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 phase “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

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

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.

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.

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 Knockcurraghola 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

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Cornelius Ryan 1865 – Dec. 7, 1925  =  Mary Ryan 1861 – June 7, 1924
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Cornelius Ryan 1896 – May 13, 1905
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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.

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.

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
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

Roger Ryan
(Aultshanbohy)
1763 – May 11, 1834

Peter Ryan
(not here)
(1785 – 1865)

Margaret Ryan
1805 – Nov. 1, 1831

Unknown
1810 – 1870

Rodger Ryan
(Park Rossmore)

Mary ??
1875 – Nov. 13, 1942

Jeremiah Ryan = Margaret (Peggie)
(Park Rossmore)
1905 – June 22, 1988

1910 – 2002

The Unknown entry and the estimated dates were inserted to fill a gap until the individual that belongs in that gap is found.

Peter Ryan erected this memorial to his father but Peter himself is not buried in this plot. His birth and death dates were estimated.
William Hayes
Information from Photo IMPG#0309

William Hayes 
1722 – April 3, 1789

= Catherine Ryan
1737 – Nov. 11, 1814

Thomas Hayes
(Coolbawn)

= Ally Lamb
1773 – Nov. 20, 1840

William Hayes
1815 – Jan. 13, 1915

(On the same stone)

Thomas Hayes
(Coolbawn, Drombane)
?

= Mary ??
?? – May 19, 1950

Patrick Hayes
?? – Nov. 11, 1948

Brigid Hayes
?? – Apr. 26, 1946

William Hayes
?? – Dec. 27, 1977

Michael Hayes
?? – Feb. 16, 1989

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

Michael Ryan 
(Glenough)

= Margaret Ryan
Not here
1832 – Jan. 10, 1871

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

Ann Ryan (Raymond)
(nee Ryan)
1879 – May 13, 1935

= Philip Ryan
1880 – Sept. 19, 1942

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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

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

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

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

Jeremiah Ryan
Information from Photo IMPG#0315

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

William Ryan
1860 – Mar. 28, 1931

Katie Ryan
1869 – July 1, 1942

Edmond Ryan
1866 – Apr. 5, 1940
= Winifred ??
1883 – Aug. 26, 1958

The connection between Jeremiah and the other is assumed to be father and children.
**Cornelius Ryan**  
Information from Photo IMGP#0316

**Cornelius Ryan (Con)**  
(Commanaline)  
1812 – Jan. 23, 1887

**Hanora Ryan**  
1823 – Nov. 17, 1897

**Patrick Ryan (Con)**  
1852 – Jan. 25, 1917

**Thomas Ryan**  
1850 – Feb. 10, 1885

**Michael Ryan**  
1843 – Nov. 23, 1912

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**Connor Ryan**  
Information from Photo IMGP#0317

**Connor Ryan**  
1758 – May 8, 1842

**Mary Fogarty**  
1772 – May 8, 1842

**Patrick Ryan**  
(Commanaline)  
Not here
Michael Ryan
Information from Photo IMPG#0319

Michael Ryan
(Minevee, 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
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

= 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

= ??

James Ryan
?? – Aug. 1980

John and William Ryan
Information from Photo IMPG#0324

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

= Mrs. Matthew Ryan

John Ryan
1849 – Mar. 23, 1874

William Ryan
1853 – Mar. 27, 1874

Bridget Ryan
Died young

Thomas Ryan
(Clonyross)

= 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

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 = Ellen Gleeson
1905 – June 21, 1996