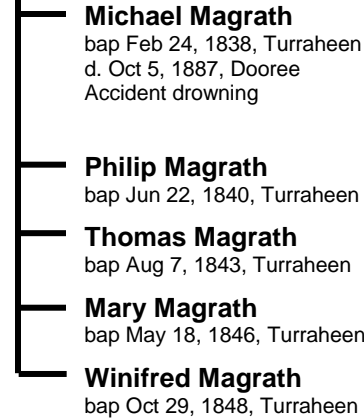
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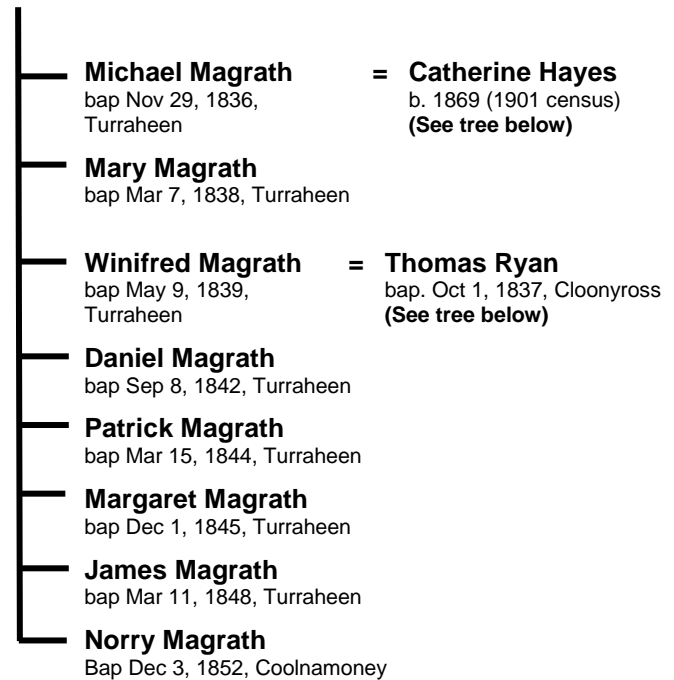
Michael Magrath = Mary Ryan



= **Margaret Fahy**  
m. Jan 24, 1837, Turraheen



= **Margaret Ryan**



## Probable Michael McGrath Connections - Grandparents and Parents

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| <b>Clonoulty</b>   |
| <b>Michael Magrath = Mary Ryan</b><br>Patrick – 30 Mar 1808<br>John – 2 Dec 1815, Boherlahan |

No marriage record found in Clonoulty back to the beginning in 1804. Boherlahan is a village located between Thurles and Cashel. It is also a Roman Catholic Parish.

This family above had a son named John who could be the John below. The marriage below fits with the baptismal records of the John Magrath and Margaret Ryan below.

John Magrath (Clonoulty) and Margaret Ryan (Bishop's Wood) married at Knockavilla, Co. Tipperary, Feb 7, 1836. Witnesses: Joseph Ryan, James Quinlan and Winifred Ryan.

John's naming of his first son and first daughter is consistent with him being the son of Michael Magrath and Mary Ryan above.

John McGrath and Margaret Ryan had a daughter Norry, baptized on Dec 3, 1852 while their residence was at Coolnamoney. This could be the same John Magrath and Margaret Ryan family above who had moved from Turraheen to Coolnamoney.

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| <b>John Magrath = Margaret Ryan</b><br>mar. February 7, 1836, Knockavilla RC<br>John (Clonoulty); Margaret (Bishopswood)<br>Wit: Joseph Ryan, James Quinlan, Winifred Ryan.<br>Michael – 29 Nov 1836, Turraheen<br>Mary – 7 Mar 1838, Turraheen<br><b>Winifred</b> – 9 May 1839, Turraheen<br>Daniel – 8 Sept 1842, Turraheen<br>Patrick – 15 Mar 1844, Turraheen<br>Margaret – 1 Dec 1845, Turraheen<br>James – 11 Mar 1848, Turraheen<br>Norry - 3 Dec 1852, Coolnamona |
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Michael McGrath and Catherine Hayes named their first son John and their first daughter Margaret which possibly links them to the John Magrath and Margaret Ryan to the left. In the 1901 Coolnamoney census Michael was 59 years old which gives a birth year of approximately 1842. The Michael, son of John Magrath and Margaret Ryan, was baptized Nov 29, 1836. This gives an age gap of about 5 years which is not a real problem given the practice of Irish parents not telling their

children their actual ages. In the 1911 Coolnamoney census Michael gave his age as 73 which gives him a birth year of approximately 1838, which is even closer to the 1836 baptism record.

Michael's sister Winifred was also found in Coolnamoney and her 2<sup>nd</sup> son has the same name as her father. The family was not found in Coolnamoney in the 1901 census.

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| <b>Winifred McGrath = Thomas Ryan</b><br>Mary Ryan - Feb 23, 1869, Coolnamoney<br><u>James Ryan</u> - Jul 16, 1870, Coolnamoney<br>John Ryan - Sep 16, 1872 |
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No church marriage record for Winifred and Thomas: 1857-1870. No more church baptism records for this family. A civil birth record search for "Ryan" was not done because that would

be exhausting, since the records are not indexed by the mothers' maiden names.

Patrick might be the other son of Michael Magrath and Mary Dwyer from the top of the previous page. His first son was named Michael and his first daughter was named Mary and they were in Turraheen

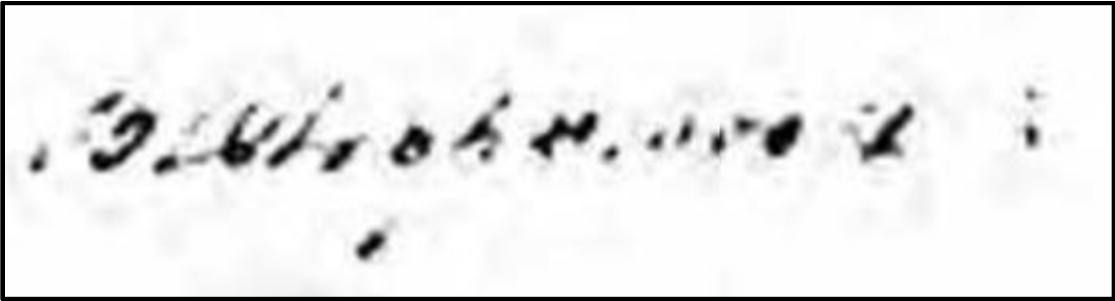
**Patrick Magrath = Margaret Fahy**  
 mar. January 24, 1837, Turraheen  
 Witnesses Philip Fahy, Edmond Magrath and Mary Fahy  
**Michael** – 24 Feb 1838, Turraheen  
 Phillip – 22 Jun 1840, Turraheen  
 Thomas – 7 Aug 1843, Turraheen  
 Mary – 18 May 1846, Turraheen  
 Winifred – 29 Oct 1848, Turraheen

**Source:**  
 Some of the information came from the paper -  
 “McGrath-Kennedy-Ryan-Gleeson - May 1, 2017”

<http://mcgrathsearch.com/FamiliesInIreland/Connections/McGrath-Kennedy-Ryan-Gleeson%20Connections%2005-01-17a.pdf>

**Civil Records**

Supt Reg Dist - Thurles, Reg Dist - Holycross  
 March 2, 1869 - **Mary Ryan**, Par. Thomas Ryan (Farmer, Coolnamona) and Winifred Magrath,  
 Res: Coolnamona, Informant: Thomas Ryan, Father, Coolnamona, Reg: March 6, 1869.



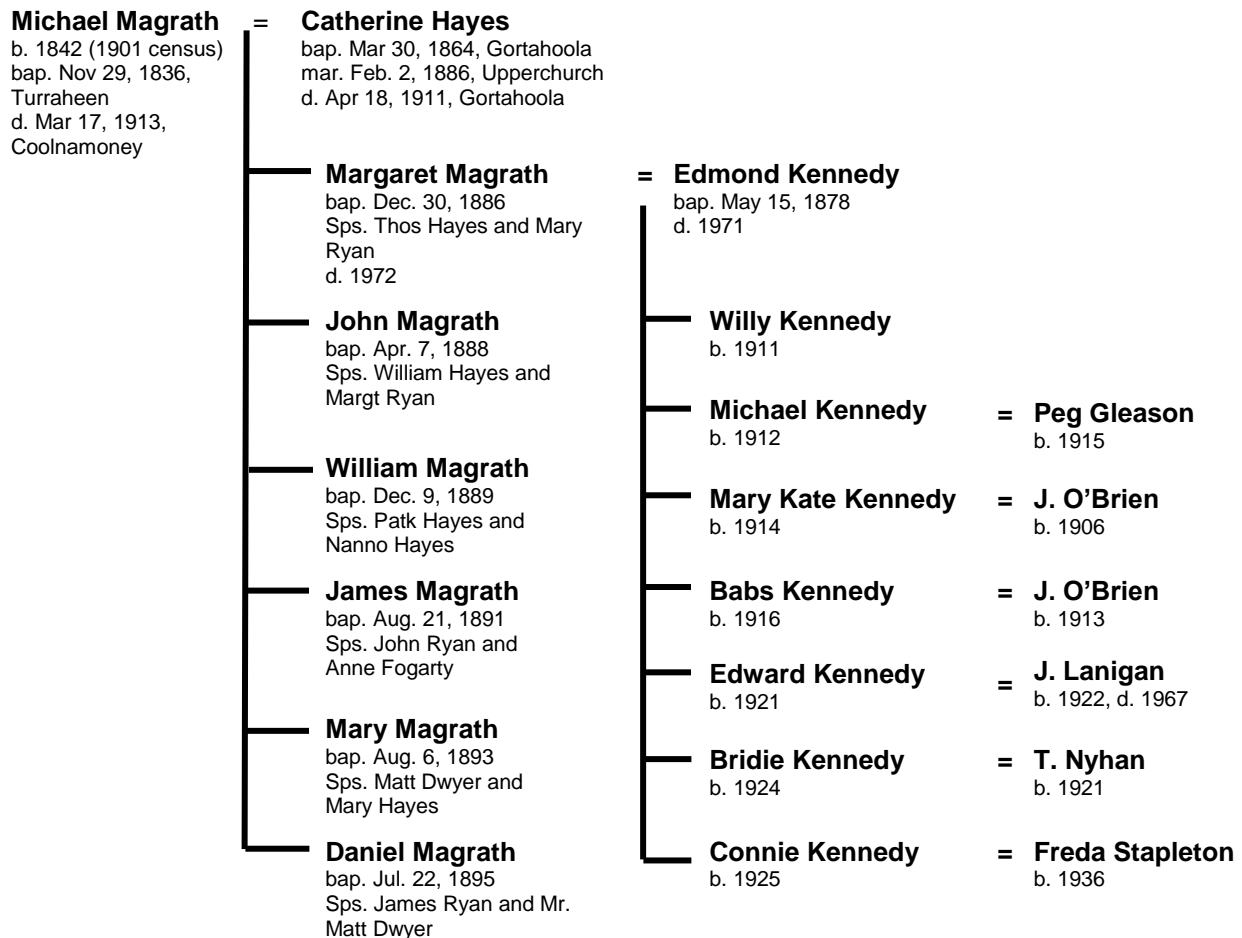
| Townland                 | Acres | County          | Barony            | Parish    | PLU    | Province |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Bishopswood              | 1,053 | Tipperary, S.R. | Kilnamanagh Lower | Kilmore   | Cashel | Munster  |
| Clonoulty Church quarter | 407   | Tipperary, S.R. | Kilnamanagh Lower | Clonoulty | Cashel | Munster  |
| Clonoulty Curragh        | 204   | Tipperary, S.R. | Kilnamanagh Lower | Clonoulty | Cashel | Munster  |
| Clonoulty Hill           | 267   | Tipperary, S.R. | Kilnamanagh Lower | Clonoulty | Cashel | Munster  |

## ★ Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes of Coolnamoney

This Michael Magrath was in Coolnamoney at the time of the 1901 and 1911 census. His family's baptismal records were found among the Upperchurch parish records. There was a John Magrath in Coolnamoney in the Griffith's Valuation, on Lot 6. There is a single baptism record for a John McGrath and Margaret Ryan of Coolnamoney and that was the baptism of a daughter named Norry on Dec. 3, 1852. Michael below named his first son John and his first daughter Margaret. It is assumed Michael's parents were John Magrath and Margaret Ryan.

(s/o John Magrath and Margaret Ryan)

(d/o William Hayes and Margaret Ryan)



The Kennedy family records for the children of Edmond Kennedy and Margaret Magrath were provided by Jean Schelah. Edmond Kennedy's parents are William Kennedy (b. 1850, d. 1881) and Catherine Ryan (b. 1858, d. 1935). It was those records that showed Margaret's connection to Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes which led to their children's baptismal records in the computerized index to the baptism records in 2000. That was just a lucky catch since that list surpasses the coverage of the NLI microfilm records found online.

Source: The Kennedy Family Tree was from Jean Schelah who is descended from William Kennedy's brother Thomas. Thomas Kennedy immigrated to the US in 1873. Many of Edmond's

and his brother William's descendants are still living in the Upperchurch area and visited with Jean during her trip to Upperchurch in 2006.

## Census Records - McGrath - Coolnamoney

### 1901 - Michael McGrath of house 1 in Coolnamoney (Moyaliff, Tipperary)

| Surname | Forename | Age | Sex    | Relation to head | Religion       |
|---------|----------|-----|--------|------------------|----------------|
| McGrath | Michael  | 59  | Male   | Head of Family   | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | Kate     | 32  | Female | Wife             | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | Maggie   | 13  | Female | Daughter         | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | John     | 12  | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | William  | 10  | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | James    | 9   | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | Mary     | 6   | Female | Daughter         | Roman Catholic |
| McGrath | Daniel   | 4   | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |

### 1911 - Michael McGrath of house 2 in Coolnamoney (Moyaliff, Tipperary)

| Surname  | Forename  | Age | Sex    | Relation to head | Religion       |
|----------|-----------|-----|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Mc Grath | Michael   | 73  | Male   | Head of Family   | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Catherine | 47  | Female | Wife             | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | John      | 23  | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | William   | 21  | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | James     | 19  | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Daniel    | 15  | Male   | Son              | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Mary      | 17  | Female | Daughter         | Roman Catholic |

## Death Records

### Death: Michael McGrath - 77 - 1914

From Sup Reg Dist Thurles, Reg Dist Holycross

Date: March 17, 1914 - Location: Coolnamoney

Name: **Michael McGrath**

Condition: Widower

Age at last Birthday: 77 years

Occupation: Farmer

Cause of Death: Chronic Bronchitis, 3 years, No medical attendant

Informant: Daniel McGrath, Son, present at death, Coolnamoney

Reg: March 27, 1914 (Holycross)

**Death: Catherine McGrath - 47 - 1911**

From Sup Reg Dist Thurles, Reg Dist Holycross

Date: April 18, 1911 - Location: Gortahoola

Name: **Catherine McGrath**

Condition: Married

Age at last Birthday: 47 years

Occupation: Wife of Farmer

Cause of Death: Broncho-Pneumonia, 5 days, Certified

Informant: Daniel McGrath, Son, present at death, Gortahoola

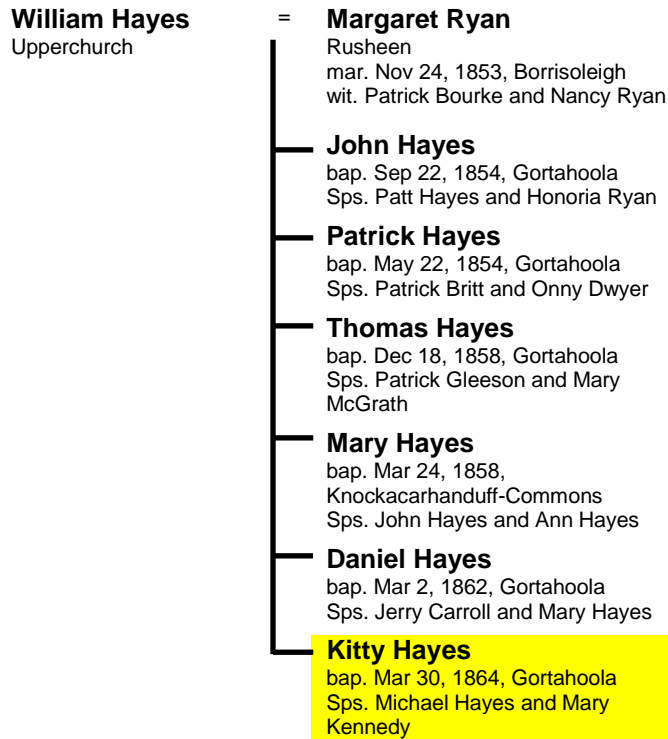
Reg: April 24, 1911 (Holycross)



## ★ William Hayes and Margaret Ryan

(s/o John Hayes and Mary Stapleton)

(d/o Patrick Ryan and Catherine Kearney)



An attempt is made in this section to find the family of Catherine Hayes, wife of Michael Magrath, and her ancestors. This is based on the assumption that the families used the Irish naming conventions. And Michael Magrath and Catherine Hayes followed this tradition exactly. It was also guided by approximate expected ages and close geographic proximity. Therefore the results shown in this section are speculations but speculations guided by evidence based expectations and will be used as a guide in future research.

### Church Records - William Hayes

November 24, 1853 - **William Hayes** of Upperchurch married **Margaret Ryan** of Rusheen at Borrisoleigh, by Rev. Wm Morris. Wit: Patk Bourke and Nancy Ryan

**N.B. A dispensation (3<sup>o</sup> et 4<sup>o</sup> affinitates gradin) had been obtained for those parties.**

Three generations back for William and four generations back for Margaret there was a common ancestor.

September 22, 1854 - **John Hayes**, Par. Wm Hayes and Margaret Ryan, Upperchurch RC  
Res: Gortahoula, Sps. Patt Hayes and Honoria Ryan.

May 22, 1856 - **Patrick Hayes**, Par. Wm Hayes and Margaret Ryan, Upperchurch RC  
Res: Gurthahoula, Sps. Patrick Britt and Onny Dwyer

December 18, 1858 - **Thomas Hayes**, Par. Wm Hayes and Margaret Ryan, Upperchurch RC

Res: Gurthahoula (Gortahoola, Moyaliff), Sps. Patrick Gleeson and Mary McGrath.

March 24, 1861 - **Mary Hayes**, Par. Wm Hayes and Margaret Ryan, Upperchurch RC  
Res: Knockahonaduffe (Knockacarhanduff Commons, Moyaliff), Sps. John Hayes and Ann(?)  
Hayes.

March 2, 1862 - **Daniel Hayes**, Par. Wm Hayes and Margaret Ryan, Upperchurch RC  
Res: Gurthahoula, Sps. Jerry Carroll and Mary Hayes.

Mar 30, 1864 - **Kitty Hayes**, Par. Wm Hayes and Margaret Ryan, Upperchurch RC  
Res: Gorthahoula, Sps. Michael Hayes and Mary Kennedy.

### **Church Records - William Hayes' Siblings**

October 17, 1832 - **William Hayes**, Par. Johns Hayes and Mary Stapleton, Upperchurch RC  
Res: None, Sps. Margaret Kennedy

October 21, 1833 - **Margaret Hayes**, Par. John Hayes and Mary Stapleton, Upperchurch RC  
Res: None, Sps. Catherine Magrath.

September 28, 1835 - **Catherine Hayes**, Par. John Hayes and Mary Stapleton, Upperchurch RC  
Res: None, Sps. Ellonar Hayes.

October 4, 1837 - **Judy Hayes**, Par. John Hayes and Mary Stapleton, Upperchurch RC  
Res: None, Sps. Patt Hayes and Bess Stapleton

April 28, 1841 - **John Hayes**, Par. John Hayes and Mary Stapleton, Upperchurch RC  
Res: None, Sps. Bess Stapleton

### **Church Records - Margaret Ryan's Siblings? -Two different families?**

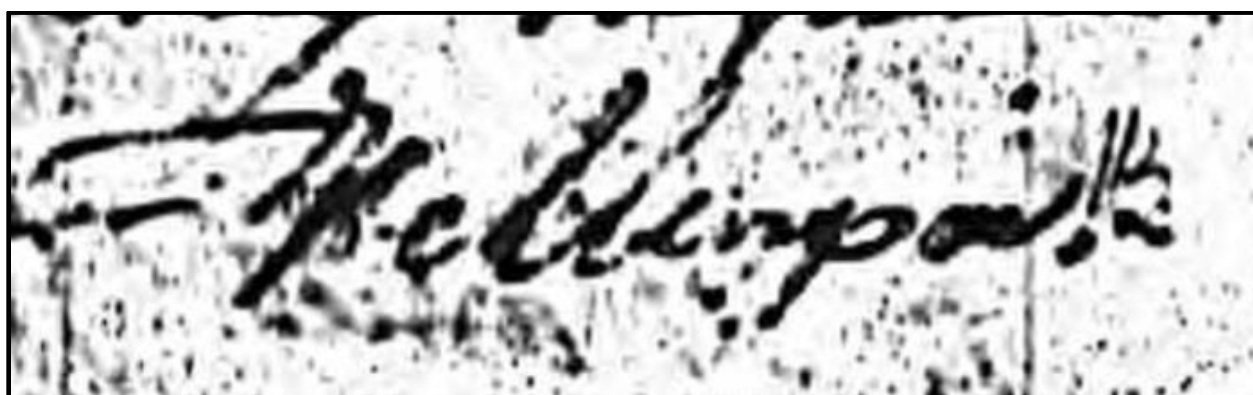
November 15, 1818 - **Patrick Ryan** married **Catherine Kearney** - Killenaule RC  
Res: **Kellenpark**, Wit: John Kennedy and Ellen Mahony

November 9, 1825 - **Ellen Ryan**, Par. Patrick Ryan and Catherine Kearney, Templemore RC  
Res: **Kile**, Sps. John Season and Bridget Ryan

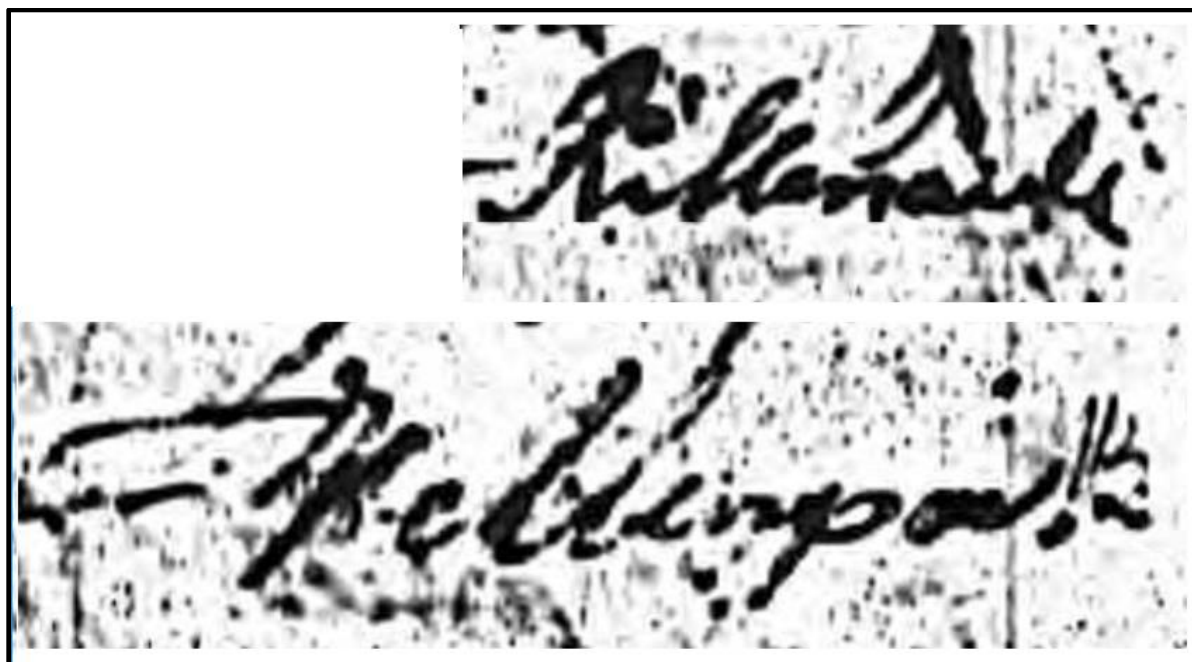
March 12, 1828 - **Margaret Ryan**, Par. Patrick Ryan and Catherine Kearney, Templemore RC  
Res: **Kile**, Sps. Margaret Smith

April 3, 1831 - **Catherine Ryan**, Par. Patt Ryan and Catherine Kearny, Killenaule RC  
Res: **Ballivaden**, Sps. Unknown, Ed Ryan and Margaret Ryan

| Townland   | AKA | Acres | County          | Barony      | Parish     | PLU     | Province |
|------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|
| Kyle       |     | 379   | Queen's Co.     | Clandonagh  | Kyle       | Roscrea | Leinster |
| Kylebeg    |     | 17    | Tipperary, N.R. | Eliogarty   | Templemore | Thurles | Munster  |
| Killea     |     | 79    | Tipperary, N.R. | Ikerrin     | Killea     | Roscrea | Munster  |
| Ballyvadin |     | 277   | Tipperary, S.R. | Middlethird | Magorban   | Cashel  | Munster  |
| Ballyvadin |     | 176   | Tipperary, S.R. | Middlethird | Rathcool   | Cashel  | Munster  |
| Killenaule |     | 324   | Tipperary, S.R. | Slievardagh | Killenaule | Cashel  | Munster  |



“Kellenpark” ?? This is mostly likely Killenaule.



Killenaule and “Kellenpark” ??

**\* The Hays Pedigree \***

*William Hayes & Margaret LNU*



**John Hayes**

*John Stapleton & Catherine LNU*



**= Mary Stapleton**

*Patrick Ryan & Ellen LNU*



**Patrick Ryan**

*FNU Kearney & Margaret LNU*



**= Catherine Kearney**

**William Hayes**  
1832-  
Upperchurch



**Catherine Hayes**  
1864, Gortahoola  
Mar. 1886, Upperchurch

**Margaret Ryan**

1828 - Killea, Killea par.  
mar. Nov 24, 1853, Borrisoleigh  
Of Rusheen at marriage

**= Michael Magrath**  
1836, turraheen

**Margaret Magrath**  
bap. Dec. 30, 1886  
Sps. Thos Hayes and Mary Ryan  
d. 1972

**John Magrath**  
bap. Apr. 7, 1888  
Sps. William Hayes and Margt Ryan

**William Magrath**  
bap. Dec. 9, 1889  
Sps. Patk Hayes and Nanno Hayes

**James Magrath**  
bap. Aug. 21, 1891  
Sps. John Ryan and Anne Fogarty

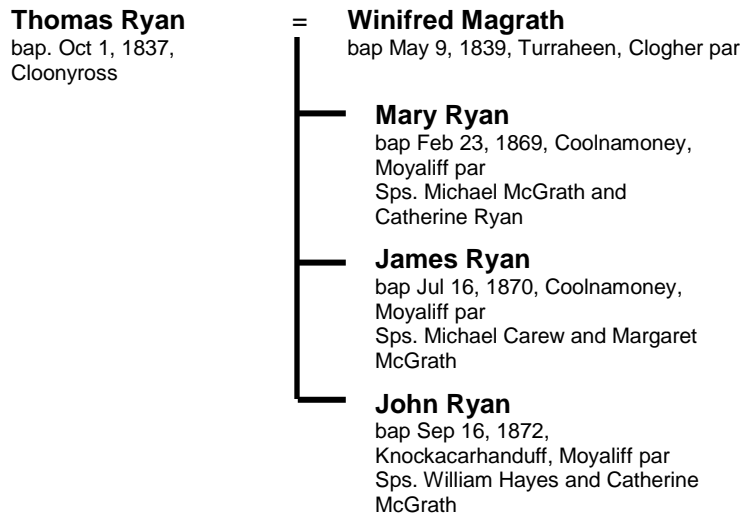
**Mary Magrath**  
bap. Aug. 6, 1893  
Sps. Matt Dwyer and Mary Hayes

**Daniel Magrath**  
bap. Jul. 22, 1895  
Sps. James Ryan and Mr. Matt Dwyer

## ★ Thomas Ryan and Winifred Magrath

(s/o James Ryan and Mary Dwyer)

(d/o John Magrath and Margaret Ryan)



No marriage record was found for Thomas and Winifred in the parish registers or in the civil records. Only three children were found in the church registers.

### Church Records - Looking Thomas Ryan's Parents

Working under the assumption that Thomas and Winifred followed the naming convention. Their second son was named John after Winifred's father and therefore it was assumed that Thomas Ryan's parents were James and Mary. Based on the baptism record for a Thomas Ryan (bap. October 1, 1837, see below), who was the only Thomas Ryan found of age similar to Winifred Magrath and in close geographic proximity to her, it was assumed that Thomas Ryan's mother's maiden name was Dwyer.

**October 1, 1837** - **Thomas Ryan**, Par. James Ryan and Mary Dwyer - Clonoulty RC  
Res: Cloncross (Cloonyross, Clogher par.), Sps. James Martin and Mary Cabot?

March 2, 1843 - **Edmund Ryan**, Par. James Ryan and Mary Dwyer - Clonoulty RC  
Res: Clonncross (Cloonyross, Clogher par.), Sps. John Ryan and Mary Dwyer

April 29, 1849 - **Mary Ryan**, Par. James Ryan and Mary Dwyer - Clonoulty RC  
Res: Clonncross (Cloonyross, Clogher par.), Sps. Bridget Stapleton/

A baptism record was found for a Thomas Ryan of approximately the right age and with parents name James and Mary (see above). However, the only close by James Ryan and Mary Dwyer couples found in the parish registers were married on the same day (odd) in different parishes and were married 16 months after this Thomas Ryan's baptism (see below).

**February 10, 1839** - **James Ryan** (Simon) married Mary Dwyer (Gurtussa) - Knockavilla RC  
Res: Simon, Wit: John Quirk (Quick?), Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher.

February 10, 1839 - **Mary Dwyer** of Carinballa *married* to **James Ryan** - Doon and Castletown  
RC, Res: None, Wit: Martin Dwyer and Patrick Ryan