

O'Donnells in Baptistgrange Civil Parish, Barony of Middlethird

1 Introduction

The document is part of an effort I am undertaking to compile family trees for all O'Donnells in Southern Tipperary, whether related to me or not. The sparsity of information for family history prior to 1850 means that it is often difficult to follow one's own ancestors backwards. By compiling a record of all O'Donnells upwards from whatever records exists makes it easier for a family researcher to find where their ancestor might fit in.

This particular document compiles information on O'Donnell families based in Baptistgrange Civil Parish, Southern Tipperary. It is in the Barony of Middlethird. Note however that Milltownbratton is often associated more to Powerstown Catholic Parish, which is within Barony of Iffa and Offa East, connected to Clonmel for administration.

1.1 A note on date estimation

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

- Years preceded by "a." (e.g., "a.1766") indicates that the year was calculated from age at a known date, e.g., if someone was 76 on the 1st May, 1876, then their birth year is given as a.1800.
- Years preceded by "c." (e.g., "c.1766") indicates that the year is a rough estimate using simple metrics:
 - Women are assumed to marry at 22, men at 24.
 - Couple are assumed to have their first child two years after marriage.
 - Births are assumed to be spaced two years apart.
 - Women are assumed to be two years younger than their husbands.

While these metrics are often not true in the individual case, they do provide a means to get a ballpark date for births and marriages. In most cases, I have found the calculated date to be fairly accurate when confirmed by real data.

2 Townlands

- [Ballygambon](#)
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In the 1901 and 1911 Censuses, these townlands are split between Colman DED and Kiltinan DED.

3 Carrigeensharraigh

3.1 Bridget McDonnell and Michael Stokes

This couple moved here after marrying in 1903. Bridget was from Rosegreen, daughter of Edmond McDonnell. See *O'Donnells of Tullamain CP* for more details

4 Milltownbratton

Also called Milltownbritton and Miltown Britton.

4.1 Richard O'Donnell

The 1833 Tithes List shows a Richard O'Donnell holding 37 acres of middling quality land in Milltown Britton.¹ Townland listed as "Milltown Britain & Kneevé".

The 1846 Griffiths House book lists a Richard O'Donnell holding a medium size house (80 measures) and 5 outbuildings here in November, 1846.² He was still listed in the August 1848 version.³ However, the final version of the book shows no O'Donnells holding house or land there in the early 1850s.

4.2 John Daniel and Ellen Casey

John Daniel was born c.1820. He lived in Powerstown Parish, most probably Milltown Britton. He worked as a Labourer, probably a Farm Labourer. He married **Ellen Casey** on the 19th February, 1944 in Powerstown Parish.⁴

They had children:

- **Timothy (Tade) Daniel**, baptised 5th January, 1845.⁵
- **Thomas**, baptised 21st May, 1847.⁶

The rarity of the name Timothy in the county at that time suggests a possibility that John came from either Barrettstown or Knockgraffon, both areas where Timothy occurs.

Son **Timothy** was living in Milltown Britton in 1870, which was probably his parent's house. Milltown Britton was part of Powerstown Catholic Parish for some records (also known as Lisonagh Parish), which links culturally to Clonmel, later placed in Kiltinan Parish, also in Clonmel area, but in later records, Milltown Britton was linked administratively to Baptistgrange Civil Parish, and thus in Fethard area.

Timothy married **Catherine Downey** on the 25th November, 1870.⁷ She was a Servant from Grange (possibly Grangebeg), daughter of John Downey, a Labourer. **Maria Daniel** was witness, possibly a sister of Timothy.

The couple lived in Milltown Britton for all their lives together. Timothy's occupation was variously recorded as Labourer, Farm Servant, Agricultural Labourer. Neither Timothy nor Catherine could read.

¹ http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab/004587407/004587407_00459.pdf

² http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE_CENSUS_1821-51_007246818_01311.pdf

³ http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE_CENSUS_1821-51_007246818_01349.pdf

⁴ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F1314364%2F2>

⁵ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4497317>

⁶ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F0411809>

⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1870/11404/8187513.pdf

They had children, all born in Milltown Britton:

- **Maria (Mary)**, born 3rd August, 1872,⁸ baptised 4th August, 1872.⁹ Godmother was Anne O'Donnell, possibly a sister of Timothy.
- **Ellen**, born 24th July, 1874,¹⁰ baptised 26th July, 1874.¹¹
- **John**, born 27th September, 1876,¹² baptised 30th September, 1876.¹³ On his parish registry, there was a note added "periculum mortis" (risk of death).
- **Thomas**, born 3rd April, 1879,¹⁴ baptised 6th April, 1879.¹⁵ Godfather was Peter O'Donnell, possibly a brother of Timothy
- **Alice**, born 6th November, 1881.¹⁶
- **Bridget**, born 20th May, 1884.¹⁷
- **Catherine**, born 17th August, 1886.¹⁸
- **Timothy (Tim)**, born 15th August, 1889.¹⁹

For the first children, the births were registered by **Ellen Daniel**, of Milltown Britton, probably Timothy's mother.

The 1901 census shows Timothy and Catherine still alive, and only three children at home, John, Catherine and Timothy:

1901 Census: house 1 in Miltown Britton (Kiltinan, Tipperary)²⁰

- Daniell, Timothy, 58, Head of Family, Farm servant
- Daniell, Catherine, 48, Wife, Farm servant
- Daniell, John, 24, Son, Farm servant
- Daniell, Catherine, 14, Daughter
- Daniell, Timothy, 11, Son

For the 1911 Census, both parents still alive, and only one daughter at home:

1911 Census: house 5 in Milltown Britton (Kiltinan, Tipperary)²¹

- Daniel, Timothy, 65, Head of Family, Agricultural Labourer
- Daniel, Kate, 60, Wife
- Daniel, Kattie, 23, Daughter

The census indicated that the couple had had 8 children, all of whom were still alive. The census also indicated that the couple had been married 36 years, thus married in a.1875.

Timothy the father died on the 26th April, 1921, aged 75.²² Residence given as Miltown. His son Thomas registered the death, also resident of Miltown.

Catherine the mother died 6 years later, on the 14th May, 1927, aged 65.²³ Occupation given as Housekeeper. Son Tim registered the death. His residence given as Clara Offaly.

⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1872/03231/2184562.pdf

⁹ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/5977612>

¹⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1874/03134/2149267.pdf

¹¹ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/6470150>

¹² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1876/03041/2115035.pdf

¹³ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/4445999>

¹⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1879/02916/2068231.pdf

¹⁵ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/5977664>

¹⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1881/02802/2028377.pdf

¹⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1884/02688/1990065.pdf

¹⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1886/02589/1956678.pdf

¹⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1889/02461/1914146.pdf

²⁰ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kiltinan/Miltown_Britton/1712339/

²¹ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kiltinan/Milltown_Britton/819400/

²² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1921/05094/4399179.pdf

²³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1927/04974/4355184.pdf

The following grave from Powerstown Cemetery shows some details of this family's deaths.



4.2.1 Mary daughter of Timothy

In 1904, daughter **Mary** was living in Oldwall St, Clonmel, (possibly now Kickham St.) a domestic servant. She married **John Casey** on the 26th November, 1904, in Ss Peters and Pauls.²⁴ He was a Labourer of Irishtown, Clonmel, son of John Casey, a labourer, dead at that time. John's occupation was variously given as Labourer, Car-man or Carter.

Mary and John had children:

- **John Casey**, born 8th December, 1905. Residence given as James St.
- **Timothy (Teddie)**, born 26th January, 1908.²⁵
- **Katherine (Kathleen) Casey**, born 18th February, 1910.²⁶
- **Charles Casey**, born 30th March 1912.²⁷

In the 1911 Census, John Casey was a carter. Mary's brother John was also living with them. He was not married, and also working as a Carter.

1911 Census: house 2 in James' Street (Clonmel East Urban, Tipperary)²⁸

- Casey, John, 38, Head of Family, Carter, born Clonmel.
- Casey, Maria, 33, Wife, married 6 years (a.1905), 3 children born, none dead. Born Miltown, Co. Tipperary.
- Casey, John, 5, Son
- Casey, Teddie, 3, Son
- Casey, Kathleen, 1, Daughter
- Daniell, John, 31, Brother in Law, Carter, Single. Born Miltown, Co. Tipperary.

The census shows that as of February, 1911, three children had been born, all still alive.

²⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1904/10218/5719637.pdf

²⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1908/01652/1659327.pdf

²⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1910/01579/1636028.pdf

²⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1912/01489/1605675.pdf

²⁸ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Clonmel_East_Urban/James_Street/817229/

4.2.2 Ellen daughter of Timothy

Daughter **Ellen** married **William Condon** on the 24th November, 1892.²⁹ He was from Kiltinan Parish, son of James Condon, a Labourer. One witness was Maria Daniel, potentially a sister to Ellen.

They lived in Grangebeg, which being in Kiltinan Parish, was probably his father's farm. Also possible is this was the house of Ellen's mother, who came from Grange, which may be Grangebeg. He was listed at different times as Labourer, Steward, and later, a Farmer.

They had children:

- **James Condon**, born 13th October, 1896.³⁰ The birth was registered by Kate Daniel, of Miltown Britton, probably Ellen's mother.

Ellen died 17th June, 1925, aged 50.³¹ William registered the death. **William** died 9th June, 1928, aged 64.³² His son James registered the death, his residence also Grangebeg.

4.2.3 John son of Timothy

John was born 1876, son of Timothy O'Donnell and Catherine Downey. He was at home for the 1901 Census, but out by the 1911 Census.

Possible death: John Daniel died 5th April, 1902 aged 28.³³ He was a Labourer, died of Phthisis, in the Workhouse Hospital.

4.2.4 Thomas son of Timothy

In 1901, **Thomas** son of Timothy was working as a farm labourer in the Carew farm, in Grangebeg.³⁴ He was still there for the 1911 Census.

In 1928, he was living in Pilltown, Co. Kilkenny, working as a Labourer (aged 49). He married **Margaret O'Gorman** on the 25th April, 1928.³⁵ She was born a.1905, and was a servant of Pilltown, daughter of Daniel O'Gorman, a Labourer. One witness was Katherine Casey, who might be his niece, daughter of his sister Mary.

Thomas died 8th January, 1960, aged 81.³⁶ Occupation given as Labourer. Residence given as Pilltown. His wife Margaret reported the death.

Margaret died on the 30th June, 1992, aged 87 years.³⁷

The couple had children, one daughter married a Mr Stokes, who had a son John. He is the current occupant of Miltown House, possibly a house in Milltown Britton.

4.2.5 Alice daughter of Timothy

Alice was born 1881 daughter of Timothy Daniel and Catherine Downey. By 1901, she was living in house 3 in Grangebeg, working as a domestic servant:

1901 Census: house 3 in Grangebeg (Kiltinan, Tipperary)³⁸

- Carew, Richard, 60, Head of Family, Farmer, Widower, born ?Heland, Co. Tipp.
- Hearn, Mary, 40, Aunt, not married, Born Co. Waterford.

²⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1892/10654/5881803.pdf

³⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1896/02147/1814835.pdf

³¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1925/05008/4367558.pdf

³² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1928/04955/4348136.pdf

³³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1902/05692/4604632.pdf

³⁴ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kiltinan/Grangebeg/1712365/>

³⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1928/09082/5285598.pdf

³⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1960/04345/4124681.pdf

³⁷ From the family grave.

³⁸ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kiltinan/Grangebeg/1712365/>

- Carew, Lucy, 21, Daughter
- Carew, Agnes, 19, Daughter
- Carew, Frances, 25, Daughter, invalid.
- Daniell, Alice, 19, Domestic Servant, born Co. Tipp.
- Daniell, Thomas, 21, Servant, Labourer, born Co. Tipp

Alice's brother Thomas was working on the Carew farm also.

By the 1911 census, Alice and Thomas were still working for the Carew's:

1911 Census: house 2 in Grangebeg (Kiltinan, Tipperary)³⁹

- Brien, Patrick, 27, Head of Family
- Brien, Agnus, 29, Wife
- Carew, Richard, 70, Father in Law
- Hearn, Mary, 60, Aunt in Law
- Daniel, Alice, 29, General Domestic
- Daniel, Thomas, 33, Farm Servant

Alice married **John O'Brien** on the 28th February, 1924.⁴⁰ He was a Carpenter of Bannixtown, son of Denis O'Brien, a Carpenter. Alice was still living in Grangebeg at the time. Her sister Ellen (Nellie) Condon was witness.

4.2.6 Bridget daughter of Timothy

Bridget was born 1884 daughter of Timothy Daniel and Catherine Downey. She was not home for the 1901 or 1911 Censuses, but should have been alive by 1911, as the census for her parents indicated all children still alive.

Possible marriage: to Patrick Coman on the 12th February, 1912 in Cashel Parish.⁴¹ Father given as Tim O'Donnell, Farmer. Note Tim was not elsewhere recorded as a Farmer.

4.2.7 Catherine daughter of Timothy

Catherine was born 1886 daughter of Timothy Daniel and Catherine Downey. She was living at home for both the 1901 and 1911 Censuses. In 1913, she was living in Powerstown, just above Clonmel, working as a Servant. She married **John Boland** on the 25th June, 1913.⁴² He was a Labourer of Powerstown, son of Thomas Boland. Catherine's sister Alice was witness.

By 1915, John was working as a Postman. The couple was living in ?Gunwalsh. Catherine died two years later, on the 3rd July, 1915.⁴³ She died from an accidental haemorrhage.

4.2.8 Timothy son of Timothy

Timothy son of Timothy was born 1889. He was living at home, aged 11, for the 1901 census, but no sign of him in the 1911 census. He married **Johanna Morris** on the 9th January, 1918.⁴⁴ She was born a.1891.⁴⁵ She was a Domestic Servant, from Knockanclash, Kilsheelan, daughter of Patrick Morris, a Labourer. Witnesses were Tim's brother Thomas and sister Alice. They had children:

- **Monica**, born 25th February, 1919.⁴⁶

³⁹ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kiltinan/Grangebeg/819420/>

⁴⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1924/09156/5311507.pdf

⁴¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1918/09730/5530614.pdf

⁴² <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kilcass/Kilcass/1711986/>

⁴³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1915/05264/4460637.pdf

⁴⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1918/09705/5520714.pdf

⁴⁵ From age at death.

⁴⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1919/01253/1520896.pdf

- **Patrick**, born c.1922.

At the death of Tim's mother in 1927, he registered the death, and his residence was given as Clara, Co. Offaly. (Registration district is Tullamore)

Johanna died on the 12th May, 1949, aged 58. Occupation given as Housekeeper. Daughter Monica recorded the death.

Tim died on the 12th August, 1956, aged 66. Occupation given as Labourer, residence as Clara, Co. Offaly. He was marked as a widower. His son Patrick registered the death (his residence given as Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath).

Daughter **Monica** was still unmarried in 1949 (aged 30), and living in Clara when her mother died.

Son **Patrick** was still alive and living in Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath when his father died in 1956.

4.2.9 Ancestry Board

There is an ancestry board discussion on this family:

<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.britisles.ireland.tip.general/8335>

Hillary's great-grandmother was Ellen daughter of Timothy, married William Condon.

4.3 Timothy O'Donnell

A Timothy O'Donnell, born a.1880, was working as a Farm Servant in house 3 of Milltown Britton in 1901. He was not the Timothy son of Timothy above, as he was 8 years too old, and that Timothy was shown at home in the census. He was born Co. Tipperary, but no obvious births present themselves.

1901 Census: house 3 in Milltown Britton (Kiltinan, Tipperary)⁴⁷

- Carroll, Patrick, 45, Head of Family
- Carroll, Winifred, 35, Wife
- Carroll, Patrick, 2, Son
- Carroll, Michael, 1, Son
- Conan, Statia, 23, Servant
- Leahy, Norah, 17, Servant
- Lonergan, David, 23, Servant
- **Donnell, Timothy**, 21, Farm Servant, born Co. Tipp.

5 Newtown

6 Sladagh

6.1 Family of John O'Donnell

John O'Donnell was born c.xxx. He was a farmer, possibly in Sladagh. He married UNKN in c.1845. They had children:

- **Patrick**, born c.1849.

⁴⁷ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kiltinan/Milltown_Britton/819398/

By 1873, **Patrick** was farming, living in Sladagh. Patrick married **Mary Mara** on the 20th February, 1873.⁴⁸ Mary was from Ballyvaden, daughter of Andrew Mara, a farmer. Patrick and Mary had children:

- **John**, born 27th October, 1873.⁴⁹ Patrick was given as a dairyman.

7 Tooreen

⁴⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1873/11264/8207706.pdf

⁴⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1873/03172/2163448.pdf