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Genealogical Research Report (Sample)

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SUBJECT	John Mara and Johanna Foley
OBJECTIVE	Using documentary evidence, locate and identify any pertinent BMD information and burial location of John Mara and family.
BACKGROUND SUMMARY	John Mara was one of the Peter Robinson settlers in 1823 from Rathcormack, Cork, Ireland to Lanark County, Ontario, Canada. Information used in conjunction with Ancestry.ca tree “[PRIVATE]” by Client A1 (LIVING) [Private], and personal genealogy notes provided by Client A1 (LIVING) [Private]. ¹
KEY REPOSITORIES CONSULTED	<i>Lanark Archives</i> , Perth, Lanark County, Ontario <i>National Library of Ireland</i> (https://registers.nli.ie) <i>Library and Archives Canada</i> (https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca) <i>National Archives of Canada – Ships List</i> (http://www.theshipslist.com) <i>Ancestry.ca</i> (https://www.ancestry.ca) <i>FamilySearch (LDS)</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/en) <i>Find a Grave</i> (https://www.findagrave.com) <i>Newspapers.com</i> (https://www.newspapers.com) <i>Find My Past</i> (http://www.findmypast.ie) <i>Irish Ancestors</i> (http://www.johngrenham.com) <i>Buildings of Ireland</i> (http://www.buildingsofireland.ie) <i>Ordnance Survey Ireland</i> (https://geohive.maps.arcgis.com) <i>Ontario Heritage Property INdex</i> (http://ontario.heritagepin.com)

¹ [PRIVATE]Tree by Client A1 (LIVING) [Private], *Ancestry.ca*, ([https://www.ancestry.ca/Client A1 \(LIVING\) \[Private\]](https://www.ancestry.ca/Client A1 (LIVING) [Private]))

SPELLING NOTE

Surname spellings vary: Mara, Meara, Marah, O'Mara, O'Meara, Maragh, Margaragh, Ó Meadhra, Ó Meára

Mara is used here, except in citations, where names appear as they do in the sources.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

The research objective for this session has been partially met. The Roman Catholic Parish of Rathcormack (sometimes abbreviated as RC) comprises of both Rathcormack and Gortroe areas. The church records are located in the Diocese of Cloyne, and the Parish of Rathcormack and Gortroe, in County Cork. For Catholic Parish records, Gortroe has been amalgamated into Rathcormack. I've expanded on this further in my research. Additional children's baptismal information, including a first born son named David Mara was found at the Church of Rathcormack in 1808, and another daughter named Ellen was born in 1811. A second Ellen was baptized in 1821, implying the first one likely passed away before then. The parish records are very faded in places, but I could not find a record for either John Jr. or Thomas between 1805-1821, at Rathcormack or other nearby parishes.

Presuming David was the first born in 1808, this implies a marriage for John and Johanna likely took place before 1807. I could find no visible records for them in the Rathcormack parish records. I did find the location of residence for the family for several of their children born during 1814-1821. The family lived in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, Cork, Ireland

John Mara's death and burial have not been located. At the Archives, we researched all Lanark cemeteries and newspapers and could not find any reference to a death for John Mara/O'Mara/Meara... in Lanark County from 1841-1852. I suspect the family moved south together after the land at Lot 9, Con 9 was sold in 1849. I was told by the Lanark Archives Archivist: had John been deceased in 1849 it would have read "*the Estate of...*" but it clearly shows "John O'Meara and wife" on the land records for 1849, implying he was alive then. I'm unsure if he widowed her or if his wife died first in 1852. It is probable he is buried in Huron-Perth or Middlesex Counties, in southern Ontario. I can find no burial records for him under any spelling or even a misspelled name.

Many family trees on *Ancestry* have a false death date of abt 1845. I can find no reference to this source and have presumed it is an estimated death.

Additionally, the death date shown as 23 Jul 1857 Ottawa on some Ancestry trees belong to a 5-year-old child, not John Mara. There is another burial record for a William Omeara (which has been mistakenly interpreted as the first name of John) for Jul 1847 Ottawa. This is also not the correct record for John Mara. I have included this in my notes for John Mara's death in the GEDCOM file.

To mention, on the "[PRIVATE]" Ancestry tree, John Mara's father is presumed to be Patrick Mara (1743-1768). His death date is before John is born, so this could be a relation, but more a grandfather to John. I am not certain yet as we would need to prove John's own parentage first. I have not found John Mara's birth/baptismal record, as the records for the Rathcormack church do not begin until 1792.

TIMELINE FOR JOHN MARA:

Facts	Date	Details	Age
Birth	Abt 1781	Garryantagart, Gortroe, Cork, Ireland – in the Church Parish of Rathcormack	0
Military	Bef 1807	Ireland – he is a discharged soldier	26
Marriage	Bef 1807	likely County Cork, Ireland	26
Child is born	27 Jan 1808	A son – David is born in Ireland	27
Child is born	5 Mar 1809	A daughter – Mary is born in Ireland	28
Child is born	10 Mar 1811	A daughter – Ellen is born in Ireland	30
Child is born	Abt 1812	A son – John Jr. is born in Ireland	31
Residence (fam)	1814	Ballyogaha, Gortroe, Cork, Ireland	33
Child is born	27 Sep 1814	A daughter – Johanna is born IRE	33
Residence (fam)	1817	Ballyogaha, Gortroe, Cork, Ireland	36
Child is born	6 Feb 1817	A daughter – Bridget is born IRE	36
Child is born	Abt 1819	A son – Thomas is born IRE	39
Child dies	Bef 1821	daughter Ellen dies	40
Census	1821	Ballyogaha (no census – fire destroyed records)	40
Residence (fam)	1821	Ballyogaha, Gortroe, Cork, Ireland	40
Child is born	13 Aug 1821	A daughter – Ellen Elizabeth born IRE	40
Child dies	Bef 1823	son David dies	42
Emigration	8 Jul 1823	From Ireland to Canada	42
Emigration	2 Sep 1823	Reached edge of Quebec – arrived after a passage of 8 weeks	42
Emigration	6 Sep 1823	Reached Montreal, Quebec	42
Emigration	22 Sep 1823	Reached edge of Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario – and stayed	42
Residence (fam)	Spring 1824	Lot 4, Con 4, Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada	43
Misc.	4 Sep 1824	Letter from W. Marshal to Mr. Baines	43
Misc.	7 Sep 1824	Letter from Powell to Thomas Baines, Esquire in Ballygiblin, Cork, IRE	43
Misc.	11 Oct 1824	Land Deed – for 70 acres front part of West half Lot 11 Con 9	43
Child is born	Bef 1826	An unknown child is born in Lanark County	45
Child is born	Bef 1826	An unknown child is born in Lanark County	45
Misc.	1 Jan 1826	Letter from John O'Mara to Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C. B. Lieutenant Governor of Upper	45

		Canada – pleading he has 9 young children and has cleared 7 acres (Ann and Margaret aren't born yet)	
Residence (fam)	4 Jan 1826	Applied for Land Petition for Lot 11, Con 9, Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada (100 acres)	45
Misc.	1 Feb 1826	Letter from Thom. Rideout, Surveyor General to Government Office in York, Upper Canada	45
Child is born	28 May 1826	A daughter – Nancy “Ann” A. is born in Ramsay Township, Lanark	45
Misc.	9 Apr 1826	Letter from W. Marshal to Major Killun, Surveyor General in York, Upper Canada	45
Misc.	12 Apr 1826	Letter from Peter Robinson	45
Misc.	23 Nov 1827	Letter from Thomas Baines to J. B. Robinson, Esquire in Cork, IRE. In this letter, John is stated to have 11 in family (thus himself, his wife, and 9 others – and at this time, Margaret is not yet born and 2 children have died. He would have 7 children living, poss. 2 more at this time totaling 9.	46
Child is born	16 May 1828	A daughter – Margaret is born in Ramsay, Lanark County	47
Property	25 Feb 1829	Lot 9, Con 9, Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada – poignant petition after dispute of ownership	48
Misc.	8 Jul 1830	Land Petition from Peter Robinson and John O'Mara for Lot 9, Con 9, Township of Ramsay, Lanark County. At this time he has cleared 5 acres and built a house on it.	49
Residence (fam)	25 Oct 1830	Lot 9, Con 9, Ramsay	49
Misc.	9 Aug 1838	Deed from Crown lands (Queen) for Lot 9, Con 9, Ramsay in lieu of Lot 11 (200 acres)	57
Property	13 Dec 1849	Sold all 200 acres of Lot 9, Con 9 to James Snedden (John O'Meara and wife) for \$2400.00	68
Death	Aft 1849	Southern Ontario, perhaps Huron-Perth or Middlesex Counties. No records Lanark Co.	

A DETAILED LOOK:

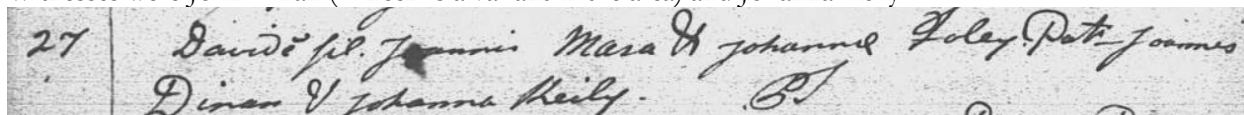
JOHN MARA AND JOHANNA FOLEY

I present a look into John Mara's life through a journey of discovery of documents and images. Beginning with his birth in Ireland through his journey to Canada. The following Irish baptismal records are written in Latin. Names such as John were spelled as Joannis, and James was Jacobi, Brigidam for Bridgid, Mariam for Mary, Davide for David, etc.²

John MARA (O'MEARA) was born in 1781 at *probable* Garryantagart, Co. Cork and died after 1849 in southern Ontario (then known as Upper Canada until Confederation in 1867), Canada.

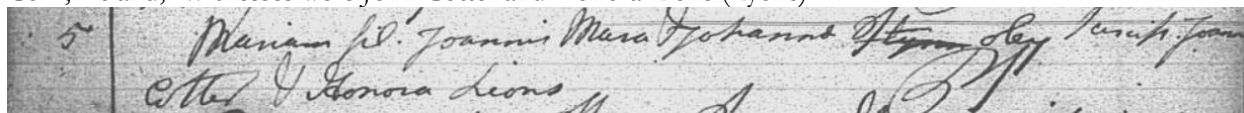
John MARA (O'MEARA) and Johanna FOLEY were married before 1807 at *probable* County Cork in Ireland and had the following children:

i. **David MARA** appears to be the first born son of John and Johanna, as there are no Mara records prior at Rathcormack. He was born on 27 Jan 1808 in Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland.³ He was baptized on 27 Jan 1808 in Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland; Witnesses were John Dinan (Dineen is a variant in the area) and Johanna Keily.



He *presumed* died before 1823 before the age of 15 in Ireland. David was buried at *probable* in County Cork, Ireland.

ii. **Mary MARA**, born and baptized 5 Mar 1809, Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland;⁴ Witnesses were John Cotter and Honora Lyons (Lyons).



In 1823, she emigrated with her family aboard the HS Stakesby from Ireland to Canada. She married Mr. UNK, bef 1861; died 4 Dec 1882, Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She is buried at Saint Patrick's RC Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada.

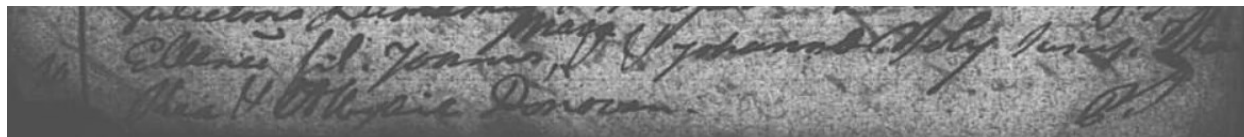
iii. **Ellen MARA** was born on 10 Mar 1811 in Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland.⁵ She was baptized on 10 Mar 1811 in Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland; Witnesses were Thomas Shea and Abigail Donovan.

² List of common First Name variations, *RootsIreland.ie*, (<https://www.rootsireland.ie/help/first-names/>)

³ Baptism for Davide Mara, 27 Jan 1808, Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland, Rathcormack, Microfilm 04995/01, p. 51, (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000635046#page/51/mode/1up>)

⁴ Baptism for Mariam Mara, 5 Mar 1809, Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland, Rathcormack, Microfilm 04995/01, p. 56, (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000635046#page/56/mode/1up>)

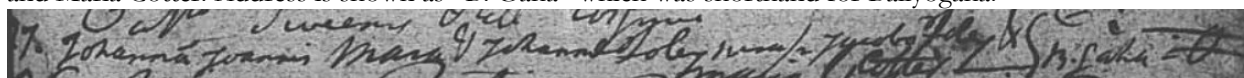
⁵ Baptism for Ellena Mara, 10 Mar 1811, Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland, Rathcormack, Microfilm 04995/01, p. 69, (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000635046#page/69/mode/1up>)



She died before 1821 at the age of 10 in Ireland. Ellen was buried at *probable* in County Cork, Ireland.

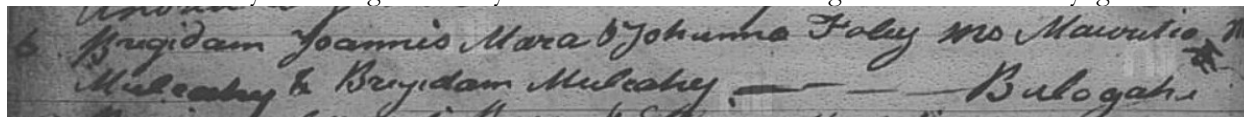
iv. **John MARA Jr.**, born abt 1812, Ireland. In 1823, he emigrated with his family aboard the HS Stakesby from Ireland to Canada. He married Margaret RYAN, 20 Nov 1853, London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada; died 26 Aug 1894, Ontario, Canada. He is buried at Saint Patrick's RC Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. He was a Farmer.

v. **Johanna MARA**, born on 27 Sep 1814, Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland;⁶ She was baptized 27 Sep 1814 at Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, Cork, Ireland; Witnesses were Jacob Foley and Maria Cotter. Address is shown as "B. Gaha" which was shorthand for Ballyogaha.



She married Denis FINN, 6 Nov 1848, at St. Philip's Nepean RC Church, Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada; died 19 May 1890, Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

vi. **Bridget MARA**, born 6 Feb 1817, Ballyogaha, Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland;⁷ She was baptized 6 Feb 1817 at Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, Cork, Ireland; Witnesses were Mauritiu Mulcahy and Bridget Mulcahy. Address is shown as "Balogaha" which was Ballyogaha.



In 1823, she emigrated with her family aboard the HS Stakesby from Ireland to Canada. She married Michael DWYER, 5 Oct 1841, at St. John the Baptist RC Church, Perth, Drummond Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; died 1891, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. She was buried at Saint Henry Catholic Church Cemetery in Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

vii. **Thomas MARA**, born abt. 1819, Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, County Cork, Ireland. In 1823, he emigrated with his family aboard the HS Stakesby from Ireland to Canada. He married Margaret FOLEY, 3 Jun 1846, at St. Philip's Nepean RC Church, Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada; died 2 Jul 1894, Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was buried at Calvary Cemetery, Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. His will is dated 2 Jul 1894 and probate 11 Sep 1905, Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

viii. **Ellen MARA**, born 13 Aug 1821, Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland;⁸ She was baptized on 13 Aug 1821, Rathcormack and Gortroe Parish, Cork, Ireland; Witnesses Bartholomew Coleman and Maria Ryan. Address is shown as "B. Gaha" which was shorthand for Ballyogaha.

⁶ Baptism for Johanna Mara, 27 Sep 1814, Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland, Rathcormack, Microfilm 04995/01, p. 84, (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000635046#page/84/mode/1up>)

⁷ Baptism for Brigidam Mara, 6 Feb 1817, Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland, Rathcormack, Microfilm 04995/01, p. 100, (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000635046#page/100/mode/1up>)

⁸ Baptism for Ellenam Mara, 13 Aug 1821, Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland, Rathcormack, Microfilm 04995/01, p. 124, (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000635046#page/124/mode/1up>)

13. Elisabeth Mara & Johanna Foley 13. P. Macdonald
Owen Coleman & Maria Ryan B. John

In 1823, she emigrated with her family aboard the HS Stakesby from Ireland to Canada. She died after 1844.

ix. **Elisabeth MARA (O'MEARA)** was born in 16 Jan 1824 in Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 17 Jan 1824 at St. John the Baptist RC Church, Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.⁹

20 The seventeenth of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty four the undersigned Priest baptised Elisabeth born the sixteenth of this month of the lawful marriage of John Mara and Johanna Foley.
P. Macdonald Priest.

She married Daniel BRADY, 11 Feb 1851, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada; died 11 Jul 1917, Duluth, Saint Louis, Minnesota, United States. She was buried at Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

x. **Nancy A. "Ann" MARA** was born on 28 May 1826 in Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 28 May 1826 at St. John the Baptist RC Church, Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.¹⁰

37 The twenty eighth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty six the undersigned Priest baptised Nancy born in Ramsay about seven months ago of the lawful marriage of John Mara and of Johanna Foley.
Sponsors Tim. Brien and Johanna Foley.
P. Macdonald Priest.

She owned property in 1879 at Lot 5, Con 9 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Ann died on 11 Mar 1919 at the age of 92. She was buried in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. She was a Nurse.

⁹ Elisabeth Mara, 17 Jan 1824, baptismal record, Saint John the Baptist, Perth; Ontario, Canada, Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1760-1923, B.20, digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/61505/images/FS_005077541_00148)

¹⁰ Nancy Mara, 28 May 1826, baptismal record, Saint John the Baptist, Perth; Ontario, Canada, Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1760-1923, B.37, digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/579422:61505>)

Ann never married.

xi. **Margaret MARA**, born 16 May 1828, Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; She was baptized on 3 Sep 1826 at St. John the Baptist RC Church, Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.¹¹

The third day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight the undersigned Priest baptized Margaret born the daughter of John Mara and of Johanna Holy Sponsors Patrick O'Brien and Mary Foley.
J. Macdonald P.S.

She married Martin WARD, 7 Jan 1858, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States; died 2 Aug 1911, Seattle, King, Washington, United States. She is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, King, Washington, United States.

**To note, there is a 4-Generation expanded pedigree for John Mara and his descendants, with additional details (text only) later in this report.

¹¹ Margaret Mara, 3 Sep 1828, baptismal record, Saint John the Baptist, Perth; Ontario, Canada, Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1760-1923, B.100, digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/579719:61505>)

Figure 1: Showing the Catholic Parish area of Rathcormack and Gortroe



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THE MARA FAMILY IN CORK, IRELAND

Before John Mara, wife Johanna Foley, and his family were known in Canada and Minnesota, they lived in County Cork, Ireland. The following pages show a closer view of the exact townships where the family lived and their children were born. Using the following maps from as early as 1777 to 1838, I'll focus on Rathcormack, Cork, Ireland as a focal point. The Mara family would have likely traveled along this route to get to Rathcormack (shown as Rathcormuck).

Figure 2: Taylor and Skinner Road Maps of Ireland 1777 - Map 122 Dublin to Cork (showing Rathcormuck)¹²

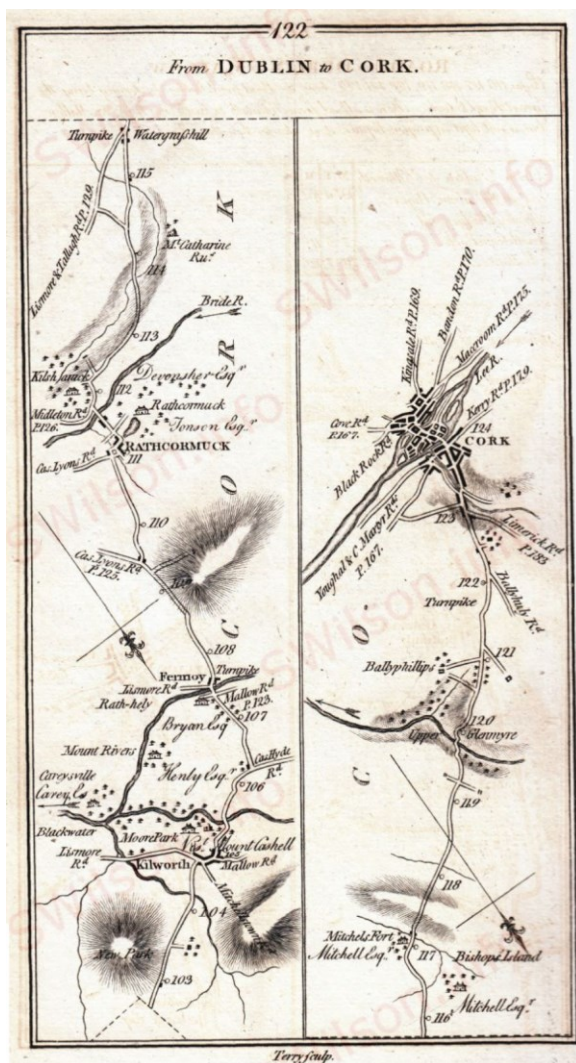


Figure 3: Map Key for Taylor and Skinner Road Maps 1777

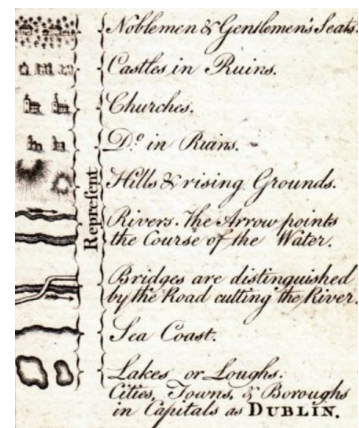
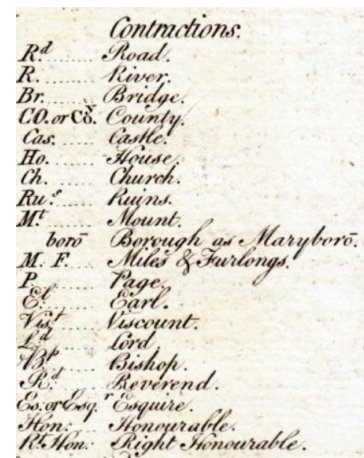


Figure 4: Abbreviations Key for Taylor and Skinner Road Maps 1777



¹² SWilson – Taylor and Skinner – Road Maps of Ireland 1777, Map 122 – Road from Dublin to Cork, Drawn by Terry Sculp for George Taylor and Andrew Skinner, (<https://www.swilson.info/tandsdets.php?pg=122#>)

Figure 5: Map of County Cork, Ireland:

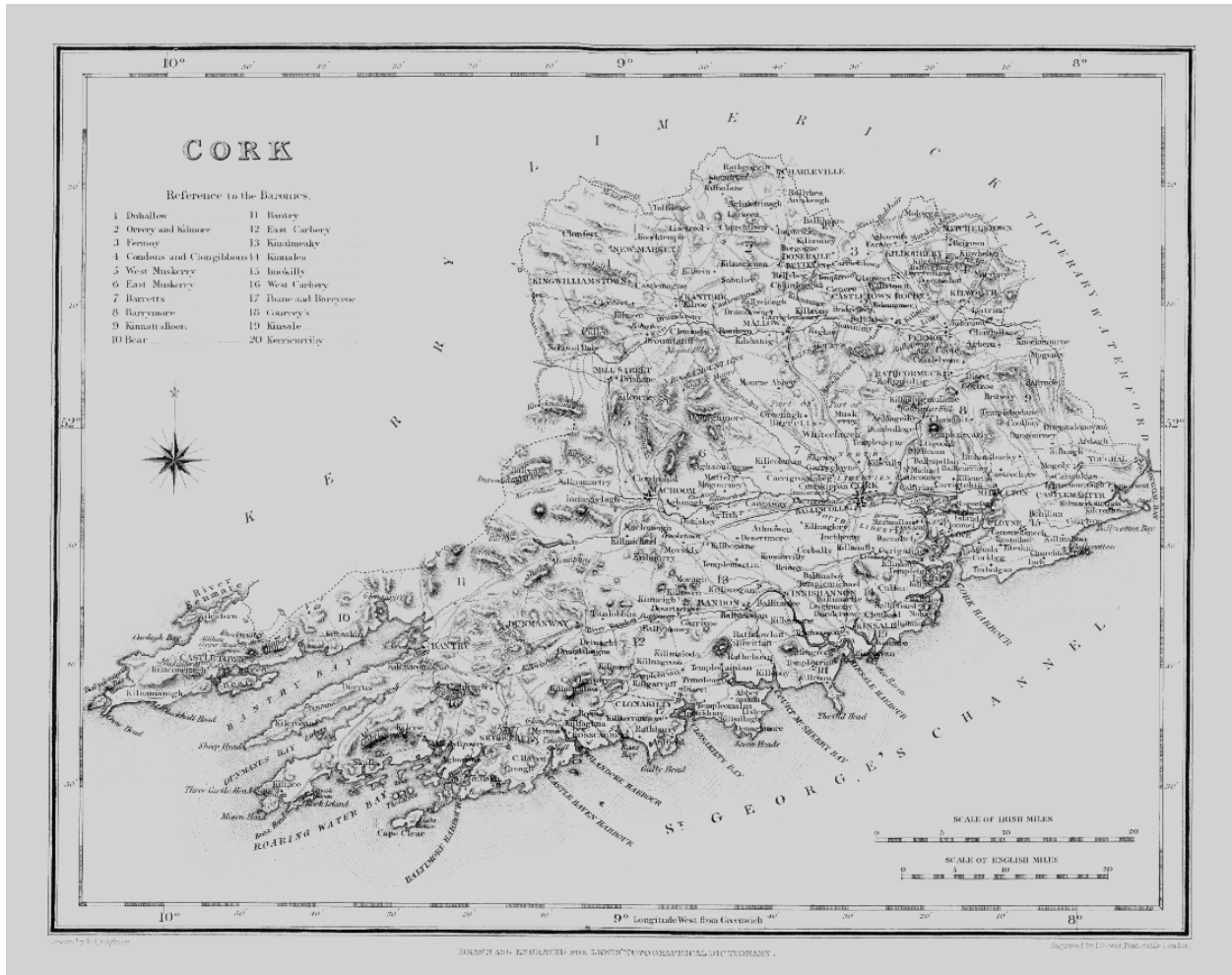


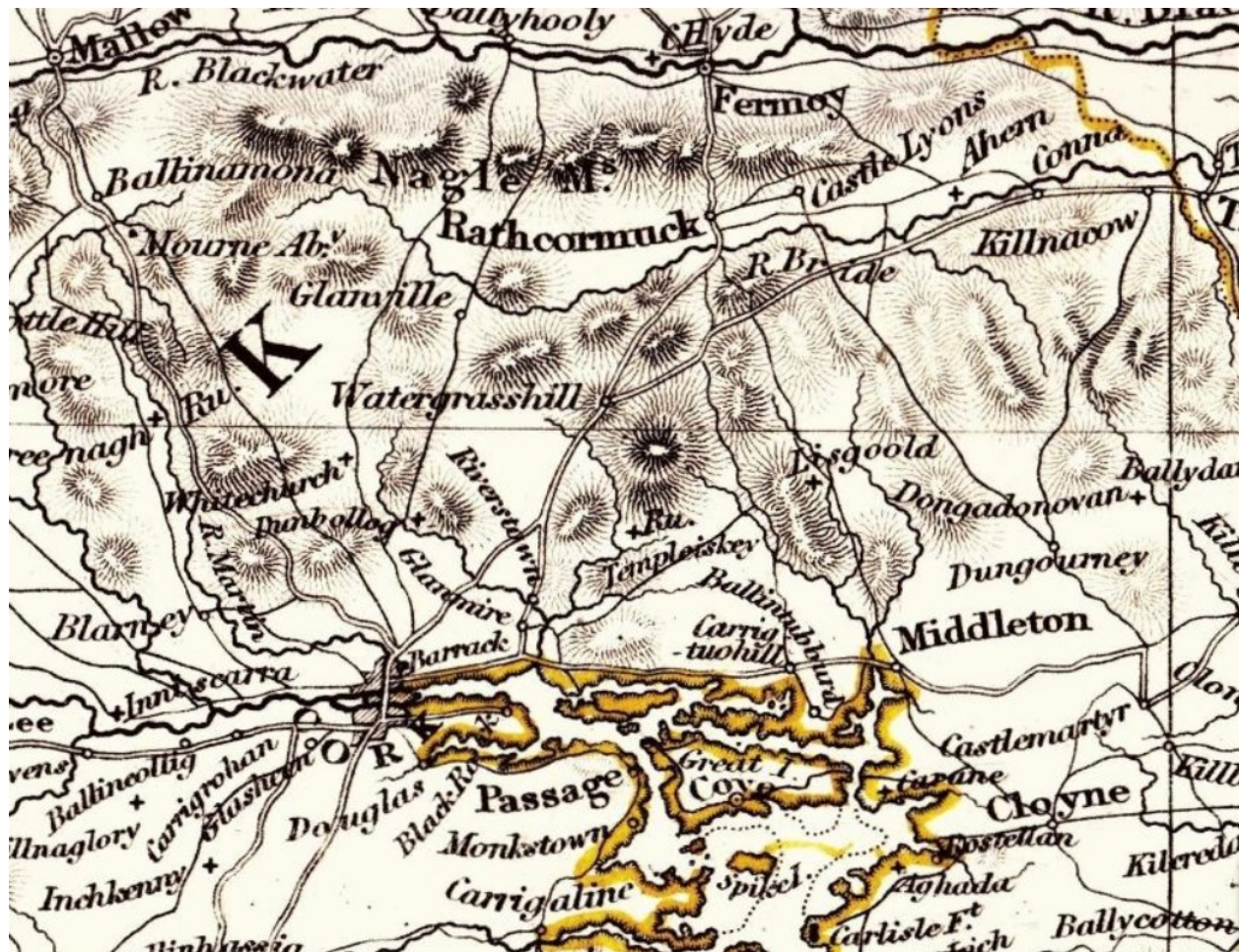
Figure 6: Historic Map of County Cork, Ireland dated 1837 by Samuel Lewis (Close-up):^{13,14}



¹³ Ordnance Survey Ireland – County Cork

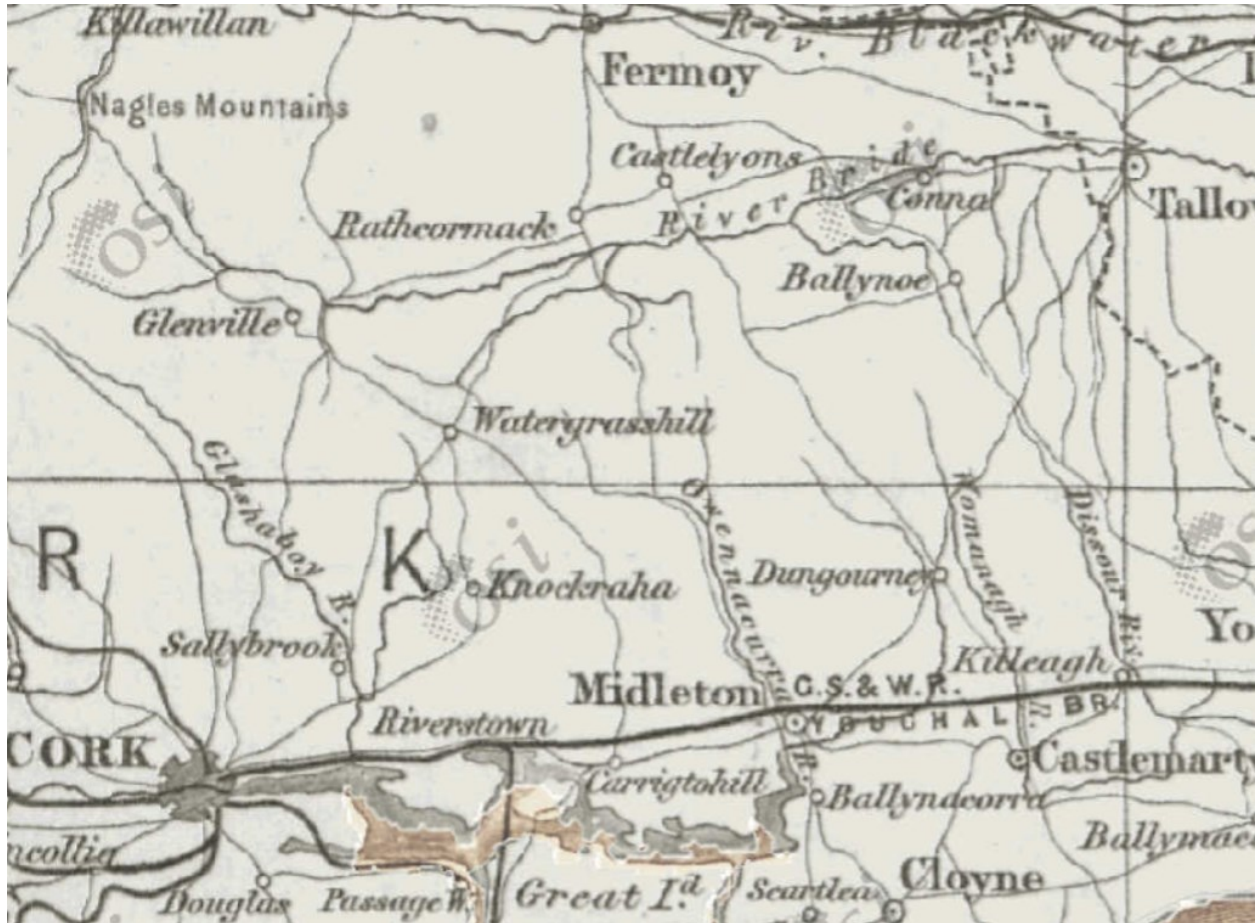
(<https://geohive.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8c489155089e4c1ba128c2a2ae9b8cf2>)

¹⁴ SWilson – County Maps of Ireland – Lewis 1837 Co. Cork, Drawn and Engraved for Lewis' Topographical Dictionary, Drawn by R. Creighton, Engraved by J. Dower, Pentonville, London, (<https://www.swilson.info/lewismaps37.php?coid=6>)

Figure 7: Historic Map of County Cork, Ireland 1837 by Samuel Lewis (Close-up)¹⁵

Historic map (1837-1842) of the area surrounding Rathcormack and Ballyogaha. Rathcormack is near the upper part of the map. Ballyogaha exists just to the east of the word “Watergrasshill” – must zoom into the map to see it.

¹⁵ SWilson – 1838 SDUK Map of Ireland, Published for the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, 59
Lincolns Inn Fields, March 15th, 1838, Engraved by J. & C. Walker, (<https://www.swilson.info/maps/sduk1838.php>)



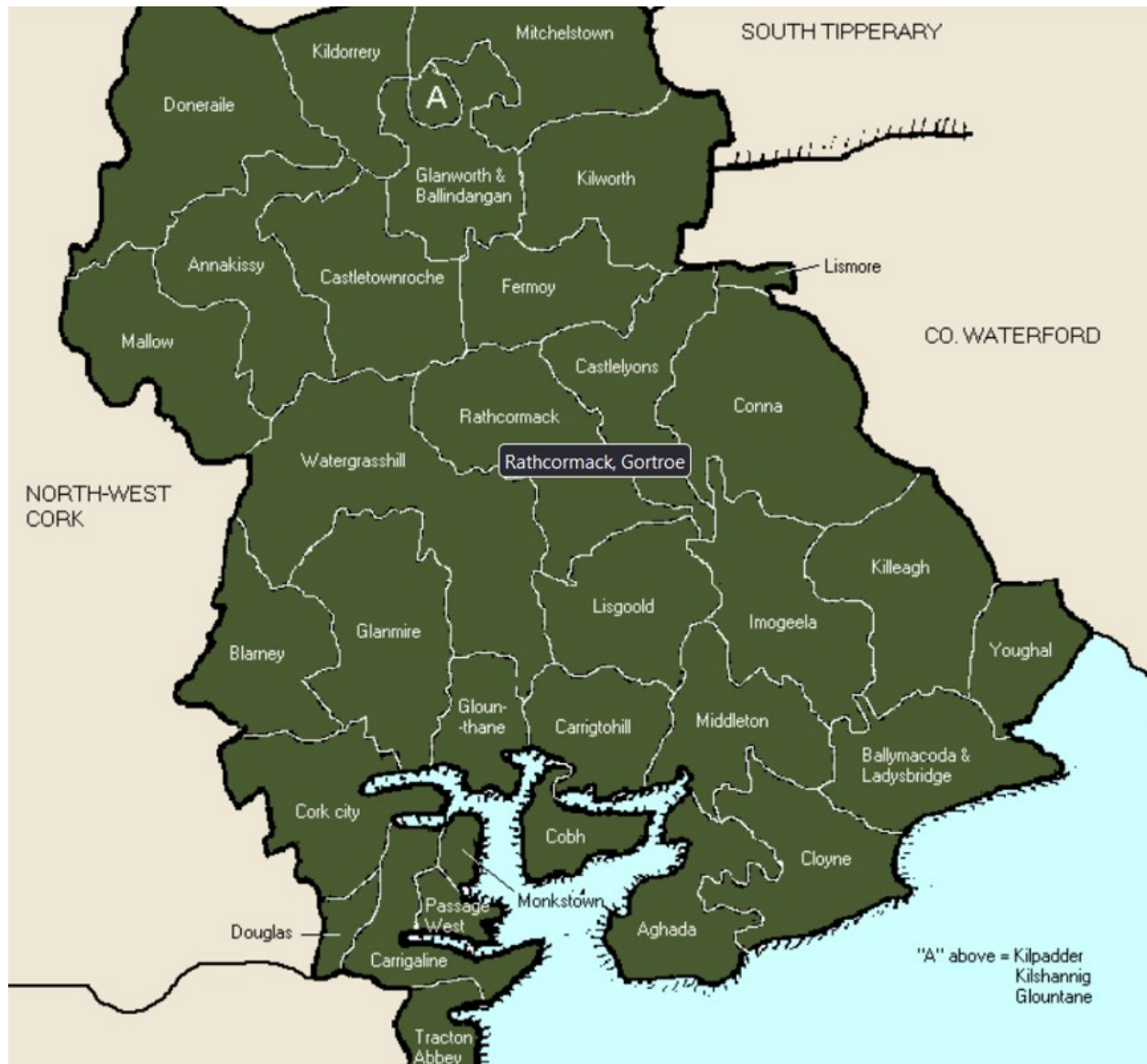
ABOUT GORTROE CIVIL PARISH, CORK

The main places which have been mentioned for the Mara family in Ireland were located within Gortroe civil parish in barony of Barrymore, County Cork, Province of Munster, Ireland. The family lived in Ballyogaha during 1814-1821, based on confirmed source records from the children's baptisms at the Catholic church in the Parish of Rathcormack and Gortroe, Diocese of Cloyne. Ballyogaha is located in Gortroe Parish.

“GORTROE, a parish, in the barony of BARRYMORE, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 2-miles (S. by E.) from Rathcormac, on the road to Middleton ; containing, with the parish of Desert, 2856 inhabitants ; and comprising 8885 statute acres, as apportioned under the tithe act, and valued at £6046 per annum: about 1500 acres are bog and mountain waste, the remainder arable and pasture ; the soil is in general poor. The principal seats are Ballinterry, the residence of the Rev. Archdeacon Ryder; and Holly Hill, of S. Croker, Esq. It is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Cloyne, united from an early period to the rectory and vicarage of Desert, forming the corps of the archdeaconry of Cloyne, in the gift of the bishop: the tithes of the united parishes amount to £415. 7. 8. There is neither glebe-house nor glebe. The church was built in 1826. **In the R. C. divisions, it is part of the union or district of Rathcormac, and contains a chapel.**

There is a parochial school of about 20 children, to which the rector contributes £5 annually, and a private school of about 60 children.” – Excerpt from Wikipedia entry¹⁶

Figure 8: Irish Catholic Parish Map - showing Rathcormack & Gortroe:¹⁷



I have “mouse-overed” to show the parishes associated with the Catholic Parish of Rathcormack, also shows Gortroe as part of the same parish.

GORTROE ADJOINING PARISHES:

¹⁶ Samuel Lewis’ *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* (1837); *Wikipedia*, ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Lewis_\(publisher\)#A_Topographical_Dictionary_of_Ireland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Lewis_(publisher)#A_Topographical_Dictionary_of_Ireland))

¹⁷ John Grenham, *Irish Ancestors*, (<https://www.johngrenham.com/browse/counties/rcmaps/corkerc.php#maps/>)

Britway, Castleyons, Kilshanahan, Lisgould, **Rathcormack**, Templebodan

PLACENAMES IN GORTROE:

Ballinterry, Ballinure, Ballinvarrig East, Ballinvarrig West, Ballinwillin, Ballyda, Ballynakilla, Ballyanelagh, Ballynoe, **Ballyogaha East**, **Ballyogaha North**, **Ballyogaha West**, Ballyoneen, Ballyrobert, Baneena North, Baneena South, Caherdesert, Caherduggan, Clykeel North, Clykeel South, Commons, Cronavan, Curraghard, Curraghphlibbode, Desert, **Garryantaggart**, Hightown, Hollyhill, Killamurren, Knockeennagroagh, Knocknabooly, Knoppoge, Lackabea East, Lackabea West, Lissurla, Mellefontstown, Monananig, Peafield, Rathaneague, and Rathcobane.¹⁸

THE PENAL ERA IN CLOYNE

It is well documented the Mara's were a Catholic family. "In 1652 Cromwell's conquest of Ireland was complete. Persecution Catholics followed. In 1698 Catholic Bishops, V.G.s, Deans, Jesuits, and monks were ordered to leave the country and many Penal Laws were enacted. The practice of religious devotion at holy wells, for the most part, was widespread. Unregistered priests celebrated Mass on mass-rocks in the open or well concealed spots while scouts watched. Clerical students went secretly to the Irish Colleges on the continent and newly ordained priests were obliged to enter secretly on their return to Ireland. The Irish College at Toulouse was virtually a seminary for the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. It was suppressed in 1789. This was the age of Mass-rocks and miserable open-ended Mass-houses. The majority of the priests were "on the run." – Excerpt from Diocese of Cloyne History¹⁹

19TH – 20TH CENTURY:

"The 19th and 20th centuries witnessed great progress, with convents, monasteries and schools being founded in many parishes. Numerous priests, religious men and women went to work in all five continents. The great age of Church building dawned shortly before 1800 A.D. St. Mary's Church, Youghal was built in 1796, and gradually new parish churches were built in every parish in the Diocese." – Excerpt from "Diocese of Cloyne A.D. 2002 – A glimpse of our Christian Heritage."

CHURCHES IN RATHCORMACK PARISH, IN THE DIOCESE OF CLOYNE:

The following list of churches are in the close proximity to Ballyogaha:

(all dates listed are approximate according to their sources)

¹⁸ John Grenham and Eion Grenham, *Irish Ancestors: Gortroe*, (https://www.johngrenham.com/records/lewis.php?civilparishid=255&civilparish=Gortroe&county=Cork&search_type=full)

¹⁹ Roman Catholic Diocese of Cloyne, History of Cloyne Diocese, (<https://cloynediocese.ie/about-the-diocese/history/>)

The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Main Street, RATHCORMACK, Rathcormack, Cork was built about 1818.²⁰

Saint Bartholomew's Church, GARRYANTAGGART, Bartlemy, Cork was built about 1820.²¹ This church is adjacent to Gortroe Cemetery. It is close to Ballyogaha.

Saint Catherine's Catholic Church, BALLYNOE, Ballynoe, Cork was built circa 1815-1820.²²

St. Nicholas Church, CASTLELYONS was built in 1845 by Fr. Patrick Duggan, replacing an older thatched penal church.²³ Uncertain of the date the thatched penal church was built. It is close to Ballyogaha.

Saint Patrick's Church, Chapel Square, FERMOY, Fermoy, Cork was built around 1810/11.²⁴ It is near the townland of Rathcormack.

HOLY WELLS OF COUNTY CORK

Many churches were built after John was born. Knowing many priests practiced outside of churches due to prosecution, there could be a possibility he was baptised in a penal church or a holy well. Holy Wells were long ago created by Pagans and later on, were adopted by Christians alike for special circumstances and prayer. County Cork has the highest density of holy wells in the country.²⁵ There is a well known one called St. Bartholomew's Well, in Garryantaggart, Cork. "According to Power writing in 1923 the townland name Garrynataggart or Garraidh an tSagairt in Irish means 'the priest's garden'. The well is dedicated to St Bartholomew who was one of the twelve apostles."²⁶

²⁰ Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathcormack; *National Inventory of Architectural Heritage*, (<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/20822004/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-main-street-rathcormack-rathcormack-cork>)

²¹ Saint Bartholomew's Church, Garryantaggart; *National Inventory of Architectural Heritage*, (<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/20904420/saint-bartholomews-church-garryantaggart-bartlemy-cork>)

²² Saint Catherine's Catholic Church, Ballynoe, *National Inventory of Architectural Heritage*, (<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/20802001/saint-catherines-church-ballynoe-county-cork>)

²³ Castlelyons Catholic Parish, Diocese of Cloyne, County Cork, Ireland – Our Parish, (<http://castlelyonscatholicparish.ie/our-parish/>)

²⁴ Saint Patrick's Church, Fermoy, *National Inventory of Architectural Heritage*, (<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/20820110/saint-patricks-church-chapel-square-fermoy-fermoy-cork>)

²⁵ Holy Wells of Cork & Kerry, (<https://holywellscorkandkerry.com/on-wells-1-a-few-statistics/>)

²⁶ St. Bartholomew's Well, Garryantaggart, Co., Cork, *Pilgrimage Medieval Ireland*, (<https://pilgrimagemedievalireland.com/tag/holy-well-2/>)

Figure 9: St. Bartholomew's Holy Well, Garryantaggart - shown surrounded with a modern enclosing wall



JOHN MARA'S BIRTHPLACE:

GARRYANTAGGART

A few Ancestry trees suggest “Garryantsagart” as his birthplace.²⁷ This is a spelling error, but likely was copied from a document of reference – therefore I’m treating it as a valid possibility. The Township of Garryantaggart (how it is spelled correctly) falls midpoint between Townships of Rathcormack and Ballyogaha. Garryantaggart is also in the same Parish of Gortroe as Ballyogaha, a known place his children were born. The probability of this is good as a birthplace for John O’Mara/Mara. I have contacted several Ancestry members who show this information in hopes of a response and clarification of source for his birthplace, but it can be “penciled” in for now.

The following maps are all Ordnance Maps from the Historic 6” (1837-1842) Colour, beginning with fully zoomed into Garryantaggart:²⁸

²⁷ John O’Mara in the Koch Family Tree, owned by cocorich, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/family-tree/person/tree/26917118/person/26099606383/facts>)

²⁸ Ordnance Survey Ireland – Historic 6” (1837-1842) Colour Map of Ireland, (<https://geohive.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8c489155089e4c1ba128c2a2ae9b8cf2>)

Figure 10: Showing the Townland of Garryantagart, Co. Cork:



Figure 11: Showing outlying townships surrounding Garryantagart:

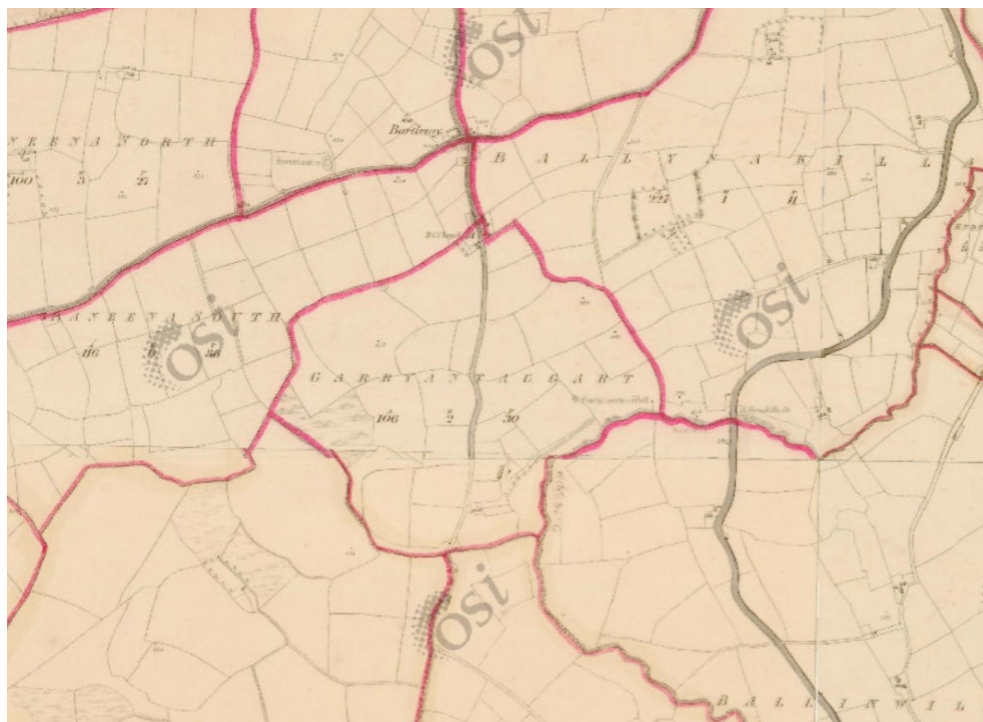


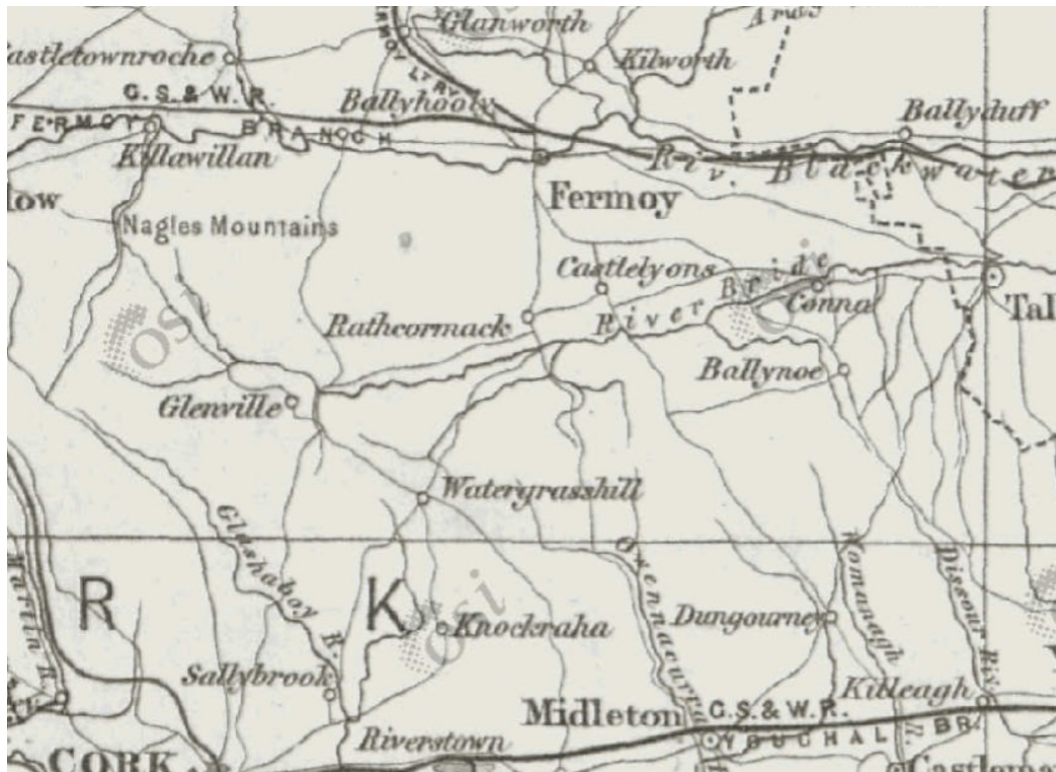
Figure 12: Continuing to zoom out - Garryantagart is in the center of this map:



Figure 13: Continuing to zoom out - Garryantagart is in the center of this map:



Figure 14: Zoomed out fully, Garryantaggart would be between Townlands of Rathcormack and Watergrasshill



BALLYOGAHA

Ballyogaha is just above the word “Caherduggan” -must zoom into the map to see it appear... This is where the family lived (confirmed) from 1814-1821. It is possible they were here longer or before that year, but several baptismal records do not indicate town of residence. The family lived in proximity to the Catholic church in the Parish of Rathcormack from about 1808 onward. Ballyogaha is divided into three sections: East, North, and West – with West being the largest section. It might be possible to find an exact location for their homestead with further documentation discoveries in Ireland. Finding it on a map, shows it is just above Caherduggan and was in close view of the old relic Rathcobane Castle.

Figure 15: Ballyogaha is just above the word “Caherduggan”:



Zooming in to the next level of the map:

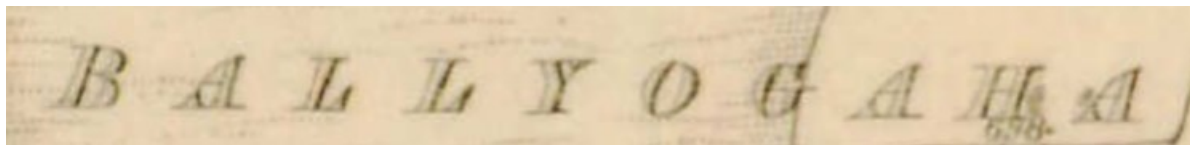


Figure 16: Ballyogaha:



Figure 17: Ballyogaha East, County Cork:

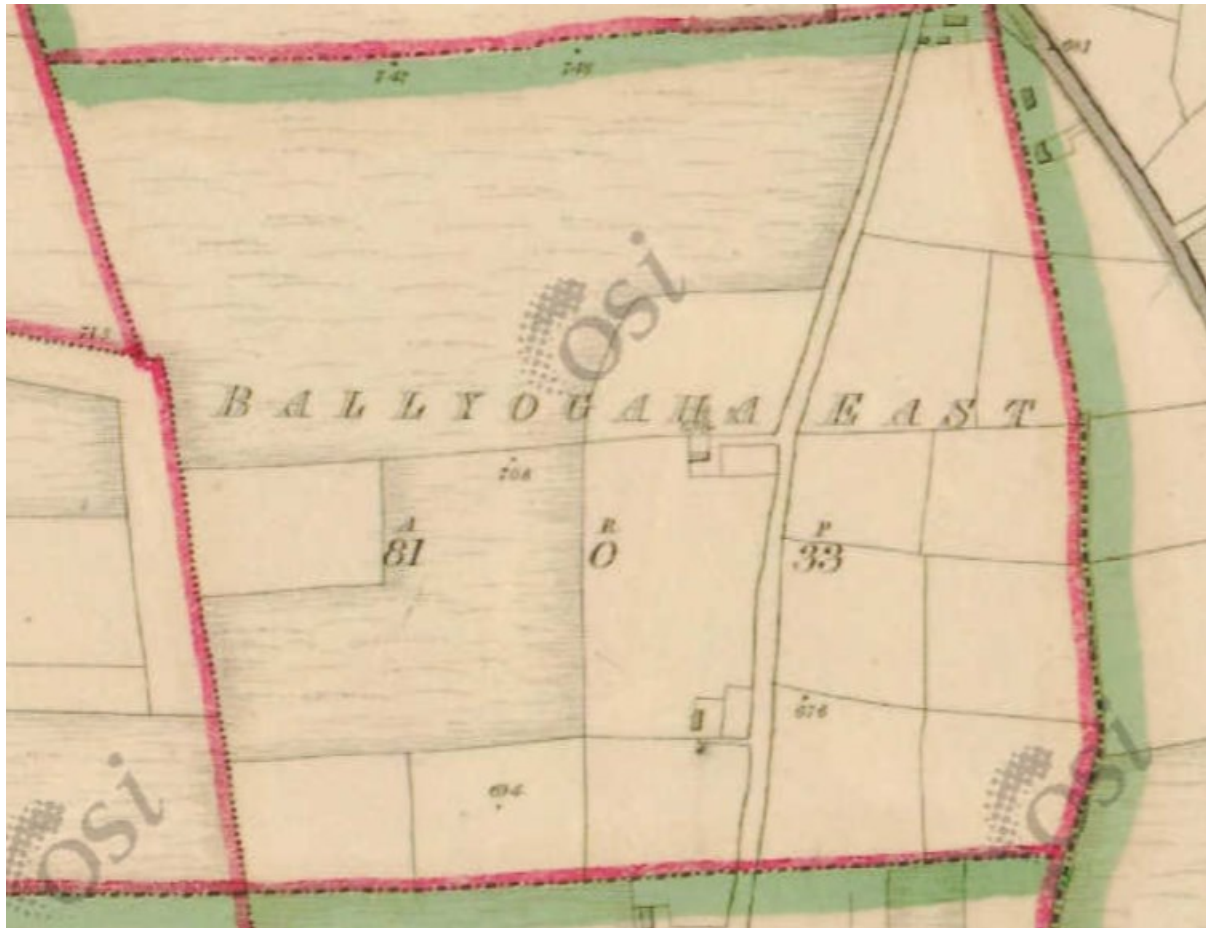


Figure 18: Ballyogaha North, County Cork:

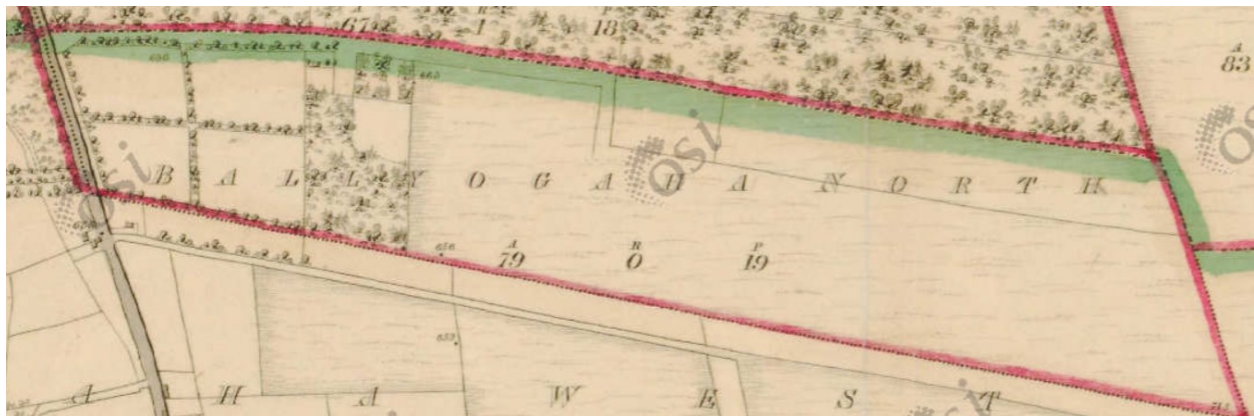


Figure 19: Ballyogaha West (the largest), County Cork:



Showing all of Ballyogaha, in the civil Parish of Gortroe, the Barony of Barrymore, the County of Cork. Somewhere on this map, was a plot of land and a home owned by John Mara! This would be something to further research in Ireland.

Figure 20: Showing all of Ballyogaha, County Cork:

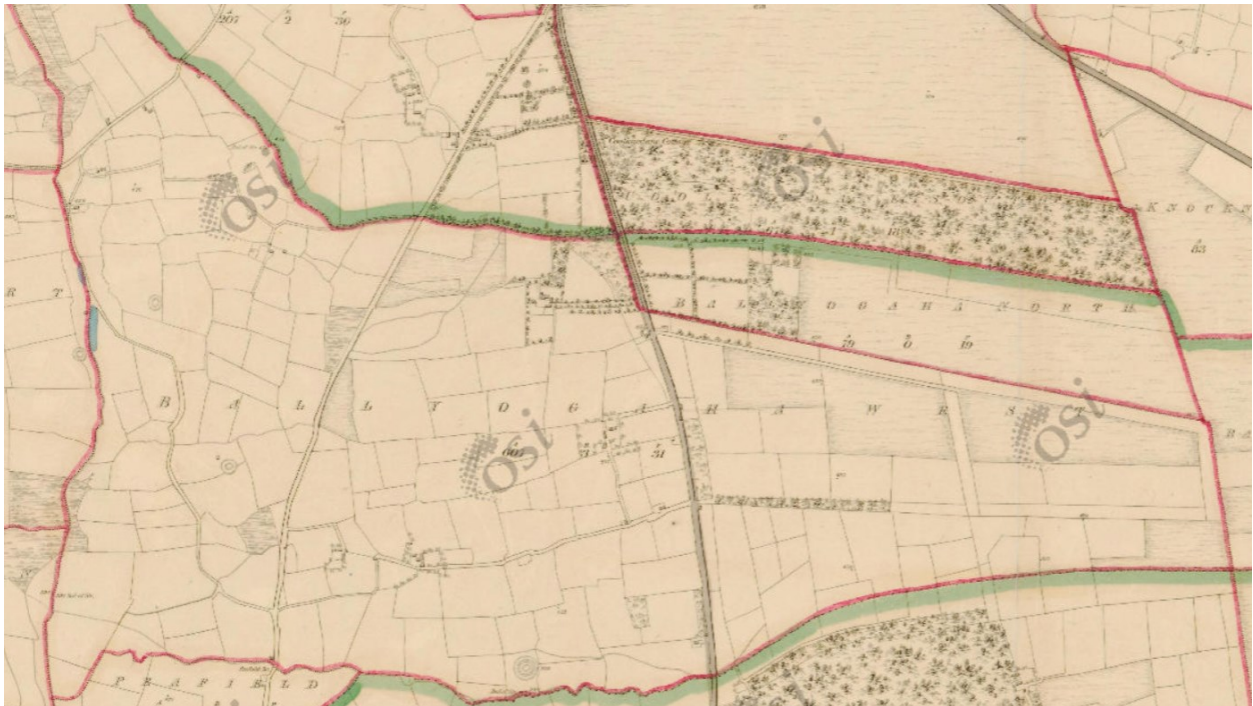
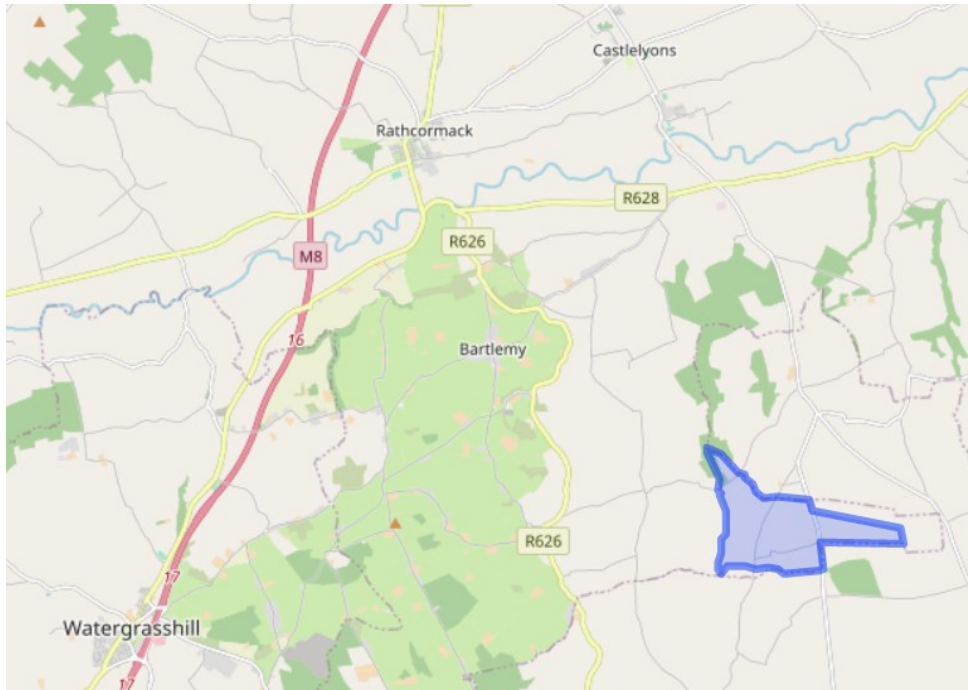


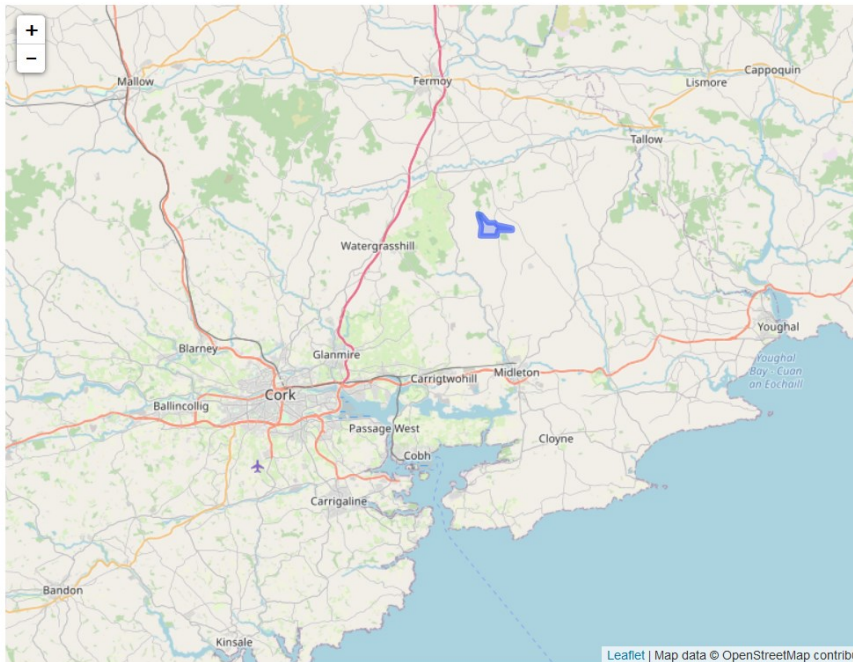
Figure 21: Contemporary Google Map of Ballyogaha (in blue):



On Contemporary Google Maps, Ballyogaha is located at around: 52°03'48.38"N 008°20'02.97"W

Figure 22: Zoomed out, showing County Cork (blue is Ballyogaha):

It is located at 52° 1' 29" N, 8° 12' 6" W.



RATHCORMACK ON THE OLD MAPS

Rathcormack is both a Parish and a Townland (within the same named Parish). Shown below on these old maps from circa 1837:²⁹

Figure 23: Rathcormack Parish and Townland:

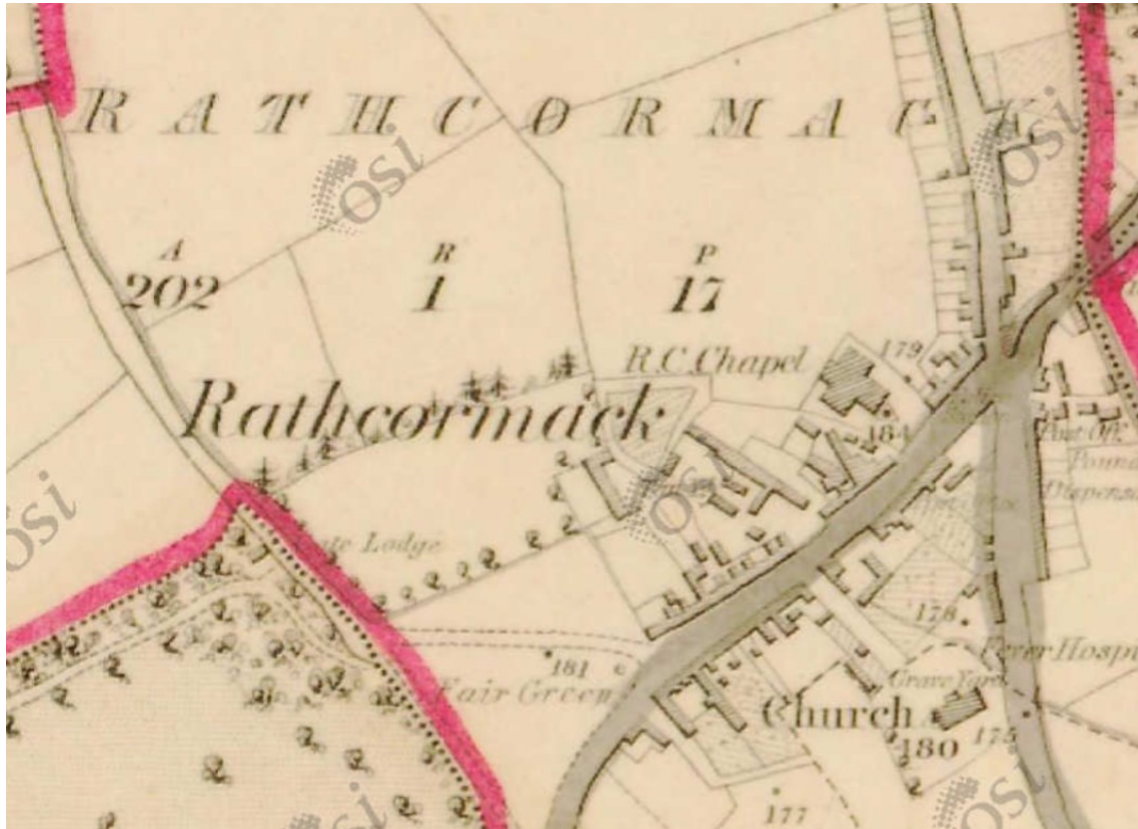


Figure 24: Zoomed out of map, showing Rathcormack Parish:

²⁹ Ordnance Survey Ireland – Historic 6" (1837-1842) Colour Map of Ireland, (<https://geohive.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8c489155089e4c1ba128c2a2ae9b8cf2>)



Figure 25: Zoomed out fully shows Rathcormack near the upper left:



Canada

PETER ROBINSON SETTLERS CORK TO CANADA 1823:

Figure 26: Peter Robinson Settlers - Ship H S Stakesby 8 Jul 1823:³⁰



Peter Robinson Settlers - Stakesby passengers July 1823

ABOUT PETER ROBINSON, 1785-1838

“Peter Robinson, the eldest son of Christopher Robinson, an officer in the Queen's Rangers, was born in New Brunswick in 1785. His family moved to Upper Canada in 1792, settling first at Kingston, and then at York in 1798. In 1812 Robinson commanded a rifle company at the capture of Detroit and in 1813 distinguished himself at the defence of Michilimackinac. In 1817 he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada for the east riding of York. In 1823 and 1825 Robinson promoted emigration schemes which successfully settled large numbers of Irishmen in the Bathurst and Newcastle districts in the neighbourhood of Peterborough, which was named after him. In 1827 Robinson was appointed -

³⁰ John O'Mara in the Koch Family Tree, owned by cocorich (Kathryn Koch), *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/family-tree/person/tree/26917118/person/26099606383/facts>)

Commissioner of Crown Lands, with a seat in the Executive and Legislative Councils . He continued in that office until 1836, when the entire Executive Council resigned in a disagreement with Sir Francis Bond Head. Robinson died, unmarried, in Toronto, 8 July 1838.

“In 1955 the Ontario Department of Public Records and Archives microfilmed the Robinson Papers in the possession of the Peterborough Public Library. These manuscripts, some 1500 pages, relate primarily to the emigration schemes of 1823 and 1825, and a description of the items filmed is here appended. Finding aid no. 134 lists the contents of reels M-140 and M-141 and is available at the beginning of both reels.”³¹ – Excerpt from Finding Aid 134, Ottawa Archives

The full Finding Aid 134 lists many documents which will give more detailed information about the Peter Robinson emigrants on the Stakesby including John Mara and family. No digital documents scanned. Available in person only at the Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa.

SHIP H S STAKESBY, 8 JUL 1823 OUT OF THE COVE OF CORK, IRELAND TO CANADA:

Mara family left with nearly 200 Irish families out of the Cove of Cobh in County Cork, Ireland on the HS Stakesby July 8, 1823. After a passage of 8 weeks, they arrived at the edge of Quebec on September 2nd. They sailed on to Montreal (Quebec) and reached it on September 6th and then they set out to boats to Prescott, another 320 miles and didn't arrive until September 22nd. The Mara's ended up in the Township of Ramsay in Lanark County, (Upper Canada West) Ontario, Canada. To note, Confederation of Canada did not happen until 1867 – so it was simply known as Upper Canada and Lower Canada (Quebec).³²

From the Ships List: “List of emigrant settlers from the South of Ireland embarked on board of the **STAKESBY** transport for passage to Quebec - Cove of Cork 8th July 1823.³³ The Stakesby arrived at Quebec September 2nd and the passengers proceeded to Montreal on the steamboat **New Swiftsure** on September 5th, with Mr. Hamilton, surgeon in charge and Peter Robinson. (*transcription from microfilmed copies of two lists; may contain errors; there may be omissions; wide variation of some ages, between lists; additions at end of list*)”

³¹ Peter Robinson fonds, 1823-1844, Records relating to Peter Robinson settlers in Eastern Ontario. Lists of Irish passengers on board the Albion, Amity, Brunswick, Elizabeth, Fortitude, John Barry, Regulus, Resolution, Star and Stakesby; MG24 B74; Immigrants before 1865, *Library and Archives Canada*, (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca>)

³² Roger Hall, Upper Canada, *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, 7 Feb 2006, (<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/upper-canada>)

³³ The Ships List, National Archives of Canada: MG 24 B 74, 1-4 and 1-5, microfilm reel M-141 see also M-140, (<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/stakesby1823.shtml>)

Figure 27: Showing John Mara and family aboard the *Stakesby*, from the *Ships List*:

Names	Adult	under 14	Former Residence	Remarks
Mara, John	42	.	Rathcormick, Cork	.
Mara, Joanna	36	.	"	.
Mara, Mary	15	.	"	.
Mara, John (junior)	.	12	"	.
Mara, Joanna (junior)	.	8	"	.
Mara, Bridget	.	6	"	.
Mara, Thomas	.	5	"	.
Mara, Ellen	.	3	"	.

Figure 28: Other Peter Robinson settlers from Rathcormack (Rathcormick) on the same ship, same time period (no known relation – but to take note of names):

Quin, Timothy	38/40	.	Rathcormick, Cork	.
Quin, Mary	26/28	.	"	.
Quin, Katherine	.	5/6	"	.
Quin, John	.	3/3½	"	.
Quin, Pat.	.	1	"	.
Mantle, John	45	.	Rathcormick, Cork	.
Mantle, Ellen	38/40	.	"	.
Mantle, James	18	.	"	.
Mantle, Mary	15/16	.	"	.
Mantle, Ellen	.	12	"	.
Mantle, Margaret	.	10	"	.
Mantle, Robert	.	6	"	.
Mantle, Katharine	.	1½-2	"	.

A genealogist's note to keep in mind for the following records in Upper Canada (Ontario):

- ♣ Confederation happened in 1867. Prior to that, records were scarce, and birth records weren't recorded.
- ♣ **Lanark County and Perth County are very far from one another** (close to a 6-hour drive by modern means of transportation). It would have taken the family great effort to travel that distance in the 1850s. I suspect they traveled via railroad.
- ♣ There is a town in Lanark County called Perth. A few children were baptised at the church here in Perth, at St. Johns. It is closer to Ottawa, Canada's capital city, about an hour south of it.
- ♣ Perth County is far southwest Ontario, near Middlesex and Huron Counties, and near the US border leading into Michigan.

PETER ROBINSON'S REPORT ON 1823 EMIGRATION TO THE BATHURST DISTRICT OF UPPER CANADA³⁴

Transcript: (no image)

(circa.March 1824)

Sir

I have the honor to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable Earl Bathurst that having received directions from His Majesty's Government to proceed to Ireland for the purpose of superintending a limited emigration to the Province of Upper Canada, I left Liverpool on the 18 and arrived at Fermoy in the County of Cork on the 20th of May 1823.

Being a stranger in Ireland I was ordered to act under the advice of Lord Ennismore and the Magistrates, and in order to receive the full benefit of their assistance, I made Fermoy my principal place of residence - I was happy to find that the very liberal conditions proposed by His Majesty's Government to such as were disposed to emigrate, met the cordial approbation of all the Gentlemen to whom they were communicated - Lords Ennismore, Kingston ODoneraile, W. Bucher M.P. W.Iephson & the Rev. Dr Woodward were most friendly to the scheme, anxious for its success, and ready to give me every assistance in their power --

On the 2d of June my final instructions arrived, and as the Gentlemen I was directed to consult were unanimously of the opinion that I should take as many persons as possible from the disturbed Baronies in the County of Cork, which were at that time in a very distracted state - I caused several hundred copies of the memorandum containing the terms of emigration to be distributed in the Towns of Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Doneraile, Charlesville, Newmarket, Kanturk, Mallow & the villages within that circle - The Noblemen and the principal Magistrates in the different Towns considered in the kindest manner to become the organs of communication with the persons wishing to emigrate, to take in their names and the number of their respective families as it was intended from these lists to make under their advice and direction a final selection - The whole business was conducted in the true spirit of conciliation for in every Town or Village from which emigrants were expected I called upon the Roman Catholic Priest as well as the more respectable inhabitants to afford them an opportunity of asking any questions they chose to put, or of giving them an account of the nature of the benefit which Government offered through me for the acceptance of the poor-

Several Priests entered into the matter with much zeal, and one of them promised to read the memorandum from the pulpit and to explain to his parishioners the great advantage to themselves and families which must accrue from emigrating in such liberal conditions-

Not satisfied with giving all the information I could to the Magistrates, and calling upon the principal inhabitants, I made myself accessible to all the people and entered patiently into their views and feelings answering their enquiries and affording them as true a description of the Country as I was capable of giving- On these occasions it was that I found the benefit of being well acquainted with Upper Canada the place of their destination- I was able to set before them the length of the journey the obstacles in their way, and the means of removing them. I explained the manner of clearing lands and cultivating the virgin soil, I dissipated their apprehensions concerning wild beasts and the danger of being lost in the woods- Many after being satisfied in regard to the excellence of the soil and climate of Upper Canada, were anxious to know whether

³⁴ Peter Robinson's Report on 1823 emigration to the Bathurst district of Upper Canada, Transcribed by Roberta M. O'Brien 1997, from Ontario Archives RG 1 series C-l-3 Volume 153 Land Records, Free Land Grants, Fiats, Peter Robinson microfilm series MS 693, Reel 156, (<http://obrienr.idirect.com/probin.html>)

in case they liked the country there would be room for their friends and whether they would likewise be granted lands and enjoy the same benefits and privileges which were now offered to them- To these enquiries I made answer that I could not give them any positive information as to the future intentions of Government, but this I knew that there was room enough in Canada for many more than would ever come from Ireland, and that if they were industrious and sober they would be able in a few years to send for their friends and relations themselves if no public assistance should at that time be given to emigrants

The care thus taken to give every information produced the happiest effects, the people received the proposals most readily and were exceedingly grateful for the kind attention with which they were treated- I had been frequently told that much opposition might be expected from the Roman Catholic Priests as the plan if successful would lessen their congregations and circumscribe their influence but so far was this from being the case that in most of the parishes which I visited I found them on the best terms with the resident Protestant Clergyman, and instead of giving unfavourable impressions of the plan, they most generally gave it their support

There was a difference of opinion among many intelligent persons whom I found it advantageous to consult, regarding the description of persons that ought to be received- It was contended that a few respectable persons should be taken by way of encouraging others, and of proving that there was no deception, but that the measure was intended chiefly for the relief and comfort of the poorer classes- On the other hand it was justly remarked, that to receive persons in tolerable circumstances was not giving the experiment a fair trial, for unless the paupers themselves could be settled comfortably at a very moderate expense, emigration as a public measure ought to be abandoned- That there was no wisdom in affording to persons having some property the means of emigrating, because they had already the power if so disposed of proceeding to Canada- That there might be reason for not wishing that even small capitalists should remove from such a Country as Ireland, and certainly strong reason for not giving them direct encouragement

After a little time the general opinion accorded with the determination of His Majesty's Government, to make such a fair experiment of an emigration confined to paupers as would not only settle its expediency on the ground of expense, but what was of still more consequence show how far it was calculated to promote the permanent comfort and happiness of the persons sent out-

Acting therefore agreeably to this determination, I confined myself strictly to the selection of persons of no capital whatever, and who might more properly be called paupers, satisfied that if such succeeded in Canada, persons disposed to emigrate having some property would be sufficiently encouraged, since they would have the fullest evidence before them that industry and prudence without their advantages would in time ensure success-

In regard to the former conduct of those who applied to emigrate, I made no particular enquiry, being convinced that a change of circumstances so great as that of becoming proprietors of land themselves and far removed from the influence of the turbulent the selfish and designing would effectively cure the discontented- Moreover it was judged expedient by the Gentlemen under whose guidance I acted, to take them out of a troubled District that some of the more fiery spirits might be disposed of and consequently those left behind would find more steady employment and be induced to live in greater tranquillity-

On the 2d of June I began to advertize for emigrants and to distribute copies of the terms on which the Government was disposed to send them to Canada, before the end of the month I had distributed 600 tickets for embarkation, a greater number than I could have taken, but I acted on the presumption that some would keep back from sickness or imaginary fears and apprehensions or the advice of friends, the event proved that I was right for on the 1st of July 460 only were embarked but I was able next day to select 108 more making in all 568 which was as many as could be accommodated- During the time that I was collecting the people, two vessels of about 500 tons each were engaged in the Thames to carry them from Cork to Quebec, these vessels

were amply supplied with provisions and every comfort in case of sickness that could be imagined. Two medical officers of experience, one for each ship were employed- The vessels and stores were strictly inspected, and they were in every respect as well found as if they had been fitted out by a company of passengers for their own convenience safety and comfort

Thus in rather less than a month from the time of issuing the proposals the emigrants were on board, and the ships ready to sail, such was the promptness of Government in making its arrangements, and the active exertions of the Nobility and Magistrates in enabling me to select the requisite number- For their kindness in thus forwarding the object of my journey to Ireland as well as their attentions to myself I feel exceedingly grateful

During the voyage nothing happened of importance, the rations were abundant and comfortable the men were allowed cocoa for breakfast and nearly half a pint of spirits which was perhaps not too much. The women and children were allowed tea and sugar- The best proof of the attention paid to them on the voyage, arises from the good health which they enjoyed as only one woman and eight children died on the passage and these from small pox, which had unfortunately got into both ships, and not from any causes that could be attributed to their change of circumstances or situation

It may be worth remarking as it is a characteristic of the fondness of the Irish people for potatoes that the men preferred them to the cocoa, which they refused for several days to take till they saw the officers of the ships repeatedly breakfasting upon it- The children during sickness called out for potatoes, refusing arrow root or any other aliments more congenial to their situation & nothing could prevail on man woman or child to eat plumb pudding, which as is usual on ship board was part of the Sundays dinner-

Few of them would eat the best English cheese and when it was served out as part of their ration it was most commonly thrown overboard-

We arrived at Quebec in the Stakesby on the 2d of September after a passage of eight weeks, the Hebe had been in port two days- I shipped the people from the transports on board the steam boats without landing them, and proceeded to Montreal on the 4th having been detained only two days- We were much facilitated in our progress by the orders which His Excellency Lord Dalhousie had given before our arrival to the Quarter Master General to find provisions and transport as far as Prescott in Upper Canada a distance of about 320 miles

We reached Montreal on the 6th and finding the means of transport ready, I forwarded the emigrants by land immediately without stopping in Montreal to La Chine distant ten miles- There we remained two days and then set out in boats to Prescott, the crews of each consisting chiefly of emigrants with two Canadians to guide & steer- Notwithstanding the rapidity of the River and unskilfulness of the men few of whom had ever been in a boat we got to Prescott on the 15th . a Commissary had preceded us with one months provisions, but finding no commissariat establishment at Prescott and being unwilling to incur what I considered an unnecessary expense I receipted the months supply and allowed the commissary to return to Montreal

Here I likewise parted with the two Surgeons Mr Hamilton & Mr Dixon whose indefatigable attention to the emigrants and kind and benevolent treatment cannot be sufficiently praised, such was their zeal and anxiety for the success of the emigration, that they volunteered their services from Quebec to Prescott a distance of more than three hundred miles, and were of great service in preserving the health of the emigrants while passing up the River in boats, which was the most difficult and tedious part of the journey-

I could not see them depart without regret, and tendering to them my grateful acknowledgements, as the good conduct of the people during the whole voyage and afterwards, may in a great measure be attributed to their steady and humane attention to their wants

On the 18th I left Prescott and proceeded across the Country in Waggons to the Mississippi River, a distance of about fifty miles and arrived on the 22d. Here I found that orders had already been given by His Excellency I. Perigrine Maitland to afford me every possible facility in placing my people on such lands as were vacant & grantable in this neighbourhood- His Excellency also had the goodness to place at my disposal many articles useful to settlers which remained in the King's Stores and took a very warm interest in the success of the undertaking-

The Township of Ramsay which the Mississippi intersects appeared to be exceedingly eligible, but I found that rather more than one half had been settled three years before by Scotchmen from the neighbourhood of Glasgow-

The adjacent Townships Huntley, Goulbourn & Pakenham were also partially settled by disbanded soldiers & others- Being anxious to settle my people as near each other as possible, I determined to examine carefully what lands remained in these Townships at the disposal of Government, & fortunately I found a sufficient number of vacant lots fit for settlement- I therefore located in the Township of Ramsay eighty two heads of families, in Pakenham twenty nine, in Bathurst one, in Lanark two, in Beckwith five, in Goulbourn twenty six, in Darling three, and in Huntley thirty four- Making in all one hundred and eighty two- As there were no barracks or Government Buildings in the neighbourhood the whole party without shelter, my first care was to provide log houses for them, and that on their respective lots- Fortunately the Autumn was unusually dry and warm and I completed this object by the first of November

To do this I was obliged to go to some additional expense, as the settlers were not sufficiently acquainted with the use of the axe to put up Log buildings themselves- However I feel well assured nothing tends so much to fix the attention of the emigrant to his newly acquired property, and to ensure his becoming a permanent settler as a little care & attention in placing him on his Land

I have much pleasure in being able to state that altho the detailed account of the expenditure cannot yet be made out, as there is a cow and some little articles still to be supplied, will fall within the estimate, so that this part of the experiment proved most satisfactory- The second part of the experiment "how far an emigration of the poorer classes to Canada is calculated to promote their paramount comfort and happiness" will be best proved by a reference to the letters of the persons sent out to me of them so late as the 20 Feby stating their good health & complete satisfaction with the country and climate, and earnestly inviting their friends to join them, and to the fact that every head of a family will have from three to four acres of land cleared and ready to plant this spring

I therefore feel warranted in stating that this emigration to the Province of Upper Canada committed to my superintendance has completely succeeded

I have the Honor
to be Sir
Your most
Obead. Humble
Servant
P. Robinson

To
R. Wilmot Horton Esqr
M.P.

RAMSAY TOWNSHIP, LANARK COUNTY, UPPER CANADA WEST (ONTARIO)

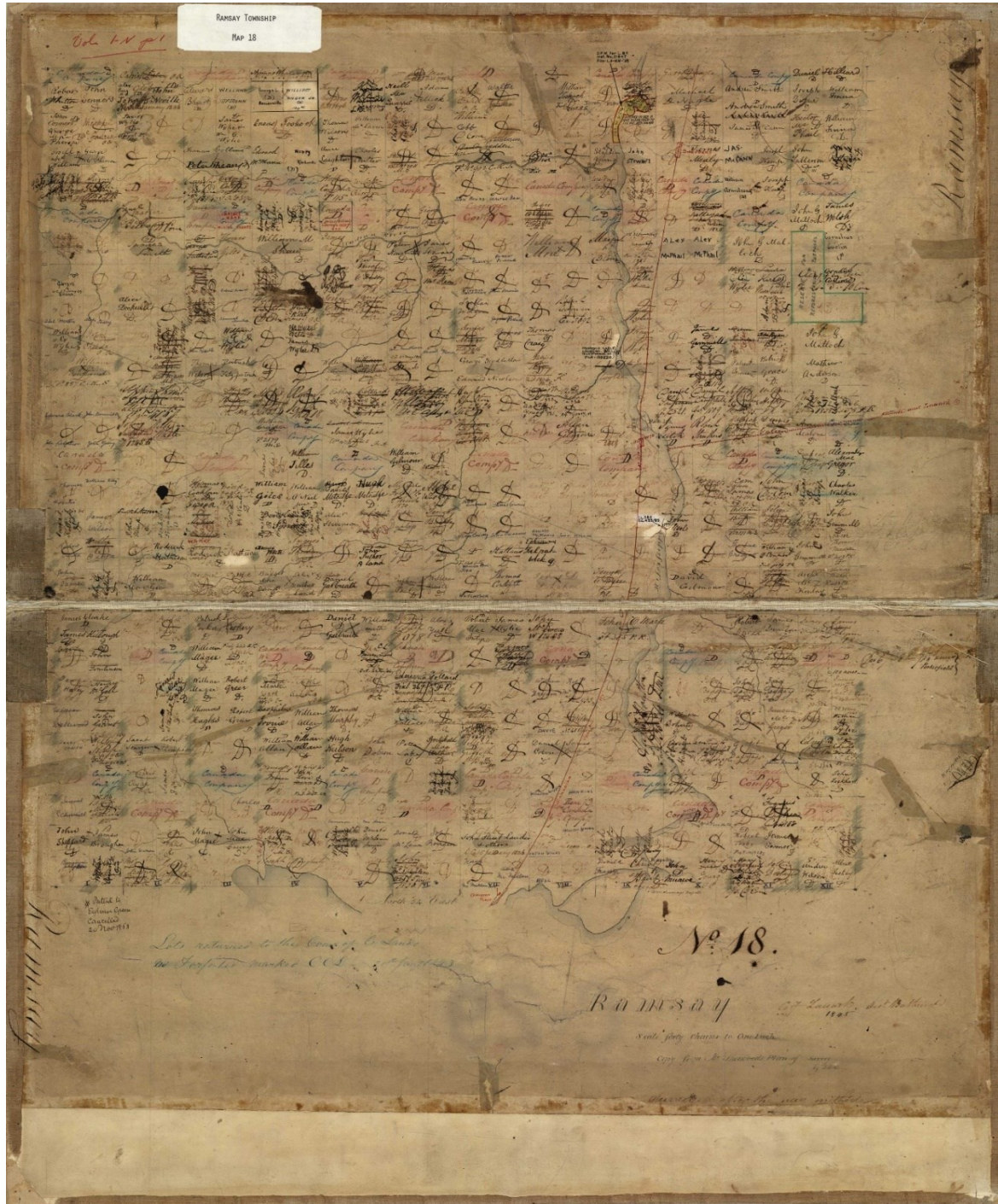
Figure 29: Map of Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Upper Canada (Ontario), circa 1874-1881:³⁵

These County Atlases were created between 1874 and 1881. The only Mara found relevant to our tree is Ann Mara, living down in Blanshard, Perth County. This is a map of Ramsay, Lanark County. The Lots are shown in Roman Numerals along the bottom and the Concessions are shown as numbers beginning at the bottom upward. (ie. Lot 9 (or IX), Con 9 is where it reads the letters 'TRAL' in CANADA CENTRAL RAILWAY, written sideways on the map. Each rectangle block represents a Lot size of 200 Acres. Within the 200 acres of Lot 9, Con 9, it contained access to the Mississippi River. While the John Mara family wasn't

³⁵ The Canadian County Atlas Digital Project – Township of Ramsay, McGill University Library, (<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/lan-m-ramsay.htm>)

living in Ramsay anymore at the time of this map's creation, it does show how it evolved from the 1845 pre-confederation map shown next.

Figure 30: Pre-Confederation Patent Map for Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Upper Canada (dated 1845 on map), showing settlements and owners:³⁶



³⁶ Ontario Heritage Property INdex – Ramsay Township, Pre-Confederation Patent Maps, Map 10051080, Co. of Lanark, Dist. Bathurst, 1845. (<http://ontario.heritagepin.com/ramsay-township-in-lanark/>)

Figure 31: Pre-Confederation Patent Map of Ramsay (Close-up) with John O'Mara at center, on Lot 9, Con 9:



From the Pen of Rev. Thomas Williams, a location agent in the 1830s, explains:³⁷

“These maps... were disfigured with peculiar marks, which indicated the allotment of land in them to certain purposes and persons.

“Indeed a very large proportion of the land was shut away altogether from the use of actual settlers.

“There was first the Crown reserves – one-seventh of all the lands; these had a mark on them like a blur made with the end of a finger dipped in pale red ink. These were sold or granted about that time to the Canada Company, and were open for settlement by purchase.

³⁷ Simcoe County Pioneer Papers No. 2, Simcoe Co. Historical Society, 1908 – p. 47 (<https://digitalarchive.tpl.ca/search/pioneerpapers00scphuoft>)

"Then there was another seventh of the land, with a dusky blur on them, made as if with a finger-tip dipped in common black ink. These were the clergy reserves, and at that time might be leased, but not bought.

"Besides the above, there were in all the townships lots with the letter D written upon them, some in single two-hundred-acre lots, and sometimes in blocks of several hundred or a thousand acres. These, we are told, belonged to certain great estates of favoured persons in different parts of the country and deeded to them; and they were always the best lands, but they were "taboo" to the settler."

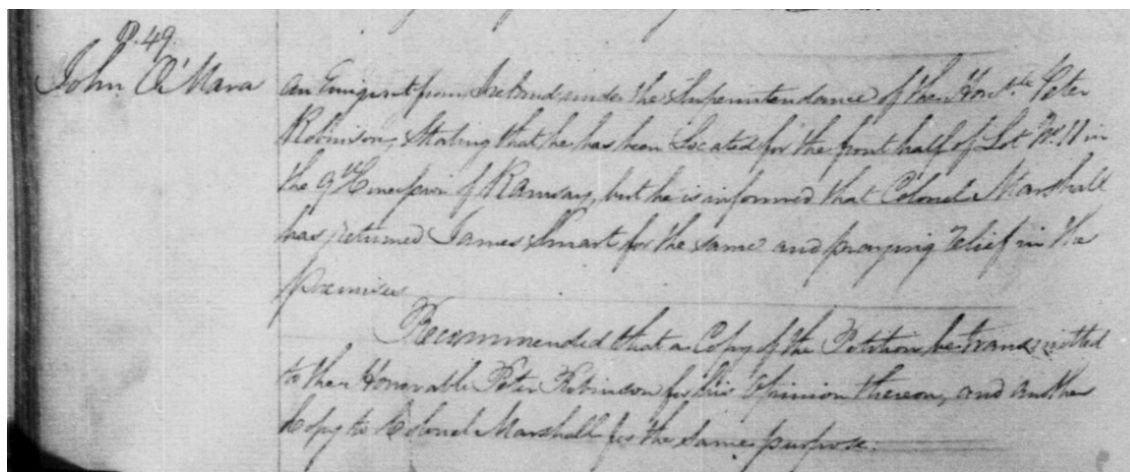
"One-seventh of the land was Clergy Reserve. When the Imperial Government, under the authority of the Constitutional Act of 1791, directed the authorities of Upper and Lower Canada to commence reserving one-seventh of the lands for support of a Protestant clergy, they gave instructions that the lands so to be reserved were to be intermixed with those to be granted to individuals, the intention being to have them chequered over every township in the proportion of one-seventh of the whole. It, however, was found difficult to comply with this requirement, as in some districts nearly all of the lots had been granted. Reserves were therefore, in many instances, made in blocks in the nearest ungranted townships. Long before any grievance was felt on religious ground, there was a general dissatisfaction among the colonists at the obstruction to settlement presented by the reservation. For a long time there was no authority to sell the clergy reserves, and the original idea seems to have been to create a tenantry in each township which was eventually to be a parish."³⁸

In 1838, John Mara got a land patent for Lot 9, Con 9, Ramsay in lieu of Lot 11. He cleared 5 acres and built a house on it. It was recommended he get a deed 14 Jun 1838. Originally belonged to Clergy Reserves. Full 200 Acre Lot.

On 13 Dec 1849, he sold all 200 Acres for \$2400.00 to James Snedden.

³⁸ Ontario Heritage Property Index – Land Settlement Ontario 1830s, Originally published in Jefferys, C.W., 1845, *Emigrants in the Woods. The Picture Gallery of Canadian History Vol. 2*, (<http://ontario.heritagepin.com/land-settlement-ontario-1830s/>)

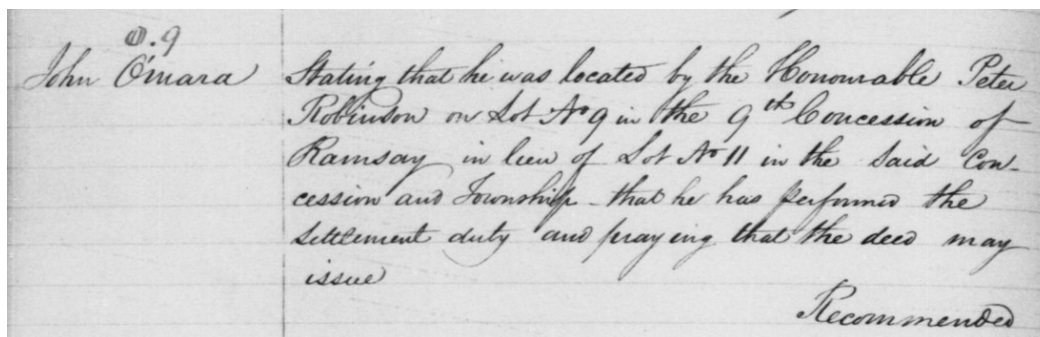
UPPER CANADA LAND BOOKS

Figure 32: John O'Mara in the Upper Canada Land Books, C-104, image 402, p.605³⁹

Transcript: O.49 John O'Mara

An Emigrant from Ireland under the Superintendance of the Hon^{ble} Peter Robinson, Stating that he had been Located for the front half of Lot W 11 in the 9th Concession of Ramsay, but he is informed the Colonel Marshall has returned James Smart for the same and praying relief in the premises.

Recommended that a Copy of the Petition be transmitted to the Honorable Peter Robinson for his opinion thereon, and another Copy to Colonel Marshall for the same purpose.

Figure 33: John O'Mara in the Upper Canada Land Books, C-106, image 622, p.326⁴⁰

Transcript: O.9 John O'mara

Stating that he was located by the Honourable Peter Robinson on Lot No 9 in the 9th Concessino of Ramsay in lieu of Lot No 11 in the Said Concession and Township – that he has performed the settlement duty and praying that the deed may issue

Recommended

³⁹ John O'Mara, Canadiana Héritage, *Canadian Research Knowledge Network*, Upper Canada Land Books, C-104, image 402, page 605, Item O.49 John O'Mara, (https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_c104/402)

⁴⁰ John O'Mara, Canadiana Héritage, *Canadian Research Knowledge Network*, Upper Canada Land Books, C-106, image 622, page 326, Item O.9 John O'Mara, (https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_c106/622)

UPPER CANADA LAND PETITIONS (1763-1865)

Figure 34: Land petition dated 4 Jan 1826 for Lot 11, Con 9 (page 791)⁴¹

49

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland K. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada. In Council.

The Humble Petition of John O'Mara most humbly Sheweth. That he came from Ireland under the Superintendance of the Honourable Peter Robertson and was by him Located upon a Lot of Land which proved so bad that he was obliged to leave it after he had cleared two acres and half. He applied again to the Hon^{ble} Peter Robertson for another Lot and he desired M. Banes to change it for him but at the time he applied the Emigrants were all Located, and after a Search of Several Weeks he was unable to find any good Land, Excepting a Lot which Colonel Marshall had Located a man named Smart upon; but the person Located (James Smart) had left the Lot and had not been upon for three Years, and as no house was erected nor any chopping done your Petitioner applied for it. M. Banes wrote to Colonel Marshall respecting it and received an answer, then returned your Petitioner for the Lot, and now when your Petitioner has cleared,

* Lot 11 in 9th Concession Ramsay page 791

Transcript: 49

(written on side) Lot No 11 – 9th Con Ramsay

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada In Council.

The Humble Petition of **John O'Mara** most humbly Sheweth. That he came from Ireland under the Superintendance of the Honourable Peter Robertson and was by him Located upon a Lot of Land which proved so bad that he was obliged to leave it after he had cleared two acres and half. He applied again to the Hon^{ble} Peter Robertson⁴² for another Lot and he desired M. Banes to change it for him but at the time he applied the Emigrants were all Located, and after a search of Several weeks he was unable to find any good lands Excepting a Lot which Colonel Marshal had Located a man named Smart upon; but the person Located (James Smart) had left this Lot and had not been upon for three years, and as no house was erected nor any chopping done. Your Petitioner applied for it. M. Baines wrote to Colonel Marshall respecting it and received an answer their returned your Petitioners for the Lot. __ now when your Petitioner has cleared,

⁴¹ Land petition for John O'Mara, Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865), Registration: Ramsay, RG 1 L3, Vol. 393A, Mikan #205131, Microform C-2485, Bundle: O 14, Petition: 49a-u, pp. 791-811, *Public Archives of Canada*, (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/>). ** Images on the next pages are from this same source, and I've made mention of the page number at the top of each image.

⁴² To note the surname of Robinson and Robertson were often interchangeable and are treated as a name variant.

Figure 35: Land petition for Lot 11, Con 9, continued (page 792)

49A

Seven acres and under brushed tree and creeks a House
 on it he is informed that Colonel Marshall has
 returned Smart for the deed. Tho' he was well
 aware that Smart never cut a tree upon the Lot
 and that your Petitioner was Located at the Lands
 Board office in Perth and is now residing upon it.
 Your Petitioner has a family of nine young children
 that Your Excellency will be pleased to take his
 pitiable case into your Most Gracious consideration
 and direct that if the Deed has been issued in
 Smart's name to have it cancelled, and a deed issued
 in the name of your Poor Petitioner. For if your
 Poor distressed Petitioner should be driven from his
 Land his young and helpless family will
 be left without a home and quite destitute of
 the means of Subsistence. For the truth of the
 above Statement, and for my character as to Sobriety,
 Industry & honesty, your Petitioner begs leave to refer you
 to Mr. T. Baines Perth.

And Your Petitioner as in duty
 bound will ever pray.

Perth Jan^y 4 1826
 John O'Mara.

Transcript: 49b

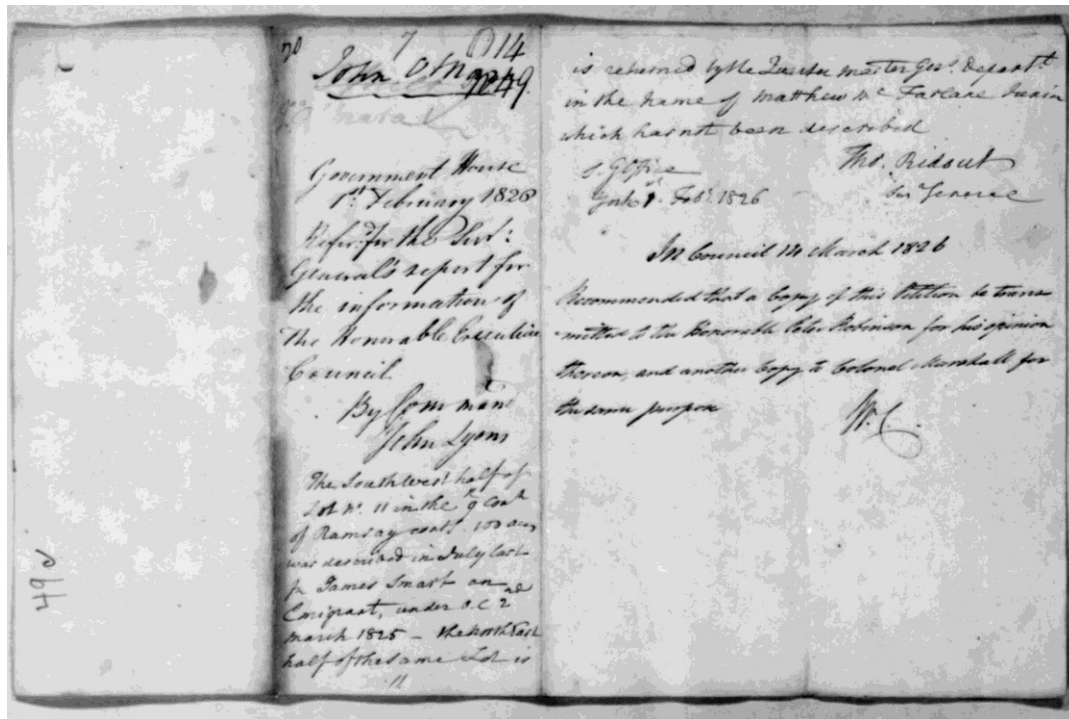
Seven acres and under brushed tree and
 created a House on it he is informed that
 Colonel Marshall has returned Smart for
 the deed. Tho' he was well aware that
 Smart never cut a tree upon the Lot and
 that your Petitioner was Located at the
 Land's Board office in Perth and is now
 residing upon it. Your Petitioner has a
family of nine young children that
 Your Excellency will be pleased to take
 his pitiable case into your Most Gracious
 consideration and direct that if the Deed
 has been issued in Smart's name to have
 it cancelled, and a deed issued in the
 name of your Poor Petitioner. For if
 your Poor distrest (distressed) Petitioner
 should be drive from his Land his young
 and helpless family will be aft without a
 home and quite desolate of the means of
 Subsistence. For the truth of the above
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 Sobriety, Industry & Honesty, Your
 Petitioner begs leane to defer you to Mr.
 M. T. Baines Perth.

And Your Petitioner as in duty
 bound will ever pray.

Perth Jan^y 4 1826

John O'Mara

Figure 36: Land petition dated 1 Feb 1826 for Lot 11, Con 9, continued (page 793)



Transcript: **John O'Mara** (numbers 14 and 49 visible to the right of his name, and faintly below is written J^{no} O'Mara) on side is written 49c

Government House 1st February 1826

Refer: For the Sevr. General's report for the information of the Honorable Executive Council

By Command

John Lyons

The Southwest half of Lot No 11 in the 9th Conc. Of Ramsay conts. 100 acres was described in July last for James Smart an Emigrant, under O.C. 2nd Mar 1825 – the Northwest half of the same Lot

is returned by the Quarter Master Gen. Depart^t. In the name of Matthew McFarlane _____ in which hasn't been described.

(signatures): Tho. Rideout, Sur _____

S. G Office

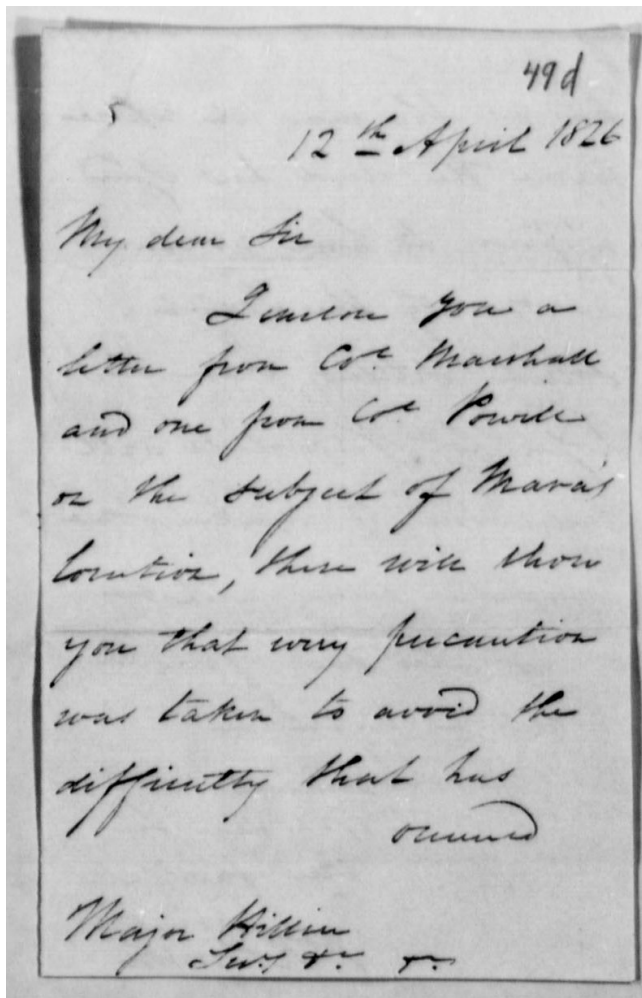
York 1 Feb 1826

In Council 14 March 1826

Recommended that a copy of this Petition be transmitted to the Honorable Peter Robinson for his opinion thereon, and another copy to the Colonel Marshall for the same purpose.

(initials) W. C.

Figure 37: Letter from Peter Robinson, dated 12 Apr 1826, for Lot 11, Con 9 (page 794)



Transcript: 49d

12th April 1826

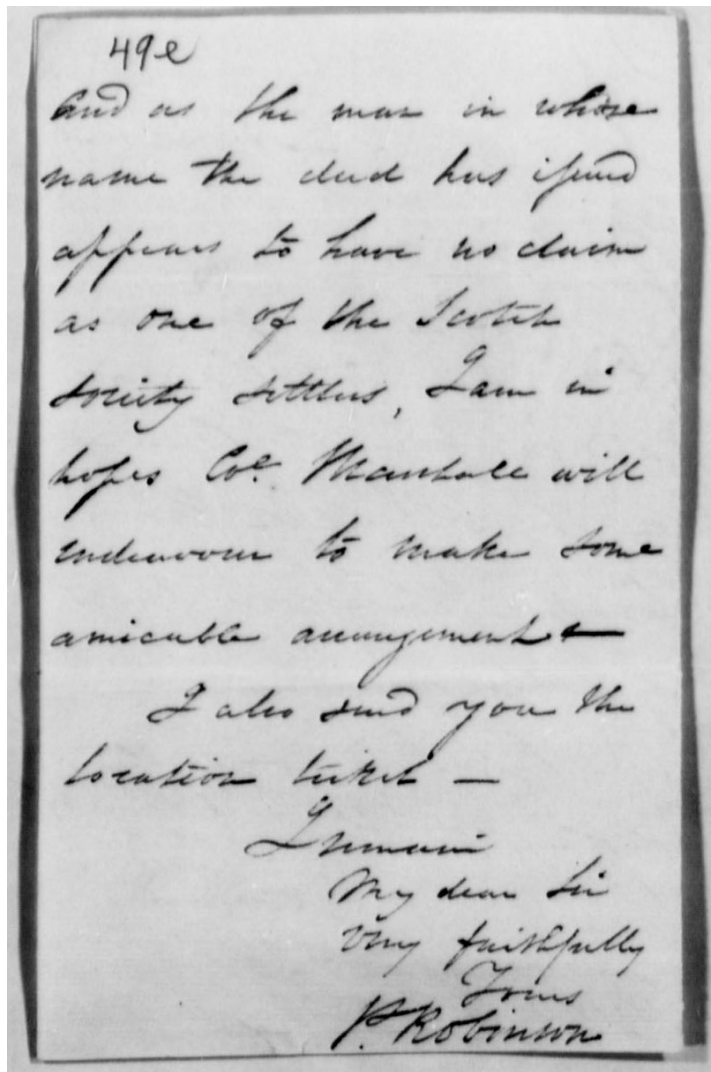
My dear Sir

I enclose you a letter from Col. Marshall and one from Col. Powell on the subject of **Mara's** location, these will show you that every precaution was taken to avoid the difficulty that has occurred.

Major Killin or Killum, Secy Gen. (continued next page)

**to note the above name of Major Killin/Killum does not appear as a signature, as the letter continues on the next image and is signed by P. Robinson (Peter Robinson)

Figure 38: Letter from Peter Robinson dated 12 Apr 1826, for Lot 11, Con 9, continued (page 795)



Transcript: 49e

And as the man in whose name the deed has issued appears to have no claim as one of the Scotch Society Settlers, I am in hopes Col. Marshall will endeavour to make some amicable arrangements.

I also send you the location ticket -

I remain

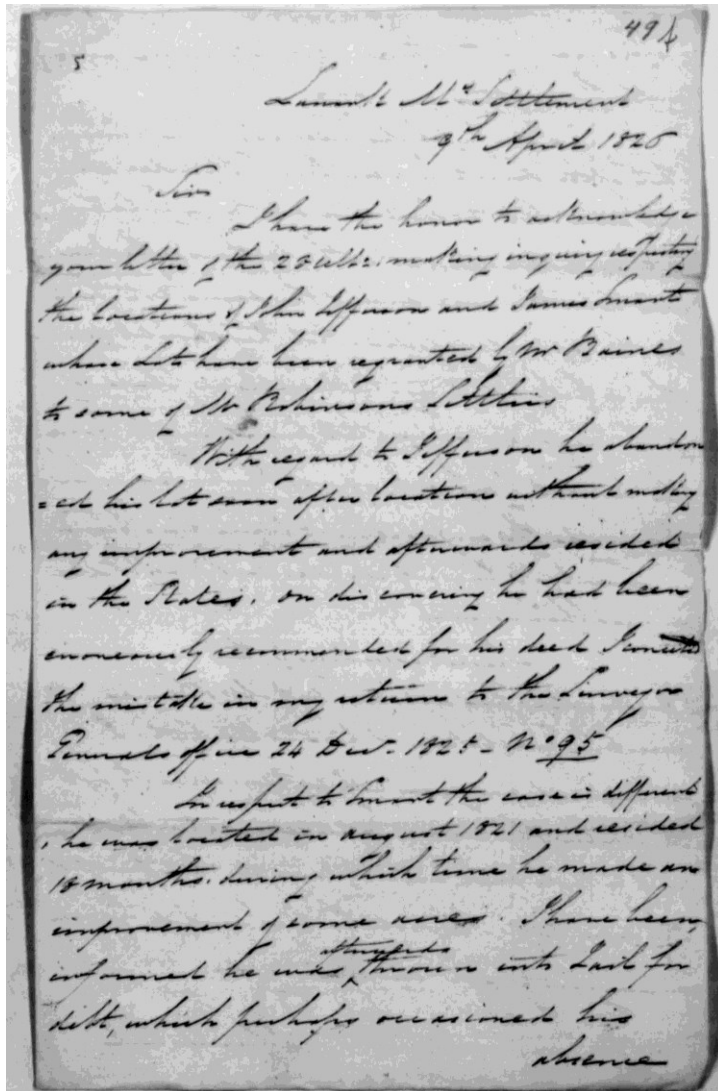
My dear Sir

Very faithfully

Yours

P. Robinson (signature)

Figure 39: Letter from W. Marshal, dated 9 Apr 1826, for Lot 11, Con 9 (page 796)



Transcript: 49f

Lanark M Settlement

9th April 1826

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 2^d ___ making inquiry repository the locations of John Jefferson and James Smart where Lots have been requested by M. Baines by some of Mr. Robinsons Settlers.

With regards to Jefferson has abandoned his Lot soon after Location not having made any improvements and afterwards resided in the States, on his this concerning he has been in encores? by recommended for his deed I consent this mistakes in my intentions to the Surveyor Generals Office 24 Dec. 1825 – No 95

In us part to Smart this considers different as he was located in August 1821 and resided 18 months during which time he made an improvement of some acres. I have been informed he was afterwards therein with Land? For debt, which perhaps occasioned his absence (continued next page)

Figure 40: Letter from W. Marshal, dated 9 Apr 1826, for Lot 11, Con 9, continued (page 797)

49g
 absence at the time Mr Robinson signed
 with his settlers in 1823.

It is perhaps necessary to explain
 that after Smart had erected a Shanty on
 his own Lot the West end of N^o 11. he entered
 into an arrangement with Matheson McFarlane
 who held the east end of the same Lot, fronting
 on the river Mississippi, that they should divide
 the whole lot long intentionally in place of
 cross ways, in order that Smart might have
 the benefit of a front upon the river where
 he made the improvement before mentioned.

Smart at present resides in Brockville
 or neighbourhood.

I regret ascending by that any
 misunderstanding has arisen, but Mr. Baines
 must be mistaken if he states that I
 concurred in grant regranting Smart's lot
 under the circumstances detailed,
 and which were well known in that part of
 the country, I do not think I could have
 been justified in doing so.

Wm Marshall

Transcript: 49g

absence at the time Mr. Robinson signed
 with his settlers in 1823.

It is perhaps necessary to explain that after
 Smart had erected a Shanty on his own Lot
 the West end of North he entered into an
 arrangement with Matheson McFarlane who
 held the east end of the same Lot, fronting on
 the river Mississippi, that they should divide
 the whole lot long intentionally in place of
 cross ways, in order that Smart might have
 the benefit of a front upon the river where
 he made the improvement before mentioned.

Smart at present resides in Brockville or
 neighbourhood.

I regret ascending by that any
 misunderstanding has arisen, but Mr. Baines
 must be mistaken if he states that I concerned
 in ~~grant~~ regranting Smart's Lots.

Under the circumstances detailed, and which
 were well known in the part of the country, I
 do not think I could have been justified in
 doing so.

I firmly held?... (continued next page)

Figure 41: Letter from W. Marshal, dated 9 Apr 1826, for Lot 11, Con 9, continued (page 798)

49h
 Mr. Robinson on his arrival with a
 list of all the ungranted lands in the
 Township of Ramsay, to which I strongly
 recommended Mr. Baines to confine
 himself. otherwise disputes & difficulties
 might arise
 I have the honor to be
 Sir
 your very obedient servant
 W. Marshall
 To: Mayor Killin
 Govt Home
 York

Transcript: 49h

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I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your very obedient servant

W. Marshall

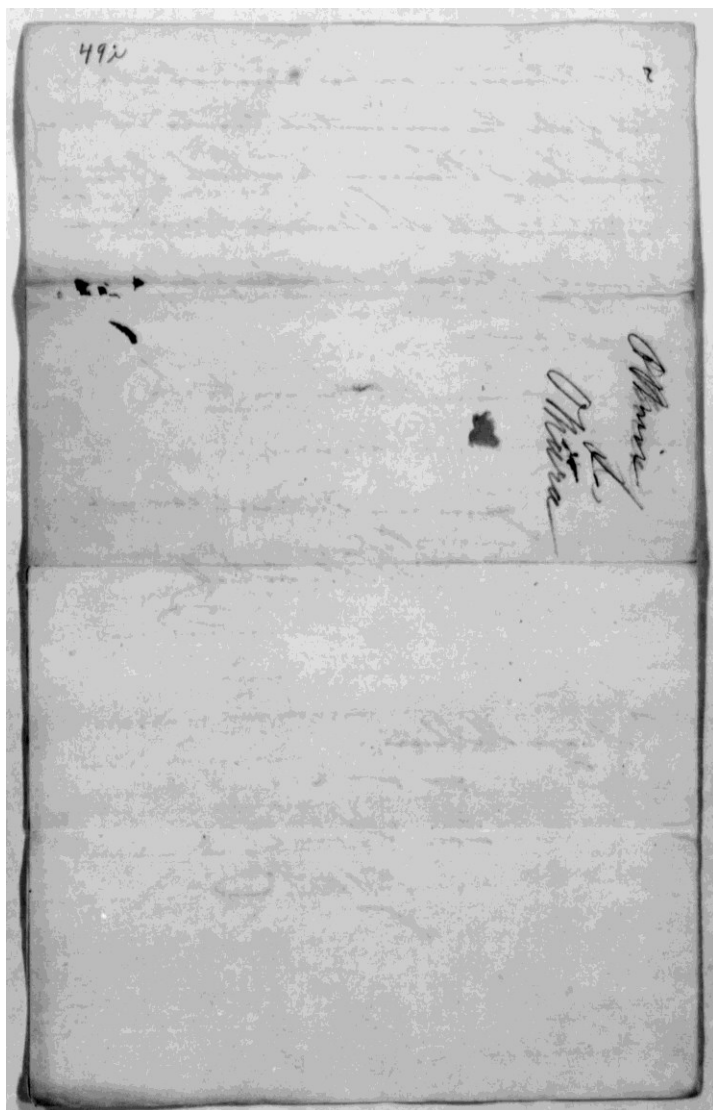
To: Mayor Killin or Killum

& _____

Govt Home

York

Figure 42: Letter from W. Marshal, dated 9 Apr 1826, for Lot 11, Con 9, Reverse side (page 799)

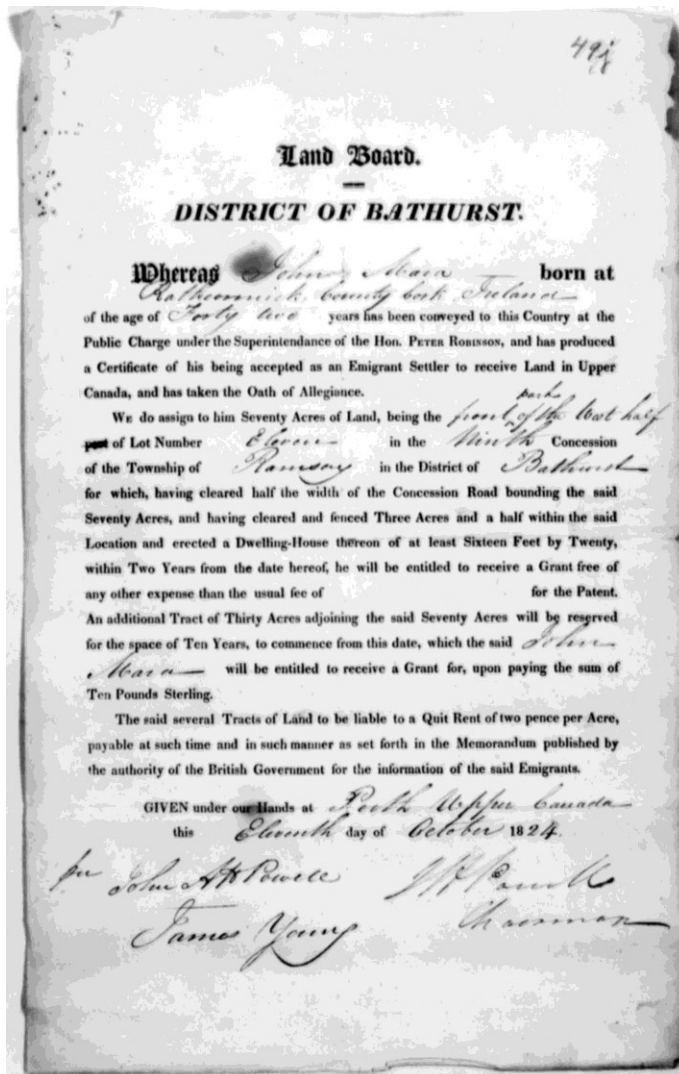


Transcript: 49i

O'Brien

O'Mara

Figure 43: Land deed dated 11 Oct 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9, (page 800)



Transcript: 49j

Land Board

DISTRICT OF BATHURST

Whereas **John Mara** born at Rathcormick County Cork, Ireland of the age of Forty two years has been conveyed to this Country at the Public Charge under the Superintendance of the Hon. Peter Robinson, and has produced a Certificate of his being accepted as an Emigrant Settler to receive Land in Upper Canada, and has taken the Oath of Allegiance.

We do assign him Seventy Acres of Land, being the front of the West half of Lot Number Eleven in the Ninth Concession of the Township of Ramsay in the District of Bathurst for which, having cleared half the width of the Concession Road bounding the said Seventy Acres, and having cleared and fenced Three Acres and a half within the said Location and erected a Dwelling-House thereon of at least Sixteen Feet by Twenty, within Two Years from the date hereof, he will be entitled to receive a Grant free of any other expense than the usual fee of (left blank) for the Patent. An additional Tract of Thirty Acres adjoining the said Seventy Acres will be reserved for the space of Ten Years, to commence from this date, which the said **John Mara** will be entitled

to receive a Grant for, upon paying the sum of Ten Pounds Sterling.

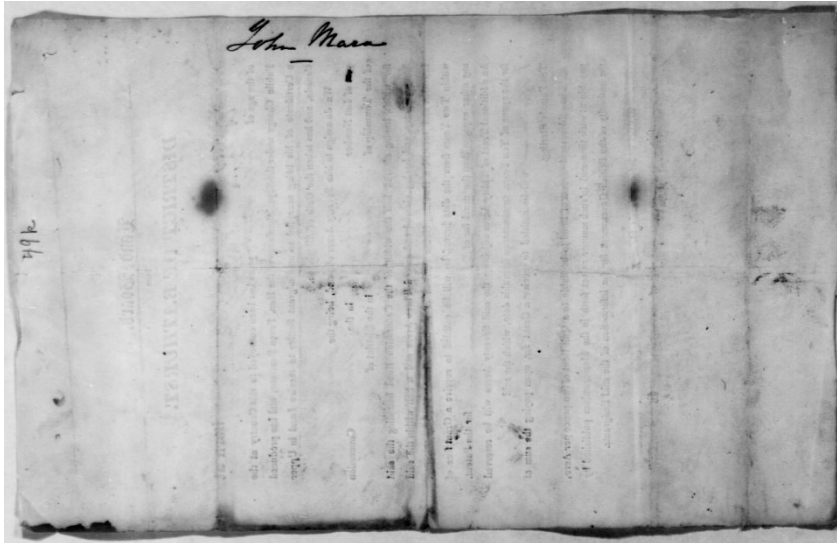
The said several Tracts of Land to be liable to a Quit Rent of two pence per Acre, payable at such time and in such manner as set forth in the Memorandum published by the authority of the British Government for the information of the said Emigrants.

GIVEN under our Hands at Perth Upper Canada this Eleventh day of October 1824.

Per John A. H. Powell

James Young

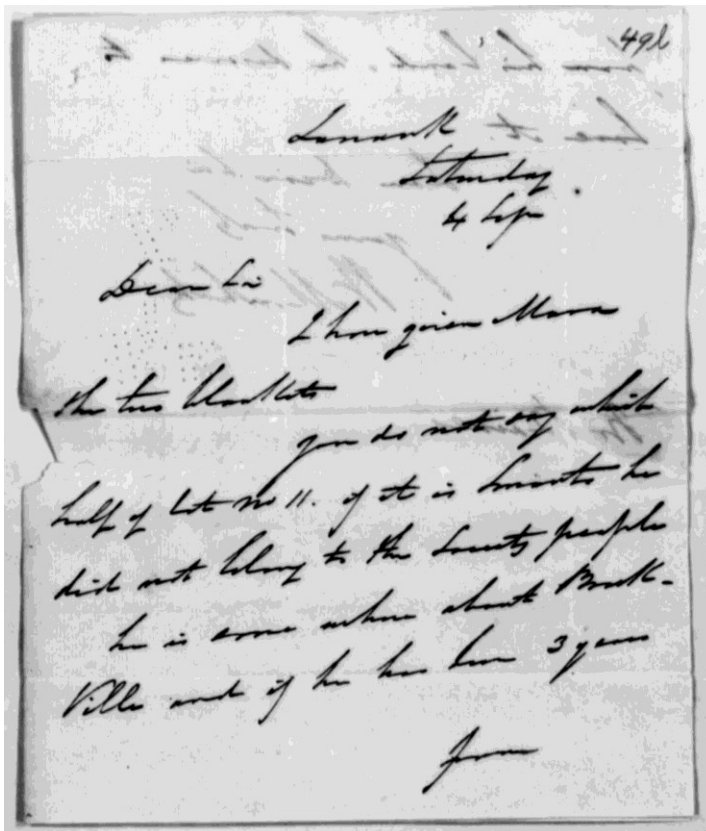
Figure 44: Land deed dated 11 Oct 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9, Reverse side (page 801)



Transcript: 49k

John Mara

Figure 45: Letter from W. Marshal, dated 4 Sep 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9 (page



Transcript: 49l

Lanark

Saturday

4 Sep. **

Dear Sir

I have given **Mara** the two West Lots

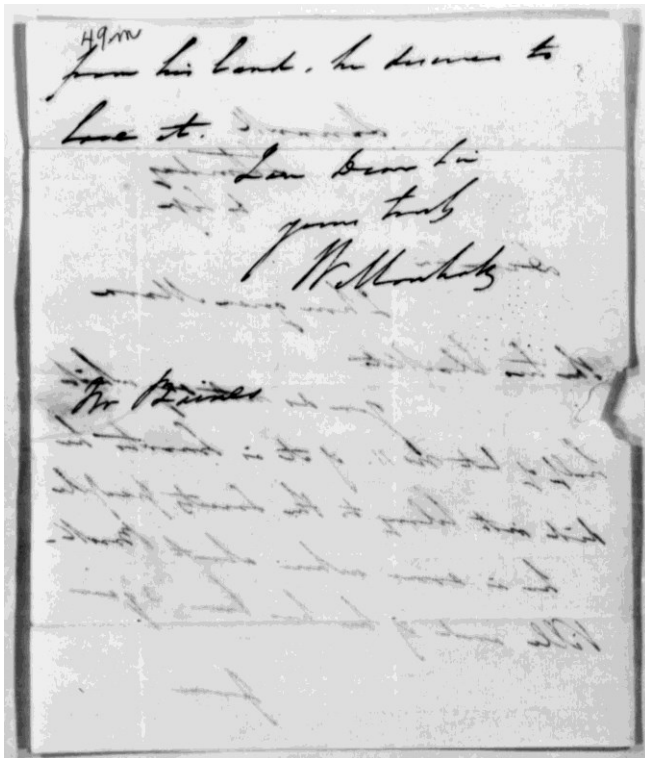
You do not say which half of Lot No 11 of it is _____ he did not _____ to the _____ people.

He is some where about Brockville and as he has been 3 years.

from (letter continues next page)

** to note there is no year listed, however in the year 1824, September 4th fell on a Saturday. There is another letter mailed 3 days later, so this fits for the year 1824 (vs. 1826)

Figure 46: Letter dated 4 Sep 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9, Reverse side (page 803)



Transcript: 49m

(continued from front of letter)

from his lands, he deserves to have it.

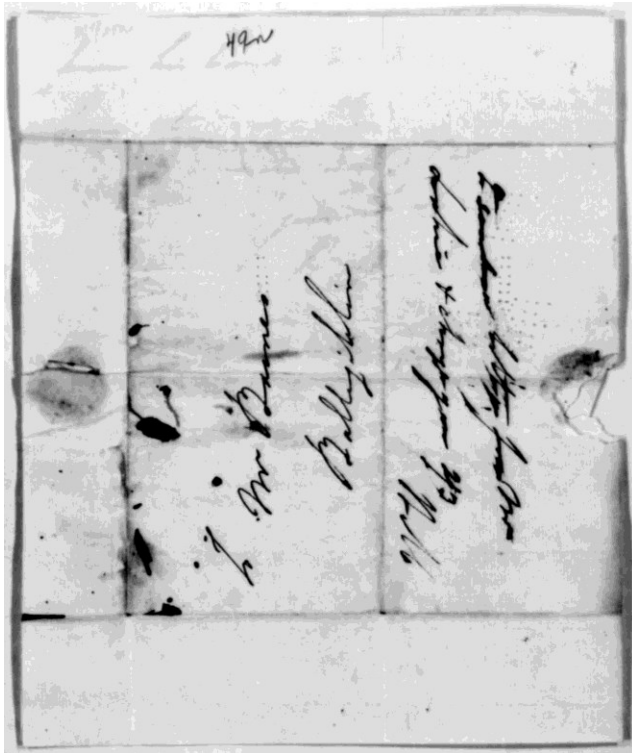
I am _____

Yours truly

W. Marshall

Mr. Baines *(recipient of letter)*

Figure 47: Letter dated 4 Sep 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9, envelope (page 804)



Transcript: 49n

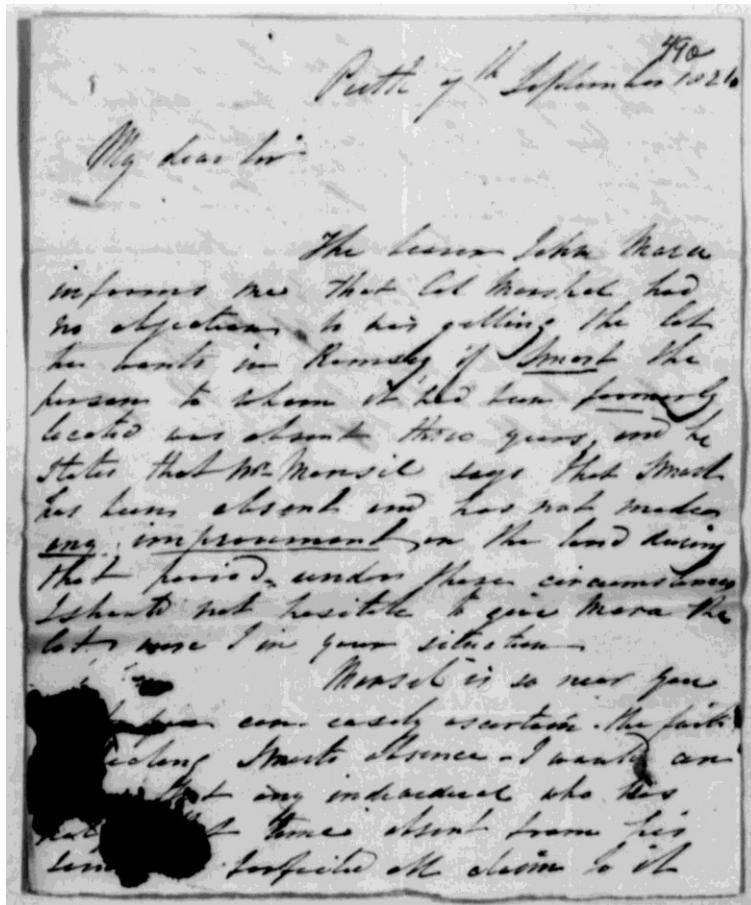
To Mr. Baines

Ballygiblin [Co. Cork, Ireland]

(illegible)

& charge/change your 2/3 N M

Figure 48: Letter dated 7 Sep 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9 (page 805)



Transcript: 490

Perth 7th September 1824

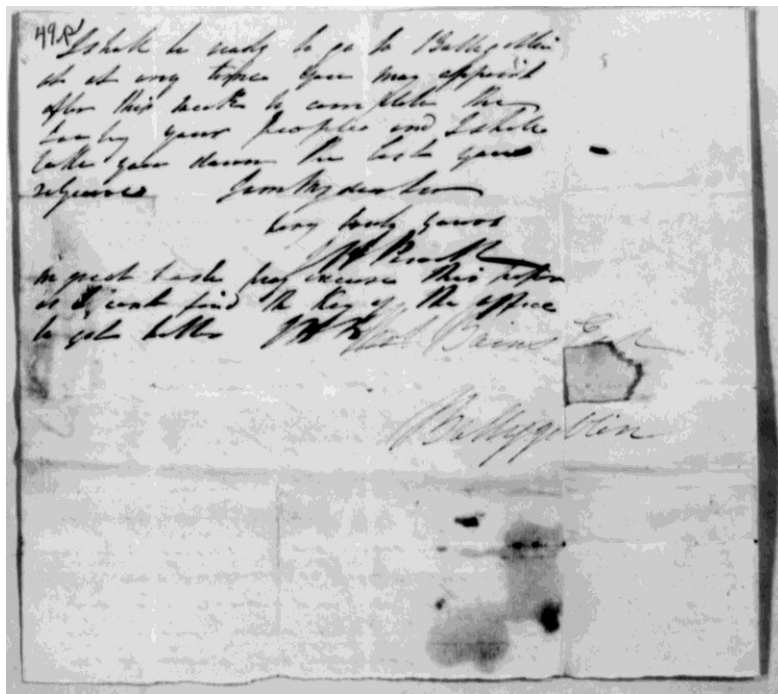
My dear Sir:

The leaser **John Mara** informed me that Col. Marshal had no objection to his getting the Lot he wants in Ramsay, if Smart the person to whom it had been formerly located was absent three years, and he states that W^m. Mansil? says that Smart has been absent and has not made any improvements on the land during that period under those circumstances. I shant not hesitate to give **Mara** the Lots were I in your situation.

Mansil is so near you (ink) _____
 _____. The first ___ Smarts absence – I wanted an (ink) any _____ who has (ink) time absent from his land forfeited all claim to it. (continued on next page)

(the name is either William Mansil or Monsil)

Figure 49: Letter dated 7 Sep 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9, Reverse side (page 806)



Transcript: 49p

I shall be ready to go to Ballygiblin at any time you may approve after this _____ to come _____ the _ by your people and I shall take your _____ - _____

My dear sir

Very truly yours

M. Powell Marshall

In _____ - _____ in case this _____ or I can't find the key of the office to get _____

(recipient of letter): Thos. Bains Esq.

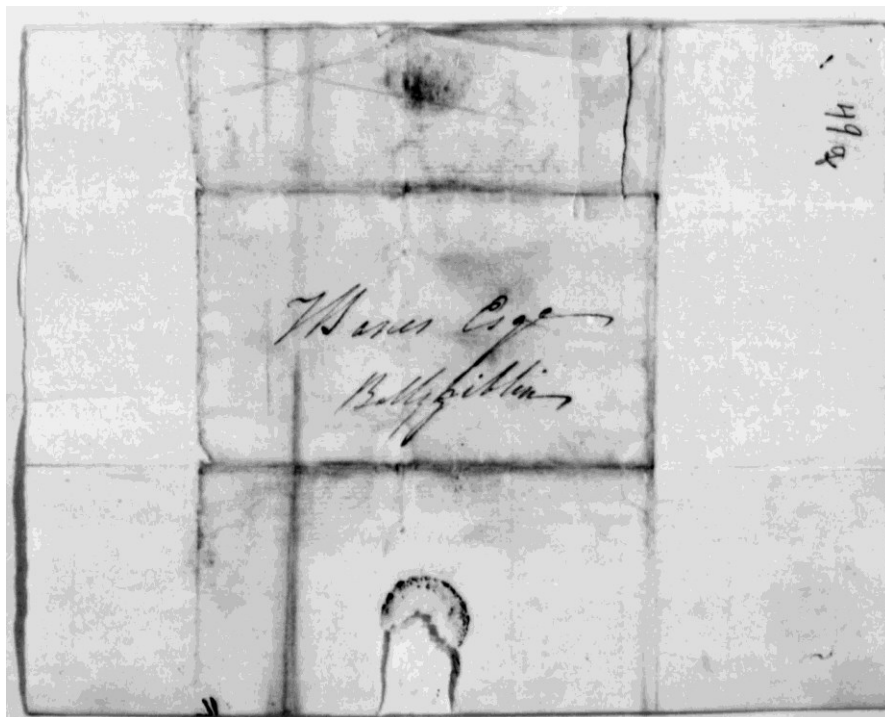
Ballygiblin **

...

** to note: Ballygiblin is NW of Rathcormack in County Cork, Ireland (near Castletownroche) and is referenced also in this Rootsweb for Ramsay Township Records as "a Bally giblin"⁴³

⁴³ Rootsweb – Ramsay Township Records, (<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~onlanark/TownshipPapers/RamsayTownshipPapers.htm>)

Figure 50: Letter dated 7 Sep 1824, for Lot 11, Con 9, envelope (page 807)

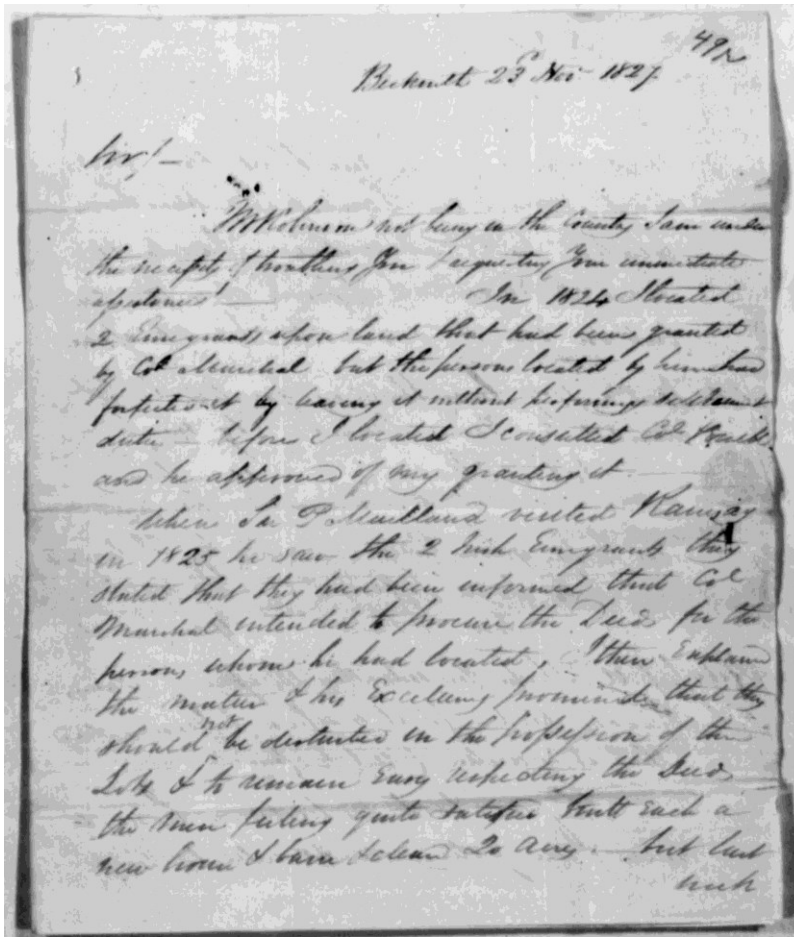


Transcript: 49q

T. Baines Esq.

Ballygiblin

Figure 51: Letter from Thomas Baines dated 23 Nov 1827 (page 808)



Transcript: 49r

Beckwith 23 Nov 1827

Sir –

M Robinson not being in the country
I am under the cissety of &
acquitting your un_____--

In 1824 I located 2 Emigrants upon
land that had been granted by Col.
Marshal but the person located by
himself forfeited by leaving it _____
preferring _____ - before I located I
consulted Col. Ronald? _____ and
he approved of my granting it.

When Sir P. Maitland visited Ramsay
in 1825 he saw the 2 Irish Emigrants
they stated thus they had been
informed that Col. Marshall intended
to procure the Deeds for the person,
whom he had located. I then
explained the matter to his
Excellency, _____ that they
should not be destructed in the
possession of the Lots & to

_____ every _____ the Deeds the 2 men feeling quite satisfied with each a new home & barn &
clear 20 acres. But last week (continued on next page)

Figure 52: Letter from Thomas Baines dated 23 Nov 1827, Reverse side (page 809)

49-P

Week they inform me that the deeds
had arrived in Lanark for the persons
located by Col. Marshall. I instantly
sent to Enquire & I find it is there but
on the deed is written (not to issue
Lot West 1/2 11:9 bon Ramsay granted by Col
Marshall to James Smart - by me to -
John Mara, 11 in family

West 1/2 10:9 bon Ramsay granted by Col. Marshall
to John Jefferson - by me to
Tom O'Brien - 9 in family

It is possible that you will stay the issue of James
Smart's deed - for it is when Jefferson's deed
that it is written (not to issue -

They are both understanding honest
men & are getting on exceedingly well

Transcript: 49s

(letter continues) week they informed me
that the deeds had arrived in Lanark
for the persons located by Col.
Marshal. I instantly sent to Enquire
& I find it is there _ but on the deed
is _____ (not to _____

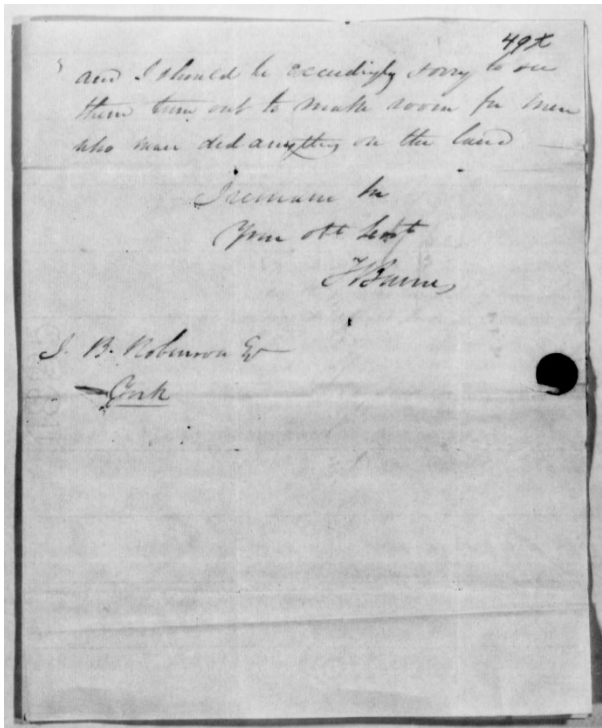
Lot West 1/2 11:9 bon Ramsay granted
by Col. Marshal to James Smart - by
me to **John Mara - 11 in family**

West 1/2 10:9 bon Ramsay granted by
Col. Marshal to John Jefferson - by
me to Jim O'Brien - 9 in family

... stay the issue of James Smarts
deed - for it is whom Jefferson deed
that it is written (and to issue-

They are both understandably honest
men & are getting on exceedingly well
(continued on next page)

Figure 53: Letter from Thomas Baines dated 23 Nov 1827, continued (page 810)



Transcript: 49t

(letter continues) and I should be exceedingly sorry to see them turn out to make room for men who never did anything on the land

I remain true

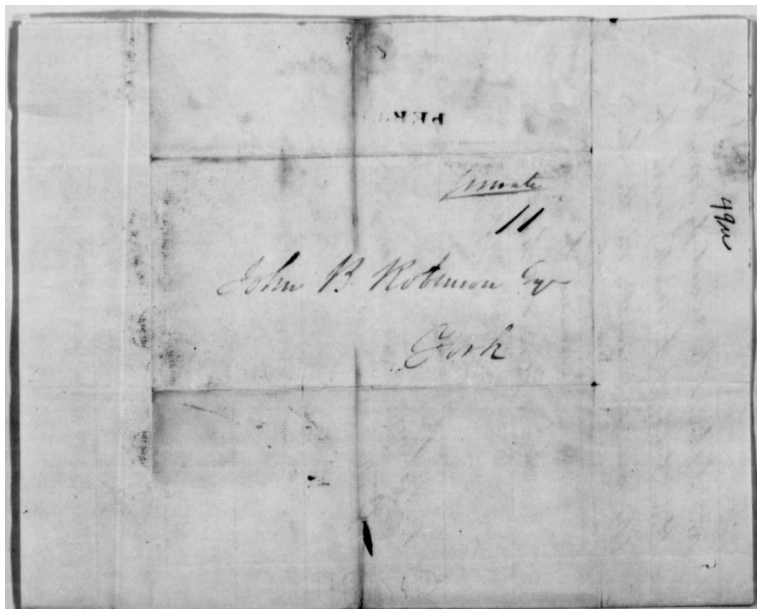
Your Obt. Serv^t. (*obedient servant*)

T Baines

(recipient of letter) J. B. Robinson Esq.

Cork

Figure 54: Letter dated 23 Nov 1827, envelope (page 811)



Transcript: 49u

(stamped upside down) PERTH

11

John B. Robinson Esq.

Cork

Figure 55: Land petition from John O'Mara dated 8 Jul 1830 for Lot 9, Con 9, Ramsay:⁴⁴

9

This Excellency – Major General Sir George Arthur
K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada
&c.

The Petition of John O'Mara
Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner has been located by the Honorable Peter Robinson
on Lot No 9 in the 9th Concession of Ramsay
As the following is a copy of his location ticket
Commissioner of Crown
Lands Office
York 8th July 1830

John O'Mara has been located by me on Lot No 9 in the 9th
Concession of Ramsay in lieu of Lot No 11 in the 9th Concession
of the same Township. — The Deed to issue upon his
clearing five acres and building a house on the said Lot
(Signed) Peter Robinson

That your Petitioner has complied with the above stipulations
having built a house and cleared more than five acres on said Lot
Your Petitioner humbly entreats that the Deed may
be issued and transmitted to him

And your petitioner
As in duty bound
Will ever pray
John O'Mara

the Deed may be issued and transmitted to him.

Transcript: 9

This Excellency – Major General Sir George Arthur K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada

The Petition of John O'Mara, Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner has been located by the Honorable Peter Robinson on Lot No 9 in the 9th Concession of Ramsay.

As the following is a copy of his location ticket

Commissioner of Crown
Lands Office
York 8th July 1830

John O'Mara has been located by me on Lot No 9 in the 9th Concession of Ramsay in lieu of Lot No 11 in the 9th Concession of the same Township. — The Deed to issue upon his clearing five acres and building a house on the said Lot.

(Signed) Peter Robinson

That your Petitioner has complied with the above stipulation having built a house and cleared more than five acres on said Lot.

Your Petitioner humbly entreats that

And your petitioner

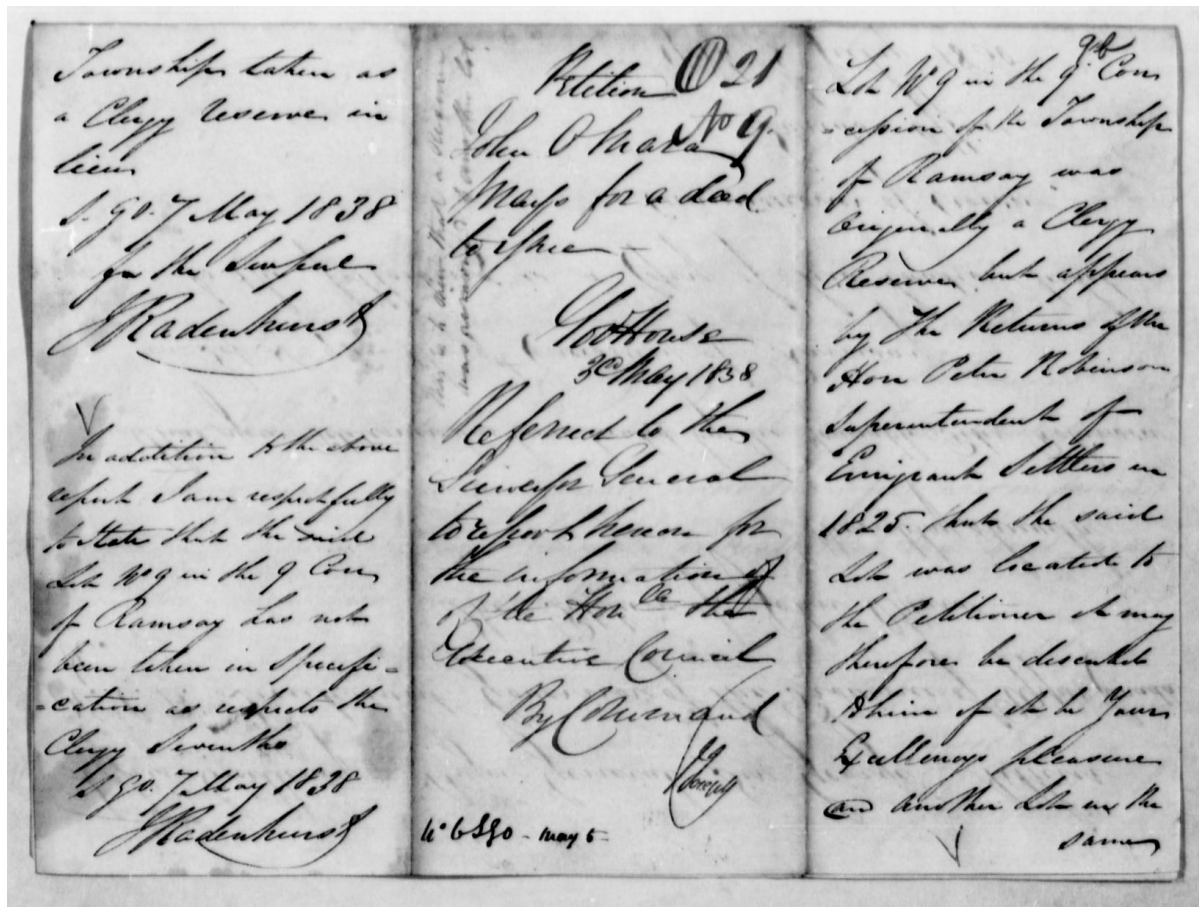
As in duty bound

Will ever pray

John O'Mara

⁴⁴ Land petition for John O'Mara, Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865), Mikan #205131, Microform C-2486, Bundle: O 21, Petition: 9a-b, Registration: Ramsay, RG 1 L3, Vol. 395, *Public Archives of Canada*, (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/>).

Figure 56: Location ticket (copy) dated 3 May 1838:



Transcript: 9b

Township taken as a Clergy reserve, in lieu

S. Go. 7 May 1838 for the Supreme? J. Radenhurst

In addition to the above ___ I am respectfully to state that the ___ Lot No 9 in the 9 Con of Ramsay has not been taken in Specification as inspects the Clergy Seventh

S. Go. 7 May 1838, J. Radenhurst (signature)

Petition 0 21, No. 9

John O'Mara

Ma___ for a deed to ___

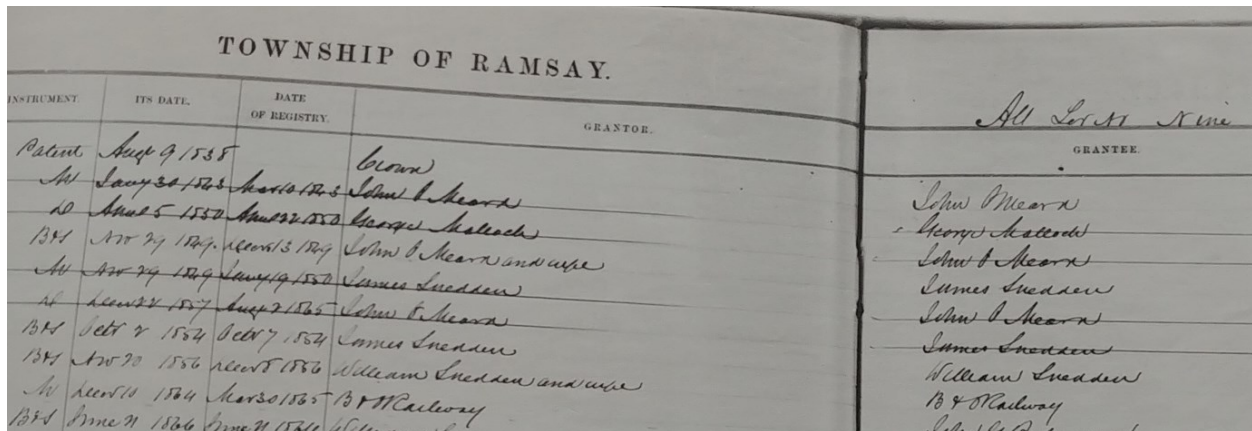
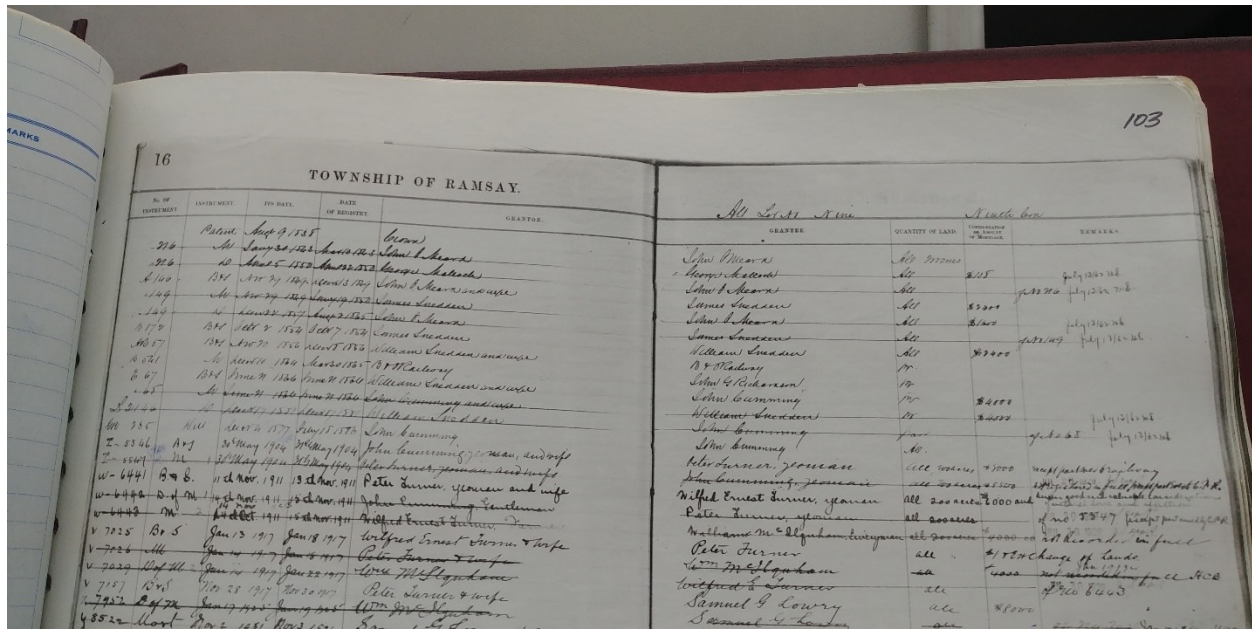
Govt House 3rd May 1838

Refenect to the Surveyor General to impart honore for the uniform action of the Hon^{le} (Honorable) the ___eentric Council, By (signatures)

Lot No 9 in the 9th Concession of the Township of Ramsay was originally a Clergy Reserve but appears by the Returns of the Hon. Peter Robinson Superintendent for Emigrant Settlers in 1825. That the said Lot was located to the Petitioner & may therefore be descent___ of the be Your Excellencys pleasure and another Lot on the same.

TOWNSHIP OF RAMSAY, LOT 9, CONCESSION 9

Figure 57: John O'Mara and wife, Land books at Lanark Archives, showing Lot 9, Con 9:⁴⁵



⁴⁵ John O'Mara and wife, Land Registry Books, Book 150, p. 16 (stamped), 103 (written), Lanark Archives, Perth, Ontario, Canada (photograph taken in person of book)

Figure 58: Abstract Index page for Ramsay Township, Lot 9, Concession 9⁴⁶

Certified True Copy
May 30, 1994
Sandra J. Kart
Sandra J. Kart
Assoc. Dep. Registrar

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TOWNSHIP OF RAMSAY

Registration Number Numéro d'enregistrement	Instrument Type Type d'acte	Registration Date Date d'enregistrement YY MM JJ	Parties from Parties	Parties to Parties	Consideration Contrepartie	Land/Remarks Bien-fonds/Observations
	Patent	9 Aug. 1938	Crown	John O'Meara		All. 200 acres.
A-146	B & S.	13 Dec. 1849	John O'Meara	James Snedden	\$2400.00	All.
E- 172	B & S.	7 Oct. 1854	James Snedden	William Snedden	\$2400.00	All.
AR-57	B & S.	8 Dec. 1856	William Snedden and wife	B & O Railway		Pt.
B-541	M	30 Mar. 1865	B & O Railway	John G. Richardson		Pt.
E-67	B & S	21 June 1864	William Snedden and wife	John Cumming	\$4000.00	Pt.
GR-235	Will	18 Feb. 1866	John Cumming	John Cumming		All.
5546	B & S.	31 May 1904	John Cumming and wife	Peter Turner	\$2000.00	All. Except to Railway
6441	B & S.	13 Nov. 1911	Peter Turner and wife	Wilfred Ernest Turner	\$6000.00	All.
7025	B & S.	18 Jan. 1917	Wilfred Ernest Turner and wife	Peter Turner	\$1.00	All.
7157	B & S.	30 Nov. 1917	Peter Turner and wife	Samuel G. Lowry	\$8000.00	All.
126	Plan	15 July 1941	Samuel G. Lowry	Department of Highways		Pt.
9372	Grant	28 Oct. 1944	Samuel G. Lowry and wife	Samuel George Lowry	\$1.00	All. Except pt.
14206	Plan	20 Sept. 1962	Samuel George Lowry	Department of Highways		Pt.
16759	Grant	27 Aug. 1964	Samuel George Lowry and wife	Samuel G. Lowry Edwin Albert Lowry	\$1.00	All. Partnership property.
23660	Mort.	15 Feb. 1968	Edwin Albert Lowry	The Ontario Junior Farmer Establish- ment Loan Corp.	\$22,000.00	All.
23352	By-Law	30 Apr. 1968	Samuel George Lowry and wife	Subdivision Control		Pt.
30530	Design'n Plan	28 Sept. 1971	The Crown	Department of Trans. & Comm.		Pt. All.
26R-307	R-Plan	3 Mar. 1975				part I.
38289	Deposit	19 Mar. 1975				pt. 1 26R-307.
38317	Grant	1 Apr. 1975	Samuel George Lowry Edwin Albert Lowry	Brian Philip Kealey Marilyn Agnes Kealey JT	\$1.00	pt. 1 26R-307.
38408	Part. DM	17 Apr. 1975	The Ontario Junior Farmer Establish- ment Loan Corp.	Edwin Albert Lowry		pt. 1 26R-307.
SWAPPED BY # 163907	MORT. DEP. LAND REG. MORT.			Samuel George Lowry		RE- 23080.
39653	Mort.	29 Sept. 1975	Brian Philip Kealey	BANK OF MONTREAL	\$25,250.	pt. 1 26R-307.
58608	QC deed	22 04 82	Marilyn Agnes Kealey LOWRY, S. George	LOWRY, Edwin A.		All. Except pt. 1 26R-307, and pt. for Hq.

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The land at Lot 9, Concession 9 was originally Crown lands (the Queen owned) and used as Clergy Reserve. It was settled by John O'Mara and family. After he sold it in 1849 to James Snedden, It changed hands again in 1854 to William Snedden and wife, and then two years later in 1856 it was mortgaged to B & O Railway. Afterwards, William Snedden repurchased it, and then surnames of Cumming, Turner, and Lowry owned the land before it was given back to Crown and given to Department of Transportation and Commerce in 1971.

9 Aug 1838 Crown (Queen) to John O'Meara
13 Dec 1849 John O'Meara to James Snedden
7 Oct 1854 James Snedden to William Snedden

** To note: there is a transaction which shows on the handwritten Land Books, showing a document created 22 Dec 1857 and registered on 2 Aug 1865 John O'Meara to James Snedden, and in Remarks it says it is "of No 149". A crown grant usually starts out as 200 acres, but in the 'Remarks' section of the Land Registry, it tells you what part of said 200 acres is affected by the document. In this instance, the transaction has been crossed out in the physical copies of the land registry books and does not appear on the digital ONLAND abstract index – (I am unsure what this means and the volunteers at the Lanark Archives did not know either, but I believe it may have been a cancelled transaction). The dates however imply that he would still be living

⁴⁶ John O'Meara, Historical Books, Land Registry Office - Lanark (LRO 27), Abstract/Parcel Register Book, Ramsay, Book 0, Concession 9, p. 16 (stamped), image 78/210, Ontario Land Registry Access ONLAND, (<https://www.onland.ca/ui/27/books/54668/viewer/841490563?page=78>)

in 1857-1865, unless it was his son who this applied to. This is a curious piece of evidence and should be noted for the dates. Even if the transaction was cancelled, it may prove as evidence he was alive at this time and returned to sell part of the land – it still shows the dates it would have happened.

** For reference in reading the Abstract Index: a **B&S** is **Bargain and Sale** transaction (Like a deed), **M** refers to **Mortgage**. The abstract also has a typo at the top in the date the Crown sold the land to John O'Mara is supposed to read 9 Aug 1838 (not 1938).

Figure 59: Patent book page showing Twp. of Ramsay and All of Concession 9 Lots⁴⁷

254 TOWNSHIP of Ramsay						
Concession	Lot	NAME OF GRANTEE.	Part of Lot	Acres.	Date of Description.	Date of Patent.
9	1	Donald Fraser	S.W. 1/2	100		Oct. 14. 1825.
	"	Christy David	E. 1/2	100		Oct. 28. 1839.
	2	Joseph Doherty	(S.E. 1/4)	100	Concession 9, 1852	Jan. 22. 1835.
	"	Joseph Doherty	(S.W. 1/4)	100	26. all lands 1852	April 8. 1852.
	"	Mary Patterson	N.E. 1/4	100		Nov. 16. 1853.
1820	3	William Morris	All	200	Scotland	Nov. 24. 1825.
	4	Canada Company	E. 1/2	100		Oct. 26. 1846.
	"	Canada Company	W. 1/2	100		Oct. 5. 1832.
	5	John Donoghue	S.W. 1/4	100		May 6. 1826.
	"	Hugh Woulton	E. 1/2	100		Nov. 30. 1837.
1821	6	James Wilkie	W. 1/2	100		Sep. 22. 1837.
	"	Hugh Woulton	E. 1/2	100		Nov. 30. 1837.
1821	7	Thomas Pattison	W. 1/2	100		Aug. 30. 1837.
	"	Hugh Woulton	E. 1/2	100		Nov. 3. 1837.
1821	8	William Foster	S.W. 1/4	100		Aug. 13. 1821.
1821	"	Joseph Sechler	N.E. 1/2	100		Aug. 13. 1821.
	9	John McKeown	All	200		Aug. 9. 1831.
1821	10	Thomas Mansel	N.E. 1/2	100	England	Aug. 17. 1821.
	"	Timothy O'Brien	W. 1/2	100		Aug. 30. 1821.
1821	11	James Smart	S.W. 1/2	100		Aug. 16. 1821.
1821	"	Matthew MacFarlane Junr	E. 1/2	100		Sept. 20. 1821.
1821	12	Thomas Smart	N.E. 1/2	100		Aug. 16. 1821.
1821	"	Robert Wilkie	S.W. 1/2	100		Aug. 15. 1821.
1821	13	Robert Mansel	S.W. 1/2	100	England	Aug. 17. 1821.
1821	"	Matthew MacFarlane Junr	E. 1/2	100		June 27. 1821.
	14	Canada Company	All	200		Dec. 28. 1821.
	15	David Shepherd	N.E. 1/2	100		Aug. 17. 1821.
1821	"	John Gannell	W. 1/2	100		Sep. 19. 1821.
1821	16	James Shaw	S.W. 1/2	100		Aug. 16. 1821.
1822	"	David Shepherd	N.E. 1/2	100		Aug. 17. 1822.
	17	James Wilkie	All	200		Nov. 20. 1822.

⁴⁷ John O'Meara, Land Patent Books, Township of Ramsay, p. 254 (written), Lanark Archives, Perth, Ontario, Canada (photograph taken in person of page)

Figure 60: Close-up of Patent book page showing Twp. of Ramsay and All of Concession 9 Lots

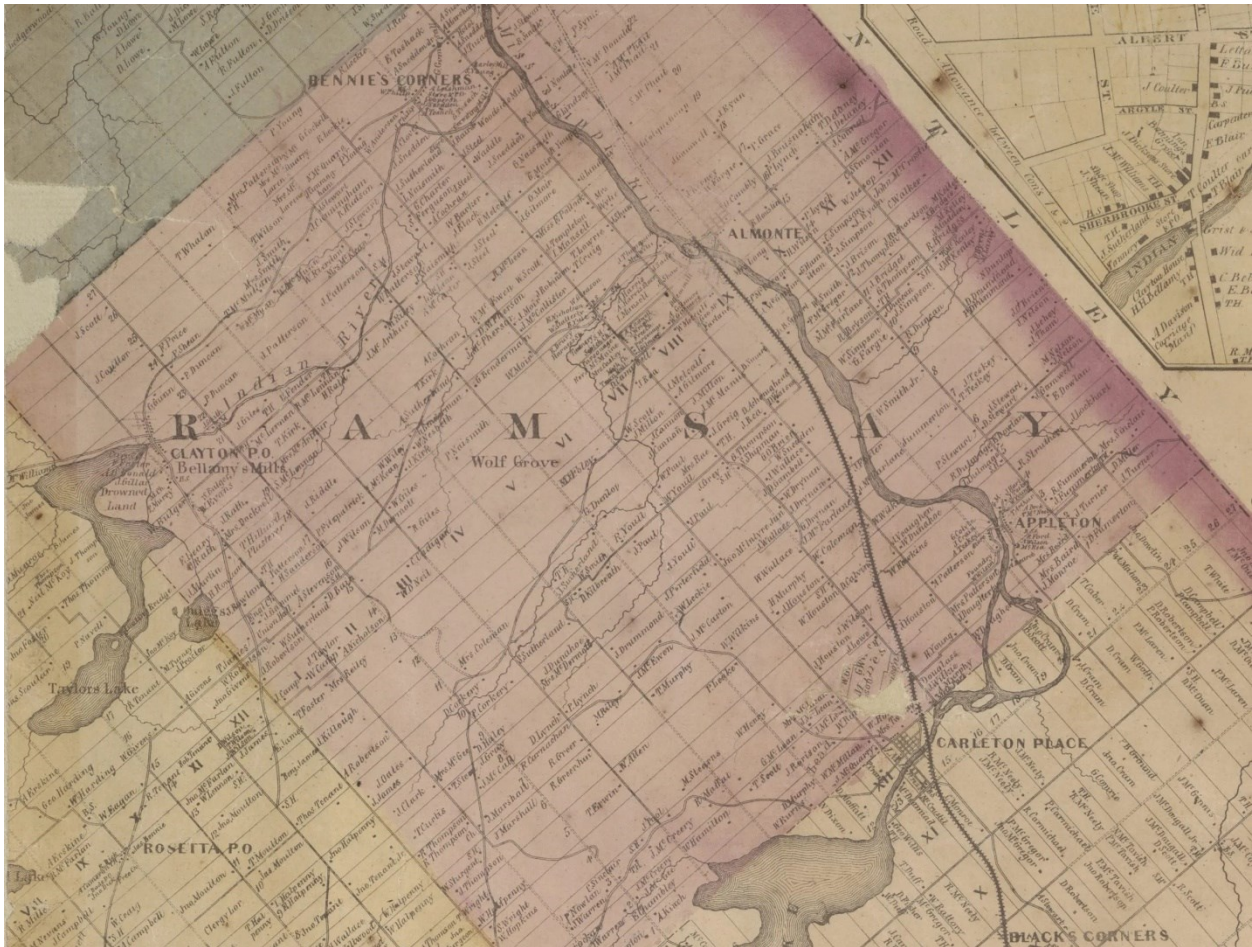
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Concession	Lot	NAME OF GRANTEE.	Part of Lot.	Acres.	Date of Description.	Date of Patent.
9	1820 1	Donald Fraser	S.W. 1/2	100		Oct. 14. 1825.
	"	Christy Baird	E. 1/2	100		Oct. 28. 1839.
	2	Joseph Doherty	{ S.E. 1/4 S.W. 1/4 }	100	Surrendered, Oct. 26. March 1852.	Jan. 22. 1835.
	"	Joseph Doherty	S.W. 1/2	100		April. 8. 1852.
	"	Mary Patterson	N.E. 1/2	100		Nov. 16. 1853.
1820	3	William Morris	All	200	Scotland	Nov. 24. 1825.
	4	Canada Company	E. 1/2	100		Oct. 26. 1846.

	"	Hugh Boulton	E. 1/2	100		Nov. 30. 1837.
1821	6	James Wilkie	N.W. 1/2	100		Sep. 22. 1837.
	"	Hugh Boulton	E. 1/2	100		Nov. 30. 1837.
1821	7	Thomas Patterson	N.W. 1/2	100		Aug. 30. 1837.
	"	Hugh Boulton	E. 1/2	100		Nov. 3. 1837.
1821	8	William Forster	S.W. 1/2	100		Aug. 13. 1825.
1821	"	Joseph Tichler	N.E. 1/2	100		Aug. 15. 1825.
	9	John O'Meara	All	200		Aug. 9. 1838.
1821	10	Thomas Mansel	N.E. 1/2	100	England	Aug. 17. 1825.
	"	Timothy O'Brien	N.W. 1/2	100		May. 30. 1836.
1821	11	James Smart	S.W. 1/2	100		Aug. 16. 1825.
1821	"	Matthew MacFarlane Junr	E. 1/2	100		Sept. 20. 1831.
1821	12	Thomas Smart	N.E. 1/2	100		Aug. 16. 1831.

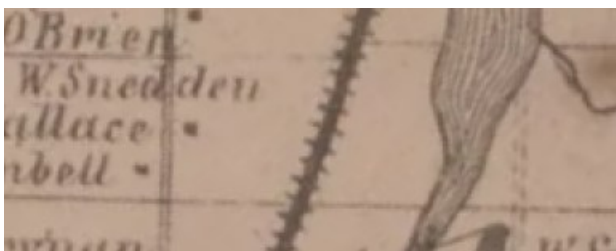
This patent book showing the page for Concession 9, also shows James Smart, who was granted Lot 11 on 16 Aug 1825, and a petition for the land ensued between O'Mara and Smart. The above image shows "John O'Meara" granted All 200 acres on 9 Aug 1838 for Lot 9.

Figure 61: Map of Ramsey Township circa 1863 - Showing W. Snedden at Lot 9 Con 9⁴⁸



This is a beautiful old map of Ramsay for 1863. At that time, Lot 9 Con 9 was owned by W. Snedden. A nearby name of O'Brien is adjacent at Lot 10, which was one of the names in the petition papers previous.

Figure 62: Detail of Map showing W. Snedden at Lot 9 Con 9 (rotated)



⁴⁸ 1863 Lanark County Map – Clip of Ramsay Township, *Map of the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, Canada West, from Actual Surveys under the Direction of H. F. Walling*. Prescott, C. W. (Ontario): D. P. Putnam, 1863, (https://maps.library.utoronto.ca/hgis/countymaps/lanarkrenfrew/e010692499_b2.jpg)

Figure 63: Current view (June 2022) of Lot 9, Con 9 in "Ramsay" now Mississippi Mills area⁴⁹

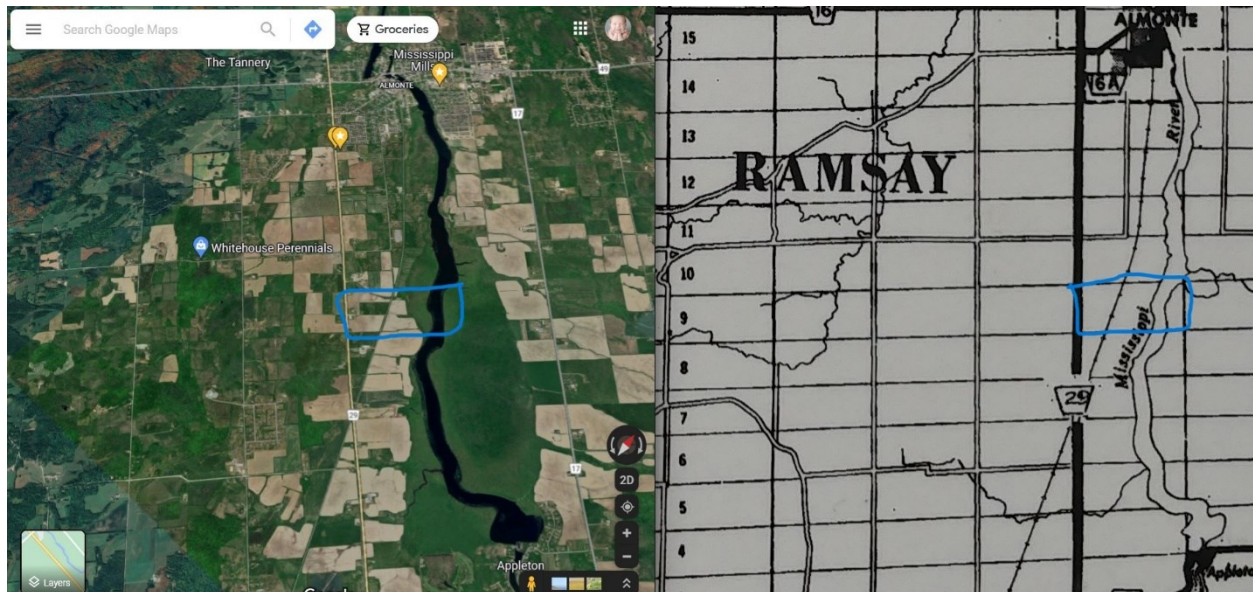


Figure 64: Satellite View of Lot 9, Con 9:



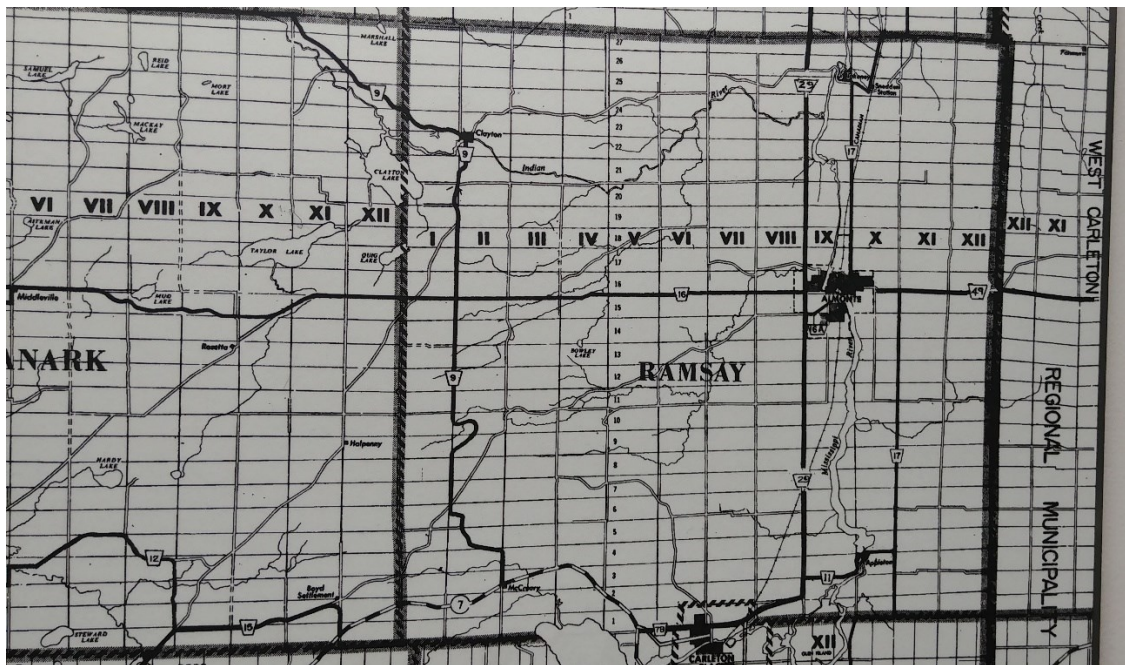
This is the current satellite view of Lot 9, Con. 9 in Ramsay Township, in what is now known as Mississippi Mills area of Lanark County, and specifically falls between the current towns of Almonte and Appleton on County Road 29. I have placed it adjacent to a wall map photo I took at the Lanark Archives showing the Lot numbers (vertical) which go from 1-23. I have outlined the area for Lot 9, Con 9 in blue. The next image is a satellite view of said Lot, and street view from Google Maps.

⁴⁹ Image from Google Maps satellite view, Image capture: Jun 2012, for approx. address 6173 Country Rd No 29, Mississippi Mills, Ontario, (<http://maps.google.com> : accessed 29 Jun 2022)

Figure 65: Street View of modern Lot 9, Con 9 (image from 2012):



Figure 66: Wall map of Lanark County showing Ramsay Township⁵⁰



⁵⁰ Image is a photograph of a wall map for Lanark County taken in person at the Lanark Archives on 2 Jul 2022.

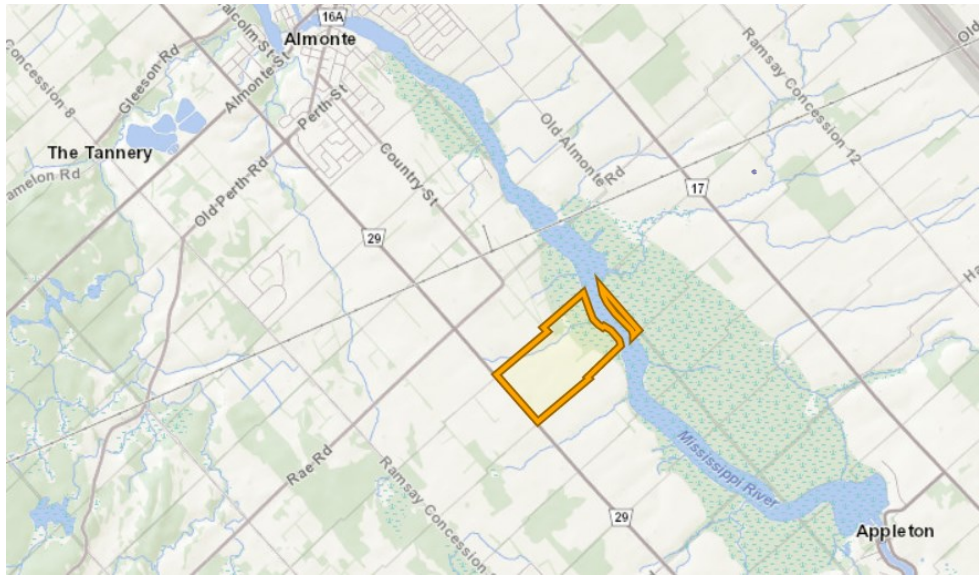
Figure 67: Current 2022 drive out to Lot 9 Con 9 shows Rosedale Farms, since 1917 (next 4 photos)





These photos were taken by me on a drive out in July 2022 to Ramsay, Lot 9 Con 9, presently owned by “Rosedale Farms” since 1917. The owner, Ed Lowry, passed away in 2017. There are still grown children connected to the property and they may be willing to give info about the house and land. I did not want to trespass, but took photos from the entrance of the long driveway leading to the old, gabled house. This property is nestled on County Rd 29, between two rock quarries. The hardships of clearing the land which John Mara endured is still evident in that the only thing to farm around here must be rocks. A video of the area is included in the images I am sending to you.

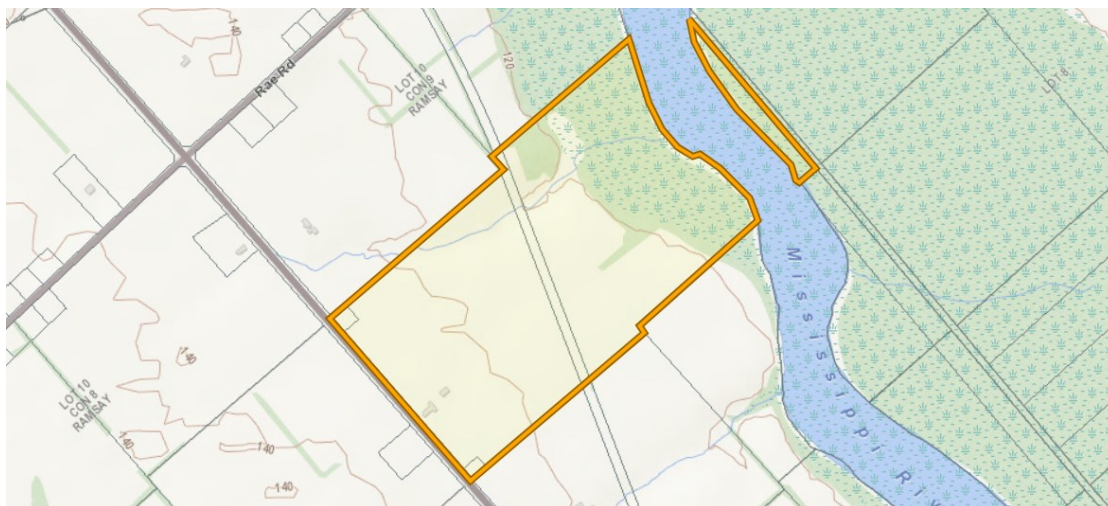
Figure 68: Ontario Topographical Map for Ramsay (orange outline marks Lot 9 Con 9), showing modern roads 2022⁵¹



Using the “Make a Topographical Map” application at the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website, I have outlined Ramsay Lot 9 Con 9 in these images in orange. The Lot of 200 acres is nearly rectangle. A railroad track runs diagonally through the Lot, paralleling the Mississippi River on the far right, and Lot 9 carries through to the other side of the river.

The Latitude and Longitude Coordinates for this Lot are: **45.198° N 76.164° W**. You can enter those coordinates in “Google Maps” to create directions from other places the O’Mara family lived, to see routes they took to head into southern Ontario. It passes right through London, Middlesex as you head into the United States.

Figure 69: Ontario Topographical Map, Lot 9 Con 9 (Lat: 45.198° N Lon: 76.164° W)



⁵¹ Ontario – Make a Topographical Map, *Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry*, Land Information Ontario, (<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/MakeATopographicMap/index.html>)



Figure 70: Ontario Topographical Map of Lot 9 Con 9 Ramsay, modern satellite 2022 image. This entire image is the 200 acres for Lot 9 Con 9, as outlined in orange by the previous maps:⁵²



On the same map application, by zooming into the Lot on display, I was able to bring this modern satellite image of Lot 9 Con 9 into view. Lot 10, just north of it is a quarry and excavation site (not shown here) – ironic since one of the complaints by John Mara was the amount of rocks he had to dig through to settle and clear the land. On the far left of the above image, you see three driveways and houses and farms, sitting accessible off the Country Rd 29. These three farms are now all on Lot 9, as it has been divided. I'm unsure of the dates of those houses and/or if they belonged to John Mara. The one in the center is the oldest, and has green gables on its roof, which would have been an earlier style from the 1800-1900s. It may be the original house, making it nearly 200 years old. The other two are likely added after 1940 and are modern.

⁵² Ontario – Make a Topographical Map, *Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry*, Land Information Ontario, (<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/MakeATopographicMap/index.html>)

PEDIGREE (4 GEN) – DESCENDANTS OF JOHN MARA AND JOHANNA FOLEY

FIRST GENERATION

1. **John MARA (O'MEARA)** was born in 1781 at *probable* Garryantagart, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland. He served in the military and was a discharged soldier before 1807 in Ireland. He emigrated on 8 Jul 1823 from Cove of Cork, Cobh, Cork, Ireland aboard ship "H S Stakesby" in the Superintendence of Peter Robinson to settle in Canada. John emigrated on 2 Sep 1823 from Quebec, Canada at arrived after a passage of 8 weeks (see notes). He on 22 Sep 1823 at arrived and decided to settle in Ramsay in Lanark County, Ontario, Canada. In the Spring 1824 at Lot 4, Concession 4 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Letter from W. Marshal to Baines re: Lot 11, Con 9 on 4 Sep 1824 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Letter from M. Powell (Marshal?) to Thom. Baines Esq. re: Lot 11, Con 9 on 7 Sep 1824 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He Land Deed on 11 Oct 1824 at Lot 11, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. John applied for a Land petition for Lot 11, Con 9 on 4 Jan 1826 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Letter from Thomas Rideout regarding Lot 11, Con 9 on 1 Feb 1826 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Letter from W. Marshall re: Lot 11, Con 9 on 9 Apr 1826 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Letter from Peter Robinson on 12 Apr 1826 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Letter from Thomas Baines re: Lot 11, Con 9 on 23 Nov 1827 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Poignant petition after threats and dispute of ownership. on 25 Feb 1829 at Lot 9, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Land petition by John O'Mara for Lot 9, Con 9 on 8 Jul 1830 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He Sold 200 acres to James Snedden on 13 Dec 1849 at Lot 9, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He died not in Lanark County, Ontario after 1849 at the age of 68 at perhaps Huron-Perth or Middlesex Counties in Ontario, Canada. John was also known as John O'Mara. He was a Farmer. John was buried at poss. Huron-Perth or Middlesex Counties, Ontario. He FamilySearch ID LH3F-542.

John MARA (O'MEARA) and Johanna FOLEY were married before 1807 at *probable* County Cork in Ireland. They lived "B. Gaha" in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland in 1814. They lived "Balogaha" in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland in 1817. John and Johanna lived "Ballygaha" in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland in 1821. There was no surviving 1821 census - fire destroyed records (see notes) but matching the baptismal records, they lived in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland. They lived at Lot 11, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada in 1826. John and Johanna lived at Lot 9, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada on 8 Jul 1830. They lived at Lot 9, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada on 25 Oct 1830. They lived in lieu of Lot 11 - cleared 5 acres & built house at Lot 9, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada on 9 Aug 1838. John and Johanna lived (see notes) at Lot 9, Concession 9 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada on 18 May 1840. **Johanna FOLEY**, daughter of FOLEY and Ms. , was born about 1787 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She see notes about 1851. She appeared in the census in 1851 at ?. Johanna was buried in 1852 at St. Peter's Cemetery in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She died on 7 Mar 1852 at the age of 65 in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She has FamilySearch ID 9VGP-SG5.

John MARA (O'MEARA) and Johanna FOLEY had the following children:

- i. **David MARA** was born on 27 Jan 1808 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. He was baptized on 27 Jan 1808 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland.¹ He died before 1823 at the age of 15 in Ireland. David was buried at *probable* in County Cork, Ireland.
- 2 ii. **Mary MARA**, born 5 Mar 1809, Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland; married Mr. , bef 1861; died 4 Dec 1882, Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada.
- iii. **Ellen MARA** was born on 10 Mar 1811 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She was baptized on 10 Mar 1811 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She died before 1821 at the age of 10 in Ireland. Ellen was buried at *probable* in County Cork, Ireland.
- 3 iv. **John MARA Jr.**, born abt 1812, Ireland; married Margaret RYAN, 20 Nov 1853, London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada; died 26 Aug 1894, Ontario, Canada.
- 4 v. **Johanna MARA**, born 27 Sep 1814, Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland; married Denis

- FINN, 6 Nov 1848, Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada; died 19 May 1890, Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- 5 vi. **Bridget MARA**, born 6 Feb 1817, Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland; married Michael DWYER, 5 Oct 1841, Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; died 1891, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States.
- 6 vii. **Thomas O'MEARA**, born 1819, Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland; married Margaret FOLEY, 3 Jun 1846, Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada; died 2 Jul 1894, Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- viii. **Ellen MARA** was born on 13 Aug 1821 in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland. She was baptized on 13 Aug 1821 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She emigrated in 1823 at from Ireland to Canada. Ellen was confirmed on 27 Sep 1844 at St. Phillip's Nepean Roman Catholic Church in Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada. She died after 1844 at the age of 23.
- 7 ix. **Elisabeth MARA**, born 16 Jan 1824, Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; married Daniel BRADY, 11 Feb 1851, London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada; died 11 Jul 1917, Duluth, Saint Louis, Minnesota, United States.
- x. **Nancy A. "Ann" MARA** was born on 28 May 1826 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 28 May 1826 in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1851 at *prob* Ontario in ?. Ann owned in 1858 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1861 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1871 at *prob* Ontario in ?. Ann owned in 1879 at Lot 5, Con 9 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1881 at Servant in St. Mary's, Perth South, Ontario. She emigrated in 1882–1899 at from Canada to US. Ann appeared in the census in 1900 at Aunt; with John Dewire/Dwyer in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1905 at Aunt; with John Dewire/Dwyer in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1910 at Aunt; with John Dewire/Dwyer in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Ann died on 11 Mar 1919 at the age of 92 at (or Le Sueur) in St. Louis County, Minnesota, United States. She was a Nurse. She was buried in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. Ann never married.
- 8 xi. **Margaret MARA**, born 17 May 1828, Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; married Martin WARD, 7 Jan 1858, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States; died 2 Aug 1911, Seattle, King, Washington, United States.

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2. **Mary MARA** was born on 5 Mar 1809 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She was baptized on 5 Mar 1809 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She emigrated in 1823 from Canada. Mary was confirmed on 27 Sep 1844 at St. Phillip's Nepean Catholic Church in Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1851 at ?. She witness to brother John's marriage in 1853 in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. Mary appeared in the census in 1861 at widowed; with brother John in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1871 at widowed; with brother John in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1881 at widowed; with brother John in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Mary died on 4 Dec 1882 at the age of 73 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She was buried at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada.

Mary MARA and Mr. were married before 1861. **Mr.** died before 1861.

3. **John MARA Jr.** was baptized about 1812. He was born about 1812 at 1812–1823 in Ireland. He emigrated in 1823 from Canada. John was confirmed on 27 Sep 1844 at St. Phillip's Nepean Catholic Church in Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada. He died "aged 69 yrs" inscription on grave on 26 Aug 1894 at the age of 82 in Ontario, Canada. He was also known as John Omara. John was buried at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. He was a Farmer. He died.

John MARA Jr. and Margaret RYAN appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. They were married on 20 Nov 1853 in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1861 at with Mary O'Mara, widow, b. 1801 Ire in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. John and Margaret appeared in the census in 1871 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1881 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1891 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. **Margaret RYAN** was born about 1825 at 1825–1838 in Ireland. She appeared in the census in 1901 at widowed, with children, and granddaughter Kate in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She was buried in 1909 at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. Margaret died "aged 84 yrs" inscription on grave on 28 Aug 1909 at the age of 84 in Ontario, Canada. She was also known as Margaret O'Mara.

John MARA and Margaret RYAN had the following children:

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 - i. **Maria (Mary) OMEARA**, born 22 Sep 1854, Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada; married James TOOHEY, aft 1882; died 8 Nov 1931, Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada.
 - ii. **Michael O'MARA** was born on 30 Sep 1856 in Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 5 Oct 1856 in Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael appeared in the census in 1871 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1881 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was a Farmer.
 - iii. **Winnafred O'MARA** was born on 26 Sep 1858 in Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 24 Oct 1858 in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1861 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Winnafred died on 20 Feb 1865 at the age of 6 in Ontario, Canada. She was buried on 21 Feb 1865 at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She was also known as Winnafred Mara.
 - iv. **Daniel OMEARA** was born on 22 Sep 1860 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 7 Oct 1860 in Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Daniel appeared in the census in 1871 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1881 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1891 at with parents in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Daniel appeared in the census in 1901 at with widowed mother in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He died (on leap day) on 29 Feb 1928 at the age of 67 in Huron County, Ontario, Canada. He was buried on 3 Mar 1928 at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. Daniel was also known as Daniel O'Mara/O'Meara. He was a Farmer. He son of John O'Mara/Margaret Ryan.
 - v. **Catherine O'MARA** was born on 27 Jan 1863 in Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 8 Feb 1863 in Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1871 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Catherine appeared in the census in 1881 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She died "aged 23 yrs" inscription on grave on 20 Mar 1886 at the age of 23 in Ontario, Canada. She was buried at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada.
 - vi. **Margaret O'MARA** was born on 18 Feb 1865 in Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 26 Feb 1865 in Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1871 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Margaret appeared in the census in 1881 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1891 at with parents in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1901 at with widowed mother in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Margaret was also known as Maggie O'Mara.
 - vii. **John O'MARA** was born on 27 Mar 1867 in Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 21 Apr 1867 in Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada.
 - viii. **Bridget O'MARA** was born in 1871 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1871 at age 5/12 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1881 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Bridget appeared in the census in 1891 at with parents in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada.

4. **Johanna MARA** was born on 27 Sep 1814 in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland. She was baptized on 27 Sep 1814 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She lived in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada in 1848. Johanna emigrated in 1862–1869 at moved to Minnesota. She appeared in the census in 1885 at widowed in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She died on 19 May 1890 at the age of 75 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Johanna was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

Johanna MARA and Denis FINN were married on 6 Nov 1848 at St. Phillip's Nepean Roman Catholic Church in Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1851 in ?. They appeared in the census in 1861 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Johanna and Denis appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1875 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1880 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. **Denis FINN** was born about 1800 in County Tipperary, Ireland. He died on 25 Nov 1884 at the age of 84 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

Denis FINN and Johanna MARA had the following children:

- i. **Edward FINN** was born about 1847 in Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada.
- ii. **Teresa FINN** was born on 1 Oct 1849 in Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 7 Oct 1849 in Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1861 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Teresa was also known as Theresa Finn.
- iii. **Michael FINN** was born on 18 May 1851 in Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Michael died on 26 Dec 1928 at the age of 77 in Minot, Ward, North Dakota, United States.
- 10 iv. **Joseph FINN**, born 13 Nov 1853, Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada; married Anna M. ; died 16 Dec 1918, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States.
- v. **Cecilia FINN** was born on 12 Aug 1855 in Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 19 Aug 1855 in Biddulph, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1861 in Osborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada.

5. **Bridget MARA** was born on 6 Feb 1817 in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland. She was baptized on 6 Feb 1817 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She emigrated in 1823 from Canada at aboard ship "Stakesby". Bridget emigrated in 1862–1869 at moved to Minnesota. She died in 1891 at the age of 74 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. She was buried in 1891 at Saint Henry Catholic Church Cemetery in Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Bridget was also known as Bridget Dewire. She was also known as Bredget Dewire. She FamilySearch ID L4KV-D5J.

Bridget MARA and Michael DWYER were married on 5 Oct 1841 at St. John the Baptist Church in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. They lived at moved to Perth and Huron County in Huron County, Ontario, Canada about 1851. They appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Bridget and Michael appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1870 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1871 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Bridget and Michael appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. **Michael DWYER** was born in 1798 in Ireland. He died in 1890 at the age of 92 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. He was also known as Michael Dewire. Michael was also known as Michael Dewine. He was buried at Saint Henry Catholic Church Cemetery in Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was a Yeoman.

Michael DWYER and Bridget MARA had the following children:

- i. **John DEWIRE** was born on 18 Jan 1844 in Canada. He appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard,

- Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. John appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He died on 5 Feb 1930 at the age of 86 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was a Farmer. John FamilySearch ID L5GS-LHZ.
- 11 ii. **Thomas DWYER**, born 17 Nov 1845, Canada; married Mary , aft 1863; died 25 Apr 1928, Le Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- iii. **Ellen DEWIRE** was born on 26 Jan 1847 in Canada. She appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. Ellen appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She died on 16 Dec 1916 at the age of 69 in Mankato, Blue Earth, Minnesota, United States. Ellen was also known as Helen Dewine.
- iv. **Michael DWYER** was born on 26 Nov 1850 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 12 Jan 1851 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. Michael appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- v. **James DWYER** was born on 29 Sep 1852 in Blanshard, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 28 Oct 1852 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. He died before 1861 at the age of 9 in Ontario, Canada.
- 12 vi. **Peter Patrick DEWIRE**, born 1 Jul 1858, Ontario, Canada; married Catherine A. MCNEILL, bef 1900.

6. **Thomas O'MEARA** was born in 1819 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. He was baptized about 1819. He immigrated in 1823 to Ontario, Canada at from Ireland to Canada. Thomas immigrated in 1868 to Le Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States at from Canada to United States. He appeared in the census in 1880 in ?. He owned on 30 Mar 1883 in Minnesota, United States. Thomas appeared in the census in 1885 in ?. He was buried in 1894 at Calvary Cemetery in Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He died on 2 Jul 1894 at the age of 75 in Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Thomas signed a will on 2 Jul 1894 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He had his estate probated on 11 Sep 1905 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. He was also known as Thomas O'Mara. Thomas was also known as Thomas Mara. He FamilySearch ID KLLV-Q1F. He was a Farmer.

Thomas O'MEARA and Margaret FOLEY lived in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada in 1846. They were married on 3 Jun 1846 at St. Phillip's Nepean Roman Catholic Church in Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1851 in Darling, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Thomas and Margaret lived at moved to Perth and Huron Counties in Perth County, Ontario, Canada about 1852. They appeared in the census in 1861 in McKillop, Huron, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1870 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Thomas and Margaret appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. **Margaret FOLEY**, daughter of FOLEY and Ms. , was born in Dec 1823 in County Cork, Ireland. She was baptized about Dec 1823 in County Cork, Ireland. She emigrated in 1825 at Ireland to Canada, Peter Robinson Settlers. Margaret emigrated in 1868 at Canada to US. She appeared in the census in 1880 at married; without husband in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1885 at with son James; without husband in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Margaret appeared in the census in 1900 at widowed; with daughter Teresa in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She died in 1905 at the age of 82 in Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She was also known as Magretta Omeara. Margaret FamilySearch ID L4SG-6SB. She Story (see notes). She was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

Thomas O'MEARA and Margaret FOLEY had the following children:

- 13 i. **Mary Ann O'MEARA**, born 2 Apr 1847, Huntley Township, Carleton, Ontario, Canada; married Michael HUNT, 7 Jan 1864, St. Columban, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada; died 14 Jan 1929, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States.
- 14 ii. **James O'MEARA**, born 24 Sep 1848, Huntley Township, Carleton, Ontario, Canada; married

- Catherine LAUGHLIN, 21 Jun 1882, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; died 6 May 1919, Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- 15 iii. **Margaret O'MEARA**, born 17 Jan 1850, Lanark County, Ontario, Canada; married Owen HUNT, 2 Feb 1869, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States; died 23 Mar 1938, Waterville C., Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- iv. **John O'MEARA** was born about 1850 in Lanark County, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1851 in Darling, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He died bef 1861?.
- 16 v. **Teresa O'MEARA**, born 19 May 1853, Perth County, Ontario, Canada; married James MCCOURT, 18 Jun 1881, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States; died 9 Mar 1934, Faribault, Rice, Minnesota, United States.

7. **Elisabeth MARA** was born on 16 Jan 1824 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 17 Jan 1824 at St. John the Baptist Church in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She emigrated in 1852–1859 at moved to Michigan. Elisabeth emigrated in 1862–1869 at moved to Minnesota. She lived at 905 W Michigan in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States in 1899. She appeared in the census in 1910 at London road; widowed in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. Elisabeth died on 11 Jul 1917 at the age of 93 in Duluth, Saint Louis, Minnesota, United States. She was buried on 13 Jul 1917 at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She was also known as Elizabeth O Bronely.

Elisabeth MARA and Daniel BRADY were married on 11 Feb 1851 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. They appeared in the census in 1860 in Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States. They appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Elisabeth and Daniel appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Elisabeth and Daniel appeared in the census in 1895 in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1900 at 207 Caely street in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. **Daniel BRADY** was born about 1827 in Canada. He died on 2 Oct 1902 at the age of 75 in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. He was buried.

Daniel BRADY and Elisabeth MARA had the following children:

- i. **James A. BRADY** was born on 21 Dec 1851 in Ingersoll, Oxford, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 7 Jan 1852 at Church of the Sacred Heart in Ingersoll, Oxford, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1860 in Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States. James appeared in the census in 1870 at with parents in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. James appeared in the census in 1885 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 at 207 Caely street; with parents in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1910 at London road; with widowed mother in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States.
- ii. **Margaret A. BRADY** was born about 1855 in Canada. She appeared in the census in 1860 in Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States. She appeared in the census in 1870 at with parents in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Margaret appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- iii. **John D. BRADY** was born about 1858 in Michigan, United States. He appeared in the census in 1860 in Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States. He appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. John appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1885 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. John appeared in the census in 1895 in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. He lived at 5413 London road in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States in 1899. He was a Surveyor General.
- iv. **Francis G. "Frank" BRADY** was born about 1859 in Michigan, United States. He appeared in

the census in 1860 at age 2/12 in Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States. He appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Frank appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1880 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

- v. **Mary Ellena BRADY** was born on 10 Aug 1866 in Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 9 Sep 1866 at St. Mary's in Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Mary appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1885 at with parents in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Mary appeared in the census in 1895 in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States.
- vi. **William BRADY** was born about 1867 in Michigan, United States. He appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- vii. **Alice A. BRADY** was born about 1873 in Michigan, United States. She appeared in the census in 1875 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Alice appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1895 in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. She lived at 905 W Michigan in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States in 1899. Alice appeared in the census in 1900 at 207 Caely street; with parents in Duluth, St. Louis, Minnesota, United States. She was also known as Elias A. Brady. She was also known as Allace Bronely.

8. **Margaret MARA** was born on 17 May 1828 in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 3 Sep 1828 in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was confirmed on 27 Sep 1844 at St. Phillip's Nepean Catholic Church in Richmond Village, Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada. Margaret emigrated in 1867 at from Canada to US. She appeared in the census in 1870 at widowed with six children in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1875 at widowed in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. Margaret appeared in the census in 1880 at widowed; with children in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1885 at widowed with children in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. She lived at 2109 5th Av S in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States in 1885. Margaret lived at 2109 5th Av S in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States in 1892. She appeared in the census in 1895 at widowed with two children in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1900 at widowed; Yesler Way in Seattle, King, Washington, United States. Margaret lived at 3435 Superior in Seattle, King, Washington, United States in 1903. She appeared in the census in 1910. She lived at 3435 Superior in Seattle, King, Washington, United States in 1910. Margaret died on 2 Aug 1911 at the age of 83 in Seattle, King, Washington, United States. She was buried on 4 Aug 1911 at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle, King, Washington, United States. She was also known as Margie Ward. Margaret was also known as Margaret O'Mara. She was also known as Margaret O'Mearah. She was a House keeping.

Margaret MARA and Martin WARD were married on 7 Jan 1858 in Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan, United States. They appeared in the census in 1861 in Usborne, Huron-Perth, Ontario, Canada. **Martin WARD**, son of David WARD, was born on 4 Jun 1828 in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 2 Sep 1828 at St. John the Baptist Church in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He emigrated about 1867 at from Canada to US. Martin had his estate probated on 6 May 1869 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. He signed a will on 6 May 1869 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. He died in Nov 1869 at the age of 41 in Kasota, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

Martin WARD and Margaret MARA had the following children:

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 - i. **David A. WARD**, born 3 May 1859, Stratford, Perth, Ontario, Canada; married Annie G. DOWNS, 13 May 1880, Stillwater, Washington, Minnesota, United States; died 6 Jul 1920, Sacramento, Sacramento, California, United States.
 - ii. **John P. WARD** was born about 1861 in Canada. He emigrated in 1867 at from Canada to US. He appeared in the census in 1870 at with widowed mother in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. John appeared in the census in 1880 at with widowed mother in Minneapolis,

- Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. He lived at 2109 5th Av S in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States in 1885. He appeared in the census in 1885 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. John was a Flour Packer.
- 18 iii. **Stephen F. WARD**, born abt 1863, Canada; married Bessie RIDDLE, 30 Oct 1889, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; died 30 Mar 1939, Seattle, King, Washington, United States.
- iv. **Minnie C. WARD** was born in Sep 1866 in Canada. She emigrated in 1867 at from Canada to US. She appeared in the census in 1870 at with widowed mother in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Minnie appeared in the census in 1880 at 8th street South; with widowed mother in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. She lived at 2109 5th Av S in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States in 1885. She appeared in the census in 1885 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. Minnie lived at 2109 5th Av S in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States in 1892. She appeared in the census in 1895 at with mother in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1900 at with widowed mother in Seattle, King, Washington, United States. Minnie lived at 3435 Superior in Seattle, King, Washington, United States in 1903. She lived at 3435 Superior in Seattle, King, Washington, United States in 1910. She appeared in the census in 1910. Minnie was also known as Mary Ward. She was a Millener.
- 19 v. **Thomas Vincent WARD**, born 11 Jul 1867, Tilbury East, Chatham-Kent, Ontario, Canada; married Alice M. LAMB, 30 Jun 1905, King County, Washington, United States; died 2 May 1936, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States.
- vi. **Annie WARD** was born about 1869 in Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1870 at with widowed mother in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1880 at with widowed mother in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States.

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