

**A Genealogy
of the
Shaws
of
Castledermot**

The name Shaw in Ireland is of Scottish origin having been brought to Ulster in the 16th century by settlers of the Mackintosh Clan. Descendants bearing this name can be found in all four provinces but the highest density is still in the province of Ulster. The Shaw family name bears the motto '*fide et fortitudine*' which means 'by fidelity and fortitude'.



Shaw coat of arms

The infrequent occurrence of the surname Shaw or its variants Shoe and Shew in the early Castledermot records leads me to believe that they are all derived from the same person - viz. Thomas Shaw Sr., who married about 1755. For certain, the Shaws of Castledermot town are definitely descended from Thomas Shaw Sr., who, along with his sons John and Thomas Jr. are mentioned in documents relating to the 1798 rebellion as being members of the United Irishmen [see Appendix A]. I believe that the Shaws of Ballyburn and later Knocknawee, are also descended from Thomas Shaw Sr., through another son, Laurence Shaw, who is known to be living in Ballyburn in 1795. Furthermore, the frequent use of the christian names Thomas and John, and most significantly, David, among the Shaws, also lead me to the same conclusion. Whereas the Shaws of Knocknawee were tenants of a small land holding and were relatively comfortable, the Shaws of Castledermot town would have lived in

relative poverty [see Appendix F].

One can only speculate if the Thomas Shaw Sr mentioned above is in any way connected to the protestant George Shaw buried in Saint James' cemetery, Castledermot and whose inscription reads:

*Here lyeth
the body of Geo
rge Shaw Junior
who died the
23rd day of March 1699.
T.S.
Also the body of/ George Shaw Sen^R
who departed thi^s
life the 11th day of/ February 1711
aged 72 years.
I rest in hope to rise
again for it is said
none shall remaine
unjudged at the jud^{ge}
ment. I have paid
the debt you all must pay.*

The initials T.S. seem interesting.

Shaw of Castledermot Town

Thomas Shaw Sr., Castledermot married c. 1755 [unknown] and had family:

¹John

²Thomas

³William

⁴Anne

⁵Laurence

^HPatrick b. 1864.

No further account of members of this family.

^{1D}John Shaw, Castledermot married Mary Anne Scott and had family:

¹James b. 1832 died young

²Christopher b. 1837

³Thomas b. 1839 died young

⁴Elizabeth [Scully]

⁵Jane b. 1841.

Scully's Census 1840 Castledermot

91.	John Shaw Wife Maryanne (Scott)	Son Christy ^x Dr Eliza ^x
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^{1E}Thomas Shaw married 15/7/1818 Elizabeth McDonald [wit: Michael Keogh, John Shaw] [see Appendix B] and had family:

¹Judith b. 29/5/1819 [sp: Michael Keogh, Helena McDonald]

²John b. 6/10/1821 [sp: Eugene and Maria Kilmurry]

³Ellen b. 22/2/1824

⁴Mary b. 29/5/1831 [sp: John McDonald, Mary Moran]

⁵Mary b. 20/3/1833 [sp: Andrew McDonald, Mary McDonald]

⁶Patrick b. 19/4/1835 [sp: Patrick Murray, Judith Nolan].

Apart from daughters ^{1E1}Judith Shaw and probably ^{1E3}Ellen Shaw, there is no mention of this family in Scully's Census of 1840.

^{1E1}Judith Shaw married 4/2/1840 Stephen Nolan, Fair Green and had family:

^AHannah b. 1840.

**Scully's Census 1840
Fair Green, Castledermot**

25. Stephen Nowlan Wife ^JJudy (Shaw)

²Thomas Shaw married Joanna Nevil and had family:

^AJohn b. 19/12/1790 [sp: John Toole, Maria Sullivan]

^BBridget b. 12/1/1795 [sp: Edward and Hester Doyle]

^CJane

^DWilliam [most likely]

^{2A}This is probably the same ^JJohn Shaw who married Maria Gorman and who had family:

¹Hugh b. 27/1/1820.

^{2C}^JJane Shaw was unmarried and lived on the Fair Green.

**Scully's Census 1840
Fair Green, Castledermot**

23. Mary Doyle Son Philip^x^b

James Dargan^{x b}
Jane Shaw daughter to Hannah Shaw

Biddy Keating

^{2D}William Shaw, Fair Green, married 28/7/1838 Bridget Keogh b. 1814, daughter of Patrick Keogh and Mary Nolan. This is probably the same William Shaw listed as a workman in Kenny's of Ballinacarrig. William Shaw and Bridget Keogh had family:

¹Thomas b. 1838

²Ellen b. 1844

³Anne b. 1846

⁴Catherine b. 1848

⁵John b. 1851

⁷Mary b. 1854

⁸Michael b. 1857

⁹James b. 1860

¹⁰William.

With the exception of ^{2D3}Anne Shaw, most of this family emigrated to America.

^{2D3}Anne Shaw married 9/8/1871 Edward Whelan, son of John and Ellen Conran, Graney and had family:

^AMary Anne b. 1872

^BEleanor b. 1874

^CDaniel b. 1874

^DJohn b. 1877

^EMichael b. 1878

^FJames b. 1880

^GEdward b. 1882

^HPatrick b. 1884

^IBridget b. 1886

^JEllen b. 1889.

^{2D3A}Mary Anne Whelan married in America with family.

³William Shaw married Maria [Unknown] and had family:

^AThomas b. 10/6/1791 [sp: Daniel Nolan, Helen Murphy].

⁴Anne Shaw married 30/1/1796 James Doyle [wit: Thomas Shaw, Mathew Nevil]

Shaw of Knocknagee

⁵Laurence Shaw, Ballyburn married Helen German. The Germans or Jarmans or more correctly the Germaines were very big landholders in Ballyburn at that time. Whether or not Helen German is an ‘offshoot’ of this family, one can only speculate. Laurence Shaw and Helen German had family:

^AThomas

^BMary

^CCatherine

^DDavid

^EJohn b. 1/1/1795 [sp: Pat Nolan, Maria Kavanagh].

^{5A}Thomas Shaw married Sarah Maher. There were a small number of Maher families in the vicinity of Knocknagee and because of the absence of Maher sponsors for the children of Thomas and Sarah, it is a distinct possibility that Sarah was the daughter of John Maher [died 24th of October 1800 aged 36] and Mary Glyndon and grand daughter of Patrick Maher who are buried in Ballaghmoon cemetary. John Maher and three of his children died young, which would mean that Sarah Maher Shaw had very few siblings. It could also account for the eldest child being christened John and the second eldest christened Laurence. There are two Maher headstones in Ballaghmoon cemetary with some duplicate inscriptions and they read:

Headstone 1: Erected by John Maher in loving memory of his father Patrick Maher who died a.d. 1790 with his sister Mary and brother Edward who died young. His daughter Beth Julia Dowling died Jan 23rd 1845.

Headstone 2: Here lies the body of John Maher who died 24/10/1800 aged 36. Also his father and three of his children.

His wife Mary Glyndon Maher - Her father John Glyndon 1798 Blacksmith caught making pikes. He rushed the soldiers, reached the Barrow through Cox's Lane - swam towards the bridge in constant fire - his hand was seen to rise as he sank; the body was never recovered.

Thomas Shaw and Sarah Maher had family:

- ¹John b. 1812 [sp: John Neill, Margaret Keegan]
- ²Laurence b. 1813 [sp: Dermot Hayden, Margaret Keegan]
- ³Patrick b. 1816 [sp: John Shaw, Catherine Keegan]
- ⁴Thomas b. 1818 [sp: Thomas Shaw, Mary Godfrey]
- ⁵Michael b. 1820 [sp: Garrett Nolan, Mary Kelly]
- ⁶Mary [Scully]
- ⁷David b. 1829 [sp: Rev Mr Molloy, Margaret Donohue].

□The sponsor Thomas Shaw here is significant. He is either Thomas Shaw husband of Joanna Nevil, or, Thomas Shaw son of John Shaw and Judith Doyle and husband of Elizabeth McDonald, or, Thomas Shaw son of William and Maria [Unknown]. In any case, it shows that the Shaws of Knocknagee and Castledermot Town were closely related.

**Tithe Applotment for Parish of Ballaghmoon 1826
Knocknagee**

Number	Name	Area
9	Thomas Shaw	1 - 2 - 8

**Scully's Census 1840
Knocknagee**

9.	Thomas Shaw Wife Sally (Mahar)	Sons Pat ^r , Thomas ^r , Larry, Davy Dr Mary ^a .
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**Griffiths Valuation 1852
Knocknagee**

Number on map	Occupier	Landlord	Description of tenement	Area
8a	Thomas Shaw	Duke of Leinster	H.L	2 - 1 - 25

**Tithe Applotment for Parish of Ballaghmoon 1826
Knocknagee**

Number	Name	Area
3	James Donohue	1 - 2 - 12

**Griffiths Valuation 1852
Knocknagee**

Number on map	Occupier	Landlord	Description of tenement	Area
6	Thomas Donohue	Thomas Shaw	H.O.L	2 - 2 - 7

^{5A1}John Shaw married Margaret Donohue, possibly daughter of Patrick Donohue and Margaret Keegan and probably a sister or 1st cousin of Thomas Donohue, Knocknagee, and had family:

^AMary b. 1836 [sp: Michael Donahue, Bridget Donahue]

^BBridget b. 1838 [sp: Patrick Shaw, Anne Donahue]

^CEllen b. 1839

^DAnn b. 1841 [sp: Michael Shaw, Mary Shaw]

^ESarah b. 1847

^FElizabeth b. 1848 [sp: John Donahue, Anne Ryan]

^GCatherine b. 1851 [sp: Thomas Shaw, Ellen Bambrick]

^HMargaret Ann b. 1852.

^{5A1A}Mary Shaw died in Benares India. She married James Blowes.

^{5A1B}Bridget Shaw died probably in Australia.

^{5A1C}Ellen Shaw died 16/4/1913 in Auburn, New York. She married Joseph Benedict Dempsey 8/1/1874 in Auburn, New York and had family.

^{5A1D}Ann Shaw died 24/4/1915 in Auburn, New York. She married William O'Hora 19/1868 in

Auburn New York and had family.

^{5A1E}Sarah Shaw died 6/2/1885 in Auburn New York. She married John Gagan and had family.

^{5A1F}Elizabeth Vincent Shaw died 24/1/1932 in Auburn New York. She married 13/8/1873 John James Nolan in Auburn, New York, son of William Nolan and Mary Mack and had family.

^{5A1H}Margaret Ann Shaw died 10/12/1926 in Auburn, New York. She married 14/11/1880 Daniel John Nolan in Auburn, New York, son of William Nolan and Bridget Lambert [see Appendix E] and had family.

In **Pollerton**: Erected by ^{5A1C}Ellen Shaw in memory of her beloved father ^{5A1}John Shaw Knocknagee who died 1883 aged 71 years.

Scully's Census 1840 Knocknagee

10. **John Shaw** Wife Margaret (Donohue)
Drs Ellen^X, Mary^X, Biddy^X.

Griffiths Valuation 1852 Knocknagee

Number on map	Occupier	Landlord	Description of tenement	Area
8b	John Shaw	Thomas Shaw	H	

^{5A2}**Laurence Shaw**, who died 10/3/1900 in Auburn, New York, married 1st 23/10/1853 Elizabeth Kelly and had family:

Sarah Shaw b. 27/2/1859, Auburn NY, died before 1938.

Mary Shaw - Sister Mary Allen b. 20/6/1862, died after 19/4/1938.

Thomas Shaw b. 10/2/1865, Auburn, New York, died April 18, 1938, Auburn, New York.

Lawrence Shaw b. 13/8/1870, Auburn NY, d. before 1938.

Laurence Shaw married 2nd 18/10/1872 Margaret Duffy in Auburn, New York, daughter of Patrick Duffy and Maria Craddock and had family:

Mary Agnes b. 26/8/1873, Auburn, New York, died August 10, 1889, Auburn, New York.

David Joseph Shaw b. 2/5/1875, Auburn, New York, died 1/6/1945, Auburn, New York, married Mary E. Welch, 10/9/1913, Rochester, NY, St. Mary's Church.

Margaret Theresa Shaw b. 24/12/1876, Auburn, New York, died 28/10/1944, Auburn, New York, married Patrick Joseph Mullally 15/11/1911 in Auburn, New York, son of Robert

Mullally and Mary Perkins and had family.

^{5A3}Patrick Shaw married 1st Catherine Carter 23/11/1841 in Castledermot and had family:

Sarah b. 11/9/1842, Tinryland
Mary b. 29/12/1844, Tinryland
Thomas b. 31/8/1846, Tinryland.

^{5A3}Patrick Shaw married 2nd Catherine McEvoy. This may possibly be the same Patrick Shaw listed as a workman at Mr Sims, Ballaghmoon in Scully's Census.
Patrick Shaw and Catherine McEvoy had family:

^AMary b. 1853
^BMichael b. 1855
^CMary b. 1856
^DPatrick b. January 1861
^ECatherine b. 18/2/1865
^FAnn b. 1867
^GJames b. 2/7/1870
^HJohn b. 1873.

^{5A3C}Mary Shaw married a Mr. Finn and had a daughter Ann.

^{5A3D}Patrick Shaw, who died October 19th 1934, married Margaret Walsh and had family.

^{5A3E}Catherine Shaw married James Brady and had family.

^{5A3F}Anne Shaw died in 1925 in New York NJ.

^{5A3G}James Shaw, who died 7/11/1945, married Mary Walker 5/10/1897 in Carlow, daughter of Thomas Walker and Mary Haughney. They had family and lived in Carlow.

^{5A3H}John Shaw, killed in India during WW1.

^{5A4}Thomas Shaw married in Tinryland 4/3/1843 Catherine Bergin, daughter of William Bergin and Catherine Nowlan and had family:

^AMary b. March 1843

^BJane b. February 2/2/1845, Burton Hall

^CJames b. 26/10/1851 [sp: James Dowling, Bridget Byrne].

^{5A4A}Mary Shaw married 4/7/1866 Francis Mulvey in Auburn New York.

**Griffiths Valuation 1852
Ballaghmoon**

Number on map	Occupier	Landlord	Description of tenement	Area
3e	Thomas Shaw	James Syms	H.Gn	0 - 0 - 33

^{5A5}Michael Shaw, who died 17/2/1883 in Auburn, New York, married 15/8/1842 in Castledermot Ellen McDonald b. 5/4/1818, daughter of Thomas McDonald and Margaret Murphy, Gurteen [see Appendix C] and had family:

Winifred Shaw b. 1842, County Carlow, died 31/5/1899, Auburn, New York. She married 8/6/1865 Patrick Harmon in Auburn, New York. Patrick Harmon b. 1836, son of George Harmon and Mary Nolan, Davidstown Pilsworth [see Appendix D].

Thomas Shaw b. 18/6/1843, Knocknagee [sp: Laurence Shaw, Mary Shaw], died 1/2/1923, Auburn, New York. He married 1/4/1872 Mary Jackson in Auburn, New York and had family.

Anna Shaw b. 21/12/1845, Knocknagee [sp: Michael Gough, Bridget Keegan], died 7/8/1933, Penn Yan, New York. She married 10/7/1872 Michael Hyland in Auburn, New York, Holy Family, son of James Hyland and Mary Corcoran and had family.

Mary Shaw b. 22/8/1852, Knocknagee, died 8/1/1933, Auburn, NY. She married 16/2/1885 Peter Byrne in Auburn, New York, Holy Family and had family.

Michael Shaw b. 22/6/1855, Knocknagee [sp: Thomas Leeson, Ellen Shaw], died 21/2/1941, Auburn, New York. He married 17/10/1883 Margaret Donolon in Auburn, New York and had family.

Catherine (Kate) Shaw b. November 1856, Ireland, died 25/12/1925, Auburn, New York. She married 7/5/1875 Patrick Donahue in Auburn, New York, Holy Family, son of Patrick and Mary Donahue and had family.

Alicia Theresa Shaw b. 11/11/1857 [sp: Garrett Donahue, Mary Keegan], Knocknagee, died 18/10/1950, Auburn, New York. She married 21/5/1883 James L. Wallace in Auburn, New York, son of Richard and Mary Wallace and had family.

William Shaw b. 31/8/1860, Knocknagee, died 26/7/1937, Auburn, New York. He married Alice M. Whalen daughter of Michael and Ellen Whalen and had family.

Ellen F. Shaw b. October 1864, Ireland, died 2/2/1940, Auburn, New York. She married 13/2/1888 Peter Joseph Nolan in Auburn, New York, Holy Family, b. 1860 of William Nolan and Bridget Lambert [see Appendix E] and had family.

Sarah Shaw b. about 1866, Ireland, died 14/10/1871, Auburn, New York.

^{5A6}Mary Shaw, according to Scully's Census, emigrated to America before her brothers.

^{5A7}David Shaw, who died 27/7/1882 in Auburn, New York, married 1st 14/8/1853 Anna Honor Souhan in St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, NY, daughter of Patrick Souhan and had recorded baptisms:

Thomas Shaw b. January 1854, Cayuga, New York, died 4/5/1884, Auburn, New York. He married Lucy McCaul and had family.

Mary Ann Shaw b. 9/6/1856, Cayuga, New York, died 15/10/1893, Auburn, New York.

William Shaw b. 28/1/1858 died before 1860, unknown.

Francis James Shaw b. 12/8/1859, Cayuga, New York (reputed Fayette, NY), died 11/8/1936, Auburn, New York. He married Elizabeth Stella Dougherty 1/9/1881 in Auburn, New York (St. Mary's says Oct. 1), daughter of John Dougherty and Elizabeth Boehler and had family.

Lawrence James Shaw b. 20/7/1861, Cayuga, New York, died 25/11/1941, Auburn, New York. He married 1st 26/10/1892 Elizabeth Campion in St. Mary's, Auburn, New York, daughter of James Campion and Ellen Nolan and had family.
He married 2nd 15/6/1898 Margaret Phelan in St. Mary's Auburn, New York, daughter of Patrick Phelan and Katherine Dempsey and had family.

^{5A7}David Shaw married 2nd about 1864 Mary Flynn, daughter of James and Margaret Flynn and had recorded baptisms:

David John Shaw b. 1864, Union Springs, New York, died 28/12/1904, Auburn, New York.

Patrick Shaw b. 1866, died 14/8/1906, Auburn, New York.

Sarah Shaw b. February 1867, Throopsville, New York, died 22/4/1942, Auburn, New York. She married 5/3/1889 Charles D. Simmons in Auburn, New York and had family.

Elizabeth Bridget Shaw b. 16/7/1868, Auburn, New York, died 12/6/1889, Auburn, New York.

Ellen Shaw b. 3/1/1870, Auburn, New York, died 28/4/1901, Auburn, New York. She married 6/5/1891 John Shayler in Auburn, New York and had family.

James Shaw b. 1/11/1871, Auburn, NY.

William Shaw b. 29/5/1873, Auburn, New York, died 31/8/1929, Auburn, New York. He married 10/10/1896 Hanora J. Hartnett in Auburn, New York, daughter of Timothy Hartnett and Kathryn Riley and had family.

Edward T. Shaw b. 20/5/1875, Auburn, New York, died 7/8/1949, Auburn, New York. He married 18/4/1917 Marcella Martha Kenna in Auburn New York, daughter of Garrett Kenna and Catherine Hoey and had family. Francis Joseph Shaw b. 18/9/1877.

Michael Shaw b. 1879, died January 1909, Brooklyn Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York.

Agnes Shaw b. 5/8/1879, Auburn, NY, died 12/12/1879, Auburn, NY.

George Shaw b. 19/9/1881, Auburn, New York, died 14/1/1901, Auburn, New York.

^{5B}Mary Shaw married 26/1/1805 Michael Godfrey, Ballyburn [wit: Anne Godfrey, Honoria Nolan] and had family:

- ¹Christopher b. 1805 [sp: John Nolan, Alice Wall]
- ²William b. 1807 [sp: Simon Godfrey, Catherine Dowling]
- ³Anne b. 1810 [sp: Denis Delaney, Anne Browne]
- ⁴Thomas b. 1812 [sp: Peter and Helen Byrne]
- ⁵Helen b. 1814 [sp: Michael Daly, Bridget Fitzpatrick]
- ⁶Mary b. 1817 [sp: Garrett Nolan, Anne Walsh]
- ⁷Michael b. 1821 [sp: David Shaw, Elizabeth Connolly]
- ⁸Martin [Scully]
- ⁹John [Griffith]
- ¹⁰Bridget [Scully].

**Scully's Census 1840
Ballyburn**

7. Michael Godfrey^d Sons Thomas^d, Martin^d
Wife Mary (Shaw) Drs. Ellen, Mary, Biddy

**Griffiths Valuation 1852
Ballyburn Lower**

Number on map	Occupier	Landlord	Description of tenement	Area
1	John Godfrey	Richard Germaine	H.O.L	1 - 2 - 23

^{5B2}William Godfrey, Castledermot married 6/9/1831 Margaret Byrne. This is probably the same William Godfrey listed in Griffiths Valuation as living in Belan in 1852. William Godfrey and Margaret Byrne had family:

^AJames b. 1832
^BAnne b. 1834
^CMichael [Scully]
^DMary b. 1840
^EEllen b. 1843 [sp: Michael & Mary Godfrey]
^FWilliam b. 1846.

^{5B2B}Probably the same Anne Godfrey who gave birth to an illegitimate son Edward in Kilkea in 1860. The fathers initials are given as G. L.

Carlow Sentinel Dec 8th 1855

Castledermot Petty Sessions Court

Turnip Stealing: Mary Nolan and ^{5B2B}Anne Godfrey were fined £2 each and costs or 2 months imprisonment with hard labour, for stealing turnips at Abbeylands, the property of Mrs. Mary Hoey on 30th ult.

**Scully's Census 1840
Castledermot**

97. **William Godfrey** Sons James, Michael^x
 Wife Mary (Byrne) Dr Anne^x

^{5B3}**Anne Godfrey** married 11/8/1834 Patrick Hennessy b. 1813, son of John and Anne Hickey, Knocknacree and had family:

^AAnne b. 1835
^BCatherine b. 1838
^CMichael b. 1840
^DJohn b. 1842
^EDaniel b. 1845
^FMary b. 1849
^GJames b. 1852
^HPatrick b. 1854.

^{5B3C}Michael Hennessy married 18/11/1879 Margaret Hynes, daughter of Michael and Esther Kirwan, Woodlands and had family:

¹John b. 1881
²Mary b. 1883.

⁵Thomas b. 10/7/1837
⁶Juliana b. 24/4/1842
⁷Mary b. 1/3/1845
⁸Patrick b. 29/11/1846.

^{5E}Probably the same **John Shaw** who married Mary Keating and who had recorded baptism:
Eleanor b. 1834 [sp: Hugh Kelly, Lucy Hayden].

Appendix A

United Irishmen of Castledermot

5th of May 1798. Examination of David Fardy of Castledermot, Farmer:
In August 1797 Fardy sworn in by John Bulger of Castledermot, Shoemaker; Stephen Hayden of Castledermot recommended as one of company; Fardy was Corporal.
Men of company: John Hayden, John Lawler, Peter Lawler, James Lawler, Christopher Slator, Mathew Maher, Michael Power, Patrick Bearney, **John Shoe, Thomas Shoe Sr. and Thomas Shoe Jr.** □ Luke Brannick of Castledermot Yeomanry was his Captain [see below]. Fardy was to give a subscription of 3 pence to John Hayden his Sergeant to give to Luke Brannick. Fardy saw Peter Doyle, Labourer after 11 pm in street, pike in hand; also John Farmer. Fardy knows Michael Shannon of Moone to be a United Irishman and Mathew Hayden of the Old Turnpike - Fardy gave him a shilling to buy iron to make a tool, and Hayden said: “everyone

of them would want a tool” Hayden gave Fardy a pike a few days after. Brian Bulger is a United Irishman - Fardy gave him subscription of 3 pence which Bulger said was by order of Lord Edward. James Kenna a United Irishman and Philip Hoar of Bolton Hill. Fardy heard Thomas Reynolds of Kilkea was his Colonel.

□ Luke Brannick, Castledermot married 17/2/1795 Mary Elms and had family including a son:

¹Luke b. 1797

¹Luke Brannick married 1st Elizabeth Mager and had family:

^ALuke b. 1826.

Luke Brannick married 2nd 11/2/1830 Catherine Nolan and had family including a daughter:

^BMary b. 1831

^{2A}Almost certainly the same Luke Brannick who married 5/6/1855 Alicia Keating in The Holy Family Church, Auburn, New York. In French’s Directory of 1857 for Auburn we find the following references to Luke and his wife or mother:

Brannick, Luke, Wagon Maker, Seminary Av., H 37 Seminary

Brannick, Mrs., Domestic, 11 Seminary.

^{2B}Almost certainly the same Maria Brannick who married 29/10/1855 James Keogh in The Holy Family Church, Auburn, New York.

Appendix B

It is very likely that Elizabeth McDonald [baptismal date unknown], who married Thomas Shaw on the 15th of July 1818, is the daughter of □ Patrick McDonald, farmer, of Mullaghreelan. Many of these McDonalds were large farmers and some were agents for the Duke of Leinster.

My reasons for this assessment of Elizabeth McDonald Shaw are twofold. First, the McDonald sponsors for their children are members of this family, and, second, when Thomas Shaw and his wife Elizabeth McDonald, either die young or leave the area before 1840, their daughter Ellen Shaw is cared for by her grand parents, Patrick McDonald and Christina Murphy as shown in Scully’s Census. Patrick McDonald and Christina Murphy also had family:

¹Margaret b. 1790

²Mary b. 1792

³Thomas b. 1794

⁴Bridget b. 1799

⁵James b. 1801

⁶Anne b. 1805

⁷John

⁸Andrew [Scully]

⁹Eugene

¹⁰Mary.

¹Margaret McDonald married 28/5/1819 James Murphy, farmer, Mullaghreelan, daughter of Michael and Mary Lynch and had family.

³Thomas McDonald, farmer, Hobartstown married Mary Power b. 1799, daughter of William and Elizabeth Lawler, Hobartstown and had family.

⁵James McDonald, farmer, Mullaghreelan married Mary Anne Murphy and had family.

⁷John McDonald, farmer, Mullaghreelan married Catherine Maher and had family.

⁸Andrew McDonald, farmer, Mullaghreelan married Elizabeth Byrne and had family.

⁹Eugene McDonald married Mary English and had family.

¹⁰Mary McDonald married 26/10/1836 Patrick Dowling, farmer, Coolane and had family.

Registry of Deeds

McDonnell to Murphy

15/3/1815

Kilkea

Deed of assignment whereby Patrick McDonnell of Kilkea, Farmer did grant unto John Murphy of Kilkea, Farmer ... that part of the lands of Kilkea then lately in his possession containing 58 - 2 - 28 acres IPM. ...

Tithe Applotment for Kilkea 1828

Mullaghreelan

Number	Name	Area
35	Paddy McDonald	11 - 0 - 0

Scully's Census 1840

Mullaghreelan

58.	Paddy McDonald ^{d1} Andy (McDonald) <u>Ellen Shaw</u>	Wife ^{d1} (Christina Murphy) Wife Betty (Byrne)
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Appendix C

Thomas McDonald, Gurteen, grandson of □Charles McDonald, Johnstown, married Margaret Murphy. The McDonalds were big farmers in Gurteen, a townland which is adjacent to Knocknagee. Thomas McDonald died sometime between 1826 and 1840. His widow and family disappear from the area during the famine years.

Thomas McDonald and Margaret Murphy had family:

- ¹Alicia b. 1807
- ²Laurence b. 1809
- ³Andrew b. 1811 [sp: John McDonald]
- ⁴Anne b. 1814 [sp: Laurence McGrath, Helen Murphy]
- ⁵Mary b. 1816 [sp: Edward McGrath, Anna Murphy]
- ⁶Helen b. 1818 [sp: John Kelly, Bridget Murphy].
- ⁷Catherine [Scully]

⁶Ellen McDonald, who died 28/11/1911 in Auburn, NY, married 15/8/1842 Michael Shaw [1820 - 17/2/1883], son of Thomas and Sarah Maher, Knocknagee and had family.

Registry of Deeds **Wall to McDonnell** **20/4/1763**
Prumplestown

Memorial of lease dated 20/4/1763 whereby Edward Wall of Wallsgrove Esq [my 6 x ggranduncle] demised and sett to [Charles McDonell of Johnstown farmer all that part or parcell of the land of Prumplestown lying between the river and the old former stage road leading from Castledermot to Carlow bounding with the lands of Parson's bridge and known by the name of the Bullock Park and Monaclough containing 32 acres
Witnesses Edward McDonnell Johnstown Farmer.

Tithe Applotment for Parish of Castledermot 1826
Gurteen

Number	Name	Area
1	Thomas McDonald	85 - 2 - 23

Scully's Census 1840
Gurteen

4. Widow McDonald Son Andrew
 Drs Alicia, Maria, Kate
 Henry Pearson, William Flinn, Dan Doherty, Mary Whelan.

Appendix D

George Harman, Davidstown Pilsworth, son of Richard Harman, married 24/4/1817 Mary Nolan and had family:

¹Margaret b. 1818
²Anne b. 1819
³Mary b. 1820
⁴Bridget [Scully]
⁵Elizabeth [Scully]
⁶Teresa [Scully]
⁷Richard b. 1827
⁸Catherine b. 1830
⁹**John** b. 1833

¹⁰Sarah b. 1836

¹¹Patrick b. 1836

¹²Anthony b. 1838.

**Tithe Applotment for Parish of Graney 1826
Davidstown Pilsworth**

Number	Name	Area
91	George Harman	24 - 1 - 13

**Scully's Census 1840
Davidstown Pilsworth**

5. George Harman Sons Richard, John, Pat^x, Anthony^x.
 Wife Mary^d (Nolan) Drs. Anna^a, Maria, Biddy⁻, Betty, Teresa, Kate.
 William Nolan.

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Davidstown Pilsworth**

Number on map	Occupier	Landlord	Description of tenement	Area
4	George Harman	Lord Wm, Fitzgerald	H.O.L	45 - 3 - 19

²Anne Harman married 12/1/1846 James Deering. They emigrated to America shortly afterwards.

³Mary Harman married 14/2/1851 as her 1st husband John Bannon, son of John and Mary Corcoran, Davidstown Pilsworth and had family:

^ATimothy b. 1851

^BJohn b. 1852

^CJames b. 1854.

These three emigrated to America.

Mary Harman Bannon married 2nd 25/11/1857 James Kelly, Ballyraggan and had family:

^DMichael b. 1858

^EPatrick b. 1860

^FJohn b. 1862

^GWilliam b. 1863

^HMaria b. 1866

¹James b. 1868

¹John b. 1871

^KPatrick.

^{7C}Anne married 17/6/1888 Peter Hoare b. 1863, son of James Hoare and Mary Doyle, Castledermot.

^{7D}George Harman married 2/12/1888 Rosanna Nolan b. 1860, daughter of John Nolan and Mary Nolan, Plunketstown and had family:

¹Richard b. 1889

²John b. 1891

³Mary Anne b. 1893

⁴James b. 1896

⁵Bridget b. 1899

⁶George b. 1902.

^{7D3}Mary Anne Harman married 26/6/1918 James Mearns, son of Patrick Mearns and Ann Pender, Knocknagee.

^{7D4}James Harman married 12/2/1925 Evelyn Doyle, Tinryland.

^{7D6}George Harman married a daughter of William Brien and Julia Mullally, Castledermot.

^{7H}Margaret Harman married 22/11/1898 Michael Cummins, son of George Cummins and Elizabeth Nurse, Colstown. This family emigrated to America.

^{7I}James Harman married 1900 Anna Doyle b. 1875, daughter of John Doyle and Rosanna Fennell, Castledermot and had family:

John James Harman, b. 1902, married 1939, Bridget Nolan, daughter of James Nolan and Anne Bede, Colstown. John joined the British Navy and was lost at sea in 1940.

Patrick Harman, b. 1903, married in 1942 Anne Delaney in Birmingham.

Stephen Harman, b. 1904, married in 1935 Mary Doyle, Dundrum, Co Dublin.

Maria Harman b. 1906.

Richard Harman b. 1907.

Anthony Harman, b. 1908, married in 1946 Maria Campion, Ballyvass, daughter of James Campion, Castletown, Co. Laois and Margaret Travers, Ballyvass. They had no family and Anthony, who farmed the homeplace, died in 1994 thus ending the Harman association with Castledermot.

^{7J}John Harman, Wood Road, married 28/11/1905 as her 2nd husband Maria Anne Abbott b. 1876 of Michael Doyle Abbott and Maria Lawler, Plunketstown and had family:

Bridget Harman b. 1909.

Margaret Harman b. 1909 who married Phil Farrelly and had family.

John Harman b. 1912 who was unmarried.

Paddy Harman who was unmarried.

Michael Harman who lived in Gotham, married Lizzie O'Hara and had family.

Dick Harman who was unmarried.

Molly Harman who married John Doyle, Kilcullen and had family.

The following almost certainly relates to ⁹**John Harman** above:

Name:	John Harmon
Burial date:	9-03-1895
Age:	60
Station:	Married
Place of Death:	Auburn, N.Y.
Parish:	St. Mary's
Native:	Ireland
Died:	9-01-1895
Cause:	Accident

¹¹Patrick Harman married 8/6/1865 in Auburn, New York, Winifred Shaw [1842 - 31/5/1899], daughter of Michael and Ellen McDonald, Knocknagee and had family:

George Harman b. 24/3/1866, Niles, New York; d. 1/1/1933, Auburn, New York; he married Agnes Bridget McGuinn 25/10/1899 in Auburn, New York St. Mary's - family.

Thomas Harman b. Abt. August 1867, Auburn, NY, d. 19/11/1871, Auburn, NY.

Mary Harman b. 1/9/1869, Auburn, New York; d. 23/7/1942, Auburn, New York; she married Frank Saloman 15/6/1893 in Auburn New York - family.

Thomas J. Harman b. 2/4/1872, Auburn, New York, d. 15/5/1907, Auburn, New York; he married Sarah Hockeborn - family.

Sarah A. Harman b. 27/3/1874, Auburn, New York; d. after 1933; she married 1st Charles Dresser 23/6/1897 Auburn, New York Holy Family, son of Marshall Dresser and Lucy Bancroft - family and 2nd Lewis J. Kruger 1908 - no family.

John Patrick Harman b. 10/7/1876, Auburn, New York, d. 3/6/1952, Auburn, New York; he married Anna A. Erhart 11/10/1899 in Auburn, New York, daughter of George Erhart and Catherine Hahn - family.

William L. Harman b. 29/7/1879, Auburn, New York, d. 3/10/1958, Rochester, New York; he married Emma Roache 4/6//1902 in Auburn, New York, daughter of Frederick Roach and Augusta Nicht - family.

Richard Michael Harman b. 30/10/1881, Auburn, New York, d. 23/4/1958, Weedsport, New York; he married 1st Helen B. O'Connor 18/2/1903 in Montezuma, New York, daughter of Thomas O'Connor and Ellen O'Hern - family and 2nd Alice O'Connor after 1912 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Thomas O'Connor and Ellen O'Hern - family.

Winifred C. Harman b. 28/8/1883, Auburn, New York, d. before 1933; she married Alfred Hahn 19/6/1906 in Auburn, New York, Holy Family, son of Peter Hahn and Mary Kiersch - family.

Appendix E

William Nolan married Bridget Lambert. There is no marriage record in the Castledermot Registers for William and Bridget and I am relatively confident that neither of them is from the Castledermot area. Since Bridget Lambert and her sister Maria Lambert give their address as Woodlands, then I believe that they came to work in Browne's of Woodlands who were big farmers at that time. In the electoral register for the parish of Castledermot of 1893, William Nolan is listed as living in a labourer's cottage in Knocknagee.

Bridget Lambert was the daughter of William Lambert and Maria Dunsey and sister of Maria Lambert who married 28/9/1869 Edward Corrigan b. 1843 son of Denis Corrigan and Mary Power, Ballyvass. Edward and Maria who lived in Castledermot had one son Denis b. 1871. Denis Corrigan, who lived in Castledermot married 16/2/1897 Elizabeth Doran, Carlow Gate b. 1873 daughter of Patrick Doran and Julia Lynch, Castledermot and had family - many of whose descendents live in the locality.

William Nolan and Bridget Lambert had family:

- ¹Daniel John b. June 1859
- ²Peter b. 1860, Woodlands
- ³Mary b. 1863, Woodlands
- ⁴Johanna b. 1865, Woodlands
- ⁵Sarah b. 1865, Woodlands
- ⁶Esther b. 1870, Woodlands
- ⁷William b. 1873, Prumplestown
- ⁸William b. 1875, Knocknagee.

Since there is no further record of the family of William Nolan and Bridget Lambert, with the exception of Johanna or Anne, in the locality, then I can only assume that the remainder emigrated to America.

¹Daniel John Nolan married 14/11/1880 in Auburn, New York, Margaret Ann Shaw b. 1852 of

John and Margaret Donohue and had family.

²Peter Nolan married 13/2/1888 in Auburn, New York, Ellen F. Shaw b. 1864 of Michael and Ellen McDonald and had family.

⁴Anne Nolan, Knocknagee married 2/5/1886 in Castledermot Thomas Coffey, Knocknagee son of Thomas Curran and Margaret Curran, Carlow.

Appendix F

Distress in Castledermot

“ENTERING a wretched dark cabin without window or chimney, which was inhabited by a widow; it was only on advancing some steps that it became possible to discover that there was anything living in it.

“At the distant end of this hut were a few sparks of fire, fed by some sticks and furze, on which was placed a pot of potatoes, and around it were standing a woman and seven children, with scarcely a stitch of clothing upon them. On observing strangers, the woman said, "Well, you may look at me, God help me; while my husband was alive, I never thought that I or my children would be breaking our fast at this hour of the day; but now look at them, they are too naked to go out this weather to look for food; out of decency, I was obliged to cut the half of our only blanket to make petticoats for them; and unless the neighbours were good in bringing us in some potatoes, I do not know what would become of us; we have only that blanket that you see the poor child with the falling sickness lying under, with nothing but straw between her and the wet floor; and the poor thing had eight fits last night.”

Observing the condition of the family a neighbouring labourer, John Moran, said “By God, Sir! are they half as well off as the brutes in the gentlemen's houses.? I knew her husband well, he was a decent industrious man, and could work well when he got it; and the night he died, it was I that went round the neighbours to get something to bury him.”

That sad scene witnessed at Castledermot by the assistant commissioners who were investigating the state of the poor in 1833 was all too common throughout the country. In that town alone there were about 23 widows with young families, and having no support but whatever they could themselves earn; elsewhere in the catholic union of parishes, which comprised Moone, Timolin, Kilkea, Killelan, Dunmanogue, Grangenolvin and Kinneagh, there were 149 other widows. However, the Rev. Mr. Hamilton was able to confirm that in his care there were but six distressed protestant women.

Mr. Hamilton was but one of the twenty men who came before the commissioners to give evidence at Castledermot; the others included the parish priest Fr. Laurence Dunne and his curates Fr. R.L. Fitzgibbon and Fr. Edward Murphy; Robert Archbold, magistrate; farmers - John Corcoran, John Dunne, John Hutchinson, Sylvester Kelly, Michael Keogh, Thomas and James MacDonald, Patrick Magrath, Daniel Loughlin, John Murphy, Charles Neal, Michael Stynes; labourers Bryan Boulger, Thomas Doran; George and James Payne, esquires.

The commissioners were told that there was no employment, such as knitting, for the widows, and no occupation by which a woman might earn enough money to support a family, and no assistance was provided by the parish, the petty sessions, or the gentry, with the exception of one resident landed proprietor. Widows who are fortunate to hold any land were given a day's voluntary work by neighbouring labourers usually on a Sunday or a wet day. But the great majority of the women were forced to beg for their sustenance, and there was no local instance when a woman had resorted to prostitution.

A portion of the Sunday Protestant church collection was given to the widows, and one catholic woman had been a recipient of that charity for several years. It was noted in the commissioners' report that: "It does not appear that this collection has ever been used with the view of making proselytes but it is quite possible it might be applied to such purpose; and attempts have been

made by individuals to participate in it by representing themselves as converts from another faith. The Rev. Mr. Fitzgibbon endeavours to check this projected fraud by intimating on all occasions that the Rev. Mr. Hamilton is not guided by religious belief in his selection of persons in the church, and the vicar added to that from his private purse. Five poor people were given one shilling a week, and half a crown at Christmas and Easter from the fund.

Research into the social conditions of the people during the years of the great famine has revealed the circumstances which were responsible for the tragedy; the reports of the Poor Law Commissioners of a decade before confirm the imbalance in the structure of society which led to the catastrophe.”

Sources

The information used to construct the above family trees has been gathered from various sources such as:- The Castledermot Parish Registers, The Tithe Applotment Books, Scully’s Census, Griffiths Valuation, Headstone inscriptions, Electoral Registers and traditional folklore from old residents/relations in the locality.

Parish Records

The catholic church records for the parishes of Castledermot and Moone date from 1789 when Fr. Lennon became P.P. In the early records there are many gaps and omissions.

Tithe Composition Records

The tithes were a charge on income designed for the upkeep of the established church. In 1823 and 1824 Tithe Composition Acts were passed which made provision for special vestries to negotiate a composition for tithes for the entire parish with the tithe owners. The tithe applotment books, sometimes with accompanying maps, registered and recorded the results. The tithe books are generally to be found for the years 1826 to 1834.

The areas of land holdings are given in Irish Acres where 1 Irish Acre = 1.62 Statute Acres.

Scully’s Census of 1840

The Rev Laurence Dunne P.P. Castledermot employed Edward Scully in 1840 to collect this census in order to ‘fill in the gaps’ of the parish registers which were incomplete. The shaded area in this example is similar to what one would find in Scully’s census.

Legend for Scully’s Census of 1840

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|-----------------------|---|
| a or a1 | emigrated to America between 1840 and 1849. |
| g | gone from the district between 1840 and 1849. |
| d or d1 | died between 1840 and 1849. |
| x or x1 | under 8 years of age in 1840. |

- m** got married between 1840 and 1849.
- left home or got married between 1840 and 1849

Edward Leary ^a	Son John ⁻
Wife Judy ^d	Drs Margaret ^{x a} , Mary ^{x a} , Anne ^{x d}
Denis Finn ^b , Ellen Kelly ^e .	

In the above example, Scully has listed the family of Edward Leary. Note the following:

Edward Leary went to America (^a) sometime between 1840 and 1849.

His son John married (-) between 1840 and 1849.

His wife Judy died (^d) between 1840 and 1849.

His daughter Margaret who was under 8 years of age in 1840 (^x) went to America (^a) between 1840 and 1849.

His daughter Mary who was under 8 years of age in 1840 (^x) went to America (^a) between 1840 and 1849.

His daughter Anne who was under 8 years of age in 1840 (^x) died (^d) between 1840 and 1849.

Denis Finn who worked in Learys was illegitimate (^b).

Ellen Kelly who worked in Learys left the area (^e) between 1840 and 1849.

Griffiths Land Valuation from 1852

Griffiths valuation is a complete listing for the entire country of all householders with their appropriate valuations. It was published in 1852 and updated regularly to the present day to show the various changes in land and house ownership.

The areas of land holdings are given in Statute Acres (4,840 square yards).

Under the heading - Description of Tenement

H	=	House
O	=	Office
L	=	Land
Yd	=	Yard
Gn	=	Garden

Other Sources

Local newspapers such as the Carlow Sentinel and the Carlow Nationalist. Local cemetery inscriptions from Pollerton, St James', Castledermot and Ballaghmoon.

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