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MYLREA jnr

1747-1823

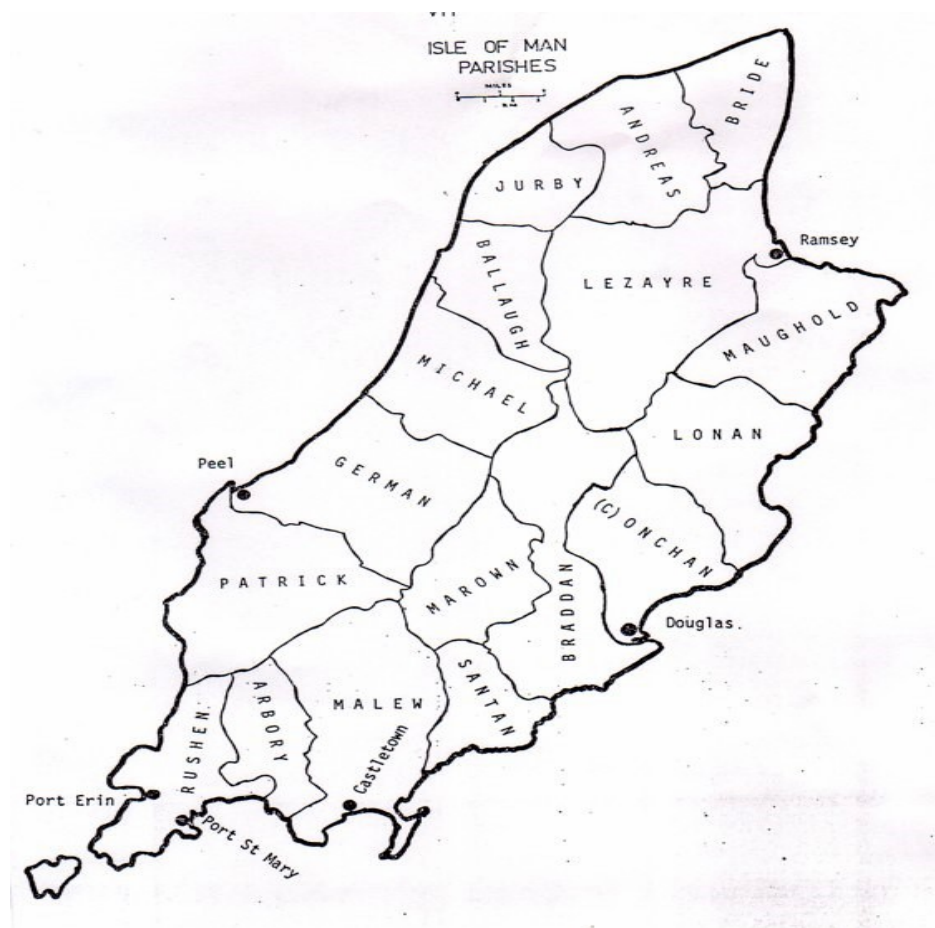
Ballaugh
Isle of Man

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NOTE: The spelling of the name MYLREA is a major stumbling block in all Mylrea genealogy. So far, I've come across more than 30 variations included MYBREA, MYHEA, MYBRED, MYBRIA, MYLRIA, MYBREA, MYBREY, MILRAY, MEYLREA, MCYLREAN, MILREA and BYLREA.

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The online collection is regularly updated when new information comes to light. Today, the following histories can be found there:

- William Mcylrea (Ballaugh) 1627-1692
- The Fatally Flawed Family of Fildraw 1600-1800
- The Mylreas of Douglas & District 1600-1900
- Fathers & Sons: One Mylroie Clan (Lonan) 1653-1900
- Edward Mylrea snr (Lonan) 1743-1784
- Nicholas Mylrea jnr Farmer (Ballaugh) 1747-1823
- Three Daniels & a Thomas 1761-1934
- Thomas Mylrea, Farmer & Preacher (Braddan) 1788-1860
- Basil Mylrea, Mariner & Publican (Peel) 1791-1865
- Philip Mylrea, Stone Mason (Douglas) 1793-1861
- Frederick Thomas Mylrea, Military Man (London) 1803-1862
- John Mylrea 1852-1921
- The Brushmen of Bethnal Green
- Mylreas in 19th Century Lancashire

The subject of this narrative, Nicholas Mylrea jnr, was my ancestor and the evidence strongly suggests that he was a rather feckless and profligate fellow, with little regard for his family's wellbeing. He started life in a relatively privileged position yet he died with nothing, worse he left a family crippled by debt. This story owes much to the Manx National Library & Archives that houses the many documents used to piece together Nicholas's story, and also to the work of Robert Cannell whose transcriptions of early Ballaugh land records helped establish the origins of Nicholas's family in the late 1400s in Ballaugh.

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A FINE HERITAGE

Nicholas Mylrea jnr was baptised in the parish of Ballaugh on the Isle of Man in 1747. He and his forebears were farmers and their lineage can be traced back to the late 1400s.

Mylreas in Ballaugh

Establishing the history of the Ballaugh Mylreas can draw on a rich array of resources, each with their limitations but plentiful in information nonetheless.

Manx Parish records have been kept from the end of the 1500s and they confirm a Mylrea presence in Ballaugh in the late 1500s and early 1600s.

- birth records are available from the 1620s (because previous entries in the Register have been “worn out”)
- the earliest marriage record is dated 1695 (perhaps because nearly a century of registers has been lost/destroyed).
- the earliest Mylrea burials were for Christian Illerea on the 2nd January 1599, another two Christian Illireas, a John Meylrea, and an Ann Inelerea in 1600, Ellin and Richard McYlrea both in November 1600, Philip Mclerea in 1601, and Donald Mcylrea 1602.

Manx wills were recorded by notaries, who unfortunately did not always record the parish in which the defunct lived. Nevertheless, 16th century Mylrea occupation is evident, some of which would surely have belonged to Ballaugh. Written in the old script and often in Latin, they are very difficult to decipher:

1574 Patric Ilrea	1577 Jonie ine hymmeyn (now Ilrea)
1576 Ann Mc Illerea	1595 Johanis Mc ilrea
1576 Gilbert Mc Ylrea	1595 Gomie Mc Ilrea
1576 Gulielum Mc Irea	1598? Donald Gilroy

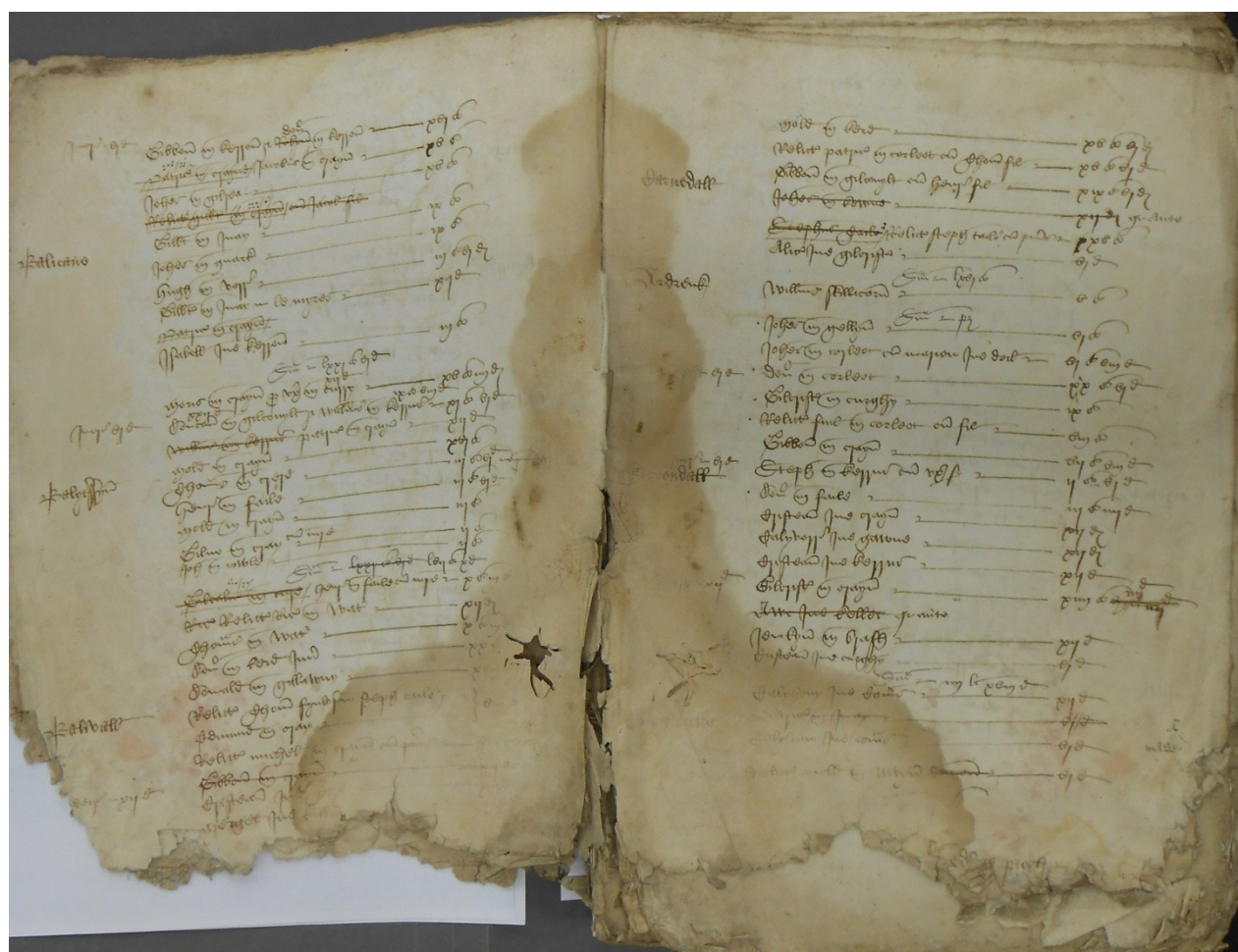
In 1576, Gilbert identified several siblings – Margaret and Christian, Thomas, Donald and John while in 1577, Jonie ine himmeyn (now Ilrea) appointed her children John Mc ylrea, William Mc ylrea, and Jenett Mc ylrea as her executors (the same names appearing in the will of Johanis Mc ilrea in 1595). Thus in those two wills, eight Mylrea offspring were mentioned, showing that there were plenty of Mylreas on the island.

Manx land records are by far the most fruitful resource of all, kept from before 1500, and showing Mylrea occupation in several parishes from those early times. The records were

essentially rent books because all Manx land holders were tenants of the Lord of Mann who had – not surprisingly - an abiding interest in his income. These records were variously:

- Manx Manorial Roll
- Libri Vastarum
- Lib Assedationis
- Knowsley Lease Books
- Composition Books

The earliest entry of interest to the story of Nicholas Mylrea jnr is this record in the Liber Vastarum:



Liber Vastarum 1495c Ballacane John mc yilrea (15s, 3rd tenant)
(image provided by Robert Cannell)

Liber Vastarum show John’s continued occupation in 1511 but by 1513, the lands were occupied by “widow of John McGilrea and John son”, the sign that John, the original tenant

had died. The 1515 Manorial Roll for Balylough twice recorded the widow of John Gilrea and son Donald²:

Balycane

*From the Wife of **John Gilrea** with **Donald**, son, for 1 tenement and half a quarter of land 1s and
for a 4th part of one quarter of land 5/- demised to them. 16s*

Mylrea Clans

Drawing on entries from Liber Vastarum and other land records³ over the following centuries, the evolution of three Mylrea “clans” in Ballaugh is evident, all probably descended from the John Gilrea mentioned in the LV 1495. These three “clans” can be grouped according to the lands they occupied, the two earliest perhaps occupied by John’s oldest son Donald, and the other perhaps, by a second son or Donald’s son, John’s grandson:

1. *The Dollagh* – the original Mylrea lands in Ballaugh, and enjoying three centuries of occupation by the one family through hereditary title, starting with John.
2. *Ballatersin* - the earliest land record for Ballatersin is dated 1531, giving it Mylrea occupation for almost as long as the Dollagh however by the early 1600s, it had passed out of the family through lack of male heirs
3. *Ballacooiley* – came into the possession of the Mylrea family through marriage around 1600, most likely involving a younger Mylrea son named John. This is the family from which Nicholas Mylrea jnr descended

Detailed land records for the three clans are provided in Attachment 1.

Like most others on the island, these early Mylrea would have been farmers in Ballaugh following a tradition of mixed and small scale agriculture. They were not literate in the earliest of times, probably because there was little time left (or a need) for formal learning in the life of a farmer, relentlessly driven by the seasons. However, given the extent of their land holdings, these Mylrea were relatively comfortable.

The Dollagh

This was the original estate, located in the treen of *Ballacaine* (*Ballacane*, *Balycane*), and became the home of the Deemster Mylrea clan, an influential family whose line of transmission continued unbroken from 1495 to 1775, when finally the heir-at-law bachelor died and passed the estate on to his oldest nephew - who promptly sold it all. This family not only provided Deemsters to the Manx but also Attorneys General, and Archdeacons. They tended to be characterized by the oldest son being baptised Daniel which was a variation of the name Donald. This was not the family from which Nicholas Mylrea junior came.

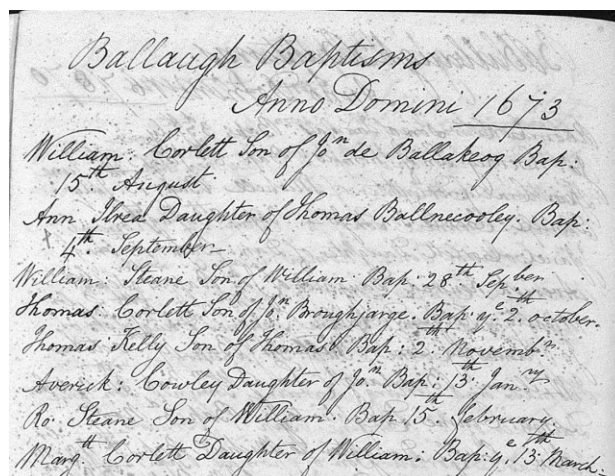
3. <http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/fulltext/manroll/bh.htm>

4. Attachment 1 is a chronological listing of the land transactions which involved the Mylreas in Ballaugh during the 1500s and 1600s: *Lineage Through Land*.

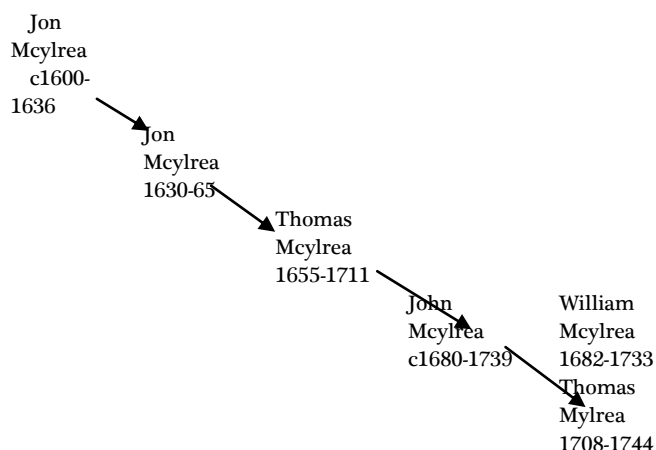
Ballacooiley

This estate was a Quarterland in the tree of Broughjarge. The name, *Ballacooiley*, is Manx for “the farm of the nook”, and the estate covered about 100 acres in a narrow strip stretching from the north-west coast of the island into the middle of the parish of Ballaugh, and comparatively large by the standards of the day. The spelling varied greatly over the years, including: *Ballna ny quooley*, *Ballaquooley*, *Ballacooley*⁴, and *Balna cooleh*⁵. These variations appeared on birth and death registers, and in census records. The baptism of Ann, daughter of Thomas Mcylrea, who was the great grandfather of Nicholas jnr, was recorded:

*Ann Ilrea, daughter of Thomas Ballnecooley, baptised 4 Sept., 1673*⁶



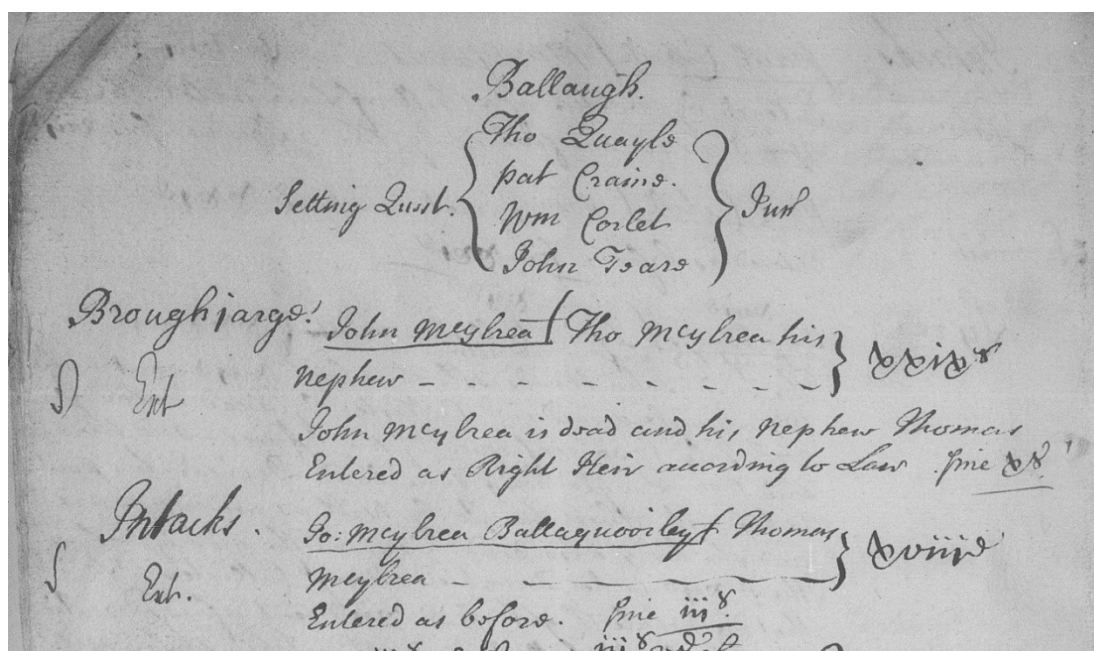
For about 250 years, until the mid-1800s, the estate was occupied by a Mylrea. However, after the death without issue of John in 1737, the direct line of transmission was broken when the estate passed to Thomas, John's oldest nephew and the son of John's younger brother, William. The line of transmission of *Ballacooiley* was:



5. Broderick, George. (2006). *A Dictionary of Manx Place-Names*. Nottingham. English Place-Name Society.

6. Sale - Thomas Mylrea to Nicholas Mylrea. (1740). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

7. Ballaugh Parish Register



LIBER VAST ENTRY - BALLAUGH, 1739

Nicholas Mylrea jnr was a nephew of Thomas, the new steward of *Ballacooiley*. Nicholas's father, Nicholas snr, was not in any line of estate inheritance, since his brother Thomas, already had a son named John to whom the estate would pass. So, in 1740, Nicholas snr purchased from his brother Thomas "*certain parcels of the Quarterland of Ballacorraige with a small parcel of Intack lands in the curragh*" for £11⁷.

a certain parcel of Quarterland called Ballacorraige and known by the name of The Field⁸

These were lands that Thomas had purchased some years previously for £7/10/-. It is an open question why Thomas sold to his brother. On the one hand, he might have realised he had enough to do as steward of *Ballacooiley* without taking care of the additional *Ballacorraige* lands. On the other, he might have needed the money to keep his unexpected legacy afloat. Given Thomas's other land transactions at the time, that seems the more likely explanation.

Ballacorraige

The Quarterland of Ballacorraige was in the Ballacaine treen, where the Deemster Mylrea lived. Nicholas's purchase of the *Ballacorraige* estate might serve as an indicator that he was a young man of substance. He was 24 years old and marriage to Joney Cowin was still some years away, yet he had independently secured his own future. Nicholas snr seems to have

7. Sale - Thomas Mylrea to Nicholas Mylrea. (1740). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

8. Purchase- Thomas Mylrea from Robert Corlet (1733). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/thomas-purchase-1733.html>

received nothing from his parents^{9,10} - although in both of their wills, he was named as an executor.

Further evidence of the character of Nicholas snr was his guardianship of his nephew, John, who was only 6 years of age when his father, Thomas the steward of *Ballacooiley*, died at the age of 36. Twenty-four year old Nicholas snr ensured that the estate continued to run efficiently, and helped the boy consolidate the debts left by his father¹¹. Perhaps a testament to Nicholas's guardianship is that the *Ballacooiley* estate was viable for the next hundred years or so, largely under the stewardship of John after he came of age, until he died at the age of 76.

In some respects, it is a mystery why things could have gone so terribly wrong for Nicholas's own son, Nicholas jnr.

Family of Nicholas snr

The eight children of Nicholas snr and Joney Cowin, including a set of twins, enjoyed what were the most frequently used of all Mylrea first names:

- ☞ Nicholas (1747)
- ☞ ~~William (1749)~~
- ☞ ~~John (1752)~~
- ☞ ~~Daniel (1752)~~
- ☞ Mary (1754)
- ☞ Ann (1756)
- ☞ Katherine (1759)
- ☞ Thomas (1762)

As was commonplace in those days, several did not survive their childhood, and in this family it was three sons - the Christmas Day twins, John and Daniel, who died of smallpox at the age of about 3 months, and William who died when he was 16 years of age and was buried in the Old Ballaugh Church Yard where his Memorial Inscription reads:

Hereunder lyeth the body of WILLIAM MYLREA who died the 12th of Janry. 1765 aged 16y.¹²

The three daughters - Mary, Ann and Katherine married – Mary to Robert Clague, Ann to Matthias Oates, and Katherine to William Quayle.

9. Will - William Mylrea.(1733). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Wills>

10. Will - Catherine Stephen als Mylrea als Cowle. (1759). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Wills>

11. Mortgage – Nicholas Mylrea snr & John Mylrea snr to Robert Siddleton. (1742).
<http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

12. Memorial Inscriptions Ballaugh Old & New. IOM Family History Society.

Thomas, the youngest son went to Liverpool, probably after the death of his father Nicholas snr in 1784. His parents both bequeathed him legacies, not large but not insulting either. His mother's will in 1795¹³ is the only evidence of his existence and the existence of his children. Nothing further has been definitively established.

Nicholas Mylrea jnr, named after his father, was the oldest and heir-at-law to the *Ballacorraige* estate.

13. Will - Joney Mylrea als Cowin. (1795). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Wills>

NICHOLAS jnr

1747-1823

The most common means of passing land from one generation to the next on the Isle of Man, and always to the oldest son, was through a Marriage Contract for, or a Settlement upon, that son. So it was on 13th December 1774 that Nicholas Mylrea snr and his wife Joney Cowne committed in the Marriage Contract of their oldest son, Nicholas jnr, to provide:

all and singular our whole estate of houses, garden and garden lands, buildings and edifices thereupon erected at present or hereafter may be erected thereon with all and every appurtenances and privileges appertaining to their said estates with Quarterland and Intack land situated in the parish of Ballaugh¹⁴

Nicholas jnr was 27 years of age when he married Margaret Kneen. Her parents, William and Catherine (Cowley) Kneen, gave a land endowment comparable to the Mylrea's:

*all and singular their property and interest in & unto their whole Intack land situate in the foresaid parish the sum being three distinct parcels commonly known and distinguished by the names **Ellan Beg**, another of **Croit e Churry** and the third by the name of **Cooilne Isingun Nigh***

Nicholas jnr was indeed fortunate to marry a woman whose family had something substantial to contribute to the union. Thus, the young couple embarked on married life with ownership of land (and some bedding and a cow), and the prospect of more land to come when their respective parents died. Nicholas jnr and Margaret controlled an estate in Ballaugh with an estimated value of about £300, a considerable amount in 1774, although small in comparison to the proceeds of the sale in 1777 of the neighbouring Mylrea estate, the *Dollagh*, when distant relative Daniel sold it for nearly £3,000¹⁵.

Family Life

Over the next two decades, seven children came into the family of Nicholas Mylrea jnr and Margaret Kneen, six of whom survived to adulthood:

☞ ~~William (1777)~~¹⁶

☞ Margaret (1778)

☞ William (1781)

14. Marriage Contract – Nicholas Mylrea jnr & Margaret Kneen. (1774). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

15. See Frederick Thomas Mylrea, Military Man. (1803-1859). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Stories>

¹⁶ An examination of the Ballaugh burials 1777-1781 does not show the death of the first William

- ☞ Catherine (1784)
- ☞ John (1786)
- ☞ Thomas (1789)
- ☞ James (1792)

Margaret died in December 1810 when she was 59. By that time, the oldest three children were married and had children of their own:

- ☞ Margaret married John Moughtin (a farm worker) in 1803;
- ☞ William married Elinor Caine in 1806; and
- ☞ Catherine married James Kneen (a blacksmith) in 1805.

The girls and their husbands lived in the nearby parish of Andreas while William and his wife resided in Ballaugh, presumably with Nicholas jnr and Margaret at *Ballacorraige*. The three youngest of the family were still bachelors, James aged 18 when their mother died.

Animus

The will of Nicholas snr, who died in 1784, was surprising for it revealed that he held his oldest son in very low regard. He bequeathed Nicholas jnr two pairs of breeches and a coat, forgave his son's debts to him (which included both money and corn) and further:

*If in case his eldest son Nicholas Mylrea would make any disturbance with the Executive in respect to any matter or thing that he was to be excluded in the legacy that was left him.*¹⁷

On first sighting, the rancour towards Nicholas jnr in his father's will is bewildering. The Marriage Contract for Nicholas jnr and Margaret Kneen had established the orderly transmission of the family's lands so in many respects, there was nothing left for Nicholas snr to say. Yet he chose to use his will to make his attitude towards his oldest son perfectly clear. He "put it on record", so to speak.

Another decade passed and the mother of Nicholas jnr, Joney Cowne, died in 1795. Her will was a three page affair, itemising many, many bequests to family and friends yet she left her son Nicholas jnr just sixpence, the smallest legacy to anyone on her list¹⁸, and whatever she left his children (small in comparison to her other grandchildren), had to be paid by Nicholas out of "money or cash" that he owed her. Joney died in Peel where she lived with her daughter Ann Oates, having abandoned her Ballaugh home after her husband's death even though she was entitled to remain at *Ballacorraige* to be cared for by Nicholas jnr and Margaret.

What had happened to turn his parents so strongly against him? Had there been a serious family falling out? What could have caused the profound displeasure directed towards their

18. Will - Nicholas Mylrea snr. (1784). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Wills>

19. Will - Joney Mylrea als Cowin. (1795). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Wills>

oldest son? The best guess is that Nicholas jnr was a sore disappointment to his parents. Given the apparent resourcefulness of Nicholas snr in acquiring his own lands once his older brother had inherited *Ballacooiley*, the source of his parents' antipathy must have had their roots in some fairly bad behaviour.

Fifteen years on and, in 1810, the will of Nicholas's wife, Margaret, makes interesting reading. Her first bequest was to John, her fourth child (the second son in the family), to whom she left "*her part of the boat and her part of the herring nets*". She left her daughters Margaret and Catherine her clothing and the wool and feathers in the house, and to her niece Ann Kneen, she left a spinning wheel. The two youngest sons, Thomas and James, were left "*all the rest of her goods and effects moveable and immoveable*". Husband Nicholas jnr was executor but left nothing of substance by his wife. William, her oldest son, mentioned at the end of her will, was to receive one shilling (the same amount she left to each of the witness of her will) and such a bequest more a token than a slight for reasons that will soon become evident. Margaret chose to distribute all of her possessions to her children and niece rather than leave them to her husband, a somewhat unusual decision. Perhaps Margaret too was disenchanted with Nicholas jnr.

Debt

To say that Nicholas jnr was a poor money manager would be an understatement. To say he was wilful, feckless and profligate might be nearer the mark. Within a year of his father's death, the first mortgage on the *Ballacorraige* estate was taken out. As time went on, mortgages were followed by land sales, probably to clear earlier mortgages when interest payments fell behind. Over the next twenty years, the pattern was impossible to ignore.

1785	Mortgaged <i>Kneen's Croft</i> to Ballaugh Church Rector & Wardens.
1789	Mortgaged <i>Nich Mylrea's Flatt</i> , part of Nicholas's dowry, to Thomas Teare for £32 ¹⁹ . This land contained the home in which Nicholas jnr and Margaret and their young family lived, and a condition of the Deed was that they continued to live there. This mortgage was repaid in 1808, the year Nicholas Mylrea jnr conducted two separate sales of <i>Ballacorraige</i> land for a total of £180.
1795	Mortgaged <i>Ellan Beg</i> to Thomas Kermod for £24 ²⁰
1805	Mortgaged <i>Croite e Curry</i> to William Mylechraine for £20 ²¹
1806	Mortgaged <i>The Flatt</i> to James Taubman for £60 ²²
1806	Mortgaged <i>Nicks Fields</i> (several parcels of land) to John Cowley for \$42 ²³
1808	Sold <i>Ellan Beg</i> to Daniel Cowle for £86 ²⁴
1808	Sold the <i>Croit</i> & the <i>Acre</i> to John Cain for £94 ²⁵

20. Mortgage – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Thomas Teare. (1789). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

21. Mortgage – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Kermod. (1795). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

22. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Mylechraine. (1805). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

23. Mortgage – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to James Taubman. (1806). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

24. Mortgage – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to John Cowley. (1806). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

25. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Daniel Cowle. (1808). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

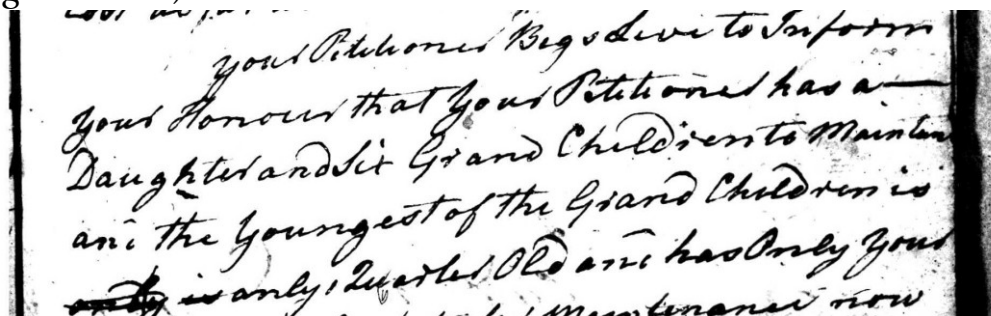
26. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to John Cain. (1808). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

The land sales in 1808, and the later sale in 1810, disposed of the holdings that were the Kneen's contribution to the 1774 Marriage Contract. It is an open question how much land this Mylrea family possessed that was not mortgaged when Margaret died at the end of 1810.

The earlier mortgages suggest that the family was battling financially quite early, within a decade of the marriage of Nicholas jnr, and a year after the death of Nicholas snr. Perhaps the words in the will of Nicholas snr where he forgave Nicholas jnr "*..... whatsoever money his said son Nichs owed him and whatsoever corn his said son owed him*" bespoke the fact that his father had propped his son up or bailed him out, with the consequence that Nicholas jnr did not have to mortgage or sell land to get funds for whatever was causing financial distress of the dimensions that required so many mortgages – that is, until his father died.

William, the oldest son of Nicholas jnr and Margaret, became caught up in what was a deadly debt spiral. As the heir-at-law to *Ballacorraige*, he was a key player in a convoluted process in 1808 intended, no doubt, to keep the estate out of the hands of the mortgagors. Before long though, William was obliged to take mortgages himself to continue to shoulder the debt burden.

Debt continued to plague the family. In 1817, never long out of the limelight, Nicholas jnr found himself in jail in Castle Rushen. He owed Ann Kegg £8, but still had the temerity to appeal to the Chancery Courts for liberty, on the grounds that his daughter (actually his daughter-in-law) and the children needed him²⁷.



*Your Petitioner Begs leave to Inform
Your Honour that your Petitioner has a
Daughter and six Grand Children to maintain
and the youngest of the Grand Children is
only 12 months old and has only your
petitioner for maintenance now*

Nicholas jnr died in 1823. His children had all left Ballaugh one way or another. Three were living in Andreas, a fourth had gone to Bride and two had died in tragic circumstances.

Even after his death, Nicholas jnr caused trouble. He died intestate, and his widowed daughter-in-law, Elinor, was left with the obligation to settle his estate. Predictably, he was still in debt, when his assets amounted to £55/13/4 while his debts were £113/19/2. Elinor had no recourse but to seek the Court's permission to encumber her 12 year old son's already

27. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to James Bennett. (1810). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

28. Petition - Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Chancery Court. (1817) #72. <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

heavily mortgaged *Ballacorraige* land with yet another mortgage in order to settle Nicholas's obligations of about £58/-/-.

In death, as in life, Nicholas continued to squander beyond retrieval, the estate that his father had established in 1740. Although it's not possible to divine when Nicholas's problems began, nor indeed what they were, it is possible to say that his financial disasters did not die with him but instead, travelled on through the lives of his oldest son and heir-at-law, William, and into the life of his grandson, William jnr.

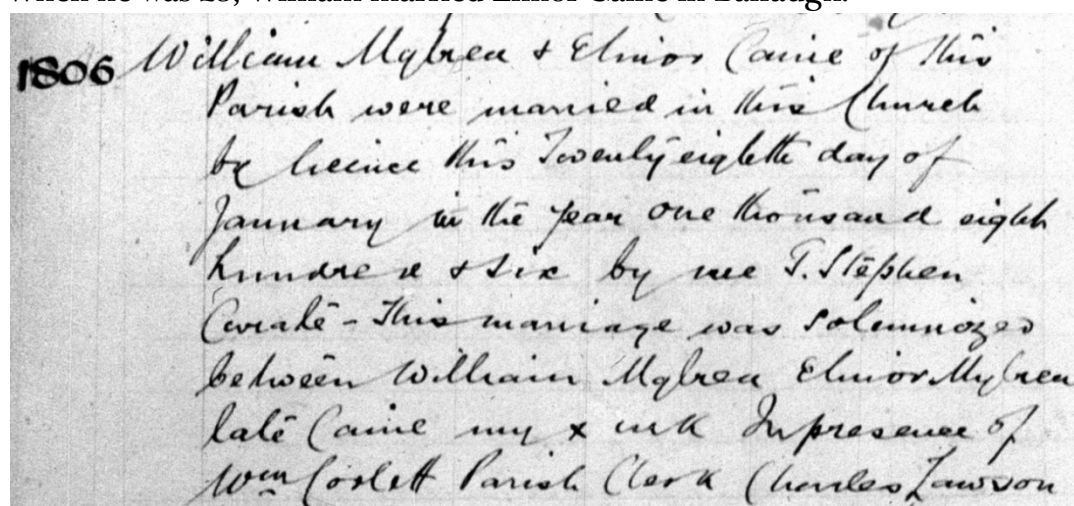
WILLIAM

1781-1816

Was William the hapless victim of his father's financial irresponsibility or was he a willing accomplice? Oldest of the four sons of Nicholas Mylrea jnr, he was heir-at-law to the *Ballacorraige* estate in Ballaugh, purchased originally by his grandfather Nicholas Mylrea snr in 1740, and passed on to his father, Nicholas jnr, via a Marriage Contract in 1774. The family of his mother, Margaret Kneen, had also contributed lands to the Mylrea holdings via that Contract. At the time, the collective value of the lands in the Contract was about £250.

Family Life

When he was 25, William married Elinor Caine in Ballaugh.



BALLAUGH PARISH REGISTER - MARRIAGES

While we know a lot about William's Mylrea heritage, we know little about Elinor's family. Several young women of that name were born in Ballaugh and surrounding parishes between 1780 and 1785, the most likely window for her birth, although without other information, it is impossible to identify which might have become William's wife. Later documents provide a small hint that she might have come from the parish of Michael, when the guardians of her children (William and John Cain) were recorded as coming from KK Michael. These men might have been her brothers but there is nothing in any official documents to confirm this. So without conclusive evidence, Elinor's origins must remain a matter for speculation.

William and Elinor had six children in the ensuing decade:

- ▲ Anne (baptised 1st February 1807)
- ▲ Jane (baptised c1809?)
- ▲ Elinor (baptised 5th December 1811)
- ▲ Margaret (baptised 25th July 1813)
- ▲ William (baptised 13th June 1815)
- ▲ John (baptised 15th March 1817)

Manx parish records are an invaluable resource but they are not infallible. Their daughter Jane has no surviving parish record of baptism²⁸, and the William Mylrea baptised in 1815 was described as the son of William Mylrea and Ellinor Cannel in the Ballaugh parish register. Yet there can be no doubt that the child was in fact the son of William Mylrea and Elinor Caine and that the entry was an error on the vicar's part, or a transcription error from an earlier version of the register. Legal papers associated with their father's estate named them all, except John who was born after their father's tragic death, moreover they were named in order – William, Ann, Jane, Ellinor and Margaret. William, because he was the heir-at-law, would have been mentioned first even though he was the youngest child at the time, and then the girls in birth order, placing Jane between Ann (b1807) and Ellinor (b1811).

Curious dealings

As the oldest son, William snr was always destined to receive the family estate which comprised at the time of his parent's marriage, the lands contributed by the Mylreas supplemented by those given by the Kneens. There is no surviving Marriage Contract for William when he married Elinor Caine in 1806 although four years later, in May 1810, and six months before his mother died, his parents were the parties to a Deed of Settlement in which they "gave" to William:

the whole of our estate both Quarterland and Intack, all and every our whole estate of houses and gardens situate on said estate in present possession

This estate was implicitly valued at about £500, which was nearly double the value of what had been contributed by the Mylreas and Kneens in 1774²⁹. On the surface then, it would appear that in the 36 years since Nicholas jnr and Margaret married, the family had prospered and their holdings had become more valuable. But nothing could have been further from the truth.

What makes this 1810 Settlement quite peculiar is that Nicholas jnr and Margaret might not have had any land to pass on to William. Records show that two years earlier, in 1808, Nicholas jnr sold a large parcel of *Ballacorraig* land for \$345 and the price-tag suggests a lot

²⁸ An Elinor Caine had an illegitimate daughter named Jane in 1805 in Ballaugh who might or might not have been the missing Jane, mentioned in William's will

³⁰ Settlement - Nicholas Mylrea jnr to William Mylrea. (1810). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

of land. One might guess that it was the entire Mylrea estate. The purchaser was Ann Crow and the financial transaction was for

“sixty pounds British thereof to be paid on the 12th day of May next and the remainder part of the said consideration money on 12th November next”³⁰.

This part payment was probably not such an unusual arrangement when a large sum was involved. However, two months after the sale to Crow was executed, on 6th July 1808, William Mylrea purchased from her:

“proportion and part of the Quarterland of Balla Corraige situate in Ballaugh and lately purchased by me from Nicholas Mylrea and Margaret Mylrea otherwise Kneen by a Deed of Sale”³¹.

William paid the same amount - £345 – so Ann Crow made no profit on the deal and in this second Deed of Sale, Ann Crow referred to William Mylrea as her nephew so she was in fact the sister of Margaret Mylrea als Kneen.

Ann Crow was evidently an obliging participant in some kind of Grand Plan. Perhaps it was a means of protecting William’s inheritance from Nicholas’s creditors? Whatever the motivation of the parties, it seems that the 1810 “settlement” was for the lands that William had already “purchased” two years previously! This sequence of events lacks an obvious logic but perhaps the answer to why they took place at all lies in their timing?

1808, 30th April	Nicholas jnr sold “the whole of our part of the Quarterland of <i>Ballacorraig</i> e” to Ann Crow for £385
1808, 6th th July	William purchased from Ann Crow for £385 “all and singular the whole of my (Crow’s) proportion and part of the Quarterland of <i>Ballacorraig</i> e” situate in Ballaugh aforesaid and lately purchased by me (Crow) from Nicholas jnr
1810, 3 rd March	Nicholas jnr settled on William “the whole of our estate of lands both Quarterland and Intack all and every our whole estate of houses and gardens situate on said estate in present possession”

Debt burden

Motivation aside, having apparently come into possession of *Ballacorraig*e twice, in a matter of two years, William also became saddled with his father’s mortgages over various parts of the estate. The first thing William did after the 1810 Settlement was to borrow £200 from Thomas Kelly, with the intention perhaps of consolidating the mortgages held over the estate (and any other debts) into one transaction. That might not have been enough however because, in 1816, William sold off two pieces of the estate:

31. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Ann Crow. (1808). <http://www.mylrea.comau/Deeds>

32. Sale – Ann Crow to William Mylrea. (1808). <http://www.mylrea.comau/Deeds>

1816, 5th January Sold *Nicholas Mylrea's Flatt* to Thomas Cowle for £11/5/-³²

1816, 6th February Sold land to John Craine for £10/10/-³³

It was one thing to consolidate debt into one parcel; it was quite another to be able to meet the interest payment thereon. These two sales, amounting to £21/15/-, small in comparison to the £200 mortgage with Kelly, might have been to defray the mounting interest bill. Now that his son, William was responsible for the family estate, Nicholas jnr did not appear on any sale or mortgage contract after 1810.

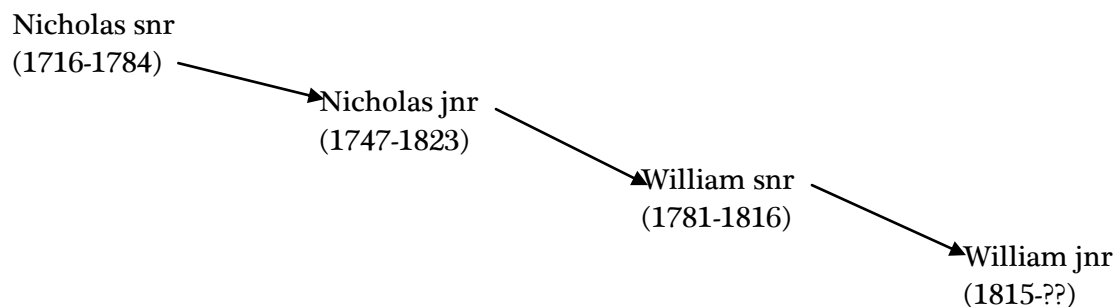
Then absolute disaster struck.

Tragedy

It was quite common for Manx farmers to go fishing in winter when the weather rendered farm work nearly impossible. The family still needed an income.

On the night of October 23, 1816, William Mylrea was drowned, lost when the fishing smack, *Felicity*, foundered off the coast of Andreas. It seems a reasonable proposition that the smack might have been the vessel left by his mother to her second son, John. Also on board were six young men from Ballaugh, including William's youngest and newly-married brother, James, and his cousin's husband, John Callister. All three of their wives were expecting babies, in two cases their first child.

William jnr, William's heir-at-law, was not yet 2 years old when his father died, leaving behind another four children ranging in age from about 9 years to 3 years of age, and a sixth child on the way.



As was the practice on the Isle of Man, guardians were appointed for the boy to ensure the proper conduct and protection of his inheritance - *Ballacorraig*. The Spiritual Court named Thomas Kermeen and William Cain, the latter might have been Elinor's brother although there is no evidence of that, to shoulder this responsibility.

³² Sale – William Mylrea to Thomas Cowle (1816). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale1-1816.html>

³³ Sale – William Mylrea to John Craine (1816). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale2-1816.html>

And the debt grows

While the guardians had some oversight of the estate, they had no obligation to pay the bills or provide the labour. So in 1821, the widowed Elinor had no choice but to return to Thomas Kelly to take an additional mortgage, this time for £25, against her own equity in the already heavily mortgaged *Ballacorraige*. She must have felt it was her duty to protect her young son's inheritance, even if paying the annual interest was all that could be achieved. In sum, by 1821, Elinor was juggling debts of almost \$270 over the estate:

- the mortgage taken out by Nicholas jnr over *Nicks Fields* in 1806 for £42
- the mortgage taken out by William snr over *Ballacorraige* in 1810 for £200; and
- the mortgage taken out by Elinor over her part of *Ballacorraige* in 1821 for £25

All this while there were no adults to keep the estate in a productive state, Elinor with six young children to care for, and the annual Lord's Rent was still due.

In 1824, the guardians of William jnr applied to the Chancery Court to encumber the estate in order to clear mortgages that were about to lapse, the most pressing one the £200 to Thomas Kelly taken by William Mylrea snr in 1816. Permission granted, they went again to Thomas Kelly and borrowed £284, so this was probably another debt consolidation exercise. William jnr had still not reached double figures in age and his legacy was indebted to the tune of £284!

To compound what must have been the enormous pressures on Elinor, the dead hand of Nicholas jnr continued to lie heavily over this Mylrea family. It is not clear whether he was released from prison, but when he died in 1823, intestate, the burden of settling his estate fell to his widowed daughter-in-law. On his death, his half share in *Ballacorraige* would have passed on to his grandson William jnr and his daughter-in-law, Elinor, but given the state of the family's finances, that was little use. Thus, £57/5/10 was owing after his meagre assets had been taken into account so, yet again, in 1827, Elinor returned to the Courts, this time for permission to borrow further against the already heavily mortgaged *Ballacorraige* land³⁴.

Court permission was granted, but no-one was willing to extend more funds so Elinor was in Court again three months later seeking permission to sell some of the inherited land that was the legacy due William jnr. Her assessment of the situation was:

*the lands being subject to a mortgage to Thomas Kelly for the sum of two hundred and eighty-four pounds British in whose possession the said lands and premises now are to pay and discharge the interest, and are so deteriorated and reduced in value that the rent is scarcely more than sufficient to pay the annual interest*³⁵

35. Petition - Eleanor Mylrea to Chancery. Court. (1827). #18 <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

36. Petition - Eleanor Mylrea to Chancery Court. (1828). #41 <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

Elinor's petition was granted and land was sold at public auction as decreed by the Court. Curiously, it was not until nearly two decades later that Thomas Kelly didn't issue his receipt until 1851, because the 1832 auction should have achieved sufficient funds to settle that debt:

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Kelly of Ballamanaugh in the parish of Jurby do hereby own and acknowledge to have received and be fully paid the principal interest, cost and charges due³⁶

Kelly did not name the individual who had released *Ballacorraige* from bondage but confirming that William's debt had been annulled is an entry in the 1852 Liber Vastarum³⁷:

*Thomas Kelly/William Mylrea
The said mortgage to Thomas Kelly is cancelled and the said
William Mylrea the mortgagor is re-entered*

While the term "re-entered" sounds promising, the reality is probably an administrative one ie. William needed to be re-entered as the owner so he could legally sell the land to anyone. But if the sale was to clear the debt to Kelly, then why did Kelly take so long to record that fact?

The Mylrea lands were sold by public auction to John Keig, for £351³⁸, the 1852 Liber Vastarum showing the following entry³⁹:

*William Mylrea/John Keig
Under a decree of the Court of Chancery bearing date the 7th
February 1828 the said lands were ordered to be sold and John
Keig having become the purchaser is now entered by virtue of a
deed of sale granted by John Cain and William Cain, guardians
of William Mylrea, a minor, heir at law of the said William
Mylrea deceased and Ellinor Mylrea widow and bearing date the
13th March 1832.*

In 1851, Thomas Keig was the occupant of *Ballacorage* (sic), farming 240 acres, an area that made the property one of the largest in the parish. Thomas and his brother Robert were the sons of John Keig, to whom the "lands of the estate of *Ballacorriage*" were willed by their parents, John who died in 1850 and Mary who died in 1851. In 1861, Robert was farming 73 acres on Ballacorage (sic) while there were many other farmers also listed on Ballacorage, a sign that the original estate had been broken up and sold off.

³⁷. Mortgage – William Mylrea jnr to Thomas Kelly. (1824). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

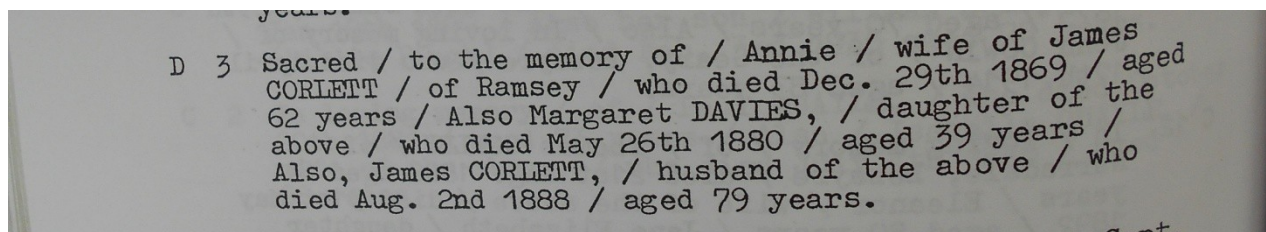
³⁷ Liber Vasterum p123: Ballaugh 27- October 1852

³⁸ Sale – William Mylrea to John Keig (1832). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale-1832.html>

³⁹ Liber Vasterum p123: Ballaugh 27- October 1852

However, the 1841 Tithe Composition Book lists Thomas Gawne as the owner of the Ballacorraige estate, and the 1841 census shows a Thomas Gawn farming on Ballacorrage (sic). So there is every chance that William did not sell everything to John Keig, and that Thomas Gawne purchased what was left of the estate at after 1832. Giving some credence to this idea is that a month after the sale to Keig, William jnr again went to Court to have guardians appointed over him (he would have been 17 years of age and still a minor). His petition said he was “*desirous to have guardians assigned over him for the protection of his property*”. His mother and Thomas Caine were duly sworn in.

There is no surviving record of any transaction between William Mylrea and Thomas Gawne but one possible explanation is that William and his siblings simply walked away, and the remaining lands were sold at public auction (or by some other means). When the first census on the Isle of Man was conducted in 1841, neither William nor anyone else from his family was living in Ballaugh. No burials were registered for them in Ballaugh, nor marriages, although perhaps the oldest child, Ann, married James Corlett in 1836 in Lezayre⁴⁰. The others, including Elinor, left Ballaugh without a trace.



Epitaph

Established in 1740 by Nicholas snr when he purchased land from his older brother, the *Ballacorraige* estate was enlarged in 1774 with Margaret Kneen’s dowry. After the death of Nicholas snr, these lands were steadily eroded and the Mylrea family struggled to keep their heads above water, continually close to drowning in a sea of debt that originated with Nicholas jnr, plagued his son William during his brief period as steward of the estate, and inevitably washed over William jnr.

The irony is that the lands in total were probably quite valuable, worth over £500, if the sales over the years are used as a guide:

- *Ellan Beg* (£86)⁴¹
- the *Croit* & the *Acre* (£94)⁴²
- *Kneensland* (£12/12/-)⁴³
- *Nicholas Mylrea’s Flatt* (£11)⁴⁴

41. 1836 marriage Ann Mylrea & James Corlett in Lezayre; 1844 baptism for John James Corlett, son of James Corlett and Ann Mylrea; 1861 census Ann Corlett (wife of James) aged 54, born Ballaugh

42. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to Daniel Cowle. (1808). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

43. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to John Cain. (1808). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

44. Sale – Nicholas Mylrea jnr to James Bennett. (1810). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/Deeds>

- land (£10/10/-)⁴⁵
- public auction of lands known as *Ballacorraige* (£351)⁴⁶

Yet, in the end, all the land was gone, about a century after Nicholas snr had first paid his brother Thomas £11 for the original *Ballacorraige* holding.

⁴⁴ Sale – William Mylrea to Thomas Cowle (1816). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale1-1816.html>

⁴⁵ Sale – William Mylrea to John Craine (1816). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale2-1816.html>

⁴⁶ Sale – William Mylrea to John Keig (1832). <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale-1832.html>

JOHN

1786-1877

John Mylrea was the second son of Nicholas Mylrea jnr and Margaret Kneen. He was born in 1786 in Ballaugh, and married Elizabeth Garrett in Andreas on 18th April, 1819. Elizabeth's father was Ewan Garrett, a tailor in Andreas and John might have learned his trade from his future father-in-law. John might also have needed to establish himself before he could ask Elizabeth to marry him or perhaps he had to wait for her to achieve the age of consent for she was eleven years younger than he was.

There is no way of knowing when John went to Andreas. However, the reasons behind his migration were probably multiple. His father's antics would have made living in Ballaugh untenable; as the second son, he had no inheritance to look forward to; his older sisters living in Andreas could have encouraged him to go their way (in real terms, a journey of only a few miles); younger brother Thomas might have already been there; and the death of his other two brothers in the wreck of the *Felicity*, which could have been the fishing smack left to him by his mother in 1810, might have given him a pressing need to start afresh somewhere else. Or he might simply have arranged an apprenticeship with a tailor in Andreas. Whatever the motivation, his migration marked a shift from life on the land to the "soft" trades, away from outdoor work to indoor work.

John and Elizabeth had ten children who came along at regular 2-year intervals between 1819 and 1840⁴⁷:

- ▲ James (baptised 2nd November 1819)
- ▲ Catherine (baptised 8th August 1821)
- ▲ John (baptised 28th September 1823)
- ▲ Jane (baptised 30th January 1825)
- ▲ Elizabeth (baptised 11th September 1827)
- ▲ Eliza (baptised 24th March 1830)
- ★ ~~Susan (baptised 5th August 1832)~~
- ▲ Mary Ann (baptised 18th January 1835)
- ▲ John (baptised 10th September 1837)
- ▲ Margaret (baptised 11th December 1840)

48. Up until the late 1800s on the Isle of Man, the first official record of a child's existence was their baptism. The problem with a baptismal record is that the ceremony might have been conducted on the day a child was born or years later, so a baptism date is a poor indicator of date of birth – but it is all we have for John's family

Today there is no sign of the house that John snr, the tailor, and Elizabeth his wife and their large family occupied. From census records, it seems to have been along the Bayr ny Hayray (Road to the Ayres), about 2 kilometres south of the village of Andreas and near Ballachurry farm⁴⁸. Their neighbours were a mixture of individuals - farmers, farm workers, even the surveyor of highways - who lived in a small collection of five or six houses. Today, all except Bird Cottage have gone, or are in an advanced state of dereliction.



A DERELICT COTTAGE ALONG BAYR NY HAYRAY

Family Pathways

Susan Mylrea, born in 1832, died when she was 5 years old and just before a second John was baptised in the family of John snr and Elizabeth. For a family of 10 children, it is a testament to the care that they received that the other nine Mylrea offspring all reached adulthood.

The pathways of the six Mylrea girls in the family have not all been easy to uncover:

- ▲ **Catherine** married John Quirk in 1845 and the family soon migrated to England. There were at least eight children.
- ▲ **Elizabeth** probably married William Moore (a tailor at the time) in 1854 and lived her life in Ramsey. She also had at least eight children.

49. Today, there are two Ballachurry farms on the map. The other one is a kilometre away from the Ballachurry district in which John Mylrea snr lived.

- ▲ **Mary Jane** had a child (Mary Ann) out of wedlock in 1857 in Ramsey and died later that year. The child lived with her Mylrea grandparents then went into service in Leigh. What happened to her after the 1881 UK census is unknown.
- ▲ Jane *might* have married John Thompson in 1846
- ▲ Eliza and Margaret left no discernable trace

The story of the oldest Mylrea son is straightforward. **James** left the Isle of Man in his 20s, between 1841 and 1844, and went to the USA. On arrival in America, he lived with a James Garrett, in Rochester in upstate New York. Rochester in those days was a boom town, specialising in the clothing industry, and thus a major destination for tailors and dressmakers. Both Jameses worked as tailors for the same employer for several years after James Mylrea's arrival in Rochester. James's cousin John (son of Thomas) also lived in Rochester at the time so it is feasible that the two young men had planned their migration together, although John Mylrea (five years older than James) arrived in the US several years before James. James married Elizabeth Adams and the couple had two children, Elizabeth and Alfred. The family remained in the Rochester area but after the death of Elizabeth's two unmarried daughters, this little twig of the Mylrea tree died off.

The story of the second Mylrea son, named **John**, is somewhat clouded. This infant was baptised in 1823, and then another son arrived in 1837 and he was named John. Such a situation would normally signify that the first John had died but there is no record of such a burial in Andreas and now it has been demonstrated that the first John had gone to Australia, probably when he was about 14 years of age, about the time that the second John was born.

In Australia, John Mylrea became a wealthy young man during the Victorian gold rushes of the 1850s, and later a pioneer pastoralist in the northern frontier of the colony of New South Wales. He had 11 surviving children, and many of his descendants can be found in the central Queensland district today. On his death certificate, his birth was recorded as March 1823 and his homeland as the Isle of Man. His biography, *On Some Lonely Shore*, was published in 2015.

Thus it seems that the explanation for naming a second John in the family lies in his parents' belief that their first John was as good as dead, gone to the other side of the world. The Manx might very well have had a similar attitude to that of their Irish neighbours who, when their children migrated to America, held a wake because their departure usually meant they would never see these children again. Thus, when another male child was born, he was given the family's traditional name of "John".

The third son in the family, **John II**, became his father's apprentice after James (who was his father's apprentice until that time) left for the USA. It is reasonable to think that James's departure was expressly to make way for John II as his father's apprentice. John II

became a tailor. In 1862, he became father to a little boy named Edward but he did not marry the child's mother. Instead, in 1868, he married Jane Elizabeth Kewley and had 10 children. His family remained in Andreas then disbursed as all families do, two of his sons making their way to Australia but by then their uncle, John I, had died.

Family patriarch, John snr, and his wife Elizabeth Garrett continued to live in Andreas, where John died in 1877. He was 90 years of age. Elizabeth died two years later, in 1879. She had been living in Ramsey, in all probability with her daughter Elizabeth.

THOMAS

1789-1869

Thomas Mylrea was the third son of Nicholas Mylrea jnr and Margaret Kneen. He married Jane Teare in Andreas on 21st April, 1814 at the age of 25. In all probability, he had already left Ballaugh to make his home in Andreas where his older sisters, Margaret and Catherine, had both married over a decade previously. Catherine's husband, James Kneen, was a blacksmith so perhaps Thomas went to Andreas to learn the trade because he too became a blacksmith.

The first child of Thomas and Jane, John, was baptised in Andreas on 15th December 1814. Some time after John's birth, Thomas and Jane went north to the parish of Bride and there they had a second son, William, baptised on 17th October 1820.

Both sons left the Isle of Man, and went to the United States of America. Thomas and Jane did not go. Jane died in 1860 in Andreas, and the following year Thomas was living and working as a farm labourer in Maughold. In 1869, at the age of 80, he died in Andreas where his older brother John, the tailor, was still living with his wife Elizabeth although their two older sisters Margaret and Catherine had since died.

John

Thomas's older son, John, went first to the United States in the early 1840s. He was a blacksmith like his father and listed in the 1844 Rochester Directory. Later, as MILREA, he was listed in the 1847 and 1849 Directories. His cousin, James Mylrea, was also living in Rochester by that time. In the 1840s, Rochester was America's first boom town and home to a boom industry, the manufacture of clothing - so John as a blacksmith and James as a tailor would have easily found work.

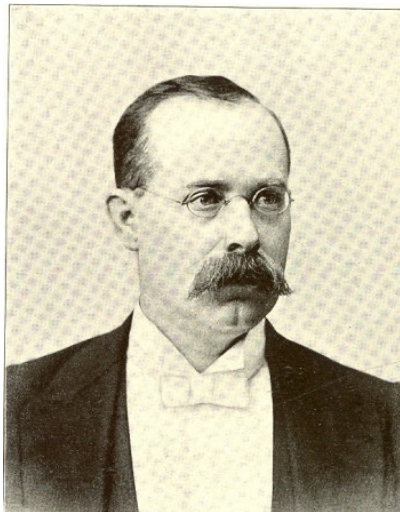
These Mylrea cousins had not set out together for the brave new world because, in the 1841 census, James was still living in Andreas while John was no longer on the island. He was five years older than James and so it is more likely that he had ventured away first.

At the age of 36, John returned to the Isle of Man and married Catherine Quayle in Bride in May 1850. The young couple went almost immediately to the United States

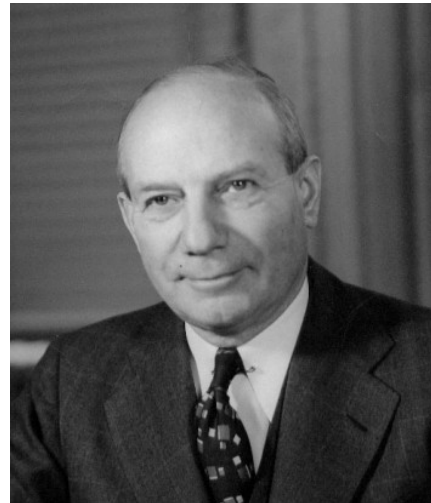
on the *Ellen*, arriving in New York on 13th July⁴⁹. They travelled on to Rochester where John was subsequently listed in the city Directories as a machinist. Their first son, William Henry Mylrea, was born in Rochester in 1853 and another son, Charles E., arrived the following year. The couple then moved to Wisconsin in 1856 where their daughters Jane C. (1857) and Susan Jane (1861) were born. Sadly, Jane died when she was about 2 years old.

This change in John's occupation in the 1850s might have been a hint that he harboured an ambition to be "something better".

- Son, **William Henry** Mylrea, received a university education and went on to be a renowned lawyer, politician and businessman⁵⁰. In three generations, this particular Mylrea branch had gone from Manx blacksmith to Wisconsin Attorney General. William Henry married Minnie Ostrander in about 1884, and they had two children, John Dudley and Susan. John Dudley did not have children and so the Mylrea name no longer flourished from this branch of the Mylrea tree. William Henry Mylrea died in 1916.



William Henry Mylrea
1853-1916



John Dudley Mylrea
1885-1963

- **Charles E.** did not marry, and lived with his parents in Wisconsin until their deaths after which he went to live with his sister, Susan, who had married and was living in Los Angeles. He died at the age of 77

50. MYBEA (ancestry)

51. http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/forestry/schenck/series_vi/bios/Mylrea.html,
http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/dictionary/index.asp?action=view&term_id=2251&letter=M

- **Susan** had also received a university education, an extraordinary gift in those days from parents who themselves must have been extraordinary people. She married clergyman Edwin Knight Holden in 1886, and they had no children. Susan died in 1952, when she had reached her 91st year.

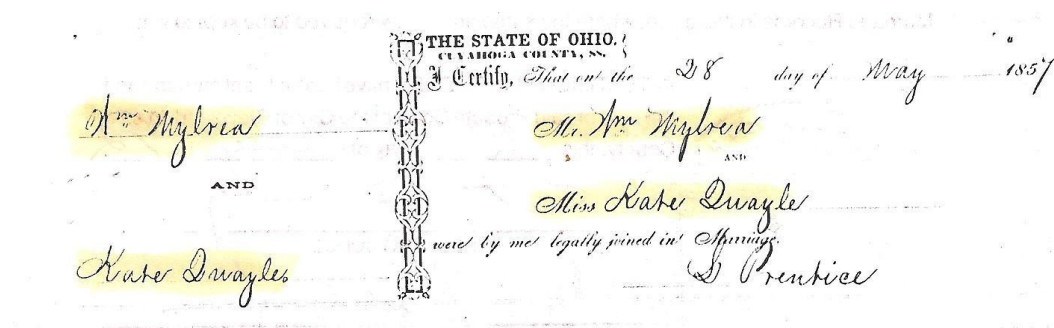
John Mylrea, born in 1814 in the parish of Bride on the Isle of Man, father to William Henry, Charles E., Jane C. and Susan Jane, died in Wisconsin in 1901 at the age of 87. He was described in the local press "*In all his life, social and business relations, the name John Mylrea was a bond of integrity and sterling manhood*". It is a sadness that after just one generation in the United States, John had no grandchildren to carry forward the legacy left by John Mylrea the Manxman.

William

William, the second son of Thomas and Jane, also married a Kate Quayle. He did so in 1857 in the state of Ohio when he was 37 years of age.

In 1850, Kate⁵¹ was in the USA, and living in Rochester, New York. Another resident in the same house was James Milroy, a tailor. The census record showed that both had been born on the Isle of Man, Kate in 1832 and James in 1820. The head of the household was another Manxman, William Stanford, and Kate and James were both boarders. There can be no doubt that Kate was the future wife of William Mylrea from Bride, and that James was William's cousin from Andreas.

William and Kate married in Ohio, a state to the south of New York. How they met, and why they married in Ohio can only be guessed at. William's older brother John had been in Rochester in the early 1850s then gone to live in Wisconsin. William would also go to Wisconsin so their Ohio sojourn might have been brief.



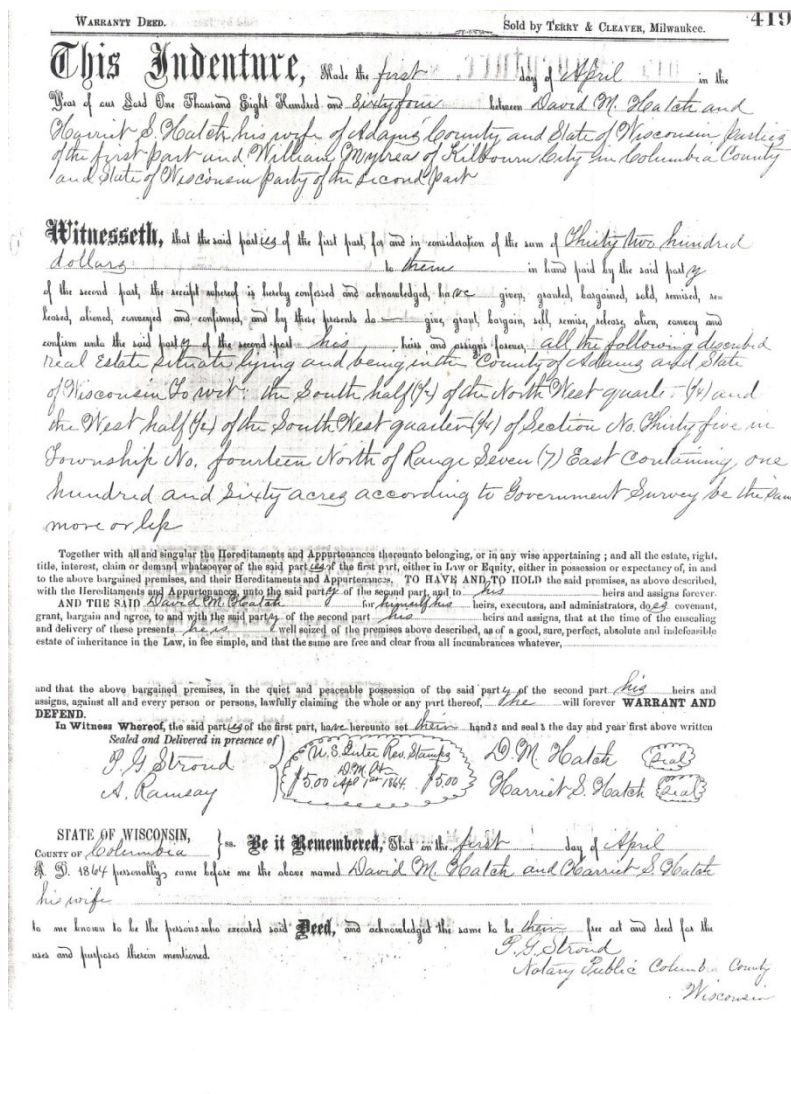
MARRIAGE RECORD FOR WILLIAM MYLREA & KATE QUAYLE, 1857

While his brother John chose a life of manual labour as a blacksmith and then a machinist, William became a farmer. He purchased land in Adams County, Wisconsin

52. In the 1850 Federal Census, Cate Quail as she was listed has been transcribed on the ancestry site as Cate LUARL

for \$2,600 (a not inconsiderable amount in those days) in 1864, around the time that their second son, Harrison Duncan, was born⁵².

Another boy, Walter, had been born into the family in 1863, and he and Harrison followed in their father's footsteps to become farmers. Walter did not marry but Harrison had seven children, and several of his sons passed on the Mylrea name which flourishes today in the United States. Their father transferred the farm to them in 1889, nine years after Kate died in 1880.



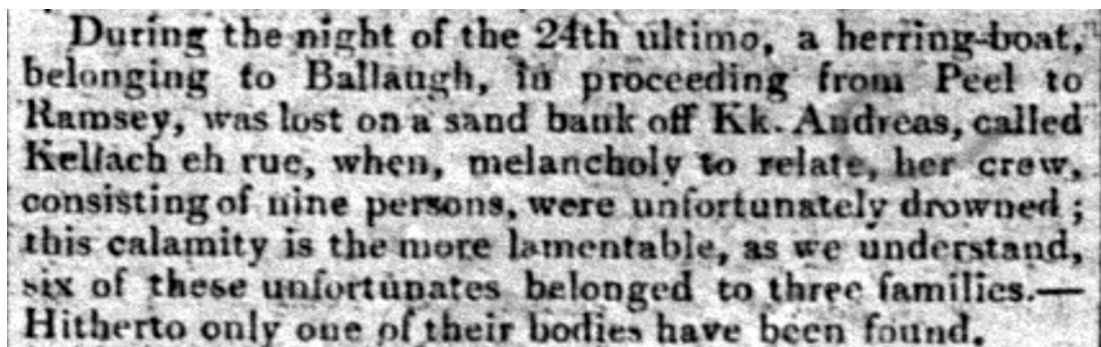
William lived into his 80s, and when he died, the local press described him: *He was known far and wide as a model farmer by everybody, Mr Mylrea was regarded to be an upright, honourable man and by those who knew him well, was most highly esteemed.*

53. A child named William was born in 1859, but must have died because he is not recorded again.

JAMES

1792-1816

James was the fourth and youngest son of Nicholas Mylrea jnr and Margaret Kneen. He was 24 when he married Catherine Kelly on 24th June, 1816, the wedding taking place in Jurby which hints at the possibility that James, like older brothers John and Thomas, had already left Ballaugh. Four months later, James was dead, drowned in the wreck of the *Felicity* with his oldest brother William and his cousin's husband, John Callister. Others on board were Daniel & Thomas Boyd, James Corlett and John Cowell and they too died that night. The only one of these men to have a burial record was James, confirming the newspaper report that only one of the bodies of those aboard had been found.



During the night of the 24th ultimo, a herring-boat, belonging to Ballaugh, in proceeding from Peel to Ramsey, was lost on a sand bank off Kk. Andreas, called Kellach eh rue, when, melancholy to relate, her crew, consisting of nine persons, were unfortunately drowned; this calamity is the more lamentable, as we understand, six of these unfortunates belonged to three families.— Hitherto only one of their bodies have been found.

James would not have known that he and Catherine were expecting a child, a little boy who was born the following year. James's little boy was named James, and although his mother remarried in 1820⁵³, James jnr retained the name Mylrea. He married Eleanor Caley in 1839, and the couple had eight children. They made their home in Lezayre where James jnr had a farm in Slieumanagh.

Their surviving sons James Arthur and John Thomas both married and lived well into their 70s, still in Lezayre and still farmers. They had 11 children between them, the great grandchildren of James Mylrea who drowned in the wreck of the *Felicity*. Today, several of his descendants continue to live on the Isle of Man. In the nearly 200 years since James drowned, this tiny twig on the Mylrea family tree survives.

54. She married William Killip 17th June, 1820 in Jurby

A Postscript

Nicholas Mylrea jnr has not been portrayed favourably in this story yet there exists the possibility that erroneous conclusions have been drawn, especially relating to reasons for his severe financial circumstances. The implication has been that Nicholas jnr was either a poor manager or blighted by bad habits, perhaps gambling. Without more personal information, such as letters or observations by him or others, it is impossible to be categorical about the root causes of his misadventures.

Mylrea indebtedness was not unique to Nicholas jnr. His uncle Thomas had died prematurely and left his family estate, *Ballacooiley*, with outstanding debts which Nicholas snr helped bring under control since Thomas's heir-at-law was just six years old. That heir-at-law was John Mylrea, the cousin of Nicholas jnr, and John too took his estate into a degree of indebtedness, but not sufficient to lose the family estate altogether. That dubious honour went to John's grandson who, in 1868, was forced to surrender the *Ballacooiley* estate to the bank because of insurmountable debt levels against the lands.

It is quite possible that this Mylrea family did not have some underlying personal problem that plunged them into debt, rather they were victims of the farming life. Perhaps in the case of Nicholas jnr, he tried desperately to hold on to *Ballacorraige*, the estate that his father had established, ignoring common sense that whispered that the estate was economically unviable. Thus, by hanging on for too long, Nicholas jnr created a financially impossible situation for himself and his family. His oldest son, William snr, perpetuated the lost cause. Perhaps he too was desperately hanging on to the estate for *his* son, William jnr, in defiance of increasing debt. William jnr then found himself mired in debt by the subsequent actions of his mother and his guardians who might have been trying to keep *Ballacorraige* afloat for William jnr after his father's untimely death.

On the other hand, the wills of Nicholas's parents and his wife are not kind to him which strongly suggest that he had caused significant problems in their lives.

While William's family has disappeared from the pages of history, the lives of Nicholas's other three sons have remained visible to the present day; John's descendants are in Australia and in the UK, Thomas's descendants are in the United States, and James's remain on the Isle of Man. In each of these three families, some returned to farming.

Robert Cannell's extensive site, The Manx Manorial Roll⁵⁴, provides images and transcriptions of early Manx land records. His collection is firmly focused on the parish of Michael but fortunately for the Mylrea family historian, a small number of records for Ballaugh is included. Those Liber Vastarum entries that were (a) about Ballaugh Mylreas, and (b) seemed to be within-family transactions have been copied from Cannell's site and:

- arranged in *chronological order*, with relevant items from Liber Assedationis and Composition Books interspersed, while extracts from the Knowsley Lease Books are footnoted; and then
- grouped into what might approximate “clans” in order to detect the lines of transmission

The records tell of three clans, concentrated in three distinct treens (geographic regions) in Ballaugh – there are ten treens in the parish. Each treen is divided into four Quarterlands:

Broughjarge.—Lower Broughjarge, 1½ q. Higher Broughjarge, 1½ q. Ballnaquooley, 1q.

Ballaskebag.—Ballakeog, 2 q. The Corvalley, 1 q. Ballabeg, 1 q. Crot è Grazy, ‘small parcel now taken away by the sea’.

Ballacurne. — Ballnalargy, ½ q. Ballacurne Beg, ½ q. Ballacurne Moar, 1q.

Ardrenk.—The Forester's Lodge.

Ballamoney.—Ballakenny, 1 q. Ballamoney Beg, 1q. Ballamoney, 1 q. Crawyn, ½ q. Ellan e Callow.

Ballacaine.—Ballacaine, 1 q. The Dollagh, 1 q. The Dollaugh Beg, 1 q. Ballacorraige, 1q.

Ballatersin.—The Lower Ballatersin, 1 q. The Higher Ballatersin, 1 q. Squeen, 1 q.

Ballacroshey, 1q.

Ballavally.—Ballavalley, 1 q. Ballacry, 1q. Knockoale, 1 q. Ballaneddin, 1q.

Carmodall.—Carmodall Moar, 1 q. Carmodall Beg, 1q. The Glaick, 1 q. Ballamore, 1q.

Scrandall.—Glenshogell, 1 q. Cronkan, ½ q. Balla en Tore, 1 q. Glandow, 1q.

.... an array of **Intacks.**

Crott Garratt. Nellan More. Close Clark. Close a Callow. Lough Caine. Gary Ween. Close Cordias. The Lane of Close a Volley. Lagbane. Close na Tunagg. Quark's Croft. Leany Ballacrosty (Treen of Ballacayne). Inclosure taken out of the Highway in Barnaneighan. Ellan a voddij. Christian's Lower Close. Bare na Ellan Renny. Close Woods. Leany Keal. Close a Quackin. Intack of 6d. in a Turbary. Close a Captain. Close Emell. Close a Vona. Glanshellagh. Close e Kelly. Close Ballacally. The Largy. Close na Cregga. Close Cronstall near Gob a Volley. Close Moar. Close Cowley. Crott Gubbon. The Acre. Ballateare's Meadow. Craine's Meadow. Addunging. Close ne Chibbrough. The Roddagaugh. The Gary. Lough è Caine. Crott ne Coning. Quid ne Binney. Sharraugh Bane. Close Corrin. Close è Gell. Caine's Common. Close Reij. Cleycurry. Close a Coraige. Crot na Slate. Carmodal's Curragh. Close Kilna. Lag Bane ‘in

the Mountains ‘. Arij Cottiman. Kudnaping. Slieu Volley. Crott Cly Curry. Dorlish Cubon. Tycloaddy. Crott a Green.

And a Mill (Miln).—Scrandall Miln.

Given that the Mylrea men tended to have the same names – Donald (and its variations) and John, and to a lesser extent William, their geographic location becomes key to sorting the families. Nevertheless, the links drawn between these entries are somewhat speculative and under no circumstances should they be regarded as confirmatory.

TREEN	QUARTERLAND
Ballacaine & Ballamoney	Dollagh
Ballatersin	Ballacroshey
Brojarge	Ballacooiley

Records showing Mylrea occupation of the *Dollagh* and *Ballacroshey* estates date from the early to mid 1500s, whereas the *Ballacooiley* holding appears as Mylrea land in the early 1600s.

1. *The Dollagh*: This was the foundation Mylrea estate, first recorded in the hands of John Gilrea in 1500, and remaining in the family until 1777 when it was broken up and sold. Captain William Mylrea, born in 1627 came into possession of the estate when his father died in 1636, and could be best described as the patriarch of the Mylrea line that produced Deemsters, Attorneys General and Archdeacons for the Isle of Man. This family was an extensive Ballaugh landholder through inheritance (and possibly purchase over time), their local importance confirmed in John’s, Raynold’s then Donald’s membership of the Ballaugh Setting Quest for many years.
2. *Ballatersin*: The estate dates back to the 1530s, suggesting that the original Mylrea on that estate might have been a younger son of the original John Gilrea because it did not pass to the next generation for over 50 years. Jony born in 1632 inherited the lands when her mother, Annas Cowley als Illerea, who died in 1636. Annas had in turn inherited it from her father, Donald. The dates of Annas’s children’s baptisms suggest that she had been born in the early 1600s, Since Jony could not have inherited *Ballatersin* lands had she had a living brother, John Mylrea (the son of John and Alice) of *Ballacooiley* was not a sibling. **Jony sold the land to her father, Philip Cowley,** in about 1656 and thus it was lost to that branch of the Mylrea family forever.
3. *Ballacooiley*: Alice Gawn’s grandfather (John Gawn) and father (William Gawn) were at least partly responsible for their lands passing to Alice. She married John Mylrea and had at least one son, also named John. Husband John must have died early in the 1600s. The estate enjoyed continued Mylrea possession until John in 1739, when transmission took a

dog leg and the lands passed to his nephew. Subsequent records reveal that in the late 1800s, *Ballacooiley* left Mylrea hands as a result of debt and bank foreclosure. John, the husband of Alice Gawne and father of John jnr, might have been a younger son of Raynold⁵⁵.

So many Donalds!

As might be expected, not all of the information fits together neatly, and the challenge of isolating these clans is exacerbated by the number of individuals named Donald.

The will of Annas Garrett who was buried in 1602 states:

Whearas An Carrett wyfe to Donold Mc ylrea depted the 10 of Maye unested, the church havinge intelligence thereof hath constituted her chyldren vz: John and Margerett eni Irea administrators

Supvisors Donolde Mc ylrea and John Mc ylrea, theyr uncles by father and Phillipp Carrett theyr uncle on the mother's syde

If the father and an uncle were named Donald, then there must have been two Donalds in the same family – not unusual on the Isle of Man at that time but problematic for the family historian.

Other “Donald” circumstances to confuse the lines:

- Raynold, son of John, died in 1600 and his *Dollagh* lands were transferred to son Donald jnr.
- Another Donald died in 1602 and named sons Donald, John and William in his will – this was a *Ballatersin* family

Mylrea Strays

Family history is rarely contained in neat boxes, and it is too easy to find individuals who do not fit. A Thomas was mentioned in the 1576 will of his brother Gilbert McYlrea, and in a Lib Vast entry for 1598, a Thomas is mentioned with daughter Christian. A later land transaction, in 1628, by a Thomas Mc ylrea might indicate that there was not one person but two, or even three, generations in the same line perhaps, named Thomas. A Ric(hard) Mc ilrea also made a brief appearance in the Ballaugh land records. However the names Thomas Mc ilrea and Ric Mc ilrea appear regularly in the Michael land records, so it seems more likely that they were actually from Michael rather than Ballaugh.

There are also many old wills for Mylrea individuals who don't “fit” the clan schema. They suggest that there were probably more families at the time than those depicted in this analysis of land entries. Presumably some wills were for folk who resided in other parishes but there is no way of telling which they were. As well, not everyone left a will (or at least

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See 1595 Will of Johanis Mc Ilrea which mentions sons Donald & John

their will has not survived) and what has survived is not always entirely decipherable – some of them 450 years old - leaving a degree of uncertainty about the precise nature of relationships with individuals mentioned – father, son, brother etc.

In sum, a reader embarking on a study of the groupings that follow should do so with a degree of skepticism and an openness to re-interpretation.

1. JOHN → DONALD → JOHN → RAYNOLD → DONALD
 JOHN ← WILLIAM → DANIEL

Treen of Ballacaine

Quarterland of the Dollagh + Intacks

		Source	Line of Transmission
GEN 1	1495	John mc ilrea Tenant of Dollagh, 3 rd tenant 16s	LIB ASSED
	1511	John McGilrea is a member of the Setting Quest	LIB VAST
	C1512	John McGilrea dies (no burial or will recorded)	
GEN 2	1513	Widow of John McGilrea and son Donald (and others)	LIB VAST JOHN McGilrea DONALD McGilrea
	1514	John McGilrea and Donald and William	LIB VAST
	1515	Widow of John mc gilrea and son Donald	LIB ASSED
	1530	Widow of John mc gilrea and son Donald	LIB ASSED
	1531	Widow of John mc gilrea and son Donald	LIB ASSED
	1535	Balycayne Widow of John mc gilrea and son Donald Widow of John Mc gilrea and son Donald Widow of John Mc gilrea and son Donald Crandall Gibbon Mc Gilrea and John McGilrea and others	LIB VAST
	1536	Donald mc ilrea jnr	LIB ASSED
GEN 3	1542	John mc gilrea	LIB ASSED
	1546	John mc gilrea	LIB ASSED
	1551c	John mc gilrea	LIB ASSED
	1562	John mc gilrea	LIB ASSED
	1570	John mc Gilrea (Ranald on Setting Quest-LV)	LIB ASSED
	1575	John mc gilrea	LIB ASSED

GEN 4

1575	1575 Intack 0 0 6 OLD ENTRY John Mc ilrea NEW ENTRY Ranold Mc ilrea {3d} John Mc cowley {3d}	LIB VAST	JOHN Mc ilrea RANOLD Mc ilrea
1576	John mc Gilrea (16 s)	LIB ASSED	
	1576 Balimon OLD ENTRY John Mc gawen {} John Mc ilrea {} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc gawen {5s} Thomas Mc brewe {5s} Ranold Mc ilrea {5s}	LIB VAST	"
	1576 Balimon OLD ENTRY John Mc ilrea {} John Mc ilrea {} NEW ENTRY Ranold Mc ilrea {16s} Ranold Mc ilrea {2s} Willm Mc Crayne {2s}	LIB VAST	"
	1576 Balimon OLD ENTRY John Mc ilrea {} John Mc ilrea {} NEW ENTRY Ranold Mc ilrea {18d} Ranold Mc ilrea {6d}	LIB VAST	"
	John Mc Ilrea died in the period 1575-1577 (might be a surviving will but untranscribed)		
1577	Ranold mc ilrea (18s)	LIB ASSED	"
1588	1588 Intacks OLD ENTRY John Mc ilrea NEW ENTRY Raynold Mc ilrea fils {4s}	LIB VAST	"
1592	1592 Ballymony 00 15 04 OLD ENTRY Thoms Brewe John Gowan NEW ENTRY John Brewe Phillip Saile {5s 3d} Ganold gawan {5s} Ranold c ylrea {5s}	LIB VAST	Purchase
	1592 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Rannold Mc ylvorry NEW ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea	LIB VAST	RAYNOLD Mc ylrea
	1592 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY John Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea	LIB VAST	JOHN Mc ilrea RAYNOLD Mc ilrea
	1592 Intacks 00 00 06 OLD ENTRY John Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea	LIB VAST	"
	1592 Intacks 00 00 04 OLD ENTRY John Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea	LIB VAST	"
	1592 Intacks OLD ENTRY ux [LATIN=widow of] John Mc ylrea {2d} NEW ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {2d}	LIB VAST	"
1595	1595 Balimony 00 15 04 OLD ENTRY Jonny Brewe Phillip Sayle {5s 4d} NEW ENTRY Christian Brewe {4d} Katherin Brew jun {5s} Dollin Gowen {5s} Raynold Mc ilrea {5s} p magn {?}	LIB VAST	RAYNOLD Mc Ilrea
1600	Raynold died - no official burial record - but I think he's registered as Richard (left will)⁵⁶		

⁵⁶ The wills of Raynold and his wife Ellin were dated 1600, and while there's no burial record for Raynold, there is one for Richard – perhaps a vicar's/transcription error?

GEN 5

1601	1601 Ballycane 00 18 00 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {18s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea p qter Entered for that he is the sonne of Raynold, his father deceased	LIB VAST	RAYNOLD Mc ylrea DANOLD Mc ylrea
	1601 Ballycane 00 02 00 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {2s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea p [cloms?] Entered being sonne of Raynold deceased	LIB VAST	"
	1601 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {16d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea entered being sonne of the sayd Raynold dec	LIB VAST	"
	1601 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {3s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea fil	LIB VAST	"
	1601 Intacks 00 00 04 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {4d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea fil	LIB VAST	"
	1601 Intacks 00 04 00 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {2d} Patr Corleod {4d} Wm Kissaige {2d} Wm Kissaige {3d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea fil {2d} Tho: Corleod senr fil {4d} Finlo Kissaige fil {5d} cu ceter (LATIN=with the others)	LIB VAST	"
	1601 Intacks 00 04 00 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {4s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {4s} entered being the sonne of Raynold dec	LIB VAST	"
1602	1602 GD Carndall 2 00 21 03 OLD ENTRY John Quaill {10s 7 1/2d} sup quatnor Ins Assed {} NEW ENTRY John Quaill {10s 7 1/2d} Finlo Kneene {2s 7 3/4d} Patr Stephan {2s 7 3/4d} Raynold Mc ylrea {2s 8d} Patr Carrett {2s 8d}	LIB VAST	RAYNOLD Mc Ylrea Purchase
1603	1603 GD Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {16d} NEW ENTRY Phillip Corleod md that Danold Mc ylrea sonne of Raynold Mc ylrea dec is drawn by vertue of a recovry had against him in the [comon?]lawe by John Gawen senr & Jo: Gawen junr. And Phillip Corleod is entred tennant for the same by vertue of sevrall bills of Sale under the hands of the said John Gawnes and their wives	LIB VAST	DONALD Mc ylrea
1603	1603 Intack OLD ENTRY Donald Mylrea NEW ENTRY Dannold Mc ylrea {8d} Danold Quaill {8d} Donald McYlrea being dead his son is entered for 3/6 entered in the name of Donald Quaill.	LIB VAST	DONALD Mcylrea DONALD Mcylrea
	1603 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Donald Mcylrea NEW ENTRY Dannold Mc ylrea {8d} Danold Quaill {8d} Dannold Quaill is joynd half & half wth Danold Mcylrea by his consent in Court	LIB VAST	"
1604	1604 Ballymony 00 15 04 OLD ENTRY Dannold Dawen {5s} Raynold Mcylrea {5s} NEW ENTRY Dollin Gawen {5s} Danold Mc ylrea {5s} cu ceter Dollin Gawen is entred in regard his father Wm gawen was the sonne of Danold Gawen & Danold Mc ylrea entred in the right of Raynold his father	LIB VAST	RAYNOLD Mc ylrea DANOLD Mc ylrea

	1604 Intacks 00 00 06 OLD ENTRY Raynold Mc ylrea {6d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea	LIB VAST	"
	1604 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY danold mc ylrea {3s} NEW ENTRY danold mc ylrea Junr {12d} danold Quaill {2s} danold the grandfather is drawn & danold the nephew entred joyning wth him for 2 pts danold quaill	LIB VAST	DONALD Mcylrea DONALD Mcylrea (nephew) - son of John?
1610	To Donell Mc ilrea severall pcells of Intacks in the myres Rented at fyne paieable for the same is	COMPOS ITION BOOK	
	To Danell Mc ilrea & Donell Quayle one close in the myres Rent and another close there rented at - The Totall of the Rents The fyne due to be paide by agreemt	COMPOS ITION BOOK	
1614	1614 Intacks 00 04 00 OLD ENTRY John Gawen {12d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {12d} cu ceter Jo: Gawen hath acknowledged it sold to Danold ylrea	LIB VAST	JOHN Gawn DANOLD Ylrea
	1614 Intacks 00 03 11 OLD ENTRY Willm Caloe {6d} NEW ENTRY Nicho: Quarkin {3d} Hugh Morrey {2d} Danold ylrea {1d} Sr Hugh Cannell {6d} cu cetr The setting quest avouch that thees entred for pte of Nicho: Quarkin's Rent are payable accordinglie and Sr Hugh Cannell is entered for the reason afforesaid	LIB VAST	DANOLD ylrea
	1614 Intacks 00 00 02 OLD ENTRY NEW ENTRY Phillip Corleod {1d} Danold ylrea {1d} Danold ylrea is joyned wth Phillip Corleod half and half by his owne consent and Mr ylrea is to use the way wholie uppon his porcon of the ground	LIB VAST	DANOLD ylrea
1615	1615 Intacks 00 00 06 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {6d} NEW ENTRY Hugh Morrey Danold acknowlegeth it sold to Hugh Moorey	LIB VAST	DANOLD Mc ylrea jnr sells land to HUGH Morrey
1617	ref BY000200 1617 Ballycane 00 02 00 OLD ENTRY danold ylrea {} danold quaill {16d} NEW ENTRY danold ylrea {12d} finlo quaill {12d} danold is dead and his sonne finlo entred and by both the consents of the now tennants they are joyned half and half in the whole		DANOLD (Dollaugh/Ballater sin?)
1628	1628 Intacks 00 00 02 OLD ENTRY Phillip Corleod NEW ENTRY Danold ylr Phillip Corleod Danold ylrea ut supra [LATIN = as above]	LIB VAST	DANOLD ylrea
1631	Danold Mc Ylrea died (will)		
1633	1633 Ballacayne 00 18 00 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea ut sup in loco patr	LIB VAST	DONALD Mc ylrea jnr JOHN Mc ylrea
	1633 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea the father deade the sone entered ut sup	LIB VAST	"

GEN 6

GEN 7

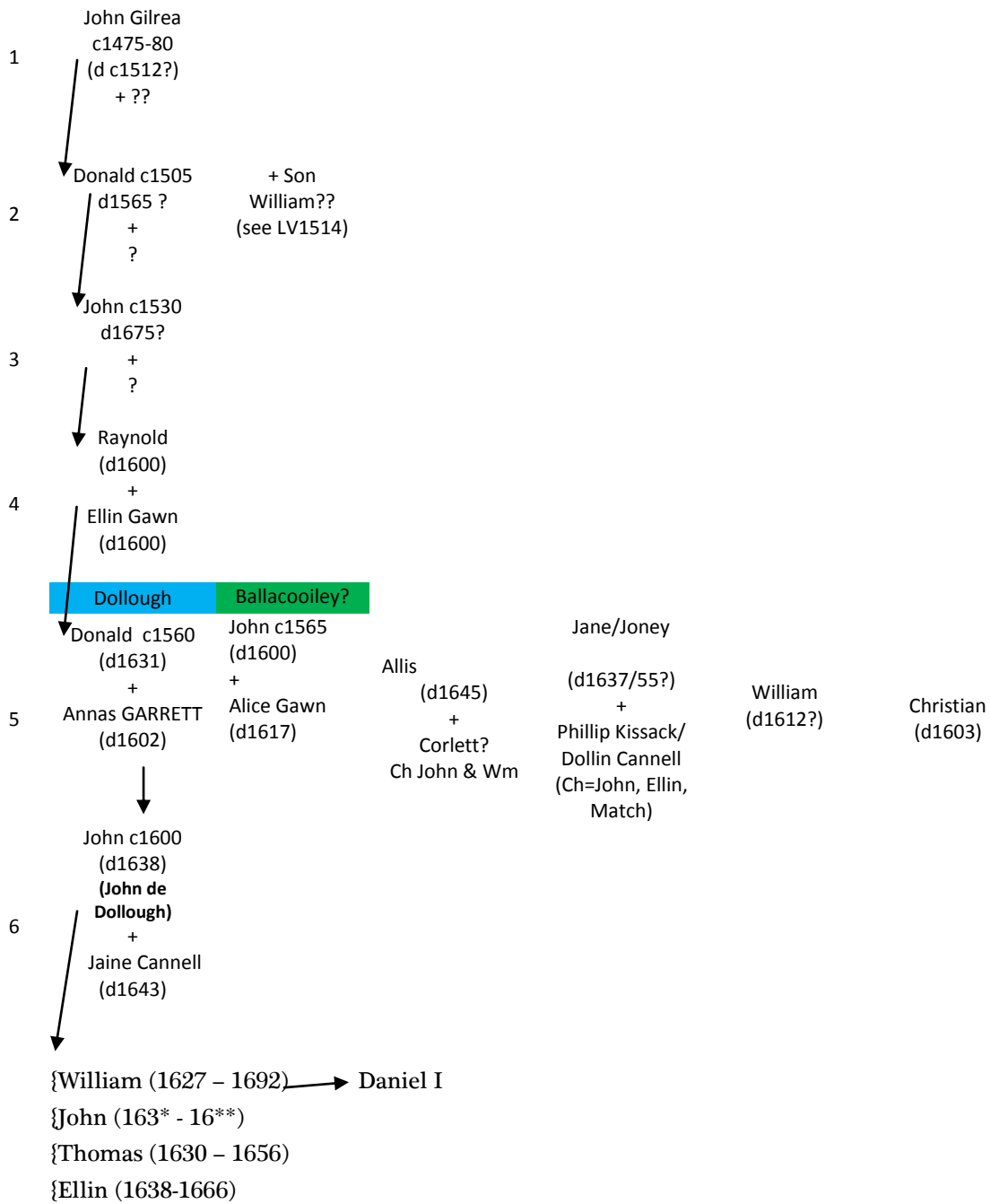
	1633 Intacks 00 02 08 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea ut sup	LIB VAST	"
	1633 Intacks 00 00 04 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY John ylrea ut sup	LIB VAST	"
	1633 Intacks 00 04 00 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea {2d} NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea cu ceter ut sup	LIB VAST	"
	1633 Intacks 00 04 00 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea ut sup <i>[the name of Tho Quayle is crossed out above this entry]</i>	LIB VAST	"
	1633 Intacks 00 03 11 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea {1d} NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea cu ceter ut sup [THIS ENTRY CROSSED THROUGH]	LIB VAST	"
	1633 Intacks 00 00 02 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea {1d} cu ceter ut sup	LIB VAST	"
	1633 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY John Curleod NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea John Mc ylrea entred for this 16d rente by virtue of a recoverie against John Corleod	LIB VAST	JOHN Mc ylrea acquires land
1638	1638 John Mc ylrea died (burial & will)		
1639	Ballycayne John Mc Ylrea {22s} Donald ylrea 12d, Ellin Quaile 6d, Tho Stepphan 6d {2s}	LIB ASSED	
1643	Ballacain Tho Cowley for Wm Mcylrea for 1 quarter rent 18s } 30s Item certain Intacks in the myers rent 15s 2d last 11s fine nowe} Item pcell of land rent 16d which John Corleod dompounded last for [?] & the said Wm Mcylrea hath recovered [?] by suite in law all the intacks in fimir for for the lives of the said Wm Mcylrea & Tho and John his brethren Entry confirms that (1) William's father John was dead, and (2) William was under-age [and therefore not entitled to compose on his own behalf]	COMPOS ITION BOOK	Thomas Cowley was probably his step- father.
1645	1645 Ballamony 00 15 04 OLD ENTRY John Mc ylrea {5s} NEW ENTRY Wm Mc ylrea {5s} cu ceter the father deade the sune entered	LIB VAST	JOHN Mc ylrea WILLIAM Mc ylrea
	1645 Ballacayne 00 18 00 OLD ENTRY Jo: Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Wm Mc ylrea The father deade the sonne entered	LIB VAST	"
	1645 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Jo: Mcylrea NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea ut sup	LIB VAST	"
	1645 Intacks 00 02 08 OLD ENTRY Jo: Mcylrea NEW ENTRY Wm Macylrea ut sup	LIB VAST	"

	1645 Intacks 00 00 20 OLD ENTRY Jo: Mcylrea NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea ut sup	LIB VAST	"
1648	1648 Intackes 00 04 00 OLD ENTRY Jo: Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Wm Mc ylrea entred ye father beinge deade	LIB VAST	"
	1648 Intackes 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Jo: Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Wm Mc ylrea ut ante [LATIN=as before]	LIB VAST	"
1655	Wm mcylrea showed a lease granted by the sd Earle to him the said Wm for 3 lives viz the lives of the said Wm & Tho & John his brethren who are all still living Answered as before as satisfied with the lives.	COMPOS ITION BOOK	"
1660	Wm mcylrea fine 51/10 rent 11/14/7 lives dead 2 Tho ylrea & John mcylrea	COMPOS ITION BOOK	"
1666	pd in pte to ye Receivr 20s Wm mc ylrea for renewing ye lives of Thomas & John mc ylrea his brethren deceased by ye new entrance of his ye sd Wms owne life still surviving wth ye life of donald mc ylrea his sone, & Tho: xpin sone of Thos xpin of ballamore in Jurby to [] for his tenement of quarterland & Intack in his foresd lease is to pay the two pts of the fyne herein menconed viz 31 / [13/4]	COMPOS ITION BOOK	
1676	1676 Ballacayne 00 21 00 OLD ENTRY John Corraige {19s 3d} NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea {20d} Jo: Casmt {10d} cu eo et cetrus The sd Wm Mcylrea & Jo: Casmt is entred for ye sd rents by vertue of two sevrall bills of Sayles from ye sd Corraige confirmed by ye officers whereunto relacon is to bee had In respect of my Lord's Intrest wch is always to bee observed	LIB VAST 1675 Ballau gh Deed Purcha se	William purchased <i>Shen Tallow</i> from the Corraiges
1679	Wm Mcylrea for 1 qrter rent 18s fine & certaine Intacks in ye Myres rent 15/3 & a pcell of land rent 16d. fine lives ye sd Wm in 43 & for renewing two in 1666 by ye lives of don: his sone & Tho: xpin sone of Thoxpin of ballamore fine for renewing 31 13s 4d all in being 20s [41]	COMPOS ITION BOOK	WM McYlrea DANIEL McYlrea
1679	1679 Ballacayne 00 21 00 OLD ENTRY John Corraige {16s 9d} NEW ENTRY Tho: Cowley {12d} Wm Mcylrea {6d} cu eo et cetr The sd Tho Cowley & Wm Mcylrea are entred by vrtue of their sevrall bills of sayles from ye sd Corraige & his sone confirmed by ye officers	LIB VAST 1678 Ballau gh Deed Purcha se	William Mcylrea purchases land from John Corraige & son
1680	1680 Ballacayne 00 21 00 OLD ENTRY Jo: Corraige {15s 3d} NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea {5d} cu eo et cetr Entred by vrtue of a bill of Sayle from ye sd Corraige confirmed by ye officers reserving my Lords Intrest as it is in ye confirmacon	LIB VAST	"
1686	Ballacayne Wm Mcylrea [chk 1636] {18s} Jo: Corraige 10s 8d, Hugh Cowley 2s 6d, Tho: Cowley 12d, Tho: Cowley 12d, Wm Mcylrea 5d, Tho: Cowley 12d, Wm Mcylrea 6d, Wm Mcylrea 20d, Jo:	LIB ASSED	

GEN 8

	Casemt 9d, Willm Killip 12d, Jo: Caisment 6d, Wm Crenilt 3d {21s}		
1690	<p>1690 GD Ballacaine 00 21 00 OLD ENTRY Jon Corraige {10s 4d} Thoms Cowley {2s 6d} Thom Cowley {12d} Thomas Cowley {12d} Wm Mc ylrea {5d} Thomas Cowley {12d} Wm Mc ylrea {6d} Wm Mcylrea {20d} Jon Casement {10d} Wm Killip {12d} Jon Casement {6d} William Crenilt {3d} NEW ENTRY Jon Corraige {4s 2d} Thomas Cowley {11s 9d} Capn William Mcylrea {3s} William Killip {20d} Jon Craine {2d} Jon Crenilt {3d}</p> <p>Jon Corraige son to the above Jon Corraige now drawn haveing petconed [the] Court in the last Sheading Court week at Peeletowne that his sd father Jon Corraige had sold and alienated severall parcellls of his tenemt to the above nameds psons and had sett but a very small rent on each paercell soe that agreat pte of the Rent remained upon him and had but a small pcell of the land in his hands, not near porconable to the rent paid by him [?] whereof the Setting Quest of that parish were ordered to vew & [?] parte or porcon of the Tenemt and to equalize the Rent according to each holding wch they have done accordingly now in Court, and the sd psons [?]now in possession of the sd land are entred in theire porcon of rent over [][.. ..] in charge in that maner for the future.</p>	LIB VAST	WILLIAM Mc ylrea
1691	Wm Mcylrea formerly Wm Mcylrea † renewed 1666 †Wm? Mcylrea aged 60, Donald his son aged 45 & Tho Xtian aged 33 yeares	COMPOSITION BOOK	WILLIAM Mc ylrea Patriarch of the Deemsters, Archdeacons, etc
1692	William McYlrea died (burial, will)		
1704	19 th March 1704 Received the full hereof being xx s Dan Mcylrea Deemster for one quartr of Land called the Dollaugh Rent 36s compd for in 1643 by Tho: Cowley in behalf of Wm Mcylrea, fine hereof being then was 30s renewed in 1666 & 2 lives in being so to pay now 1 "00" 00	COMPOSITION BOOK	DANIEL Mcylrea The first in the Deemster/Archdeacon line
	<p>19th March 1704 Recd the full hereof being 53s 4d</p> <p>Dan Mcylrea Deemster for severall pcells of Intacks viz one of 5s Rent in the Treen of Ballaonay part of Close avaly, another parcell in the Intacks of this parish of 3s Rent, another of 2/ 8, another of 4d , another of 12d, another of 3s, all these being for those parcellls called the Inclose, another of 2d in ye bottom of the garymoone, another of 16d called Close Cordias, and 1d in ye lease of Close a valy all the before menconed Rents on the name of Dan Mylrea were compounded for in the yeare 1643 by Tho Cowley in behalf of Wm Mcylera was fine 4l renewed in 1666 and 2 lives in being so to pay now</p> <p>02/ 13/ 04</p>	COMPOSITION BOOK	DANIEL Mcylrea The first in the Deemster/Archdeacon line
1706	<p>Ballacaine</p> <p>Dan Mcylrea Deemster {36s}</p> <p>John Corraige 5s 4d, John Cowle 3s, Tho Cowley 18s 6d, Dan Mcylrea deemster 6s, Wm Killip 3s 4d, Wm Kneene 4d, Jony Crenilt 6d Q about ye settlmt of this rent {42s}</p>	LIB ASSED	

	Intack	
	14 Mr Dan Mcylrea Deemster a parcell of the sd close avaly rent 5s, another parcell of intacks 3s, another 2s 8d, another of 4d, another of 12d, another of 4s all this being for those parcells called ye inclose, another of 2d in ye bottom of gary moore, another of 16d called Close Cordias and 1d in ye land [?lane] of Close avaly	LIB ASSED
GEN 9	1709	<i>Dollagh</i> settled on oldest son Daniel I DANIEL Mcylrea snr DANIEL Mcylrea jnr
	1724	Daniel snr I died (burial & will)
GEN 10		Daniel Mcylrea jnr
	1757	Daniel jnr II died (burial & will) Daniel Mcylrea (son)
GEN 11		Daniel Mcylrea (son)
	1775	Daniel Mcylrea (son) died III (burial & will) Daniel Mcylrea (son) Daniel Mcylrea (nephew)



2. DONALD→DANOLD→ANNAS→JONY→ AN

Treen of Ballatersin

Quarterland of Ballacroshey + Intacks

		SOURCE	Line of Transmission
GEN 1	1514	1514 Ballatersin Donald McGilrea	LIB VAST
	1531	1531 Balaterson Danold Mc ilyrea	LIB VAST
	1532	1532 Balyterson Danold Mc ilyrea	LIB VAST
	1533	1533 Balyterson [?] & Donald McGilrea	LIB VAST
GEN 2	1584	1584 Balternsn 00 20 04 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylre junr NEW ENTRY Thomas Twatch {20s 4d}	LIB VAST DANOLD Mcylrea jnr <u>sells</u> to Twatch
	1588	1588 Intacks OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ivory Danold [Balyist?] NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ivory for all	LIB VAST DANOLD Mc ylrea DANOLD Mc ylrea
	1602	1602 GD Ballitersin John Crayne et Finlo Corleod pledge p Danold Mc ylrea	LIB VAST DANOLD Mc ylrea
	1603	1603 Ballytersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {6s 10d} NEW ENTRY Danold Quaill {6s 10d} Entred half & half wth Dannold Mc ylrea by his owne consent in Court	LIB VAST DANOLD Mc ylrea takes a partner
		1603 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY NEW ENTRY Dannold Mc ylrea {8d} Danold Quaill {8d} Danole Qayll is joined half & half with Danold Mcylrea by his consent in Court	LIB VAST
	1604	Donald dies (no will?)	
GEN 3	1604	1604 Ballytersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea senr {6s 10d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea jun {4s 6 1/2d} Danold Quaill {9s 1 1/2d} Danold Mc ylrea being dead, Danold his sonne is entred for 4s 6 1/2d and the rest he is contented to be entered on the name of Danold Quail	LIB VAST DANOLD Mc ylrea snr DANOLD Mc ylrea jnr ⁵⁷
		1604 Ballycane 00 02 00 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {2s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {8d} Danold Quaill {16d} p claus Danold Mc ylrea sonne of John Mc ylrea is entred in the right of Danold his grandfather and hath joynd with him Danold Quaill for 2 ptes of ground acknowledging to have sould the same to him	LIB VAST DANOLD Mc ylrea snr (grandfather)

⁵⁷ Danolde Mc Ilrea one pcell of lande acres 4 rent ijs 29 July 32 Eliz valewe xvjs, two yeres unexpired

GEN 4		1604 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {3s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea junr {12d} Danold Quaill {2s} Danold the grandfather is drawn & Danold the nephew entred joyning wth him for 2 pts Danold Quaill	LIB VAST	DANOLD Mc ylrea snr (grandfather) DANOLD Mc ylrea jnr (nephew)
	1616	1616 Ballitersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea junr {4s 6 1/2d} Danold Quaill {9s 1 12/d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea junr {4s 6 1/2d} Finlo Quaill {9s 1 12/d} The (Quaill) father dead & the sonne entred	LIB VAST	DONALD Mc ylrea jnr
		1616 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {8d} Danold Quaill {8d} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {8d} Finlo Quaill {8d} ut supra	LIB VAST	
		1616 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {} Danold Quaill {2s} NEW ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea {18d} Finlo Quaill {18d} The Setting Quest avouch that the rent ought thus to be divided	LIB VAST	
	1617	1617 Ballycane 00 02 00 OLD ENTRY Danold ylrea {} Danold Quaill {16d} ⁵⁸ NEW ENTRY Danold ylrea {12d} Finlo Quaill {12d} Danold (Quaill) is dead, and his sonne Finlo entred and by both the consents of the now tenants, they are joynd half and half in the whole	LIB VAST	
		1617 Ballytersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY NEW ENTRY Danold ylrea jun {6s 10d} Finlo Quaill {6s 10d} entred half and half as afforesd	LIB VAST	
	1628	Donald dies (no will?)		
	1630	1630 Ballatersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY Danold Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Ann ylrea et Finlo Cowley {6s 10d} cu ceter Danold Mc ylrea dead and Anne his daughter entred wth her husband	LIB VAST	DANOLD Mc ylrea jnr ANNAS Mc ylrea (Cowley)
	1636	Annas Cowley als Illerea dies (will)		
	1639	Tho: Carrett 4s 3d, Tho: Cry 2s 1½d, Tho: Carret 2s 1½d, Tho: Corleod 7s 6d Jo: Corleod 6s 7d, Gubon Cowley 2d, Robt Kinred 6s 9d, Phillip Twatts 3s 4d, {Donald Bayly 4s 2d}, Gubon Cowley 4s 3d, Mabell Creere 5s 8d, Donald Teare 2s 10d Ann ylrea 6s 10d, Avericke Quaile 2d, Tho: Stephan 3s 4d, Tho: Stephan 3s 4d	LIB ASSED	
GEN 4	1641	1641 Intacks 00 03 11 OLD ENTRY Danold ylrea {1d} NEW ENTRY James Sayle {1d} cu ceter [Ja]mes Sayle is entred wth consent of Phill Cowley in Co[u]rt who came by ye same by mariadge wth ye daughtr of ylrea[?] heyre thereof, as ye Quest avouch	LIB VAST	DONALD ylrea ANNAS Mc ylrea (Cowley) PHIL Cowley (husband) (sold)

58 Leases Agreed 1610: To Donnell m'Irea & Donnell Quayle. one close in the myres. Rent vjs. And an other close there rented at xvjd. the total rents p an vijs iiijd. The fyne xxx; 1610 Balalaugh To Donnell mc Irea, several pcels of Intacks in the mires rented at xiijs iiijd p an. the fine} xxvjs viijd

1642	1642 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Danold ylrea {18d} Avricke Quaile {1d} Tho: Stephan Tho: Stephan Tho: Stephan NEW ENTRY Danold ylrea {18d} Avricke Quaile {6d} Tho: Stephan {12d} The Quest avouch yt ye names are rightly entered as now they stand	LIB VAST	DANOLD ylrea
1655	1655 Intacks 00 03 11 OLD ENTRY Donald ylrea {2d} NEW ENTRY Wm Kelly & Bahy Sayle {1 1/2d} Issabell Sayle {1/2d} cu ceter The Quest avouch that this 2d rent came to Phill Cowley in the right of his wife Ann ylrea unto whome the same fell due by executor[shipp] and afterward the said Phill passed over the same piece unto the said pties now entred in consideracon of another pcell of ground	LIB VAST	DONALD ylrea ANNAS Mc ylrea (Cowley) PHIL Cowley (husband) (sold)
GEN 6	1656 Ballacayne 00 00 12 OLD ENTRY Donald Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Jony Cowley Donald is dead & Ann his daughter unto whome the right did descend as the Quest avouch beinge deade alsoe the right of this ground hath now fallen unto Jony Cowley as her right by Inheritance	LIB VAST	DONALD Mc ylrea to ANN COWLEY als Mc ylrea JONY Cowley
	1656 Ballatersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY Ann ylrea {6s 10d} NEW ENTRY Jony Cowley {6s 10d} cu ceter entred upon the reasons afforesaid and the said Jony wth her husband John Cotter have sould the same rent unto Phil Cowley father to the said Jony for the consideracon betwixt them agreed upon whose name is to come forth in chardge for the same.	LIB VAST	DONALD Mc ylrea to ANN COWLEY als Mc ylrea JONY Cowley
	1656 Intacks 00 00 16 OLD ENTRY Don: ylrea {8d} NEW ENTRY Ann: ylrea {8d} cu cetera Ann: ylrea is entred by way of heireshipp now Ann: ylrea is dead and Jony Cowley is entered for that 8d by heireshiooe as the quest avouch, whose name is to come forth in chardge	LIB VAST	DONALD Mc ylrea to ANN COWLEY als Mc ylrea JONY Cowley
	1656 Intacks 00 03 00 OLD ENTRY Don: ylrea {18d} NEW ENTRY Ann: ylrea {18d} cu cetera Ann: ylrea is entred by way of heireshippe And now Ann: ylrea is deade and Jony Cowley is entred for that 18d by way of heireshippe as the quest avouch whose name is to come forth in charge	LIB VAST	"
	1656 Intacks OLD ENTRY Don: ylrea {18d} NEW ENTRY Ann: ylrea {18d} cu cetera Ann: ylrea is entred by way of heireshipp now Ann: ylrea is dead and Jony Cowley is entered for that 8d by heireshiooe as the quest avouch, whose name is to come forth in chardge	LIB VAST	"
1658	1658 Ballatersin 00 13 08 OLD ENTRY Phill Cowley {6s 10d} NEW ENTRY An Cowley et Finlo Quayle {3d} cu eo et ceter Phill hath given this 3d single rent in hand- fastinge bargain to the said An his daughter wth ye sd Finlo her husband, wch ye sd Phill alsoe acknowledged in Court [handfasting = marriage contract]	LIB VAST	FINLO Cowley AN Cowley (daughter) & Finlo Quayle

3. JOHN & ALICE → JOHN jnr → JOHN jnr jnr
 THOMAS → JOHN → THOMAS → JOHN

Treen of BROUGHJARGE

Quarterland of Ballacooiley + Intacks

		SOURCE	Line of Transmission
GEN 1	1586	1586 Brogarde OLD ENTRY Willim Gawen NEW ENTRY Alice iny gawen	LIB VAST WILLIAM Gawen ALICE ine gawen
	1600	John Mc ylrea dies 22 nd July, 1600 (will)	
	1601	1601 Brogard note that Alice yne gowen being absent out of the Court & none to answeare for her in her behalf and the setting quest alledging her to be insufficient for paymt of her rents dutyes & customes yt is therefore ordered and consented unto by the Court that yf she do not fynd sureties for the same before the head Court day next that then Phillip Corleod shall enjoy and occupy the same for this yeare paying rents dutyes & customes [] being on qter of ground	LIB VAST
	1604	1604 Intacks 00 00 20 OLD ENTRY John Gawen {20d} NEW ENTRY Alice Gawen et Jo Mc ylrea junr Entered for that Jo Gawen was grandfather to Alice & great grandfather to Jo: Mc ylrea junr ⁵⁹	LIB VAST JOHN Gawn ALICE Gawn+ JO: Mc ylrea jnr
	1615	Alice une Gawen	LIB ASSED
	1617	Alice Gawn als Kewish dies (no will, and had married Kewish in the meantime - see below)	
GEN 2	1618	1618 Brogard 00 14 06 OLD ENTRY Alice yne Gawen {14s 6d} NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea ⁶⁰ Alice is dead and Jo: Mc ylrea hath recovred it by accon in the lawe against Wm Kewsh in his owne Right ⁶¹	LIB VAST ALICE Gawn JOHN Mc ylrea
		1618 Intacks 00 00 20 OLD ENTRY Alice Gawen {} Jo: Mc ylrea junr {} NEW ENTRY John Mc ylrea {} ut antea [LATIN=as before]	LIB VAST ALICE Gawn + JO: Mc ylrea jnr JOHN Mc ylrea
	1630	Jo: Mc ylrea	LIB ASSED
	1636	John dies (will)	
	1639	Brogarge Margaret Kissage 25/-, Jo Mc Ylrea 14/6, John Gawne {John Curleod} 27/4	LIB ASSED

59 Alice & John jnr were descendants of John Gawn. Was he also the father of Ellin, the wife of Raynold?

60 1630 John Mc Ilrea sevrall pcells of Intacks in the mires of the yearely rent of xvs iijd ffine } xls; John Mc Ilrea one closure of Intacke in the myres rent xxd p ann ffine }xs; To John Mc Ilrera a pcell of Intacke called **Cordells Close** pte of Philipp Curleod's tenemt of the yearely rent of viijd ffine} xiijs iijjd

61 1613 Wm Kewsh, in the behalf of Alice & John Mc ilrea, for one close in the myres. rent - xxd. the fine } xxs

GEN 3

1639	Ballymony Tho: Callow 2d, Tho: Callow 2d, Jo: Corleod 3s 4d, Tho: Corleod 20d, {Jo: Gawen} Jo: Corleod 20d, Jo: McyLrea 5s [?4s missing] {15/4}	LIB ASSED	
1643	John McYlrea	COMPOSIT ION BOOK	John McYlrea
1645	1645 Brongygargel 00 14 06 OLD ENTRY John Mcylrea NEW ENTRY John Mcylrea junior The father deade, the sonne entered		JOHN Mc ylrea snr JOHN Mc ylrea jnr
1652	John Mylrea junior	LIB ASSED	
1655	Jo: mc ylrea Ballnaqewley for 1-qrter rent 14s 6d fine 30s , & 1 close in the myres rent 20d fine 10s, for ye lives of ye sd John & of Tho: mc ylrea sone of Jo: mc ylrea of Ballagh & Tho: Curleod sone of Jo: Curleod of ye mill. all in beinge	COMPOSIT ION BOOK	John Mylrea & son Thomas
1660	1660 Intacks 00 00 20 OLD ENTRY Wm Mc ylrea NEW ENTRY Donald Teare {2d} Jo: Mc ylrea {18d} Wm is deade & John his brother is entred as next heyre thereunto as the Quest avouch wch John hath now sould 2d of ye sd 20d rent unto the sd Donald Teare by iBll of Sayle acknowledged by ye sd Jo: in Court	LIB VAST	WM Mc ylrea JOHN Mc ylrea jnr (brother) <i>(not sure if this entry is in the right place)</i>
1665	John McYlrea jnr died (will)		
1676	John ylrea junr	LIB ASSED	
1679	+Jo: mcylera now Tho: his son for 1 qrter } rent 14s 6d & for 1 close in ye myres } 40s rent 20d. fine for ye whole is } lives Tho: Curleod sone of Jo: Curleod of ye mill	COMPOSIT ION BOOK	Thomas of <u>Ballacooiley</u>
1686	John Curleod broughiarge 25/-, Jo: Ylrea [?pred] 14/6, Jo: Gawne {12d}, Phillip Curlett {26/4} 27/4	LIB ASSED	
1691	Tho Mcylrea formerly Jo: Mcylrea expired	COMPOSIT ION BOOK	THOMAS McYlrea
1704	Tho Mc ylrea	LIB ASSED	THOMAS McYlrea
1705	13 June 1705 Recd hereof by Wm Tear Coronr 30s rent 29 Ap 1706 Recd ye remaindr being 10s to Coronr Thomas Mcylera for a tenemt containing one quarter of land called Ballaquooley of 29s double rent compounded for in the year 1643 by Jon Mcylera fine then was 30s Lives expired, soe is now to pay	COMPOSIT ION BOOK	THOMAS McYlrea
	14th June 1705 recd hereof p Coron 6s9s 29th Ap 1706 recd ye remaindr being 3s Tho myylrea Ballkoiley for a parcell of Intack of 18d rent being part of the 20d compounded for in 1643 by Jo ylrea his father (the other 2d on ye name of Tho Tear senr Ballavolly) Fine then for the sd 20d was 10s. Lives expired son to pay now for this 18d	COMPOSIT ION BOOK	THOMAS McYlrea
1706	broughjarge Thomas Mylrea 29s	LIB ASSED	
1709	1709 Ballacaine 00 42 00 OLD ENTRY Jo Cowle {3s} NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea & Kath his wife {3s}	1707 Ballagh Deed	John Cowle to William Mylrea

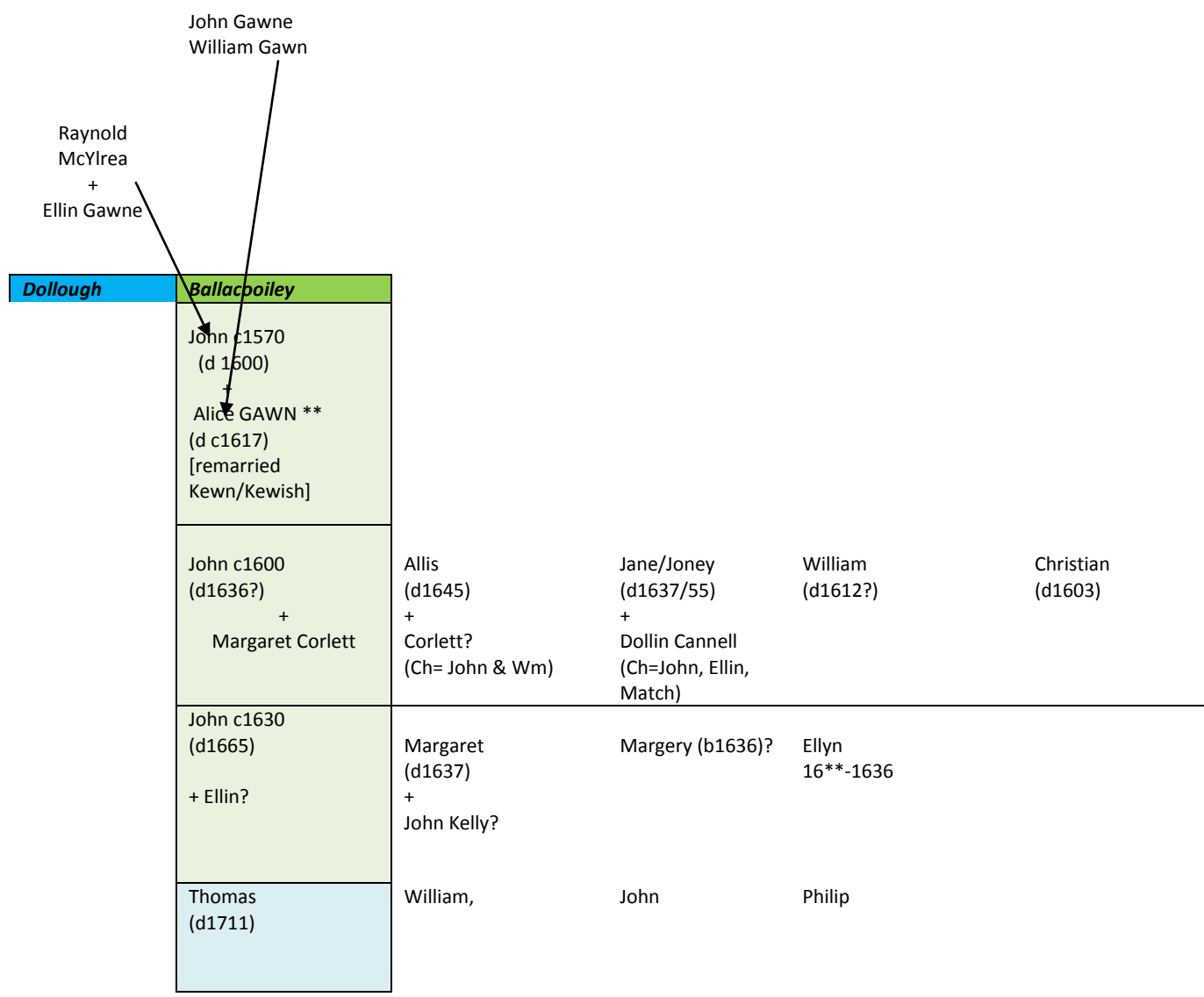
GEN 4

GEN 5

GEN 6

	the said Wm Mcylrea and Kath his wife daughter of ye sd Jo Cowle are entered by contract from the sd Jo Cowle confirmed by ye officers fine 8d	Marriage Contract	
	1709 atient intack 00 00 12 OLD ENTRY Jo Cowle {3s} NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea & Kath his wife Entered as before	"	"
	1709 intack 00 00 11 OLD ENTRY Jo Cowle NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea & Kath his wife Entered as before	"	"
	1709 cottages 00 00 11½ d OLD ENTRY Jo Cowle NEW ENTRY Wm Mcylrea & Kath his wife entered as before fine for the above 2 rents 11½d	"	"
1711	Thomas dies (will)		
1712	1712 00 29 00 OLD ENTRY Thomas Mcylrea NEW ENTRY John Mcylrea his son the father is dead and ye son is entered as right heyre according to law Fine 10s	1705 Ballaugh Deed Marriage Contract	Thomas Mylrea to John Mylrea
	1712 00 00 18 OLD ENTRY Thomas Mcylrea NEW ENTRY John Mcylrea his son Entered as before Fine 3s	"	"
1739	John dies (will, no issue)		
1739	BROGHJARGE JOHN Mcylrea/THOMAS Mcylrea his nephew Joh Mylrea is dead and his nephew Thomas entered as right heir according to law	LIB VAST	John to Thomas
1739	Intacks John Mcylrea Ballacooiley/Thomas Mcylrea Entered as before	LIB VAST	John to Thomas
1743	1743 Ballacain 00 42 00 OLD ENTRY Thomas Mcylrea 18d NEW ENTRY Nicholas his brother 18d	1740 Ballaugh Deed Sale	Thomas Mcylrea to Nicholas Mylrea
	1743 Ballacain 00 42 00 OLD ENTRY Thomas Mcylrea & Cath his mother 3s NEW ENTRY Nicholas Mcylrea & Cath predict 3s Nicholas is entered in place of Thomas by vertue of a bill of sale dated the 10th Feb 1740 confirmed by the officers. Fine for both is 9d	"	"
	1743 Intacks OLD ENTRY Thomas Mcylrea & Cath his mother 6½ d NEW ENTRY Nicholas Mcylrea & Cath predict 2d Entered as before Fine 1d	"	"
1744	Thomas dies (will)		

Ballacorraige



4. STRAYS

Thomas

1598	Intacks 00 02 00 OLD ENTRY Wm Kelly {16d} Tho: Mc ylrea {8d} Christian Mc ylrea his daughtr {8d}		THOMAS Mc ylrea CHRISTIAN Mc ylrea Could Thomas be a son of Donald (Intack number previously held by Donald of Dollagh)
1598	NEW ENTRY Willm Kelly {16d} and Wm Radcliff {8d} note the sayd Wm entred by a bargaine and sale from the sayd Christian Mc ylrea	LIB VAST	
1628	Intacks 00 00 12 OLD ENTRY Finlo Cowley {6d} NEW ENTRY Tho: Mc ylrea {6d} cu ceter ⁶² Entred by the consent of Finlo Cowley and acknowledged in Court to be sould for ever This Intack wasoriginally part of the Ballacooiley holding?	LIB VAST	FINLO Cowley THOMAS Mc ylrea

62 1630 Thomas Ilrea certaine Intacke of the yearely rent of xxijd ffine} ijs;

1639	<p>1639 Intacks 00 00 12</p> <p>OLD ENTRY Tho: ylrea {6d}</p> <p>NEW ENTRY Adam Cayne {6d} cum cetr</p> <p>It is avouched by ye Settinge Quest that he ought to be entered for it for yt ye said ylrea hath sould it to ye said Cayne</p>	LIB VAST	THOMAS ylrea (sells)
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Richard – probably from Michael, where he passed his holdings on to son Thomas

1603	<p>1603 Carnedall 2 00 21 03</p> <p>OLD ENTRY Finlo Kneene {} Patr Carrett {}</p> <p>NEW ENTRY John Quaill {10s 7 1/2d} Patr Stephan, Ric Mc ylrea, Thomas mc ylvorry, Wm Brew Senr, Patr Callister, Thomas Coraige, Gilbt Crayne, John Kneene, John Quaill Junr, Patr Corleod, Thomas Corleod, Finlo Kneene and Patr Carrett are drawn and these others are sett in by the setting quest for 10s 7 1/2d rent to be pd amongst them</p>	LIB VAST	RIC Mc ylrea
1604	<p>1604 GD Carndall 2 00 21 03</p> <p>OLD ENTRY John Quaill {10s 7 1/2d} Patr Stephan, Ric Mcylrea Tho: Mcylvorry, Wm Brewe Senr, Patr Callister, Tho: Corriage, Gilbt Crayne, Jo: Kneene ,Jo: Quaill Jnr, Patr Corleod, Thomas Corleod</p> <p>NEW ENTRY John Quaill {10s 7 1/2d} [Germod?] Teare, John Corkill d</p> <p>Dabold Moughton, Dollin Kelly, Robt Carrett, Robt Lowy</p> <p>All the sayd psons drawn have delivred it up by the strawe and it is sett ppon the sixe psons now entred to be equally payble for the rent od 10s 7½ d amongst them all</p>	LIB VAST	RIC Mc ylrea

John – perhaps a brother of William (Dollagh)

1672	<p>1672 Intacks 00 00 14</p> <p>OLD ENTRY Jo: Quayle & Thom Kinley {1¼ d}</p> <p>NEW ENTRY Patr Cally {1¼d} cu eo et ceter</p> <p>The half of this 1¼d charged on the names of Jo Quaile & Tho Kinley as their propotion (the quest avouching the same) being in the right of Jo Mcylrea by the marriage of his wife Kath Cally (as also averred by ye sd Quayle hath sould his part of ye sd 1¼d to the sd Patr Caly (the other prt still remains on the name of Thom: Kinley) as appaers by bill of sayle confirmed by the officers</p>	<p>LIB VAST</p> <p>1663 Michael Deed</p>	<p>John Mcylrea & wife Katherine Cally sells land to Patrick Calley (Cowley?)</p> <p>John is quite possibly William's brother</p>
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Summary of Intacks:

1639	<p>Intacks</p> <p>39 Jo: Mcylrea {3d}</p> <p>47 Jo: Mcylrea {2s 8d}</p> <p>53 {Tho ylrea 4d},Gilbt Caine 6d {12d}</p> <p>58 Donald ylrea, Ellin Quaile 4d, Tho: Stephan 4d {16d}</p> <p>70 Jo: Mcylrea {4d}</p> <p>75 Jo: Mcylrea {20d}</p> <p>79 Jo: Ylrea 2d, Margrett Kissaige 9d, Donald ylrea 12d, Margrett Kissaige 5d?, Jo: Gawen 2d, Jo: Curleod 2d, Jo: Teare 4d, Patr Cowley 8d, Wm Curleod 4d }</p> <p>101 Donald ylrea 18d, Avericke Quaile 1d, Tho: Stephan 1d, Ellin Quaile 8d, Tho: Stephan {3s}</p> <p>108 Jo: Mcylrea {4s}</p> <p>136 Wm Boddough 2d, Wm Curleod 3d, Tho: Curleod 3d, Tho: Cry 3d, Tho Carrett 3d, Jo: Freere 2d, Nichell Quacken 3d, Donald ylrea 1d, Hugh Murry 1d, Ann Craighen 1d, Kathren Curleod, Mabell Creere 6d, Donald ylrea 2d, Finlo Cry Tho: Cry Jo: Stephan 7d, Sr Hugh Cannell 6d {3s 11d}</p> <p>164 Jo: Mcylrea {21d}</p> <p>182 Phill Curleod, Jo Mcylrea {2d}</p>	LIB ASSED	<p>John Mcylrea (39, 47, 70, 75, 79, 108, 164, 182)</p> <p>Donald ylrea (58, 79, 101, 136)</p> <p>Thomas ylrea (53)</p>
1686	<p>39 Jo Mcylrea {3s}</p> <p>47 Jo: Mcylrea {2s 8d}</p> <p>53 {Tho ylrea 4d},Gilbt Caine 6d {12d}</p>		<p>John Mcylrea (39, 47, 70, 75, 79, 108, 164, 182)</p>

58	Donald ylrea, Ellin Quaile 4d, Tho: Stephan 4d {16d}		Donald ylrea (58,
70	Jo: Mcylrea {4d}		79, 101, 136)
75	Jo: Mcylrea {20d}		
79	Jo: Ylrea 2d, Margrett Kissaige 9d, Donald ylrea 12d, Margrett Kissaige 5d?, Jo: Gawen 2d, Jo: Curleod 2d, Jo: Teare 4d, Patr Cowley 8d, Wm Curleod 4d {4s}		Thomas ylrea (53)
101	Donald ylrea 18d, Avericke Quaile 1d, Tho: Stephan 1d, Ellin Quaile 8d, Tho: Stephan {3s}		
108	Jo: Mcylrea{4s}		
136	Wm Boddough 2d, Wm Curleod 3d, Tho: Curleod 3d, Tho: Cry 3d, Tho Carrett 3d, Jo: Freere 2d, Nichell Quacken 3d, Donald ylrea 1d, Hugh Murry 1d, Ann Craighen 1d, Kathren Curleod, Mabell Creere 6d, Donald ylrea 2d, Finlo Cry Tho: Cry Jo: Stephan 7d, Sr Hugh Cannell 6d {3s 11d}		
164	Jo Mcylrea {21d}		
182	Phill Curleod, Jo Mcylrea {2d}		

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ATTACHMENT 2

Early Mylrea Wills

NOTES:

- These wills have been transcribed as much as possible to serve as an aide memoire for future reference. My skills at deciphering the text are very limited, compounded in large measure by the quality of the surviving documents.
- The transcriptions labeled MMR have been produced from images on the Manx Manorial Roll website. The “will books” from which Robert Cannell produced these images did not identify the parish of the deceased, thus some of the following wills could be for residents of Michael rather than Ballaugh. However, by 1600, it was usually possible to find the burial record for the individual and definitely locate them in Ballaugh
- Transcriptions of the following (1600-1645) are available on the Mylrea [website](#).

1600	Christian	1631	Donald
1600	John	1636	Annas Cowley (als Mylrea)
1600	Ann	1636	John
1600	Ellin (als Gawn)	1636	Ellyn
1600	Ranold/Richard	1638	John
1602	Annis (als Garrett)	1638	Margaret Kelly (als McYlrea)
1602	Ann Quayle (als Radcliffe als Mylrea)	1644	Jaine (als Cannell)
1603	Christian	1645	Alice Corlett (als iny rea)

1565-68

	Donaldi Mc Ilvy
[MMR]	Son John?

1571-1574

	<i>(no burial record)</i> <i>[the will is written in Latin]</i> Patrcii Mc Ilrea who died 8 th of March Ralyorony Mcylrea ine ilrea firlot ... executrix John Mylreaand Ann ine Probatum est Note that John ... and John Mcylrea John Mcylrea
[MMR] John	

1576

<p>August [MMR]</p> <p>(website)</p>	<p><i>(no burial record)</i></p> <p>Testament Ann Mc Illirea who died the 7th August. Item bequeathed in the 3 Bequeathed Ine Corlett Item will and constitute John and Thomas Kissage Item and direct and William and son Finlo William Cassell Probatum et solvit 16d</p>
<p>October [MMR]</p> <p>(website)</p> <p>Christian Margaret William John</p>	<p><i>(no burial record)</i> <i>(unmarried?)</i></p> <p>The testament of Gilbert Mc ylrea who died the 22 of October and constituted his brother Thomas Mc ylrea his lawful executor. Item bequeathed to Christian his sister 10s Item to Margaret rea his sister 10s Item to Thomas Mc Cowen 3s, to William Mc Cowen 2s with other 2s wch to him is owed To Donall McHelle 2 sheep To Christian ine Ryee 2 sheep and 2s To Christian ine rea 2 sheep and 2s To William Mc ilrea 2 sheep and 2 lambs To John Mc ilrea 2 sheep and 2 lambs and 1 mare with colt between them To Ales ine coriake 16s To the vicar 12d and to the clerk 12d To the poor 1 bowl malt, 1 firlett wheat and 4 sheep</p> <p>Note that he willed Margaret ine Rea his sister to be delivered to the said Thomas Mc ylrea his brother and executor [6l 6d] of lawful money of England [which she has in keeping of his] Item Russle Helle 10s Item Willia[m] Helle 5s, Willia[m] Alister 14s Sr Donald Chrahan } testes William Danyell clerk }</p> <p>probatum est et solvit 12d</p>
<p>December [MMR]</p>	<p><i>(no burial record)</i></p> <p>Testament Gulielum Mc lrea who died December. Constituted Robert, William and Patric Executors. Probatum et solvit 3s</p>

1575-1577

<p>[MMR]</p> <p>Robert</p> <p>(website)</p> <p>John William Jonett</p>	<p>The testame[n]t of Jonie ine hymmeyn who died the 26 of May: bequeth to the poore 1 wether.</p> <p>Item to [John?]Mc ylrea his son 2 sheep.</p> <p>Item constituted John mc ylrea, Willm mc ylrea & Jenett mc ylrea her children executors.</p> <p>Item bequeth to the poor 3 firlets malt & a firlet wheat.</p> <p>Witness Sr Donald Chrahan, William Danyell clerk.</p> <p>Probatum et solvit 12d</p> <p>Invent }5 sheep, 1 ewe, 2 lambs, 1 calf a year old vs in money</p>
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1577-98

<p>March</p> <p>[MMR]</p> <p>Christian</p>	<p><i>(no burial record)</i> <i>(father of Christian & John?)</i> <i>(Margaret second wife?)</i></p> <p>Donald Gilroy died the 15th of March untested and the church having ordered Christian his daughter administratorwife Margaret ine Mcylrea</p> <p>Probatum est et solvit 12p</p>
<p>[MMR]</p>	<p>P.... Mc Ylrea who died primo John Mc Ilrea executor</p> <p>Probatum est et solvit 6d</p>
<p>[MMR]</p>	<p>The testament of Elline Mc Rea wife of? Donald Chrahun?]</p> <p>Will transcribe one day or have a look at the original.</p> <p>Very deteriorated state.</p>
<p>[MMR]</p>	<p>Jonie Rea [might not be relevant]</p>
<p>William Christian Ann William Jonette</p>	<p>John Mcylleyre</p>

1580-1585

May [MMR]	Testament Donald Mc ilrea who died 6 th May willed, constituted and ordained his daughters Alyse? and Margaret? His lawful executors a young horse daughter
[MMR]	Cline (Ellin?) ine Illrea who died 22 nd of Probatum est et solvit 12d

1595

[MMR] Robert (website)	The Testamtn Johanis Mc ilrea qui obijt 12th day [in]testat[] ix eccletia [libeccos?] d[]..... vide Willm, Johanis et Jonet Item constituted and directed William .. dm acatci []yeth suer sons Donald mc ilrea et Johanis [Inv]ent 21 sheep, 5 lambes, 1 cowe, 1 ox and a foal two years ould, 1 calffe in the hands [of] William mc ilrea pbatn est
[MMR]	(no burial record) (wife of ??) Testament of Gomie Mc Ilrea [Jonie, Jane??] and constituted her husband Kissage? and her brother John ilrea, Christian ine ilrea and ilrea Executor. Probatum est et solvit Jurati

1628

Nov Joyce Oates	(no burial record) Archdeacon Will 1628A #62 Lezayre, of Edward Mylrea , son of Donold / Daniel Mylrea, died November 1628 intestate, has siblings, parents are alive: (1628 burial register has not survived) Anne Inillrea undr wrytten hath given in her pledge to answer for ye 5s & to secure ye office sub pena ---- [torn] A childe of one Donold Mallarae depted y----[torn] of 9ber called Edward, untestate the Church haveinge intelligence hereof hath decreed -----[torn] 2 bretheren & sister Administrat: The ----[torn & dark] at yeares sworne Supvisor Salvo temen vi-----[dark & torn] Invent before May Decretum est et Solvit ----[dark] [torn & dark]----ena prdicta The mother Xpian C----tm---
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	--[?Caistment] [dark]-----ho deposeth there is no -----[dark area] [dark area]---- ye ----- but ---s -----
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1653/4

Joyce Oates	(Ballaugh will) (might be the Jane Inerea who was buried 18 th Feb 1853?) The last will and testament of Jaine Mc ylrea first committed her soule to God and her bodie of christian burial. Item left a firlett of corn to the poor.
(website)	Item she left to her sonne John Coraige all her part of the household stuff and her part of the oats that was in his own hands. Item she left to Jony Casement a wheele; Item she constituted and ordained her daughter Margarett her true and lawful executor of all the rest of her goods whatsoever probatum est et solvit Testes Jo: Cowley Jo: Corraige} Jurati Tho: Cowley hath past his word that an inventory shall be brought in within 14 days sub pena double value

1665

June	(burial record Jon Klerea 5/6/1665) (Ballacooiley) Ballaugh
(image)	The last will and testament of John Malerea who departed this life the fifth of June 1665. First he committed his soul to God and his body to Christian burial.
(website)	Item he bequeathed to the poor 3 for of malt and the rest at the discretion of the executors. Item he left his heir his part of the crop of corn. Item he constituted and ordained that his said heir Tho: Maclerea and the rest of his children viz Malerea his true and lawful executors of all the rest of his goods moveable and immoveable he left all his lands to his wife but all the Item he left his of riding horse for his wife Debts due from the ... to him 25s Probatum est et solvit 6s The supervisor Thomas Mcleyreah is to be sworn by the Minister and
Thomas William John Philip	

	<p>Testes Philip, Gilbert Cannell} jurati</p> <p>The inventory to be brought in within one month sub pena a double the value.</p> <p>The inventory brought in prized by John Killey, Gilbert Cannell, John Cowle, Philip Gawne</p> <p>Item his part of the cattle £3/5/-</p> <p>2 [parts?] of a mare & colt 7/-</p> <p>Linen & woolen with all household 13/-</p> <p>In the hands of Thomas Cannell for his part 12/6</p> <p>Pledges seconda forman legis Finlo Quayle, Don Clarke</p>
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1669-7 E 312 d molleyvorey Mary CASEMENT d 1 feb 1669[1669/70]; ch joney +
thomas mollevorrey admrs - next of kin Ann Illereah [= mcylrea ?] supv; joney
mclyvorrey next of kindred on fa's side has children 'because ye next on ye
mother's side is not in place'

ATTACHMENT 3 Luci's Story

Luci is a descendant of Nicholas Mylrea snr. Catherine Oates, his grand daughter, married John Callister who died in the wreck of the Felicity in 1816, along with two of his wife's cousins, the sons of Nicholas jnr. Catherine remarried after the tragedy and had quite a large family. Her great great grand daughter Luci lives in Australia. In Luci's words:

My great-grandfather was Charles Thomas Keig. He was the grandson of Catharine Oates, who was the daughter of Ann Mylrea and Mattias (or Matthew) Oates.

Catharine had married John Callister in 1816 but soon after he was killed in a shipwreck. His Letters of Administration state: "Smack 'Felicity' of Peel wrecked in Lane Mooar, KK Andreas". Catherine and John had a posthumous son, and he was named John. It seems he was sent to live with another family, and a John Clark was listed as his guardian.

A few years after the wreck, in 1818, Catharine married Daniel Keig of Ballaugh. They had seven children: Ann (b1818), Elizabeth (b1819), Thomas (b1821), William (b1822), Catherine (b1826), John (b1826), and Robert James (b1830). Robert James was my great-great-grandfather.

He married Ann Eliza Quayle, apparently in the US, where their only child Charles was born. He was still a US citizen when he died, which the US authorities recorded as the death of a US citizen overseas. There is also a nice obituary on Trove.nl.au.

But they didn't stay in the US. Little Charles has been baptised back in Ballaugh as a one year old, before the family moved to Melbourne, Australia. I have not been able to establish exactly when that occurred, but Charles married his Australian-born wife Margaret Rodger in 1880, in Williamstown in Melbourne. Charles went on to have a successful drapery business in Williamstown, and he and Margaret had eight children, six surviving to adulthood including my maternal grandfather Norman Rodger Keig (b1887).

Norman married my grandmother, Dora Mary Vallins (b1890), after WW1 in 1920. They had two daughters, seven grandchildren and 15 grandchildren. Unfortunately, Norman never lived to meet his grandchildren: he died in 1931 from complications of being gassed in the war. My mother was only three at the time.