

## Family Tree Purcell of Rathavisteen, Ballycastle

Daniel Purcell of Rathavisteen, Doonfeeny, Ballycastle, Co. Mayo is listed in the Griffith Valuation as leasing 1735 acres from Henry Knox in the town land of Rathavisteen in the Civil Parish of Doonfeeny in the Union of Killala in conjunction with William Hegarty, Peter Hegarty and Patrick Bourke. Daniel Purcell was almost certainly a brother of Patrick Purcell (c1799-2 June 1877) of Tawneynaboll, Ballycastle and of William Purcell (c1802-30 Aug 1867) of Glinsk, Ballycastle.

Daniel Purcell was married to Mary Browne according to the entry in the Ballycastle RC Church marriage register for the marriage of their daughter, Mary Purcell to Patrick Kelly, of Tonniaduff on 13 February 1877.<sup>1</sup>

Daniel Purcell was a baptism sponsor in 1880 along with Bridget Purcell of Maggie Purcell Creighton, daughter of John Purcell (1853-1919) and Mary Madden (1856-1932). It is likely that baptism sponsor Bridget Purcell was Maggie Creighton's paternal aunt who married Patrick McDonnell in 1886 at Ballycastle RC Church.

Mary and Patrick appear to have had the following children:

1. Thomas Joseph Kelly (19 Nov 1877-20 Sept 1959)<sup>2</sup>
2. Margaret Teresa Kelly (16 July 1879)<sup>3</sup>
3. Patrick Kelly (1 Jan 1882)
4. John Kelly (27 Apr 1884)
5. Mary Kelly (19 July 1885)<sup>4</sup>

### 1. Thomas Kelly

Thomas was baptised on 18 November 1877 at Ballycastle RC Church. His baptism sponsors were Patrick Hegarty and Catherine Hegarty. Per his civil birth record he was born at Rathavisteen.<sup>5</sup> He appears to have married Margaret Clancy (22 Sept 1877-13 Oct 1910), a daughter of William Clancy (8 Apr 1846-26 Feb 1923) and Margaret O'Neil (c1854-28 Aug 1937) on 31 December 1903 in St. Patrick's RC Church, Glasgow. They had the following known children:

Thomas Joseph Kelly (4 Nov 1904-15 Feb 1905)

William Kelly (15 Nov 1905-21 Nov 1905)

John Kelly (18 Feb 1907-27 Jul 1982)

Charles Kelly (16 Aug 1909)

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<sup>1</sup>Ballycastle RC marriages database, Family History in North West Mayo, [www.goldenlangan.com](http://www.goldenlangan.com)

<sup>2</sup>Ireland Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911 database, Ancestry.com, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

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<sup>4</sup>Ballycastle RC Baptisms database, Irish Family History Foundation, [www.irishroots.ie](http://www.irishroots.ie)

<sup>5</sup>SRD Killala/1877/329

William Clancy was born in Kinlough, Co. Leitrim and died in Anderson, Glasgow. Margaret O'Neill appears to have been born in Co. Donegal and died at 8 Clydeferry Street, Glasgow as did her daughter, Margaret Clancy Kelly.

At some stage after his wife's early death, Thomas Kelly emigrated to Western Australia. He was followed some years later by his son, John Kelly, who emigrated to WA with his uncle, John Kelly and his wife, Catherine Monaghan and his aunt, Mary Kelly.<sup>6</sup> Thomas Kelly appears to have died while resident in Coolgardie, Western Australia. He was buried after his death in Plot: Roman Catholic-Ze-0063, of Karrakatta Cemetery and Crematorium, Karrakatta, Nedlands City, Western Australia, Australia.<sup>7</sup>

His son John (Jack) Kelly, enlisted in the Home Australian Armed forces in 1942 at Claremont, Western Australia. His service number was W52662.<sup>8</sup> His army service record is digitally available on the website of the National Archives of Australia. In his enlistment paper he stated that he was born on 18 Feb 1907 in Glasgow, Scotland and that his father was Thomas Joseph Kelly, then living at Hamilton Street, Queen's Park, WA. John died on 27 July 1982 and was buried in Coolgardie Cemetery, Coolgardie Shire, WA, Australia.<sup>9</sup> Funeral arrangements were handled by his first cousin, Thomas Patrick Kelly of Neville Street, Bayswater, WA.

## 2. Margaret Teresa Kelly

Margaret Kelly was baptised on 6 April 1879 at Ballycastle RC Church. Her baptism sponsors were Constance Gannon and Elizabeth Purcell.<sup>10</sup> The birth date given for her on Ancestry.com is 16 July 1879 which is probably when her parents got around to registering her birth. Elizabeth Purcell may have been a sister of Mary Purcell Kelly?

## 3. Patrick Kelly

Patrick Kelly was baptised on 1 January 1882 at Ballycastle RC Church. His baptism sponsors were Patrick Hegarty and Anne Hegarty.

## 4. John Kelly

John Kelly was baptised on 27 April 1884 at Ballycastle RC Church. His baptism sponsors were Michael Hegarty and Mary Hegarty. John Kelly married Catherine Monaghan (Apr 1884- 28 Nov 1969) of Glenurla, a daughter of Thomas Monaghan (c1835-15 Dec 1915) and Bridget Clarke (c1841-25 Mar 1922) of Glenurla, Ballycastle on 28 March 1915 in the RC Church of Ballycastle, Co. Mayo. The witnesses were Michael O'Boyle and Kathleen Monaghan. **John and Catherine Kelly emigrated to**

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6Information provided by Carolyn Kelly, Bayswater, WA, Australia, Dec 2021

7Memorial ID 213699022, Findagrave, [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

8Service Record; NAA: B884, W52662, National Archives of Australia, <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/>

9Memorial ID 152571643, Findagrave, [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

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Australia before 1918 taking with them his sister, Mary Kelly and their nephew, John Kelly. John and Catherine settled in Western Australia where they lived at Neville Street, Bayswater, WA. They had the following children:

Thomas Patrick Kelly (5 Nov 1918-16 Jul 1996)

Thomas Patrick Kelly married Joan Marie Edgcumb (9 May 1923-20 Aug 1993), a daughter of Francis George Edgcumb (1881-1955) and Agnes Sophia Jorgensen (1890-1945), on 4 October 1947. The marriage was registered in Perth, WA. They had the following children:

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Following their deaths Thomas and Joan Kelly were interred in Plot: Lawn-K-0816, Karrakatta Cemetery and Crematorium, Karrakatta, Nedlands City, WA.<sup>11</sup>

#### 5. Mary Kelly

Mary (May) Kelly was baptised on 19 July 1885 at Ballycastle RC Church. Her baptism sponsors were John Purcell and Honor Purcell. This is probably John Purcell and his wife, Honor O'Boyle of Tawneynaboll, Ballycastle. John Purcell was probably the eldest son of Patrick Purcell (1799-1877) of Tawneynaboll. Mary Kelly emigrated to Australia with her older brother, John Kelly and his wife, Catherine Monaghan and her nephew, John Kelly. Her death may have been registered in Western Australia in 1973 but this requires corroboration.

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<sup>11</sup>Memorial ID 213757949, Findagrave, [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)