

Daniel Burke and Rebecca Carey

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In the absence of records to provide hard evidence of suspected relationships researchers must rely on a preponderance of other evidence to construct a network of connections. This other evidence consists of the names of sponsors and witnesses in church records, census records and maps to determine who was living next to who and cemetery records to see who is buried next to who or sharing a plot. Even the names of the children can provide clues to the grandparents' names and sibling relationships.

I have never seen such a dramatic example of the Irish naming convention as that found in the names of the children of Jeremiah, Ann and Cecilia Burke. There is a strong case here that their parent's names were Daniel and Rebecca. The list of sponsors from their respective children's baptisms tie them together as siblings as tightly as circumstantial evidence will allow. Ann Burke Lonergan's gravestone in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Pompey, NY identifies her place of birth as Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary. Many of the other baptismal sponsors were also known to have come from the Upperchurch area. Based on these associations, it is very likely that the Daniel Burke and Rebecca Carey found in the Upperchurch Roman Catholic parish records are the parents of Jeremiah, Ann and Cecilia. Hence the Nancy Burke found in the Upperchurch parish records (baptized 3-8-1832) is probably their sister. Why their baptism records didn't show up in the Upperchurch records might indicate that the family moved around, which wasn't uncommon. Therefore they might still be found in the church records of a neighboring parish.

In the document "A Rate For the Relief of the Poor of Thurles Union," Templebeg – 23 June 1849 there is a list of the occupants of the various townlands in the civil parish of Templebeg. Templebeg is one of the civil parishes, in addition to Upperchurch and Moyaliff, that are in the Roman Catholic Parish of Upperchurch. There was a Daniel Bourke in the townland of Ballyboy and another in the townland of Gortnaskeha. One of these persons might be the same Daniel Burke who was the husband of Rebecca Carey.

In the document "A Rate For the Relief of the Poor of Thurles Union," Upperchurch – 10 July 1857 there is a list of the occupants of the various townlands in the civil parish of Upperchurch. There was a John Carey in the townland of Shevry which borders Gleninchaveigh on the south. Gleninchaveigh is the townland where Phillip and Margaret Ryan were from and their daughter Emma married Jeremiah Burke. So, perhaps there is a connection here. There were no other Careys on any of the Poor Rate lists or Tithe lists for the Upperchurch, Moyaliff or Templebeg civil parishes that I checked.

The Flemming name is rather scarce in Central New York. Upon checking cemetery records that were readily available there were no Flemmings in St. James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY; Cuyler Cemetery, Cuyler, NY; St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY; Truxton Village Cemetery, Truxton, NY; nor in St. Leo's Cemetery, Tully, NY. Of course these were lists transcribed by individual volunteers and hence do contain mistakes or errors of omission and shouldn't be considered the final word.

There were quite a few Careys in the Central New York area but I could only find one that crossed the path of the persons involved in this report. Rebecca Cary was the wife of Peter Beck. Thomas Flemming and Cecilia Burke were baptismal sponsors for their son Lawrence Beck on

Aug. 2, 1863 at Truxton, NY. Rebecca might be related to Cecilia's mother Rebecca Carey Burke. In addition, Rebecca Carey was a baptismal sponsor for James and Ann Burke Lonergan's daughter Margaret who was also baptized on the same day as Rebecca and Peter's son Lawrence.

The Census Records

According to the 1860 census for the Town of Cuyler, [M653\739\78, Residence 94, Family 88 – July 3, 1860]. James Lonergan (35) and wife Ann (26) were farmers with \$1000 worth of real estate and \$250 worth of personal possessions. They were both born in Ireland. Their children were Mary (9), Rebecca (8), Patrick (5), Bridget (3) and Ellen (1) and they were all born in NY. Therefore the Lonergan family arrived in America in 1851 or earlier. Ann was 9 years younger than her husband James and it appears she had her first child at the age of 15.

Mary Ryan Kennedy was the daughter James Peter Ryan, Sr. (1881-1939) and Mary Ellen Heffernan. The Ryans trace their origins to Upperchurch while the Heffernans are from Rossmore and Holycross – all of which are close together in Co. Tipperary. Mary Ryan Kennedy married Charles Kennedy whose Kennedy ancestors came from Drumbane in Moyliff civil parish in the Upperchurch RC parish. She (MRK) was a genealogist who kept family records and had interviewed relatives to preserve their information. Mary left a list of Truxton records that she had collected from a time period that proceeded her families' arrival (Ryan) in the U.S. in 1868. At first this list was puzzling because it wasn't at all obvious why she chose to collect information on these particular families. After a while we took a bold step and assumed these must be friends and relatives and hence connected to Mary's family. From that point on Mary's list could be used as a guide to point out which records were needed to cement the relationships that were only hinted at by her list.

According to Mary Ryan Kennedy's Truxton records James Lonergan married Ann Burke. This was the first time Ann's maiden name had been determined. On the 1876 map of Cuyler there is a J. Lonergan on Lot #75. This is another Burke connection for the Morgan Hill gang. Jeremiah Burke and wife Emma Ryan were just a few miles up the road. Emma Ryan's parents were Phillip and Margaret Ryan from Gleninchaveigh, Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary. The Burke or Ryan connections seem to explain many of the relationships on Morgan Hill.

The decade of 1870's must have been difficult for the Lonergan family. James' wife Ann died the summer of the census and James, age 45, remarried, probably in 1871, to a woman named Catherine who was 29 at the time of their marriage. Together they had four children, two boys and two girls, between 1872 and 1879. By the time of the 1880 census (June 13, 1880) Catherine was the head of the Lonergan household on Morgan Hill and husband James was missing and probably deceased. Only the 4 youngest children were still at home. The nine children that were born to James and Ann Burke Lonergan were no longer living at home. By 1900 there were no Lonergans in the Cuyler census.

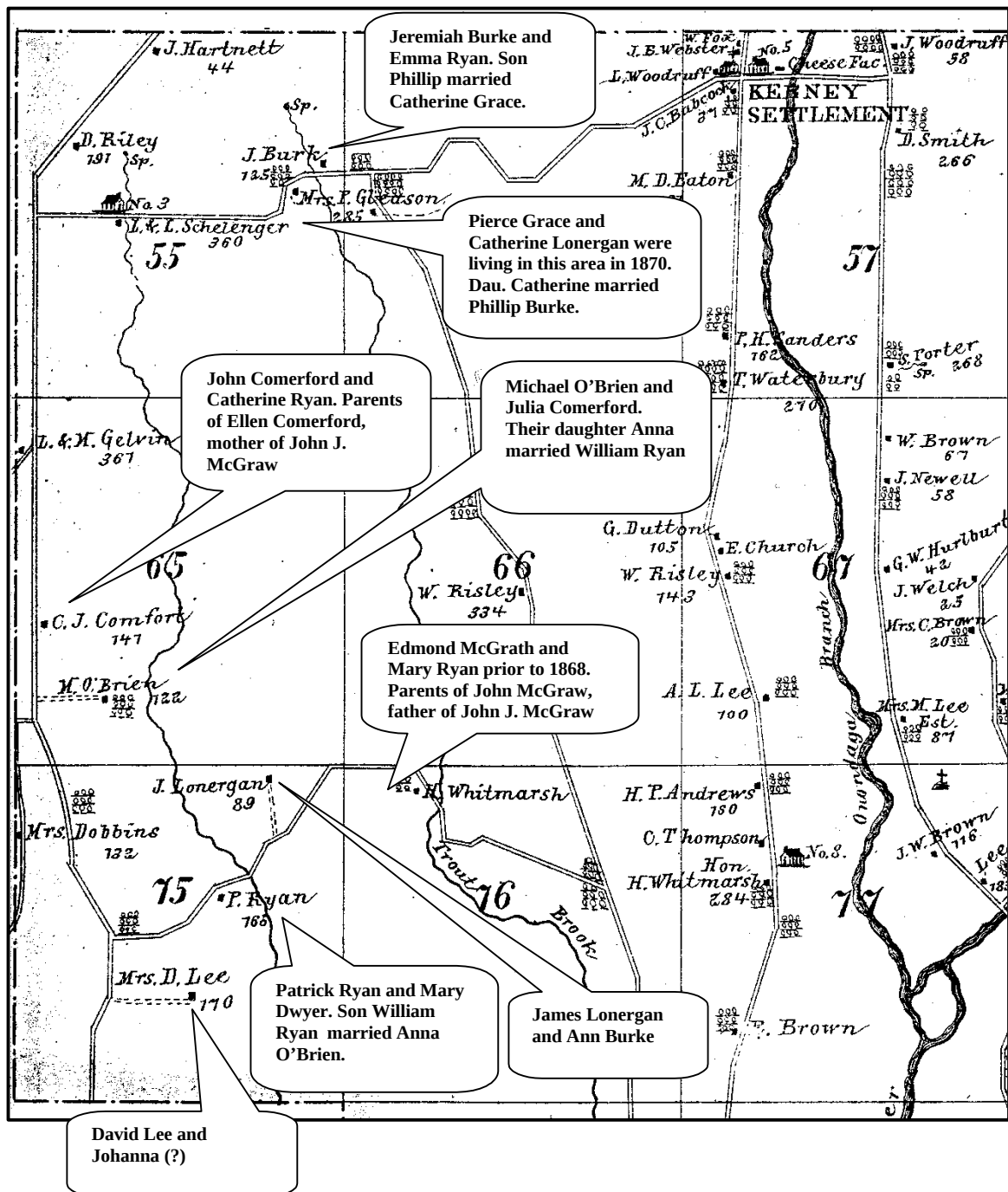
The 1880 Truxton census finds Patrick Lonergan's (son of James and Ann) future wife, Catherine Morton, living with her parents and siblings on West Hill Road. Patrick had left his parent's home on Morgan Hill, in Cuyler by 1880 and was living with the Ira Crandall family south of the village of Truxton. Patrick Lonergan and Catherine Morton married sometime between 1880 and 1882. They had five children, 2 sons and three daughters, born between Nov. 1882 and Aug. 1891 which was the year prior to Patrick's death.

Also in Truxton in 1880 [T9\822\Part1\238B Residence 123, Family 134] was Patrick McDonald (47) his wife Mary Lee McDonald (46) and their children: Arthur (21), Mariah (18), Lizzie (17), Katie (14), Margaret (11) and Bridget (8). Living with Patrick and Mary are Patrick's father Patrick McDonald (84) and his brother Arthur McDonald (53) labeled as "Insane Labors," and a servant named Joseph Nevins (14). The Lee family offers a connection to the Lonergans and Burkes and possibly to another Mary Lee (of Knockcurraghbola) who married to Edmund Ryan of

Upperchurch in 1848 at Upperchurch. Ann Burke Lonergan was a baptismal sponsor for Thomas Lee, son of Thomas and Catherine Burke Lee on July 9, 1860.

1880 Onondaga County, LaFayette [T9\905\Part2\295B] – Just as they were neighbors earlier on Morgan Hill in the Town of Cuyler in Cortland County, the 1880 census finds the Pierce Grace and the “Jerry” Burke families living next door to each other in the Town of LaFayette. On March 1, 1881 Jeremiah's son Philip Burke married Pierce's daughter Katherine Grace. A portion of their family is shown on the following page. Katherine's mother was a Lonergan but not from the Upperchurch area and so far she has not been connected to James Lonergan in any way other than being a neighbor on Morgan Hill.

Northwest Corner of the Town of Cuyler 1876



The two columns of lots (55,65,75,56,66,76) on the left hand side of the 1876 map of the northwest portion of the Town of Cuyler comprised Morgan Hill and this was home to many Irish families. School No. 3 on Lot 55 was known as the Irish School. These folks were connected by marriage and many were from the Upperchurch area of CO. Tipperary.

The lots (57, 67, 77) on the right hand side of the map comprised the rich bottom land straddling the Onondaga Branch of the Tio... River. This was where the original settlers of the valley and their descendents lived. They were mostly Protestant and had been in the valley since the early part of the 19th century.

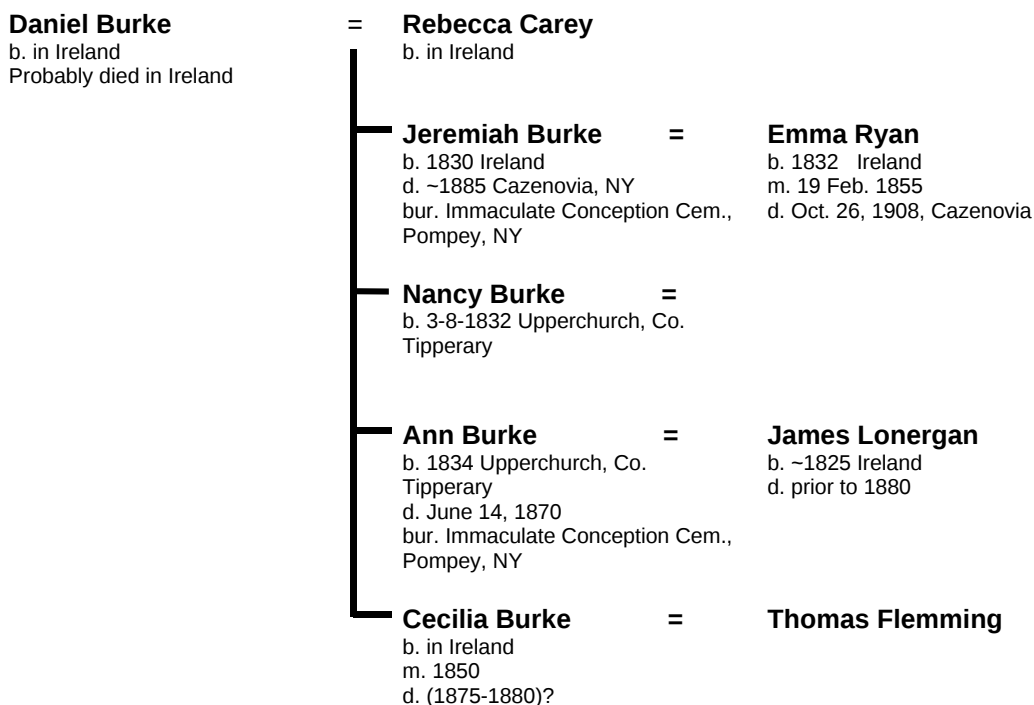
Further details of the families from Morgan Hill can be found in *The McGrath Family of Truxton, New York*. <http://home.austin.rr.com/mfmcgraw>

Some Other Carey Information

James Ryan and his wife Bridget Hayes were from Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary. James was born there around 1806-9. James and Bridget Ryan had a son, Michael J. Ryan (b. 1857 Upperchurch – d. 1929 Fenner, Madison, Co.), who married Johanna C. Dwyer (b. 1858 Fenner – d.1881 Cazenovia). Michael and Johanna's son Anthony F. Ryan (1883-1943) married **Agnes Carey** (b. 1888 Fenner – d. 1973 Syracuse, NY) daughter of Andrew J. Carey and Catherine M. Delehanty. Anthony and Agnes had at least two sons. Francis William Ryan (b. Mar. 28, 1908) who married Alice Veronica Cross on April 29, 1939 at St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse, NY. Robert Andrew Ryan, b. June 25, 1910 married Sally Cashin.

Patrick Shanahan came to the U.S. with James Ryan and his family in 1868. Patrick married a second time to **Agnes Carey** on Nov. 30, 1901. Agnes was also known as **Bridget Agnes Carey** and her parents were Michael Carey and Bridget Tierney.

Daniel Burke and Rebecca Carey



Comparison of Baptismal Sponsors					
Jeremiah Burke		Ann Burke Lonergan		Cecilia Burke Flemming	
Rebecca 1856	Thomas Ryan Mary Ryan	Mary Ann ~1851	No record	Helen 1854	John Burke Margaret Lundigan
Phillip 1857	John Burk Johanna Ryan	Rebecca 1852	No record	John 1855	Jeremiah Ryan Mary Cosgrove
Margaret 1858	Laurence Ryan Cecelia Flemming	Patrick 1855	No record	Daniel 1858	Jeremiah Burk Julia McAuley
Daniel 1860	Edmund Ryan Margaret Dunn	Bridget 1857	No record	Rebecca 1860	Stephen Ryan Ellen Flemming
Mary 1861	Jeremiah Ryan Mary Cosgrove	Ellen 1859	No record	Mary 1862	James Londregan Ann Burke
Ellen 1863	Ed Ryan Ann O'Shea	Daniel 1861	No record	James 1864	William O'Shea Rah(sic) Murphy
		Margaret 1863	Patrick McDonnell Mary Lee John Norris Rebecca Cary		
		James 1866	No record		
		John 1868	No record		

Sponsors whose names appear bolded are those for whom connections to the family are understood. It will take some more research before the relationships of the remaining individuals to the Burke, Lonergan and Flemming families are clarified.

I have seen some variations in the traditional Irish naming scheme. However, these examples shown above follow the one with which I am most familiar. The 1st son is named after the paternal grandfather, 1st daughter is named after the paternal grandmother, 2nd son is named after the maternal grandfather and the 2nd daughter is named after the maternal grandmother.

This sequence of names in all three families is a very strong piece of evidence that Jeremiah, Ann and Cecilia all had parents named Daniel and Rebecca.

Patrick McDonnell is really McDonald, he is the son of one of the original Irish settlers of the Town of Truxton. Patrick's parents were Patrick and Julia McDonald from parish Ardpark, Co. Limerick. Patrick and his parents arrived in the Town of Solon, Cortland Co. in 1843. Within a year they had moved to a cabin located about two miles south of the village of Truxton. Patrick McDonald was the husband of Mary Lee. They were married on December 23, 1854. It is interesting to speculate about why Anne Burke and her husband James Lonergan chose them as two of the baptismal sponsors for their daughter Margaret in 1863. The McDonalds lived out on West Hill Road a couple miles out of the village of Truxton while the Lonergans were living on Morgan Hill in the Town of Cuyler that is just east of the village of Truxton. In 1860 Ann Burke Lonergan was a baptismal sponsor for Thomas Lee, son of Thomas and Catherine Burke Lee. In this second case the connection could be through the Lee side of the more obvious Burke side. Now, there were Lees from Upperchurch [Edmond Ryan had married Mary Lee back in Upperchurch] but the Lees from West Hill have not been traced back to the Upperchurch area yet. The Burke connection, while more obvious, has not led anywhere. Catherine Burke does not fit into any of these Burke families based on the information that has been found to date.

Jeremiah Burke and Emma Ryan

Jeremiah Burke

b. 1830 in Ireland
d. ~1885 Cazenovia, NY
bur. Pompey Cem.

BURKE, Jeremiah married **Emma RYAN** 19 February 1855, Priest: James P. Cahill, Witnesses: **Edmund** and **Maria Ryan**

BURKE, Rebecca, , born 19 January 1856, baptized 22 January 1856. Sponsors: **Thomas Ryan** and **Mary Ryan**.

BURK, Philip, born 9 February 1857, baptized 2 March 1857, at Pompey. Sponsors: John Burk and **Johanna Ryan**.

BURK, Margaret, born 4 June 1858, baptized 20 June 1858. Sponsors: **Laurence Ryan** and **Cecelia Flemming**.

BOURKE, Daniel, born 5 April 1860, baptized 22 April 1860, at Cazenovia. Sponsors: **Edmund Ryan** and **Margaret Dunn**.

BURKE, Mary, born 18 November 1861, baptized 24 November 1861, at Pompey.. Sponsors: **Jeremiah Ryan** and **Mary Cosgrove**.

BURKE, Ellen, born 26 March 1863, baptized 21 June 1863, at Pompey. Sponsors: **Ed Ryan** and **Ann O'Shea**.

= Emma Ryan

b. ~1832 Ireland
m. 19 February 1855
d. 1902 Cazenovia (from Pat Bird)
bur. Pompey Cemetery

Rebecca Carrie Burke =
b. Jan. 19, 1856, Truxton, NY
m. Dec. 25, 1879, Pompey, NY
d. May 21, 1922, Syracuse
bur. Immaculate Conception Cem., Pompey, NY

Phillip F. Burke =
b. Feb. 9, 1857
d. Feb. 15, 1942 Syracuse, NY
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Jordan, NY

Margaret Burke
b. June 4, 1858
d.

Daniel Burke
b. Apr. 5, 1860
d.

Mary Burke
b. Nov. 18, 1861

Helen Burke =
b. Mar. 26, 1863
mar. Nov. 6, 1881, Pompey, NY
d. May 11, 1934, Syracuse, NY
bur. St. Mary's Cem., Syr., NY

William George Clancy
b. Mar. 7, 1854, Pompey, NY
d. Mar. 28, 1948
bur. Immaculate Conception Cem., Pompey, NY

Catherine Grace
b. May 21, 1862, Jamesville, NY
mar. Mar. 1, 1881, Pompey, NY
d. June 14, 1932, Syracuse, NY
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Jordan, NY

William Clancy, s/o Thomas Clancy & Maria Kinsella.
Timothy Donovan, s/o Dennis & Bridget Donovan.
Michael George Clancy, s/o James Clancy & **Bridget Burke**.

Timothy Donovan (1)
b. ~ 1855 LaFayette, NY
d. Apr. 8, 1898 Pompey, NY

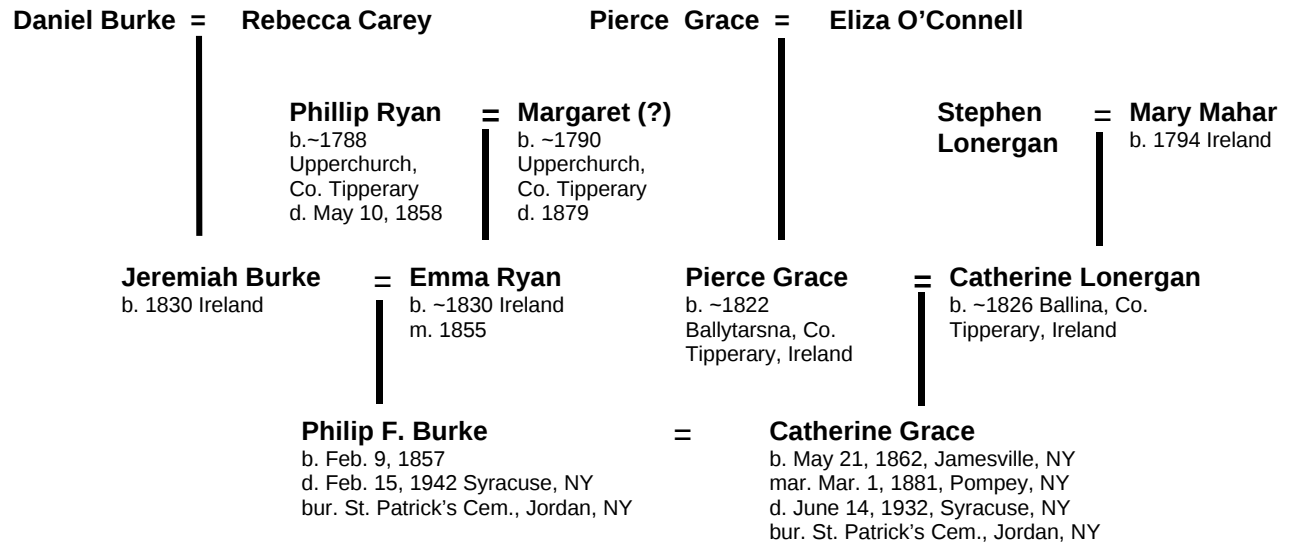
Michael George Clancy (2)
b. Mar. 24, 1872, Pompey, NY
m. Nov. 30, 1912, Syracuse, NY
d. Feb. 13, 1933 Syracuse, NY
bur. St. Mary's Cem., Syracuse, NY

Margaret Dunn (1820-1902), baptismal sponsor (April 22, 1860) for Daniel Bourke is the wife of Stephen Ryan (1829-1904). Emma Ryan (wife of William Quinlan) was a baptismal sponsor for Margaret and Stephen's daughter Bridget at her baptism on March 2, 1856 at St. James Church in Cazenovia, NY. NOTE: There is more than one Emma Ryan here.

Who is Cecilia Flemming, baptismal sponsor for Margaret Burk with co-sponsor Laurence Ryan? This is not Jeremiah's sister because the maiden names for female sponsors were recorded in the church records. Therefore, she must be some relation from Thomas Flemming's side of the family.

A Jeremiah Burke was a baptismal sponsor for Elizabeth Ryan, daughter of Bernard (Barney) Ryan and Ellen Moloney in Cazenovia on May 14, 1854. Barney was born in 1799 in Drumbane, Moyalliff, Co. Tipperary. Ellen Moloney was born ~1811 in Ballycahill, Co. Tipperary. This is probably "our" Jeremiah and ties together two Upperchurch area families.

Philip Burke and Catherine Grace



James Lonergan and Ann Burke

James Lonergan
b. ~1825 Ireland
d. *prior to June 1880*

Ann Burke (1st wife)
b. 1834 Upperchurch par., Co. Tipperary
d. June 14, 1870
bur. Immac. Conception Cem., Pompey, NY

Found on gravestone

Mary Ann Lonergan
b. 1851 NY
d. 1901

= John Tobin (13 children)
b. 1847 in Lincklaen, Chenango Co. or Ireland
d. 1902 Auburn, NY
bur. Pompey Cem., Pompey, NY

Rebecca Lonergan
b. 1852 NY

Patrick Lonergan
b. ~1855, d. 1892
bur. Truxton Cath. Cem.

= Kate Morton
b. 1857, d. 1924
bur. Truxton Cath. Cem.

Bridget Lonergan
b. ~1857 NY

James A. Lonergan = Alice C. Casey
b. Nov. 1883 b. 1878
d. 1935 m. 1914
bur. Truxton Catholic Cem. c. 1969. bur Truxton Catholic Cem.

Ellen Lonergan
b. ~1859 NY

Anna M. Lonergan = John Redden
b. Apr. 1885

Lawrence J. Lonergan = Blanche Currie
b. Nov. 1886 - 1966 1895-1996 Died at 102.
bur. St. Mary's, Cortland bur. St. Mary's, Cortland

Daniel Lonergan
b. Mar. 18, 1861 NY

Joseph J. Lonergan = Mildred (?)
b. Sept. 1888 1892-1955
bur. St. Mary's DeWitt bur. St. Mary's, DeWitt

Margaret Lonergan
b. July 3, 1863 NY

Margaret A. Lonergan = (?) Rodney
b. Aug. 1891

James Lonergan
b. ~1866 NY

John Lonergan
b. ~1868 NY

From Barb Stinard: Lawrence and Blanche Lonergan and their son Thomas are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY. Lawrence's sister, Anna Redden (Barb's grandmother) is also buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.

LANDRIGAN, Margaret, daughter of James LANDRIGAN and Ann BURKE, born 3 July 1863, baptized 2 August 1863, at Truxton. Sponsors: **Patrick McDonnell, Mary Lee, John Norris, and Rebecca Cary**. Priest: P. C. Brady.

Rebecca Cary was the wife of **Peter Beck. Thomas Flemming** and **Cecilia Burke** were baptismal sponsors for their son Lawrence on Aug. 2, 1863 at Truxton, NY

For mystery fans I share the following: according to the engraving on Ann Burke Lonergan's tombstone she died on June 14, 1870. However, she was listed in the census for that year with her family – the census was recorded on June 24, 1870. The dates have been double checked.

Thomas Flemming and Cecilia Burke

Thomas Flemming

= **Cecilia Burke**

b. in Ireland
m. 1850
d. (1875-1880)

Fleming, Helen, baptized 2 July 1854 at Pompey. Sponsors: **John Burke** and **Margaret Lundigan**

Helen Flemming
bap. July 2, 1854

Fleming John, born 6 Nov. Baptized 2 Dec. 1855. Sponsors: **Jeremiah Ryan** and **Mary Cosgrove**.

John Flemming
b. Nov. 6, 1855
d. 1875 (TB)

Flemming, Daniel, born 4 Feb. 1858, Baptized 7 Feb. 1858, at Pompey, Sponsors: **Jeremiah Burk** and **Julia McAuley**.

Daniel Flemming (never married)
b. Feb. 4, 1858
d.
bur. St. Agnes Cem., Syr., NY

Flemming Rebecca, born 17 August. Baptized 26 August 1860, Pompey Hill, NY. Sponsors: **Stephen Ryan** and **Ellen Flemming**.

Rebecca Flemming (never married)
b. Aug. 17, 1860
d.
bur. St. Agnes Cem., Syr., NY

Flemming Mary, born 1 June. Baptized 22 June 1862 at Pompey. Sponsors: **James Londregan** and **Ann Burke**.

Mary Flemming = **John Francis Burke**
b. June 1, 1862
mar. Jan. 24, 1900, Immaculate Conception Church, Pompey, NY

Flemming, James, born 2 March 1864. Baptized 4 March 1864, at Pompey, Sponsors: **William O'Shea** and **Rah (sic) Murphy**.

James Flemming =
b. Mar. 4, 1864
d.
bur. St. Agnes Cem., Syr., NY
(Pat Ellison's grandfather)

This information was provided by several individuals. These include Pat Ellison; the baptismal information was gathered by Virginia Cameron and Sue Goodfellow from the Church of the Immaculate Conception repository at the Catholic Church in Cazenovia, NY.

Sponsors: Jeremiah Burke was the husband of Emma Ryan (d/o Phillip and Margaret Ryan), William O'Shea was the husband of Ellen Flemming, Jeremiah Ryan (s/o Phillip and Margaret Ryan) is the brother of Emma Ryan and the husband of Bridget Gooley, Mary Cosgrove was the husband of John Ryan (s/o Phillip and Margaret Ryan). James Londregan (Lonergan) was the husband of Ann Burke (sister of Jeremiah and Cecilia Burke). These others still need to be fitted into the picture: John Burke, Margaret Lundigan (probably Lonergan), Rah (sic) Murphy, Julia McAuley, Stephen Ryan (there was a Stephen Ryan listed in the Immaculate Conception Death Records who died in Syracuse in Jan. 1904 at age 70 years.)

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SHEA, John Henry, son of William SHEA and **Ellen FLEMMINGS**, born 23 September 1862, baptized 25 October 1862. Sponsors: John Shea and Johanna Gorman. Priest: P. C. Brady.

Connections to the McGrath Family

There were a large number of McGraths in Madison County and around Cazenovia in particular. After several years of researching these families it has been determined that known of these families is related to the McGrath/McGraw families of Truxton, New York.

On October 16, 1859 James Flemming and Elizabeth Fay were baptismal sponsors for Mary Jane McGrath. She was the daughter of William McGrath and Ellen O'Brien. William was the son of Mathew McGrath and Bridget Donnelly, from Johnstown RC parish, Co. Meath, Ireland. Ellen was the daughter of John and Mary O'Brien. Ellen and William were married in Chittenango on May 10, 1857. I don't know who this James Flemming is but this record connects him with one of the McGrath families of Cazenovia.

SOURCES:

Census records for Onondaga and Cortland County, Baptismal and Marriage records from St. James Catholic Church, Cazenovia, NY as transcribed by Dick Barr. The Descendents of Phillip and Margaret Ryan – the 3rd Generation – compiled by Dick Barr. Transcriptions from the St. James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY – Dennis Wisekotten. E-mail correspondence on their research: Pat Bird, Pat Ellison and Barb Ryan.