

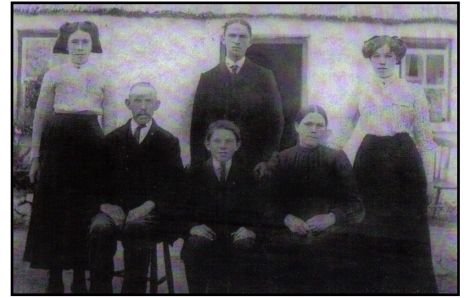


# *Canavan Family, Knockmaria*

*Lahardane, County Mayo, Ireland*

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There were seven children in this family from the small townland of Knockmaria in Addergoole. The 1901 Census shows Anthony (50) and his wife Bridget (35), along with four of the children: Annie (18) John (16), Thomas (14), Pat (11) and Anthony (3). Missing from the family census return are Kate (16) and Bridget (7) who at least on census night were staying with their grandfather, David Kelly and his family in Cuilmullagh. This photo of the Canavan family was taken around 1912.



Kate Canavan went to her cousin in New York in April 1907. She sailed with three others from Addergoole on the SS Oceanic, leaving Queenstown on 11<sup>th</sup> April and docking at Ellis Island on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Her age on the manifest is given as 20. She was 5ft 5in tall and had brown hair and blue eyes. She had 10 dollars when she arrived. The three other passengers from Lahardane with her were: Bridget McNulty, Michael Barrett and Bridget Padden. Kate married Anthony Berry in 1918 and had three children; Marie, Catherine and Anthony. She died on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1970.



John followed in 1911. He was engaged to Margaret Roach from Cashel Turlough when he passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup> 1917. He sadly died 5 weeks before the intended wedding date. The death certificate gives the cause of death as pneumonia with an underlying cause of meningitis. Margaret always claimed that, after Pat died in the Titanic disaster, John's health began to fail. She would say that "he died of a broken heart". At the time of his death he was living in the home of his cousin Thomas Cauley on Howell Street, Chester, Pennsylvania. He is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery along in the Canavan burial plot, with Kate Canavan Berry, her family as well as Bridget Canavan Murray and her husband Patrick Murray.



Pat died immigrating to Philadelphia when RMS Titanic sank in 1912. This photo of him bears the inscription; "Brother Pat drowned on Titanic 4/14/1912".



Thomas emigrated with three others from Lahardane in 1915. He was going to John, who was living at 15-12 Diamond St, Philadelphia. The ships manifest shows that Thomas was 5ft 7in in height, 28 years old and had black hair and blue eyes. At least three others from the locality were with him; John Joe Mulhern, Patrick Mulhern (Letterbrick) & Ellie Bourke (Cloughbrack). The Ship, SS Philadelphia, departed Liverpool on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept and arrived at Ellis

Island on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1915. Thomas married Catherine Philben. They had three daughters, Anne Marie, Jane Elizabeth and Joan Theresa. He passed away at the age of 83 on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1970. His family fondly remember his saying; “I live in Philadelphia but my home is County Mayo, Ireland”.



Bridget, and Patrick Murray from the adjoining townland of Tawnagh, emigrated in 1920 with a group from Lahardane Crossmolina area. Family folklore is that Bridget was intended to marry someone else and that they ran away together on the SS Celtic from Liverpool and arrived at Ellis Island on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Bridget was 5'6" tall with black hair and dark eyes. They married on April 27 1921. Two of Patrick’s brothers also immigrated to Chicago. Bridget, known fondly as Delia, died on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1935 from kidney disease. She left behind two sons, John Patrick and Thomas Joseph.

By 1920 only Anthony and Annie were left at home in Knockmaria Addergoole. They both remained at home.



Annie married John Barrett and they had four children; James, John, Sarah Ann and Patrick. Patrick was buried on the day my husband and I arrived in Ireland in October of 2007.

Here is a picture of John and Annie Barrett with their son John who was the local postman.



Anthony maintained possession of the family farm where he and his wife, Bridget Barrett raised; Theresa, John, Annie Kate, Patrick, William, Mary, Nora, Anthony, Eileen and Thomas.

They were married in 1924. This picture of Anthony and Bridget was taken circa 1925.

Here are further pictures of the Canavan family through the years.



Anthony & Bridget,  
Anthony (Jr) & Annie



Anthony (Jr)



Annie & her husband  
John Barrett



John Barrett  
Postman