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# Co. Cavan Genealogical Research Centre

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20th November 1997

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Ms. Clara Arnold, 1308 W. Norwell Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193, U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Arnold,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding your County Cavan born ancestors and your payment for registration.

At present we are compiling a computerised index of all sources of genealogical research for County Cavan - beginning with the church registers. There are thirty-four parishes in the county and the registers for these parishes vary in quality and legibility. This is an ongoing project and is expected to continue for a number of years. All sources will be completed eventually.

### A. CHURCH RECORDS

Church records are our major source of genealogical research and based on information we obtain from this source (for example an address or parents names) we carry out follow-up searches on other source material including Griffith's Valuation of Ireland and the Tithe Applotment Books.

#### (I). BIRTHS

The majority of Roman Catholic Church records did not commence until the mid 1840's although some parishes do have records dating back to the mid 1700's.

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I have carried out an extensive search of our database of church records indexed to date for details of Susan Cooney, her father Thomas and mother Anne Lynch. I opted for an "open search" due to the fact that you do not know with certainty where Susan originated from in County Cavan. An open search involves an examination of all thirty-four parishes rather than concentrating on one specific parish.

Firstly, I carried out a search for Susan Cooney. I only located one such person. Her father's name was Thomas but Anne Lynch was not her mother's name. The baptism took place in the mid 1840's. Following this I opted for a search of our database for any children born to Thomas Cooney - nine were located in total, including the aforementioned Susan. The results of this search involved four parishes. I did however locate one child born to both a Thomas Cooney and Anne Lynch. The child's name was Patrick. No other children born to this couple have been identified. I cannot confirm if the particular family I have located are your ancestors. However should you wish to purchase the details of this register entry (which include name of Parish, townland, date of baptism, parents names and sponsors names), I will forward them to you on receipt of IR£10.00 or the equivalent in U.S. Dollars.

#### (ii). MARRIAGES

Following an extensive search of our database of records indexed to date I have failed to locate details of the marriage between Thomas Cooney and Anne Lynch. No Lynch/Cooney marriage alliance could be found on our database before 1870 for County Cavan - the only one which I did locate took place in 1895.

### B. <u>CIVIL REGISTRATION</u>

Civil Registration of births, marriages and deaths did not commence in Ireland until 1864, although Church of Ireland marriages have been recorded since 1845. Due to the fact that your ancestor had emigrated prior to the commencement of Civil Registration I could not avail of this source. It would be impossible to search for death records of Thomas Cooney and his wife, Anne, without at least a townland or the name of a parish or townland.

I regret that I cannot be any further assistance to you at present. If you can obtain any other information which might prove relevant to your enquiry this would be greatly appreciated, for example Naturalisation Papers which might isolate a townland or Parish in County Cavan.

Please find enclosed a map of County Cavan divided into parishes.

I wish you well with your continued search and if I can be of further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

David Galligan.

Lynch is among the twenty most common names in Ireland. Found in every county, it is in Ulster most numerous in Co. Cavan (where it is among the first five) and in Co. Derry. Though it can be of Norman origin, most in the province will be of Ulster Gaelic stock.

The Norman family de Lench, one of the 'Tribes of Galway', were very powerful in Galway city, and provided it with eighty-four mayors between 1484, when Dominick Lynch was given its first charter by Richard III,

and 1654, when Catholics were debarred from office.

The name O Loingsigh, from loingseach, a 'mariner' (giving both Lynch and Lynchey), was the name of several distinct septs. In Ulster one of these was based in central Co. Cavan. The other was based in north Antrim and Derty and their chief was lord of the ancient kingdom of Dalriada. The verb 'to lynch' derives either from the fifteenth-century mayor of Galway, James Lynch, who hanged his own son for murder or from the American Colonel Charles Lynch, 1736-96, whose father, also Charles, was of the Derry sept.

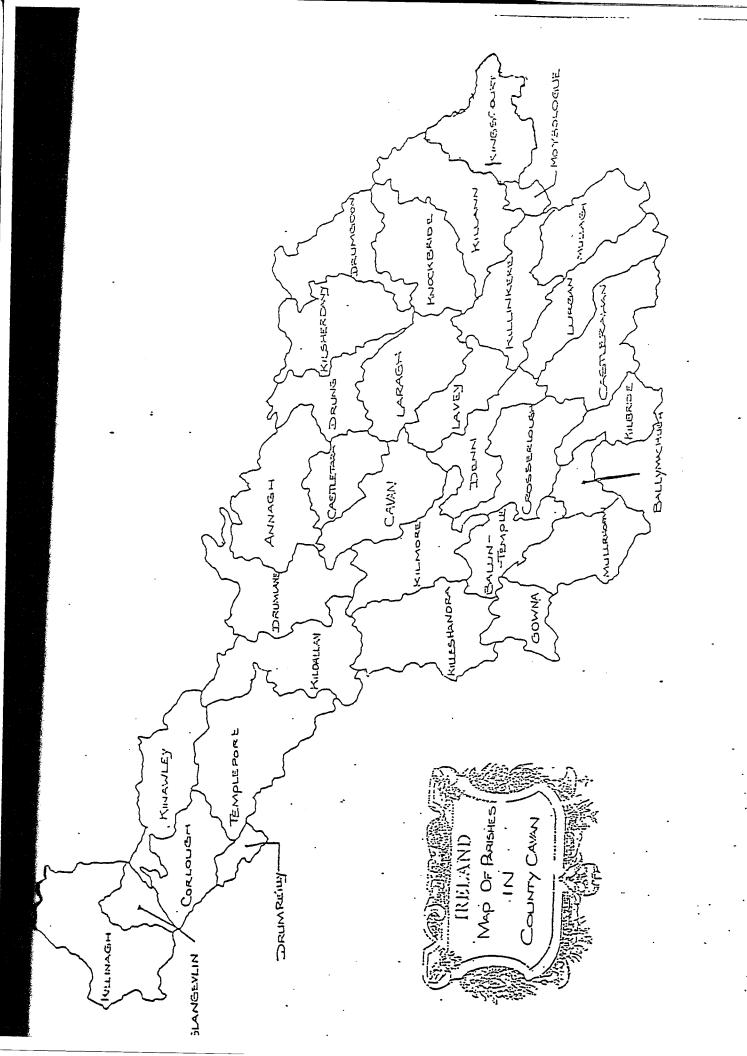
The Lynches of Donegal are more properly Linchehans, Gaelic Mae Loingseacháin. Lynch, through Lynchey, was also made Lindsay (see

Lindsay).

(O)COONEY The sept of O'Cooney - O Cuana in Irish — was formerly of considerable importance. Originating in Ulster (Tyrone), they migrated westwards to north Connacht at an early date. In 1248, the most distinguished member of the sept died, viz. Diarmid O Cuana: he is described as "the great priest of Elphin" both by the Four Masters and in the "Annals of Loch Cé". The diocese of Elphin lies in the counties of Roscommon, Sligo and Galway. Three centuries later they were still in that area, as evidenced by the Elizabethan Fiants. They gradually spread southwards, for in the census of 1659 they were numerous in Co. Clare. The place Ballycooney is in the southern part of Co. Galway. To-day, as in the sixteenth century, they are chiefly found in north Connacht.

In modern times the Cooneys have not been prominent. The most noteworthy person of the name was Mary Cooney, an Irish poetess who had a reputation in America as well as in Ireland in the 1880's.

Cooney is used in Co. Cork as a variant of the north Munster name Ó Cuanacháin, normally anglicized Counihan.





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6th January 1998

Fax No. (049) 31494

Ms. Clara Arnold. 1308 W. Norwell Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193, U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Arnold,

I refer to your enquiry regarding your County Cavan born ancestors and thank you for your recent letter and cheque.

As requested I enclose the full details of the baptism of Patrick Coony. His parents names were Thomas Coony and Anne Lynch.

The baptism took place in 1835 in the Parish of Knockbride. Church records did not commence in Knockbride Parish until 1835. The spelling on the record I enclose corresponds directly with the actual baptismal entry in the church register. Coony is a variant of the surname Cooney.

Our database is updated daily and as such I carried out a further search of it for details on any other children born to Thomas Cooney and Anne Lynch. I have successfully located the baptismal details of seven siblings of Patrick living at the same address. There is a Michael and a Thomas among these children.

l also located a Susan born in September 1847 of Thomas Cooney and Biddy Lynch at the same address. Susan had a twin sister named Anne. I believe the priest entered Biddy as the mother's name and Anne as the child's instead of the other way round. Our researchers have noted that this type of mistake has been a common occurrence among certain parish registers.

If you wish to purchase the baptismal details of <u>one</u> of Patrick's siblings costs IR£10.00. You may however wish to purchase baptismal records

for <u>all</u> Patrick's siblings. Baptismal details for one generation of a family costs IR£25.00. You have already paid IR£10.00 for details of Patrick Cooney's baptism. Should you wish to purchase full details of the remainder of Patrick's siblings I will gladly forward them to you on receipt of IR£15.00 in total.

I have successfully located the marriage record of Thomas Cooney and Ann Lynch in the Parish of Knockbride. The date of marriage and the witnesses names are entered in the marriage register. If you wish to purchase the details of the couple's marriage I will forward these on receipt of IR£10.00.

I hope I have been of assistance to you and wish you continued success with your search in Chicago.

Yours sincerely,

David Galligan.

## CAVAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH CENTRE

BAPTISM DETAILS

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PARISH: KNOCKBRIDE

6th January 1998

CHILD'S NAME
BIRTH DATE
BAPTISM DATE
FATHER'S NAME
MOTHER'S NAME
ADDRESS
SPONSOR 1
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Patrick Conny 23rd December 1835 23rd December 1835 Thomas Conny Anne Lynch Grahillah Michael Coony Anne Lynch







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Ms. Clara Arnold 1308 W. Norwell Lane Schaumburg IL 60193 U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Arnold,

Thank you for your letter and payment which we received 19th January 1998.

As requested I enclose the following information:

- A. <u>Baptismal Details</u> of children born to parents Thomas/Tom Cooney and Ann/ Anne Lynch in the parish of Knockbride.
- B. <u>Marriage Details</u> of Thomas Cooney and Ann Lynch (Knockbride Parish 1835).

\*Note: The spellings on the enclosed baptismal and marriage details correspond directly with the entries in the relevant parish register.

You mentioned in your letter that you would like a detailed map of County Cavan which would identify Knockbride Parish and the townland of Grahillagh. Grahillagh/Grahitta in now called Greaghettiagh. The concept of a townland dates back hundreds of years in Ireland and the majority of these are written in Gaelic. Greaghettiagh in translated as "bog of the wings or feathers".



A townland is not a town or village, but rather an area in rural Ireland. It can vary in size and the number of occupants is usually very sparse compared to a town of street. As a town expands it tends to envelope the nearby townlands. Knockbride Parish consists of sixty-four townlands. I enclose a map of the Parish of Knockbride subdivided into townlands for you.

I hope that the information enclosed proves beneficial to you and if you have any further queries please do not hesitate me.

Yours sincerely,

David Galligan.

## CAVAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCS CENTRE

MARRIAGE DETAILS

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PARISH: KNOCKBRIDE

20th January 1998

HUSBAND'S NAME DENOMINATION ADDRESS Thomas Cooney Roman Catholic

WIFE'S NAME DENOMINATION ADDRESS Ann Lynch Roman Catholic

MARRIAGE DATE WITNESS 1 WITNESS 2 27th February 1835 Patrick Lynch Philip Cooney





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#### BAPTISM DETAILS

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PARISH: KNOCKBRIDE

19th January 1998

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BIRTH DATE
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FATHER'S NAME
MOTHER'S NAME
ADDRESS
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CHILD'S NAME BIRTH DATE BAPTISM DATE FATHER'S NAME MOTHER'S NAME ADDRESS SPONSOR 1

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Patrick Conny
23rd December 1835
23rd December 1835
Thomas Conny
Anne Lynch
Grahillagh
Michael Coony
Anne Lynch

Michael Cooney 25th April 1838 25th April 1838 Thomas Cooney Anne Lynch Grahillagh John Lynch Anne Lynch

Frank Coony
22nd October 1840
22nd October 1840
Thomas Coony
Ann Lynch
Grahitta
Patt Lynch
Ann Lynch





## CAVAM GENEALOGICAL RESEARCS CENTRE

#### BAPTISM DETAILS

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PARISH: KNOCKBRIDE

19th January 1998

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CHILD'S NAME

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John Coony 6th June 1843 6th June 1843 Tom Coony Ann Lynch Grahitta Phill Cooney Catherine Lynch

Mary Anne Cooney 5th August 1845 5th August 1845 Thomas Cooney An Lynch Grahitta Peter Lynch Catherine Lynch





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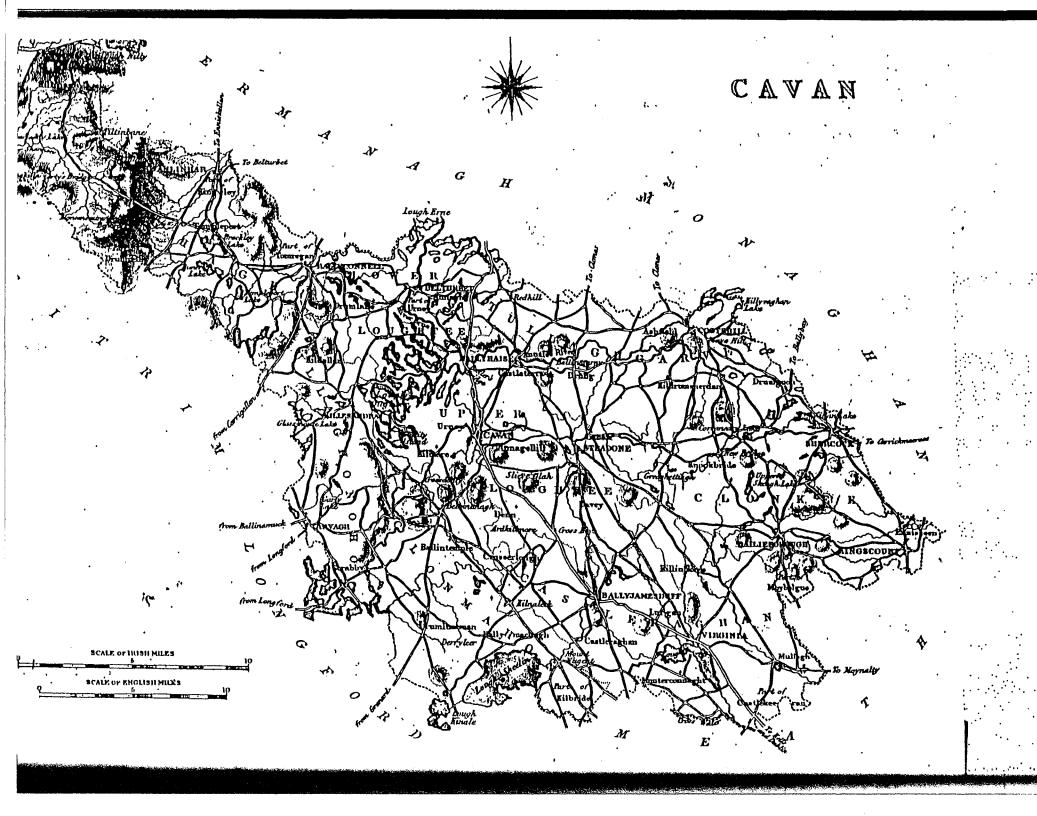
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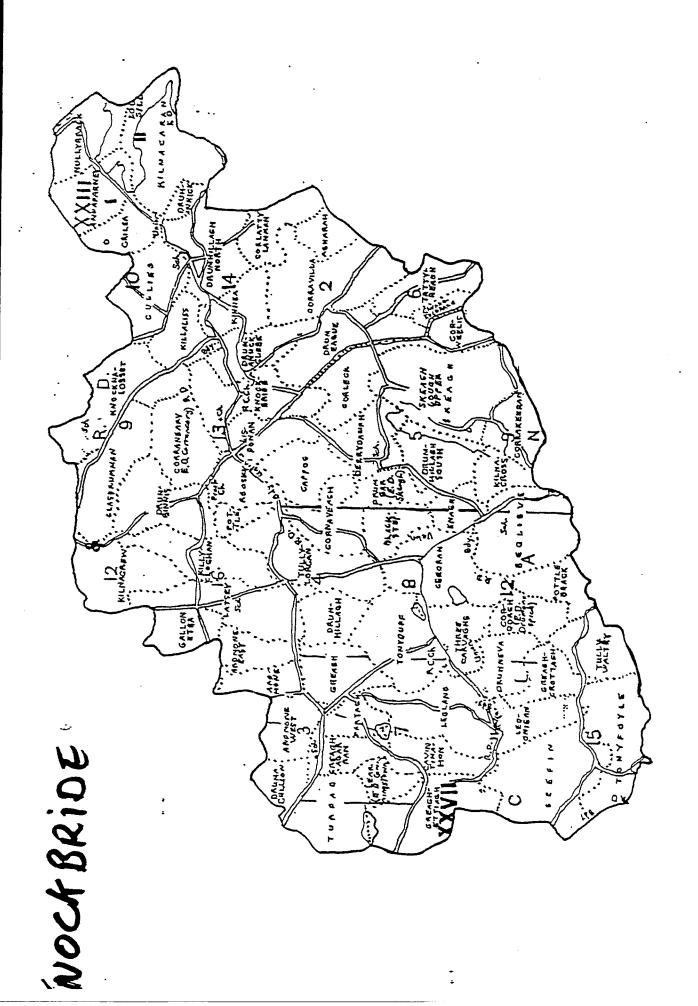
Anne Cooney 3rd September 1847 3rd September 1847 Thomas Cooney Biddy Lynch Grahitta Peter Lynch **Biddy Lynch** Twin of Susan

Thomas Cooney 18th July 1849 18th July 1849 Thomas Cooney An Lynch Grahitta James Lynch An Lynch







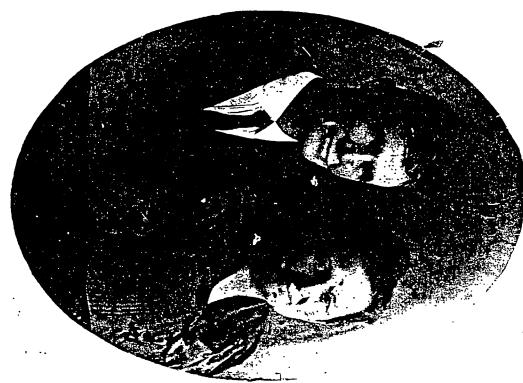


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