

# People from Loughill and Shanagolden D.C.D.s in Glin and Rathkeale Workhouses, 1851

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13,413

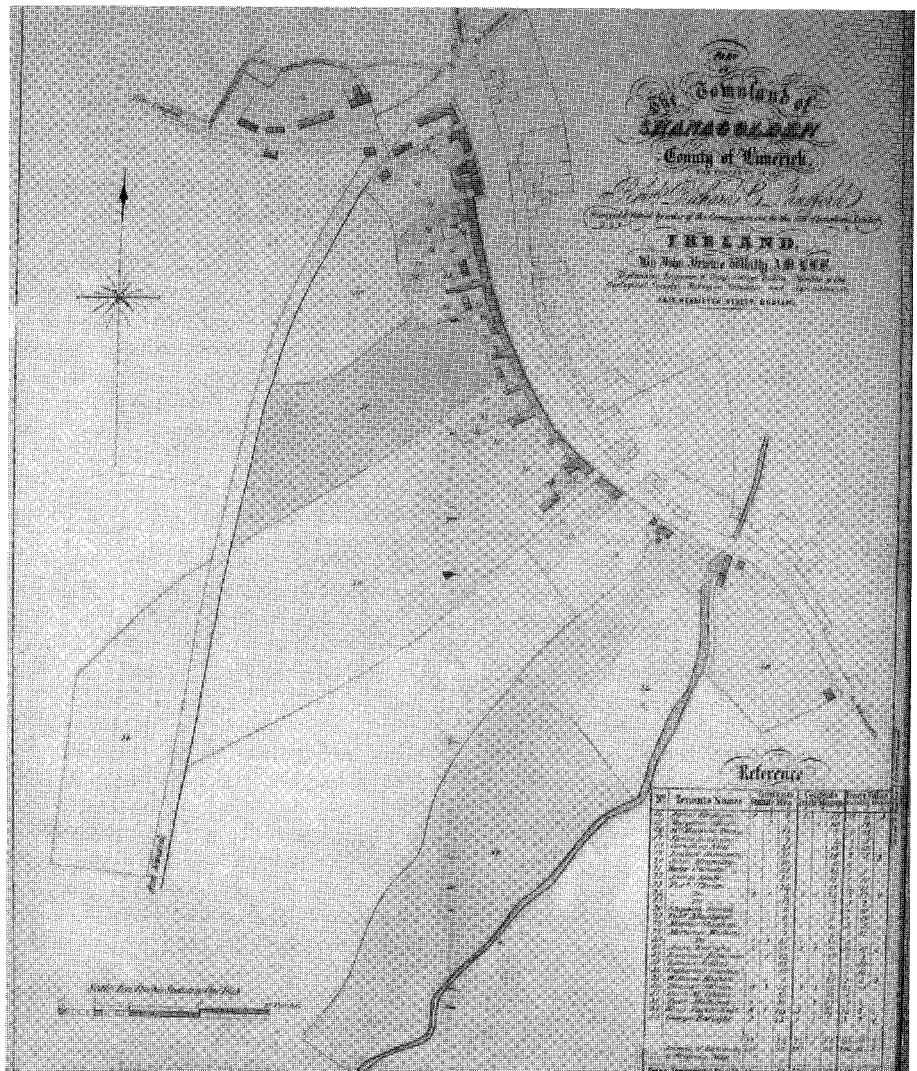
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**L**imerick is not short of Poor Law records; over 500 volumes of them – mostly minute books of the Board of Guardians weekly meetings – have survived for the workhouses of Limerick City and County. But not one volume of the 'Indoor Register' kept by each union has come down to us. Those who destroyed them were burying, or more likely burning, some very painful memories. Indeed, now, almost eighty years later, such a memory would still be painful, as no one welcomes the epithet 'pauper' even in the understandable circumstances of the late 1840s and early 1850s. Still, those early volumes would have been of great interest to family historians because for many parts of the county they would have provided the only evidence of the ages of people in them at that time. In a country where births were not registered until 1864, and where the 1821, 1841 and 1851 census records have been destroyed, we are fortunate to have parish baptismal records to supply family details in the pre-1864 period. Imagine trying to trace your family history with no records earlier than 1864! For Catholics, the starting date, or survival rate, of many of these church records, however, is very uneven, varying from the 1745 start of St Mary's parish in the city to the lack of any records prior to 1864 in Toornafulla. For Church of Ireland people, the problem is rather one of lack of records for most of the county, due to the unfortunate fire in 1922, though the city is well served and has some entries going back even to the 1690s. Methodists and Presbyterians can count on records from the 1820s.

The subjects of the present article are entirely Catholic, however, and lived in parishes which, though adjoining, diverged widely in starting dates: the two parishes of Glin and Shanagolden. In 1851, the year this article is primarily concerned with, the present parish of Ballyhahill and Loughill did not exist. The northern townlands, centred around Loughill, were part of Glin parish and, therefore, have no

surviving baptismal records before 1851; the Ballyhahill end of the parish was still part of Shanagolden parish, and therefore has records available from 1824. So, for both parishes, but more especially for townlands around Loughill, a source giving names, ages and addresses in 1851 is precious and deserving of greater accessibility.

The appended lists of people from the electoral divisions<sup>1</sup> (EDs) of Loughill and Shanagolden owe their existence to two factors. The choice of EDs was that of Lord Monteagle of Mount Trenchard; most townlands in both were on his estate. Interestingly, he did not ask for a list of people from the townlands on his estate, so townlands like Loughill, the two Carrowbanes, the two Lisreadys, the three Knocknabooblys and the two Ballynashes were included. At first one wondered why



Map of Shanagolden townland c.1850 prepared for the Commissioners of Encumbered Estates

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Main Street, Shanagolden, postcard published by M. Madigan, Shanagolden, c.1905

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he did not request lists for other years, but, of course, for Glin 1851 was the transition year between being declared a new Union and getting a new workhouse. Up to 1850, the north west corner of Co. Limerick, north of Athea, belonged to Rathkeale Union, and Glin had a small auxiliary workhouse during the famine. In 1850, Glin became a union in its own right, taking in ten Limerick EDs from Rathkeale Union and three in Co. Kerry from that of Listowel;<sup>2</sup> a new workhouse was built there in 1852. In 1851, some people from the new union would still have been inmates of Rathkeale workhouse and some in Glin, with implications for rate payers. Hence the effort to take stock. A few sheets which belong with those we shall enumerate presently show that Monteagle, who was chairman of the Rathkeale Board of Guardians, studied the implications of the new situation closely, listing the acreage of all the new EDs and the valuation of each. Thus it is, that a precious list of close on 290 people has survived outside the system, so to speak, and lain, with numerous other items, in a metal box of miscellaneous Monteagle material in the National Library of Ireland (NLI), which is known simply as Ms 13,413. We take this opportunity to thank the Trustees of the National Library for permission to bring it to a wider public.

The list given below is actually a composite of four lists contained in Ms 13,413. They are:

1. Loughill DED, list of inmates of Glin and Rathkeale workhouses, showing families & individuals, names, ages and townland addresses. Undated.
2. Shanagolden DED, list of inmates of Glin and Rathkeale workhouses giving names, ages, addresses and observations. Undated.
3. Loughill DED, list of inmates in Glin

and Rathkeale workhouses, showing ditto, 'on week ending 20 September 1851'.

4. List of paupers, with ages, from Ballycormick and Shanagolden townlands, "reported to have been in the workhouses on 23 Sept. 1851". Workhouses not specified. Includes comments on the accuracy by a third party.

The most straightforward of these lists is No. 3 - it is dated and signed by 'James Browne, Clerk of the Union' and cites the register number of the relevant workhouse for every one of the 125 inmates named in it. It is the only one of the four to be signed. The 'observations' column refines townland addresses where necessary, as in the case of the two Lisreadys etc, and I have silently incorporated these refinements into the townland column.

The undated List 1 is almost a copy of List 3. It, too, cites the register numbers, but has no observations; it contains 123 names to List 3's 125. In all but five cases the names are those of List 3, but the order is different and the author had a certain quirky spelling style for both people and places (Knockbulla for Knocknabooly; Lyston and Coumane for the more usual versions). Clearly not a straight transcript; rather, one has the impression of two people compiling a list from the same sources. Hence the few names proper to each, as each made his own mistakes! In the table, I have omitted all the duplicates (preferring the dated and signed version, which also has the advantage of useful third party comments). I have attributed to List 1 only the names proper to it, and identified them in the 'Source' column as 'undated 1'.

Just as Lists 1 & 3 concern Loughill ED, Nos 2 and 4 deal with Shanagolden - No. 2 allegedly covers the whole ED, while No. 4 confines its attention to the

townlands of Ballycormick and Shanagolden, the two components of Shanagolden Town.

List 2 is undated and is distinguished in the table below by the word 'undated 2' in the source column. Just when it was compiled is somewhat difficult to be certain about. It looks like an equivalent of List 3 drawn up for Shanagolden ED, and might thus be placed about the same date, certainly within the same month. As such, one would expect it to have a lot in common with List 4, though the latter is confined to two townlands. But nobody in List 4 with Ballycormick as their address is mentioned in List 2, while most of those with Shanagolden as their address are.

Now, List 2, like List 3, gives the register number for every inmate; List 4 does not. It lists people 'reported to have been in the workhouse on 23 Sept. 1851', and comments on the truth or otherwise of that report by writing after everyone's name whether they were 'in the workhouse', 'not in the workhouse' or 'not known'. 'Not in the workhouse' would seem to equal the 'since left' comment of List 3. 'Not known' would appear to mean 'not known to the person commenting', as the people in question were on the workhouse register; twelve such people had a workhouse register number in List 2. List 4 looks like a compilation from unofficial lists, probably kept by relieving officers, of who was supposed to be in the workhouses. It shows no sign of having been checked out against the register. Hence the word 'reported' in the title. Which workhouse the people in the list were actually in (or reputed to be in) can sometimes be ascertained by comparing the list with List 2, but it has entire families not given anywhere else, and contradicts List 2 on several occasions. Such occasions are indicated in footnotes.

It seems possible that List 2 was compiled slightly earlier in September. Someone saw that it was seriously short of names from Shanagolden town, sought to remedy the matter and ended up confusing things even further. Most of the apparent disagreements between the two lists could be explained by saying that List 2 perhaps predates List 4 by a week or so and that the people in question had left the workhouse in the interval. On some points, however, they just disagree. The author of List 2 is shown up as not being very thorough where Ballycormick was concerned, unless all those people entered the workhouse after he had compiled his list.

In the table, I have indicated people in List 4 whose workhouse is not identified by [wkhouse] and those whose workhouse has been identified from List 2 by the words Glin or Rathkeale in []. Because it is dated, I give it precedence over List 2 when deleting duplicates, carrying over the register number also between square brackets. Any reconciliation of the two lists is dealt with in a footnote.

All of these people existed and were more or less the age stated. Apart from the pinch of salt with which all ages from those times must be taken, one should bear in mind that the age given in a workhouse register was that at entry, which may have been anything from a few days to a few years before 1851. Take the register number into account in any calculations!

One is surprised, having once got used to the existence of these lists, that they exist for only two electoral divisions; one would have expected Shanid and Moher-nagh DEDs to have received the same treatment, and maybe they did! We're grateful that two have survived.

In transcribing these lists and reducing them to one, alphabetised by surname, I have standardised spellings for ease of reference: surnames by the most common version, townlands by the ordnance survey spelling (with the exception of Loughill, where there is local aversion to its O.S. form).

As a quick reference to the townlands represented and the distribution of people from them, the following table may be of interest:

LOUGHILL ED	
Ballyhahill	11
Ballyroe	1
Ballynash	4
Ballynash Bishop	10
Cappa/Mount Trenchard	2
Carrowbane	14
Carrowbanebeg	18
Carrowbanemore	4
Knocknabooly East	20
Lisready Clare	5
Lisready Cripps	26
Loughill	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>

SHANAGOLDEN ED	
Ballynacragga	1
Ballycormick	58
Corgrig	6
Croaghane	5



Main Street, Shanagolden, c.1900

(Limerick Museum)

Doonskerdeen	32
Kimeheer	5
Knockpatrick	5
Monavaha	2
Shanagolden	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>

Distribution of these people between workhouses was Glin 145, Rathkeale 63, Unknown 59.

The **age profile** of these 267 people is that 193 of them, or 72%, were under twenty-one years of age. The remaining 74 people were fairly evenly distributed between 21 and 60, with an average of 17 per decade, and only six people over 60.

The **gender balance** of this sample of workhouse population was 121 males to 146 females. That gives us a percentage breakdown of 54.6% female to 45.4 % male. Predictable enough.

When the statistical breakdown becomes interesting, and not always so predictable, is when you take the overall gender profile of the group and break it down by age group:

Children, a category which in poor law terms meant the under fifteens, constituted 142, or 53%, of the total, in a ratio of 77:65 in favour of males.

The 15-20 group, technically adult but still minors, were evenly balanced: 27 males to 24 females.

Numerically, therefore, the 193 under 21s represent a fairly even gender balance in the younger 72% of the group. And then the picture changes. The overall proportion of female to male among the over 20s was 57 to 17. That preponderance was most marked in the 30-40 and 40-50 groups, where women were in a majority of 18 to 1 and 18 to 3 respectively. The only blip on the adult chart is for the 51-60 group, where men just outnumbered women by 8 to 5.

Another curious fact, also observed elsewhere, is that women tended to take a rest from counting when they reached 40: 13/18 of the 31-40 group happened to be just 40! A less marked pause was observed at 50, when 10/18 of the 41-50 group were just 50. Maybe the men would have done the same had there been enough of them to count, but one fact suggests otherwise: the favourite age with men in the 51-60 group was 56 (5/8), an effort perhaps, to avoid the suspicion of inaccuracy associ-

ated with the use of the round number!

Back in Mount Trenchard, probably at the end of September 1851<sup>3</sup>, someone pored over these lists and extracted the names and ages in them on to separate sheets for each townland. He then passed them to at least two other people for comment. He completed only six of them, namely: Ballyroe, Ballynash, Carrowbane, Knocknabooly, Lisready, and Loughill, all of them in Loughill ED. The names we already know; the comments have been added as footnotes, with the reference 'stray sheet' + townland name.

While the Loughill area is without records that contain ages pre-1851, it is nevertheless fairly well served by a family record of another kind: Lord Monteagle and most of his surrounding landlords carried out a household census in October 1846. Known as NLI Ms 582, it details the names, occupations, number of people (male and female) in the household, provisions (i.e. potatoes) left, and public works (if any) employed on. It covers some fifty townlands in the area ranging from Loughill and Ballyhahill in the west to Aughinish and Mullagh in the east, a rough rectangle bordered by the Shannon estuary on the north and a rough line from Mohernagh through Dooncaha to Dunmoylan to the south. One thing it does not do is name anybody in the household other than the head. Given that most of the people listed below entered the workhouse after 1846, I have compared the names in both and added any light gleaned from Ms 582 to the workhouse lists as footnotes. Not a lot, it must be said, as most of the inmates were dependents of householders rather than householders. Another limitation on the help available from Ms 582, is that it does not include Carrowbane, whether 'beg' or 'more'. For this, I have compared the 1851 entries with Griffith's Valuation (GV) of early 1852<sup>4</sup>.

Other abbreviations used:

NMAJ: North Munster Antiquarian Journal.

*Poverty to Promise*: C. O'Mahony & V. Thompson, *Poverty to Promise: the Monteagle Emigrants, 1838-58*, Sydney, 1994.

WLFA: K. Press and V. Thompson, *West Limerick Families Abroad*, Melbourne, 2001.

Surname	Name	Age	Townland	Wkhouse	No.	Source	Remarks
Adams	Catherine	50	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5291	undated 2	husband out & daughters
Adams	Michael	15	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4891	undated 2	out a fortnight & family out
Ahern	Mary <sup>5</sup>	5	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	2002	20.09.51	
Allen	Daniel	40	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5126	undated 2	Corgrigg
Allen	Ellen	16	Corgrig	Glin	5207	undated 2	Sister to Australia
Barrett	Biddy	8	Loughill	Glin	5365	20.09.51	
Barrett	Catherine <sup>6</sup>	16	Loughill	[Glin]		stray sheet	
Barrett	Ellen	36	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Barrett	Ellen	13	Loughill	Glin	5360	20.09.51	
Barrett	John	2	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Barrett	Mary	8	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Barrett	Mary	5	Loughill	Glin	5366	20.09.51	
Barrett	Michael	5	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Barrett	Patt	12	Loughill	Glin	5333	20.09.51	Since discharged
Barry	Bridget	16	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5285	undated 2	
Barry	Catherine	2	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5175	undated 2	
Barry	Johanna	11	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5174	undated 2	
Barry	John	13	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5173	undated 2	
Barry	Mary	44	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5172	undated 2	[family] taken by T/J Burns
Barry	Patrick <sup>7</sup>	49	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5171	undated 2	
Blake	Biddy	13	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	4293	20.09.51	
Brick	Timothy	15	Croaghane	Rathkeale	1246	undated 2	
Cahill	Patt	22	Corgrig	Glin	5235	undated 2	Tailor
Collins	Bridget	12	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4990	undated 2	
Collins	Bridget <sup>8</sup>	42	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4989	undated 2	Wife a weaver at Shgdn
Collins	Hanna	9	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4991	undated 2	
Collins	Johanna	6	Doonskerdeen	Glin	3522	undated 2	Mother out
Collins	Mary	15	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4988	undated 2	
Connell	Connor <sup>9</sup>	15	Kimeheer	Glin	2951	undated 2	
Connell	Daniel <sup>10</sup>	12	Loughill	Rathkeale	323	20.09.51	
Connors	Catherine	18	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	Not in workhouse
Connors	John	7	Ballyhahill	Rathkeale	4872	20.09.51	
Connors	Mary	40	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Connors	Mary	30	Ballyhahill	Rathkeale	4871	20.09.51	
Connors	Michael	6	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Connors	Thomas	10	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Conway	Julia <sup>11</sup>	28	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	4125	20.09.51	Since discharged
Corbett	James	13	Kimeheer	Glin	4208	undated 2	
Corridon	Catherine	8	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	5194	20.09.51	
Corridon	Catherine <sup>12</sup>	40	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	5192	20.09.51	
Corridon	Johanna	10	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	5193	20.09.51	
Corridon	Michael	5	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	5195	20.09.51	
Corridon	Patt	3	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	5196	20.09.51	
Costelloe	Bridget	1.5	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not known
Costelloe	Margaret	2	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not known
Costelloe	Mary	24	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not known
Cronin	Catherine	72	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[2720]	23.09.51	
Cummane	Bridget	36	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	3007	20.09.51	
Cummane	John	8	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	3008	20.09.51	
Cummane	Patt	2	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	3009	20.09.51	
Cunningham	Batt	15	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Cunningham	Margaret	50	Kimeheer	Glin	5120	undated 2	
Daly	Ellen	14	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Daly	John	8	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Daly	Mary	50	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Daly	William	5	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Daniher	Margaret	15	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	2944	undated 2	
Davis	George <sup>13</sup>	18	Carrowbane	Glin	5344	20.09.51	Since discharged
Dillon	Bridget	40	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Dillon	John	16	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Dillon	John <sup>14</sup>	47	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Dillon	Margaret	inf.	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Dillon	Margaret	6	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Dillon	Michael	13	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Dillon	Patrick	17	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Driscoll	Timothy	14	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	5331	20.09.51	
Enright	Mary	30	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4911	undated 2	
Evans	John <sup>15</sup>	5	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	1399	20.09.51	
Evans	Mary	7	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	1398	20.09.51	

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Farrell	James <sup>16</sup>	12	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4071	undated 2	...
Farrell	John	9	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[5336]	23.09.51	not known
Farrell	John	21	Shanagolden	Rathkeale	2825	undated 2	
Farrell	Margaret	20	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4964	undated 2	
Farrell	Mary	13	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4083	undated 2	
Fitzgerald	Honora	11	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Fitzgerald	Honora	42	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Fitzgerald	James	9	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Fitzgerald	James	52	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Fitzgerald	John	12	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Fitzgibbon	Patrick	60	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Flanagan	Ellen	13	Carrowbanebeg	Rathkeale	4578	20.09.51	
Flanagan	Hanora	40	Carrowbanebeg	Rathkeale	4576	20.09.51	
Flanagan	John <sup>17</sup>	56	Carrowbanebeg	Rathkeale	4575	20.09.51	
Flanagan	Margaret	12	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	3293	20.09.51	
Flanagan	Mary	12	Carrowbanebeg	Rathkeale	4579	20.09.51	
Flinn	Margaret	4	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not known
Ginnane	Margaret <sup>18</sup>	inf.	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[4356]	23.09.51	not known
Ginnane	Richard	15	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Hanley	Margaret	17	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[4278]	23.09.51	left house 20 Sept.
Hanrahan	Eliza <sup>19</sup>	60	Carrowbane	Glin	4367	20.09.51	Since discharged
Healy	William	12	Mt Trenchard	Glin	4077	20.09.51	Since discharged
Henigan	Mary	12	Corgrig	Glin	3602	undated 2	brought in by widow Griffin
Hindes	Anne	6	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2419	20.09.51	
Hindes	Catherine	10	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2417	20.09.51	
Hindes	Ellen	24	Ballynacragga	Rathkeale	3956	undated 2	
Hindes	John <sup>20</sup>	56	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2414	20.09.51	
Hindes	Mary	16	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	3746	20.09.51	
Hindes	Michael	12	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2416	20.09.51	
Hindes	Owen	8	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2418	20.09.51	
Hindes	Sally	54	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2415	20.09.51	
Hindes	William	2	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2420	20.09.51	
Joynt	Anne	15	Corgrig	Glin	4158	undated 2	
Joynt	Mary <sup>21</sup>	45	Corgrig	Glin	4159	undated 2	Undertenants to G. Griffin
Joynt	Patrick	17	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[5092]	23.09.51	not known
Keane	Margaret	14	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[360]	23.09.51	not known
Keane	Michael	8	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[362]	23.09.51	not known
Keane	Morgan	12	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[361]	23.09.51	not known
Keeffe	James	20	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Kelly	Bridget	40	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5125	undated 2	
Kelly	Johanna <sup>22</sup>	50	Lisready Clare	Glin	2691	20.09.51	
Kinnane	Hanora <sup>23</sup>	40	Loughill	Glin	5376	20.09.51	
Kinnane	Mary	12	Loughill	Glin	5377	20.09.51	
Kinnark	Catherine <sup>24</sup>	28	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in workhouse
Kinnark	Ellen	34	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in workhouse
Lane	Biddy <sup>25</sup>	40	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	3635	20.09.51	
Lane	Catherine	15	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[3722]	23.09.51	not known
Lane	Catherine	9	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	3636	20.09.51	
Latchford	John	16	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in workhouse
Liston	Mary	40	Carrowbane	Rathkeale	3995	20.09.51	Since discharged
Liston	Timothy	12	Carrowbane	Rathkeale	3996	20.09.51	Since discharged
Lynch	Michael <sup>26</sup>	11	Loughill	Glin	5340	List 1	
Lynch	Patrick	13	Loughill	Glin	5339	20.09.51	
Lysaght	Francis	14	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[2878]	23.09.51	not known
Madigan	Hanora	40	Croaghane	Rathkeale	3817	undated 2	
Madigan	John	10	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[1856]	23.09.51	not known
Madigan	Margaret	14	Croaghane	Glin	3174	undated 2	no such person
Madigan	Mary	10	Croaghane	Glin	3175	undated 2	
Madigan	Michael	14	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[1855]	23.09.51	not known
Madigan	Patt <sup>27</sup>	12	Ballyroe	Rathkeale	292	undated 1	
Mangan	Ellen	8	Knocknabooley	Rathkeale	2630	20.09.51	
Mangan	Ellen	15	Knockpatrick	Glin	5288	undated 2	
Mangan	Ellen <sup>28</sup>	50	Knockpatrick	Glin	5287	undated 2	
Mangan	Hanora	6	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	2823	undated 2	
Mangan	James	12	Knocknabooley E.	Rathkeale	2626	20.09.51	
Mangan	Judy	46	Knocknabooley E.	Rathkeale	2623	20.09.51	
Mangan	Michael	8	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	1271	undated 2	

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Mangan	Nicholas	10	Knocknabooley E.	Rathkeale	2628	20.09.51	
McEnerney	Denis	12	Ballyhahill	Glin	1205	20.09.51	
McGrath	Biddy <sup>29</sup>	8	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2281	20.09.51	
McGrath	Catherine	16	Lisready Cripps	Glin	2282	20.09.51	
McGrath	Ellen <sup>30</sup>	13	Lisready Cripps	Glin	3980	20.09.51	
McGrath	Hanora	1.5	Lisready Cripps	Glin	3985	20.09.51	
McGrath	Johanna	7	Lisready Cripps	Glin	3983	20.09.51	
McGrath	Julia	5	Lisready Cripps	Glin	3984	20.09.51	
McGrath	Margaret	11	Lisready Cripps	Glin	3981	20.09.51	
McGrath	Patt	9	Lisready Cripps	Glin	3982	20.09.51	
McMahon	Catherine <sup>31</sup>	14	Carrowbanemore	Glin	3294	20.09.51	
McMahon	Catherine <sup>32</sup>	35	Lisready Clare	Glin	4467	20.09.51	
McMahon	Hanora <sup>33</sup>	14	Loughill	Glin	4663	20.09.51	
McMahon	Honora	40	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[1268]	23.09.51	not known
McMahon	James	11	Loughill	Glin	4664	20.09.51	
McMahon	John	10	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[3783]	23.09.51	[Orphan]
McMahon	Mary	15	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[3972]	23.09.51	[Orphan]
McMahon	Mary	50	Carrowbanemore	Glin	5283	20.09.51	Since discharged
McMahon	Michael	9	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]	[1269]	23.09.51	not known
McMahon	Michael	3	Lisready Clare	Glin	4468	20.09.51	Since discharged
McMahon	Terence	17	Shanagolden	[Glin]	[3784]	23.09.51	
McMahon	Thomas	16	Loughill	Glin	4662	20.09.51	
McNamara	Edmond	16	Carrowbane	Glin	4753	20.09.51	Since discharged
McNamara	Ellen <sup>34</sup>	60	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	2197	20.09.51	Since discharged
McNamara	John	17	Carrowbane	Glin	4752	20.09.51	Since discharged
McNamara	Mary	19	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	2897	20.09.51	Since discharged
Meehan	Margaret <sup>35</sup>	60	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	2531	20.09.51	
Moloney	Ellen	1	Monavaha	Glin	4982	undated 2	
Moloney	Margaret	17	Croaghane	Glin	3680	undated 2	
Moore	Catherine	23	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in the workhouse
Moore	Garrett	14	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	5105	20.09.51	Since discharged
Moore	Mary	50	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	5104	20.09.51	Since discharged
Moore	Maurice <sup>36</sup>	50	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	5103	20.09.51	Since discharged
Moriarty	Anne	11	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	5338	20.09.51	
Moroney	Ellen	70	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	4532	undated 2	
Murray	Mary	15	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	4540	20.09.51	Since discharged
Murray	Michael	28	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	5098	20.09.51	
Naish	John <sup>37</sup>	16	Carrowbane	Rathkeale	264	20.09.51	Not in Rathkeale workhouse
Naish	Honora	15	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5071	undated 2	
Naish	John <sup>38</sup>	10	Doonskerdeen	Glin	3173	undated 2	Orphan
Naish	Thomas	5	Doonskerdeen	Glin	3172	undated 2	Orphan
Naughtin	Catherine	14	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	5355	20.09.51	
Naughtin	James	4	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Naughtin	John	14	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Naughtin	Michael <sup>39</sup>	56	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in the workhouse
Naughtin	Patt	5	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	5370	20.09.51	
Neill	Bridget	12	Shanagolden	Rathkeale	5311	undated 2	
Nestor	Ellen <sup>40</sup>	70	Doonskerdeen	Glin	5052	undated 2	
Neville	John	20	Shanagolden	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not known
Neville	Mary <sup>41</sup>	64	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	5167	20.09.51	
Nolan	James <sup>42</sup>	70	Lisready Cripps	Glin	5361	20.09.51	
Nolan	Thomas	30	Lisready Clare	Glin	4191	20.09.51	
O'Brien	Anne <sup>43</sup>	50	Ballynash [Bp]	Glin	3136	undated 1	
O'Brien	Catherine	9	Ballynash [Bp]	[Glin]		stray sheet	
O'Brien	Daniel	11	Ballynash [Bp]	Glin	3138	undated 1	
O'Brien	Denis	11	Ballynash [Bp]	[Glin]		stray sheet	
O'Brien	Denis	11	Ballynash Bishop	Glin	3138	20.09.51	
O'Brien	Biddy	17	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Catherine <sup>44</sup>	9	Knocknabooley E.	Glin	4624	20.09.51	
O'Brien	Connor	11	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Connor <sup>45</sup>	60	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Daniel	3	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Eliza	40	Carrowbanemore	Rathkeale	4455	20.09.51	
O'Brien	Joanna	35	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Margaret	5	Doonskerdeen	Glin	3266	undated 2	Mother & dau. cutting turf on bog
O'Brien	Mary	12	Ballynash [Bp]	Glin	3137	undated 1	
O'Brien	Michael	11	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Patrick	14	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Sarah	15	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Brien	Thomas	8	Ballynash [Bp]	Glin	3139	undated 1	

Surname	Name	Age	Townland	Wkhouse	No.	Source	Remarks
O'Donnell	Catherine	24	Monavaha	Glin	4981	undated 2	
O'Donnell	Ellen	10	Carrowbane	Glin	3727	20.09.51	Since discharged
O'Donnell	Maurice	8	Carrowbane	Glin	3728	20.09.51	Since discharged
O'Donnell	Maurice <sup>46</sup>	56	Carrowbane	Glin	3725	20.09.51	Since discharged
O'Leary	Connor <sup>47</sup>	9	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	3851	20.09.51	Since discharged
O'Leary	Margaret	12	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	3852	20.09.51	
O'Leary	Mary	7	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	3853	20.09.51	
O'Neill	Bridget	12	Shanagolden	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not known
O'Neill	Bridget <sup>48</sup>	54	Knockpatrick	Glin	5116	undated 2	3 O'Neills 'under J. Ebzery'
O'Neill	Catherine	30	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	5371	20.09.51	
O'Neill	Daniel <sup>49</sup>	5	Ballyhahill	Glin	5368	20.09.51	
O'Neill	Henry	13	Knockpatrick	Glin	5117	undated 2	
O'Neill	Joanna	25	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
O'Neill	Margaret	9	Ballyhahill	Glin	5369	20.09.51	
O'Neill	Michael	10	Knockpatrick	Glin	5118	undated 2	
O'Neill	Michael	5	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	5372	20.09.51	
O'Shea	Edmond <sup>50</sup>	56	Lisready Clare	Glin	5326	20.09.51	Since discharged
Parkinson	Richard	15	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Power	Joanna	16	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in the workhouse
Ryan	Patt <sup>51</sup>	11	Mt Trenchard	Glin	5337	20.09.51	Since discharged
Scanlan	Bridget	4	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	3733	undated 2	
Scanlan	John	15	Loughill	Rathkeale	4525	20.09.51	Since discharged
Scanlan	Mary	17	Loughill	Rathkeale	4524	20.09.51	Since discharged
Scully	Ellen	16	Ballyhahill	Rathkeale	3270	20.09.51	Since discharged
Shanessy	Daniel	10	Doonskerdeen	Glin	4687	undated 2	
Shaughnessy	Catherine	8	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]		23.09.51	
Shaughnessy	Catherine	8	Shanagolden	Rathkeale	354	undated 2	
Shaughnessy	Honora	14	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	out since 23 Sept.
Shaughnessy	Jeremiah	15	Carrowbane	Glin	2788	20.09.51	Since discharged
Shaughnessy	Margaret <sup>52</sup>	46	Carrowbane	Glin	2786	20.09.51	Since discharged
Shaughnessy	Michael	15	Corgrig	Rathkeale	5396	undated 2	
Shaughnessy	Richard	8	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	409	undated 2	
Shaughnessy	Thomas	6	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in the workhouse
Shaughnessy	Thomas	7	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	410	undated 2	
Shaughnessy	Thomas	10	Carrowbane	Glin	2787	20.09.51	Since discharged
Shea	Anne	14	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]		23.09.51	not known
Shea	Anne	50	Shanagolden	[Rathkeale]		23.09.51	not known
Shea	Anne	50	Shanagolden	Rathkeale	2385	undated 2	
Shea	Anne	14	Shanagolden	Rathkeale	2386	undated 2	
Sheahan	Margaret <sup>53</sup>	50	Doonskerdeen	Rathkeale	2824	undated 2	
Sheahan	Patrick	19	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in workhouse
Slattery	Catherine <sup>54</sup>	64	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	4453	20.09.51	
Stephenson	Eliza	20	Carrowbanemore	Glin	5178	20.09.51	Since discharged
Sullivan	Daniel	7	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Sullivan	Johanna <sup>55</sup>	7	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	2744	20.09.51	
Sullivan	John	11	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	2742	20.09.51	
Sullivan	Joseph	15	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in workhouse
Sullivan	Margaret	9	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	not in workhouse
Sullivan	Mary	45	Carrowbane	Glin	[2821]	20.09.51	Filed though on outdoor relief
Sullivan	Michael	13	Ballycormick	[wkhouse]		23.09.51	
Sullivan	Michael	9	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale	2743	20.09.51	
Sullivan	Patt	2	Lisready Cripps	Rathkeale		20.09.51	
Toomy	John	15	Ballyhahill	Glin	4374	20.09.51	
Toomy	Patt	16	Ballyhahill	Glin	3042	20.09.51	
Trehy	Biddy	20	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	5397	20.09.51	
Trehy	Catherine	16	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	4700	20.09.51	
Trehy	Mary	40	Knocknabooly E.	Glin	5166	20.09.51	
Wall	Catherine	30	Kimeheer	Rathkeale	3740	undated 2	
Wall	Michael	4	Kimeheer	Rathkeale	3741	undated 2	
Walsh	Edmond	11	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	5335	20.09.51	
Walsh	James	15	Ballyhahill	Rathkeale	2240	20.09.51	
Walsh	Michael	17	Carrowbanebeg	Rathkeale	4614	20.09.51	
Walsh	Pierce	13	Carrowbanebeg	Glin	5334	20.09.51	
Windle	Catherine	10	Ballyhahill	Rathkeale	4454	20.09.51	Since discharged
Windle	Sarah	40	Ballyhahill	Rathkeale	4452	20.09.51	Since discharged
Wright	Hanna	10	Ballynash Bishop	Rathkeale	392	20.09.51	
Wright	James	7	Ballynash Bishop	Rathkeale	393	20.09.51	
Wright	Margaret <sup>56</sup>	45	Ballynash Bishop	Rathkeale	391	20.09.51	

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- 1 Poor Law Unions were divided into District Electoral Divisions (DEDs), each of which returned a member to the Board of Guardians of the Union. Since they have come to be known to many simply as 'electoral divisions', I have used 'ED' as the abbreviation for them.
- 2 The electoral divisions in question and any surviving records are listed in S.C. O'Mahony, *The Poor Law Records of Counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary*, (Supplement to NMAJ, vol. 12 (1979).)
- 3 Internal evidence dates these six sheets to the end of September 1851: that for Ballynash refers to people being released from the workhouse on Friday 19th inst. In 1851, the 19th fell on a Friday in September. It is safe to assume that the lists were compiled and comments added within a period of about one week at the end of September.
- 4 According to a sheet of paper (undated, but written about July 1852) entitled "Statement of Progress of Tenement Valuation" contained in the tin box known as NLI Ms 13413, Griffith's Valuation for Shanid Barony was printed without revision on 25 May 1852. Since the published valuation invited suggestions for a revision, Montague prepared several, but they would appear to have got no further than the tin box. They were dated 14 August 1852.
- 5 The 'stray sheet' for Loughill notes that she was an orphan.
- 6 The 'stray sheet' for Loughill lists only two Barretts. According to Ms 582, the only Barrett household in Loughill townland was that of William Barrett, labourer, seven in household. So, these lists provide all five of his children. The fact that most of them were not mentioned in the stray sheet suggests they too had left the workhouse.
- 7 In 1846, Pat was a labourer with a household of seven. Absent from GV.
- 8 Bridget was most likely the wife of the Michael Collins who appeared in Mt David in the 1846 'census'; the church records show that there was only one such family. As they had no more children in the parish after 1845, perhaps Michael had died in the meantime.
- 9 Curiously, the family names of the five 'Kimeheer' inmates - Connell, Corbett, Cunningham, and Wall - did not appear in that townland in 1846!
- 10 A note in the 'stray sheet' for Loughill says 'now in America'. Judging by the low registration number, Daniel had spent several years in the workhouse; usually a sign that he was an orphan.
- 11 The 'stray sheet' for Ballynash suggests her name was Julia Connor. Ms 582 shows no Conway and two Connors households: the Widow [Ellen] Connors, with 6, and Patt Connors, labourer, also with six in household.
- 12 This could be the family of either John, Peter or Tim Corden, Corridan or Corydon, labourers.
- 13 Probably a son of Thomas Davis, boatman, who in 1846 had a household of 7 in Loughill. George himself had a house in the village in 1852 (GV).
- 14 In the 1846 survey John, labourer, had a household of six. Not in GV.
- 15 The 'stray sheet' for Loughill notes that these two were orphans.
- 16 James and Mary would appear to be children of John Farrell, who was a labourer with seven in household in 1846. The comment for both was: "husband [i.e. father] transported; there are children; mother out."
- 17 GV places him with a house outside the village in 1852.
- 18 The Ms we call 'undated 2' specifies that the infant was 3 days old.
- 19 The author of the 'stray sheet' for Carrowbane did not know Eliza, so perhaps she did not return.
- 20 This man appears in Ms 582 as John 'Hynes', a labourer with nine in household. Here we have eight of the nine.
- 21 While neither Ms 582 nor GV mention the Joynts, Mary and her daughter are easily identifiable. She was Mary Shaughnessy, wife of John Joynt. They went to Melbourne in 1854 with their two daughters, Mary and Anne. (See, *Poverty to Promise*, 204). Mary Joynt's age in 1851 was 45; by 1854 it was 42!!
- 22 She lived alone (Ms 582) and had no land (GV).
- 23 The only Kinnane in Loughill townland in 1846 was Pat, a labourer; so these are probably his wife and daughter.
- 24 Possibly the children of Michael, the only Kinnerk in Ballycormick in 1846.
- 25 The 'stray sheet' for Carrowbane notes that they had come out of the workhouse but recently gone in again.
- 26 Probably the son of John Lynch who Ms 582 shows as labourer, with eight in household.
- 27 One of the few names proper to List 1, it received the comment 'not known' from the compiler of the loose sheet for Loughill.
- 28 Husband John, labourer, with nine in household in 1846. He had a house and garden in GV.
- 29 The 'stray sheet' for Loughill mentions only two of the McGraths - Catherine and Biddy - and comments: 'Not in the house. One in America with her father and the other living with a friend'. Ms 582 has three McGrath households - James, Michael and Peter - to choose from. Peter was too old - his 22 year old son Daniel having emigrated in 1838. It could be either of the other two, who both had large families. None of the three made it to Griffith's Valuation in 1852.
- 30 The remaining McGraths seem to be a different family. The 'stray sheet' for Lisready simply notes of all of them: 'deserted'. See note 33 below about Poor Law officialdom's use of this word.
- 31 Mary had a house in Carrowbanemore in 1852 (GV).
- 32 Catherine and her brother Michael had left the townland, according to the same 'stray sheet'.
- 33 The three McMahan children from Loughill townland - Honora, James and Thomas - are noted in the relevant 'stray sheet' as having been 'deserted by father' and still in the workhouse. This was the usual way in which poor law officialdom regarded fathers who went away - usually to America - to find work, and meanwhile deposited the younger children in the workhouse. Deserting their wives and children and breaking up the family is how they were portrayed. No doubt there were some such cases, but we know of literally hundreds of cases where they duly brought out said families as soon as they had earned enough to do so.
- 34 Ellen and her daughter Mary were released 'on 18 last'. Ms 582 records only one McNamara household in this townland: that of Patrick, labourer, with six in household, which included his married son John. Neither father nor son was there in 1852 (GV).
- 35 List 1 calls her Ellen (same age and number).
- 36 Maurice appears in Ms 582 as a labourer with six people in household. His absence from GV suggests that he left the area when he left the workhouse.
- 37 The relevant 'stray sheet' notes that he was not known in Carrowbane.
- 38 The only Nash family in Doonskerdeen in 1846 was that of John, a labourer with seven in household. In poor law parlance, an orphan was not necessarily a person whose parents were both dead; one was enough.
- 39 Probably the Michael N., labourer, who had a household of six in 1846.
- 40 Ellen would appear to be the wife/widow of Pat Nestor, tailor. There were just the two of them in 1846, so one feels that she may have been recently widowed.
- 41 Left the workhouse about the end of September, but only to go to hospital.
- 42 Noted by the 'stray sheet' to be in hospital. In 1846 he was a labourer with six in household. He was back to his house, and garden in 1852 (GV).
- 43 Left workhouse 18th inst, with children Thomas 8, Mary 12, Denis 11, Catherine 9 ('stray sheet' for Ballynash). None of the lists mentions Denis or Catherine. There was no O'Brien household in Ballynash in 1846, but Anne had a house there in 1852 (GV).
- 44 Her address in List 3 was Loughill, corrected in the 'remarks' column to Knocknabooly E. List 1 gives Ballynash.
- 45 In 1846, Connor was a labourer with a household of six people. He had a house in GV.
- 46 The relevant 'stray sheet' notes the recent release from the workhouse of Maurice and his two children, and the fact that he was a smith. GV confirms his presence in Loughill village in 1852, with a house and garden.
- 47 These three children were most likely the children of William Leary, Lisready, the only Leary householder in the whole Ms 582 survey. Their address varied from Knocknabooly East in List 3 to Loughill in the relevant 'stray page'. It is worth noting that the family names of none of the people in the twenty entries for this townland appear there in GV.
- 48 Bridget, 54, and her two sons Henry, 13, and Michael, 10, spent some time in Glin workhouse in September 1851, but she was back in residence in time for Griffith's Valuation a few months later. She was not there in 1846.
- 49 The Ballyhahill Neills were more than likely children of Hugh, a shoemaker with a household of six there in 1846. As there was no Neill household in Knocknabooly E. in 1846, and as the numbers in the workhouse register are almost consecutive for Neills with both addresses, they may possibly have been the same family.
- 50 The 'stray sheet' for Lisready claimed Edmond was in Ballyroe.
- 51 Name crossed out in List 3, where his address was Loughill, but included in List 1 as of Cappa, i.e. Mt Trenchard.
- 52 GV places Margaret just outside the village, with 'house and garden'.
- 53 Probably the wife of Pat Sheahan, labourer, who had a household of nine in 1846.
- 54 The relevant 'stray sheet' confirms that she was a widow.
- 55 Of the three Sullivan children (no.s 2742-44) the 'stray sheet' has only one word to say: 'deserted'. It is not possible to say which of the three Sullivan households in Lisready Cripps they belonged to, but the Sullivans of that townland had family in Canada (See *WLFA*, 207) and Australia (See *Poverty to Promise*, 151-155); so there could have been a bit of apparent deserting going on.
- 56 Margaret Wright (nee) Lacy was the widow of John who was a small farmer in Ballynash Clare in 1830 (Tithe Applotment Book). Their daughter Bridget married John Sheehy (apparently also of Ballynash) in 1854. They would appear to have emigrated to Melbourne a few years later, with Bridget's sister Mary and her aunt Mary Lacy (See *Poverty to Promise*, 165-166). A note in the 'stray sheet' for Ballynash suggests that Margaret and her children never returned to Ballynash.