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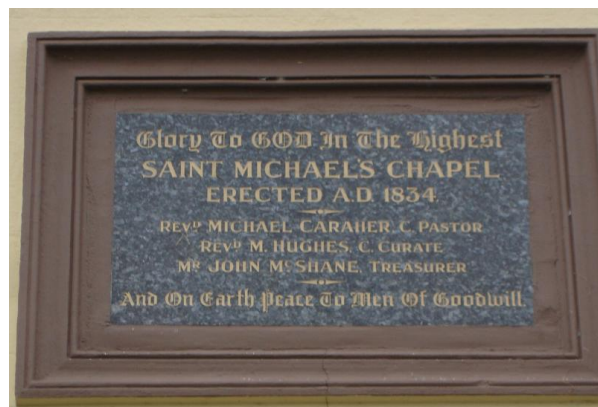
## 2.4 THE O'HARE FAMILY of NEWTOWNHAMILTON

John Hamilton's son Samuel married Teresa O'Hare from Newtownhamilton. Teresa's father was Patrick and he was born about 1827 at Newtownhamilton Co. Armagh.

Patrick (Pat) married Catherine Tierney on 22 January 1851. He was about 24 years old. Their parish was the Parish of Lower Creggan which covers the towns of Newtownhamilton and the small town of Cullyhanna about 5 miles to the south. The witnesses were John and Michael Markey. Today the Parish Priest is located at Cullyhanna and there is no priest at St Michael's Church Newtownhamilton. Both Churches have cemeteries.



**St Michael's Church Newtownhamilton**



**Plaque over Doorway St Michael's Church Newtownhamilton**

The church records show a marriage between John O'Hare and Catty McKinley on 27 November 1846. The witnesses were Pat O'Hare and May Garvey. We believe that John was Patrick's older brother.

In 1864<sup>1</sup> the O'Hare's lived at what is now 17 Dundalk St Newtownhamilton, Today, the house is next door to a Pharmacy. It is shown in the 1864 Griffith Valuations with the map reference of 378, 66 a & b. The description was House, Office, Yard & Garden with an area of 15 Perches (4080 square feet). The lessor was Mary Simpson and the Rateable Value was 9 Pounds 5 Shillings of which 9 Pounds was the value of the Building. By 1875 Patrick had bought the house from Mary Simpson.



**O'Hare House 17 Dundalk St Newtownhamilton**

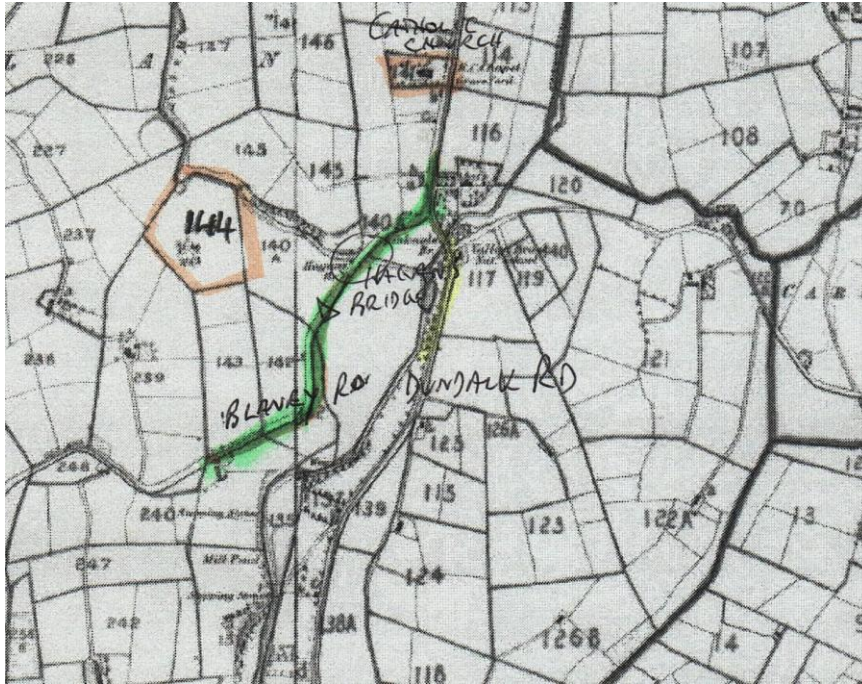
Griffith also shows Patrick had an Office in Dundalk St which was almost directly across the street from his house. The Map Reference is 378, 8 and it was also leased to Patrick by Mary Simpson. The Building Value was shown as 1 Pound which was the full Rateable Value. There was no land area shown.

Patrick also had two parcels of land close by the town. One was of a little over 5.75 acres. It was land only and was located within walking distance of the town close to the Blaney Road. It was valued at 4 Pounds 15 Shillings and at the time was owned by Rev. Alex H Synge who seemed to own most of the land in the town and the surrounding area.

Patrick had sub leased the land to Michael Tierney who we believe was a relation of his wife, Catherine. The rent payable was 8 Pounds per annum. Patrick took over this land from Michael in January 1866 and appears to have held it till he died. The Annual Revision Books recorded him as the lessee until 1896 when it was transferred to Patrick Devine. This was some 9 years after his death. We are aware that the Devine's were cousins of O'Hares.

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<sup>1</sup> Griffith Valuations



**Map showing location of 144**

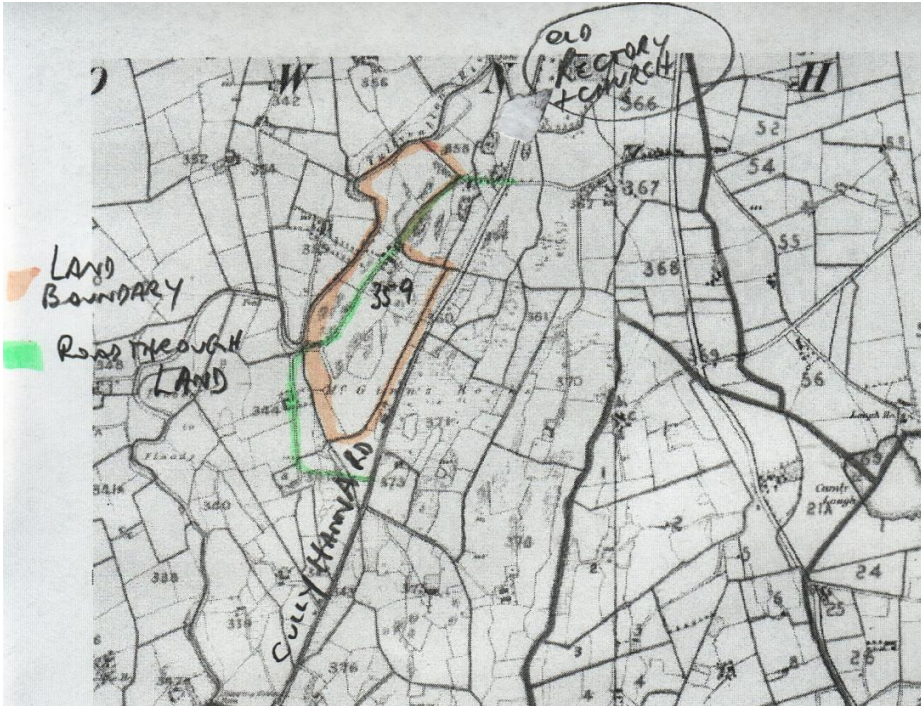
The other parcel, Griffith Map Reference 359, was larger and located further from the town on the Cullyhanna Road, a little way past the old church on the opposite side of the road. This land was shared with his brother John, with John having the larger share. John's only entry in Griffith Valuations was at Reference 359 and he was obviously living there and working the land.

The total area was 23.75 acres. The valuations were split between John and Patrick with land value of 6 Pounds and Building Value of 15 Shillings being attributed to John and a Land Value of 2 Pounds 15 Shillings and a Building Value of 1 Pound being attributed to Patrick. It is presumed that this reflected the relative proportions of their interests. This land was also owned by Rev. Alex Synge.

We are not aware of how this land was used. However, it is evident from the map below that a quite a lot is marsh or bog and it is likely that this was dug up, dried, and sold to people in the town.

In 1872 Patrick's share of the land was transferred to Mary O'Hare, we presume she was a sister in law. In 1874 John's share was transferred to Catherine O'Hare. We know John married "Catty" so we presume she was Catherine and there is a possibility that John had died. In 1884 Patrick's share was transferred back to him from Mary. In 1886 Catherine's share was transferred to a son Nicholas who was still at the farm in 1911 although a John Carty also had an interest.





Map showing location of 359

## Children

After Patrick and Catherine married in 1851 they did not have their first child until 1856, after 5 years of marriage. This was quite unusual and leads us to believe that Catherine may have lost some children before giving birth to her first child that lived. We also observe that all baptisms were carried out very soon after the birth and they were most likely in the home. For those that we know both the birth and baptism dates there is only a few days between the two events. Their children were:

**Patrick John**<sup>2</sup> was born in 1856 and baptized on 15 August 1856, Parish of Lower Creggan. He died on 12 September 1867, aged 11 years and was buried at St Michaels Church Cemetery, Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh.

**Ann Elizabeth** was born in 1858 and baptized on 23 May 1858 in the Parish of Lower Creggan. She died in 1905 at Ballarat Victoria.

Ann migrated to Australia on SS Iberia arriving 22 June 1887. The family story is that she came out to marry a man who had previously emigrated from Ireland but when she arrived she found he had already married another woman.

<sup>2</sup> Child not shown in Leo Hamilton's 1972 Chart.

Ann continued to live in Ballarat. The only event we can associate with her is that she was the godmother to Samuel and Theresa's daughter, Sarah Mary Teresa (Tessie) at Waterloo on 28 June 1896.

We have not been able to locate any death, burial or cemetery records for an Ann Elizabeth O'Hare. However, we have located a Death record for an Ann Elizabeth "O'Hehir" aged 48, of unknown parents at Ballarat in 1905. There are no further details available from the Birth, Death & Marriages Office.

Enquiries with the Ballarat New Cemetery records revealed that an Ann Elizabeth O'Hehir, an inmate of the Ballarat Mental Asylum, was buried at the Cemetery on 20 June 1905. The location record contains the initials "OGNK" or Open Ground Not Known. We were told that it was common for paupers to be buried in unmarked graves around the outside of the cemetery. The present day cemetery map shows two Open Ground areas marked E and F.

**Thomas J** was born in 1861. He died on 17 March 1870 aged 9 years. He is buried at St. Michaels Cemetery Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh in the same grave as his older brother, Patrick John There is no baptism record to confirm the details.



Headstone St. Michael's Church, Newtownhamilton<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Photographed 1998

Teresa was born on 8 February 1863<sup>4</sup> and baptized on 10 February 1863 in the Parish of Lower Creggan. She married Samuel Hamilton on 27 December 1888 at Immaculate Conception, Hawthorn, Victoria. Teresa died on 24 July 1934 and is buried at New Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria. Samuel and Teresa had seven children.

Teresa migrated to Australia with her sister Ann on the SS Iberia. The ship sailed from London and Plymouth on 28 April 1887 with a total of 239 passengers under Captain J.W. Shannon. The ship arrived in Melbourne on 8 June 1887 making the voyage in 41 days. Annie gave her age as 25 and Teresa as 22. (This age is inconsistent with her actual birth year.) The majority of passengers were English, some 209.

The Iberia was a ship of 4689 Gross Tons, length 433 feet and a beam of 45 feet. It had two funnels and three masts rigged for sail, an iron hull, single screw propeller and a speed of 14 knots. The capacity shown on the shipping list was 250 passengers. On Teresa's voyage the ship was below capacity. The Iberia commenced service in December 1873 on the run from Liverpool to South America. On 12 May 1880 it commenced the London to Melbourne/Sydney route for the joint Orient/Pacific Steam Navigation Co.



**Teresa O'Hare 1887**

DESCRIPTION SIGNALEMENT		Wife - Femme	
Proclamation Filiation			
Place and date of birth	1863 8.2 May		
Levee et date de naissance			
Domestic Domicile	Melbourne		
Height	5 ft. 6 in.		
Build	Slender		
Colour of eyes	Blue		
Colour of hair	Dark		
Colour of skin	Fair		
Colour of dress	Dark		
Special particularities			
Signs particular			
Name Nom			
Date of Birth			
Sex Sexe			

CHILDREN - ENFANTS

PHOTOGRAPH OF BEARER

WIFE - FEMME

SIGNATURE OF WIFE ET DE LA FEMME

SIGNATURE OF BEARER

**1930 Passport. 1864 Birth date Incorrect**

<sup>4</sup> Date on Hamilton Grave shows 1862 but is incorrect



**Maria** was born on 7 February 1865 and was baptized in the Parish of Lower Creggan on 12 February. She died on 20 November 1877, aged 12 years.

**Michael**<sup>5</sup> was born 3 January 1867 and was baptized on 6 January 1867 in the Parish of Lower Creggan. The Parish Register and the typed Index, which was produced later, incorrectly recorded this birth as Patrick. This would have meant there were two boys named Patrick. We have no other records of him although we are following up a possibility that he died in 1879 at the age of 12.

**Patrick John** was born on 16 November 1868 and was baptized on 19 November 1868 in the Parish of Lower Creggan. Patrick migrated to the USA in 1887. We have been unable to trace him there. Our initial results located a Patrick John in New Jersey but we later determined his parents were Henry O'Hare and Mary Grimes. They lived in Newtownhamilton and were married at the Parish of Lower Creggan on 2 August 1867. The witnesses were James O'Hare and Susan Murphy. Henry is very likely a relative of Patrick and was also a younger person. Henry's eldest son was also named Patrick John and he was born on 29 May 1868 and migrated to the USA in the same year as Patrick John.



**Patrick John Seggons Belfast**



**Patrick John Bostwick Bancker, 98, 6th Ave N.Y**

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<sup>5</sup> Civil Registrations LDS Ref. Batch No. C70131-1. System Origin Ireland ODM Source Film No. 101140



Catherine with Teresa 7, Maria 5, Michael 3, Patrick John 2.

We believe Teresa is at the back left age 7. The other children would be Maria age 5, Michael age 3, Patrick John age 2. Also it appears that the photograph was taken after the death of the two older boys, Patrick John who died in 1867 and Thomas in 1870.

Patrick's occupation on the birth certificate of his son Patrick John is shown as "Woolen Draper". His Death Certificate shows it as "Draper". This is consistent with what we had been told before we first visited Ireland in 1973. However, he appears to have been able to carry out some farming activities as well.

Patrick died on 3 December 1887, at the relatively young age of 60 years, at the Lunatic Asylum Co. Armagh.

Ref: 027902-01

DEATHS Registered in the District of <i>ARMAGH</i>									
No. (1)	Date and Place of Death (2)	Name and Surname (3)	Sex (4)	Condition (5)	Age last Birthday (6)	Rank, profession or occupation (7)	Certified Cause of Death (8)	Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant (9)	When Registered (10)
350	<i>Third 1887 December Lunatic Asylum Armagh</i>	<i>Patrick O'Hare from Newtownmill</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Melancholia cardiac disease Senile Gangrene 5 months Certified</i>	<i>Sarah &amp; John O'Hare Present at the death Lunatic Asylum Armagh</i>	<i>Twentieth December 1887</i>

Patrick O'Hare Death Certificate



Patrick is shown as married so Catherine is apparently still alive. The Causes of death are also of interest "Melancholia, Cardiac Disease, Senile Gangrene" for 5 months. The following provides some background on the institution in which he died.

*"In 1825 the Armagh Lunatic Asylum, first of the kind in Ireland, was opened for the reception of patients. A total sum of £20,900 was spent in the purchase of the site, erection of buildings, &c. It originally received patients from Monaghan, Cavan, and Fermanagh, but now the admissions are confined to natives of the County and City of Armagh. In 1825 the accommodation was for 122 patients. Now there are Facilities for the treatment of 304. The asylum stands in handsomely- planted grounds. Of the total area - 32 acres, 2 roods and 8 perches -7 acres are under buildings. A pretty gothic chapel is used for worship by Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics. On the 5th May, 1888, the patients numbered 280, of whom 141 were males and 139 females. Dr. Wm. Graham has been resident Medical Superintendent since December, 1886."*<sup>6</sup>

Patrick left effects to the value of 130 Pounds. Letters of Administration were granted to his son Patrick John on 13 August 1891<sup>7</sup>.

Catherine died on 18 February 1891 aged 63 years indicating she had been born in 1828. She had been ill with Ascites for a period of four months. Her death certificate gave her occupation as Draper's widow<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> Bassett's Guide to Co. Armagh 1888/9

<sup>7</sup> Irish Wills Calendar's 1878 to 1900, No.95 1891

<sup>8</sup> Margaret O'Hare