O'Donnells of Knockgraffon Townland

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http://www.wagsoft.com/FamilyHistory/ODonnellTipWeb/index.html

There were a number of O'Donnell families living in Knockgraffon Townland, and several more living in the other townlands of Knockgraffon Parish (especially Ballygerald). This document covers the available information on the "Scrub Road" O'Donnells, two households of O'Donnells living to the northwest of the townland, who I assume to be related, as they held adjacent farms, and both had strong interrelations in terms of godparents.

The two farms were headed by men of similar age (at least, they married just a few years apart). My guess is that they were brothers Possibly, their father had split his land between his sons. Alternatively, one son took on the family farm, and the father took on adjacent land for the other son.

These two men were:

- Edmond O'Donnell, born c.1803.
- Michael O'Donnell, born c.1808.

It is possible their father was called Phillip, as both of them called their second-born son Phillip. Or this may have been someone important to both brothers, for instance, a brother who died young, or an uncle or grandfather. I note also that there was a Phillip O'Donnell holding house and 5 acres in Garranlea from at least 1847. He may be a cousin.

I note also that for the Griffiths evaluation (1850), there was one other block of land held by O'Donnells, and this also was adjacent to the Scrub Road holdings:

• Margaret Donnell: a larger house (38x18x12.6), with pigsty, stable, barn, other. ^{1 2} She held 40 acres of land (block 21 and part of block 22)

Margaret may have been the mother of the other two (a widow), or possibly the widow of another brother who had died. In those days, women only held farms as widows, but sometimes would continue to hold the farm with help from their children and farm employees.

In this document, I use:

- "c." to indicate an estimated year (e.g., birth estimated as 24 years before marriage for a man, or 22 years for a woman).
- "a." to indicate a birth year derived from an age and another event. For instance, if someone died 1878 aged 78, their birthyear is estimated as a.1800. But the actual birthyear may have been the previous year. And as ages were often themselves approximations, the birthyear estimate may also be approximate.

1 Family of Michael O'Donnell and Honora Kennedy

Michael O'Donnell was born c.1808. There was no Tithes List for Knockgraffon, so we cannot say if he held his farm by 1830. By the 1846 Griffiths House Books, he was holding a house of 80 measures (not small, but not an estate house), with piggery, barn, and 2 other outbuildings.

¹ http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE CENSUS 1821-51 007246819 01087.pdf

² http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE CENSUS 1821-51 007246819 01160.pdf

Michael married **Honora Kennedy** on the 21st February, 1832.³ They were recorded as both being of Knockgraffon, but in other marriages on the same page, only parish names are used (New Inn, Cashel, Tipperary, etc.). However, for the baptisms of thir children, their residence was given as Scrubroad, somewhere in Knockgraffon Parish. They had children:

- Mary, baptised 21st Jul 1833.⁴ Godparents were James Lonergan and Catherine Kennedy.
- Patrick, baptised 18 March, 1835.⁵
- **Phillip**, baptised 17 December, 1837.⁶
- Michael, baptised 3rd February, 1839.⁷
- Catherine, baptised 31 January, 1841.8

Note the link between these two Scrubroad families, with Lonergans godparents to the O'Donnell-Kennedy children, and Kennedys godparents to the O'Donnell-Lonergan children.

A likely death of **Honora** wife of Michael, she died the 31st October, 1887, aged 90.⁹ She was recorded as resident of Knockgraffon, the widow of a farmer, and her son Patrick of Knockgraffon was present at death.

1.1 Catherine Daughter of Michael

Catherine daughter of Michael and Mary married **Patrick Behan** on the 16th June, 1871.¹⁰ He was a policeman from Dundrum, near Dublin, born a.1836, son of John Behan, a Farmer.

Her age at marriage was shown as 28, indicating she was born a.1843, although her baptism record shows she was born 1841.

Not clear what happened with this family.

1.2 Mary daughter of Michael

Mary daughter of Michael married Stephen Bourke (Burke) on the 16th February, 1871 in New Inn Parish. ¹¹ ¹² Kate O'Donnell was witness. Husband wrongly transcribed as Barker on the parish record. Stephen was a farmer from Curraghatoor, Tubbrid Civil Parish, son of Michael Bourke, a farmer. He was 30 at marriage, thus born a.1841. She was also indicated as 30 at marriage, which is 8 years too young, but such differences were common in marriage records.

For their children's baptisms, residence was given as Curraghatoor, so it is clear the couple lived on Stephen's farm. The baptisms were in Ballylooby parish, and the births registered in Clogheen district.

They had children:

- Ellen Bourke, baptised 3rd November, 1872.¹³
- Michael Bourke, baptised 2nd March, 1874.¹⁴

³ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0070636/1

⁴ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370334

⁵ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370563

⁶ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370916

 $^{^7\} https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0371060$

https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0371299
 https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1887/06195/4771848.pdf

¹⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1871/11346/8165026.pdf

¹¹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0071357/2

¹² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1871/11335/8160309.pdf

¹³ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4791464

¹⁴ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F7047358

- William Bourke, born 28th July, 1875, ¹⁵ baptised 28th July, 1875. ¹⁶
- **Hanora Bourke**, baptised 15th October, 1876.¹⁷
- **Mary Bourke**, baptised 22nd ??, 1878.¹⁸ Godfather was Patrick O'Donnell, no doubt Mary's younger brother.

Regarding Michael Bourke, there is a note inserted under his baptism entry by a priest at a later point, saying something about him. Hard to read (in Latin and badly written), but the date 6th July, 1927 and the names Zahey and Andrea are included.

Stephen Bourke died on the 17th October, 1899, aged 72.¹⁹ His daughter Ellen was present-at-death.

From the 1901 census entry, Stephen was dead, and Mary is head-of-house. Daughter Hanora is dead or out of the house.

1901 Census: house 5 in Curraghatoor (Kilcoran, Tipperary)²⁰

- Burke, Mary, 64, Head of Family, farmer, widow
- Burke, Ellen, 28, Daughter
- Burke, Michael, 26, Son
- Burke, William, 24, Son
- Burke, Mary, 20, Daughter
- Burke, James, 65, Cousin

The 1911 census shows daughter Ellen is out of the house or dead. Interestingly, two nephews are in the house, John Hynes, aged 2 and Cristopher Flately, aged 3. A quick birth lookup shows that they are children of Stephen's sisters.²¹ ²²

1911 Census: house 4 in Curraghatoor (Kilcoran, Tipperary)

- Burke, Mary, 76, Head of Family
- Burke, Michael, 38, Son
- Burke, Mary, 28, Daughter
- Burke, William, 34, Son
- Hynes, John, 2, Nephew
- Flatley, Cristopher, 3, Nephew

The census also shows that Mary had born 5 children, of which one had died. Thus either Hanora or Ellen was dead, the other was out of the house.

Mary the mother died on the 26th October, 1917 aged 62.²³ Son Michael was present-at-death.

1.3 Patrick son of Michael

Regarding son **Patrick**, he married **Mary Tobin** on the 5th February, 1874.²⁴ ²⁵ Mary was daughter of **Patrick Tobin**, a farmer of Loughkent, another townland in the parish. Her age was given as 30, so she was born a.1844. Patrick's age was given as 30 on the marriage registry,

¹⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1875/03088/2131994.pdf

¹⁶ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4791530

¹⁷ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F5968960

¹⁸ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4791591

¹⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1899/05777/4633643.pdf

²⁰ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kilcoran/Curraghatoor/1708534/

²¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1909/01621/1649447.pdf

²² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1907/01673/1665946.pdf

²³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1917/05200/4436907.pdf

²⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1874/11230/8117147.pdf

²⁵ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0071388/1

suggesting born 1844, while his baptism shows 1835. However, other documents (1901 and 1911 census, his death record) confirm a 1835 birth.

Patrick was probably the Patrick Donnell, mentioned in the 1889 Basset's Directory as "Farmers, Residents" of Knockgraffon, Cahir.

Patrick and Mary had children:

- Michael, born 6th February, 1875, ²⁶ baptised on the 7tn February, 1875. ²⁷
- Honora (Nora), born 4th February, 1877,²⁸ baptised 5th February, 1877.²⁹
- **Patrick**, born 15th December, 1879, 30 baptised the same day. 31
- **Edmond**, born 22nd January, 1882.³²

The 1901 census shows Patrick and Mary still alive, and children Michael and Honora still at home, working on the farm, and not yet married:

1901 Census: house 41 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)³³

- ODonnell, Patrick, 65, Head of Family, Farmer
- ODonnell, Mary, 59, Wife
- ODonnell, Michael, 26, Son, Farmer's son, not married
- ODonnell, Nora, 24, Daughter, Farmer's daughter, not married
- Maher, Ellon, 70, Boarder
- Tobin, Mary, 8, Cousin

The Tobin cousin is possibly the child of one of Mary's brothers (if "cousin" to the children) or of one of Mary's uncles (if cousin to Mary). I suspect the first.

The same household in the 1911 census. Nora has moved out, and Patrick is back in. Another nephew of Mary is with them, suggesting Mary's brother lived close by.

1911 Census: house 50 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)34

- O'Donnell, Patrick, 76, Head of Family, Farmer
- O'Donnell, Mary, 70, Wife
- O'Donnell, Michael, 36, Son, Farmer's son, single
- O'Donnell, Patrick, 31, Son, Farmer's son, single
- Tobin, James, 13, Nephew
- Hickey, Margaret, 25, Servant
- Hayes, John, 32, Servant

The census indicates that Patrick and Mary had been married 37 years, thus married a.1876. They had had 4 children, all surviving to 1911.

Patrick the father died on the 9th September, 1915 aged 80.³⁵ Mary was still alive, and son Patrick was present at death.

Mary died on the 14th March, 1920, aged 77.³⁶ Her residence was given as Knockgraffon, and son Patrick was present at death. She was listed as "widow of a farmer".

²⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1875/03113/2141577.pdf

²⁷ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373853

²⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1877/03022/2107379.pdf

²⁹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373974

³⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1880/02884/2056732.pdf

³¹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0374119

³² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1882/02793/2025063.pdf

³³ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/1706574/

³⁴ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/816455/

³⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1916/05243/4452927.pdf

³⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1920/05122/4409637.pdf

There is a grave for this family in Church of Our Lady Queen Cemetery, New inn:³⁷

In Loving Memory of Patrick O'Donnell, Knockgraffon who died Sept 9th 1915 aged 79 years, And of Mary, née Tobin, his wife who died March 14th 1920 aged 79 years.

Margaret O'Donnell née English died June 16th 1934. Michael O'Donnell died June 9th 1945.

On a side panel:

Patrick O'Donnell Knockgraffon Died 11th Dec. 1967.

1.3.1 Hanora daughter of Patrick O'Donnell

Daughter **Honora** (Norah) married **Patrick English** on the 3rd March, 1908.³⁸ Her age was given as 31, which matches, with father Patrick, farmer, of Knockgraffon. **Patrick English** was born April 19, 1864, son of William English, a farmer, also of Knockgraffon, and Catherine nee Bates.³⁹ Witnesses were Michael O'Donnell (no doubt her brother) and Mary Tobin (probably her mother). Patrick English held the farm that contained Knockgraffon Castle, once a centre of power in the area.

Patrick and Norah had children:

- **Kathleen (Kitty) English**, born 24th February, 1909.⁴⁰ Residence given as Knockgraffon.
- Mary English, born 25th August, 1910.⁴¹
- Ellie (Nelly) English, born 22nd October, 1913.⁴²
- **Bridget English**, born 8th March, 1916.⁴³ Residence given as Knockgraffon. She trained at Presentation Convent, Tipperary, but died on the 26th January, 1940, aged just 23.⁴⁴ According to the death registration, she was a Bookkepper.⁴⁵ She died of Tuberculosis.

Their household in the 1911 census was as follows:

1911 Census: house 10 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)⁴⁶

- English, Patrick, 45, Head of Family, Farmer
- English, Nora, 34, Wife
- English, Kathleen, 2, Daughter
- English, Mary, , Daughter
- Spillard, Sarah, 26, Servant

³⁷ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/244028912/margaret-o'donnell

³⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1908/10046/5654244.pdf

³⁹ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253053766/patrick-english

⁴⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1909/01622/1650013.pdf

⁴¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1910/01548/1626476.pdf

⁴² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1914/01419/1583266.pdf

⁴³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1916/01351/1557593.pdf

⁴⁴ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253053960/bridget_english

⁴⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1940/04730/4265129.pdf

⁴⁶ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/816415/

Patrick English died 11th July 1945, aged 81.⁴⁷ Residence given as Knockgraffon, occupation as Farmer. His daughter Mary registered the death.

Honora died 19th June, 1961, still living in Knockgraffon.⁴⁸

Daughter **Ellie English** (later called Nelly) married **Joseph (Josie) Owens** on the 29th September, 1943.⁴⁹ He was born 4th February, 1912 in Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.⁵⁰ According to an online reference, Joe "was an accomplished athlete and one-time mayor of Galway. He and Nellie established the successful Atlanta Hotel there.⁵¹ He died 1st January, 1994, aged 81, also in Galway. They had at least one son, Joseph (Joe) Owens, who took on the Knockgraffon farm (inherited from the Englishes). I met Joe while I was passing through Knockgraffon, a genuinely warm and friendly man, and a friendly family.

1.3.2 Michael son of Patrick O'Donnell

Michael son of Patrick O'Donnell married **Margaret English** on the 13th October, 1915.⁵² She was from Masterstown (4km from Knockgraffon), daughter of William English, a farmer. She was born a.1886. Michael's brother Patrick was witness. Michael's father had died 3 weeks before the wedding. Margaret was probably the sister of Patrick who married Michael's sister, Honora. The wedding took place in Limerick city, I am not sure why.

The 1911 Census for house 2 in Masterstown, Ballycarron shows a Margaret English daughter of a William and Margaret English.⁵³ Daughter Margaret is shown as 30 years old, so born a.1881. The census shows Margaret and her family were all born in Co. Tipperary. The 1901 Census shows her as 21, so born a.1880.⁵⁴ She was in fact born on the 12th March, 1878, to William English and Margaret Kennedy.⁵⁵ Residence given as Masterstown. Checking her siblings from the 1901 Census confirms this is the family.

Michael and Margaret had children:

- **Mary**, born 13th December, 1916.⁵⁶ Place of birth given as a Nursing Home in Richmond Street, Clonmel. Registered in Clonmel district. The child died 2 days later, on the 15th December, 1916.⁵⁷
- Mary, born 15th February, 1918.⁵⁸ Michael listed as a farmer of Knockgraffon.
- Margaret, born 28th August, 1919.⁵⁹

They may have had further records, but currently birth records are not online after 1920.

Wife **Margaret** died on the 16th June, 1934, aged 55.⁶⁰ Her husband Michael was present at death.

Michael died 9th June, 1945 in Knockgraffon.⁶¹ Age was given as 70, which is accurate, and brother Patrick was present at death. His occupation was listed as farmer, and he was a widower. He may have married in another registration district.

⁴⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1945/04618/4225400.pdf

⁴⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1961/04323/4116364.pdf

⁴⁹ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253053361/nora_english

⁵⁰ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/170271233/joseph owens

⁵¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Owens_(politician)

⁵² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1915/09834/5571033.pdf

⁵³ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Ballycarron/Masterstown/829220/

⁵⁴ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Ballycarron/Masterstown/1716238/

⁵⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1878/02976/2090383.pdf

⁵⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1917/01318/1544653.pdf

⁵⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1917/05220/4444466.pdf

⁵⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1918/01279/1530319.pdf

⁵⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1919/01231/1512148.pdf

⁶⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1934/04834/4303375.pdf

⁶¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1945/04623/4227133.pdf

1.3.3 Patrick son of Patrick O'Donnell

Regarding Patrick son of Patrick, a website says:

Paddy worked as a teacher at De La Salle College in Waterford. Later on in life he became an inspector with the Dept. of Agriculture. He was also sacristan in Knockgraffon all his life.

He died on the 11th December, 1967, aged 88.⁶² He was living on the farm in Knockgraffon at that time. He did not marry.

1.3.4 Edmond son of Patrick O'Donnell

Regarding **Edmond** son of Patrick, he was not home in either census. He decided to become a priest.⁶³ He initially went to St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and then St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was Ordained in 1907.⁶⁴

He was Dean of Cashel and Parish Priest of the United Parishes of Cashel and Rosegreen. His full title was the Right Reverent Monsignor Edmond O'Donnell, P.P., V.G.

Edmond died in 26th August, 1962, aged 80.⁶⁵ He died in the Parochial House, Cashel. ⁶⁶ He was buried in Saint John the Baptist Church Cemetery, Cashel.

An obituary for him read:

The late Dean was a native of Knockgraffon, where he was born in 1882. He was educated in St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was Ordained in 1907. He obtained the degree of S.T.L. in Maynooth in 1909 and subsequently served as Diocesan Inspector of Schools. He was later appointed Professor in St. Patrick's College, Thurles, after which he served as Curate in Golden and Bansha before being appointed Parish Priest of Knocklong. In 1941 he was transferred to Cashel and was appointed a Vicar-General in 1947. During the vacancy in the Diocesan See, following the death of the Bishop of Cashel and Emly, Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Monsignor O'Donnell acted as Vicar Capitular.

2 Family of Edmund Donnel and Margaret Lonergan

Edmund Donnell was born c.1803.⁶⁷ He held the other "Scrub road" farm. In the 1850s Griffiths, he was holding a reasonably sized house (36x18x6.6) in block 13.^{68 69} Also a piggery. He held 17 acres of land (block 13).⁷⁰

Edmond married **Margaret Lonergan** in c.1827. They had several children, residence for all given as Scrubroad:

⁶² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1967/04197/4071904.pdf

⁶³ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253053416/edmond-o'donnell

⁶⁴ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253053416/edmond-o'donnell

⁶⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1962/04299/4107834.pdf

⁶⁶ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253053416/edmond-o'donnell

⁶⁷ Estimated from when he started having children.

⁶⁸ http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE CENSUS 1821-51 007246819 01090.pdf

⁶⁹ http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE_CENSUS_1821-51_007246819_01163.pdf

- Michael, baptised 8th September, 1829.⁷¹
- **Phillip**, baptised 6 February, 1831.⁷²
- **Edmund**, baptised 24 June, 1832.⁷³ Godfather was Michael O'Donnell.
- **Thomas**, baptised 21 May, 1834.⁷⁴
- **John**, baptised 27 September, 1835.⁷⁵ Godparents: John and Catherine Donnell.
- Mary, baptised 28 October 1837.⁷⁶
- **Thomas**, baptised 13 June, 1840.⁷⁷
- Alice, baptised 15 October, 1843.⁷⁸

Kennedys were frequent godparents, suggesting they were close, either neighbours or possibly related. Note the supposed brother of Edmond, Michael in the adjacent farm, married a Kennedy.

MERGE: Another possible child is George, who was son of an Edmond O'Donnell of Knockgraffon born a.1823, who died 1899 (see record elsewhere).⁷⁹

Edmund the father died on the 30th January, 1844.⁸⁰ His son John was appointed administrator, he was the surviving next-of-kin in July 1867.

2.1 Alice daughter of Edmond O'Donnell

Daughter **Alice** married **Richard Morrissy (Morrissey)** on the 17th May, 1870 in Knockgraffon parish. 81 82 Husband wrongly shown as Murphy in the Parish record transcription. Richard was a farmer of ?Knockaron?, son of Daniel Morrissy, a farmer, dead at the time of marriage. Mary O'Donnell was witness, no doubt Alice's younger sister. The civil record shows Alice as 20 years old, thus born a 1850, 7 years off. Her residence was given as Knockgraffon, and her father as Donnell, dead (which fits, as Edmond died the year after Alice was born).

It seems the couple moved to Knockane, within Tubbrid Parish, as residence was given as such in their children's births. Richard was a farmer. They had children:

- Mary A. Morrissy, born 28th February, 1871.⁸³
- Catherine Morrissy, born and baptised 28th June, 1873.84,85
- Margaret Mary Morrissy, born a.1873. (no birth record, but present in the 1901 census).
- **Edmond J. Morrissy** J, born 5th September, 1877.⁸⁶ Residence given as Knocknaboher (now Knocknaboha) which is 7km west of Knockane.
- Ellen Mary Morrissy, born 16th September, 1881.⁸⁷ Residence again given as Knockane.

⁷¹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0369817

⁷² https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0369995

⁷³ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370183

⁷⁴ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370457

⁷⁵ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370634

⁷⁶ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0370903

https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0371230
 https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0371659

⁷⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1899/05788/4636949.pdf

⁸⁰ http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/reels/cwa/005014887/005014887_00564.pdf

⁸¹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0071346/2

⁸² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1870/11386/8180558.pdf

⁸³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1871/03306/2211798.pdf

⁸⁴ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4791479

⁸⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1873/03181/2166763.pdf

⁸⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1877/02995/2097660.pdf

⁸⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1881/02802/2028356.pdf

• **Richard A. Morrissy**, born Christmas day, 25th December, 1885.⁸⁸ Residence given as Knockane.

The family in the 1901 Census. It is possible daughter Margaret is Catherine, as they were supposedly born the same year. No sign of death or marriage of Catherine, no sign of birth of Margaret. Perhaps a name-change after the baptism.

1901 Census: house 2 in Knockane (Nash) (Kilcoran, Tipperary)89

- Morrissey, Richard, 83, Head of Family, Farmer
- Morrissey, Alice, 56, Wife
- Morrissey, Edmond J, 23, Son
- Morrissey, Richard A, 15, Son
- Morrissey, Mary A, 30, Daughter
- Morrissey, Margt Mary, 28, Daughter
- Morrissey, Ellen Mary, 19, Daughter

Alice the mother died on the 10th June, 1907.⁹⁰ Her husband was still alive. Age given as 63, which fits her birth in October, 1843. Daughter Margaret present-at-death.

Richard the father died on the 26th February, 1909 aged 92.⁹¹ Daughter Margaret present-at-death. **Margaret** was thus unmarried at this point.

The 1911 census shows the household without parents, and Edmond, Richard, Mary and Margaret still at home, and unmarried. Ellen is married or dead.

1911 Census: house 4 in Knockane (Nash) (Kilcoran, Tipperary)⁹²

- Morrissey, Edmond, 33, Head of Family
- Morrissey, Richard, 25, Brother
- Morrissey, Mary A, 36, Sister
- Morrissey, Maggie, 35, Sister

Edmond married Ellen Barrett on the 9th June, 1921.⁹³ She was daughter of John Barrett, a farmer of ?Balligboy, Clogheen. A Thomas O'Donnell was one witness, probably a cousin, son of one of Alice's brothers. Her sister Margaret was also a witness.

Ellen nee Barrett died after 4 years of marriage, on the 12th March, 1925, aged 34.⁹⁴ Edmond shown as present-at-death.

It is not clear what happened to Ellen daughter of Richard Morrissy.

2.2 Thomas son of Edmond O'Donnell

Regarding son **Thomas**, he married **Johanna Foley** or **Fahey** on the 9th February, 1871. ⁹⁵ 96 She was daughter of John Foley, a farmer, of Husseystown. A witness was Patrick O'Donnell, possibly his cousin Patrick, son of Michael.

Thomas and **Johanna** had children (for all entries, in the original writing, Fahey and Foley appear similar, so I guess all are actually Foley):

⁸⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1886/02611/1964126.pdf

⁸⁹ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kilcoran/Knockane__Nash_/1708570/

⁹⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1907/05527/4549554.pdf

⁹¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1909/05466/4530192.pdf

⁹² http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kilcoran/Knockane Nash /813911/

⁹³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1921/09228/5339177.pdf

⁹⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1925/05008/4367548.pdf

⁹⁵ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/1450313/1

⁹⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1871/11338/8161424.pdf

- **Margaret**, born 18th January, 1872,⁹⁷ baptised 20th January, 1872⁹⁸ Mother given as Fahy or Faley on the parish record, and Foley on the civil one.
- **Edmond**, baptised 30th December, 1872.⁹⁹ Mother given as Foley. The civil entry shows he was born 29th December, which is a day before the baptism, so obviously wrong.¹⁰⁰ Mother's surname is confirmed as Foley.
- **Bridget**, baptised 22nd January, 1874.¹⁰¹ Mother given as Foley. Godparents: Michael O'Donnell and Johanna O'Donnell. This Michael is possibly Thomas's elder brother Michael. Johanna may be his wife. The civil birth registry shows the same date, and confirms mother as Foley.¹⁰²
- **John**, born 15th April, 1875.¹⁰³ Mother given as Fahy. Godmother was Mary O'Donnell, probably Thomas's sister, born 1837. Civil entry confirms mother was Foley, and birth on the 16th April.¹⁰⁴
- **Michael**, baptised 3rd October, 1876.¹⁰⁵ The civil entry shows he was born 1st October, which is two days before the baptism, so obviously wrong.¹⁰⁶ Mother's surname is confirmed as Foley.
- **Martin**, baptised 12th November, 1877.¹⁰⁷ Mother given as Foley. Godmother was Katherine O'Donnell (possibly Thomas's cousin Catherine, born 1841 to Michael). The civil entry shows he was born 10th November, which is two days before the baptism, so obviously wrong. Martin died two months old, on the 9th January, 1878. ¹⁰⁹
- Mary, baptised 12th August, 1879.¹¹⁰ Mother given as Fahy. Not present in the house in the 1901 census, died early or left home. The civil entry shows she was born 10th August, which is two days before the baptism, so obviously wrong.¹¹¹
- **Patrick**, baptised 9th March, 1881.¹¹² Mother given as Foley. Civil entry date for birth not readable, could be 7th March.¹¹³
- **Thomas**, born 25th September, 1883.¹¹⁴ Residence given as Knockgraffon. He was residing in the family house for both the 1901 and 1911 censuses.

The 1911 census indicated that Johanna had birthed 9 children (I assume the 9 above), of which 2 did not survive to 1911. Martin died two months old. The other early death could be Bridget, Michael, Mary or Patrick. Note that all but Mary were alive in 1901, so it is probably Mary who died early.

The main household as of the 1901 census was as follows:

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⁹⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1872/03260/2194816.pdf

⁹⁸ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373684

⁹⁹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373734

¹⁰⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/cert amends/cert 1873/2176678a.pdf

¹⁰¹ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373800

¹⁰² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1874/03160/2159096.pdf

¹⁰³ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373866

¹⁰⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1875/03101/2137079.pdf

¹⁰⁵ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373957

¹⁰⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1877/03022/2107377.pdf

¹⁰⁷ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0374016

¹⁰⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1878/02976/2090206.pdf

¹⁰⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1878/020521/7201038.pdf

¹¹⁰ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0374097

¹¹¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1879/02894/2060762.pdf

¹¹² https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0374169

https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1881/02827/2036788.pdf

¹¹⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth returns/births 1883/02711/1998269.pdf

http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai003298117/

1901 Census: house 32 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)¹¹⁶

- ODonnell, Thomas, 55, Head of Family. Farmer,
- ODonnell, Johanna, 56, Wife
- ODonnell, Margaret, 28, Daughter, not married
- ODonnell, Edmond, 27, Son, not married
- ODonnell, John, 25, Son, not married
- ODonnell, Thomas, 17, Son, not married
- Foley, Mary, 35, Visitor

Thomas the father died on the 16th March, 1907.¹¹⁷ The probate entry shows his widow Johanna was appointed as administrator. The death registry shows his son Thomas was present at death.¹¹⁸ His age was given as 65, indicating born a.1842, two years after his actual birth in 1840.

The main house in 1911:

1911 Census: house 48 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)¹¹⁹

- O'Donnell, Johanna, 60, Head of Family, Farmer, Widow
- O'Donnell, Margaret, 36, Daughter, single
- O'Donnell, Thomas, 26, Son, single
- Foley, Mary, 50, Aunt
- Fitzgerald, Thomas, 24, Servant

The census indicates Johanna had been married 39 years, had had 9 children of which 7 had survived.

Offspring Michael, Bridget and Patrick set up in another house within Knockgraffon. Michael is shown to be a national school teacher, and Patrick is working as a farm labourer, perhaps on his father's farm.

1901 Census: house 31 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)¹²⁰

- O'Donnell, Michael, 24, Head of Family, National School Teacher
- O'Donnell, Bridget, 26, Sister, House Keeper
- O'Donnell, Patrick, 19, Brother, Farmer's son

Patrick died on the 4th September, 1910, aged 29.¹²¹ He was unmarried, noted as a farmer. He died of acute rheumatism and heart disease. His sister Margaret was present-at-death.

For the 1911 census, Michael is alone, Bridget is elsewhere:

1911 Census: house 49 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)¹²²

• O'Donnell, Michael, 34, Head of Family, NS Teacher, Single

Michael married soon after, marrying **Hannah Fennessy** on the 26th November, 1913.¹²³ She was a spinster of Garrandee, aged 38, daughter of John Fennessy, a farmer. She was born a.1876.¹²⁴ Michael was shown as a school teacher of Knockgraffon, son of Thomas O'Donnell, a farmer, all fits. A witness was Thomas O'Donnell, probably Michael's younger brother. It seems Michael and Hannah moved into Hannah's family house in Garrandee, as his residence

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¹¹⁶ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/1706565/

¹¹⁷ http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/reels/cwa/005014915/005014915 00528.pdf

https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1907/05538/4552787.pdf

¹¹⁹ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/816453/

¹²⁰ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/1706564/

¹²¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1910/05411/4511967.pdf

¹²² http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/816454/

¹²³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1915/09832/5570239.pdf

¹²⁴ From age at death.

at death was given as Garrandee. **Hannah** died 5th August, 1956, aged 80.¹²⁵ **Michael** himself died on the 12th October, 1966, aged 90. He died in a nursing home.

Johanna died 25th September, 1931, aged 89 of senile decay.¹²⁶ Nano O'Donnell, probably a grandson, was present at death. The same person was present at the death of her son John (see below). Residence still given as Knockgraffon.

John son of Thomas married **Bridget English** on the 21st February, 1909.¹²⁷ Bridget was a farmer of Knockgraffon, daughter of **William English**, a farmer (deceased). She was recorded as 36 at the time of marriage, thus born a.1873. One witness was Mary O'Donnell, not sure who this is.

The 1911 census confirms this marriage, showing they had set up their own home:

1911 Census: Residents of a house 23 in Knockgraffon (Knockgraffon, Tipperary)¹²⁸

- Donnell, John, 34, Head of Family, Farmer
- Donnell, Bridget, 30, Wife

The census indicates that they had been married less than 1 year.

Note the age on the census for Bridget is 8 years younger than in their marriage record.

John died on the 26th December, 1931, aged 54.¹²⁹ His death record he was a butter maker, and still married. He died from pneumonia. Nano O'Donnell, probably a son, was present at death. It seems that children **Margaret** and **Thomas** moved into over Michael's Garrandee farm, as this was their residence at their deaths.

Margaret did not marry, living on the Garrandee farm. She died 7th June, 1952, aged 80.¹³⁰ Her brother Michael, also resident in Garandee, registered the death.

Thomas married **Hanorah Nagle** on the 12th August, 1930.¹³¹ The wedding was in Limerick city, although her residence at marriage was given as Garrandee. It is possible she came from Limerick, so married where her parents lived. They had children:

• **Thomas**, born c.1932.

Thomas the father died on the 9th November, 1964, aged 81,¹³³ (given as the 8th on the family grave). He was also given as a Farmer of Garrandee. **Hanora** his wife died 17th December, 1981.¹³⁴

Deaths of Margaret, Hannah and Thomas registered in Tipperary district for some reason. Michael registered Margaret and Hannah, Thomas's son registered Thomas.

The O'Donnells who lived in the Garrandee house were buried in a grave in the Church of Our Lady Queen Cemetery, New Inn (Hannah was wife of Michael):¹³⁵

In Loving Memory of Margaret O'Donnell, Garrandee died June 7th 1952. Hannah O'Donnell died August 5th 1956.

¹²⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1956/04405/4147327.pdf

¹²⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1932/04884/4322417.pdf

¹²⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1909/10037/5651118.pdf

http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Knockgraffon/Knockgraffon/816428/

https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1932/04884/4322417.pdf

¹³⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1952/04482/4176273.pdf

¹³¹ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/244026348/hannah-o'donnell

¹³² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1930/09048/5273987.pdf

¹³³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths returns/deaths 1964/04256/4092600.pdf

¹³⁴ From family grave.

¹³⁵ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/244026348/hannah-o'donnell

Thomas O'Donnell died Nov 8th 1964.
Michael O'Donnell died Oct 12th 1966.
Hannora, wife of Thomas O'Donnell died Dec 17th 1981.
Nora O'Donnell died Feb 15th 2005,
Her loving husband Thomas (Tom) died Aug 21st 2019.

I am not sure who **Nora O'Donnell** is here, possibly another sister of Michael and Margaret, or possibly a daughter of Michael, or wife of Thomas's son, Thomas. **Nora** married a different **Thomas O'Donnell**. She died 15th February, 2005. Her husband **Thomas** died 21st August, 2019. Evidence shows they had children:

- Claire, married Mr Delany
- Bernadette (Bernie), married Mr Pollard,
- Mary, married Mr Hemeryck
- Veronica, married Mr Collins,
- Thomas (Tom)
- Patrick (Pat)

The obituary for husband Tom shows: 136

Tom O'Donnell, Garrandee, New Inn, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, August 21st 2019, passed away peacefully in the wonderful care of Mary O'Connor and her Staff at Acorn Lodge, surrounded by his loving family.

Thomas (Tom), beloved husband of the late Nora (nee O'Donnell). Deeply regretted by his daughters Claire Delany, Bernie Pollard, Mary Hemeryck and Veronica Collins, sons Tom and Pat, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brothers-in-law, relatives, neighbours and friends.

2.3 John son of Edmond O'Donnell

There is a possible marriage for John born 1835, son of Edmond. **John O'Donnell** of Knockgraffon married **Catherine Fitzgerald**, daughter of Richard Fitzgerald, a farmer of Knockgraffon, on the 1st April 1866.¹³⁷ John was shown to be son of Edmond O'Donnell, a farmer. The only part that does not fit is that John's age was shown to be 25, which places him born a.1841. However, the ages recorded on these forms are often wrong. Records don't support the idea of another Edmond O'Donnell holding a farm in Knockgraffon at that time.

John and Catherine had children:

- Mary, born 13th May, 1866. Residence given as Knockgraffon.
- **Margaret**, born 6th October, 1867. 139 John was shown as a farmer, residing in Knockgraffon. She was baptised 7th October, 1867. 140 Godmother was Catherine O'Donnell.

¹³⁶ https://rip.ie/death-notice/tom-odonnell-tipperary-new-inn-380709

¹³⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage returns/marriages 1866/11525/8238450.pdf

¹³⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1866/03528/2298390.pdf

¹³⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1867/03464/2271983.pdf

¹⁴⁰ https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0373434

3 Possible earlier records

3.1 Early Marriages

A list of Cashel marriages in the 1650s lists 4 marriages of O'Donnells in Knockgraffon: 141

- William Burke of Knockgraffon to **Catherine Daniel** of Knockgraffon on the 3rd January, 1655.
- Robert Cummin of Knockgraffon to **Joan Daniel** of Knockgraffon on the 16th August, 1655.
- **Francis O'Daniell** of Knockgraffon to Ellen Grace of parish of St. John the Baptist, Cashel, on the 16th August, 1655.
- **Cowne O'Daniell** of Knockgraffon to Catherine Comin of Knockgraffon on the 14th November, 1655.

This indicates that there were Daniels (O'Donnells) present in the area at least from that time.

3.2 1766 Religious Census for Knockgraffon Parish

The 1766 Religious census identified 9 households of O'Donnell in Knockgraffon Parish. 142

- Thomas Daniel, 11 family members.
- Pierce Daniel, 6 family members.
- Bryan Daniell, 11 family members.
- James Danill, 5 family members. (adjacent in the list to Bryan)
- James Daniel, 7 family members.
- John Daniel, 7 family members.
- James Daniel, 5 family members. (adjacent to John)
- Martin Daniel, 6 family members.
- Pierce Daniel, 6 family members.

These O'Donnells are from the Parish of Knockgraffon, it is not clear whether they lived in Knockgraffon townland or not. They may be other families living in Ballygerald, Caddlestown, Donegal, Garandee, Garanlea, Glenegat, Knockannaveigh, Loughkent, Marlhill, New Inn, Newtown, Rockwell, Springfield, Woodinstown.

It would be interesting to discover if these original 9 families were related, branches of a common ancestor, or if they came from different roots. Most probably some of these families had a common ancestor who came into the area some time earlier, while others of these families moved in independently.

It would also be interesting to explore to what degree O'Donnells later in Knockgraffon Parish stemmed from these 9 families. For instance, Martin is a name which was rarely used in Co. Tipperary in the 1700s and 1800s, but it was common in the O'Donnells of Marlhill (and even pops up in the O'Donnells of Scrubroad).

[&]quot;Daniel" was typically used by O'Donnells up to 1850 or so.

¹⁴¹ https://mlarchives.rootsweb.com/listindexes/emails?searchemails=Cashel+marriages&listname=&searchsubject=on

¹⁴² https://virtualtreasury.ie/item?isadgReferenceCode=NAI%20IHP%2F1%2F694