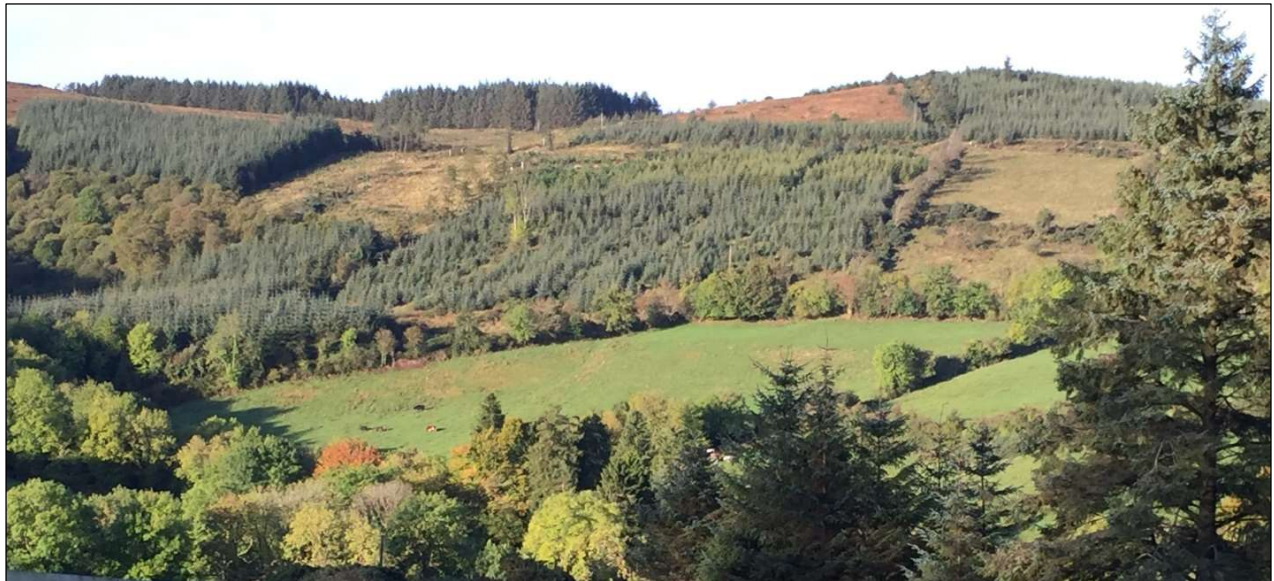


The Gleesons of Mucklin, Silvermines, Co. Tipperary

**An overview of the descendants of Michael Gleeson
and Catherine Collins who lived in
Mucklin, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland in the 1800s**



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Introduction

Gleeson is a very common Irish surname in the Nenagh area, especially in the Roman Catholic Parish of Silvermines, which is believed to be the home of the Gleesons. This document is focussed on one couple, Michael Gleeson (1809-1882) and Catherine Collins (1800-1852), who lived in the townland of Mucklin, Silvermines, Tipperary through a large portion of the 1800s, and their descendants.

Much has already been written about this Gleeson family, including "Footprints"ⁱ written by Paul Campbell for Jane and Michael Hardy of Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, and articles written by Nora O'Meara (nee Gleeson) of Toomevara, Tipperary, published in "Mining The Past"ⁱⁱ ⁱⁱⁱ, the Journal of the Silvermines Historical Society.

This document is in no way intended to replace them or refute these valuable resources, but rather to provide a general overview of the many descendant branches of our Gleeson family tree. There will be more information on my immediate family, and their story, as that is what I am most familiar with, but I hope that it will also provide a better understanding of the other descendant lines, and how we are all related.

Throughout the document, to protect their privacy, I have tried to avoid providing details of living relatives (except where specifically requested to include them), and I apologize if this cut-off has not been perfectly executed.

This is not intended to be the final word on the Gleesons of Mucklin, and perhaps one day new records might emerge, and open up new research possibilities, I certainly hope so.

There are avid family historians in several other branches of descent from Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins, and I hope that at some point they may add additional chapters to this document, expanding the story of their Gleeson lines.

I apologise for any errors that may have crept into the document, and I welcome any corrections or other feedback.

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Irish Jurisdictions

The structure of the various levels of governance in Ireland is very complex to the outsider, and records may be grouped at any level, making research challenging for the unfamiliar (such as myself). Some understanding of the breakdown may be useful to the reader.

Ireland is comprised of four provinces based on ancient kingdoms – Ulster, Leinster, Connaught and Munster. Tipperary is one of the six counties of southwestern Ireland that comprise the province of Munster.

Generally, Irish counties are divided into civil parishes, but a civil parish may cross county boundaries. Religious records are based on ecclesiastical parishes, the names and boundaries of which may differ from the civil parishes, and these may also cross county boundaries. Roman Catholic parishes are grouped into dioceses, which have no relationship to county boundaries.

The provinces are also divided into baronies, which were originally based on clan territories, and sometimes used as a jurisdictional division for tax collection records.

Poor Law Unions were introduced in 1838 to administer poor relief, and are centred on market towns.

Civil records of birth, deaths and marriages (from 1864, except Protestant marriages which began in 1845) are grouped into Superintendent Registrar's Districts and Registrar's Districts, based on the Poor Law Unions.

The townland of Mucklin is in the –

- Roman Catholic Parish of Silvermines
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Killaloe
- Civil Parish of Kilmore
- Barony of Upper Ormond
- Poor Law Union of Nenagh
- Superintendent Registrar's District of Nenagh
- Registrar's District of Silvermines
- County of Tipperary
- Province of Munster

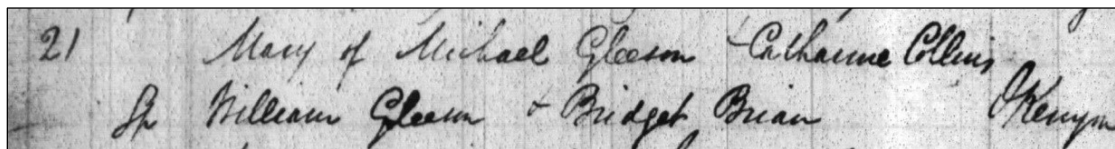
Chapter 1 - The Beginning

Mucklin is a very small townland of 483 acres^{iv} (2 square km), about 3 km due south of Dolla, and 11 km south of the market town of Nenagh. It is situated on the eastern slope of the Silvermines Mountains, in the Civil Parish of Kilmore and Roman Catholic Parish of Silvermines. The local Roman Catholic church is at Silvermines, which is 4 km to the northwest as the crow flies, but about 6 km by road. The people of Mucklin would follow a “Mass path” across the fields to attend church services at Silvermines. In 1841, Mucklin was home to 170 people living in 33 houses^v, but through emigration, consolidation of holdings, and movement to the lowlands, the population is now zero, with the remaining farmers living in nearby villages. Today you can stay at the Gleeson family-owned Silver Spruce Lodge^{vi}, and at night, once the farmers have gone home, you will be the only people in the townland of Mucklin.

The surname Gleeson (generally seen as Gleason in the USA) is a derivative of the Irish surname O’Glissane. The O’Glissanes have been present in Kilmore Civil Parish for several centuries, and are mentioned in the Civil Survey of 1640, associated with the O’Mearas and the O’Kennedys^{vii}.

Apart from Protestant marriages (1845), civil registration of births, marriages and deaths did not begin in Ireland until 1864, and surviving records of baptisms and marriages in Silvermines Roman Catholic Parish begin only in 1840, so documentation of the births / baptisms, marriages and deaths / burials of our Gleeson family can only begin in the 1840s.

The earliest record found is the baptism of Mary Gleeson, daughter of Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins, in Silvermines on 21 March 1841^{viii}.



1841 Baptismal Record for Mary Gleeson.

Mary was the last-born child of Michael and Catherine, and the only one of their six known children whose baptism is recorded in the surviving Silvermines parish records. A lucky find!

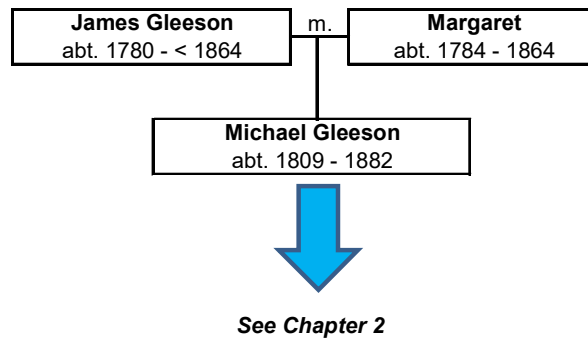
The children of Michael and Catherine will be covered in more detail in Chapter 2, but we do have some evidence as to the parents of Michael.

In the first year of civil registration of deaths, is found the death certificate of a Margaret Gleeson. Margaret died 3 March 1864, at 80 years of age, and is identified as the widow of James Gleeson of Mucklin^{ix}. So it seems very likely that this couple, James (d. <1864) and Margaret (abt.1784-1864) Gleeson, are the parents of the Michael Gleeson (abt.1809-1882), who married Catherine Collins.

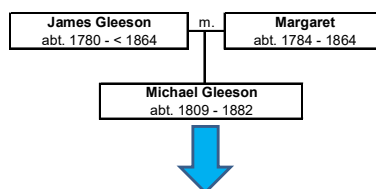
Michael and Margaret Gleeson were not the only Gleeson family living in Mucklin in the mid-1800s. There were at least two other Gleeson families in the townland^x, but their connection to Michael is unknown –

- i. John Gleeson and Mary Walsh, and their 3 children, who were still living in Mucklin at the time of the 1911 census.

- ii. Mary Gleeson (Garr) who married James Sherlock from nearby Curryquin. They had no children and Mary did not remarry after James died in 1921.



Chapter 2 – Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins



Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins likely married abt. 1830, and the marriage produced six known children, as follows –

- James Gleeson, born abt. 1831
- Margaret Gleeson, born abt. 1833
- Johanna Gleeson, born abt. 1835
- William Gleeson, born abt. 1837
- Patrick Gleeson, born 17 March 1840
- Mary Gleeson, baptised 21 March 1841

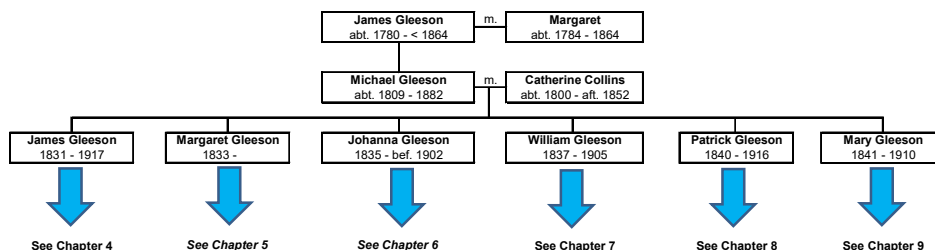
When these children were still young, tragedy hit Ireland in the form of the Great Famine, beginning in 1845. The potato was an important part of the diet of the labouring classes, so when blight struck the potato crop in three of the five years from 1845 to 1849, the people were greatly impacted. With a large portion of the population impoverished and unable to pay their rent, the landlords evicted the tenants who could not pay the rent, leaving them few choices in order to survive – turn to crime, seek shelter in the workhouse or emigrate. Between 1841 and 1851, the population of Upper Ormond fell by almost 30%^{xi}, with about 80% of the emigrants going to the United States of America. The population of Mucklin townland fell by 35%, in this time period, and fell a further 9% between 1851 and 1861^{xii}.

Michael and Margaret Gleeson remained in Mucklin, but were not left unscathed, with two of their six children (William and Patrick) emigrating during the 1850s, beginning a chain of migration, not to the USA, but to New Zealand^{xiii}. In addition, children of James, Johanna and Mary Gleeson emigrated to New Zealand, leaving only Margaret's family intact in Ireland.

Michael Gleeson died on 1 February 1882, and his death certificate identifies him as a 73 year old farmer, residing in Mucklin. The informant was his eldest son, James Gleeson.

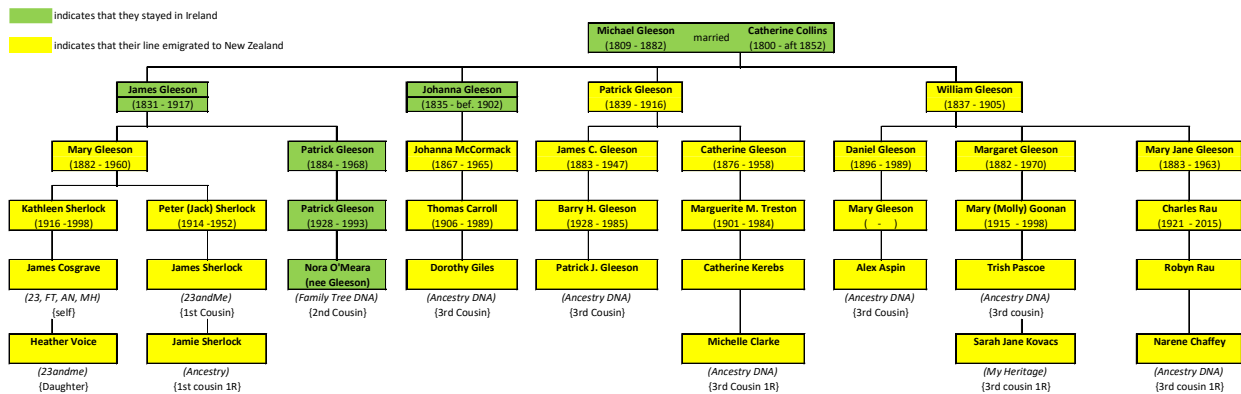
No death record has been found for Michael's wife, Catherine, suggesting that she died prior to the introduction of civil registration of deaths in 1864.

All six of the children of Michael and Catherine married and produced children of their own, and each of these six families will be covered in more detail in later chapters.



Chapter 3 – DNA Testing

Autosomal DNA testing, through companies such as Ancestry, 23andMe, My Heritage and FamilyTreeDNA, is of huge benefit to genealogists in confirming connections identified by researching the paper trail of our ancestors. If two people who have well-researched family trees, which identify a common ancestor, also share autosomal DNA, and if there is no other obvious ancestral connection, then it is highly likely that the identified common ancestor is correct. I have found many Gleeson cousins, several previously unknown to me, through autosomal DNA testing, including descendants of four of the five children of Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins. The chart below shows several of the connections confirmed with autosomal DNA testing, but not all known connections have been included in the chart to improve readability.



Some of the known Gleeson Relatives who have DNA tested.

There are many other people who have taken DNA tests, with whom I share significant amounts of autosomal DNA, who have Tipperary ancestry, and with whom I may share a common Gleeson ancestor, but there is no paper trail to establish the correct relationship.

One example of this is Marlene Kerr, with whom I share 9 centimorgans (cM) of DNA, suggesting a relationship around the 6th or 7th cousin level, although it could be somewhat closer. Marlene is descended from a Phillip Gleeson, born circa 1837 in Tipperary, but she cannot identify where in Tipperary that Phillip was born.

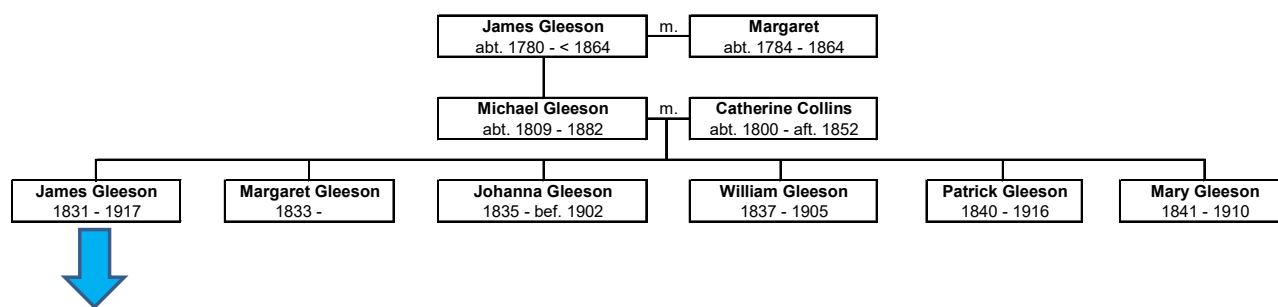
What is most interesting to me about Phillip Gleeson, is that he too emigrated to New Zealand and settled in Waiuku, the same area settled by William Gleeson (see chapter 7). So perhaps Phillip was the reason that William settled in this area, or vice versa?

Y-DNA testing is also an excellent tool for tracing the male ancestral line, and this testing is available through Family Tree DNA. Maurice Gleeson, who is well known in Tipperary family history circles, is the administrator of a Gleeson DNA project^{xiv} on FamilyTreeDNA, along with a blog^{xv} and a Facebook page^{xvi}. The project includes Y-DNA submitted by more than 100 Gleeson males from England, Ireland, Australia and USA, but at this time, does not appear to include any known descendants of Michael Gleeson (1809–1882).

I therefore encourage male Gleeson descendants to take the Big Y-700 test at FamilyTreeDNA, or even the somewhat cheaper Y-111 test, which could help to clarify how Michael Gleeson

of Mucklin connects to other Gleeson family lines in Tipperary and beyond, and identify how our Gleesons fit into the male haplotree of humanity. These tests are frequently on sale, especially around Black Friday in November and DNA Day in April. Even one person testing would be useful, and several, from different lines of descent from Michael would be a bonus.

Chapter 4 – James Gleeson and Catherine McGrath



James Gleeson, the eldest son of Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins, married Kate McGrath in the Roman Catholic Chapel at Ballywilliam, in the neighbouring parish of Youghal Arra on 23 February 1876, with James identified as being a 23 year old farmer from Silvermines. Kate is identified as a 24 year old spinster. Both recorded ages are far from reality, with James actually being about 45, and Kate about 32 years old.

This marriage produced six children over the following 11 years, all of whom were baptised in the Silvermines parish church, born as follows –

- Catherine Gleeson, born 11 November 1878
- Michael Joseph Gleeson, born 20 December 1879
- Margaret Gleeson, born 24 February 1881
- Mary Bridget Gleeson, born 15 August 1882
- Patrick Gleeson, born 21 August 1884
- James Gleeson, born 24 August 1887

Catherine Gleeson died from bronchitis on 7 September 1880, just two months before her second birthday, and is buried in the Kilmore cemetery.

Michael Joseph Gleeson laboured on the family farm, before emigrating to New Zealand with his friend, William Sherlock, in 1907, and will be covered in chapter 10.

Margaret Gleeson married John Cuddihy from Ballinoe, on 8 February 1921 in the Silvermines parish church. John and Margaret had two children, both of whom died at birth –

- An unnamed female, born 20 January 1922
- An unnamed male, born 23 April 1923

Margaret survived her second child by only three months, and died 3 July 1923 at the Rotunda Hospital in Nenagh, from a sloughing fibroid and peritonitis. Four years later, on 23 February 1927, John Cuddihy married Josephine Troy, and produced two sons –

- Michael Joseph Cuddihy, born 20 December 1927
- Martin Anthony Cuddihy, born 5 June 1929

Mary Bridget Gleeson (my grandmother) followed her brother, Michael Joseph Gleeson, to New Zealand in December 1908, and married William Sherlock in Napier, New Zealand in 1912. Mary and her family will be covered in detail in chapter 11.

Patrick Gleeson married Mary Ryan, daughter of Edward Ryan of Castleconnell, Limerick, on 28 November 1925 and the marriage produced four sons. Patrick and his family will be covered in chapter 12.

James Gleeson worked on the family farm in Mucklin, did not marry, and died there on 1 November 1948, of cancer. He is buried in the Kilmore graveyard, Silvermines parish.

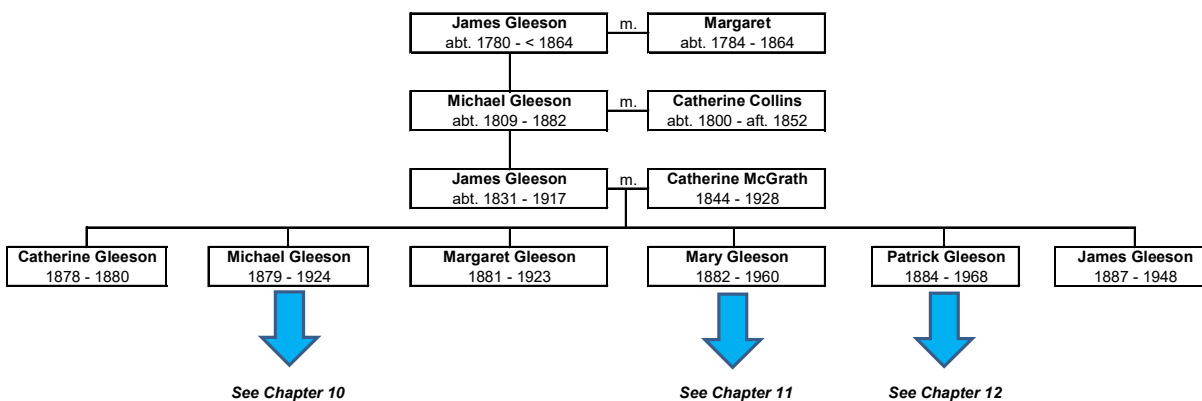


Likely James and Catherine Gleeson.

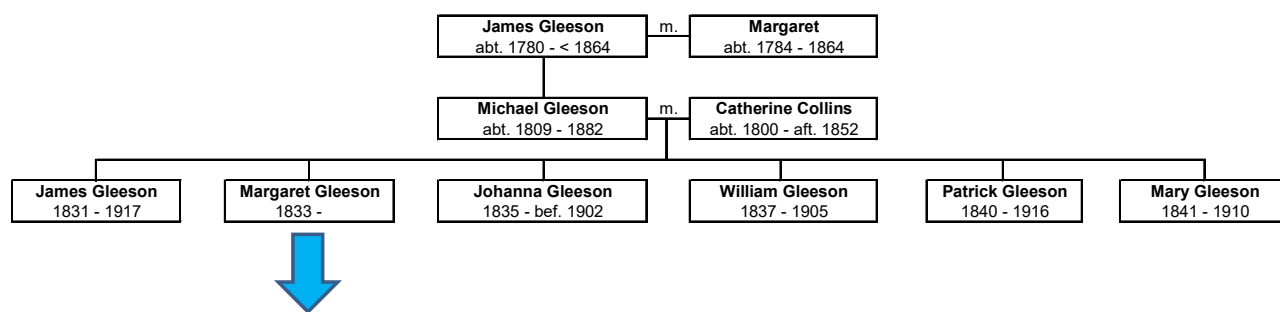
The photograph on the left is believed to be of James and Catherine Gleeson. It was found while cleaning out the home of Maureen Sherlock, after her death in 1990. Maureen's sister, Bridie Cameron, identified the photograph as being her mother's parents (James and Catherine Gleeson), but there is a slight possibility that it is a photograph of her father's parents.

James and Catherine lived long lives, with James Gleeson dying in Mucklin on 23 October 1917 at 84 years of age. The cause of death is listed as senile decay, but there was no medical attendant.

Catherine died in Mucklin on 29 February 1928 at 83 years of age. Again there was no medical attendant at her death, and the cause of death is listed as old age. Both are buried in the Kilmore graveyard, Silvermines parish.



Chapter 5 – Margaret Gleeson and John Gleeson



Margaret Gleeson married John Gleeson of Silvermines in the parish church, on 20 February 1855, and they had four children, all baptised at Ballinahinch, Tipperary, as follows –

- Margaret Gleeson, baptised 24 February 1856
- Catherine Gleeson, baptised 22 April 1859
- Patrick Gleeson, baptised 30 November 1860
- James Gleeson, baptised 15 March 1862

I have not explored this family in great detail, relying primarily on information obtained from living relatives in Ireland, by Dan Gleeson (1896-1989) of Waiuku, New Zealand in the 1960s. Through identification of our shared DNA, I have made contact with several of the Coffey descendants, whose line emigrated to the United States of America. The information that I have identified to date on the descendants of Margaret and John Gleeson is as follows -

1. Margaret GLEESON (b.1833)

sp: John GLEESON (m.20 Feb 1855)

2. Margaret GLEESON (c.24 Feb 1856-R.C. Parish of Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Tipperary, Ireland; d.23 Jan 1914-Killeen, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)

sp: Roderick GLEESON (c.24 Jul 1863-R.C. Parish of Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Tipperary, Ireland; m.28 Feb 1892; d.26 Nov 1934- Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Eire)

3. Mary GLEESON (b.15 Feb 1893- Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)

sp: Patrick BRAY (b. Abt 1889; m.8 Feb 1921)

4. Margaret BRAY

sp: James COLLINS

4. Mary BRAY

sp: Charles ELLIS

4. Kate BRAY

sp: Bill MINOGUE

4. Bridget BRAY

4. Patrick BRAY

4. Thomas BRAY

4. John BRAY

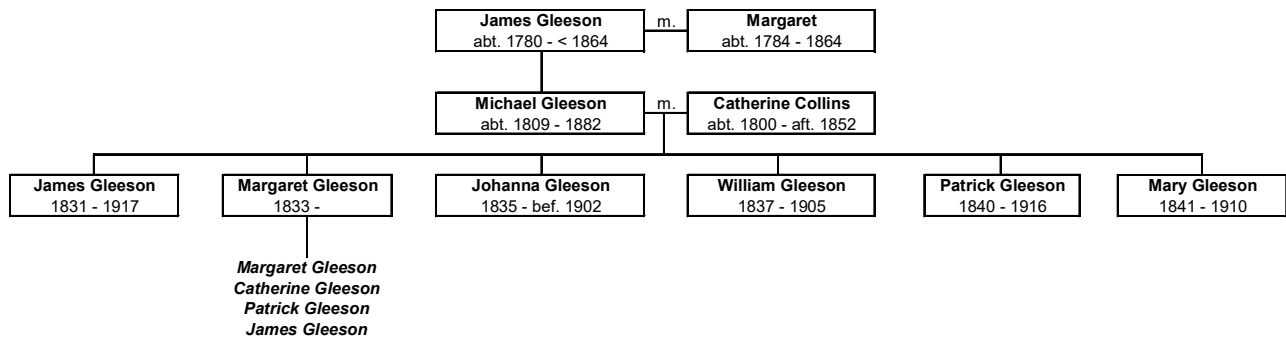
3. Margaret GLEESON (b.14 Mar 1894-Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)

3. Lawrence GLEESON (b.2 Oct 1895-Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)

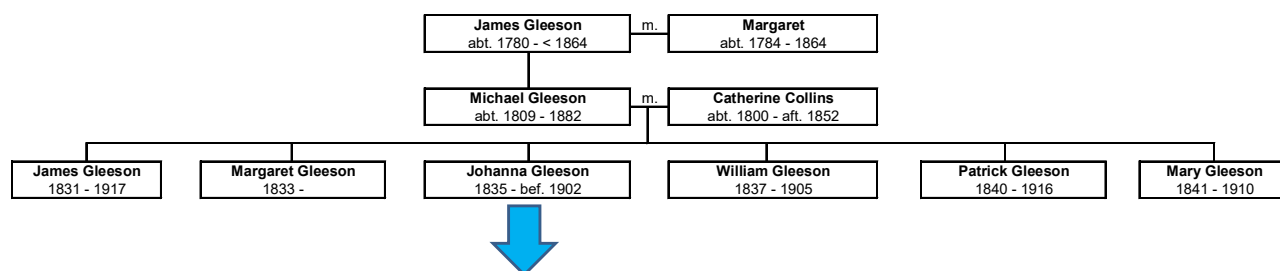
3. John GLEESON (c.14 Nov 1897-R.C. Parish of Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Tipperary, Ireland; 5 May 1987)

sp: Johanna KELLY (b. Abt 1903; m. 1 Jun 1927; d. 8 Dec 1979)

- 4. James P GLEESON
sp: Sarah RYAN
- 4. Patrick GLEESON
sp: Mary O'LEARY
- 4. Margaret GLEESON (b. 1932; d. 22 Mar 2009)
sp: Michael Joseph CUDDIHY (b. 20 Dec 1927-Ballina, Tipperary, Irish Free State; m. 4 Apr 1959; d. 15 Jan 2012)
- 3. Patrick GLEESON (b.27 Apr 1900-Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)
- 3. Catherine GLEESON (b.7 Jun 1903-Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland; d.Aft 1960)
sp: William COFFEY (b. Abt 1892; m.6 Jun 1934; d.20 Dec 1961-Lackagh, Silvermines, Tipperary, Eire)
- 4. Jane COFFEY (d. Bef 2019)
sp: Pat HAYES
- 4. James COFFEY (b. Abt 1936; d. Abt 2005)
- 4. Margaret Pauline COFFEY (b. Abt 1939)
sp: Naiose Harry BURKE (m.8 Feb 1964; d.4 Apr 2001)
- 4. Mary COFFEY (b. Abt 1940)
sp: DALY
- 4. Theresa COFFEY (b.Abt 1945)
- 2. Catherine GLEESON (c.22 Apr 1859-R.C. Parish of Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Tipperary, Ireland; d.30 Apr 1947- Grenanstown, Toomavara, Tipperary, Eire)
- 2. Patrick GLEESON (c.30 Nov 1860-R.C. Parish of Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Tipperary, Ireland)
- 2. James GLEESON (c.15 Mar 1862-R.C. Parish of Ballinahinch & Killoscully, Tipperary, Ireland)



Chapter 6 – Johanna Gleeson and Patrick McCormack



Johanna Gleeson (known as Judy), the third child and second daughter of Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins, married Patrick Cormack (sometimes recorded as McCormack) of Grenanstown, in the Silvermines parish church on 17 May 1864. Johanna is listed on the civil marriage record as a spinster, of full age, residing at Mucklin.

This marriage produced four children, all born at Grenanstown, as follows –

- Mary Ann Cormack, born 3 March 1865
- Johanna Cormack, born 3 January 1867
- Michael Cormack, born 23 November 1870
- Catherine Cormack, born 7 November 1873

The family farmed at Grenanstown until about 1889, when they were evicted from the farm. Mention of the eviction is found as far away as New Zealand, where the Roman Catholic newspaper, *The Tablet*, published the following - "*Tipperary. A man named McCormack, who lived at Grennanstown, near Nenagh, was recently evicted. The cruel exterminators, not satisfied with throwing the unfortunate tenant and his family out on the bleak roadside, set fire to the dwelling in order to prevent him re-entering for shelter. The Templederry Leaguers, with that good and humane feeling which should pervade every National body at the cruel and brutal wrongs inflicted on the poor and helpless evicted tenant, have subscribed £5 to assist in erecting a home for McCormack, the evicted tenant of Grennanstown, whose dwelling was burned by the merciless landlord*"^{xvii}.

After the eviction, the four children all emigrated, likely with assistance from Johanna's brothers, Patrick and William Gleeson, who had been in New Zealand since the early 1860s and had prospered there (see chapters 7 and 8).

Johanna and Patrick McCormack remained in Ireland, and Patrick died in the Nenagh Workhouse on 13 May 1903. On his death record he is listed as a 65 year old widower, farmer, formerly of Grenanstown. He died of chronic bronchitis.

No further record has been found of Johanna, but it is assumed that she died in Ireland sometime between 1890 and 1903.

One descendant of Johanna and Patrick has mentioned that their son Michael McCormack initially went to Philadelphia (USA), where he worked on the trams, but by 1906 all four children were living in New Zealand, where they married and raised families of their own.

Michael McCormack died tragically in a hunting accident in 1912, at the age of 42 years, and his death was reported in the local newspaper as follows – *“MOTU FATALITY. When Mr Michael McCormack, who was accidentally shot in the leg while pig-hunting at Motu, was admitted to the hospital early yesterday morning, it was found that the unfortunate man was in a serious condition, due to the great loss of blood he suffered. In the afternoon inquiries elicited the information that there were hopes for his recovery, but during the evening the patient collapsed, and died shortly before 9 o'clock. Deceased was a married man, about 40 years of age. He was working for some time on the Gisborne-Motu railway, and latterly had been employed on the Motu-Opotiki road. Sergeant Hutton communicated with the District Coroner (Mr. W. A. Barton S.M.) at Whararata today, and as the deceased had been fully conscious before his death, and had given an accurate account of how the accident happened, it was decided that no inquest was necessary”^{xviii}.*

Catherine McCormack married James Gunn in 1902, and together they managed the Victoria Hotel in Hastings Street, Napier, until 1928 when they moved to Auckland. The Victoria Hotel was owned by Catherine’s uncle, Patrick Gleeson, and it was here that Mary Gleeson (my grandmother) worked when she arrived in New Zealand in 1908.



Victoria Hotel, Napier.

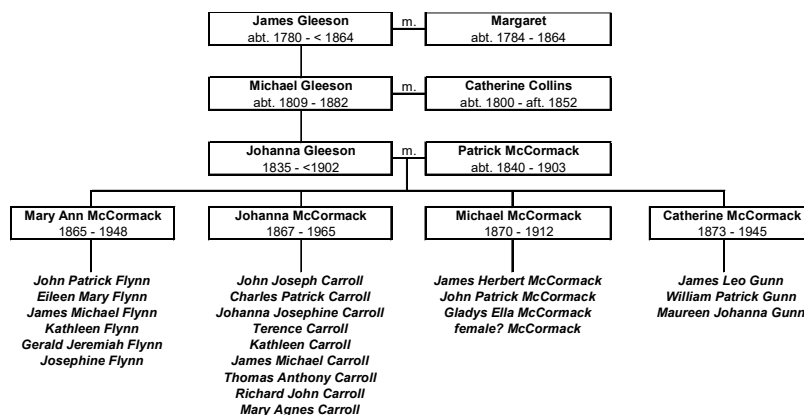
The known descendants of Johanna Gleeson and Patrick Cormack are as follows –

1. Johanna GLEESON (b.1835; d. Bef 1902)
sp: Patrick MCCORMACK (b. Abt 1840; m.17 May 1864; d.13 May 1903-Nenagh, Tipp., Ire.)
2. Mary Ann MCCORMACK (b.3 Mar 1865-Grenanstown, Toomavara, Tipperary, Ireland; d.15 Aug 1948-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Jeremiah FLYNN (b.1865-Ireland; m.17 Jul 1894; d.17 Jul 1951-Auckland, N.Z.)
3. John Patrick FLYNN (b.2 Nov 1894-New Zealand; d.25 Jan 1959-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand)
sp: Rose Theresa GRAHAM (b.30 Jun 1899; m. 1 Dec 1932; d.23 Jul 1974-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand)

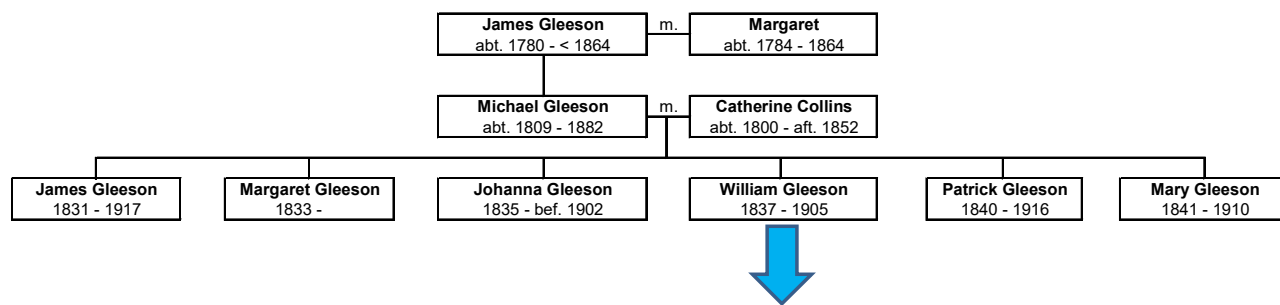
4. Mary Patricia FLYNN (b.18 Sep 1933; d. 20 May 2021-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand)
 - sp: John Nicholas (Jack) LEE (b.19 Nov 1930; m.15 Feb 1958; d. 4 May 2019-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand)
 5. Paul John LEE
 5. Simon Joseph LEE
 5. Stephen Francis LEE (b. 1968; d. Bef. 2022)
4. Gerald Francis (Frank) FLYNN (b.11 Mar 1939; d. 21 Apr 2021-New Zealand)
 - sp: Grace KENNEDY
3. Eileen Mary FLYNN (b.9 Jun 1896-New Zealand; d.30 Oct 1989-Auckland, N.Z.)
 - sp: Harold SULLIVAN (b. 23 May 1896-Thames Valley, New Zealand; m.8 Jun 1920; d.21 Aug 1948-Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. Desmond Harold SULLIVAN (b.28 Aug 1924; d.23 Aug 2004)
 - sp: June Malyon GUILDFORD (b.11 Feb 1925; m.30 Apr 1949)
 5. Paul Francis SULLIVAN (b.25 Jul 1952-New Zealand; d. 26 Jun 2003-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand)
 3. James Michael FLYNN (b.23 Jun 1898-New Zealand; d.27 Apr 1976-Auckland, N.Z.)
 - sp: Doris Lillian ROSE (b.23 Jun 1903; m.2 Apr 1937; d.7 Jul 1976-Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. Marie FLYNN (b.21 Jan 1938)
 - sp: Coenraad WERKHOVEN (b.22 Jun 1929; m.16 Feb 1963; d.25 Jul 2014-Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. Carroll Kathleen FLYNN (b.5 Dec 1945; d.18 Feb 2005)
 - sp: Gary FINNEMORE (m.18 Nov 1967)
 3. Kathleen FLYNN (b.26 Jun 1900-New Zealand; d.29 Apr 1945-New Zealand)
 - sp: Percy Robert Selwyn PLATT (b.7 Aug 1907-N.Z.; m.18 Jun 1930; d.16 Sep 1973-Auckland, N.Z.)
 4. Raymond William PLATT (b.15 Feb 1935-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; d.2 Sep 2016-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
 - sp: Margaret JACKSON (d. Bef. 2017)
 4. Margaret Mary PLATT (b.11 Oct 1939)
 - sp: Jim KENNEDY (b.1 Apr 1926)
 3. Gerald Jeremiah FLYNN (b.24 May 1902-New Zealand; d.23 Feb 1983-New Zealand)
 - sp: Myrtle Rose COLVIN (b.22 Aug 1906-New Zealand; m.20 Jun 1934; d.28 Sep 1991-Auckland, N.Z.)
 4. Maureen FLYNN (b.22 Apr 1935)
 - sp: Peter MILLER (b.28 Aug 1928; m.16 Feb 1957)
 4. Terence Gerald FLYNN (b.14 Sep 1936; d.3 Nov 2014-New Zealand)
 - sp: Yvonne WATSON (b.24 Mar 1939; m.28 Jan 1961)
 4. Brian John FLYNN (b.22 Mar 1941)
 - sp: Lynette COURTNEY (b.21 Jan 1942; m.21 Feb 1967; d.13 Feb 2011-Auckland, New Zealand)
 3. Josephine FLYNN (b.30 Jul 1904-New Zealand; d.5 Jun 1988-Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: William Thomas FRYER (b.21 Jun 1902-Auckland, N.Z.; m.4 Jul 1934; d.15 Dec 1966-Epsom, Auckland, N.Z.)
 4. William James FRYER (b. Abt. 1936; d. 18 Oct 2020-Auckland, Auckland, N.Z.)

- sp: Ann Patricia JAMES (m.19 Jan 1963)
4. Mary Helen FRYER (b.3 Dec 1940; d.24 Jul 2020-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
sp: Kevin Buxton O'CONNOR (b.12 May 1940; m.16 Oct 1965)
2. Johanna MCCORMACK (b.3 Jan 1867-Grenanstown, Toomavara, Tipperary, Ireland; d.30 Aug 1965-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: John Joseph CARROLL (c.20 Dec 1856-Borrisoleigh, Tipp., Ire.; m.6 Apr 1891; d.25 May 1941- Auckland, New Zealand)
3. John Joseph CARROLL (b.1 Jan 1892-New Zealand; d.8 Feb 1962-New Zealand)
3. Charles Patrick CARROLL (b.27 Sep 1893-New Zealand; d.15 May 1979-New Zealand)
3. Johanna Josephine CARROLL (b.20 Nov 1895-New Zealand; d.3 Mar 1990-New Zealand)
3. Terence CARROLL (b.28 Jul 1898-Kuaotunu, Coromandel, New Zealand; d.4 Sep 1918-at sea)
3. Kathleen CARROLL (b.19 Nov 1900-New Zealand; d.21 Jul 1975-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. James Michael CARROLL (b.22 Mar 1903-New Zealand; d.15 Feb 1973-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Rosaleen Ethel KEARNEY (b.8 Dec 1904-Maharashtra, N.Z.; m.15 Feb 1937; d.2001 New Zealand)
3. Thomas Anthony CARROLL (b.14 Jan 1906-New Zealand; d.21 Mar 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Winnifred Lilly MOORE (b.11 Aug 1909-Queensland, Australia; m.27 Dec 1939; d.26 Aug 1997-N.Z.)
4. Rosemary Joan CARROLL
sp: Patrick D. BROSNAN
4. Michael Anthony CARROLL (b. 25 Jul 1945-Te Kopuru, New Zealand; d.5 Jun 2009, Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Dorothy Catherine CARROLL
sp: GILES
4. Anne Margaret CARROLL (b. 27 Apr 1950-Te Kopuru, New Zealand; d. 17 Mar 2010-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: James Edward BOLTON
4. Lawrence CARROLL
3. Richard John CARROLL (b.8 Jun 1908-New Zealand; d.12 Aug 1999-New Zealand)
sp: Lucy Scott FINLAY (b.7 Jul 1919-Dumbarton, Dunbarton, Scotland; m.23 Nov 1940; d.26 May 1993-New Zealand)
3. Mary Agnes CARROLL (b.13 Sep 1910-New Zealand; d.8 Jun 2002-New Zealand)
2. Michael MCCORMACK (b.23 Nov 1870-Grenanstown, Toomavara, Tipperary, Ireland; d.2 Dec 1912-Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
sp: Jessie Honnor MCLOUGHLIN (b.9 Aug 1879-New Zealand; m.31 Dec 1906; d.22 Jun 1957-Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
3. James Herbert MCCORMACK (b.25 Oct 1907; d.30 Apr 1992-New Zealand)
sp: Mona Marie GARRETT (b.23 Oct 1913-N.Z.; m. Apr 1939; d.7 Nov 2001-N.Z.)
4. Eileen Marie MCCORMACK (b.27 Jul 1942-New Zealand; d.17 Aug 2004)
sp: Gary Malcolm MCMILLAN
4. Valerie Rose Maureen MCCORMACK

- sp: Francis Timothy HEALING
4. Rosemary Honor MCCORMACK
sp: CHALKLEN
3. John Patrick MCCORMACK (b.23 Apr 1910-New Zealand; d.2 Apr 2003-New Zealand)
sp: Margaret Anne LOACH (b.8 Jun 1921; m. Aft 1967; d.13 Jun 2005-Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
3. Gladys Ella MCCORMACK (b.12 Oct 1911-New Zealand; d.11 Dec 1980-Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
sp: George Manson TWIGLEY (b. Abt 1904; m.16 Feb 1935; bur.15 Oct 1949-Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
4. David Bruce TWIGLEY
sp: Mary-Louise
4. Ian Manson TWIGLEY (b.1942; d.12 Apr 1943)
4. Colin Roderick TWIGLEY (b.3 Jul 1944; d.6 May 2018-New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand)
Sp: Rosalind Mary (b. Abt 1944; d. 11 Sep 2014-New Plymouth, Taranaki, N.Z.)
4. Keith Arthur TWIGLEY (b.3 Jul 1944; d.31 Jan 2006)
sp: Fay Margaret KIRKMAN (m. Apr 1970-Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
2. Catherine MCCORMACK (b.7 Nov 1873-Grenanstown, Toomavara, Tipperary, Ireland; d.13 Apr 1945-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: James GUNN (b.1863; m.2 Jul 1902; d.3 Jan 1932-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. James Leo GUNN (b.9 Jul 1903-New Zealand; d.16 Aug 1986-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Betty Veronica FLANAGAN (b.6 Nov 1914-New Zealand; m.30 Mar 1937; d.19 Feb 1996-N.Z.)
4. Elizabeth GUNN (b.1938; d.2 Nov 1942)
4. Kevin GUNN
sp: Jacqueline STANION
4. Janet Marie GUNN
sp: Rodney William SPRINGHALL
4. Louise Mary GUNN
sp: Laurence Alexander DAVIE
3. William Patrick GUNN (b.1 Apr 1907-New Zealand; d.26 Oct 1978-Auckland, N.Z.)
3. Maureen Johanna GUNN (b.17 Sep 1911-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.14 May 1976-Auckland, New Zealand)



Chapter 7 – William Gleeson and Julia Lowry



William Gleeson and his younger brother, Patrick, left Mucklin in the early 1850s, while still in their teens. Stories handed down in both descendant families differ a little in the details, but we know that they sailed from Liverpool, England, on the ship “Marco Polo” on 4 July 1852, bound for Australia. The boys left the ship in Melbourne, and followed the route of thousands of others, inland to the gold fields of Ballarat.

The Gleeson brothers participated in the infamous Eureka Stockade in December 1854, and remained in Australia until 1862 when gold was discovered in Otago, New Zealand. They followed the gold, travelling to Otago, the West Coast of the south island and later Thames in the Coromandel area of the north island.

While at Thames, William met fellow Irishman Michael Hayes, who encouraged him to buy land with his savings from the gold mining, which he did, purchasing property at Waipipi in about 1865.

In 1870, William married the much younger Julia Lowry, step-daughter of Michael Hayes, at Waipipi, on land that had been gifted to the Roman Catholic Church by the government, for a church that had not yet been built.

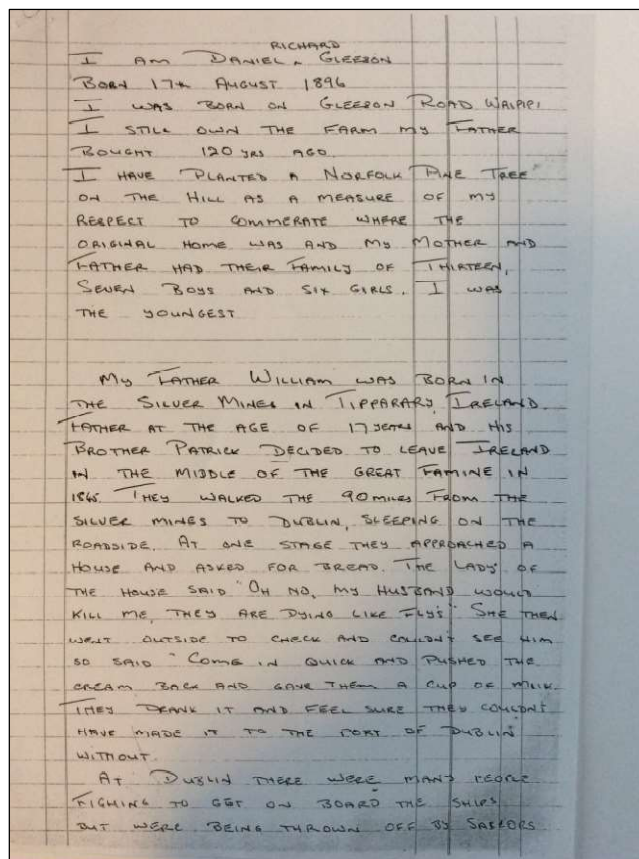


William Gleeson and Julia Lowry 1870 Wedding.

William and Julia produced 13 children, all born at Waipipi, as follows –

- Michael William Gleeson, born 1871
- James Joseph Gleeson, born 1873
- Patrick Gleeson, born 1875
- Catherine Mary Gleeson, born 1877
- Martin John Gleeson, born 1879
- John Gleeson, born 1882
- Margaret Gleeson, born 1882
- Mary Jane Gleeson, born 27 March 1883
- Johanna Evangaline Gleeson, born 1886
- William Thomas Gleeson, born 1889
- Maud Cecilia Gleeson, born 4 October 1891
- Winifred Patricia Gleeson, born 1895
- Daniel Richard Gleeson, born 17 August 1896

The youngest child, Daniel, was born when William was almost 60 years old. Dan made a trip to Ireland in 1967, stayed for 3 months, and documented the names, years of birth, marriage and death, and other notes, from information provided by the Gleeson relatives still living in Ireland at the time. On his return to New Zealand, he visited us in Palmerston North and provided my mother with a copy of this information, plus a 15 page summary of his life and the lives of his parents. It was this information that started me on my lifelong love of family history. Thank you Dan!



Sample of Dan Gleeson's Notes on the Gleeson Family.

William Gleeson passed away on 18 October 1905, and his passing is recorded in the local newspaper as follows – *“William Gleeson, whose death in the Waiuku district was announced last week, was, perhaps, not so well known to Aucklanders as his younger and more successful brother, Patrick Gleeson, now of Napier. Deceased, however, was a very old settler of the Waiuku district, having resided there for close on 40 years. Mr Gleeson, who was a native of Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, emigrated to Melbourne in the early fifties, but on the discovery of gold in Otago took ship with his younger brother from Melbourne and has ever since resided in New Zealand. Deceased was a very powerful man in his younger days, but has been ailing for some years past, and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family to mourn their loss”*^{xix}.

Julia lived on until 1939, dying on 8 January. Her newspaper obituary read as follows –

*“AN EARLY SETTLER
MRS. JULIA GLEESON
DEATH AT EIGHTY-SEVEN*

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at a private hospital of Mrs. Julia Gleeson, widow of the late Mr. William Gleeson, at the age of 87. She was born in Coventry, England, and as Miss Julia Lowry came to New Zealand in the ship Matoka, which took five months on the voyage. She was believed to be the last surviving passenger. Immediately after her arrival Mrs. Gleeson went to live at Waipipi, and later married and settled there permanently. She lived to see the rough uncultivated land transformed into scenes of fertile prosperity. Mrs. Gleeson always took an active part in the life of the district, and was held in high esteem. She is survived by a family of 10”^{xx}.

The known descendants of William and Julia Gleeson are as follows –

1. William GLEESON (b.1 Jan 1837-Mucklin, Tipperary, Ireland; d.18 Oct 1905-Waiuku, Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Julia G. LOWRY (b.1853-Coventry, Warwick, England; m. 19 Sep 1870; d.8 Jan 1939-Waiuku, New Zealand)
2. Michael William GLEESON (b.5 Aug 1871-New Zealand; d.16 Dec 1949-New Zealand)
sp: Rizpah Selina FOLEY (b.12 Feb 1874-Manganui, New Zealand; m.1898; d.18 Sep 1950-N.Z.)
3. Hazel Louise GLEESON (b.30 Aug 1897-New Zealand; d.21 Apr 1991-New Zealand)
sp: Anton Joseph MATTHEWS (b.22 Feb 1880-New Zealand; m.29 Sep 1920; d.2 Aug 1959-Kaitaia, Northland, New Zealand)
4. Elizabeth Ellen MATTHEWS (b.18 Sep 1921-New Zealand; d.2 Nov 1992-New Zealand)
sp: Ronald James STEWART (b. 7 Nov 1919-New Zealand; m.1942; d. 20 Jul 2000-New Zealand)
4. Frank Joseph MATTHEWS (b. 10 Dec 1922; d.1 Oct 2019-Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
sp: Esther Isobel KEMP (b.9 Sep 1924; m.1943; d.2002-New Zealand)
5. Dennis Frank MATTHEWS (b. Abt 1944; d. 5 Jul 1963-Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand)
5. Noel MATTHEWS (d. Bef 2020)
4. Daniel William MATTHEWS (b. Abt 1924; d.6 Aug 1972-New Zealand)

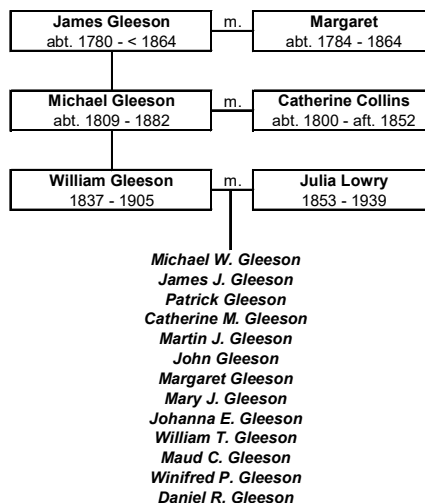
- 4. John Hayward MATTHEWS (b.15 Sep 1926; d.13 Feb 1989-New Zealand)
sp: Stella Marie HAYES (b.19 Jan 1924; m.1947; d.1 Nov 2007-New Zealand)
- 4. Leslie James MATTHEWS
sp: Jean Ruth WADDELL (m.1950)
- 4. Clive Blencowe MATTHEWS (b. Abt 1928; d.3 Dec 1959-Waitakere, Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4. Violet Hazel MATTHEWS (b.31 Oct 1929; d.22 Feb 2009-New Zealand)
sp: Percival Boyd Patrick GOODWIN (b.8 Oct 1923; m.1953; d.8 Dec 2003-N.Z.)
- 3. William John Edmund GLEESON (b.21 Sep 1898-New Zealand; d.31 Mar 1993-Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
sp: Freda Gertrude (b.29 Apr 1901; d.9 Apr 1985-New Zealand)
- 4. Desmond John GLEESON
- 3. James GLEESON (b.7 Nov 1900-New Zealand; d. Abt 1920-New Zealand)
- 3. Julia Selina GLEESON (b.8 Apr 1902-New Zealand; d.30 May 1983-Kaitaia, Northland, New Zealand)
sp: John Clyde (Jack) GREENFIELD (d. Bef 1984)
- 4. Joycephine Adelaide GREENFIELD (d.28 Aug 2018-Atherton, Queensland, Australia)
sp: Ian Rae ALLAN (b.8 Aug 1929-Atherton, Queensland, Australia; m.1956; d.11 Jun 2013-Cairns, Queensland, Australia)
- 4. James John GREENFIELD
- 4. William Owen GREENFIELD
- 4. Allan Clyde GREENFIELD
- 3. George Makarof GLEESON (b.17 Sep 1904-Kaitaia, Northland, New Zealand; d.11 Jan 1988-Waiharara, Northland, New Zealand)
sp: Thelma Kathleen MCCANN (b.9 Dec 1907-New Zealand; m.7 Feb 1933; d.11 Dec 1993-Kauri Flats, Northland, New Zealand)
- 4. Barry Patrick GLEESON (b.11 Mar 1934-New Zealand; d.1 Feb 1999-New Zealand)
- 4. Patricia Barbara GLEESON (b. Abt 1935-New Zealand)
sp: BOYD
- 4. Michael James GLEESON (b. Abt 1937-New Zealand; d.21 Oct 1963-New Zealand)
sp: Wynsome
- 4. Colleen Violet GLEESON (b. Abt 1943-New Zealand)
- 4. Wayne Russell GLEESON (b. Abt 1950; d.9 Aug 1950-New Zealand)
- 3. Kathleen GLEESON (b.16 Nov 1906-New Zealand; d.8 Dec 2002-New Zealand)
sp: Frederick Oscar NORDSTRAND (b.18 Aug 1883-New Zealand; m.20 Jan 1929; d.28 Oct 1970-N.Z.)
- 4. Frederick Michael William NORDSTRAND (b.17 Apr 1930; d.27 Aug 2017-New Zealand)
sp: Beverley Laura GRACE (m.1952; d. 1981-2017)
- 3. Patrick Colin GLEESON (b.14 Aug 1909-New Zealand; d.3 Apr 2004-Kaitaia, N.Z.)
sp: Norah Violet MCCANN (b.1 Sep 1910-New Zealand; m.1938; d.12 May 1949-N.Z.)
- 4. Patrick GLEESON
sp: Lorna
- 4. Elaine Leslie GLEESON
sp: Barrie KNIGHTBRIDGE
sp: Winifred Sarah BAXTER (b.21 Oct 1916; m.1950; d.17 Aug 1987-New Zealand)

3. Martin Thomas Michael GLEESON (b.23 Jun 1912-New Zealand; d.14 May 1994-New Zealand)
 sp: Winifred Lois BURROWS (b. 15 Aug 1920-New Zealand; m.29 Dec 1938; d.3 Aug 2006-New Zealand)
 4. May GLEESON
 4. June GLEESON
 sp: Graham Maxwell BURNAGE (b. 20 Sep 1940; d. 6 Jun 2018-New Zealand)
 4. Martin GLEESON
 4. John GLEESON
 4. George GLEESON
 4. Raymond Leslie GLEESON
 Donald Noel GLEESON (d. Sep 2018-Auckland, New Zealand)
2. James Joseph GLEESON (b.27 Apr 1873-Coromandel, N.Z.; d.25 Mar 1906-Auckland, Auckland, N.Z.)
 sp: Frances COTTER (b.12 Mar 1878-New Zealand; m.10 Apr 1901; d.27 Jun 1944-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
 3. William James GLEESON (b.29 Jun 1902-New Zealand; d.21 Oct 1959-New Zealand)
 sp: Winifred Naomi COOPER (b.11 Nov 1898-New Zealand; m.29 Oct 1924; d.14 May 1982-New Zealand)
2. Patrick GLEESON (b. 23 May 1875-N.Z.; d.7 Sep 1876-Kohekohe, Auckland, N.Z.)
2. Catherine Mary GLEESON (b.2 Sep 1877-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.12 Aug 1946-Opotiki, New Zealand)
 sp: George Henry MARTIN (b.7 Oct 1889; m.9 Nov 1910; d.23 Aug 1951-Auckland, N.Z.)
 3. Julia Evangeline MARTIN (b.30 Nov 1911-New Zealand; d.13 Oct 1992-New Zealand)
 sp: Frederick Sydney FISHER (b.4 Mar 1911-New Zealand; m.6 Jun 1934; d.26 Dec 1979-Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, N.Z.)
 3. Loreto Maria MARTIN (b.23 Oct 1916-New Zealand; d.6 Nov 1981-New Zealand)
 sp: Terance Charles John O'NEIL (b.2 Sep 1912-Pembroke, Wales; m.27 Mar 1940; d.25 Aug 1983-New Zealand)
2. Martin John GLEESON (b.8 Sep 1879-Waiuku, N.Z.; d.22 Nov 1959-Waipipi, Waiuku, New Zealand)
 sp: Elizabeth Augusta COTTER (b.1882; m.14 Sep 1910; d.18 Sep 1971-Waiuku, N.Z.)
 3. Edmund William Patrick GLEESON (b.26 Dec 1910-New Zealand; d.22 Nov 1959-New Zealand)
 sp: Annie Gladys DONOVAN (b.6 Mar 1915-New Zealand; m.1946; d.6 Jun 1989 -Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. Dennis Patrick GLEESON (b.1948; d.25 Aug 1964)
 4. Bernadette Ann GLEESON (b.1950-New Zealand; d.16 Jan 2020-Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. John Edmund GLEESON
 4. Anna Maria GLEESON
 4. Denise Christine GLEESON
3. Elizabeth Catherine GLEESON (b.3 Jan 1912-New Zealand; d.20 Jun 1996-N.Z.)
 sp: John Patrick HAWKINS (b.2 Jul 1910-New Zealand; m.25 Nov 1939; d.9 Nov 1974 -New Zealand)
 4. Juliane Elizabeth HAWKINS

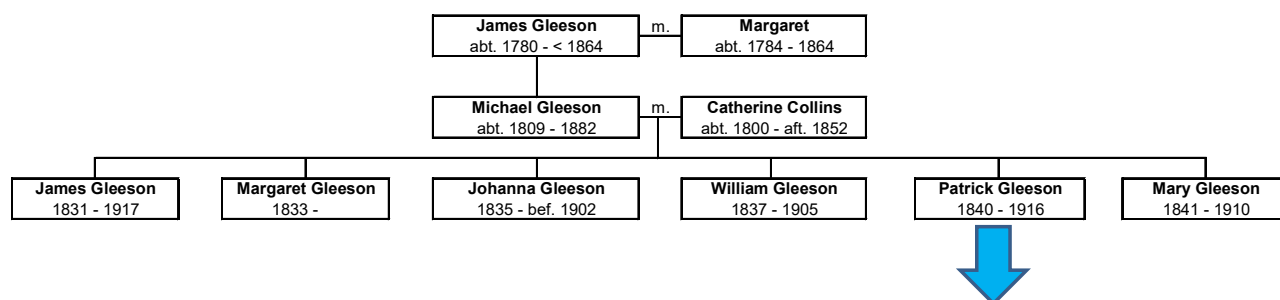
- sp: Graeme Robert LITTLE
4. James Thomas HAWKINS
 3. Gregory James GLEESON (b.24 Apr 1913-New Zealand; d.30 Mar 1981-New Zealand)
sp: Netta Ellena GARLAND (b.20 Aug 1910-New Zealand; m.1949; d.5 Jul 1997-
Carindale, Queensland, Australia)
 4. Teresa Ellen Mary GLEESON (b.24 Feb 1950-Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand; d.1
Feb 2014-Brisbane, Queensland, Australia)
 3. Vera Julia GLEESON (b.15 Aug 1916-New Zealand; d.14 Mar 2018-Auckland, N.Z.)
sp: Michael Joseph MULLALLY (b.10 Jan 1914-New Zealand; m.31 Oct 1936; d.3 Apr
1955-Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. Margaret A. MULLALLY (b.1942; d.4 Aug 2014-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Brian (Donald) John WALKER (b.9 Jul 1934; d.4 Sep 2006-New Zealand)
 3. Eric Martin GLEESON (b.7 Apr 1923-New Zealand; d.6 Feb 1981-New Zealand)
sp: Phyllis Edna SMITH (b.19 Mar 1927; m.1950; d.22 Apr 2010-New Zealand)
 4. Martin Richard GLEESON
 4. Mary Catherine GLEESON
 4. Peter Michael GLEESON
 4. Brendan James GLEESON
 4. Carmel Elizabeth GLEESON
 2. John GLEESON (b.17 May 1882-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.5 Jun 1882-New Zealand)
 2. Margaret GLEESON (b.17 May 1882-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.25 Oct 1970-New Zealand)
sp: Michael GOONAN (b.1879-Waitekauri, N.Z.; m.24 Mar 1913; d.1 Jan 1967-Waihi,
Hauraki, New Zealand)
 3. Anne Lowrey GOONAN (b.5 Jan 1914-Paeroa, New Zealand; d.1 Jun 2009-N.Z.)
sp: Lennard Thaxter CARRICK (b.28 Sep 1909-New Zealand; m.21 Dec 1940; d.15 Jul
1942-Western Desert, North Africa)
sp: John William FUREY (b.7 Jan 1912-New Zealand; m.1950; d.20 Jun 1990-N.Z.)
 3. Mary Margaret GOONAN (b.4 May 1915-New Zealand; d.4 Jun 1998-New Zealand)
sp: Everett John FOWLER (b.17 Aug 1914-Te Aroha, N.Z.; m.1940; d.16 Sep 1990-N.Z.)
 4. Graeme Patrick FOWLER
 4. Michael John FOWLER (d.1 Jul 2015-Tauranga, New Zealand)
 4. Patricia Anne FOWLER (b. -Waihi, Hauraki, New Zealand)
sp: Robert Wayne PASCOE
 2. Mary Jane GLEESON (b.27 Mar 1883-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.16 Jul 1963-Waiuku, N.Z.)
sp: Albert Francis RAU (b.19 Jun 1889-Aratapu, Dargaville, New Zealand; m.18 Aug 1910;
d.27 Mar 1948-Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
 3. Elizabeth Anne RAU (b.15 Jul 1911-Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand; d.13 Sep 2001)
sp: Martin James MCNAMARRA (b.9 Apr 1906-New Zealand; m.14 Jun 1939; d.25 Jun
1990-Waiuku, New Zealand)
 4. John Clifton MCNAMARRA
 4. Albert Martin MCNAMARRA
 4. Raewyn Elizabeth MCNAMARRA
 4. Mary Patricia MCNAMARRA
sp: Ross CLAMPITT
 4. Margaret Ann MCNAMARRA
sp: John HINDMARSH

3. William Charles RAU (b.3 Oct 1913-Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand; d.26 Mar 1984-New Zealand)
 sp: Audrey Vera HAWKINS (m.1947(Div))
3. Albert Gleeson RAU (b.15 Nov 1914-Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand; d.6 Jun 1968-Whakatane, New Zealand)
 sp: Ivy Kathleen WALKER (b.10 Jul 1914-Raukokore, New Zealand; m. 14 Jun 1939)
4. Kathleen Frances RAU (b. -Opotiki, New Zealand)
 sp: Desmond WICKS (b.14 Feb 1935-Te Kuiti, New Zealand; m.8 Apr 1961; d.1 Dec 1997-Auckland,New Zealand)
4. Albert De'Renzy RAU (b. - Opotiki, New Zealand)
4. Ian Alfred RAU (b. - Opotiki, New Zealand)
4. David Charles RAU (b. - Whakatane, New Zealand)
3. Clifton Vale RAU (b.16 Sep 1917-Opotiki, New Zealand; d.11 Mar 2009-New Zealand)
 sp: Margaret Mary Alacoque LYNCH (b.17 Sep 1920- Bullring, Drogheda, Louth, Ireland; m.6 Jan 1951; d. 8 Aug 1972-Papatoetoe ,Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Peter Francis RAU
4. John Antony RAU (b. - Opotiki, New Zealand)
 sp: UNKNOWN
4. Brendon Kevin RAU
4. Noel Dominic RAU
4. Helen Catherine RAU
4. Annette Margaret RAU
3. James Francis RAU (b.22 Nov 1919-Opotiki, New Zealand; d.18 Apr 2000-N.Z.)
 sp: Annie Patricia QUINN (b.21 Sep 1917-New Zealand; m.1944; d.6 Feb 2008-N.Z.)
3. Charles Lawrence RAU (b.22 Jul 1921-Opotiki, N.Z.; d.30 Jun 2015-Gisborne, N.Z.)
 sp: Irene Mary Henrietta CARLSEN(b.27 Jul 1926; m.1946; d.8 Jul 2011-Gisborne, N.Z.)
4. Laurence RAU
 sp: Liz
4. Jacqueline RAU
 sp: Dale SMITH
4. Marilyn RAU
 sp: Jim BROWNLIE
4. Robyn RAU
 sp: Des CHAFFEY
3. Mary Evelyn RAU (b.4 Dec 1926-Opotiki, New Zealand; d.8 Aug 2012-New Zealand)
 sp: Alistair James FLEMING (b.3 Sep 1930; m.26 Jun 1954; d.12 Jan 2019-N.Z.)
2. Johanna Evangaline GLEESON (b.11 Dec 1885-Waiuku, N.Z.; d.28 Oct 1973-Waiuku, New Zealand)
 sp: James CONNELL (b.28 Nov 1889-New Zealand; m.11 Dec 1917; d.10 Oct 1936-Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Sheila Winnifred CONNELL (b.15 Sep 1920-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.10 Oct 1923-Waiuku, New Zealand)
2. William Thomas GLEESON (b.18 Jan 1889-New Zealand; d.5 Oct 1962-Waipipi, N.Z.)
2. Maud Cecilia GLEESON (b.4 Oct 1891-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.16 Apr 1982-Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: Richard Joseph MCAUFIELD (b.13 Sep 1886-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; m.1 Nov 1939; d.

- 31 Mar 1953-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
2. Winifred Patricia GLEESON (b.11 Jan 1895-New Zealand; d.13 Jul 1990-Waiuku, Auckland, New Zealand)
- sp: James Templeton HAMILTON (b.21 Sep 1885-Avondale, Lanark, Scotland; m.2 Jun 1926; d.18 Sep 1972-New Zealand)
3. William Gleeson HAMILTON (b.25 Jan 1929; d.2 Sep 1992-New Zealand)
3. Joyce Winifred HAMILTON
- sp: Colin HAMILTON (b.21 Jun 1925; m.1950; d.12 Apr 2020-Waiuku, Auckland, N.Z.)
4. John HAMILTON
4. Peter HAMILTON
4. Terence HAMILTON
4. Robert HAMILTON
4. Colin HAMILTON
2. Daniel Richard GLEESON (b.17 Aug 1896-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.6 Feb 1989-N.Z.)
- sp: Mary Amelia DONOVAN (b.18 Apr 1909-N.Z.; m.30 Nov 1937; d.24 Jun 1976-Waiuku, New Zealand)
3. Brian William GLEESON (b.21 Feb 1939; d.28 Nov 1994-Waiuku, Auckland, N.Z.)
- sp: Margaret Mary IRELAND
4. Geoffrey William GLEESON
4. James Daniel GLEESON
4. Theresa Maria GLEESON
3. Colleen Teresa GLEESON (b.14 Jul 1940; d.22 Sep 1960-New Zealand)
3. Patricia Julia GLEESON
- sp: Terrance John HOGAN
4. Mark HOGAN
4. Gwendoline HOGAN
3. Mary GLEESON
- sp: Howard ASPIN
3. Daniel Michael GLEESON
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Chapter 8 – Patrick Gleeson and Margaret Lynch



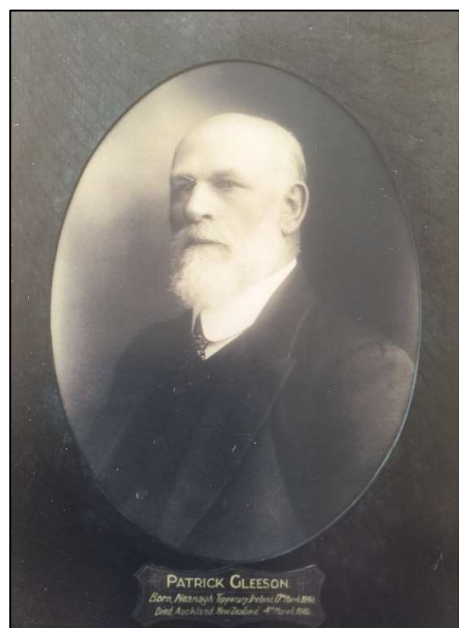
As identified in chapter 7, Patrick Gleeson left Mucklin in the early 1850s, with his older brother, William, following the gold rush to Australia, and then Otago, West Coast and Coramandel in New Zealand.

At Thames the brothers' paths diverged. While William went farming at Waipipi, Patrick (Paddy) invested in hotels, initially in Auckland, but later in several cities throughout the North Island.

When he married Margaret Lynch on 31 March 1874, at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Auckland, Patrick was listed as a 33 year old hotelkeeper, residing at the Wakefield Hotel in Victoria Street^{xxi}. Margaret Lynch was 27 years old and hailed from County Limerick.

Patrick and Margaret Gleeson raised 5 children, born as follows –

- Catherine Gleeson, born 1876
- Margaret Gleeson, born 1877
- Michael Lynch Gleeson, born 1880
- James Collins Gleeson, born 1882
- Patrick Spellman Gleeson, born 28 November 1883



Patrick Gleeson.

Their younger daughter, Margaret, suffered from asthma, so Patrick moved his family from Auckland to Napier, in hopes that the drier climate might help her condition. However, Margaret died on 21 February 1893 and is buried in the cemetery on Napier Hill.

Following the death of their daughter, Patrick and Margaret Gleeson eventually returned to Auckland, where Patrick continued to do well in the hotel business, while continuing to own hotels in the Napier area.

This connection to Napier continued throughout their lives, and although they died in Auckland, both Patrick and Margaret are buried in the family plot in the Napier cemetery, alongside their daughter Margaret.



Gleeson Headstone – Napier Cemetery

Patrick died on 4 March 1916 and his obituary appeared in the Auckland Star newspaper two days later –

“OBITUARY. MR. PATRICK GLEESON. A well-known resident of Auckland, Mr. Patrick Gleeson, died at his residence, Selwyn Lodge, Parnell, on March 4, at the advanced age of 78 years. In his earlier days deceased was one of the hardy band of pioneers who followed the goldfields. A native of Tipperary, Ireland, Mr. Gleeson went out to Australia when a lad of 14, and worked on various goldfields. He was present at the fight for the Eureka Stockade in Ballarat when the miners rose in protest against the high cost of "rights" to dig for gold. From Australia, Mr. Gleeson came across to the New Zealand goldfields in the early sixties, and finally settled in Napier. Later he removed to Auckland and built Gleeson's Hotel, at the foot of Hobson Street, and then ultimately became the owner of a number of hotels. Some time ago he returned to Napier, where he went in for building, then coming back to

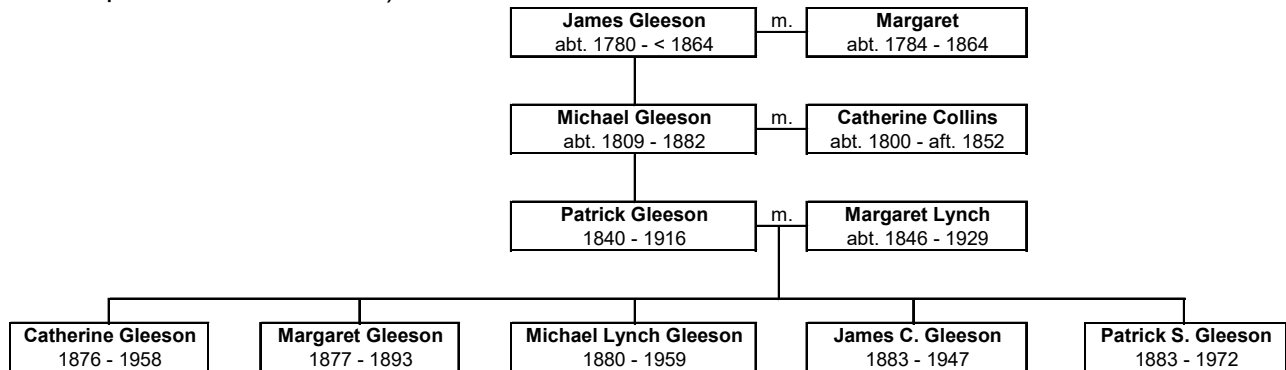
Auckland, erected several large buildings in this city. Mr. Gleeson was a well preserved man for his years. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mr. M. J. Gleeson, of Napier; Mr. P. S. Gleeson, Mr. J. C. Gleeson (ex-City Councillor), and Mrs. M. Treston, of Napier. The interment will be at Napier”^{xxii}. His wife, Margaret, lived on for 13 years after the death of her husband, and died in Auckland on 19 September 1929.

The known descendants of Patrick and Margaret Gleeson are as follows –

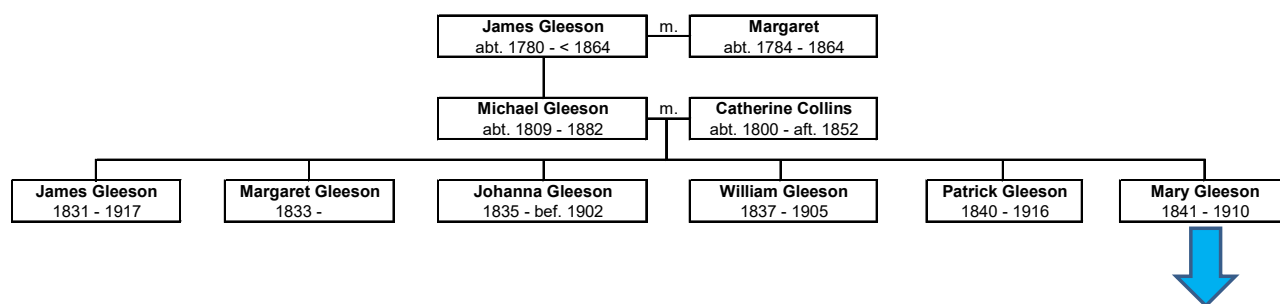
1. Patrick GLEESON (b. Abt 1839-Tipperary, Ireland; d.4 Mar 1916-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Margaret LYNCH (b. Abt 1846-Limerick, Ireland; m.31 Mar 1874; d.19 Sep 1929-Auckland, New Zealand)
2. Catherine GLEESON (b.1876-New Zealand; d.30 May 1958-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Malcolm Valentine TRESTON (b. Abt 1873; m.21 Jun 1899; d.15 Feb 1931-Palmerston North, Manawatu, New Zealand)
3. Marguerite Mary TRESTON (b.24 Mar 1901-Auckland, N.Z.; d.29 Jul 1984-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Alexander McLaren KEREBES (b.2 Sep 1905-Waipipi, N.Z.; m.1 Oct 1935; d.3 Dec 1967-Auckland, N.Z.)
4. Catherine Elizabeth KEREBES (b.7 Aug 1936-Auckland, New Zealand; d.27 May 2017-Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Kenneth Michael CLARKE (b.23 May 1940-Auckland, New Zealand; m.31 Oct 1959; d.2 Apr 2009-New Zealand)

4. Margaret Therese KEREBBS (b.3 Aug 1937-Auckland, New Zealand; d.23 Jan 2016-Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: Gordon Frederick ZETTWITZ (b.1 Sep 1938-London, Middlesex, England; d.12 Nov 2014-Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Malcolm Alexander KEREBBS (b.1940-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Monica Mary TRESTON (b.19 Feb 1906-New Zealand; d.11 Jan 1992-New Zealand)
3. Marie Christina Sybil TRESTON (b.3 Jul 1907-New Zealand; d.3 Mar 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: Allan Halsey WINTER (b.7 Apr 1913-New Zealand; m.1941; d.26 Oct 1962-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Eileen Catherine TRESTON (b.10 Aug 1909-Napier, New Zealand; d.1 Oct 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: John Frederick MCCLINTOCK (b.10 Dec 1908-Auckland, New Zealand; m.9 Feb 1937; d.14 Nov 1982-Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand)
4. John Treston MCCLINTOCK
 sp: Catherine Mary CASEY
4. Peter James MCCLINTOCK (b.26 Nov 1947-Auckland, New Zealand; d.22 Oct 2013)
 sp: Christine Mary MCDONNELL
3. Patrick Spellman Gleeson TRESTON (b.26 Oct 1912-New Zealand; d.1986-N.Z.)
 sp: Patricia Margaret INSLEY (b.18 Jun 1926; m.1945; d.5 Oct 2017-New Zealand)
4. Patrick Insley TRESTON
3. Malcolm Peter TRESTON (b.26 Apr 1918-New Zealand; d.24 Dec 1983-New Zealand)
2. Margaret GLEESON (b.1877-New Zealand; d.21 Feb 1893-Napier, New Zealand)
2. Michael Lynch GLEESON (b.11 Feb 1880-New Zealand; d.22 Jun 1959-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 sp: Jane Patricia GALLAGHAR (b. Abt 1881; m.2 Apr 1907; d.12 Aug 1946-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
3. Norah Margaret GLEESON (b.1 Feb 1910-New Zealand; d.28 Nov 1980-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 sp: Lionel Eric HARDY (b.20 Jun 1908-New Zealand; m.18 Oct 1937; d.7 Nov 1992-Takapau, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
4. Michael Frederick HARDY (b. Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 sp: Jane RITCHIE (b. Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
4. Brian Eric HARDY (b. Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 sp: Diane Sylvia REED
4. Dennis Eric HARDY (b. Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 sp: Margaret Eithne GRANT
4. Anthony Eric HARDY (b. Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 sp: Rosemary Michelle GILCHRIST
3. Patrick Francis GLEESON (b.10 Oct 1912-New Zealand; d.17 Oct 1981-Porirua, Wellington, New Zealand)
 sp: Barbara Isabel SWALE (b.16 Apr 1915-New Zealand; m.14 Oct 1939; d.23 Aug 1997-New Zealand)
4. Barbara Jane GLEESON
 sp: Ian Gary MCKEGG

3. Gerald Lynch GLEESON (b.9 Oct 1914-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.5 Nov 2001-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
 - sp: Helen Isobel BENZEVAL (b.14 Sep 1921-Dublin, Ireland; m.14 Feb 1953; d.25 Sep 2013 - Auckland, New Zealand)
 4. Jeremy Michael GLEESON
 - sp: Sue GLADSTONE
 4. Margaret Isobel GLEESON
 - sp: Richard STEVENS
 4. Helen Patricia GLEESON
 - sp: Richard HOLLAND
2. James Collins GLEESON (b.22 Dec 1882-New Zealand; d.22 Nov 1947-New Zealand)
 - sp: Erema Philomena HARDING (b.8 Dec 1902; m.7 Nov 1940; d.7 Jul 1976-New Zealand)
 3. Barry Holmes GLEESON (b.16 May 1928; d.13 May 1985-New Zealand)
 - sp: Audrey Georgina ALEXANDER (b.28 Nov 1928; m.1952; d.29 Dec 2008-N.Z.)
 4. Patrick James GLEESON
 - sp: Sharon Fay BAIRD
 4. Gaylene Lynnette GLEESON
 - sp: Kenneth William LAST-HARRIS
 4. Karen Joy GLEESON
 - sp: Andrew NOTLEY
 4. Stephanie Ann GLEESON
 - sp: Don
3. Joan GLEESON
 - 3. Pauline Anne GLEESON (b.6 Sep 1930; 14 Aug 2021-Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand)
 2. Patrick Spellman GLEESON (b.28 Nov 1883-New Zealand; d.2 Aug 1972-Auckland, Auckland, NZ)
 - sp: Elizabeth WHYNN (b.7 Mar 1895-Tyldesley, Lancashire, England; m.25 Aug 1925; d.30 Sep 1977-New Zealand)



Chapter 9 – Mary Gleeson and Denis Egan



Mary, the youngest child of Michael Gleeson and Catherine Collins, married Denis Egan of Ballycahill, Tipperary, in the Silvermines Roman Catholic Church on 23 February 1873. Their marriage produced 9 children, born as follows –

- James Egan, born 4 February, 1874
- Michael Egan, born 4 February, 1874
- Bridget Egan, born 27 February 1875
- Catherine Egan, born 2 August 1877
- Mary Egan, born 1879, died 1885
- Margaret Egan, born and died 1881
- Honora and Johanna Egan, born and died 1883
- Mary Egan, born and died 1885

Michael Egan suffered with convulsions and died aged 4 months.

The next three children all married and had children of their own, with James and Bridget remaining in Ireland, while the youngest sibling, Catherine, emigrated to New Zealand.

The remaining five children all died young.

Denis Egan died at age 67, from influenza and congestion of the lungs on 8 January 1909, and Mary died just a year later, on 30 January 1910 at 72 years of age.

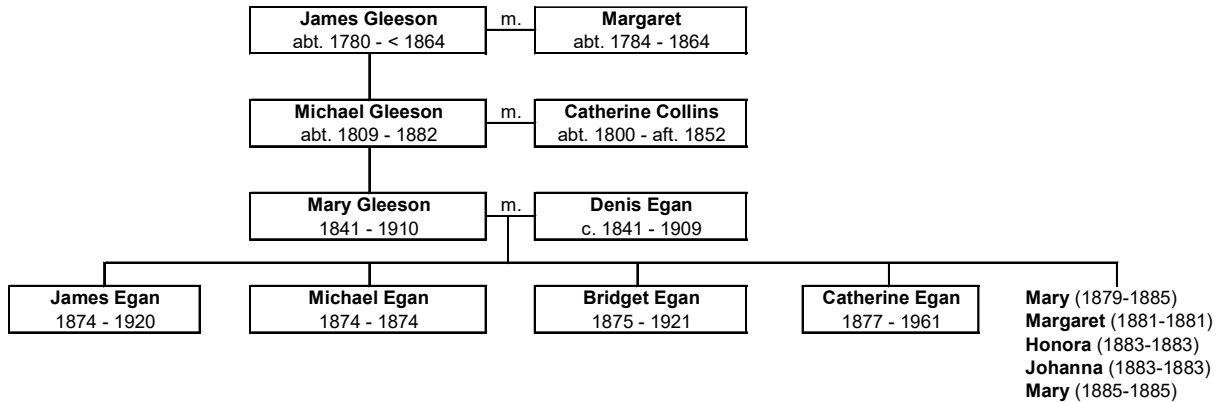
Known descendants of Mary and Denis Egan are as follows -

1. Mary GLEESON (c.21 Mar 1841-Silvermines, Kilmore, Tipperary, Ireland; d.30 Jan 1910-Knockinroe, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland)
sp: Denis EGAN (b. Abt 1841-Tipperary, Ireland; m.23 Feb 1873; d.8 Jan 1909-Ballycahill, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland)
2. James EGAN (b.4 Feb 1874-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland; d.23 Oct 1920-Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland)
sp: Margaret DWYER (b.12 Feb 1877-Carrigatoher, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland; m.16 Nov 1910; d.3 Feb 1947-Rathnaleen, Lisbunny, Tipperary, Eire)
3. Denis EGAN (b.26 Oct 1911-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland; d.11 May 1987-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland)
3. Mary EGAN (b.27 Apr 1913-Ballycahill, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland)
3. Patrick EGAN (b.10 Aug 1914-Ballycahill, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland; d.13 May 1998)
sp: Catherine RYAN (d.13 May 1989)

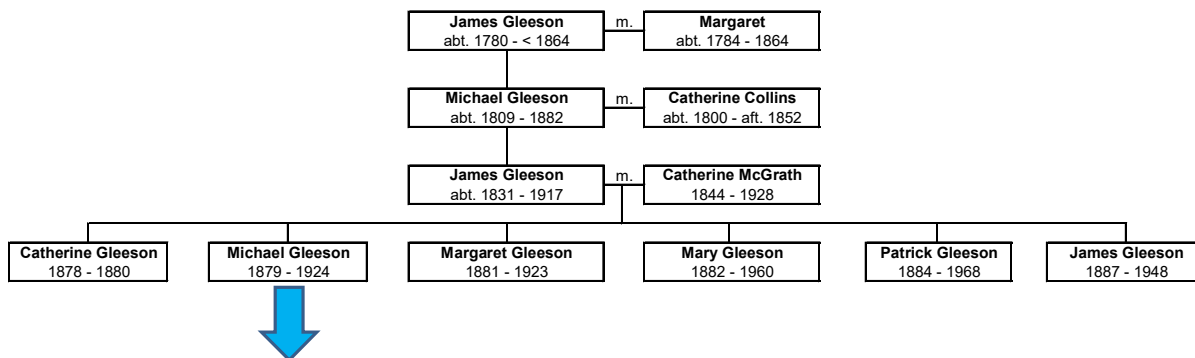
- 4. Margaret EGAN
sp: Denis BOLAND
- 4. James EGAN
sp: Una HOUGH
- 4. Agnes EGAN
sp: Michael ARCHARD
- 4. Thomas EGAN
sp: Doreen EDDERY
- 4. Patrick EGAN
- 3. James EGAN (b.7 Mar 1916-Ballycahill, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland)
sp: Maura LYONS
- 4. Seamus EGAN
sp: UNKNOWN
- 4. Margaret EGAN
sp: Eamon GRENNIN
- 3. Margaret EGAN (b.4 Oct 1919-Ballycahill, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland; d.1996)
sp: Michael FLANNERY (b.1903; d.12 Mar 1961-Nenagh, Tipperary, Eire)
- 4. Moira FLANNERY
sp: Patrick HEENAN
- 4. Seamus FLANNERY (b.1946; d.1989)
- 4. Stephen FLANNERY
- 4. Philomena FLANNERY
sp: Frank DEVANY
- 4. Patricia FLANNERY
- 2. Michael EGAN (b.4 Feb 1874-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland; d.3 Jun 1874-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland)
- 2. Bridget EGAN (b.27 Feb 1875-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland; d.10 Oct 1921)
sp: Martin RYAN (b. Abt 1875; m.2 Mar 1908; d.21 Jul 1939-Limerick, Limerick, Eire)
- 3. Winifred RYAN (b.5 Nov 1909-Knockinroe, Silvermines, Tipp., Ireland; d.21 Jun 1993)
sp: William HOGAN (m.26 Sep 1945; d.Mar 1973)
- 4. Thomas HOGAN (b. May 1948; d.14 Sep 1951-Nenagh, Tipperary, Eire)
- 3. John RYAN (b.27 Oct 1910-Knockinroe, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)
sp: Josie O'BRIEN
- 4. Martin RYAN
- 4. Jim RYAN
- 4. John RYAN
- 4. Terry RYAN
- 4. Eilleen RYAN
- 3. Denis RYAN (b.3 Feb 1912-Knockinroe, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)
sp: Bridget DELANEY (b.2 Mar 1910-Foilnamuck, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland)
- 4. Bridie RYAN
sp: John BUCKLEY
- 4. Rita RYAN
sp: Jerry O'GRADY
- 4. Liam RYAN
sp: Pauline GUIDER

3. Mary Bridget RYAN (b.20 Feb 1913-Knockinroe, Silvermines, Tipp., Ireland; d.2002)
sp: Peter KENNEDY (b.29 Jun 1909-Logg, Silvermines, Tipperary, Ireland; d.Sep 1980)
 4. Mary KENNEDY
sp: Michael SHEEHAN
 4. Patrick KENNEDY
sp: Bridget SLATTERY
 4. Anne KENNEDY
sp: Paddy EVERARD
 4. Geraldine KENNEDY
sp: John HOGAN
 4. Martin KENNEDY
3. Jeremiah RYAN (b.10 Jun 1914-Knockinroe, Silvermines, Tipp., Ireland; d. Feb 1985)
sp: Breeda Ryan BRAY
 4. Thomas RYAN
 4. Marie RYAN
sp: Rodge RYAN
 4. Anne RYAN
sp: Mick BREEN
 4. Nora RYAN
sp: Mick HARTY
 4. Claire RYAN
 4. Dan RYAN
sp: Mary BRITTAIN
 4. Martin RYAN
sp: Ann ARMITAGE
 4. Gerard RYAN
 4. Declan RYAN
3. Patrick RYAN (b.4 Aug 1916-Knockinroe, Tipperary, Ireland)
sp: Mary RYAN
 4. Bridie RYAN
 4. Timothy RYAN
 4. John RYAN
 4. May RYAN
 4. Oliver RYAN
 4. Denis RYAN
 4. Noel RYAN
 4. Ann RYAN
 4. Eileen RYAN
 4. Peter RYAN
 4. Grace RYAN
 4. Nora RYAN
 4. Martin RYAN
2. Catherine EGAN (b.2 Aug 1877-Ballycahill, Tipperary, Ireland; d.1961-New Zealand)
sp: John LANGFORD (b. Abt 1882; m.4 Jun 1912; d.14 Sep 1944-New Zealand)
 3. Rholda William LANGFORD (b.21 Oct 1912-N.Z.; d.30 Sep 1994-Auckland, N.Z.)
sp: Annie Alice KELLY (b.1914-New Zealand; m.1940; d.14 Nov 1997)

- 4. Catherine Anne LANGFORD (d.25 Oct 2017-New Zealand)
- 3. Denis LANGFORD (b.31 Jan 1915-New Zealand; d.27 Jun 2005-New Zealand)
 - sp: Kathleen Helen HENDERSON (b.8 Feb 1926; m.1955; d.18 Nov 1991-New Zealand)
 - 4. Robert John LANGFORD (b.-Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Nola Kay DURHAM
 - 4. Catherine Mary LANGFORD (b.-New Zealand)
 - 4. Elizabeth Ann LANGFORD (b.-New Zealand)
 - sp: Trevor Lawrence SHADBOLT
 - 4. Maureen Helen LANGFORD (b.-New Zealand)
- 3. Mary Catherine LANGFORD (b.1 Oct 1916-New Zealand; d.6 May 2005-New Zealand)
 - sp: George Charles SIMPSON (b.13 Apr 1920; m.1943; d.4 Jun 1982-Auckland, N.Z.)
 - 4. Kathleen C. SIMPSON
- 3. John Patrick LANGFORD (b.19 Feb 1920-New Zealand; d.25 Jun 1999-Auckland, N.Z.)
 - sp: Mary Patricia MCKILLOP (b.30 May 1919-New Zealand; m.1950; d.1991-N.Z.)
 - 4. Sharon Janice LANGFORD (b.-New Zealand)
 - sp: James William PATERSON
- 2. Mary EGAN (b. 1879; d. 1885)
- 2. Margaret EGAN (b. 1881; d. 1881)
- 2. Honora EGAN (b. 1883; d. 1883)
- 2. Johanna EGAN (b. 1883; d. 1883)
- 2. Mary EGAN (b. 1885; d. 1885)



Chapter 10 – Michael Gleeson and Mary Kilkenny



Michael Joseph was the second child and eldest son of James Gleeson and Catherine McGrath. His birth certificate states that he was born 20 December 1879 in Mucklin, Tipperary, but he was baptised a month earlier, on 23 November 1879 in the Silvermines parish church. His birth was registered by his father on 26 December 1879. Perhaps the Registrar made a simple mistake, entering the current month instead of the previous month, which would tie in with the baptism date.

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THIRD CLASS (STEEERAGE) PASSENGERS' CONTRACT TICKET.

I—A Contract Ticket is only to be given to every Passenger engaging a Passage as a Third Class (Steeerage) Passenger in any Ship proceeding from the United Kingdom to any Port out of Europe, and not within the Mediterranean Sea, immediately on the arrival or departure of such Third Class (Steeerage) Passenger of the vessel on which he is engaged, and it is to be given to the Passenger on board the vessel.

2—The Vouching Stale for the Voyage must be printed in the body of the Ticket.

3—All the Stale must be correctly filled in, and the Ticket must be printed in plain and legible characters and lightly signed with the Christian Name and Surname and Address in full of the Party issuing the same.

4—The day of the Month on which the Steerage Passengers are to embark must be inserted in Words, and not in Figures.

5—There must always be Third Class and/or Steerage Passengers on board every ship, and the number of such Passengers must be inserted in the Ticket.

6—A Contract Ticket shall not contain on the face thereof any condition, stipulation, or exception not contained in this Form.

British Steam Ship "Donic" of 1222 Tons Register, to take in Passengers at LONDON, for NEW ZEALAND, on the seventeenth day of October 1907.

I engage that the person named in the margin hereof shall be provided with a Third Class (Steeerage) Passage to, and shall be Land at the Port of Wellington in New Zealand, in the British Steam Ship "Donic" with not less than Fifteen Cubic Feet of Luggage for each Statute Adult, and shall be victualled during the voyage and the time of detention at any place before its termination, according to the subjoined Scale, for the sum of £17, including Government Dues before embarkation, and head money, if any, at the place of landing, and other charge except Freight for excess of Luggage beyond the quantity above specified, and I hereby acknowledge to have received the sum of £17 in full payment.

NAME	AGE	Sex	Special to Statute Adults
Mr. M. Gleeson	27	M	British
James		M	
Widdows		M	

ARTICLES	SCALE	ARTICLES	SCALE
Preserved Meats	1 lb.	Molasses	4 lb.
Indian Meal	1 lb.	Bacon, or Corned Beef	4 "
Maize Meal	1 lb.	Salt	6 ozs.
Starch	1 lb.	Flour	1 pint
Flour	3 "	Vinegar	1 "
Rice	1 "	Mashed Potatoes	1 "
Peas	1 "	Pepper	1 "
Onions	1 "	Salt	2 "
Raw Sugar	1 lb.	Molasses (free)	2 "
Tea	2 ozs.	Preserved Milk	1 "
Coffee	2 "	Wine	21 quarts
Butter	6 "	Lime Juice (in Tins)	6 ozs.

Substitutions at the following Rates may, at the option of the Master be made in the above Dietary Scale:

FOR	FOR
1 lb. of Preserved Meat	1 lb. of Beef or Pork
1 lb. of Flour or Bread or Maize Meal	1 lb. of Rice or Peas
1 lb. of Salt	1 lb. of Cornmeal, or other meal
1 lb. of Preserved Potatoes	1 lb. of Potatoes
1 lb. of Onions	2 ozs. of Raisins
1 lb. of Peas	1 lb. of Sugar
1 lb. of Mashed Potatoes	1 qt. of Vinegar
1 lb. of Rice	1 lb. Flour, or 1 lb. Starch, or 1 lb. Meal, or 1 lb. Peas
1 lb. of Maize Meal	

For JOHN ALEXANDER POTTER,
 Signature in full *John Alexander Potter*
 34, LEADENHALL STREET,
 London, E.C. 3, Aug. 1907.

Deposit..... £17
 Balance..... £
 Total..... £17

Notice to Third Class (Steeerage) Passengers.
 1.—If Third Class (Steeerage) Passengers, through no default of their own, are not received on board on the day named in their Contract Ticket or fail to obtain a passage in the Ship, they should apply to the Government Emigration Officer at the Port, who will assist them in obtaining redress under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.
 2.—Third Class (Steeerage) Passengers should carefully keep this part of their Contract Ticket till after the end of the Voyage.
 N.B.—This Contract Ticket is exempt from Stamp Duty.

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Michael Gleeson's Ticket on the *Ionic*.

A little before his 28th birthday, Michael set off for New Zealand with his friend, William Sherlock, who was just a few months older than Michael, and was also living in Mucklin. They sailed from London, on the ship *Ionic*, on the seventeenth of October, 1907, and arrived at Wellington, New Zealand on the fourth of December. The *Ionic* was carrying six hundred and eighty-seven passengers, the largest quantity of passengers carried to New Zealand in one ship, at that time.

The *Taranaki Daily News* of 10 December, reported that all of the arriving passengers had already found work.

THE IONIC'S IMMIGRANTS

Per Press Association.
 Wellington, Monday.

So far as can be ascertained, all the immigrants who arrived by the *Ionic* last week—over six hundred—have obtained employment. There is still a good demand for farm-hands.

Michael Gleeson and William Sherlock headed to Napier, to the Victoria Hotel which was owned by Michael's uncle, Patrick Gleeson, and managed by James Gunn, husband of Patrick's niece (Michael's first cousin), Catherine McCormack.

By August 1908, still living at the Victoria Hotel, Michael Gleeson submitted his request to bring his sister Mary to New Zealand as an assisted immigrant. The request was approved and Mary, after paying £10 towards the third class fare, in a four-berth cabin, left London on the ship *Whakatane*, on 5 December 1908.

The two men had planned on becoming policemen, but when Michael did not meet the height requirement for the police service, they switched tracks and joined New Zealand Railways in 1909 as surfacemen (gangers), which paid them 8 shillings per day.

On 24 April 1912, Michael Gleeson married Mary Catherine (Minnie) Kilkenny, in Napier. Minnie was born and raised in Puketapu, just out of Napier, the daughter of Irish immigrant parents.

Not long after their marriage, Michael was transferred to Otaki, and all four of their children were born there, as follows

- James Patrick, born 8 March 1913
- Michael William, born 15 Feb. 1915
- Kathleen Margaret, born 30 Dec. 1916
- Patrick Bernard, born 26 May 1919



**Michael Gleeson and Mary Kilkenny
1912 Wedding.**

Around 1920, Michael and his family moved back to Hawkes Bay, to Maharakeke, a small settlement just south of Waipukurau.

Michael and Minnie saved their money, hoping to buy farm land, but that was not to be, as Michael was diagnosed with cancer of the bowel. Things went from bad to worse when Michael had an accident at work and was hospitalised. He discharged himself from hospital, but promptly got sick at home, and was readmitted to Waipukurau Hospital, where he died, on 3 June 1924 from a burst appendix, leaving Minnie with four children aged from 5 to 11 years old.



Michael, Minnie and Family abt. 1924.

Minnie moved with the family to Basil Road, Meeanee. Her sister Lena (Ellen Kilkenny) had inherited the rural property from their parents. Frank, the youngest Kilkenny brother, and Lena helped Minnie with the children.

The two sisters continued to live under the same roof until Lena died on 31 January 1970. Minnie died 7 November 1972, having been a widow for more than 48 years, and a wife for only 12 years.

James Patrick (Jim) Gleeson, the eldest child of Michael and Minnie, is certainly the most publicly well-known of their children. After his father's death, Jim began working at whatever work was available, to help contribute to the family's well-being. Their home was not badly damaged in the 1931 Napier earthquake, but fearing after-shocks, Minnie had the children sleep outside on the lawn. Lying on the lawn, they could hear the continued turbulence deep in the ground and feel every little tremor.

On 7 December 1936, Jim Gleeson married Sheila Pickering, and they raised 3 children together –

- Colleen Mary Ethel
- Margaret Julie
- James Leslie (Leslie)



**Jim Gleeson and Sheila Pickering
1936 Wedding.**

In the late 1930s Jim worked as a car salesman, but by 1939 he realized that there was money to be made selling auto parts, and set up his own business, *Gleeson Motor Supplies*, operating out of his home on Vigor Brown Street in Napier.

The early days of the business were interrupted by World War II, and Jim joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and served as ground crew in the Solomon Islands.



Jim Gleeson abt. 1996.

Over the years, Jim's business grew, and in 1961 he moved the business to premises in Carlyle Street, Napier, selling parts for older vehicles, especially Chevrolet and other U.S. models. Jim's stock of parts for these vehicles became so well known that he received orders from all over the world, and often had parts not available in the U.S.

In 1968 he began a series of disputes with the Napier City Council, and it was these disputes that put him in the limelight locally. He battled the council over rates (city taxes), fencing, etc., and spent some time in jail (to the mortification of his family) for refusing to pay a penalty to the city. To Jim's delight most of his jail time was spent in hospital getting some medical issues resolved! Undeterred over his sentencing, Jim fought on, and in 1991 he was awarded \$74,000 damages for land that the city had taken from the front of his property to widen Carlyle Street.

I remember in my youth, living in Palmerston North, we would often hear a knock on the door well after the dinner hour at night, and in would stroll Jim Gleeson. He would stay for a cup of tea and a chat, then back out to his truck, often pulling a trailer, both loaded high with cars that he had bought around the southern North Island, heading home to Napier. Jim was also very interested in motor racing, and I remember as a young boy, going to race meetings with Jim and his brother Bill.

Jim sold his business when he was 87 years old, but continued working, selling whatever he could make a dollar on. At age 95 he had outlived his life insurance policy, and he received a financial settlement form the insurance company, a very rare event. Jim died at the age of 97 years, on 27 April 2010, a true Hawke's Bay personality.

Michael William (Bill) Gleeson, the second child of Michael and Minnie, lived a much quieter life than his older brother. Bill was in his second year at the Napier Tech when the Hawkes Bay Earthquake struck, and the school was destroyed. He finished the school year at Sacred Heart College. He then went to work on the Curtin's orchard at Pakowhai. Annie Curtain was his Great Aunt. He learned to prune and spray apple trees. From there he went to Tuai where a power station was being built. Unfortunately while there he rolled his car and broke his shoulder. This

made him unfit for overseas service during WW2. He was posted to Wellington and worked mainly as a driver at Trentham Camp.



Bill Gleeson and Lilian Mentzer 1942 Wedding.

Bill married Lilian Margaret (Lil) Mentzer on 10 January 1942, and the marriage produced three children –

- Dennis Michael
- Janette Anne
- Rhonda Margaret

After the war Bill remained in the Army until his retirement at 50 years of age. He went on to do a variety of jobs including MED meter reader, Warehouse Manager for Zip and then his favourite, in the Purchasing Dept. of Lands & Survey.

Bill Gleeson always visited Bridie and Cam Cameron when passing through Palmerston North.

Lil passed away on 21 August 2002 and Bill on 19 January 2005.

Kathleen Margaret (Kath) Gleeson, the third child of Michael and Minnie, was very close to my mother, Kathleen Sherlock. The two families were in frequent contact, and the two Kathleens were less than a year apart in age. So it is not surprising that Kathleen Sherlock was Chief Bridesmaid when Kathleen Gleeson married Andrew Duncan in Meeanee on 12 June 1940. Andrew was an accountant by profession, born in England, but of Scottish heritage.

Kathleen served her apprenticeship as a dressmaker with the Misses Jeffares in Taradale. She made her own wedding gown and the bridesmaids' dresses. My mother saved her bridesmaid dress and this year my eldest sister Margaret presented it to Kathleen's delighted daughters!

Kathleen and Andrew had 4 children –

- Brian Ian
- John Patrick
- Maureen Jean
- Denzil Anne



**Kathleen Gleeson and Andrew Duncan
1940 Wedding.**

The friendship between the two Kathleens continued throughout their lives, and as a child I saw more of my Duncan second cousins than my Cosgrave first cousins. Our one and only family

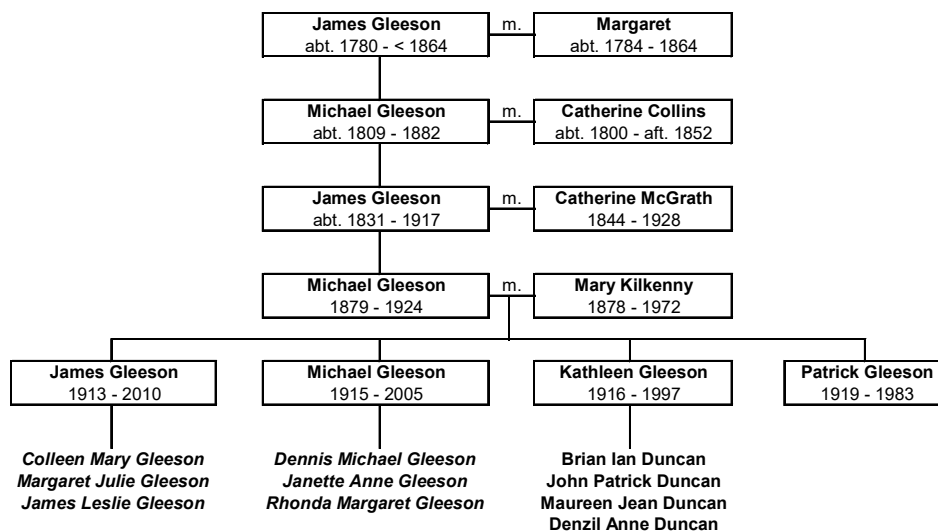
camping trip was with the Duncans, in Taupo, when I was around 5 years old. The one night was extremely windy with torrential rain, and everything got soaked. Being the youngest, I was put on the back seat of the family car, where I had a great night's sleep, while the rest of the family endured a wet night in the soggy and saggy tent.

Kathleen Duncan passed away on 20 January 1997 and Andrew followed on 3 September 2000.

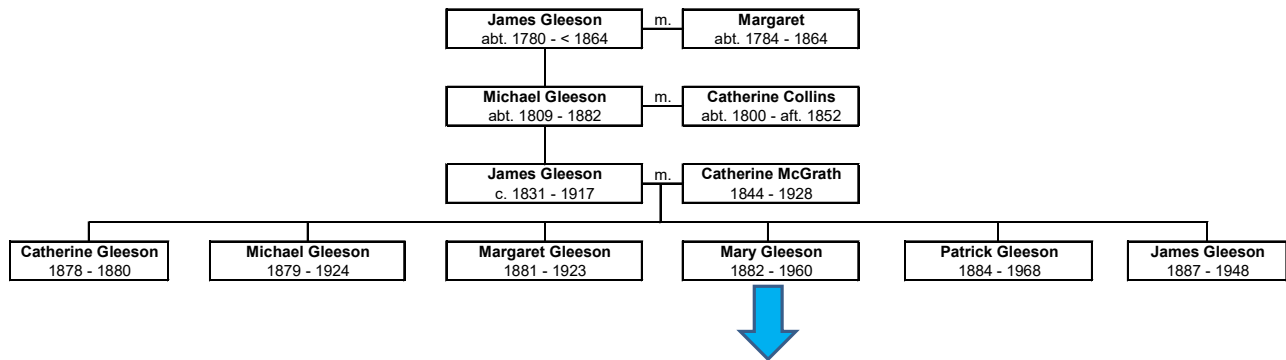
The youngest child of Michael and Minnie Gleeson, Patrick Bernard Gleeson, suffered with mental health challenges, and spent a large portion of his adult life in an institution. He died in Wanganui Hospital on 8 August 1983.



Jim, Bill and Pat Gleeson at Chateau Tongariro.



Chapter 11 – Mary Gleeson and William Sherlock



Mary Bridget Gleeson, the fourth child of James and Catherine Gleeson was baptised in the Roman Catholic chapel at Silvermines on 23 August 1882. Like her older brother Michael, her birth date given for the birth registration was well after the baptism date. In Mary’s case, her birth was registered on 7 March 1884 (19 months after her baptism), and the birth date given was 21 January 1884. Mary celebrated her birthday on 15 August, so likely was born on 15 August 1882.

Her brother, Michael, had emigrated to New Zealand in 1907 and on August 17th of the following year he requested assisted immigration to New Zealand for Mary. The application was approved the following day and instructions were sent to the NZ High Commissioner in London to arrange passage. Mary left London on the ship *Whakatane* on December 8th 1908, bound for Napier. This must have been somewhat scary for Mary, who at the age of 26 years, had previously likely never been beyond the market town of Nenagh.

17 August 1908.

To the UNDER-SECRETARY FOR IMMIGRATION,
Wellington.

Sir— I hereby nominate for *Special class (Birth last)* passages at reduced rate to *Napier* New Zealand, and I declare that the particulars which I give below are true, and that the applicant *is* coming for the purpose of settling in the Dominion of New Zealand. I also declare that the nominee *has* not already been in the Dominion.

Signature: *James Harty*
Occupation: *Housemaid Victoria Hotel Napier*
Address (in full): *Mucklin, Dolla, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland*

1. Name	2. Address	3. Age	4. Relationship to Nominator	5. Occupation (if engaged in business, state how long)
<i>Miss Mary Gleeson</i>	<i>Mucklin Dolla Nenagh Co. Tipperary Ireland</i>	<i>years 24 Feet height 5ft 10 day</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Housemaid Victoria Hotel Napier</i>

The following directions are to be carefully observed in filling in this form.

Column 1. Full Christian and surname of those for whom passages are required must be given.
2. Full addresses of those for whom passages are required must be given.
3. Ages last birthday of those for whom passages are required must be given.
4. State relationship existing between nominator and nominee.
5. In this column use occupations of the adult members of the family team to be given.

Approved: _____
Under-Secretary

Mary Gleeson 1908 Immigration Sponsorship.

On arriving in Napier, Mary went to work as a housemaid at the Victoria Hotel, where her brother Michael was still living, a hotel managed by her first cousin Catherine McCormack with her husband, James Gunn.

Perhaps Mary and William Sherlock had been an item in Ireland, or perhaps they found each other in New Zealand, but by 1910 Mary had accepted William’s proposal of marriage. Either Catherine Gunn or Patrick (Paddy) Gleeson paid for Mary to make a return trip to Ireland, to visit her parents before she married William Sherlock, knowing that she would likely never see them again. Mary was back in Mucklin living with her parents when the Irish census was taken in April 1911 and on November 9th, she returned to New Zealand from London on the ship *Arawa*, arriving in time for her brother Michael’s marriage in Napier on 24 April 1912.



Mary Gleeson and William Sherlock 1912 Wedding.

Later the same year, Mary Gleeson married William Sherlock on 31 July 1912 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Napier, and they initially resided at Awatoto.

Soon after the marriage, William was transferred to Otaki, where the family lived until 1919, and where their first 3 children were born –

- Peter John (Jack) Sherlock, born 29 June 1914
- Kathleen Veronica (Kath) Sherlock, born 6 February 1916
- Maureen Margaret Sherlock, born 5 December, 1917

Their 4th child was born in Tokomaru –

- Bridie Josephine Sherlock, born 5 April 1921

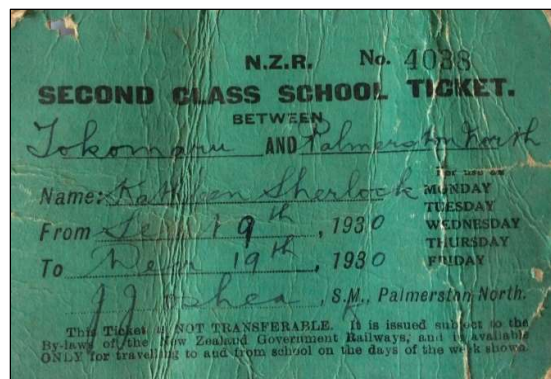


**The Sherlock Children abt. 1921
(L-R) Kathleen, Bridie, Maureen, Jack.**

Tragedy struck the family in 1928, when William Sherlock, returning to Tokomaru from Shannon on a velocipede, was struck by the northbound Wellington to Auckland express train, and thrown into an adjacent field. The staff on the train carried William to the guard's van and transported him to Palmerston North Hospital. The express train did not usually stop at Tokomaru, but the family remembers the train stopping that day and repeatedly blowing its whistle to alert the locals about the accident. Mary rode into town on the train with William, and despite surviving surgery, William died at 11.15 pm that night, 7th September 1928. The Coroner's verdict states cause of death as "Shock and Haemorrhage following rupture of the bladder through being struck by a railway train".

After the death of her husband, New Zealand Railways gave the family one month to vacate the railways-owned house that they occupied, so Mary was forced to act very quickly. She sold the family car, and used the proceeds to put a down payment on another house in Tokomaru, no doubt using the £1000 Workers' Compensation payment as proof of income. The £1000 was not paid in a lump sum, but in small amounts at the discretion of the Public Trustee, to maintain Mary and her children. The property had enough land for a few cows, a pigsty, chickens and a vegetable garden.

By this stage Jack was apprenticed to the local baker, so the girls were all assigned jobs, assisting around the property. In the morning, Kathleen would prepare breakfast and make lunches for everybody, Maureen milked the cows, and Bridie helped with separating the cream and delivering the milk to customers, all before heading off to school.



Kathleen Sherlock's 1930 Train Ticket.

The children had originally attended the local Tokomaru school, but after Jack was picked on by the headmaster, Mary moved them to the convent school in Palmerston North, which required them taking the train into town each day. They caught the 3:40 pm passenger train home, unless they had after school activities, in which case they would catch the 5:20 pm train, which was primarily a freight train with two passenger carriages at the rear. As soon as Kathleen turned 16, Mary had her learn to drive and she bought another car.

Kathleen then drove her sisters into town for school, and brought them home after she finished work each day.

Mary Sherlock's brother, Michael Gleeson, had died suddenly in 1924, and Mary maintained a lifelong friendship with his widow, Minnie Gleeson (nee Kilkenny). This friendship continued through their children, and although only 2nd cousins, their grandchildren have also maintained a close relationship.

Once the children had all finished their schooling, and the girls were working in Palmerston North, Mary sold the house in Tokomaru and bought a house at 56 Roy Street in Palmerston North. Kathleen and Bridie married in 1940 and 1947 respectively and left home, but Maureen continued living with her mother, until Mary's death from bronchopneumonia on 18 February 1960 at the age of 78 years. Mary is buried beside her husband, William Sherlock, in the Terrace End cemetery in Palmerston North. Together again after 32 years apart.



**Mary Sherlock and her three daughters
abt. 1940.**

Peter John Sherlock was born at Otaki on 29 June 1914, the eldest child of William Sherlock and Mary Gleeson, and from an early age was known as Jack.



Jack Sherlock and Phil Gloyn wedding.

On leaving school, Jack was apprenticed to the local baker in Tokomaru, and after becoming a proficient baker he trained as a pastry chef in Rongotea.

Whilst in Rongotea he met Phyllis (Phil) Gloyn, daughter of a local farmer, and they married on 20th August 1936.

Jack went to work for a baker in Mangaweka, and later bought that bakery business. His four children were all born while the family lived in Mangaweka, as follows –

- Noeleen Margaret Sherlock
- Maureen Valerie (Val) Sherlock
- Marion Levina Sherlock
- James Terence (Jim) Sherlock

In the later 1940s Jack sold the bakery in Mangaweka and bought a larger bakery business in Putaruru. Jack's life was struck short by a brain aneurysm, and he died in Hamilton hospital on 14 November 1952. He is buried in the Putaruru cemetery. Phil remarried (Hugh Joseph Carroll) and died in Tauranga on 10 May 1995.

Kathleen Veronica Sherlock was born at Otaki on 6th February 1916, and was known by all as Kath.

After the death of her father in 1928, with her older brother Jack apprenticed to a local baker, Kath became responsible for preparing breakfast for the family, preparing the packed lunches, and getting her sisters to and from school in Palmerston North each day.

Mary Sherlock did not drive, and Bridie did not learn to drive until the 1960s, so the role of family driver fell to Kath, who would drive the girls to school each day, and would drive the family to Mangaweka to visit Jack & Phil, and to Meeanee to visit Mary's sister-in-law, Minnie Gleeson.

Kath was the smart one in the family, according to her sister Bridie. She could type and take shorthand, and could have got a good secretarial job, but her mother wanted her to have a safe government job. So Kath went to work at the Seed Testing Station, part of the Ministry of Agriculture, and worked in conjunction with the Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR).

The Guy family ran a boarding house in Tokomaru, and their daughter Violet would babysit Kath and her siblings in their early years when their parents needed to be somewhere else. Violet was also something of a matchmaker. She introduced Kath to Pat Hogan, who was a teacher, and they dated for some time until Pat was transferred to the South Island.



**Kath Sherlock and Jim Cosgrave
1940 Wedding.**

Violet then introduced Kath to James Edward (Jim) Cosgrave, who had been transferred to Tokomaru by NZ Railways and was living at the Guy's boarding house. Kath and Jim hit it off and were married at St. Patrick's Church in Palmerston North on 3rd September 1940.

As Jim was serving in the Royal New Zealand Air Force during WWII, and was stationed in Fiji for a large portion of the war, Kath continued living at 56 Roy Street with her mother and sisters after her marriage. Once the war was over they moved into their first and only home at 18 Haydon Street, Palmerston North in 1946, after Jim was discharged from the Air Force.

Jim had always had an interest in radios, and had built the Sherlock family their first radio. He trained as a wireless mechanic during the Second World War. After the war he worked at Coles, a music and electrical shop on The Square in Palmerston North, until the mid-1950s when he set up his own business in the rapidly expanding field of mobile radio communications. Jim did the technical work, and Kath handled the office side of the business.

Kath and Jim Cosgrave had 4 children in total, as listed below, but Vivienne Mary, the second born, lived only a few hours –

- Margaret Ann Cosgrave
- Vivienne Mary Cosgrave, born 5 June 1947; died 6 June 1947
- Patricia Ursula Cosgrave
- James John Cosgrave

Kath was a full-time mother and office worker, but also found time for the Ladies Guild at her local church, visiting and providing fresh baking to church members who were patients at the Palmerston North hospital, and delivering meals for the local Meals on Wheels service.

Once the children had left home, Kath and her friend Joan O'Dea began working at race meetings, selling the betting tickets. They worked at race courses from Waverley to Otaki and Waipawa to Masterton, being bussed to the out-of-town venues. She worked more as a social activity than to earn money, and would always buy a few tickets for herself, often bringing home a little extra.

Jim had no interest in travelling, so Kath made several trips on her own, visiting her children and grandchildren in England and Canada, and to Australia with her daughters.

After Jim's death on 30 June 1988, Kath continued her charitable work, and enjoyed lawn bowling and square dancing, and was still driving until the day she died, at the age of 82, a total of 66 years behind the wheel. She passed away peacefully on 23 April 1998 at 18 Haydon Street, her home of 52 years. Both are buried in the Kelvin Grove cemetery in Palmerston North.

Maureen Margaret Sherlock was born at Otaki on 5 December 1917. After finishing school, Maureen went to work in the Dairy Factory at Massey Agricultural College (later Massey University).

Maureen was popular with the young men, and turned down two proposals of marriage, one from a man she worked with at Massey (a Presbyterian who was unacceptable to her mother), and the other, a farmer from Taranaki. Maureen opted instead to stay home and look after her aging mother.

While still in her 20s, Maureen was knocked off her bicycle and suffered a brain injury from which she never fully recovered. Her brain injury became more apparent after the death of her mother, when Maureen was living alone in the family home at 56 Roy Street. She was hospitalized for short periods during the 1960s, but later continued living in the family home until her death on 26 September 1990. Maureen is buried in the Terrace End cemetery in Palmerston North, with her parents.



Maureen Sherlock.



Bridie & Cam Cameron

Bridie Josephine Sherlock was born at Tokomaru, on 5th April 1921, the youngest child of William Sherlock and Mary Gleeson.

She was only seven years old when her father died, and she had to help around the home. After leaving high school, Bridie worked at the Woollen Mills and got to buy their goods at a discount. She did payroll and had to go to the bank with the assistant manager and pick up the money, put it in envelopes and deliver it to the employees, and then balance up all the payments. She later did a similar job at Jacquards, and then went back to the mills for a few months, before marrying Charles Sydney (Cam) Cameron on 12 April 1947.

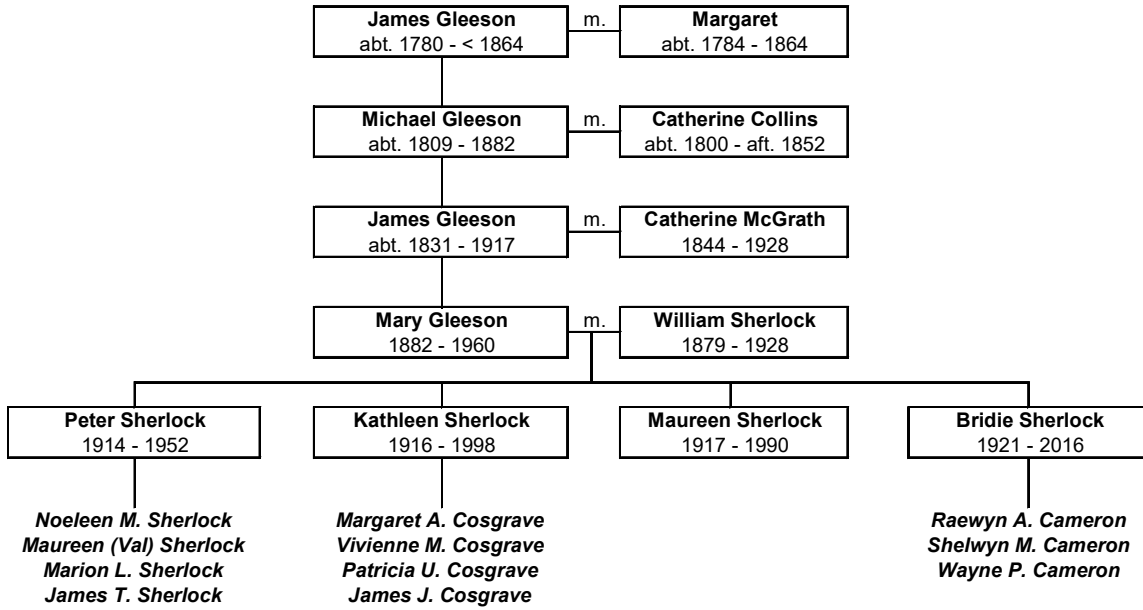
Dr. Watson told Bridie that she was having either one big baby or two small babies and they were due on March 4th, but twins arrived prematurely on January 16th / 17th 1948. Bridie only saw the twins for a few minutes and then they got whisked away to Wanganui Hospital as they were jaundiced. The twins stayed in Wanganui for 6 weeks and Bridie stayed at the Rostrata maternity home for 10 days.

Cam and Bridie requested a state house, and because they now had two children, they got a semi-detached house very quickly on Rangiora Avenue in Palmerston North. But they saw new detached state houses being built on Clyde Crescent and requested a move to one of those. From their new house they could see the lights in Bridie's sister's (Kath) house in Haydon Street, as there was nothing in between them but market gardens, until the land was subdivided and Battersea Place became filled with houses in the 1960s.

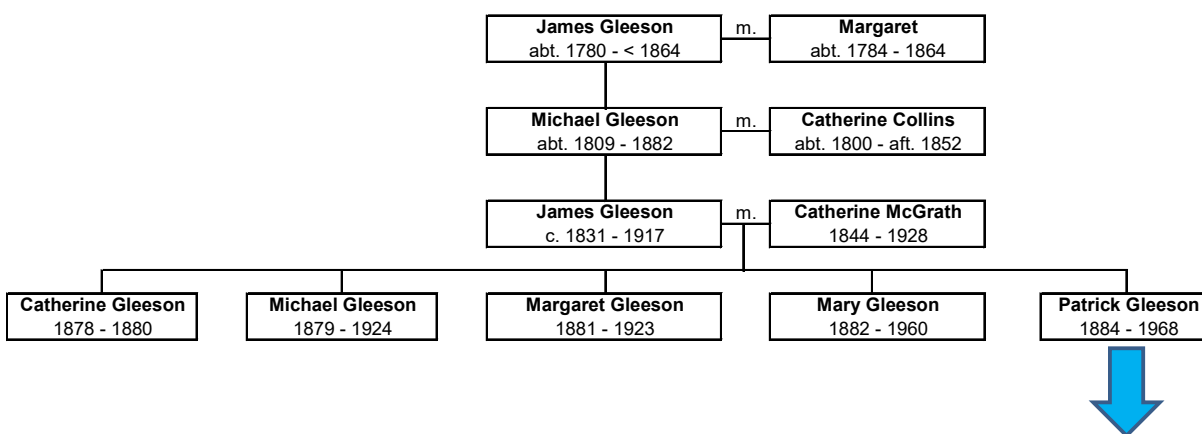
Bridie and Cam Cameron produced 3 children, the twin girls and a boy, as follows –

- Raewyn Anne Cameron
- Shelwyn Mary Cameron
- Wayne Patrick Cameron

Cam worked in the Accounts department of the New Zealand Post Office in Palmerston North until his retirement at age 65, in 1989. He passed away on 2 November 1991. Bridie lived on until age 95, and died on 19 October 2016. Both are buried in the Kelvin Grove Cemetery in Palmerston North.



Chapter 12 – Patrick Gleeson and Mary Ryan



Patrick Gleeson, the fourth child of James and Catherine Gleeson, was baptised in the Silvermines parish church on 25 July 1884. As was the case for his older siblings, his birth registration, dated 9 September 1884, provided an incorrect date of birth, stating that Patrick was born 21 August 1884. Perhaps the stated birth date was moved by a month to avoid paying a penalty for late registration, as the 1874 Births and Deaths Registration Act required registration within 42 days after the birth.

The Gleeson family home in Mucklin had been built in the late 1700s, and had a thatched roof. Soon after the death of James Gleeson in 1917, the family rebuilt the house, with a slate roof^{fxiii}, and the family lived there until after James' wife, Catherine, died in 1928. A substantial part of this house was still standing when my sister, Margaret Cosgrave, visited Mucklin in June 1966, but had deteriorated somewhat by the time I visited in October 2015.



Margaret Cosgrave at the Gleeson Home in Mucklin 1966.



The Gleeson Home in Mucklin 2015.

Patrick Gleeson married Mary Ryan from Castleconnell, County Limerick on 28 November 1925, and their four sons were all born in Mucklin as follows –

- James Gleeson, born 22 Feb. 1927, died 1927 (buried in Kilmore graveyard, Silvermines)
- Patrick Joseph (Joe) Gleeson, born 1 June 1928
- Edward (Ned) Gleeson, born 22 July 1929
- Michael Christopher (Mike) Gleeson, born 5 January 1931

Around 1930, the Gleeson family moved into Grenanstown, but continued to farm their land in Mucklin, leaving the house in Mucklin to revert to nature.

Ned Gleeson did not marry, and died in Grenanstown, Tipperary on 16 January 1978, aged 49 years.

Mike Gleeson also did not marry. He visited New Zealand in the early 1970s and moved there permanently in 1975. He farmed near Waiuku and died in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland on 31 August 2003 at the age of 72 years^{xxiv}.

Joe Gleeson married Nellie O'Dwyer and their family will be covered in the next chapter.

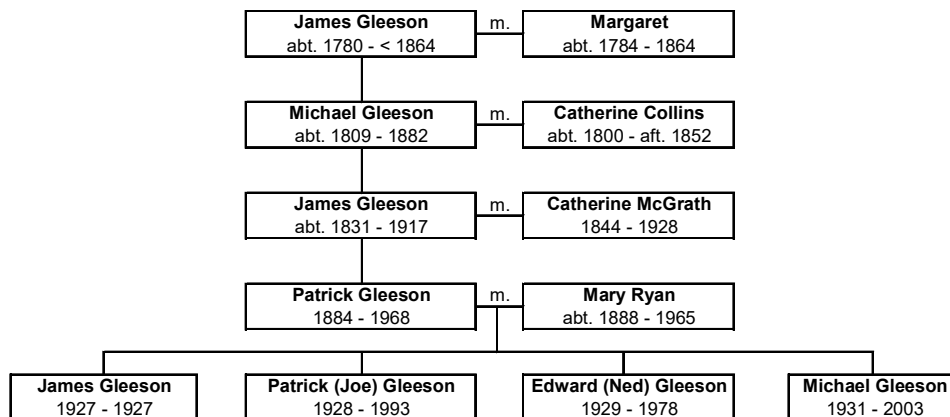
Patrick Gleeson died on 15 April 1968 at home in Grenanstown, at the age of 83 years.

His wife, Mary (nee Ryan) predeceased him three years earlier, on 24 June 1965, at 77 years of age.

Patrick and Mary Gleeson are both buried in the Grenanstown Cemetery.

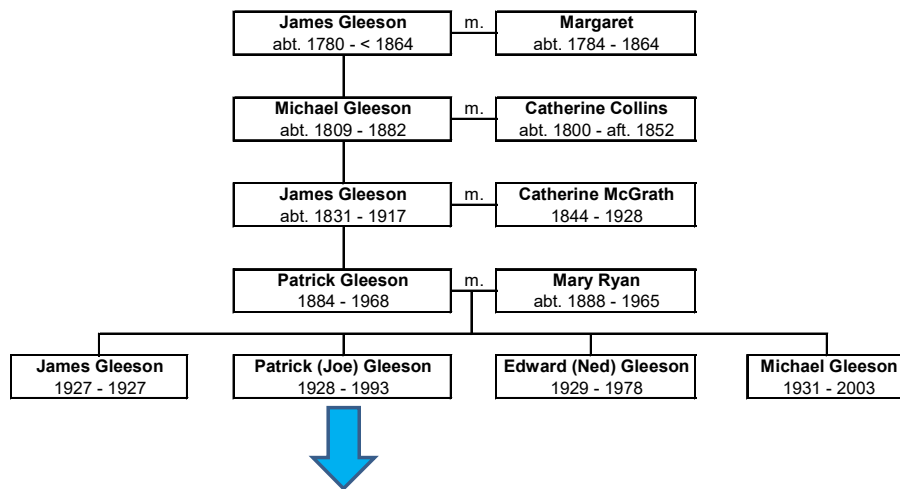


(L-R) Nellie, Patrick and Joe Gleeson



Chapter 13

Chapter 13 – Patrick Joseph (Joe) Gleeson and Ellen O’Dwyer



Joe Gleeson married Ellen (Nellie) O’Dwyer, from Knockalton Upper, Nenagh, on 30 January 1956, at St. Mary of the Rosary Church in Nenagh, and made their home on their farm in Grenanstown, a few miles from Joe’s parents. They lived here for the remainder of their lives, and they produced a family of five children, as follows –

- Mary Gleeson
- Nora Gleeson
- Patrick (Pat) Gleeson
- Brendan Gleeson
- Margaret (Mags) Gleeson



**Joe Gleeson and Ellen O’Dwyer
1956 Wedding.**



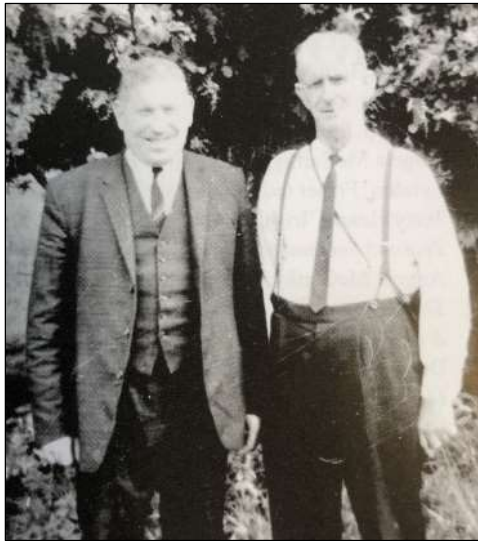
**(L-R) Nellie, Brendan, Mags,
Pat, Joe, Nora and Mary 1982.**

The Irish Gleesons have always kept in touch with their New Zealand cousins. Mary, Nora, Pat, Brendan and Mags have all visited New Zealand and met some of the living relatives. Over the years, many New Zealand Gleesons (descendants of the emigrants) have visited the old farm in Mucklin and stayed with Joe and Nellie in Grenanstown. Neither William nor Patrick (the two earliest emigrants) ever returned to Ireland, but William's son Dan, then aged 72 years, visited Mucklin in 1967 and spent three months with Joe and Nellie.



(L-R) Brendan, Nora, Nellie, Mags, Pat and Mary 2015.

My sister, Margaret Cosgrave, visited Ireland in June 1966 and she recalls of coming up to her uncle, Patrick Gleeson (Joe's father) at the family home in Grenanstown and saying "I've come a long way to see you", to which Patrick replied "Ah, you're Mary's creature". Mary (my grandmother) was Patrick's sister.



Joe and Dan (NZ) Gleeson 1967.

Joe Gleeson passed away on 27 May 1993 at the age of 64 years, and Nellie passed away 31 August 2020 at 93 years of age. Both are buried in the Grenanstown Cemetery in the parish of Toomevara.



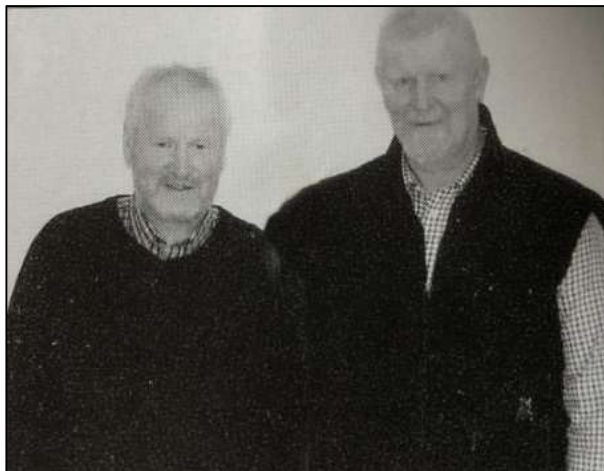
Brendan and Patrick (NZ) Gleeson 2012.



Jim and Marlene Cosgrave (NZ/Canada) with Patrick Gleeson 2015.

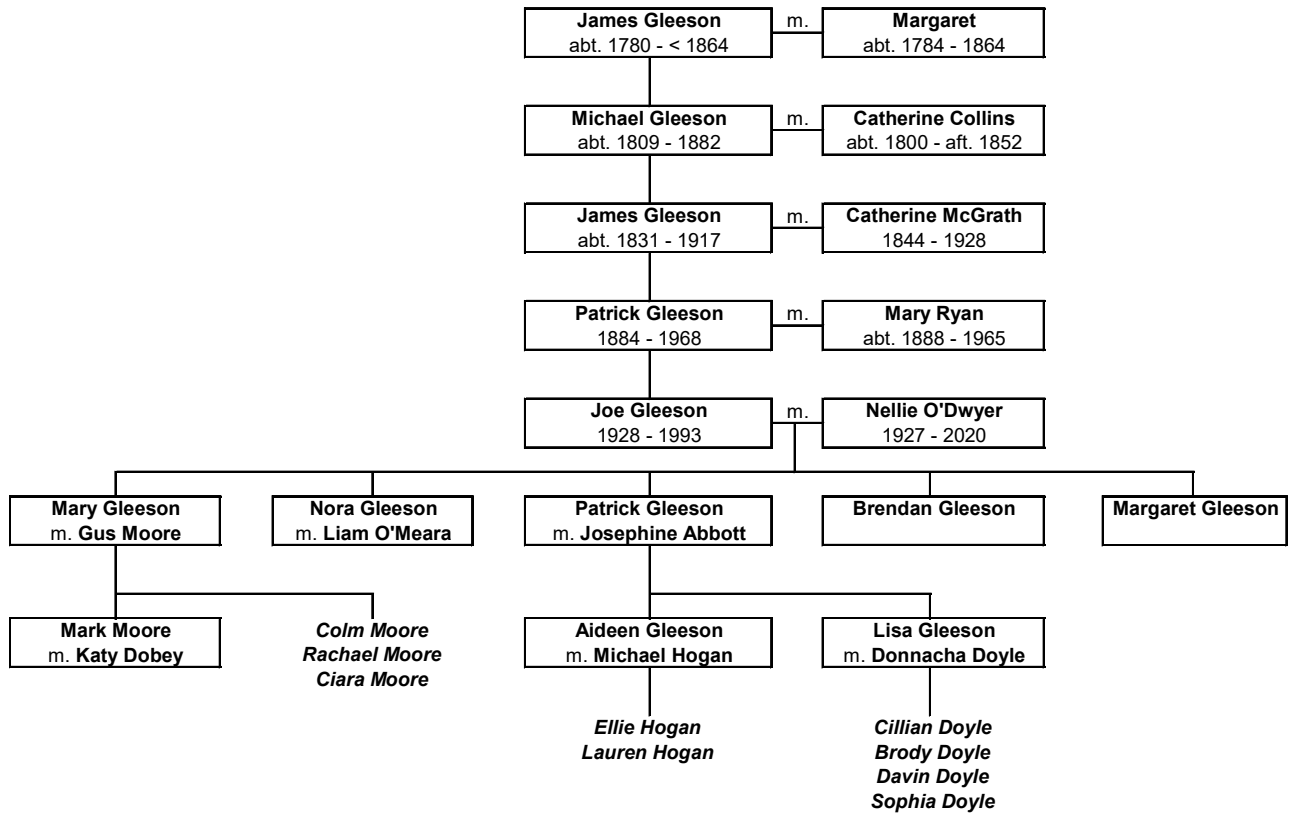
Of Joe and Nellie's children –

- Mary Gleeson married Augustine (Gus) Moore, Limerick, and they live at 73 Ashbrook Gardens, Ennis Road, Limerick. Mary and Gus have four children, as follows -
 - Mark Moore (married Katy Dobey)
 - Colm Moore
 - Rachael Moore
 - Ciara Moore
- Nora Gleeson married Liam O'Meara, of Toomevara. They have no children and live in Knockane, Toomevara, Nenagh. Co. Tipperary.
- Patrick Gleeson married Josephine (Jo) Abbott of Moneygall and they have two children, as follows -
 - Aideen Gleeson - married Michael Hogan of Brownstown, Toomevara and they have two children -
 - Ellie Hogan
 - Lauren Hogan
 - Lisa Gleeson - married Donnacha Doyle of Dungar, Roscrea and they have four children -
 - Cillian Doyle
 - Brody Doyle
 - Davin Doyle
 - Sophia Doyle
- Brendan and Margaret (Mags) Gleeson are unmarried.



Brendan and Patrick Gleeson.

Brothers Brendan and Patrick Gleeson continue to farm the traditional Gleeson land in Mucklin, in addition to the more recently acquired farm in Grenanstown.



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