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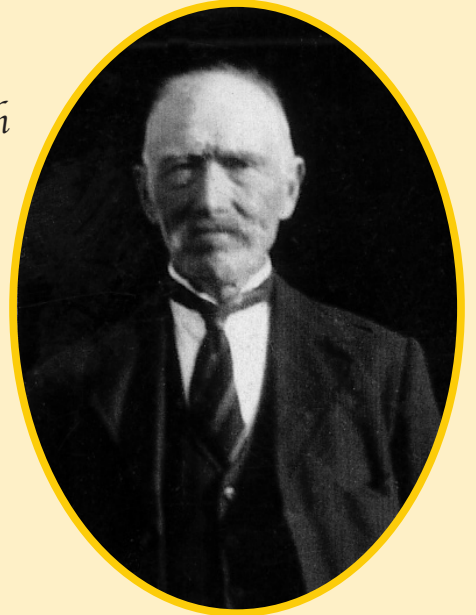
Dominick

1859 - 1946



Parish Records

Dominick A. Cullen was born at Carrick, Ballinlough in the County of Roscommon and was baptised at Granlahan Church on the 18th December 1859, by Rev. P. Fitzgerald. His birth certificate lists the family name as Cullinane, along with his father, Michael and godparents, James and Ann Cullinane. His mother was Mary Scarry from Aughamore, County Mayo.



Michael and Mary Cullinane had five children:
Sarah-Anne, Dominick, Maria, James and Catherine.

Details of Dominick's brothers and sisters are recorded as:

Sarah Ann Cullinane - baptised on 26th April 1857
Parents - Michael Cullinane and Mary Scarry
Baptismal sponsors - Charles Tighe and Mary Cullinane

Maria Honoria Cullinane - baptised on 12th January 1862
(Also known as Mary)
Parents - Michael Cullinane and Mary Scarry
Baptismal sponsors - Charles Tighe and Mary Brennan

James Joseph Cullinane - born on 30th June and baptised on 10th July 1864
Parents - Michael Cullinane and Mary Scarry
Baptismal sponsors - John Joseph O'Connor and Honor Scarry

Catherine Agnes Cullinane - born on 2nd August and baptised on 8th December 1866
Parents - Michael Cullinane and Mary Scarry
Baptismal sponsors - James Brennan and Bridget Brennan





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There is a marriage recorded for Maria Honoria Cullinane. She married Martin Delaney from Ballinlough, at Granlahan Catholic Church, on the 21st August 1882, less than a year before her brother Dominick's marriage to his first wife, Kate Prendergast. The witnesses at this wedding were Dominick A. Cullinane and his sister, Catherine Agnes Cullinane and the ceremony was performed by Fr. John Loftus C.C.

The parish of Kiltullagh contains three churches, each serving their own area. Today, the parish church is in the town of Ballinlough - the biggest centre of population - while smaller churches are located in the villages of Granlahan and Cloonfad.

Dominick Cullen however was baptised before Ballinlough grew to be a sizeable town and in 1859 Granlahan was the main church in the area. Therefore the records which are now held in Ballinlough were probably held in Granlahan in times gone by.



Granlahan Church was built in 1839 and being in close proximity to Kiltullagh, it was the centre of the parish, and at that time, the parish priest resided at Granlahan. The photo on the left is taken from the back of the church and shows the ancient graveyard which surrounds the church.

The parish church in Ballinlough was first opened in 1894. It took three years to build, on a site donated by one of the landed gentry at the time, Sanford Wills. The roof trusses and purlines came from a shipwreck off Achill in County Mayo.

The church records for Kiltullagh only date back to 1839 and there are few useful records for tracing ordinary tenant farmer families back to the early decades of the nineteenth century or earlier.

