

2 Descendants of Thomas O'Donnell born 1763

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.

Thomas O'Donnell of Ballingarry, was born 1763, died 29th October, 1829.¹ He married **Mary Marnell**, born 1775, died 17th August, 1856.²

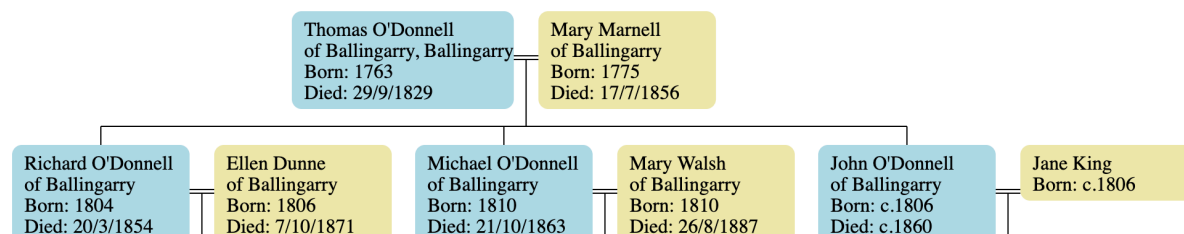
Thomas and Mary had at least three children:

- **Richard O'Donnell**, born 1804, died 20th April 1854, aged 50.³
- **Michael O'Donnell**, born 1810, died 21st November, 1863, aged 53.⁴
- **Francis**, baptised on the 5th November, 1817.⁵ Residence given as Village, parish of Ballingarry.

There are three other O'Donnells in the region who may be other children, but I cannot prove the connection: **John**, **Patrick** and **Thomas**. See below for more on these.

It is not clear when the family moved into Ballingarry, but the grave for Thomas born 1763 lists him as "of Ballingarry". The 1828 version of the Tithes Applotment List has Thomas O'Donnell holding 14 acres in Ballingarry.⁶ 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 Thomas O'Donnell shown holding 20 acres in Glengall townland of Ballingarry (2km south of Ballingarry).⁷ I doubt that this is the same Thomas, as Thomas is shown holding 30 acres with a House and offices (thus a full farm) in the 1954 Griffiths list, by which time Thomas born 1763 was dead. This is possibly a separate family or maybe a cousin.)



2.1 Family of Richard O'Donnell born 1804

Richard O'Donnell (son of Thomas and Mary) was born in 1804, presumably in Ballingarry. Probably around 1830, he married **Ellen Dunne**, who was born 1806, and died 7th November, 1871, aged 65.⁸

Richard and Ellen had 6 children:

- **Mary O'Donnell**, baptised 3rd February, 1833.⁹ She must have died young, as 13 years later, they named another child Mary.

¹ From the family grave.

² From the family grave.

³ From the family grave.

⁴ From the family grave.

⁵ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0174058>

⁶ http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab/004587402/004587402_00287.pdf

⁷ http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab/004587402/004587402_00292.pdf

⁸ From the family grave.

⁹ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177349>

- **Thomas O'Donnell**, baptised 11 December, 1836, and died 13th December, 1892, aged 56.¹⁰ He married Anastasia Walsh on the 28th November, 1882.¹¹
- **John O'Donnell**, baptised 2nd August, 1838,¹² and died 27th December, 1873, aged 35.¹³ I have not seen any records of him marrying or having children. He was in the family grave, but no associated wife or children.
- **Richard O'Donnell**, baptised 16th December, 1840.¹⁴ A Francis O'Donnell is sponsor, suggesting maybe another uncle in the area.
- **Patrick O'Donnell**, baptised 24th December, 1842.¹⁵ Residence is given as "Village".
- **Mary O'Donnell**, baptised 14 July, 1846.¹⁶

Mary, Richard and Patrick were not buried in the family grave. They may have immigrated, or died as babies.

Other possible offspring:

- **Johanna**, born 1835.¹⁷ Died 26th March, 1910, aged 75. She never married: her will administration named her as a spinster.¹⁸
- **Ellen**, died after 1910. She was mentioned in the Will administration for Johanna above, as Johanna's sister. She was said to be also a spinster.

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. Another possibility is that she was the wife of one of the sons, John, Richard or Patrick.

In the 1850s Griffiths Listings, 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.

Richard is also shown as the immediate landlord of (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 died 20th April 1854 aged 50. His will was probated in Waterford.¹⁹ Administration was assigned to his son Thomas, farmer, and also a beneficiary.²⁰

¹⁰ Mostly from the family grave. Baptism date from a baptism record:

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178507>

¹¹ <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/bf2eb82219732>

¹² <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179024>

¹³ Mostly from the family grave.

¹⁴ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0179759>

¹⁵ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0180419>

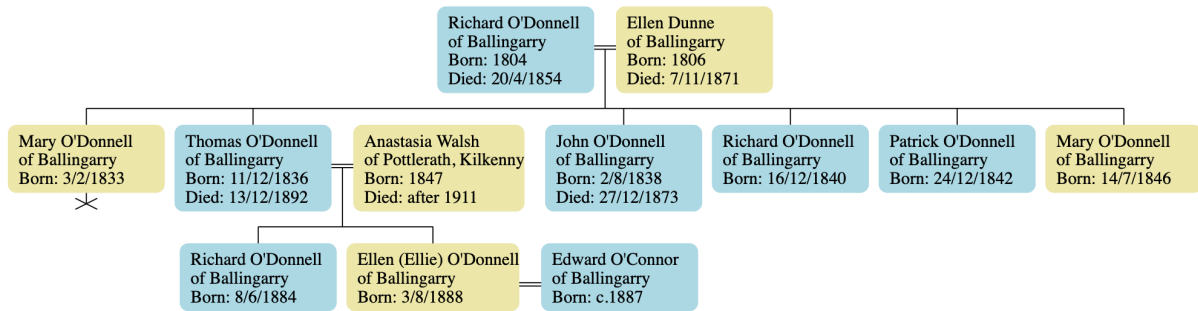
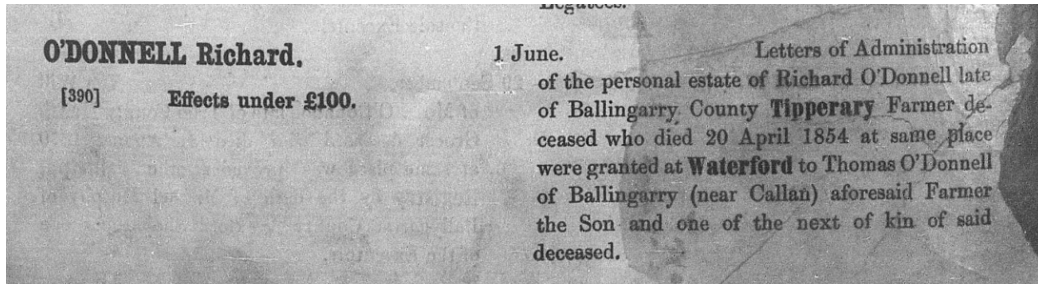
¹⁶ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0181662>

¹⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1910/05425/4516562.pdf

¹⁸ http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/reels/cwa/005014916/005014916_00597.pdf

¹⁹ http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/reels/cwa/005014889/005014889_00231.pdf

²⁰ Will Probate from Waterford. See details below.



2.1.1 Family of Thomas O'Donnell born 1836

Thomas son of Richard and Ellen, was baptised 11th December, 1836. He died 13th December, 1892, aged 56. He was a farmer. His cousin William O'Donnell was present at death.²¹

Thomas was too young to be mentioned in Griffiths, 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 Balingarry parish.

A marriage record shows he married **Anastasia Walsh**, born 1847²² on the 28 November, 1882, in Callan (Callan being 15km away, in Kilkenny).²³ Anastasia is listed in the 1911 Census as born in Co. Kilkenny, so it makes sense they married in that county. The marriage entry shows her residence as Hrickun, Kilkenny. The Civil marriage certificate shows her born in Pottlerath, Kilkenny.²⁴ 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.

The marriage entry shows Thomas as a farmer of Balingarry, and his father is given as Richard, so it is clear this is Thomas born 1836 from 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.

From the 1901 Census, we can see Thomas and Anastasia lived in Main St., Balingarry, 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:

²¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1893/06007/4709905.pdf

²² Counting back from age in the 1901 census, but ages in the census are often decreased.

²³ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/1103984/1>

²⁴ <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/bf2eb82219732>

- **Richard**, born 8th June, 1884.²⁵ 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 3rd August, 1888.²⁶

Thomas died 1892 and 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 living in the house (no occupation shown).

There is a marriage record between **Ellen O’Donnell** and **Edward O’Connor** in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballingarry. The date is given as 28th September, 1921.²⁷ Edward was a shopkeeper and son of a shopkeeper. 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). This is confirmed by a civil marriage record,²⁸ which also shows that Ellen’s father was Thomas, 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 more likely that this Ellen is the daughter of Thomas O’Donnell and Anastasia Walsh. It appears Ellen inherited the house when Anastasia died. The story does suggest that the Edward O’Connor took on the house of his wife’s family, and that this house was “the ancestral home of the O’Donnells”.

2.2 Family of Michael O’Donnell born 1810

Michael was the second son born to Thomas O’Donnell:1763 and Mary Marnell. He was born 1810. Michael was a shopkeeper, keeping a grocery store.²⁹ He was also a farmer.³⁰ He died 21st November, 1863, aged 53.

He married **Mary Walsh**, probably around 1832. She was born 1810,³¹ and died 26th September, 1887, aged 77.³² Her death registry says she was the widow of a shopkeeper, which matches.

They had a number of children, three of whom died young:

- **Anastasia**, died young.
- **Thomas**. **died young**.
- **Bridget**. died young
- **William**, born 19th February, 1847. Died 24th July, 1921.³³
- **Ally** (Alice), born 5th March, 1853.
- **Margaret**, 11 May 1856.

There is a Census Search Form Return for the 1841-1851 period (formed enter 1917) which was submitted by a “Mary (Maria) O’Donnell” with parents “Michael and Mary O’Donnell

²⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1884/02688/1989999.pdf

²⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1888/02503/1928057.pdf

²⁷ <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/2385f21195339>

²⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1923/09182/5321203.pdf

²⁹ He is said to be a shopkeeper in son Patrick’s marriage certificate, and the son is said elsewhere to be a grocer.

³⁰ Marriage entry of daughter Alice.

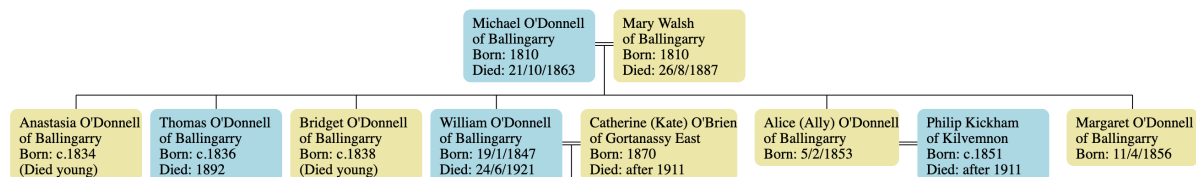
³¹ Birth year backdated from her age on the family grave. Note that backdating from her age on her death registry entry places her born 1812.

³² From grave and also the death registry:

https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1887/06202/4774156.pdf

³³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1921/05088/4396889.pdf

(Walsh)”, which suggests that another daughter may be Mary.³⁴ There is a birth record which is nearly unreadable, for a Mary O’Donnell with mother Mary Lodge, but my guess is that it is Walsh. This would place her born 16 July, 1837.



Mary Walsh’s death registry entry says her grandson Edward O’Connor was present at death, this in 1887. The most likely interpretation of this is that one of her daughters married an O’Connor. Of her known daughters, all either died young (Anastasia and Bridget), married someone who was not an O’Connor (Alice), or did not marry (Margaret). If perhaps the grave was wrong, then there was a Bridget O’Donnell who married a David O’Connors in Ballingarry in 1870,³⁵ which could match the Bridget daughter born c.1838. Maria O’Donnell was a sponsor, who may be the mother, Mary Walsh. It is then possible they had a son Edward, who would have been 17 or less when Mary died.

It is also possible that the Mary of the Census form was a daughter, and that she married an O’Connor. The 1911 Census shows Edward O’Connor as the son of Mary O’Connor, born county Kilkenny, shopkeeper in Main St. Ballingarry village. The link to the family trade of Michael O’Donnell is strong, and in the main street of the village. Edward was born 1875, so would have been 12 when Mary Walsh died. Mary O’Connor was born 1843 according to the census (but census ages are often younger than fact).³⁶ This may be the Mary who the Census search form suggests as another daughter to Michael and Mary. Maybe she existed, and married an O’Connor. The census says she was born in Kilkenny, but many of this line were.

Possibly related, there is a marriage record for the 1st September, 1873 of a Maria O’Donnell, born 1849, marrying a Michael O’Conner.³⁷ Her father is given as Michael O’Donnell, a shopkeeper (his place of residence is not shown). Note that she is shown as resident in Mullinahone, which is 10km south of Ballingarry village.

Another interpretation could be that the Edward O’Connor was the husband of a granddaughter, but Mary’s grandchildren were not old enough to be married at this point.

2.2.1 Family of 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 and Mary Walsh. Firstly, a birth certificate for 19th February, 1847 for William O’Donnell has parents Michael O’Donnell and Mary Walsh.³⁸ Note however that the place of birth is shown as Ballycallan, Kilkenny. This however matches up with the details of William in Ballingarry in 1911, 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

³⁴ <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=IRE%2FCENSUS%2F1821-51%2F007246700%2F01176&parentid=IRE%2FCENSUS%2FSEFO184151%2F105796>

³⁵ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/1322167/1>

³⁶ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai003365638/>

³⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1873/11281/8138500.pdf

³⁸ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/6619832>

and sisters to William. He 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. It seems William was not buried with the rest of his family, possibly he was buried with his mother's family in Kilkenny.

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

William married **Catherine (Kate) O'Brien** of Gortanassy (2km west of Ballingarry) on the 17th September, 1887.³⁹ 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 of the 1901/1911 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.

Kate was born 1870 and died sometime after 1911. She was the daughter of Hugh O'Brien, farmer of Gortanassy.

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 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 16th June, 1889.⁴⁰
- **Michael**, born 22nd February, 1891.⁴¹ He died on the 14th March, 1918, aged 26, unmarried.⁴²
- **Bridget**, born 14th February, 1893.⁴³
- **Hugh Thomas**, born 27th March, 1894.⁴⁴ Died 16th March, 1918, 2 days after his brother Michael. Hugh died from pneumonia.
- **Margaret**, born 13th May, 1895.⁴⁵
- **Francis Joseph**, born 9th May, 1897.⁴⁶
- **Patrick**, born 9th August, 1899.⁴⁷
- **Anastasia**, born 18th May, 1901.⁴⁸
- **Thomas William**, born 23rd April, 1909.⁴⁹

³⁹ <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/bbb70c2424994>

⁴⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1889/02471/1917541.pdf

⁴¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1891/02397/1893788.pdf

⁴² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1918/05184/4431640.pdf

⁴³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1893/02312/1866550.pdf

⁴⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1894/02258/1848974.pdf

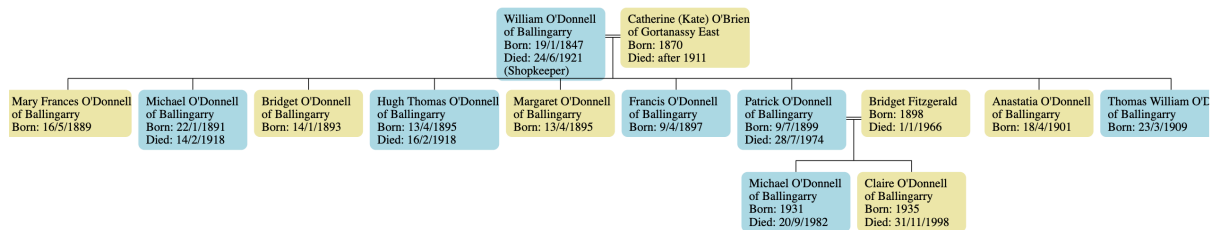
⁴⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1895/02202/1831999.pdf

⁴⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1897/02125/1807700.pdf

⁴⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1899/02026/1777027.pdf

⁴⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1918/01269/1526633.pdf

⁴⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1909/01599/1642591.pdf



As to when William died, one possibility is the following: William O'Donnell dead at Ballaghboy, 2km south of Ballingarry village. The witness at death was given as Michael O'Donnell, same name as the eldest son of William. He was 73 at death, and thus born 1848, which matches the birth record.

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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.⁵⁰ Thomas O'Donnell is listed as one of the principle farmers, of Ballingarry.

2.2.2 Family of Patrick born 1900

Another tablet on the family grave lists a family headed by Patrick born 1900, who is also shown in the 1901 Census as a son of William and Kate:

- **Patrick O'Donnell**, born 09 Aug 1899,⁵¹ died 28th August, 1974, aged 74.⁵²
 - He married **Bridget Mary Fitzgerald** on the 23rd May, 1926 in Dublin.⁵³ The marriage entry shows father as William O'Donnell. Bridget was born 23rd February, 1897,⁵⁴ and died 1st February, 1966 aged 68. She was the daughter of Martin Fitzgerald (1834-1899) from Foyle, and Mary Joseph Fennelly (1857-1911).⁵⁵
 - They had children:
 - **Michael**. Born 1931, died 20th October, 1982, aged 51.
 - **Claire**. Born 1935, died 31st December, 1998, aged 63 Years.

2.2.3 Alice and Margaret O'Donnell

The 1901 Census lists one more O'Donnell in Ballingarry:

- Residents of a house 18 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)
 - Kickham, Philip, born 1853, Head of Family
 - Kickham, Alice, born 1862, Wife.
 - O'Donnell, Margaret, born 1865, Sister in Law

⁵⁰ https://doras.gaois.ie/cbes/CBES_0563/CBES_0563_037.jpg?width=1600&quality=85

⁵¹ <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>

⁵² Death date from the family grave.

⁵³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1926/09120/5298668.pdf

⁵⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1897/02136/1811310.pdf

⁵⁵ <https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.britisles.ireland.tip.general/3184.2.1.2.2.2/mb.ashx>

Margaret is shown as not married, so she must be the sister to Alice. Alice and Margaret were thus O'Donnell by birth. Both are shown as grocer and draper, while Philip is a relieving officer (at least in the 1950s there was a police barracks in the town). Being shopkeepers, they might be related to William O'Donnell who was a shopkeeper in Ballingarry. Or they may both have accompanied Philip Kickham who was posted to the town. Note however a Philip Kickham was listed as living in Kilvemnon in 1878, 12 km south of Ballingarry.⁵⁶

There is a civil marriage registration between Philip Kickham and Alice O'Donnell for the 21st October, 1884.⁵⁷ Alice's residence was shown as Ballingarry, while Philip was shown as from Mullinahone (which is 10km south of Ballingarry village). Philip is shown as a farmer, and Alice as a shopkeeper. Alice's father is shown as Michael O'Donnell, dead, which matches Michael above.

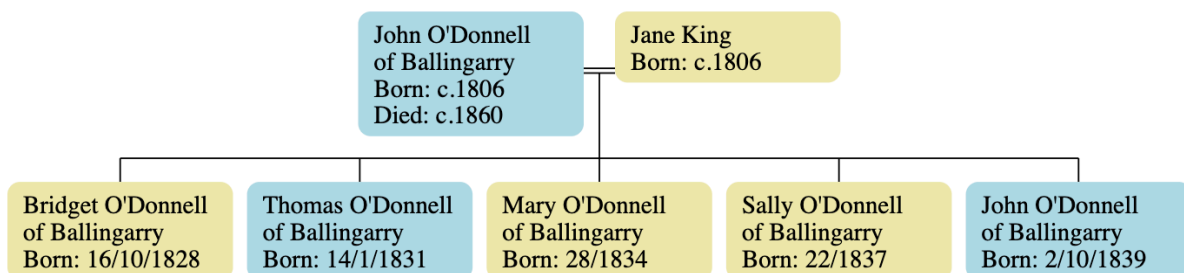
In terms of tracing Alice's birth, there is a baptism record for Ballingarry parish for an Alley O'Donnell born to Michael O'Donnell and Mary Walsh, born March 5 1853, in Ballingarry.⁵⁸ So, it is clear she is another daughter to the Michael and Mary from above, and a younger sister to William O'Donnell. And that would mean Margaret was another daughter to Michael and Mary. Note however the birth date from the 1901 census is inconsistent by 10 years. But the census ages were often fabricated by respondents, particularly women. A birth date of 1853 puts her the same age as her husband. Also, there is a Margaret O'Donnell born 11th May, 1856 to Michael and Mary.⁵⁹

2.3 Family of John O'Donnell

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.1804⁶⁰. He married **Jane King**, born c.1806. They are recorded as having at least 5 children:

- **Bridget**, baptised 16th November, 1828.
- **Thomas**, baptised 14th February, 1831.
- **Mary**, baptised 28 January, 1834.⁶¹
- **Sally**, baptised 22 Jan 1837.⁶²
- **John**, baptised 2nd November, 1839.



⁵⁶ <https://lists.rootsweb.com/hyperkitty/list/cotipperary.rootsweb.com/thread/2764274/>

⁵⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1884/10920/5989630.pdf

⁵⁸ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0183029>

⁵⁹ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0183530>

⁶⁰ Backdating from first child.

⁶¹ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0177642>

⁶² <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0178547>

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 a rate collector and a shopkeeper.⁶³

The following is from a story written by a schoolchild in Ballingarry in the 1930s.⁶⁴ 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.

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,⁶⁵ 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

⁶³ From the story mentioned just below.

⁶⁴ <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4922245/4863913/5021455?ChapterID=4922245>

⁶⁵ Report of the Trial of W. S. O'Brien for High Treason, p13

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 O'Donnell telling the story, a John O'Donnell born in the 1820s, says:

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

Now, 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 suggests a family link. The story also refers to Edward O'Connor, who married Ellie O'Donnell, from the side of Richard. 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.

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.

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

2.4 Evidences for this family

2.4.1 Grave

*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*

Underneath:

*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*

2.4.2 Baptism Mary O'Donnell

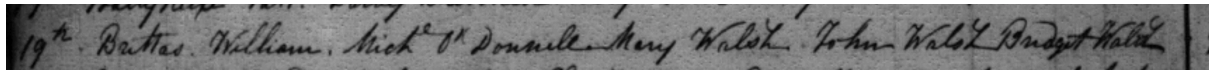
3rd February, 1833, Ballingarry Parish. Parents Richard O'Donnell and Ellen Dunn. Sp. John O'Donnell and Cath Dunn.



A photograph of a handwritten baptism record on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Mary of Rich^d O'Donnell & Ellen Dunn Sp. John O'Donnell & Cath Dunn".

2.4.3 Baptism William O'Donnell

Baptism 19th February, 1847 In Ballycallan, Co. Kilkenny.



2.4.4 1901 Census for Patrick

Patrick is shown as born in Kilkenny. This matches the birth certificate which says he was born Ballincallan.

Residents of a house 17 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

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

2.4.5 1911 Census for William

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

Residents of a house 1 in Barrack Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

- O'Donnell William 64 Head of Family
- 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 Servant

2.4.6 1901 Census for Anastasia O'Donnell

Residents of a house 1 in Main Street (Ballingarry, Tipperary)

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

2.4.7 Book of County Tipperary of 1889

Book of County Tipperary of 1889 lists:

- William O'Donnell as "Grocers and Spirits".
- Thomas O'Donnell is listed under Farmers and Residents.

2.4.8 Marriage Certificate William and Kate

William and Kate married 17th September, 1887. She was Kate O'Brien, daughter of a farmer, from Gortanassy (Gortanacy in the marriage document), which is 2km from Ballingarry. His father is recorded as Michael O'Donnell, a shopkeeper. So, William is probably a son of Michael born 1810. William might not have been shown on the grave if he had his own grave, or immigrated, or was buried with his wife in her family grave.

1887 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballingarry in the Registrar's District of Ballingarry
in the Union of Callan in the County of Likierary

No. (1.)	When Married. (2.)	Name and Surname. (3.)	Age. (4.)	Condition. (5.)	Rank or Profession. (6.)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7.)	Father's Name and Surname. (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9.)
63	September 17 1887	William Donnell	Full	Bachelor	Shopkeeper	Ballingarry	Michael O'Donnell	Shopkeeper
		Kate O'Brien	Full	Spinster	Daughter of a Farmer	Gortanassy	Joseph O'Brien	Farmer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballingarry according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Liam Conroy P.P.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William O'Donnell and Kate O'Brien in the Presence of us, James Funnally and Geoffrey O'Brien

Richard James Donnell Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the District of Ballingarry in the County of Likierary, do hereby Certify, That this is a true copy of the Registrar's Book of Marriages within the Union of Callan in the County of Likierary and Marjaret Hanrahan Number 60, to the Entry of the Marriage of William O'Donnell and Kate O'Brien Number 63 Witness my hand, this 20th day of October 1887 Richard Funnally Registrar.

Witness my hand, this 21st day of October 1887 Wm. J. Kelly Superintendent Registrar.

2.4.9 Marriage Certificate Thomas and Anastasia

1882 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Kilmanagh in the Registrar's District of Callan
in the Union of Callan in the County of Kilkenny

No. (1.)	When Married. (2.)	Name and Surname. (3.)	Age. (4.)	Condition. (5.)	Rank or Profession. (6.)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7.)	Father's Name and Surname. (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9.)
57	November 28th 1882	Thomas O'Donnell	Full	Bachelor	Farmer	Ballingarry	Richard O'Donnell	Farmer
		Anastasia Walsh	Full	Spinster		Pottlerath	John Walsh (alias)	Farmer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Kilmanagh according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Patrick O'Donnell C.C.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas O'Donnell and Anastasia Walsh in the Presence of us, William O'Donnell and Catherine Butler

J. Walsh Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the District of Callan in the Union of Callan in the County of Kilkenny, do hereby Certify, That this is a true copy of the Registrar's Book of Marriages within the said District from the Entry of the Marriage of Thomas O'Donnell and Anastasia Walsh Number 57, to the Entry of the Marriage of Thomas O'Donnell and Anastasia Walsh Number 57 Witness my hand, this 18th day of December 1882 J. Walsh Registrar.

2.4.10 Tithes Lists

PARISH OF BALLINGARRY - 1824

- O'DONNELL, THOS. 14-3-14 BALLINGARRY

1834

Odonnell	Thos	Ballingarry	Ballingarry	Slievardagh	1834
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2.4.11 Griffiths

Griffiths Final lists the following O'Donnells holding land in Ballingarry Parish:

- Richard O'Donnell, lot 29 of Ballingarry Upper, Land only, 12 acres.
- Richard O'Donnell, lot 30 of Ballingarry Upper, Land only, 23 acres.
- Richard O'Donnell, lot 9 of Callan Road, Village of Ballingarry, house, office and yard.
- John O'Donnell, lot 43 of Callan Road, village of Ballingarry, house, office and yard.

Also, Richard O'Donnell was shown as the immediate landlord (held from Matthew Pennefeather) of lots 1 to 15 of Callan Road. Richard himself occupied only one of the lots (lot 9).

John O'Donnell was also shown as landlord for several houses:

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

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- [O'Donnell, John](#), 1848, 27 Nov 1848, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, , Ballingarry,
- [O'Donnell, Mary](#), 1848, 27 Nov 1848, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, , Ballingarry,
- [O'Donnell, Richard](#), 1848, 27 Nov 1848, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, , Ballingarry,
- [O'Donnell, Richard](#), 1848, 27 Nov 1848, House book, Tipperary, Slievardagh, , Ballingarry,

2.5 Evidences for family of John O'Donnell

2.5.1 Baptism of John O'Donnell 1839

- First name(s) John
- Last name O'Donnell
- Baptism date 02 Nov 1839
- Residence Ballingarry
- Parish Ballingarry
- Diocese Cashel and Emlly
- Country Ireland
- Father's first name(s) John
- Father's last name O'Donnell
- Mother's first name(s) Jane
- Mother's last name King

2.5.2 Story of John O'Donnell

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Seán Ó Dónnail (John O'Donnell.)
 "O'Donnell of Tipperary"

In the collection of poems called the "Spirit of Tipperary" there is a poem - "O'Donnell of Tipperary". John O'Donnell, a farmer from Ballingarry was brought forward compulsorily by the Crown to give evidence at the trial of Smith O'Brien. When called on to give evidence he answered

"Bring me out with a file of soldiers and put a pile of bullets in me but I will never swear."

The following information was supplied by Mr. Edward O'Connor, Ballingarry, Thurles who lives in the ancestral home of the O'Donnells and is married to one of the descendants of John O'Donnell.

He was born in our house at home. When he got married he went to live in Kichham's house on the cross. He was ratecollector and had a shop. When Smith O'Brien came to Ballingarry the time of the '48 rising John O'Donnell brought

him in and gave him his dinner and kept him for the night. He was arrested and brought to Blomel to give evidence against Smith O'Brien but he would not give it. He was sent to jail for two years. When he came home he lost his job and he had to go to America. He died there not long after and was buried there.