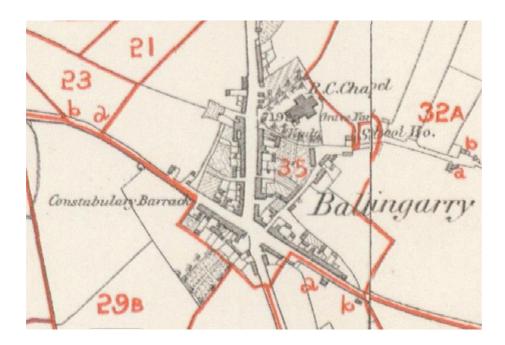
# O'Donnells of Ballingarry

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### 1 Introduction

This document compiles information on O'Donnells based in the Civil Parish of Ballingarry, in the Barony of Slievardagh, Tipperary. Ballingarry is also the name of the chief village in the parish. The village is just 6 km from the Kilkenny border.



For the 1901 Census, some townlands of Ballingarry Religious Parish are shown as being in Ballyphillip, Farranrory, Kilcooly or Modeshill, which are "electoral divisions" within Ballingarry Civil Parish.

For many civil records, Ballingarry was included in Callan Registration District, even though Callan is in Kilkenny. Callan seemed to have been the administrative centre to which Ballingarry turned. However, after 1900, an increasing number of registrations happened in Cashel District.

### 1.1 Context

I am (probably) not related to this family of O'Donnells. My own branch of O'Donnells descend from a Michael O'Donnell who lived in Golden, Tipperary until he immigrated to Australia in 1841, with his wife, Sara Meade of Cork. Descendants of this branch have so far failed to find records in Ireland to exactly place his origins. As such, I have set myself the task of constructing family trees of all O'Donnells in Southern Tipperary, with the goal of one day finding how my own ancestor fits into a deeper history.

### 1.2 A note on date estimation

Where exact birth and marriage dates are not available, I estimate them in relation to other available dates:

- Years preceded by "a." (e.g., "a.1766") indicate that the year was calculated from a known date and an age at that date, e.g., if someone was 76 on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1876, then their birth year is given as a.1800, but they may in fact have been born in the previous year.
- Years preceded by "c." (e.g., "c.1766") indicate that the year is a rough estimate using simple metrics:
  - o Woman are assumed to marry at 22, men at 24.
  - o Couples are assumed to have their first child two years after marriage.
  - o Births are assumed to be spaced two years apart.

While these metrics are often not true in the individual case, they do provide a means to get a ballpark date for births and marriages. In many cases, I have found the calculated year to be fairly close.

# 2 Descendants of Thomas O'Donnell 1763 – Summary

- 1. **Thomas** O'Donnell (1763-29/10/1829)
  - Married: **Mary Marnell** (1775-17/8/1856) c.1797:
  - 1. **Richard** O'Donnell (1804-20/4/1854)
    - Married: Ellen Dunne (1806-7/11/1871) 1832:
    - 1. **Mary** O'Donnell (3/2/1833-)
    - 2. **Johanna** (a.1835-26/03/1910)
    - 3. **Thomas** O'Donnell (11/12/1836-13/12/1892)
      - Married: **Anastasia Walsh** (1857-12/02/1928) 28/11/1882:
      - 1. **Richard** O'Donnell (8/6/1884-25/04/1947)
      - 2. **Ellen** (Ellie) O'Donnell (3/8/1888-after 1921)
        - Married: Edward O'Connor (c.1887-) 28/9/1921
    - 4. **John** O'Donnell (2/8/1838-27/12/1873)
    - 5. **Richard** O'Donnell (16/12/1840-)
    - 6. **Patrick** O'Donnell (24/12/1842-01/03/1908). Priest.
    - 7. **Mary** O'Donnell (14/7/1846-)
    - 8. Ellen.
  - 2. **Michael** O'Donnell (1810-21/11/1863)
    - Married: Mary Walsh (1810-26/9/1887) 15-02-1836:
    - 1. Anastasia O'Donnell (c.1840-)
    - 2. **Thomas** O'Donnell (02/05/1842-c.1851)
    - 3. **Bridget** O'Donnell (6/05/1844-c.1867)
    - 4. William O'Donnell (19/2/1847-24/7/1921)
      - Married: Catherine O'Brien (1870-after 1911) 17/9/1887:
      - 1. **Mary Frances** O'Donnell (16/6/1889-)
      - 2. **Michael** O'Donnell (22/2/1891-14/3/1918)
      - 3. **Bridget** O'Donnell (14/2/1893-)
      - 4. **Hugh Thomas** O'Donnell (13/5/1895-16/3/1918)
      - 5. **Margaret** O'Donnell (13/5/1895-)
      - 6. **Francis** O'Donnell (9/5/1897-)

- 7. Patrick O'Donnell (9/8/1899-28/8/1974)
  - Married: Bridget Mary Fitzgerald (23/2/1897-1/2/1966) c.1920:
  - 1. **Michael** O'Donnell (1931-20/10/1982)
  - 2. Claire O'Donnell (1935-31/12/1998)
- 8. **Anastatia** O'Donnell (18/5/1901-)
- 9. **Thomas William** O'Donnell (23/4/1909-)
- 5. William, (19/02/1847-30/05/1929)
  - Married Kate O'Brien (1870-07/03/1937) 17/09/1887:
  - 1. Mary Frances (16/06/1889-)
  - 2. Michael (22/02/1891-14/03/1918)
  - 3. **Bridget** (14/02/1893-)
  - 4. **Hugh Thomas** (27/03/1894-16/03/1918)
  - 5. Margaret (13/05/1897-)
  - 6. Francis Joseph (09/05/1897-)
  - 7. **Patrick** (09/08/1899-28/08/1974)
    - Married **Bridget Mary Fitzgerald** (23/02/1897-01/02/1966) 23/05/1926:
    - 1. **Martin Francis** (21/08/1928-10/05/2011)
    - 2. **Michael** (a.1931-)
    - 3. **May** (a.1932-19/09/2015)
    - 4. Claire (1935-31/12/1998)
    - 5. Anna
    - 6. Liam
    - 7. Hugh
    - 8. **Rosario** (??-02/02/2015)
  - 8. **Anastasia** (18/05/1901-)
  - 9. **Thomas William** (23/04/1909-)
- 6. Francis, (31/08/1849-10/06/1921)
- 7. **Mary**, (a.1849-17/03/1918)
  - Married Michael O'Connor Hartnett (a.1838-) 01/09/1873:
  - 1. Edward Michael O'Connor (2/08/1874-21/03/1951)
    - Married Ellen O'Donnell () 29/09/1921
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- 8. **Alice** (Ally) O'Donnell (5/3/1853-31/05/1936)
  - Married: **Philip Kickham** (c.1851-12/11/1925) 1884
- 9. **Margaret** O'Donnell (11/5/1856-07/06/1928)
  - Married **Thomas F. Fogarty** (1874-30/01/1937) 20/10/1905
- 3. **John** O'Donnell of Ballingarry (c.1806-c.1860)
  - Married: **Jane King** (c.1806-) c.1827:
  - 1. **Bridget** O'Donnell (16/11/1828-)
  - 2. **Thomas** O'Donnell (14/2/1831-)
  - 3. **Mary** O'Donnell (28/1/1834-)
  - 4. **Sally** O'Donnell (22/1/1837-)
  - 5. **John** O'Donnell (2/11/1839-)
- 4. Patrick
- 5. **Thomas** (1812-18/071892). Priest.
- 6. Francis O'Donnell (5/11/1817-c.1860)

# 3 Thomas O'Donnell born a.1763

This document details a family of O'Donnells lived in Ballingarry village from at least the early 1800s. Most of the information is from a gravestone, with more information from the 1901/11 censuses, BDM data and a will. **Angie Agius**, a descendent of the family, has provided much new detail.

The grave shows:

To the memory of Thomas O'Donnell of Ballingarry
Who died 29th Oct 1829 Aged 66 years
His wife Mary (Marnell) 17th Aug 1856 Aged 81
Richard O'Donnell 20th April 1854 Aged 50
His wife Ellen (Dunne) 7th Nov 1871 Aged 65
John O' Donnell 27th of Dec 1873 Aged 35
Thomas O'Donnell 13th Dec 1892 Aged 56
Michael O'Donnell 21st Nov 1863 Aged 53
His wife Mary (Walsh) 26th Sept 1887 Aged 77
And their children Anastasia, Thomas + Bridget
who died young

Bottom Plate:

Pray for the souls of
Bridget O'Donnell nee Fitzgerald Died 1 Feb 1966 Aged 68 Yrs
Her Husband Patrick O'Donnell Died 28th Aug 1974 Aged 74Yrs
Their son Michael O'Donnell Died 20th Oct - 1982 Aged 51 Yrs
Their daughter Claire O'Donnell Died 31st December 1998 Aged 63 Years
R.I.P

Recently added to the gravestone: (more detail on grave, take photo)

Martin O'Donnell from Ballingarry died May 2011 aged 82 May O'Donnell from Ballingarry died September 2015 aged 83

**Thomas O'Donnell** of Ballingarry, was born a.1763.<sup>1</sup> It is not clear if he was born in Ballingarry, or whether he moved into Ballingarry, but the grave for Thomas lists him as "of Ballingarry", which suggests he lived in the area for most of his adult life at least.

The 1828 version of the Tithes Applotment List has Thomas O'Donnell holding 14 acres in Ballingarry.<sup>2</sup> Most of the Tithes entries would have been collected before Thomas's death in 1829, so he remained the holder in the 1830s version.

There is another Tithes entry for a Thomas O'Donnell shown holding 20 acres in Glengall townland of Ballingarry (2km south of Ballingarry).<sup>3</sup> I doubt that this is the same Thomas, as that Thomas was shown in the 1854 Griffiths list holding 30 acres with a House and offices (thus a full farm), by which time Thomas born 1763 was dead. This is possibly a separate family, maybe a cousin, or possibly his elder son (who perhaps was not registered on the family grave, which would be the case if his wife and sons started their own burial plot).

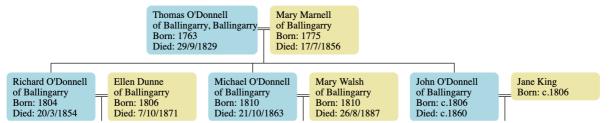
<sup>2</sup> http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab/004587402/004587402 00287.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From age at death on the family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab//004587402/004587402\_00292.pdf

Thomas married **Mary Marnell** in c.1802. She was born a.1775.<sup>4</sup> They had children:

- Richard O'Donnell, born a.1804, died 20th April 1854, aged 50.5
- Michael O'Donnell, born a.1810, died 21st November, 1863, aged 53.6
- **Thomas**, born 1812. Became a priest.
- **Francis**, baptised on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1817.<sup>8</sup> Residence given as Village, parish of Ballingarry. No further information at hand on this brother.



(Baptism records for Ballingarry parish are only available from 1814, so there may have been other children born before 1814 who were not present on the family grave).

There are three other O'Donnells in the region who may also be of this couple, but I cannot prove the connection. See more on these below:

- **John**, born c.1804, who was jailed for involvement with the 1848 Rising, spent two years in jail, and on release immigrated to the States, with wife and children. His occupations (rate collector and shopkeeper) suggest he was from a prosperous family, which may have been that of Thomas.
- Patrick, named as brother of John above. He was named as a ringleader of the 1848 rising in Ballingarry. Probably sent to Tasmania.
- Mary, born a.1795. There are records for a Mary O'Donnell born a.1795 who married a Daniel Dunne in 1817. He was from Glengall, next to Ballingarry. Richard of this family married a Dunne, so this may be the case of two siblings marrying two siblings. The witnesses at the wedding of Mary and Daniel were Michael and Thomas, two of the proposed brothers of this Mary.

**Thomas** the father died 29th October, 1829.9 His wife **Mary** died 17th August, 1856, aged 81 10

### 3.1 Richard son of Thomas

**Richard O'Donnell** (son of Thomas and Mary) was born in a 1804, presumably in Ballingarry. In the 1850s Griffiths Lists, Richard is shown to own a house in the village, lot 9 of Callan Road (House, office and yard). This is probably the family home, and probably the same house his descendants occupied in the 1901 census. He is also shown as holding two farms:

- Lot 29 of Ballingarry Upper, House, Offices and Land, 12 acres.
- Lot 30 of Ballingarry Upper, House, Offices and Land, 23 acres.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> From age at death on the family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> From the family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> From the family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> From Angie Agius's records.

<sup>8</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174058

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Date given on family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Date given on family grave.

Richard is also shown as the immediate landlord (held from Matthew Pennefeather) of lots 1 to 15 of Callan Road (Richard himself occupied one of the lots). It was common for an absentee lord to appoint a local to manage his properties for them, often via a subleasing agreement.

**Richard** married **Ellen Dunne**, on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1832, in Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary. <sup>11</sup> She was born a 1806, and probably came from the Gortnahoe area, as weddings usually took place in the bride's parish.

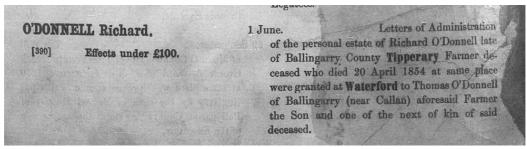
### Richard and Ellen had 6 children:

- **Mary**, baptised 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1833.<sup>12</sup> Godfather was John O'Donnell. She must have died young, as 13 years later, they named another child Mary.
- **Johanna**, born a.1835.<sup>13</sup>
- **Thomas**, baptised 11 December, 1836.<sup>14</sup>
- **John**, baptised 2nd August, 1838. 15
- **Richard**, baptised 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1840.<sup>16</sup> Francis O'Donnell was sponsor, probably the uncle of the child.
- **Patrick**, baptised 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1842.<sup>17</sup> Residence is given as "Village".
- Mary, baptised 14 July, 1846. 18
- Ellen, born ???. Died after 1910. She was mentioned in the Will administration for Johanna above, as Johanna's sister. She was also said to be a spinster. No sign of her death in Callan or Cashel districts.

Children Mary, Richard, Ellen and Patrick were not buried in the family grave. They may have immigrated, or died as babies, or had their own grave for their families. Angie Agius suggests that, during hard times, some were buried in the family grave but no entry added to the gravestone due to the high cost of doing so.

I cannot find a birth record for Johanna or Ellen, but a death record marks Johanna as from Ballingarry. What connects her to this family is that her sister-in-law is given as Anastatia O'Donnell, and Thomas married an Anastatia, who occupied the main O'Donnell household in the 1901 and 1911 censuses.

**Richard** the father died 20th April 1854 aged 50. His will was probated in Waterford. Administration was assigned to his son Thomas, farmer, who was also a beneficiary. <sup>20</sup>



12 https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177349

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Detail from Angie Agius.

<sup>13</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1910/05425/4516562.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0178507&tab=this

<sup>15</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0179024&tab=this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179759

<sup>17</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0180419

<sup>18</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0181662

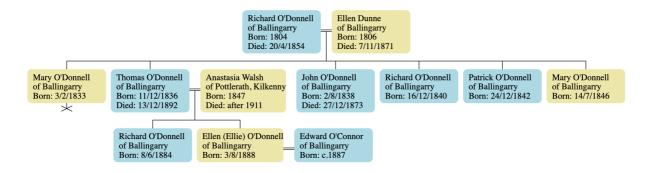
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/reels/cwa/005014889/005014889 00231.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Will Probate from Waterford. See details below.

**Ellen** his wife lived on 17 years, dying 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1871, aged 65.<sup>21</sup> <sup>22</sup> Son **John** registered the death, his residence given as Ballingarry.

A newspaper reported her death:

O'Donnell—At Ballingarry, county Tipperary, Ellen, relict of the late Mr. Richard O'Donnell, and mother of the Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, R.C.C., Kilcommon.



### 3.1.1 Johanna daughter of Richard

Johanna spent time as housekeeper to her brother Patrick (a priest) in Doon, but returned to Ballingarry afterwards.<sup>23</sup> . She never married (her will administration named her as a spinster).<sup>24</sup> She died 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1910, aged 75. Her sister-in-law, Anastasia O'Donnell, registered the death.

### 3.1.2 Thomas son of Richard

**Thomas** son of Richard and Ellen, was baptised 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1836. Thomas was too young to be holding land by the Griffiths lists, although there was a Thomas shown as holding 30 acres in Glengall (he was mentioned in the House books for 1846, when Thomas was just 11). This is someone else.

The book of County Tipperary of 1889 lists a **Thomas O'Donnell** under Farmer/Resident. He is one of two O'Donnells shown for Ballingarry parish.

He married **Anastasia Walsh**, on the 28th November,1882, in Callan (Callan being 15km away, in Kilkenny).<sup>25</sup> <sup>26</sup> Anastasia was born a.1857,<sup>27</sup> and in the 1911 Census as born in Co. Kilkenny, so it makes sense they married in that county. The parish and the civil marriage entries shows her residence as Pottlerath, Kilkenny. Her father was John Walsh, a farmer. Note also that Thomas's uncle Michael married a Walsh. It is possible his wife was second cousin of some kind. Thomas's uncle, Rev. Francis O'Donnell, was the presiding priest.

The marriage entry shows Thomas as a farmer of Ballingarry, and his father is given as Richard, so it is clear this is Thomas born 1836 mentioned on the grave. His father, Richard, is shown as dead at this date which also matches the grave information. The male witness was William O'Donnell, probably Thomas's cousin, son of Michael.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> From the family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1871/020754/7281070.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> From Angie Agius, based on letters of Patrick.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/reels/cwa/005014916/005014916 00597.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/1103984/1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/bf2eb82219732

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> From age in 1901 Census.

From the 1901 Census, we can see Thomas and Anastasia lived in Main St., Ballingarry, probably the house listed under Callan Street in the Griffiths list. Thomas is said to be a farmer, probably with his father's land (Richard died 1854, and Thomas's only brother John died 1873).

In their 10 years of marriage, Thomas and Anastasia had two children:

- **Richard**, born 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1884.<sup>28</sup> He was not present in the 1901 census (perhaps away on his apprenticeship), but by 1911 was listed as a veterinary surgeon and living with his mother.
- Ellen Mary (Ellie), born 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1888.<sup>29</sup>

**Thomas** died 13th December, 1892, aged 56. <sup>30</sup> He was shown as a farmer. His cousin William O'Donnell was present at death. <sup>31</sup>

His wife **Anastasia** did not re-marry. She kept on the farm (she was listed as a "farmer" in both the 1901 and the 1911 censuses). She lived with her two children Richard and Ellie, except Richard may have been away on apprenticeship in 1901. In the 1901 Census, Anastasia's younger sister, Mary Walsh, was shown as a visitor, but by 1911, she was no longer marked as visitor, just as a resident of the house (no occupation shown).

# 1901 Census: house 1 in Main Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

- O'Donnell, Anastasia, 44, Head of Family, Co Kilkenny, Farmer, Widow
- O'Donnell, Ellie, 12, Daughter, Co Tipperary, Scholar, Not Married, -
- Walsh, Mary, 25, Sister, Co Kilkenny, Visitor, Not Married, -

# 1911 Census: house 1 in Main Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)<sup>32</sup>

- O'Donnell, Anastasia, 54, Head of Family
- O'Donnell, Ellie, 22, Daughter, Single
- O'Donnell, Richard, 26, Son, Single
- Walsh Mary, 42, Sister

**Anastasia** died on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1928, aged 71 (thus born a.1857).<sup>33</sup> Her daughter Ellen O'Connor was present-at-death.

Daughter **Ellen** married **Edward O'Connor** in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballingarry, on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1921.<sup>34</sup> <sup>35</sup> Edward was a shopkeeper and son of a shopkeeper. This Edward was a distant cousin of Ellen, he was son of Mary O'Donnell, who was daughter of Michael, brother of Ellen's grandfather Richard. Ellen was said to be daughter of Thomas O'Donnell, a farmer. The witnesses were Francis O'Donnell and Margaret O'Donnell (Ellen had cousins of these names). The civil marriage record shows that Ellen's father Thomas was deceased at that time.

An essay by a schoolchild in the 1830s (see below) suggests this Ellen was descended from John O'Donnell born c.1815. However, it is clear that this Ellen is the daughter of Thomas O'Donnell and Anastasia Walsh, and granddaughter of Richard O'Donnell. It appears Ellen inherited the house when Anastasia died. The story does suggest that the Edward O'Connor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1884/02688/1989999.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1888/02503/1928057.pdf

Mostly from the family grave. Baptism date from a baptism record: https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178507

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1893/06007/4709905.pdf

<sup>32</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Main Street/837801/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1928/04961/4350405.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/2385f21195339

<sup>35</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage\_returns/marriages\_1923/09182/5321203.pdf

took on the house of his wife's family, and that this house was "the ancestral home of the O'Donnells".

According to the 1911 census, **Richard** son of Thomas and Anastasia was a veterinary surgeon. It seems me married **Ellen UNKN**, and set up practice in Killaghy, which is 9km south of Ballingarry. Richard died on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1947, aged 62.<sup>36</sup> His wife Ellen recorded the death. Residence given as Killaghy. His occupation was shown as Veterinary Surgeon, which, apart from matched age, establishes this death record as his.

No sign of their marriage record. No sign of Ellen's death.

#### 3.1.3 John son of Richard

**John** son of Richard and Ellen, was baptised 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1838.<sup>37</sup> I have not seen any records of him marrying or having children. He was in the family grave, but no associated wife or children. He was present at the death for his mother in 1871, probably still living at home unmarried.

**John** died 27th December, 1873, aged 35.<sup>38</sup>

#### 3.1.4 Richard son of Richard

Richard son of Richard and Ellen was baptised 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1840. No records present themselves for his life, he may have died as a child.

One exception, the Parliamentary Papers, Volume 42 (1872) provides a list of Jurors for the Barony of Slievardagh, of which one is:

• O'Donnell, Richard Ballingarry Farmer

This may be Richard son of Richard. His father was dead by that point (died 1854).

### 3.1.5 Patrick son of Richard

**Patrick** was the 6<sup>th</sup> child of Richard O'Donnell. He was baptised 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1842.

In 1862, at the age of 20, Patrick entered Maynooth college, Ireland's largest catholic seminary at the time. He was ordained on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1869.

He served in Kilcommon as CC from 1869-1873, before coming to Doon. In 1869 there was no visitation in Doon and Cappamore because of a dangerous epidemic. He was CC in Doon from 1873-1892, [serving as curate under Canon Thomas O'Donnell, his uncle]. He succeeded his uncle as PP in August 1892. A staunch friend and good patriot, Fr. O'Donnell died of a mental impairment called aphasia on 1st of March 1908.<sup>39</sup>

### According to Angie Agius:

Patrick was parish priest at Doon in Limerick. I am very fortunate to be custodian of a large quantity of family letters, a few of which are from Patrick to his cousin, my Great Grandfather William. Patrick didn't care for fruit cake apparently! His housekeeper at Doon was his sister Johanna. After his death she returned to Ballingarry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1947/04583/4212524.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Mostly from the family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> http://www.doonbleisce.com/parish priests of doon since 1619.htm

His death record shows that **Patrick** died in Doon of a Cerebral Haemorrhage.<sup>40</sup>

### 3.2 Thomas son of Thomas

**Thomas O'Donnell** (son of Thomas and Mary) was born in 1812, presumably in Ballingarry. According to records, he became a priest:<sup>41</sup>

Canon Thomas O'Donnell was a native of Ballingarry; he got his early classical education in Fethard and later in Templemore. He entered Thurles College in 1838 and in 1841 entered Maynooth where he was ordained on 2nd of June 1849. During this time he spent three years in the Dunboyne Establishment. He was then appointed CC in New Inn until 1855, and then on to Boherlahan [1855-1857]. He then retired ill and for two years was supported by the Sick Clergy Fund. He took up chaplaincy to a family in England and returned to Ireland in 1861 but was unable to take up active work until November 1862. On recall [1862] he was appointed to Emly, then he became PP of Doon on the 5th of June 1872. In 1877 he became a Canon. Canon O'Donnell died on the 18th July 1892 and is buried in Doon Chapel. A man of gentlemanly bearing and manners, scholarly but never had good health.

# According to Angie Agius:

Patrick superseded his uncle Canon Thomas at Doon on the death of Thomas in 1892.

**Thomas** died on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1892, aged 79.<sup>42</sup> He died in Thurles. The death was registered in two places, once by nephew Patrick O'Donnell, at that point in Doon.<sup>43</sup> And also by someone who was with him when he died in Thurles. The registration in Doon was cancelled, as it was not the district where he died.

### 3.3 Michael O'Donnell born 1810 son of Thomas

**Michael** was the second son born to Thomas O'Donnell and Mary Marnell. He was born a.1810. Michael was a Shopkeeper, keeping a grocery store. 44 He was also a Farmer. 45

**Michael** married **Mary Walsh** on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1836.<sup>46</sup> She was born a.1810,<sup>47</sup> or a.1812.<sup>48</sup> According to Angie Agius:

The father of Mary Walsh, William, was a farmer of a number of farms and when she married Michael they were "given" or "became tenants" at the farm in Brittas Kilkenny. My Great Grandfather William was born there in 1847, the height of the famine. The story is that the farm didn't work out and they were evicted so returned to Ballingarry where they opened a business as shopkeepers and at one point, possibly in Williams O'Donnell's time, there was a hotel.

They had a number of children, three of whom died young. Residence given as "Village" for most of them (in Ballingarry Parish):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1908/05495/4539064.pdf

<sup>41</sup> http://www.doonbleisce.com/parish\_priests\_of\_doon\_since\_1619.htm

<sup>42</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths 1892/06026/4716059.pdf

<sup>43</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1892/06026/4716065.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> He is said to be a shopkeeper in son Patrick's marriage certificate, and the son is said elsewhere to be a grocer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Marriage entry of daughter Alice.

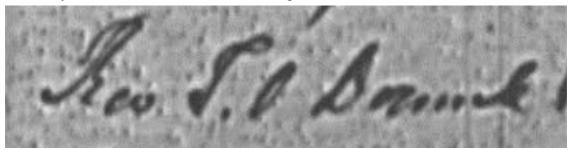
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> From records of Angie Agius. No baptism available in FindMyPast

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> From age at death on family grave.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> From age at death in death registry.

- Anastasia, died young. 49 Angie Agius says she died after 1851.
- **Thomas**, baptised 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1842.<sup>50</sup> Died young.<sup>51</sup> Angie Agius estimates he died after 1851, aged 8 or 9.
- **Bridget**, baptised 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1844. <sup>52</sup> Died young. <sup>53</sup> According to Angie Agius, she found a death record showing she died on the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1867, aged 23. Another possibility, there is a death registration in Callan district of a Bridget O'Donnell who died aged 21 in 1967 (thus born a.1846).<sup>54</sup> Original of registry not available online, so I cannot check details.
- William, baptised 19th February, 1847.55
- Francis, born 31st August, 1849,<sup>56</sup> baptised 2nd September, 1849.<sup>57</sup> Godfather appears to be Rev. J. O'Donnell.
- **Mary,** born a.1839,<sup>58</sup> 1843.<sup>59</sup> a.1849,<sup>60</sup> or a.1850.<sup>61</sup> See discussion below.
- Alice (Ally), baptised 5th March, 1853.62
- Margaret, baptised 11 May 1856.<sup>63</sup> Godmother seems to be Judy O'Donnell, which is an alternative to Johanna.

For Francis, godfather was: (hard to read but seems to be) Rev. J. O'Donnell, suggesting that Michael may have had an uncle who became a priest.



Angie's records show there was a priest in the family, Thomas O'Donnell, brother of Michael, born a.1812. He was Parish Priest of Thurles, and he died in 1892. He could well have been a reverend in 1849, aged 37.

Michael died 21st November, 1863, aged 53. Mary died 14 years later, on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1887, aged 77.64 Her death registry says she was the widow of a shopkeeper, which matches. Her grandson, Ed O'Connor (son of daughter Mary), registered the death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Family grave said "who died young".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> From records of Angie Agius. No baptism available in FindMyPast.

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54 https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/f7021322437656

<sup>55</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F6619832

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> From Angie Agius's records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0182468

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> From age at death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> From age in 1911 census.

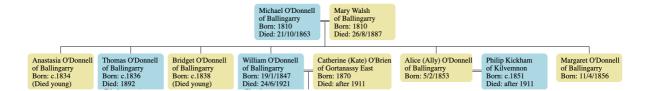
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> From age at marriage.

<sup>61</sup> From age in 1901 census.

<sup>62</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0183029

<sup>63</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0183530

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> From grave and also the death registry: https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1887/06202/4774156.pdf



#### 3.3.1 Francis born 1849

The archive of family correspondences held by Angie Agius includes a letter from a Jesuit priest in British Guinea to William of the family, signed "your affection brother Francis". This suggests that Francis born 1849 became a priest and served in British Guinea. According to Angie Agius, he is buried in Barbados. One record shows he died on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1921.<sup>65</sup>

### 3.3.2 William born 1847

**William** did not appear on the grave that most of this family is based on. However, other records show he is the son of Michael O'Donnell and Mary Walsh. Firstly, there is a baptism record for 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1847 for William O'Donnell with parents Michael O'Donnell and Mary Walsh. Note however that the place of birth is shown as Ballycallan, Kilkenny. This however matches up with the details of William in Ballingarry in the 1911 census, where his birthplace is shown as Co. Kilkenny. It is likely Mary Walsh was from there. Other Walshes in the family were also from Kilkenny, potentially related.

Other evidence that William was the son of the Michael from the gravestone: Michael had three children listed as died young: Anastasia, Thomas and Bridget. These would have been brother and sisters to William. William named two of his children Anastasia and Bridget, supporting the family link.

Another link is that the original grave had an entry for **Patrick O'Donnell**, born 1900. William had a son Patrick, born 1900.

**William** married **Catherine** (**Kate**) **O'Brien** of Gortanassy (2km west of Ballingarry) on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1887.<sup>67</sup> **She** was born 1870 and died sometime after 1911. She was the daughter of Hugh O'Brien, farmer of Gortanassy (Gortanacy in the marriage document), which is 2km from Ballingarry.

On the marriage registration, William's father is listed as Michael O'Donnell. The marriage certificate shows both William and father Michael as shopkeepers. William is also shown as a shopkeeper in the 1889 Tipperary Directory, and also in both the 1901 and 1911 censuses.

James O'Donnell was listed as a witness. I have not seen any James in this immediate family, but there are other James O'Donnell in other O'Donnell trees for the parish. He may be a second cousin, or a cousin or uncle who I missed.

William was the oldest surviving son of Michael and Mary, so he probably inherited Michael's grocery store. Several records show him as shopkeeper.

A survey of Ballingarry in the 1860s lists Mary O'Donnell as one of 7 grocers in the village, and William O'Donnell as the owner of the only hotel.<sup>68</sup> Thomas O'Donnell is listed as one of the principle farmers, of Ballingarry.

The 1901 Census lists **William and Kate** as living in Barrack St., Ballingarry. They had a number of children (covered below), but most importantly, Patrick, born 1900, which matches

67 https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/bbb70c2424994

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Alleyne, Warren (1983) The History of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Barbados.

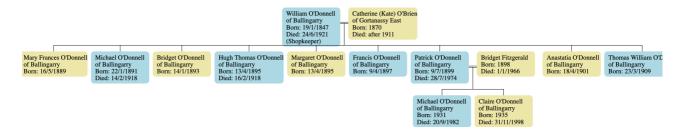
<sup>66</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/6619832

<sup>68</sup> https://doras.gaois.ie/cbes/CBES 0563/CBES 0563 037.jpg?width=1600&quality=85

one of the names and birth dates for the family grave that started with Thomas born 1763. For some reason, William was not included on that grave. Perhaps he was buried with his wife's family in Kilkenny.

William and Kate had several children:

- Mary Frances, born 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1889.<sup>69</sup>
- **Michael**, born 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1891.<sup>70</sup> He died on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1918, aged 26, unmarried.<sup>71</sup>
- **Bridget**, born 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1893.<sup>72</sup>
- **Hugh Thomas**, born 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1894.<sup>73</sup> Died 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1918, 2 days after his brother Michael. Hugh died from pneumonia.
- **Margaret**, born 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1895.<sup>74</sup>
- Francis Joseph, born 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1897.<sup>75</sup> Died young.<sup>76</sup>
- Patrick, born 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1899.<sup>77</sup>
- Anastasia, born 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1901.<sup>78</sup>
- Thomas William, born 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1909.<sup>79</sup>



The 1901 census indicates that all the children born before 1901 were still alive by the time of the census:

# 1901 Census: house 17 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)80

- O'Donnell, William, 53, Head of Family, Shopkeeper, born Co. Kilkenny.
- O'Donnell, Kate, 31, Wife, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Mary, 11, Daughter, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Michael, 10, Son, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Bridget, 8, Daughter, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Hugh, 7, Son, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Margaret, 5, Daughter, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Francis, 3, Son, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Patrick, 1, Son, born Co. Tipp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1889/02471/1917541.pdf

<sup>70</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1891/02397/1893788.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1918/05184/4431640.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1893/02312/1866550.pdf

<sup>73</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1894/02258/1848974.pdf

<sup>74</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1895/02202/1831999.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1897/02125/1807700.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> From Angie Agius.

<sup>77</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1899/02026/1777027.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1918/01269/1526633.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1909/01599/1642591.pdf

<sup>80</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Barrack\_Street/1692296/

As of 1911, William still alive. Francis not mentioned (but appears later as a witness to his sister's wedding), and new children Anastasia and Thomas William.

# 1911 Census: house 1 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)81

- O'Donnell, William, 64, Head of Family, farmer and shop-keeper
- O'Donnell, Kate, 41, Wife
- O'Donnell, Mary Frances, 21, Daughter
- O'Donnell, Margaret, 15, Daughter
- O'Donnell, Patrick, 11, Son
- O'Donnell, Anastatia, 9, Daughter
- O'Donnell, Thomas William, 1, Son
- Maher, Margaret, 24, Shop Assistant
- Marnell, Bridget, 24, Domestic Servant

The census indicates that Kate had given birth 9 children, all of who were alive at the time of the census.

**William** died on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1929, aged 82.<sup>82</sup> Residence given as Ballingarry, and his occupation as shop-keeper. His son, **Patrick**, registered the death, his residence also given as Ballingarry, suggesting he had taken on the family home.

His wife **Kate** died on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1937, aged 69.<sup>83</sup> Her occupation was listed as Publican. Her son Patrick registered the death.

Angie Agius on why William and Kate don't appear on the family grave:

I spent many an hour, normally in the rain, looking for the grave of William and Kate. I asked my aunt May where they were buried. She told me they are in the family grave. When I said but they are not on the grave stone, she laughed "and there's a good few more in there not on the gravestone".

When we were looking to add my father's name the man pointed out that the main inscription is made from individual inlayed lead lettering, hugely expensive to do. I have a theory that it became too expensive to add more names. By the time my grandfather had died, his name was painted on in a similar style (not very straight which is annoying).

### 3.3.2.1 Family of Patrick born 1900

**Patrick** son of William and Kate was born 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1899.<sup>84</sup> He married **Bridget Mary Fitzgerald** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1926 in Dublin.<sup>85</sup> The marriage entry shows father as William O'Donnell. Bridget was born 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1897,<sup>86</sup> and died 1st February, 1966 aged 68. She was the daughter of Martin Fitzgerald (1834-1899) from Foyle, and Mary Joseph Fennelly (1857-1911).<sup>87</sup>

Patrick and Bridget had children:

• Martin Francis, born 21st August, 1928.

<sup>81</sup> http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Barrack\_Street/837782/

<sup>82</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1929/04936/4341473.pdf

<sup>83</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1937/04779/4282638.pdf

<sup>84</sup> https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.britisles.ireland.tip.general/3184.2.1.2.2.2/mb.ashx, https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.britisles.ireland.tip.general/3184.2.1.2.2.2.1.1/mb.ashx

<sup>85</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1926/09120/5298668.pdf

<sup>86</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1897/02136/1811310.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.britisles.ireland.tip.general/3184.2.1.2.2.2/mb.ashx

- **Michael**. Born a.1931.<sup>88</sup> According to his niece Angie, he contracted Polio when he was a teenager, and walked with crutches ever after. He did not marry. He died 20th October, 1982, aged 51.
- May, born a.1932.
- Claire, born 1935. She died 31st December, 1998, aged 63 Years.
- Anna, possibly still alive after 2015.
- Liam, died before 2015.
- **Hugh**, died before 2015.
- Rosario.

**Bridget** died 1st February, 1966, aged 68.89 She died in Clonmel hospital. She was listed as wife of a Clerk.

Patrick died 28th August, 1974, aged 74.90

Regarding son **Martin Francis**, Angie Agius, granddaughter of Martin, says that he was named after his maternal grandfather Martin Fitzgerald. **Martin** died on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, <sup>91</sup> and his ashes were laid to rest in the family grave in Ballingarry. <sup>92</sup> An entry was added to the family grave:

• Martin O'Donnell from Ballingarry died May 2011 aged 82

**May** died on the 19th of September, 2015, aged 83.93 An entry was added to the family grave:

• May O'Donnell from Ballingarry died September 2015 aged 83

An obituary for May observed:94

Sister of Anna and also predeceased by her brothers Liam, Martin, Hugh and Michael and her sisters Sr. Rosario and Claire; very sadly missed by her loving sister, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, relatives and friends.

**Rosario** (although this may be her religious name, not her birth name) became a nun in the Loreto order. In 1986-7, she was the Principal of the Loreto Convent in Darjeeling, India, and in 1995, she was Mother Superior there. In her later days, she was resident at Loreto Convent, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and she died there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015.<sup>95</sup>

### 3.3.3 Mary daughter of Michael

Mary has been placed here as a daughter of Michael O'Donnell and Mary nee Walsh.

No definitive baptism record places her in this family, but there are several records which make it likely. Firstly, when Mary wife of Michael died, the "present-at-death" witness was Edward O'Connor, grand-son. This Edward was son of the Mary O'Donnell being here discussed.

Secondly, the marriage registration for Mary and Michael O'Connor names her father as Michael O'Donnell, Shopkeeper.

Thirdly, there was a Census Search Request record, submitted in 1917, asking for the details within the 1841-1851 Census for a "Mary (Maria) O'Donnell" with parents "Michael and Mary

 $^{89}\ https://civil records.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1966/04230/4083416.pdf$ 

93 https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/249672131/may o'donnell

<sup>88</sup> From age at death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Death date from the family grave.

<sup>91</sup> https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/249672048/martin-o'donnell

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Details from Angie Agius.

<sup>94</sup> https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/249672131/may\_o'donnell

<sup>95</sup> https://rip.ie/death-notice/sr-rosario-odonnell-wicklow-bray-235486

O'Donnell (Walsh)" in Ballingarry. <sup>96</sup> This seems strong evidence that Mary was a daughter of Michael and Mary. The search result showed that Mary was matched, with the address Callan Rd included. The names Anastasia and Thomas were also written on the form, which were the first two children of the family. The request was entered by a Mr M. Brennan of Ballingarry. I am not sure who this was, but the request was made the year before Maria died, so this may have been a lawyer, or perhaps a brother-in-law.

Another possibility is a baptism record which is nearly unreadable, for a Mary O'Donnell with father (unreadable) Donnell and mother transcribed as "Mary Lodge", but my guess is that it is actually Walsh. This would place her baptised 16 July, 1837.

It seems Mary took on a grocery (or worked in one) in Mullinahone, which is 9km south of Ballingarry. At least in her marriage registration, she was shown as living there in 1873, with occupation "Grocer".

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**Mary** married **Michael O'Connor Harnett** on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1873.<sup>97</sup> <sup>98</sup> He was aged 35, a Draper from ?Cadown, son of Edmond O'Connor Harnett, a Labourer. It seems the Harnett part of the name was dropped in future records (where Mary and her son were listed as simply O'Connor). One witness in the marriage registration was Margaret O'Donnell, probably Mary's younger sister. The parish registry shows William O'Donnell as another witness, which is also the name of one of Mary's brothers.

Michael and Mary had two children:

- **Edward Michael O'Connor Harnett**, born 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1874.<sup>99</sup> Residence given as Mullinahone.
- Another died early, according to the 1911 census. Not in the 1901 census, so probably died as a baby.

Michael was shown as a shopkeeper for Edward's birth. And residence as Mullinahone, showing the couple were living there at that point.

The 1901 census shows:

### 1901 Census: house 17 in Main Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)<sup>100</sup>

- O'Connor, Maria, 51, Head of Family, Shopkeeper, born Co. Tipp., Married
- O'Connor, Edward, 12, Son, Shopkeeper, born Co. Tipp.

### This shows:

• Husband **Michael** is not in the picture (but not indicated as dead). He may have been elsewhere (a hospice perhaps). I haven't been able to find his death record.

• Mary has moved back to the family shop/house in Main St., Ballingarry. It is possible that she returned there after the death of her mother in 1887, or even before, as her son Edward was the one registered as present-at-death.

Edward's age was given as 12 in the transcription, but visual study shows it as indecipherable. He should have been 26, so the transcript is wrong.

<sup>96</sup> https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=IRE%2FCENSUS%2F1821-

<sup>51%2</sup>F007246700%2F01176&parentid=IRE%2FCENSUS%2FSEFO184151%2F105796

<sup>97</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FMAR%2F0014913%2F2

<sup>98</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1873/11281/8138500.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1874/03134/2149212.pdf

<sup>100</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Main\_Street/1692417/

The 1911 Census shows the household unchanged. Mary is now shown as born in Co. Kilkenny, which matches with evidence her mother's family (Walsh) came from across the border, and it is probable her mother went to her mother's house to give birth. But it does contradict the birthplace given in the 1901 census. Edward's age is here shown more correctly corresponding to his birth age.

# 1911 Census: house 11 in Main Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)<sup>101</sup>

- O'Connor, Maria, 68, Head of Family, Shopkeeper (Grocer), born Co. Kilkenny
- O'Connor, Edward, 36, Son, Shopkeeper (Grocer), born Co. Tipp.

The census indicated Mary had been married 23 years, had had two children, of whom one had died. Since Mary and Michael married in 1873, this suggests the husband died around 1896.

Mary died on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1918, aged 79.<sup>102</sup> Her son Edward O'Connor was present at death.

Son **Edward** was still a shopkeeper in Ballingarry in 1921. He married **Ellen O'Donnell** on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1921. She was a Farmer's daughter of Ballingarry, daughter of Thomas O'Donnell, a Farmer, deceased at that point. This was a distant cousin, mentioned above.

**Edward** died on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1951, aged 76.<sup>104</sup> He was shown as a Shopkeeper of Ballingarry. The registry showed he was married, so his wife Ellen was still alive.

# 3.3.4 Alice daughter of Michael

Alice O'Donnell was daughter of Michael O'Donnell and Mary Walsh. She was born 1853.

She married **Philip Kickham** on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1884.<sup>105</sup> Philip was a Farmer from Mullinahone (which is 10km south of Ballingarry village). He was son of Edmond Kickham, a Farmer. I think his family was from Kilvemnon, just south of Mullinahone, as some information places him there in 1879,<sup>106</sup> and the 1911 census shows he was there temporarily with his sister. Angie Agius says she was a relation of Charles Kickham, the revolutionary, who was from Mullinahone.

Alice's sister Margaret was witness to the marriage.

The 1901 Census shows they were living next door to the family house (occupied by her brother William and family at that time):

# 1901 Census: house 18 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)<sup>107</sup>

- Kickham, Philip, 48, Head of Family, Relieving Officer
- Kickham, Alice, 39, Wife, Grocer and Draper
- O'Donnell, Margaret, 36, Sister in Law, Grocer and Draper
- Ryan, Ellen, 55, Domestic Servant

Alice's sister Margaret was living with them at that point.

Philip is a relieving officer (possibly at the Police Barracks just up the road).

The 1911 census shows Alice and Philip still in the house (although Philip is away, down in Kilvemnon, possibly helping his sister with the farm):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Main\_Street/837811/

<sup>102</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1918/05184/4431639.pdf

https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage\_returns/marriages\_1923/09182/5321203.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1951/04505/4184629.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1884/10920/5989630.pdf

<sup>106</sup> https://lists.rootsweb.com/hyperkitty/list/cotipperary.rootsweb.com/thread/2764274/

<sup>107</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Barrack\_Street/1692297/

# 1911 Census: house 2 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)<sup>108</sup>

- Kickham, Alice, 52, Wife, Grocer and draper
- A note indicated that Kickham, Philip, Head of Family was returned in Mullinahone.

The census indicated they had been married 26 years, no children born.

Philip is shown to be in Kilvemnon, seems to be managing the Kickham farm:

# 1911 Census: house 9 in Kilvemnon (Kilvemnon, Tipperary)<sup>109</sup>

- Kickham, Philip, 58, Head of Family, Married, Farmer and Relieving Officer
- Kickham, Catherine, 68, Sister, Single.

No sign of children born to this couple.

**Philip** died on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1925, aged 73.<sup>110</sup> He died of "general paralysis of insane", which is today called Neurosyphilis. Basically, Syphilis affected his brain, and he ended his years in a mental hospital.

**Alice** died on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1936, aged 86.<sup>111</sup> She was marked as a Widow, so Philip died before her.

### 3.3.5 Margaret daughter of Michael

**Margaret O'Donnell** was daughter of Michael O'Donnell and Mary Walsh. She was born 1856.

In the 1901 Census, she was living with her sister Alice and husband in Main St, Ballingarry. This house was adjacent to the family house, held at that point by William, her brother. Margaret was working as a Grocer and Draper.

According to Angie Agius:

Margaret married very late in life, 20-Oct-1905 in Ballingarry, to Thomas F Fogerty, a car dealer from Castlecomer. Margaret returned to Ballingarry after the death of Thomas in 1927, she died 7-Jun-1928.

**Margaret** married **Thomas F. Fogarty** (sometimes Fogerty) on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1905.<sup>112</sup> He was a Cycle and Mechanical Engineer, son of Michael Fogarty, a Smith. Margaret's sister, Alice, was witness.

Angie's note suggests that after marriage, the couple lived in Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny. For the 1911 census, Thomas is shown as resident in house 4 of Chatsworth Row, Castleomer, Co. Kilkenny. His occupation was given as Cycle Agent and Repairer. He was shown as married, but his wife was not in the house for the census. The census indicated they had no children at that point, and do not appear to have had children after.

**Thomas** died on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1937, aged 63.<sup>113</sup> Residence given as Castlecomer. His occupation as Motor Agent. The death was registered by Michael Castlecomer, who may have been a brother or nephew.

**Margaret** died on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1928.<sup>114</sup> Age given as 70' on the death registry, but proper age would have been 72. The registry showed she died in Ballingarry, confirming Angie's

<sup>108</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Barrack\_Street/837783/

https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kilvemnon/Kilvemnon/838466/

<sup>110</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1925/05003/4365858.pdf

<sup>111</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1936/04797/4290242.pdf

<sup>112</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1906/10115/5680629.pdf

<sup>113</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1927/04980/4357530.pdf

<sup>114</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1928/04956/4348566.pdf

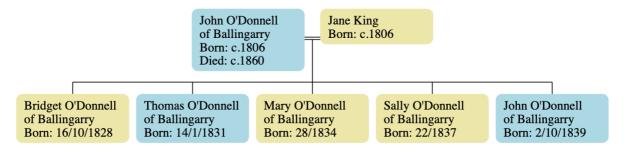
observation that she returned to Ballingarry after the death of her husband. She was shown as the wife of a Garage Proprietor. The death was registered by Anastasia Walsh, a relative.

### 3.4 John O'Donnell possible son of Thomas

There are references to a **John O'Donnell** who in terms of age could not be the John O'Donnell mentioned on the gravestone of the principle family in Ballingarry. This John was having children by 1828, the other was born 1838.

This John was born c.1804<sup>115</sup>. He married **Jane King**, born c.1806. They are recorded as having at least 5 children:

- **Bridget**, baptised 16th November, 1828.
- **Thomas**, baptised 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1831.
- Mary, baptised 28 January, 1834. 116
- **Sally**, baptised 22 Jan 1837. 117
- **John**, baptised 2nd November, 1839. 118 Residence given as Ballingarry.



By the time of the early books of the Griffiths Evaluation (e.g.,1846 House Books), they were living in lot 43, Callan Road within the village of Ballingarry, and held a 7-acre farm in Tinnock townland.

John was also listed as the immediate landlord (probably rent collector) of thwo other properties, probably for the local lord:

- Lot 1, Commons Rd., village of Ballingarry (but house was vacant).
- Lot 22, Chapel Lane., village of Ballingarry, house and garden.

Elsewhere, John was mentioned as a rate collector and a shopkeeper. 119

The following is from a story written by a schoolchild in Ballingarry in the 1930s. <sup>120</sup> During the Rising of 1848, William Smith O'Brien, the leader of the rising, visited Ballingarry to raise support. John O'Donnell hosted him and fed him. After the Rising failed, John was called by the Crown as a witness against Smith O'Brien. John refused to speak. He supposedly said "Bring me out with a file of soldiers, and put a pile of bullets in me, but I will never swear!". John went to jail for two years, and when he returned, he lost his job. Out of work, he immigrated to the States, where he died not long after. He was buried there. It is not clear whether his family went with him, and stayed there. However, there are no later mentions of Jane O'Donnell in Ballingarry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Backdating from first child.

<sup>116</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177642

<sup>117</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178547

<sup>118</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0179417&tab=this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> From the story mentioned just below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4922245/4863913/5021455?ChapterID=4922245

Official documents back this story: from The Annual Register, Or, A View of the History, Politics, and Literature for the Year 1848:

"John O'Donnell, a respectable-looking farmer refused to give evidence at all. When the book was tendered to him, he exclaimed, with energy, "No, I won't be sworn: if I were placed before a rank of soldiers, not one word would I speak though twenty bayonets were to be driven into my heart. My brother is one of the prisoners, my Lords; and I could never go back to my own house again with the badge of an informer on my breast."

The Attorney-General—" You will not be asked to give evidence against your brother."

O'Donnell—"I don't care, Sir; directly or indirectly, I will give no evidence." The Court ordered his committal to prison. [When he refused to take the book, and, folding his arms, looked upon the Court, a decided sensation was made upon the audience; but there were no murmurs of approbation, or any attempt at applause.]

This suggests that one of his brothers was a main participant in the rising, and maybe was sent to Tasmania for life, as many were. John was imprisoned I believe mainly for not giving evidence. According to one source, <sup>121</sup> one of the five men committed to treason for the events in Ballingarry was a **Patrick O'Donnell**, late of Ballingarry, a yeoman. Thus, it is probable that Patrick was John's brother. This would mean Patrick was another son to Thomas O'Donnell born 1763. His absence in the family grave is explained by his being sent to Tasmania.

Another report says that this Patrick was a leader of the rebellion, and also that he was shot in the shoulder:

... police, arrested Patrick O'Donnell, one of the rebel chiefs, at le-ner County Tipperary. O'Donnell was wounded in the shoulder by the fire of the police at Ballingarry. (Carlow Sentinel 02 September 1848)

It is possible that John was a brother to Richard and Michael of the main family above. He was born at the same time as them. His children have similar names (he named his first child Thomas, which was the father of Richard and Michael). The names John and Bridget also occur frequently in the main family. His absence on the family grave is explained by the fact that he died in the States and was buried there.

More importantly, the person telling the story, Edward O'Connor, is identified as the husband of Ellie O'Donnell, of this family, and residence of the main house of the family. The story says:

"He was born in our house at home. When he got married, he went to live in Kickham's house on the Cross".

So, John was born in the main O'Donnell house. Edward and Ellie are said to reside in "the ancestral home of the O'Donnells", which suggests there was only one family of O'Donnells in the village. And I have presented evidence above that Philip Kickham married Ally O'Donnell, daughter of Michael. So, the house that John moved to when he got married ended up in the hands of Michael's daughter and husband, which also suggests a family link.

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 $<sup>^{121}</sup>$  Report of the Trial of W. S. O'Brien for High Treason,  $p13\,$ 

Additionally, at the baptism of Richard's first child, Mary, in 1833, the male sponsor was John O'Donnell, and this is often an uncle of the child.

Additionally, his occupations were listed in different places as rate collector and shopkeeper. His brother Richard was later listed as intermediate landlord for the 15 lots of the village, which while rent collecting rather than rate collecting, possibly the jobs went together. If so, John's brother Richard may have taken over the rate collector job when John was in jail, and possibly, the lord did not want John back on the job on his return from jail.

These three links to brothers Michael and Richard suggests John is the third brother.

# 3.5 Patrick O'Donnell possible son of Thomas

Patrick is included here because evidence linked him as brother of John O'Donnell above, the man who was a central player in the Young Ireland Rebellion in 1848.

Patrick's involvement with the rebellion seems to have started earlier. A newspaper entry from the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1847 shows a call for a public meeting of Tenant farmers, to establish a Tennant's League. Patrick was one of the signatories:<sup>122</sup>

We whose Names are hereunder subscribed, do hereby request a Public Meeting of the Tenant farmers and people at large, of the County of Tipperary, to be Holden at Holycross, on Sunday next, the 19th Sept, 1847, to establish a Tenant League, or an Association of Tenant Farmers, for the purpose of asserting and securing the Rights, and improving the condition of the Occupying Tenantry of the Soil:-

...

DANIEL, Patrick, Ballingarry.

**Patrick O'Donnell**, late of Ballingarry, a yeoman, was one of the five men committed to treason for the 1848 Rising in Ballingarry. Patrick was a leader of the rebellion, and he was shot in the shoulder:

... police, arrested Patrick O'Donnell, one of the rebel chiefs, at le-ner County Tipperary. O'Donnell was wounded in the shoulder by the fire of the police at Ballingarry.<sup>123</sup>

In the trial, John O'Donnell was asked to name the main rebels. He refused to give evidence, as his brother was involved. This would mean Patrick was another son to Thomas O'Donnell born 1763. His absence in the family grave is explained by his being sent to Tasmania.

<sup>122</sup> Tipperary Vindicator 18th Sept. 1847. http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/tipperary/newspapers/tenant-farmers-meeting-1847.txt

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Carlow Sentinel, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1848.

On Monday last Patrick O'Donnell of Ballingery, a few days previously arrested by R. Greene, Esq., S. I., on the charge of having been a leader of the insurgents at Farranrory, was removed from our county jail and conveved to Newgate Dublin, under the charge of Head Constable Cochrane of the reserve force.—(Kilkenny Moderator.)

On Tuesday, Dunn, the brother-in-law of O'Donnell, and arrested for having harboured him, knowing him to have been a proclaimed felon, was removed from the jail here to Clonmel, under the charge of Head Constable Timothy, of the Duhmore station. Dunn is a farmer in comfortable circumstances and holding 150 acres of land at Fenner, in the county of Tipperary.—
(Ibid.)

(see more on the trial at: https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/706271) From: Report of the Trial of W. S. O'Brien for High Treason ... September and

The Clerk of the Crown.—This is dated the 7th of August, 1848, my lord.

County of Tipperary, S. R. to wit.

Information of Thomas Burke, of Ballingarry, in said county, summonsserver, who being duly sworn and examined, saith, I was at Ballingarry, on Wednesday, the 28th of July last, when a large crowd was assembled going to meet William Smith O'Brien, to Mullinahone. We proceeded towards the church, and stopped at the house of James Norton, of Lower Ballingarry, in said county, and demanded his arms; I then saw John Sexton, of Ballingarry, come out of the yard, with the aforesaid James Norton's arms, and proceed along with us. I afterwards saw the aforesaid John Sexton with a gun in his hand, in Ballingarry. I saw the following persons armed, going to meet Mr. O'Brien, to Mullinahone, Edmund Egan, with a gun, James Butler, a gun, Martin Doherty, a pistol, John Linahane, a pike, Richard Mulloy, a pike, James Phelan, a pike, Patrick Cleary, a gun, Patrick O'Donnell, with a pike, James Kenny making a pike for one of Mr. O'Brien's men,

One of the reports above mention Patrick having a brother-in-law, Dunn, who held 150 acres at Fennor. I note that Patrick's proposed brother Richard married an Ellen Dunn, and this Dunn could be Ellen's brother. Alternatively, Patrick himself may have married a Dunn, or one of Patrick's sisters may have married this Dunn.

In the latter regard, there is one possible marriage:

• **Bridget Donnell**, married 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1829 to Patrick Dunn.

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<sup>124</sup> http://snap.waterfordcoco.ie/collections/enewspapers/waterford mail/1848/waterford mail 09 sep 13.pdf

There were a number of Dunnes holding land in Fennor in the 1850s Griffiths book. One was Patrick Dunne with just 28 acres. Another was a Thomas Dunne with a number of blocks, adding up to around 100 acres.

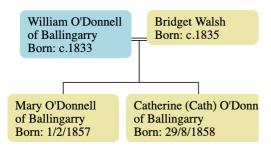
# 4 Other O'Donnells in Ballingarry Parish

# 4.1 In the Village

### 4.1.1 William O'Donnell and Bridget Walsh

**William O'Donnell** was born c.1833. He married **Bridget Walsh** on the 16th Feb 1857. They had at least two children (both showing residence as "Village"):

- Mary, baptised 1st February, 1857. 126
- Catherine (Cath), baptised 29 Aug 1858. 127

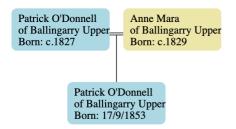


I note that there were various marriages between the main O'Donnell family and Walshes. This suggests that William may have been of the main line. However, he is more likely the son of Thomas O'Donnell of Glengall, outlined below.

### 4.1.2 Patrick O'Donnell and Anne Mara

**Patrick O'Donnell** was born c.1827. He married **Anne Mara**, and lived in Ballingarry Village. She is possibly the **Anne Mara** baptised 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1836, 128 although she would have been just 17 having the son below. They had a son:

• **Patrick**, baptised 17 Sep 1853. 129



### 4.2 O'Donnells in Glengall

Glengall is 2km south of Ballingarry village.

The Tithes list (1824) listed three O'Donnells in Glengall:

<sup>125</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032731/1

<sup>126</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0183638

<sup>127</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0183893

<sup>128</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178309

<sup>129</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0183123

- DONNEL, JOHN & JAS. 20 acres. GLANGALL
- DONNEL, THOS. GLANGALL, 20 acres.

The 1834 version of the Tithes list shows:

- Donnel, John, Glengal, Ballingarry, Slievardagh
- Donnel, Jas, Glengal, Ballingarry, Slievardagh
- Donnel, Thos, Glengall, Ballingarry, Slievardagh

The House books for Griffiths (1845) show three households of O'Donnells in Glengall:

- Dannel, Thomas, with a relatively large house (43x19x7) and three farm buildings. <sup>130</sup>
- Dannell, Patrick, with a small house (15x16x6). 131
- Dannell, James, with a large house (47x19x7) and two farm buildings. 132

The 1854 Griffiths List shows the Thomas still there, now with 30 acres:

Thomas Donnell, lot 19 of Glengall townland, House, Offices and Land, 30 acres.

Seems John and James have died or moved on.

These records show possibly two two families of O'Donnell in Glengall.

- Thomas O'Donnell, who was constantly there from 1824 through 1854 (although possibly passed from father to son with the same name).
- Two related O'Donnells, John and James (brothers, or father and son?), initially shown on a single block, later on two 20-acre blocks. It seems John died, and Patrick took on is house, possibly a son of John. Note, this house was tiny, just a shack. By 1854, neither James or Patrick were shown as resident. I note that between 1846 and 1854, the worst of the Great Famine hit, and many holders were evicted, or alternatively, immigrated of their own choice.

### 4.2.1 Thomas O'Donnell of Glengall

The Tithes List shows a **Thomas O'Donnell** holding 20 acres in Glengall. 133 He was still in Glengall by the 1846 House Books, then with 30 acres, and shown with House and Offices.

This cannot be Thomas O'Donnell born 1763 from the main family above, as that Thomas was dead in 1829, and would not have been in the Griffiths list. The only Thomas descendent of that Thomas was his grandson, Thomas, but he was born 1836, so would have been 10 at the time of the House books, so would not have owned a full house.

This all argues that the Thomas of Glengall was a different person. He might have been another son of Thomas: 1763, or his brother. Or not related.

From baptism records, **Thomas** married **Catherine Cuddihy** (or Cuddohy). They had at least 5 children:

- James, baptised 2nd January, 1822. 134
- Patrick, baptised 16 Mar 1826. 135 He is maybe the Patrick who married Mary Doosey in 1846, although residence shown as Ballyphillip, 10 km away. 136

 $<sup>^{130}\</sup> http://census.national archives.ie/reels/vob/IRE\_CENSUS\_1821-51\_007246825\_00282.pdf$ 

<sup>131</sup> http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE\_CENSUS\_1821-51\_007246825\_00283.pdf 132 http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE\_CENSUS\_1821-51\_007246825\_00284.pdf

<sup>133</sup> http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab//004587402/004587402 00292.pdf

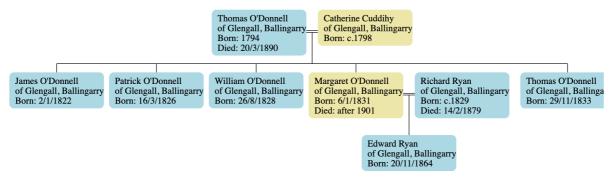
<sup>134</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175026

<sup>135</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175731

<sup>136</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032428/1

- **William**, baptised 26 Aug 1828.<sup>137</sup> He is possibly the same William shown above marrying Bridget Walsh, or the other marrying Bridget Purcell.
- **Margaret**, baptised 06 Jan 1831. She married **Richard Ryan** on the 7th February, 1864. Mary Cuddihy shown as witness, either a sister of niece of Margaret's mother. The Civil registration of this marriage shows her father as Thomas O'Donnell, farmer, of Glengall. The 1901 census for house 4 in Glengall shows a Margaret Ryan, aged 70 (born 1831), her husband dead, and her son, Edward, as head of family. This is confirmed by the birth entry of Edward Ryan, showing Richard Ryan and Margaret O'Donnell as parents. Also the death certificate of father Thomas mentions Edward Ryan, son-in-law. Richard Ryan died 14th February, 1879.
- **Thomas**, baptised 29 Nov 1833. 144

There is a death record for Thomas O'Donnell of Glengall, died 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1890, aged 96.<sup>145</sup> This places him born 1794, which fits the Thomas above. He is shown as a widower, so Catherine died before 1794. He is shown as a farmer. His grand-son is shown as Edmond Ryan, which matches data below (his daughter Margaret married Richard Ryan and their son was Edward).



### 4.2.2 Family of John O'Donnell and Elizabeth Wallace

Records show a John O'Donnell, born c.1794, married an **Elizabeth (sometimes Eliza) Wallace** (sometimes Wallis) on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1814. The marriage entry places them as from Boulea. A birth record shows that they had a child:

- Mary, baptised 2nd September, 1818. 146 The birth was recorded as Glengall.
- **John** of John Donnell and Eliza Wallis, Lisnabrok (now Lisnamrock). Baptised 13th July, 1821. 147 Lisnamrock is reasonably close to Glengall.

Another child which may be theirs or not (the mother's surname really appears to be Waller, not Wallis):

<sup>137</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176308

<sup>138</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176858

<sup>139</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032975/2,

<sup>141</sup> http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Glengall/1692381/

<sup>142</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184812

<sup>143</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1879/06524/4879697.pdf

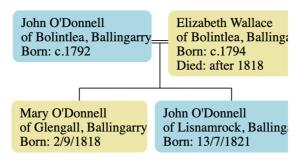
<sup>144</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177587

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1890/06102/4741803.pdf

<sup>146</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174228

<sup>147</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174906

• **Patrick (Patt)** of John Daniel and Eliza Waller, Islands, Ballingarry. Baptised 4 May 1815. 148 Islands is 5 km south of Lisnamrock and Glengall.



### 4.2.3 Family of John O'Donnell and Margaret Fagan

A Grave in the churchyard of the Church of the Assumption, Ballingarry Village shows:

Erected by John O'Donnell of Glengaule in memory of his wife Margerat O'Donnell alias Fagan who dep his life Aug 10th 1831 aged 72 yrs

### This suggests:

- **John O'Donnell**, born c.1757. He died sometime after 1831.
- Married Margaret Fagan, born 1759. She died 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1831, aged 72.

John O'Donnell
of Glengall, Ballingarry
Born: c.1757

Margaret Fagan
of Glengall, Ballinga
Born: 1759
Died: 10/8/1831

The 1834 Tithes list shows what must be two brothers holding twenty acres here, of which the John might be the one above.

• **DONNEL, JOHN & JAS**. 20-1-22 GLANGALL

James may have been the brother of John, living on the same farm. My guess is that they both died before the Griffiths lists (1845-52), as they would have been over 80 at that point, and there was only one house held by O'Donnells in Glengall at that point.

### 4.3 Michael son of Michael, of Glengall

**Michael O'Donnell** was born c.1883. He was a Labourer, and possibly lived in or near Ballingarry, but maybe not. He married UNKN in c.1907. They had at least one child:

• Michael, born c.1909.

In 1933, Son **Michael** resided in Glengall, occupation given as Labourer. That year, on the 19th April, 1933, he married **Catherine St. John**, of Main St., Killenaule. 149 She was daughter of Thomas St. John, a Labourer.

149 https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1933/08981/5250580.pdf

<sup>148</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0173441

A possible birth of Michael, Michael Joseph was born on the 22nd October, 1909 in Cleragh, near Killenaule. Mother given as Josephine Maher. Father given as a Farmer. Father Michael born a. 1870. 151

### 4.3.1 Mary O'Donnell married Daniel Dunne

There is a grave for the Dunne family in Ballingarry cemetery, which records **Mary O'Donnell** born a.1793.<sup>152</sup>

Erected by DANIEL DUNNE of Glengall
in memory of his wife MARY DUNNE alias O DONNELL
who departed this life Jan 6th 1838 aged 45 years
The remains of his Father Richd Dunne
and his Mother Catherine Dunne alias Gried
also lie interred beneath this stone.
Also Richard Dunne son of the above
Daniel Dunne who died June 11th 1881 Aged 62 years
Thomas Cleary, Glengall Who died 3rd Nov 1967 Aged 75 years
His brother Michael Who died 26th June 1978 Aged 75 years

Mary was potentially a daughter of Thomas O'Donnell, of the main line of O'Donnells reported above.

She married **Daniel Dunne** of Glengall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1817, in Ballingarry parish.<sup>153</sup> Witnesses were Michael and Thomas O'Donnell, both of whom were potentially brothers if she was actually the daughter of Thomas.

Mary and Daniel had children:

- **John Dunne**, baptised 22nd August, 1818. 154 Residence given as "Glen". Witness was Ellen O'Donnell.
- **Richard Dunne**, baptised 29th February, 1820.<sup>155</sup> He died 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1881.<sup>156</sup> He married Mary O'Brien on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1854.<sup>158</sup> They had children, including a son John, baptised 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1854, in Ballingarry parish.<sup>159</sup> They farmed in Knockavadagh, Co. Tipperary.
- Catherine Dunne, baptised 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1822. 160 Residence given as Glengall.
- Margaret Dunne, baptised 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1826. Catherine O'Donnell was witness.
- William Dunne, baptised 22 May 1830. 162
- **Daniel Dunne**, baptised 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1831. 163
- Mary Dunne, baptised 1st July, 1832. 164

<sup>150</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1909/01622/1650004.pdf

<sup>151</sup> https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai003381296/

<sup>152</sup> https://www.from-ireland.net/photography/ballingarry-graveyard-photographs-co-tipperary/

<sup>153</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FMAR%2F0031045%2F1&tab=this

<sup>154</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0174216&tab=this

<sup>155</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0174537&tab=this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> From family grave.

<sup>157</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1881/06438/4850012.pdf

<sup>158 09</sup> Feb 1854

<sup>159</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0227284&tab=this

<sup>160</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0175027&tab=this

<sup>161</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0175675&tab=this

<sup>162</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0176724&tab=this

<sup>163</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0176971&tab=this

<sup>164</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0177208&tab=this

- Patrick Dunne, baptised 14th October, 1834. 165
- **Judy Dunne**, baptised 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1837. <sup>166</sup> John O'Donnell was witness.

Mary died six months after giving birth to Judy, on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1838, aged 43.<sup>167</sup>

While the family was living in Glengall for the birth of the children, it seems they later moved to a farm in Knockavadagh, Killenaule. This is 12km west of Glengall. Daniel was shown holding a 54-acre farm with house there in the 1850s Griffiths list. Son Richard was also shown as from there when he married in 1854, and also when Richard's son John was born (late 1854). Daniel was holding the land from a Mrs Maria Quin, who leased out most of the land in the townland. The June 1850 version of the field books shows Daniel had recently taken over the land from Mark Walpole.

A possible death of **Daniel Dunne** was that registered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1877, residence given as Ballingarry, age 97.<sup>168</sup> Son **Richard** died on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1881.

# 4.3.2 Marriages in Glengall

There were 5 marriages where the participants put their residence as Glengall. One is above (Margaret). Note: in these cases, only one residence is put, and in all these cases, only the bride is O'Donnell. It is possible it was the husband who was from Glengall.

- **Joanna Donnel**, 26 Nov 1842, to **Tom Duggan**. 169
- Mary Donnell, 15 Feb 1844, to John Gleeson. 170 Margaret O'Donnell was shown as witness.
- **Mary Dannel**, 16 Feb 1847, to **James Purcell**. <sup>171</sup> Thomas O'Donnell shown as witness. Possible death records: <sup>172</sup> <sup>173</sup>
- Margaret Donnell, 06 Sep 1860 to Michael Nolan. 174

  There is a death certificate for a Margaret O'Donnell, born 1813, died 15th November, 1887 in Aughnacrumpane, Ballingarry. 175 Present at death was her daughter, Margaret Nolan. I believe that the daughter is the Margaret here mentioned. The mother was marked as a widow, implying Michael Nolan died before 1887. Aughnacrumpane is 8km east of Glengall. There is a birth certificate showing Margaret born to Margaret and Michael Nolan on the 24th April, 1864. 176 Residence is given as Ballintaggart, 15km West of Glengall. There are other O'Donnell/Nolan link-ups in Ballintaggart (E.g., James Nolan and Margaret O'Donnell)

By the time of the 1901 Census, there were no O'Donnells in Glengall (apart from a young one as a servant).

# 4.4 O'Donnells of Village and Ballaghboy

Ballagboy is a townland just outside (to the east) of Ballingarry village

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>165</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0177863&tab=this

<sup>166</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0178673&tab=this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> From grave.

<sup>168</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1877/020537/7206631.pdf

<sup>169</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032194/2

<sup>170</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032258/2

<sup>171</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032451/2

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>173</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1897/05845/4656183.pdf

<sup>174</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032891/2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1887/06193/4771288.pdf

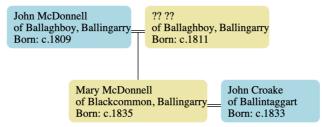
<sup>176</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184729

### 4.4.1 John McDonnell

**John McDonnell** was born c.1826. He was a farmer of Ballaghboy. He married UNKN. They had children:

• Mary McDonnell, born c.1852.

**Mary** married John Croake, a laborer from Ballintaggart, on the 25 June, 1874.<sup>177</sup> He was the son of Thomas (maybe James) Croak, also a labourer. He may be the one born 24 Jan 1826, or 15 Apr 1838, or 24 Dec 1845.



# 4.4.2 Family of William O'Donnell and Bridget Purcell

Another family of O'Donnells relate to a **William O'Donnell**, born c.1837. He was a labourer.<sup>178</sup> He married **Bridget Purcell** on the 30 Nov 1861.<sup>179</sup> Residence was given as "Village". They had 7 children, all with residence as "village" or unspecified.

- **John**, baptised 08 June, 1862. 180
- Ellen, baptised 09 Jul 1865. 181
- **Denis**, baptised 31 Mar 1867.<sup>182</sup> A death register entry 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1879 could be his, which would mean he died aged 12.<sup>183</sup>
- Catherine (Kate), baptised 08 Aug 1869. 184 A death register entry for 10 March, 1889 is possibly hers, which would mean she died aged 19.
- Michael, baptised 29 Sep 1872.<sup>185</sup>
- **Pierse**, baptised 21 Feb 1875. 186
- **William**, baptised 19 Jul 1877. 187

Note another William of the village married Bridget Walsh in 1857 and had two children in 1857 and 1858. It is vaguely possible this is the same William, re-marrying after his wife died.

In regards to the daughter Kate, it seems she was working as a domestic servant, and had an illegitimate child, Thomas on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1888, aged 19.<sup>188</sup>

<sup>177</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1874/11240/8121673.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>178</sup> From son Michael's birth registry entry.

<sup>179</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032922/1

<sup>180</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184467

<sup>181</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184915

<sup>182</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0185151

<sup>183</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1880/06485/4865973.pdf

<sup>184</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0185468

<sup>185</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0186132,

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<sup>186</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0186132

<sup>187</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0186395

<sup>188</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/cert\_amends/cert\_1888/1924709a.pdf

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Four months later, **Kate** died, on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1889. She was marked as a labourer's daughter of Balloughboy, her mother being Bridget O'Donnell. She is shown as 18 years old, which differs by 2 years from her baptism date, but I believe they are the same Kate.

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The 1901 Census shows William and Bridget living in House 1.1 of Balloughboy. No children are shown living with them, which makes sense as the youngest, William, would have been 34 at that age.

# 1901 Census: house 1.1 in Ballaghboy (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

- O'Donnell, William, 59, Head of Family. General Labourer.
- O'Donnell, Bridget, 54, Wife

They were both still there in the 1911 Census:

# 1911 Census: house 1 in Ballaghboy (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

- Donnell, William, 78, Head of Family
- Donnell, Bridget, 71, Wife

(note he went up in age by 19 years in 11 years, she went up 16 in the same time – ages in the Censuses wee unreliable.)

The 1911 census records that this couple had 8 births, of which 5 were still alive in 1901. This would indicate that we are missing one birth, possibly a child that died at birth. It also indicates that two of the seven we know about had died by 1901. We know Kate died in 1889. It was also suspected that Denis died in 1879.

A death certificate could be for the mother, Bridget.<sup>189</sup> The certificate shows Bridget O'Donnell of Balloughboy, died 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1921, aged 71. This puts her as born 1850, and unlikely to have a child in 1862. However, the certificate shows her son as Michael, and Bridget did have a son of that name born 1872 (note the transcript on Findmypast.com gives the surname as Donnelly, but the handwriting is clearly O'Donnell). My guess is they cut her age by 10 years in the death certificate.

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There is a civil marriage record for **Michael O'Donnell** and **Margaret Lanigan** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1903. Michael is shown as son of William O'Donnell, which makes it possible he is the son of William and Bridget Purcell above. That Michael would have been 31 at the marriage, a normal age. Margaret was daughter of Daniel Lanigan, from Balloughboy, where Michael's parents were living at that point. Michael was shown as residing in Glengall, 3km away. He was listed as a labourer, she as a servant.

One potential point against connecting Michael to these parents: an online family tree<sup>191</sup> places his date of birth as 15 November, 1871, which is incompatible from the baptism registry of Michael of 29 September, 1872. However, they show Michael's parents as Thomas O'Donnell and Margaret Fahey. After communicating with the manager of this tree, it seems he chose a particular baptism record for Michael because oral tradition in the family said that an ancestor was Margaret Fahey. However, given the marriage certificate of Michael and Margaret clearly show Michael's father as William, then the online tree is clearly wrong.

**Michael and Margaret** had the following children (based on the wikitree records modified by civil records where available, and from a familysearch.org family tree:<sup>192</sup>):

- **Bridget** born 16 December 1904, in Gragaugh. <sup>193</sup>
- **William**, born 13th August, 1906. 194
- Margaret, born 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1908, <sup>195</sup>.
- Catherine (Kitty), born 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1909. 196
- Mary, born 7 August 1912, Gragaugh,
- Gerald, born 19 October, 1913, Gragaugh. 197
- **Daniel**, born 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1915. 198 He died 2 months old, from diarrhoea. 199
- **Peter**, born 29 June, 1921.<sup>200</sup>
- **John**, born 11<sup>th</sup> April 1928.<sup>201</sup>

The 1911 Census for the family shows 4 children at that point, with none dead. Note, their first child was named Bridget, after Michael's mother, and the next child, a son, William, after Michael's father. Michael shown as an agricultural labourer. They were then living in Gragaugh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>190</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage\_returns/marriages\_1903/10239/5726649.pdf

<sup>191</sup> https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LDSC-V6S

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>193</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1905/01792/1703296.pdf

<sup>194</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1906/01717/1679555.pdf

<sup>195</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1908/01663/1662795.pdf

<sup>196</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1909/01590/1639294.pdf

<sup>197</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1914/01418/1582670.pdf

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>200</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1921/01173/1489125.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>201</sup> https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/243061076/john-o'donnell

# 1911 Census: house 17 in Gragaugh (Ballingarry, Tipperary)<sup>202</sup>

- O'Donnell, Michael, 38, Head of Family,
- O'Donnell, Maggie, 28, Wife,
- O'Donnell, Bridget, 6, Daughter,
- O'Donnell, William, 4, Son,
- O'Donnell, Margaret, 3, Daughter,
- O'Donnell, Kattie, 1, Daughter

**Michael** died 10<sup>th</sup> June 1955, aged 83.<sup>203</sup> Residence given as Gragaugh, occupation as Labourer. He was shown as a widower, suggesting Margaret was still alive. His son Gerald, also of Gragaugh, registered the death.

**Margaret** was born 1882. Place of birth given as Grove, Callan, Kilkenny, although the wedding certificate placed her father in Ballaghboy. She died on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1959, aged 77.<sup>204</sup> Son Gerald again registered the death.

Regarding daughter **Bridget**, in 1933, she was working as a Servant in Ballydonnell. She married **Michael Brennan** on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1933.<sup>205</sup> He was a Farmer of Ballydonnell, son of Patrick Brennan, a farmer. Her brother William and sister Kitty were witnesses. **Bridget** died 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1984. A possible death of **Michael** is that on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1944, aged 49.<sup>206</sup> Address given as Clashbeg, adjacent to Ballydonnell.

Son **William** died 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1969.<sup>207</sup> He did not marry. His death certificate gave his occupation as labourer. The FamilySearch page provides different dates, but the civil records are more trustworthy.

Daughter Margaret possibly did not marry. She died 15th March, 1986.

Daughter Catherine (Kitty) probably did not marry. She died 20th January, 1992.

Regarding Daughter **Mary**, in 1938, she was living in Gragaugh, occupation given as Domestic Servant (probably in the family home). That year, she married **Thomas O'Connell** on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1938.<sup>208</sup> **Thomas** died 1985. **Mary** died 10<sup>th</sup> August 1996.

Son **Gerald** worked as a labourer, like his father. It seems he lived in the family home with his parents, until they died. He died 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1988.

Son **Peter** worked as a Miner.<sup>209</sup> He married **Mary O'Dwyer** (1925–2003) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1948.<sup>210</sup> She was daughter of Thomas O'Dwyer, a Farmer. Brother Gerald was witness. He died 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1964, aged 43.<sup>211</sup> He died in Gurteen mine from inhaling toxic air. **Mary** died in 2003.

Son **John** lived in Gragaugh. No sign that he married. He died 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, aged 88.<sup>212</sup> He is buried in Church of the Assumption Cemetery, Ballingarry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>202</sup> http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Ballingarry/Gragaugh/837872/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>203</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1955/04430/4157373.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>204</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1959/04351/4126777.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>205</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage\_returns/marriages\_1933/08981/5250584.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>206</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1944/04633/4230938.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>207</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1969/04168/4061480.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>208</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage\_returns/marriages\_1938/08876/5210047.pdf <sup>209</sup> From death registration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>210</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1948/08685/5136941.pdf

<sup>211</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1965/04251/4090792.pdf

<sup>212</sup> https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/243061076/john-o'donnell



The death has occurred of

John O'Donnell

Modeshill /Gragaugh, Ballingarry (SR), Tipperary

John passed away peacefully in the loving care of Sarah and staff of Stratmore Lodge Nursing Home, Callan. Deeply regretted by his extended family and large circle of friends.



# 4.5 O'Donnells of Ballintaggart

Ballintaggart is just to the east of Ballingarry village.

**Elizabeth (Lizzie) McDonnell** was born in a.1890,<sup>213</sup> daughter to **John MacDonnell**, a farmer in Co. Kilkenny. In 1910, she was living in Mill St., Callan.<sup>214</sup> She gave birth to an illegitimate child:

• Nora MacDonnell, born 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1910.<sup>215</sup>

It seems that after giving birth, she moved to Ballintaggart. In the 1911 Census, she was resident of house 2 in Ballintaggart (Modeshill, Tipperary), owned by John Fennelly. She was listed as a Domestic Servant.<sup>216</sup> Her child Nora was listed as "boarder" in a house close by in the village: house 18 of Ballintaggart.<sup>217</sup> The house was run by Richard and Mary Brennan, who had 3 of their own young children, but had two young children "boarders". It is possible Mary provided care for young children while their mothers worked.

On the 18th of June, 1911, Lizzie married **Martin Brennan**, also from Ballintaggart. He was a Labourer, son of Thomas Brennan, a Farmer of Ballintaggart. Martin was born 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1883 in Ballintaggart. Martin was the brother of Richard Brennan, where Nora was resident.

From this I can see two possibilities. One possibility is that Martin was the father of Nora, and Lizzie came to his family for support from his family, and eventually Martin married her. A second possibility is that Lizzie just came to the village to work, and that she met Martin through contacts and they married.

<sup>214</sup> Feom borth registration of daughter Nora.

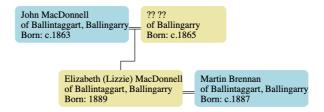
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>213</sup> From age in 1911 Census.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>215</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1910/01557/1629087.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>216</sup> http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Modeshil/Ballintaggart/838545/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>218</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1912/09923/5607404.pdf



# 4.6 O'Donnells of Cappagh

Cappagh, also called Cappa, is to the East of Ballingarry village, right on the Kilkenny border.

### 4.6.1 Family of John O'Donnell

An entry in an early addition of the Tithes list shows a **John O'Donnell** with 68 acres.<sup>219</sup> The Griffiths House book (1845) names one house held by O'Donnells in Cappagh,<sup>220</sup> that of John O'Donnell. It was quite a large house, 56x22x6.

John was born c.1790.<sup>221</sup> He married **Mary Fennelly** (sometimes Finlay) c.1814,.<sup>222</sup> They had children (residence was shown as "Cappagh" or "Cappa"):

- Catherine, baptised 27 Feb 1816.<sup>223</sup> She married Kyran Moylan on 27 Jan 1842.<sup>224</sup>
- **John**, baptised 21 April, 1817.<sup>225</sup> Mother was recorded as Finlay, which is a variant of Fennelly.<sup>226</sup> Residence given as Cappagh.
- **Elizabeth**, baptised 30 November, 1818.<sup>227</sup> She must have died as a baby, as the next child, 12 months later, was also called Elizabeth. Mother was recorded as Finlay. Residence given as Cappagh.
- Elizabeth, baptised 12 Dec 1819.<sup>228</sup>
- Anstice, baptised 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1821.<sup>229</sup>
- unnamed, baptised 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1822.<sup>230</sup> It was possibly unnamed as it died at birth.
- **Bridget**, baptised 1st May, 1826.<sup>231</sup>
- **James**, baptised 12 Feb 1828.<sup>232</sup> As another child was called James later, I assume he died young.
- Mary, baptised 12 Feb 1828.<sup>233</sup> James and Mary were twins.
- ??, baptised Jul 1829.<sup>234</sup> (Baptism book is damaged).
- Patrick, baptised 18th March, 1831.<sup>235</sup>
- **Anastasia**, baptised 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1832.<sup>236</sup> One of the sponsors is "Doctor Finnelly", suggesting Mary may have been from an educated family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>219</sup> http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab/004587402/004587402 00294.pdf

<sup>220</sup> http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE CENSUS 1821-51 007246825 00155.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>221</sup> Working back from baptisms of his children.

<sup>222</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032804/1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>223</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0173634

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>224</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032138/2

<sup>225</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0173931

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>226</sup> At least according to the Special Report on Surnames in Ireland: Together with Varieties and Synonymes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>227</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174273

<sup>228</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174487

<sup>229</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174912

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>230</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175236

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<sup>233</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176179

<sup>234</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176524

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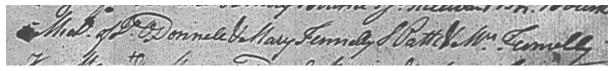
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- **James**, baptised 02 Mar 1834.<sup>237</sup>
- Agnes, baptised 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1835.<sup>238</sup>
- Michael, baptised 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1837.
- Ellen, baptised 18 Aug 1839.<sup>239</sup>



They possibly had one more child:

• **Michael** of James or John O'Donnell and Mary Fennelly, baptised 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1857.



But this is 40 years after their first child. Possible but unlikely. Women rarely get pregnant at 64.

### 4.7 O'Donnells of Curraheenduff

The House books of the Griffiths Survey show a Margaret O'Donnell renting a house (small, 16 measures) from Eleanor Mullowney. One of the books says "rented for 10 shillings a year and to keep it in span". The last version of the house books (February 1848) shows Margaet's name crossed out, so it looks like the house reverted to the owner. Margaet may have died or moved elsewhere.

- <u>Donnel</u>, <u>Margret</u>, 1845, 09 Sep 1845, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Curraheenduff,
- <u>Donnell, Margret,</u> 1846, 23 Jul 1846, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Curraheenduff. Says the house is "let at 10 S a year by Mrs Mullowney and to keep it in span"
- <u>Donnell, Margaret</u>, 1848, 17 Feb 1848, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Curraheenduff. Margaret is crossed out, and a note says "Put to Ellen Mullowney".

### 4.8 O'Donnells of Islands townland

Islands is a couple of kilometres south of Ballingarry village, in Lismalin Civil Parish.

### 4.8.1 James O'Donnell and Honor Burke

**James O'Donnell** was born c.1797. He married **Honor Burke** or Bourke in c. 1819. They had two children:

- **Judy**, baptised 21 October, 1821.<sup>240</sup> Probably died as a baby.
- Judith, baptised 21 October, 1823.<sup>241</sup>

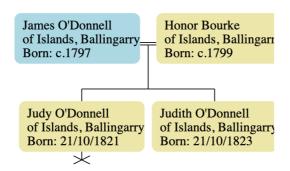
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I note that Judy and Judith are basically the same name (and often an alternative name for Johanna).

### 4.8.2 James O'Donnell and Anastasia Brett

James O'Donnell was born c.1890. He married Anastasia Brett in c.1815. Thy had children:

• **James**, baptised 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1817.<sup>242</sup> Residence given as Islands, Ballingarry.

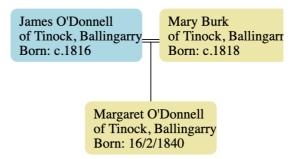
### 4.9 O'Donnells of Tinock townland

Tinock townland is just East of the village.

# 4.9.1 James O'Donnell and Mary Burk

**James O'Donnell** was born c.1816. He married **Mary Burk** in c.1838. They had at least one child:

• **Margaret**, baptised 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1840.<sup>243</sup>



# 4.10 O'Donnells of Ballincurry

Ballincurry is 4km due West of Ballingarry village. At least three families of O'Donnells lived here. The records sometimes place the family in Springfield townland, which is adjacent to Ballincurry townland.

### 4.10.1 Family of Patrick O'Donnell and Mary Dury (Springfield, Ballincurry and Copper)

Patrick O'Donnell lived in Springfield, although some records refer to Ballincurry townland, which is adjacent. Springfield is out in the hills north west of Ballincurry. My guess is they lived in Springfield, but put the name of the nearest village for some records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>242</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0173885

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**Patrick Donnell** was born c.1821, of Springfield, Ballincurry.<sup>244</sup> He was a carpenter, and died sometime after 1889.<sup>245</sup> He married **Mary Dury**, born 1827, on c.1845. She died 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1889, aged 62.<sup>246</sup> They had at least 5 children:

- **John**, baptised 29 June, 1847.<sup>247</sup>
- **Patrick**, baptised 10 April, 1854.<sup>248</sup>, died 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1892, age placed as 35, a general labourer. His place of residence was given as Ballincurry, matching his father.
- William, baptised 4 May, 1856.<sup>249</sup>
- Mary, baptised 20 May, 1866.<sup>250</sup>
- **Thomas**, baptised? August, 1869.<sup>251</sup>

There is one other possible daughter:

• **Eliza**, born a.1859. Died 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1873, aged 14.<sup>252</sup> Residence given as Ballincurry. Father's occupation as Carpenter.

Either the Patrick above, or another Patrick O'Donnell of Ballincurry of the same age died 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1896, aged 80. The only doubt here is that the death certificate places him as married, yet Mary died 7 years earlier, so he would have been shown as Widower. Unless he remarried. Note that the witness at death was his niece Kate O'Donnell, suggesting Patrick had a brother, who married, and had a daughter Catherine.

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Regarding William's son **Patrick**, there is a death record for the son Patrick of Ballincurry, died 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1892, aged 35, a general labourer. The person present-at-death is Kate O'Donnell, sister-in-law, of Copper, which is likely be Catherine nee Maher, Williams's wife.

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Patrick's son **William** lived in Lisnamrock, above Copper, Ballingarry. He was listed as a master carpenter by 1901. He died 18 February, 1917 aged 58. He married **Catherine (Kate) Maher**, born 1859 from Ballincurry.<sup>253</sup> She was a servant, daughter of Thomas Maher. They married on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1885.<sup>254</sup> She died 23rd May, 1942, aged 82 yrs. They had children:

• Mary, born 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1885.<sup>255</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>244</sup> Backdating from birth of children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>245</sup> From wife's death entry.

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- Patrick, born 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1887, <sup>256</sup> died 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1896, aged 9.
- Margaret (Maggie), born 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1890.<sup>257</sup>
- Catherine (Katie or Kathleen), born 1894.
- **Thomas**, born 1898, died 13 June 1964 aged 66 yrs. Thomas married **Bridget (Dolly) Purcell**, born 1909, died 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1988, aged 79 yrs.

William's family is based mainly on a family grave in Ballingarry Parish graveyard:

In loving memory of
William O' Donnell Copper
died 18 Feb-1917 aged 58 yrs
his wife Catherine nee Maher
died 23 May 1942 aged 82 yrs
Their son Thomas
died 13 June 1964 aged 66 yrs
His wife Bridget "Dolly" nee Purcell
who died 19.10.1988 aged 79 yrs

William's death record confirms he died 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1917. William is shown as a carpenter. The record also shows he had a daughter Margaret (Maggie), present at death. Margaret's birth to these parents is confirmed by a civil birth record.<sup>258</sup>

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There is a 1901 Census record for William's family, at house 15 in Lisnamrock (Ballyphilip, Tipperary)<sup>259</sup> (Lisnamrock is just above Copper crossroads). William is shown as a Master Carpenter.

Regarding **Margaret**, daughter of William, she married Edward Webster on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1929.<sup>260</sup> He was a labourer of Ballincurry, Thurles, son of Robert Webster, a miner.

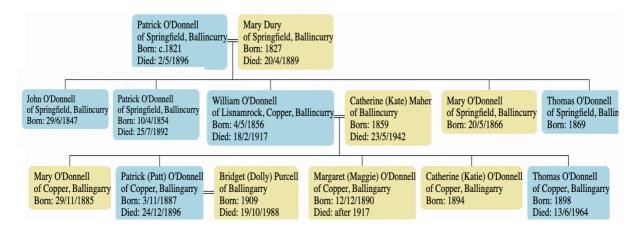
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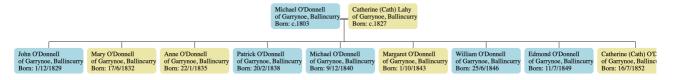


## 4.10.2 Family of Michael O'Donnell and Catherin Lahy

Another family also generally put their residence as Ballincurry, but in one instance, put Garrinoe (now, Garrynoe) as their residence. Garrynoe is between Ballingarry and Ballincurry.

Michael Donnell was born c.1803, and lived in Garrynoe, Ballincurry. He married Catherine (Cath) Lahy, in c.1827. They had at least 9 children:

- **John**, baptised 01 Dec 1829.<sup>261</sup>
- Mary, baptised 17 Jun 1832.262
- **Anne**, baptised 22 Jan 1835.<sup>263</sup>
- Patrick, baptised 20 Feb 1838.<sup>264</sup>
- Michael, baptised 09 Dec 1840.<sup>265</sup>
- Margaret, baptised 01 Oct 1843.<sup>266</sup>
- William, baptised 25 Jun 1846.<sup>267</sup>
- Edmond, baptised 11 Jul 1849.<sup>268</sup>
- Catherine (Cath), baptised 16 Jul 1852.<sup>269</sup>



The Griffiths House Book (1848) for Springfield townland name a Michael O'Donnell holding a small house (21 measures). The Field Books show him holding House and Garden only. This may be the Michael above.

- Donnell, Michl, 1848, 08 Feb 1848, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Springfield, (a tiny house, 15x14x6)
- Field books: Michael McDonnell, lot 6b of Springfield townland, House and garden only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>261</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176610

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178876

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>265</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179754

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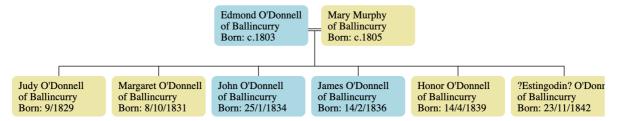
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#### 4.10.3 Family of Edmond O'Donnell and Mary Murphy

Edmond O'Donnell was born c.1803. He married Mary Murphy, born c.1805. They married c.1827. They had 6 children:

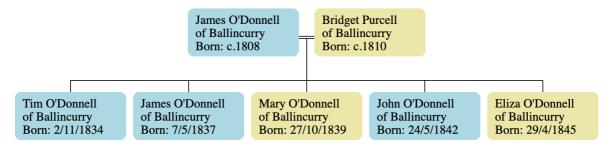
- **Judy**, baptised September, 1829.<sup>270</sup>
- Margaret, baptised 08 Oct 1831.<sup>271</sup>
- **John**, baptised 25 Jan 1834.<sup>272</sup>
- **James**, baptised 14 Feb 1836.<sup>273</sup>
- **Honor**, baptised 14 Apr 1839.<sup>274</sup>
- **?Edmond**, baptised 23 Nov 1842.<sup>275</sup>



#### 4.10.4 Family of James O'Donnell and Bridget Purcell

James O'Donnell was born c.1808. He married Bridget Purcell in c.1832. They had at least the following children:

- **Tim**, baptised 02 Nov 1834.<sup>276</sup>
- **James**, baptised 07 May 1837.<sup>277</sup>
- Mary, baptised 27 Oct 1839.<sup>278</sup>
- **John**, baptised 24 May 1842.<sup>279</sup>
- **Eliza**, baptised 29 Apr 1845.<sup>280</sup>



## 4.11 O'Donnells of Earlshill

Earlshill is 6km West of Ballingarry village. It is part of Ballingarry Civil Parish, but also quite close to Killenaule, another O'Donnell centre.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176575

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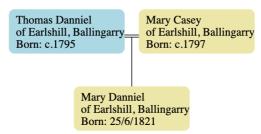
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#### 4.11.1 Thomas Daniel and Mary Casey

**Thomas Danniel** was born c. 1795. He married **Mary Casey**. They had at least one child:

• Mary, baptised 25 June, 1821, in Earlshill.<sup>281</sup>



### 4.11.2 Cornelius Donnell and Mary Doran

**Cornelius Donnell** was born c.1841, and lived in Earlshill. He was a labourer.<sup>282</sup> He married **Mary Doran** on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1862, in Gortnahoe Parish.<sup>283</sup> She was born a.1839,<sup>284</sup> and possibly came from near Gortnahoe, as marriages usually took place in the bride's home church. The record shows her residence as Ballinastick, which is midway between Gortnahoe and Ballingarry.

They had at least 2 children:

- o Mary, baptised 17 Feb 1867.<sup>285</sup>
- o Cornelius, baptised 28 Mar 1869.<sup>286</sup>

**Cornelius** the father died before 1901 (his wife was a Widow then). No sign of death record. The 1911 census indicates the couple were married 22 years, so he may have died around 1885.

The 1901 census shows a Mary Dannell as resident in House 15 of Earlshill, Ballyphillip.<sup>287</sup> Age give as 70, thus born a.1831. Her occupation as retired Domestic Servant. She was a Widow, and born Co. Tipperary. The daughter was not there.

The 1911 Census shows Patrick Shelly as the "head of household", but Mary still living in the house. This does not seem to be a relative. He was a Publican, and unmarried.

### 1911 Census: house 15 in Earlshill (Ballyphilip, Tipperary)<sup>288</sup>

- Shelley, Patrick, 26, Head of Family, Publican, Single.
- O'Donnell, Mary, 81, Servant

**Mary** died on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1912, aged 73.<sup>289</sup> She was recorded as a Labourer's Widow. The death was recorded by Patrick Shelly, of Earlshill, shown as the House-holder.

**Cornelius** the son was a labourer. He died aged 24, unmarried, on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1893, of tuberculosis.<sup>290</sup> His mother Mary was present-at-death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>281</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174890

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>282</sup> From wife's death certificate.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>284</sup> From age at death.

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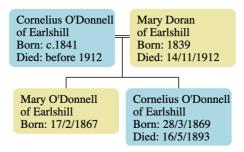
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>289</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1912/05348/4490058.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>290</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1893/05999/4707037.pdf

**Daughter Mary** seems to have been still alive in the 1911 census, as her mother's entry specified two children born, one still alive. She probably married, possibly before the 1901 census. No sign of a marriage in Callan or Cashel districts.



#### 4.12 O'Donnells of Commons

Commons is probably "Blackcommon", up north of Ballingarry village, still in Ballingarry Civil Parish. There were two main families of O'Donnell here.

### 4.12.1 Griffiths House Books (3 versions)

- Donnell, Patrick, 1845, 08 Oct 1845, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Blackcommon,
- Donnell, Patrick, 1846, 23 Jul 1846, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Blackcommon,
- Donnell, Patrick, 1848, 03 Feb 1848, Tipperary, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Black Common,

#### 4.12.2 Patrick O'Donnell and Judith McNamara

Patrick O'Donnell was born c.1797. He married Judith (Judy) McNamara on the 24th February, 1824, in Gortnahoe Parish.<sup>291</sup> She may have been from that area, as marriages usually took place in the bride's parish. She was born a 1798.<sup>292</sup> They had at least 11 children:

- **John**, baptised 6 January, 1823.<sup>293</sup> I assume he died as a baby, as the next child was also called John.
- **John**, baptised 6 January, 1825.<sup>294</sup> He also died as a child, as a later child was also called John.
- **Edmond**, baptised 04 Feb 1827.<sup>295</sup>
- **Bridget**, baptised 02 Oct 1828.<sup>296</sup>
- **James**, baptised 23 Jan 1831.<sup>297</sup>
- **Mary**, baptised 08 Apr 1833.<sup>298</sup>
- Patrick, baptised 26 Apr 1835.<sup>299</sup>
- **Judith**, baptised 13 Sep 1837.<sup>300</sup>
- Margaret, baptised 01 Mar 1840.<sup>301</sup>
- **John**. baptised 20 Jul 1842.<sup>302</sup>

<sup>293</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175494

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>292</sup> From age at death.

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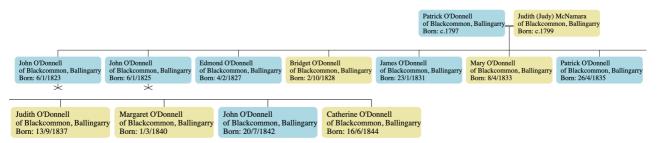
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>298</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177405

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>299</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178013

<sup>300</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178750 301 https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179509

<sup>302</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0180299

• Catherine, baptised 16 Jun 1844.<sup>303</sup>



The 1846 and 1848 Griffiths House books name the following for Blackcommon, which is probably the Patrick above, at this point 49 years old:

- 1846: <u>Donnell</u>, <u>Patrick</u>, Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Blackcommon,
- 1848: <u>Donnell</u>, <u>Patrick</u>, , Slievardagh, Ballingarry, Black Common.

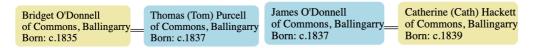
**Patrick** died before 1874, as in that year, his wife was recorded as a widow. A possible death: Patrick Donnell of Glengall died on the 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1871, aged 68. Occupation given as ?Caretaker. Death registered by a Bridget Donnell, of Glengall. This might be Patrick's daughter Bridget, who may have set up house in Glengall.

His wife **Judy** died on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1874.<sup>304</sup> She was noted as a Widow. Her residence was given as the Commons, and as the death was registered in Ballingarry district. She was 76 at death, which places her born a 1798. The death was registered by Judy ??, her residence given as "the Commons", probably her daughter, who must have married.



There are two marriage in Commons, which are possibly for these children:

- **Bridget O'Donnell** to Tom Purcell, on the 1st February, 1857.<sup>305</sup>
- **James Donnell** to **Cath Hackett**, on the 22 Nov 1861.<sup>306</sup>



#### 4.12.3 Michael O'Donnell and Mary Dunphy

**Michael Donnell** was born c.1796, of Commons, Ballingarry. He married **Mary Dunphy**, c.1820. They had at least 3 children

- Thomas, baptised 22 Dec 1822.<sup>307</sup>
- o Michael, baptised 08 Aug 1830.<sup>308</sup>
- o **Ally**, baptised 25 Mar 1835.<sup>309</sup>

<sup>303</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0180947

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>304</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1874/020658/7248681.pdf

<sup>305</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032724/2

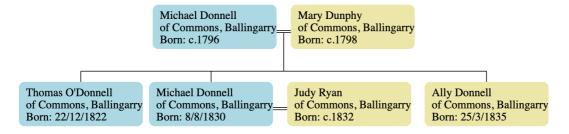
<sup>306</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032920/1

<sup>307</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175246

<sup>308</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176774

<sup>309</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177988

There is a possible marriage entry for the son Michael O'Donnell, to **Judy Ryan** on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1861 (Michael above would be 31).<sup>310</sup> The residence was given as Commons.



#### 4.12.4 Residents of House 2, Black Common

The 1901 census shows the following residents of house 2 in Black Common (Farranrory, Tipperary), which seems to be a shared house of shop assistants and young tradesmen. I don't know if Richard and Mary were related.

## 1901 Census: house 2 in Black Common (Farranrory, Tipperary)<sup>311</sup>

- Fagarty, Michiel, 27, Head of Family, Shop Assistant
- ODannell, Richard, 24, Not Relative, Shop Assistant, born Co. Tipp.
- Guidera, Thomas, 24, Not Relative, Printer
- ODonnell, Mary, 32, Servant, born Co. Tipp.

Neither O'Donnell was in Blackcommon for the 1911 census.

## 4.13 O'Donnells of Boulea (Bolintlea)

Boulea is also sometimes called Bolintlea.

### 4.13.1 Michael O'Donnell and Judy Healy

**Michael O'Donnell**, born c. 1823, married **Judy Healy**, born c.1825. They had at least one child:

• Judy, baptised 12th June, 1847, residence given as Boula, Ballingarry.312

#### 4.13.2 James O'Donnell and Ellen Fennelly

**James O'Donnell** was born c.1834. He was a collier,<sup>313</sup> probably in the Ballingarry coalmines. He married **Ellen Fennelly** on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1859 (shown as Donnelly), with residence shown as Boulea.<sup>314</sup>. They had two children:

- **Judy**, baptised 06 Jan 1860.<sup>315</sup>
- James, baptised March, 1864.<sup>316</sup>
- **Thomas**, baptised 04 Mar 1866.<sup>317</sup> Note however the civil birth entry shows his birth date as the 4<sup>th</sup> March. <sup>318</sup>

314 https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032804/1

<sup>310</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032917/1

<sup>311</sup> http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Farranrory/Black\_Common/1692753/

<sup>312</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0181969

<sup>313</sup> From baptism record of son James.

<sup>315</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184093

<sup>316</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1864/03624/2337717.pdf

<sup>317</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0185016

<sup>318</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1866/03538/2302363.pdf

• Margaret, baptised 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1868.<sup>319</sup>

They seem to have moved on by the 1901 Census.

Note also John O'Donnell and Eliza Wallace (see Glengall above) put their place of marriage (1814) as Boulea, but the children were baptised elsewhere.

#### 4.13.3 Mary McDonnell and Michael Kealy

**Maria McDonnell** was born a.1870.<sup>320</sup> She was daughter of Thomas McDonnell, a Farmer, of Newtown, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

She married **Michael Kealy** on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1892.<sup>321</sup> He was a Farmer of Boulea, son of Michael Kealy, a Farmer, also of Boulea. After marriage, the couple lived on Michael's farm in Boulea. They had children:

- Michael Kealy, born 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1893.<sup>322</sup>
- Thomas Kealy, born 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1895.<sup>323</sup>
- William Kealy, born a.1897.<sup>324</sup>
- Kate Kealy, born 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1900.<sup>325</sup>
- Patrick Kealy, born 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1907.<sup>326</sup>
- Mary Kealy, born 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1910.<sup>327</sup>

The 1901 census:

## 1901 Census: house 5 in Bolintlea (Farranrory, Tipperary)<sup>328</sup>

- Kiely, Michael, 36, Head of Family
- Kiely, Mary, 30, Wife
- Kiely, Mary, 70, Mother
- Kiely, Michael, 7, Son
- Kiely, Thomas, 6, Son
- Kiely, William, 4, Son
- Kiely, Catherine, 3, Daughter

**Maria** the mother died 3 months after the birth, on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1910, aged 40.<sup>329</sup> She died from Pneumonia. Husband Michael registered the death.

The 1911 census shows the household without Maria, and 2 more children born. Daughter Catherine is shown as 9, but should be 14.

#### 1911 Census: house 26 in Bolintlea (Farranrory, Tipperary)<sup>330</sup>

- Kealy, Michael, 43, Head of Family
- Kealy, Michael, 19, Son
- Kealy, Thomas, 14, Son
- Kealy, Patrick, 3, Son

<sup>319</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1868/03437/2261921.pdf

<sup>320</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1910/05409/4511433.pdf

<sup>321</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage\_returns/marriages\_1892/10653/5881578.pdf

<sup>322</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/transcript-civil/bc431f8899364

<sup>323</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1895/02213/1835438.pdf

From age in 1901 census. No sign of birth or death record.

<sup>325</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1900/01982/1763423.pdf

<sup>326</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth\_returns/births\_1908/01663/1662794.pdf

<sup>327</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1910/01568/1632454.pdf

http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Farranrory/Bolintlea/1692796/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>329</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1910/05409/4511433.pdf

<sup>330</sup> http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Farranrory/Bolintlea/838222/

- Kealy, Kate, 9, Daughter
- Kealy, Mary, 1, Daughter

## 4.14 O'Donnells of Kyelballygalvan

The index to the Tithes list of 1834 wrongly showed a **John O'Donnel** holding land in Kyleballygalvan townland. In truth, the actual paper copy has no O'Donnell in that townland, but on the same page, he is in Cappagh.<sup>331</sup>

### 4.15 O'Donnells of Mardyke

**Michael O'Donnell** of Mardyke (9km west of Ballingarry village) was born c. 1836. He married **Bridget Ryan** on the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1860.<sup>332</sup> They had at least two children:

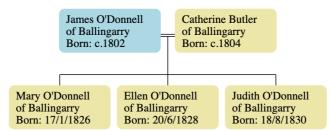
- Margaret, baptised 07 Aug 1861.<sup>333</sup>
- Daniel, baptised 21 Jun 1863.<sup>334</sup>

#### 4.16 Unknown townlands

#### 4.16.1 James O'Donnell and Catherine Butler

**James O'Donnell** was born c.1802. He married **Catherine Butler**. They had at least 3 children, baptised in Ballingarry parish:

- o Mary, baptised 17 Jan 1826.<sup>335</sup>
- o Ellen, baptised 20 Jun 1828.<sup>336</sup>
- Judith, baptised 18 Aug 1830.<sup>337</sup>



## 4.16.2 John O'Donnell and Ellen Fahey

**John O'Donnell** was born c.1811. He married **Ellen Fahy (or Fahey)** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1835.<sup>338</sup> They had children:

- Mary, baptised 06 Mar 1836.<sup>339</sup>
- Eliza, baptised 20 Mar 1837.<sup>340</sup>
- **Thomas**, baptised 10 Sep 1843.<sup>341</sup> Judith O'Donnell was a witness, so she may be a sister or sister-in-law of John.

<sup>331</sup> http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab//004587402/004587402 00294.pdf

<sup>332</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032890/1

<sup>333</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184362

<sup>334</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0184617

<sup>335</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175682

<sup>336</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0173082

<sup>337</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176777

<sup>338</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0031735/1

<sup>339</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178275

<sup>340</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178597

<sup>341</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0180654

#### 4.16.3 Thomas O'Donnell and Bridget Farrell

Thomas O'Donnell was born c.1827. He married Bridget Farrell, born c. 1829. They had one child at least:

• **Bridget**, baptised 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1853. Residence given as Ballingarry.

### 4.16.4 Patrick O'Donnell and Bridget Holloran

**Patrick O'Donnell** married **Bridget Holloran** in c.1828. They had 5 children:

- Philip, baptised 27 August, 1830.<sup>342</sup>
- Catherine (Cath), baptised 16 September, 1833.<sup>343</sup> It seems Catherine died as an infant as her parents named another child Catherine 3 years later.
- **Honora**, baptised 16 September, 1833.<sup>344</sup> Catherine and Honora were twins.
- Catharine, baptised 1 August, 1836.<sup>345</sup>
- Mary, baptised 10 January, 1839.346

A Patrick O'Donnell of Glengall died on the 29th December, 1870, aged 68, which would place him born 1802. This would fit Patrick above. Present at death was Bridget O'Donnell, probably his wife (he was shown as "married"). This would imply that wife Bridget lived beyond 1870, and was probably born c.1804. I note that there was also a Patrick O'Donnell holding a small house (but no outbuildings) in Glengall in the 1845 House books. This may be theirs. He was not present in the 1834 Tithes lists.

#### 4.16.5 ?? Donel and Judy Dohoney

The following baptism record is partially destroyed:

- ?? Donel, born c.1803, lived somewhere in Ballingarry Parish.
- Married Judy Dohoney, c.1827.
- Had at least one child:
  - o ??, baptised somewhere between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1829.<sup>347</sup>

### 4.17 Unprocessed Baptisms

- Mary, baptised 28 Jul 1839, **?Pd, Donnel** and **Austice/Antee Donnel**, Ballingarry. 348
- Mary, baptised 16 Jul 1837, ?, Donnell and Mary Lodge, Ballingarry. 349
- Michael, baptised 29 Jun 1845, to Michael Donnell and Mary Prout, Lunabrock, Ballingarry.<sup>350</sup>
- Cath, baptised 22 Aug 1823, to Thomas Donnel and Bridget Dargan, Ballingarry. 351

#### 4.18 Unplaced Marriages

• Mary Donnell, 08 Jan 1837, John Fogarty. 352

<sup>342</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176781

<sup>343</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177528

https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177529

<sup>345</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178422

<sup>346</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179151

<sup>347</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0176476

<sup>348</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179329

<sup>349</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178705

<sup>350</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0181310 351 https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0175397

<sup>352</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0031787/2

- Thomas Donnell, 10 Feb 1834, Bridget Navan. 353
- Margaret Donnell, 19 Feb 1846, Thomas Connell. 354
- Thomas Donnell, 25 Sep 1852, Ellen Donnell. 355
- **Bridget Donnell**, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1829 to **Patrick Dunn**.

## 4.19 Unplaced Deaths

Death of Michael Daniel, died 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1874, Ballingarry, Married. Aged 74.<sup>356</sup>

**Death of Thomas O'Donnell of Ballingarry** 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1880. He was a labourer, married, aged 70 (so born 1810).<sup>357</sup> This could be the O'Donnell from Glengall, or possibly another son of Thomas O'Donnell:1763. If this is the same Thomas, then it is possible Thomas also was a son of Thomas O'Donnell and Mary Marnell.

**Death of James O'Donnell**, died April, 2012. Buried Church of the Assumption, Ballingarry.<sup>358</sup>

# 5 To merge

### 5.1 Other O'Donnells in Ballingarry Parish

http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/tipperary/newspapers/tenant-farmers-meeting-1847.txt

From the Tipperary Vindicator 18th Sept. 1847.

We whose Names are hereunder subscribed, do hereby request a Public Meeting of the Tenant farmers and people at large, of the County of Tipperary, to be Holden at Holycross, on Sunday next, the 19th Sept, 1847, to establish a Tenant League, or an Association of Tenant Farmers, for the purpose of asserting and securing the Rights, and improving the condition of the Occupying Tenantry of the Soil:-

o DANIEL, Patrick, Ballingarry.

## 5.2 1901 Census: Residents of a house 7 in Ballingarry Upper (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

- Lanigan, James, 48, Male, Head of Family, Catholic
- O'Donnell, Mary, 25, Female, Cook Domestic Servant, Catholic

#### 5.3 Family History Discussion List

https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.britisles.ireland.tip.general/3184.2.1.2.2/mb.ashx

FENNELLY and Ballingtaggert, part of Tipperary County?

Wm O'Donnell of Ballingarry, south Tipperary was my great grandfather and there is a Fennelly connection. His son Patrick O'Donnell (my grandfather b1899 d1974) married Bridget Fitzgerald (b1897 d1966). Bridget Fitzgerald

<sup>353</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0031706/1

<sup>354</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032403/2

<sup>355</sup> https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0032572/1

<sup>356</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1874/020667/7251876.pdf

<sup>357</sup> https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths\_returns/deaths\_1880/06465/4859137.pdf

<sup>358</sup> https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/249955561/james-o'donnell

was the daughter of Martin Fitzgerald (b1834 d1899) and Mary Joseph Fennelly (b1857 d1911).

#### 5.4 New York Bank account records

A site<sup>359</sup> lists opening of bank accounts in New York. One record shows a James O'Donnell, from Ballingarry, Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary (but could be the other Ballingarry).

Opened account: 1854. Residence: 51 Bayard, NY.

Occupation: Tailor Birth Year: 1832

Birth town: Ballingarry Birth Parish: Ballingarry Spouse: Margaret Brady

Ship of immigration: Hungarian

Immig Year: 1851

Ship arrived: 06/04/1851 in NY

No. of Siblings: 3 No of children: 1 Initial deposit: \$40 Account closed: 1856 1855 cnsus age: 23 Date of death: 1854-56

### 5.5 Ballingary house attacked

http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/tipperary/newspapers/tipperary-news-1.pdf

On Monday, the fair day of Ballingarry, a desperate riot took place between the old factions of Shanavests and Caravats. The results were most serious to the inhabitants, who were all implicated, as one side or the other happened to prevail. Every door, gate, and window, in the village was broken; amongst others, the house of **Mr. O'Donnell** was furiously assailed, and a great part of his furniture, etc, was destroyed. His servant-boy was beaten so badly, that his life was despaired of. Several others were seriously injured in the affray. The Caravats pursued a man named Maurice Ivors in the very Chapel of Ballingarry, where they murdered him, an act before unheard of in Ireland, for this century at least. **Mr. O'Donnell, and his brother** fired six shots from their windows at the assailants below, who waged war with stones, etc. but none of the shots took effect.

One site gives background to this type of fight:<sup>360</sup>

Faction fighting was a common occurrence at pattern days and fairs especially in contested areas, i.e. bordering parishes, mountain passes etc. Blackthorn sticks shaped into cudgels, known as shillelagh were used, often one in each hand. These sticks were seasoned over long periods of time by being rubbed with poitin or brandy and placed up the chimney. Any man wishing to instigate a fight at a fair would drag his coat behind him calling on anyone brave enough to fight him to stand on the coat tails. Máire MacNeill argues that this was not just a

<sup>359</sup> http://beyondragstoriches.org/OmekaFiles/All%20County%20Tipperary%20Depositors.Dec2017.xlsx

<sup>360</sup> https://irishfolklore.wordpress.com/tag/caravats/

fight for the sake of fighting but instead served a ritualistic/symbolic function. She postulates that the combat could be a re-enactment of the fairy battles of the otherworld on the mortal plane (MacNeill, 1982:408) or especially in the case of pattern days, gaining the favour of the local saint, the 'Deus Loci' so to speak. This was in aid of bringing the 'luck' back to the winner's parish. However, recorded data of mass injury and the occasional death(s) shows that many of these events weren't simply just for the sake of ritual, with some groups having often deadly grudges for one another. Other evidence points to the fact that many of the fights were related to land disputes and renewal of leases and the origin of the faction fights may reside in the agricultural based secret societies such as the "white boys".

Many towns and parishes had their own groups of fighters. Each faction had a leader, often called captain, and oaths of fealty were often given to the leader by the members. The "captain" would usually recruit 70-100 people to go to a fair with him, seeking battles from rival parishes. Two famous groups, for example, would be the Shanavests (mostly farmers with land) and the Caravats (mostly made up of young men with little to no land of their own). Many of these groups had their own code of behaviour. The Caravats for example had a code of silence when it came to talking to police, no surrender and no sucking up to the wealthy. The Shanavests on the other hand were willing to inform on neighbours and were typically friendly with the landlords and agents. This as you can imagine caused a great rivalry between the 2 groups. The mounting tension and escalation of violence (they had gone from using simply blackthorn/Ash sticks to using slashhooks, knives and even pistols) from these groups meant that the authorities were ever increasingly attempting to stop the bloodshed, which eventually led to these fights coming to an end (the introduction of the GAA also gave parishes a far less violent means of opposition).

#### 5.6 1934 school writing

From Duchas.ie

https://www.duchas.ie/ga/cbes/4922243/4863733/5020326

My Home District

Ballingarry is the name of my home District. It is in the townsland of Ballincurry and in the Barony of Slieveardagh. There are about twenty four families in the District and about sixty three people. Houses are more numerous now than in former times. Most of them are slated, others thatched or tiled. There are not many old people in Ballincurry. James Connell, Mrs Connell and Mrs O'Donnell are the only people over seventy. They cannot tell stories in Irish but some of them can speak a few words of it. The land is boggy and good for grazing.