

THE McMAHON CONNECTIONS.

The town of Ballybay, Co. Monaghan and the adjoining townland of Carrickatee is the area from which the McMahon family comes.

Patrick - Packy - the Flying Ship - McMahon was a carpenter whose cabinet-work was highly regarded, and whose drawings and plans of furniture were said to be excellent. He and his brothers frequently worked abroad and were said to have provided the wood-work for the roof of Manchester Cathedral.

His father is believed to have been James McMahon. James McMahon of Riverdale Belfast, is the son of Peter McMahon, and is a first cousin of James McMahon of Beragh. His father is believed to have been called James, and if so his father is certainly the brother of Packy.

Packy married a McCabe and had a large family. Packy died in the late 1920's or early 1930's. He is remembered as having built a path at the school house in Roscavey, probably before James and Cecilia were married.

Mary Ellen, the oldest, a nurse who contracted tuberculosis in the West of Ireland and brought it into the family.

Owen - died St Davnait's, Monaghan

Frank d. 1938, aged 25 years.

Patrick - Packy - died St Davnait's.

Clare d. 1973 died St Davnait's.

Christina - Tiny - m. Gilbert Collier: 3 children, Aileen, Gillian and St. John, lived in Buckley, N. Wales.

Alice - Lal- d. 1933 aged 17 years, the youngest member of the family.

James b. 1901 d. 1975 m. Cecilia McConnell 1934: 5 children - see below.

Mick d. 1988 St Davnait's.

Peter Ignatius b. 1914 [this is *confirmed* by a photograph of the children at Roscavey School taken in 1925 showing Peter as a young boy of about 11 years] m. Nora Drysdale about 1950: d. August 1999; 3 children Paul, Sherrie (died in infancy) and Helene.

James McMahon and Cecilia McConnell had children as below. Cecilia was the youngest daughter of Frank McConnell, shopkeeper and farmer of Bouren, Gortin, Co. Tyrone and Susan McBride of Glenmacoffer

1. Patrick b. 19/5/1935 d. in infancy
2. Mary Alice b. 19/8/1936 d. 21/2/1970
3. Patricia Ann b. 23/9/1937 m. 24/4/1962 J. C. Napier - q.v.
3. Seamus Gabriel 9/2/1939 m. Carmel Devlin : 4 children Una, James, Sarah and Rachel.

4. Desmond Oliver b. m. Ance Sylvèn 1975
5. Conor Bernard 8/2/1943?