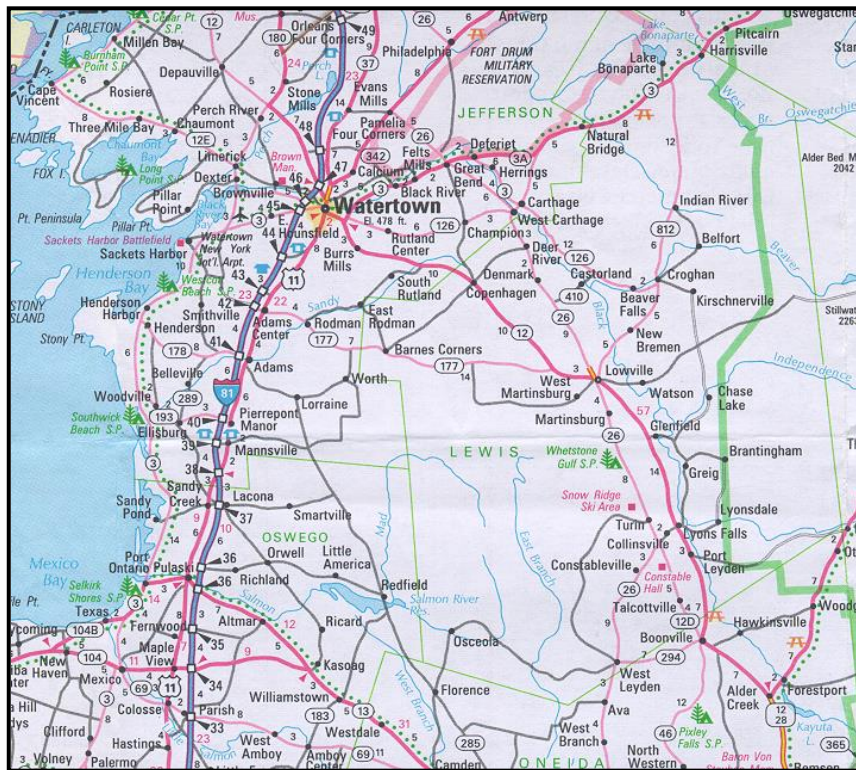


# The McGraths, Ryans and Gleasons of Maple Ridge, Lewis County, New York

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The first reference that I found to a McGrath in the Lowville area showed up on the McGrath Family Genealogy Forum back in 1999. This was a Michael McGrath who was buried in the Rural Cemetery, Lowville, NY. Although this Michael McGrath didn't fit in with any other information that I had at the time I filed it away anyway. A couple years later I found some more information on the Internet on McGraths, Ryans and Gleasons in the Maple Ridge area of Lewis County. Lowville was just up the road from Maple Ridge and Michael McGrath might have been related to these new families so I also saved this new information. More information eventually surfaced over the next few years and connections were slowly being found between the Lowville and Maple Ridge families. It was discovered later that this original Michael McGrath had lived on Maple Ridge at one time.



This maps shows the area around Lewis County. Maple Ridge is just west of the village of Martensburg

Even though this Michael McGrath was not related to my family, he led me to Maple Ridge and that turned out to be the place where I needed to go. It was through an understanding of the families in Maple Ridge that I was finally able to find my ggg-grandfather, who was also named Michael McGrath.

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# Maple Ridge

“Maple Ridge extends from north to south through the western part of the town of Martinsburgh to the line of High Market. It derived its name from the timber that originally grew abundantly on this ridge, it being nearly all hard maple, or as usually called, sugar maple. This section of the town of Martinsburgh was settled about the time the Black River Canal was completed, by laborers that had formerly been engaged in building the canal. They chose this location because of the fertility of the soil, it being far richer on the maple timbered lands than on lands that only produced hemlock and spruce; besides it was just then opened for settlement and sold at a low price to actual settlers. Although Maple Ridge is high and somewhat frosty, it is also very stony, being in some places literally covered with sand-stone. The inhabitants are mostly of Irish descent. The log houses and shanties have nearly all given place to framed houses and farms. The pigs are not now considered as part of the family, with apartments adjacent to the kitchen. The deep snow of winter, averaging we are told from 5 to 10 feet deep, which remains quite late in the spring, is the one great drawbacks to this section, yet the people appear contented and happy, and have most of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. We scarcely recognize the Maple Ridge of even twenty years ago, so many improvements having been made.”

The Journal and Republican  
Lowville, NY  
Thursday, July 1, 1886

This paper is primarily concerned with the McGrath, Ryan and Gleason families that settled in Maple Ridge in the 1850s and lived there through the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Listed below are the main families covered in this paper. Also included in the paper are some of the other Maple Ridge families that married into these families.

Parents	Children						
<b>Thomas McGrath</b> <b>Catherine Gleason (1<sup>st</sup> Wife)</b>	No children						
<b>Thomas McGrath</b> <b>Mary Kennedy (2<sup>nd</sup> Wife)</b>	<b>Catherine</b> Unknown	<b>Michael</b> 2 Children	<b>Ellen</b> Unknown	<b>James</b> Unmarried	<b>Walter</b> Unmarried		
<b>John McGrath</b> <b>Honora Cunningham</b>	<b>Thomas</b> 10 Children	<b>Bridget</b> 2 Children	<b>John</b> 10 Children	<b>Michael</b> 7 Children	<b>Ellen</b> 3 Children		
<b>Patrick Gleason</b> <b>Mary ?</b>	<b>Mary</b> Unmarried	<b>Maggie</b> Unmarried	<b>Hanna</b> Unmarried	<b>Kate</b> Died Young			
<b>Thomas Ryan</b> <b>Margaret Gleason</b>	<b>Thomas</b> 8 Children	<b>Bridget</b> 7 Children	<b>Mary</b> Unmarried	<b>Ellen</b> Unknown	<b>Patrick</b> >5 Children	<b>James</b> Unknown	<b>Edmond</b> Unknown
<b>James McGrath</b> <b>Bridget Ryan</b>	<b>Mary</b> 1 Child	<b>Thomas</b> 10 Children	<b>James</b> 3 Children	<b>Margaret</b> Unmarried	<b>John</b> Unmarried	<b>John</b> Unmarried	<b>Bridget</b> Died Young

## The McGrath Families of Maple Ridge

There were five McGrath families living in Maple Ridge, in the Town of Martinsburg, at the time of the 1870 census. Three of those families have been found to be related – Thomas, Michael and John McGrath were siblings. Michael and his brother Thomas McGrath were living almost across from each other on French Road. John McGrath, the third brother, was living just west of his siblings also on French Road. These McGrath families will be described in more detail in a later section of this paper

The McGrath families are represented in the table below. The source of the “Other Birth” information was cemetery records or information from other researchers. The ages in parentheses are from the 1870 census and the “Census Birth” numbers were determined from these census numbers. These birth years exhibit the usual variation that researchers have come to expect from their Irish ancestors. There were two Thomas McGraths living in Maple Ridge in 1870. The older Thomas was labeled “the Elder” to help distinguish between the two before their origins were fully understood.

Other Birth	Census Birth	Name	Origin	Other Birth	Census Birth	Partner
1813	1822	Thomas Magrath (48) (the Elder)	Moyaliff, Co. Tipp.	1832	1832	Mary Kennedy (38)
1828	1830	Thomas Magrath (40)	Golden, Co. Tipp	1828	1830	Mary (?) (40)
1836	1833	John Magrath (37)	Golden, Co. Tipp	1844	1843	Ann O'Brien (27)
1842	1842	Michael Magrath (28)	Golden, Co. Tipp	1841	1843	Bridget White (27)
		Ellen McGrath	Golden, Co. Tipp			Michael Phalon
1829	1835	James Magrath (35)	Unknown	1836(1)	1834	Bridget Ryan (36)

The focus of the first section will be the first McGrath family on the list. James McGrath (last family) and Thomas McGrath (the Elder) were originally thought to be brothers. Upon closer examination this relationship did not hold up. Thomas is known to be from Moyaliff parish, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. At that time James McGrath's point of origin in Ireland was not known. They were living fairly close together in Maple Ridge, however, that could just be circumstantial evidence. The initial relationship between James McGrath and Thomas (the Elder) McGrath was that established through marriage. Thomas was James' uncle through his marriage to James' Aunt, Catherine Gleason. James McGrath will be covered in the last section of this paper with the Gleeson and Ryan families.

A search of the McGrath baptismal and marriage records for Upperchurch RC parish, Co. Tipperary did not produce any positive results for these two individuals. The church records began in 1829 so Thomas was born too soon for his birth to have been recorded. James was born somewhere in the 1829-1832 time period so he was either born too soon to be captured in the Upperchurch parish records or perhaps he was baptized in a different parish.

In July, 2000 Candie Miller supplied more details on Thomas McGrath of Moyaliff and James McGrath. These two McGrath men had married into the families of Candie's Gleeson and Ryan ancestors respectively. On the following pages of this paper I have reassembled Candie Miller's information, input from other researchers such as Father Tom Buckley (“The Ryan Family in Ireland and America”, Revised 2005) and combined it with information from the various census records, cemetery records and information from other sources. In this manner it was easier for

me to assimilate the information as it accumulated, visualize the various connections and to determine what information was missing.

One of Candie's messages is shown below "**McGraths** in Tipperary."

My great grandfather (Thomas Gleeson Ryan, 1828-92) had a sister, Bridget (1836-1909) who married **James McGrath** (1829-1892). The Ryans were from near Thurles, Tipperary. They immigrated to New York state around 1850. Family history has it that many Irish from that area of Tipperary settled in the same part of NY. The couple were married c. 1855 ... & both are buried there at St. Patrick's Catholic church. He was a farmer. They had six (some sources say eight) children: Mary '57 (m. Henry Dow), Thomas '59 (9 children), James '64 (m. Lena Rogers), Margaret '67, John '69 and Bridget E. July '74-11/12/78. Thomas Gleeson Ryan also had an uncle, **Thomas McGrath** (died 1883, "native of **Mealiffe [Moyaliff]** near Holy Cross, Co. Tipperary" from the gravestone), buried at St. Patrick church in Maple Ridge, NY. Finally, the baptismal sponsors of my grandfather, Thomas Francis Ryan, (bap. 7/27/1968 [1868?]) were James and **Mary McGrath**, according to records at St. Mary's church, **Constableville, NY**.

Tom and Candie's Gleeson and Ryan ancestors were from the townlands of Moyaliff, Ballyoughter and Clareen in the civil parish of Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary in Ireland. Many of them settled in the Maple Ridge area near Martinsburg, Lewis County, New York. The townland of Moyaliff is in the civil parish of Moyaliff where my gg-grandfather Edmond McGrath had lived. Ballyoughter and Clareen are also in the civil parish of Moyaliff that is adjacent to the western boundary of the parish of Holycross (RC parish of Holycross) where the baptismal records of Tom's and Candie's ancestors were found.

Initially I had not searched Lewis County for records of my family but the discovery of a Moyaliff connection in Lewis County caught my attention. I began searching the Lewis County records because I felt that it was possible that Edmond and his family might have spent time there in the Martinsburg area.

From the time my ancestors left Ireland (Edmond McGrath [1848] and Mary Ryan McGrath, Michael & John McGrath [1850]) until Edmond's Declaration of Intent was filed in Onondaga County, New York in Jan. 1855 we don't know where they were living. There was a possibility that Edmond could have been attracted to the Lewis County area and might have settled there to work on the Black River Canal as did fellow Moyaliff resident Patrick Gleeson. Edmond arrived alone in New York City in Nov. 1848, about 9 months before Patrick and his wife Mary, who also arrived in New York City in August 1849. Perhaps Patrick was following Edmond as many of Patrick's Moyaliff neighbors did in later years. After much more research no evidence has been found to support the presence of Edmond and his family in the Lewis Co. area. But these folks had been neighbors back in Ireland and definitely knew each other.

A key piece of information was found by Tom Buckley in the 1865 NYS census. James and Bridget McGrath's first child had been born in Onondaga County and NOT in Lewis County. Initially the naturalization records cited by Tom led to the northern portion of Syracuse, Ward 1 and 2, where there were large numbers of Irish who were employed in the Salt Works. After searching all eight wards of Syracuse in the 1855 NYS Census no likely candidates for James McGrath, his wife Bridget Ryan or her brother Thomas Ryan were found. Church records from the north side of Syracuse provided no evidence either and a requested search of the old St. Mary's records (Syracuse) also turned up empty.

One day while looking for some Phelan records in the St. James church records (Cazenovia, Madison Co., NY) I decided to review my Ryan records from St. James and there they were; I had found solid evidence of the connection between Onondaga Co and Lewis Co at last.

67. **McGRATH, James** married **Bridget RYAN** 21 October 1855. Priest: James P. Cahill. Witnesses: **Thomas Ryan** and **Catharine Ryan**

341. **McGRATH, Mary**, daughter of **James McGRATH** and **Bridget RYAN**, born 17 August, baptized 2 November 1856, at Pompey. Sponsors: **Thomas Ryan** and **Mary Ryan**. Priest: M. W. Rooney.

James McGrath is not listed in this Lewis Co. naturalization information below because he was naturalized in Onondaga Co., NY in October 1858. (See "The McGrath Family From Moyaliff" for more details). Thomas McGrath was married previously to Catherine Gleeson who died on April 18, 1859. This Thomas McGrath was James' uncle, by marriage, and was living on the southern edge of Maple Ridge on Lot 107 during 1870-75, at a cross roads that today bears the name McGraw Corners.

**McGrath/McGraw Naturalizations in Lewis County – Compiled by Doug Currie**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Naturalization</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Birth</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
Thomas McGrath (the Elder). (1813-1883)	Martinsburg, Lewis Co.	<b>Feb. 5, 1859</b> Lewis Co. Supreme Court File D-1290		Great Britain (Ireland - see note below)	Edwin Pitcher, Martinsburg, NY Abram Mereness, Martinsburg, NY
Thomas McGraw (No relation so far.) (1846-1909)	Pinckney, Lewis Co.	Nov. 2, 1872 Lewis Co. Supreme Court File F-1950	March, 1865 (Age 17)	March 16, 1848 Canada	C.T. Kilham Harrisburgh, NY C.C. Lampher, Lowville, NY

The country given along with the date of birth is either the "Country of birth or allegiance." The use of Great Britain usually reflected the control of Ireland by Great Britain in the political sense. In these cases the individual was usually born in Ireland.

The final entry in the naturalization table, one Thomas McGraw, has not been connected to any of the individuals covered in this investigation. However, he was found in some of the other records of the period. See: 1880 Census, Pinckney, Lewis Co., NY. T9\858\290B. Thomas McGRAW, 37, Canada, Farmer, Ir., Ir. (born 1843); Christina A. McGRAW, 50 (born 1830), NY Keeping house, Ir., Ir.; Susen MULLEN, cousin, 16, Canada, At school, Ir., Ir. In addition, Thomas and Christina were found buried in Gallup Cemetery, Harrisburg, Lewis Co., NY; Thomas McGRAW 1909, 63y10m15d (b. ~1846); Christina McGRAW 1910, 81y9m15d (b. ~ 1829)

## UPDATES

### **June 2021**

This paper was reorganized and a table of contents was added. Over the last 15 years this paper has grown as new material was discovered and as a result its expansion has been more organic than planned. The three major groups of families have been divided in a more easily recognized pattern. Almost all of the families trees have had a link to the previous generation added so that the family connections are more easily recognized.

### **August 2017**

After several years of research it has been found that a number of these Maple Ridge settlers had stopped off in the Pompey area of Onondaga County, NY. Thanks to Tom Buckley's eye for fine detail I was able to pick up the trail of his ancestors in Onondaga Co. where my ancestors had settled. Without doubt it must have been the Upperchurch / Moyaliff connection that had originally brought them to Onondaga County.

The release of the Irish Parish registers in July 2015 by the National Library of Ireland has allowed the McGrath family of Golden Co. Tipperary to be traced back to Ireland through their baptism records.

The children of Thomas and Mary Kennedy McGrath have finally been tracked down. Michael and Walter were found first through the census records and newspaper archives. It took a couple more years of on and off again searching that turned up their sister Ellen's obituary that established the connection with Michael and Walter and gave her sister Catherine's married name: Smithling.



# 1. The Descendants of Michael McGrath of Moyaliff

In the 1855 NYS census Thomas McGrath, referred to as the Elder in this document, was living in the town of Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY. Living at the same residence was Thomas' father Michael and Thomas' wife Catherine, formerly Gleeson, and James McGrath. The nature of the connection of James to Thomas McGrath has been the subject of more than a decade of research. The current status of that connection will be discussed later in this paper. On the next farm, back in 1855, was Bridget Ryan, she was the niece of Catherine Gleeson McGrath and later that year she became the bride of James McGrath. In the latter part of 1858 all of these persons participated in the Maple Ridge Migration. They were part of a group of more than a dozen individuals who relocated from the Pompey area to Maple Ridge in Lewis County. Michael didn't participate in the migration and it is thought that he had died sometime prior to 1860 and was probably buried in Old St. Mary's Cemetery on Renwick Ave, in Syracuse — although no record of such a burial has been found.

**Michael McGrath**  
 b. 1785, Ireland  
 Arrival in U.S. prior to 1852  
 d. prior to 1860

= **Unknown**  
 b. ?, Ireland  
 mar. Ireland  
 Probably died in Ireland

= **Lanty McGraw**  
 b. 1807, Ireland  
 Arrived in U.S. prior to 1850  
 d. 1893, Clifton Springs, Manchester, NY  
 bur. St. Agnes Cemetery, Clifton Springs, Manchester, NY

= **Edmond McGraw**  
 b. 1813 Co. Tipperary, Ireland  
 Arrived in the U.S. Nov. 28, 1848  
 d. May 14, 1899, Truxton, Cortland Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

= **Thomas McGrath**  
 b. 1822, Moyaliff, Co. Tipp., Ireland  
 Arrived in the U.S. prior to 1852  
 d. Mar. 4, 1883, Maple Ridge, Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Maple Ridge, NY

= **Margaret McGrath**  
 b. 1830, Co. Tipp, Ireland  
 Arrived in the U.S. 1852  
 mar. July 31, 1852, St. Mary's Church, Syracuse, Onondaga Co., NY  
 d. Feb. 18, 1894, Pompey  
 bur. Immaculate Conception Cem., Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY

= **Catherine Wade**  
 b. 1821, Ireland  
 mar. in Ireland  
 Arrived in the U.S. Nov. 7, 1850  
 d. 1891, Clifton Springs, Manchester, NY  
 bur. St. Agnes Cemetery, Clifton Springs, Manchester, NY

= **Mary Ryan**  
 b. 1810, Co. Tipperary, Ireland  
 mar Sept 1, 1841, Upperchurch, Co.Tipp., Ireland  
 Arrived in the U.S. Nov. 7, 1850  
 d. Dec. 1, 1899, Truxton, Cortland Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

= **Catherine Gleason (1)**  
 b. 1823 Moyaliff, Co. Tipp., Ireland  
 mar. probably in Ireland  
 d. Apr. 18, 1859, Maple Ridge, Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Maple Ridge, NY

= **Mary Kennedy (2)**  
 b. 1832, Ireland  
 mar. 1859  
 d. Feb 24, 1900  
 bur. St Patrick's Cem, Maple Ridge, NY

= **Richard Long**  
 b. 1828, Raheen, Holycross, Co. Tipperary, Ireland  
 Arrived in the U.S. Nov. 14, 1848  
 d. Dec. 7, 1876, Pompey, NY  
 bur. Immaculate Conception Cem., Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY

# Thomas McGrath From Moyaliff

Thomas McGrath was a “native of Mealiffe [Moyaliff] near Holy Cross, Co. Tipperary.” This was engraved on his gravestone at St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Maple Ridge, town of Martinsburg, Lewis County, NY. Based on the census information and the 1875 maps by D. G. Beers this Thomas McGrath was living in the southwest corner of Maple Ridge. At that time he was living at a crossroads that today is known as McGraw Corners. His second wife, Mary Kennedy McGrath and her son James are also found in the Maple Ridge Cemetery. The rest of their children are buried elsewhere.

## Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy

(s/o Michael McGrath and Unknown)  
 (d/o Patrick Gleeson and Unknown) (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 (d/o Thomas Kennedy and Mary LNU) (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Thomas McGrath

b. 1822, Moyaliff, Co. Tipp., IR  
 d. Mar. 4, 1883, Maple Ridge,  
 Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick’s Cem., Maple  
 Ridge, NY

### = Catherine Gleeson (1<sup>st</sup> wife)

b. 1823 Moyaliff, Co. Tipp., Ireland  
 Probably married in Ireland  
 d. Apr. 18, 1859, Maple Ridge,  
 Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick’s Cem., Maple Ridge, NY

### Thomas McGrath

b. 1822, Moyaliff, Co. Tipp., IR  
 d. Mar. 4, 1883, Maple Ridge,  
 Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY  
 bur. St. Patrick’s Cem., Maple  
 Ridge, NY

### = Mary Kennedy (2<sup>nd</sup> wife)

b. 1832 Ireland  
 in Maple Ridge in 1895  
 d. Feb 24, 1900  
 bur. St Patrick’s Cem, Maple Ridge, NY

### — Catherine B. McGrath

b. Jun 1861, NY  
 m. 1888  
 d. Abt Dec 6, 1924, Syracuse, NY  
 bur. St Agnes’ Cemetery, Syracuse, NY  
 8 children

### = John F. Smithling

b. Feb 5, 1844, Turin, NY  
 d. May 20, 1909, Talcottville, NY

### — Michael J. McGrath

b. ~1863 NY  
 d. Oct 23, 1950, Whitesboro, NY  
 bur. St. Joseph’s Cemetery,  
 Whitesboro, NY  
 2 children

### = Emma Nicknish

b. 1878  
 m. Nov 21, 1900, Mohawk Hill  
 d. Nov 9, 1957  
 bur. St Joseph’s Cemetery,  
 Whitesboro, NY

### — Ellen McGrath

b. 1866 NY  
 m. 1890  
 d. May 29, 1905, Amsterdam, NY  
 1 child

### = Frank M. Shannon

b. 1864, Seneca Co, NY  
 d. June 8, 1950, Mohawk, NY  
 bur. Green Hill Cemetery,  
 Amsterdam, NY

### — James McGrath

b. 1868 NY  
 d. 1894  
 bur. St. Patrick’s Cem., Maple Ridge,  
 NY

Never married

### — Walter T. McGrath

b. 1871 NY  
 d. Bet 1940 and 1950, Rome, NY

Never married

1896 - in Maple Ridge  
 1905 - in Leyden, NY  
 1940 - in Rome Hospital

Name	1855	1860	1865	1870	1875	1880	1892	1900
	Pompey	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	
<b>Thomas McGraw</b> b. 1822, Ir., d. 1883	28	40	48	48	49	67	d. 1883	
<b>Catherine Gleason</b> , b. 1823, d. 1859	28	d. 1859						
<b>Mary Kennedy</b> b. 1832, d. 1900		26	32	38	40	48	58	d. 1900
<b>Mary's Children</b>								
<b>Catherine</b> b. 1860, d. 1924			4	10	14			
<b>Michael</b> , b. 1863, d. 1950			2-5/12	7	12	-	30	35
<b>Ellen</b> , b. 1866, d. 1905				5	8	14		
<b>James</b> , b. 1868, d. 1894				2	7	12		d. 1894
<b>Walter</b> , b. 1871, d. Aft 1940, Bef 1950					4	9	21	

Thomas died on Mar. 4, 1883 at age 67. Catherine Gleason McGrath died on April 18, 1859 at age 36. Catherine McGrath was gone from home by 1880, while younger sister Ellen, at age 14, was still at home.

**1855** NY, Onondaga Co., Pompey, FHC Film #870757, 3<sup>rd</sup> Election district, Res. 56, Fam. 59. Katy (Catherine) had a residence time of 9 years where as her husband Thomas McGrath had a residence time of 3 years. The 9 years is believed to be a mistake.

**1860** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, M653\777\126, Res. 1005, Fam. 1003 (Aug. 8, 1860) Farmer, Value of Real Estate \$100. Thomas was married within the last year.

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M593\964\558B, Res. 491, Fam. 487 (Aug. 1870) Real Estate value \$1200, Personal Estate value \$800. Thomas could not read or write. Mary could not write. Thomas had been naturalized.

**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T9\858\176A, Res. 221, Fam. 229 (June 28, 1880) Thomas was listed as a farmer. Thomas has "aged" 19 years between 1870 and 1880.

#### **Lewis County Directory 1895-96 entry for Mary (Kennedy) McGrath**

"McGrath, Mary (Kennedy), widow of Thomas, Martinsburg, r. 93 cor 94 farmer 49, 5 cows, 1 horse, 1, Walter farmer (son)." p. 384

This is Thomas McGrath's family. The "r 93" is a residence number, basically a street address. The "cor 94" might refer to the corner of the next residence "r 94". In 1875 and 1880 Thomas was located on the southern portion of Lot 107. The "farmer 49" entry might be interpreted to mean the size of land holding. However, a conservative estimate of the size of the farm would be 7 acres.

**1892** NY Lewis Co., Martinsburg, Maple Ridge  
Mary and her two sons, Michael and Walter were still living on the family farm.

Walter McGrath was not found in Social Security Death Index or at the Find A Graves website and no obituary has been found for Walter in any of the newspaper archives. It is thought that Walter was probably buried in the Old Oneida County Home Cemetery, off Floyd Avenue, Rome, NY. However, on one list of interments most of the burials were from 1910 - 1930 with nothing past 1931.

## Thomas and Mary Kennedy

**Thomas Kennedy** = **Mary (?)**  
 b. 1794 Ireland  
 d. Mar. 17, 1871  
 bur. Maple Ridge

**Thomas Kennedy** = **Margaret (?)**  
 b. Aug. 15, 1826  
 d. Jan. 1, 1893  
 bur. Maple Ridge

b. Nov. 1835 Ireland  
 mar. ~1852  
 d. 1908  
 bur. Coreapolis, PA

**John W. Kennedy**  
 b. Mar. 7, 1861 Maple Ridge, NY  
 d. Aug. 9, 1931 Warren, PA

**Edmond Kennedy**  
 b. 1863

**Anselm Kennedy**  
 b. Oct. 22, 1863 Maple Ridge, NY  
 Joined Franciscan Order 1888  
 d. June 1929, New York City

**Johanna Maria Kennedy**  
 b. Apr. 5, 1865  
 d. Nov. 7, 1867  
 (2yr.7m.2d.)  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Daniel J. Kennedy** = **Sila (?)**  
 b. Aug. 1867 Martinsburg, NY  
 d. Nov. 1930, Copenhagen, NY

b. Sept. 1872  
 mar. ~1900  
 d. After 1930

**Margaret B. Kennedy**  
 b. 1871 NY  
 d. 1900  
 bur. Maple Ridge

**Mary Kennedy**  
 b. 1875 NY

Source: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY

**1860** Census, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, M653\777\125:  
 Thomas Jr. Res. 995, Fam. 993  
 Thomas Sr. Res. 996, Fam. 994  
 For Thomas Sr. Mary (58), Willie (23) and Bridget (14).

**1870** Census, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M593\964\558;  
 Thomas, Jr. Res. 482, Fam. 478,  
 Thomas, Sr. Res. 483, Fam. 479.

**1880** Census, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T9\858\175D

**1900** Census, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T623\1070\200A, Res. 182, Fam. 199  
 Margaret (64), son D.J. (32) and Sila, dau in law (27). Daniel and Sila had been married within the last 12 months.

This Kennedy family was found in the Powlin list of graves in St. Patrick's Church Cemetery, Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY. They were included because there were two Kennedy farms just east of the farms of Patrick and Thomas Ryan and James McGrath in Maple Ridge. On the 1875 D. G. Beers map a "J. Kennedy" farm was across the road from St. Patrick's Church and a "T. Kennedy" farm was located on the west side of the church. The younger Thomas Kennedy above was the person living next to St. Patrick's Church. In 1870 Thomas Kennedy "Sr." was living where "J. Kennedy" was living in 1875 (See 1875 map). The fact that J. Kennedy replace Thomas and Mary Kennedy after their deaths implies that he was probably their son and therefore the brother of Thomas Kennedy who was living across the road. This "J. Kennedy" did not show up in the 1880 census.

In addition, a "John Kennedy" was a witness to the naturalization of Thomas McGrath of Martinsburgh on May 18, 1871. Martinsburgh was used as an address and was probably for mailing purposes. Perhaps the Kennedys also came from Moyliff, Co. Tipperary – and there were plenty of them - or perhaps not. Either way these Kennedys were friends and neighbors of the Ryans and McGraths of Maple Ridge and as time goes along more Kennedys will be found to complete the picture.

## Some Mary Kennedy McGrath Confusion

When the following two items were found they were originally believed to be describing the same person. Since Mary Kennedy McGrath had died in 1900 according to her gravestone inscription everything seemed to fit together.

“A **Mary McGrath** showed up next in the 1900 census as a patient in the **St. Lawrence State Hospital**, in the town of **Lisbon**, in St. Lawrence County. She was listed as a 71 year old Ireland born widow who had given birth to four children of whom only two were still alive.”

1899-07-20, Thursday Watertown Daily Times

“**Mrs. Mary McGrath**, of **Maple Ridge**, was taken to the State hospital at Ogdensburg yesterday.”

The following item had been found previously and was initially ignored since the above two items had seemed to have settled the open questions. However, when it was found the Thomas and Mary McGrath’s oldest daughter Catherine had married a man named John Smithling this article took on a new importance and cast doubt on the Mary McGrath in the 1900 census.

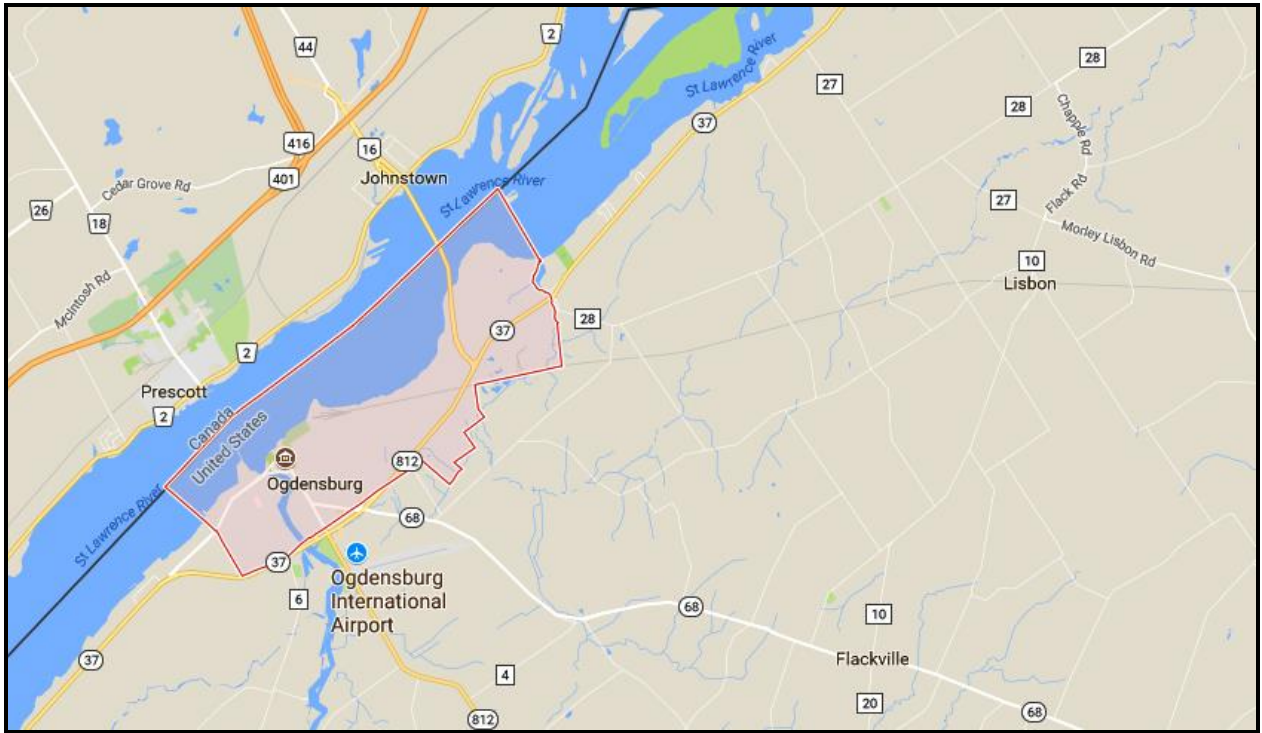
1900-02-27, Tuesday, The Rome Daily Sentinel

“**Mrs. Mary K. McGrath**, 67, died at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. John Smithling**, in Leyden on Saturday. She has been ailing for some time, but the immediate cause of death was congestion of the bowels. The funeral was held at 10:30 today from the Maple Grove Catholic church. Interment was made in the **Leyden cemetery**.”

## Analysis

There are subtle differences to be found in these three descriptions and it’s necessary to examine them for consistency and to decide if the differences are significant. A source of continuing confusion has been the gravestone of James McGrath (1871-1894) in St. Patrick’s Cemetery at Maple Ridge. Originally this James was assigned to another Thomas and Mary McGrath family living on Maple Ridge. After this James was assigned to the correct family of Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy it was realized that although Thomas McGrath’s name had been engraved on his son James’ gravestone Thomas was not buried there. The grave of Thomas McGrath is over on the western side of St. Patrick’s Cemetery. Then there is the Mary McGrath in the 1900 census. Mary Kennedy McGrath died on Feb. 24, 1900 therefore she could not appear in the 1900 census since the day of the census was June 1, 1900. A closer look at the Mary McGrath in the 1900 census indicates that she was in the hospital in the town of Lisbon and Mary Kennedy McGrath had been taken to the hospital in Ogdensburg in July 1899. The census Mary, although she was an Ireland born widow, she was four years older and only had four children while Mary Kennedy McGrath had given birth to five. Only two of the census Mary’s children were still alive at the time of the census, while four of Mary Kennedy McGrath’s children were still alive.

It now appears that perhaps James' mother, Mary Kennedy McGrath, is also not buried there. According to the 1900-02-27 Rome Daily Sentinel article above Mary Kennedy McGrath was buried in "the Leyden cemetery."



This map shows the two cities associated with state hospitals: Ogdensburg and Lisbon. Both locations are within St. Lawrence County, NY.

## **Where Is Mary Kennedy McGrath Buried?**

In St. Patrick's Cemetery at Maple Ridge in the town of Martinsburg, Lewis County, NY there is a stone monument inscribed with the names of three individuals. These are Thomas McGrath, Mary McGrath, and James McGrath. Thomas and Mary McGrath are the parents of James who died in 1894. It is fairly certain that James is buried under that monument but it is also certain that his father Thomas is not buried there. Thomas McGrath died in 1883 and was buried separately under a different monument on the west side of this St. Patrick's Cemetery.

After some initial confusion with a different Mary McGrath of similar age and circumstances the correct Mary McGrath was found. It was determined that Mary Kennedy McGrath had died on February 24, 1900 at the home of her oldest daughter, Mrs. Catherine Smithling, in Leyden, NY. In a February 27<sup>th</sup> article in the Rome Daily Sentinel it was stated: "Interment was made in the Leyden cemetery." The language of this article would seem to leave no doubt that Mary Kennedy had been buried in the Leyden Cemetery on February 27<sup>th</sup>, the day of her funeral. Normally after a winter funeral in the northern states the coffin is placed in a vault at the cemetery to await burial after Spring brings easier digging conditions.

The same Rome Daily Sentinel February 27<sup>th</sup> article stated that the funeral was held at "the Maple Grove Catholic church." No such church has been found but there was a Maple Grove farm and a Maple Grove hotel in that area around the same time. The Maple Ridge Catholic church would have made more sense since that had been Mary's church for over 40 years. She had been living at the old family farm at Maple Ridge until she went into the hospital at Ogdensburg in the summer of 1899. Surrounding that church was the St. Patrick's Cemetery where her late husband Thomas and son James were buried along with other members of her family (Kennedy).

In examining the monument described in the first paragraph, the placement of the inscriptions is curious. The normal practice is to place the main inscription on the east side of the monument. However, the inscription for James McGrath (1871-1894) is found on the south facing side of the monument. If the monument had been placed in the cemetery immediately after the death of James there would be no reason for placing his inscription on the south side of the monument rather than the east side. Underneath the inscription of James' name and birth and death years is the phrase, "THEIR SON." This phrase would have no meaning if his parent's names were not also engraved on the same monument as they are in this case and located on the primary side, the east side. If only James had been buried there a more commonly found situation would be to inscribe something similar to "son of Thomas and Mary McGrath" on James' side of the monument. Taken together all this would seem to imply that the inscriptions were all made at the same time and the 1900 death of Mary Kennedy McGrath might have been the event for purchasing the monument. And this would lead to the belief that Mary Kennedy McGrath is indeed buried in the plot next to her son James and sharing a single monument.





This gravestone was originally misidentified as belonging to a different Thomas and Mary McGrath. The inscriptions on this stone were captured in the Dunten list for St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Ridge

Thomas McGrath 1816 - 1888 (left photo)  
 Mary his wife 1881 - 1900 (left photo)  
 James 1871 - 1894, their son (on different side of monument - see right photo)

This is Thomas McGrath of Moyaliff and his second wife Mary Kennedy McGrath. Although he is listed on the gravestone Thomas is not buried in this plot. There is a transcription error in the Dunten list - Michael's inscription is seen in the picture to be 1816 - 1883. His plot is on the western side of the cemetery in a single plot near the grave of his first wife Catherine Gleeson McGrath. Mary's inscription should be 1831 - 1900. Thomas and Mary's son James is also buried here. His years were given as 1871 - 1894. The birth year for James may also be in error.. In the 1870 census James was listed as a 2-year old giving a birth year of 1868 rather than 1871.

The search for the daughters of Thomas and Mary McGrath [Catherine (b. 1860), Ellen (b. 1866)] has been difficult. A search of the Maple Ridge and Lowville cemeteries didn't turn up any likely candidates. Many searches were made of the census records for females named Catherine or Ellen of the approximate age but no persons of interest were found. After many searches of the newspaper archives Catherine and Ellen were finally found and their stories will be told in the following pages.



## **Follow Up On the Children of Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy**

The family of Thomas McGrath (1816-1883) and Mary Kennedy (1832-1900) of Maple Ridge has been difficult to trace. They had five children: Catherine (1860), Michael (1863), Ellen (1866), James (1868), and Walter (1871). By 1895 only Mary and her son Walter were still living on the family farm on Maple Ridge at a location that is still referred to as McGraw Corners. After that they seemed to disappear from the records and newspapers of that time – their trail had just gone cold.

That was the situation back in 2008, when I had last researched that section of the family. On October 12, 2015 I had the opportunity to move back into the Maple Ridge material again. Since 2008 the Federal and New York State census records had been put on line and the Fulton Postcard History web site had grown to over 33 million pages of old newspapers from all over New York State. It was a good time to try another search for Thomas and Mary McGrath's children.

Catherine and Ellen had probably married and with the change in their last names they were practically impossible to find without still more information. Walter was the first one to show up in the 1920 census. He was working at the Rome State School. He also showed up in the 1930 and 1940 census records. In the latter he was an "inmate" at the Oneida County Home ("Home for the Needy") in Rome, NY. He was single and probably had never married. Walter probably died prior to 1950 since he wasn't mentioned in his brother Michael's obituary in 1950.

There were five McGrath families living on Maple Ridge during the 1860-1880 time period, and one of those was another Thomas and Mary McGrath family. This Thomas was a brother of two of the other McGrath families (Michael and John) all of whom were from the area of Golden in Co. Tipperary, Ireland. The Thomas McGrath of interest here was from Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary. A monument for a James McGrath (1872-1894) [census records indicate a birth year of 1868] was mistakenly assigned to the Thomas McGrath family from Golden. This time around it was discovered that this James belonged to the Thomas McGrath of Moyaliff family.

The next person to be found was Michael J. McGrath who had been in the cheese business in 1900. Since Walter had been found in the Utica area it was decided to look for his brother Michael in the same area. A Michael McGrath showed up in the 1920 census for Utica. He was employed as a fireman at a knitting mill. His age of 53, according to the 1920 census, yielded a birth year of 1867, which was four years later than that indicated in the earlier census records. Additionally Michael had also told the census enumerator that his parents had been born in New York when they had both been born in Ireland. Initially, this Michael McGrath seemed to be a poor candidate for the son of Thomas and Mary Kennedy, however, when his obituary was found later the name his wife, Emma, and children, Esther and Durant, proved the connection.

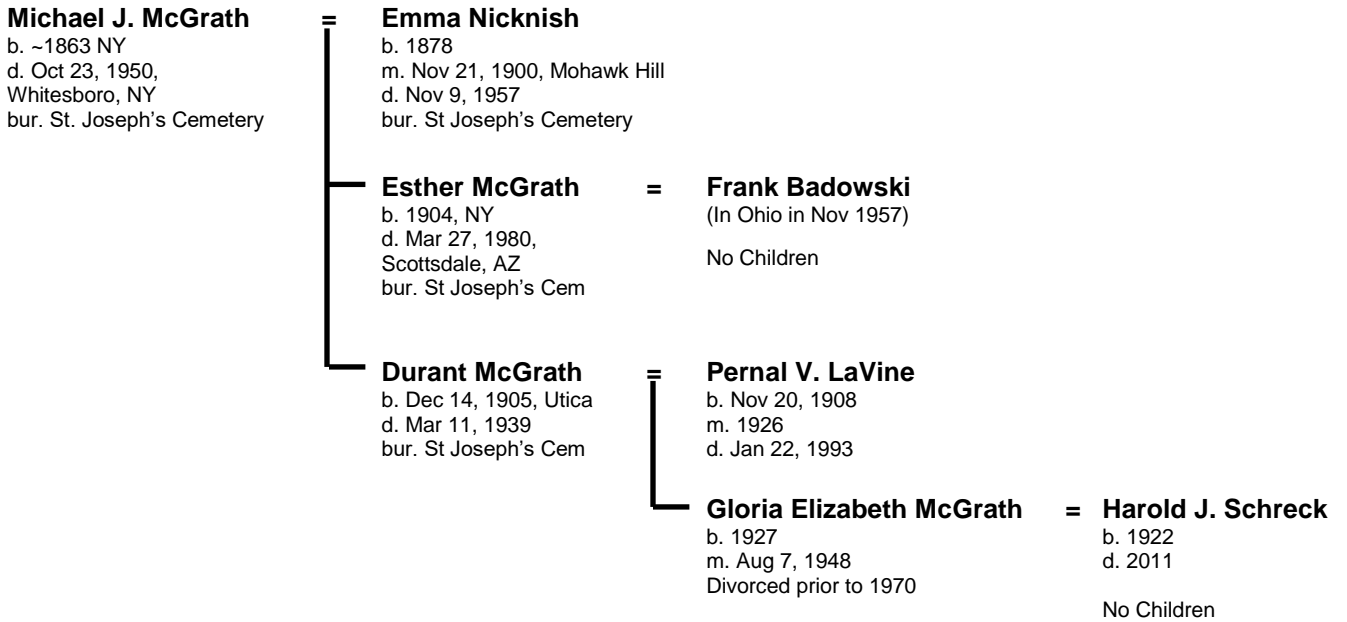
Following the trail of Durant McGrath led to his daughter Gloria Elizabeth McGrath who married Harold Schreck in 1948. They had a daughter also named Gloria (or so it seemed for a while). When Michael McGrath died in 1950 he was living at 274 Main St. in Whitesboro, NY, just northwest of Utica. When Michael's wife Emma passed

away she was living at the same address. Over the years several other relatives also passed away while living at that same address. In 2015 a Gloria Schreck was living at that same address and she was thought to be the daughter of Gloria McGrath and Harold Schreck. However this turned out to be Gloria Elizabeth McGrath herself. Gloria and Harold never had any children and the marriage appears to have ended in divorce.

<b>Michael McGrath's Descendants</b>				
<b>Husband</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>Relation</b>	<b>Husband</b>	<b>Wife</b>
<b>Thomas McGrath</b> 1816-1883	<b>Mary Kennedy</b> 1832 – 1900	<b>Siblings</b>	<b>Edmund McGrath</b> 1813-1899	<b>Mary Ryan</b> 1808-1899
<b>Michael J. McGrath</b> 1863-1950	<b>Emma Nicknish</b> 1878 – 1957	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Cousin</b>	<b>Michael W. McGraw</b> 1843-1922	<b>Alice Rooney</b> 1860-1940
<b>Durant McGrath</b> 1905-1939	<b>Pernal V. LaVine</b> 1908-1993	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cousin</b>	<b>Edward C. McGraw</b> 1890-1979	<b>Louise Flaherty</b> 1900-1950
<b>Gloria E. McGrath</b> 1927-?	<b>Harold J. Schreck</b> 1922 – 2011	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cousin</b>	<b>Francis M. McGraw</b> 1922-1992	<b>Jean M. Stack</b> 1923-2005
			<b>Michael F. McGraw</b> 1947-	<b>Noël L. Wilson</b> 1948-2010

## Michael J. McGrath and Emma Nicknish

(s/o Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy)  
 (d/o John Nicknish and Catherine Kolig)



St. Joseph Cemetery, 1427 Champlin Ave., Utica, Oneida County, New York  
 Michael, Emma and Esther are buried in the St. Bernard Section  
 Durant is buried in the St. Lucy Section

## Catherine B. McGrath

By the time of the 1880 census 19 year old Catherine McGrath was no longer living with her parents on the family farm in Maple Ridge, town of Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY. In 1888 she was living in Amsterdam, NY when she became the second wife of John F. Smithling Talcottville, town of Leyden, Lewis Co. Catherine became the mother of John's three children two of whom subsequently died prematurely. She went on to have eight more children with John Smithling. In 1909, four years after giving birth to her eighth child, Catherine's husband John died at their home at Talcottville. At that point these were her children: Lester (19), Mary (18), James (17), Clair (15), Florence (14), Phillip (10), Eleanor (7) and Robert (5). By 1915 Lester was working around northern New York and James had moved to Syracuse while the remaining six children were living at home in Talcottville with their mother. In October, 1916 Lester married Grace A. Jewell in Syracuse, NY and they settled there. The following year Mary married Ronald Burns MacMorland in Constableville, Lewis Co., NY and they resided in New York after the wedding. In 1918 Clair joined the Army and was sent to France. By 1919 both James and Phillip were living and working in Washington DC. Catherine finally left Talcottville around 1919 and by the time of the 1920 census she was living with her son Lester's young family along with her children James (27), Eleanor (18) and Robert (16).

Florence married Arnold G. Bowie in 1923, they were living in Albany, NY in 1927. In early December, 1924 Catherine McGrath Smithling passed away at the home of her son Lester, 119 Congress Ave., Syracuse, NY. She was buried in St. Agnes' Cemetery.

Family trees are constructed on the following pages for both of John M. Smithling's two marriages. Catherine McGrath was John's second wife. They were married in 1888 and had eight children.

### The Obituary That Ended the Search for Catherine and Ellen McGrath

The following 1905 obituary for Helen "Nellie" McGrath Shannon pulled everything together. It connected Nellie to her brothers Michael and Walter, gave the name of her surviving husband and daughter, and connected with her sister Catherine and gave the name of Catherine's husband, John Smithling. For a short obituary it sure contained a huge amount of valuable information.

#### OBITUARY, Mrs. Frank M. Shannon

May 29, 1905, Amsterdam Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, NY

"**Nellie F. McGrath**, wife of **Frank M. Shannon**, died suddenly this afternoon at 2:20 o'clock, at her home, No. 14 Bridge street, of heart trouble, aged 38 years. Mrs. Shannon has not enjoyed the best of health for a year past, but nevertheless was able to be about. Sunday she enjoyed a drive with her husband and felt unusually well. This morning she arose and was around the house when she was suddenly stricken. She gradually sank until death came this afternoon. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, **Lydia**, one sister, **Mrs. John Smithling** of Talcottville, Lewis county, and two brothers, **Michael McGrath** of Utica and **Walter McGrath** of Leyden, NY. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral."

## John F. Smithling and Mary Anna McHale (1)

(s/o John Smithling and Mary E. LNU);  
(d/o Thomas McHale and Bridget LNU)

### John F. Smithling

b. Feb 5, 1844, Turin, NY  
d. May 20, 1909, Talcottville,  
NY

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### Mary Anna McHale (1)

b. 1849, Harrisburg, NY  
m. Jan 1872  
d. Dec 11, 1885  
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Maple Ridge, NY

John Smithling had 4 children with his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Mary A. McHale and 8 children with his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Catherine McGrath.

### Ambrose Smithling

b. 1873  
d. Oct 6, 1902, Santa Cruz, CA

Never married

In Port Leyden in 1943

### Cora Ann Smithling

b. Jun 3, 1874  
d. Feb 1, 1946, Lexington, VT  
Children: 2 sons & 2 daughters

### = Charles Leonard Joel Ager

b. Aug 29, 1869, Lyonsdale, NY  
m. Jan 17, 1900, Leyden, NY  
d. Oct 27, 1943, Port Leyden, NY

### C. Giles Smithling

b. 1885 (1892 census)  
d. Mar 16, 1894 (age 7 yrs, 3 mos)  
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Maple Ridge, NY

The death date info yields a birth date of Dec 1886. This was 1 year after the death of his first wife and about two years prior to the marriage of his second wife. The 1892 census puts the birth year as 1885.

### J. Miles Smithling

b. Dec 11, 1885  
d. Dec 24, 1885 (Age 14 days)  
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Maple Ridge, NY

Died in infancy

Surviving children from C.L.J. Ager (d. October 28, 1943)	Surviving children of Cora A. Smithling Ager (d. February 2, 1946)
Capt. C. Leonard C. Ager, Jr, Ogden, Utah Joel W. Ager, Gloversville, NY Florence A. Wellington, Lexington, MA Miss Esther Mary Ager, Summit, NJ	C. Leonard Ager, Troy, NY Joel Ager, Gloversville, NY Mrs. J. Wellington, Lexington, VT Mrs. James Forbes, Lexington, VT

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“(IX) **Charles Leonard Joel (Ager)**, son of Joel Wheeler and Julia Frances (Williams) Ager, was born at Lyonsdale, New York, August 29, 1869. He was educated in the public schools at Lyonsdale and entered Lowville Academy, from which he was graduated in class of 1891. Upon the death of his father he assumed the management of the paper manufacturing and lumber business established by his father. At the end of one year he discontinued the paper manufacturing branch, and has since devoted his entire time to the lumber business. Politically he is a Republican and is a member of the Port Leyden Lodge, No. 669, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Ager married, at Lyonsdale, New York, January 17, 1900, **Cora A. Smithling**, born June 3, 1874, daughter of John Francis and Mary Anna (MacHale) Smithling. Mr. Smithling was a merchant, farmer and cheese manufacturer. He was a veteran of the civil war, enlisting at Turin in 1862 in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Heavy Artillery, New York Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Smithling: Ambrose Francis, Cora A. Charles, Giles and John Miles Smithling. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ager: **Charles Leonard Joel (2)**, born November 12, 1900; **Joel Wheeler**, April 10, 1903; **Julia Anna Florence**, October 21, 1904”

## John F. Smithling and Catherine McGrath (2)

(s/o John Smithling and Mary E. LNU)

(d/o Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy)

### John F. Smithling

b. Feb 5, 1844, Turin, NY  
d. May 20, 1909, Talcottville,  
NY

In Old Forge, NY in 1916  
In Syracuse 1924  
In Syracuse in 1934

Residing in New York City  
after marriage  
In Pleasantville, NY in 1936

In Fort Lauderdale, FL in  
1963

In Schenectady in 1930  
In Syracuse in 1936  
Died prior to Oct 1963

Single in Syracuse in 1922  
Married & in Albany in 1927  
Married and in NYC in 1936  
In Staten Island in 1966

In Syracuse in 1936  
Owner of Egan & Smithling,  
624 Erie Boulevard East

In Syracuse 1924  
Single in Syracuse in 1929  
Single in NYC in 1936  
Married and on L.I. in 1951  
Married and In Syracuse in  
1963

In Syracuse 1924  
In Syracuse in 1936  
St Anges records have a  
middle initial of "F"

### = Catherine B. McGrath (2)

b. Jun 1861, NY  
m. 1888  
d. Abt Dec 6, 1924, Syracuse, NY  
bur. St Agnes' Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

### Lester J. Smithling

b. Jan 1890  
d. Aug 11, 1957, Syracuse, NY  
Children:

**Robert M. Smithling**  
**John F. Smithling**  
**Phyllis Smithling (1923)**

### Mary Helen Smithling

b. Apr 1891  
d. Oct 9, 1936, Pleasantville, NY  
bur. St Agnes' Cemetery,  
Syracuse, NY

### James Paul Smithling

b. Dec 28, 1892  
d. Mar 1972 (SSDI)

### Clair George Smithling

b. July 1894  
d. Feb 15, 1961, Syracuse, NY

### Florence Elizabeth Smithling

b. Dec 14, 1895  
d. May 1983  
Children:  
**Jeanne E. Bowie Smith**  
**Mary Bowie Haylock**

### Phillip Aubrey Smithling

b. May 1899  
d. May 24, 1966, Pompano, FL  
Children:  
**Mary Anne Smithling Burns**

### Eleanor Smithling

b. Jun 18, 1902  
d. May 1987, Westchester, NY  
In Belleaire Beach, VA in 1983

### Robert M. Smithling

b. Mar 11, 1904, Talcottville, NY  
d. Oct 12, 1963, Watertown, NY  
bur. St Agnes' Cemetery,  
Syracuse, NY

### = Grace A. Jewell

mar Oct 1916, Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception, Syracuse, NY  
Died Aft 1945

### = Ronald Burns MacMorland

b. ?, England  
m. Aug 4, 1917, St Mary's Church,  
Constableville, NY  
**No children**

### = Marion V. Frickey

b. Mar 16, 1897  
d. July 5, 1992, Syracuse, NY  
Children:  
**James Smithling, Jr. (Dec 1925)**  
**Ann Smithling (Mar 1927)**

Probably never married

### = Arnold George Bowie

b. Feb 14, 1897, Canada  
mar. Mar 21, 1923, Walden,  
Montgomery, Orange Co, NY  
d. June 1974

### = Helen Mary Brown (1)

mar. Oct 14, 1930, Church of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Syracuse, NY  
d. Jun 3, 1937, Syracuse, NY  
bur. St Agnes' Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

### = Celeste Harney (2)

b. 1909  
mar Oct 18, 1938, Syracuse, NY  
d. Nov 2, 1989, Syracuse, NY  
bur. Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Pompano  
Beach, FL

### = Vincent Duncan

b. Nov 18, 1909  
d. Apr 25, 1995, Brooklyn, NY

Vincent Duncan in Syracuse in 1959  
Mrs. Vincent Duncan in 1966 in Syracuse

Never married

Lester, James, Clair and Philip Smithling and Eleanor Duncan are NOT buried in St. Agnes' Cemetery.

1909-06-03, Thursday The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY

**The Late John Smithling**

“John Smithling, who died at his home in Talcottville on the 20<sup>th</sup> ult., was born in Turin, February 5, 1844, and lived there until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in the service of his country, joining company K from that town. After the war he was engaged in farming and the manufacture of cheese in the town of Martinsburg for several years, and later he engaged in the mercantile business in the village of Martinsburg. Mr. Smithling was married twice. In January, 1872, he was united in marriage to Mary A. McHale, of Harrisburg, who died in 1885. Of this union three children were born, only one of whom survives. Mrs. C. L. J. Alger, of Lyonsdale. In 1888 he was married to Katherine McGrath of Amsterdam, who with eight children survive. He also leaves five brothers. Joseph, of Martinsburg; Gilbert, of Lowville; Lewis, of Syracuse; Charles and George, of Santa Cruz, Cal.; also one sister, Mrs. Filona Bibbins, who resided in Santa Cruz, Cal. Mr. Smithling was ever a good friend and neighbor and a kind and indulgent husband and father. He was of a very cheerful disposition and very fond of home and friends. He will be greatly missed in the community, and a large circle of friends extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.”

**Further Expansion of Catherine McGrath Smithling's Descendants**

The families of Lester J. Smithling, James Paul Smithling, Florence Smithling Bowie and Philip Aubrey Smithling are expanded on the following pages. These were the only children of John M. and Catherine McGrath Smithling who themselves had children. Following is a list of Catherine McGrath Smithling's eight grandchildren. At least 5 g-grandchildren and 2 gg-grandchildren were found but no exhaustive search has been conducted at this level of her descendants.

- Lester J. Smithling and Grace A. Jewell
  - Robert M. Smithling
  - John M. Smithling
  - Philip Smithling
- James Paul Smithling and Marion V. Frickey
  - James Smithling, Jr.
  - Ann Smithling
- Arnold G. Bowie and Florence Smithling
  - Mary Bowie
  - Jeanne E. Bowie
- Philip Aubrey Smithling and Helen Mary Brown
  - Mary Anne Smithling

**Lester J. Smithling and Grace A. Jewell**

(s/o John F. Smithling and Catherine McGrath)

(d/o Charles A. Jewell and Mary Elizabeth LNU)

**Lester J. Smithling**

b. 1890, Talcottville, NY  
d. Aug 11, 1957, Syracuse, NY

In Old Forge, NY in 1916

1926 - 655 South Ave  
(Robbery)

1934 - 120 Woodbine Ave.  
(Lester appears in Court)

1940 - 133 West Borden Ave.  
(Robert's wedding)

**Grace A. Jewell**

b. Dec 1892, NY  
mar Oct 1916, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, NY  
Entered Willard State Asylum for the Chronic Insane, Ovid, NY prior to 1930  
Died Aft 1945

**Robert M. Smithling**

b. 1918, Syracuse, NY  
d. Mar 25, 1983, Syracuse, NY (Cremation)  
bur. St. Agnes' Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

**Marion Harriett Martin**

b. Jul 22, 1921  
m. 1940  
d. Jan 12, 1969, Syracuse, NY  
bur. St. Agnes' Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

**Thomas Michael Patrick Smithling**

In Wayne, NJ in 1983  
Alive in Aug 2008

**= Patricia Anne Markey**

mar. 1972  
d. Bef Aug 2008

**Carol J. Smithling**

In Mechanicsburg, PA in 1983

**= Timothy J. Noonan**

Pharmacist

**Daughter**

b. Jun 20, 1966

**Anne Marie Smithling**

In Elbridge, NY in 1983

**= FNU Morgan**

**John F. Smithling**

b. Feb 9, 1919, Syracuse, NY  
d. Jan 6, 1984  
US Army CW04 WWII, Korea  
Riverside National Cem  
Riverside  
Riverside County, CA

**= Vesta Lorraine Willard**

mar. Feb 14, 1944, Mount Vernon, NY

Not in Riverside plot

186 Archer Ave., Mount Vernon, NY in 1947

**Phyllis Marie Smithling**

b. Aug 10, 1922, Syracuse, NY  
d. Oct 23, 1966  
bur. Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo Co., CA

**= Edward Hemmila, Jr.**

b. Mar 5, 1921, New York  
mar June 8, 1947, Lady of Victory, Mount Vernon, NY  
d. May 26, 1982, Santa Clara, CA  
bur. Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo Co., CA



## **Lester J. Smithling**

Lester, the first of John and Catherine McGrath Smithling's children, was born in 1890 in Talcottville, Lewis Co., NY. After the death of his father in 1909 Lester left home and worked in several villages in the Lewis Co. area, including Lyon Falls (1911), Illion (1913), and Little Moose (1914). In October 1916 Lester married Grace A. Jewell of Syracuse with a wedding in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, NY. Lester was employed as a machinist as they moved around on the south side of Syracuse while their family grew: Robert M. (b. 1918), John F. (b. Feb. 9, 1919) and Phyllis Marie (b. Aug 10, 1922). In the years after 1925 life took a turn for the worse for the Lester Smithling family. The 1930 census found Lester's wife Grace as an inmate of the Willard State Hospital for the Chronic Insane, in Ovid, NY. His sons Robert and John were in the House of Providence (Home for Dependent Catholic Boys) in Syracuse and his daughter Phyllis was living with his sister Mary MacMorland and her husband in Pleasantville, NY. As for Lester himself, he didn't show up in the 1930 census although it is believed that he was still living in Syracuse.

Robert Smithling was a lodger with another family in 1940 and was working as a District Manager for the Herald Journal newspaper. John was still living at the House of Providence. Their younger sister Phyllis had returned to Syracuse at some time prior to 1935 and in 1940 was living at St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum as a lodger. She was in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and was attending the Cathedral High School. As for Dad, old Lester was a no show for the 1940 census despite being mentioned in the announcement of his son Robert's engagement to Marion Martin. At the time of the announcement Lester was living at 133 West Borden Ave, in Syracuse. Grace Smithling, Lester's wife, was not mentioned in the announcement although she was still alive and remained an inmate at the Willard State Hospital. Grace passed away sometime after 1945. Lester died on August 11, 1957 in Syracuse, NY.

## James Paul Smithling and Marion V. Frickey

(s/o John F. Smithling and Catherine McGrath)

(d/o Charles R. Frickey and Mary LNU)

### James Paul Smithling

b. Dec 28, 1892  
d. Mar 1972

1925 - 1614 Bellevue Ave.  
1930 - 1614 Bellevue Ave.  
1940 - 1614 Bellevue Ave.  
1963 - Fort Lauderdale, FL

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### Marion V. Frickey

b. Mar 16, 1897  
d. July 5, 1992, Syracuse, NY

### James Smithling, Jr.

b. Dec 1925, Syracuse, NY

Completed Basic Training at Camp  
Blanding, FL in Oct 1944  
James in car accident in Buffalo, NY in  
March 1964

### Ann Smithling

b. Mar 1927, Syracuse, NY

Anne was attending Marywood College in  
Scranton Pa during 1945-6 school year

In 1941 J. Paul Smithling was a Democratic Ward Chairman in Syracuse, NY

1950-05-31, Wednesday Post Standard (p. 7)

“26 Area Graduates At St. Bonaventure”

“Syracuse students receiving bachelor of business administration degrees are ...James P. Smithling of 1614 Bellevue ave....”

**Florence Smithling and Arnold G. Bowie**

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o John F. Smithling and Catherine McGrath)

**Arnold George Bowie**

b. Feb 14, 1897, Canada  
 mar. Mar 21, 1923, Walden,  
 Montgomery, Orange Co., NY  
 d. June 1974

**Florence Elizabeth Smithling**

b. Dec 14, 1895  
 d. May 1983

Single in Syracuse in 1922  
 Married & in Albany in 1927  
 Married and in NYC in 1936  
 In Staten Island in 1951  
 In Staten Island in 1966

**Mary Bowie**

b. Jul 18, 1923  
 In Rome NY in 2000  
 d. Feb 4, 2008, Biddeford, Maine  
 bur. Levant Cemetery, Poland,  
 Chautauqua Co., NY

**= Claude V. Haylock**

b. Jun 17, 1919  
 d. Sept 16, 1991  
 bur. Levant Cemetery, Poland, Chautauqua  
 Co., NY

There is a Jeanne Smith in  
 Leonidas Cemetery,  
 Leonidas, St. Joseph Co., MI  
 b. 1927, d. 2000

**Jeanne E. Bowie**

b. Oct 29, 1927, Albany, NY  
 d. Jan 24, 2000, Constantine,  
 MI  
 bur. Leonidas Cemetery,  
 Leonidas, St. Joseph Co., MI

**= James R. Smith**

b. 1927  
 d. Jan 20, 1999  
 bur. Leonidas Cemetery, Leonidas, St.  
 Joseph Co., MI

There is a James R. Smith in  
 Leonidas Cemetery,  
 Leonidas, St. Joseph Co., MI  
 b. 1927, d. 1999

**Stewart M. Smith = Liz LNU**

Shared stone

**Nicholas C. Smith**

Marriage License - E297, March 30, 1923- 1<sup>st</sup> marriages for both  
**Arnold George Bowie**, Walden, town of Montgomery, Orange Co., NY

15 Walnut St, Walden, NY, 26 yrs, Broker

Birthplace: Collingwood, Canada

Father: Matthew P. Bowie, Scotland

Mother: Aletha Coonan, Canada

**Florence Elizabeth Smithling**, Walden, town of Montgomery, Orange Co., NY

15 Walnut St., Walden, NY, 27 yrs, Bookkeeper

Birthplace: Lowville, NY

Father: John Smithling, NY State

Mother: Catherine McGrath, NY State

“Matthew Palmer Bowie a priest residing at 15 Walnut St., Walden in the county of Orange and State of New York do hereby certify that I did on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year A.D. 1923 at Walden in the County of Orange and State of New York solemnize the rites of matrimony between Arnold George Bowie of Walden in the County of Orange and State of New York and Florence Elizabeth Smithling of Walden in the County of Orange and State of New York in the presence of Thomas Brookfield and Mrs. Thomas W. Brookfield as witness and the license therefore is hereto annexed.” Matthew Palmer Bowie is the Rector at Andrew’s Church, Walden Diocese of New York

**Philip Aubrey Smithling and Helen Mary Brown**

(s/o John F. Smithling and Catherine McGrath)

(d/o John Brown and Mary Guyder)

**Phillip Aubrey Smithling**

b. 1899

d. May 24, 1966, Pompano, FL

**= Helen Mary Brown (1)**

mar. Oct 14, 1930, Church of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Syracuse, NY

d. Jun 3, 1937, Syracuse, NY

bur. St Agnes' Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

**Mary Anne Smithling**

b. May 15, 1933, Syracuse,  
NY

d. Nov 29, 2010. Marcellus,  
NY

**= John E. Burns, Jr.**

**Kathleen Anne Burns**

b. Nov 2, 1961, Auburn, NY

**= Celeste Harney (2)**

b. 1909

mar Oct 18, 1938, Syracuse, NY

d. Nov 2, 1989, Syracuse, NY

bur. Queen of Heaven Cemetery,  
Pompano Beach, FL

Philip A. Smithling and Helen Mary Brown had one child, a daughter Mary Anne Smithling. Mary Anne married John E. Burns, Jr. On Nov 2, 1961 they had a daughter, who they named Kathleen Anne Burns, in Auburn Memorial Hospital, Auburn, NY - Address RD 1 Stump Road, Marcellus

Marriage License: October 9, 1930, Onondaga Co., NY

Philip Aubrey Smithling - Parents: John F. Smithling and Catherine McGrath

Helen Mary Brown - Parents: John Brown and Mary Guyder

## Ellen McGrath and Frank M. Shannon

(s/o John T. Shannon and Lydia Hartman)  
(d/o Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy)

### Frank M. Shannon

b. 1864, Seneca Co, NY  
d. June 8, 1950, Mohawk, NY  
bur. Green Hill Cemetery,  
Amsterdam, NY

Frank Shannon was living at  
63 Columbia St, Mohawk, NY  
at time of his death

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### Ellen McGrath (1)

b. 1866 NY  
m. 1890  
d. May 29, 1905, Amsterdam, NY

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### Lydia Francis Shannon

b. 1893, Amsterdam, NY  
m. Feb 24, 1914, Fonda,  
Montgomery Co., NY  
d. Feb 21, 1950, West Palm  
Beach, FL  
bur. St. Charles Cemetery, East  
Farmingdale, Suffolk Co., NY

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### Philip Charles Griffith

b. 1891, Fonda, NY  
d. Jul 21, 1947, Brooklyn, NY  
bur. St. Charles Cemetery, East  
Farmingdale, Suffolk Co., NY

No Children

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### Josephine L. Fero (2)

b. 1873  
mar. 1907  
In Mohawk in 1950

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### Eunice Shannon

b. 1910, Amsterdam, NY  
In Mohawk in 1950

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### Alfred Marmette

b. 1909, NY

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### Walter L. Marmette

b. 1932, NY

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### Leonard J. Marmette

b. 1935, NY

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### David Marmette

b. 1937, NY

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### Karen Lois Marmette

b. 1939, NY

The younger daughter of Thomas and Mary McGrath was Ellen. She had been living in Amsterdam, NY when she married Frank Shannon in 1890. In 1892 they were living in Amsterdam with Frank's parents. Frank was working as an "Agent" and Nellie was employed as a "Millhand." They continued to live in Amsterdam and in 1893 they had their one and only child, a daughter who they named Lydia after Frank's mother. In 1900 the family was living at 9 Garden St. in Amsterdam and Frank was employed as a Laundryman and Nellie was a "Carpet Setter." By 1905 they had moved to 14 Bridge Street where Ellen died of heart problems on May 29, 1905 at the age of 38. In 1907 Frank Shannon wed for the second time when he married Josephine L. Fero. They had a single child, a daughter named Eunice, who was born in Amsterdam in 1910.

Lydia Shannon married Philip Charles Griffith on February 24, 1914 in Fonda, Montgomery Co., NY. Philip Griffith's parents were Philip Griffith and Mary Washington. The newlyweds lived in Brooklyn where Philip worked on the docks as a harbor master. Philip died on July 21, 1947 in Brooklyn and Lydia passed away on February 21, 1950 in West Palm Beach FL. They had no children.

## 2. The McGraths from Golden, Co. Tipperary

The Michael McGrath that started this research into the families of Maple Ridge had originally settled in Maple Ridge. Michael McGrath's wife, Sarah Bridget White, usually went by the name Bridget and they are both buried in Lowville, NY. There is a grave in the Maple Ridge Cemetery for Patrick White (1802-1870). Patrick was a "Native of Ireland, Queens Co." according to his gravestone and he is Sarah's father as shown by census evidence.

Ellen McGrath has been identified as a sister of Michael McGrath. From her obituary of July 1931, in the Lowville Journal & Republican, it was learned that she was one of six children born to parents John McGrath and Honora Cunningham and that the family had come from a townland near the village of Golden in Co. Tipperary. Michael Phalon married Ellen McGrath on Dec. 25, 1863 while on furlough from the 5<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy Infantry during the Civil War.

Honora Cunningham McGrath (~1802 – Sept. 6, 1875) is buried in the Maple Ridge Cemetery, St. Patrick's Church, Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY. The inscription on her gravestone spelled her name as "Hannarah" and gave her husband's name as John. According to earlier information Honora's husband had died on board ship while immigrating to America and therefore no grave would be expected for him in the Maple Ridge Cemetery. Also in Honora's plot are two small stones engraved Ella and Ida, with no dates, these could be two daughters who died young. There was no other information about them. They might have died in Ireland and these stones were erected in their memory, however no monument was erected for her husband John McGrath.

The 1855 New York State Census for Martinsburg in Lewis County provided the information that Thomas, Michael and Ellen were siblings. John McGrath has been assumed to be the missing sixth sibling, counting Ida and Ella. His arrival date from his naturalization records is within a month of that of Michael McGrath and both were too young to have been traveling on their own. Finally his farm on Maple Ridge was on the same road less than a mile west of Michael's and Thomas' farms. The 1860 census has a John McGrath living with mother Honora on the family farm that was yet another piece of data linking John McGrath to this family.

Evidence of another daughter turned up in the obituary of Bridget McGrath Dunn in the Sept. 13, 1917 edition of the Lowville paper, *The Journal and Republican*. With the inclusion of John, as described above, this pushes the total number of children in the family to seven and puts it in contradiction to the information in Ellen McGrath Phalon's obituary.

Another way out of the problem is offered by showing that these stones belong to Honora's grandchildren. Her son John had a daughter named Ida, born in 1878. The 1880 census is the only place that data on Ida was found. In her father John's 1914 obituary she was not listed as a survivor and she is not listed on the Maple Ridge Cemetery list (Pawlin), other than the "Ida" stone on her grandmother's plot. If the "Ella" stone is also for a grandchild that died young then the sibling count is down to five and another sibling needs to be found. A McGrath would stand out so the odds are that there is another older daughter who is hiding under her married name.

# John McGrath and Honora Cunningham

From the Irish Parish Registers - June 2017

<p><b>John McGrath</b> b. Ireland Died at sea.</p>	<p>=</p>	<p><b>Honora Cunningham</b> b. 1802 Ireland To U.S. ~June 1849 d. Sept. 6, 1875 bur. Maple Ridge (6 children – according to dau. Ellen's obit.)</p>	
<p>Doon &amp; Castletown "October 1825"</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>Patrick McGrath</b> bap Sep 24, 1825 Res Moanduff Sps Judy Ryan</p>	<p>Not at Maple Ridge</p>
<p>Doon &amp; Castletown</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>Jane McGrath</b> bap Jun 24, 1827 Res Moanduff Sps Jane Cunningham</p>	<p>Not at Maple Ridge</p>
<p>Doon &amp; Castletown</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>Patrick McGrath</b> bap Jan 10, 1829 Res Moanduff Sps John Coffen and Honora Malony</p>	<p>Not at Maple Ridge</p>
<p>Doon &amp; Castletown</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>Bridget McGrath</b> bap Sep 4, 1830 Res Moanduff Sps Jerry Ryan and Mary Fitzgerald</p>	<p>At Maple Ridge</p>
<p>Golden &amp; Kilfeacle</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>John McGrath</b> bap Jan 4, 1835 Res. Ballinlina Sps. Thomas Cunningham and Ally Ryan</p>	<p>At Maple Ridge</p>
<p>Golden &amp; Kilfeacle</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>Michael McGrath</b> bap Jun 4, 1837 Res. Ballinlina Sps. Patrick &amp; Judith Cunningham</p>	<p>At Maple Ridge</p>
<p>Golden &amp; Kilfeacle</p>	<p>—</p>	<p><b>Ellen McGrath</b> bap Jun 5, 1840 Res Ballinlina Sps. Thomas Ryan and Mary Ryan</p>	<p>At Maple Ridge</p>

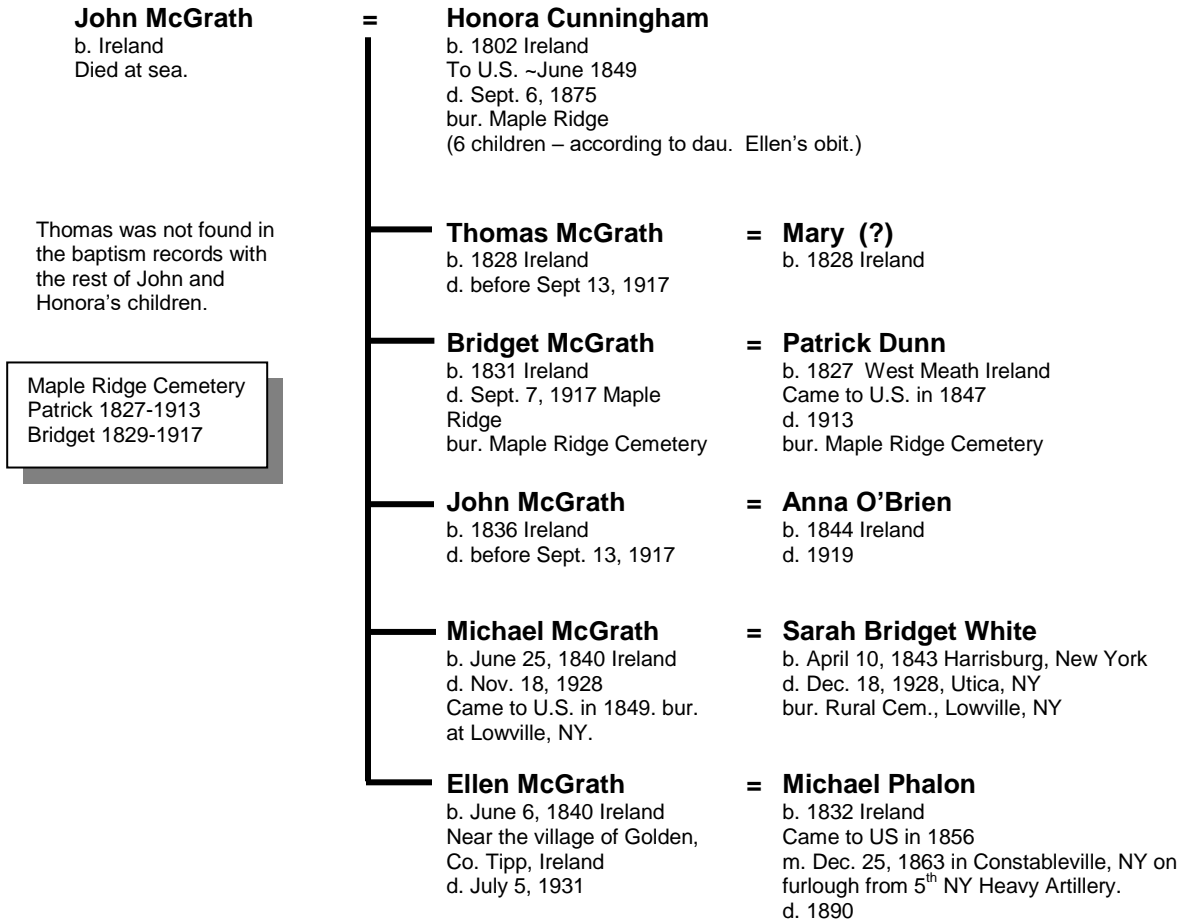
Moanduff is a townland in the civil parish of Castletown, Co. Limerick

Ballinlina is a townland in the civil parish of Relickmurry and Athassel, Co. Tipperary - 276 acres. It is located northwest of the village of Golden

Thomas McGrath

b. Abt 1828. At Maple Ridge but not found in the parish registers. The registers were searched manually from 1825 to 1830 and this Thomas McGrath was not found.

## John McGrath and Honora Cunningham



Name	1855	1860	1870	1880
	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge
<b>John McGrath</b> , died at sea	-			
<b>Hannorah</b> , d. 9/6/1875	50	59		
<b>Children</b>				
<b>Ida</b> , died young - possible grand daughter	-			
<b>Ella</b> , died young - possible grand daughter	-			
<b>Thomas</b> , b. 1828 Ir , d. ?	24			
<b>Bridget</b> , b. 1831 Ireland, d. Sept. 7, 1917 Maple Ridge, NY	-			
<b>John</b> , b. 1836, d. 1914	-	20		
<b>Michael</b> , b. 1841 Ir , d. Nov. 18, 1928	20			38
<b>Ellen</b> , b. Jun. 6, 1840, d. July 5, 1931	16			

**Note:** John McGrath was reported by one researcher (D. Simcoe) to have died at sea, although no authority or reference was cited. He was never found in a census record and was not buried in Maple Ridge Cemetery. The inscription on his wife Honnorah's gravestone refers to her as "wife of John." If the ship's manifest can be found, for Honnorah's voyage to America, it might be possible to determine the fate of her husband.



**1855** Census, NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, FHC Film #0900775.

**1860** Census, NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M653\777\123, Res. 981, Fam. 979  
 This was the Michael McGrath farm in 1870, 1880 and 1900. Hannah was Michael's mother. John, her son, appears a little younger than indicated in other census records. (Could this be Michael using the wrong name?)

The naturalization records of Honora's sons shown below indicate that the family arrived at New York City between May and June 1849. These records are probably more accurate than the census records. After searching the New York City Immigrant Database at the NARA on line site no record of the arrival of Honora and her children could be found. The database of Boston Immigrant arrivals was also searched with negative results.

John McGrath arrived in NYC in June 1849 and Michael McGrath arrived in May 1849. Since these two persons were young brothers at the time they must have arrived together. Michael and John would have been traveling with their mother, Honora Cunningham McGrath, and their younger sister Ellen.

### **McGrath/McGraw Naturalizations in Lewis County – Compiled by Doug Currie**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Naturalization</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Birth</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>
Thomas McGrath (1828-?)	Martinsburg, Lewis Co.	May 18, 1871 Lewis Co. Supreme Court File E-1931		Great Britain (Ireland)	<b>John Kennedy</b> Martinsburg <b>James Fahy</b> Martinsburg, NY
John McGrath (1836-1914)	Martinsburg, Lewis Co.	Dec. 17, 1857 Lewis Co. Court File C-1028	June 1849 at NYC (Age 13)	Ireland	Richard Finn Martinsburg, NY <b>Thomas Phelon</b> Martinsburg, NY
Michael McGrath (Possible in-law to Thomas Phelon) (1840-1928)	Martinsburg, Lewis Co.	Aug. 15, 1868 Lewis Co. Supreme Court File E-1841	May, 1849 (Age 9)	Ireland June 25, 1840	<b>Patrick Gleason</b> Lowville, NY <b>Michael Greer</b> Martinsburg, NY

The country given along with the date of birth is either the "Country of birth or allegiance." The use of Great Britain usually reflected the control of Ireland by Great Britain in the political sense. In these cases the individual was usually born in Ireland.

Patrick Gleason was living in Lowville at the time he was a witness for the naturalization of Michael McGrath of Maple Ridge, Martinsburg, NY. This was the Patrick Gleason who came to America with his wife Mary on Aug. 22, 1849. Michael and Patrick must have become friends during their time together on Maple Ridge.

## Thomas and Mary McGrath

(s/o John McGrath and Honora Cunningham)  
(d/o Father and Mother)

### Thomas McGrath

b. 1828 Ireland  
Arrived in U.S. 1849  
(1900 census)  
d. Jul 2, 1900  
bur. Rural Cem,  
Lowville, NY

### Mary (?)

b. 1828 Ireland  
Arrived in U.S. in 1852  
(1900 census)  
d. Sept 27, 1910, Maple Ridge  
bur. Rural Cem, Lowville, NY

Richard &  
Ellen are Twins

### Maria McGrath

b. ~1858 NY

### John McGrath

b. ~1859 NY

### Richard McGrath

b. ~1862 NY

### Ellen McGrath

b. ~1862

### Thomas McGrath

d. May 20, 1864, 11 wks

### Anna McGrath

b. ~1865

### Florence McGrath

b. 1868 Martinsburg, NY  
d. Jan. 9, 1926 Utica, NY

### Sarah McGrath

b. 1870 NY

### Catherine McGrath

b. 1873 NY

### Frances A. McGrath

b. 1876 Constableville, NY  
d. 1980

Richard may also be listed as Richard McGraw living with Timothy FLANAGAN of Lowville – 1880 Lowville, Lewis, Co., NY T9\858\225A

= **Marcellus E. Rollins**  
To Santa Cruz, CA ~ 1908

= **Andrew Boyd**  
Carthage, NY

= **Frank H. Barrett**  
b. 1878 NY  
mar. 1901

— **Maynard Barrett**  
b. 1906 NY

— **Florence Barrett**  
b. 1909 NY

Frances McGrath was the paternal g-grandmother of Sue Swingholm.

In the 1900 census Thomas is shown as coming to the U.S. in 1849, which is in agreement with the information from other members of the family. However, his birth month and year were given as Dec. 1839. His wife Mary was shown in the same 1900 census as coming to the U.S. in **1853** and her birth information was June 1830.

### Florence McGrath Boyd Obituary

The Journal and Republican, Jan. 21, 1926. Surviving sisters – 5 out of 6 were alive in 1926. Mrs. M. Rollins, Santa Cruz, CA (Ella); Mrs. Fred Darling, Utica, NY; Mrs. George Boyd, Carthage, NY; Mrs. F. M. Kieb, Lowville, NY; Mrs. Frank Barrett, Lowville, NY (Frances)

Name	1860	1870	1880	1892	1900
	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Lowville
<b>Thomas McGrath</b> , b. 1828 Ireland	29	40	52	63	60
<b>Mary</b> , b. 1828 Ireland	24	40	52	61	69
<b>Children</b>					
<b>Maria</b> , b. 1858, NY	3	12			
<b>John</b> , b. 1859 NY	1	11			
<b>Richard</b> , b. 1862 NY		9	18		
<b>Ellen</b> , b. 1862 NY		9			
<b>Thomas</b> , b. 1864, NY, d. 1864 (11wks)		d. 1864			
<b>Anna</b> , b. 1865 NY		5	15		
<b>Florence</b> , b. 1867 NY, d. 1926		3	13		
<b>Sarah Jane</b> , b. 1870 NY		2/12	10		
<b>Catherine</b> , b. 1873 NY			7	20	
<b>Frances A.</b> , b. 1876, d. 1980			4	16	24
<b>Other</b>					
<b>William H. McGrath</b> , b. 1847 NY	13				

**1860** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M653\777\123; Res. 979, Fam. 977

Property \$1800, Assets \$800. A William H. McGrath (age 13, born in NY) was living with the family. If Thomas McGrath's family arrived in the U.S. in 1849 then William H., who was born in NY, was already there and was two years old when the McGraths arrived.

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M593\964\556, Res. 444, Fam. 444.

Thomas McGrath family. The name was spelled Magrath. Thomas - Real Est. \$4000, Personal Est. \$1800. Thomas could read and write and had been naturalized. His wife Mary could not write.

**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T9\858\174A

**1900** NY, Lewis Co., Lowville (Village), T623\1070\153A, Res. 88, Fam. 99 (June 4, 1900)

**Thomas McGrath**, Dec. 1839, 60, M, 45, Ir, Ir, Ir, 1849, 51, Na, YYY, Owns home, Occ Landlord

**Mary McGrath**, June 1830, 69, M, 45, 10/7, Ir, Ir, Ir, 1852, 48, YNY

**Frances McGrath**, Jan 1876, 24, S, NY, Ir, Ir, Housework, YYY (Answers to Read, Write, Speak English)

The family was living on Jackson St. in the village of Lowville, but the houses were not numbered. Mary has "aged 17 years between 1880 and 1900 while her husband Thomas has "aged" only 8 years during the same twenty year period.

Next door

**1900** NY, Lewis Co., Lowville (Village) T623\1070\153A, Res. 89, Fam. 100 (June 4, 1900)

**Bernard Schermerhorn**, Feb. 1868, 32, M, 6, NY, NY, NY, Groceryman, Owns home free

**Elizabeth**, wife, Apr. 1871, 29, M6, 1/1, NY, Ir, Ir

**Helen**, dau., Oct. 1898, 1, S, NY, NY, NY

**Alice Phalon**, Mother-in-law, May 1840, 60, Wd, 2/2, Ir, Ir, Ir

All could read, write and speak English except young Helen who could only speak English. Alice was also known as Ellen McGrath Phalon

**1910** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T624\986\201B Res. 17, Fam. 17. (Apr. 18, 1910).

Mary was a widow and living with her daughter Frances on Maple Ridge. Frances and Frank H. Barrett, 22, had been married 9 years and had two children, both of whom were still living. Mary was a widow, aged 80 and there was a "10" which perhaps meant she had been a widow for 10 years. This was a notation I had not seen before. Also she had given birth to 10 children of whom 7 were still alive in 1910.

## Bridget McGrath and Patrick Dunn

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o John McGrath and Honora Cunningham)

Name	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910
		Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge		
<b>Patrick Dunn</b> , b. 1827, d. 1913		42	52		
<b>Bridget McGrath</b> , b. 1831, d. 1917		36	52		
<b>Hannorah Dunn</b> , b. 1796, lr		74	87		
<b>Children</b>					
<b>John.</b> , b. 1860 NY		10	20		
<b>Mary</b> , b. 1861 NY.		9	19		

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M593\ 964\ 558B Res. 486, Fam. 482 (Aug. 19, 1870)  
Hannorah Dunn (74) living with family. Real estate value \$2000. Personal estate value \$1100. Patrick was naturalized.

**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T9\ 858\ 176A Res. 218, Fam. 226 (June 28, 1880)  
Hanorah Dunn (87) boarding with the family. Patrick's occupation was listed as a farmer.  
Bridget - Keeping house, John - working on farm, and Mary - teaching school.

**1900** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T623\ 1070\ 210A Res. 202, Fam. 219  
Son John Dunn has the farm next to James Tarpy. Wife Margaret, b. Oct. 1865, Harrisburg, NY. John b. Nov. 1859. John and Margaret married 14 years - no children. Frances Mahoney, sister-in-law, b. Mar. 1870, is also living with the family. With Frances are her sons John Mahoney, b. Feb. 1893, Martinsburg, and William Mahoney, b. Oct. 1894, Martinsburg. Margaret and Frances' parents were born in Ireland.

John's wife was Margaret McCormick and Frances was her sister. Frances had married Thomas E. Mahoney, who had died prior to the 1900 census, and secondly married William A. McGrath. William was the son of John McGrath and Anna O'Brien of Maple Ridge. (Source: Margaret's obit, died Sept. 30, 1931 - The Lowville Journal and Republican, Oct. 1, 1931; foreclosure information The Lowville Journal and Republican, Sept. 19, 1901)

## John McGrath and Anna O'Brien

(s/o John McGrath and Honora Cunningham)

(d/o Redmond O'Brien and Johanna LNU)

**John McGrath**  
 bap. Jan 4, 1836,  
 Ireland  
 d. Mar 4, 1914  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

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**Anna O'Brien**  
 b. 1844, Ireland  
 d. 1919  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Thomas McGrath**  
 b. Jan 6, 1862 NY  
 d. May 18, 1862  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**John J. McGrath**  
 b. Feb. 27, 1863 Lowville, NY  
 To Garfield Co., WA in 1888  
 Pomeroy, WA (1893).  
 d. Dec. 17, 1933 Walla Walla,  
 WA

= **Jennie Bannon**  
 b. Lowville, NY  
 d. 1928 Walla Walla, WA

Patrick had been injured by a falling tree and died at his home in West Martinsburg.

**Patrick McGrath**  
 b. ~1865 NY  
 d. Feb. 11, 1911

= **Ella Coleman**  
 b. ~?  
 mar. Apr. 24, 1895,  
 St. Peter's, Lowville, NY

**Johannah McGrath**  
 b. ~1868 NY  
 Syracuse, NY (1904, 1933)

= **Morris (Maurice?) Fitzgerald**  
 mar. June 23, 1897  
 St. Peter's Church, Lowville, NY

**Kate McGrath**  
 b. ~1871 NY  
 Martinsburg, NY (1933)

= **Edward Liviker**

**William A. McGrath**  
 b. ~1874 NY  
 West Martinsburg (1914)  
 Lowville, NY (1933)

= **Frances McCormick Mahoney**  
 b. Mar. 1870 NY  
 mar. 1901

**Daniel M. McGrath**  
 b. Nov. 1876 NY  
 West Martinsburg (1914)  
 Lowville, NY (1933)

**Ida McGrath**  
 b. ~1878 NY  
 d. Before 1914

**Edward McGrath**  
 b. Mar. 1882 NY  
 Pomeroy, WA (1914)  
 Walla Walla, WA (1933)

**George McGrath**  
 b. Sept. 1884 NY  
 West Martinsburg (1914)  
 Lowville, NY (1933)

= **(?) Liviker**

George McGrath had a daughter named Maureen.

Edward and Kate Liviker had sons Morris, John and Walter. Walter died at age 2 in October 1902 of "cholera infantum" and was buried at Maple Ridge. (The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Oct. 9, 1902).

John and Anna McGrath's daughter Ida (b. ~1878) might be the "Ida" whose small stone is on her grandmother Honora McGrath's cemetery plot. Ida's only official appearance in the records was in the 1880 census from which it was possible to estimate her birth year as 1878.

Name	1860	1870	1880	1892	1900	1910
		Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge
<b>John McGrath</b> , b. 1836 Ir , d. 1914	20	37	41	61?	Unk	72
<b>Anna O'Brien</b> , b. 1844 Ir. , 1919		27	37	48	57	66
<b>Children</b>						
<b>Thomas</b> , b. 1862 NY, d. 1862 NY		d. 1862				
<b>John</b> , b. 1863 NY		7	17			
<b>Patrick</b> , b. 1865 NY		6	15			
<b>Johannah</b> , b. 1868 NY		2	12			
<b>Kate</b> , b. 1871 NY			9	21		
<b>William A.</b> , b. 1874 NY			6	19		
<b>Daniel M.</b> , b. Nov. 1876 Martinsburg, NY			4	17	23	34
<b>Ida</b> , b. 1878 NY			3		-	
<b>Edward</b> , b. Mar. 1882 Martinsburg, NY				11	18	
<b>George</b> , b. Sept. 1884 Martinsburg, NY				9	15	
<b>Others</b>						
<b>Honorah McGrath</b> (mother)	50					

One of the sources for this section was the St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY. (Pawlin list) That information has been supplemented with census information.

**1860** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, M653\777\123 Res. 981, Fam. 979

John was living with his mother Hannorah. Real Est. \$700; Personal Est. \$200

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, M593\964\557 Res. 461, Fam. 459

Johanna was called Josie H. McGrath. Real Est. \$3000, Personal Est. \$1400.

**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T9\858\174A

**1900** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T623\1070\199B; Res. 173, Fam. 189

Anna is called Nora. John's age information is Unknown. They have been married 40 years and have had 12 children of whom 8 are still alive. Only 10 children are accounted for above. One of the missing might be an "Ida" who could have died young thus explaining one of the small stones on Honora McGrath's plot.

**1910** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T624\986\196B; Res. 125, Fam. 125

John McGrath, 72, born in Ireland, married 49 years, came to the U.S. in 1849 and has been naturalized. He is living on his "own income" and owns his home free of as mortgage. Anna, his wife, is 66, was born in Ireland, also married 49 and had 12 children, 8 of whom were still living at the time of the census. She came to the U.S. in 1852; son Daniel M., age 34, born in NY and single was living with his parents. Daniel's occupation was listed as "general work"

**1910** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T624\986\196B; Res. 127, Fam. 127

William A. McGrath, 36, b. NY, married (1) 9 yrs., dairy farmer, owns farm free of mortgage; wife Frances, married (2) 9 yrs. 3/3; Anna M., dau. 7, b. NY

Information from John McGrath's obituary in 1914. He was survived by daughters **Mrs. Morris Fitzgerald** of Syracuse, NY and Mrs. **Edward Liviker** of Martinsburg, NY. Sons **William, Daniel** and **George McGrath** of West Martinsburg and **John** and **Edward McGrath** of Pomeroy, WA.

The McGrath Family Reunion – new info – Mr. and Mrs. Edward Liviker have two sons who attended with them – Morris and John. (Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, July 7, 1927)

“45 Years Ago Today” – On April 25, 1895 Patrick McGrath married Miss Ella Coleman at St. Peter’s Church, Lowville, NY. The Patrick above was the only available one at the time so this is probably him. (Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, April 25, 1940)

### **John J. McGrath Obituary**

John J. McGrath, Born in Lowville, February 27, 1863; Died in Walla Walla, Washington December 17, 1933

“The Pomeroy, Wash., East Washington, of December 21<sup>st</sup> has the following in regard to the death of John J. McGrath, a native of Lowville, and who had many relatives and friends in Lewis County.

Funeral services were held for John J. McGrath from St. Patrick’s Catholic church, Walla Walla, Wednesday forenoon at 10 o’clock, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. Verhagen being in charge.

It was in 1888 that Mr. McGrath, then a young man, came west from his home in New York state, to Garfield county. For a year and a half he worked in the Hemingway store at Ilia, then an important trading point. He came to Pomeroy and was employed in the store of Ben Cohn till the forepart of 1893, when the Pomeroy Mercantile company was organized, with Mr. McGrath as president. The business prospered under his wise guidance, and through careful attention to its details, Mr. McGrath accumulated a competence. Deciding to retire from active business, the company was sold in 1919 to Emerson-Hull company, ownership of the building itself retained by Mr. McGrath.

In the building of Garfield county into a prosperous farming community John McGrath played an important part. He extended credit to those he believed to be honest and capable, even though they were burdened with debt. His faith was justified in numerous instances later, when those he trusted overcame reverses and handicaps and were able to pay in full. Gratitude for help extended made hundred of friends for Mr. McGrath.

He had faith in his fellow man, a high sense of honesty and justice, sympathy for the afflicted and poor, and was considerate of others, always. He was a Christian gentleman, tolerant in his views and not given to unkind expressions toward others.

In 1928 his wife, Mrs. Jennie McGrath, died at their home in Walla Walla, wither they moved in 1922. Since, Mrs. McGrath’s death Mr. McGrath had lived with his daughter, Mrs. George T. Martin.

He was born in Lowville, New York, February 27, 1863, and died at his home Sunday, December 17, 1933. Besides Mrs. Martin he leaves another daughter, Mrs. W. F. Rassier of Walla Walla, and the following brothers and sisters: William, Daniel and George McGrath of Lowville, New York, Edward J. McGrath, of Pomeroy; Mrs. Kate Liviker of Lowville and Mrs. Josie Fitzgerald of Syracuse.

Mr. McGrath was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Foresters of America, both of Pomeroy.

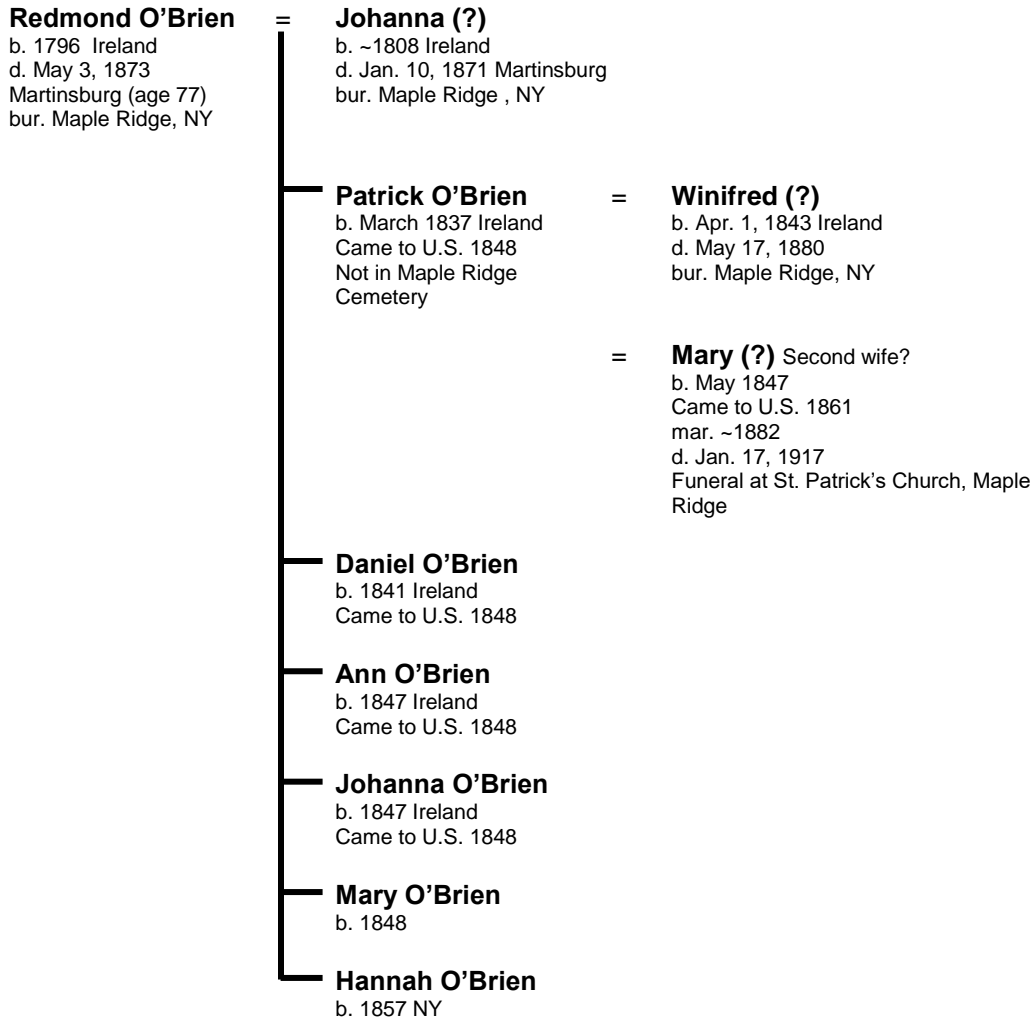
A number of Pomeroy friends attended the funeral services. The pall bearers, all Pomeroy citizens, were: Floyd Hull, W. B. Morris, W. L. Meyers, J. F. Burr, C. A. McCabe, and R. J. McKeirnan.

Besides the members of the Edward McGrath family in attendance, other Pomeroy folk there were Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Joseph McKeirnan, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burr, Mrs. W. L. Meyers, Mrs. Jennie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. D. H. McGreevy, Mrs. Newton, Frank Schuster and Mrs. W. B. Morris.

Mrs. Jennie Bannon McGrath, his wife was also a Lowville resident being the second daughter of Byron Bannon, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. McGrath made yearly trips to New York over a period of years and enjoyed an extensive acquaintance of friends and relatives in Northern New York.”

Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, January 4, 1934

## The Redmond O'Brien Family of Maple Ridge, New York



Hannah O'Brien, b. Dec. 14, 1854, d. Apr. 14, 1861 (age 6y.4m.), bur. Maple Ridge Cemetery, NY. Inscription: "dau. of R. and J." If "R. and J." are Redmond and Johanna O'Brien then Johanna would have been 46 when Hannah was born and Redmond would have been 58. There don't seem to be any other parental candidates in Maple Ridge. The 1860 census lists a Hannah (age 3) as a daughter of Redmond and Johanna O'Brien.



<b>Name</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>1855</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1870</b>	<b>1880</b>
<b>Location</b>		Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	
<b>Redmond O'Brien</b> , b. 1796 Ir , d. May 3, 1873		53	60	72	d. 1873
<b>Johanna ?</b> , b. ~1808 Ir. , d. Jan. 10, 1871		50	60	62	d. 1871
<b>Children</b>					
<b>Patrick</b> , b. March 1837, d. 1890		?	22	30	
<b>Daniel</b> , b. 1841		16	19		
<b>Ann</b> , b. 1847		?	13		
<b>Johannah</b> , b. 1847		?	13		
<b>Mary</b> , b. 1848		7	12		
<b>Hannah</b> , b. 1857 NY			3		
<b>Others</b>					
<b>Winifred O'Brien</b> , b. 1843 Ireland - wife of Patrick				27	

**1855** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, FHC # 0900775

**1860** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, M653\777\123, Lines 22-29  
 Redmond (60), Johanna(60), Patrick(22), Daniel(19), Ann(13), Johanna(13), Mary(12), Hannah(3)

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M593\964\556, Res. 445, Fam. 445  
 Redmond O'Bryan was the head of the household and was living with his wife Johanna. Patrick and his bride Winifred were living with his parents. Redmond was listed as a retired farmer. Patrick was listed as a farmer and had real estate valued at \$2500 and a personal estate valued at \$1500. All were born in Ireland.

## The Patrick O'Brien Family of Maple Ridge, New York

**Redmond O'Brien** = **Johanna (?)**  
 b. 1796 Ireland  
 d. May 3, 1873  
 Martinsburg (age 77)  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

b. ~1808 Ireland  
 d. Jan. 10, 1871 Martinsburg  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Patrick O'Brien** = **Winifred (?) (1<sup>st</sup>)**  
 b. March 1837 Ireland  
 Came to U.S. 1848  
 Not in Maple Ridge Cemetery

b. Apr. 1, 1843 Ireland  
 d. May 17, 1880  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Redmond O'Brien**  
 b. Jan, 1872, Martinsburg, NY

**John O'Brien**  
 b. ~1872  
 (1874-1908)  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Mary O'Brien**  
 b. ~1873 NY  
 d. Before 1917

Source: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY (Pawlin List)

This second possible family of Patrick's was determined only from cemetery records. Winifred had died just before the 1880 census and there wasn't another federal census that survived until 1900. The 1900 census captures the children from both families living together that would validate the second wife assumption.

**Patrick O'Brien** = **Mary (?) (2<sup>nd</sup>)**  
 b. March 1837 Ireland  
 Came to U.S. 1848  
 Not in Maple Ridge Cemetery

b. May 1847  
 Came to U.S. 1861  
 mar. ~1882  
 d. Jan. 17, 1917  
 Funeral at St. Patrick's Church,  
 Maple Ridge

**Francis P. O'Brien**  
 b. March 11, 1883  
 d. July 27, 1893  
 (age 10y.4m.16d.)  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Daniel O'Brien** = **Barbara (?)**  
 b. Apr. 1886  
 d. 1919  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Edwin M. O'Brien**  
 b. Apr. 9, 1889  
 d. May 3, 1895  
 (age 6y.1m.14d.)  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Daughter**  
 1911-1911  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**John F. O'Brien**  
 1913 – 1925  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

<b>Name</b>	<b>1870</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>1910</b>
<b>Location</b>	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge
<b>Patrick O'Brien</b> , b. March 1837	30	43	63	74
<b>Winifred ?</b> , b. ~1843 Ir. , d. 1880 (1 <sup>st</sup> wife)	27	d. 1880		
<b>Mary ?</b> b. 1847, d. 1917, (2 <sup>nd</sup> wife)			53	69
<b>Winifred's Children</b>				
<b>Redmond</b> , b. Jan. 1872, d.		9	28	38
<b>John</b> , b. 1874, d. 1908		7		d. 1908
<b>Mary</b> , b. 1878		5		
<b>Mary's Children</b>				
<b>Francis P.</b> , b. 1883, d. 1893			d. 1893	
<b>Daniel</b> , b. Apr 1886, d. 1919			14	24
<b>Edwin M.</b> , b. 1889, d. 1895			d. 1895	
<b>Missing #4</b>				

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg M593\964\556, Res. 445, Fam. 445

Redmond O'Bryan (O'Brien) was the head of the household and was living with his wife Johanna. Patrick and his bride Winifred were living with his parents. Redmond was listed as a retired farmer. Patrick was listed as a farmer and had real estate valued at \$2500 and a personal estate valued at \$1500. All were born in Ireland.

**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T9\858\174B

Patrick born 1837

**1900** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T623\1070\199B, Res. 171, Fam. 187

Mary O'Brien May 1847, 53, mar 17, 4, 1. To U.S. in 1861.

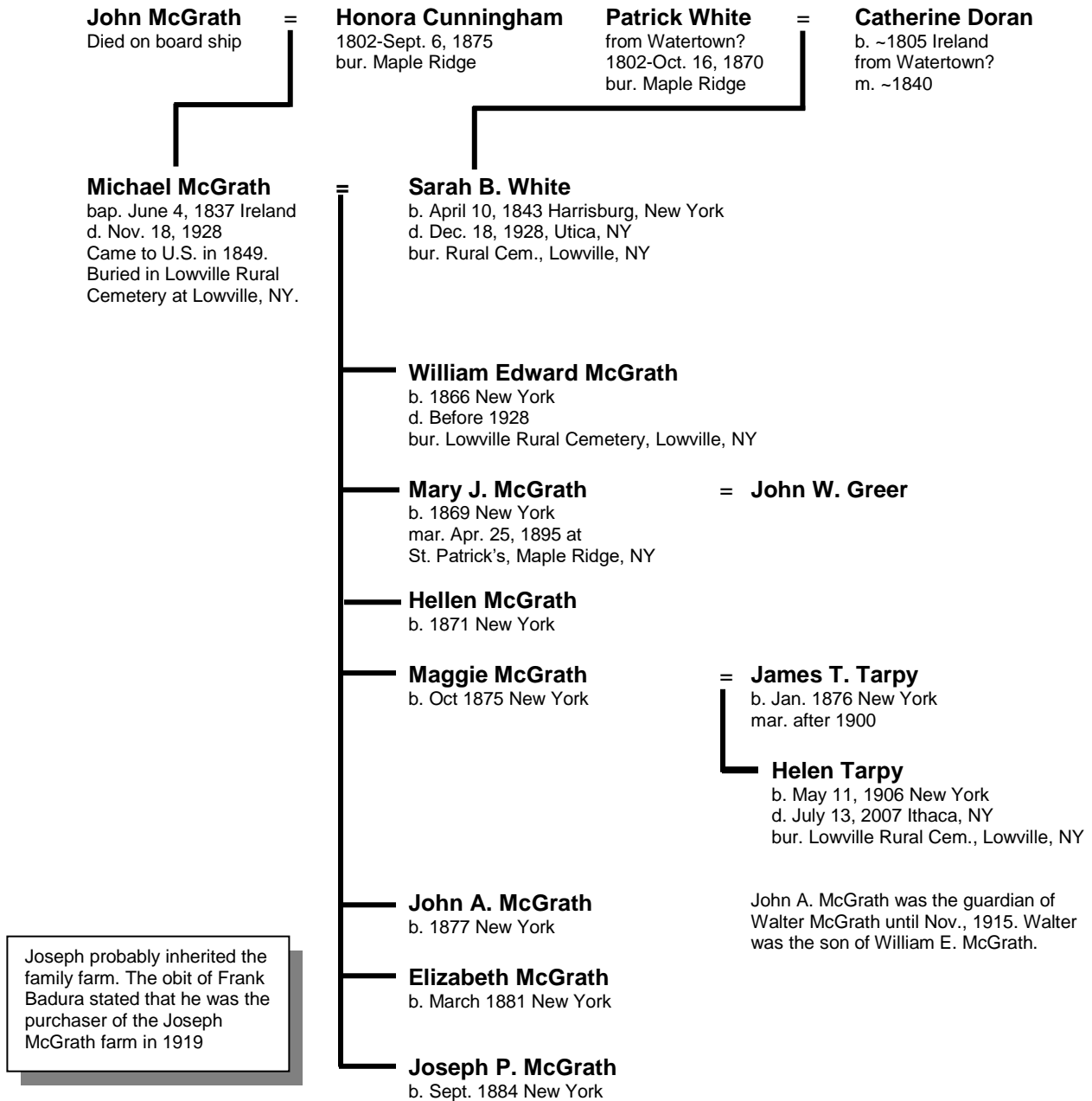
**1910** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T624, 986, 201B, Res. 19, Fam. 19

Patrick and Mary were married 39 years (~1871)

# Michael McGrath and Sarah Bridget White

(s/o John McGrath and Honora Cunningham)

(d/o Patrick White and Catherine Doran)



In previous editions of this document Michael McGrath was referred to as Michael McGrath of Lowville, NY. That choice was made because the first records to surface on this individual indicated that he was buried in Lowville, NY. As more information became available it was determined that Michael had been a long time resident of Maple Ridge, at least 1870 - 1910 and therefore his label was changed.

At the time of Sarah Bridget White McGrath's death (Dec. 18, 1928) one son (William) and one of her daughters had died. Surviving were; Mrs. John W. Greer, Edgewater, NJ; Mrs. Carl A. Swanson, Yorkville (Utica), NY; and Mrs. James Tarpey, Lowville, NY.

Michael McGrath's obituary (The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Thursday, November 22, 1928) appears to exaggerate Michael's age. His birth date had been moved back to June 5, 1833 making him 95 years old at his death on November 18, 1928 (exactly one month to the day prior to the death of his wife Sarah Bridget).

Name	1870	1880	1892	1900	1910
<b>Michael McGrath</b> , b. 1841 Ir , d. Nov. 18, 1928	28	38	52	58	69
<b>Sarah Bridget White</b> , b. 1841 NY , d. Dec. 18, 1928	27	35	48	57	67
<b>Hannorah</b> , b. 1802, Ir., d. Sept. 6, 1875	65	-			
<b>Children</b>					
<b>William Edward.</b> ; b. 1866 NY	4	14		-	
<b>Mary J.</b> , b. 1869 NY , d.	1	11		-	
<b>Hellen</b> , b. 1871 NY , d.		9		-	
<b>Maggie</b> , b. 1875 NY , d.		6	18	25	
<b>John A.</b> , b. 1877 NY , d.		3	15	19	
<b>Elizabeth</b> , b. 1881 NY , d.			11	15	
<b>Joseph P.</b> , b. 1884 NY , d.			7		25

Joseph P. McGrath bought the family farm and several other parcels of land in Maple Ridge.

**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg. M593\964\556, Residence 446, Family 446

Michael Magrath (28), Bridget (27), William E. (4), Mary J. (1), Hannorah (65). Michael and Hannorah were born in Ireland. Bridget and the children were born in NY. The spelling of the surname was Magrath.

**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T9\858\174A

Michael McGrath (38), Sarah (35), Edward (14), Mary (11), Hellen (9), Maggie (6), John (3). Michael and Sarah were born in **Ireland** (Sarah Bridget was born in Harrisburg, NY) and all the children were born in NY. The spelling of the surname is now McGrath. The naturalization records gave Michael's birth date as June 25, 1840 and his arrival in NYC as May, 1849.

**1900** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg. T623\1070\199B Res. 172, Fam. 188

Michael's birthdate was May 1841 and Bridget's was April 1843. They had been married 36 years (March 1864) and they had seven children and three were still alive at the time of the census. This proved to be erroneous and probably resulted from a misunderstanding. At the time of their parents' deaths in 1928 there were five children still alive. In 1900 they must have thought they wanted the number living at home at the time, which was three.

**1910** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg. T624\986\201B; Res. 18, Fam. 18

Grandson Eddie, age 12, was with the family. He was born in Washington (State). His father was born in NY and his mother was born in Ireland.

## Patrick White and Family

The White family was not one of the main families that formed the basis of this research but two of Patrick White's daughter's married into families that were. Bridget White married Michael McGrath and her sister Jane White married Patrick Ryan. Therefore I am including some information on the family that was found during the course of this research in the event that it might prove useful to some future researcher.

1860 NY, Lewis Co., Harrisburg M563\ 777\ 724; Res. 1173, Fam. 1170

**Patrick White**, 55, Farmer, \$600, \$200, Ireland

**Catherine White**, ?, Housewife, Ireland

**John White**, ?, Pupil, NY (b. June 19, 1839, Port Leyden, NY)

**Bridget White**, 17, Domestic, NY

**Margaret White**, 15, NY

**Jane White**, 13, NY

**Ellen White**, 13, NY

**Peter White**, 10, NY

**Martin White**, 8, NY

## John White Obituary

The Journal and Republican

Lowville, NY

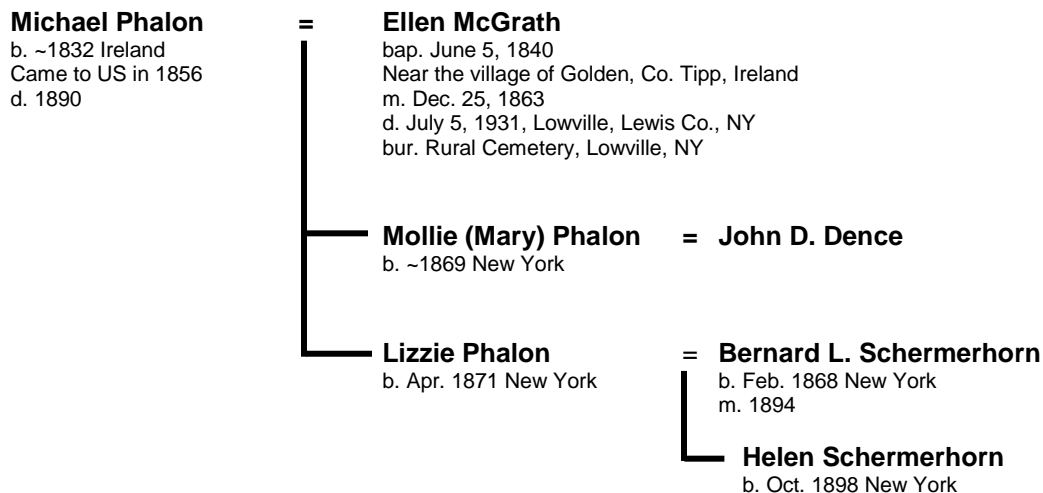
October 24, 1918

"John White, an esteemed resident of this village, died at his home on Cataract street, Saturday night, aged 79 years. He had been in feeble health for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was a farmer and with his family lived in the town of Pinckney, moving to this village only a few years ago. He was a veteran of the civil war and a member of F. M. Leonard Post, G.A.R. He served two years in the 35<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Volunteers and one year in the Navy. He had a splendid record as a soldier and sailor, always being faithful in the performance of his duties. He was born in Port Leyden, June 19, 1839. He is survived by his widow and eight children: William and Eugene White of New York; John of Copenhagen; George, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Margaret of Cape Vincent; Minnis(?) of Copenhagen; Nellie of Syracuse, and Mrs. John McGowan of Copenhagen; also by a brother, Peter White of Marshall, Minn., and three sisters, Ella White, of Pullman, Wash.; Mrs. Michael Finn of Boston; and Mrs. Michael McGrath of Lowville. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church, Tuesday, Rev. Father Bentley officiating. The regimental flag under which the old soldier fought was draped over the casket. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery at New Boston."

## Ellen McGrath and Michael Phalon

(s/o John McGrath and Honora Cunningham)

(d/o Father and Mother)



Michael and Ellen were married on Christmas Day in 1863 at Constableville while he was home on leave from Union service during the Civil War (5<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy Artillery.)

**1880** NY, Lewis, Lowville, T9\858\218A, Res. 7, Fam. 8 (June 1, 1880)

Michael (48) and John Phalon (27) worked on the railroad in the summer of 1880 and were living in the town of Lowville. Michael and John were probably brothers or perhaps cousins but that is just speculation. They were both born in Ireland of Irish parents. Michael's wife Ellen (39) and daughter Mollie (11) and Lizzie (9) were also living at the same residence.

**1892** NY Lewis Matinsburgh Lowville

Bridget J. Phalon, 53, IR, House keeper  
James B. Phalon, 27, US, Painter  
Dennis Phalon, 25, US, Cigar maker  
John J. Phalon, 23, US, Wood - carver

On same page

Ellen Phalon, 53, IR, House keeper  
Mollie E. Phalon, 23, US, School teacher  
Elizabeth A. Phalon, 21, US, School teacher

**1900** NY, Lewis, Lowville (Village), T623\1070\153A, Res. 89, Fam. 100

Bernard Schermerhorn (32), Groceryman was living on Jackson St. next to Thomas McGrath. Ellen (Alice) McGrath Phalon, b. May 1840, widow, was living with her daughter Elizabeth (29), her husband and their daughter Helen (1). Ellen claims she had two children and both were still living.

Ellen McGrath Phalon was the last of 6 children. Her obituary in the Lowville Journal and Republican on July 9, 1931 listed the following survivors: daughters Mrs. B.L. Schermerhorn, Mrs. John D. Dence both of Lowville; granddaughters Mrs. Henry M. Donihee of Larchmont, Mrs. Howard Cannon of Syracuse; grandsons Edward B. Schermerhorn of Lowville and John H. Schermerhorn of New York and four great grandchildren.

## Owen Doody and Bridget Phalen

Owen Doody (1824-1912) was married to Bridget Phalen (1826-1908) - 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. From Bridget's obit she was born in 1825 in Co. Tipperary and married Owen Doody in 1859. They are both buried in the Maple Ridge Cemetery. It is suspected, but not yet proven, that Bridget was related to Michael Phalon above and to Thomas Phalon (found as a naturalization witness for John McGrath).

- In the 1870 Census, Lewis Co., Martinsburg (M593\964\558) Owen Doody and wife Bridget Phalen and children were living on Lot 110 two farms away from Thomas (elder) McGrath. The listing was Owen(45), Bridget(40), John(17), Elizabeth(14) and Hannorah(12). Later Elizabeth married Dennis E. O'Hara of Lowville.
- Nora (Hannorah) Phalon below, died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1919, at the home of Miss Margaret Gleason, Utica, NY. She was buried in rural Cemetery after her funeral at St. Peter's Church, Lowville, NY.(Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Thurs. Dec. 4, 1919.). Miss Gleason was one of the surviving, unmarried daughters of Patrick and Mary Gleason and a former resident of Maple Ridge. By 1872 the Gleason family had moved off Maple Ridge into the nearby village of Lowville
- **1892** NY Lewis Co., Martinsburg  
Edward Doody, 22, US  
Eliza Doody, 27, US  
**Owen Doody**, 67, IR, Farmer  
**Bridget Doody**, 63, IR  
James Tarpy, 76, IR, Farmer
- **1900** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T623\1070\201A –  
**Owen Doody**, 1828, 72, mar. 38 yrs, Ireland, 1847, 53 yrs.  
**Bridget Doody**, June 1832, 68, mar. 38 yrs, 11(?), 1, Ireland  
**Nora Doody**, Jan. 1859, Martinsburg

## Other Phalens

There was a widowed **Bridget Phalen** (age 40, born in Ireland) living in Lowville at the time of the 1880 census. She had three sons: James (16), Dennis (12) and John (10) who were all born in NY and were all living with her. This Bridget Phalen was 14 years older than Bridget Phalen Doody. (Source: 1880 Census, Lewis Co., Lowville, NY, T9\858\231A.)

Bridget was Mrs. James Phalon, according to her obituary (The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Thurs. Apr. 27, 1916). Bridget Coffey Phalon, of Lowville, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Piper of Utica on Saturday April 22, 1916. According to the obit she was born in 1832 in Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland. She came to the U.S. in 1850 at the age of 18. She was married to James Phalon in about 1861 and he died in 1868 (this is probably in error since son John was born in 1870 and there were at least two daughters in addition to these three sons). Her son Dennis L. Phalon was living in Lowville, NY and another daughter Mrs. A. C. Burgess was from Cortland, NY.

Another Fallon (Phelan? of Phalon?) family showed up in the records. 1880 Lewis Co., Diana: T9\857\66A. Michael Fallon (b. ~1816 Ir.), his wife Mary (b. ~1825 Ir.), and their children: Edward (b. ~1856 NY), Jane (b. ~1861 NY) and James (b. ~1868 NY).

**Thomas Phelon** was the naturalization witness for John McGrath on Dec. 17, 1857.



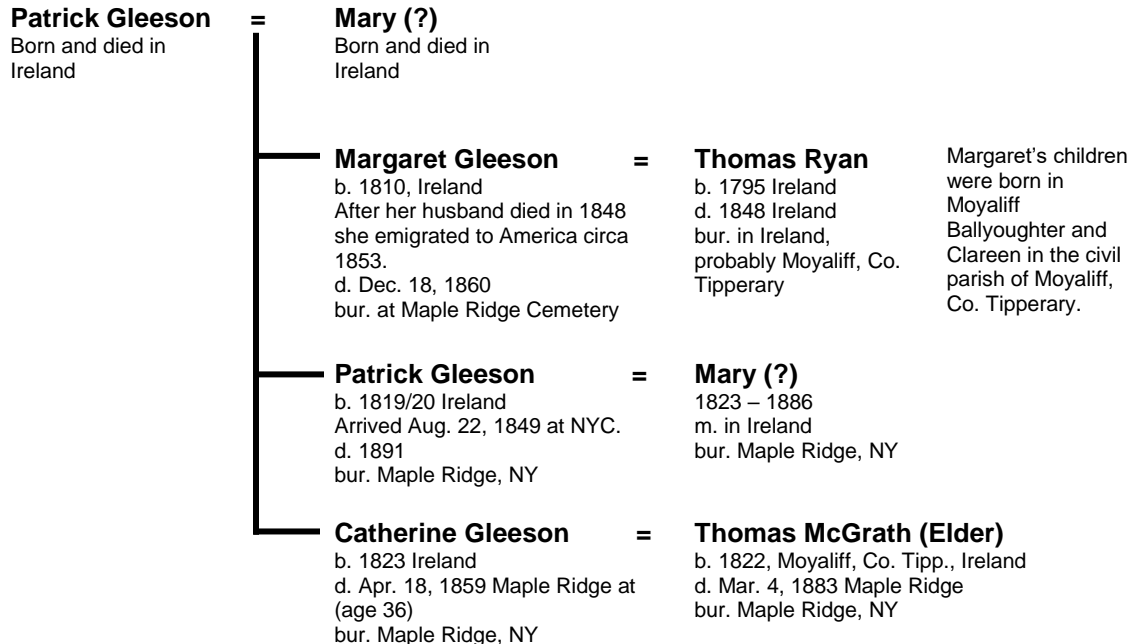
### 3. The Gleesons & Ryans from Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary

Patrick Gleeson was thought to have been the first of the family to arrive in America according to tradition. The closest matching immigrant ship record is the following: Patt Gleeson (age 30) and Mary Gleeson (age 21) sailed from Limerick on the *Heather Bell* and arrived in NYC on August 22, 1849. (NARA Immigrant Ship Records).

Also according to family tradition, Patrick Gleeson's nephew Thomas Ryan came to the US in 1847. This would make him the first family member to arrive. Thomas was not found in the 1855 census for Lewis Co., but later turned up in Onondaga Co., NY in the 1855-1858 time period.

By 1852 Patrick Gleeson was in Turin, NY. His first daughter Mary was born in 1852 in Lewis Co. It is possible that prior to taking up the occupation of farming Patrick might have worked on the construction of the Black River Canal that was constructed during the years 1836-1855. At the time of the 1855 census Patrick was living in Maple Ridge with his wife Mary and his young daughter. According to the 1872-73 Lewis Co. Gazetteer Patrick Gleeson was no longer in Maple Ridge. By 1868 Patrick Gleeson was in Lowville, based on naturalization records. In 1880 Patrick Gleeson was still in Lowville with his wife Mary and daughters Mary and Maggie. Daughter Katie died in 1879 and was buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Ridge, New York. Patrick's wife Mary died in 1886 followed by their daughter Mary in 1890. Patrick himself died in 1891 and was interred with the rest of his family in Maple Ridge. There were two other daughters named Maggie (b. 1856) and Hanna (b. 1857) who survived childhood but also never married. Patrick doesn't appear to have had any sons and so there were no Gleesons to carry on the family name. Since none of his daughters ever married Patrick's line ends here.

#### The Gleeson Family from Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary



The names of the parents, Patrick and Mary Gleeson, were assigned by assuming that their children had practiced the Irish naming tradition. However there is not much data here. Patrick had no sons and four daughters. His first daughter was named Mary. Catherine, who married Thomas McGrath, had no children. Margaret's second son was named Patrick and her

second daughter was named Mary. These Gleesons came from the townlands of Ballyoughter, Mealiff and Clareen in the civil parish of Moyaliff in the RC parish of Upperchurch.

Although Margaret's year of arrival is given as 1853 there is little evidence to support it. It is this author's opinion that Margaret Gleason Ryan and her three youngest sons, Patrick, James and Edmund, came to the U.S. between 1858 and early 1860 in time to participate in the Maple Ridge Migration and joined the rest of her family in Maple Ridge in time to be captured by the 1860 census.

Thomas McGrath is referred to as "Elder" to distinguish him from the younger Thomas McGrath who was also living in Maple Ridge. The "Elder" Thomas was the uncle, by marriage, of one James McGrath who married Bridget Ryan, the daughter of Thomas Ryan and Margaret Gleason above.

Note on the "Elder" label. Still useful although in the end he wasn't significantly older than the other Thomas.

### **Civil War Records (from Candie Miller and Mary Phalon)**

Thomas Ryan enlisted on Dec. 25, 1863 at Martinsburg and received a bounty of \$160. He was mustered in as a private in Watertown, NY on Feb. 18, 1864. His brother Patrick Ryan enlisted in July, 1863. Brother-in-law James McGrath served with Thomas in Co. I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy Artillery.

Michael Phalon married Ellen McGrath, Michael's sister, on Dec. 25, 1863 while on furlough from the 5<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy Artillery. The 5<sup>th</sup> NY was at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, until October 1864 then served in the Shenandoah Valley as well as Harper's Ferry area until July 1865.

## Patrick and Mary Gleeson

<p><b>Patrick Gleeson</b>          b. 1819 Ireland          Arrived at NYC on          Aug. 22, 1849          d. 1891          bur. Maple Ridge, NY</p>	=	<p><b>Mary (?)</b>          b. 1823 Ireland          d. 1886          bur. Maple Ridge, NY</p>	
		<p><b>Mary Gleeson</b> (unmarried)          b. 1851 Lewis Co., NY          d. 1890          bur. Maple Ridge, NY</p>	
		<p><b>Maggie Gleeson</b>          b. 1855 NY</p>	
		<p><b>Hanna Gleeson</b>          b. 1857 NY</p>	
		<p><b>Katie Gleeson</b> (unmarried)          b. 1864          d. 1879          bur. Maple Ridge, NY</p>	

Daughters Margaret (Maggie) and Nora (Hanna) Gleeson were still single and living in Utica, NY in Sept of 1917.

Patrick Gleeson arrived in America with his wife Mary. Patt Gleeson (age 30) and Mary Gleeson (age 21) sailed from Limerick on the *Heather Bell* and arrived in NYC on August 22, 1849. (NARA Immigrant Ship Records). If we accept the 1850 census record as being our Patrick and Mary then they have a daughter named Mary born March 1850. The 1855 census has them at Maple Ridge with a 3-year old daughter named Mary, born in Lewis Co., NY. One possibility is that there were two daughters named Mary and the first one died prior to 1852. The other possibility is that the 1850 record is not THIS Patrick and Mary Gleeson.

Patrick Gleeson was a witness for the naturalization of Michael McGrath of Martinsburg on Aug. 15, 1868. At that time Patrick gave his address as Lowville, NY. Patrick wasn't found on the 1875 D. G. Beers map of the Maple Ridge area of Martinsburg. Later he was found on the Lowville map living on Stewart St. He was in Lowville at the time of the 1880 census. Patrick, his wife Mary and their unmarried daughters Mary and Katie are all buried near each other in the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maple Ridge, NY.

Name	1849	1850	1855	1860	1870	1880	1900
			Maple Ridge	Maple Ridge	Lowville	Lowville	
<b>Patrick Gleeson</b> , b. 1819 Ir , d. 1891	30	26	31	<b>40</b>	46	<b>65</b>	d. 1891
<b>Mary ?</b> , b. 1823 , d. 1886	31	25	31	<b>30</b>	46	57	d. 1886
<b>Children</b>							
<b>Mary</b> , b. 1851 NY, d. 1890 (unmarried)		5/12	3	8	-	26	d. 1890
<b>Margaret</b> , b. 1855 NY. Still single in 1917				5	16	24	
<b>Hanna</b> , b. 1857 NY. Still single in 1917				3	12	-	
<b>Catherine</b> , b. 1864 NY , d. 1879 (unmarried)					17	d. 1879	

Ages are those found in the various census records. Ages in **BOLD italics** are suspected errors. The “-“ signs imply that a particular individual was expected to be listed with the family but instead they were missing.

**1850** NY, Rensselaer Co., Brunswick M432\585\96, Res. 379, Fam. 444 (Aug. 20, 1850)  
**1855** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, Maple Ridge FHL Film #0900775, Res. 62, Fam. 62  
**1860** NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, Maple Ridge M653\777\127, Res. 1041, Fam. 1009

On the farm of Patrick Rowler.  
**1870** NY, Lewis Co., Lowville M593\964\523  
**1875** - Lewis Co., Lowville map. P. Gleason was living on Stewart St.  
**1880** NY, Lewis Co., Lowville T9\858\230C

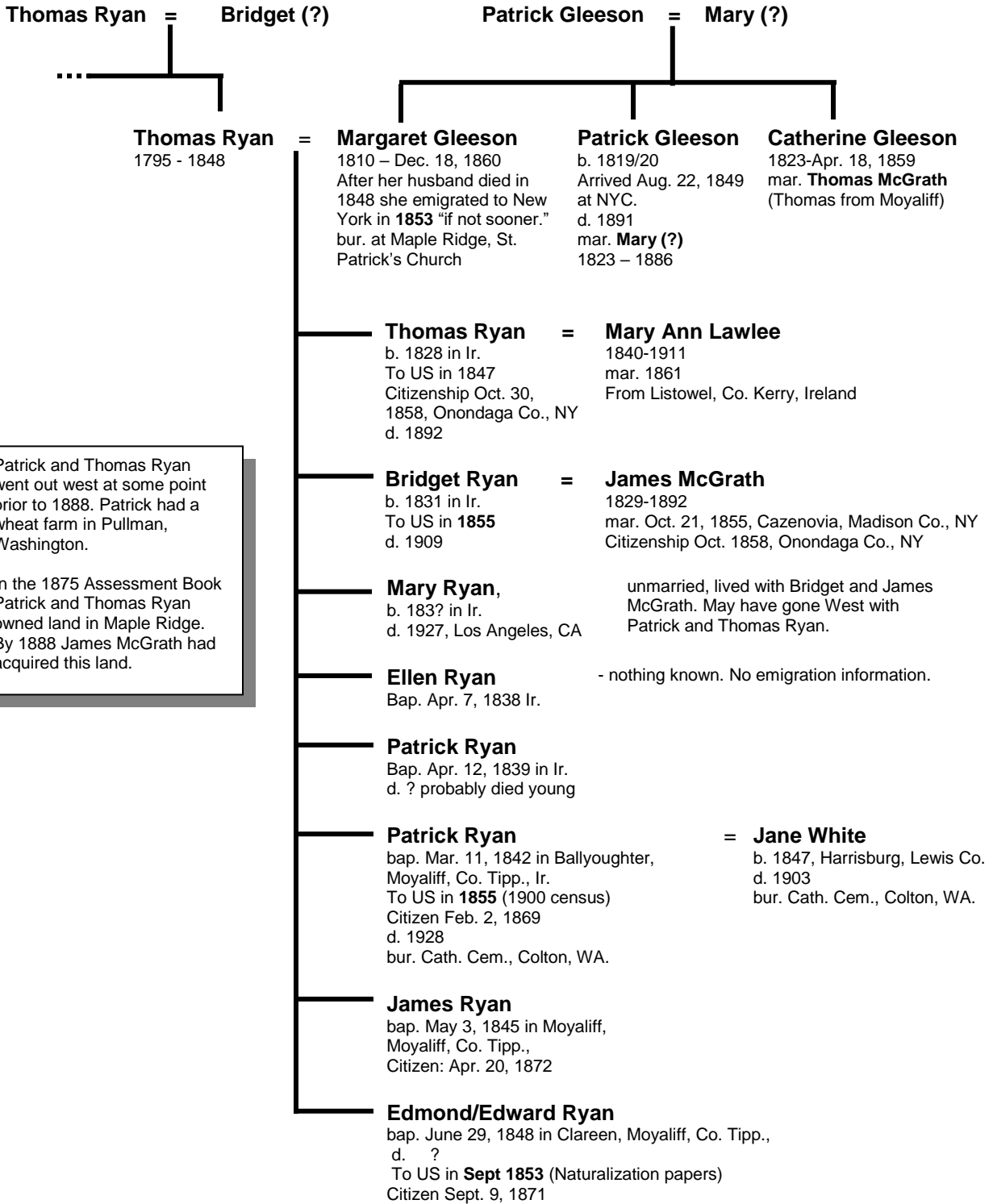
**Connections:**

1872 – Sponsor for Patrick Joseph Ryan, son of Thomas Gleeson Ryan and Mary Ann Lawlee (b. Aug. 26, 1872).  
1868, Aug 15 – Naturalization witness for Michael McGrath (from Golden, Co. Tipperary). Patrick was living in Lowville at the time.

Extra

June 3, 1847, Patrick G., 27 earlier ship record  
Declaration of Intent - Patrick Gleason, age 30, Feb. 2, 1852

# Thomas Ryan and Margaret Gleeson



Patrick and Thomas Ryan went out west at some point prior to 1888. Patrick had a wheat farm in Pullman, Washington.

In the 1875 Assessment Book Patrick and Thomas Ryan owned land in Maple Ridge. By 1888 James McGrath had acquired this land.

The parental names of Thomas Ryan, Bridget Ryan, Patrick Gleeson and Mary Gleeson were assigned by using the Irish naming convention - no evidence has been found to confirm these guesses.

- Thomas Gleeson Ryan was the first family member to immigrate.
- Edmond Ryan probably immigrated to New York with his mother Margaret in 1853. It isn't certain if James emigrated with Edmond and their mother Margaret or at another time.

James and Edmond Ryan are not found in any census after the 1865 NYS census (T. Buckley). Patrick, James and Edmund Ryan were naturalized in Lewis County, NY. The records are at the Lewis County Courthouse.

The St. Patrick's Church in Maple Ridge was built in 1859 and it was used until 1941. Note: The Mormon's have a more extensive cemetery list than the June 1965 list of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Pawlin. Apparently neither list is totally accurate.

Patrick Ryan (1842-1928) married Jane White (1847-1903), the sister of Bridget White. The entire White family can be found in the 1860 census of Harrisburg in Lewis County. Using the 1870 census and the 1875 D. G. Beers map of Martinsburg it is possible to trace out this relationship. On August 18, 1870 Patrick White and his wife Catherine and son Martin White (age 19, b. ~1851 in NY) were living across the road from James McGrath (h/o Bridget Ryan). By 1875 Patrick and Catherine White had both died and were buried in the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maple Ridge just a couple farms to the east of their farm. The White farm was then occupied by Patrick Ryan, brother-in-law of James McGrath, and his wife Jane White. This is probably a case of the daughter inheriting the family farm.

## Thomas Gleeson Ryan and Mary Ann Lawlee

(s/o Thomas Ryan and Margaret Gleeson)

(d/o Thomas Lawlee and Mary McQuade)

<p><b>Thomas Gleeson Ryan</b> =</p> <p>b. 1828 d. 1892</p>	=	<p><b>Mary Ann Lawlee</b></p> <p>1840 Ireland mar. Apr 27, 1861, St. Mary's Church, Constableville, NY d. 1911</p>		
	—	<p><b>Margaret "Maggie" Ryan</b></p> <p>b. Feb. 18, 1862 d. 1955</p>	=	<p><b>Daniel McGreevy</b></p> <p>(7 children)</p>
	—	<p><b>Mary Jane "Mame" Ryan</b></p> <p>b. April 20, 1864 d. 1951, Los Angeles, CA</p>	=	<p><b>Wallace Powell</b></p> <p>b. Nov. 28, 1865, Lewis Co., NY mar. Nov. 28, 1887, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY d. 1950 (Los Angeles?)</p>
	—	<p><b>Ellen Gertrude Ryan</b></p> <p>b. 1866 d. 1964</p>	=	<p><b>Edwin Fletcher</b></p> <p>b. 1853 d. 1929 (5 children)</p>
	—	<p><b>Thomas Francis (Frank) Ryan</b></p> <p>July 12, 1868 bap. 7/27/1868 Sp. James &amp; Mary McGrath. St. Mary's Church, Constableville, NY. d. 1939 Grandfather of Candie Miller &amp; Tom Buckley</p>	=	<p><b>Margaret Nosler (1<sup>st</sup>)</b></p> <p>(5 children)</p>
			=	<p><b>Alva Syverson (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b></p> <p>(1 child)</p>
	—	<p><b>Joanna Ryan</b></p> <p>b. July 23, 1870 d. 1859</p>	=	<p><b>Jasper Newton</b></p> <p>(2 children)</p>
	—	<p><b>Patrick Joseph Ryan</b></p> <p>b. Aug. 26, 1872 d. 1909</p>		
	—	<p><b>Alice Bridget Ryan</b></p> <p>b. June 4, 1875 d. 1960</p>	=	<p><b>Clyde Vassar</b></p> <p>(7 children)</p>
	—	<p><b>Frances Agnes Ryan</b></p> <p>b. Jan. 4, 1878 d. 1935</p>	=	<p><b>Fred Day</b></p> <p>(3 children)</p>

Thomas Gleeson Ryan enlisted in Co. I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battallion, 5<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery: July 1862 – July 1865. Thomas Francis Ryan was baptized on July 27, 1868 at St. Mary's Church, Constableville, Lewis County, NY. Sponsors were James and Mary McGrath.

Thomas went west by 1888 with his brother Patrick and probably their sister Mary. Margaret and Ellen arrived in Pomeroy on August 14, 1886. Mary Jane and Wallace Powell and Mary Jane's brother Frank arrived in Pomeroy in December 1886. By 1887 seven out of eight of Thomas and Mary Ann's children were in Pomeroy, WA.

The information on the spouses of Thomas and Mary Ann's children come from Tom Buckley. His paper, *The Ryan Family in Ireland and America* (revised 2005) contains many more details about the Lawlee family.

- Source: Pawlin Maple Ridge List  
Brother of Mary Ann Lawlee. Patrick (1836-1894), Infant (-1913), Ella (1862-1868), Kathie (1864-1866), Johanna (1861-1895), Anna Dunn Lawlee (1895-1925). 11 children according to Tom Buckley.

Source: **1870** Census, Lewis Co., Martinsburg; M593\964\558, Res. 480, Fam. 476

### **T. F. Ryan Make Good**

**Borrowed Money in Lowville to Go West  
and Now is President of \$1,000,000 Corporation**

"Twenty-five or more years ago T. F. Ryan borrowed enough money in Lowville to take him to the far west, and today he is president of a \$1,000,000 corporation. He was 16 years of age when he left Lowville and when he reached 21 he was the possessor of a little fruit and produce business in Spokane, Wash., in which he personally constituted the sales force, credit man, bookkeeper, storekeeper and the deliveryman. The business grew and Mr. Ryan grew with it, and today he is the president of the Ryan Fruit Co., capitalized at \$1,000,000, with a chain of stores located at Seattle, Tacoma, Butte, Portland, Salt Lake, Ogden, Pocatello, Sandpoint, Bozeman, Anaconda, Missoula, San Francisco and other places. The main office of the corporation is in Spokane, and the business aggregates \$8,000,000 annually. The corporation deals directly with the producers and their shipments average from forty to fifty carloads of fruit and produce daily to approximately 15,000 customers. In 1906 Mr. Ryan felt that he was through with active business and set about arranging his affairs with the idea of retiring; but between that year and 1914 was germinated the idea in Mr. Ryan's mind which has now consummated in the consolidation of the largest individual fruit and produce distributors in the northwest. He would not have to borrow money to get back to Lowville.

Mr. Ryan is a son of the late Thomas Ryan and was born on Maple Ridge in the town of Martinsburg. Later the family moved to Lowville, and young Ryan peddled milk for the late James T. Campbell just prior to his leaving Lowville. He is a nephew of Mrs. James Grace, of Lowville, and a cousin of Mrs. Thomas Quilty, Thomas McGrath, James and Joseph McGrath."

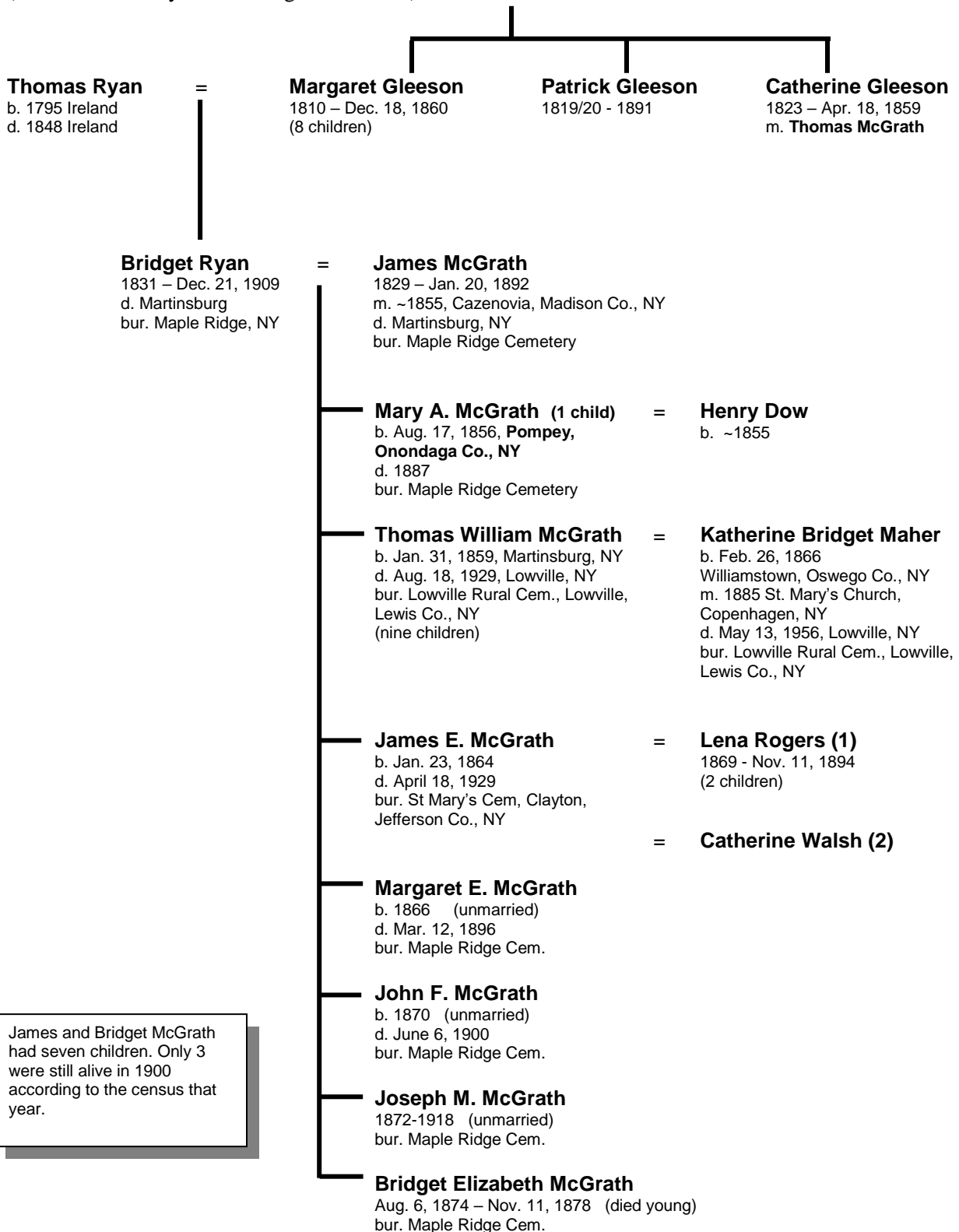
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Lowville, NY  
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## James McGrath and Bridget Ryan

(s/o of FNU McGrath and Unknown)

(d/o of Thomas Ryan and Margaret Gleason)



James and Bridget McGrath had seven children. Only 3 were still alive in 1900 according to the census that year.

- All of Bridget Ryan and James McGrath's children, except Mary were born in Lewis Co., New York. Mary A. McGrath was born in Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY. Bridget's 1836 birth date was from the 1880 census. Joseph McGrath was found in the 1880 Census for Lewis County, Martinsburg, T9\858\175D.
- James McGrath had a brother-in-law, Patrick Ryan, living across the road from him in 1875. Mary Ryan (183?-1927) age 30 in 1870 was living with Bridget and James McGrath.
- More info on children is available from Jane McGrath Ostrowidzki (JSOandJAO@aol.com).

- Jane McGrath Ostrowidzki's grandmother (Katherine Bridget Maher McGrath) said they (Jane's ancestors) weren't related to the other McGraths in Martinsburgh. She was descended from James McGrath whose aunt Catherine Gleeson was married to Thomas McGrath. Therefore this statement means that the other Thomas McGrath, John McGrath and Michael McGrath aren't related to James and neither is the elder Thomas McGrath. So far her statement has turned out to be true.

UPDATE - It now appears that James McGrath might have come from the same region of Ireland as the elder Thomas McGrath. See "The Trail of James McGrath"

[http://mcgrathsearch.com/FamiliesInIreland/Family\\_Connections.htm](http://mcgrathsearch.com/FamiliesInIreland/Family_Connections.htm)

#### Notes on the spouses.

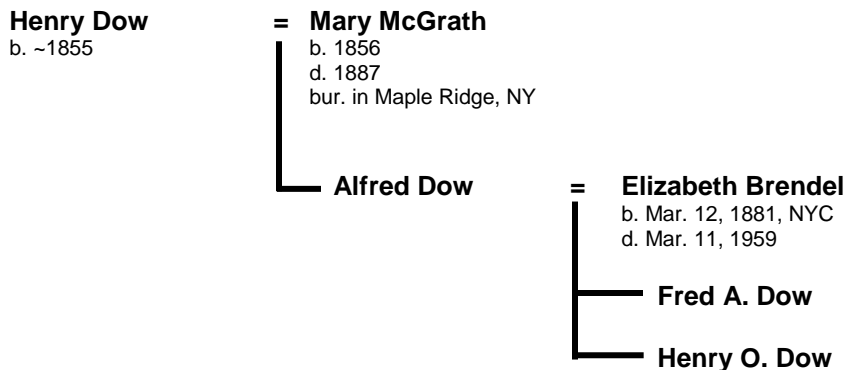
In 1880 Henry Dow (age 20), future husband of Mary McGrath, was living with his widowed mother Bathua (age 65). Henry was born in Canada of Scotch parents. He was a "Malter" and was living in Lowville. (1880 Lewis Co., Lowville, T9\858\239C). Henry married Mary McGrath sometime after the 1880 census and they had one child prior to Mary's death in 1887.

There was a Kate Maher (age 23) who was the housekeeper for the Catholic priest, Father John G. Fitzgerald. Kate was born in New York of Irish parents. She was living in Copenhagen in Lewis Co. (1880 Lewis Co., Copenhagen, T9\857\53A). This is probably the Kate Maher who married Thomas William McGrath in 1885.

#### Mary A. McGrath and Henry Dow

(s/o of FNU Dow and Unknown)

(d/o of James McGrath and Bridget Ryan)



## Thomas William McGrath and Katherine Maher

This information came from the obituaries of Mayme McGrath (May 1, 1919) and of her father Thomas William McGrath (Aug. 18, 1929). Thomas William McGrath was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of James McGrath and Bridget Ryan. Cities listed in the first column are the cities of residence given in the obits for the persons in that row. Additional information was obtained from the census records for the years 1900, 1910 and 1920 and from an email from Jane Ostrowidzki (3/30/2018).

(s/o of James McGrath and Bridget Ryan)  
(d/o of Father and Mother)

Beatrice graduated from the Lowville Academy on Monday June 25, 1917. She was the president of her class and gave a commencement address.  
Lowville Journal & Republican  
June 28, 1917

### Thomas William McGrath

b. Jan. 31, 1859, Martinsburg, NY  
d. Aug. 18, 1929, Lowville, NY  
bur. Lowville Rural Cem.,  
Lowville, Lewis Co., NY

### Katherine Bridget Maher

b. Feb. 26, 1866  
Williamstown, Oswego Co., NY  
mar. Oct 27, 1885 St. Mary's Church,  
Copenhagen, NY  
d. May 13, 1956, Lowville, NY  
bur. Lowville Rural Cem., Lowville, Lewis Co., NY

Lowville (1919)  
Rodman (1929)

### Elizabeth Bridget McGrath

b. Jan. 12, 1887, New Boston, NY  
d. Jun 27, 1978, Albany, NY

### = Earl Charles Schramp

mar Jan 12, 1920  
3 children (1 son, 2 dau)

### Mayme (Mary Teresa) McGrath

b. Sept. 10, 1889, New Boston, NY  
d. May 1, 1919, Lowville, NY

Never married

Syracuse, NY (1919, 1929)

### Gertrude Marguerite McGrath

b. Sept. 15, 1892, New Boston, NY  
d. Dec 20, 1974

### = William Nathaniel Breen

mar Dec 16, 1916  
5 Children ( 2 sons, 3 dau)

In the service in 1919  
Cleveland, Ohio (1929)

### James Michael McGrath

b. Sept. 14, 1895, New Boston, NY  
d. Jun 4, 1960, Dalton, PA

### = Ellen May Welch

mar Sep 21, 1925  
5 Children ( 3 sons, 2 dau)

Syracuse, NY (1919)  
New York (1929)

### Beatrice Margaret McGrath

b. Oct. 14, 1897, New Boston, NY  
d. Feb 9, 1982

### = Charles A. Donnelly

mar Feb 12, 1926  
2 Children (2 dau)

Lowville, NY (1919)  
Albany, NY (1929)

### Kathleen Genevieve McGrath

b. Apr. 18, 1900, New Boston, NY  
d. Jul 4, 1968, Schenectady, NY

### = William M. Miller

mar Sep 14, 1937  
No Children

Lowville, NY (1919, 1929)

### William Thomas McGrath

b. Sep 16, 1902, New Boston, NY  
d. Dec 4, 1960, Watertown, NY

### = Anita Dorothy Artz

mar Nov 30, 1934  
1 Child  
(Jane Ostrowidzki's father)

Lowville, NY (1919, 1929)

### Florence Vivian McGrath

b. May 5, 1905, Lowville, NY  
d. Jun 10, 1993, Albany, NY

Never married

Lowville, NY (1919, 1929)

### Eileen Winifred McGrath

b. Aug 26, 1908, Lowville, NY  
d. Mar 13, 1998, Safford, AZ

### = Charles H. Schlee

mar Feb 19, 1944  
3 Children, (1 son, 2 dau)

Miss Mayme McGrath was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. McGrath (Katherine Bridget Maher). She was born in New Boston, NY on Sept. 10, 1889 and died on May 1, 1919. Her survivors, in addition to her parents, were her brothers James McGrath who was in the service and William McGrath of Lowville; sisters Mrs. William Breen (Gertrude) and Miss Beatrice McGrath, both of Syracuse, and sisters Elizabeth, Katherine (Kathleen), Vivian and Arlene (Eileen) all of Lowville, NY. Source: The Lowville Journal and Republican, May 8, 1919.

Name	1875	1880	1900	1910	1920	1930
<b>Location</b>			Pinckney	Lowville	Lowville	N/A
<b>Thomas W. McGrath</b> , b. Jan. 1859, d. Aug. 18, 1929			41	51	60	d. 1929
<b>Katherine Maher</b> , b. Feb. 1866, d. May 13, 1956			34	43	53	
<b>Children</b>						
<b>Elizabeth B.</b> , b. Jan. 1887			13	23	32	
<b>Mayme T.</b> , b. Sept. 1889, d. 1919			10	20	d. 1919	
<b>Gertrude M.</b> , b. Sept. 1892			7	17		
<b>James M.</b> , b. Sept. 1895			4	14	27	
<b>Beatrice M.</b> , b. Oct. 1897			2	12		
<b>Catherine G.</b> , b. Apr. 1900			2/12	10	19	
<b>William T.</b> , b. 1903				7	17	
<b>Vivian T.</b> , b. 1906				4	14	
<b>Eileen W.</b> , b. 1909				1	11	

In Thomas McGrath's 1929 obituary he had three married daughters listed as some of his survivors. Mrs. Earl Schramp, Rodman; Mrs. Charles Donnelly, New York; and Mrs. William Breen, Syracuse. In 1919, in Mayme's obit, there was an Elizabeth of Lowville and a Beatrice and a Mrs. William Breen, both of Syracuse listed as three of her survivors. This would indicate that Gertrude was the sister who had married William Breen. Elizabeth and Beatrice married the Schramp and Donnelly gentlemen respectively. Source: The Lowville Journal and Republican, August 22, 1929.

**1900** NY, Lewis, Pinckney T623\1070\256A, Res. 239, Fam. 243 (June 26, 1900).

Thomas and Catherine have been married 14 years and have had 6 children all of whom were living at the time of the census. Thomas was listed as a "Cheese Mfr." Thomas owned farm #190 free of a mortgage.

**1910** NY, Lewis, Lowville (Village) T624\986\172B, Res. 287, Fam. 297 (April 28, 1910).

Thomas and Catherine have been married 24 years and they have had 9 children all of whom were alive at the time of the census. Thomas was listed as a "Broker Merchant" in the cheese industry. He owned a home free of a mortgage.

**1920** NY, Lewis, Lowville (Village) T625\1117\151B, Res. 180, Fam. 189 (Jan. 7, 1920).

Thomas and Catherine were living at 150 Dayan Street in the Village of Lowville. Thomas' occupation was listed as a "Cheese Buyer." Six of their single children were living at home. Elizabeth was a stenographer and James was a clerk, both worked at the "Cheese Office"; Catherine was a bookkeeper and worked at the telephone office. The other three children were 17, 14 and 11 and their occupations were listed as "None."

**1920** NY, Onondaga, Syracuse 16WD T625\1249\194B, Line #69

Beatrice was a nurse at Crouse Irving Hospital in Syracuse, NY. She was living with a large number of other nurses.

**1910** NY, Lewis, Lowville

William B. Breen, age 63 was born in Canada and his wife Sarah J., age 53 was born in NY. Their son William, age 23 was born in NY. (This might be the Breen who married Gertrude McGrath.

Earl Schramp, Charles Donnelly and William Breen were not found in the 1920 census for either Lewis or Onondaga Co.

## James McGrath and Lena Rogers

(s/o of James McGrath and Bridget Ryan)

(d/o of Patrick Rogers and Bridget Cannan)

### James E. McGrath

b. Jan. 23, 1864  
Martinsburg, NY  
d. April 18, 1929, Clayton, NY  
bur. St Mary's Cem, Clayton,  
Jefferson Co., NY

= **Lena Rogers (1<sup>st</sup>)**

b. 1869  
d. Nov. 11, 1894  
bur. Maple Ridge

### Infant son

bur. Maple Ridge

### Adeline McGrath

b. March, 1890  
mar. July 28, 1915, Castorland  
d. 1961  
bur. Lowville Rural Cem.,  
Lowville, NY

= **Charles F. Brennon**

b. 1886  
d. ?  
bur. Lowville Rural Cem.,  
Lowville, NY

### Grace McGrath

b. May, 1892  
d. 1954  
bur. Clayton, Jefferson Co., NY

= **Clarence Thibault**

b. 1888  
d. 1940  
bur. Clayton, Jefferson Co., NY

= **Katherine B. Walsh (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

b. 1872, Highmarket, NY  
m. ~1900  
d. Jan., 1930  
bur. St Mary's Cem, Clayton,  
Jefferson Co., NY

Catherine Walsh's parents were John Walsh and Ann A. Gilroy. Grand daughters Adeline and Grace were staying with their grandmother, Bridget Ryan McGrath, at the time of the 1900 census (June 21, 1900). 1900 NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T623-1070-200A

The children of Clarence and Grace McGrath Thibault were: Joseph (died young), James, George, John, Catherine, Mary, Jane, Margaret (Peg) - from granddaughter Karen Kenealy.

## James E. McGrath Obit

Born In Martinsburg, January 23, 1864;

Died In Clayton, April 18, 1929.

"James E. McGrath, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James McGrath and born in Martinsburg, January 23, 1864, died last Thursday at his home in Clayton, following an illness of six months. Mr. McGrath passed the greater part of his life in Lewis county and conducted cheese factories in Highmarket and elsewhere. For several years he operated the Crown Brand milk plant in Demark and for the last eight years had served as inspector for the Dairymen's League, making his home in Clayton. Mr. McGrath was a member of Clayton Council, 350, Knights of Columbus, and a former member of the local body. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Catherine Walsh McGrath; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Brennon, of Brownville, and Mrs. Clarence Thibault, of Clayton; one brother, Thomas W. McGrath, of Lowville. Funeral services were held from St. Mary's church Saturday morning, with interment at Clayton."

Source: The Journal and Republican  
Lowville, NY  
Thursday, April 25, 1929



This picture shows the younger James McGrath on the left with his second wife, Catherine Walsh, on the right. James is holding Catherine Thibault (Karen Kenealy's mother), Catherine is holding Karen's mother's brother Joseph. James McGrath's daughter by his first wife Lena Rogers, and Karen's grandmother, Grace McGrath Thibault, is in the middle.  
Photo from Karen Kenealy.

## Patrick Rogers and Bridget Cannan

The Rogers family was originally included just to establish a connection from Lena Rogers back to her family. It was thought that this might prove useful in the future to make other family connections. There are Rogers involved with the Upperchurch families of Central New York and there is also a Cannan from Upperchurch involved. Lena Rogers' mother was also a Cannan. At the time it was thought that this might be important or might be just another interesting coincidence. For the moment the latter seems to be the case.

Patrick Rogers' obituary was published in the Lowville Journal and Republican on Feb. 19, 1914. Patrick was one of 12 children and at the time of his death only one sister survived: Mrs. Eliza Carlin of Michigan. Patrick came to America at age 17 in 1838 and worked for Chester Coe of Leyden, NY. Bridget was of Leyden, NY at the time of her marriage – she had lived in Leyden for 5 years prior to her marriage. The family moved to Maple Ridge around 1856 to farm.

**Patrick Rogers**  
 b. Mar. 16, 1820, Co. Wicklow, Ireland  
 To U. S. in 1838  
 d. Feb. 2, 1914  
 Lewis Co., NY  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

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**Bridget Cannan**  
 b. 1829, Ireland  
 mar. June 15, 1851  
 d. Jan. 24, 1913  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

Source: St. Patrick's Cem., Maple Ridge Rogers, Patrick 1820 ....  
 Rogers, Bridget his wife 1829-1913  
 Rogers, Edward P. son of J. & R.  
 ...July 23, 1900 (4m.)

**Katherine Rogers**

**Thomas Rogers**

b. Aug. 1854, Leyden, NY  
 In Maple Ridge in 1914

**Mary Rogers**

**Elizabeth Rogers**

**Ella Rogers**

Source: Lewis Co. List. Posted by Robert Cooper (deceased) Dec. 23, 1998

**Patrick Rogers**

Lived in Grand Valley, CO in 1914

**John Rogers**

b. May, 1865 NY  
 Lived on old family homestead

**Rosetta Rogers**

b. 1868 NY

**Lena Rogers**

b. 1869  
 d. Nov. 11, 1894  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

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**James E. McGrath**

b. Jan. 2, 1864  
 d. Apr. 18, 1929  
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

**Bridget E. Rogers**

b. 1870 NY

**Margaret A. Rogers**

b. 1873 NY

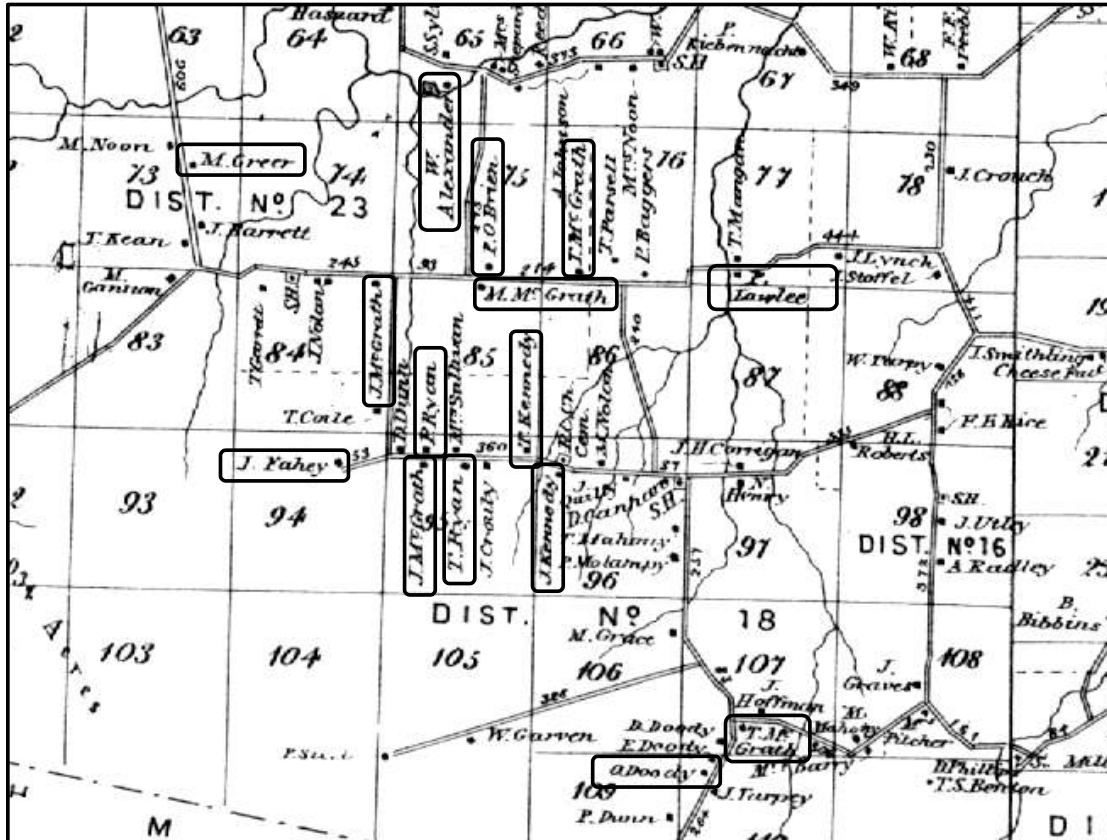
Patrick's survivors as listed in his obit were daughters: **Mrs. Robert Lynch** of Maple Ridge, **Mrs. Christopher Martzloff** of West Martinsburg, **Mrs. Jacob Dembeck** of Lowville, NY, **Mrs. C.L. Bacon** of Glens Falls, NY, and **Mrs. Daniel Mahoney** of Denver, Co.; sons: **Thomas**





# Appendix

## Maple Ridge, Town of Martinsburg, Lewis Co., New York 1875 (D. G. Beers)



Lot	Name	Comment
84	<b>McGrath, John</b> (1836-1914)	<b>John McGrath</b> was married to <b>Anna O'Brien</b> . She was probably the daughter of <b>Redmond</b> and <b>Johanna O'Brien</b> and the brother of <b>Patrick O'Brien</b> (Lot 75). When John was naturalized on Dec. 17, 1857 one of his witnesses was <b>Thomas Phelon</b> .
95	<b>McGrath, James</b> (1829-1892)	<b>James</b> had been living in Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY in 1855. He and his wife <b>Bridget Ryan</b> and their daughter <b>Mary</b> were part of the Maple Ridge Migration of 1858-1860. <b>James McGrath</b> is related by marriage to <b>Thomas (the Elder) McGrath</b> (Lot 107). He married <b>Bridget Ryan</b> who was the sister of <b>Thomas Ryan</b> (Lot 95) and <b>Patrick Ryan</b> (Lot 95). He was on this lot by 1860, having arrived between Oct. 9, 1858, when he was naturalized in Onondaga Co., and Jan. 31, 1859 when his 2 <sup>nd</sup> child was born in Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY. By 1888 James had acquired <b>Thomas</b> and <b>Patrick Ryan's</b> farms. The Ryan brothers moved west to Pullman, WA.

95	<b>Ryan, Patrick</b> (1842-1928)	<b>Patrick Ryan</b> and his wife <b>Jane White</b> were living here in 1875. In 1870 <b>Patrick White</b> and his wife <b>Catherine Doran</b> were living at this farm. Patrick and Catherine were Jane's parents. Jane is the sister of <b>Sarah Bridget White</b> who was married to <b>Michael McGrath</b> and living on Lot 85, on French Road. Around 1888 Patrick moved west to Pullman, WA with his brother <b>Thomas Ryan</b> . <b>Mary Ryan</b> , their sister, who had been living with <b>James</b> and <b>Bridget McGrath</b> may have gone west with them.
95	<b>Ryan, Thomas</b> (1829-1892)	<b>Thomas</b> had been living in Onondaga Co., NY in 1855. He were part of the Maple Ridge Migration of 1858-1860. In 1860 <b>Margaret Gleeson Ryan</b> was living on this farm with her sons <b>Thomas</b> (28), <b>Patrick</b> (18) and <b>Edmond</b> (11). Margaret died on Dec. 18, 1860 and Thomas appears to have taken over the family farm. <b>Thomas Ryan</b> married <b>Mary Ann Lawlee</b> . Her brother <b>Patrick</b> was on Lot 77. Thomas' uncle <b>Thomas McGrath</b> was on Lot 107. His brother-in-law <b>James McGrath</b> and sister <b>Bridget</b> were on the farm next door (Lot 95) while brother <b>Patrick Ryan</b> was across the road (Lot 95) in 1875.
95	<b>Kennedy, Thomas</b> (1826-1893)	<b>Thomas Kennedy</b> and his wife <b>Margaret</b> were living across the road from his parents <b>Thomas and Mary Kennedy</b> in 1870. By 1875 his parents had died and his brother <b>J. Kennedy</b> , was living on his parent's farm (Lot 96).
96	<b>Kennedy, J.</b> (1861- ?)	This <b>J. Kennedy</b> was living in 1875 where <b>Thomas and Mary Kennedy</b> were living in 1870. He was probably one of their sons. A <b>John Kennedy</b> was a witness at the naturalization of <b>Thomas McGrath</b> (Lot 76) on May 18, 1871. They might be one and the same person. He doesn't show up in the 1870 or 1880 Martinsburg census records.
85	<b>McGrath, Michael</b> (1840-1928)	<b>Michael McGrath</b> from Ireland, near the village of Golden in Co. Tipperary, was married to <b>Sarah Bridget White</b> . Sarah is the sister <b>Jane White</b> who married to <b>Patrick Ryan</b> living on Lot 95 and resided on the farm formerly owned by her parents.
75	<b>O'Brien, Patrick</b> (1840- ?)	<b>Patrick O'Brien</b> was living here in 1875. In 1870 his parents, <b>Redmond</b> and <b>Johanna O'Brien</b> owned this farm and Patrick and his wife were living there with them.
76	<b>McGrath, Thomas</b> (1828- ?)	<b>Thomas McGrath</b> lived on French Road and just east of <b>Patrick O'Brien</b> and <b>Michael McGrath</b> . He and Michael <b>John McGrath</b> are siblings. The maiden name of his wife <b>Mary</b> is not known. However, if her maiden name were known there might be other relationships that could be established.

107	<b>McGrath, Thomas (Elder)</b> (1813-1883)	<b>Thomas McGrath</b> of Moyaliff, Co. Tipparary was married first to <b>Catherine Gleeson</b> (1823-1859). He was married second to <b>Mary Kennedy</b> , late in 1859. Thomas was the great uncle (by marriage) of <b>James McGrath</b> (Lot 95) and the uncle of <b>Thomas Ryan</b> (Lot 95) and <b>Patrick Ryan</b> (Lot 95). The corner near where Thomas lived is now called McGraw Corners. <b>Thomas</b> and <b>Catherine</b> had been living in Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY in 1855. They were part of the Maple Ridge Migration of 1858-1860.
77	<b>Lawlee, Patrick</b> (1836-1894)	<b>Patrick Lawlee</b> married Ann (Hanora) Dunn. He is the brother of <b>Mary Ann Lawlee</b> who married <b>Thomas Gleeson Ryan</b> – they were living on Lot 95. The Dunns were from Co. Meath in 1847. The Lawlees were from Listowel, Co. Kerry.
73	<b>Greer, Michael</b>	<b>Michael Greer</b> was a witness for the naturalization of <b>Michael McGrath</b> Aug. 15, 1868. Michael McGrath's's dau. <b>Mary</b> married Michael Greer's son <b>Michael</b> in 1895.
94	<b>Fahey, J. (James)</b>	<b>James Fahey</b> was a witness of the naturalization of <b>Thomas McGrath</b> (Lot 76) on May 18, 1871.
65	<b>Alexander, W.</b>	In 1880 <b>John Kennedy</b> (age 18) was living on the <b>Wesley Alexander</b> farm. John was probably the eldest son of <b>Thomas</b> and <b>Margaret Kennedy</b> (Lot 95).
110	<b>Doody, Owen</b> (1824-1912) <b>Bridget Phalen</b> (1824 - June 28, 1908)	<b>Owen Doody</b> was married to <b>Bridget Phalen</b> . This Bridget might be related to <b>Michael Phalon</b> who married <b>Ellen McGrath</b> , the sister of <b>Michael McGrath</b> . <b>Owen</b> came to the US in 1847.
110	<b>Doody, Edward</b> (1819-1882)	<b>Edward Doody</b> married <b>Johanna Lawlee</b> , sister of <b>Mary Ann Lawlee</b> , wife of <b>Thomas Gleason Ryan</b> . Edward was a brother of <b>Owen</b> above and <b>D. Doody</b> below.
107	<b>Doody, Daniel</b>	Brother of <b>Owen</b> and <b>Edward Doody</b>
110	<b>Tarpey, James</b> (1818-1903) <b>Gleason, Ellen</b> (1821-1909)	<b>James Tarpy</b> and <b>Ellen Gleason</b> were married in Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY, in early 1860. By the time of the August 1860 census they were in Maple Ridge. They were part of the trailing edge of the Maple Ridge Migration of 1858-1860 from Pompey and Fabius in Onondaga Co..

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## The Maple Ridge Migration of 1858-1860

Name	Relationship	Facts
Thomas McGrath	Son of Michael McGrath. Husband of Catherine Gleason McGrath.	Naturalized in Maple Ridge Feb 1859. Remarried by 1860 to Mary Kennedy. Died Mar. 4, 1883, Maple Ridge, at age 67.
Catherine Gleason	Wife of Thomas McGrath, aunt of Bridget, Thomas, Mary, Ellen, Patrick, James and Edmund Ryan. Sister of Margaret Gleason Ryan.	Died in Maple Ridge April 18, 1859.
James McGrath	Only known relation to the others is via his marriage to Bridget Ryan.	Mar. Oct. 21, 1855, Cazenovia, NY Naturalized in Syr, NY Oct. 1858.
Bridget Ryan McGrath	Daughter of Margaret Gleason Ryan and niece of Catherine Gleason McGrath	Mar. Oct. 21, 1855, Cazenovia, NY
Mary McGrath	Dau. of James & Bridget McGrath	Born Aug. 17, 1856, Pompey, NY
Richard Long	Husband of Margaret McGrath Long	Sp at baptism of brother Daniel's child in Pompey on Apr. 11, 1858. In Maple Ridge Aug. 1860. Returned to Pompey by July 1864.
Margaret McGrath Long	Dau. of Michael McGrath	Sp at baptism of brother-in-law Daniel Long's child in Pompey on Apr. 11, 1858. In Maple Ridge Aug. 1860. Returned to Pompey by July 1864.
John Long	Son of Richard & Margaret	Born 1856-7, Pompey, NY
Michael McGrath	Son of Richard & Margaret	Born June 17, 1858, probably Pompey. In Maple Ridge Aug. 1860. Returned to Pompey by July 1864.
Michael McGrath	Father of Thomas and Margaret McGrath	Missing. Not found in Maple Ridge, Pompey or Fabius in 1860. Year of death and place of burial unknown.
Thomas Ryan	Brother of Bridget Ryan	Witness at marriage of James and Bridget Oct. 21, 1855 Sp. at baptism of James and Bridget's child Mary, Nov. 2, 1856 Naturalized Oct. 1858
Mary Ryan	Sister of Bridget Ryan, never married	Sp. at baptism of James and Bridget's child Mary, Nov. 2, 1856. At Maple Ridge she lived with sister Bridget and Bridget's husband James McGrath. She later went

		west with brothers Thomas and Patrick Ryan.
James Tarpy (1818-1903) From Maple Ridge Cem.		Mar. Ellen Gleeson Jan. 22, 1860, Pompey Hill. Found in Maple Ridge Aug. 1870, age 49, with wife Ellen and family. Buried Maple Ridge Cem.
Ellen Gleason Tarpy (1821-1909) From Maple Ridge Cem.	Possible Gleason relation	Found in Pompey June 1855, age 27, in Pompey 3 yrs. Mar. James "Torpay" Jan. 22, 1860, Pompey Hill. Found in Maple Ridge Aug. 1870, age 43, with husband James Tarpy and family. Buried Maple Ridge Cem.
The following individuals have not been found in the Central New York records but were relatives from Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary who settled in Maple Ridge by August 1860.		
Margaret Gleason Ryan	Mother of Bridget, Thomas, Mary, Ellen, Patrick, James and Edmund. Sister of Catherine Gleason McGrath	Found in Maple Ridge, Aug. 1860.
Patrick Ryan	Siblings of Thomas, Bridget, Mary and Ellen Ryan	Found in Maple Ridge Aug. 1860.
James Ryan		Found in Maple Ridge Aug. 1860.
Edmund Ryan		Found in Maple Ridge Aug. 1860.
Ellen Ryan	Sister of Bridget Ryan	Reference to an Ellen Ryan found in 1855 Fabius census. Resident of town of Fabius for 1 month prior to the census. ID not certain. She did not turn up in Maple Ridge. Tom Buckley also uncertain as to her immigration status and her ultimate fate.

The full story of the Maple Ridge Migration can be found in the following document.  
 "The McGrath Family from Moyaliff Parish, County Tipperary"  
<http://mcgrathsearch.com/files/Bold%20Hypothesis%201-19-08.pdf>

## Fiftieth Anniversary

St Patrick's Church. Maple Ridge Will Celebrate the Event on Tuesday, August 23d.

The fiftieth anniversary of St. Patrick's church, Maple Ridge, Is to be observed on Tuesday, August 23, 1910. A solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10 a. m., with a sermon by Rev. J. J. Dean, of Port Leyden. The musical programme for the mass is to be given by the choir of St. Peter's church. Lowville. The church it being renovated and repaired in anticipation of this semi-centennial celebration. Eight new stained glass windows have been donated by members and friends of the congregation. These windows will add very much to the interior beauty of the church, and while serving as perpetual memorials to some of the prominent pioneer members of the congregation, they will at the same time give visible testimony of the generosity of living members.

St Patrick's church is one of the oldest churches in the diocese of Ogdensburg. It was built under the administration of Father Fitzpatrick, then residing at Constableville, at a time when priests in this section were few, there being but three parishes in all of Lewis county. Standing on almost the highest point to Tug Hill, 1,900 feet above sea level, and in the midst of an exclusively farming community, its erection in 1860 was a notable achievement for a people rich only in the faith inherited from their Irish ancestors For the next seven years St. Patrick's was served by the priests of Constableville. In 1867 the Lowville parish was established, with Father Herbst as first pastor. Maple Ridge was then made a mission of Lowville, and has remained as such ever since. For several years it was even more important than Lowville in point of members and in the support It was able to give to a pastor. Thirty years ago the church was scarcely large enough to accommodate the people who attended mass there, but like many other rural communities, the population has gradually decreased. The land has deteriorated in fertility and in value, lumbering operations have ceased and the coming of the railroad has worked somewhat to the disadvantage of farms situated so far distant. Many have sought escape from the tedious winters of Tug Hill, which are noted, or one might better say, notorious; the lure of the city has attracted many of the younger people. Only a few of the original congregation are left; they, with those of the younger generation, who still remain on Maple Ridge are enthusiastically preparing to extend a glad welcome to old friends, old neighbors and former parishioners on August 23d, not only at the mass to be celebrated in a rejuvenated St. Patrick's, but also at the picnic which is to follow on the same day. The picnic is to be held at the residence of Edward Leviker, near the church. It is calculated to be a real "old home day," with a bountiful dinner and plenty of amusements to fix in memory the half century history of St. Patrick's church, Maple Ridge.

**Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, August, 1910**

## First Catholics To Settle In Lowville Parish

**James Hefferman** In 1828: **John Lynch**, 1882; **William Curtis**, 1832; **James Kelley**, 1840; **John Siegel**, 1841; **Michael Phelan**, 1856; **David O'Keefe**, 1860 —Father James McBride, of Utica, Said First Mass About 1840.

The first Catholics to settle in, what is now the parish of Lowville were **James Hefferman**, who came from Tipperary, Ireland, and settled in Martinsburg as early as 1828; **John Lynch**, from the city of Dublin, Ireland, in 1832; **William Curtis**, from Meath in the same year, and **James Kelley** from New York in 1840. Among the first Catholic settlers of Lowville were **John Siegel**, of Bavaria, Germany, not earlier than 1841; **Michael Phelan** in 1856, and **David O'Keefe** in 1860. Father James McBride, of Utica, is reported to have said the first mass in the parish at the house of James Kelley about 1840. The first parish in this part of the county was formed. In the Diocese of Albany in December, 1866, including Lowville, Watson, Martinsburg, Harrisburg, Pinckney and Worth. Father Herbst was appointed by Bishop Conroy to take charge of Lowville and surrounding towns. He stationed himself in Lowville in 1865 and said mass in the court house. Father Herbst remained about two years and left in 1867.

Organized October 3, 1869. He was succeeded December 8, 1867, by Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald; a man, it is said, of much ability. Under his leadership St. Peter's church was organized October 3, 1869, and a house of worship was erected the next year on the eastern border of Lowville village at a cost of \$5,000, and with a seating capacity of 500. The church building was erected on land given for the purpose by the late Hon. Dewitt Clinton West in what was later called Church street. When the church was built, neither Church street or other streets in that section of the village were laid out, the section ell being pasture land. Father Fitzgerald was succeeded by Rev. William B. Nyhan in 1871. There were then in the entire parish eighty families, mostly Irish, some German. In May, 1872, Lewis county was placed in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. During this year a mission was given by the Jesuit Father Langcake, which had a good effect upon the people. The church attendance increased and a better spirit began to prevail, which; was increased and added to by Father Nyhan in a mission given in 1874. Still later the Jesuit Father Dewey gave a third mission as successful as the others. Father Nyhan was very popular among the people under his charge. The church edifice was improved, a new residence built for the priest in 1876, at a cost of \$4,000, a pipe-organ installed, a new altar and sanctuary added. After a stay of twelve years in Lowville, greatly improving the church property and increasing the membership, he retired and took charge of the parish at Brasher Falls, where he died in 1914. He was succeeded at Lowville by Rev. Joseph Redington in 1883, who; left the following year, when Rev. Michael O'Neil took charge December 1. 1884. Rev. P. H. J. Ryan assumed charge of the parish June 1, 1886, and was followed June 1, 1893, by Rev. Dean Charles J. McMorrow, a very popular priest, who died in Lowville March 15, 1893. Father McMorrow found the church hampered with a debt of \$1,684.70, but by the end of the year he had the debt paid and had raised besides \$1,736.37 for repairs and running expenses. He was succeeded by Rev. John H. O'Rourke. Under his charge extensive repairs were made to the church and a new bell placed in the bell tower. Father O'Rourke is now stationed at St. Patrick's Church at Malone. Very Rev. George L. Murray, V. F., the present pastor, was appointed to St. Peter's in September, 1908, coming to Lowville from Copenhagen where he had served the preceding six years. Maple Ridge was still a mission of St. Peter's, but in 1918 Father Murray was relived of that mission which was made a part of the Glenfield Greig parish. The Catholic population of St. Peter's parish is approximately 1.300 and the parish is incorporated with a board of trustees consisting of the Bishop; Rt. Rev. Mons. P. S., Garand, vicar-general; the pastor, and two lay trustees, J. J. O'Connor and George C. Feisthamel, with Peter McGovern as treasurer.

Rev. Father Murray is a native of Canton; was educated at Canton grammar and high school and was graduated from St. Lawrence University in the class of 1890. He was ordained to the priesthood July 26, 1890. He went to the Copenhagen parish in 1902, after serving as assistant at the St. Mary's cathedral at Ogdensburg and being assistant pastor at Churubusco, Paul Smith's and-Ticonderoga.

Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Thursday, May 23, 1929