

THE REGISTERS OF
TESSARAGH PARISH CHURCH
MARRIAGES 1847-1930

TRANSCRIBED AND INDEXED

Diocese of Elphin

County of Roscommon

The Anglican Record Project - the transcription and indexing of Registers and other documents/sources of genealogical interest of Anglican Parishes in the British Isles.

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CHURCH (County, Diocese)	BAPTISMS	MARRIAGES	BURIALS
Longcross, Christ Church (Surrey, Guildford) [Aug 91]	1847-1990	1847-1990	1847-1990
	Superseded by 29 th volume		
Kilgarvan, St Peter's Church (Kerry, Ardfert & Aghadoe) [Mar 92]	1811-1850	1812-1947	1819-1850 1878-1960
Fermoy Garrison Church (Cork, Cloyne) [Jul 93]	1920-1922		
Barragh, St Paul's Church (Carlow, Ferns) [Apr 94]	1799-1805 1831-1879	1799-1805 1830-1844	1799-1805 1838-1878
Newtownbarry, St Mary's Church (Wexford, Ferns) [Oct 97]	1799-1903	1799-1903	1799-1903
Affpuddle, St Laurence's Church (Dorset, Salisbury) [Nov 97]	1728-1850	1731-1850	1722-1850
Barragh, St Paul's Church (Carlow, Ferns) [Jul 95]		1845-1903	
Kenmare, St Patrick's Church (Kerry, Ardfert & Aghadoe) [Sep 95]		1819-1950	
Clonegal, St Fiaac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [May 96]	1792-1831	1792-1831	1792-1831
Clonegal, St Fiaac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [Jul 96]	1831-1903		
Kilsaran, St Mary's Church (Louth, Armagh) [Sep 96]	1818-1840	1818-1844	1818-1900
Clonegal, St Fiaac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) [Feb 97]		1831-1906	

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JUBILATE DEO
(Psalm 100)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

From the Order for Morning Prayer, The Book of Common Prayer (Church of Ireland)

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Clonegal, St Fiac's Church (Carlow/Wexford/Wicklow, Ferns) <i>[Oct 96]</i>			1832-1903
Cloghran Parish Church (Dublin, Dublin) <i>[Feb 97]</i>	1782-1864	1738 1782-1839	1732-1864
Kilrush, St Brigid's Church (Wexford, Ferns) <i>[Feb 97]</i>	1878-1903	1845-1903	1878-1903
Templeshanbo, St Colman's Church (Wexford, Ferns) <i>[Mar 97]</i>		1800-1814	
Stabannon Parish Church (Louth, Armagh) <i>[Dec 97]</i>	1688-1750 1765 1782-1847	1698-1754 1778-1844	1698-1751 1782-1864
Dromiskin Parish Church and Manfieldstown Parish Church (Louth, Armagh) <i>[Feb 98]</i>	1791-1839 1824-1856	1805-1903 1824-1850	1802-1907 1838-1884
Stabannon Parish Church (Louth, Armagh) <i>[Dec 98]</i>		1845-1876	1865-1907
Buttevant Garrison Church (Cork, Cloyne) <i>[Dec 98]</i>	1917-1922		
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) <i>[Feb 03]</i>	1666-1779	1666-1777	1666-1779
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) <i>[Dec 99]</i>	1777-1819	1777-1819	1777-1819
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) <i>[Aug 00]</i>	1819-1840	1819-1840	1819-1840
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) <i>[Oct 01]</i>	1840-1865	1840-1865	1840-1865
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) <i>[Oct 02]</i>	1866-1900	1866-1900	1866-1900
Newtownbarry Union Index: Newtownbarry, St Mary's Church Barragh, St Paul's Church Clonegal, St Fiac's Church Kilrush, St Brigid's Church <i>[Oct 01]</i>	1799-1903 1799-1805 1831-1879 1792-1903 1878-1903	1799-1903 1799-1805 1830-1903 1792-1906 1845-1903	1799-1903 1799-1805 1838-1878 1792-1903 1878-1903
Delgany Index <i>[Sep 06]</i>	1666-1900	1666-1900	1666-1900
Delgany, Christ Church (Wicklow, Glendalough) <i>[Apr 12]</i>	1901-2000	1901-2000	1901-2000
Longcross, Christ Church (Surrey, Guildford) <i>[Aug 10]</i>	1847-2003	1848-2003	1848-2003
Derryloran Parish Church (Tyrone/Londonderry, Armagh) <i>[Mar 13]</i>	1796-1842		
Ewshot, St Mary's Church (Hampshire, Guildford) <i>[Aug 13]</i>			1886-2013

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Derryloran Parish Church (Tyrone/Londonderry, Armagh) [Sep 13]	1843-1896		
Kilgobbin/Kilternan Parish Church (Dublin, Dublin) [Nov 14]	1817-1900	1817-1900	1817-1900
Kilternan Parish Church (Dublin, Dublin) [Sep 17]	1901-2000	1901-2000	1901-2000
Strokestown, St John's Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Jul 17]	1811-1971	1811-1919	1811-1985
Kilglass Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Sep 17]	1822-1842	1823-1880	1825-1842 1883
Derryloran Parish Church (Tyrone/Londonderry, Armagh) [Jun 18]		1797-1845	1797-1879
Aughrim Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Sep 18]	1879-1890 1926-1930	1885-1910	
Kilmore Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin>Ardagh) [Dec 18]	1886-1890 1898-1977	1845-1952 1973	
Ballymascanlan, St Mary's Church (Louth, Armagh) [Dec 18]	1801-1844	1805-1816	
Eastersnow Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Nov 19]	1800-1902	1803-1877	1807-1886
Ardclare, St George's Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Jul 20]	1880-1900	1860-1919	
Castlemore Parish Church (Mayo>Roscommon, Achonry) [Jul 20]	1890-1911	1847-1908	
Fuerty Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Jul 20]		1847-1873	
Tessaragh Parish Church (Roscommon, Elphin) [Jul 20]		1847-1930	

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INTRODUCTION

Having worked on a number of projects in Co Roscommon, I attempted to produce a 'family tree' of the Anglican parishes in the county in order to understand how they had been progressively gathered into larger groups since the late nineteenth century. Using the standard reference works, I was unable to find or deduce a satisfactory answer for a number of parishes and decided to investigate further. That piece of work is nearly complete, but publication will have to wait until the current restrictions are eased and final checking in record repositories and on the ground is allowed.

Whilst researching that topic, I also decided to transcribe all surviving registers of all the Anglican parishes in the county. I started with some of the smaller parishes and this is the fourth.

The following points should be borne in mind when using the transcript:

Dates All dates have been standardised as follows; day in numbers, month in three letters (abbreviated as necessary), year.

Index The index lists in alphabetical order all persons who were recorded as married at Tassaragh over the period 1847-1930.

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SOURCES

A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland - Samuel Lewis (London 1837, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company 1984 and 1985)

The Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland - A Fullerton (Dublin, London and Edinburgh 1846, available on Archive CD Books Ireland)

MS 139 (four volumes of church drawings by Joseph Welland, 1798-1860) Volume 1 page 59 (held at the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin)

A Guide to Irish Churches and Graveyards - Brian Mitchell (ed) (Genealogical Publishing Company 1990)

Clergy of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (KEA) - Canon J B Leslie and Canon D W T Crooks (Ulster Historical Foundation and the Diocesan Council of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh 2008)

The List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers (Representative Church Body Library website 2020)

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Society of Genealogists, London

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

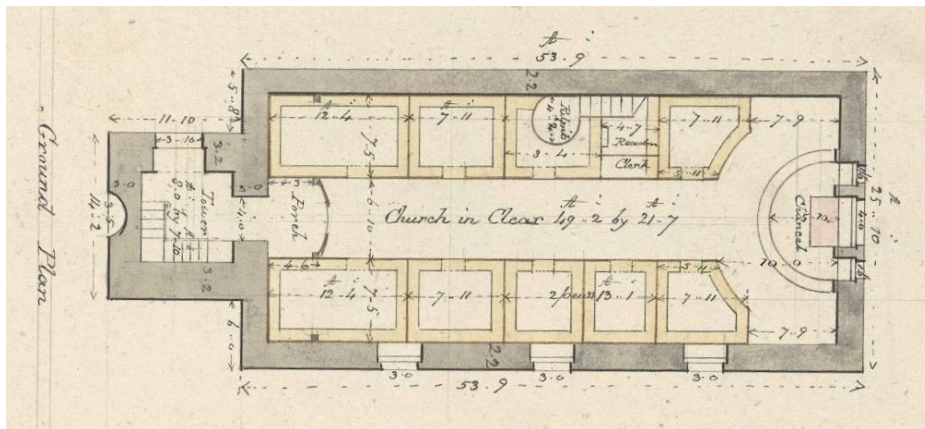
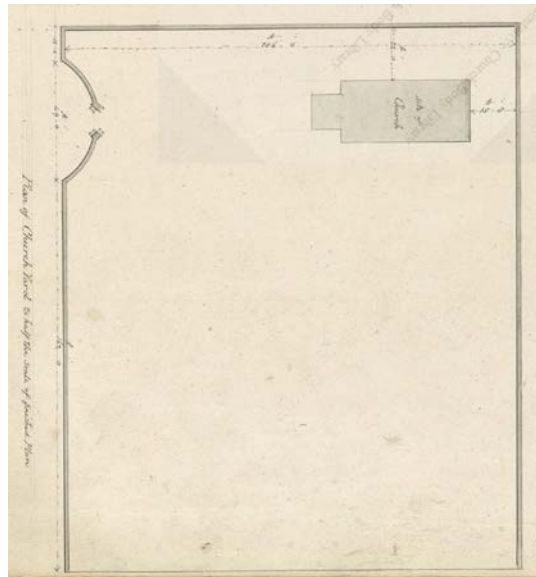
B	Bachelor	Bn	Banns of Marriage
f	of full age	L	Marriage Licence
P/	Parish of	S	Spinster
U/	Union of	W	Widow/er

Incumbents' initials are to be found on page v.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH

Tessaragh (sometimes Tisrara, also referred to Mount Talbot) is an ancient parish of just under 8,500 acres in the south-west of Co Roscommon, where the River Suck forms the western boundary with Co Galway. It is crossed by the roads from Roscommon to Ballinasloe and to Galway. Tessaragh was a benefice in the Diocese of Elphin and included Disert and Taghboy, from 1811 according to Lewis.

Tessaragh Church was described by Lewis as '*a plain neat Gothic building, erected in 1766 at an expense of £415, a gift from the late Board of First Fruits; the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £390 for its repair*'. Fullerton confirmed the date and cost, added that it had been funded partly by private subscription, and noted a seating capacity of 200. In the list in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* of 17 March 1888, there are two possible consecration dates: 12 September 1779 for Tisrara and 17 November 1788 for Mount Talbot. The churchyard and church plans (by Joseph Welland) below date from about 1850 (a small gallery over the west end is not shown).



Tessaragh Church was closed in about 1975, according to *Clergy KEA*, or 1965, according to the Co Roscommon Graveyards website. There are photographs of the church in *Clergy KEA* (but under Athleague/Mount Talbot on p 153, not under Tessaragh on p 226) and on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage website (under Reg No 31819007).

Tessaragh was united to Athleague in 1873 and then Athleague (with Tessaragh) was united to Killyon with Castleblakeney in 1924 and subsequently to the Roscommon Group of Parishes in 1941.

MINISTERS' INITIALS

VICARS OF TESSARAGH

1615	Henry Dodwell	
1633	Richard Thorpe	
1666-1671	Thomas Ecclestone	
1671-1685	Leonard Hodson	
1685	Stephen Handcock	
1685-1718	Fielding Shaw	
1718	William Digby	
1783	William McLaughlin	
1811-1834	Henry Marcus Crofton	
1817	John Maxwell	
1834	Charles Dunn	
1839-1841	Robert Cadge	
1841-1873	William McClelland	WMC

CURATES OF TESSARAGH

1730	Lewis Hawkes	
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VICARS OF ATHLEAGUE WITH TESSARAGH

1873-1909	William Bourke Wright (Vicar of Athleague from 1871)	WBW
1909-1919	John Richard Gahagan	JRG
1919-1922	Leopold Andrew Pakenham Walsh Hunter (C-in-c)	LH
1924-1928	John Harpur McCormick (Vicar of Killyon and Castleblakeney from 1918)	JHM

VICARS OF KILLYON, CASTLBLAKENEY AND ATHLEAGUE WITH TESSARAGH

1929-1931	Richard Hans de Brabant Cooke	RHC
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OTHER CLERGY

The following clergy also appear in the Tassaragh registers. They are identified here, in chronological order, for completeness. To differentiate them from the parochial clergy, their initials are shown in *italics* in this transcript.

Entries	Name & Appointment when making entries	
1847	Peter Browne - Rector of Ahascragh (Elph, transferred to Clonf 1870) 1845-1880	<i>PB</i>
1852	Andrew Robinson - Vicar of Athleague and Kilbegnet (Elph) 1847-1861	<i>AR</i>
1854	John Allman Burke - Curate of Killyon (Elph) 1852-1863	<i>JAB</i>

DETAILS OF THE REGISTERS

This transcript is based on the following registers.

Marriage Registers

The only one is a marriage register (P0729.03.1) containing:

Marriages 1847-1930 (26 entries)

MARRIAGE NO	MIN'R	NAMES	AGE & STAT	OCCUPATIONS	ABODES	FATHERS' NAMES & OCCUPATIONS	WITNESSES	
11 Aug 1847		John Summerfield HAWKINS	f B	Captain Royal Engineers	Ballygar	John HAWKINS	Lieutenant Royal Navy	John Mahon Charles Tilgate
No 1	L PB	Leonora Mary KELLY	f S	-	Castlekelly	D H KELLY	Gentleman DL & JP	
21 May 1848		Stephen PEARSON x	f B	Private 40 th Regt	Ballygar Co Galway	Thomas PEARSON	Labourer	Thomas Clarke Robert Little
No 2	L WMc	Mary WALKER x	f S	-	Do	Arthur WALKER	Farmer	
3 Feb 1851		Thos FINNEGAN x	57 W	Pensioner	Ballygar U/Killyon Co Galway	James FINNEGAN	Soldier	C G Kirkwood Robert Little
No 3	Bn WMc	Marg't PITZLAR x	54 W	Dealer	Do	John FINNERTY	Labourer	
20 Feb 1851		Edward Jonathan HEAD	26 B	Paymaster 89 th Regt	Bushy Park	John HEAD	Dean of Killaloe	Michael Head John Barlow
No 4	L WMc	Hannah CORRIGAN	21 S	-	Do	John CORRIGAN	Captain 3 rd Bufs	
10 Nov 1851		Robert WALKER	26 B	Labourer	Boherbee P/Tessaragh	Arthur WALKER	Farmer	Thomas Clarke Robert Little
No 5	Bn WMc	Marg't QUEENY	30 S	-	Do	Michael QUEENY	Labourer	
11 Aug 1852		William MCCLELLAND	f B	Vicar of Mt Talbot	Vicarage Mt Talbot	Frederick MCCLELLAND	Merchant	D H Kelly John Mahon
No 6	L AR	Sophia BARLIE	f S	-	Thornfield Co Galway	Robert BARLIE	Do	
22 Dec 1852		Robert WHITESIDE	21 B	Farmer	Ballygar Co Galway	Richard WHITESIDE	Farmer	Wm ? Edward Dimond
No 7	L WMc	Fanny REYNICK	19 S	-	Do	William REYNICK	Pensioner	
8 May 1854		James KIERNAN	f B	Sub Constable Police	Ballygar	William KIERNAN	Farmer	William Armstrong
No 8	L JAB	Clarinda MCKENZIE	18 S	-	Ballygar	Alexander MCKENZIE	Farmer	Robert Little

MARRIAGE NO	MIN'R	NAMES	AGE & STAT	OCCUPATIONS	ABODES	FATHERS' NAMES & OCCUPATIONS	WITNESSES
30 Aug 1855		George ALEXANDER	f B	Farmer	Racepark Ballymurry	Thomas ALEXANDER Farmer	William Lally Edward Little
No 9	L WMc	Anne LITTLE	f S	-	Mt Talbot	Robert LITTLE Pensioner From Police	
18 Apr 1856		John KELLY	f W	Gentleman	Ballyforan	John KELLY Gentleman	Rich'd J Meacle?
No 10	L WMc	Thomasina EYRE	f S	-	Charlestown Co Galway	John EYRE Captain Galway Militia	Thomas Clarke
22 Dec 1856		Thomas John PENNEFATHER	29 B	Esq	Marlow Co Tipperary	Edward PENNEFATHER Esq	D H Kelly, Castle Kelly
No 11	L WMc	Catherine Jane LLOYD	21 S	-	Mucklon Co Galway	-	Thomas Kelly Mahon, Thornfield
6 May 1861		William HEANEY	60 W	Pensioner	Cloghare P/Tessaragh	Michael HEANEY Pensioner	John Morris William Shaw
No 12	Bn WMc	Mary FEENY	50 W	Dealer	Do	Pat KELLY Farmer	
12 Feb 1866		Charles BURKE	24 B	Farmer	Castleffrench	William BURKE Farmer	Daniel Churcher
No 13	L WMc	Rosanna BAYLY	21 S	-	Cloonagh	John BAYLY Do	John Bayly
6 May 1869		William PEARD	30 B	Farmer	Mt Talbot	Robert PEARD Farmer	S W Lee
No 14	L WMc	Margaret MCMULLIN	20 S	-	Arraghty Grange P/Athleague	John MCMULLIN Clerk of Julianstown Church	Thos McNee
12 Aug 1869		Frederick Alexander MERRYWEATHER	23 B	Architect	Rochdale	Frederick Alexander MERRYWEATHER Captain in Merchant Service	Thomas James Walker William Shaw
No 15	L WMc	Frances Alice HOWARTH	18 S	-	Mucklon P/Taughboy Co Galway	John HOWARTH	

MARRIAGE NO	MIN'R	NAMES	AGE & STAT	OCCUPATIONS	ABODES	FATHERS' NAMES & OCCUPATIONS	WITNESSES
30 May 1878 No 16 L WBW	Thomas WALKER Eliza Rachel CORNWALL	f B f S	Farmer -	Cloncannon Arrabeg	Ralph WALKER Matthew CORNWALL	Farmer Farmer	Rachel Walker W English
29 Sep 1890 No 17 L WBW	Samuel Thomas SHAW Esther CLEELAND	f B f S	Petty Sessions Clerk -	Mt Talbot Mt Talbot	William SHAW George CLEELAND	Police Pensioner Police Pensioner	John English Esther Cleeland
27 Jun 1894 No 18 L WBW	William Robert HAWKSHAW Catherine ENGLISH	27 B 21 S	Farmer -	Castlebar Mount Talbot	Henry HAWKSHAW William ENGLISH	Farmer Steward	W English John Clumpett
15 Jan 1897 No 19 L WBW	Caston Robert FULCHER Margaret PEARD	f B 18 S	Farmer -	Ballygar Mount Talbot	William FULCHER William PEARD	Farmer Gamekeeper	S T Shaw William Peard
16 May 1900 No 20 L WBW	Thomas ROGERSON Frances GODKIN	f B f W	Pensioner -	Ballyforan Ballyforan	Patrick ROGERSON John BURKE	Farmer Farmer	Benjamin Godkin Mary Bourke Wright
13 Jan 1904 No 21 Bn WBW	Herbert William SHARMAN Jane Emma BELL	f W 20 S	Gardener -	Mount Talbot Mount Talbot	Herbert William SHARMAN William John BELL	Carpenter Stevadore [sic]	Elizabeth Clarke Rose Divall
21 Jun 1905 No 22 L WBW	John RUTHERFORD Elizabeth Delia FFRENCH	f B f S	Clergyman -	Strabane Bushy Park Mount Talbot	John RUTHERFORD William FFRENCH	Merchant Gentleman	Thos Ffrench J M Ffrench
23 Sep 1909 No 23 L JRG	Herbert Lesil KNEE Mary SHERLOCK	f B f S	Gamekeeper -	Mount Talbot Mount Talbot	Frederick KNEE Thomas SHERLOCK	Rabbit Merchant -	Annie Margaret Griffith Wm C Leamar

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5	Aug 1921	Frank HAYNES	24 B	Serjeant 1 st Lesters [sic]	Mount Talbot	W W HAYNES Book Operator	John Tanham Mary Farrar
No 24	L JMc	Annie THAKERBERRY ¹	23 S	-	Mount Talbot	-	-
5	Jan 1922	Robert SHAW	22 B	Private 1 st Batt Leicester Regt	Mount Talbot	Henry SHAW Dealer	John Derbyshire Edie Bridget Leckie
No 25	L LAH	Margaret LECKIE	19 S	Housemaid	Mount Talbot	Robert LECKIE Builder	
23	Dec 1930	Samuel Frederick SHAW	26 B	Labourer	Mount Talbot	Samuel Thomas SHAW Pensioner	Esther Shaw Henry English
No 26	L RHC	Nora MONTGOMERY	f S	Maid	Corrabeg Athleague	James MONTGOMERY Policeman	

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¹ Signed 'THACKERBERRY'.

² Note says 'This Register contains no further entries'.

NAME	MARRIAGE
ALEXANDER, George	30 Aug 1855
BARLIE, Sophia	11 Aug 1852
BAYLY, Rosanna	12 Feb 1866
BELL, Jane Emma	13 Jan 1904
BURKE, Charles	12 Feb 1866
CLEELAND, Esther	29 Sep 1890
CORNWALL, Eliza Rachel	30 May 1878
CORRIGAN, Hannah	20 Feb 1851
ENGLISH, Catherine	27 Jun 1894
EYRE, Thomasina	18 Apr 1856
FEENY, Mary	6 May 1861
FFRENCH, Elizabeth Delia	21 Jun 1905
FINNEGAN, Thos	3 Feb 1851
FULCHER, Caston Robert	15 Jan 1897
GODKIN, Frances	16 May 1900
HAWKINS, John Summerfield	11 Aug 1847
HAWKSHAW, William Robert	27 Jun 1894
HAYNES, Frank	5 Aug 1921
HEAD, Edward Jonathan	20 Feb 1851
HEANEY, William	6 May 1861
HOWARTH, Frances Alice	12 Aug 1869
KELLY, John	18 Apr 1856
KELLY, Leonora Mary	11 Aug 1847
KIERNAN, James	8 May 1854
KNEE, Herbert Lesil	23 Sep 1909
LECKIE, Margaret	5 Jan 1922
LITTLE, Anne	30 Aug 1855
LLOYD, Catherine Jane	22 Dec 1856
MCCLELLAND, William	11 Aug 1852
MCKENZIE, Clarinda	8 May 1854
MCMULLIN, Margaret	6 May 1869
MERRYWEATHER, Frederick Alex*	12 Aug 1869
MONTGOMERY, Nora	23 Dec 1930
PEARD, Margaret	15 Jan 1897
PEARD, William	6 May 1869
PEARSON, Stephen	21 May 1848
PENNEFATHER, Thomas John	22 Dec 1856
PITZLAR, Marg't	3 Feb 1851
QUEENY, Marg't	10 Nov 1851
REYNICK, Fanny	22 Dec 1852
ROGERSON, Thomas	16 May 1900
RUTHERFORD, John	21 Jun 1905
SHARMAN, Herbert William	13 Jan 1904
SHAW, Robert	5 Jan 1922
SHAW, Samuel Frederick	23 Dec 1930
SHAW, Samuel Thomas	29 Sep 1890
SHERLOCK, Mary	23 Sep 1909
THAKERBERRY, Annie ¹	5 Aug 1921
WALKER, Mary	21 May 1848
WALKER, Robert	10 Nov 1851
WALKER, Thomas	30 May 1878

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NAME	MARRIAGE
WHITESIDE, Robert	22 Dec 1852

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