

THE RYANS AND MCGRATHS OF DRUMBANE, CO. TIPPERARY

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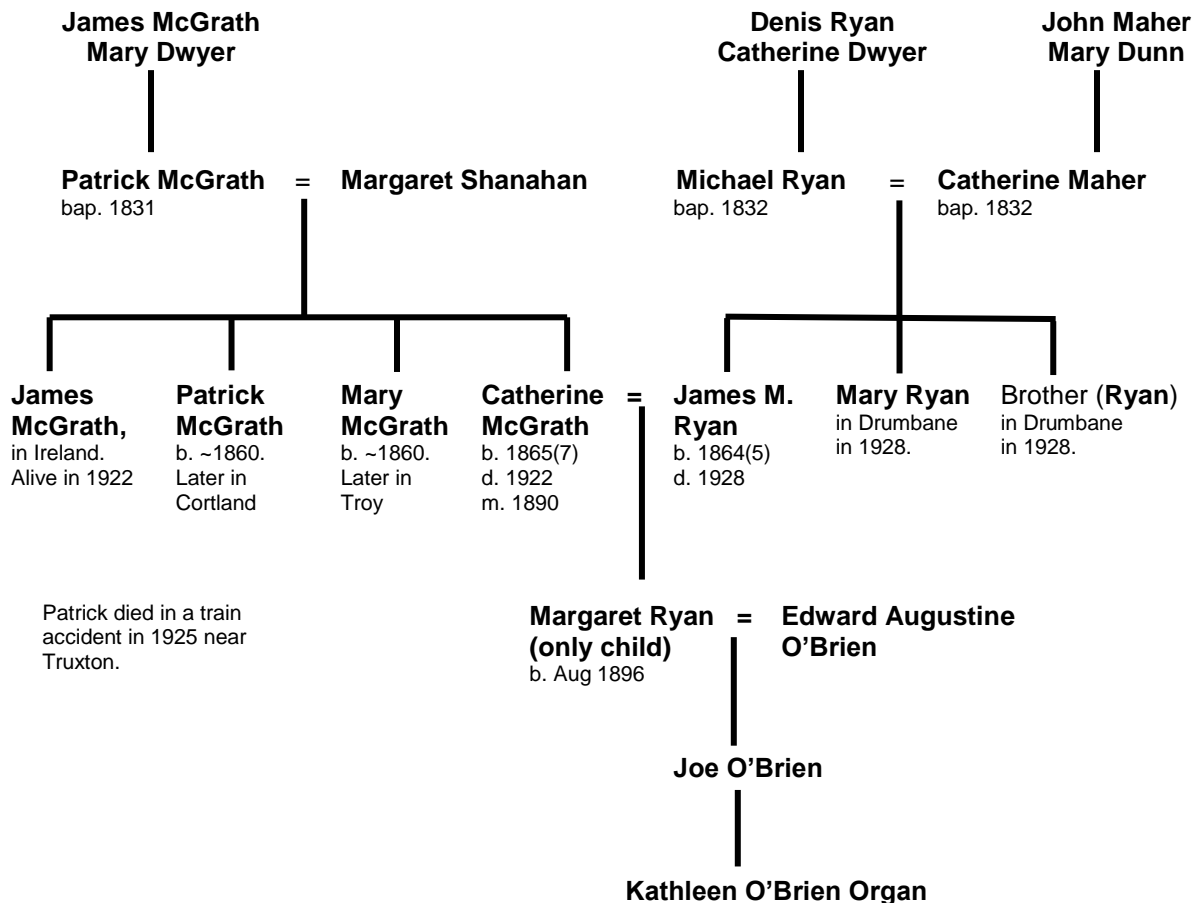
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INTRODUCTION

An earlier version of the family tree below appeared in “The McGrath Family of Truxton, New York” (2002). Since that time a tremendous amount of genealogy information has become available on line and it was time to see if this family tree could be updated. The “Drumbane” label was originally chosen since at that time it was the only location in Ireland that could be connected with the families. It will be shown in this paper that the McGrath family is associated with Stook (Stuicke) which is a sub-townland in Gortaculrush in Clogher civil parish, Co. Tipperary.



This family tree belongs to Joe O'Brien whose grandparents came from Ireland and lived in the Troy area. His grandmother was a Catherine McGrath (1867-1922), one of whose brothers later went to Cortland and died in a train accident in 1925 near Truxton. Joe's grandfather was

James Ryan (1864-1928) who came from Drumbane, Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary and settled in the Troy area. It was through his daughter Kathleen that I finally contacted him in 2001.

This information comes from Joe O'Brien and his daughter Kathleen O'Brien Organ. The chart above is based on my best interpretation of the information that Joe and Kathleen have provided and on information that I have been able to find in various census records.

Catherine and James both arrived in the U.S. in 1888 and were living in the town of Cortlandville according to the 1900 census. Catherine McGrath and James Ryan were married in the U.S. in late 1889 or early 1890, probably in Cortland Co. There might be a marriage record on file in Cortland County. James Ryan was born in Drumbane, Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary in March 1866 according to his obituary. Two sisters named Gilmartin were still in Ireland according to the same obituary [Note 1]. In Catherine Ryan's 1922 obituary it was stated that she had surviving siblings named Gilmartin. This was a mistake based on Catherine's sister being incorrectly listed as Miss Mary Gilmartin when in fact she was Mrs. Mary Gilmartin. The surname was then incorrectly attached to Catherine's surviving brothers: Patrick McGrath of Cortland and James McGrath of Ireland.

James Ryan was employed as a laborer in something called the "gas works." Their daughter Margaret married Edward Augustine O'Brien and settled in Troy, New York. The parents of Edward Augustine O'Brien were Timothy O'Brien (born in U.S. or Ireland?) [Note 2] and Mary Mannion (born in England). Two of Edward's sisters were married to brothers named Hurley.

Joe and Kathleen had indicated that Patrick McGrath died in a train accident near Truxton in 1925. Several newspaper articles were found that fill in the details of Patrick's death. There was a Patrick McGraw boarding with a Ryan family that was living on the same farm as the Michael O'Brien family in Truxton in the 1900 Cortland County census. This Patrick was born in Nov. 1868 and arrived in America in 1895. This might be the same person as the Patrick McGrath that is related to Joe O'Brien.

Note 1: This document has not been found yet. This Gilmartin connection might be related to the Gilmartin confusion noted with Catherine Ryan's 1922 obituary.

Note 2: Any possible relation to the other O'Briens living in the Truxton area?

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★ PATRICK MCGRATH AND MARGARET SHANAHAN

(s/o James McGrath and Mary Dwyer - mar. Feb 10, 1823)

(d/o Father and Mother)

Patrick McGrath

bap. Mar 7, 1831
d. bef 1900

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Margaret Shanahan

mar. Jul 29, 1857, at Clonoulty
Wit.: Michael Dwyer and Brigid Ryan
d. Mar 28, 1904, Gurtacoolrush

Mother's name was Mary in
the baptism record

Mary McGrath

bap. Jul 3, 1857 (Illegitimate)
Res.: Brockagh
Sps.: Alice Ryan
To US 1886

= **William Gilmartin**

b. Mar 1855, IR
To US 1872
mar. 1893

Remained in Ireland

James Magrath

bap. Sep 5, 1859
Res.: Stook
Sps. Thomas Corcoran and Winifred Corcoran

= **Winifred Ryan**

b. 1867
mar. Feb 21, 1900, Rossmore

Catherine McGrath

bap. Mar 6, 1863
Res.: Stook
Sps. Timothy Croagh and Mary Tierney
d. Feb 12, 1922, Cortlandville, NY
bur. St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= **James M. Ryan**

mar. 1890
d. May 25, 1928, Cortland, NY
bur. St Mary's Cem

Patrick McGrath

bap. Aug 4, 1865
Res.: Stook
Sps. John McGrath and Elizabeth Purcell
d. Feb 10, 1925, Truxton, NY

Never married

This tree incorporates the baptism and marriage information from church records with some of the information that was already known about this family.

On the following pages an attempt is made to connect Patrick McGrath with his possible ancestors. The first hint of a connection comes from the Irish naming tradition. According to this tradition the first male and female children are named after the father's parents and the second male and female children are named after the mother's parents. Therefore the possible candidates for Patrick's parent would be a James McGrath whose wife was Mary.

CHURCH RECORDS - CLONOULTY RC

James McGrath = Mary Dwyer

Married February 10, 1823 - **James Magrath** married **Mary Dwyer**, Clonoulty RC, Res: None
Wit. Tim Dwyer, John Quinlan, and Phillip Magrath, Priest: Rev. P. Molony

Phillip Magrath - Nov 29, 1823,

Clonoulty (Sps. Patrick Magrath and Judith Magrath)

Timothy Magrath - Aug 2, 1826,

Clonoulty (Sps. John Magrath and Catherine Magrath)

Patrick Magrath - Mar 7, 1831,

Clonoulty (Sps. Thomas Byrne and Catherine Dwyer)

Mary Magrath - Jun 29, 1832,

Clonoulty (Sps. Denis Dwyer and Mary Magrath)

In the 1901 census Margaret Shanahan McGrath was 75 years old (b. 1826). In her death record (March 28, 1904) she was 80 years old (b. 1825). The Upperchurch records commence in 1829, so she can't be found there. Neighboring Clonoulty RC parish records commence in 1804 and she wasn't found there either. Since her birth year was about 1825 she was 6 years old than her husband Patrick McGrath.

DEATH: MARGARET McGRATH - 80 - 1904

From Sup Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

Date: March 28, 1904 - Location: Gurtacoolrush

Name: **Margaret McGrath**

Condition: Widow

Age at last Birthday: 80 years

Occupation: No occupation

Cause of Death: Old age debility probably, No medical attendant

Informant: Michael Dwyer, Present at death, Gurtacoolrush

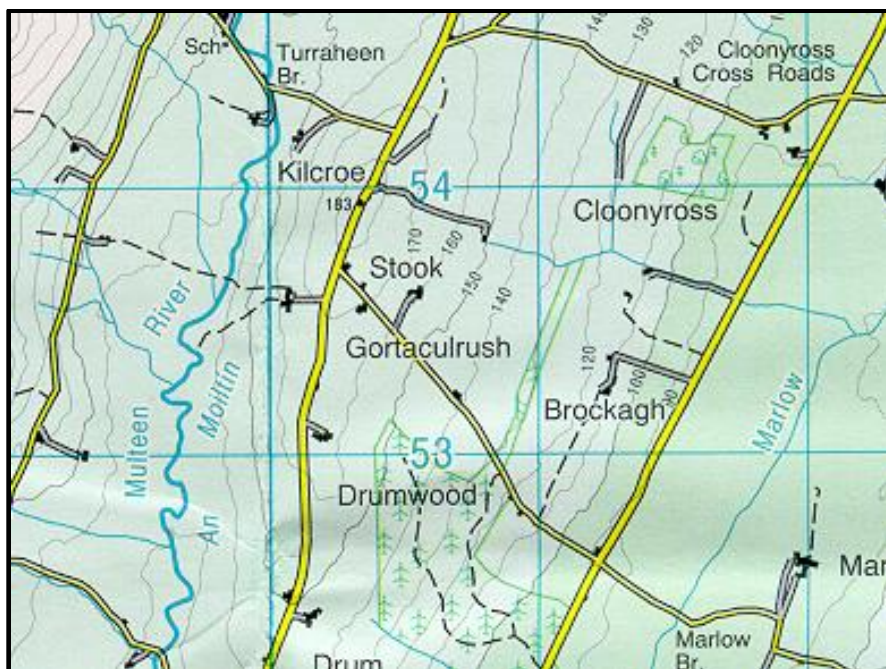
Reg: April 8, 1904

GRIFFITH'S VALUATION OF GURTACULRUSH

| | | GORTACULRUSH. (Ord. S. 46.) | | | | | | | |
|--------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|--|
| 1 | a | Thomas Dwyer, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House, offices, and land, | 58 2 28 | 20 0 0 | 5 5 0 | 25 5 0 | |
| - | b | Patrick Keffe, | Thomas Dwyer, | House and yard, | - | - | 0 5 0 | 0 5 0 | |
| - | c | Martin Stapleton, | Thomas Dwyer, | House and garden, | 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 | 0 5 0 | 0 6 0 | |
| 2 | | James McGrath, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House and land, | 3 2 28 | 2 0 0 | 0 10 0 | 2 10 0 | |
| 3 | a | John Corcoran, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House, offices, and land, | 56 0 32 | 24 15 0 | 1 10 0 | 26 5 0 | |
| - | b | Patrick Maher, | John Corcoran, | House and garden, | 0 1 7 | 0 2 0 | 0 8 0 | 0 10 0 | |
| 4 | a | John Griffin, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House, offices, and land, | 1 3 27 | 0 15 0 | 1 5 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| - | b | Mary Ryan, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House and garden, | 0 0 29 | 0 1 0 | 0 5 0 | 0 6 0 | |
| 5 | | James Kennedy, | John Corcoran, | House and land, | 1 2 16 | 0 13 0 | 0 7 0 | 1 0 0 | |
| 6 | | James Kennedy, | Patrick Croagh (Short), | Land, | 1 0 30 | 0 10 0 | - | 0 10 0 | |
| - | a | Mary Dwyer, | James Kennedy, | House and yard, | - | - | 0 5 0 | 0 5 0 | |
| 7 | | Patrick Croagh (Short), | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House and land, | 18 3 33 | 7 10 0 | 1 0 0 | 8 10 0 | |
| 8 | a | Edmund Croagh, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House and land, | 0 2 10 | 0 4 0 | 0 16 0 | 1 0 0 | |
| - | b | Patrick Croagh, | Edmund Croagh, | House, | - | - | 0 5 0 | 0 5 0 | |
| 9 | | Patrick Croagh (Long), | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House, offices, and land, | 23 2 8 | 10 10 0 | 2 0 0 | 12 10 0 | |
| 10 a | | Timothy Croagh, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | Land, | 8 3 30 | 4 10 0 | - | 4 10 0 | |
| 10 b | | Timothy Croagh, | Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools, | House and land, | 13 8 0 | 5 5 0 | 2 0 0 | 7 5 0 | |
| Total, | | | | | 189 2 13 | 76 16 0 | 16 6 0 | 93 2 0 | |

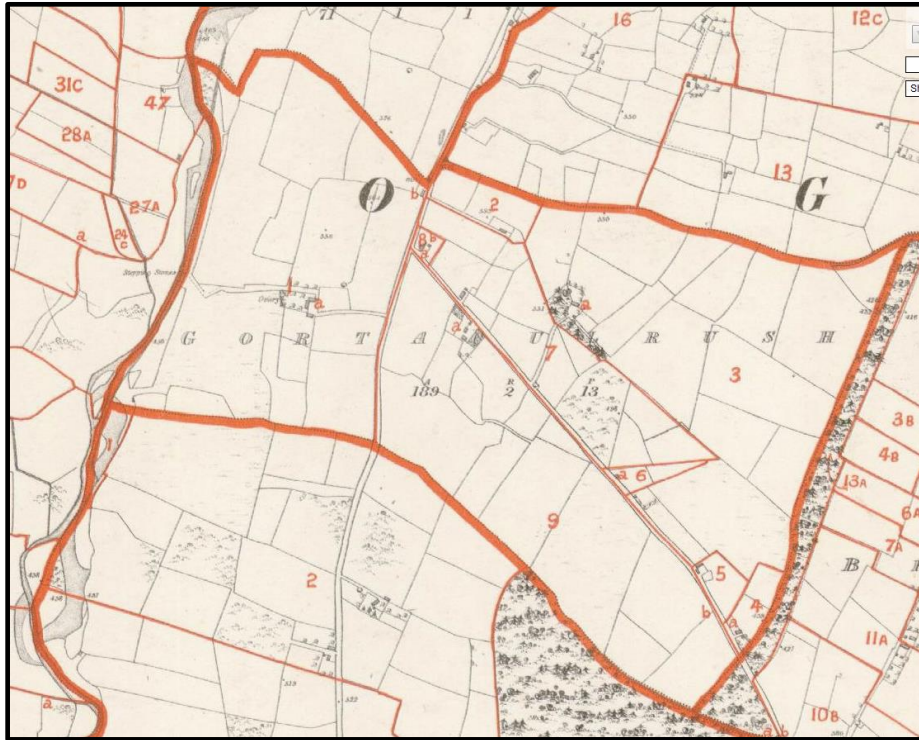
James McGrath was the occupier of Lot #2, the Immediate Lessor was Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools. James had a house and 3a-2r-28p of land (3.675 acres).

A POINTED PINNACLE - STOOK

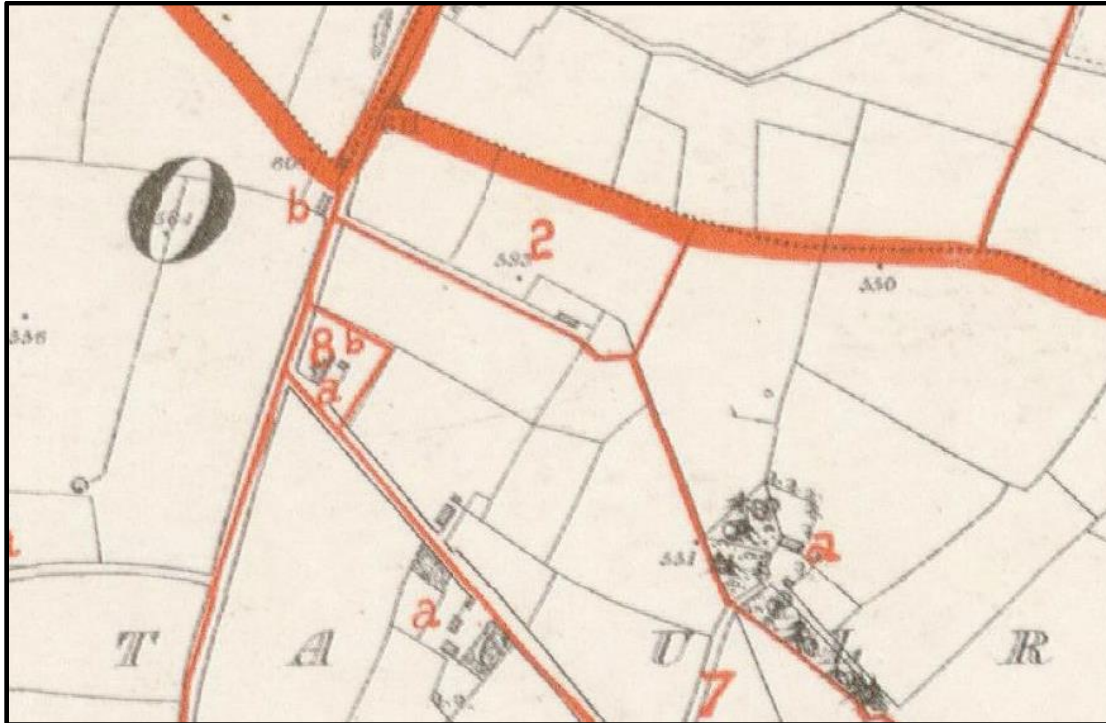


Stook means "a pointed pinnacle." Just to the northwest of the word "Stook" on this map is a "pinnacle" that rises all of 183 meters above sea level. Although it isn't possible to tell how pointed this pinnacle might be it is sufficient to explain why this northerly portion of the Gortaculrush townland is called Stook. The blue squares are 1 km on a side. This map covers a distance of 3.2 km east and west and 2.4 km north and south.

GRIFFITH'S VALUATION MAP



The entire townland of Gortaculrush, Clogher civil parish



This is a close up view of Lot #2 located along the northern border of Gortnaculrush. This section was also known as Stuike (Stook) which was a sub-townland.

LOT #2 DIMENSIONS



Lot #2 in Gurtaculrush on a Historic map 25 inch (1888-1913). The areas add up to 3.697 acres which is almost identical to the 3.675 acres from the Griffith's Valuation.



This shows a satellite overlay on the Historic 25 inch map.

THE STOOK AREA OF GURTACULRUSH



The map is from the 2002 - 2017. It shows that the old structure that was seen in the bottom corner of Lot #2 is no longer there.

Stook is in the townland of [Gortnaculrush](#). Gortnaculrush is in the Electoral Division of [Clogher](#), in Civil Parish of [Clogher](#), in the Barony of [Kilnamanagh Lower](#), in the County of [Tipperary](#)

STOOK RESIDENTS

| “Clonoulty - McGrath and Hayes” | “The McGrath Clonoulty Curragh Descent” | No Connections Yet |
|--|--|--|
| Thomas McGrath & Mary Burk | James McGrath & Mary Dwyer | Patrick McGrath & Margaret Burk |
| James - 1807 | | Michael - 1808 |
| Walter - 1810 - Stook | | Patrick - 1810 - Stook |
| Bridgit - 1812 - Stook | Patt - 1815 - Stook | Mary - 1812 - Stook |
| John - 1816 - Stook | Tim - 1816 - Stook | Catherine - 1814 - Stook |
| Thomas - 1819 - Turraheen | Mary - 1818 - Stook | |
| Mathias - 1822 - Turraheen | Thomas - 1821 - Stook | |
| Denis - 1825 - Turraheen | Cate - 1823 - Stook | |
| | Philip - 1825 | |
| | Johanna - 1827 - Stook | |
| | Michael - 1831 - Stook | |
| Griffith's Valuation - 1851 James McGrath | | |
| | | “The Ryans and McGraths of Drumbane” |
| “Clonoulty - McGrath and Hayes” | | Patrick McGrath & Margaret Shanahan |
| | | Mary - 1857 - Brockagh |
| John McGrath & Joanna Hayes | | James - 1859 - Stook |
| Thomas - 1863 - Turraheen | | Catherine - 1863 - Stook |
| Margaret - 1865 - Turraheen | | Patrick - 1865 - Stook |
| John - 1866 - Turraheen | | |
| Joanna - 1869 - Stook | | |
| Patrick - 1871 - Turraheen | | |

The labels in quotation marks are the titles of other papers in a series of five papers covering McGrath families with connections to the civil parishes of Clogher and Clonoulty.

- McGraths of Turraheen
- The McGrath Clonoulty Curragh Descent
- Descendants of Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan of Clonoulty
- Clonoulty - McGrath and Hayes
- The Ryans and McGraths of Drumbane

★ WILLIAM GILMARTIN AND MARY MCGRATH

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Patrick McGrath and Margaret Shanahan)

William Gilmartin

b. Mar 1855, IR
To US 1872
mar. 1893

=

Mary McGrath

bap. Jul 3, 1857
Res.: Brockagh
Sps.: Alice Ryan
To US 1886



Edward P. Gilmartin

b. Mar 1887, NY

= Mary E. LNU

b. 1891, Ireland
To US 1909
mar. 1918

William E. Gilmartin

b. 1919, NY

Mary M. Gilmartin

b. 1920, NY

Joseph Gilmartin

b. 1925, NY

Elizabeth A. Gilmartin

b. Sep 1926, NY

Helen T. Gilmartin

b. Jan 1929, NY

CENSUS RECORDS - US - GILMARTIN - MCGRATH

1900 NY Rensselaer Troy WD12 ED0099 T623-XXX-74

8 Lincoln Avenue, Res 105, Family 188, Owns home with a mortgage

William Gilmartin, Head, March 1855, 45, M, 7, IR, IR, IR, 1872, 28, Na, Puddler, Rolling Mill

Mary Gilmartin, Wife, June 1867, 32, M, 7, 0/0, IR, IR, IR, 1886, 14, Collar Starcher

Edward P. Gilmartin, Son, March 1887, 13, S, NY, IR, IR, At School

1910 NY Rensselaer, Troy WD12 ED0066 T624-1071-21A

8 Lincoln Avenue, Res 247, Family 451, Owns home free of a mortgage

Mary Gilmartin, Head, 45, W, 1/1, IR, IR, IR, 1880, None

Edward Gilmartin, Son, 23, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, Iron works

1920 NY Rensselaer, Troy WD12 ED76 T625-1258-5A

8 Lincoln Avenue, Res 60, Family 93, Owns home free of a mortgage

Edward Gilmartin, Head, 32, M, NY, IR, IR, Electrician, Trolley Car Co.

Mary Gilmartin, Wife, 29, M, 1910, Na, 1915, IR, IR, IR, None

William Gilmartin, Son, 1-6/12, S, NY, NY, IR, None

Mary Gilmartin, Dau, 5/12, S, NY, NY, IR, None

Mary S. Gilmartin, Mother, 58, Wd, 1880, Na, 1885, IR, IR, IR, None

1930 NY Rensselaer Troy WD12 ED0093 T626-XXXX-8A (April 1, 1930)

8 Lincoln Avenue, Res 106, Family 162, Owns home \$1,700

Edward P. Gilmartin, Head, 43, M, 30 @ 1st mar, NY, IR, IR, electrician, NY Power Light

Mary E. Gilmartin, Wife, 39, M, 27 @ 1st mar, IR, IR, IR, 1909, Na, None

William E. Gilmartin, Son, 11, S, NY, NY, IR

Mary M. Gilmartin, Dau, 10, S, NY, NY, IR

Joseph Gilmartin, Son, 5, S, NY, NY, IR

Elizabeth A. Gilmartin, Dau, 3-7/12, S, NY, NY, IR

Helen T. Gilmartin, Dau, 1-3/12, S, NY, NY, IR

Mary Gilmartin, Mother, 70, Wd, 28 @ 1st mar, IR, IR, IR, **1864**, Na, None

Mary's immigration year is wrong. If it were 1884 it would be consistent with her immigration information in the previous census records.

1940 - Neither Edward nor Mary Gilmartin were found in the 1940 census.

* PATRICK MCGRATH AND MARGARET SHANAHAN - STOOK *

(s/o **James Magrath** and **Mary Dwyer**)

(d/o Father and Mother)

**James McGrath
& Mary Dwyer**

Patrick McGrath
bap. Mar 7, 1831,
Clonoulty

= **Margaret Shanahan**
mar. Jul 29, 1857, Clonoulty

Mary McGrath
Bap. Jul 3, 1857, Brockagh

James Magrath
bap. Sep 5, 1859, Stook

Catherine McGrath
bap. Mar 6, 1863, Stook

Patrick McGrath
bap. Aug 4, 1865, Stook

**Cornelius Ryan
& Catherine Kelly**

**Michael Ryan
(Raymond)**
b. 1828, Foilnacanony
d. 1898, Glenough

**John Ryan (Sean Eamon)
& Nelly Gleeson**

= **Margaret Ryan
(Sean Eamon)**
b. 1833
mar. Feb 5, 1854, Drom
d. 1871, Glenough

= **Winifred Ryan**
mar. Feb 21, 1900, Rossmore

Margaret McGrath
b. Jan 21, 1901, Gurtacoolrush

Patrick McGrath
b. Jan 29, 1902, Gortacoolrush

Catherine McGrath
b. Nov 22, 1906, Gurtacoolrush
d. Feb 2, 1907, Gortacoolrush

Died in infancy

Michael McGrath
b. Aug 11, 1910, Gurtacoolrush

For more information on Michael Ryan (Raymond) and Margaret Ryan (Sean Eamon) see the paper: "McGrath-Kennedy-Ryan-Gleeson Connections"

CHURCH RECORDS - JAMES MAGRATH AND MARY DWYER - CLONOULTY

Clonoulty RC

James McGrath = Mary Dwyer

Phillip Magrath - Nov 29, 1823, Clonoulty

Timothy Magrath - Aug 2, 1826, Clonoulty

Patrick Magrath - Mar 7, 1831, Clonoulty

Mary Magrath - Jun 29, 1832, Clonoulty

CIVIL RECORDS - PATRICK MCGRATH - MARY SHANAHAN - GORTACULRSH

Supt Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

August 3, 1865 - **Patrick McGrath**, Par. Pat McGrath (Farmer, Gortaculrush) and **Mary Shanahan**, Res: Gortaculrush, Informant: Pat McGrath, Father (Farmer), Gortaculrush, Reg: August 13, 1865.

| Townland | AKA | Acres | County | Barony | Parish | PLU | Province |
|--------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| Gortaculrush | | 189 | Tipperary, S.R. | Kilnamanagh Lower | Clogher | Cashel | Munster |

CHURCH RECORDS - MARRIAGE

July 29, 1857 - Patrick MacGrath married **Margaret Shanahan**, Clonoulty RC, Res: Stuicke
Wit: Michael Dwyer and Brigid Ryan. Priest: Rev. Thomas O'Carroll, P.P.

NOTE: The name Mary Shanahan only showed up once, every other record referred to Patrick McGrath's wife as Margaret Shanahan. If it is assumed that James and Winfred used the naming tradition in naming their children then James' parents were named Patrick and Margaret. Assuming that "Mary" was a mistake is the choice most consistent with all the other records.

CHURCH RECORDS - BAPTISM

Patrick McGrath = Margaret Shanahan

Mary McGrath - Jul 3, 1857, Brockagh

James Magrath - Sep 5, 1859, Stook

Catherine McGrath - Mar 6, 1863, Stook

Patrick McGrath - Aug 4, 1865, Stook

★ JAMES McGRATH AND WINIFRED RYAN

(s/o Patrick McGrath and Margaret Shanahan)

(d/o Michael Ryan (Raymond) and Margaret Ryan (Sean Eamon))

James McGrath

bap. Sep 5, 1859
Res.: Stook
Sps. Thomas Corcoran and
Winifred Corcoran

=

Winifred Ryan

b. 1867
mar. Feb 21, 1900,
Rossmore

Margaret McGrath

b. Jan 21, 1901, Gurtacoolrush

Patrick McGrath

b. Jan 29, 1902, Gurtacoolrush

Catherine McGrath

b. Nov 22, 1906, Gurtacoolrush
d. Feb 2, 1907, Gurtacoolrush

Michael McGrath

b. Aug 11, 1910, Gurtacoolrush

CIVIL RECORDS

Marriage: James McGrath & Winifred Ryan - Gurtacoolrush

From Sup Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

February 21, 1900 - married at RC chapel at Rossmore

Husband: **James McGrath**, Of full age, Bachelor, Farmer, Gurtacoolrush, Rossmore

Father: Patrick McGrath (Deceased), Farmer

Wife: **Winifred Ryan**, Of full age, Spinster, Servant, Glenough, Rossmore

Father: Michael Ryan (Deceased), Farmer

Witnesses: Denis McGrath and Catherine Kennedy

Priest: Thomas O'Keefe, C. C., Clonoulty

Reg: February 28, 1900 (Kilpatrick)

Death: Catherine McGrath - 2 months - 1907

From Sup Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

Date: February 2, 1907 - Location: Gurtacoolrush

Name: **Catherine McGrath**

Condition: Spinster

Age at last Birthday: 2 months

Occupation: Farmer's daughter

Cause of Death: Delicacy from birth probably, No medical attendant

Informant: Winifred McGrath, Mother, Present at death, Gurtacoolrush

Reg: February 8, 1907

Births

Supt Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

January 21, 1901 - **Margaret McGrath**, Par. James McGrath (Farmer, Gurtacoolrush) and Winifred Ryan, Res: Gurtacoolrush, Informant: James McGrath, Father, Gurtacoolrush, Reg: February 1, 1901.

| Townland | AKA | Acres | County | Barony | Parish | PLU | Province |
|--------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| Gortaculrush | | 189 | Tipperary, S.R. | Kilnamanagh Lower | Clogher | Cashel | Munster |

Supt Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

January 29, 1902 - **Patrick McGrath**, Par. James McGrath (Farmer, Gortaculrush) and Winifred Ryan, Res: Gortaculrush, informant: Winifred McGrath, Mother, Gortaculrush, Reg: February 14, 1902.

Supt Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

November 22, 1906 - **Catherine McGrath**, Par. James McGrath (Farmer, Gurtacoolrush) and Winifred Ryan, Res: Gurtacoolrush, Informant: James McGrath, Father, Gurtacoolrush, Reg: December 7, 1906.

Supt Reg Dist - Cashel, Reg Dist - Kilpatrick

August 11, 1910 - **Michael McGrath**, Par. James McGrath (Farmer, Gurtacoolrush) and Winifred Ryan, Res: Gurtacoolrush, Informant: James McGrath, Father, Gurtacoolrush, Reg: August 19, 1910.

CENSUS RECORDS - IRELAND

1901 - James McGrath - house 4 in Gortaculrush (Clogher, Tipperary)

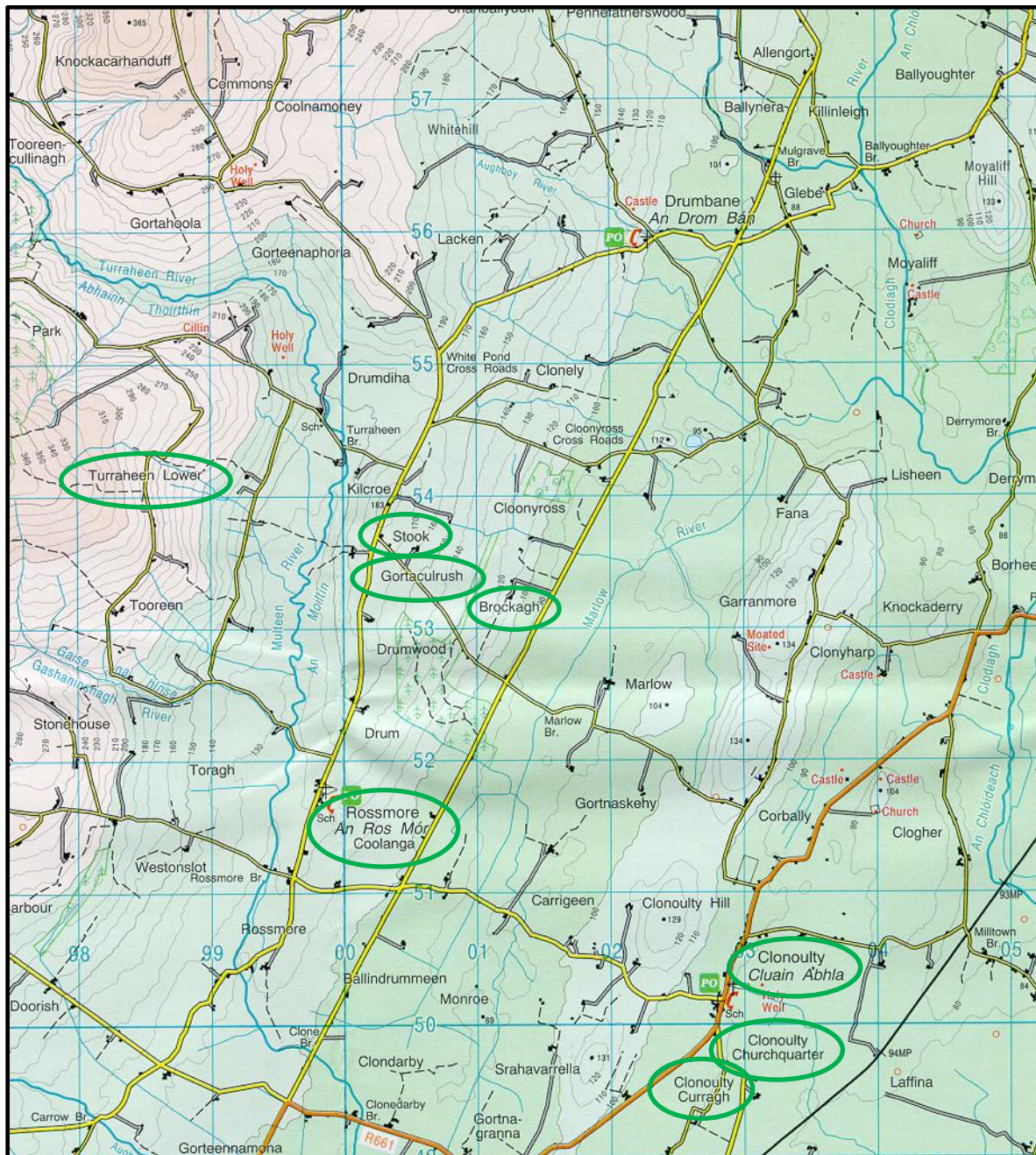
| Surname | Forename | Age | Sex | Relation to head | Religion |
|----------|-----------|-------|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Mc Grath | James | 41 | Male | Head of Family | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Winnifred | 34 | Female | Wife | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Margaret | 2 mo. | Female | Daughter | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Margaret | 75 | Female | Mother (Widow) | Roman Catholic |

1911 - James McGrath - house 7 in Gortaculrush (Clogher, Tipperary)

| Surname | Forename | Age | Sex | Relation to head | Religion |
|----------|-----------|-------|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Mc Grath | James | 51 | Male | Head of Family | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Winnifred | 45 | Female | Wife | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Margaret | 10 | Female | Daughter | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Patrick | 9 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |
| Mc Grath | Michael | 7 mo. | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |

James and Winifred have been married 11 years during which time Winifred gave birth to 5 children, 3 of were still alive. The birth registrations were searched again and the birth of a 5th child could not be found. The death registrations were also searched from 1902 - 1911 and no 5th child was found.

THE CLOGHER AND CLONOULTY PARISHES



This Ordnance Survey map shows portions of the civil parishes of Clogher (Clonoulty Roman Catholic (RC) parish) and Moyalliff (Upperchurch Roman Catholic parish). The blue squares are 1 km on the side.

The townlands of Brockagh and Stook (a sub-townland in the townland of Gortaculrush) are about 1 km apart in the civil parish of Clogher. This is right on the border of the civil parish of Moyalliff. The townland of Drumdiha in Moyalliff was the residence of Edmund McGrath and Mary Ryan (my gg-grandparents) when their children Margaret and Michael were born in 1842 and 1843. This is only about 1 ½ km from Stook. Edmund's father's farm (Michael) was just to the east of Moyalliff Hill, located in the upper right hand corner of this map.

★ JAMES RYAN AND CATHERINE MCGRATH

(s/o Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher)

(d/o Patrick McGrath and Margaret Shanahan)

James Ryan

mar. 1890

d. May 25, 1928, Cortland, NY

bur. St Mary's Cem, Cortland

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Catherine McGrath

bap. Mar 6, 1863, Stook, Gortaculrush

Sps. Timothy Croagh and Mary Tierney

d. Feb 12, 1922, Cortlandville, NY

bur. St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

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Margaret Ryan

b. Aug 1896, Cortland, NY

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Edward Augustine O'Brien

b. 1897, NY

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Catherine O'Brien

b. 1919, Green Island, NY

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Edward O'Brien

b. 1920, Green Island, NY

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James O'Brien

b. 1923, Green Island, NY

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Robert O'Brien

b. 1925, Green Island, NY

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Donald O'Brien

b. 1928, Green Island, NY

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Rosemary O'Brien

b. Feb 1930, Green Island, NY

CENSUS - US

1892 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED04

James Ryan, 25, US, C, Laborer

Kate Ryan, 27, US

The "In What Country Born" entries are wrong. Both James and Catherine were born in Ireland.

1900 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED0086 T623-XXXX-6

Res 125, Family 133, Owns home with a mortgage

James M. Ryan, Head, Mar 1866, 34, M, 10, IR, IR, IR, 1888, 12, Na, Laborer, Gas Works

Kate Ryan, Wife, Mar 1865, 35, M, 10, 1/1, IR, IR, IR, 1888, 12

Margaret Ryan, Dau, Aug 1896, 3, S, NY, IR, IR

1905 NY Cortland Cortlandville

Homer Cross Road

James Ryan, Head, 38, Ireland, 17 yrs in US, Cit, Fireman

Kate Ryan, wife, 40, Ireland, 17 yrs in US, Cit, Housework

Margaret Ryan, Dau, 9, US, Cit, At school 8

1910 - Family not found

1915 NY Cortland Cortlandville

Fisher Avenue

James Ryan, Head, 50, Ireland, 27 years, C, Fireman

Catherine Ryan, Wife, 49, Ireland, 27 years, C, House work

Margrett M. Ryan, Dau, 18, US, C, School

1920 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED20 T625-1096-3B

Fisher Avenue, Res 61, Family 75, Owns home free of a mortgage

James Ryan, Head, 54, M, 1889, Na, 1895, IR, IR, IR, Fireman, Steel Co.

Kate Ryan, wife, 55, M, 1889, Na, 1895, IR, IR, IR

1920 NY Albany Green Island ED156 T625-1083-10A

33 James Street, Res 126, Family 216, Rents

Edward O'Brien, Head, 27, M, NY, Eng, Eng, Trainman, RR

Margaret O'Brien, Wife, 27, M, NY, IR, IR, None

Catherine O'Brien, Dau, 1-3/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

1925 NY Albany Green Island AD03 ED02

69 George Street

Edward A. O'Brien, Husband, 32, USA, C, Trainman

Margaret M. O'Brien, Wife, 28, USA, C, Housework

Catherine O'Brien, Dau, 6, USA, C, School

William E. O'Brien, Son, 5, USA, C, School

James O'Brien, Son, 2, USA, C, School

Robert O'Brien, Son, No age, USA, C

James Ryan, Father-in-law, 59, Ireland, 35 yrs in US, C (Cortland), Flagman

1930 NY Albany Green Island ED0135 T626-XXX-9B (April 1, 1930)

69 George Street, Res 154, Family 253, Owns home - \$6,000

Edward O'Brien, Head, 37, M, 24 @ 1st mar, NY, Eng, Eng, Fireman, Steam Train

Margaret O'Brien, Wife, 38, M, 20 @ 1st mar, NY, IR, IR, None

Catherine O'Brien, Dau, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Edward O'Brien, Son, 10, S, NY, NY, NY, None

James O'Brien, Son, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Robert O'Brien, Son, 5, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Donald O'Brien, Son, 2, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Rose Mary O'Brien, Dau, 2/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

The "Age at 1st Marriage" numbers seem odd. Edward was married 13 years ago and Margaret was married 18 years ago. Was this Margaret's 2nd marriage?

1940 NY Albany Green Island ED42-130 T627-2759-1A

324 Congress Street, Family 3, Rents - \$25/mo

Edward O'Brien, Head, 47, M, 8th, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY, trainman, Steam
Railroad, 52 wks, \$2100

Margaret O'Brien, Wife, 43, M, H-4, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY

Catherine O'Brien, Dau, 21, S, H-4, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY, Office girl, Dry
Cleaner, 52 wks, 4728

Edward O'Brien, Son, 20, S, H-4, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY, Clerk, News Room

James O'Brien, Son, 16, S, H-3, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY

Robert O'Brien, Son, 14, S, 8th, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY

Donald O'Brien, Son, 12, S, 6th, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY

Rosemary O'Brien, Dau, 10, S, 4th, NY, Green Island, Albany, NY

PATRICK MCGRATH - TRUXTON, CORTLAND CO.
PATRICK MCGRATH NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

The DeRuyter Gleaner,
DeRuyter, NY,
Thursday, February 12, 1925

Section Hand Killed

Patrick McGrath of Truxton was struck and killed Tuesday morning by a Lehigh Valley passenger train due in Truxton from Elmira at 10:40 a. m.

McGrath was employed as a section hand and was at work on a trestle over the Keeney brook, one mile north of Truxton. Just how the accident happened is not known. In some way he was hit by the engine and hurled from the trestle into the creek below. The train was stopped and the injured man was taken from the water by the train crew. It was seen that he was badly injured, and he was placed in the baggage car and brought to the station in Truxton. He died about ten minutes after being carried into the depot, without regaining consciousness. There was a bad cut on his head near the right temple and his skull was fractured.

For several years McGrath, better known as McGraw, has been employed as a section hand of the Lehigh Valley railroad, living in the shanty near the Wood Manufacturing company's plant. Before entering the employ of the railroad company he worked on several farms in the vicinity of Truxton. He was about sixty-five years of age. Little is known of his family, but it is said that he has a sister in Troy, N. Y., and a niece by the name of Ryan living in Cortland.

The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY,
Friday, February 13, 1925

TRACK MAN KILLED
ON LEHIGH TRESTLE

TRUXTON SECTION MAN STRUCK
BY TRAIN IN FOG

Nye Opera House at Groton Wrecked
By Snow On Roof—Truxton Streets
Flooded—Marathon Man Only Hurt
Slightly By 30-Foot Fall—Newark
Valley and Vicinity Get Binghamton
Current—Potsdam Minister Accepts
Call to Baptist Church at Homer

Truxton—Patrick McGrath, best known as Paddy McGraw, Lehigh section man, was killed at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Bloomfield crossing a mile north of Truxton, when he was struck by a train going toward Canastota. He was at work repairing a broken rail on the trestle and did not see the train approaching because of the fog. He was thrown from the trestle into the creek. Trainmen took him from the water and rushed him to the Truxton depot, but he died before medical aid could help him. Dr. G. E. Padget of Cuyler, the coroner, was summoned and he made an investigation. Injuries found were a fracture of the skull, one arm crushed, and several ribs broken. John McEvoy of Cortland was called and the body was removed to his undertaking rooms. Mr. McGraw was around 65 years of age and not much is known about his relatives except that he has a sister in Troy and a niece in Cortland. The funeral was held Thursday morning at St. Margaret's church, Homer.

PATRICK MCGRATH KILLED BY TRAIN

**Working on a Trestle Near Truxton
Village**

SECTION HAND FOR RAILROAD

**Struck by Northbound Passenger
Train This Forenoon—Hurled Into
Creek Below—Picked Up by Train
Men and Taken to Truxton Station
—Dies Without Regaining Con-
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The Cortland Standard,
Cortland, NY,
Tuesday, February 10, 1925

The location of the accident was at the railroad trestle over Kenney Brook. This is located about 1 mile southwest of the village of Truxton and not north of the village as mentioned in the articles. Earlier this stream was known as Westcott Creek as seen on the map below.

Attorney Alleges Malicious Arrest By State Officer

The action in which Harry E. Kesler, a Cortland attorney, alleges false imprisonment and malicious prosecution against John Lankenau, a motor vehicle inspector, went to trial in Supreme Court yesterday, the fourth case to be tried in the first week of the term. Kesler's attorney is L. R. Chase, his office associate. The attorney general's office represents the defendant.

Many of the farmers in the original panel of 36 trial jurors were excused by Justice Lee when the roll was called Monday at the opening of the term, and an extra panel of 24 names was drawn from the city box. There is every indication of a long session as there are nearly twenty cases already on the day calendar and others are noted to be in readiness next week.

The first case tried was that of Thomas E. Courtney against Emmett R. Grant and Cora I. Grant, in which the plaintiff seeks to compel the defendants to remove a bridge over the stream in Willow avenue. By stipulation the case was taken from the jury when the evidence was all in and the matter will be decided by the court.

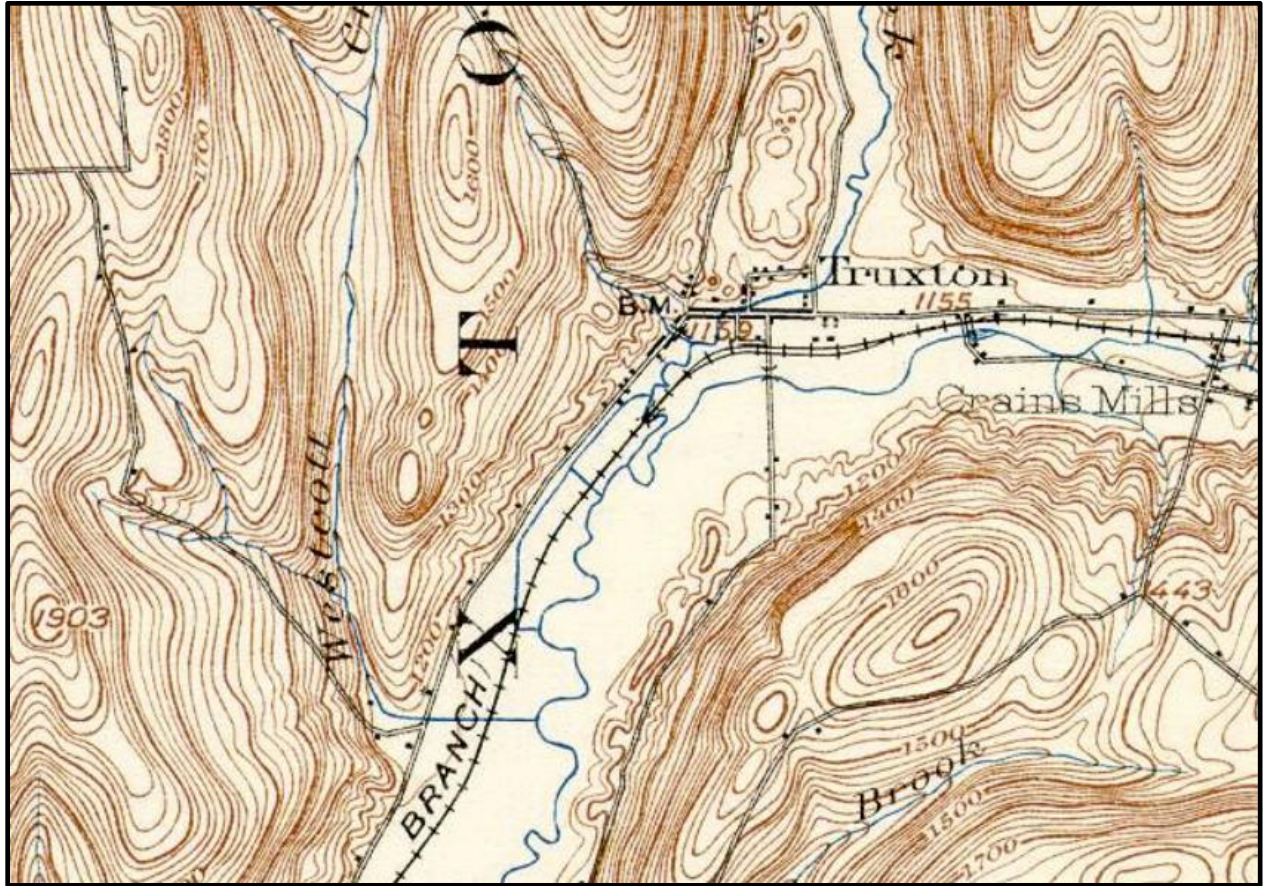
A verdict of \$864.65 was directed by the court in the case of the Brockway Motor Truck corporation against Hy-

men Cohen and William Snyder, balance with interest claimed on a conditional purchase of a truck. The car in question was seized by the government when it was found in use in violation of the prohibition law.

The jury reported a verdict of no cause, Wednesday night, in the case of Mary Gilmartin against the Lehigh Valley railroad. Mrs. Gilmartin, as administratrix of the estate of the late Patrick McGrath of Truxton, sued to recover for the death of Mr. McGrath. He was a section man in the railroad employ and was killed by a train on a trestle near Truxton on the morning of Feb. 5, 1925.

The Cortland Standard,
Cortland, NY,
Friday, May 14, 1926

KENNEY BROOK, TRUXTON, CORTLAND CO., NY



USGS Cortland quadrangle - 1903 (Reprinted 1932). The stream running south, labeled Westcott Creek, is now known as Kenney Brook. The road running north and south, just west of the stream, is called Kenney Brook Road.

Kenney Brook



The dashed line shows the approximate path of the old railroad tracks. The trestle where Patrick McGrath was working when he was struck by the train was located where the dashed line crosses Kenney Brook. After crossing this flat area Kenney Brook feeds into the meandering river running south along the right edge of the picture. This is the East Branch of the Tioughnioga River.

MICHAEL RYAN AND CATHERINE MCKEOWN

The initial search for the James M. Ryan family was not that successful. The starting point for the search was the Irish Parish registers with Michael Ryan and Catherine McKeown as his parents. The baptism records were searched over the period Jan 1, 1863 to Jan 1 1867 for a baptismal record for James Ryan with a suspected birth year of 1864-5 and a father named Michael Ryan. The search covered the RC parish of Ballycahill-Holycross, Upperchurch-Drombane and Clonoulty and nothing was found that even came close.

The index search on Ancestry.com was also used to search the parish registers. There was no sign of a marriage for Michael Ryan and Catherine McKeown in any of the parishes surrounding Drombane. The search covered the period 1861 +/- 10 years. This search also included spelling variations of the surnames.

A small bit of speculation was added to the search criterion and we played a game of who do we trust. After gathering together the most trusted information about James Ryan we plunge back into the Irish baptismal records and see how close we can get to the trusted information. The most trusted info, in my opinion, was his name, James Ryan, born about 1866. At the time of his death in 1928 James had a sister named Mary living in Drombane and his father was Michael Ryan. Based on just that information, the Michael Ryan and Bridget Hickey family demanded attention. They had six children listed in the Ancestry index to the Irish Parish Registers (there might be more children found in the actual records). They had a son James, baptized March 15, 1866, and a daughter Mary, baptized on February 5, 1870. Their residence was given as Coolnamona (Coolnamoney) when all six children were baptized. This is actually the townland of Coolnamoney in the civil parish of Moyaliff and it is located only 3 km northwest of Drumbane. This was possibly James' family, however, the 1901 Irish census showed that this James was still living on the family farm in Coolnamoney with his widowed mother and several siblings.

A second dive into the Ancestry index added Catherine as James' mother's name but not the surname of McKeown which had previously failed to show up. This time the Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher family of Drombane was found. This family had seven children who had all been born in Drombane. There was a James who was born in 1864 and he had a sister Mary. This James wasn't found in either the 1901 or 1911 Irish census but his sister Mary was still living on the family farm in both census records. This family matches all the known criteria, with the exception that James' mother's maiden name was not McKeown.

★MICHAEL RYAN AND CATHERINE MAHER

(s/o Denis Ryan and Catherine Dwyer)

(d/o John Maher and Mary Dunn)

Michael Ryan

bap. Jan 19, 1832, Hollyford

= Catherine Maher

bap. Sep 19, 1832
b. 1842 (1901 census)
b. 1835 (1911 census)
mar. Feb 15, 1857, Upperchurch

Catherine Ryan

bap. Jan 17, 1858, Drombane

Mary Ryan

bap. Feb 13, 1859, Drombane

Denis Ryan

bap. Feb 17, 1861, Drombane

John Ryan

bap. Sep 7, 1862, Drombane

James Ryan

bap. Sep 11, 1864, Drombane
d. May 25, 1928, Albany, NY
bur. St Mary's Cem

= Catherine McGrath

bap. Mar 6, 1863
Res.: Stook
Sps. Timothy Croagh and Mary Tierney
d. Feb 12, 1922, Cortlandville, NY
bur. St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Philip Ryan

bap. Mar 25, 1869, Drombane

Launcelot Ryan

bap. Jun 19, 1871, Drombane

To US in 1888

CHURCH RECORDS - UPPERCHURCH

Baptism - Michael Ryan

January 19, 1832 - **Michael Ryan**, Par. Denis Ryan and Catherine Dwyer, Kilcommon RC, Res: Hollyford, Sps. Thomas Ryan and Ellen Fahy.

Baptism - Catherine Maher

September 19, 1832 - **Catherine Maher**, Par. John Maher and Mary Dunn, Upperchurch and Drombane RC, Res: None, Sps. Thomas Maher and Mary Ryan.

These two baptism records were selected as belonging to the Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher above based on (1) the assumption that they followed the Irish naming tradition in the selection of the children's name; (2) geographically Hollyford is close to Drombane and (3) both baptism dates yield a marriage age of 25 for both Michael and Catherine.

Marriage - Ryan and Meagher

February 15, 1857 - **Michael Ryan** married **Catherine Meagher**, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: None, Wit. Michael Corbet and Mary Doolin.

Baptisms - Ryan - Maher

January 17, 1858 - **Catherine Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: Drombane, Sps. James Ryan and Mary Maher.

February 13, 1859 - **Mary Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: Drombane, Sps. Philip Maher and Eliza Maher.

February 17, 1861 - **Denis Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Catherine **Meagher**, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: Drombane, Sps. Patrick Meagher and Catherine Dolin.

September 7, 1862 - **John Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: Drombane, Sps. Michael Doolan and Mary Maher.

September 11, 1864 - **James Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Kitty Maher, Upperchurch and Drombane RC, Res: Drombane, Sps. James Doolin and Kitty Fogarty.

March 25, 1869 - **Philip Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: Drombane, Sps. John Hayes and Johanna Hayes.

June 19, 1871 - **Laurence (Launcelot) Ryan**, Par. Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher, Upperchurch and Drombane, Res: Drombane, Sps. Daniel Fogarty and Bridget Fogarty.

CENSUS RECORDS - IRELAND

1901 - Catherine Ryan - House 47 in Drumbane (Moyaliff, Tipperary)

| Surname | Forename | Age | Sex | Relation to head | Religion |
|---------|-----------|-----|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Ryan | Catherine | 59 | Female | Head of Family | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Mary | 35 | Female | Daughter | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Denis | 34 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | John | 32 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Michael | 31 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Philip | 30 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |

1911 - Catherine Ryan - House 26 in Drumbane (Moyaliff, Tipperary)

| Surname | Forename | Age | Sex | Relation to head | Religion |
|---------|-----------|-----|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Ryan | Catherine | 76 | Female | Head of Family | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Mary | 40 | Female | Daughter | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Michael | 35 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |
| Ryan | Lant | 32 | Male | Son | Roman Catholic |

Catherine seems to have aged 17 years in just 10 years, while her daughter Mary has only aged 5 years, her son Michael 4 years. According to Catherine's baptismal record (Upperchurch) she was 79 in 1911.

CIVIL RECORDS

Death: Catherine Ryan- 82 - 1916

From Sup Reg Dist - Thurles, Reg Dist - Holycross

Date: August 1, 1916 - Location: Drombane

Name: **Catherine Ryan**

Condition: Spinster

Age at last Birthday: 82 years

Occupation: Servant

Cause of Death: Senile Decay, 2 years, No medical attendant

Informant: Mary Ryan, Present at death, Drombane

Reg: August 11, 1916.

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. There were two James McGrath and Mary Dwyer families associated with Stook, Gortaculrush. The older family is described in "The McGrath Clonoulty Curragh Descent" and were gone from the area by the time of the Griffith's Valuation. Patrick McGrath was descended from the younger James McGrath and Mary Dwyer family. This Patrick and his wife Margaret Shanahan raised their family in Stook at the time of the valuation.
2. Have not found an obituary for James Ryan (1864-1928). He was living with his daughter's family in Green Island, Albany, NY at the time of the 1925 census.
3. There is a problem with James (1864-1928) survivors: "Two sisters named Gilmartin were still in Ireland."
4. Neither Edward P. Gilmartin or his wife Mary were found in the 1940. They had been expected to be found living at 8 Lincoln Avenue, Troy, NY.
5. The McKeown name was not found in connection with the main parties in this paper. Michael Ryan had married Catherine Maher on February 15, 1857 in the village of Upperchurch.

The McGraths are descended from James McGrath and Mary Dwyer of Stook (Stuicke) which is a sub-townland in Gortaculrush in Clogher civil parish, Co. Tipperary. The McGraths were associated with the area from at least 1859 until at least 1911. The Ryans are descended from Michael Ryan and Catherine Maher who have been associated with the Drumbane townland from the 1860 through at least 1911.