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A stone dwelling with thatched roof in Binghamstown, Co Mayo.

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The following family history document initially details information of the maternal line of the Smith family tree, namely, the [REDACTED] originally of Mayo. It then focuses on the Farmer side of the maternal family line and traces this back to Ireland. The document explores, briefly, the paternal side of the family by focusing on Hugh McShane.

This research was initially commissioned by [REDACTED] before being renewed in October 2021.

This family history document shows that the maternal family had roots in Pollokshaws but prior to this, the [REDACTED] were based in Binghamstown, a small rural village in the town of Belmullet, Co. Mayo. This is one of the more rural and most westerly points of Ireland. The Gaelic speaking family migrated to Glasgow sometime between 1901 and 1911 (no definitive date as no records of Irish citizens to UK mainland were ever kept) before settling in Pollokshaws and, later, the Gorbals. The [REDACTED] also of the maternal side, where originally from Co. Monaghan before migrating to the Lanarkshire iron and steel areas. They eventually drifted further inward to the east end of Glasgow, namely in Camlachie, before moving to the Gorbals for a time. This research has been able to trace these family roots to specific parish locations in Ireland in the early to mid 19thC.

The paternal line, although brief, does reveal the specific information surrounding the identity and death of [REDACTED] and has relied upon archival retrieval and official documentation to substantiate its findings.

Family Names at a Glance

Great, Great, Great Grandparent

John [REDACTED]: 1825 - 1840c)

Great, Great Grandparents

James 'Jamie' [REDACTED] 1851 - d: 1901 - 1915) married to **M** [REDACTED] (b: 1856 - d:?)

Great Grandparents Generation

John [REDACTED]: 1882)

Mary [REDACTED]: 1884)

Michael [REDACTED] b:1886)

Anne [REDACTED]: 1888)

Margaret [REDACTED]: 1891)

James [REDACTED]: 1893 - 1973: direct descendant) married to Sarah Margaret [REDACTED] (nee McCrossan)

Catherine [REDACTED]: 1895)

Grandparents Generation

Albert [REDACTED] b:1916 - 1990) married to Anna F [REDACTED] (nee Farmer)

Parents Generation

Patricia [REDACTED]: 1944 -) married F [REDACTED] in 1964.

3x great grandfather

Joh [REDACTED] (1825-40c – deceased by 1881)

2x great grandparents' generation

James [REDACTED] (1851 - deceased by 1915) and Mary [REDACTED] 1856 -)

Jan [REDACTED] married Mary [REDACTED] note that this is recorded as Kane on later Scottish records - a common error made by many a Scottish registrar when listening to the Irish voice, in this case, of her son on his wedding day). James and Mary married on the 29th August, 1881, in Co. Mayo. As the registration notes, they married in the Binghamstown RC chapel in Bellmullet.

1881. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Binghamstown in the Registrar's District of Binghamstown
in the Union of Bellmullet in the County of Mayo

No. (1)	When Married. (2)	Name and Surname. (3)	Age. (4)	Condition. (5)	Rank or Profession. (6)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7)	Father's Name and Surname. (8)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9)
89	29 th August 1881	James [REDACTED] Mary [REDACTED]	Full do	Married Spinster	Farmer —	Emlybeg Croft	John Kane (decd.) Darby Kane (living)	Farmer do.

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Binghamstown according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me,
Michael Munnally P.P. Bellmullet

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { James X Kane } Witnesses { John X Kane } in the Presence of us, { John X Kane } Witnesses { John X Kane }
{ Mary X Kane } { John X Kane } { John X Kane } { John X Kane }

I, John Nolan Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the District of Binghamstown in the Union of Bellmullet the County of Mayo, do hereby Certify, That this is a true copy of the Registrar's Book of Marriages within the said District from the Entry of the Marriage of James Kane and Mary Kane Number 86, to the Entry of the Marriage of James Kane and Mary Kane Number 89

Witness my hand, this 11th day of October 1881

John Nolan Deputy Registrar

Note that their age is marked as 'full' which tells us they were aged 21 or over. It also tells us that James [REDACTED] father was John, who was deceased, and Mary's was Darby, who was still alive - both of them were farmers.

They had 7 children in total, all born within Emlybeg, Bellmullet, Co. Mayo. (see pages 4/5)

Bellmullet was one of the rural parts of western Ireland which became a venue for the *Monster Meetings* of the Land League. These meetings were so called because of the thousands of people who would attend them.

'A monster meeting was held on a plain...in Co. Mayo on Sunday April 20th 1879. It was estimated there was present fifteen to twenty thousand people and it included nearly all the farmers of the counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon'

(A. M. Sullivan, 'Story of Ireland', 1900)

<https://www.libraryireland.com/Atlas/XCI-Land-League.php>

It is very likely that the [REDACTED] family were among the multitude who attended these meetings and just as likely that they participated as Land League activists. This would have meant they would have been active in rent strikes against absentee landlords or their factors who would attempt to collect the rent. They would also be active in forming their own, or at the very least be in attendance at, local Land League meetings. Michael Davitt, a regular visitor to Glasgow and Celtic Park in particular, was undoubtedly one of the most famous people associated with the Land League movement and he was in regular attendance at the aforementioned monster meetings prior to his arrest by the British state in Ireland.

Great grandparents generation

John [REDACTED] was born on the 30th October, 1882.

114	30 th Oct 1882 John Caulfield	Male	James Greave Caulfield	Mary Greave formerly Keane	James Caulfield	his James Greave Mark Father Caulfield	30 th Oct 1882 John A Volau Assistant Registrar.
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Mary [REDACTED] was born on the 17th October, 1884

407	17 th Oct 1884 Mary Caulfield	Female	James Greave Caulfield	Mary Greave formerly Keane	James Caulfield	his James Greave Mark Father Caulfield	17 th Oct 1884 John A Volau Assistant Registrar.
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Michael [REDACTED] was born on the 14th July, 1886.

148	14 th July 1886 Michael Caulfield	Male	James Greave Caulfield	Mary Greave formerly Keane	James Caulfield	his James Greave Mark Father Caulfield	14 th July 1886 John A Volau Assistant Registrar.
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Ann [REDACTED] was born on the 1st December, 1888.

499	1 st Dec 1888 Ann Caulfield	Female	James Greave Caulfield	Mary Greave formerly Keane	James Caulfield	his James Greave Mark Father Caulfield	1 st Dec 1888 John A Volau Assistant Registrar.
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Margar [REDACTED] was born on the 18th June, 1891.

366	18 th June 1891 Margar Caulfield	Female	James Greave Caulfield	Mary Greave formerly Keane	James Caulfield	his James Greave Mark Father Caulfield	18 th June 1891 John A Volau Assistant Registrar.
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James [redacted] was born on the 1st July, 1893 (direct descendant - see pages 7 and 8)

1893	135	July	Male	James	Mary	James & Mary	Twenty	William
		1st		Emlybeg	Emlybeg	Emlybeg	July	Emlybeg
					formerly		1893	Emlybeg
								Emlybeg
1893								Emlybeg

Catherine [redacted] was born on the 20th December, 1895

1895	433	December	Female	Catherine	Mary	James & Mary	Twenty	William
		20th		Emlybeg	Emlybeg	Emlybeg	1895	Emlybeg
					formerly			Emlybeg
								Emlybeg
								Emlybeg

The family were also found amongst the 1901 Census as is detailed below. The official address returned in the census data was House 7, in Emlybeg South, Binghamstown North in Co. Mayo.

It also tells us that James and his wife Mary were native Irish speakers. It would be reasonable to assume that Irish would be the primary language of all of the children in the household given the area being located in the Gaeltacht region and their parents' proficiency with the language.

As has been documented previously, James is considered illiterate whilst some of the school aged children - and older ones - are either literate or partially literate. The 'House and Building Return Form' indicated that the [redacted] household was a brick/stone built dwelling with a thatched roof and the 9 person household had 2 rooms or more. It also had two windows. The form over the page shows a list of names of their neighbours and another John [redacted] is noted. All families within this part of Emlybeg were native Irish speakers and all were Roman Catholic.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.

(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A.

No. on Form B. 7

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

NAME AND SURNAME.	RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic.
James	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	50	M	Farmer	Married	Co. Mayo	Irish and English	
Mary	Wife	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	45	F	Farmer's Wife	Married	Co. Mayo	Irish and English	
John	Son	Roman Catholic	Read and Write	17	M	Farmer's Son	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		
Mary	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	15	F	Farmer's Daughter	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		
Michael	Son	Roman Catholic	Read and Write	13	M	Farmer's Son	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		
Ann	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read and Write	11	F	Scholar	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		
Maggie	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read	9	F	Scholar	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		
James	Son	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	7	M	Farmer's Son	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		
Catherine	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	5	F	Farmer's Daughter	Unmarried	Co. Mayo		

There is also evidence of what I consider to be a real contender for the mother of James located in House 3 Emlybeg South. The census return data below shows a widow by the name of Ann who is 80 years of age.

This could be the husband of John ANON and the mother of previously mentioned James.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.
(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

No. on Form B. 3

FORM A.

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

NAME AND SURNAME.	RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Dead and Buried; Date; and Cause of Death.
Ann	Wife			80	F	Farmer	Widow	Emlybeg South	Irish	

The household directly related to this family tree is seventh on the list of names. House 7 was also in possession of 1 stable.

FAMILIES, &c.

No. of distinct families in each House.	Name of the Head of each Family residing in the House.	No. of Rooms occupied by each Family. (See Note B at foot.) (Col. 14.)	Total Number of Persons in each Family. (Col. 15.)	Date on which Form A was collected. (Col. 16.)	Number of Persons in each Family who were sick on 31st March, 1901. (Col. 17.)	Name of the Landholder (if any) on whose Holding the House is situated, whether that name appears in column 13 or not.	No. on Form B. 1 of House in the Holding of a Landholder. (Col. 19.)
1	John	3	14	6 April	-	John	1
1	Anthony Broderick	2	8	"	-	Anthony Broderick	25
1	Amie Breane	2	1	"	-	Amie Breane	3
1	John Reilly	1	2	"	-	John Reilly	18
1	Anthony Walsh	2	10	"	-	Anthony Walsh	19
1	Michael Williams	2	4	"	-	Michael Williams	20
1	James Breane	2	9	"	-	James Breane	4
1	Patrick Reilly	2	5	"	-	Patrick Reilly	9
1	Patrick Gaughan	2	2	"	-	Patrick Gaughan	27
1	John Dunleavy	1	8	"	-	John Dunleavy	12
1	Phillip Gaughan	2	5	"	-	Phillip Gaughan	24
1	Patrick Togher	2	7	"	-	Patrick Togher	6
1	William Wilson	2	5	"	-	William Wilson	5
1	Stephen Togher	2	9	"	-	Stephen Togher	10
1	Michael Togher	2	4	"	-	Michael Togher	8
1	Edward Boyle	2	8	"	-	Edward Boyle	21

John Jones, } and the figure 1 entered in Col. 14, opposite the middle of the bracket. See pattern Table in Instructions, page 9. [OVER.]

Great grandparents

James [REDACTED] (1893 - 1973) and Sarah Margaret [REDACTED] (1887/8 -) (daughter of Hugh McCrossan, son of James McCrossan, and Margaret McCrossan *nee* Gallen)

James and Sarah married on the 25th of November 1915 at St Mary's RC Chapel, Pollokshaws as is detailed below. James is employed as a fireman with the electricity department and Sarah Margaret is employed as a domestic servant. Both are listed as staying at 37 Rossendale Road

1915.	(Sign)	37	James	(Sign)	1915
on the twenty fifth	James	27	Rosendale	James P. Thomson	December 2nd
day of November			Road	Thomson	
at St Mary's R.C.	Sarah		Glasgow.	Ab. R.	At Glasgow
Chapel Pollokshaws	(Electr.)				
Glasgow.	(Sign)				
after Publication	(Sign)	37	Glasgow	(Sign)	
according to the	Sarah	27	Rosendale	Thomas Syrett	
forms of the			Road	Witness	Ben. P. Thomson
Roman Catholic	Domestic		Glasgow.	Susan McCrossan	Registrar.
Church.				Witness.	
	(Sign)				

Below is an image of Rossendale Road and although it is from 1957, it does show a typical Victorian backcourt of a fairly overcrowded part of Glasgow - which is what Rossendale Road was before being redeveloped in the early 1960s.



<http://www.mitchelllibrary.org/virtualmitchell/index.php?a=street&s=item&key=rYT0xOntpOjA7czoxMzoiUm9zc2VuZGFsZSBSZC17fQ==&pg=2>

James [REDACTED] was born on the 1st of July, 1893, in the Gaeltacht town of Bellmullet, Co. Mayo as described earlier. The birth registration detailed below (and previously) shows us that his father, Jamie, signs with the 'x' mark. This signifies that Jamie was regarded illiterate. Not untypical for a 19thC Gaelic speaking farmer of one of the most western parts of Ireland

18 93	135	July	James	Male	James	Mary	James	James & James	Twenty	William
		July	James		James	Creane	James	Mark	July	Joseph
		July	James		James	formerly	James	Father	1893	Mullany
		July	James		James	Shaul	James	July	1893	Registrar
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I believe James [REDACTED] passed away in 1973 aged 79 however in order to be fully certain of this a death certificate would have to be ordered.

Surname:

Forename:

Age at death:

79

Mother's Maiden Name:

Year:

1973

Ref:

611/ 110

RD Name:

Glasgow, Martha St

[https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=people&dl_cat=statutory&dl_rec=statutory-deaths&surname=\[REDACTED\]&surname_so=exact&forename_so=starts&other_surname_so=exact&mmsurname_s\[REDACTED\]o=exact&from_year=1901&to_year=1991&birth_year_range=1&record_type=stat_deaths](https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=people&dl_cat=statutory&dl_rec=statutory-deaths&surname=[REDACTED]&surname_so=exact&forename_so=starts&other_surname_so=exact&mmsurname_s[REDACTED]o=exact&from_year=1901&to_year=1991&birth_year_range=1&record_type=stat_deaths)

It is interesting to note that there is also a marriage record for a John ANON, son of James, in St Mary's RC Chapel, Pollokshaws, in 1905. I believe this to be the older brother of James ANON and the son of James ANON and Mary [REDACTED] detailed on page 4 of this document. John would be aged around 23 at this time.

If this is indeed the case it would signify that the ANON family migrated, likely together, to the same location in Glasgow: Pollokshaws.

Even more interesting is that it would appear that John ANON marries a daughter of a Hugh [REDACTED]. This is the same family that James ANON would connect with ten years later when he chose to marry another daughter of theirs, as mentioned previously.

If these ANON's and [REDACTED] are the same ones - which I conclude them to be as they are from the same area (Pollokshaws), marry in the same RC Church and the similarities of their father's names are exact - then it would mean that both John and James ANON married two different daughters from the same family.

See below for the marriage record written in Latin.

Creane & McCrossan Anus 1905, die 20^{ma} Octobris,
Eps. Jac. Fr. Morrison, in matrimonio
coniunxit Joannem Creane, Pollokshaw,
filium Jacobi Creane, et Marian
McCrossan, Pollokshaw, filiam Hugonis
McCrossan.
Præsentibus Test. { Joann. McGuig
 Sarah Joyce
Jac. Fr. Morrison. MR.

English translation:

ANON and McCrossan - Year, 1905, 20th October. Fr Morrison joins in matrimony...Johannes (latin for John) ANON, Pollokshaws, son of Jacobi (latin interpretation for James when referred to as a father) ANON, and Marian McCrossan, Pollokshaws, daughter of Hugus (Latinisation for Hugh) McCrossan.

Witnesses present:

? McGuig (?)

Sarah Joyce

Grandparents Generation

Albert James ANON (1916 - 1990)

Albert James ANON was very nearly misnamed as James Albert ANON as this notice of corrections details in 1916. If not for the intervention of parish priest Doyle of St Marys RC Church, Pollokshaws, the James Albert would have been the legal name of Albert James. See below.

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Register of Corrected Entries

for the PARISH of EASTWOOD

in the COUNTY of RENFREW

In the first column of Entry No. 390 in the Register Book of Births for the year 1916 for "James Albert" substitute Albert James.

The above alteration is made on the authority of a Certificate in the Form of Schedule (D) under the hand of the Reverend Patrick Doyle, Minister of St. Mary's R.C. Chapel, Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

29th September 1916 At Glasgow
Geo. D. Strathern,
Registrar

Albert was born on the 8th September, 1916, in 38 Maxwell Street [REDACTED] His birth registration, detailed below, highlights that his father, James, was a fireman for the electricity department. His mother is Sarah Margaret ANON [REDACTED] and his parents were married in the Eastwood Parish on November 25th, [REDACTED] detailed earlier.

<i>Alteration of birth name in Reg. of Gr. & Inf. Act 1916</i> <i>390</i> <i>Albert James</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>1916.</i>	<i>8th September</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>1916.</i>
	[REDACTED]	<i>September</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>September 26th</i>
	[REDACTED]	<i>9th 30m AM</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>at Glasgow</i>
	[REDACTED]	<i>38</i>	<i>Maxwell Street</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Geo. D. Strathern</i>
	[REDACTED]	<i>Pollokshaws</i>	<i>Glasgow</i>	<i>Registrar.</i>	

Albert James ANON marries Anna [REDACTED] clerkess and the daughter of Peter Farmer, a boilermaker, and Alice [REDACTED] Page 13 onwards discusses Nancy and the rest of the [REDACTED] family tree in more detail.

Albert and Nancy married on the 11th April, 1943, in the same church as his baptism, St Mary's RC in Pollokshaws.

1943 on the Eleventh day of April at St Mary's Church Pollokshaws, Glasgow. After publication according to the forms of the Roman Catholic Church	Albert James Robert James Chartered Accountant Lieutenant Gunner RAF (1942-43) Anne Rose Anne Rose Clerk (Glasgow)	25 3 Haughburn Road Glasgow. now engaged in housework 22 116 Hartstone Road, Glasgow.	James Hosmer Deputy Sergeant Major M.C. John Dunn Alice M.C.	Witness Mr. Clergyman St Robert's, Kilmahon Road Glasgow. Witness Miss Mary Cairns 3 Haughburn Place Glasgow. Witness Catherine James 116 Hartstone Road Glasgow. Witness	1943 April 15 th Glasgow. The Registrar Assistant J.M. Hep.
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As the marriage record shows, Albert James was a chartered accountant apprentice who at this time was engaged in the war effort as a gunner for the RAF. His address listed was Haughburn Road, Priesthill. Anna's address was 116 Hartstone Road, which was around the corner from Albert James.

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