

# **The Cosgrave Family of Upper Malone, Antrim, Ireland**

**An overview of the descendants of Thomas Cosgrave  
who lived in Malone, County Antrim, Ireland in the early-1800s**



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Front cover: Malone Park, opposite Cosgrave farm in Malone (photograph by author)

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## Introduction

I began tracing the history of my Cosgrave family in the 1970s. In 1985 I was fortunate to visit the L.D.S. Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in 1996 & 2019 I visited the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) and the Linenhall Library in Belfast. These repositories have collectively provided most of the information in this document.

Additional information was the result of the tireless efforts of Peter George Maurice (Maurice) Cosgrave of Auckland, New Zealand (who passed away in 2001), including research that he commissioned with the Ulster Historical Foundation.

More recently, the digitization of historical newspapers & other records, and the availability of consumer-friendly DNA testing for family historians has brought additional information to light.

The surname Cosgrave, and similar surnames (Cosgrove, Cosgriff, etc.) are generally thought to be derivatives of the Irish surname O'Cosraigh, and that may be true for the vast majority of the Cosgraves out there, who historically have adhered to the Roman Catholic religion. My Cosgrave line was Unitarian as early as the 1700s, and being from County Antrim, it suggests that perhaps they were of Scottish origin.

This document is intended to provide a general overview of the many descendant branches of our Cosgrave 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.

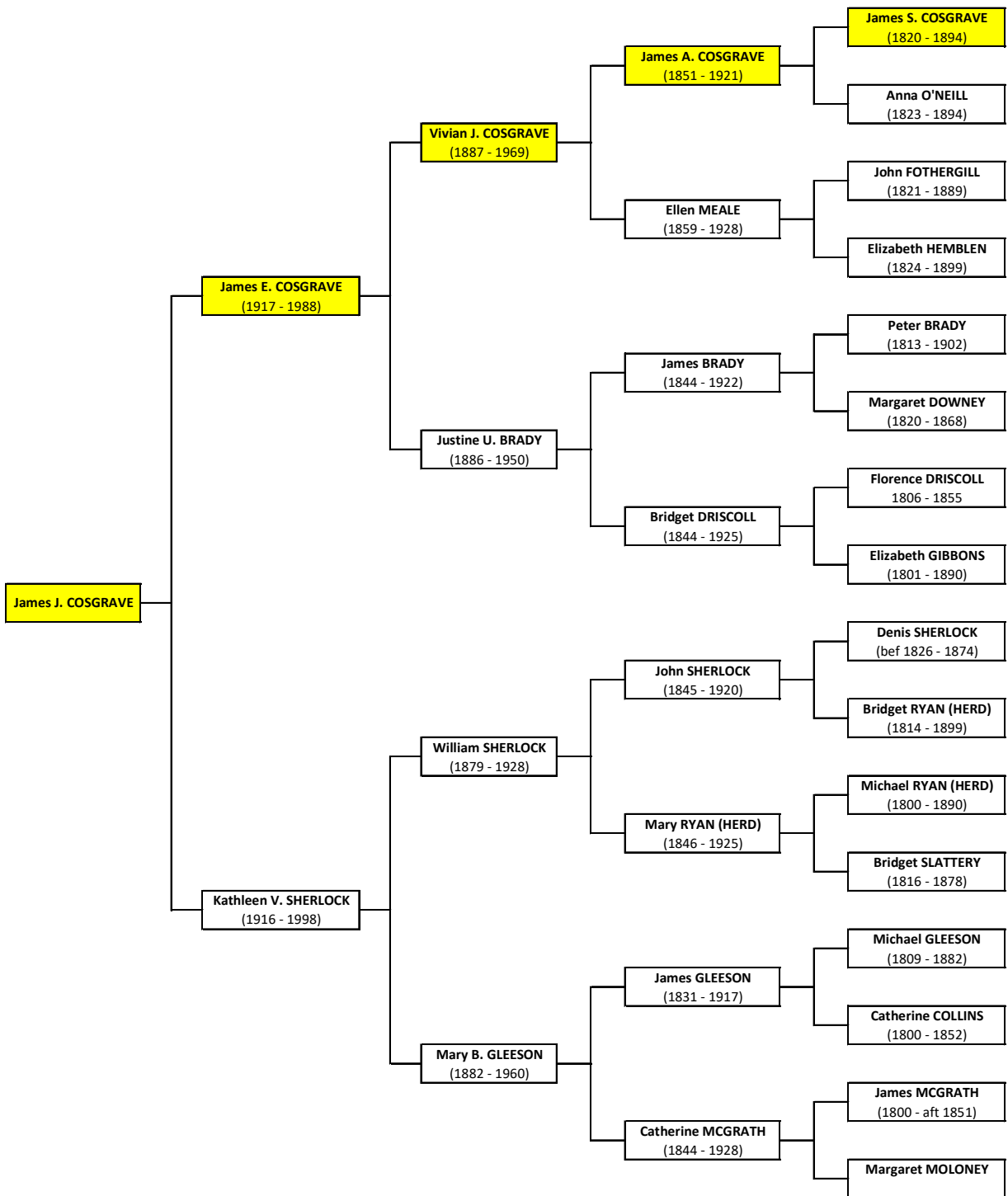
Throughout the document, to protect their privacy, I have tried to avoid providing details of living relatives, and I apologize if this cut-off has not been perfectly executed.

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

My hope is that at some point, people from other descendant branches might add additional chapters to this document, expanding the story of their Cosgrave lines.

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

The chart on the next page shows with yellow highlight the ancestral line that is the focus of this document.



## 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. Antrim is one of the six counties of Northern Ireland that comprise the Province of Ulster.

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.

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 births, 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 Upper Malone is in the –

- Civil Parish of Shankill (Belfast)
- Barony of Belfast Upper
- Diocese of Connor
- Poor Law Union of Belfast
- Superintendent Registrar's District of Belfast
- Registrar's District of Belfast
- County of Antrim
- Province of Ulster

## Chapter 1 – The Early Years

I have traced my Cosgrave lineage back to a Thomas Cosgrave, living at Upper Malone, just a few miles south of Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland, who was born about 1769, and who will be covered in more detail in chapter 2 of this document. But what of the earlier generations?

Land has always been very important to the Irish people, and records of transactions regarding the land are a major source of information. Landowners recorded leases of land to tenants, and Indentures of Lease were registered to document transfer of land occupancy from one person to another.

King James I, in a patent dated 5 November, 1603, granted Belfast Castle and a large area around it, to Sir Arthur Chichester for his part in defeating the Irish in Ulster. Following the “Flight of the Earls” in 1607, Chichester became obsessed with the Plantation of Ulster with Protestant lowland Scots. The Chichester family continued to dominate Belfast for several generations, and provided land for the plantation settlers through lease, retaining ownership of the land themselves. Leases were generally short, until the 5th Earl of Donegall (created 1st Marquis of Donegall in 1791) began offering longer leases in 1767.<sup>i</sup>

One such lease was granted to Daniel Cosgrave of Belfast on 20 June, 1770, for the term of three lives or 41 years.<sup>ii</sup> The lease covered 14 acres and 30 perches in the townland of Upper Malone at an annual rent of 13 pounds and ten shillings, and began as follows:

20 June 1770

*The Earl of Donegall to Daniel Cosgrave*

*Lease of 14 a. Or. 30p. in Upper Malone for 3 lives or 41 years from 1<sup>st</sup> May 1770.*

Yearly Rent	13 pounds 5 shillings
Duties	<u>5 shillings</u>
	13 pounds 10 shillings
Heriot	20 shillings 0 pence

*Renewed to            )  
Alexander Cosgrave )*

*Signed, sealed and delivered by the  
Earl of Donegall in the presence of  
Geo. Portis  
David Henderson  
(not signed by Daniel Cosgrave)  
Signature and Seal of Donegall*

*This indenture made the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy; Between the Right Honourable Arthur, Earl of Donegall, of the one part, and Daniel Cosgrove, of the Parish of Belfast in the County of Antrim, his heirs ...all that farm, tenement or parcel of land in Upper Malone, containing by admeasurement fourteen acres and thirty perches plantation measure or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and now in the occupation of the said Daniel Cosgrove ...{lease continues}.*

The 1st Marquis of Donegall became desperately short of money. To raise immediate cash he began renewing leases at the same rent, but with a ‘fine’ payable upon the renewal. Many

tenants could not afford the fines, and were evicted from the land.<sup>iii</sup> The lease to Daniel Cosgrave was renewed to Alexander Cosgrave on 18 December, 1800 for 61 years at the same rent, but with a fine of forty five pounds and ten shillings.<sup>iv</sup> Alexander Cosgrave was obviously one of the luckier tenants, in that he could afford the 45 pound fine. The lease begins as follows:

*18th December 1800*

*The Marquis of Donegall*

*And his Trustees*

*to*

*Mr. Alexander Cosgrave*

*Counterpart Lease of a farm containing  
14a. Or. 30p situate in Upper Malone in the  
Parish of Belfast Barony of Belfast  
And County of Antrim*

*For 61 years from 01 Nov last*

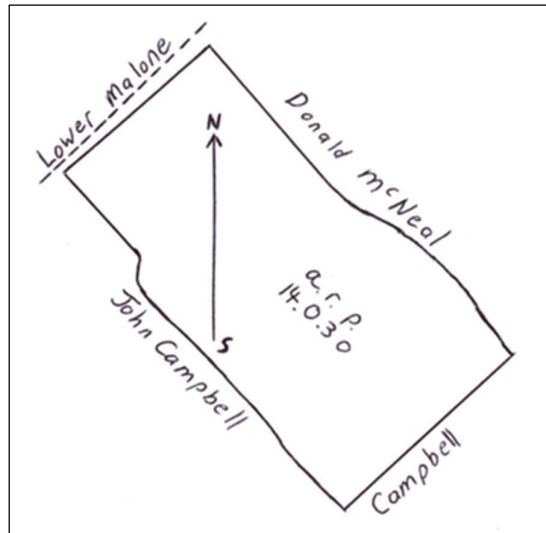
*Rent 13 pounds 10 shillings*

*Heriot 1 pound*

*Fine 45 pounds 10 shillings*

*This Indenture...{lease continues}*

Attached to this lease in 1800 was a sketch showing the property orientation, the occupants of the bordering properties and the townland boundaries. This showed that the parcel of land occupied by the Cosgrave family, was bordered on the northwest by the townland of Lower Malone, on the north by the lands of Donald McNeal, and on the south and east by the lands of John Campbell. A tracing of this sketch has been reproduced below:

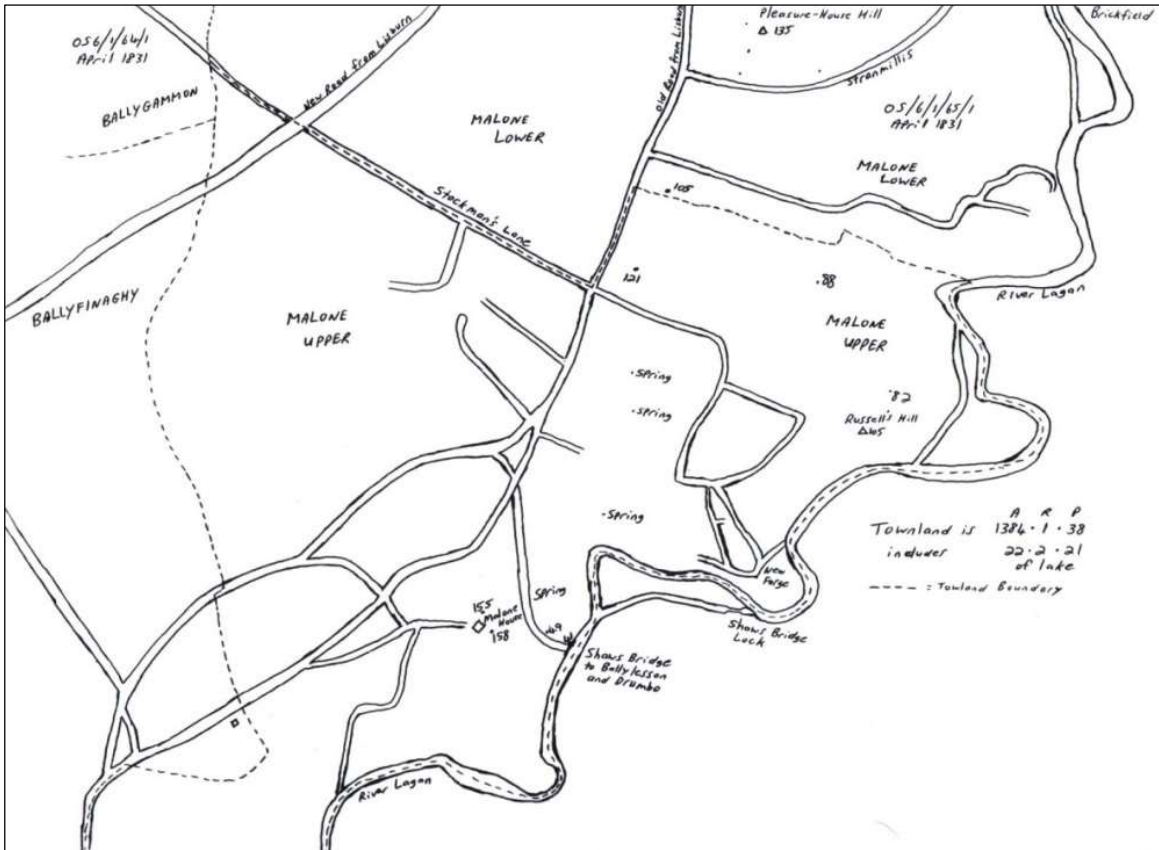


**Sketch of Cosgrave farm (1800).**

By comparing the sketch attached to the lease of 1800 with the oldest available Ordnance Survey map (1831)<sup>v</sup>, the location of the property can be identified. The property was situated on the East side of the Old Road to Lisburn, north of Stockman's Lane. Due to the shape of the townlands, this is the only area within Upper Malone where a property lies southeast of the Lower Malone boundary with Upper Malone.

The Ordnance Survey map of Upper Malone in 1831 has been reproduced on the following page:





**Upper Malone on Ordnance Survey Map (1831).**

This location was later confirmed by reference to a map<sup>vi</sup> of the Antrim Estates of the most noble, The Marquis of Donegall. Over the years, the names of the roads have changed. The Old Road to Lisburn is now Malone Road, and the section of Stockman's Lane adjoining Malone Road is now Balmoral Avenue. The Cosgrave family property lies on the East side of Malone Road, between Deramore Park South and Newforge Lane, as shown on the more modern map shown below<sup>vii</sup>:



**Location of Cosgrave farm on modern map.**

So we know that Daniel Cosgrave was living in Upper Malone in 1770 and possibly earlier, and that the lease on the 14 acre farm that he held, was renewed to an Alexander Cosgrave in 1800, suggesting that Daniel had recently died and his son (or possibly his brother or nephew), Alexander Cosgrave, had taken over the farm.

Daniel and Alexander Cosgrave are mentioned in several articles that I have not yet reviewed in indexes to the Belfast News-Letter newspaper. The Belfast News-Letter has been indexed from 1737 to 1858, with the index from 1737 to 1800 being available online<sup>viii</sup>, and the index for the remaining years being available at the Linenhall Library in Belfast<sup>ix</sup>. In the online index, every significant word and date in the 20,000 surviving pages of the newspaper was indexed. The final database of information contains nearly 300,000 items of news and advertisements.

**A**T this awful period, when a most savage and unnatural Rebellion has broken out in some parts of this Kingdom, the Inhabitants of that District of Country, between Belfast and Lisburn, think a general Declaration of Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majesty and the Constitution absolutely necessary.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, in the presence of God, do solemnly declare our utter abhorrence and detestation of all Foreign Interference in the Affairs of this Kingdom, of the atrocious Insurrection now existing in it, and of all secret Cabals and privy Conspiracies to subvert or new-model the Constitution, without the joint consent of King, Lords, and Commons in Parliament; and that we will use our utmost endeavours to defeat the designs of all seditious and disaffected persons; whether existing under the denomination of United Irishmen, or other traitorous Association.

June 20, 1798.

William Legg,	William Jones,
William M'Cance,	William Mekiben,
John Russell,	Joseph Croft,
John Sinclair,	Andrew Durham,
Walter Roberts,	Joseph McCulloch,
Robert Williamson,	Thomas Williamson,
Alexander Williamson,	William McGowan,
Henry Bell	John Brown,
Richard Coats,	James M'Cloy,
John Charley,	Robert Johnston,
William Taggart,	Hugh Waugh,
Alexander Crossgrave,	Archibald Sayers,
James Steele,	Roger Hamill,
Robert Moat,	James Hollywood,
Thomas Crossgrave,	Anthony Bradford,
William Magee,	John Colbreath, sen.
William Steele,	William Allen,

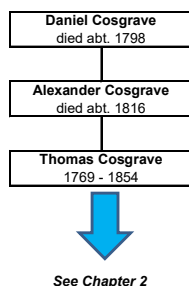
List of Loyalists in 1798 Rebellion.

- 1791 - Alexander Crossgrave is mentioned in an article about property crime
- 1792 - Alexander Crossgrave is mentioned in an article about the Malone School House
- 1798 - Daniel Cosgrave is mentioned in an article on land leases

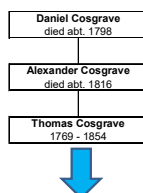
One article from the Belfast News-Letter that I did review was a list of people swearing loyalty to the British Crown during the 1798 Rebellion. The article appeared in the newspaper on 26 June 1798 and is shown to the left. The list of Loyalists includes Alexander Crossgrave, Thomas Crossgrave, James Steele and William Steele.

The lease on this 14 acre farm at Upper Malone, was renewed to Thomas Cosgrave in 1828, and will be discussed further in chapter 2.

Based on the three land leases discussed above, the most likely scenario, and therefore the relationships that are at this time assumed, would be that Alexander Cosgrave was the father of Thomas Cosgrave and Daniel was the grandfather, as shown below.



## Chapter 2 – Thomas Cosgrave and Margaret Steele



We know from probate records and newspaper notices that Thomas Cosgrave died 24 October 1854 at the age of 85 years, and was buried in the Drum Burial Ground. He was therefore born circa 1769. His place of birth is not known, and lacking evidence to the contrary, we assume that his father was Alexander Cosgrave, and that Alexander was in turn a son of Daniel Cosgrave, the two earlier occupants of the 14 acre farm in Upper Malone. This would be in line with the Irish tradition for naming the eldest son (Alexander) after the paternal grandfather. Following the same tradition of naming the second daughter after the paternal grandmother, Thomas' mother would have been named Eliza.

Thomas Cosgrave married Margaret Steele, daughter of James Steele, sometime before 1803 and the marriage produced the following children –

- Grace Cosgrave, born before 1803 (based on birth order)
- Elizabeth Cosgrave, born circa 1804 (based on age at death)
- Isabella Cosgrave, born circa 1803 (based on age at death)
- Margaret Cosgrave, born 19 March 1808
- Olivia or Leonna or Lavinia or Levinia Cosgrave, born 1 April 1811
- Mary or Anne, or Nancy Cosgrave, born circa 1815 (based on age at death)
- Alexander Cosgrave, born before 1820 (based on birth order)
- James Steele Cosgrave, born 18 May 1820

The 1st Marquis of Donegall died in 1799, and was succeeded by his son George Augustus, Lord Belfast, the 2nd Marquis of Donegall, who had accumulated huge gambling debts. The 2nd Marquis of Donegall continued to have financial problems, and in 1822 an elaborate new settlement was made of the vast estates. Two thirds of his land was leased 'in perpetuity' with rents fixed for all time<sup>x</sup>. On 23 December, 1828, the lease on the 14 acres and 30 perches in Upper Malone was renewed to Thomas Cosgrave in perpetuity at an annual rent of 12 pounds, nine shillings and three pence, with a fee of one pound and five shillings at the fall of each of three lives<sup>xi</sup>. i.e. Alexander Cosgrave, James Cosgrave and Sayers Bamford. Who were these three named people, at whose death the fee was payable? It is likely that the named people were the lessee's young sons, Alexander and James (born 1820), and a friend of very young age who was expected to live for many years. A Sayers Bamford, born circa 1824, died on 6 July 1886, is buried in the grounds of the Dunmurry church, and is likely the third named "life".

This lease reads as follows (the original lease contains no punctuation. Question marks indicate words that were not legible on the original document):

564494                      *Memorial of an indenture of Lease bearing date the first day of May in the*  
*Donegall*                      *year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight and made*  
*To*                                *between the Most Honourable George Augustus Marguis of Donegall of the*  
*Cosgrave*                      *one part and Thomas Cosgrave of Upper Malone in the County of Antrim*  
*Regd. ½ past 3*              *farmer of the other part. Whereby the said George Augustus Marquis of*

of 23 of Donegall did ?? grant set and ?? let release and ?? unto the said Thomas  
 Decr. 1828 Cosgrave for his actual possession this being by virtue of a lease for a year  
 therein ?? and to his heirs and assigns all that farm with the several fields  
 pieces or parcels of land or ground to the same belonging counting by estimation fourteen acres  
 and thirty perches plantation measure or thereabouts be the same more or less situate lying  
 and being in Upper Malone as now in the possession of the said Thomas Cosgrave and his  
 undertennants and as formerly demised to Alexander Cosgrave as therein ?? together with all  
 houses ?? and buildings thereon erected or thereafter to be erected and built thereon all which  
 said premises are situate lying and being in the Parish of Belfast Barony of Belfast and County  
 of Antrim to hold to the said Thomas Cosgrave his heirs and assigns / except as herein  
 excepted / for and during the life and lives of Alexr Cosgrave James Cosgrave and Sayers  
 Bamford of Malone for and during such further to the life and lives as should forever thereafter  
 be ??thereto by virtue of the C?? for perpetual renewal in the ?? ?? ?? and subject to the yearly  
 rent of twelve pounds nine shillings and threepence due and a sum of one pound five shillings  
 at the fall of each life which said lease and this memorial as to the ?? thereof by the said G. A.  
 Marquis of Donegall are witnessed by Joseph MacArtney of Belfast in the County of Antrim  
 Attorney at Law and John McConnell his clerk

<Donegall seal> signed sealed and delivered in presence of Joseph MacArtney John  
 McConnell The above named John McConnell ?? ?? oath saith that he is a subscribing witness  
 to the ?? of lease of which the above writing is a memorial and also to the above memorial and  
 saith that he saw the said lease and the memorial were duly executed by the above named G.  
 A. Marquis of Donegall saith that he saw the said lease also executed by the above named and  
 Deponent saith that the name of John McConnell signed and sealed as a witness to the lease  
 and this memorial is Deponents proper name ?? John McConnell sworn before me at Belfast in  
 the County of Antrim this sixth day of December 1828 a Commissioner for taking affidavits in  
 this county and I know the Deponent John Wallace {lease ends}



**Typical 1800s farmhouse.**

Living on a 14 acre farm, with a perpetual lease, Thomas Cosgrave was obviously not a poor man, but houses of the time, for such a farmer, were frugal by today's standards. The house itself probably consisted of two rooms, with a total area about 30 ft. by 15 ft., of whitewashed stone construction, and with a thatched roof. Only a quarter of the farm houses in the area had a slate roof in 1837, and only one in seven was two stories high<sup>xii</sup>. The two rooms would be a kitchen and a bedroom.

There may have been a loft above the kitchen to provide additional sleeping space for the children. The house would likely have looked similar to the house shown in the photograph above.<sup>xiii</sup>

The occupiers of land were required to pay a tithe to the established church, that being the Church of Ireland. The Tithe Applotments for Malone in 1834 show Thomas Cosgrave paying tithes of one pound, six shillings and three pence to the rector, and 15 shillings and nine pence to the vicar<sup>xiv</sup>.

Belfast had been a predominantly English settlement until the Plantation of Ulster in the 17th century, with the Church of Ireland being the main religious denomination in the area. The

Plantation created a large increase in Scottish Presbyterians, but even as late as 1707 there were only 7 Catholics living in Belfast<sup>xv</sup>. The first Catholic Church in Belfast was built in 1784 with assistance from subscriptions by local Protestants, at which time there were 1092 Catholics in Belfast<sup>xvi</sup>. By 1835 Belfast's 22,078 Catholics accounted for 32% of the local population, with Presbyterians accounting for 39% and Protestants 29%<sup>xvii</sup>. This rapid increase in the Catholic population saw the beginning of the deterioration of the previously harmonious relations between Protestants and Catholics in the town of Belfast.

In the early 18th century, several of Belfast's Presbyterian congregations left the Synod of Ulster to form the "Non-Subscribing Presbyterian" church. The Non-Subscribers refused to subscribe to any man-made profession of faith, and were also known as Unitarians<sup>xviii</sup>.

One such congregation was in Dunmurry, in the Parish of Drumbeg. Dunmurry is about three miles north of Lisburn, on the old road leading to Belfast, and about two and a half miles from the Cosgrave family's farm in Upper Malone. The congregation began in 1686, and the meeting house, which was rebuilt in 1799, is still in use today.



**Dunmurry Non-Subscribing Meeting House.**

The old record book of the Dunmurry Congregation includes several mentions of Thomas Cosgrave and his father in law, James Steele, which provides evidence that the families were adherents to the Unitarian doctrines:

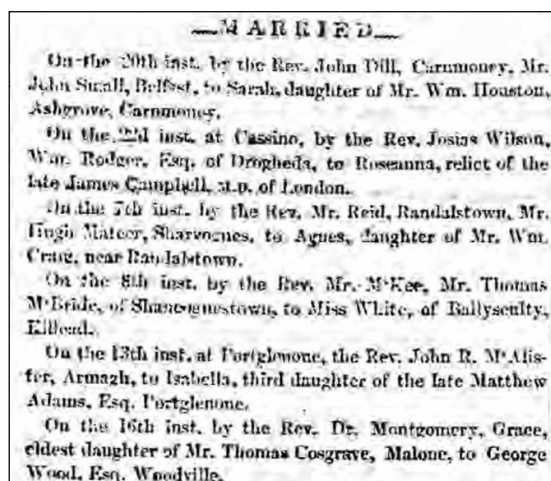
1. James Steele was appointed to the committee in 1807.
2. Thomas Crossgrave was one of 22 members who invited the Rev. Andrew Malcolm to become their minister.
3. Thomas Crossgrave was one of 10 members appointed to the committee in 1807.
4. On August 2nd, 1807, James Steele was appointed to attend a meeting of Presbytery at Dundonald, the following Tuesday.
5. On January 31st, 1808, Thomas Crossgrave was appointed to attend a meeting of Presbytery at Belfast, the following Tuesday.

The old record book also provides details of the baptisms at Dunmurry from 1807 to 1812, and 1815 to 1817<sup>xix</sup>. The surviving baptism records include two children of Thomas Cosgrave:

1. Born March 19th, 1808, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Crossgrave of Malone
2. Born April 1st, 1811, Livy, daughter of Thos Crossgrave of Malone

Livy Cosgrave is not found in any later records, but her father's will refers to a daughter named Olivia, and other records refer to a Leonna, Lavinia and Levinia Cosgrave. I believe all of these people to be the Livy Cosgrave baptised in 1811, the fifth child of Thomas Cosgrave and Margaret Steele.

The names of the children of Thomas Cosgrave and Margaret Steele, who were alive at the time of Thomas's death, were obtained from his will, and the order they are listed in the will is assumed to be the birth order.



**Grace Cosgrave 1838 marriage notice.**

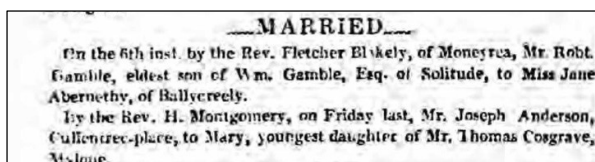
The eldest child of Thomas and Margaret Cosgrave was Grace, who appears to have married twice, but I have found no record of children from either marriage.

The index to the Belfast News-Letter newspaper at the Linenhall Library, Belfast<sup>xx</sup> identifies that Grace, eldest daughter of Thomas Cosgrave, Malone, married 29-Jun-1824, but does not provide the name of her husband.

A second entry states that Grace, eldest daughter of Thomas Cosgrave, Malone, married George Wood of Woodville, on 23 November 1838.

The Wills Index on the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) website<sup>xxi</sup>, states that "Letters of Administration of the Personal Estate of Grace Woods formerly of Derryaghy and late of No. 36 Ann-street Belfast in the County of Antrim Widow deceased who died 28 May 1859 at Ann-street aforesaid were granted at Belfast to Anne Anderson (Wife of Joseph Anderson) of Ann-street aforesaid Innkeeper the sister one of the next of kin of said deceased. Date of Grant 18 June 1859; Effects under £600".

The sixth child, and youngest daughter, of Thomas and Margaret Cosgrave, also married twice, and does not appear to have had any children. The Belfast News-Letter of 9 October 1835 states that Mary, youngest daughter of Thomas Cosgrave, Malone, married Joseph Anderson of Cullentree Place



**Mary Cosgrave & Joseph Anderson marriage notice.**

The Belfast civil marriage record of James Cain and Anne Anderson, dated 16 November 1866, states that Robert Cain married Anne Anderson, alias Cosgrave, widow, daughter of Thomas Cosgrave. The will of Thomas Cosgrave does not mention a daughter named Mary nor a daughter named Anne, but it does mention a daughter named Nancy Anderson. I believe that Anne, Mary and Nancy are the same person, and that the 1835 newspaper entry is a misprint.

Alexander Cosgrave, is mentioned before his brother James in the will of Thomas Cosgrave, so is believed to be the seventh child and eldest son of Thomas and Margaret. There is no evidence that Alexander Cosgrave married. He made his will on 17 October 1857 and died the same day, leaving his estate to his sister Olivia, and Thomas, the son of his brother James, who was residing with him.

The remaining children of Thomas and Margaret Cosgrave all married and had families of their own, which will be covered in later chapters.

All Irish wills probated up until 1858 were stored at the Four Courts Building in Dublin, and almost all were destroyed during the fire associated with the civil war in 1922. The only

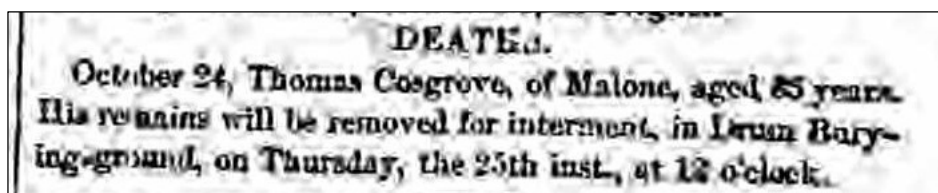
exceptions, fortunately, are the will books for the Diocese of Down and Connor, the Diocese that includes Malone. The indexes to wills in the Diocese of Connor<sup>xxii</sup> indicate two Cosgrave wills of interest, and both of these wills have been located:

- Cosgrave, Thomas, of Malone, probated in 1855
- Cosgrave, Alexander, of Malone, probated in 1858

The Irish Wills Index (1838-1845)<sup>xxiii</sup> indicates that when the will of Thomas Cosgrave was probated in 1855, the Executor of the will was James Anderson of Belfast.

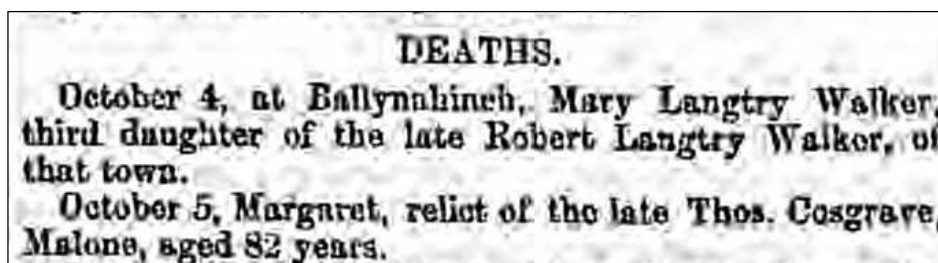
The will of Thomas Cosgrave<sup>xxiv</sup> was written on 11 October 1852. At this time, two executors were named - "sons-in-law James McCreight and James Anderson". This document identifies the name of his wife - Margaret Cosgrave, otherwise Steele, and the names of his children living at that time - Alexander Cosgrave, James Steele Cosgrave, Grace Woods, Eliza McCreight, Isabella Campbell, Margaret Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Olivia Cosgrave. This will left his estate to his wife, Margaret, with specific bequests of 160 pounds to each son, and 40 pounds to each daughter. On the death of his wife, the estate was to be divided into eight equal shares for his children.

As stated at the beginning of this chapter, Thomas Cosgrave died 24 October 1854 at the age of 85 years, and was buried in the Drum Burying-ground.

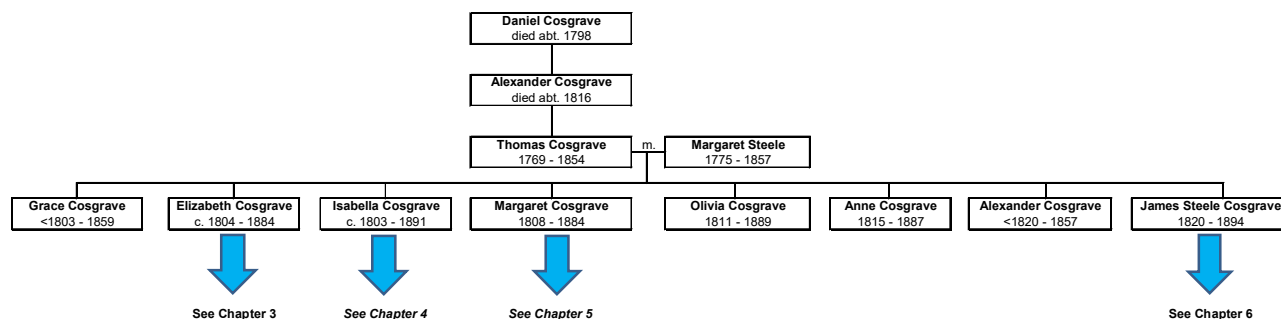


Thomas Cosgrave death notice.

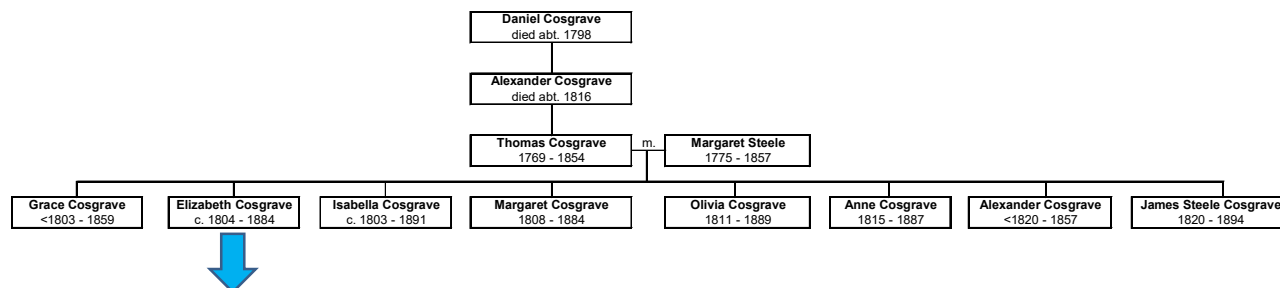
His wife, Margaret, lived on for three years, and died on 5 October 1857 aged 82 years. She too was interred in the Drum Burying-ground.



Margaret Cosgrave death notice.



## Chapter 3 – Elizabeth Cosgrave and James McCreight



Elizabeth Cosgrave, the second child of Thomas Cosgrave and Margaret Steele, married James McCreight some time before 11 October 1852, as Thomas Cosgrave's will, bearing that date, identified his daughter as Eliza McCreight and named James McCreight as one of his executors.

The Belfast News-Letter of December 7<sup>th</sup> 1891 identified that James Anderson was in the Court of Chancery<sup>xxv</sup> battling with Robert Thompson, a great grandson of Thomas Cosgrave, through Eliza Cosgrave, wife of James McCreight, regarding the estate of Thomas Cosgrave. Robert argued that as Olivia Livingston (daughter of Thomas Cosgrave) died without issue, then her share of her father's estate was now available for redistribution to the other beneficiaries of the estate, and as his mother and grandmother (Eliza Cosgrave) were also both now dead, he (and his brothers and sisters) should receive his grandmother's share of the estate. The case required a ruling on whether the word "issue" as used in the will of Thomas Cosgrave, meant children, or, children & grandchildren of children. The court found against Robert Thompson, ruling that "issue" in Thomas Cosgrave's will referred only to his children, and not to their children and grandchildren.

I am aware of two children of Eliza Cosgrave and James McCreight, as follows –

- Ann Jane McCreight, born circa 1840
- Margaret Anne McCreight, born circa 1845

Their married names were obtained from court case files and probate files which will be discussed in later chapters, which led to their subsequent marriage and death records.

I have not researched these lines extensively, so do not have a lot of detail of their descendants, but what I do know is as follows –

1. Elizabeth COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1804; d.11 Jul 1884-Craigarogan, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)

sp: James MCCREIGHT (b. Abt 1791; m.1820/1840; d.23 Dec 1873-Ballinalough, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)

2. Ann Jane MCCREIGHT (b. Abt 1840; d.26 Feb 1895-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland)

sp: James ANDREWS (m. Jan/Mar 1858; d.1864/1895)

3. Samuel ANDREWS (b.15 Oct 1864-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1894)

2. Margaret Anne MCCREIGHT (b. Abt 1845; d.7 Mar 1887-Craigarogan, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)

sp: John THOMPSON (b. Abt 1835; m.18 Dec 1861; d.24 May 1889-Craigarogan, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)

3. Ann THOMPSON

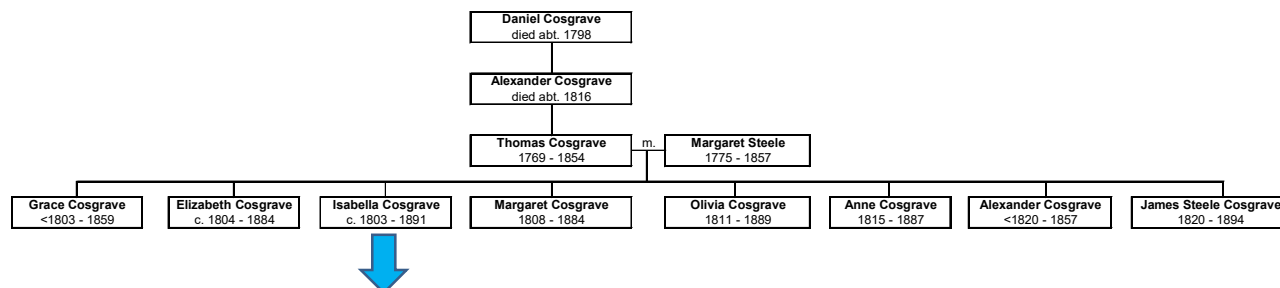
3. Robert THOMPSON (b. Abt 1865-Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)



- sp: Sarah Jane KELL (b. Abt 1863-Antrim, Ireland; m.9 Apr 1891; d. Aft 1910)
4. Josephine Margaret THOMPSON (b.5 Sep 1892-Craigarogan, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland; d.19 Jul 1961-Belfast, Antrim, Northern Ireland)
- sp: Hugh LYLE (b.30 Sep 1885-Ballyvesey, Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; m.5 Sep 1916)
5. Hubert Kell LYLE (b.16 Aug 1917-Ballyvesey, Belfast, Antrim, Ireland)
4. John Archibald THOMPSON (b.22 Nov 1893-Craigarogan, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland; d.2 Aug 1964-Belfast, Antrim, Northern Ireland)
4. William Kells THOMPSON (b.17 Feb 1897-Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
3. Martha THOMPSON (b.27 Apr 1867-Craigarogan, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
3. William THOMPSON (b.12 Apr 1871-Ballynalough, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
3. Agnes THOMPSON (b.21 Nov 1872-Ballynalough, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)
3. male THOMPSON (b.8 Nov 1874-Ballynalough, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)
3. male THOMPSON (b.24 Apr 1878-Ballynalough, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland)
3. John THOMPSON (b.8 Jan 1880-Ballynalough, Templepatrick, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1900)

Note: The two unnamed male Thompsons listed immediately above, are James and Joseph Thompson, but I do not know which one is the elder, as they were unnamed in their birth registrations.

## Chapter 4 – Isabella Cosgrave and Henry Campbell



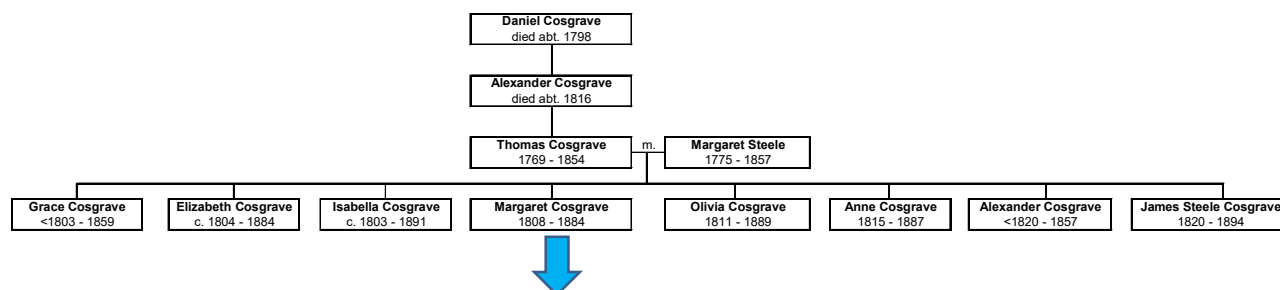
Isabella Cosgrave, the third child of Thomas Cosgrave and Margaret Steele married Henry Campbell in 1831. The couple had two known children as follows –

- Thomas Campbell
- Alexander Campbell

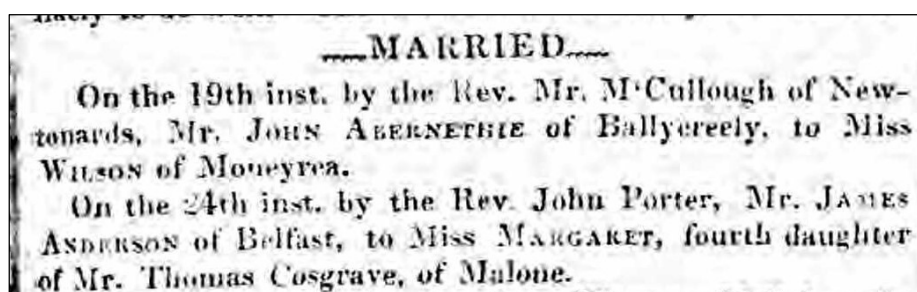
The children's names were obtained from the probate record of Isabella and the death certificate of Henry, respectively.

The informant on the death certificate of Isabella Campbell, nee Cosgrave, was a granddaughter named Ellen Holmes, but it is unknown which child of Isabella was her parent.

## Chapter 5 – Margaret Cosgrave and James Anderson



We know that Margaret was the fourth child of Thomas Cosgrave and Margaret Steele, as this was stated on the newspaper notice of her 24 December 1829 marriage to James Anderson, a local builder.



Margaret Cosgrave & James Anderson marriage notice.

Margaret and James Anderson produced ten children, born as follows –

- William Anderson, born 25 February 1831
- Thomas Cosgrave Anderson, born 14 April 1833
- Sarah Jane Anderson, born circa 1835
- Joseph Anderson, born 13 March 1835
- Margaret Anderson, born circa 1841
- Samuel Cosgrave Anderson, born circa 1841
- Isaac Henry Anderson, born circa 1849
- James Anderson
- Harvey Anderson
- Alexander Anderson

Thomas Cosgrave Anderson emigrated to Australia and Cosgrave is found as a second given name of some of his descendants.

Similarly, Samuel Cosgrave Anderson immigrated to New Zealand, and Cosgrave is found as a second given name of some of his descendants. I believe that Samuel was in Auckland, New Zealand when Margaret Cosgrave's younger brother, James Steele Cosgrave arrived there in 1864.

The fifth child, Margaret Anderson, married and had children in India, but returned to Ireland before 1885.

The known descendants of Margaret and James Anderson are as follows –

1. Margaret COSGRAVE (b.19 Mar 1808-Malone, Antrim, Ireland; d.22 May 1884-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland)
  - sp: James ANDERSON (b. Abt 1803; m.24 Dec 1829; d.10 Jan 1879-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland)
2. William ANDERSON (b.25 Feb 1831-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.15 Mar 1882-Walmer, Kent, England)
  - sp: Fanny Marion RAWSTORNE (b. Apr/Jun 1846-Preston, Lancashire, England; m.Oct/Dec 1864; d. Oct/Dec 1928-Marylebone, London, England)
3. Margaret Helen ANDERSON (b.24 Oct 1865-Portsea, Hampshire, England; d.27 Oct 1934-London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada)
3. Marion Kathleen ANDERSON (b. Oct/Dec 1866-Wokingham, Berkshire, England; d.28 Jul 1960-Chatham, Kent, Ontario, Canada)
  - sp: Robert GLENN (b.15 Oct 1860-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; m.24 Sep 1889; d.19 Mar 1930- Chatham, Kent, Ontario, Canada)
4. Cecil Allen GLENN (b.5 Aug 1890-Harwick, Kent, Ontario, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
4. William Ivan GLENN (b.11 Sep 1896-Harwick, Kent, Ontario, Canada; d.1989)
  - sp: Phyllis Miles FINCH (b. Abt 1905-Canada; m.21 Sep 1929)
4. Helen Marion GLENN (b.15 Jun 1899-Harwick, Kent, Ontario, Canada; d.20 Oct 1992)
  - sp: Sydney John BIRD (b. Abt 1892-Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England; m.10 Dec 1927; d.10 Apr 1964)
5. John Glenn BIRD (b. Abt 1933-Chatham, Kent, Ontario, Canada)
2. Thomas Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.14 Apr 1833-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.21 Aug 1893-South Yarra, Victoria, Australia)
  - sp: Anne Jane WYLIE (b. Abt 1838-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; m.4 Dec 1857; d.31 May 1874-South Yarra, Victoria, Australia)
3. Margaret Teresa ANDERSON (b.17 Sep 1858; d.19 Dec 1858)
3. James Alexander ANDERSON (b.6 Oct 1859-Hotham, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia)
  - sp: Jessie INGLES (b. Abt 1863-Ballarat, Victoria, Australia; m.10 Apr 1884)
4. Robert James Alexander ANDERSON (b.1885-Prahran, Victoria, Australia; d.1886-Prahran, Victoria, Australia)
4. Thomas Royce ANDERSON (b.1888-St. Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia)
3. Annie ANDERSON (b.14 Nov 1861; d.17 Apr 1863)
3. Eleanor ANDERSON (b.6 Dec 1863-Hotham, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia)
  - sp: Thomas William HURFORD (b. Abt 1858-Woolwich, Kent, England; m.21 Jul 1888)
3. William Henry ANDERSON (b.2 Jun 1866)
3. Fanny Marian ANDERSON (b.26 May 1868)
3. Thomas Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.13 Jun 1870; d.4 Jul 1870)
3. Edith Augusta ANDERSON (b.26 Sep 1872)
  - sp: Charlotte Simmons JACOB (b.24 Sep 1844-Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland; m.11 Dec 1874; d.17 Jun 1914-Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, Australia)
3. Claude Albert Harold ANDERSON (b.5 Jan 1876-Flemington, Victoria, Australia; d.18 Feb 1955)
  - sp: Agnes May GOSLING (b.25 Dec 1889; m.25 Nov 1914; d.19 May 1959)
4. Ruby May ANDERSON
4. Robert Claude ANDERSON
  - sp: Winifred Gladys DAWE
5. Kenneth Robert ANDERSON

- sp: Deborah Margaret COLLIS
- 5. Elizabeth Wynne ANDERSON
  - sp: Keith Lawrence MEYERS
- 3. Lillian Victoria Elizabeth Maude ANDERSON (b.1 Feb 1878-Emerald Hill, Victoria, Australia; d.18 Feb 1879-Emerald Hill, Victoria, Australia)
- 3. Percival Frederick Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.22 Sep 1879-South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; d.16 Feb 1957-Claremont, Western Australia, Australia)
  - sp: Annie Gregory RICE (b.1 Mar 1879-Ratcliff, Stepney, Middlesex, England; m.29 Jun 1901; d.7 Feb 1957-Claremont, Western Australia, Australia)
- 4. Noel Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.7 Sep 1901-Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia; d.16 May 1963- Claremont, Western Australia, Australia)
  - sp: Ivy May SMITH (b.17 Jun 1900-Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia; m.17 Oct 1925; d.23 May 1967-Subiaco, Western Australia, Australia)
- 5. Peggy Marion ANDERSON (b.7 Apr 1927; d.3 Mar 2012)
  - sp: Kevin WHITEWOOD
- 5. Judith Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.22 Apr 1931; d.4 May 1977-Perth, Western Australia, Australia)
  - sp: Norman Frederick LEWIS
- 4. Sydney Frederick Norman ANDERSON (b.22 Feb 1903; d.24 Dec 1982)
  - sp: Mary Harris Tasker GEDDES (d.13 Sep 1970)
- 5. Graham John ANDERSON (d.1 Apr 1998)
  - sp: Margaret
- 5. Murray George ANDERSON
  - sp: Debbie
  - sp: Nancy
  - sp: Nora
- 4. Francis ANDERSON (b.9 Sep 1912; d.2 Mar 1978-Booragoon, Western Australia, Australia)
  - sp: Blanche Constance DARNLEY (b.14 Dec 1910-Walthamstow, Essex, England; m.14 Dec 1935; d.10 May 1986-Craigcare, South Perth, Western Australia, Australia)
- 5. John Darnley ANDERSON
  - sp: Lorna Valerie DUTTON
- 5. Patricia Ruth ANDERSON
  - sp: Ian COLLINS
- 4. Leslie Charles ANDERSON (b.1 Jun 1906; d.10 Oct 1994)
  - sp: Gladys May WATSON (b.6 Mar 1907; d.13 Feb 2004-Perth, Western Australia, Australia)
- 5. Brian Hadley ANDERSON
- 5. Ralph Percival ANDERSON
- 4. Ivy Nance ANDERSON (b.22 Sep 1916; d.26 Dec 1982)
  - sp: Stanley David BISHOP (b. Abt 1915; d.19 Mar 1994)
- 5. Stanley Walter BISHOP
  - sp: Patricia
- 5. Nancy Dorothea BISHOP
  - sp: John CURNOW
- 5. Thelma Ivy BISHOP (b. Abt 1945; d. Abt 1945)
- 5. Robyn Joy BISHOP (b. Abt 1946; d. Abt 1946)

- 5. Hugh David BISHOP (b. Abt 1948; d. Abt 1948)
- 3. Sydney Norman ANDERSON (b.22 Apr 1881-South Yarra, Victoria, Australia; d.16 Nov 1881-South Yarra, Victoria, Australia)
- 3. Stanley Algernon ANDERSON (b.31 Jan 1883-Prahran, Victoria, Australia; d.8 Apr 1939)
  - sp: Ethel THOMPSON (m.29 Jun 1905; d.1974-Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia)
  - 4. Claudia ANDERSON
    - sp: Frank HARRISON
    - 5. Norma HARRISON
      - sp: Ronald LEGGARINI
    - 5. Robyn HARRISON
      - sp: Noel FEENEY
  - 4. Vivienne ANDERSON
    - sp: Alan TIE
  - 4. Norma ANDERSON
    - sp: Jack LILLIE
    - 5. Gail LILLIE
    - 5. Peter LILLIE
- 3. Ruby Charlotte ANDERSON (b.4 Nov 1885; d.12 Oct 1960)
  - sp: David O'KEEFFE
  - 4. Eileen Charlotte O'KEEFFE
    - sp: Alfred Robert MEYERS
    - 5. Verna MEYERS
      - sp: Tony MOREY
    - 5. Rosalie MEYERS
      - sp: Jack HALL
  - 4. David Claude O'KEEFFE
    - sp: Sadie
    - 5. Sandra O'KEEFFE
    - 5. Gillian O'KEEFFE
  - 4. James Stanley O'KEEFFE
    - sp: Georgie
    - 5. Peter O'KEEFFE
      - sp: Terrill
    - 5. Anne O'KEEFFE
      - sp: Brian BENNETT
    - 5. Stephen O'KEEFFE
  - 4. Frank Percival O'KEEFFE
    - sp: Connie
    - 5. Lynette O'KEEFFE
      - sp: Pat HARVEY
    - 5. Dennis O'KEEFFE
    - 5. Suzanna O'KEEFFE
      - sp: Peter
- 2. Sarah Jane ANDERSON (b. Abt 1835; d.26 May 1899-GlenCraig, Down, Ireland)
- 2. Joseph ANDERSON (b.13 Mar 1835-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.1 Nov 1911-Dublin, Dublin, Ireland)

- sp: Hannah GODBEY (b.1835-Dunwalk, Louth, Ireland; m. Apr/Jun 1859; d.26 Sep 1918-Rathdown, Dublin, Ireland)
3. Frederic Joseph ANDERSON (b.1860-Clontarf, Dublin, Ireland; d.25 Sep 1939-St. Johns Wood, London, England)
- sp: Edith Stoddart SMITH (b. Oct/Dec 1870-Liverpool, Lancashire, England; m. Apr/Jun 1893; d. Jan/Mar 1928-Hampstead, London, England)
4. Leslie Clifford ANDERSON (b. Apr/Jun 1894-Toxteth Park, Lancashire, England; d. Apr/Jun 1894-Toxteth Park, Lancashire, England)
4. Frederic St. Kevin ANDERSON (b.18 Jan 1898-Liverpool, Lancashire, England; d.24 May 1982-Worthing, Sussex, England)
- sp: Eileen Celia WARWICK (b. Jul/Sep 1901-Edmonton, Middlesex, England; m.1 Jan 1927; d.27 Aug 1991-Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England)
5. David St. Kevin ANDERSON (b. Oct/Dec 1927-Barnet, Middlesex, England)
- sp: Maureen Ada BAKER (b. Abt 1928; m. Apr/Jun 1953; d. Aft 1952)
5. Michael Warwick ANDERSON (b. Jul/Sep 1929-Barnet, Middlesex, England)
5. Brian J. ANDERSON (b. Oct/Dec 1930-Hendon, Middlesex, England)
4. Doreen Valma ANDERSON (b.9 Jan 1902-Toxteth Park, Lancashire, England; d. Aft 1938)
4. Ivo Sands ANDERSON (b.6 Nov 1904-Toxteth Park, Lancashire, England; d.16 Feb 1971-Hove, Sussex, England)
3. Herbert William ANDERSON (b.1863-Dublin, Dublin, Ireland; d. Jan/Mar 1906-Uxbridge, Middlesex, England)
3. Florence Josephine ANDERSON (b.29 Sep 1865-Dublin, Dublin, Ireland; d.12 Jul 1953-Dun Laoghaire, Rathdown, Dublin, Eire)
3. Madeline Hannah Constance ANDERSON (b.7 Dec 1876-Dublin, Dublin, Ireland; d.31 May 1956- Dun Laoghaire, Rathdown, Dublin, Eire)
2. Margaret ANDERSON (b. Abt 1841; d. Aft 1910)
- sp: James Carlile KERTLAND (b. Abt 1833; m.1 Nov 1870; d.27 Jun 1885-Dublin, Dublin, Ireland)
3. Ellen Margaret KERTLAND (b.14 Aug 1871-Toondla, Bengal, India; d. Aft 1910)
- sp: Andrew GRAHAM (b. Abt 1879-Antrim, Ireland; m.7 Oct 1908; d. Aft 1910)
3. Alice Louisa KERTLAND (b.31 Oct 1872-Assansol, Bengal, India; d.3 Jan 1961-Thurrock, Essex, England)
- sp: Thomas Alexander FISHER (b. Abt 1872-Markethill, Armagh, Ireland; m.9 Oct 1900; d.29 Jan 1941-South Benfleet, Essex, England)
4. Stanley Kertland FISHER (b.18 Aug 1901-Wood Green, Middlesex, England; d. Jan/Mar 1982- Southend on Sea, Essex, England)
- sp: Patricia Dorothy HAYNES (b.17 Jul 1903-Dublin, Dublin, Ireland; m. Apr/Jun 1927; d. Jul/Sep 1976-Southend on Sea, Essex, England)
5. Patricia A.F. FISHER (b.13 May 1931-Rochford, Essex, England; d. Aft 1938)
4. Ernest Carlile FISHER (b. Jul/Sep 1905-Hornsey, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1910)
4. Alice Kathleen FISHER (b.6 Jan 1907-East Finchley, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1938)
3. Lucy Graham KERTLAND (b.8 Nov 1873; d.22 Feb 1874)
3. Mary Kathleen KERTLAND (b.9 Nov 1874-Toondla, Bengal, India; d. Bef 1912)
3. William Carlile KERTLAND (b.16 Sep 1876; d.17 Aug 1877)
3. Jessie Maude KERTLAND (b.6 Sep 1877; d.4 Jul 1941-Northern Ireland)

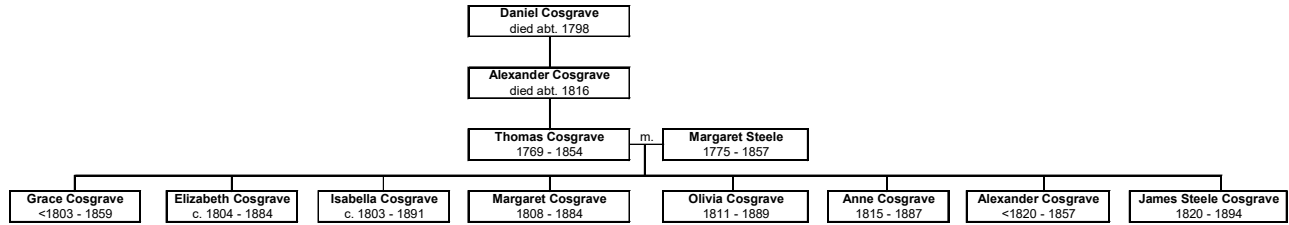
3. Nora Mabel KERTLAND (b.21 Oct 1878; d.1 May 1962-Down, Northern Ireland)
2. Samuel Cosgrave ANDERSON (b. Abt 1841-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.7 Dec 1899-Wellington, New Zealand)
  - sp: Mary Ann WHITE (b. Abt 1847-St. Johns, Hertford, England; m.8 Feb 1872; d.12 Sep 1889- Wellington, New Zealand)
3. Frank Lionel ANDERSON (b.1871-Wellington, New Zealand; d.1953-New Zealand)
  - sp: Florence Kimber SMITH (b.1867-New Zealand; m.21 Apr 1897; d.1922-N.Z.)
4. Reginald Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.1898-New Zealand; d.17 Jan 1949-Clyde, Central Otago, New Zealand)
  - sp: Agnes MACDONALD (b.22 Nov 1905; m.1924; d.20 Nov 1994-New Zealand)
5. John Cosgrave ANDERSON (b.17 Dec 1924-New Zealand; d.16 Oct 1988-Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand)
  - sp: Leah Gail (b.27 Jan 1937-Cromwell, Central Otago, New Zealand; m. Bef 1964; d.11 Dec 2012)
5. Isabel Myra ANDERSON (b.11 Sep 1926; d.2000-New Zealand)
  - sp: Douglas BARRON (b.4 Jan 1926; d.19 Sep 1993-Balclutha, Otago, N.Z.)
5. Michael David ANDERSON (b.3 Jan 1931; d.2019-New Zealand)
  - sp: Valerie Jean NORRIS (b.1941; d.2008)
5. Josephine ANDERSON (b.6 Feb 1936; d.4 Mar 2019-Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
  - sp: Graham John JONASEN (b.26 Aug 1935; d.2006-New Zealand)
4. Lionel Gordon ANDERSON (b.1899-Pahiatua, New Zealand; d.4 Jan 1918-Wanganui, New Zealand)
4. Kathleen ANDERSON (b.2 May 1900-New Zealand; d.1998-New Zealand)
  - sp: Percy Norman BADDELEY (b.20 Nov 1894-New Zealand; m.1924; d.1973-N.Z.)
5. Richard BADDELEY (b.1925)
  - sp: Judith
5. Frank BADDELEY (b.1927)
5. Kimber BADDELEY (b.1928)
5. Peter John BADDELEY (b.7 Feb 1930; d.3 Jul 2004-New Zealand)
4. Josephine Rawhiti ANDERSON (b.1903-New Zealand; d.1929-New Zealand)
4. Florence Mary ANDERSON (b.17 Jul 1908-New Zealand; d.1994-New Zealand)
  - sp: John Allan KIRKCALDIE (b.1905-New Zealand; m.2 Dec 1931; d.2 Dec 1944-Wellington, New Zealand)
5. John Gavin KIRKCALDIE (b. Abt 1926; d.1951-New Zealand)
5. Diana Mary KIRKCALDIE (b.3 Oct 1932; d.22 Jan 2018-Timaru, New Zealand)
  - sp: Maurice William James KITTO (b.2 Nov 1930; m.1953; d.1989-New Zealand)
- sp: HODGKINSON
- sp: Reginald William GOODSELL (b.9 Aug 1902; m.1948; d.1984-New Zealand)
- sp: Lily Joyce BONNER (m.1929)
2. Isaac Henry ANDERSON (b. Abt 1849-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.2 Feb 1929-Winchester, Hampshire, England)
  - sp: Marcia Helena PHELPS (b. Oct/Dec 1864-Monkton, Dorset, England; m. Apr/Jun 1890; d.31 Aug 1929-Winchester, Hampshire, England)
3. Eileen Violet Mary ANDERSON (b.7 Dec 1891-Plymouth, Devon, England; d.11 Sep 1971-Newton Abbott, Devon, England)



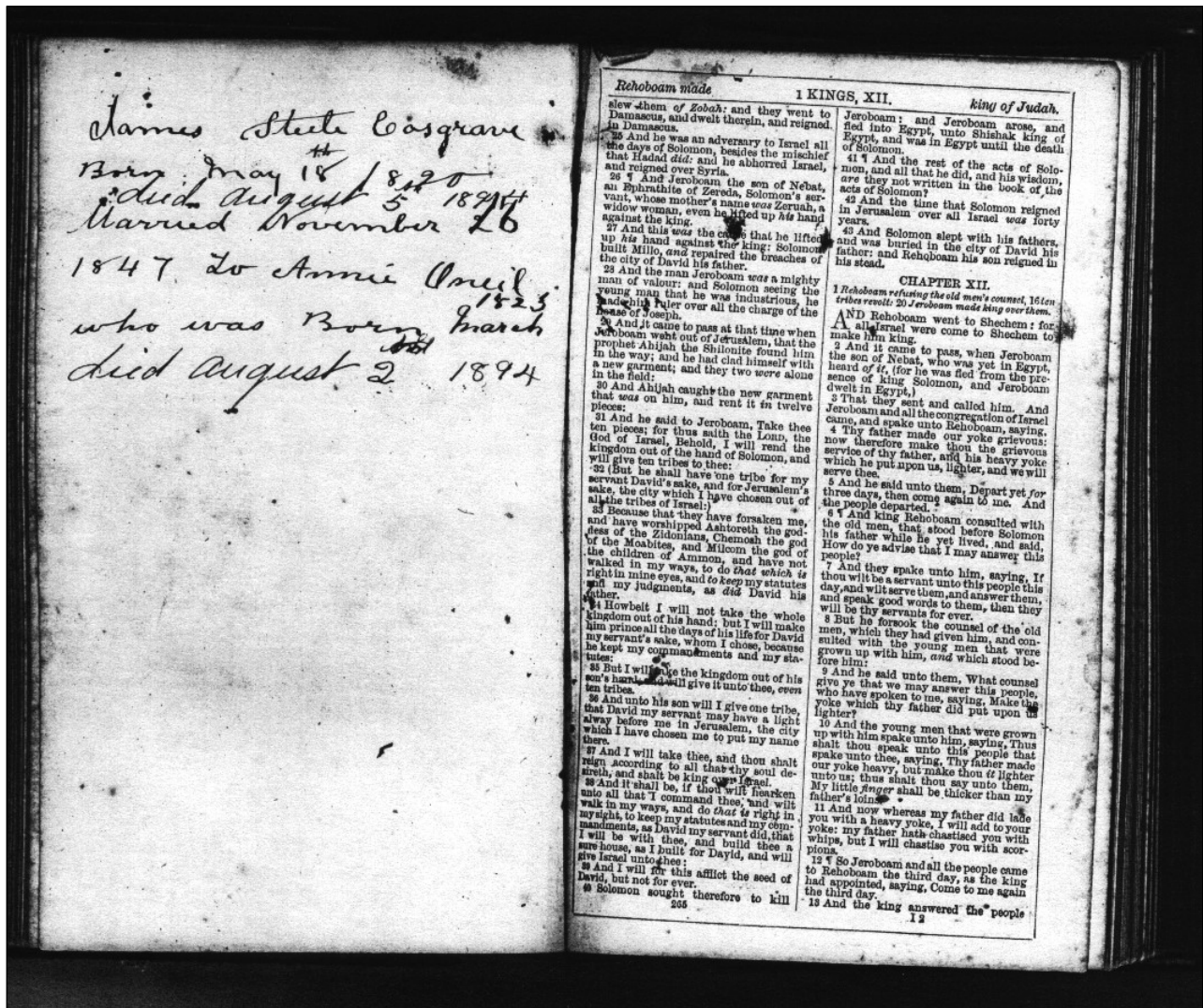
- sp: Hugh William H. SMITH (b.24 Jul 1896; m. Apr/Jun 1932; d.17 Sep 1973-Newton Abbott, Devon, England)
4. Richard M. HECKSTALL-SMITH (b. Oct/Dec 1934-Ludlow, Shropshire, England)  
sp: Gertrude C. DOBRINGER (m. Jul/Sep 1958)
5. Arthur HECKSTALL-SMITH (b. Jul/Sep 1964-Westminster, London, England)
3. Phyllis Kathleen Cicely ANDERSON (b.15 Jan 1894-Plymouth, Devon, England; d. Aft 1938)  
sp: Leslie Thomas ELVY (b.25 Apr 1891-Brentford, Middlesex, England; m. Apr/Jun 1917; d.25 Sep 1965-Christchurch, Hampshire, England)
4. John L. ELVY (b. Jan/Mar 1918-Winchester, Hampshire, England)  
sp: Nadejda NARISCHKINE (m. Oct/Dec 1945)
4. Bryan P. ELVY (b. Apr/Jun 1922-Winchester, Hampshire, England)  
sp: Eleanor M. RIDER (m. Oct/Dec 1945)
5. Susan F. ELVY (b. Surrey Mid. E, Surrey, England)
5. Linda A. ELVY (b. Oxford, Oxford, England)
5. Nicola G. ELVY (b. Devon Central, Devon, England)
2. James ANDERSON
2. Harvey ANDERSON  
sp: UNKNOWN
3. Eileen ANDERSON
2. Alexander ANDERSON (b. Abt 1846-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d. 11 Oct 1904-Springfield, Massachusetts, United States of America)  
sp: Clara Elizabeth Maude WATSON (b. Abt 1850-England; m.27 May 1869; d. 30 Jul 1900-Concord, New Hampshire, United States of America)
3. Clara Alexandra ANDERSON (b.13 Jul 1870-Holywood, Castlereagh, Down, Ireland; d. Aft 1929)  
sp: Amasa Wright SALTUS (b.3 Oct 1859-Brooklyn, New York, New York, United States of America; m.20 Jul 1924; d.2 Aug 1924-Concord, Merrimack, New Hampshire, United States of America)
3. May ANDERSON (b.8 Aug 1871-Holywood, Castlereagh, Down, Ireland; d.24 Feb 1955-Northern Ireland)  
sp: Clotworthy Dobbin ARMSTRONG (b. Abt 1869; m.26 Sep 1895; d.28 Oct 1943-Northern Ireland)
4. Phyllis Maria ARMSTRONG (b.28 Nov 1898-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
4. Rita ARMSTRONG (b.4 Apr 1901-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
4. Clotworthy Warrin ARMSTRONG (b.2 Oct 1906-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.29 Oct 1983-Northern Ireland)
3. Henry Lalanne ANDERSON (b.25 Aug 1874-Ballynafeigh, Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.1874-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland)
3. Henrietta Lalane ANDERSON (b.6 Oct 1875-Ballynafeigh, Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d. Aft 1899)
3. Edgar ANDERSON (b. Jan 1878-Ireland; d. Aft 1939)  
sp: Caroline ANDERSON (b. Abt 1880-New Jersey, United States of America; m.1901; d. Aft 1939)
4. Beatrice ANDERSON (b. Abt 1902-New Jersey, United States of America; d. Aft 1919)

4. Douglas R. ANDERSON (b. Abt 1908-New Jersey, United States of America; d. Aft 1939)
4. Edgar ANDERSON (b. Abt 1912-New Jersey, United States of America; d. Aft 1929)
4. Dorothy C. ANDERSON (b. Abt 1916-New Jersey, United States of America; d. Aft 1929)
3. Gladys Herbert ANDERSON (b.12 Jun 1880-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d. 9 Apr 1925-Hoboken, Hudson, New Jersey, United States of America)
  - sp: John Stewart TODD (b.1884-New Jersey, United States of America; m. Abt 1904; d.1962)
  4. Walter John TODD (b.1915; d.1994)
    - sp: Virginia Maxine MORELAND (b.1924; d.1990)

# Chapter 6 – James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O’Neill



James Steele Cosgrave was named after his maternal grandfather, James Steele, who was born around 1736 and died on 8 October, 1823. The Cosgrave family bible<sup>xxvi</sup> identifies that James Steele Cosgrave was born 18 May 1820.



Birth record of James Steele Cosgrave in family bible.

The Presbyterian community built the Belfast Academy in 1786 to provide a liberal education to the sons of gentlemen who could not conveniently send them to college<sup>xxvii</sup>, and in 1814 the Belfast Academical Institution was established to provide education to the middle and lower classes of society, and to make provision for the education of both sexes<sup>xxviii</sup>.

The records of the Belfast Academical Institution<sup>xxxix</sup> show that James Cosgrave, son of Thomas Cosgrave of Malone “commenced arithmetic in November 1837 and left-off in February 1838”.

In 1844, James Steele Cosgrave enrolled at the Belfast Medical School, from which he graduated in April 1846 with a Diploma in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children<sup>xxx</sup>. He setup as a Surgeon in nearby Holywood, County Down, in 1847.

*Belfast Medical School.*—On the 9th instant, after a lengthened and minute examination, before the medical faculty, the following gentlemen of Dr. Burden's class, were adjudged diplomas in midwifery, and diseases of women and children:—James S. Cosgrave, Malone;

James Steele Cosgrave - notice of graduation.

Later that same year, James Steele Cosgrave of Malone (the son of Thomas Cosgrave) married Anna O'Neill of Belfast, on November 16th, 1847 at the Unitarian meeting house in Dunmurry. Anna O'Neill is listed as a 25 year old spinster, residing at Lime Kiln Dock, Belfast, daughter of John O'Neill, a merchant. The marriage entry is reproduced below<sup>xxxi</sup>:

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NEWCASTLE G. Registrar's District of *Lisburn*

My Marriage solemnized at *Dunmurry* in the Parish of *Dunmurry* in the Co. of *Down*

When Solemnized	Name and Residence	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Residence	Rank or Profession of Father
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> 1847	<i>James Steele Cosgrave</i>	<i>27 years</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Surgeon</i>	<i>Malone</i>	<i>Thomas Cosgrave</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
	<i>Anna O'Neill</i>	<i>25 years</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Lime Kiln Dock, Belfast</i>	<i>John O'Neill</i>	<i>Merchant</i>

Solemnized in the *Meeting House* according to the Form and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church by *Witnesses* by me

Marriage solemnized by *James Steele Cosgrave* in the presence of *Joseph McKee* *John Little* *John Little* *John Little*

Witnesses of the Bride *Anna (Mrs) O'Neill* *James Lagan*

James Steele Cosgrave marriage entry.

The British Newspaper Archive website<sup>xxxii</sup> includes digitized copies of almost complete sets (there are some gaps) of several post-1800 Irish newspapers. This wonderful resource unearthed a series of articles regarding an 1854 case in the Court of Chancery, relating to James Steele Cosgrave's challenge to the administration of the estate of his maternal grandfather, James Steele.

The Court of Chancery case was well documented in the news media of the day, with articles appearing in at least 5 newspapers, detailing the progress of the case –

- Banner of Ulster; 28 March 1854; page 1 & 2
- Belfast Chronicle; 27 March 1854; page 2
- Belfast Mercury; 27 March 1854; page 3
- Belfast News-Letter; 27 March 1854; page 1 & 2
- Northern Whig; 28 March 1854; page 1

The salient details of the Chancery case were as follows –

*James Steele farmed approximately 100 acres near Dunmurry, SW of Belfast, comprised of a hill farm, of poor quality, and a lowland farm of much better quality. Here he kept cows and a few pigs, and grew crops, primarily oats. James Steele died on October 8<sup>th</sup> 1823.*

*It appears that James Steele had at least 7 children, 3 sons and 4 daughters, one of whom was Margaret Cosgrave (nee Steele). In his will, dated 5 May 1823, James Steele directed that a legacy of 150 pounds be paid to his daughter Elizabeth Stevenson, and that his son, Matthew Steele, was to receive the income from the remaining estate. Upon Matthew's death, legacies of 100 pounds each were to be paid to James Cosgrave (grandson of James Steele), and to Robert Steele and Thomas Steele (believed to be sons of James Steele). The residue of the estate was to be split equally between the daughters and grandchildren of James Steele, a total of 30 persons. The executor of the estate was Alexander Finlay, son in law of James Steele, who had a daughter (name unknown) by James Steele's daughter, and at least two sons, John and Robert Finlay, by a second wife.*

*Matthew Steele died in March 1844, at which point Alexander Finlay paid the 3 remaining legacies, and made an initial payment of 10 pounds to each of the 30 beneficiaries of the residual estate, including 90 pounds paid to Thomas Cosgrave (10 pounds for his wife Margaret, and 10 pounds for each of his 8 children). A second payment of 7 pounds, 17 shillings and 4 pence was paid to the 30 beneficiaries in August 1844. One beneficiary, William Stevenson (son of Elizabeth Stevenson named above), was not paid as he was out of the country, and the money could not be safely transferred, so was held for him to claim.*

*Alexander Finlay died on 9 March 1851, and his son, John Finlay, as his executor, became the acting executor of the estate of James Steele.*

*In 1852, Elizabeth Stevenson (nee Steele) wrote from New York to ask if her son, William Stevenson, had received his share of the estate of James Steele. This prompted James Steele Cosgrave to seek a copy of the will of James Steele, which he claimed to have not previously seen, and to question the administration of the estate of James Steele.*

*After unsuccessfully seeking information directly from John Finlay regarding the administration of the estate of James Steele, James Steele Cosgrave sued John Finlay, as the acting executor of the estate of James Steele, making two claims –*

- That the inventory of the estate of James Steele, as documented by Alexander Finlay, was incomplete, effectively claiming that Alexander Finlay had kept significant livestock and crops for himself, to the detriment of all beneficiaries of the estate.*
- That he, James Steele Cosgrave, had not received his share of the residual estate, although he acknowledged receipt of the 100 pound legacy.*

*James Steele Cosgrave was represented by Ross Moore Q.C., and John Finlay was represented by Mr. Joy Q.C.*

*Rev. Dr. Montgomery, minister of the Dunmurry Unitarian church, testified that he tried to convince James Steele Cosgrave to not proceed with the suit, as, even if he won, his costs would be greater than the amount that he would receive from the defendant, but to no avail.*

*James Steele Cosgrave believed that he had been wronged and was willing to go to jail if he had to.*

*The first claim in James Steele Cosgrave's suit relied heavily on the evidence of William M'Connell, who had worked on the farm of James Steele prior to, and after, the death of James Steele, and who stated that there were 27 or 28 cows on the farm at the time of James Steele's death, and a substantial quantity of hay and oats.*

*The second claim relied on the evidence of James Steele Cosgrave himself, who stated that when he received his legacy of 100 pounds, his father was also given 90 pounds, and that he, James Steele Cosgrave, was told by Alexander Finlay at that time, that he had no further claim, which he did not discover was incorrect, until he saw the will of James Steele in 1852.*

*The defence portrayed William M'Connell as an unemployed pauper, whose memory of the events could not be relied upon. They also called the purchaser of the property to give evidence of how many cattle the farm could support (less than claimed by M'Connell), and questioned why, as Thomas Cosgrave was too ill to appear in court, his wife, Margaret Steele, did not appear as she had always had a copy of the will, was on the farm at the time her father died, and so should know first-hand what transpired. The icing on the cake was that they produced the inventory books deposited at the Stamp Office by Alexander Finlay, and the receipt from the auctioneer, which collectively suggested that Alexander Finlay had faithfully executed his responsibilities as executor. John Finlay explained that Thomas Cosgrave received the residual amount for his wife and all 8 of his children (90 pounds + 64 pounds, 19 shillings), including James Steele Cosgrave's share, and even if James did not directly receive the money, he received the benefit of the money, as his parents had paid his lodging in Belfast and the cost of his medical schooling.*

*The jury took only a half hour to find in favour of the defendant, and James Steele Cosgrave was later ordered to pay court costs of 154 pounds.*

Soon after the Court of Chancery decision, Thomas Cosgrave added a codicil to his will, revoking the bequest of 160 pounds to James Steele Cosgrave, and providing a bequest of 1 shilling instead. The timing of this codicil suggests that Thomas Cosgrave was not happy with his son's action taken in the Court of Chancery, regarding the estate of his maternal grandfather, James Steele, and so effectively dis-inherited his son. Thomas Cosgrave died that same year.

It appears that around the time of his brother's (Alexander) death, James Steele Cosgrave moved back onto the family farm in Malone, as the Belfast Mercury<sup>xxxiii</sup> of 16 March 1858 reported an action of ejectment brought by James Anderson against his brother in law, James Steele Cosgrave, to recover possession of a farm land at Malone, but James Steele Cosgrave consented to vacate the property, avoiding a trial.

James Anderson then proceeded with the sale of the farm at Malone, as a notice in the Belfast Mercury<sup>xxxiv</sup> of 27 October 1858, offered "Cosgrave's Farm" at Malone for sale, identifying it as "Building Ground". The farm fell victim to the suburban sprawl of the City of Belfast, and was subdivided for housing.

A further notice published in the Northern Whig<sup>xxxv</sup> of 18 July 1860, by James Anderson, stated that the 14 acre property at Malone had been sold to Henry Russell of Belfast, a solicitor, and asking anybody who objected to the sale to come forward.

The Belfast News-Letter<sup>xxxvi</sup> of 5 March 1862 contained a notice stating that James Cosgrave was an insolvent, and called for creditors of the late Thomas Cosgrave of Malone to identify their claims on the estate.

The Evening Freeman<sup>xxxvii</sup> of 4 September 1863 gave notice of a meeting of the creditors of James Cosgrave to be held in Dublin on October 10<sup>th</sup> to review the accounts and to make a first and final dividend.

Having lost badly in the Court of Chancery, and forced to declare bankruptcy, James Steele Cosgrave, likely with some encouragement from his siblings, packed up his family and emigrated from Ireland to New Zealand, but before we look at the family's life in New Zealand, we will introduce the children of James Steele Cosgrave, who were all born in Ireland.

James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill had seven children, born as follows –

- Thomas Cosgrave, born circa 1848
- Margaret Elizabeth Cosgrave, born circa 1850
- James Alexander Cosgrave, born 23 March 1851
- Theresa Anne Cosgrave, born 26 September 1853
- Alfred Edward Cosgrave, born circa 1854
- Norman Cosgrave, baptised 15 July 1859
- Ida Olivia Cosgrave, born circa 1860

All seven children travelled with James and Anna Cosgrave, when they sailed to New Zealand on the ship *Ida Ziegler*, in 1864. The New Zealand Herald newspaper of 29 October, 1864 announced the arrival of the *Ida Zeigler* in Auckland, and provided a list of passengers. This passenger list includes:

Jas., Hannah, Thomas, Mary E., James A., Theresa, Alfred, Norman, and Olivia Cosgrave.

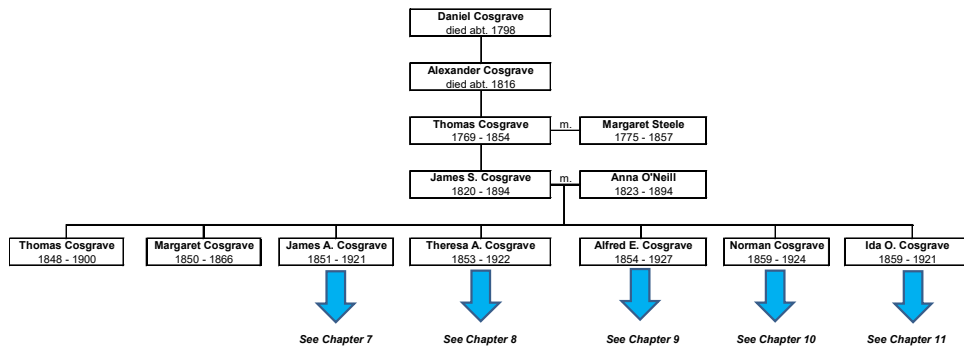
Margaret Elizabeth (Mary E. in the passenger list) died in Auckland at age 16, from Peritonitis, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 1866.

James Steele Cosgrave lived in Auckland for some years and later moved to Kaukapakapa, after he was appointed Government Vaccinator for the area. He died from influenza in Kaukapakapa on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 1894.

Hannah (Anna), his wife, died three days before her husband, also from influenza, and is buried with him in the Kaukapakapa cemetery.

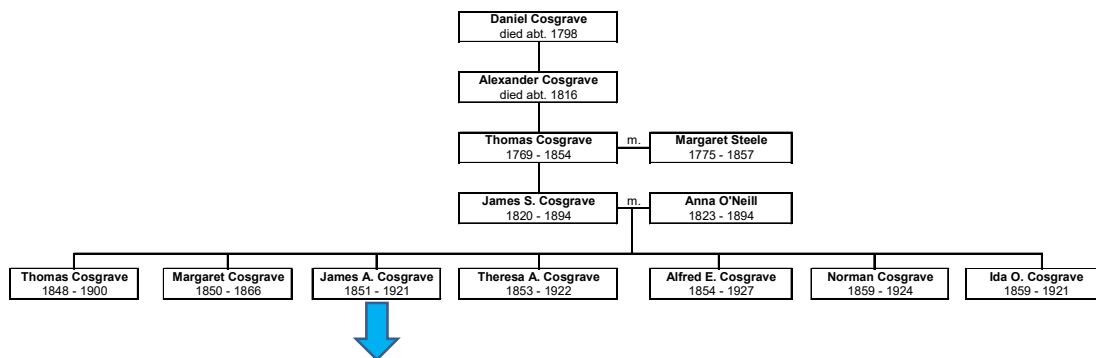
Their son Thomas became a farmer, did not marry, and died of pancreatic cancer in Auckland hospital on 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 1900. He is also buried at Kaukapakapa.

The lives of the other children of James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill will be investigated further in following chapters.

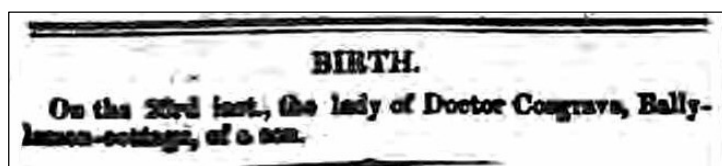




## Chapter 7 – James Alexander Cosgrave and Ellen Meale



James Alexander Cosgrave was born 23 March 1851 at Ballylesson Cottage, the third child of James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill. Notice of his birth was found in the Belfast News-Letter newspaper of 28 March 1851.



James Alexander Cosgrave birth notice.

At the age of 13 years, he emigrated from Ireland to New Zealand with his parents and siblings, on the ship *Ida Ziegler*. After initially living at Auckland, the family moved to Kaukapakapa.

James Alexander Cosgrave, a 25 year old mariner, married 19 year old Ellen Meale, in the Wade Registry Office on 17 June 1878, and James worked as a bushman before taking up farming. The marriage produced 8 children, born as follows –

- Sidney James Cosgrave, born 9 February 1879
- Annie Elizabeth Cosgrave, born 23 August 1880
- Ellen Olivia Cosgrave, born 22 June 1882
- Edith Steele Cosgrave, born 14 December 1884
- Vivian John Cosgrave, born 1 May 1887
- George Edward Cosgrave, born 22 August 1889
- Percy Cosgrave, born 17 November 1891
- James Steele Cosgrave, born 16 July 1894

Sidney James Cosgrave married Edith Rosalia Schischka on 21 July 1906 and they had 3 children together, Muriel Joy, Edith Bernice Elizabeth, and Peter George Maurice (Maurice) Cosgrave. This marriage ended in divorce in 1930 and Sidney had three additional children with Una Jessie Leslie – June, Margaret, and John James Steele Cosgrave. Sidney's known descendants are as follows –

1. Sidney James COSGRAVE (b. 9 Feb 1879-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.23 Mar 1963-Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Edith Rosalia SCHISCHKA (b.23 Oct 1881-Auckland, New Zealand; m.21 Jul 1906 (Div);  
 d. 9 Jan 1968 - Remuera, New Zealand)

2. Muriel Joy COSGRAVE (b.22 Aug 1907-Auckland, New Zealand; d.2 Sep 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Edith Bernice Elizabeth COSGRAVE (b.4 Nov 1908-Auckland, New Zealand; d.1 Apr 1985-Whangarei, New Zealand)

sp: Peregrine Theodore Harry LEDIARD (b.14 Dec 1907-Wandsworth, London, England; m. 23 Aug 1930; d.18 Dec 1983-New Zealand)

3. Mary Elizabeth Dawn LEDIARD (b.5 Mar 1931-Auckland, New Zealand; d. 5 Nov 1984-New Zealand)

sp: William BRADSTREET (b.30 Nov 1926; m.1950; d.11 Dec 1991-New Zealand)

4. Graham BRADSTREET

4. Jennifer BRADSTREET

3. Peregrine David Walter LEDIARD (b. 15 Jan 1941-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Christine Mary (m. 1963/1966)

4. Sandra LEDIARD

4. Rachel LEDIARD

3. Linda Anne LEDIARD (b. 1948-Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Peter George Maurice COSGRAVE (b.14 Jun 1917-Auckland, New Zealand; d.6 Nov 2001-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Reama DAWAI (d. 25 Feb 1975-Fiji)

3. Lorima Davu COSGRAVE (b. Nadi, Fiji)

sp: Rebecca Margaret PAERAU (b.-Te Kauwhata, New Zealand;)

4. David Laurie COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Sandra Anamere COSGRAVE (b. 1983-Auckland, New Zealand; d. 3 Jul 1983-Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Maurice COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Phillip Davu COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Billy Qoro COSGRAVE

sp: Una Jessie LESLIE (b.11 Jan 1910-New Zealand; d.1 Apr 2002-New Zealand)

2. June COSGRAVE

2. Margaret COSGRAVE

2. John James Steele COSGRAVE (b.30 Apr 1940-Auckland, New Zealand; d.12 Oct 2011-New Zealand)

sp: Marion Janice HINTON m.1963 (Div))

3. Carol Ann COSGRAVE

3. Paul John COSGRAVE (b. Howick, Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Jennine MCDONALD

Annie Elizabeth Cosgrave married Alexander James Jamieson in Waiwera on 27 December 1904, and the marriage produced 5 children. Annie died in Auckland on 20 February 1942, and Alexander died seven years later, on 30 June 1949, also in Auckland. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Annie Elizabeth COSGRAVE (b.23 Aug 1880-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.20 Feb 1942-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Alexander James JAMIESON (b.13 Apr 1881-Mahurangi, New Zealand; m.27 Dec 1904; d.30 Jun 1949-Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Mona Pearle JAMIESON (b.13 Apr 1904-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.27 Jun 1977-New Zealand)
2. Edith Helen JAMIESON (b.16 Nov 1906-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.17 May 1987-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Owen Curran BURNS (b.29 Aug 1898-New Zealand; m.4 Apr 1928; d.6 Mar 1986-New Zealand)
2. Percy Alexander JAMIESON (b.8 Sep 1908-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.20 Jul 1962-Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Eunice Rose AFFLECK (b.13 Nov 1913-New Zealand; m.8 Sep 1937; d.21 Jul 2000-New Zealand)
  3. Yvonne Helen JAMIESON (b.23 Apr 1937-New Zealand; d.19 Jul 2020-Wellington, New Zealand)
    - sp: Barry John JACKSON (b. 8 Dec 1935; d. 4 Aug 2018-New Zealand)
    4. Lyndsay John JACKSON
  3. Beverley JAMIESON
2. Charles Govan JAMIESON (b.15 Jul 1910-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.1970-New Zealand)
  - sp: Elsie May MCLENNAN (b.13 Jan 1911-New Zealand; m.9 Feb 1935; d.1999-New Zealand)
  3. Jocelyn Merle JAMIESON (b. Abt 1936)
    - sp: Don BRIDGE
    4. Craig Donald BRIDGE
  3. Donald Robin JAMIESON (b. 25 Oct 1938-New Zealand; d.13 Feb 1944-New Zealand)
  3. Glenys Carol JAMIESON
    - sp: Robert G. WALTERS (m. Bef 1969)
    4. Janine WALTERS
2. James Edmund George JAMIESON (b.3 Jul 1915-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.16 Apr 1992-New Zealand)
  - sp: Florence Waikato COLLARD (b.10 Apr 1916-New Zealand; m.21 Feb 1934 (Div); d.18 Oct 2009-New Zealand)
  3. Rodney James JAMIESON (b.3 Apr 1935-New Zealand; d.16 Oct 1935-New Zealand)
  3. Anne JAMIESON
  3. Patricia JAMIESON
  - sp: Irene Liliias MEHARRY (b.5 May 1908-New Zealand; m.1943; d.30 Jan 2006-N.Z.)
    3. Roderick JAMIESON
    3. Valerie JAMIESON

Ellen Olivia Cosgrave married Angus Joseph Jamieson, brother of her brother in law, Alexander James Jamieson, in Mahurangi in 1910. Ellen and Angus had two children together. Angus Jamieson died in Auckland on 17 October 1926. In 1941 Ellen married Elijah Parker, and she died in 1964. Elijah died the following year. Ellen Olivia Cosgrave's known descendants are as follows –

1. Ellen Olivia COSGRAVE (b.22 Jun 1882-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.18 Dec 1964-New Zealand)
  - sp: Angus Joseph JAMIESON (b.15 Jul 1877-Mahurangi, New Zealand; m.29 Jun 1910; d.17 Oct 1926- Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Harold Joseph JAMIESON (b.4 Apr 1911-New Zealand; d.9 May 1986-New Zealand)  
sp: Margaret Theresa HANNON (b.7 Dec 1912; m.8 May 1935; d.9 Jun 2007-N.Z.)
3. Dawn Margaret JAMIESON (b.9 Oct 1936; d.6 Sep 2016-New Zealand)  
sp: RICHARDSON
  4. Terry RICHARDSON
  4. Tracy RICHARDSON
  4. Julie RICHARDSON
3. Marlene Rose JAMIESON (b.27 Dec 1939-New Zealand; d.18 Oct 2021-New Zealand)  
sp: Gary L. ROSE
3. Mary Laraine JAMIESON (b.13 Dec 1941-New Zealand; d.28 Mar 2019-New Zealand)  
sp: KERR
3. Harold Michael JAMIESON (b.29 Dec 1951-New Zealand; d.30 Apr 1968-New Zealand)
2. Sidney George JAMIESON (b.6 Oct 1913-New Zealand; d.17 Jun 1992-Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)  
sp: Leonie Edna WADSWORTH (b.27 Jul 1920-New Zealand; m.1944; d.15 Feb 1976-Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)  
sp: Elijah PARKER (b. Abt 1883; m.1941; d.9 Nov 1965-New Zealand)

Edith Steele Cosgrave married Lewis Brunton in the Presbyterian Church at Wade on 13 January 1904, and they had six children. Lewis died 3 March 1947 in Hamilton, and Edith died 23 January 1984 in Tauranga. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Edith Steele COSGRAVE (b.14 Dec 1884-Upper Waiwera, New Zealand; d.23 Jan 1984-Tauranga, New Zealand)  
sp: Lewis BRUNTON (b.24 Nov 1881-Orewa Falls, Wade, New Zealand; m.13 Jan 1904; d.3 Mar 1947- Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
  2. Lewis Vivian Robert BRUNTON (b.30 Oct 1906-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand; d.15 Apr 1984-Tauranga, Bay Of Plenty, New Zealand)  
sp: Beatrice May WILD (b.20 Feb 1912; m.19 Dec 1936; d.20 Nov 1993-New Zealand)
    3. Malcolm Alastair BRUNTON (b.6 Feb 1941-New Zealand; d.13 Apr 2002-New Zealand)  
sp: Yvonne Maria NIKORA (d.13 Sep 2000)
    3. Merrilyn Gail BRUNTON  
sp: Lynden David ADAM
  2. Eva Florence BRUNTON (b.1908-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.13 Apr 1969-Gisborne, New Zealand)  
sp: Thomas Henry LYNES (b.13 Nov 1899-Shutford, Oxford, England; m.23 May 1928; d.12 Nov 1981-New Zealand)
    3. Colleen Ralda LYNES (b.1929; d.1998-Florida, United States of America)  
...sp: James RENNIE (m.1948 (Div))
    3. Alan Barry LYNES (b.5 Mar 1931-New Zealand; d.3 Apr 1931-New Zealand)
    3. Dennis George LYNES (b.13 Sep 1933; d.16 Jul 1985-Queenstown, Otago, New Zealand)  
...sp: Shirley VALLANCE (b.31 May 1933; m.1954 (Div); d.31 Mar 2011-New Zealand)
      4. Robin Larry LYNES
      4. Cheryl Jane LYNES  
...sp: ROBINSON
      4. Andrea Karen LYNES (b.1960; d.31 Jan 2019-Queenstown, Otago, New Zealand)

- ...sp: Steven Frederick NICOLLE
- ...sp: Beau RAPLEY
- 4. Victoria LYNES
- 4. Katrina LYNES
- 4. Jodi LYNES
- ...sp: Priscilla Jane (m.1968/1975(Div))
- ...sp: Elaine Mary JACKSON (b.26 Apr 1940; m.1975/1985; d.20 Apr 2011-New Zealand)
- 3. Larry Michael LYNES
  - sp: Anne Valerie (m. 1966/1969)
- 2. Cecil Edgar BRUNTON (b.13 May 1908-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.13 May 1988-New Zealand)
  - sp: Melba BRADLEY (b.21 Apr 1917; m.2 Oct 1942; d.15 Jun 1989-New Zealand)
- 3. Shirley Anne BRUNTON
  - sp. Francis George JACOBSON (b. Abt 1940; d.28 Apr 1978-At sea)
  - 4. Cheryl Anne JIMENEZ
  - 4. Carl Lewis JACOBSON
  - 4. Francis Bernard Thomas JACOBSON
- 3. Neal James BRUNTON
- 2. Alan George BRUNTON (b.30 Aug 1910-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.5 Dec 1941-Egypt)
- 2. Kenneth Leslie BRUNTON (b.19 Dec 1911-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.21 Feb 1984-Orewa, N.Z.)
  - sp: Marjorie Rosina Marion SUBRITZKY (b. Abt 1910; m.21 Oct 1932 (Div); d.16 Jun 1968-New Zealand)
- 3. Loyce Ruth Steele BRUNTON (b.9 Aug 1934; d.25 Apr 1998-New Zealand)
  - sp: Peter David MAJOR
  - 4. Shane
  - 4. Paul
  - 4. Dean
  - 4. Simone
- 3. Gayle BRUNTON
- 3. Carl BRUNTON
- 3. Anne BRUNTON
  - sp: Cynthia Mae MORRISON (m.1949(Div))
- 2. George Mervyn BRUNTON (b. 16 May 1916-Hamilton, New Zealand; d.14 Dec 1996-New Zealand)
  - sp: Maisie Priscilla EVANS (b.7 Aug 1922; m.1948 (Div); d.25 May 2002-New Zealand)
  - sp: Dawn Eleanor

Vivian John Cosgrave married Justine Ursula Brady and their family will be covered in more detail in chapter 12.

George Edward Cosgrave and James Steele Cosgrave (jnr.) both served in World War I and made the ultimate sacrifice. Their short lives will be covered in chapters 13 and 14 respectively.

Percy Cosgrave joined the New Zealand Police on 27 March, 1914, and was stationed at Wellington's Mount Cook Police Station. He married a widow named Imelda Coogan (nee Mooney) in the Wellington Registrar's office on 17 October, 1918. Imelda's first husband,

James Hobson Coogan, had died in 1915, and they had a daughter, Mary Ellen Gertrude Coogan, who was born 24 October 1904. Percy and Imelda did not have any children together.

The Evening Post newspaper of 4 April 1921<sup>xxxviii</sup>, identifies that “Constable P. Cosgrave, who has been stationed at Mount Cook (Wellington) Police Station for the past seven years, has resigned, in order to take over the Pier Hotel, Kaikoura”.

The hotel business did not go well for Percy, and on the 9th of April, 1923 he filed for bankruptcy. Percy stated that he had had bad luck with the hotels that he had gone into, and came away with nothing. His creditors received 2 shillings and 6 pence per pound owed (12.5%).

Percy took on the family farm at Upper Waiwera, but after the death of his mother, the farm was sold and Percy worked for Auckland brewers *Hancocks*, employed as a relieving manager at several hotels, notably the Astor in Auckland, the Northern Wairoa in Dargaville, and the Palace in Rotorua.

He died in Auckland on 25 September 1964, and is buried in Auckland’s Waikumete cemetery. Imelda died in Wellington on 25 July 1966.

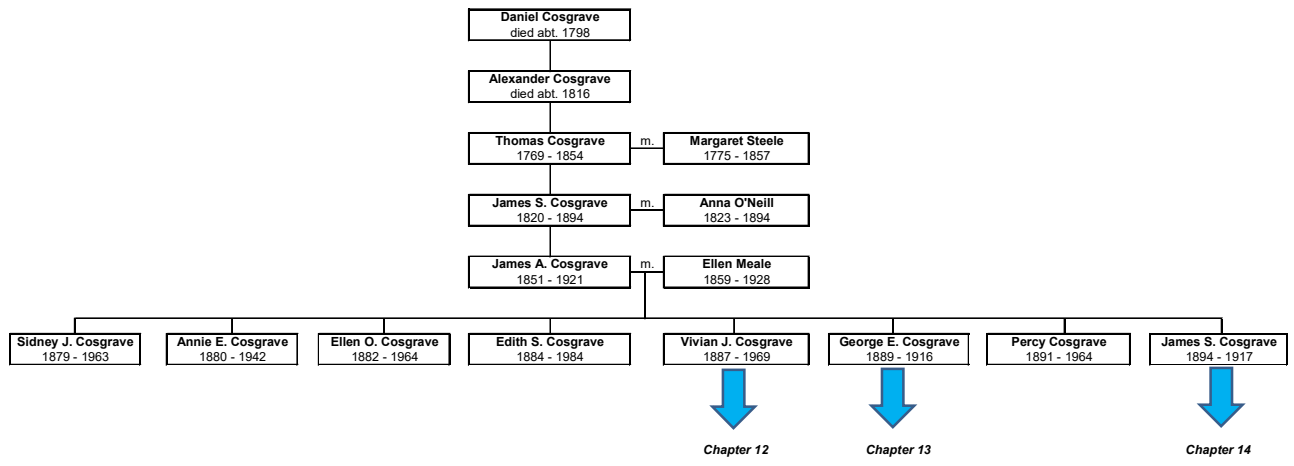
James Alexander Cosgrave and Ellen Meale farmed at Upper Waiwera, where they raised their 8 children. In April 1921, their son Percy had purchased the Pier Hotel in Kaikoura, and James Alexander Cosgrave visited Percy later that year.

James Alexander Cosgrave’s death certificate identifies that he died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the Pier Hotel on 6 December 1921, and he is buried in the Kaikoura cemetery. A story passed down in the family is that James was playing with a group of children in the hotel, and fell down the stairs, landing on his head.

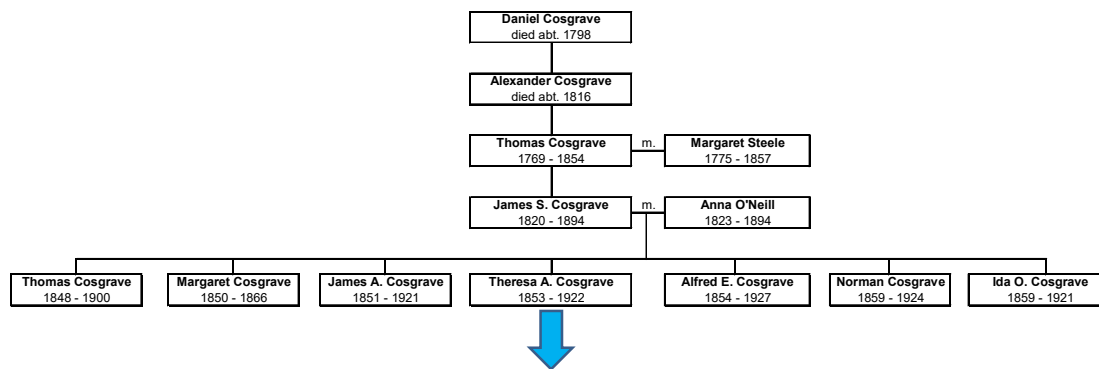
After the death of her husband, Ellen Cosgrave (nee Meale) continued farming at Upper Waiwera, with assistance from her son Percy. Ellen died of acute bronchitis on 13 July 1928, at the home of her sister in Cambridge. She is buried in the Cambridge cemetery.



**(l-r) James, Margaret & Patricia Cosgrave at the grave of James Alexander Cosgrave.**



## Chapter 8 – Theresa Anne Cosgrave and Henry Hellyer



Theresa Ann Cosgrave, the fourth child of James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill, was born 26 September 1853 at Holywood, County Down. She married Henry Hellyer in Auckland, New Zealand on 29 January 1880, and the couple had five children.

Henry Hellyer died in Helensville on 13 November 1912. Theresa died in Auckland on 4 April 1922 from breast cancer, and is buried in the Wainui cemetery.

Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Theresa Anne COSGRAVE (b.26 Sep 1853-Hollywood, Down, Ireland; d.4 Apr 1922-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Henry HELLYER (b.1 Dec 1848-Auckland, New Zealand; m.29 Jan 1880; d.13 Nov 1912-Helensville, New Zealand)

2. Henry Steele HELLYER (b.9 Jul 1881-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.16 Dec 1939-Helensville, New Zealand)

2. Ida Violet HELLYER (b. Dec 1884-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.9 Aug 1921-Parakakau, New Zealand)

2. Norman Harold HELLYER (b.5 Mar 1887-New Zealand)

2. Ernest Clifford HELLYER (b.10 Sep 1892-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.16 Aug 1964-Wanui, Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Lewis Onslow HELLYER (b.17 Oct 1893-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.21 Jun 1964-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Constance Maye OTTO (b.3 Oct 1904-Auckland, New Zealand; m.31 Jan 1928; d.23 Mar 1950-Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Shirley Diedre HELLYER (b.2 Mar 1929-Helensville, New Zealand)

sp: Neil Charles MCCATHIE (b.23 Oct 1927-Kaitaia, New Zealand; m.19 Mar 1949; d.4 Dec 2020-New Zealand)

4. Colleen Shirley MCCATHIE (b. Helensville, New Zealand)

sp: Paul Hardy BROWNE (b. Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand)

5. Nicola Maree BROWNE (b. North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand)

5. Katrina Maree BROWNE (b. North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand)

5. Travis Paul BROWNE (b. North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Brian Louis MCCATHIE (b. Helensville, New Zealand)

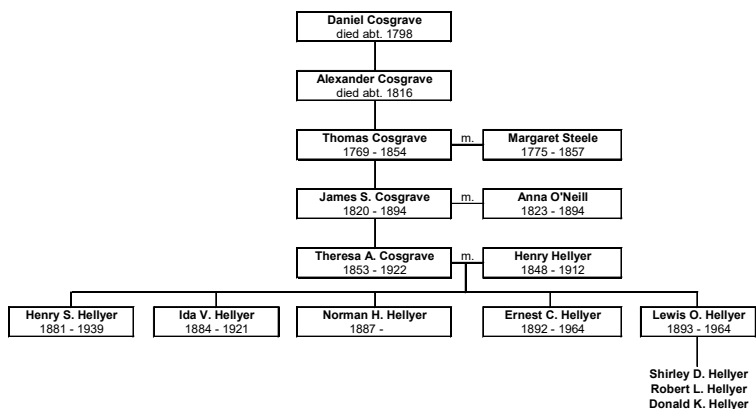
sp: Mary Anne TERRY

5. Rana Aroha Terry MCCATHIE (b. Silverdale, New Zealand)

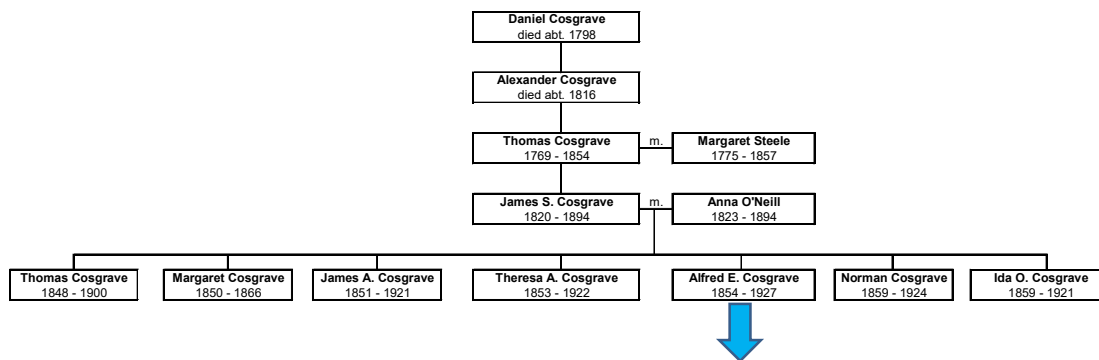
5. Louisa Anne Terry MCCATHIE (b. Hamilton, New Zealand)



- 5. Shirley Liddell Terry MCCATHIE (b. Hamilton, New Zealand)
- 4. Gary Neil MCCATHIE (b. Helensville, New Zealand)
  - sp: Julie Anne MINGINS (b. Helensville, New Zealand)
  - 5. Sarah Elise MCCATHIE (b. Helensville, New Zealand)
  - 5. Samuel Gary MCCATHIE (b. Helensville, New Zealand)
  - 5. Dylan Christopher William MCCATHIE (b. North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand)
- 3. Robert Lewis HELLYER (b.1930-Helensville, New Zealand)
  - sp: Elaine Ngaire GREIG (m.1956)
- 3. Donald Kingsford HELLYER (b.11 Jun 1932-Helensville, Auckland, New Zealand; d.22 May 2010-New Zealand)
  - sp: Doris BRIDLE



## Chapter 9 – Alfred Edward / Edmond Cosgrave



Alfred Edward / Edmond, the fifth child of James Steele Cosgrave O'Neill was born circa 1854 at Holywood, County Down, Ireland. He married Euphemia Spence Lamb on 1 January 1876 at Wade, New Zealand, with whom he had 4 children before Euphemia's death at the age of 23, due to tuberculosis, on 16 February 1884 at Riverhead. Alfred subsequently had another family of 12 children with Martha Warren, between 1895 and 1917. Alfred and Martha married 24 September 1907 at Whangaroa.

Alfred worked his entire life as a gum digger and died 24 June 1927 at Parua Bay. He is buried in the Parua Bay cemetery.

The known descendants of Alfred are as follows -

1. Alfred Edward COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1854-Holywood, Down, Ireland; d.24 Jun 1927-Parua Bay, New Zealand)

sp: Euphemia Spence LAMB (b.3 Oct 1860-Waitemata Mills, Riverhead, New Zealand; m.1 Jan 1876; d. 16 Feb 1884-Riverhead, New Zealand)

2. Alfred James COSGRAVE (b.3 Mar 1877-Orewa, New Zealand; d.2 Jun 1958-Ruakaka, Northland, New Zealand)

sp: Isabella Panapa Tangiwai MCNEIL (b.18 Jul 1883-Mangawi, New Zealand; m. 23 Dec 1901; d. 20 May 1964-Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Violet Georgina COSGRAVE (b.22 May 1902-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.18 Jun 1990-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Francis Saville LOUGH (b.30 Oct 1902-Christchurch, New Zealand; m.19 May 1928; d.6 Oct 1967- Whangarei, New Zealand)

3. Euphemia COSGRAVE (b.28 Jul 1903-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.27 Jul 1951-Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Alfred Edmond COSGRAVE (b.11 Sep 1904-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.17 Nov 1982-Albany, New Zealand)

sp: Olga Lavinia Charlotte MOON (b.7 Feb 1912-New Zealand; m.27 Nov 1930; d.28 Aug 1957- Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Desmond George COSGRAVE (b.27 Sep 1931-Auckland, New Zealand; d.13 Dec 2015-Palmerston North, New Zealand)

sp: Daphne Patricia MARTIN (b.11 Mar 1932; m.1952(Div); d.15 Oct 2010-New Zealand)

5. Dion Paul COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Dianne Julia

- sp: Patricia Margaret KEATLEY
5. Karen Ann COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- sp: Phillip WILLIAMSON
5. Mark Desmond COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- sp: Linda
- sp: Muriel Joan PARKES (b.3 Sep 1930; m.1965; d.3 Sep 2013-New Zealand)
3. Junita COSGRAVE (b.9 Dec 1905-Waikiekie, New Zealand; d.27 Jan 1997-Whangarei, New Zealand)
- sp: Harold Thomas ARNOLD (b. Abt 1904-England; m.18 Dec 1939 (Div); d.27 Jun 1981-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Lillan May COSGRAVE (b.10 May 1907-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.29 Jul 1921-Ruakaka, New Zealand)
3. Albert COSGRAVE (b.29 May 1909-Mangapai, New Zealand; d.18 Jun 1976-Whangarei, New Zealand)
- sp: Norma Winifred Margaret BAYLIS (b.20 Apr 1916-Auckland, New Zealand; m.26 Apr 1933; d.25 Dec 1988-Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
4. Terence Neville COSGRAVE (b.14 Sep 1933-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.20 Feb 2011-New Zealand)
- sp: Constance HIND (b.11 Dec 1930-Newton Abbott, Devon, England; m. Oct/Dec 1957; d. 24 December 2022-New Zealand)
5. Beverley Laraine HIND-COSGRAVE (b. Newton Abbott, Devon, England)
- sp: Jeffrey Malcolm PORTER
5. Steven Vance COSGRAVE (b. Newton Abbott, Devon, England)
- sp: Elizabeth COMBER
5. Martin Robert COSGRAVE (b. Newton Abbott, Devon, England)
- sp: Elizabeth Sally CUSS
5. Shaun Michael COSGRAVE (b. Newton Abbott, Devon, England)
- sp: Linda Rose PLAISTED
5. Tyrone Wayne COSGRAVE (b. Newton Abbott, Devon, England)
4. Yvonne Leonie COSGRAVE (b.11 Mar 1935-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.12 Sep 2011-New Zealand)
- sp: Brian Alfred POWER (b.1934-Wellington, New Zealand; m.1954)
5. Perry Brendon POWER (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
- sp: Millie PAUL
5. Kieron Adrian POWER (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
- sp: Toni GIBBONS
- sp: George RAHUI
5. Lindon Kent RAHUI (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
5. Reece Duane RAHUI (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
5. Rochelle Dallas RAHUI (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
4. Jacqueline Denise COSGRAVE (b.10 Sep 1937-Maungaturoto, New Zealand; d.7 Dec 2013-New Zealand)
- sp: Harry Ralph WILLIAMS (b.26 Dec 1935; m.1958; d.6 Jul 2008-New Zealand)
5. Ralph Wade WILLIAMS (b. Tauranga, New Zealand)
- sp: Veronica (Ronni) MICHELL
5. Luanna Deborah LaVerne WILLIAMS (b. Tauranga, New Zealand; d.5 Jun 1986-Tauranga, New Zealand)

- 5. Melanie Vivienne Denise WILLIAMS (b. Tauranga, New Zealand)
- 5. Shane Murray WILLIAMS ( Tauranga, New Zealand)
- 5. Adele Jacqueline WILLIAMS (b. Tauranga, New Zealand)
- 5. Tyrone Renee Denzil WILLIAMS (b. Tauranga, New Zealand)
- 4. Kevin Nigel Murray COSGRAVE (b.12 Mar 1940-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.23 Sep 2013-Timaru,New Zealand)
  - sp: Phyliss Marie ASKEW (b.1941-Whangarei,New Zealand; m.1963(Div))
  - 5. Christine Marie COSGRAVE (b. Hikurangi, New Zealand)
  - 5. Gregory Deane COSGRAVE (b. Hikurangi, New Zealand)
  - 5. Aaron Philip COSGRAVE (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
    - sp: Eileen Nancy HEATH
    - 5. Cheryl Myree HEATH (b. Timaru, New Zealand)
    - 5. Storme Tristan HEATH (b. Timaru, New Zealand)
    - 5. Wesley Jason COSGRAVE (b. Timaru, New Zealand)
- 4. Alvin Shane COSGRAVE (b.5 Mar 1944-Whangarei, New Zealand)
  - sp: Noeleen Rae WALKER (b.1945-Whangarei, New Zealand; m.1964; d.4 Oct 2018-Taupo, New Zealand)
  - 5. Kyle COSGRAVE
  - 5. Phillip Wayne COSGRAVE (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
  - 5. Arlene Brenda COSGRAVE (b. 5 Apr 1966-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand; d.22 Sep 2011)
  - 5. Darryn Lindsay COSGRAVE (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
    - sp: Kathryn SPACKMAN
    - 5. Kirstine Rae COSGRAVE (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
- 4. Cheryl Glenda Marise COSGRAVE (b. 2 Dec 1947-Whangarei, New Zealand; d. Abt. 2009-New South Wales, Australia)
  - sp: Roy Bruce PETERS
  - 5. Ainslie Verlaine COSGRAVE (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
  - 5. Lance Virgil PETERS
  - 5. Angelene Lorette PETERS
  - 5. Virginia Lorelle Marise PETERS (b. Timaru, New Zealand)
- 4. Dexter Vaughan COSGRAVE (b.23 Apr 1955-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.30 Mar 2001-Australia)
- 3. Wilfred COSGRAVE (b.29 Nov 1911-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.21 Oct 2002-Lansdowne Home, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Thelma Evelyn MARVIN (b.5 Nov 1913-Whangarei, New Zealand; m.14 Nov 1934(Div); d.1 Jun 1986-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 4. Neone Joy COSGRAVE (b.23 Oct 1940-Hamilton, New Zealand; d.23 Sep 2011-Australia)
    - sp: Patrick Redpath O'CONNOR (b.23 Sep 1938-Auckland, N.Z.; m.20 Aug 1960)
    - 5. Donna Carice O'CONNOR
    - 5. Tania Bobette O'CONNOR
  - sp: Albert Allan GRIMSHAW-JONES
  - 5. Kyle Albert Stanley GRIMSHAW-JONES (b. North Shore, New Zealand)
  - sp: Margaret Elizabeth (Lee) GEORGE (b.13 Jul 1937-Ranfurlly, New Zealand; m.10 Apr 1965; d.14 Mar 1981-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 4. Tracey Jan COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)

- 5. Kirsty Elizabeth COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4. Kelly Ann COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand; d.3 Nov 2019 -Waipu, Northland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Anthony Edward Joseph BROGTROP (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 5. Louis Armand Earnest COSGRAVE-BROGTROP (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 5. Jeremiah Walter Malcolm COSGRAVE-BROGTROP (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 3. Gladys Hilda COSGRAVE (b.18 Nov 1913-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.21 Oct 1987-Hamilton, New Zealand)
  - sp: Colin Stuart MCCATHIE (b.5 Sep 1912-Taupiri, New Zealand; m.30 Jan 1936; d.19 Oct 1968-Hamilton, New Zealand)
  - 4. Ronald James Stuart MCCATHIE (b.31 Aug 1936-Hamilton, New Zealand)
    - sp: Jeanette Ann WATSON (b.10 Feb 1936-Hamilton, New Zealand; m.27 Jan 1958)
    - 5. Gregory Stuart Benjamin MCCATHIE (b. Tauranga, New Zealand)
      - sp: Leigh Anne DOWIE (b. Lower Hutt, New Zealand)
      - 5. Craig David MCCATHIE (b. Tauranga, New Zealand)
        - sp: Sandra Michelle HARDER (b. Cummins, South Australia, Australia)
        - 5. Timothy Ronald MCCATHIE (b. Lower Hutt, New Zealand)
          - sp: Natalie June POLLOCK (b. Perth, Western Australia, Australia)
    - 4. Colin David MCCATHIE (b.18 Jan 1939-Hamilton, New Zealand; d.15 Sep 2000-Raglan, New Zealand)
      - sp: Noleen Elsie RILEY (b. Putaruru, New Zealand)
      - 5. Paul David Colin MCCATHIE (b. Hamilton, New Zealand)
        - sp: Abigail Anne FOX (b. Manchester, England )
  - 3. Edna Rose COSGRAVE (b.15 Dec 1919-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.2012-New Zealand)
    - sp: George Whare AMOS (b.16 May 1916-Whangarei, New Zealand; m.27 Jul 1940; d.31 Dec 1981-Whangarei, New Zealand)
    - 4. Wayne AMOS (b. Aug 1945-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.1945-Whangarei, New Zealand)
    - 4. Gary Warren AMOS (b.7 Dec 1946-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand; d.15 Mar 1988-Ngunguru, Northland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Judith Blanche FINLAY (b. Palmerston North, New Zealand)
      - 5. Maree AMOS (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
      - 5. Tama Gary Wise AMOS (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
      - 5. Nina Rose Wise AMOS (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
  - 3. Stanley Vivian COSGRAVE (b.24 Jul 1921-Ruakaka, New Zealand; d.11 Feb 1981-Auckland, New Zealand)
    - sp: Audrey June RAMSAY (b.3 Jun 1926; m.1946 (Div); d.22 Apr 1999-New Zealand)
    - sp: Vera May MITCHELL (b.8 Dec 1935-Ft. George, Scotland; m.19 Feb 1955)
    - 4. Brent James COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Jan Louise MCFARLANE (b. Auckland, New Zealand; m.26 Mar 1994)
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      - 5. Lewis Vivian COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
    - 4. David George COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Kaywin Heather PYE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
      - 5. Mitchell Stanley COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
      - 5. Emma Vera COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
    - 4. Sean Alexander COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)

- 4. Vivienne Ann COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 3. June Lovina COSGRAVE (b.17 Jun 1925-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.2012-New Zealand)
  - sp: Taufouou Jack WALTER (b.29 Jan 1928-Auckland,New Zealand; m.20 Nov 1948; d.26 Mar 2005-New Zealand)
  - 4. Graeme WALTER (b. Whangarei, New Zealand)
    - sp: Sandy Joy BAIRD
    - 5. Keil WALTER (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Patricia Gaye BLACKMAN
      - 5. Jesse Graeme BLACKMAN (b. Sydney, New South Wales, Australia)
      - 5. Beth Jolene BLACKMAN (b. Sydney, New South Wales, Australia)
  - 4. Teresa Anne WALTER (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
    - sp: John Lawrence BROWN
    - 5. Kane Lawrence WALTER (b. Sydney, New South Wales, Australia)
    - 5. Kean Jack WALTER-BROWN (b. Townsville, Queensland, Australia)
    - 5. Tracey June WALTER-BROWN (b. Nowra, New South Wales, Australia)
  - 4. Shelley Christine WALTER (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
    - sp: Bill LAWSON
    - 5. Shalissa Mihi Kore WALTER (b. Whakatane, New Zealand)
    - 5. Katie Amanda HILL (b. Bankstown, New South Wales, Australia)
  - 4. Janine Isobel WALTER (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
    - sp: Lionel KORACH
    - 5. Milli Evonka KORACH (b. Whakatane, New Zealand)
      - sp: Graeme Drummond LASS
      - 5. Joel Drummond LASS (b. Whakatane, New Zealand)
      - 5. Aaron Drummond LASS (b. Rotorua, New Zealand)
      - 5. Gene Drummond LASS (b. Whakatane, New Zealand)
      - 5. Reece Drummond LASS (b. Whakatane, New Zealand)
- 2. Margaret COSGRAVE (b.13 Dec 1878-Wade, New Zealand; d.12 Sep 1961-New Zealand)
  - sp: Thomas Andrew James TAYLOR (b.1873-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; m.16 Apr 1902; d.3 Jun 1942-Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
  - 3. Olga Alexandra Muriel TAYLOR (b.27 Sep 1903-New Zealand; d.3 Feb 1921-New Zealand)
  - 3. Mavis Euphemia TAYLOR (b.14 Oct 1906-New Zealand; d.24 Sep 1972-New Zealand)
    - sp: Frederick James JOHNSTON (b. Abt 1903; m.28 Mar 1932; d.4 Sep 1971-New Zealand)
    - 4. Errol Murray JOHNSTON
    - 4. Bryce F A JOHNSTON
      - sp: Annette Lorna (b. 29 Jul 1940; d. 19 Jun 1993-New Zealand)
  - 3. Ivan Keith TAYLOR (b.26 Sep 1908-New Zealand; d.13 Apr 1913-New Zealand)
  - 3. Pauline Vera TAYLOR (b.5 Sep 1914-New Zealand; d.12 Dec 1991-New Zealand)
    - sp: Terence George BURKE (b.28 Nov 1908-New Zealand; m.29 Mar 1937; d.24 Dec 1938-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
    - sp: Edward Reginald BARRY (b.14 Jul 1914-New Zealand; m.20 Oct 1940; d.21 Feb 1994-New Zealand)
    - 4. Reginald Shane BARRY (b. 3 Nov 1941; d. 31 Jul 2017-Whanganui, New Zealand)
      - sp: Patricia

- 4. Paul Branden BARRY
  - sp: Janet Kathleen
  - 5. Matthew Paul BARRY
  - 5. Sarah Kathleen BARRY
  - 4. Kerran Edward BARRY
    - sp: Jocelyn Ann
- 2. Euphemia Spence COSGRAVE (b.2 Sep 1880-Waitemata Mills, New Zealand; d.4 Sep 1938-Auckland, New Zealand)
- 2. John Lamb COSGRAVE (b.23 Nov 1883-Auckland, New Zealand; d.13 May 1958-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Katharine Eva TURNWALD (b.14 Jan 1883-Auckland, New Zealand; m.30 Jan 1906; d.6 Aug 1967-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 3. John Lawrence COSGRAVE (b.31 May 1907-Auckland, New Zealand; d.21 Dec 1928-Hamilton, New Zealand)
  - 3. Annie Monica COSGRAVE (b.9 Apr 1910-Auckland, New Zealand; d.19 Feb 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 3. Joseph Bernard COSGRAVE (b.5 Aug 1918-New Zealand; d.22 Apr 1987-Auckland, New Zealand)
    - sp: Doreen Maisie HASLIP (b.21 Nov 1918-New Zealand; m.20 Jul 1940; d.11 Sep 2002 -Auckland, New Zealand)
    - 4. Beverly Jean COSGRAVE (b. 16 Jan 1942-Auckland, New Zealand; d.27 Jun 2020-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Gary Desmond GALVIN (b.17 Mar 1939; m.1962; d.8 Sep 2010-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
    - 4. Diane Pamela COSGRAVE
      - sp: Ian W. BURROWS
    - 4. Kevin Jack COSGRAVE
  - sp: Martha WARREN (b. Abt 1871-Rawhiti, Bay of Islands, New Zealand; m.24 Sep 1907)
  - 2. Huia COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1895-Kaeo, New Zealand; d.13 Jul 1960-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
    - sp: James Bennett BEASLEY (b.13 May 1889-Parua Bay, New Zealand; m.20 Sep 1917; d.30 Jun 1976-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
    - 3. Ivy Helen BEASLEY (b.15 Apr 1918-New Zealand; d.31 Mar 2013-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Kennedy Eric HUTCHINSON (b.11 Feb 1913-New Zealand; m.7 Sep 1938; d.20 Sep 1988-Onerahi, Northland, New Zealand)
      - 4. Betty HUTCHINSON (b.19 Jan 1939; d.26 Oct 2003-New Zealand)
        - sp: Ronald OLSEN
        - 5. Joanne Helen OLSEN
          - sp: Steven CROSS
      - 3. Phyllis May BEASLEY (b.10 Jul 1919-New Zealand; d.23 Apr 1985-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
      - 3. Edna Marion BEASLEY (b.6 Nov 1924; d.12 Mar 2005-New Zealand)
        - sp: Norman Edward HARNETT (b.11 Oct 1919-New Zealand; m.1947; d.2 Jul 2005-New Zealand)
      - 3. Graham Bennett BEASLEY (b.8 Jun 1936; d.3 Jan 1995-New Zealand)
        - sp: Maryanne Jane

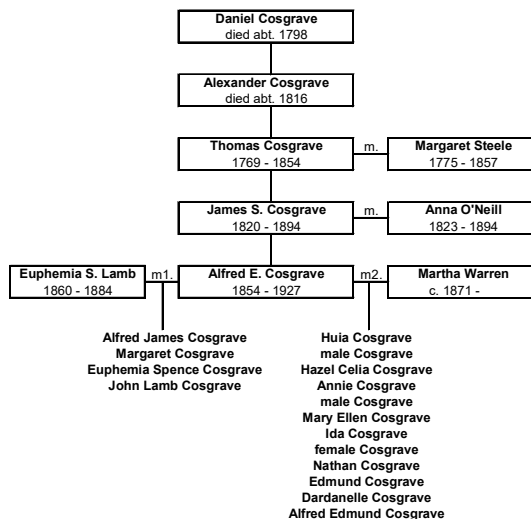
- 4. Trevor Bennett BEASLEY
- 2. male COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1896)
- 2. Hazel Celia COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1900-Omapere, New Zealand; d.18 Sep 1967-New Zealand)
  - sp: Charles George GRIFFIN (b.24 May 1887-Wellington, New Zealand; m.13 Mar 1919; d.25 May 1984- Thames, New Zealand)
- 3. Albert Ivan GRIFFIN (b.23 Jul 1921-New Zealand; d.1 Sep 1998-New Zealand)
  - sp: Annie Elizabeth SHELFORD (b.12 Aug 1929;m.1948;d.12 Nov 2007-New Zealand)
    - 4. Elaine GRIFFIN
    - 4. Phyllis GRIFFIN
    - 4. Dennis GRIFFIN
    - 4. Gary John Charles GRIFFIN (b.25 Feb 1958; d.24 May 1990-New Zealand)
    - 4. Ross GRIFFIN
    - 4. Cynthia GRIFFIN
- 3. Hector GRIFFIN (b. Abt 1922)
- 3. Mervyn GRIFFIN (b. Abt 1924)
- 3. Gordon GRIFFIN (b. Abt 1925)
- 3. George GRIFFIN (b. Abt 1927)
- 3. Pearl Rosetta GRIFFIN (b.16 Feb 1925; d.10 Apr 1986-New Zealand)
  - sp: Richard Thomas Alfred BRINSLEY (b.20 Mar 1917-New Zealand; m.1948(Div); d.29 May 1992-New Zealand)
  - sp: Leslie William CLARK (b.25 Nov 1922; m.1955; d.10 Aug 1999-New Zealand)
- 3. Nita GRIFFIN (b.25 May 1929; d.18 Mar 2015-New Zealand)
  - sp: Robert John NASH (b. Abt 1925; m.1948; d.18 Aug 1961-Whangarei,Northland,New Zealand)
    - 4. Robert David NASH
    - 4. Barry James NASH
    - 4. Robyn Christine NASH
    - 4. Kevin John NASH)
      - sp: Albert TE IRI
- 3. Wilfred GRIFFIN (b.20 Feb 1931-Keri Keri, New Zealand; d.26 Mar 2003-New Zealand)
  - sp: Joan Heather WILSON (b. New Zealand)
- 3. Josephine GRIFFIN
- 2. Annie COSGRAVE (b. Abt.1904-Wihongi, Puketi, New Zealand; d.4 Apr 1951-Wellsford, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Alan MUNRO (b. Abt 1894-New Zealand; m.30 May 1921; d.24 Sep 1968-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
- 3. Millicent Anne MUNRO (b.27 Sep 1921-Wellsford, Auckland, New Zealand; d.4 Dec 2008-Warkworth, New Zealand)
  - sp: Frederick Robert WORKER (b.5 Mar 1920-New Zealand; m.7 Jun 1947; d.11 Mar 2015-New Zealand)
    - 4. Carol Anne WORKER
      - sp: Eden SHIELDS
        - 5. Charlotte Millicent SHIELDS
        - 5. Elizabeth Anne SHIELDS
    - 4. Geoffrey Robert WORKER
      - sp: Chanel



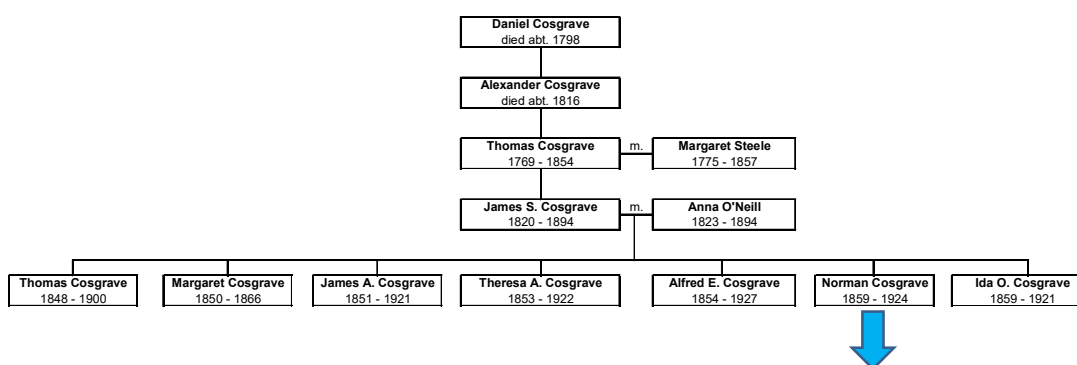
- 5. Daniel WORKER
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- 5. James WORKER
- 5. Arthur WORKER
- 5. Robert WORKER
- 3. Joan MUNRO (b. 7 Feb 1923-Northland, New Zealand; d. 22 Mar 2006-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Kenneth Leonard SIMPSON (b.15 Jul 1924; m.1953; d.31 May 1992-Tutukaka, Northland, New Zealand)
    - 4. Judith Anne Simpson
    - 4. David Alan Simpson
    - 4. Rosemary Joan Simpson
- 3. Ian James MUNRO (b.14 Aug 1924; d.15 Jan 1945-Near Nissan Island, Papua New Guinea)
- 3. Kathleen MUNRO (b.3 Nov 1925; d.19 Feb 2015-New Zealand)
  - sp: Thomas Oliver NEWNHAM (b.20 Nov 1926-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand; d. 15 Dec 2010-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
- 3. Alan MUNRO (b.25 Apr 1927; d.3 Feb 2013-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Eileen ILLINGWORTH (b.8 Oct 1930;m.1953;d.16 Sep 2008-New Zealand)
- 3. Colin William MUNRO (b.10 Oct 1928; d. 2 Jul 2018-New Zealand)
  - sp: Rowena Beryl STEWART (m.1952)
    - 4. Wendy Jill MUNRO
      - sp: Peter FERGUSON
    - 4. Gayl Darlene MUNRO
      - sp: Ray SIESICKI
    - 4. Kim Odette MUNRO
- 3. Patrick MUNRO (b.17 Mar 1931; d. 28 Jan 2011-New Zealand)
- 3. Heather Margaret MUNRO (b. Abt 14 Jul 1935; d. 6 Aug 2010-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Howard Carl CRISPIN (b. Abt 1934; d. 21 Jan 1968-Auckland, Auckland, N.Z.)
    - 4. Alan CRISPIN
    - 4. Simon CRISPIN
- 2. male COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1904)
- 2. Mary Ellen COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1906)
  - sp: James MARSH (m.1921)
    - 3. Lorraine Joyce MARSH (b.27 Jan 1920-New Zealand; d.2 Mar 1994-Hikurangi, Northland, New Zealand)
      - sp: Alexander Wilford BUCHANAN (b.21 Mar 1910-New Zealand; m.1946; d.15 May 1982-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
        - 4. Sharon Lorraine BUCHANAN
          - sp: JAMES
          - 5. Kelly JAMES
- 2. Ida COSGRAVE (b.3 Dec 1908-Puketiti, New Zealand; d.8 Jul 1975-New Zealand)
  - sp: Bartholomew John MORRESEY (b.12 Oct 1910-New Zealand; m.5 Aug 1941; d.6 Jan 1994-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
    - 3. Noleen Patricia MORRESEY (b.15 Dec 1942-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand; d. 30 Aug 2005-Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia)

sp: Paul Canute SIMONSEN

3. Leo Kelvin MORRESEY (b. Puketi, Northland, New Zealand)
2. female COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1909)
2. Nathan COSGRAVE (b.19 Aug 1910-Puketi, New Zealand)
2. Edmund COSGRAVE (b.27 Mar 1914-Puketi, New Zealand)
2. Dardanelle COSGRAVE (b.14 Sep 1915-Puketi, New Zealand)
2. Alfred Edmond COSGRAVE (b.22 Dec 1917-Puketi, New Zealand; d.2 Apr 1936-Auckland, New Zealand)

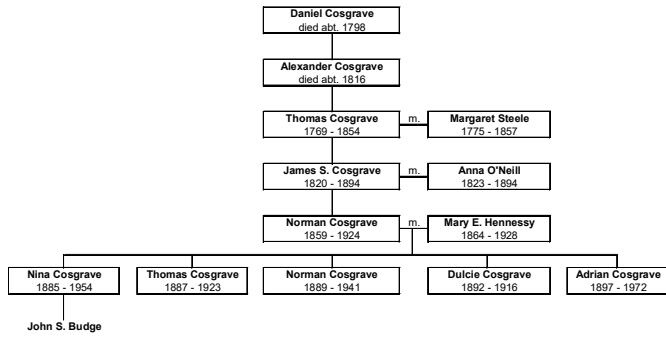


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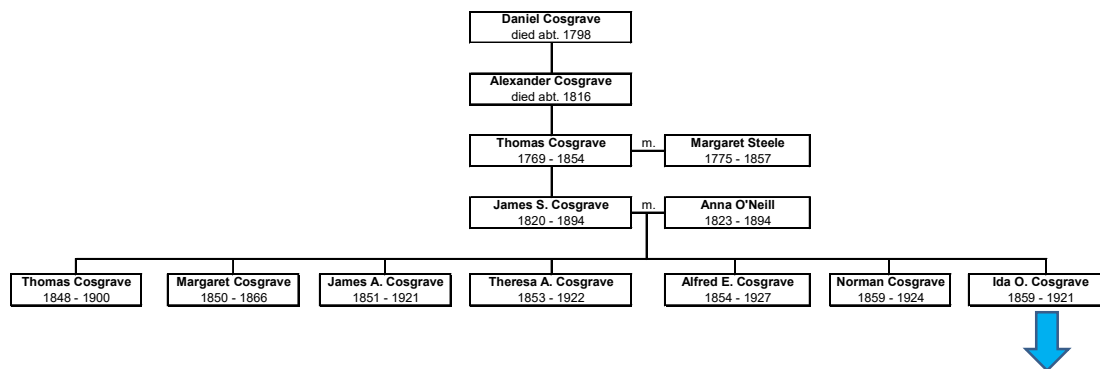


Norman, the sixth child of James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill was baptized at St. Anne's church in the parish of Shankill, Belfast, on 15 July 1859. He married Mary Ellen Hennessy in Auckland, New Zealand on 23 December 1897. Together they raised five children. Norman died 12 May 1924 and is buried in the O'Neill's Point cemetery in Auckland. Mary died 23 May 1928 and is buried in the Takapuna cemetery in Auckland. Their known descendants are as follows -

1. Norman COSGRAVE (c.15 Jul 1859-St. Annes, Shankill, Antrim, Ireland; d.12 May 1924-Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - sp: Mary Ellen HENNESSY (b. Abt 1864-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; m.23 Dec 1897; d.23 May 1928-Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 2. Nina COSGRAVE (b.17 Aug 1885-Orewa, New Zealand; d.7 May 1954-Maungatautari, Waikato, New Zealand)
    - sp: James Watt BUDGE (b.28 Apr 1882-Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand; m.2 Jul 1913; d.19 Sep 1925- Maungataitari, Waikato, New Zealand)
    - 3. John Sinclair BUDGE (b.7 Mar 1918-New Zealand; d.16 Jul 1956-Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
      - sp: Margarett Josephine SULLIVAN (b.30 Mar 1919; m.1949; d.4 Jul 2006-N.Z.)
      - 4. Michael James Sinclair BUDGE
      - 4. Anne-Marie Josephine BUDGE
  - 2. Thomas COSGRAVE (b.14 Apr 1887-Kaukapakapa, New Zealand; d.3 Aug 1923-Devonport, New Zealand)
  - 2. Norman COSGRAVE (b.31 Aug 1889-Kaukapakapa, New Zealand; d.10 Jun 1941-Auckland, New Zealand)
  - 2. Dulcie COSGRAVE (b.17 Aug 1892-Auckland, New Zealand; d.16 Jan 1916-Devonport, New Zealand)
  - 2. Adrian COSGRAVE (b.19 Jul 1897-Auckland, New Zealand; d.26 Nov 1972-Westport, New Zealand)
    - sp: Hannah Sophia MASON (b. Abt 1889; m.3 Apr 1930; d.7 Jun 1962-New Zealand)



## Chapter 11 – Ida Olivia Cosgrave and William Barnes



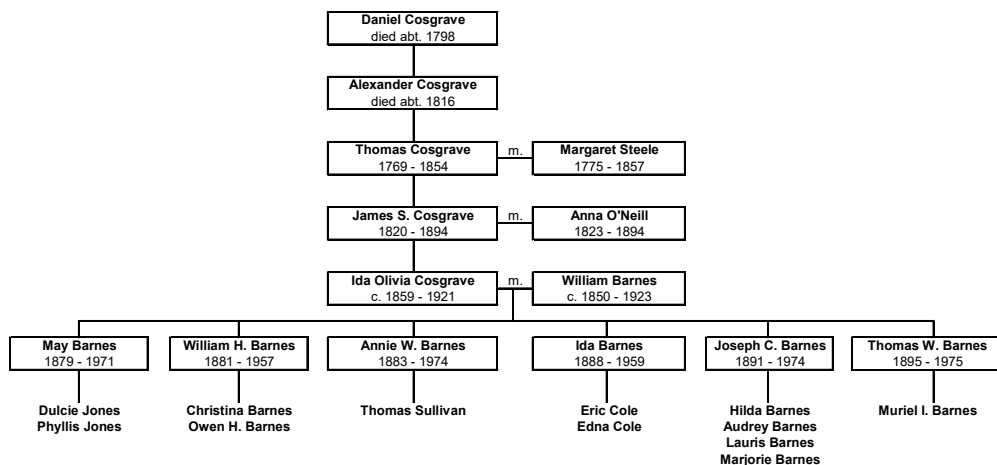
Ida Olivia, the youngest child of James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill was born in Belfast circa 1859, and emigrated to New Zealand with her parents as a young child. Ida married William Barnes in Warkworth, New Zealand on 22 July 1878 and they produced six children. Ida died in Auckland on 20 September 1921 and William died on 26 March 1923. Their known descendants are as follows -

1. Ida Olivia COSGRAVE (b. Abt 1859-Belfast, Antrim, Ireland; d.20 Sep 1921-Auckland, N.Z.)  
sp: William BARNES (b. Abt 1850-England; m.22 Jul 1878; d.26 Mar 1923-Auckland, N.Z.)
2. May BARNES (b.4 May 1879-Auckland, New Zealand; d.19 Nov 1971-New Zealand)  
sp: Arthur JONES (b. 2 Jul 1878-Liverpool, Lancashire, England; m.7 Mar 1906; d. 20 Feb 1962-Mount Eden, Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Dulcie Elizabeth Walling JONES (b.21 Jan 1907-New Zealand; d.11 Apr 1971-New Zealand)  
sp: Gabriel Maurice HACKETT (b.25 Mar 1900-Stratford, Taranaki, New Zealand; m.11 Apr 1936; d.3 May 1998-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Margaret Ann HACKETT  
sp: WEAVER
4. Michael Arthur HACKETT (b. Abt 1939; d.28 Sep 1983-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)  
sp: Adelia Ivy
5. Fionna HACKETT
3. Phyllis May Walling JONES (b.10 Sep 1911-New Zealand; d.30 Nov 2002-New Zealand)  
sp: Jack Innes GORDON (b.16 Sep 1911-New Zealand; m.1941; d.9 Feb 1978-New Zealand)
4. Valerie May GORDON (b.8 Oct 1941-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; d.4 Jan 2010-Queensland, Australia)  
sp: Wilfred Barrie MEIKLEJOHN (b.18 Jul 1935-New Zealand; d.10 Sep 2020-Adelaide, South Australia, Australia)
4. Ian Douglas Walling GORDON (b. Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)  
sp: Carol (b. Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Janet Marie GORDON  
sp: KING
2. William Harcourt BARNES (b.30 Mar 1881-New Zealand; d.15 Aug 1957-New Zealand)  
sp: Christina Mary WOODWARD (b.15 Sep 1884-New Zealand; m.8 Oct 1906; d.2 Aug

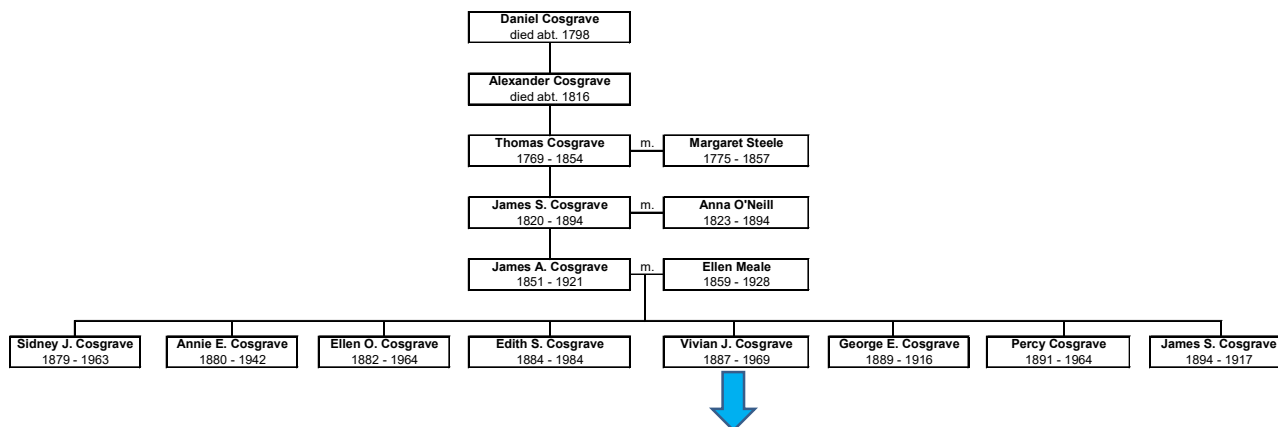
- 1931-New Zealand)
3. Christina Winifred BARNES (b.15 Apr 1907-New Zealand; d.4 Sep 1938-New Zealand)
  3. Owen Harcourt BARNES (b.29 Jun 1914-New Zealand; d.1995-New Zealand)
    - sp: Ursula Elizabeth PEGLAR (b.20 Jun 1913-New Zealand; m.18 Jan 1933(Div); d.25 Mar 1991-New Zealand)
    - 4. Bruce Harcourt BARNES (b.12 Feb 1934-New Zealand; d.11 Mar 2006-N.Z.)
      - sp: Shirley Fay JOURNING (b. Abt 1935; m.1955(Div))
      - 5. Russell Bruce BARNES
        - sp: Nadine Joy
        - sp: Lorraine Edith
        - sp: Robina
        - sp: Nancy Joyce (b.4 Mar 1918; d.10 Jun 1994-New Zealand)
  2. Annie Winifred BARNES (b.1 Dec 1883-New Zealand; d.20 Apr 1974-New Zealand)
    - sp: Thomas Henry SULLIVAN (b. Abt 1876; m.2 Mar 1911; d.29 Aug 1936-New Zealand)
    - 3. Thomas Albert SULLIVAN (b.20 Aug 1911-New Zealand; d.18 Jun 1969-New Zealand)
      - sp: Elsie MCGILL (b. Abt 1912; m.14 Jan 1933; d.25 Apr 1967-New Zealand)
      - 4. Diane Jillian SULLIVAN
      - 4. Heather Margaret SULLIVAN (b. Abt 1945; d.1 Mar 2017-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
        - sp: Michael Joseph DUFFY (b.1942;d.14 Dec 2013-Auckland,Auckland,New Zealand)
        - 5. Sheryl Marie DUFFY
          - sp: Rob CHISHOLM
          - 5. Michael DUFFY
            - sp: Wendy
            - 5. Kellie DUFFY
              - sp: Matthew
              - 5. Karen DUFFY (d. Bef 2014)
    - 2. Ida BARNES (b.9 Oct 1888-New Zealand; d.15 Dec 1959-New Zealand)
      - sp: Alfred Philip Stapleton COLE (b.2 Feb 1889-New Zealand; m.1912; d.27 Feb 1972-New Zealand)
      - 3. Eric Philip Stapleton COLE (b.8 Jun 1913-New Zealand; d.1 Dec 1970-New Zealand)
        - sp: Phyllis Mary JONES (m.2 Sep 1939)
        - 3. Edna May Olivia COLE (b.22 Sep 1914-New Zealand; d.25 Oct 1917-New Zealand)
        - 3. Constance Beryl COLE (b.12 Jul 1918-New Zealand; d.21 Jun 2012-New Zealand)
          - sp: Robert Thomas LAMONT (b. Abt 1918; m.2 Aug 1941; d.30 Oct 1967-New Zealand)
          - 4. Graham LAMONT
          - 4. Faye LAMONT
            - sp: John
            - 5. Michelle
            - 5. Shaun
            - 5. Savannah
          - 4. Maureen LAMONT
            - sp: Bob
          - 4. Glenda LAMONT
            - sp: Max
    - 2. Joseph Connell BARNES (b.26 Jul 1891-New Zealand; d.28 Nov 1974-New Zealand)
      - sp: Areta Mabel MOOR (b.3 Nov 1891-New Zealand; m.31 Mar 1915; d.10 Mar 1977-New Zealand)

Zealand)

3. Hilda Joyce BARNES (b.9 Sep 1915-New Zealand; d.6 Jan 2003-New Zealand)  
sp: Ivan James GREENLEES (b.15 Aug 1922; m.1949; d.10 Sep 1989-New Zealand)
  4. Cheryl Gaye GREENLEES  
sp: Robert W. CHRISTIE
  4. Neil Connell GREENLEES
  4. Craig Stuart GREENLEES  
sp: Shayne Moana
3. Audrey Margaret BARNES (b.2 Oct 1918-New Zealand; d.5 Dec 2004-New Zealand)  
sp: Ronald ELSOM (b.20 Jan 1922; m.1946; d.27 May 1990-New Zealand)
  4. Michael Kerry ELSOM  
sp: Heather Vicki SAWYER (b.1948-New Zealand; d.29 Nov 2020-Auckland, New Zealand)
  5. Paul ELSOM
3. Lauris Jean BARNES (b.20 Mar 1920-New Zealand; d.18 Jul 2007-New Zealand)  
sp: Harry John Dancer GILL (b.11 Aug 1923; m.1943; d.5 Sep 1990-New Zealand)
3. Marjorie Areta BARNES (b.29 Aug 1922; d.13 Aug 2010-New Zealand)  
sp: James Howard BEATSON (b.17 Aug 1920-New Zealand; m.1949; d.8 Jul 1997-N.Z.)
  4. Christopher James BEATSON  
sp: Trudy Vanessa
  4. Mark Jeremy BEATSON
  4. Sandra Jane BEATSON  
sp: Stephen Charles BARNETT
  4. Pamela Joy BEATSON
2. Thomas Wesley BARNES (b.16 May 1895-New Zealand; d.9 Oct 1975-New Zealand)  
sp: Florence Isabella Atkinson BAKER (b.9 Jul 1899-N.Z.; m.6 Oct 1920; d.15 Jul 1978-New Zealand)
  3. Muriel Ida BARNES (b.20 Sep 1921; d.25 Jul 1922-New Zealand)
  3. Irene Florence BARNES (b.29 May 1923; d.17 Nov 2005-New Zealand)  
sp: George MONTILLIER (m.1943)  
sp: Mervyn Allen MATTHEW (b.3 Apr 1916-New Zealand; m.1950; d.16 Aug 1977-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
  4. John Wesley BARNES (b. Abt 1925; d.16 Aug 1980-New Zealand)  
sp: Elsie Eileen TODD (b.20 Apr 1922-New Zealand; m.1952; d.9 Jan 2010-N.Z.)



## Chapter 12 – Vivian John Cosgrave



Vivian John (my grandfather), the fifth child of James Alexander Cosgrave and Ellen Meale, was born at Upper Waiwera on 1 May 1887. Initially he worked on the family farm, but at 28 years old, he joined New Zealand Police on 29 March 1915 as a constable, and was posted to Wellington. On 10 November 1915 he married Justine Ursula Brady in the Roman Catholic church at Howick, Auckland, and the couple settled into life together in Wellington, living at 228 Tinakori Road, and it was here that all five of their children were born.



(l-r) Viv, Harry, Justine, Jim, Vivian, Noeline Cosgrave abt. 1940.

*the young men in the rudiments of the game. He knows its "laws" and the boys listen well*<sup>xxxix</sup>.

Vivian's first promotion in the police force was to a sole-charge constable position in Levin in the mid-1920s, but by 1930 he had been transferred to Hunterville. The Truth newspaper of 3 April 1930 reports that "VIVIAN JOHN COSGRAVE is the law in Hunterville and he does his job well. While he would always prefer to do a man a good turn he does not allow his kindly nature to interfere in the discharge of his duties. As clerk of the court he wields his pen and conducts his cases well, while his guiding hand controls a wide district. "Cossy" loves football and he may often be heard instructing

From Hunterville, the family moved back to Wellington in 1935, living again on Tinakori Road, but this time at number 174, as Vivian was promoted to Police Sergeant. In 1939 he was transferred to Wanganui, in December 1940 to Taumaranui, and in 1944 to his final appointment, in Foxton.

Vivian retired in Foxton in 1955 after serving his 40 years with New Zealand Police. Justine had died on 2 May 1950 and is buried in the Foxton cemetery. In the mid-1960s Vivian moved to Wellington, where he lived with his daughter Noeline, until his death on 16 October 1969. He is buried in the Foxton cemetery, next to his wife and their two unmarried children.



Grave of Vivian, Justine, Noeline & George Cosgrave – Foxton, NZ.





**George S. & James E. Cosgrave (Abt. 1922).**

As mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, Vivian and Justine Cosgrave raised five children, four boys and one girl. Their eldest child was my father, James Edward Cosgrave, who was born in Wellington on 9 January 1917. His life will be covered in detail in the next chapter.

The second child of Vivian and Justine Cosgrave was George Steele Cosgrave, whose life will be covered in chapter 16.

Noeline Catherine Cosgrave was the third child and only daughter of Vivian and Justine Cosgrave. Noeline was born 31 December 1920 in Wellington. She was at secretarial college in Wanganui when her father was transferred to Taumaranui, and Noeline boarded with a local Wanganui family until her studies were completed. Noeline worked in an administrative role for the New Zealand government until retirement, and she then worked for a firm of architects.



**Noeline Cosgrave.**

Noeline did not marry and she cared for her father in his later years. When her property on Kemp Street, Kilbirnie became too much for her to look after, she moved into an apartment on William Street, where she lived until moving to a care home when her health failed. Noeline died at 95 years of age on 28 September 2015 and is buried with her parents in the Foxton Cemetery.

Vivian John junior (Vic or Viv) was born 20 January 1923. Viv (as I knew him) joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force (70987), and was a career officer. In the 1967 New Year's Honours he received an M.B.E. (Military Division). Viv retired from the Air Force as a Warrant Officer.

He married Audrey June Martyn in 1951 and they had two sons – Gary Martyn and Paul Edward. Both sons emigrated to Australia, and after Viv retired, he and Audrey also moved to Australia, settling in Brisbane.

Viv was hit by a car while crossing the road, and died 11 April 2007. Audrey died 22 January 2014. Both are buried in Nerang, Queensland.

The youngest child, Henry Timothy (Harry) Cosgrave was born 4 May 1924. After high school Harry joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force (71779) and spent a portion of his career stationed in Singapore.

Harry married Kathleen Marjorie Jury in 1947 and the marriage produced four children – Karyn Justine, Antony John, Peter Christopher and Michael David.

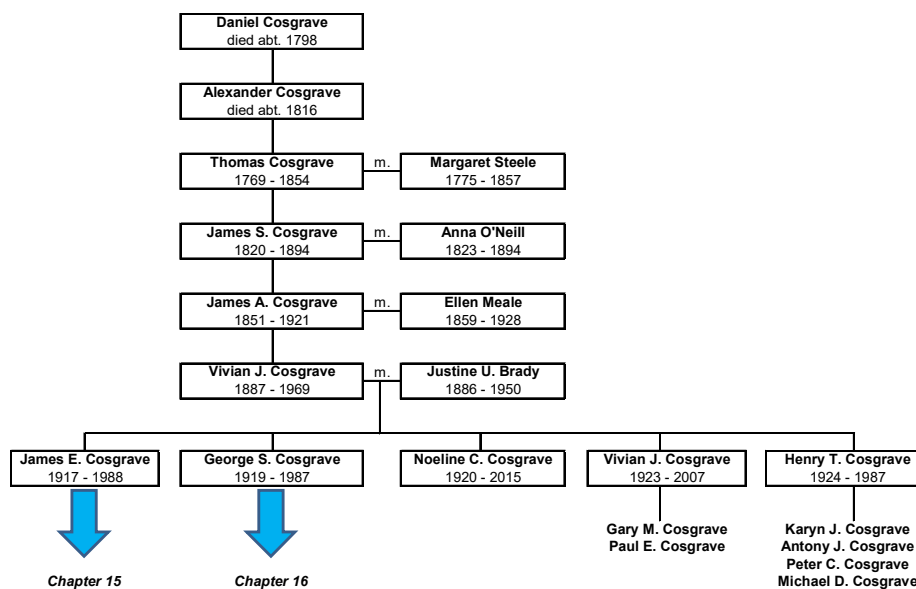
He retired to the Air Force Officers Reserve List as a Flight Lieutenant on 17 February 1969 and was officially retired four years later Harry then worked for the City of Porirua, and died in Rotorua on 25 April 1987. His wife, Kathleen, died 20 October 2010 in Wellington.



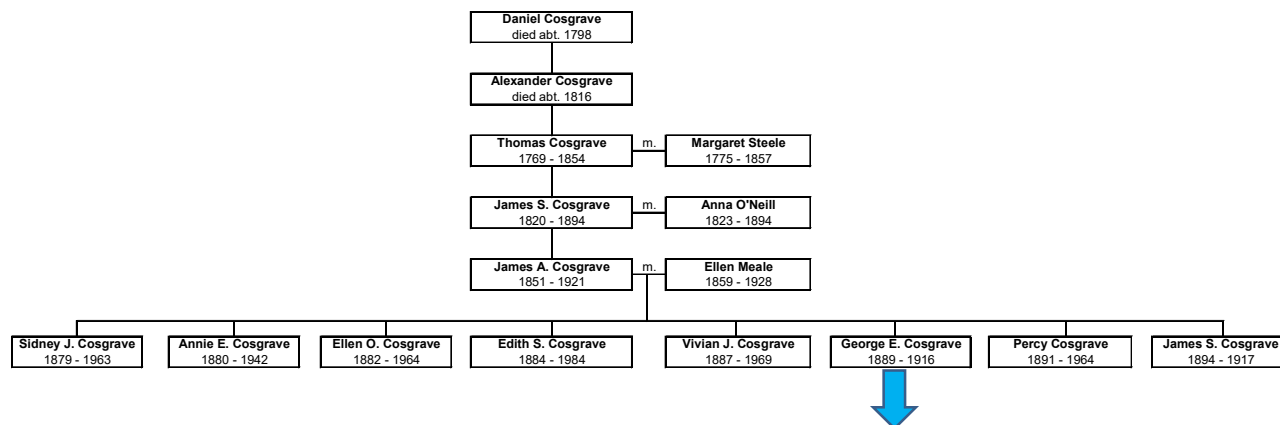
**Viv Cosgrave & Audrey Martyn 1951 wedding.**



**Harry Cosgrave & Kathleen Jury 1947 wedding.**



## Chapter 13 – George Edward Cosgrave



George Edward Cosgrave, like his brother, Vivian John, became a policeman. He was sworn in on 24 November, 1911, and was described as being 6 ft. and 1/4 inch tall, with fair hair, fair complexion, brown eyes, and Presbyterian by religion. On 8 July, 1915 he resigned from the New Zealand Police Force, and on 10 August 1915 he joined the Australian Army under the name George Edward Wells (3550). All of the other information in his attestation appears to be correct, so it is not clear why he left a protected job in New Zealand, changed his name, and fought in the Australian Army. On his attestation, George named his sister, Mrs. Annie Jamieson, as his next of kin.

He sailed from Sydney on 5 October 1915 and joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion at Tell El Kebir, Egypt on 6 January 1916. Tell El Kebir was a training centre for the Australian Imperial Force reinforcements, and whilst there, George was promoted to Sergeant on 14 February 1916. He was only in Egypt for two and a half months, before embarking at Alexandria on 22 March 1916, and arrived in Marseilles, France on 28 March.



George's unit was deployed to Flanders in Northern France, and on 29 June 1916, he suffered a shrapnel wound to his right shoulder, requiring his transfer to a rest station at Trois Arbres, near Bailleul, to have it treated. On 7 July he rejoined his unit and 5 days later, on 12 July 1916, George was awarded the Military Medal, a decoration awarded to non-commissioned officers and other ranks, for "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". The citation reads - "*Near Gailly, France on the night of 29/30<sup>th</sup> June 1916 he saw that the tape was only laid and arranged for a raiding party. He then escorted prisoners through the wire and afterwards, although exhausted, remained behind and assisted to bring in the body of Sergeant Downer and Lieutenant Prior (wounded) on these occasions being under heavy fire*".

On 31 July 1916 George was again evacuated to hospital, this time with influenza. He was back with his unit on 21 August, but just over two weeks later, on 6 September, he was again sent to hospital, suffering with varicose veins. He stayed in hospital for almost two months, and was discharged on 29 October, rejoining his unit on 3 November.



**George Edward  
Cosgrave.**

Sadly, on 5 November, just two days after rejoining his unit, George was identified as Missing In Action, and on 7 March 1917 was officially declared as Killed In Action. George was buried in a bayonet trench cemetery at Gueudecourt, 2 ¾ miles S.S.W. of Bapaume, Pas de Calais, along with 18 other soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion who died the same day. After the war ended, the bodies of the soldiers buried at Gueudecourt were exhumed and reburied at the Grevillers British Cemetery, one mile West of Bapaume. During this transition, the identity of the individual bodies was lost sight of, and so George's exact grave location is not known.

In addition to the Military Medal, George also received, posthumously, the British War Medal, the 1914-1915 Star and the Victory Medal.



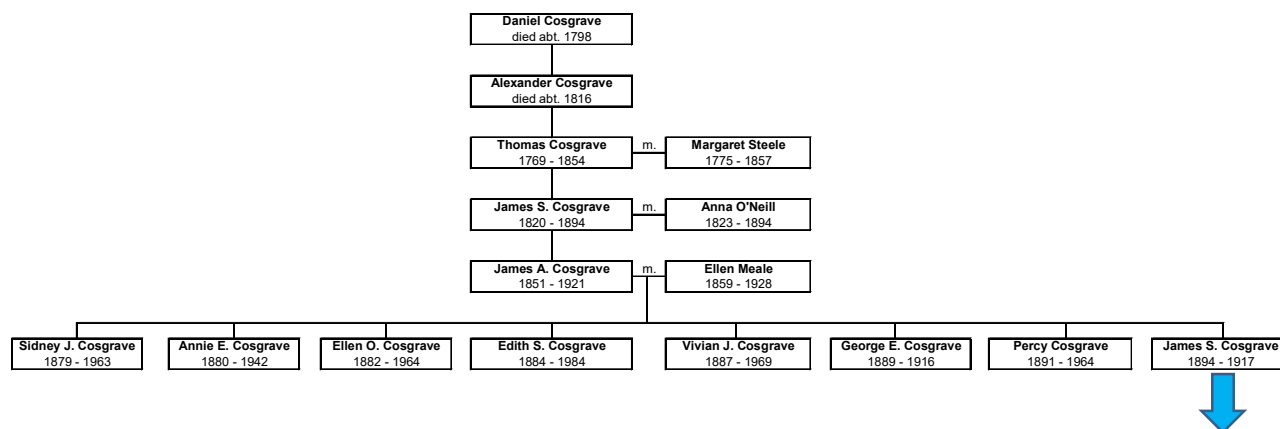
**British War Medal.**



**1914-1915 Star.**



## Chapter 14 – James Steele Cosgrave (jnr.)



James Steele Cosgrave (junior), the youngest child of James Alexander Cosgrave and Ellen Meale, was born 16 July 1894 at Upper Waiwera, New Zealand.

When World War One broke out, James was working as a bushman in Hawera, but at 20 years of age he travelled south to Palmerston North and on 26 August 1914 he attested for the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and was assigned regimental number 2/296.



**James S. Cosgrave.**

As part of the 1<sup>st</sup> battery of the 1<sup>st</sup> brigade, James became a driver with the New Zealand Field Artillery, and on 23 September 1914 he embarked for Egypt, where he served for the next 201 days. Whilst in Egypt, James displayed a somewhat devil may care attitude and was punished for creating disturbances in the mess hall and after lights out, being drunk on duty, insolence to an N.C.O, and for disobeying orders. Perhaps he was just bored, as after he was transferred to Gallipoli on 12 April 1915, he seemed to stay out of trouble. James survived 173 days in Gallipoli, before being transferred back to Egypt, where he was stationed for another 187 days. His only issue whilst in Egypt was a month and a half spent in hospital due to an abrasion of the knee. He embarked for Europe on 6 April 1916.

After serving six months in Europe, James was appointed acting Bombardier, and on 1 December 1916 was officially promoted to the rank of Bombardier. In early January 1917, he was granted leave in England, and it seems that along the way he picked up a sexually transmitted disease, as he was admitted to the V.D. section of the military hospital at Codford on 9 January 1917.

On 24 March 1917 he returned to his unit in Belgium, rested and with a clean bill of health. But on 2 May he was back in hospital with chicken pox, which kept him out of the action for three weeks. On 24 May 1917 he rejoined his unit in the field and one month later, on 30 June 1917, James was appointed temporary Corporal, when temporary Corporal (2/1002) S.J. Goodyear was promoted to Sergeant. James was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 22 September 1917, when Corporal (2/489) H. Deridder opted to revert to the ranks.

His unit was serving on the Ypres front at the time, and 12 days later, on 4 Oct 1917 Corporal (2/296) James Steele Cosgrave was killed in action, just 11 months after the death of his

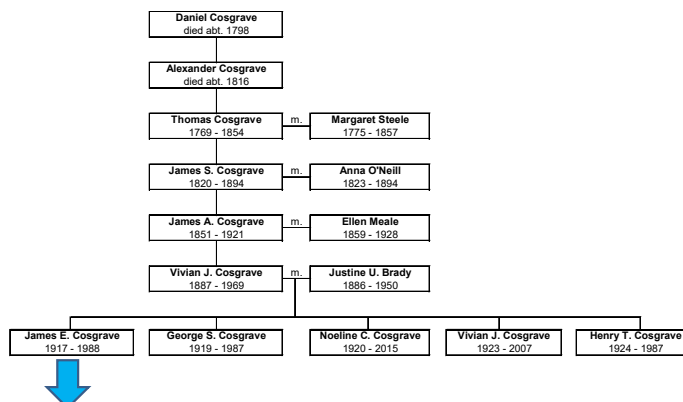
brother, George Edward Cosgrave, 100 Km away. He is buried at the Divisional Cemetery, Dickebusch Road, near Leper, Belgium.

James Steele Cosgrave earned the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the 1914-1915 Star for his service to King and Country.



**James Steele Cosgrave's 1914-1915 Star.**

## Chapter 15 – James Edward Cosgrave and Kathleen Veronica Sherlock



New Zealand had been at war for a little over a year, when Vivian John Cosgrave married Justine Ursula Brady on November 10<sup>th</sup> 1915. Vivian's brothers, James and George, had signed up for military service and were already serving overseas, so they missed the celebration.

It was a difficult time for New Zealand, having suffered heavy losses in the Gallipoli campaign, so there would have been much joy, when just a few months later, Justine announced that she was pregnant with their first child, a son, who was born in Wellington on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1917. As their first son, in keeping with the Irish naming tradition, he was named James after his paternal grandfather (James Alexander Cosgrave), and Edward after Vivian's brother, George Edward Cosgrave, who was missing in action in France at that time.



**Justine, James & Vivian  
Cosgrave abt. 1920.**

The family of three lived at 228 Tinakori Road, and were soon joined by three more sons and a daughter – George Steele Cosgrave (1919); Noeline Catherine Cosgrave (1920); Vivian John Cosgrave (1923); and Henry Timothy Cosgrave (1924).

In November 1926, Vivian was transferred to Levin, but only 2 years later in January 1929, he was transferred to Hunterville, a sole-charge posting for a senior constable, and the family lived at the police house on Milne Street (State highway 1) in Hunterville.

Nothing is known of James's early education, but he likely attended the local Hunterville school. In 1932, when he was 15 years old, his parents decided to give him the opportunity to attend a better high school than was available in the Hunterville area, and enrolled him as a boarder at St. Patrick's College, Silverstream, in the Hutt Valley. At Silverstream James played rugby in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fifteen, so was definitely not a star sportsman. But he did excel at rifle shooting, being considered a first class shot, with a score of 87, just 3 points short of the marksman rating.

His academic prowess may not have been as great as his shooting ability, as he remembered being caned (corporal punishment with a bamboo cane) for getting his homework wrong. It is likely that it was at Silverstream that James also developed his lifelong interest in radio and electronics.

James did not stay at Silverstream beyond one year, opting instead to leave high school and return home to Hunterville, where he worked for a local baker. Here he developed an ability to make excellent scones and other baked goods, learning to adjust the mixture based on the “feel” of the dough. His scone making prowess was much appreciated by his family in later years.

In March 1935, Vivian Cosgrave was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant, and the family returned to Wellington. James moved back to Wellington with the family and in August 1936 he joined New Zealand Railways as a Guard. Initially, Jim (as he was now known) worked on the Wellington suburban trains, and in June of 1937 he was responsible for organizing the sound system for the opening of the new Wellington Railway Station. He later worked on the main rail lines, being recorded as a Tablet Porter in 1938, in which role he worked on the Wairarapa line and the North Island Main Trunk line.

From Wellington, Jim was transferred to Tokomaru in early 1939, where he stayed at the Guy’s boarding house on Rata Street, Tokomaru. Violet Guy, the proprietor’s daughter, was something of a matchmaker and introduced Jim to Kathleen (Kath) Sherlock. He and Kath hit it off, but on 3 September 1939 New Zealand declared war on Germany and their lives changed significantly.

On 29 December 1939 Jim attested for the Royal New Zealand Air Force at Weraroa, Levin, and by late January 1940 he was in training as a Wireless Operator at Wigram Air Force Base, near Christchurch.

Jim requested permission from the Air Force, to marry Kath, and on 17 February 1940, that request was approved. Jim purchased an engagement ring, which was mailed to Kath on 14 April, and both families were informed of the planned wedding. In late July, with many of his mates being transferred overseas, Jim was transferred to Ohakea Air Force Base, near Bulls. Perhaps this was a compassionate move, given the planned wedding.



**Jim Cosgrave & Kath Sherlock  
1940 wedding.**

Jim and Kath were married at St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church in Palmerston North on 3 September 1940. After the wedding, Kath remained living with her mother and sisters, who around this time had moved into Palmerston North and bought a house at 56 Roy Street, and Jim returned to the Air Force.

Jim continued to be stationed at Ohakea, apart from a short stint at Milson in 1942 (where he was promoted to Corporal), until he was transferred to Whenuapai, near Auckland in September 1943. After only a few days at Whenuapai, he was transferred to Waipapakauri and then on to Ardmore. While Jim was stationed at Ardmore, he was promoted to Sergeant, and Kath gave birth to their first child, Margaret Ann Cosgrave. Jim was not home for the birth, but did get leave soon after, to see his baby daughter.

On 26 October 1944 Jim was transferred to Lauthala (Laucala) Bay on the island of Viti Levu in Fiji. New Zealand had been



given responsibility for air reconnaissance around Fiji, and this was to be done with flying boats. The base at Lauthala Bay was developed to house the Catalina and Sunderland flying boats which fulfilled this mandate. Jim told stories of the flying boats landing two-man teams at remote islands, to spend weeks at a time, observing the sea in the area, looking for enemy ships and submarines. The radio operator was crucial to this work, as radio was the only means of communications with base. He claimed that the crews lived primarily on whiskey and bananas, to augment the military rations provided.

Soon after V.E. Day (8 May 1945) Jim was hospitalised for a short period with Dengue Fever, from which he recovered well.

The war officially ended with the surrender of Japan on 15 August 1945, but No. 6 Flying Boat Squadron was to stay in Fiji until their work could be transitioned to the civil aviation authority. Flight Sergeant (391966) James Edward Cosgrave returned to New Zealand in December 1945, after an 8 ½ hour flight on a Catalina from Fiji. He was officially discharged from the Air Force on 8 February 1946, and was entitled to wear the 1939-45 Star, the Pacific Star, the Defence Medal, the War Medal, and the N.Z. War Service Medal.



**18 Haydon Street (1946).**

In 1946 Jim and Kath bought a house at 18 Haydon Street, Palmerston North, which remained their home until their deaths. The house was built largely with recycled materials as access to new building material was still restricted due to the war. In 1958-59, the wash-house (complete with wood-fired water heater) was removed and a small addition was made to the rear of the house. At that time, the recycled roofing iron was also replaced.

Jim and Kath Cosgrave had 4 children in total, as listed below, but 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 (the author)

After the war Jim hoped to open a neighbourhood convenience store (a dairy in New Zealand parlance), but it seemed that the local co-operative society was granted all of the permissions to build, with individuals left out in the cold. At a public meeting on the topic, Jim stated that he would walk bare-footed over broken glass to Awapuni (the other side of town) and carry his groceries home in a sack before setting foot in a co-op store, a pledge that he stuck to throughout his life.

Jim worked at Coles, a music and electrical shop on The Square in P.N., until the mid-1950s when he set up his own business, Communications Services, in the rapidly expanding field of mobile radio communications. Jim did the technical work, and Kath handled the office side of the business.

Running his own business as a one-man show, Jim did not take long holidays, but managed the occasional long weekend trout fishing with friends and relatives. Jim was on good terms with Monsignor Cullen, who had a rustic cottage on the southern shores of Lake Taupo at Pukawa.



**Monsignor Cullen's Cottage at Pukawa.**

Family holidays were spent at Monsignor Cullen's cottage, and involved Jim driving the family to Pukawa on a Friday night, staying the weekend to ensure that all was working well (generator for electricity, water pump, etc.), do a little fly fishing in the evening, and then driving home for the work week. He would return the following weekend to pick the family up. At least once during the week, Kath would make the trek up the dirt track to the road (often with one of the younger children in tow), hitchhike into Tokaanu, buy essential groceries and hitchhike back to Pukawa.

The British company, Pye Telecommunications Ltd., had begun selling their radio-telephones (two-way radios in North American parlance) in New Zealand in 1951, and these products became popular for mobile communications by emergency services and other fleet operators that needed to be in instant touch with their field staff. Communication Services became a regional dealer of Pye Electronics in New Zealand, a relationship which endured until the business was wound up after Jim's death.

At that time, telephone, telegraph and radio communication systems in New Zealand were primarily provided by the Post Office and it was illegal to compete with the Post Office for telecommunications revenues. However, technology was moving forward faster than the Post Office's ability to deliver service, and organizations were permitted to provide radio communications facilities for their own use where no Post Office service existed.

Communication Services became a leader in providing these systems to regional Power Boards (electricity distributors), and Catchment Boards (water resource and control organizations), municipalities, vets, taxis, etc.

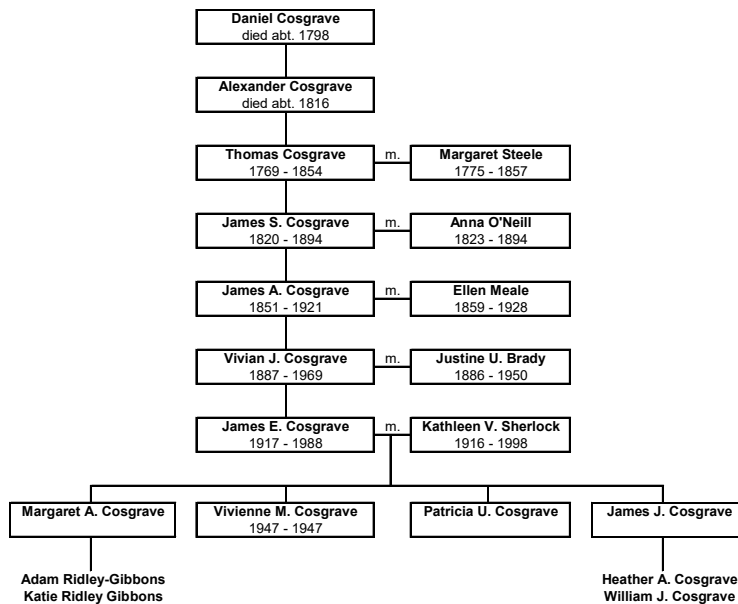
As mobile communication system use spread to trucking and other industries, the Post Office could not keep up with the demand for service, and they began licensing User Associations (groups of organizations that required radio services in a geographical area) to provide services for their members.



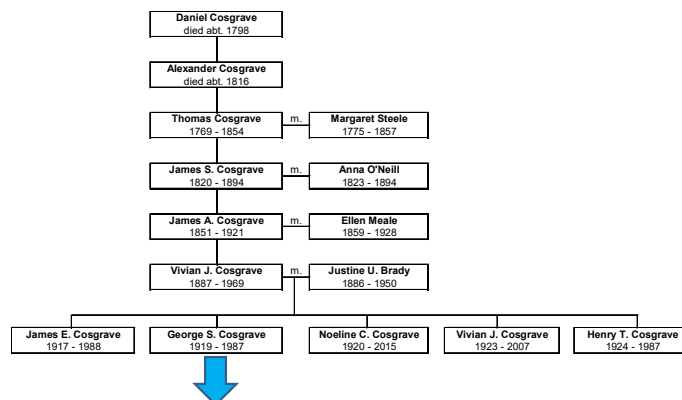
**Communication Services new workshop (abt. 1960).**

Communication Services was heavily involved in the engineering and maintenance of such systems throughout the Wairarapa and Hawkes Bay.

In the mid-1980s, Jim was diagnosed with leukemia, a diagnosis that was in common with several others involved with early radar systems during the war, suggesting that there may be a link between their wartime activities and their health. Around this same time, cellular mobile telephone service was introduced in New Zealand (1987), and this service rapidly overtook the traditional mobile communications services. Jim worked with mobile communications equipment from its war time beginnings, through its heyday, and the beginning of its decline, before passing away at the Palmerston North Public Hospital on 30 June 1988 at 71 years of age. Kathleen lived on for ten more years, and died peacefully at home on 23 April 1998 at the age of 82 years. Both are buried in the Kelvin Grove Cemetery in Palmerston North.



## Chapter 16 – George Steele Cosgrave



The second child of Vivian and Justine Cosgrave was George Steele Cosgrave, who was born 24 March 1919. He attended Hunterville School, Marton District High School (1933-1934) and St. Patrick's College, Wellington (1935-1936). After leaving high school, George joined the civil service, working in the Industries and Commerce Department.

The Second World War put his career on hold, as on 29 October 1940, at the age of 21, George joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force, as a Leading Aircraftman (Airman Pilot). He underwent basic training at Harewood, was remustered as an Air Observer in Levin, and at the end of February 1941 he sailed out of Auckland on the ship *Awatea* bound for Canada, where he underwent training as an Air Observer. The training was provided by the Royal Canadian Air Force as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

In Canada George was stationed in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan (Air Observer School), MacDonald, Manitoba (Bombing and Gunnery School), Rivers, Manitoba (Central Navigation School), Debert, Nova Scotia (31 O.T.U.). In September 1941 he was posted to the U.K., where he worked as an instructor for the following year and a half, apart from several short postings to operations units in India and Egypt. He was promoted to Flight Sergeant on 1 June 1942, gained a temporary commission as a Pilot Officer on 12 September 1942, and was promoted to Flying Officer in March 1943.

In a letter home in December 1943 George bemoaned the fact that without more operations time he could not be promoted above the rank of Flight Lieutenant, so was hoping for a posting to an operations unit.

In February 1944 George was posted to India for ten months, where he was attached to 355 Squadron, and was promoted to Flight Lieutenant in September 1944.

On 3 January 1945 George was repatriated to New Zealand, having spent 3 years and 310 days overseas. He then served with 40 Squadron, flying throughout the Pacific. On his return to New Zealand after a flight in April 1945 George was charged with breaching Air Force regulations for bringing in 3 ½ cartons of cigarettes. This was not against Customs regulations and he had declared the cigarettes and paid the duty, but it seems he was caught up in a report by Customs of goods secreted within the aircraft and would not normally have been charged as Customs did not enforce Air Force regulations. He received his one and only reprimand for this offense.

On 19 February 1946, Flight Lieutenant (403952) George Steele Cosgrave was discharged from active service to the Reserve A List. His commission was officially terminated on 1 June 1956. During his service, George had flown a total of 826 hours on Anson, Battle, Hudson, Wellington and Liberator aircraft.

For his wartime service, he earned the Burma Star, Defence Medal, African Star and Pacific Star.

After leaving the Air Force, George rejoined the Industries and Commerce Department of the New Zealand government on 1 April 1948, as a Clerk in Wellington. He was later posted to Melbourne and by 1950 he was the Assistant Trade Commissioner in Bombay, India. George remained in India, serving as acting Trade Commissioner for an extended period in 1952, before returning to New Zealand in early 1953.

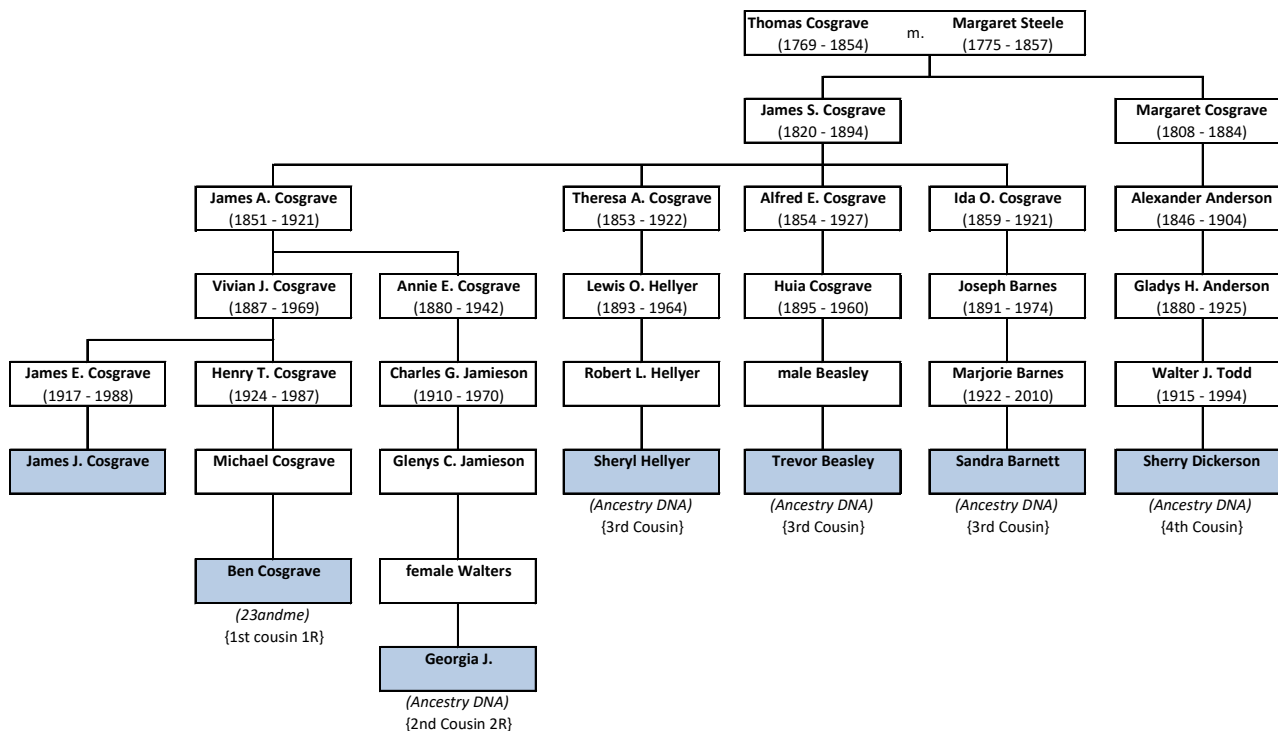
George became estranged from the rest of the family around 1957, and died in Auckland Hospital on 23 July 1987 at 68 years of age. He is buried in the family plot at the Foxton Cemetery, with his parents and sister Noeline.

## Chapter 17 – DNA Testing

The foregoing chapters have identified a strong paper trail back to Thomas Cosgrave, born circa 1769 (place unknown), and a high likelihood that Thomas was a son of Alexander Cosgrave and a grandson of Daniel Cosgrave, but we don't have any knowledge of the Cosgrave family before the early 1700s. It is hoped that DNA testing might help to break down this brick wall.

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 several Cosgrave cousins, some previously unknown to me, through autosomal DNA testing, including descendants of four of the five children of James Steele Cosgrave and Anna O'Neill who had children (3<sup>rd</sup> cousin level). I have also made contact with one 4<sup>th</sup> cousin (descendant of a sibling of James Steele Cosgrave, through DNA testing, which is likely close to the limit for finding connection through autosomal testing).

The chart below shows several of my Cosgrave connections confirmed with autosomal DNA testing, but all known connections have not necessarily been included in the chart to improve readability.



**Cosgrave DNA Connections of James. J. Cosgrave.**

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

For more distant connections on the male ancestral line, Y-DNA testing can also be very useful, so I took a 67-marker Y-DNA test through FamilyTreeDNA. The Y-chromosome is passed down the male line from father to son, largely unchanged, although mutations do occur from time to time. It is these mutations that create what is termed “genetic distance” between Y-DNA samples – the genetic distance between two samples increases by 1 with each mutation on either line of descent from a common ancestor. The relative stability of the Y-chromosome is therefore useful in identifying common male ancestors in ancient times.

My test result identified my high-level Y-haplogroup as R-DF21 which is extremely common in Scotland and Ireland, and FamilyTreeDNA identified 5 other men as being close Y-DNA matches to me, but none had the surname Cosgrave. The individuals identified as my closest Y-DNA matches have the surnames McConnell, Stewart, Teuwen, Moerker and Jansen.

Assuming that none of my paternal line grandmothers was playing away from home (what the DNA industry calls a non-paternal event or NPE), my Y-DNA should be largely shared with other males who have the Cosgrave surname, back to the point in history where surnames were first adopted. This does not mean that I will closely match all Cosgrave males, as not all Cosgrave males are necessarily descended from the same individual. But I was somewhat disappointed to not match anybody with the Cosgrave surname or some variant of it, such as Cosgrove, Cosgriff, etc.

I joined the Cosgrove DNA project on FamilyTreeDNA, upgraded my 67-marker test to a 111-marker test and later to the Big-Y 700 test, which is the most detailed Y-DNA test currently available. The Big-Y test narrowed down my paternal haplogroup to R-FGC9749, which was 4 branches below R-DF21. I say “was” as the tree is being expanded all the time, with new branches being added.

The Cosgrove DNA project includes all variants of the Cosgrove surname, and to date, the project has identified eight separate genetic groupings among the male participants who have taken Y-DNA tests, which include the surnames Cosgrave, Cosgrove, Cosgriff, McOsker, McCusker and Coskery.

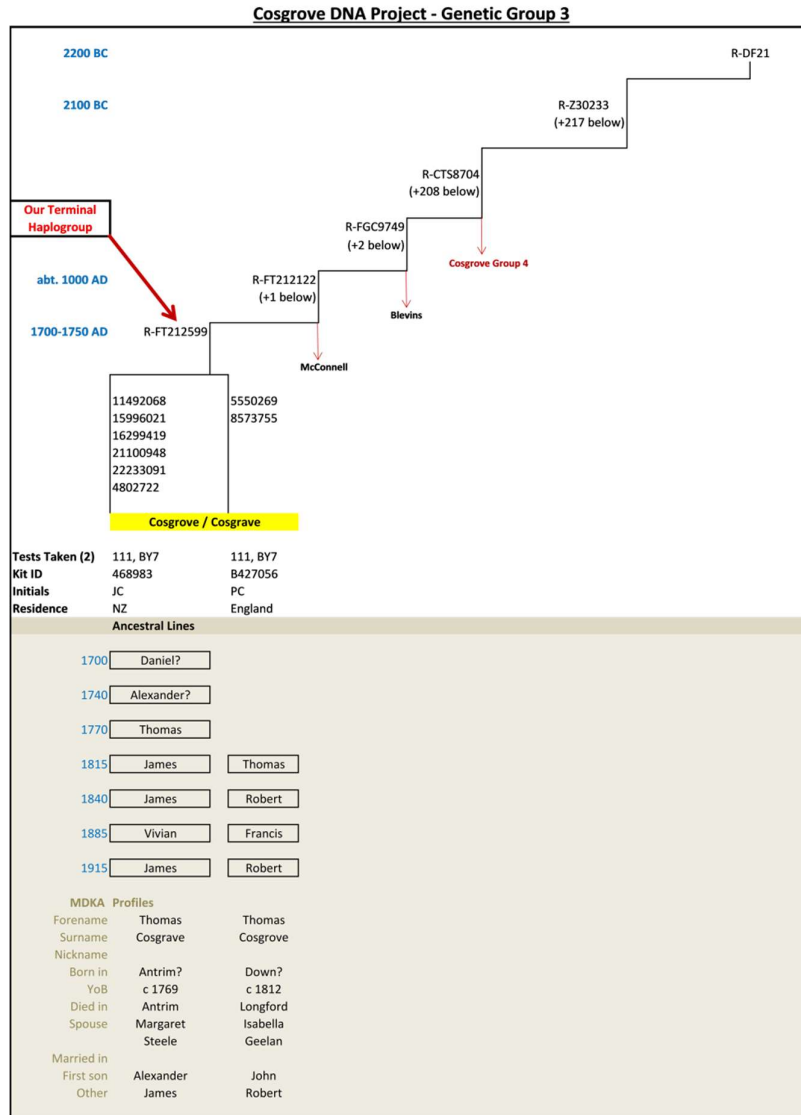
In May of 2019, Patrick Cosgrove took a 37-marker Y-DNA test, and became my closest Y-DNA match to date. Patrick later upgraded to the Big-Y 700 test, resulting in FamilyTreeDNA assigning us our own haplogroup, R-FT212122, a sub-clade of R-FGC9749. Patrick shares 19 of my 25 previously un-named variants, and has two unique variants of his own. This suggests that my line has had six (25 minus 19) mutations since our common ancestor, and Patrick’s line has had only two. Patrick’s earliest known ancestor is a Thomas Cosgrove, who was likely born in Dundonald, County Down in about 1812. Dundonald is only about 10 miles from Malone.

We were soon joined in our R-FT212122 haplogroup by David McConnell whose ancestry is from the Isle of Man, and this resulted in Patrick and myself being assigned a new sub-clade (R-FT212599), as our line and David’s line diverged several hundred years earlier – i.e. Patrick and I share some mutations that David does not have.

Despite the geographical proximity of Malone and Dundonald, and the similarity of our surnames, after much effort from Patrick’s cousin Isabel Cosgrave and myself, we have not

been able to determine who our common ancestor may have been, but we feel that we are close.

I hope that as more men take Y-DNA tests in the future, we will be able to narrow down our connection further, to better understand the migration of our Cosgrave / Cosgrove ancestors, prior to their arrival in Upper Malone.



We know that our male Cosgrave ancestors came out of Africa more than 100,000 years ago and when the ice age ended about 11,500 years ago, they migrated through the Iranian Plateau and into Eurasia. Around 5,000 years ago they spread through Europe to the Atlantic coast, and their Y-DNA continued to mutate through the Bronze Age (R-L21) and the Iron Age (R-DF13), before becoming R-DF21 about 2,000 years ago, speaking Gaelic and being early Christians.

The bottom line is that we have a gap in our Cosgrave history between 2,000 years ago and 400 years ago, which would be nice to understand more clearly.



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