

# Upperchurch Families

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This is the first draft of the construction of Upperchurch family trees from various sources of information. The majority of this information has been taken from the Upperchurch Graveyard inscriptions that were compiled by Beverly Jean Muncy Bouthillier on January 3, 2006 during her recent trip to Ireland. Although she was able to transcribe the information from 25 gravestones this should not be considered an extensive survey of the cemetery. However, it is an excellent beginning and a welcome addition to our information about our ancestors from Upperchurch. The Photo IMPG# reference numbers refer to the transcriptions contained in the "Upperchurch Graveyard Inscriptions" by Beverly Jean Muncy Bouthillier.

The information on the various relationships between families contained explicitly and implicitly in these inscriptions are extremely valuable and is not available anywhere else. These relationships are made more readable by placing them in a family tree structure that is ordered chronologically and which explicitly displays the interrelationships between the individuals.

This information has been supplemented where possible with information from the Upperchurch parish records, the Tithe Applotment records, Griffith's Valuation records and from other researchers. Where a date of death is given that person is buried in the Upperchurch Village Cemetery. Sometimes the person erecting the monument was not buried in that plot and that will be noted by the phrase "Not here" under their name. This means only that they are not buried in that particular plot and they might be buried in another plot in the same cemetery or maybe not in that cemetery at all. In most cases the names in the family trees are the names of the individuals mentioned in the gravestone inscriptions but occasionally other names are placed in the trees and these will usually not contain a date of death. Where necessary to avoid confusion the phrase "Not here" will be used.

Where possible, I have attempted to determine the correct spelling of the townlands from the inscriptions. With just a few exceptions (Coolbawn, Knockahoople, Minvee and Commonaline) all of the townlands mentioned in the inscriptions can be found on modern day maps of the Upperchurch area.

## Laurence Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0303 and additional research done by Con Ryan (Connie) and Michael Quinlan of Glown, Upperchurch

**Laurence Ryan**  
1791 – June 12, 1867

= ??

**Edmond Ryan**  
(Gortnahalla,  
Upperchurch)  
Not Here

= **Anne Hayes**  
(Gortahoola, Moyaliff)

m. June 22, 1860

Witnesses: Laurence Ryan and Mary Kennedy  
Not Here

**Anne Hayes** was originally married to **Jeremiah Ryan** of Glown who died on May 27, 1860. **Jeremiah “Jerry” Ryan** is buried in one half of a double plot in the Upperchurch Cemetery

**Laurence Ryan**  
Bap. May 9, 1863  
Sp.: John Kennedy &  
Margaret Ryan  
d. October 2, 1935

= **Johanna Ryan**  
1868 – May 4, 1896

— **Margaret Ryan**  
1893 – March 14, 1938

— **Rody Ryan**  
(Knockmaroe)  
1887 – Dec. 20, 1959

= **Mary Ryan**  
1904 – Feb. 13, 1991

— **Jonie Ryan**  
1941 – Nov. 16, 1946

— **Bridget Mary Ryan**  
Baby d. Nov. 27, 1943

This monument was erected by Edmond Ryan in honor of his father Laurence Ryan. I believe that Edmond and Anne are buried in a different plot in the same cemetery.

The gravestone inscription didn't say that the younger **Laurence** was the son of **Edmond** and **Anne**. That connection came from the Ryan and Quinlan research.

At the marriage ceremony of Edmond Ryan and Anne Hayes were witnesses Laurence Ryan and Mary Kennedy. One is tempted to think that Laurence might be Edmond's father and if that is the case the female witness might be Laurence's wife who would be recorded under her maiden name. Therefore Edmond Ryan's mother might have been Mary Kennedy.

In the 1829 Upperchurch Tithes there is only one Lawrence Ryan in the civil parish of Knockcurraghbola which might have been where the family was living at the time. In the later 1837 Moyaliff Tithes, in the adjacent parish to the south, there were no Lawrence Ryans.

Anne Hayes previously married Jeremiah Ryan of Glown on February 22, 1846 with witnesses John Costello and Catherine Hayes. They had at least four children between 1849 and 1856. According to Con Ryan (Connie) of Glown, Jerry, as he was called, was digging around his cottage in the process of making some improvements when he discovered a mineral. This cottage is located next door to Con's present home and was the cottage where Con himself was born and raised. At that time there was a superstition that if a person discovered a mineral while digging then they were not going to live very much longer. Jerry died shortly thereafter on May 27, 1860 and his wife Anne remarried on June 22, 1860. This wasn't even a month later – one wonders if perhaps there is more to this story.

In 1844 my gg-grandmother Mary Ryan, her husband Edmond Magrath and her children Margaret and Michael were living in Glown with her brother Jeremiah when her second son John William was born.

### **Cornelius Ryan (Connie) of Glown**

Information from Photo IMPG#0318

**Cornelius Ryan**  
1865 – Dec. 7, 1925

= **Mary Ryan**  
1861 – June 7, 1924

**Cornelius Ryan**  
1896 – May 13, 1905

**Thomas Ryan**  
1885 – Nov. 23, 1957

= **Ellen Kennedy**  
1905 – Dec. 27, 1975

Thomas and Ellen are the parents of Con Ryan (Connie) of Glown whose family presently occupies Glown (Gleninchnaveigh).

## John Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0305 & IMPG#0313

**John Ryan**  
1809 – April 15, 1869

= **Mary Ryan**  
(Garranakilka)



**Thomas Ryan**  
(Loughmore)  
1885 - February 1968

= **Mary Kennedy**  
1898 – June 1988

**John Ryan**  
1880 – May 1969

**Patrick Ryan**  
1883 – Nov. 1961

**James Ryan**  
1873 – Nov. 1930

The four brothers **Thomas, John, Patrick** and **James** are not referred to as sons of **John** and **Mary** but that is probably a safe assumption since they were all buried in the same plot.

## Edmond Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0306

**Edmond Ryan**  
(Roan)  
1826 – June 13, 1901

= **Hanora Kennedy**  
1831 – Feb. 27, 1911



**Kate Ryan**  
1863 – Sept. 23, 1897

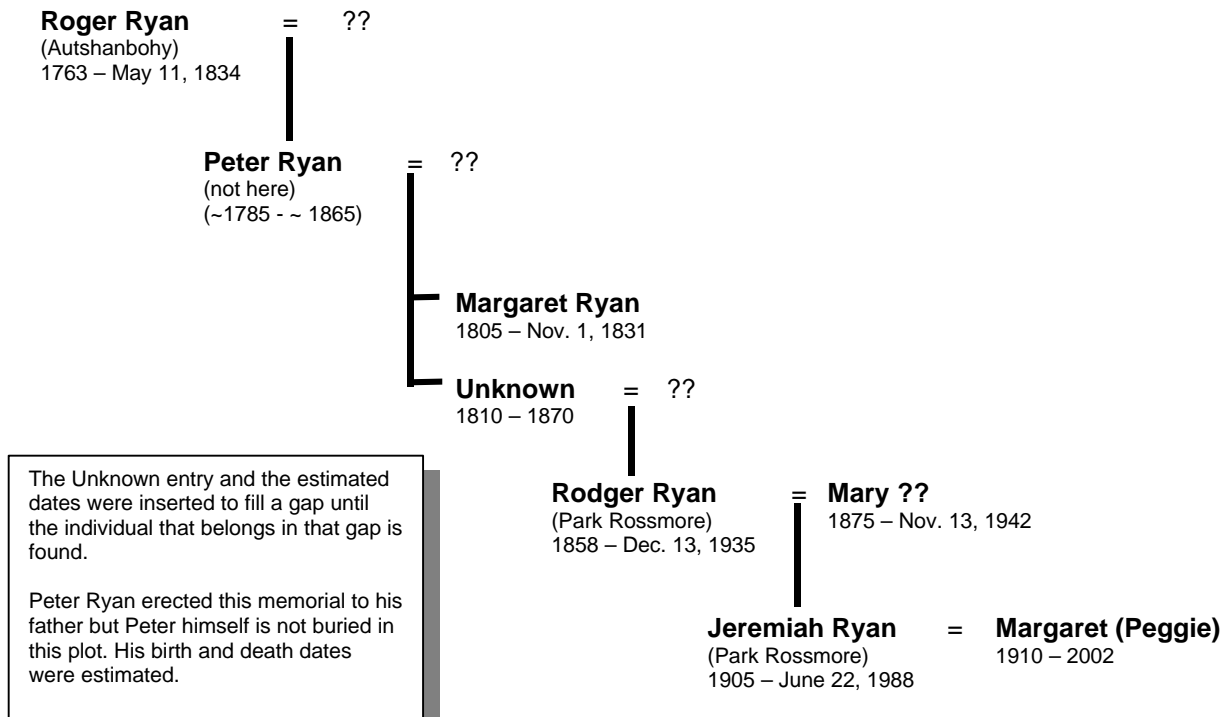
**John Ryan**

= **Winifred Ryan**  
1867 – Sept. 22, 1924

**John Ryan** was not identified as the son of **Edmond** and **Hanora Ryan** in the inscription but he is the right are and is buried in their plot so it is a good assumption.

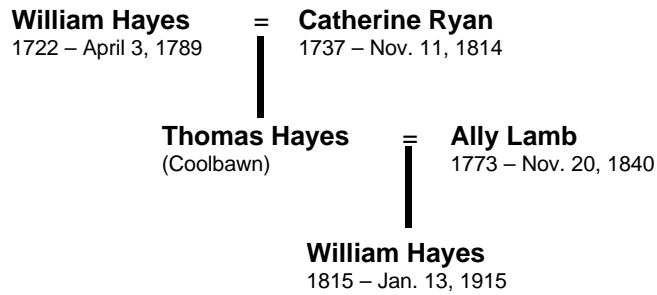
## Rodger Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0307

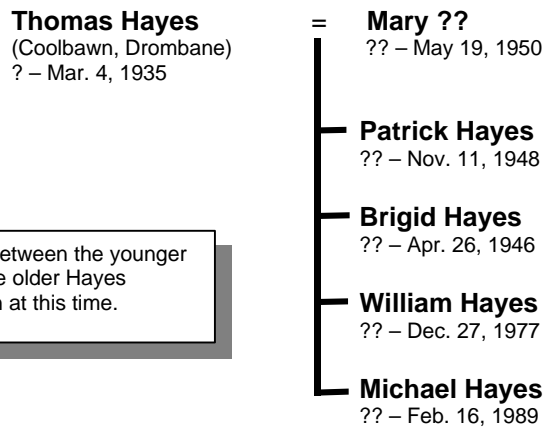


## William Hayes

Information from Photo IMPG#0309



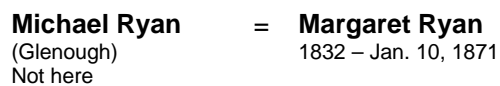
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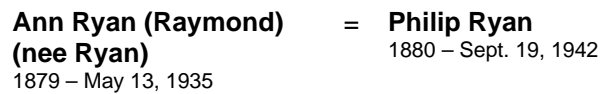
The exact connection between the younger **Thomas Hayes** and the older Hayes individuals is not known at this time.

## Michael Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0310



Monument erected by **Michael Ryan**.  
Connection of **Michael** and **Margaret** to  
Ann and Philip is unknown at this time.



## Patrick Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0311

**Patrick Ryan**  
(Foilnacanony,  
Kilcommon)  
?? – Jan. 16, 1947

= ??

**Rody Ryan**  
?? - March 1920

**Nora Ryan**  
?? – July 1, 1937

**Michael Ryan**  
?? – Apr. 7, 1957

= **Alice ??**

?? – Feb. 3, 1965

**Michael Ryan**  
?? – Nov. 13, 1984

## John Lee

Information from Photo IMPG#0312

**John Lee**  
(Knockcurraghbola)  
1789 – Mar 19, 1849

= **Hanora Hogan**  
1793 – May 13, 1858

**John Lee**  
1819 – July 2, 1844

This monument was erected by **John Lee** in memory of his son, also named **John Lee**. On the monument the townland is spelled Knockorovoula

## Michael Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0314

**Michael Ryan**  
(Reiska)  
1822 – Jan. 10, 1897



**Johanna ??**  
1830 – July 27, 1906

The connection between **Michael** and the elder **Edmond Ryan** is assumed to be father and son.

**Edmond Ryan**  
1863 – Apr. 5, 1941



**Bridget Ryan**  
1869 – Dec. 31, 1923

**Edmond Ryan**  
(Not here)



**Thomas Ryan**  
(Gurtnaharna)  
?? – Sept. 11, 1946



**Patrick Ryan**  
?? – Jan. 6, 1966

## Jeremiah Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0315

**Jeremiah Ryan**  
(Reiska, Kilcommon)  
1829 – Dec. 10, 1904



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The connection between **Jeremiah** and the other is assumed to be father and children.



**William Ryan**  
1860 – Mar. 28, 1931



**Katie Ryan**  
1869 – July 1, 1942



**Edmond Ryan**  
1866 – Apr. 5, 1940



**Winifred ??**  
1883 – Aug. 26, 1958

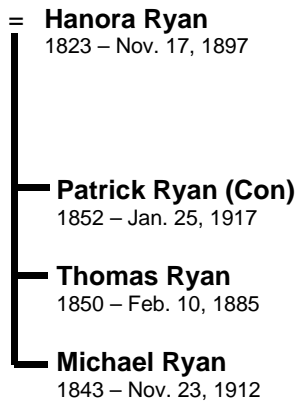


## Cornelius Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0316

### Cornelius Ryan (Con)

(Commonaline)  
1812 – Jan. 23, 1887



## Connor Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0317

**Connor Ryan**  
1758 – May 8, 1842



## Michael Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0319

### Michael Ryan

(Minvee, Kilcommon)  
1843 – Feb. 25, 1915

### = Bridget ??

1847 – May 23, 1923

### Patrick Ryan

1900 – Sept. 17, 1921

### Sahra Ryan

1891 – Feb. 10, 1945

### Connie Ryan

1900 – July 23, 1945

### John Ryan

1881 – July 19, 1952

### Margaret Ryan

1881 – Mar. 9, 1961

### Josephine Ryan

1897 – May 7, 1973

### Julie Ryan

1897 – Dec. 8, 1973

### Martin Ryan

1900 – Feb. 15, 1974

### George Ryan

1890 – Jan. 2, 1977

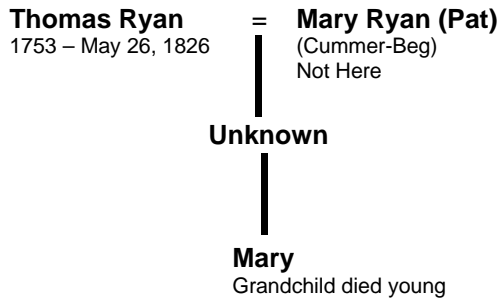
### Michael Ryan

1878 – Mar. 12, 1960

Monument erected by Connie and  
Kathleen Ryan

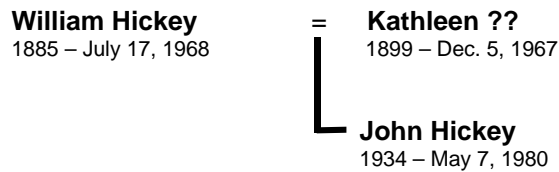
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Information from Photo IMPG#0321



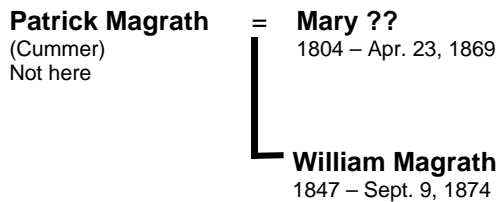
The exact connection between the **Ryans** and the **Hickeys**. **Mary Ryan (Pat)** erected this memorial in memory of her husband **Thomas**.

(On the same stone)



## Patrick Magrath

Information from Photo IMPG#0320



In the Upperchurch parish records there is recorded the marriage a Patrick Magrath to a Mary Murray on January 24, 1841. There are also recorded two baptisms of children belonging to this couple. Mary Magrath was baptized on January 18, 1845 with sponsors Michael Murray and Judy Murray. A second daughter, Margaret, was baptized on January 2, 1848 with sponsors Denis Leamy and Mary Morrissey.

## Thomas Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0322

### Thomas Ryan

(Milestone)

1850 – Nov. 24, 1927

### = Bridget Ryan

1846 – Oct. 30, 1912

### John Ryan

1887 – July 12, 1943

### Martin Ryan

1879 – Jan. 3, 1946

### Philip Ryan

1880 – Jan. 28, 1954

### = Mary ??

1885 – Nov. 25, 1960

### Michael Ryan

?? – Dec. 4, 1989

### Tom Ryan

(Chicago)

?? –1993

### Bridget Ryan

?? – Oct. 6, 1995

### Tim Ryan

?? – Aug. 5, 2000

Monument erected by Thomas Ryan  
in memory of his wife Bridget.

The connection among **Michael, Tom, Bridget** and **Tim** is assumed to be  
that of siblings.

The connection between these four  
and the above Ryans is uncertain but  
they are probably the children of  
**John, Martin** or **Philip**.

## Mathew Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0323

**Mathew Ryan**  
(Clonyross)  
1817 – May 1, 1872

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**Mary Stapleton**  
1821 – July 11, 1893

**Timothy Ryan**  
1851 – Dec. 14, 1868

**Mary Ryan Stapleton** erected this memorial in memory of her husband **Thomas**.  
The exact connection between **Thomas Ryan** and the other Ryans is uncertain.

(On the same stone)

**Thomas Ryan**  
?? – March 1933

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**James Ryan**  
?? – Aug. 1980

## John and William Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0324

**Matthew Ryan**

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**Mrs. Matthew Ryan**  
(Alias **Stapleton**)  
(Clonyross)  
1823 – Nov. 17, 1897

**John Ryan**  
1849 – Mar. 23, 1874

**William Ryan**  
1853 – Mar. 27, 1874

**Bridget Ryan**  
Died young

**Thomas Ryan**  
(Clonyross)  
1905 – Mar. 14, 1981

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**Annie Shanahan**  
1907 – Aug. 16, 1987

## James Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0325

On the left side of the monument

### James Ryan

(Knockahopple)  
?? - 1904

= Winifred Kennedy

?? - 1889

### John Ryan

1869 - Sept. 7, 1947

= Margaret English

1886 - May 1, 1965

On the right side of the monument

### Patrick Ryan

(Knockahopple)  
?? - 1926

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### Mary ??

?? - 1885



### Mary Anne Ryan

?? - 1969

= Timothy ??

?? - 1943

## Denis Ryan

Information from Photo IMPG#0326

### Denis Ryan

(Mockland)  
Not here

= Honoria Ryan

1815 - Aug. 14, 1880



Five children who died young

### Martin Ryan

(Emmet St., Thurles)  
1900 - Apr. 23, 1955

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### Ellen Gleeson

1905 - June 21, 1996