

O'Donnells of Rathronan Civil Parish, Middlethird

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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 **Rathronan Civil Parish**, just north of Clonmel, Southern Tipperary. It is in the **Barony of Iffa and Offa East**.

This civil parish did correspond to the Catholic Parish of Rathronan, although that was incorporated into St Mary's, Clonmel after (guess) 1850. Parish records for Rathronan occupants can be found in Powerstown Parish to the north and St. Mary's Clonmel to the south (and possibly Ss. Peter's and Pauls, Clonmel as well).

Parish baptisms and marriages for Powerstown Parish are available from 1808. For St. Mary's, baptism records are available from 1790 (with gaps up to 1797), and marriages from 1797.

For civil records (births, marriages and deaths), all records for Rathronan Civil Parish are within the Clonmel administrative district.

Rathronan CP includes townlands:

- Ardgeeha Lower
- Ardgeeha
- Boherduff
- Clashaniska Lower
- Clashaniska Upper
- Clear's Land
- Giantsgrave
- Parkville
- Rathduff Lower
- Rathduff Upper
- Rathronan
- Rathronan Demense

In addition, a location called Pass is sometimes referenced, which seems to be just adjacent to Giantsgrave.

The Catholic Parish seems to have included Jamestown and Rathkeevan (currently in Newchapel Civil Parish), Lawlestown (now Kiltinan CP) and Haywood (now St Marys Clonmel).

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.

1.1 Hearth Rolls 1764-6

No O’Donnells/Daniels in the Hearth Rolls for Rathronan.

1.2 Tithes List 1824

No O’Donnells/Daniels in the Tithes List for any Rathronan townlands.

1.3 Griffiths Evaluations 1852

Only one O’Donnell in Rathronan Parish.

Rathronan townland

9	A B	Patrick O'Donnell,	Michael Scott,	Garden,	0 0 8	0 1 0	0 14 0
-	A B	Patrick Bryan,	Major William M. Hamerton,	House, offices, and land,	21 2 9	18 3 0	2 16 0

2 Ardgeeha

2.1 James Daniel and daughter Catherine

James Daniel was born c.1820. He married UNKN in c.1844. They had children:

- **Catherine**, born c.1846.

In 1870, **Catherine** was living in Ardgeeha, probably with her family. No Griffiths entries however for O’Donnells in Ardgeeha (1846-1852). She had no occupation, suggesting she was still at home.

Catherine married James Butterly on the 31st May 1870.¹ He was a baker of Irishtown, son of John Butterly, a Baker. This was his second marriage; his previous wife must have died.

However, **James died** soon after. **Catherine** married a second time, this time to **Richard Hackett**, a farmer of Russelstown, on the 3rd February, 1876.² He was son of Pierce Hackett, a Farmer.

¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1870/11387/8181036.pdf

² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1876/11162/8089273.pdf

2.2 Ellen O'Donnell

For the 1901 census, **Ellen O'Donnell** was resident in House 2 of Ardgeeha townland (only two houses in the townland).^{3 4} She was recorded as sister to the head of house, Michael Flaherty. This suggests that Ellen was a Flaherty before marriage. Her age was given as 66 (thus born a.1835), a widow, with "income from houses". Born Co. Tipp.

Probably married around c.1858. No sign of marriage in Co. Tipp.

Another possibility is that she was the sister to Michael Flaherty's wife. But the 1911 census listed Ellen as O'Flaherty, suggesting she was sister to Michael.

2.3 Edward O'Donnell

1911 Census: house 2 in Ardgeeha Lower (Clonmel Rural, Tipperary)⁵

- Neill, Jeremiah, 51, Head of Family
- Neill, Sarah, 50, Wife
- Neill, James, 17, Son
- Neill, Laurence, 15, Son
- **O'Donnell, Edward**, 30, Boarder, Corn Merchant, Single, Born Co. Tipp.

2.4 John O'Donnell

John O'Donnell was born a.1920. He was son of a farmer of Ardgeeha, on the outskirts of Clonmel. He did not marry.⁶ He died on the 16th June, 1950, aged 30.⁷ He died in the Clonmel Mental Hospital. He is buried in Plot 2/66/Ic in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel.

3 Rathronan

3.1 Hugh O'Donnell and Bridget Nugent

Hugh O'Donnell was born a.1774. He was a Farmer or Miller of Rathronan. He married **Bridget Nugent** in c.1798.⁸ They had children:

- Hugh, born c.1802. He immigrated to the States.
- Patrick, born a.1800.

Hugh the father died on the 30th March, 1839, aged 65. His wife **Bridget** died on the 5th April, 1855, aged 65.

Another grave in Newchapel graveyard may be related, given the rareness of name Hugh, and the connection with the name Patrick:

³ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai003915496/>

⁴ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai003915499/>

⁵ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Clonmel_Rural/Ardgeeha_Lower/819036/

⁶ His death registration indicated he was a bachelor.

⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1950/04524/4191562.pdf

⁸ The transcription of the family graves shows her born a.1790, but this would be difficult, as she would then have had a child aged 10. I assume one of the years on the grave were mis-transcribed. Alternatively, this may have been a second marriage, with son Patrick from a previous marriage.

Erected by Patrick O'Donnell, in memory of his father Hugh O'Donnell, died July 12th 1796, aged 86 years.

This would suggest that Hugh born a.1774 may have been the son (or grandson) of **Hugh born 1710**. This Hugh died 12th July, 1796, aged 86. This would also suggest Hugh born a.1774 had a **brother or uncle named Patrick**, and would explain why he named his children Hugh and Patrick.

Son Patrick took over the mill of his father (or started one). He married **Margaret UNKN** in c.1824.⁹ One possible marriage is that of Patrick Daniel and Margaret Quirke on the 9th August 1829 in St. Mary's church, Clonmel.¹⁰ Alternatively, Margaret may have come from further away, and weddings usually took place in the woman's parish.

The 1837 Topographical Dictionary of Ireland indicates for Rathronan:

A flour mill is situated on a stream which flows through the parish.

The 1846 Griffiths House books show 17 houses in Rathronan, one owned by Patrick O'Donnell, with a large house (84 measures), stable, tank house, barn, open shed, piggery.¹¹ The final Griffiths Book showed him with 21 acres of land, being Lot 9a. A Map below (from the Griffiths Evaluation) shows Lot 9a to the east of the church, and the flour mill to the north of the church.



⁹ His death registry shows him married, and Margaret O'Donnell was present-at-death.

¹⁰ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FMAR%2F1058025%2F1>

¹¹ http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/vob/IRE_CENSUS_1821-51_007246815_01171.pdf

Patrick died 16th April, 1874, aged 72 (from civil death registration).¹² Residence given as Rathronan. However, the family grave showed he died 20th April, 1874, aged 74. His occupation was shown as Miller.

Most of the above was based on a grave in Newchapel graveyard:

Erected by Hugh O'Donnell, USA, in memory of his father, Hugh O'Donnell of Rathronan, who died March 30th 1839, aged 65 years. His mother Bridget O'Donnell, alias Nugent, who died April 5th 1855 aged 65 years. Also his brother, Patrick O'Donnell, who died April 20th 1874, aged 74 years. RIP.

I believe Patrick and Margaret had a son:

- **Michael**, born a.1845,¹³ or a.1851.¹⁴

The connection is indirect: Michael was also of Rathronan, and also a Miller, which suggests he took over his father's mill. His marriage record shows his father was Patrick, a farmer, which all fits.

A possible baptism for Michael is that on 12th October, 1843, of Patrick O'Donnell and Margaret O'Neil in Powerstown Parish.¹⁵ Edmond O'Donnell was godfather, possibly a brother of Patrick. This parish is immediately above Rathronan, and it makes sense Michael would have been baptised there. The couple had another child: Thomas Michael born 1850.¹⁶

Another possible daughter for Patrick and Margaret, a **Mary O'Donnell**, servant in Clonmel, married in 1978. She was recorded as daughter of Patrick O'Donnell, a Miller. She could be from this family.¹⁷

Michael married **Margaret Moore** on the 10th February, 1880.¹⁸ His residence was given as Rathronan, his occupation as Farmer. She was from Deerpark, also a farmer, daughter of John Moore, a farmer. They married in the church of Fourmilewater in Co. Waterford.

For all records after this, residence was given as Rathronan. It is clear they occupied a farm in Rathronan townland. Michael's occupation was variously given as Miller (1881-1884) and Farmer (1901, 1911).

Michael and Margaret had children:

- **Margaret**, born 25th February, 1881.¹⁹
- **Patrick**, born 4th September, 1882.²⁰
- **John**, born 12th May, 1884.²¹

The family is shown in the 1901 census, both children at home, but John not.

1901 Census: house 4 in Rathronan (Clonmel Rural, Tipperary)²²

¹² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1874/020658/7248730.pdf

¹³ Age in 1911 Census and age at death.

¹⁴ Age in 1901 Census.

¹⁵ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4873939>

¹⁶ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPRS%2FBAP%2F4814155>

¹⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1878/11120/8071137.pdf

¹⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1880/11030/8033417.pdf

¹⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1881/02838/2040174.pdf

²⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1882/02768/2015819.pdf

²¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1884/02688/1990056.pdf

²² http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Clonmel_Rural/Rathronan/1710008/

- Donnell, Michael, 50, Head of Family, Farmer
- Donnell, Margaret, 38, Wife, born Co. Tipp.
- Donnell, Margaret, 18, Daughter
- Donnell, Patrick, 17, Son

John is missing from the census. No sign of a death. It is possible he is the apprentice shoe maker living in house 3 of Main St, Clonmel for the 1901 Census.²³

Margaret the mother died on the 27th June, 1902, aged 46.²⁴ She died of chronic rheumatism. Husband Michael was present-at-death.

1911 Census: a house 4 in Rathronan (Clonmel Rural, Tipperary)²⁵

- O'Donnell, Michael, 66, Head of Family, Widower, Farmer, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Margaret, 28, Farmer's Daughter
- O'Donnell, Patrick, 27, Farmer's Son
- Moore, Mary, 35, Sister in Law, single, born Co. Waterford
- Fahey, Richard, 17, Servant

Note the sister in law, Mary Moore, not married, would be the sister of his dead wife.

Daughter Margaret married John Ryan on the 28th April, 1915.²⁶ He was a farmer of Cathaganstown, son of Michael Ryan, a farmer.

Michael the father died on the 7th November, 1919, aged 74.²⁷ He was a widower, indicating Margaret died before him. He was still in Rathronan, a farmer. His son Patrick was present at death.

Patrick the son died on the 8th January, 1963, aged 79.²⁸ He was a bachelor, farmer, living still in Rathronan.

There is a grave in Powerstown Church cemetery for this family:

In memory of Patrick O'Donnell, Rathronan, died 9th Jan 1963. Also his parents, Michael and Margaret O'Donnell.

3.2 Edmond O'Donnell and son Patrick O'Donnell and his wife Kate Quirke

Edmond O'Donnell was born a.1820. He was a labourer, possibly of Rathronan. He married UNKN. They had children:

- **Patrick** born a.1846.²⁹

The only matching baptism for Patrick is that to Edmond Dannel and Bridget Barry on the 12 March, 1857.³⁰ This baptism from up in Knockgraffon, suggesting Patrick moved 21km, possibly to find work. Or there might be another baptism closer to Rathronan which I am not finding.

²³ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Carrick_On_Suir/Main_Street/1694846/

²⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1902/05684/4602063.pdf

²⁵ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Clonmel_Rural/Rathronan/819073/

²⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1915/09814/5563687.pdf

²⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1919/05135/4414511.pdf

²⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1963/04288/4104010.pdf

²⁹ Age at marriage was 30 in 1876.

³⁰ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE%2FPFRS%2FBAP%2F0372742>

In 1876, **Patrick** was a Labourer, living in Rathronan. He married **Catherine (Kate) Quirke** on the 11st May, 1876.^{31 32 33} She was born a.1852, daughter of **James Quirke**, a Labourer of Clerihan.

After marriage, the couple lived in Clerihan, possibly in the house of Catherine's father.

Patrick and Kate had children:

- **Johanna (Annie, Hanna)**, born 10th April, 1877.³⁴ She married **Robert Maher**
- **Mary**, born on the 18th April, 1879.³⁵ She possibly married Patrick O'Donnell of Rathduff on the 16th September, 1902.³⁶ See the *O'Donnells of Lisronagh* document for more details.
- **Margaret**, baptised 21st April, 1881.³⁷
- **Ellen** baptised 10th October, 1883.³⁸

Patrick died on the 4th March, 1883, aged 37.³⁹ He died from Bronchitis. His father-in-law, James Quirk, was present at death.

Catherine died 13th April, 1897 aged 46.⁴⁰ She died relatively young, of progressive paralysis. Residence given as Clerihan, a widow of a labourer, all of which fits. Robert Maher, son-in-law, (Johanna's husband) was present at death.

Daughter Hanna married **Robert Maher** a labour of Clerihan on the 6th February, 1897.⁴¹ Her name was shown as Annie. She was a servant, daughter of Patrick O'Donnell, a labourer, deceased. She was marked as a minor, which is strange, as she would have been 20. Robert was son of Stephen Maher, a labourer.

They had children:

- **Mary Maher**, born 15th May, 1897.⁴² Residence given as Clerihan.
- **Stasia Maher**, born 30th June, 1899.⁴³ Residence given as Clerihan.
- **Stephen Maher**, born 1st December, 1901.⁴⁴ Residence given as Clerihan.
- **Patrick**, born 1st October, 1903.⁴⁵ Residence given as Knockeevan. he died 6 weeks later, on the 20th November, 1903.⁴⁶ He died of Convulsions.
- **Catherine (Katie) Maher**, born 2nd January, 1905.⁴⁷ Residence given as Knockeevan.
- **Margaret (Maggie) Maher**, born 23rd February, 1907.⁴⁸ Residence given as Knockeevan.
- **Robert Maher**, born 16th May, 1909.⁴⁹ Residence given as Knockeevan.

³¹ <http://www.irelandgenweb.com/irltip/Records/ClerihanMarriages.htm>

³² <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/0065804/1>

³³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1876/11171/8092977.pdf

³⁴ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/0346430>

³⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1879/02916/2068233.pdf

³⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1902/10285/5743732.pdf

³⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1881/02825/2035642.pdf

³⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1883/02710/1997677.pdf

³⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1883/06372/4828465.pdf

⁴⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1897/05862/4661591.pdf

⁴¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1897/10447/5804392.pdf

⁴² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1897/02125/1807749.pdf

⁴³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1899/02026/1777077.pdf

⁴⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1901/01930/1747119.pdf

⁴⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1903/01847/1720206.pdf

⁴⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1903/05643/4588375.pdf

⁴⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1905/01792/1703348.pdf

⁴⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1907/01706/1676313.pdf

⁴⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1909/01599/1642647.pdf

- **James Maher**, born 18th July, 1911.⁵⁰ Residence given as Knockeevan.
- **Johanna Maher**, born 18th March, 1914.⁵¹ Residence given as Knockeevan. Mother given as Johanna.
- **Michael Maher**, born 8th April, 1916.⁵² Residence given as Knockeevan.
- **Christopher Maher**, born 1st December, 1918.⁵³ Residence given as Knockeevan.

It seems the family moved to Knockeevan in 1902 or 1903.

The 1901 Census shows the house of Robert Maher and Hanna (Johanna), shown as 24 years old. Johanna's sister Ellen is also present.

1901 Census: house 23 in Cleahan (Ballyclerahan, Tipperary)⁵⁴

- Maher, Robert, 27, Head of Family, General Labourer
- Maher, Hannah, 24, Wife
- Maher, Mary, 3, Daughter
- Maher, Stasia, 2, Daughter
- Donnell, Ellen, 17, Sister in Law, Domestic Servant

Regarding Margaret, I cannot see a record for her marriage or death in Clonmel district. She may have married or died outside of the area.

The 1911 Census showed Robert and Hannah still alive.

1911 Census: house 12 in Knockeevan (Lisronagh, Tipperary)⁵⁵

- Maher, Robert, 38, Head of Family, Agricultural Labourer
- Maher, Hannah, 34, Wife, Born Co. Tipp.
- Maher, Mary, 14, Daughter
- Maher, Anastatia, 12, Daughter
- Maher, Stephen, 9, Son
- Maher, Katie, 6, Daughter
- Maher, Maggie, 4, Daughter
- Maher, Robert, 2, Son
- Quirke, Patrick, 47, Boarder, Agricultural Labourer

The census indicated that the couple had been married 15 years, and had had 7 children, of which one had died (which would be Patrick in 1903).

Robert the father died on the 2nd September, 1955, aged 83.⁵⁶ Residence still Knockeevan. The witness was Lilly Maher, of Patrick's Place, Fethard. This might be the wife of a son (Stephen or Robert), or a daughter born after 1921.

No clear sign of **Hanna's death**.

Marriage or death children of Maher

⁵⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1911/01508/1612542.pdf

⁵¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1914/01401/1576050.pdf

⁵² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1916/01342/1553780.pdf

⁵³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1919/01253/1520896.pdf

⁵⁴ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Ballyclerahan/Cleahan/1712549/>

⁵⁵ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Lisronagh/Knockeevan/819555/>

⁵⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1955/04425/4155287.pdf

3.3 Patrick O'Donnell

There is a death record for a **Patrick O'Donnell**, of Rathronan, died on the 9th July, 1928, aged 35.⁵⁷ This would mean he was born a.1893, although there are no births of a Patrick in Clonmel District which seem to match. This Patrick was a Railway Servant, and workers on the Railway often moved away from their birth towns to work where needed on the railway service. Her was a bachelor, and died in Clonmel District Hospital.

3.4 Michael O'Donnell and Ellen Delahunty

Michael Donnell and Ellen Delahunty lived here briefly in at least 1868. Michael was from Ballyclerihan, and the couple later lived in Ballylooby Parish (1869), Cahir Parish (1874) and Bansha parish (1876, 1879). See *O'Donnells of Ballyclerihan* for more information.

3.5 Mary O'Donnell and John O'Halloran

Mary O'Donnell was born c.1850, daughter of **Edmond O'Donnell**, a farmer.

In 1867, Mary was working as a servant in ?Animount, which may have been an estate house somewhere near Clonmel. She married **John O'Halloran** on 5th March, 1867.⁵⁸ John was a Steward from Patrick's Well, son of James O'Halloran, a Labourer. Mary was recorded as a minor, so probably 17 in 1867, maybe younger.

18 62. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of <i>Pouestown</i> in the Registrar's District of <i>Clonmel</i>								
in the Union of <i>Clonmel</i> in the County of <i>Tipperary</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
65	5 March 1867	John Halloran Mary Donnell	of full age Minor	Bachelor Spinster	Steward servant	Patrick's well Animount	James Halloran Edmund Donnell	Labourer deceased Farmer
Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of <i>Pouestown</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, <i>James Hannigan R.C.C.</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>John Halloran</i> <i>Mary Donnell</i>			in the Presence of us,		<i>Edward Conway</i> <i>Thomas & James Hannigan</i>	

From the birth registry of their daughter, it seems they were living in Rathronan immediately after marriage, then briefly Loughtally, then Ballyknockane (from 1876-1890) and Ballyboe (1891-). For all births, father's occupation was given as Shepherd or Herdsman.

Mary and John had children:

- **James Halloran**, born 14th February, 1869.⁵⁹ Residence given as Kerry Rd, Clonmel, for the birth and ?Sommershill for John. John's occupation as Labourer.
- **Margaret Agnes Halloran**, born 3rd February, 1871.⁶⁰ Residence given as Rathronan.
- **Thomas Halloran**, born 11th March, 1872.⁶¹ Residence given as Rathronan.

⁵⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1928/04951/4346461.pdf

⁵⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1867/11491/8224077.pdf

⁵⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1869/03405/2248867.pdf

⁶⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1871/03307/2211814.pdf

⁶¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1872/03258/2193918.pdf

- **Anna Halloran**, born 22nd March, 1873.⁶² Residence given as Rathronan. John's occupation as Herdsman.
- **Catherine Halloran**, born 25th August, 1874.⁶³ Residence given as Loughtally. She died from Convulsions a week later, on the 1st September, 1874.⁶⁴
- **Bridget Halloran**, born 18th January, 1876.⁶⁵
- **Kate Halloran**, born 21st July, 1877.⁶⁶
- **Johanna Halloran**, born 28th August, 1878.⁶⁷
- **Unnamed**, born 8th November, 1879.⁶⁸ Died the next day.⁶⁹
- **Two unnamed children**, born 25th August, 1880.⁷⁰ Died at birth.⁷¹
- **Ellen Halloran**, born 5th August, 1881.⁷²
- **Eliza Halloran**, born 25th March, 1883.⁷³
- **John Halloran**, born 19th April, 1884.⁷⁴
- **Peter Halloran**, born 27th June, 1885.⁷⁵ Residence given as Ballyknockane.
- **Two Unnamed females**, born 25th June, 1886.^{76 77} Died at birth.⁷⁸
- **Hanna (Nora) Halloran**, born 6th January, 1890.⁷⁹
- **Edward Halloran**, born 3rd April, 1891.⁸⁰ Residence given as Ballyboe.

There is another birth to John O'Halloran and Mary Daniel, but the dates imply a short pregnancy, (7 months), and the occupation of "Smith" does not fit. I assume this is not of the same couple:

- **John Halloran**, born 16th September, 1869.⁸¹ They were living in Clonmel workhouse, and John's occupation given as Smith.

The family was still in Ballyboe by 1901, and John now given as a Farmer:

1901 Census: house 8 in Ballyboe (Kilsheelan, Tipperary)⁸²

- Halloran, John, 55, Head of Family, Farmer
- Halloran, Mary, 50, Wife
- Halloran, Annie, 27, Daughter, Cook
- Halloran, Bridget, 24, Daughter, Housemaid
- Halloran, Ellen, 18, Daughter, None,

⁶² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1873/03194/2171011.pdf

⁶³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1874/03134/2149270.pdf

⁶⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1874/020650/7245804.pdf

⁶⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1876/03065/2123874.pdf

⁶⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1877/02995/2097680.pdf

⁶⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1878/02950/2080733.pdf

⁶⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1879/02893/2060111.pdf

⁶⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1879/06494/4869759.pdf

⁷⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1880/02859/2047597.pdf

⁷¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1880/06465/4859191.pdf

⁷² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1881/02813/2032107.pdf

⁷³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1883/02732/2004822.pdf

⁷⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1884/02688/1990061.pdf

⁷⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1885/02633/1971200.pdf

⁷⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1886/02600/1960287.pdf

⁷⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1886/02600/1960286.pdf

⁷⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1886/06247/4788697.pdf

⁷⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1890/02439/1907520.pdf

⁸⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1891/02386/1890111.pdf

⁸¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1869/03381/2239597.pdf

⁸² <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Kilsheelan/Ballyboe/1712306/>

- Halloran, Lizzie, 17, Daughter
- Halloran, John, 16, Son, Farm labourer
- Halloran, Peter, 14, Son, Farm labourer
- Halloran, Nora, 10, Daughter
- Halloran, Edward, 9, Son

Several of the children were not at home for the 1901 census: **James** (born 1869), **Margaret** (born 1871), **Thomas** (born 1872), **Kate** (born 1877), **Johanna** (born 1878).

1911 census:

1911 Census: house 8 in Ballyboe (Kilsheelan, Tipperary)⁸³

- OHalloran, John, 72, Head of Family, Farmer
- OHalloran, Mary, 60, Wife
- OHalloran, Thomas, 41, Son, Agricultural Labourer, Single
- OHalloran, John, 26, Son, Agricultural Labourer, Single
- OHalloran, Nora, 21, Daughter, Single
- OHalloran, Edward, 20, Son, Agricultural Labourer, Single

Thomas is back home, and single, working as an Agricultural Labourer. The census indicates John and Mary were married 44 years, had had 16 children, of which 13 were still living. This contradicts the 6 death registries for this couple's children.

John the father died on the 6th December, 1922, aged 85.⁸⁴ His daughter Bridget (now Prendergast) was present-at-death.

Mary the mother died on the 14th April, 1927, aged 61.⁸⁵ Residence given as Ballyboe. Her daughter Bridget was present-at-death.

Regarding **James**, one possibility, there was a James Halloran living with his wife's parents in Killaloe Upper, just outside of Clonmel:

1901 Census: house 1 in Killaloe Upper (Killaloe, Tipperary)⁸⁶

- Brien, Patrick, 66, Head of Family, Labourer
- Brien, Margaret, 60, Wife, -
- Halloran, Mary, 29, Daughter, House Keeper, born Co. Tipp.
- **Halloran, James**, 31, Son in Law, Labourer, born Co. Tipp.
- Halloran, Margaret, 3, Grand Child
- Halloran, Bridget, 1, Grand Child

I cannot find the marriage record to confirm this, but the census confirms James was born in Co. Tipp., and was the right age (31 in 1901 thus born a. 1870). If it is him, the couple had children:

- **Margaret Halloran**, born 3rd December, 1897.⁸⁷ Residence given as Newtown, Killaloe.
- **Bridget Halloran**, born 13th February, 1900.⁸⁸ Residence given as Newtown, Killaloe.

⁸³ <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kilsheelan/Ballyboe/819367/>

⁸⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1922/05062/4387342.pdf

⁸⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1927/04974/4355182.pdf

⁸⁶ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Killaloe/Killaloe_Upper/1712145/

⁸⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1897/02103/1801028.pdf

⁸⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1900/02004/1770468.pdf

- **John Halloran**, born 2nd October, 1905.⁸⁹ Residence given as Newtown.

James and Mary were not in the 1911 Census, nor their children, suggesting they may have immigrated. **James** died on the 20th February, 1947, aged 77.⁹⁰ His son John was present-at-death, residence given as Seskin. He was a widow, suggesting his wife Margaret died before him.

Regarding **Margaret**, according to a family tree, she immigrated to the States, ending up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁹¹ She married **John Charles Carobine**. She died on 12th May, 1919, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The family tree said:

Born in Rathronan, Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland on 03 Feb 1871 to John O'Halloran and Mary O'Donnell. Margaret Agnes O'Halloran married John Charles Carobine. She passed away on 12 May 1919 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Regarding **Bridget**, she married **James Prendergast** on the 18th February, 1909 in Waterford.⁹² She was living in Convent Hill, Waterford City at the time. She was given as the daughter of John Halloran, a Farmer. The connection here is supported by the fact that when Bridget's father and mother died, the witness was Bridget Prendergast, daughter. James was a Baker of Kilsheelan, son of Michael Prendergast, a Baker. Also, the 1911 Census shows Bridget was born Co. Tipp.

Bridget and James lived in Cloghcarrigeen West, Kilsheelan after marriage.

1911 Census: house 5 in Cloghcarrigeen West (Kilsheelan, Tipperary)⁹³

- Prendergast, James, 35, Head of Family, Baker, born Co. Tipp.
- Prendergast, Bridget, 35, Wife, born Co. Tipp.
- Prendergast, Mary, 77, Mother, born Co. Waterford.

Regarding **Thomas**, born 1872, he was back home for the 1911 census, aged 41, working as an agricultural labourer. No sign of him after this (no marriage or death).

Regarding **Kate** (born 1877), she was not at home for the 1901 or 1911 censuses. No sign of marriage or death. Possibly immigrated.

Regarding **Johanna** (born 1878), she was not at home for the 1901 or 1911 censuses. No sign of marriage or death. Possibly immigrated.

Regarding **Anna**, born 1873, the last record of her was 1901, where she was 27, working as a Cook, single, and living at home. It seems she died on the 1st December, 1904, aged 33.⁹⁴ She died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, which she suffered from for 6 months. Residence given as Kilsheelan.

Regarding **Kate**, born 1877, no sign of her after her birth. She was not at home in the 1901 census (aged 24). No sign of marriage or death.

Regarding **Johanna**, born 1878, no sign of her after her birth. She was not at home in the 1901 census (aged 23). No sign of marriage or death.

Regarding **Ellen**, born 1881, no sign of her after the 1901 census (aged 18). She was not at home in the 1911 census (aged 28). No sign of marriage or death.

⁸⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1905/01759/1693192.pdf

⁹⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1947/04587/4214022.pdf

⁹¹ <https://www.ancestry.com/genealogy/records/margaret-agnes-o-halloran-24-3d7f5q>

⁹² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1909/10012/5641469.pdf

⁹³ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Kilsheelan/Cloghcarrigeen_West/819264/

⁹⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1907/05510/4544448.pdf

Regarding **Eliza (Lizzie)**, born 1883, she was at home for the 1901 census, but out for the 1911 census. She was witness to her sister Nora's wedding in 1901, apparently still unmarried. She married William King on the 25th November, 1931.⁹⁵ He was a farmer of Brunswick, son of William King, a Farmer. Her residence was given as Ballyboe, and her father as John Halloran, a farmer, confirming this is the correct Elizabeth.

Regarding **John**, born 1884, he was an unmarried Agricultural Labourer in the 1911 census. One possible death is that on the 28th March, 1955.⁹⁶ Age given as 79, which is three years off, but that was fairly normal. He was recorded as an ex-soldier, of 4 Peter St., Clonmel. He was married.

Regarding **Peter**, born 1885, no sign of him after the 1901 census (aged 15). He was not at home in the 1911 census (aged 25). No sign of marriage or death.

Regarding **Hanna (Nora)**, born 1890, she was still at home, aged 21, for the 1911 census. Soon after, she married William McCarthy on the 22nd April, 1914.⁹⁷ He was a Harness Maker from Clonmel, son of William Carthy, a Labourer. Her sister Lizzie was a witness. They had children:

- **John Joseph** McCarthy, born 22nd March, 1918.⁹⁸ Residence given as 15 King St.
- Others.

Regarding **Edward**, born, 1891, there is a possible death, on the 14th December, 1958.⁹⁹ Age given as 68, which fits. He was a labourer, and unmarried, living at 10 Peter St. Clonmel. A John Hayden, same address, was present-at-death (possibly a brother-in-law).

4 Rathduff

Not to be confused with another Rathduff in Clanwilliam Barony.

4.1 Family of Patrick O'Donnell of Rathduff, Pass and Giantsgrave

Patrick O'Donnell was born c.1831. At least after marriage, he lived in Giants Grave. Patrick was an agricultural labourer.¹⁰⁰

He married **Alice Moroney** on the 1st November, 1862 in Powerstown parish.¹⁰¹ She was born a.1833. They had children (all baptised in Powerstation parish):

- **Edmond**, born 3rd July, 1864.¹⁰² Residence given as Giantsgrave. Baptised 4th July, 1864.¹⁰³ A Margaret Keating was a witness (note a James Keating was witness to brother Patrick's marriage). He possibly died as an infant. One possibility is that in 1867, aged 2.¹⁰⁴
- **Patrick**, born 3rd May, 1867.¹⁰⁵ Residence given as Giantsgrave. Baptised 5th May.¹⁰⁶

⁹⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1931/09032/5268344.pdf

⁹⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1955/04434/4158770.pdf

⁹⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1914/09851/5577591.pdf

⁹⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1918/01277/1529777.pdf

⁹⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1958/04368/4133179.pdf

¹⁰⁰ From son's marriage record.

¹⁰¹ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/MAR/1421254/1>

¹⁰² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1864/03603/2328848.pdf

¹⁰³ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/7051996>

¹⁰⁴ <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/46efb121898929>

¹⁰⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1867/03482/2279764.pdf

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/6132235>

- **Michael**, born 8th May, 1870,¹⁰⁷ baptised 9th May.¹⁰⁸ No sign of death or marriage.

There is another possible birth, to Patrick O'Donnell and Alice BURKE, of Giant's Grave. I suspect this is for the couple above (too many details match) with Alice's surname being written differently for some reason. There is no civil or parish wedding for an Alice Burke in the region at the time:

- **Mary**, baptised 10th May, 1872.¹⁰⁹

Given the repetition of names Patrick, Michael, Edmond, I suspect this Patrick was related to the line of Hugh O'Donnell the owners of Rathronan Mill. Perhaps a cousin to Patrick born a.1846.

For baptisms, the couple was recorded as living in Giant's Grave. However, from 1901, the family lived in Rathduff Upper.

Patrick father died before 1901 (his wife was a widow in the 1901 census). I cannot find a death record. The 1901 census showed:

1901 Census: house 2 in Rathduff Upper (Clonmel Rural, Tipperary)¹¹⁰

- Donnell, Alice, 68, Head of Family, Widow, born Co. Tipp.
- Donnell, Patrick, 30, Son, General labourer, born Co. Tipp.

Alice died on the 23rd March, 1910, aged 71.¹¹¹ She was a labourer's widow of Rathduff. Her son Patrick was present at death.

Patrick son married **Mary O'Donnell** of Pass, Clonmel on the 16th September, 1902.¹¹² She was daughter of **Patrick O'Donnell**, Clonmel, dead at the time of marriage. She was born a.1879. At the time of marriage, she was working as a house servant.

One possibility is she was the Mary born 1872 to Patrick O'Donnell and Alice Burke, in Giant's Grave, which is just across the paddock from Pass. However, her age given in the 1911 census and at death do not match.

Another possibility is that she was the Mary born on the 18th April, 1879, daughter of Patrick O'Donnell and Catherine Quirk of Clerihan.¹¹³ See the document *Other O'Donnells of Clerihan* for more details. I suspect she moved to Pass, which is 3km south of Clerihan village to work. Pass is less than 1km from Rathduff.

Patrick and Mary married in Lisronagh Parish, An Ellie O'Donnell was a witness at the marriage, and also a James Keating. They had children:

- **Patrick**, born 19th July, 1903.¹¹⁴
- **Edward** (Edmond, Ned), born 29th October, 1905.¹¹⁵
- **Michael**, born 25th April, 1907.¹¹⁶ Residence shown as Pass.
- **James**, born 12th September, 1909.¹¹⁷ Residence shown as Rathduff.

¹⁰⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1870/03343/2225736.pdf

¹⁰⁸ <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=IRE/PRS/BAP/6470134>

¹⁰⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1872/03244/2188964.pdf

¹¹⁰ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1901/Tipperary/Clonmel_Rural/Rathduff_Upper/1710004/

¹¹¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1910/05434/4519456.pdf

¹¹² https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1902/10285/5743732.pdf

¹¹³ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1879/02916/2068233.pdf

¹¹⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1903/01856/1723433.pdf

¹¹⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1905/01759/1693190.pdf

¹¹⁶ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1907/01695/1672772.pdf

¹¹⁷ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1909/01599/1642641.pdf

- **John**, born 1st April, 1912.¹¹⁸ Residence shown as Rathduff.
- **Joseph**, born 19th July, 1914.¹¹⁹ He was still alive and in Rathduff in 1941 when his father died.
- **Mary**, born 16th June, 1916.¹²⁰
- **Thomas Joseph**, born 30th May, 1919.¹²¹
- **Gerald**, born 18th October, 1922.¹²²

Much of this is from the 1911 census:

1911 Census: house 2 in Rathduff Upper (Clonmel Rural, Tipperary)¹²³

- O'Donnell, Patrick, 43, Head of Family, agricultural labourer, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Mary, 31, Wife, born Co. Tipp.
- O'Donnell, Patrick, 7, Son
- O'Donnell, Edmond, 5, Son
- O'Donnell, Michael, 3, Son
- O'Donnell, James, 1, Son

The census said that Mary had had at that point 4 children, all of which were still alive.

Mary died 23rd July, 1923 (grave) or 24th July, 1923 (death registry), aged 44 (thus born a.1879).¹²⁴ The death registry gave address as Rathduff. She was wife of a labourer.

Patrick died 11th November 1941.¹²⁵ On his death registry, his residence was given as Rathduff, Clonmel. His occupation was “labourer” and he was a widower. He was aged 74, thus born a.1867. His son Joseph was present at birth, residence given as Rathduff.

Son **Edmond** died 27th April 1996, aged 90.¹²⁶

Son **Joseph** died on the 20th July, 1976, aged 62.¹²⁷

Son **Michael** died 1st October, 1981, aged 74.¹²⁸

Son **John** married **Teresa Pyne** on the 24th November, 1943.¹²⁹ She was born a.1918,¹³⁰ daughter of John Pyne, a Tailor. At marriage she was a Domestic Servant from ?Helmville, Clonmel. John’s brother, Michael was witness. John died 7th March, 1990.¹³¹ His address was given as 10 Elm Park, Clonmel. Teresa died 8th March, 2002, aged 83.¹³²

Son **Patrick** died 11th June 1991, aged 87.¹³³

Most of this was from a grave in Powerstown Church:

¹¹⁸ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1912/01489/1605678.pdf

¹¹⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1914/01401/1576044.pdf

¹²⁰ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1916/01333/1550632.pdf

¹²¹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/birth_returns/births_1919/01237/1514738.pdf

¹²² <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details-civil/2fb5fe2029180>

¹²³ http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Clonmel_Rural/Rathduff_Upper/819069/

¹²⁴ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1923/05048/4382064.pdf

¹²⁵ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/deaths_returns/deaths_1941/04693/4252084.pdf

¹²⁶ From family grave.

¹²⁷ From family grave.

¹²⁸ From family grave.

¹²⁹ https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/images/marriage_returns/marriages_1943/08792/5178186.pdf

¹³⁰ From age at death.

¹³¹ From family grave.

¹³² From family grave.

¹³³ From family grave.

In loving memory of Patrick O'Donnell, Pass, Clonmel, died 11th November 1941. and his wife Mary, died 23rd July 1923. Also his deceased relatives interred here. Their son, Edward (Ned) O'Donnell, died 27th April 1996 aged 90 years.

The grave for four of the children was also in Powerstown Church cemetery:

In loving memory of Joseph O'Donnell, Pass, Clonmel, died 20th July 1976, aged 62 yrs. His brother, Michael O'Donnell, died 1st Oct 1981, aged 74 yrs. John O'Donnell, 10 Elm Park, Clonmel, died 7th March 1990. Patrick O'Donnell died 11th June 1991, aged 87 yrs. Teresa O'Donnell, wife of John, died 8th March 2002, aged 83 yrs.

Gerald son of Patrick was at school when there was a National essay collection project (1937-8). Gerald entered a story called "The Bille-tree of Rathronan and the Mile tree".¹³⁴ He signed the essay "Told by Gerald O'Donnell, Pass, Clonmel who heard it from his father Pk O'Donnell, 65 yrs Labourer, Pass, Lisronagh".

No sign of Gerald's death in Clonmel district.

Another generation of the family is hinted at in a death notice:¹³⁵

*The death has occurred of Nora O'Donnell (née Barrett)
Pass, Rathronan, Clonmel, Tipperary.*

*Peacefully in the loving care of the staff at Melview Nursing Home Clonmel.
Nora, wife of the late Mick, sadly missed by her loving daughter Margaret, son-in-law Terry, grandchild Sinead, great-grandchildren Orla and Finbar, sister-in-law Mary (Barrett), extended family, neighbours and friends.*

Date of Death: Thursday 31st December 2020

This hints at a **Michael O'Donnell**, born perhaps c.1940, who married a Hanora (**Nora**) **Barrett** in c.1964. They lived in Pass, Rathronan, lining them to the above family. They had children:

- **Margaret**. She married **Terry UNKN**. They had children:
 - **Sinead UNKN**. She had children:
 - **Orla UNKN**
 - **Finbar UNKN**

5 Giants Grave

A webpage says: "Giants Grave is called "Bearna-Dhearg" or the "Bloody pass". It is situated on the lefthand side of the road running from Clonmel to Cashel."¹³⁶ It is possible Pass and Giants Grave are the same place.

5.1 Patrick O'Donnell and Alice Morony/Burke

See entry in Rathduff above.

¹³⁴ <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4922252/4864368/5020588>

¹³⁵ <https://rip.ie/death-notice/nora-o-donnell-clonmel-tipperary/443752>

¹³⁶ <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4922252/4864345/5020403>