

# **The McGrath Families of Clogher and Clonoulty**

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## **Introduction**

The following papers have been researched, written, and revised over the past few years with two having been previously published on the mcgrathsearch.com site. All six papers have been revised and updated using parish and civil records combined with land and census records. The common thread among these papers is that all the families have a connection to Clogher and/or Clonoulty civil parishes.

One of the goals in writing these papers was to find any connections among the families described in the six papers, either familial or geographic. An effort was also made to extend the various family histories as far back into the past as possible. The descriptions listed below are roughly in the chronological order in which the papers were first conceived.

### The Ryans and McGraths of Drumbane

This paper has been evolving since 2002. In 2017 a connection of this McGrath family to Clonoulty parish was discovered and the paper grew from a couple pages to a much larger paper, but the paper was only circulated privately. In 2019 it has been revised yet again and enlarged and is finally ready for web site publication.

### Clonoulty - McGrath and Hayes

Originally put together to highlight family connections determined via DNA test results, this paper was revised with the addition of civil records and furthered expanded with land records. This resulted in the improved understanding of two sub-townlands and discovery of a possible connection with the families in the previous paper.

### McGrath Clonoulty Curragh Descent

A set of notes and some gravestone inscriptions from Con Ryan of Dublin was the starting point for this paper. Those notes were transformed into family tree structures and supplemented with information from the parish records and published on the mcgrathsearch.com site. The paper was revised in 2019 and updated with information from the civil records.

### The McGraths of Turraheen

Family connections which were observed in the Griffith's Valuation records for Turraheen Lower gave rise to this paper. Using the parish and civil records in addition to census records it was possible to generate and populate several connected family trees.

### Descendants of Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan of Clonoulty

After a pattern was noticed in the Upperchurch parish records and that family was connected with the census records for the same townland, work on this paper began. The family connections were expanded further into Clogher parish using the Clonoulty RC parish records and the civil records.

### James McGrath of Coolacussane

The family connections described in this paper evolved from the inscription on a single gravestone. Although the gravestone was in the cemetery in Clonoulty civil parish, the activities of the persons described in the inscription took place in the townland of Coolacussane, Kilpatrick civil parish. Nonetheless this paper was included in this group of Clogher and Clonoulty related papers. This basic information was supplemented with church and civil records and land and census information.

## **Pedigree Tables**

On the following page there are six tables, one for each paper, which contain a summary of the pedigrees of the families described in each paper. These summaries are useful in navigating the various papers that contain some identically named individuals which can become confusing.

## **Record Flow Diagram**

The diagram on the final page shows the overall process which began with the gathering of the baptism records into the “Parish Record Families” and the civil records into the “Civil Record Families.” These were then combined with land and census records to build more complete sets of family records in “Reconstructing Families From the Records.” The six individual papers were conceived as the result of different events or circumstances, but they all benefitted from the family records found in the Reconstruction document which also helped in the search for connections among the various families.

The document “Reaching Across The Penal Times” is still under development and contains a detailed study of the McGrath and Long families in the Moyaliff, Coolkill and Holycross areas.

## The Clogher and Clonoulty Papers

These papers are listed roughly in order according to the oldest ancestor. Reaching back into the 18<sup>th</sup> century requires gravestone inscriptions or finding a conscientious family genealogist from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, one whose work has not been lost in time.

### “The McGrath Clonoulty Curragh Descent” (11-08-18)

| Ancestor       | Children  |                        | Locations         |
|----------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| Philip Magrath | Thomas McGrath - 1778<br>Denis Magrath - 1782<br>James Magrath - 1796 | Patrick Magrath - 1830 | Clonoulty Curragh |

### “The McGraths of Turraheen” (11-21-18)

|  | Ancestors                     | Children  | Locations         |
|--|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
|  | James McGrath & Margaret Ryan | James McGrath < 1804<br>Patrick McGrath < 1804<br>Michael McGrath < 1804<br>John McGrath - 1816 | Turraheen         |
|  | Edmund McGrath & Honora Ryan  | Michael McGrath - 1806<br>Edmund McGrath - 1813   | Turraheen Ballagh |

### “Descendants of Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan of Clonoulty” (1-13-19)

|  | Ancestors                   | Children                                      | Locations             |
|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | Michael McGrath & Mary Ryan | Patrick McGrath - 1808<br>John McGrath - 1815 | Clonoulty Coolnamoney |

### “Clonoulty - McGrath and Hayes” (12-22-18)

|  | Ancestors                  | Children                                      | Locations       |
|--|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
|  | Thomas McGrath & Mary Burk | Bridgit McGrath - 1812<br>John McGrath - 1816 | Stook Turraheen |

### “The Ryans and McGraths of Drumbane” (12-16-18)

|  | Ancestors                        | Children               | Locations      |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
|  | James McGrath & Mary Dwyer ~1800 | Patrick McGrath - 1831 | Brockagh Stook |

### “James McGrath of Coolacussane” (11-9-18)

|  | Ancestors                                     | Children  | Locations    |
|--|---|---|--------------|
|  | James McGrath - 1805 & Johanna Quinlan - 1813 | William McGrath - 1835 & Margaret Slattery - 1842 | Coolacussane |

# Record Flow Diagram

