

## McGuckin Burial Inscriptions in

Ballinderry, Co Derry

*John H. McGuckin, Jr.*

Construction on the Roman Catholic chapel in Ballinderry, County Derry, began in about 1843 under the direction of the newly appointed administrator of the parish, Father Patrick Quinn. Father Quinn's predecessor, Hugh McOsker, had obtained the acre of land on which the chapel and its surrounding cemetery are located from the Salter Company, which had obtained title to much of the land in the parish during the Plantation under Cromwell. The parish had originally attempted to buy the land from William Henry, the tenant, but the Company decided instead to remove the acre from Henry's leasehold and give it to the parish "as a free grant" in perpetuity.

Construction continued through 1845, with the original contractors by the name of O'Neill being replaced by Michael McWilliams and Company, which finished the job. When completed, the chapel was the first place of worship to be used by the parish's Roman Catholics since the Reformation. Until then, Catholics in the County Derry portion of the parish had heard Mass in a barn called Carnagh Chapel, while their neighbors across the Ballinderry River in County Tyrone heard Mass at a "wee Altar," a Mass Rock, in a field.

Only six tombstones relating to the McGuckin family are preserved in the chapel cemetery. Recent modernization and expansion resulted in the loss of some stones. Three of these six memorials have been recently erected and are omitted here. The three most prominent memorials, however, date from the nineteenth century and line the side of the chapel facing the main road. The inscriptions are as follows:

## I. (Front)

To  
Perpetuate the Memory  
of  
Mary McGuckin  
Who departed this life 4th May  
1866;  
Aged 28 years.  
With a hope of her glorious  
Resurrection  
also  
John McGuckin  
Who departed this life  
20th November 1873  
Aged 24 years  
R.I.P.

## (Right Side)

Underneath  
Lies the Remains  
of  
Robert McGuckin, J.P.  
Who died 1st September 1883  
Aged 80 years  
and his wife  
Mary McGuckin  
Who died 28th January 1879  
Aged 66 years  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

(Rear)

Underneath  
Lies the Remains  
of  
Bartholomew McGuckin  
the infant son of  
Robert & Sarah McGuckin  
Money more.  
Died 29th November 1882.  
Also Evelyn McGuckin.  
Beloved child of  
Hugh and Rose McGuckin,  
Ballyronan,  
Died 18th January 1911,  
Aged 7 years

(Left Side)

In  
Memoriam  
Mary Theresa McGuckin,  
The beloved daughter of  
Hugh & Margaret McGuckin,  
Ballyronan,  
Died 9th August 1887, aged 2 months.  
Also  
Veronica Mary McGuckin,  
Who died 9th May 1892, aged 4 years  
Also  
Margaret,  
The beloved wife of Hugh McGuckin,  
Who died 23rd February 1896,  
Aged 35 years.

II. (Front-Top)

E Cantate Vestra Orate Pro Anima  
Rev. Marci McGuckin  
E Paroecia Ballinderry Diocesi Armagani  
Nati 5a Die ante Kalendas Novembris MDCCCXXXI  
Prima Pueritia omnes ejusdem aetatis  
Incendio ac pietate praececluit annis Novemdedem  
Natus in albo Romano-Catholici Collegii  
Sancti Patricii apud Maynooth relatus est MDCCCL  
Peracto Philisophiae et theologiae sacrae curriculo  
Ad dionitatem presbyteratus elevatus est MDCCCLVIII  
Sacro in officio per sex annos assidue laboravit  
In ejus crecis fidelis salutem--Sed Deus eum delexitae  
Anno Tricesimo Quarto aetatis ejus numeris sexto  
Idibus Maii MDCCCLXIV apud Oppidum cui homen est  
Drocheda eum ad seipsum vocavit  
Scimus enim quoniam tenestris domus nostra  
Hujus habitationis disssdoatus quod edificationem ex Deo  
Habemus Domum non manufactam aeternam in coelis  
Ha Epis Sancti Pauli ad Corinthios cap v I.

(Front-Bottom)

Charles John Graham MacGuckin  
(son of Neal MacGuckin)  
C.B.E. Barrister-at-law, M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E.  
Died August 17th 1934  
R.I.P.

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(Rear is blank)

(Left Side)

In Loving Memory of  
Neal McGuckin,  
Justice of the Peace  
for the County of Londonderry.  
Who died on Good Friday 1897,  
Aged 60 years.  
And Emily, his wife  
Daughter of Charles Diamond, M.D.  
Rasharkin.  
Who died 19th March 1911,  
Aged 70 years.  
Also Elizabeth Heeney,  
Who died 29th January 1919  
Aged 80 years.

(Right Side)

In Memoriam  
John McGuckin  
Who died 4th February 1874  
Aged 70 years.  
Also in Memoriam of his daughter  
Anne  
Who died 30th September 1885 Aged 34 years  
Alice McGuckin  
Who died 10th November 1886 Aged 90 years  
Her daughter Rose Anne McGuckin  
Who died 8th March 1908, aged 59 years

III. (Front)

In Te Domine Speravint  
IHS  
Erected to the memory of  
Rose McGuckin of Mullin  
Who departed this life 18th February 1874  
Aged 72 years  
Also  
Her son Edward, of Killygonlan,  
Who departed this life 1st December 1875  
Aged 47 years.  
And her son, Neal,  
Who died 27th February 1912, Aged 86 years.  
Also Annie Hagan,  
Who died 27th January 1917, Aged 7 years.  
Requescant in Pace. Amen.



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MACHALE  
BARRETT  
SWEENEY  
MESSENGER  
EARLS  
ALEXANDER

Seeking place of birth, date emigration and other data Michael and Anna MacHale Barrett. Born Ireland 1821 and 1834. Children born Canada 1853-1867: John, Mary, Margaret, Michael, Rosetta, Thomas and William. In Antrim Co, Michigan 1868. Children born Michigan 1872 and 1877: Adelbert and Joseph. Michael, Sr. died 1893. Marriages: Margaret and Miles Sweeney, Michael and Hattie Messenger, Rosetta and Roy Earls, Adelbert and Mary Alexander.  
--Mrs. Dorothy Hale Amis, 8730 Ferncliff Ave., N.E., Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110.

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ANDERSON  
CUNNINGHAM  
WAY

Need parentage William Anderson, born Co Monaghan, Ireland 1786. Parents died at sea enroute to America 1792. Raised by Cunningham relatives also on ship which probably landed New York. William settled at early age Prince Edward Co, Ontario, Canada; married Mary Way. Did he have siblings? Will correspond.  
--Mrs. Walter J. Anthony, 802 S. Eddy, Fort Scott, Kansas 66701.

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BROWN  
LAWSON  
FOSTER

Need lineages Robert Brown and wife Elizabeth Lawson born Co Cork, Ireland, where daughter Rebecca born 1783. Rebecca Brown married Robert Foster and had daughter Johanna born 1814 Co Monaghan. Robert and Rebecca eventually settled Morgan Co, Indiana, where buried. Will correspond.  
--As No. 388.

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CLENDENING  
FOSTER  
BROWN

John Clendening born near Dublin, Ireland, March 1820. Migrated to Springfield, Ohio, where he married Johanna Foster, daughter of Robert Foster and Rebecca Brown, born Counties Cork and Monaghan respectively. Who were his parents? Did they come to America? John and Johanna moved to Kansas, via Indiana, where buried.  
--As No. 388.

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LOCKARD  
JOHNSTON

Need parentage and birthplace Anna Lockard, born Ireland about 1820. Married Leslie Johnston born Jefferson Co, Ohio 1822. Moved to Kansas where she died. Leslie moved back to Ohio and remarried. Who were his parents? They came from Ireland about 1810 as brother, John, born at sea.  
--As No. 388.

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FUTHEY  
KIDD  
CAMBRIDGE

Robert Futhey and children came from Templepatrick, Co Antrim, Ireland to Chester Co, Pennsylvania. Children: Robert who married Ruth Kidd, lived Cumberland Co, PA; Benjamin married Elizabeth Cambridge,