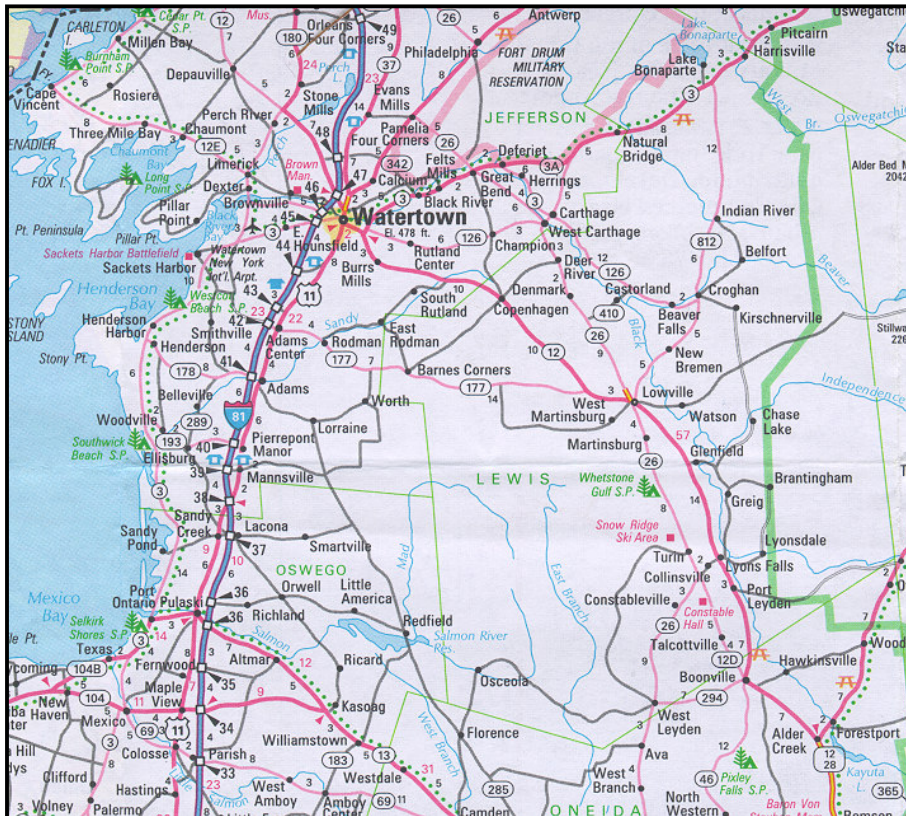


The McGraths, Ryans and Gleasons of Maple Ridge, Lewis County, New York

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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 Martinsburg

Even though this Michael McGrath was not related, 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.

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 drawback 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 19th century. Listed below are the main families covered in this paper. Also included are some of the other Maple Ridge families that married into these families.

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

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

In this section the focus will be on the last two McGrath families on the list: James and Thomas McGrath. James McGrath 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 Moyliff parish, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. At this time James McGrath's point of origin in Ireland is not known. They were living fairly close together in Maple Ridge, however, that is just circumstantial evidence. The only relationship between James McGrath and Thomas (the Elder) McGrath that has survived is that established through marriage. Thomas was James' uncle through his marriage to James' Aunt, Catherine Gleason.

These 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.

| Other Birth | Census Birth | Husband | Husband Origin | Other Birth | Census Birth | Wife |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 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) |
| | | | | | | |
| 1829 | 1835 | James Magrath (35) | Origin unknown | 1836(1) | 1834 | Bridget Ryan (36) |
| 1813 | 1822 | Thomas Magrath (48) (the Elder) | Moyaliff, Co. Tipp. | 1832 | 1832 | Mary Kennedy (38) |

A search of the 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 too, was probably born too soon to be captured in the Upperchurch parish records.

In July, 2000 Candie Miller supplied more details on Thomas McGrath of Moyliff and James McGrath. These two McGrath men had married into the families of her Gleeson and Ryan ancestors respectively. On the following pages 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 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:

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.

I had found solid evidence of the connection between Onondaga Co and Lewis Co at last.

James McGrath is not listed in this Lewis Co. naturalization information below because he was naturalized in Onondaga Co., NY in October 1858. 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

| Name | Address | Naturalization | Arrival | Birth | Witnesses |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Thomas McGrath (the Elder). (1813-1883) | Martinsburg, Lewis Co. | Feb. 5, 1859 Lewis Co. Supreme Court File D-1290 | | ? Great Britain | 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)

In the final analysis, I didn't find my ancestors in Lewis Co. but 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 Co.

Thomas McGrath and Catherine Gleeson

Thomas McGrath

b. 1822, Moyalliff, Co. Tipp., Ireland
 d. Mar. 4, 1883, Maple Ridge,
 Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Maple Ridge,
 NY

= Catherine Gleeson

b. 1823 Moyalliff, 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 was a "native of Mealiffe [Moyalliff] near Holy Cross, Co. Tipperary" – this was from 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 on the south side 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, is not in the Maple Ridge Cemetery and neither are any of their five known children. A possible sixth child has been identified in the St. Patrick's Cemetery list. A very young Thomas McGrath died on May 20, 1864 at just under 1 year of age. He would have missed being captured in any of the census records and fits nicely between siblings Michael and Ellen. The fit with Michael is tight but workable.

Thomas McGrath and Mary Kennedy

Thomas McGrath

b. 1822, Moyalliff, Co. Tipp., Ir.
 d. Mar. 4, 1883, Maple Ridge,
 Martinsburg, Lewis Co., NY
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Maple
 Ridge, NY

= Mary Kennedy

b. 1832 Ireland
 in Maple Ridge in 1895

Catherine McGrath

b. ~1860 NY

Michael McGrath

b. ~1863 NY

Ellen McGrath

b. 1866 NY

James McGrath

b. 1868 NY

Walter McGrath

b. 1871 NY
 in Maple Ridge in 1895

| Name | 1850 | Ship | 1855 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1900 |
|---|------|------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | Pompey | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge | Missing |
| Thomas McGraw b. 1822, Ir., d. 1883 | | | 28 | 40 | 48 | 67 | d. 1883 |
| Catherine Gleason , b. 1823, d. 1859 | | | 28 | d. 1859 | | | |
| Mary Kennedy b. 1832, d. ? | | | | 26 | 38 | 48 | |
| Mary's Children | | | | | | | |
| Catherine b. 1860, d. | | | | | 10 | | |
| Michael , b. 1863, d. | | | | | 7 | - | |
| Ellen , b. 1866, d. | | | | | 5 | 14 | |
| James , b. 1868, d. | | | | | 2 | 12 | |
| Walter , b. 1871, d. | | | | | | 9 | |

Thomas died on Mar. 4, 1883 at age 67. Catherine Gleason McGrath died on April 18, 1859 at age 36.

1855 NY, Onondaga Co., Pompey, FHC Film #870757, 3rd 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, as was Mary, of course.

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.

The 1900 and subsequent census records have failed to show any record of Mary Kennedy McGrath or her children.

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 is interpreted to mean that Mary, and more likely Walter was a farmer and his farm consisted of 49 acres.

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Ridge.

Thomas McGrath and his first wife, Catherine Gleason, are buried here along with a possible sixth child of Thomas and his second wife, Mary Kennedy. Thomas McGrath, "son of T. & M. McGrath, d. May 20, 1864 (11 mos, 21 day).

Lowville Rural Cemetery, Lowville, NY

At this time it isn't known if any of the following persons are part of this family

There is a Mary McGrath buried in the Lowville Rural cemetery who died on September 30, 1910.

Also a W. E. McGrath who died on May 7, 1904.

Ella C. McGrath, died on July 27, 1907

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

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
 b. Aug. 1867 Martinsburg, NY
 d. Nov. 1930, Copenhagen, NY

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.

= **Sila (?)**
 b. Sept. 1872
 mar. ~1900
 d. After 1930

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 Moyalliff, 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.

The McGraths from Golden, Co. Tipperary

The original 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 5th NY Heavy Infantry during the Civil War.

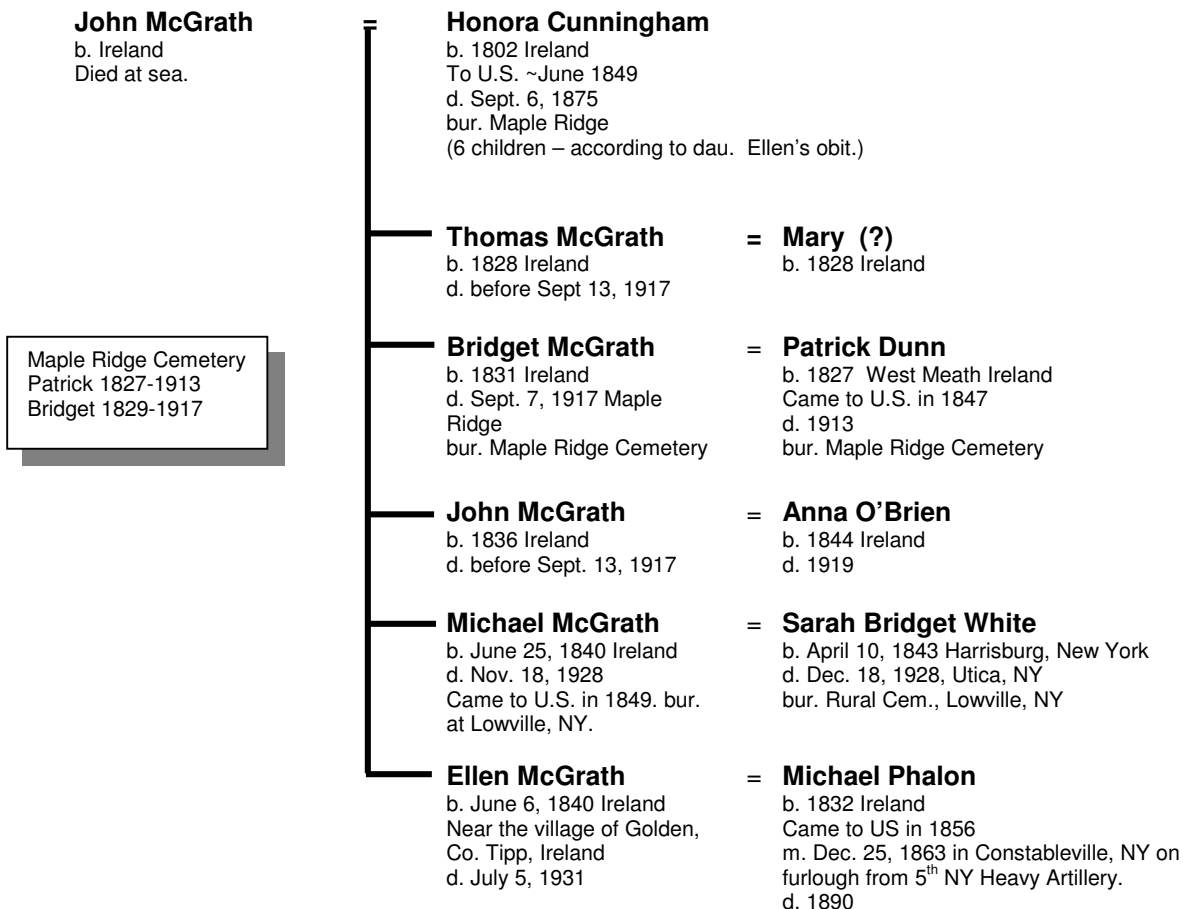
Honora Cunningham McGrath (~1802 – Sept. 6, 1875) is buried in the Maple Ridge Cemetery, St. Patrick's Church, Maple Ridge, Lewis Co., NY The inscription on her gravestone spelled her name as "Hannarah" and gave her husband's name as John. According to earlier information Honora's husband had died on 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 would 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 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



Maple Ridge Cemetery
Patrick 1827-1913
Bridget 1829-1917

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

| Name | Address | Naturalization | Arrival | Birth | Witnesses |
|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Thomas McGrath (1828-?) | Martinsburg, Lewis Co. | May 18, 1871 Lewis Co. Supreme Court File E-1931 | | ? Great Britain | John Kennedy Martinsburg James Fahy 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 Thomas Phelon 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) | June 25, 1840 Ireland | Patrick Gleason Lowville, NY Michael Greer 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

Thomas McGrath

b. 1828 Ireland
Arrived in U.S. 1849
(1900 census)
d. Before 1910

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Mary (?)

b. 1828 Ireland
Arrived in U.S. in 1852
(1900 census)

Maria McGrath

b. ~1858 NY

John McGrath

b. ~1859 NY

Richard McGrath

b. ~1862 NY

Ellen McGrath

b. ~1862

Anna McGrath

b. ~1865

Florence McGrath

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

Sarah McGrath

b. 1870 NY

James McGrath

b. 1871 NY
d. 1894

Catherine McGrath

b. 1873 NY

Frances A. McGrath

b. 1876 Constableville, NY
d. 1980

Richard &
Ellen are Twins

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. Thomas and Mary McGrath are buried in the Maple Ridge Cemetery. While they don't appear on the Pawlin list, they do appear on the Dunton list but the dates seem to be seriously in error.

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 | 1855 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1900 | 1910 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|------|
| | | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge | Lowville | |
| Thomas McGrath , b. 1828 Ireland | - | 29 | 40 | 52 | 60 | |
| Mary , b. 1828 Ireland | | 24 | 40 | 52 | 69 | |
| Children | | | | | | |
| Maria , b. 1858, NY | | 3 | 12 | | | |
| John , b. 1859 NY | | 1 | 11 | | | |
| Richard , b. 1862 NY | | | 9 | 18 | | |
| Ellen , b. 1862 NY | | | 9 | | | |
| Anna , b. 1865 NY | | | 5 | 15 | | |
| Florence , b. 1867 NY, d. 1926 | | | 3 | 13 | | |
| Sarah Jane , b. 1870 NY | | | 2/12 | 10 | | |
| James , b. 1871 NY, d. 1894 | | | | - | d. 1894 | |
| Catherine , b. 1873 NY | | | | 7 | | |
| Frances A. , b. 1876, d. 1980 | | | | 4 | 24 | |
| Other | | | | | | |
| William H. McGrath , b. 1847 NY | | 13 | | | | |

In the Maple Ridge Cemetery - Dunton List

Thomas 1816 - 1880; Mary 1818 - 1900

These years contain significant errors. The census records have Thomas born between 1828 and 1830, which is far from the 1816 found in the transcription. Thomas died sometime between 1900 and 1910, some 20-30 years later than shown in this record. Mary's census record has her birth also between 1828 and 1830, more than 10 years later than the record. The actual transcription had transposed two digits giving 1881, which is obviously incorrect. Mary was still alive in 1910 and again beat the recorded number by more than 10 years.

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

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

John McGrath
 b. 1836, Ireland
 d. 1914
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

= **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 | 1900 | 1910 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge | Maple Ridge |
| John McGrath , b. 1836 Ir , d. 1914 | 20 | 37 | 41 | Unk | 72 |
| Anna O'Brien , b. 1844 Ir. , 1919 | | 27 | 37 | 57 | 66 |
| Children | | | | | |
| Thomas , b. 1862 NY, d. 1862 NY | | d. 1862 | | | |
| John , b. 1863 NY | | 7 | 17 | | |
| Patrick , b. 1865 NY | | 6 | 15 | | |
| Johannah , b. 1868 NY | | 2 | 12 | | |
| Kate , b. 1871 NY | | | 9 | | |
| William A. , b. 1874 NY | | | 6 | | |
| Daniel M. , b. Nov. 1876 Martinsburg, NY | | | 4 | 23 | 34 |
| Ida , b. 1878 NY | | | 3 | - | |
| Edward , b. Mar. 1882 Martinsburg, NY | | | | 18 | |
| George , b. Sept. 1884 Martinsburg, NY | | | | 15 | |
| Others | | | | | |
| Honorah McGrath (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 21st 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.

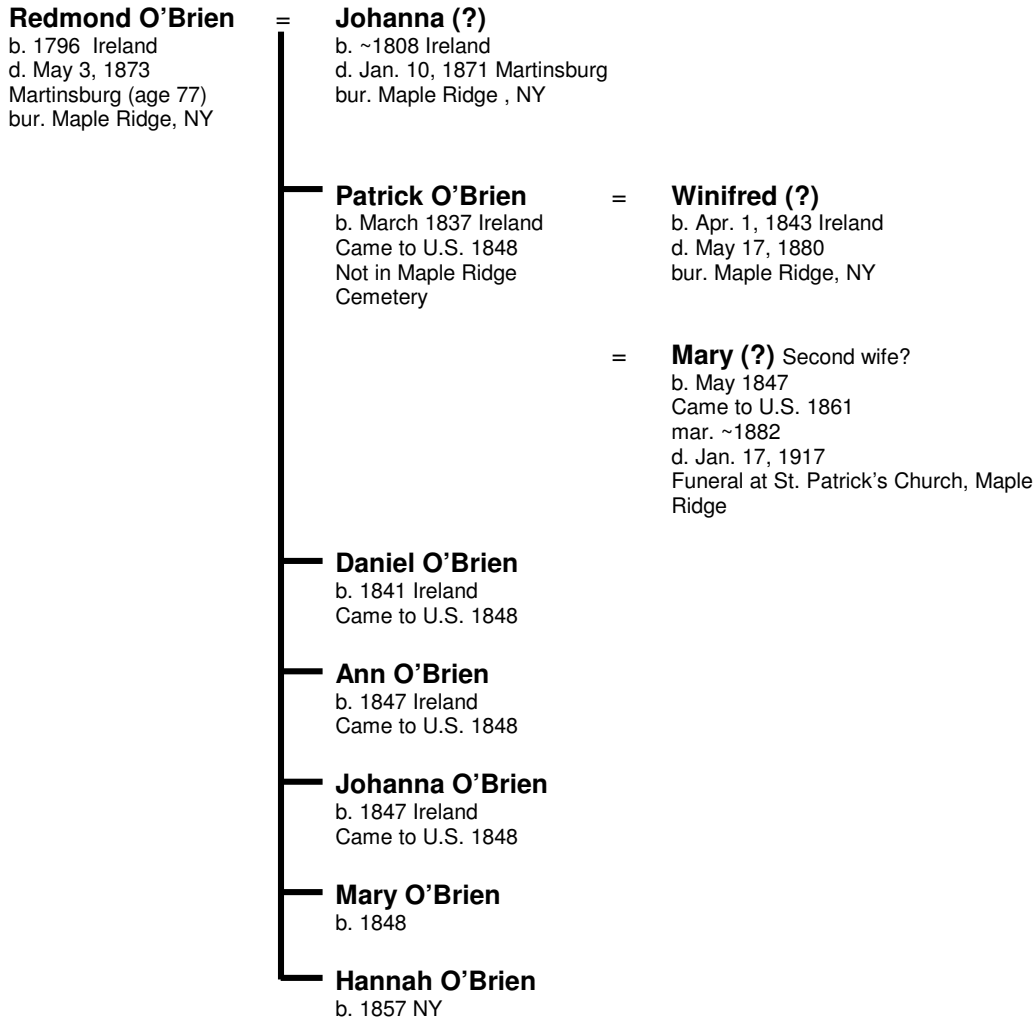
A number of Pomeroy friends attended the funeral services. The pall bearers, all Pomeroy citizens, were: Floyd Hull, W. B. Morris, W. L. Meyers, J. F. Burr, C. A. McCabe, and R. J. McKeirnan.

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



There was a puzzle here. 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.

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

= **Barbara (?)**

Daughter
 1911-1911
 bur. Maple Ridge, NY

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

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

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

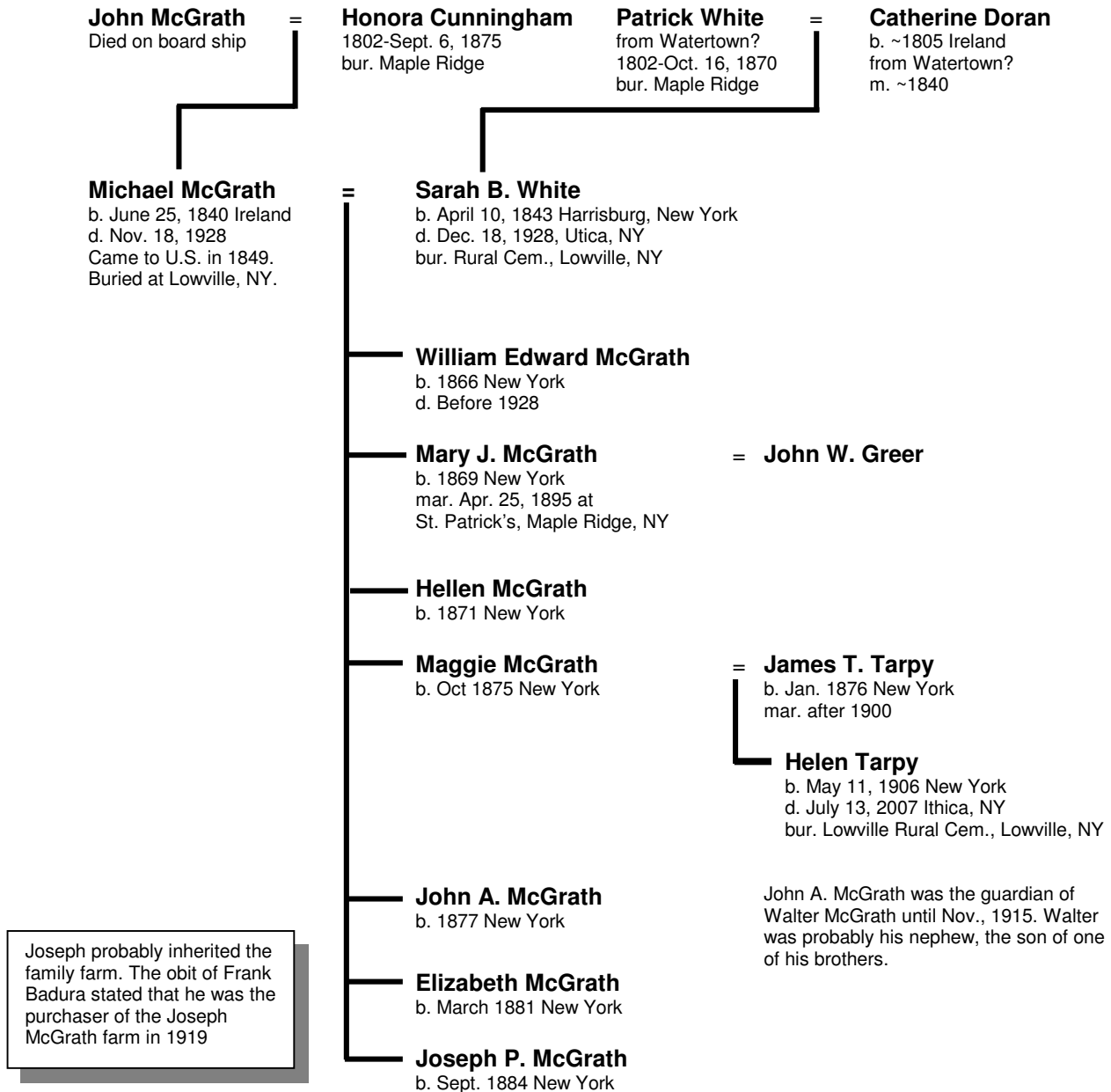
1900 NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg, T623\1070\199B, Res. 171, Fam. 187

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



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 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1900 | 1910 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Michael McGrath , b. 1841 Ir , d. Nov. 18, 1928 | | 28 | 38 | 58 | 69 |
| Sarah Bridget White , b. 1841 NY , d. Dec. 18, 1928 | | 27 | 35 | 57 | 67 |
| Hannorah , b. 1802, Ir., d. Sept. 6, 1875 | | 65 | - | | |
| Children | | | | | |
| William Edward. ; b. 1866 NY | | 4 | 14 | - | |
| Mary J. , b. 1869 NY , d. | | 1 | 11 | - | |
| Hellen , b. 1871 NY , d. | | | 9 | - | |
| Maggie , b. 1875 NY , d. | | | 6 | 25 | |
| John A. , b. 1877 NY , d. | | | 3 | 19 | |
| Elizabeth , b. 1881 NY , d. | | | | 15 | |
| Joseph P. , b. 1884 NY , d. | | | | | 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

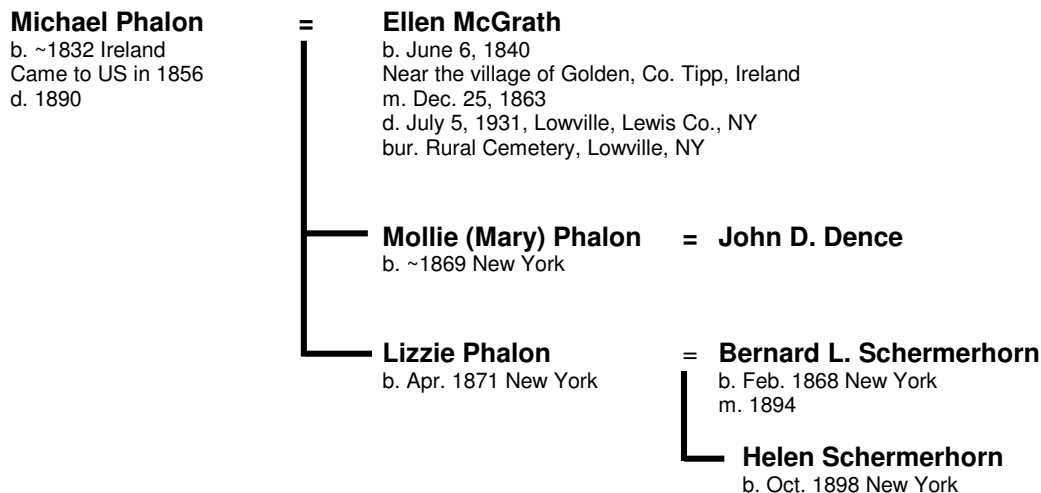
The Journal and Republican

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 35th 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



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 (5th 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.

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) - 2nd 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

- **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.

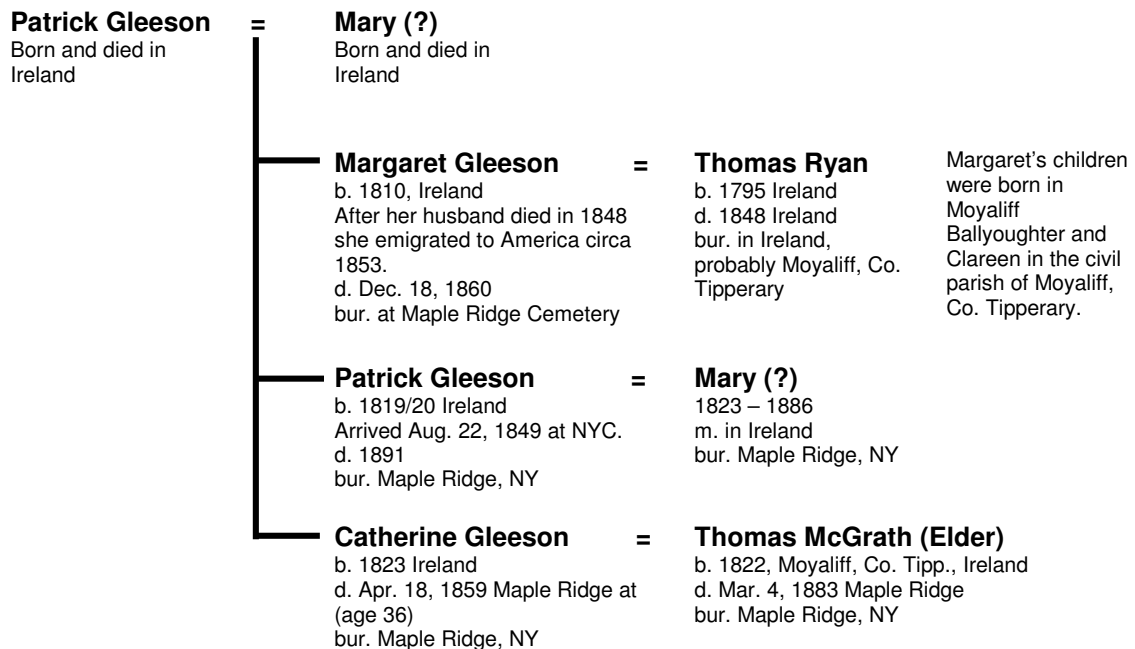
The First Gleeson from Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary

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 Gleasons 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 Gleasons 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.

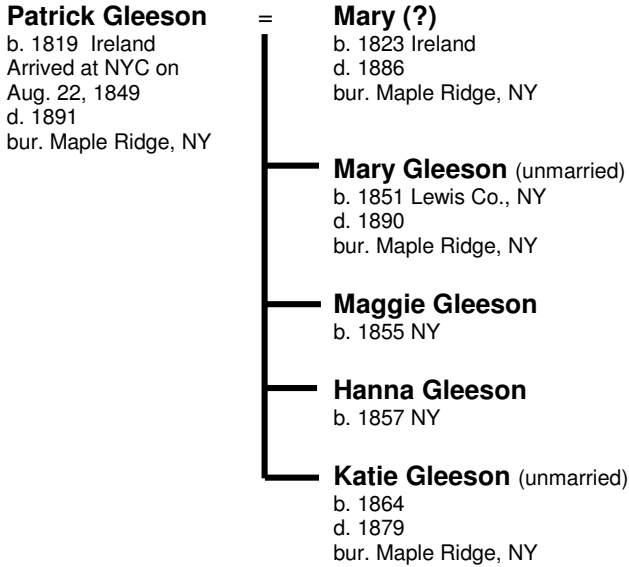
Note on the "Elder" label. Still useful although in the end he wasn't significantly older than the other Thomas.

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, 3rd Battalion, 5th NY Heavy Artillery.

Michael Phalon married Ellen McGrath, Michael's sister, on Dec. 25, 1863 while on furlough from the 5th NY Heavy Artillery. The 5th 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



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 | |
| Patrick Gleeson , b. 1819 Ir , d. 1891 | 30 | 26 | 31 | 40 | 46 | 65 | d. 1891 |
| Mary ? , b. 1823 , d. 1886 | 31 | 25 | 31 | 30 | 46 | 57 | d. 1886 |
| Children | | | | | | | |
| Mary , b. 1851 NY, d. 1890 (unmarried) | | 5/12 | 3 | 8 | - | 26 | d. 1890 |
| Margaret , b. 1855 NY. Still single in 1917 | | | | 5 | 16 | 24 | |
| Hanna , b. 1857 NY. Still single in 1917 | | | | 3 | 12 | - | |
| Catherine , 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).

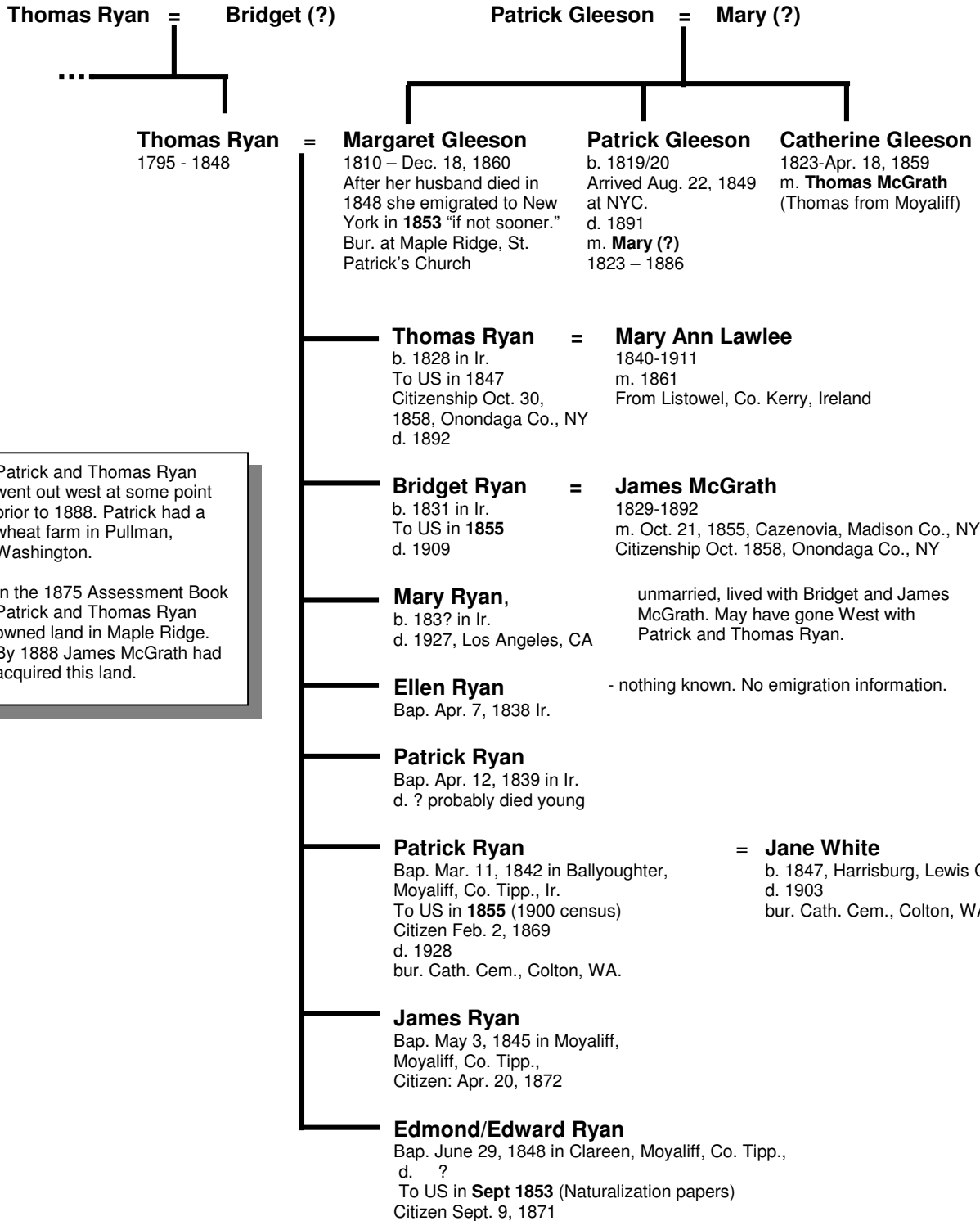
1868, Aug 15 – Naturalization witness for Michael McGrath (from Golden, Co. Tipperary). Patrick was living in Lowville at the time.

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 Morman'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

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

Thomas Gleeson Ryan enlisted in Co. I, 3rd Battallion, 5th 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 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

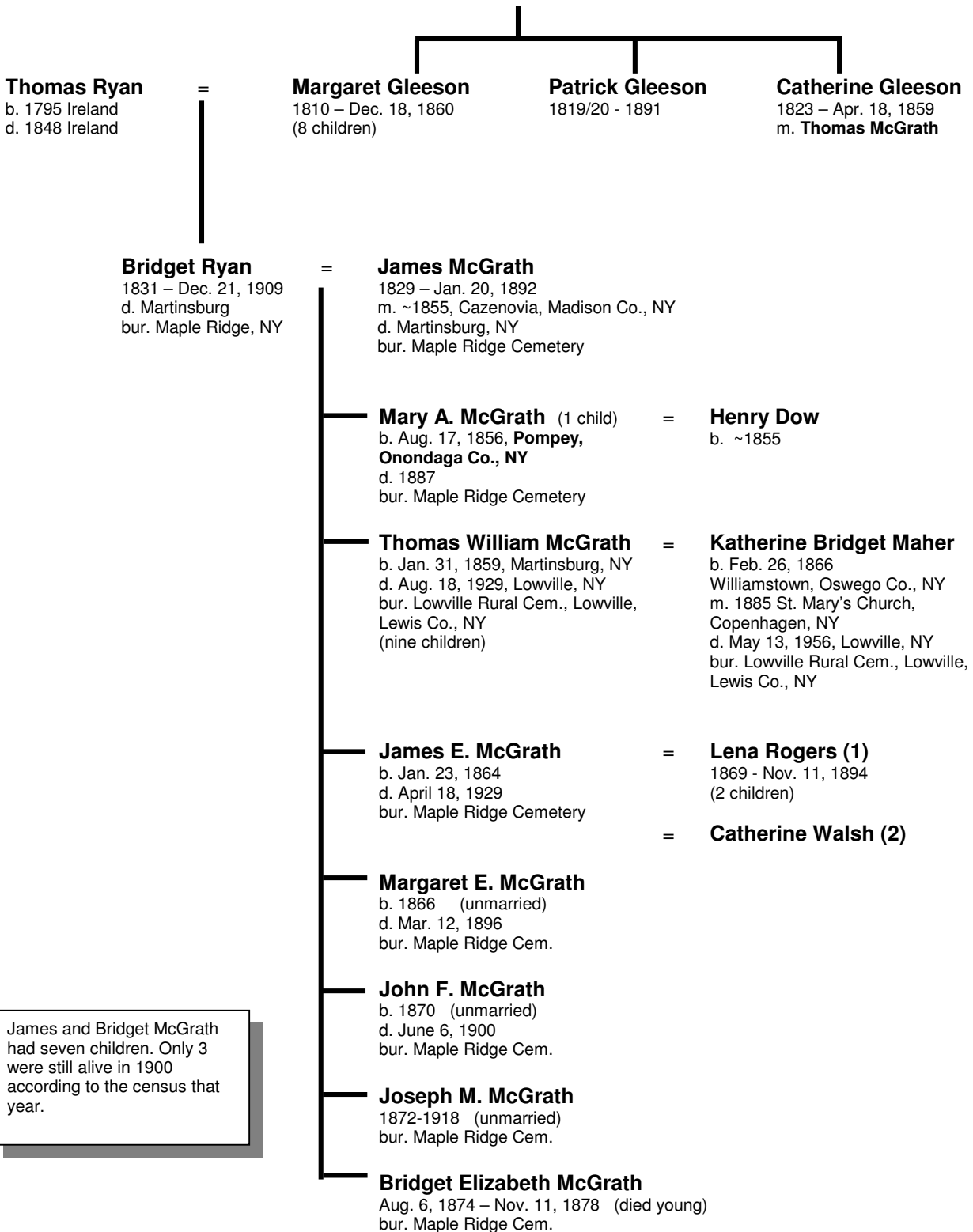
**Borrowed Money in Lowville to Go West
and Now is President of \$1,000,000 Corporation**

“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.”

The Journal and Republican
Lowville, NY
Thursday, Feb. 8, 1917

Bridget Ryan and James McGrath



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).

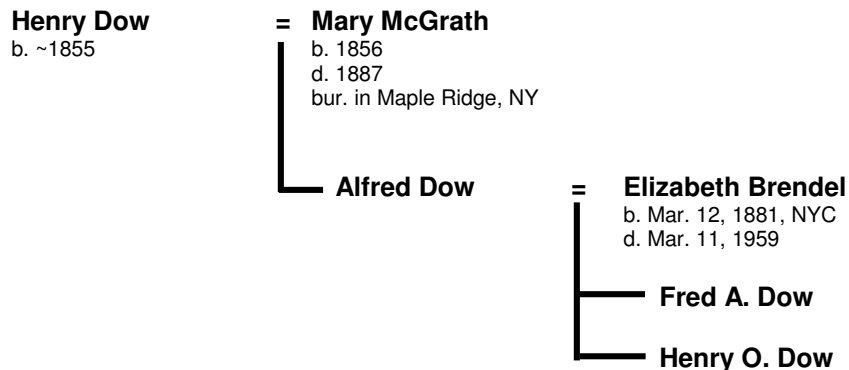
- Jane McGrath Ostrowidzki's grandmother (Katherine Bridget Maher McGrath) said they (Jane's ancestors) weren't related to the other McGraths in Martinsburgh. She was descended from James McGrath whose aunt Catherine Gleeson was married to Thomas McGrath. Therefore this statement means that the other 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.

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



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 2nd child of James McGrath and Bridget Ryan. Cities listed under the names are their respective cities of residence given in the obits. Additional information was obtained from the census records for the years 1900, 1910 and 1920.

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

= **Katherine Bridget Maher**
 b. Feb. 26, 1866
 Williamstown, Oswego Co., NY
 m. 1885 St. Mary's Church, Copenhagen, NY
 d. May 13, 1956, Lowville, NY
 bur. Lowville Rural Cem., Lowville, Lewis Co., NY

— **Elizabeth McGrath** = **Earl Charles Schramp**
 b. Jan. 1887, NY
 Lowville (1919)
 Mar. Jan. 12, 1920
 Rodman (1929)

— **Mayme McGrath** (unmarried)
 b. Sept. 10, 1889, New Boston, NY
 d. May 1, 1919

— **Gertrude McGrath** = **William N. Breen**
 b. Sept. 1892, NY
 Mar. before 1919
 Syracuse, NY (1919, 1929)

— **James Michael McGrath**
 b. Sept. 1895, NY
 In the service in 1919
 Cleveland, Ohio (1929)

— **Beatrice McGrath** = **Charles Donnelly**
 b. Oct. 1897, NY
 Syracuse, NY (1919)
 New York (1929)

— **Kathleen McGrath**
 b. Apr. 1900, NY
 Lowville, NY (1919)
 Albany, NY (1929)

— **William McGrath** (Jane's father)
 b. 1903, NY
 Lowville, NY (1919, 1929)

— **Vivian McGrath**
 b. 1906, NY
 Lowville, NY (1919, 1929)

— **Eileen McGrath**
 b. 1909, NY
 Lowville, NY (1919, 1929)

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

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

James E. McGrath

b. Jan. 23, 1864
Martinsburg, NY
d. April 18, 1929
Clayton, NY

= Lena Rogers (1st)

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

Infant son

bur. Maple Ridge

Adeline McGrath

b. March, 1890
mar. July 24, 1940
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 Tiebault

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

James E. McGrath

b. Jan. 23, 1864
Martinsburg, NY
d. April 18, 1929
Clayton, NY

= Katherine B. Walsh (2nd)

b. 1872, Highmarket, NY
m. ~1900
d. Jan., 1930
bur. 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

JAMES E, M'GRATH

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

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 and Bridget Cannan

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

= **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

= **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 and John Rogers** of Lowville, NY, and **Patrick Rogers** of Grand Valley, Co. Patrick had 8 daughters, three of these, including Lena Rogers McGrath, were deceased by 1914. Patrick had been living in Lowville with his daughter Mrs. Jacob Dembeck prior to moving back to the old family homestead on Maple Ridge where he died shortly thereafter. Source: The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Feb. 19, 1914

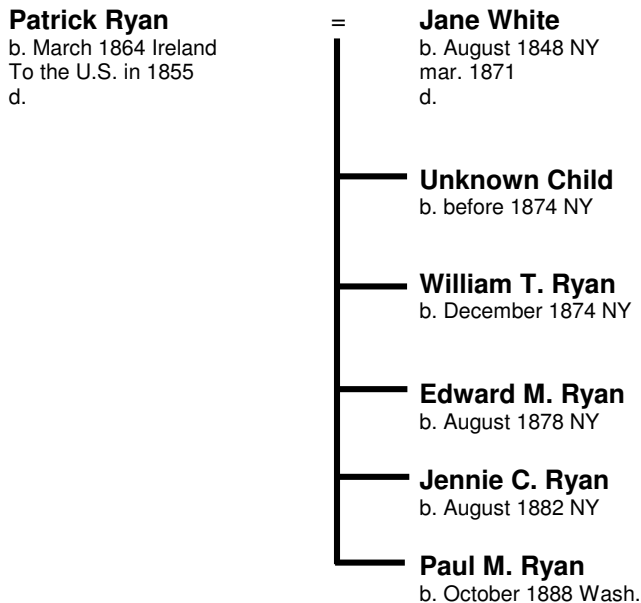
1900 NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg T623\1070\199B
 Patrick Rogers, b. Jan 1820, mar 49 yrs, Children 9/10 alive in 1900 To U.S. in 1838
 Bridget Rogers, b. Feb. 1832, To U.S. Unknown

1900 NY, Lewis Co., Martinsburg
 Thomas Rogers, Aug 1854, Leyden, Widower, ~~104~~ (crossed out).
 Charles M. Rogers, Nov 1891, Martinsburg
 William L. Rogers, Oct 1893, Martinsburg
 Raymond M. Rogers, Jan 1893, Martinsburg

Patrick Ryan and Jane White
 (Son of Thomas Ryan and Margaret Gleason)

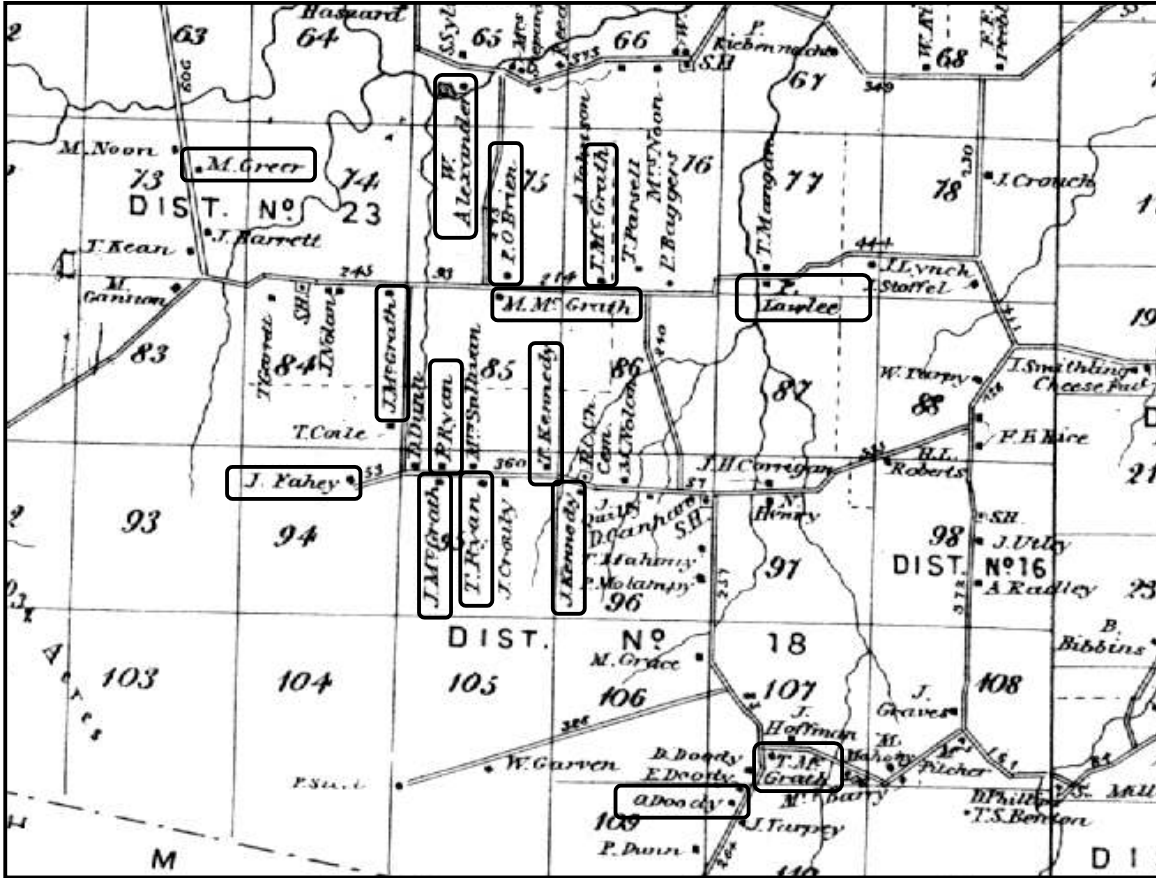
Patrick has not left much of a trail in the records. According to his 1900 appearance in the census (Whitman Co., Washington) Patrick arrived in the U.S. in 1855. Whether he traveled alone or with family and relatives is not known. Where he entered the country and where he first settled is also not known at this time.

Jane White was the sister of Sarah Bridget White who married Michael McGrath of the McGraths from near the village of Golden in Co. Tipperary. Their parents were Patrick and Catherine White of Harrisburg, Lewis Co., NY



1900 Washington, Whitman, Seats Precinct T623\1753\199B Res. 343, Fam. 343
 Patrick listed his occupation as farmer and sons William and Edward were listed as farm laborers. Patrick and Jane had been married 29 years and all five of their children were still living at the time of this census. Patrick owned a farm with a mortgage and he gave his year of immigration as 1855.

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



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

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

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

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 is 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 of 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 Mc- Bride, 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 relieved 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