

The Children of Michael & Catherine Murray, Barnamaghery, Ireland

Michael Murray (1799-1865) was a farmer in county Down, Ireland. He and his wife, Catherine (nee) Murray (1802-1882), had 10 children, five boys and five girls. In 1888 Hugh Murray, their seventh child, was a wagon maker and undertaker residing in Potosi, Washington County, Missouri, USA.¹

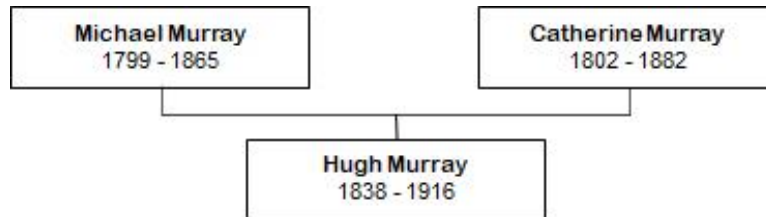


Figure 1. One Son of Michael & Catherine Murray

Question: Who were Michael and Catherine Murray's other nine children?

This question is challenging for two reasons. Firstly, civil registration of births began in Ireland in 1864, a few decades after the children were born. Secondly, the family was Catholic and parish sacramental registers that might identify the children's baptisms were inconsistently kept and preserved in Ireland in the 1800s.

Adding to these challenges was the fact that only the Irish county of residence for Hugh and his parents was known at the outset, namely county Down. Identifying the townland and civil parish for Michael Murray's farm in County Down was an essential key to unlock Irish records.

In mid-19th century Ireland, there were 70 civil parishes and 40 Catholic parishes within county Down.² Civil parishes in Ireland are administrative units that in the 1800s generally corresponded to the parishes of the established Church, namely the (Anglican) Church of Ireland. Civil parishes are comprised of townlands and many records of historical and genealogical interest are organized by townland and/or civil parish.

Catholic parishes in Ireland are organized by diocese and often cross civil parish boundaries. In some cases, the Catholic parish registers identify an individual's townland in baptismal and marriage entries. Hugh Murray's 1838 baptism was recorded in the baptismal register of the parish of Carrickmannon and Saintfield. The register also recorded BM (Barnamaghery) as the family's residence.³ Barnamaghery townland is in the civil parish of Killinchy in county Down.

These two location facts, townland and civil parish, enabled research access to Irish valuation, land, probate, census, and civil registration records for the family. Additionally, detailed obituaries in Irish newspapers proved vital to identifying three of the female children.

Ultimately, including Hugh Murray, nine of the ten children of Michael Murray and Catherine Murray were discovered. Additionally, 47 of their grandchildren were identified.

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Figure 2. Murray Farm in Barnamaghery, Killinchy, Down, Ireland

The Sons of Michael and Catherine Murray

Hugh Murray (1838-1916)

Hugh Murray was born in Barnamaghery, a rural townland 12 miles southeast of Belfast, in Killinchy Parish, County Down, Ireland. He was baptized on 08 December 1838 in the Roman Catholic Parish of Carrickmannon and Saintfield. His parents were Michael Murray and Catherine (nee) Murray.^{4, 5}

Hugh immigrated to the United States in 1857.^{6, 7, 8} Upon his arrival in New Orleans, he traveled first to his sister, Mary (Murray) Flynn's address in St. Louis, Missouri. There he discovered she had left a note for him with a neighbor stating she and her husband had moved to Potosi, Missouri.⁹

Potosi is 70 miles southwest of St. Louis, and in 1860 Hugh, a 21-year-old wagon maker, resided there with Mary Flynn, her husband Barney Flynn, also a wagon maker, and their young family.¹⁰ Hugh, Mary, and Barney were all born in Ireland. Presumably, Mary Flynn (age 30) was Hugh's older sister, Mary Murray.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Potosi, Potosi Township, in the County of Washington, State of Missouri, enumerated by me, on the 1st day of Aug. 1860. Inmate Matthew Ass't Marshal
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Dwelling-house—numbered in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Susan Murray	26	F					Ir. A			
		Barney Flynn	36	M		Wagon Maker	600		Ireland			
1454	1475	Mary Flynn	30	F					"			
		Julie Flynn	5	F					Mo			
		Wm Flynn	3	M					"			
		Barney Flynn	1	M					"			
		Hugh Murray	21	M					Ireland			

Figure 3. 1860 US Census: Potosi, Washington, Missouri listing family of Barney and Mary Flynn as well as Hugh Murray

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On 10 September 1865 Hugh married Mary Moloney at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Charles, Missouri. Mary's sister Ann (Moloney) Bardwell, and her brother Andrew Molony were among the five witnesses.¹¹ Their marriage was filed in Potosi with the Washington County, Missouri County Clerk on 16 October 1865 by Mich[ael] Molony, a Justice of the Peace and possibly Mary's brother.^{12, 13}



Figure 4. Hugh and Mary Murray Family Home – Jefferson Street, Potosi, Missouri

In October 1865 Hugh purchased two adjacent lots on Jefferson Street in Potosi.^{14, 15} Over the next 18 years Hugh and Mary's nine children were born in Potosi. With the exceptions of William Michael¹⁶ and Anna E.¹⁷, their birth and baptismal dates are recorded in the St. James Catholic Church baptismal registers in Potosi.¹⁸

Birth Date	Name
16 July 1866	William Michael
04 April 1868	Catherine
1870	Anna E
07 August 1872	Mary Emma
27 August 1874	Mary Honora
08 March 1877	Hugh Ambrose
11 June 1879	Edward Leo
25 July 1881	Andrew James
17 December 1883	Daniel Paul

Table 1. Children of Hugh Murray and Mary Moloney

Hugh and Mary remained in Potosi through 1901, when he retired. After which, they sold their Potosi property¹⁹ and moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where their eight adult children lived.²⁰ (Emma died about 1878 at age six.²¹)

Mary (Maloney) Murray died in 1912²² and Hugh died in 1916.²³ Both died in St. Louis and are buried there in Calvary Cemetery.²⁴

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Three Male Children Revealed in Catholic Baptismal Registers

Irish Civil Registration of births, marriages, and deaths began in 1864, with the exception that non-Roman Catholic marriages were registered from 1845. Sacramental registers document these important events prior to civil registration.

# Baptisms	Years
Zero	1848, 1849, 1851, 1852
Less than 5	1845, 1847, 1881
5-10	1846
11-20	1837, 1850, 1877
21-30	1842, 1862, 1863, 1880
31-40	1841, 1860, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872
41-50	1843, 1844, 1853, 1855, 1856, 1859, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1879
51-60	1840, 1854, 1861,
61-70	1838, 1857, 1858, 1878
71-80	1839

Table 2. Number of Baptisms Registered in Carrickmannon and Saintfield Parish (1837-1881)

The surviving baptismal registers for Carrickmannon and Saintfield Parish in county Down begin in 1837 with 15 baptisms recorded and end in 1881 with a single record. The greatest number, 78, were recorded in 1839. There is considerable variance in the numbers of baptisms recorded over this 41-year period. Since no baptismal registers prior to 1837 have survived and none of the 15 baptisms that year were of Michael and Catherine's children, baptismal records are not a resource for identifying the five older Murray siblings.

Accepting that Hugh was the seventh of 10 children, three children were born to Michael Murray and Catherine Murray of Barnamaghery after 1838. The entirety of the baptismal registers for Carrickmannon and Saintfield parish includes only four Murray baptisms for children with parents named Michael Murray and Catherine Murray, three of which indicate they resided in Barnamaghery:

1. Daniel, of Barnamaghery, on 08 December 1838,²⁵
2. Hugh, of Barnamaghery, on 08 December 1838,²⁶
3. Michael on 06 February 1841,²⁷ and
4. Edward, of Barnamaghery, on 01 May 1842.²⁸

Michael Murray and Edward Murray

Other than their baptismal records, no other unequivocal records have been discovered for Michael or Edward. Possibly they died young or emigrated. However, it is reasonable to suggest that Michael and Edward are Daniel and Hugh's younger brothers.

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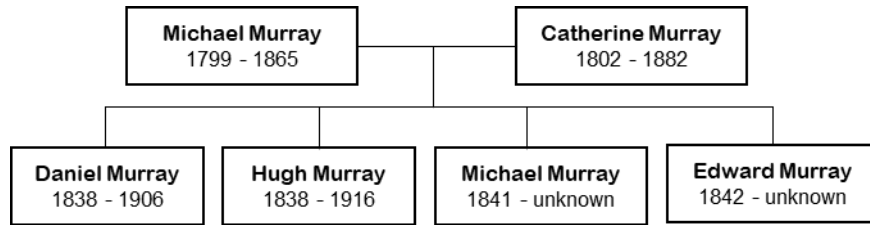


Figure 5. Four Sons of Michael & Catherine Murray

Daniel Murray (1838 – 1906)

Daniel is the twin brother of Hugh Murray.²⁹ His baptism is recorded in the baptismal register immediately preceding Hugh's. They were baptized on the same day in December 1838 and their parents were Michael Murray and Catherine Murray.

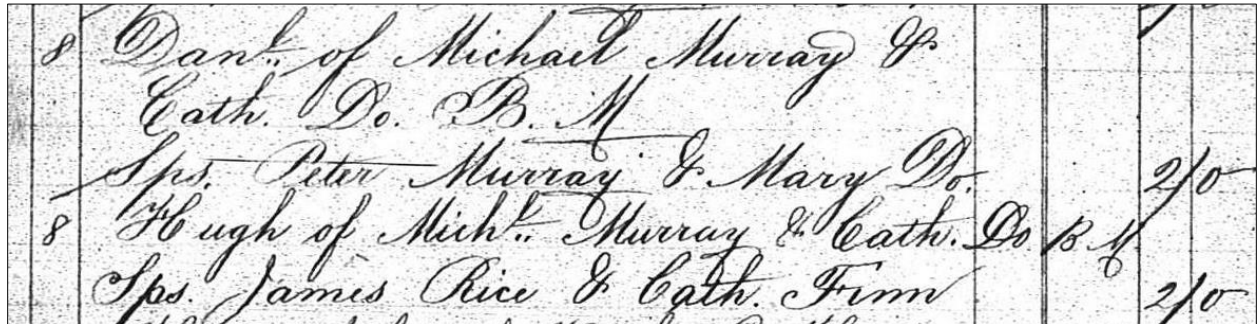


Figure 6. Baptismal Records for Daniel and Hugh Murray, 08 December 1838
Parish of Carrickmannon and Saintfield

In contrast to Michael and Edward, there are many historical records that provide information about Daniel Murray and his family. These confirm his occupation, residence, spouse, children, and death date.

In 1873 at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Loughinisland, Daniel Murray, a 32-year-old manufacturer residing in Crossgar, County Down, married Catherine Maglennon, a 21-year-old spinster residing in Loughinisland, County Down. Daniel's father is recorded as Michael Murray, a farmer.³⁰

The following year, a notice was published in the newspaper stating Daniel Murray's intention to request authority at the October 8, 1874, General Quarter Session of the Peace in Downpatrick, County Down, to keep an inn and ale house in Crossgar, in the Parish of Kilmore, as well as to acquire a spirit license "to sell retail, spirituous liquors, wine, beer, porter, ale, and &c" at the premises.³¹

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Figure 7. Daniel Murray's Public House and Residence (2019)
3 Downpatrick St., Crossgar, Downpatrick, County Down

Daniel and Catherine had nine children, all born in Crossgar, Kilmore, County Down. On the birth records Daniel's profession is most often listed as publican; however, at times he is listed as a merchant, spirit merchant, or spirit grocer.³²

Birthdate	Name	Father's Profession
27 April 1874	James	Merchant
17 June 1876	Michael Joseph	Spirit Merchant
01 April 1878	Daniel	Merchant
22 June 1880	John Henry	Publican
21 September 1881	Patrick Thomas	Publican
30 January 1883	Catherine Elizabeth	Publican
16 August 1884	Mary Alice	Publican
25 August 1885	Margaret Anna	Spirit Grocer
10 October 1886	Rowland	Publican

Table 3. Children of Daniel Murray and Catherine Maglennon

In 1901 Daniel, age 62, and Catherine, both Roman Catholics, resided on Downpatrick Street in Crossgar with two of their children. The occupation for both Daniel and Catherine is "Innkeeper".³³

Daniel died five years later, on 28 July 1906. His age at death is recorded as 66.³⁴ A newspaper article about Daniel's funeral confirms he was a Roman Catholic: "Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. James M'Ardle, P. P." and interment was in the Saul Roman Catholic Cemetery.³⁵

His obituary in the *Irish News and Belfast Morning News* states that he was born in Barnamaghery, a few miles from Crossgar. It also provides some insight into his occupation as a merchant, stating: "He served an apprenticeship to the linen trade in Belfast, afterwards setting up in business for himself in the town in which he died. As sewing agent for several big Belfast linen firms, he gave employment to about three hundred girls in Crossgar and two hundred in Saintfield."³⁶

Using record years and reported ages, three civil records for Daniel suggest possible years for his birth: 1839-1841. It is noteworthy that Daniel's 08 December 1838 baptismal date falls between the birthdate

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range (01 April 1838 – 30 March 1839) in the one record for which Daniel Murray was himself the signatory, the Household Return (Form A) of the 1901 Census of Ireland. Assuming his birth year is the same as his baptismal year, he would be 62 in March 1901, which is the age he reported.

Source	Age in Record	Estimated Birth Year
1873 Marriage Registration	32 on 12 June 1873 ³⁷	1841
1901 Census of Ireland	62 on 31 March 1901 ³⁸	1839
1906 Death Registration	66 at last birthday ³⁹ ; died 28 July 1906	1840

Table 4. Birth Year Estimate for Daniel Murray

It is reasonable to assume that this Daniel Murray, a publican in Crossgar, County Down, is Hugh's twin brother, and is the sixth of Michael and Catherine Murray's children. The records of his life both confirm his Catholic religion and support an 1838 birth date in Barnamaghery.

Eldest Son Revealed in Land Valuation Records

Land valuation records provide indications of who assumed the lease for, or inherited, properties. Griffith's Valuation (1863) lists Michael Murray's farm in Barnamaghery, Parish of Killinchy, Union of Downpatrick, Barony of Castlereagh Upper, County Down. His landlord is the Marquis of Londonderry.⁴⁰

The property includes a house, offices (outbuildings), and just over 17 acres of land. The annual valuation of the land and buildings is 15 pounds 10 shillings. The corresponding Ordnance Survey map location for this property is sheet 16, map reference 3. The farm was located about 13 miles southeast of Belfast and four miles east of Saintfield.

The Marquess of Londonderry's estates in the North of Ireland were in Counties Down, Donegal, and Londonderry and administered in three manors: Newtownards, Comber, and Florida. Barnamaghery townland was administered within the Manor of Comber.⁴¹

Michael Murray died 19 November 1865 in Barnamaghery.⁴² The 1866-1867 Rent Ledger for Barnamaghery in the Manor of Comber includes one Catherine Murray, a tenant who paid an annual rent of 16 pounds 17 shillings and 2 pence.⁴³ Catherine Murray may well be Michael Murray's widow who continued to live on the property and paid the rent following his death.

It is likely that Michael and Catherine's eldest son would have assumed the lease on Michael Murray's farm. In fact, the post-1864 property valuation revision books for the Union of Downpatrick indicate that the occupier of the property at Ordnance Survey (OS) map reference 3 in Barnamaghery townland changed from Michael Murray to William Murray in 1873.⁴⁴

A William Murray, residing in Barnamaghery and present at Michael's 1865 death, was the informant for Michael's death registration.⁴⁵ It seems quite likely that this William Murray is Michael and Catherine's eldest son.

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In 1906 William Murray purchased the farm from the Marquis of Londonderry, with assistance from the Land Commission under the Land Purchase Acts.⁴⁶ In 1921, the occupier of this property changed from William Murray to Margaret Murray.⁴⁷ Margaret is likely a close relation to William, perhaps his widow.

William Murray (c. 1827/1838 – 1903)

William Murray's first wife, Ellen (nee) Murray, died at age 36 following the delivery of their daughter, also named Ellen, on 26 December 1876 in Barnamaghery.^{48, 49} The child Ellen was baptized on 02 January 1877.⁵⁰ One of her sponsors was a Mrs. Neeson, a possible clue to the identity of a female Murray sibling.⁵¹

About one year later, on 31 January 1878, William Murray married Margaret McGreavy.⁵² At that time William resided in Barnamaghery and Margaret in Aughnadarragh, the townland immediately west of Barnamaghery.⁵³

In keeping with traditional Irish naming patterns, William and Margaret's eldest son was named Michael, after his paternal grandfather.⁵⁴ They had four other children: Hugh Daniel and Robert James (twins), and William and Mary Catherine.⁵⁵

Birthdate	Name	Father's Profession
01 January 1879	Michael	Labourer
13 November 1880	Hugh Daniel	Farmer
13 November 1880	Robert James	Farmer
24 November 1882	William	Farmer
17 January 1886	Mary Catherine	Farmer

Table 5. Children of William Murray and Margaret McGreavy

Both William's 1875 and 1878 marriage registrations record that he is of "full age", indicating he was at least 21 years of age. However, this does not clarify his birth year.

Two additional civil records for William also record his age. The first is his Household Return (Form A) in the 1901 Census of Ireland, to which William is the signatory as head of the family attesting the information recorded is accurate.⁵⁶ His age is 70 on 31 March 1901, suggesting he was born about 1831. The second record is the registration of his 16 January 1903 death.⁵⁷ These two records bracket his birth between 1828 and 1831.

Source	Age in Record	Estimated Birth Year
1901 Census of Ireland	70 on 31 March 1901	1831
1903 Death Registration	75 at last birthday	1828

Table 6. Birth Year Estimate for William Murray

William's birth in both records occurs prior to the December 1838 baptisms of Daniel and Hugh Murray. It is reasonable that William is the eldest son of Michael and Catherine Murray and that he inherited the lease on the family farm in Barnamaghery around 1873.

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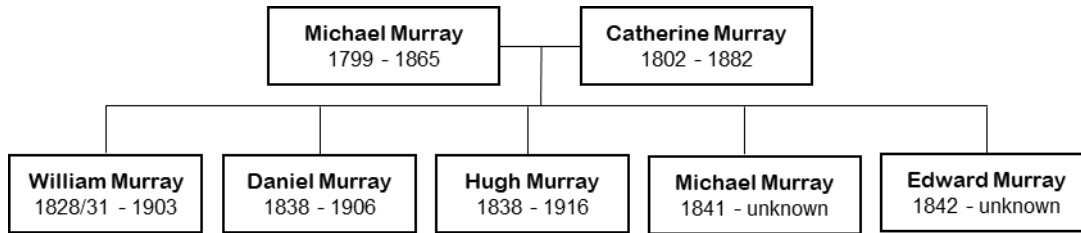


Figure 8. Five Sons of Michael & Catherine Murray

The Daughters of Michael and Catherine Murray

Mary Murray Flynn (1832-1889)

When Hugh Murray immigrated to the United States in 1857, he travelled to Potosi, Missouri, where his sister Mary (Murray) Flynn resided with her husband, Barnard Flynn.⁵⁸ Mary was born May 27, 1832 in County Down, Ireland.^{59, 60}

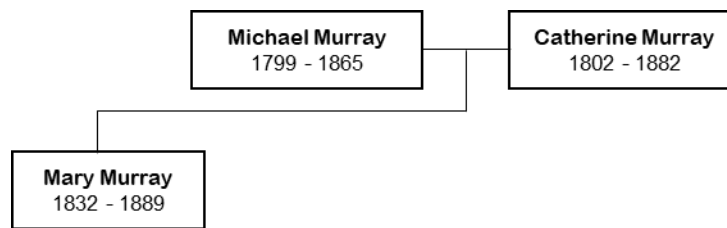


Figure 9. One Daughter of Michael & Catherine Murray

In 1852, Mary (age 20) and Barnard Flynn (28), natives of Ireland, left Liverpool, England aboard the American ship Otomoco, travelling in steerage with 248 others. They arrived at the Port of New Orleans on 18 February 1852.^{61, 62}

List of all Passengers taken on board the <i>Otomoco</i> at Liverpool whereof <i>Abner Hovey</i> is Master, at the Port of <i>Liverpool</i> and bound for NEW ORLEANS .							
NAMES.	AGE.	SEX.	OCCUPATION.	COUNTRY To which they belong	COUNTRY Of which they intend becoming Inhabitants	NUMBER That have died on the Passage	
<i>James O. Bryan</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>United States</i>		
<i>Barnard Flynn</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Male</i>					
<i>Mary</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Female</i>					

Figure 10. Barnard & Mary Flynn, Ship Otomoco Passenger List, February 1852

Their eldest son, Hugh Flynn, was born in Potosi, Washington County, Missouri 07 October 1854. He was baptized at St. James Catholic Church in Potosi and his Certificate of Baptism identifies his parents as Barnard Flynn and Mary Murray.⁶³

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Figure 11. St. James Catholic Church, Potosi, MO

The baptismal record for their seventh child, Mary Elizabeth, also identifies her parents as Bernard Flynn and Mary Murray.⁶⁴ In addition to Hugh and Mary Elizabeth, six other children are identified from the United States Census population schedules for 1860, 1870, and 1880.

Name	1860 Census ⁶⁵	1870 Census ⁶⁶	1880 Census ⁶⁷
Hugh	b. 1855	b. 1854	b. 1856
William	b. 1857	b. 1857	-
Barney	b. 1859	b. 1859	b. 1860
James	-	b. 1862	-
Michael	-	b. 1864	b. 1863
Catherine	-	b. 1866	b. 1866
Mary Elizabeth	-	b. 1868	b. 1868
Charles	-	b. 1870	b. 1869

Table 7. Children of Mary Murray and Barnard Flynn

Mary died 11 November 1889 at the age of 57.⁶⁸ Her husband, Barnard, died 20 March 1892 at age 63.⁶⁹ They both died in Potosi, MO and are buried there in St. James Cemetery.⁷⁰

Three Female Children Revealed in Obituaries

Accepting Hugh as the seventh of Michael and Catherine Murray's 10 children, and (a) that his brothers are William, Daniel, Edward, and Michael, and (b) that one older sister is Mary Flynn, then three sisters would be born before December 1838 (Daniel's and Hugh's baptism) and another sister would be born after December 1838.

The Irish Newspaper collection at Findmypast.com contains four obituaries that suggest candidates for three of the sisters:

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- Robert Moffat (04 June 1894)⁷¹
- Daniel Murray, Senior (27 July 1906)⁷²
- Maggie Murray (28 March 1907)⁷³
- Daniel Murray, Junior (21 August 1907)⁷⁴

No female relations, neither spouses, daughters, sisters, sisters-in-law, nor nieces are named directly in these obituaries as either chief mourners or funeral attendees; although, females who sent cards or greetings are named in Daniel Murray's obituary. However, by inference, the four obituaries reveal a good amount of information regarding three daughters of Michael and Catherine.

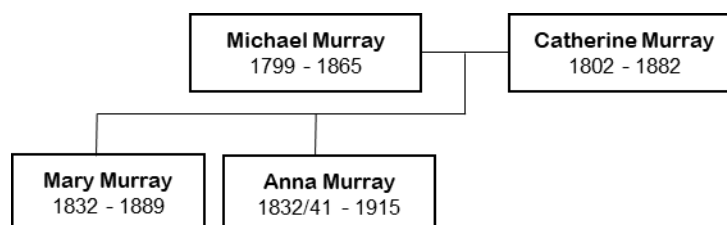
- A female Murray married to Robert Moffat. Their children included:
 - Sons: Robert Moffat, William Moffat, Hugh Daniel Moffat, and Michael Moffat
 - Daughters and Spouses: A female Moffat, wife of D. Murray Saintfield, and a female Moffat, wife of Patrick Rice of Barnamaghery
- A female Murray married to a male Darby. Their children included:
 - Sons: Daniel Darby and William J. Darby
- A female Murray married to a male Neeson, residing at Erinvale [sic], county Monaghan. Their children included:
 - Sons: Edward Neeson and Daniel Neeson
 - Possible Daughters: Miss Neeson, Infirmary, Newtownards; Miss A Neeson, Abbeyville, Whiteabbey

The order of the surnames listed for the chief mourners in the three Murray obituaries was consistently Moffat first, Darby second, and Neeson third. This may indicate the birth order for these three married daughters.

Anna Murray Moffat

The 1894 obituary for Robert Moffat identified his brothers-in-law as William Murray (Barneymaghery) and Daniel Murray (Crossgar), both previously identified as two sons of Michael and Catherine Murray. Moffat's wife is thus identified as William, Daniel, and Hugh Murray's sister.

Probate of Robert Moffat's will was granted 26 June 1895 to his three executors: his widow, Anna Moffat of Barneymaghery, Daniel Murray of Crossgar, publican and sewed muslin agent, and William Murray of Barneymaghery, farmer.⁷⁵ Anna Moffat is Anna Murray, a daughter of Michael and Catherine Murray.



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Figure 12. Two Daughters of Michael & Catherine Murray

Anna Murray married Robert Moffet⁷⁶ in the registrar's office in the town of Downpatrick on 13 July 1865.⁷⁷ Both were of "full age", i.e., 21 years or older, and each identified their residence as Barnamaghery.

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SCHEDULE G.] Registrar's District of *Downpatrick*

1865. Marriage solemnized at the Registrar's Office in the Town of *Downpatrick* in the District of *Downpatrick*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
38	<i>Thirteenth July 1865</i>	<i>Robert Moffet</i>	<i>full age</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Barnamaghery parish of Killinchoy</i>	<i>Robert Moffet</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
		<i>Anna Murray</i>	<i>full age</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>Same place and parish</i>	<i>Michael Murray</i>	<i>Farmer</i>

Married in the Registrar's Office according to the provisions of the 7-28 Vic. Cap. 81 by Licen^d by me, *John Marshall Registrar*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Robert Moffet* and *Anna Murray* in the Presence of us, *Daniel Murray* and *Catherine Murray*

Figure 13. Marriage Registration for Anna Murray and Robert Moffat (1865)

Anna's father was Michael Murray, a farmer, and Robert's father was Robert Moffat, also a farmer. The witnesses were Daniel Murray and Catherine Murray, who may be Anna's brother and either Daniel's wife, Anna's mother, or another female relative.

Robert and Anna Moffat had six children: the four sons listed in Robert's obituary (Robert, William, Michael, and Hugh Daniel) and two daughters.⁷⁸ William was born in Aughnadarragh, the townland in County Down just west of Barnamaghery, where the other five children were born.⁷⁹ The sons-in-law in that same obituary, Daniel Murray and Patrick Rice, married the two daughters, Margaret⁸⁰ and Mary Catherine^{81, 82}, respectively.

Birthdate	Name	Father's Profession
17 September 1866	Margaret	Farmer
31 March 1868	Robert	Farmer
22 January 1870	Mary Catherine	Farmer
18 March 1872	William	Farmer
11 April 1873	Michael	Farmer
01 July 1876	Hugh Daniel	Farmer

Table 8. Children of Anna Murray and Robert Moffat

Robert Moffat died on 31 May 1894⁸³. About twenty years later, on 28 March 1915 Anna Moffat died in Barnamaghery, reportedly at age 83.⁸⁴

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Source	Age in Record	Estimated Birth Year
1865 Marriage Registration	"Full Age"; assume 21 or older on 13 July 1865	1844 (or earlier)
1901 Census of Ireland	60 on 31 March 1901	1841
1911 Census of Ireland	76 on 02 April 1911	1835
1915 Death Registration	83 at last birthday; died 28 March 1915	1832

Table 9. Estimated Birth Year of Anna Murray

Four records provide indications of Anna's birth year: her 1865 marriage registration, the 1901 and 1911 censuses, and her 1915 death registration. Her marriage registration simply states she is of "full age", indicating that she was born prior to 1844. That provides a broad indication but lacks specificity. The remaining three records are inconsistent; however, the timeframe of each is consistent with Anna being one of Hugh's older sisters.

Rose Murray Darby

Among the three female Murray siblings suggested in the 1906 and 1907 Murray obituaries was a woman married to a Darby. Two possible Darby sons were also identified in the obituaries: Daniel Darby and William J. Darby.

On 18 August 1868, a James Darby married a Rose Murray in the Roman Catholic parish of Carrickmannon and Saintfield. One of the witnesses at their marriage was a Catherine Murray, who may have been Rose's mother, sister-in-law, or another female relative.⁸⁵

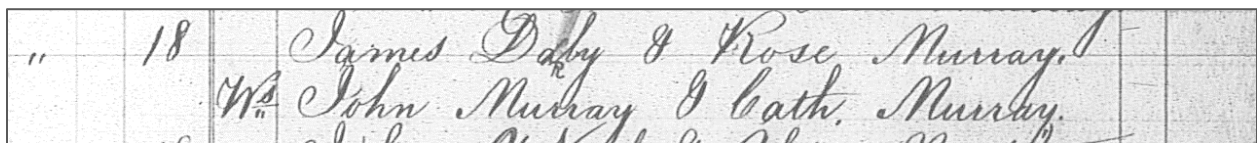


Figure 14. August 1868 Marriage Register, Carrickmannon and Saintfield Parish

The Belfast Morning News reported their marriage at the Roman Catholic Church in Saintfield, performed by the Rev. Father Magill, the parish priest. James Darby, Esquire, was living in Glasgow, Scotland, at the time. Miss Murray was identified as the daughter of the late Michael Murray, of Barnamaghery, Saintfield.⁸⁶

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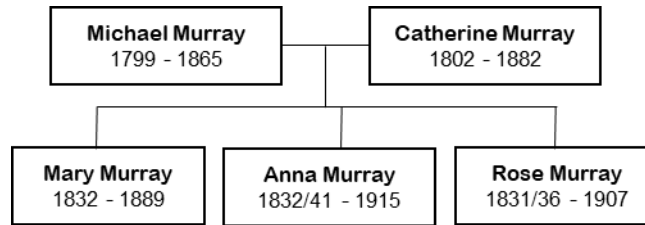


Figure 15. Three Daughters of Michael & Catherine Murray

James Darby was a wholesale warehouseman born in Ireland about 1816^{87, 88}. Around 1849^{89, 90} he moved from Belfast to Glasgow, Scotland with his first wife Matilda Coburn and their daughter Ellen^{91, 92}. Matilda died in Glasgow in 1867⁹³, the year prior to his marriage to Rose Murray.

Rose and James Darby resided in Glasgow, Scotland after their marriage. Their first child was born at 132 Trongate in Glasgow and their next two children were born at Clyde View House in Langbank, about 17 miles west of Glasgow.

Name	Birthdate	Father's Profession
Daniel	10 November 1869 ⁹⁴	Warehouseman
Catherine Elizabeth	01 July 1871 ⁹⁵	Warehouseman
William John	14 April 1874 ⁹⁶	Warehouseman

Table 10. Children of Rose Murray and James Darby

Shortly after the birth of their third child in 1874, James Darby sold all the goods in his company (James Darby & Company). The new owners continued to conduct business under the company name, which was listed in the Glasgow city directory at 68 Trongate, Glasgow, through 1878-1879.^{97, 98}

After the 1875-1876 Glasgow directory⁹⁹, there are no further listings for James Darby, a wholesale warehouseman at 132 Trongate, which was his listed business address since 1864. Likewise, there are no further listings for his Clyde View House residence in Langbank.

Between 1874 and 1878, James and Rose and their children apparently left Glasgow and returned to Ireland. In 1878, James Darby is the occupier (tenant) of a property called Mill View, in Saintfield Parks, in the civil parish of Saintfield, County Down.¹⁰⁰ Around 1880, James sold the Mill View residence and land and became the tenant of a property on Todds Hill street in Saintfield town.^{101, 102}

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Figure 16. Millview and Todds Hill, Saintfield Parks, Saintfield, County Down (c. 1846-1862)¹⁰³

On January 24, 1888, James Darby, a 72-year-old retired merchant, died at Saintfield.¹⁰⁴ He was survived by his wife, Rose, and their three children, Daniel (18), Catherine (16), and William (13). He was buried in the family burying ground at Kilcain.¹⁰⁵ Probate was granted 13 April 1888 to his executors, Daniel Murray of Crossgar, a merchant and his brother-in-law, and James Murray of Ballygowan, a gentleman.¹⁰⁶

Following the death of James Darby, the Darby family occupied their home on Todds Hill in Saintfield until 1897.^{107, 108} However, by 1899, Rose Darby moved to Belfast.¹⁰⁹ In 1901, she resided at 43 Agincourt Avenue, Belfast, with her two adult sons: Daniel, a joiner, and William, a druggist.¹¹⁰



Figure 17. 43 Agincourt Ave, Belfast, UK

Rose died at her Agincourt Avenue home, on 22 July 1907,¹¹¹ just a year after her brother Daniel Murray of Crossgar. Her sons, Daniel and William John Darby buried her in the family plot at Kilcain Cemetery.¹¹²

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Three records provide indications of Rose's birth year: the 1871 census, the 1901 census, and her 1907 death registration. As a group, they provide a birth year range from 1831-1836. The timeframe is consistent with her being one of Daniel and Hugh Murray's older sisters.

Source	Age in Record	Estimated Birth Year
1871 Census of Scotland ¹¹³	40 on 02 April 1871	1831
1901 Census of Ireland ¹¹⁴	66 on 31 March 1901	1835
1907 Death Registration ¹¹⁵	71 at last birthday; died 22 October 1907	1836

Table 11. Estimated Birth Year of Rose Murray

Catherine Murray Neeson

The third female Murray sibling suggested in the 1906 and 1907 Murray obituaries was married to a Neeson. Two possible Neeson sons were also identified: Edward and Daniel Neeson. Daniel Murray, Senior's obituary also listed three female Neesons who sent telegrams and letters of condolence:

- Mrs. Neeson, Erinvale [sic], county Monaghan
- Miss Neeson, Infirmary, Newtownards
- Miss A Neeson, Abbeyville, Whiteabbey

An Edward Neeson married a Catherine Murray on 10 October 1876 in the Roman Catholic Parish of Carrickmannon & Saintfield.¹¹⁶ Their civil marriage registration recorded her residence as Barnamaghery, and identified her father as Michael Murray, a farmer.¹¹⁷ The witnesses recorded in the church register were Dan Murray and Mrs. Murray. In the civil register, the witnesses were Daniel Murray and Kate Murray. These are likely Catherine's brother and sister-in-law, who resided in Crossgar.

Superintendent Registrar's District of Newtownards 08098134 1201

1876. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Carrickmannon in the Registrar's District of Kilnood
in the Union of Newtownards in the County of Down.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
6	10 th October 1876	Edward Neeson	Full Age	Bachelor	Constable in R. T. C.	Kilnashy	Edward Neeson	Farmer
		Catherine Murray	Full Age	Spinster	---	Barnamaghery	Michael Murray	Farmer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Carrickmannon according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, by me, P. Philan

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Edward Neeson } in the Presence of us, { Dan Murray }
{ Catherine Murray } { Kate Murray }

Figure 18. Marriage Registration for Edward Neeson & Catherine Murray

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The following year, in January 1877, a Mrs. Neeson was a baptismal sponsor for Ellen Murray, whose father was William Murray of Saintfield.¹¹⁸ This is consistent with Catherine Neeson being a sibling to the Murray brothers previously identified.

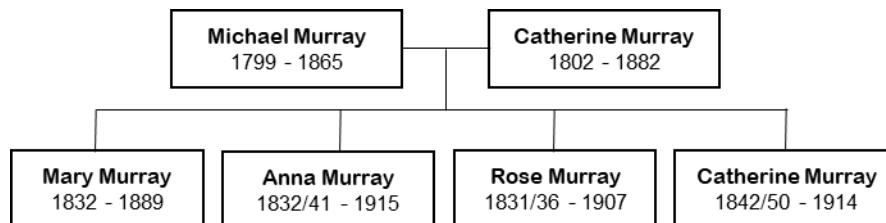


Figure 19. Four Daughters of Michael & Catherine Murray

Edward Neeson was a Constable in the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC). He was born in 1825 in County Antrim and entered the RIC on 19 February 1848. He was appointed to County Down in 1848 and after his 1876 marriage, he was appointed to Emyvale, County Monaghan. Edward Neeson left the RIC service on 16 June 1879 after serving for 31 years and 3 months.¹¹⁹

After his retirement Edward became a merchant in Emyvale, county Monaghan, about 90 miles west of Saintfield (Table 12). Catherine and Edward had six children, including the two sons listed in the Murray obituaries. They also had four daughters. All their children were born in Emyvale, county Monaghan.¹²⁰

Birthdate	Name	Father's Profession
21 January 1878	Catherine	Constable, R.I.C.
24 March 1879	Mary Elizabeth	Constable, R.I.C.
13 February 1881	Agnes Maria	Merchant
21 January 1883	Louisa	Grocer
09 August 1885	Edward Joseph	Draper
26 June 1887	Daniel Murray	Merchant

Table 12. Children of Catherine Murray and Edward Neeson

Edward Neeson, Sr., a merchant, died November 10, 1891 in Emyvale.¹²¹ He was about 62-66 years old and was survived by his widow, Catherine, and their six children, all under the age of 14 years. He bequeathed his “freehold property and business establishment with all the goods and chattels therein” to Catherine, if she remained unmarried, as well as all his cash to both carry on the business and care for the family.¹²²

Catherine did carry on as shopkeeper in Emyvale, selling groceries, fabrics, and sewing notions until her death on 08 August 1914.^{123, 124, 125}

Three records provide indications of Catherine's birth year: the 1901 and 1911 censuses, and her 1914 death registration. As a group, they provide a birth year range from 1842 to 1850. The timeframe is consistent with Catherine being Daniel and Hugh's younger sister, the tenth child in the family of Michael and Catherine Murray.

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Source	Age in Record	Estimated Birth Year
1901 Census of Ireland	51 on 31 March 1901	1850
1911 Census of Ireland	69 on 02 April 1911	1842
1914 Death Registration	72 at last birthday; died 08 August 1914	1842

Table 13. Estimated Birth Year of Catherine Murray

The Ten Murray Siblings

Only one of the Murray sons, William, has an estimated birth year. The birth years for the other four sons are identified in their baptismal records. None of Daniel Murray, Senior's brothers (William, Hugh, Edward, and Michael) are named in his obituary as chief mourners. The absence of William, who died in 1903, and Hugh, who emigrated in 1857 and was living in Missouri when Daniel died in 1906, is reasonable. It may be that the absence of mention of Edward Murray and Michael Murray, for whom only their baptismal dates are known, reflects their physical absence, for example, due to death or emigration.

Four of the five Murray daughters are identified: Mary Flynn, Anna Moffat, Rose Darby, and Catherine Neeson. One daughter was expected to be younger than Daniel and Hugh, and Catherine fits that position. The remaining four daughters were expected to be older sisters of the twins, Daniel and Hugh, and to have been born prior to early 1838. The birth years for Mary, Anna, and Rose fit three of those positions. It follows that the unknown fifth daughter was also an older sister to Daniel and Hugh.

The 10 children of Michael and Catherine Murray can be positioned in estimated birth order (Figure 21). While the lives of the one daughter and of Michael and Edward are largely unknown, three of the siblings, Anna, Hugh, and Catherine, lived to experience the onset of World War I (1914-1918). None lived to experience the division of Ireland into The Irish Free State and Northern Ireland (1921).

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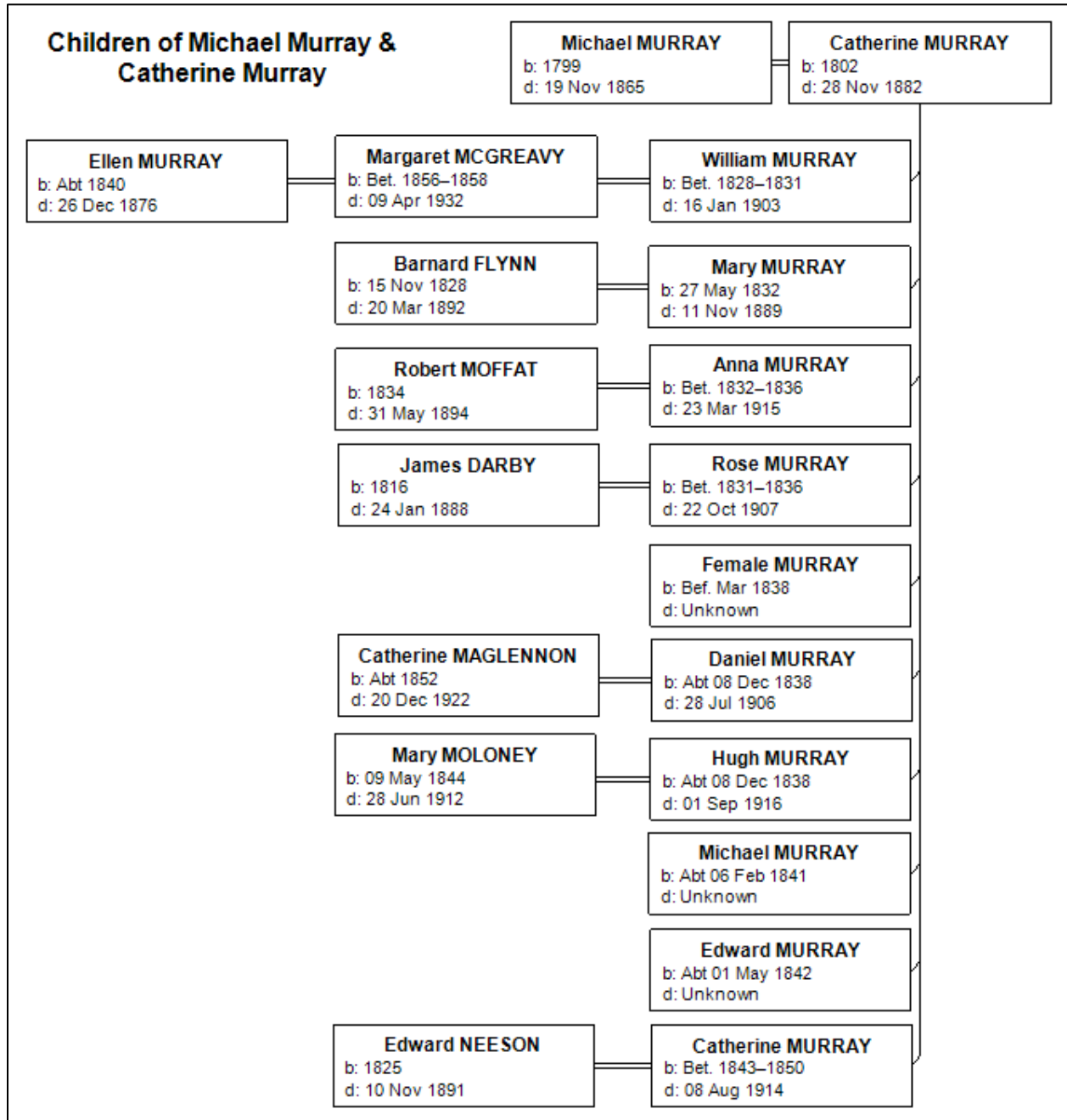


Figure 20. Ten Children of Michael & Catherine Murray

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