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Results of a Full 16 hour search, carried out at the Public Record Office of
Northern Ireland in relation to William Craig or Craige born c 1750

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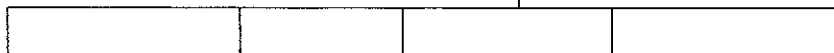
Craig /Craige Family Research

Information provided by the client:

John Craig ?



William Craig or Craige
Born 1750
Episcopalian or Presbyterian
Parish of Cleenish



John Craig	William Craig	Paterie or	Hugh Craig	Margaret Craig
Born		Patrick Craig		
18 May 1790	10 Aug 1803	24 Aug 1796(?)	12 Aug 1799	10 Feb 1796(?)
Co. Fermanagh	Co. Fermanagh	Co. Fermanagh	Co. Fermanagh	Co. Fermanagh
Married				
Elizabeth Liggett				
Born 1793		Emigrated 1845 to USA		

Date of departure 1822-1824

Will - \$5000 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. in memory of my grandfather a native of the Parish of Magheraculmoney or Templemaghera in Co. Fermanagh, Ireland and a member of the Church of Ireland. Came with his wife Elizabeth Liggett Craig – with sons Joseph (the elder) and Hugh to Pittsburgh in 1822. Died in Allegheny in April 1859.

Third son Hugh Craig

The family's townland was Lurganboy Parsih of Magheraculmoney.

Background Information

General Registration began in Ireland as follows;

Protestant marriages from 1st January 1845

Roman Catholic and all other marriages from 1st January 1864

Births from 1st January 1864

Deaths from 1st January 1864

Prior to these dates research is essentially based on church records.

With a few exceptions all pre 1901 censi in Ireland were pulped for waste paper during the First World War.

The Search

The researcher began by looking at the Magheraculmoney Church of Ireland Records.

These survive and are available as follows:

Baptisms 1767-1907

Marriages 1767-1818 and 1825-45

Burials 1767-1876

Ref MIC/1/67-68

Baptisms

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of child</u>	<u>Name of parents</u>	<u>Location</u>
19 Dec 1768	Jane "Creg"	Patrick and Margaret "Creg"	Mullaghferne
11 Feb 1771	Margaret Loughton Craig	To above (spelt Craig)	
18 Feb 1775	Ann Craig	To above	
8 May 1777	Thomas Craig	To above	
Gap 1790-93			
4 Aug 1800	Hugh Craige	William and Mary Craige	Mullaghferne
31 Dec 1821	Hugh Craig	John and Elizabeth Craig	Lurganboy
	Birth of Joseph to above not found.		

24 May 1825	Marianne Craig	Patrick and Jane Craig	Drumsonna
28 Jan 1827	Margaret Craig	To above	
3 Sept 1830	Isabella Craig	To above	Ederney

Researched to 1835.

Marriages

8th Feb 1807 James Armstrong and Margery (Margaret?) Craig by Licence

No marriage found of: John Craig and Elizabeth Liggett.

Burials

9th Dec 1805 Patrick Craige age 70 of Mullaghfarne

3rd Sept 1825 Widow Craigh age 93

Analysis

1. Note

(a) dates of baptism in the church records may vary from those given by the client.

(b) In the Church records for the parents – only some of the children are found baptized – there seems no simple answer to these gaps – except that they may not have been baptized or were baptized in another church!

2. In the records in the period 1768 to 1777 four children were born to Patrick and Margaret Creg of Mullaghferne;- Jane 1768, Margaret Loughton 1771, Ann 1775, and Thomas 1777. No marriage was found of Patrick and Margaret – the marriage records only survive from 1767. It seems highly likely that the client's William Craig is the son of Patrick and Margaret Craig – although this was not found in the records – to have a son Hugh in 1800 he would have needed to be born in this time period i.e. 1760-1775.

3. Patrick Craige of Mullaghferne died 9 Dec 1805 age 70 i.e. born about 1735. Widow "Craigh" who died 3 September 1825 age 93 i.e. born C1732 would seem to be his wife.

4. The wife of the client's William Craige was Margaret ? however their marriage was not found. Of their possible 5 children only Hugh was found in the records born 4 August 1800 and not 12 August 1799 as given by the client.
5. Again the marriage of John Craig and Elizabeth Liggett was not found in the records. Also the birth of their son Joseph was not found but the birth of their other son (pre emigration) Hugh was found 31 December 1821.
6. Three children of Patrick and Jane Craig – Drumsonna were found Marianne 1825, Margaret 1827 and Isabella 1830. Note Margaret 28th Jan 1827 and not 23 Sept 1823 in Allegheny P.A. as given by the client – their parents did not emigrate to the U.S.A. until 1845. However no birth was found of William as given by the client. This would suggest that William was called after his grandfather William Craig and Patrick (his father) was called after his grandfather – Patrick Craig. The client suggested Paterie (Patrick) Craig married ? Robinson – this would now appear to be Jane Robinson.

As a result of the above other churches records were searched for the client's family.

Parish of Magheraculmoney

Apart from above

Church of Ireland Lack

Baptisms 1835-1915 Ref MIC/1/37
Too late for this research.

There were no Presbyterian churches in the Parish of Magheraculmoney.

Parish of Cleenish

Church of Irelands

Cleenish) earliest records destroyed in Dublin in 1922
Killyclogher)
Lisbellaw)

Church of Ireland Mullaghdun

Earliest records destroyed in Dublin
Baptisms 1819-36 1878-99
Marriages 1819-34 1845-1921
Burials 1819-35 1878-1927
Ref MIC/1/245
No Craig baptisms were found.

Presbyterian Lisbellaw

Baptisms 1851-1984

Marriages 1866-1881 Ref MIC/1P/284

Too late for this research.

Parish of Drumkeeran

Church of Ireland Drumkeeran

Baptisms 1801-1944

Marriages 1801-1904

Ref MIC/1/37 MIC/583/1

Baptisms researched 1801-30 and Marriages 1801 to 1835

Nothing was found for Craig.

Presbyterian Pettigo

The index gave Baptisms 1825-36 and 1844-1917 – in reality the researcher found they appeared to commence 1844 and not 1825 i.e. too late for the research.

Marriages 1828-36 1846-1926 Ref MIC/1P/66

Too late for this research.

Parish of Innishmacsaint

Church of Ireland Innishmacsaint

Baptisms 1813-85 Marriages 1813-34 Burials 1813-87

Ref MIC/1/50 MIC/583/6

Baptism

Date: 10th Nov 1816

Name of child; Margaret Jane Craig

Name of parents: William and Anne Craig

Location: Rahatton

Searched up to 1826 but no other Craig baptisms were found
No Craig marriages were found

Liggetts

In the index to the Tithe Applotment Books (1824-38) and the Griffith's Valuation (1848-64) no Liggetts were found in County Fermanagh however they were found in the Parish of Clogher, Co. Tyrone – in the above indices and also in the Clogher Wills (see later).

Church of Ireland Clogher

Baptisms 1763-1935

Marriages 1777-8 1796-1845

Burials 1783 and 1798-1882 Ref MIC/1/22-23

No Leggett/Liggett births were found in the period 1790-1800 or marriages up to 1815.

A series of other researches were carried out for the client's family of Craig

1630 Muster Roll Ref T/808/15164

These contain lists of the principal landlords in Ulster, and the names of the men they could assemble in an emergency. They are arranged by county, and district within the county **PRONI MIC 15A/52 & 53.**

No evidence of the client's family was found

1665 Hearth Money Roll Ref T/808/15066

Arranged by county and parish, they list the name of the householder and the number of hearths on which he was taxed at the rate of 2 shillings on every hearth or fireplace.

No Craigs found

Books of Survey and Distribution

Compiled around 1680 as a result of the wars of the mid-seventeenth century when the English government needed reliable information on land ownership throughout Ireland to carry out its policy of land ownership throughout Ireland to carry out its policy of land distribution. The Books of Survey and Distribution are laid out on a barony and parish basis and includes a record of land ownership before the Cromwellian and Williamite confiscations as well as

the names of the individuals to whom the land was distributed PRONI D.1854/1/1-23.

Nothing found for the clients family

1747 Poll Book Ref T/808/15063

List of persons who registered to vote – nothing was found for Craig.

Flax Spinning Premium List 1796

To encourage farmers to grow flax for linen they were rewarded with a spinning wheel for every quarter of an acre grown – for each parish their names and the number of spinning wheels they received were recorded in the Flax Spinning Premium List.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of spinning wheels received</u>
Drumkeeran	Patrick Craig	1
Cleenish	William Craige	1
Magheraculmoney	No Craigs	

Note both Patrick and William are family names and may be the client's Patrick Craig and William Craig.

Freeholders in County Fermanagh 1796-1802
Ref D/1096/92/1

For people whose property had a valuation of more than 40 shillings which enabled them to vote – nothing was found for Craig or Leggett.

Tithe Applotment Books

TITHE APLOTMENT BOOKS 1823 - 1837:

Tithe was a tax on all agricultural land (originally a tenth of the produce) excepting only church lands and glebes and urban areas and it was paid by leaseholders and occupiers of all religious denominations to the clergy of the Established Church of Ireland. There was growing resentment against this tax, particularly in the period of distress after 1815 and the government was forced to give way and introduce a Tithe Composition Act 1823 which replaced payment in kind by payment in cash by landlords.

In order to effect this change, all the agricultural land in the country, which was liable to pay the tithe had to be surveyed and apploted or valued. During the period 1823 to 1837 a Tithe Applotment Survey was made in each civil parish for the whole of Ireland to determine the value of tithe payable by different landlords. The material was arranged by civil parish and townland in volumes known as TITHE APLOTMENT BOOKS. In some parishes more than one survey was taken, while in others the manuscript has not survived.

These books, compiled between 1823 and 1837, are now deposited in the National Archives of Ireland, Dublin and the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland

Craigs were found in Tithe Applotment Books in the following parishes in County Fermanagh:-

Magheraculmoney, Innishmacsaint, Cleenish and Rossory
Craig was found in the Parish of Cleenish.

Tithe Applotment Book Parish of Magheraculmoney Ref FIN/5A/214 15 March 1828

<u>Townland</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>Ac r p</u>	<u>Tithe</u> <u>£ s d</u>
Drumsonna More	Pat Craig	18 0 0	0 15 4 ½

This is Patrick Craig – son of William Craig – and husband of Jane – see previous. The question arises – ‘Why with 18 acres did he decide to emigrate to the U.S.A. in 1845?’ The effects of the ‘potato famine’ would not have fully taken their place by 1845 – more in the period 1845 to 1848 .

Tithe Applotment Book – Parish of Innishmacsaint
Ref FIN/5A/156 23 June 1834

Drumenagh More	James Craig	6 0 0	0 5 3 ¼
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Tithe Applotment Book – Parish of Cleenish
Ref FIN/5A/72A 30 Oct 1833

<u>Townland</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>Ac r p</u>	<u>Tithe</u> <u>£ s d</u>
Cavantreeduff	William Craigh	93 3 35	1 14 6
Mulawinia	Hugh Craige	8 0 0	0 2 6
Lurgan	William Craig	3 0 0	0 2 2
Gorteen	Thomas Craige	2 0 0	0 1 11 ½
	John Craige	2 0 0	0 1 6
Cavancarragh	John Craige	0 2 26	0 0 2
Cavanmore	Thomas Craige	25 0 0	0 17 0
	John Craige	7 2 0	0 6 3
	William Craige	3 0 0	0 2 11

Although Cleenish is some distance from Magheraculmoney (see map) yet the above names are similar to those in the client's family – i.e. William, Hugh, John.

Tithe Applotment Book – Parish of Rossory
Ref FIN/5A/240A 1 May 1826

<u>Townland</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>Ac r p</u>	<u>Tithe</u> <u>£ s d</u>
Lenaghan	Chas Craig	Not given	0 14 0

Following up Craigs that may not have emigrated

Griffith's Valuation 1848-1864

The Primary Valuation of Ireland.

Ireland's Valuation office conducted its first survey of property ownership in Ireland from 1848 to 1864. The surveyors started this enormous task in the very south of the country so the valuations for Cork or Waterford date from 1848 while the Province of Ulster was last to be valued between 1858 and 1864.

This survey became known as "Griffiths Valuation" from Sir Richard Griffith who was the director of the Valuation Office at that time. The survey was used to determine the amount of tax each person should pay towards the support of the poor within their Poor Law Union. This involved determining the value of all privately held lands and buildings in rural as well as urban areas to figure the rate at which each unit of property could be rented year after year.

The resulting survey was arranged by barony and civil parish with an index to the townlands appearing in each volume.

Griffith's Valuation can be used as an excellent census substitute for the years after the Great Famine as censuses prior to that of 1901 were in the main destroyed in the early part of the 20th century.

In the Griffith's Valuation for County Fermanagh only 4 Craigs (including Craigh) were found – 3 in the Parish of Cleenish and 1 in the Parish of Rossory i.e. no Craigs were found in the Parish of Magheraculmoney.

Key H = home O = outbuildings L = land

Griffith's Valuation Parish of Cleenish C1860

<u>Townland</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lessor</u>	<u>What is there?</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>Ac r p</u>	<u>Rateable</u> <u>Valuation</u> <u>£ s d</u>
Cavantreeduff	William Craigh (with another)	Earl of Erne	HOL	149 3 12	36 10 0

Gorteen	Thomas Craig	Thomas M.H. Jones	L	3	0	15	3	5	0
Cavanmore	Thomas Craig	Ditto	HOL	11	2	25	3	10	0

Tenement Valuation 1864-1928

This is a year by year update to the original Valuation

Electoral District Gortahurk Ref VAL/12B/26/23A **Townland Cavanmore**

Property No 1B William Craig to 1877 [A search was made at PRONI but no will was found for him.]

Electoral District Hollywell Ref VAL/12B/26/24A **Townland Gorteen**

Property No 2 Thomas Craig to 1884 then Jane Craig to 1895.

Townland Cavanmore

Property No 4 Thomas Craig to 1884 then Jane Craig to 1895

A Will was found for Thomas Craig

Will of Thomas Craig

Died 6 May 1882 Probate of will 22 Nov 1882

Letters of Administration (with the will annexed) of the personal estate of Thomas Craig late of Cavanmore Co. Fermanagh Farmer deceased who died 6 May 1882 at same place was granted at Armagh to Jane Craig of Cavanmore aforesaid Spinster and the Principal Legatee.

See photocopy of the actual will enclosed page 405 of pages 404-406 Ref MIC/15C/1/7

Note from the Will

Daughter Anne wife of Thomas Chartres

Son Robert

Daughter Jane

But especially note – son Hugh Craig who died in America – with other Hugh Craigs in the client's family it may well suggest the above family is closely related to the client's family.

Other Wills

Pre 1858 all wills were probated at the Church of Ireland Diocesan Court however the actual/original wills were by and large destroyed in the Dublin fire of 1922
Only an index remains.

These indexes were searched.

Clogher Wills

Patrick Cragne Molaghferne Co. Fermanagh 1806 (see death in church records previous)

Samuel Ligget Corboe 1850 Tyrone Parish of Clogher – however no birth was found of Elizabeth Liggett in Clogher Church of Ireland records 1790-1800.

No pre 1858 wills were found for Craig or Liggett.

International Genealogical Index for County Fermanagh **Ref MF/1/6/C/55**

The following marriage was found;

Anne Craig married George Howe 26 July 1849 – Enniskillen.

Landed Estate Records

Lands in Mullaghferne and Lurganboy were leased from Philip Armstrong e.g. C1779
Ref D/627/9 D/998/26/118, 248, 264, 346.

However nothing was found for the client's family of Craig either in these records or in the Archdale Estate records.

Follow up

1. On writing up the report the researcher remembers there are a series of passenger lists at the Public Record Office listing emigrants during the 'Potato Famine' 1845-50. These will be searched for the emigration of Patrick Craig 1845 and if anything is found the client will be informed.
2. Gravestone Inscriptions in the Parish of Magheraculmoney for Craigs could prove the way ahead e.g. apart from the death of Patrick Craige (1806) . The client may wish to write directly to the Church of Ireland Rector of Magheraculmoney about this.
3. There has been a difficulty in finding details of Liggetts in County Fermanagh – however using the Tithe Applotment Books – it would be possible to try and determine where Liggetts lived in surrounding counties e.g. Donegal, Tyrone, Monaghan and as a result church records in these parishes could be researched.
4. Margaret Loughton Craig was born 1771 – suggesting Loughton is perhaps her mother's maiden name – further research could be carried out in relation to Loughtons.

Here my research concludes. I trust that the client will find my work of interest and be able to take some value from it.

My best regards

T.D. McEllan

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COUNTY FERMANAGH

- 1 part of Templecarn
- 2 part of Drumkeeran
- 3 part of Tully
- 4 part of Derryvullan
- 5 part of Devenish
- 6 part of Cleenish
- 7 part of Aghavea
- 8 part of Boho
- 9 part of Clones



- R Church of Ireland
- P Roman Catholic
- E Presbyterian
- W Methodist
- S Primitive Wesleyan Methodist



