

Gravestone Inscriptions
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CRAGG GRAVEYARD

The civil parish of Kilcomenty, in the barony of Owney and Arra, is now part of the modern Catholic parishes of Newport- Birdhill and Ballinahinch in the diocese of Cashel.

There are several burial places in the parish, this publication deals with one that is commonly called 'Cragg graveyard'.

It is in the townland of Ballyari which is in the parish of Birdhill and lies about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south east of the village of the same name.

Kilcomenty means the church of Commaneth, who was probably an Irish female saint. There is a holy well, also called after this saint to the east of the graveyard. In an adjoining field there is a large irregular block of red sandstone, with two bullauns or basin-like depressions known as Saint Commaneth's bed.

Some remains of the old parish church are discernable in the graveyard though they are much overgrown. A consider number of dressed stones, carved door jambs and other features were seen on the site in 1902 by Henry F. Berry, I.S.O., M.R.I.A., who estimated the church to have been approximately 60 ft. by 26 ft. and of late 15th or early 16th century vintage.

The graveyard is very irregular and overgrown. It was difficult to locate the older headstones, many of which were deeply buried. It is thus possible that some of these older stones have been missed by the present compilers.

75 headstones have been copied, of these 17 are memorials of the Coffey family and 19 of the Ryan family.

The oldest memorial is to a John Ryan of 1741. Many of the stones date from the middle and later 1700's and the early 1800's. Where it proved impossible to decipher the inscription it is recorded thus -----. Where the inscription is in doubt, usually as regards a date it is recorded thus ?1750 ?1759 with the most likely date first.

CRAGG GRAVEYARD

AHERN

1. Erected by John Ahern in memory of his beloved wife Bridget Ahern died Decr 1880 aged 55 years and his three children.

ALLEN

2. Erected by Joe Allen to the memory of his grandfather William Allen and grandmother Sarah and of his parents, William & Bridget. Also his sisters Mary, Anne & Sarah.

BOURKE

Patrick Bourke, 1937 see Ryan No. 67.

BURKE

Hanora McNamara alias Burke see McNamara No. 40.

BURN

3. Here lies the remains of Joan Burn alias Moloughney who departed this life Febr 2d 1780 aged 37 yrs.

BYRNE

4. Erd. by John Byrne for him and posterity, A.D. 1832.
(Holding 2 graves) .

CAPLIS

5. Here lieth the body of David Caplis deceased Apil (sic) 1782 aged 21 yrs .
6. In loving memory of Patrick Caplis, Reabeg, died 8 Sep 1940. His wife Elizabeth died 18 Sep 1970 . His brother John died 11 Feb 1955. Patrick Caplis, Rearcross, died 4 April 1942. His wife Catherine died 14 June 1966. R.I.P.

COFFEY / COFFY

- Hanorah Hogan alias Coffy 1825 see Hogan No. 31.
7. Erd. by Patk. Coffey of Killeen in memy of his son Cor. Coffey who died March 1819 aged 26 yrs.
 8. Erect by Patk. Coffey in memory of -
(rest of inscription never inserted.)
 9. Erect'd by Mathias Coffey of Cragg in memy of his father Michl. Coffey who depd this life Decr 24th 1821 aged 65 yrs. Also his brother Patk. Coffey, Anaholty, who depd this life Jan 27. 1832 aged 46 yrs.
 10. This stone was erd. by Patrick Coffey of Killeen in memory of his son Mathias Coffey who depd this life December 14th 1825.
 11. Erd. by James & Michl. Coffey for their posterity A.D. 1828.
 12. In this sepulchre are deposited the remains of Patk Coffey of Killeen, who depd this life Novr 16th 1829 aged 82 years. Who in recollection for a wellspent life caused this stone to be erected for him & his wife

12. Catherine Coffey alias Hickey who depd this life aged years.
(date & age not inscribed).
13. Erd.by Jams.& Michl. Coffey in memory of their father Patk Coffey of Killeen who died Novr. 16th 1829 aged 82 yrs. R.I.P.
Escaped from Life & Lives attendant woes, beneath this stone an honest man resposes. Go ask his merit from the poor & old, for they can best his virtuous worth unfold. The orphan's tears can better speak his praise than sculptured marble or the poet's lay.
14. Erected by John Coffey of Freagh, in memory of his beld. wife Catherine Coffey alias Ryan, who died Oct. 5th 1849 aged 260 years.
15. Sacred to the memory of Patrick Coffey of Derrybawn, who departed this life on Easter Eve 1856 aged 44 years. May he rest in peace. Amen.
16. Sacred to the memory of James Coffey of Cragg who departed this life on the 17th of December 1859 aged 46 years. May he rest in peace.
This monument is a tribute of affection from his son John and his desolate widow.
17. Erected in the year 1878 by James Coffey of Killeen for him and his posterity. This stone takes 6 graves.
18. Erected by Thomas Coffey of Annaholty in memory of his father Michael Coffey who died May 15th 1881 aged 71 years and his mother Margaret, who died March 20th 1883 aged 70 years . Also his brother John Coffey, who died June 30th 1906 aged 86 years. May they rest in peace.
19. Erected by Patrick Coffey of Annaholty in loving memory of his beloved wife Sarah Coffey who died August 12th 1912 aged 72 years. Also his son Timothy Coffey who died Nover 6th 1918 aged 32 years.
May they rest in peace,
20. Edward Coffey, Solicitor, born at Birdhill, died December 17th 1916 aged 35 years. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy.
21. In loving memory of William Coffey, Dromore, Newport, who died 29th July 1924. His wife Susan Coffey (nee Ryan) died 5th May 1919. His daughter Olive died in Aroza, Switzerland, 18th May 1941. His son Vincent & daughter Mary died in infancy and his sister Margaret died 19th Feb. 1925.
22. In fond and loving memory of my dear parents, Cornelius and Anne Coffey, who died 9th July 1940 aged 50 yrs and 29th Sept 1949 aged 55 yrs.
Also my baby sister who died 20th July 1933 aged 10 months. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, may they rest in peace. Sadly missed by their daughter Jane.
23. In loving memory of Hannah Coffey, Portryan, Newport, died 16th March 1974. Her husband Michael died 4th Nov 1942. Bridget Coffey died

23. 3rd Oct 1935. Patrick Coffey died 15th March 1950.
James Coffey died 28th Aug 1958.

CUSACK

24. Erected by James Cusack of Cragg in memy of his father James Cusack, who died Aprel(sic) 1816 aged 56 yrs. R.I .P. Amen.

DOHENY

25. In loving memory of John Doheny, Ballyard, Newport, died 14 May 1914. His wife Ann died 14 Dec 1960. Their grand son Patrick Doheny died 8 March 1961. Their son Stephen died 21 June 1962. John Doheny died 25 Oct 1974 . R.I.P.
- 26 In loving memory of John Doheny, Derryleigh, Newport, who died 22 February 1960 and his wife Catherine who died 26 September 1943. William Doheny, Kilmagauge, died September 1936. His sister Mary died 31 Dec. 1916.

DOHONY

27. Here lies the body of John Dohony who departed this life Decr ye 9th 1770 (?1779) aged 76 years. (this stone broken through date.)

GLEESON

28. Martin Gleeson. 31 Oct. 1961. aged 84. R.I.P.

HAYES

29. Here lyeth the body of Edmond Hayes who departed this life the 6th day of January 1760 aged 51 years. Erected by his nephew John Egan.

HENRY

30. Erected by Michael Henry and his father Robert Henry and their posterity.

HICKEY

Catherine Coffey alias Hickey see Coffey No. 12

HOGAN

31. Erected by Michli Hogan as a testmonal of the inexprssable (sic) esteem & regard which he beareth to the memory of his deservedly beloved wife Hanorah Hogan alias Coffy who depd this life 3rd Sept 1825 aged 27 yrs. May she rest in peace.

LEE

32. Sacred to the memory of George Lee Esqr who departed this life on the 27th June 1813 aged 61 yrs. This stone was erected by his son the Rev. William Lee, Curate of this Parish in grateful remembrance of the best of fathers & in testimony of the love & veneration with which he cherishes the recollection of his numerous virtues. Immediately near this stone are also interred, one on the right, the other on the left hand, the bodies of Alicia the wife & Henry the father of the said George Lee, who died , the former on the 15th of June 1792 aged 240 years. the latter on the 27th January 1805 aged 84 years. Requiescant in pace.

LYGANE

33. Here lieth the body of James Lygane deceased.

LYNCH

Margaret Lynch 1925 . see . . . McCormack no. 35.

McCARTHY

34. This monument was erected by the Parishioners of Birdhill in memory of the Rev. E. McCarthy, P.P. of the Parish for 27 yrs, during which time he ----- exerted himself with zeal and ability in the discharge of his pastoral duties, died Jan 7th 1825 aged 84 yrs. Much regretted by his flock. R.I.P. Amen.

McCORMACK

35. Erected by Margaret McCormack, Ballyvoreen, in loving memory of her father Dan Ryan, Gurtshane, died 3rd March 1937. Also her aunt Mrs. Margaret Lynch died 8th September 1925. (six graves included) .
36. Erected by Mrs. Johanna Savage of Limerick in affectionate Remembrance of her nephew Michael McCormack who died October 17th 1911 aged 26 years. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy.

McDONOUGH

37. Erct. by Michl McDonough in memy of his father Cors. McDonough who died Feb 1806 aged 66.
38. Frd. by Patk. Andrw. McDonough in memy of his mother Margret McDonough alias Ryan who depd this life May 4 1826 aged 80 years.

McKEOUGH

39. Here lieth ye body of John McKeough ,deceased May the 24th 1775 aged 46 years.

McNAMARA

40. Erected by Thos McNamara in memory of his wife Hanora McNamara alias Burke who died May 1826 aged 58 yrs. R.I.Pace.
41. Erect'd by Michl. McNamara in memory of his father & uncle. Also of his brother John who died Decr 1838 aged 30 years. R.I.P.

McNEMARA

42. Erd. by Roger McNemara in memy of his mother & brother Patk. McNemara died May 1826 aged 30 yrs. R.I.P.

MOLONY

43. This tomb was erected by Roger Molony in memory of his father John Molony dec. February ye -- 1794 aged 60 years. Resquiescant in Pace.
44. Michl. & John Molony for their posterity. A.D. 1837.

MOLOUGHNEY

Joan Burn alias Moloughney 1780, see Burn No. 3.

O'CONNELL

445. In loving memory of Mary O'Connell, Cork Road, Newport died 15 Jan 1956 age 79 yrs. Her granddaughter Johanna O'Connell died 10 Nov 1957 age 1½ yrs. Also her grandson (baby) O'Neill.

O'CONNOR

446. -----by Catherine O'Connor, Cappinougke, in memory of her mother Mary Ryan died 1810. Also Honora Ryan alias O'Connor.

William O'Connor 1978 & his son Joseph O'Connor See Ryan no. 68.

O'ROURKE

447. Erected by Ellen O'Rourke in memory of her beloved husband Thomas O'Rourke who died Nov. 7th 1865 aged 67 years. Also her daughter Ellen who died July 6th 1845 aged 3 years.

PHILLIPS / PHILIPS

Catherine Phillips 1798 see Walters no. 73.

448. This tomb was erected by Willm and Kitty Philips of Mount Philips in memory of their beloved daughter Marcella Matilda Philips who died the 10th January 1830 aged 18 years. May she rest in peace.
Here also lie the remains of the above named Kitty Philips who died March 23rd 1848 aged 57 yrs. And of Wilm. Augustus Philips, her beloved husband who died May 4th 1848 aged 67 years.
May they rest in peace.

PHILPOT

449. Here lies a child of T.T. Wilm Philpot who lived beloved and died lamented on the 3rd year of her age. A.D. 1831.
John Philpot died 27th Decr 1843 aged 25 yrs. May the Lord have merc. on his soul.

QUINLAN

Mary Quinlan 1874. see Walters no. 74.

RAWLEIGH

450. In this grave lyeth interred the bodyes of William Rawleigh and James Rawleigh this first day of May 1759. Pray for them.

ROURK

451. Erd. by Thos Rourk in memy of his mother Johana Rourk who died Sept 7th 1828 aged 60 yrs, Also his sister Honora Rourk who died Feb 24th 1823 aged 34 yrs.

RYAN

Margaret McDonough alias Ryan 1826, sse McDonough no. 38.
Susan Coffey nee Ryan 1919, see Coffey no. 19.
Dan Ryan Gurtshane 1937, see McCormack no. 35.
Catherine Coffey alias Ryan see no. 14.

RYAN

- 49.52. Here lieth the body of John Ryan deceased May the 25th 1741.
53. This was erected by Malachy Ryan in memy of his father William Ryan deceased --of May 1742.
54. Gillen Ryan died July ye 24 . 1760 aged 55 yrs.
55. This -----was erected by the Revd Timy Ryan, P.P. of Bilbo- over his -----Quin who died May 4. 17-0 aged 80 yrs. Winifred his wife -----1780 aged -----.
56. Erected by Michael and John Ryan in memy of their father Philip , who departed this life in ----, aged 49 years. Lord have mercy on him.
57. Erd. by Thos Ryan in memy of his brother Mathias Ryan who died June 6th 1784 aged 22 yrs. Also his nephew Patk. Ryan who died March 17. 1811 aged 40 yrs. R.I.P.
58. Erd. by Thos Ryan of Cragg in memy of his mother Sally Ryan died 1797 aged 70 yrs. R.I.P. Amen.
59. Erected by Mary Ryan in memy of her beloved husband Cors. Ryan who died Sept 17th 1827 aged 29 yrs. R.I.P.
60. Beneath this tomb, erected to his memory by his children, and where also are interred his fathers for ten generations, are deposited the mortal remains of Timothy Ryan of the city of Limerick, Merchant. A kind and affectionate father, a good husband, a sincere friend. A truly upright and honest man. He spent his life in the exercise of every Christian and social duty. On Monday 22nd February 1830 (possibly 1850) in the 62nd year of his age, he yielded up his spirit into the hands of his Creator. May the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost grant his soul eternal rest and peace, through Jesus Christ Our Lord Amen.
61. Erected by Patrick Ryan in meory of his father Edmond Ryan who died in 1848 aged 86 years. and his mother Mary Ryan who died in 1852 aged 80 years.
62. O Jesus, Son of the living God, give eternal rest to the souls of Matthew Ryan who died July 10th 1851 . Jane Ryan who died April 29. 1860 & their son Michl. Ryan of Crannagh whose mortal remains are laid beneath this flag to mingle their dust with that of their forefathers, to rise glorious & immortal at the Judgement day. This in humble tribute of love -----is placed here by their children, though ----- over this earthly wall. Dear friends in Jesus & Mary join with us in praying for Resquiescant in pace. Jerime Ryan, O.S.B. Eugene Ryan. Denis Ryan. Thomas Ryan.
63. Erected by Michl. Ryan & Margaret Ryan in memory of their father Timothy Ryan who died May 10th 1854 aged 76 yrs.

64. Erected by Matt. and Anne Ryan in memory of their beloved father Michael Ryan died 4th March 1877 aged 83 years .
65. Erected by Peter Ryan in memory of his father James Ryan who died 10th August 1889 in the 80th year of his age and his mother Johanna who died 21st May 1890 in the 75th year of her age and his brother Michael who died 28th May 1892 aged 28 years. R.I.P.
66. Erected by Johanna Savage in memory of her beloved parents, Patrick and Mary Ryan. Also her brother Patrick Ryan and of her dear children Mary & Johanna Savage. 1889. Also her nephew Jeremiah Ryan died April 1st 1908 aged 27 years.
67. In memory of John Ryan died 25th March 1902 aged 80 yrs. Margaret Ryan died 20th July 1928 aged 73 years. Mary Ryan died 3rd May 1930 aged 63 years. Michael Ryan died 10th March 1937 aged 68 yrs Patrick Bourke died 29th March 1937 aged 55 years. Hannah Ryan died 10th March 1945 aged 78 years. Erected by Hannah Ryan . Cragg.
68. Pray for the souls of Denis Ryan, Cranna, died July 26. 1935 aged 65. His wife Catherine died Feb. 1 .1951 aged 80. Their grandson Joseph O'Connor died Feb 13. 1953 aged 2 and his father William O'Connor died April 27. 1978 aged 75. R.I.P.
69. In loving memory of James Ryan, Cork Road, Newport, who died 15th Oct. 1960 aged 90. His wife Margaret died 4th July 1933 aged 44. Their infant daughter Maureen died 1929 aged 5. His sister Johanna died 6th Aug. 1958 aged 65, R.I.P.
70. Erected by Richard Ryan, Cragg in memory of his wife Rita, died 10 Feb. 1980. His brother John died 11 July 1981.

SAVAGE

Johanna Savage, see Ryan no. 63. and McCormack no. 36

THORNE

71. Sacred to the memory of Eliza Thorne who departed this life March the 14th 1855 aged 16 years.
72. William Thorne died on the 2nd March 1888 aged 80 years and his wife Mary Thorne died 9th September 1889 aged 70 years. Erected by their bereaved family.

WALTERS

73. Erected by John Walters of Farneigh in memory of his mother Catherine Phillips who depd this life Feby 1st 1798 aged 22 yrs. Also his father Thos Walters who depd this life Feby 10th 1809 aged 49 yrs.
74. Erected by Hanora Walters in meory of her beloved husband John Walters

74. died 21st April 1870 aged 72 years.
Also her son William Walters died 27 December 1851 aged 21 years.
Her daughter Mary Quinlan died 11th December 1874 aged 40 years. R.I.P.

WALTHO

75. Erected by Margaret Waltho in memory of her beloved husband Timothy
died Dec 28. 1878 aged 65 years.

