

First Generation

1. **Mary LOOBY** was born about 1795 in probably Soloheadbeg area, Co. Tipperary. She died on 5 Feb 1865 at the age of 70 in probably Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. She was buried in probably Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. Given that rural people in 19th century Ireland tended to marry locals, it is likely that Mary Looby came from the parish of Soloheadbeg, and it is a possibility that she was from the townland of Newtown because the only Loobys listed in Griffith's Valuation (1850s) for the parish of Soloheadbeg occupied land in Newtown. Or, given that the burial plot for Mary and her husband, John Treacy, was in Kilfeacle cemetery rather than Solohead churchyard, which was closer to where they lived, Mary may have come from Kilfeacle (John had no obvious family connections in Kilfeacle).

Among the sponsors at the baptisms of the children of John Treacy and Mary Looby were Eliza Looby and John Looby (siblings of Mary?).

In the space of five weeks in 1848 Mary lost her husband, John (21 February), her 20-year-old son John (21 March) and her brother-in-law Nicholas Treacy (25 March).

Not long before her death in February 1865, Mary made a will which was to lead to a lengthy and very bitter legal dispute between her sons Thomas and Denis. See notes below for Denis for details of the case.

Looby (also spelled Luby) is a common surname in the Tipperary/Waterford/Limerick area. It is derived from the Irish name Ó Lúbaigh which comes from the word 'lúbach' meaning 'cunning'. Mary LOOBY and John TREACY were married on 2 Feb 1818 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary.

John TREACY, son of 'unknown' TREACY, was born about 1787 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He died on 21 Feb 1848 at the age of 61 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was buried in Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. There is a Tithe Applotment (1826) record for a John 'Tracy' who leased eight acres in Soloheadbeg. This is possibly our John above. The only other Treacy listed for Soloheadbeg is Thomas Treacy. Could Thomas have been the father or a brother of our John?

John and several other members of our Treacy family are buried in Kilfeacle, approximately 12km from Soloheadbeg, rather than in the local Solohead cemetery (there is no church or cemetery in Soloheadbeg itself). There are no Treacy headstones to be found in Solohead, but of course this is no proof there are no Treacys buried there as many families in those days would not have been able to afford to erect a headstone. I think it likely that my Treacy family settled in Soloheadbeg from the Kilfeacle area.

The (only) witness at the marriage of John Treacy and Mary Looby was Thomas Treacy, indicating he may have been the father or a brother of John; and among the sponsors at the baptisms of the children of John Treacy and Mary Looby were Michael, Catherine, Ellen and Margaret Treacy, indicating they may have been siblings of John (baptism records have been located for Catherine and Ellen, sisters of John) .

John TREACY and Mary LOOBY had the following children:

- +2 i **Catherine TREACY**, born abt 18 Nov 1818, Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary; married Cornelius (Con) RYAN, 2 May 1850.
- +3 ii **Thomas TREACY**, born abt 8 Nov 1821, Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary; married Mary CAREY, 25 Feb 1873, Solohead, Co. Tipperary; died 24 Dec 1895, Murgasty, Co. Tipperary .
- 4 iii **Ellen TREACY** was born about 22 Sep 1824 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. She was christened on 22 Sep 1824 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors at Ellen's baptism were Michael Treacy and Catherine Treacy. It is likely Ellen died as a child.
- 5 iv **John TREACY** was born about 31 Mar 1827 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was

- christened on 31 Mar 1827 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. He died on 21 Mar 1848 at the age of 20. John was buried in Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors at John's baptism were John Looby and Ellen Treacy. John died when he was only 20 years of age (cause of death unknown).
- 6 v **Mary TREACY** was born about 1831 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. She died on 31 Jul 1844 at the age of 13. She was buried in Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. Mary died at the age of 13 (cause of death unknown).
- +7 vi **Denis TREACY**, born abt 1831, probably Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary; married Bridget ALLIS, 5 Feb 1894, Anacarty, Cappagh, Co. Tipperary; died 19 Mar 1899, Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary.
- +8 vii **Johanna TREACY**, born abt 1834, probably Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary; married Michael HAYES, 4 Mar 1862, Solohead, Co. Tipperary; died 16 Jul 1874, Milltown, Soloheadmore, Co. Tipperary.
- 9 viii **Bridget TREACY** was born about 16 Jan 1838 in probably Newtown, Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. She was christened on 16 Jan 1838 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. The only sponsor listed on Bridget's baptismal certificate is Margaret Treacy. The certificate also shows the family's address to have been Newtown (presumably the townland of Newtown in the parish of Soloheadbeg).

Second Generation

2. **Catherine TREACY** (Mary Looby-1) was born about 18 Nov 1818 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. She was christened on 18 Nov 1818 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors at Catherine's baptism were Timothy Keogh and Eliza Looby.

Catherine and her husband, Con, had no children. Catherine TREACY and Cornelius (Con) RYAN were married on 2 May 1850.

Cornelius (Con) RYAN died in Mar 1876. Con had two farms, one in the townland of Raheen Lower in the parish of Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary and the other in the townland of Soloheadbeg, which appears to be in Soloheadbeg parish (please correct me if I am wrong). He and his wife, Catherine, lived in Raheen.

In 1865 Con signed a deed which handed control of his land to his brother-in-law Thomas Treacy (Catherine's brother). In 1874, however, he signed the land over to a Ryan nephew. This resulted in a court case in 1877, a year after Con's death, involving Catherine and Thomas on one side and the aforementioned nephew of Con's on the other. The judgement went in favour of the nephew. In an account of the case in 'The Treacys of Soloheadbeg', a article by Denis G. Marnane in the 2010 Tipperary Historical Journal, it appears Con had been bullied by both sides into signing over the farms.

3. **Thomas TREACY** (Mary Looby-1) was born about 8 Nov 1821 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was christened on 8 Nov 1821 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. He died on 24 Dec 1895 at the age of 74 in Murgasty, Co. Tipperary. Thomas's baptismal sponsors were John Hanley and Winifred Connors.

Interestingly, among all the sponsors at the baptisms of the children of Thomas and his wife, Mary, there is not a single Treacy; the sponsors are mostly Carews. The reason for this is probably the dispute that had arisen between Thomas and his only surviving brother, Denis, over their mother's will. See the notes below for Denis for further details of the case which culminated in Denis's inheritance of the farm and Thomas's eviction. Thomas and his family ended up moving to Tipperary town, (probably in 1875) where Thomas found work as a labourer initially. By the time of the birth of his son Edmund in 1875 he was a shopkeeper, and at the time of the birth of his son Thomas in 1881 he was the superintendant of a coal yard. At the time of his death aged 74 in 1895 he was a labourer. Thomas died of 'Cystitis (3-4 months)' and 'Asthenia'. Thomas TREACY and Mary CAREY were married on 25 Feb 1873 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Witnesses to the marriage were Edmond Hanley and Catherine Carey. Witnesses to the marriage of Thomas and Mary were Edmond Hanley and Catherine Carew.

Mary CAREY, daughter of Edmond (Ned) CAREW and Mary HANLEY, was born about 29 Apr 1851 in possibly Newtown, Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. She was christened on 29 Apr 1851 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. She died on 30 Sep 1929 at the age of 78 in County Hospital, Fermoy, Co. Cork. Sponsors at Mary's baptism were Michael Carey and Margaret Hanley. Mary's surname appears as 'Keary' in the baptism register.

Mary was about 30 years younger than her husband, Thomas. Thomas and his brother Denis were involved in a lengthy and bitter dispute in the late 1860s and early 1870s over their mother's will. The battle for the family farm led to violence, including an attack on Mary by Denis in October 1873 while she was pregnant. He received a prison sentence for the crime.

At the time of the 1911 census, Mary, by then widowed, was living with her son Martin in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary where Martin was working as manager of the gasworks. When he was appointed manager of the gasworks in Wicklow town and later Fermoy, Co. Cork Mary seems to have gone with him as an extract from the 1851 census dated 31 March 1920 (the census was probably checked to verify Mary's pension

eligibility) gives her address in 1920 as "c/o M. J. Treacy, Gasworks, Fermoy".

Thomas TREACY and Mary CAREY had the following children:

- 10 i **John TREACY** was born on 4 Dec 1873 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was christened on 5 Dec 1873 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. He died between Mar 1874 and 1 Nov 1874 at the age of 0 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors at John's baptism were Michael Looby and Catherine Carey. While John's mother was pregnant with him, she received a savage kicking from her brother-in-law Denis Treacy who was engaged in a bitter legal dispute with John's father. However there is no evidence to suggest a link between the attack and John's early death.
- 11 ii **John TREACY** was born about 30 Oct 1874 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was christened on 30 Oct 1874 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors at John's baptism were Michael Looby and Catherine Carey. According to an article on the Treacys of Soloheadbeg by Denis G. Marnane in the Tipperary Historical Journal of 2010, John above died in infancy.
- 12 iii **Edmund TREACY** was born on 6 Nov 1875 in Meeting St., Tipperary, Co. Tipperary. He was christened on 8 Nov 1875 in Tipperary, Co. Tipperary. He died probably Apr 1906 at the age of 30 in probably San Francisco. Sponsors at Edmund's baptism were Edmund Carey and Margaret O'Dwyer.

Edmund emigrated to the United States as a young man. Ellis Island records were checked but nothing that definitely related to this Edmund was found.

I am told that Edmund probably died in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 as he was living there at the time and nothing more was heard from him after the event. However, we have no documented evidence to prove this. Note that the Edmund Treacy who died in California on 7 October 1911, and who had brothers named John and Timothy, and who is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in San Mateo, California, is NOT our Edmund. Treacy researchers may be interested to know that John, Timothy and Edmund were born in Co. Limerick in the 1850s/1860s and Timothy became a State Senator.

- 13 iv **Timothy (Timmy) Joseph TREACY** was born about 16 Jul 1878 in Church St., Tipperary. He was christened on 16 Jul 1878 in Tipperary. He died on 28 Nov 1930 at the age of 52 in Lisnabrinnia, Mountnugent, Co. Cavan. Timothy was buried on 30 Nov 1930 in Ballinacree Cemetery, Mountnugent, Co. Cavan. Sponsors at Timmy's baptism were were John Casey and Johanna Casey (should "Casey" read "Carey"?).

It appears Timmy became a Christian Brother as there is a 22-year-old Co. Tipperary-born brother named Timothy Treacy listed in the 1901 census with three other brothers at Railway Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow. All four are teachers. It seems Timmy had moved to London by 1911. No record could be located for him in the Irish census of that year but in the 1911 UK census there is a 31-year-old Tipperary-born school teacher named Timothy Joseph Treacy (although our Timmy would have been 32 years of age at the time) listed as a boarder in the household of a Mr. John McGuinness and his Tipperary-born wife, Bridget, of 9 St. Kilda Road in West Ealing.

Timmy did not remain a Christian Brother for very long as he appears to have been living in Co. Wicklow in 1918 as a layman. Notes from The Anglo-Celt newspaper mention that "Mr. T.J. Treacy", who had been giving woodworking courses in Co. Cavan, had sent a letter to the Cavan Technical Committee, "dated from Wicklow, where Mr. Treacy lived", stating that he was unable to attend a committee meeting on 13 July 1918 owing to a bout of influenza. Timmy's brother Martin was working in Wicklow at this time and it is possible

that Timmy was living with Martin. Martin moved to Fermoy. Co. Cork in 1919 but we do not know if Timmy remained in Wicklow after that or moved permanently to Co. Cavan.

Later editions of *The Anglo Celt* tell us that Timmy continued giving woodworking courses in Co. Cavan until 1929, with classes in Belturbet in 1918 and 1919, Shercock in 1920, Cootehill in 1921, Ballinagh and Bunnoe in 1926 and Maghera in 1929. However, on 6 November 1929, he left a course he was teaching in Mountnugent and was put on sick leave. Timmy was suffering from depression and had been expected to return to work a year later when, sadly, on 28 November 1930, he took his own life. He had used a gun belonging to the owner of the Lisnabrinnia lodging house where he had been living for about a year and where the incident took place. According to the inquest report, Timmy had not been in good health for many months and had been spending a lot of time in bed. A Dr. Cassidy told the inquest "I have been attending deceased for the past twelve months. On my first visit I found he was suffering from influenza and subsequent to this he developed neurasthenia¹; I strongly advised him to go into a nursing home, but he refused". Later in his deposition Dr. Cassidy said "The reason why I urged deceased to go to a nursing home was that I dreaded he might do himself an injury".

Full details of the inquest (which incorrectly states that Timmy was a native of Wicklow) can be found on pages 1 and 3 of *The Anglo-Celt* of 6 December 1930.

1. A term, no longer used, describing 'nervous exhaustion' with sufferers displaying both psychological and physical symptoms such as fatigue, neuralgia, anxiety, dizziness and depression. 'Bed rest cure' in a hospital was usually prescribed.

+14 v **Thomas Joseph TREACY**, born 13 Apr 1881, Murgasty, Co. Tipperary; married Ellen O'SULLIVAN, 12 Jan 1915, Church of S.S. Peter And Paul, Cork; died 13 Apr 1969, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.

+15 vi **Martin Joseph TREACY**, born 16 Nov 1883, Murgasty Cottages, Murgasty, Co. Tipperary; married Catherine FOGARTY, 17 Jun 1919, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary; died 19 Jan 1977, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

7. **Denis TREACY** (Mary Looby-1) was born about 1831 in probably Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He died on 19 Mar 1899 at the age of 68 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was buried in Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. Denis and his brother, Thomas, were engaged in a bitter legal dispute in the late 1860s and early 1870s over their mother's will. According to an account of the case in *The Nenagh Guardian* of 14 June 1873, the will had stipulated that their mother's 14-acre farm [I have come across another report that says it was 24 acres] was to go to her elder son, Thomas, who was then to pay Denis £300 within two years. If Thomas did not pay the £300 within that time period then Denis was to get the farm and pay Thomas £300. The will, which was described by the judge in the 1873 case as having been "drawn up by an ignorant attorney's clerk", could not be proved, resulting in a dispute between the brothers that lasted until 1872, nearly eight years later. The *Nenagh Guardian* account does not give details as to the exact origins of this first dispute but it does tell us that throughout the lengthy litigation period Thomas and Denis lived together on the farm and managed it jointly. The will was finally proved in November 1872; according to *The Irish Calendar of Wills and Administrations*, probate was granted on 28 November 1872 to Denis "under decree 15 November 1872 Treacy v Treacy". At this point it appears Tom offered the £300 to Denis who refused it on the grounds that Tom had forfeited the farm by not paying him the £300 within two years of their mother's death, despite the fact that the will had not been validated. Denis ended up losing the second case, the *Nenagh Guardian* telling us the judge ruled that Denis "was not entitled to rely on the alleged forfeiture and therefore he continued the injunction to restrain the defendant [Denis] from proceedings to obtain possession of the farm as against the plaintiff [Tom]. The plaintiff should lodge in court £300 within a month... the brothers in the meantime remaining conjointly in possession of the farm". The legal battle continued and, for reasons I have been

unable to discover, the Court of Chancery eventually decreed that Denis should have the farm, from which Thomas was subsequently evicted, necessitating a move for him and his family to nearby Tipperary town where he found work as a labourer. It is not known when exactly Denis was awarded the farm but it was probably around 1875, 10 years after his mother's death, as it appears Thomas moved to Tipperary in 1875.

The dispute had been vicious, with accusations and violence on both sides. For instance, three court cases were brought relating to incidents that allegedly took place on 16 June 1873: Edmond (Ned) Carey of Soloheadbeg, father of Tom's wife, Mary, claimed that Denis had assaulted him and had struck him with a stone; Denis claimed that Ned had "threatened to take away his life" and that his (i.e. Ned's) wife, Mary, had "threatened to take away his life". All three cases were dismissed. The situation became even more serious when, on 3 August 1873, Denis fired a shot through a window, narrowly missing Ned's wife, Mary. Denis's defence was that he was aiming at a dog. Then, on 11 October 1873, Denis savagely kicked Thomas's wife, Mary, who was pregnant with her first child, John, who died a few months after birth, although there is no evidence his early death was linked to the attack. Denis was sentenced to two years in prison for the assault. On 16 July 1874, while Denis was in prison, his sister Johanna Hayes, who had taken his side in the dispute and whose husband, Michael, was running the Treacy farm in Denis's absence, was shot dead. Thomas, along with the aforementioned Ned Carey and Ned's son, Edmond, were taken into custody but later released. The identity of Johanna's murder was never determined.

Denis died of pneumonia aged 67. Denis TREACY and Bridget ALLIS were married on 5 Feb 1894 in Anacarty, Cappagh, Co. Tipperary. Witnesses to the marriage were, according to the civil record, Denis Ryan of Soloheadbeg and Mary Josephine Ryan of Hollyford. However, the church record tells us the witnesses were Timothy [what looks like] Hannairsby and Mary Ryan.

Bridget ALLIS, daughter of James ALLIS and Catherine STAPLETON, was born about 1863 in probably Hollyford, Co. Tipperary. She died on 14 Jun 1941 at the age of 78 in Lackenacreena House, Hollyford, Co. Tipperary. She was buried in Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. Bridget was from Hollyford, Co. Tipperary. She was widowed young, only about five years into her marriage to Denis. She died at the home of her brother James, having outlived Denis by about 40 years and her only child, Sean, by about 20.

Denis TREACY and Bridget ALLIS had the following child:

- 16 i **John (Seán) J. TREACY** was born on 14 Feb 1895 in Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. He was christened on 16 Feb 1895 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. He died on 14 Oct 1920 at the age of 25 in Talbot St., Dublin. John was buried on 18 Oct 1920 in Kilfeacle, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors at Seán's baptism were Michael Allis and Kate Allis. He was an only child. After his father died when he was only four, he and his mother moved from Soloheadbeg to Hollyford where his mother had grown up. They returned to Soloheadbeg when Seán was about 11. From an early age, Seán had nationalist leanings, and in his teens he joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood which later evolved into the Irish Republican Army (IRA).



From 'My Fight for Irish Freedom', the memoir of Dan Breen, an IRA comrade of Seán's and later a politician, we have the following description of Seán's physical appearance: "He had been delicate during his boyhood because of his fast rate of growth. He was almost a six-footer, slightly stooped in carriage. He weighed about twelve stone, and in an emergency manifested the strength of a lion; this was chiefly due to his amazing will-power. His movements were brisk, as if he were in a constant hurry. His hair was of very fine texture like spun-silk, almost mouse-coloured. He was short-sighted and wore glasses". And in an account of Seán's life that he provided to the Bureau of Military History

in 1958, Dan writes at length about Seán's intellect, saying he "had never met anyone whose thinking powers were greater than Treacy's"; he describes Seán as "an inquisitive man" and as someone with "vision [to whom] nothing was impossible".

In August 1917, Seán was arrested and spent two months in jail. The following year he was rearrested and spent four months in jail. Then on 21 January 1919, along with other members of the IRA's Third Tipperary Brigade, including Dan Breen, Seán took part in the Soloheadbeg ambush in which three members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who were escorting a transportation of explosives, were waylaid and shot dead. This was the first military incident of the War of Independence.

Seán and the others who took part in the ambush now had a price on their heads, and Seán Hogan, one of those involved, was captured shortly afterwards. In May 1919 at Knocklong railway station in Co. Limerick, in a successful attempt by Seán Treacy and others to free Seán Hogan as he was being transferred to jail, Seán Treacy was shot in the neck and seriously wounded. He recovered, and throughout the latter half of 1919 and most of 1920 he led attacks against the British in Dublin and Co. Tipperary. But on 14 October 1920 in Dublin, following a raid by British forces on the Republican Outfitters shop at 94 Talbot St., where Seán was meeting with IRA comrades, he was shot and killed on the street as he fled the shop. He was 25 years of age. A small plaque above the door of the shop marks the location of the Republican Outfitters. Seán is remembered each year on the anniversary of his death at a commemoration ceremony in Kilfeacle where he is buried.

I have read that at the time of his death Sean was engaged to a May Quigley, but I have no further information on May.

8. **Johanna TREACY** (Mary Looby-1) was born about 1834 in probably Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. We have calculated Johanna's approximate year of birth from a newspaper report on her death (The Freemans Journal of 18 July 1874) which gives her age as "about forty years of age". She died on 16 Jul 1874 at the age of 40 in Milltown, Soloheadmore, Co. Tipperary. She was buried in Kilfeacle Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. Johanna, who may also have been known as Julia, was shot dead in the bedroom of her home in Milltown, the murderer having fired from outside the house through the window. The killing took place in the middle of the night; her husband, Michael, and an eight-year-old daughter (identity unknown) were present. It was thought the target had been Michael but, due to an unusual change in the family's sleeping arrangements that night, Johanna was shot instead.

Johanna's brother Thomas, his father-in-law, Ned Carey, and a brother-in-law, Edmond Carey, were taken into custody but were later released. They had come under suspicion because of a long-running legal dispute between Thomas and his brother Denis over their mother's will, which Denis eventually won. A year before the murder, Denis had fired a gun at Thomas's mother-in-law, Mary Carey (Ned's wife) and was later imprisoned for a violent assault on Thomas's wife, Mary (Ned's daughter). Johanna and her husband, Michael, had taken Denis's side in the case and Michael was running Denis's farm (the subject of the dispute) while Denis was in prison. Johanna's murder was never solved.

Johanna TREACY and Michael HAYES were married on 4 Mar 1862 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Witnesses were Jeremiah Hayes and Johanna Treacy. Presumably this other Johanna Treacy was a cousin of the bride's.

Michael HAYES, son of Jeremiah HAYES, was born about 1820. He died on 4 Feb 1878 at the age of 58 in Milltown, Soloheadmore, Co. Tipperary. In March 1875, about eight months after the murder of his wife, Johanna, a grand jury awarded Michael £500 in compensation for his loss. Michael remarried later that year (to Mary McGrath) and died of pneumonia about two years later.

Michael HAYES and Johanna TREACY had the following children:

- 17 i **Ellena (Ellen) HAYES** was born about 16 Aug 1863 in Milltown, Soloheadmore, Co. Tipperary. She was christened on 16 Aug 1863 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors were Thomas Treacy (possibly Johanna's brother) and Ann Hayes.
- 18 ii **Mary HAYES** was born on 3 Oct 1864 in Milltown, Soloheadmore, Co. Tipperary. She was christened on 4 Oct 1864 in Solohead, Co. Tipperary. Sponsors were [what looks like] Richard Cross (the baptismal record is difficult to decipher) and Catherine Treacy (probably Johanna's sister). It appears Mary died before the age of 12 as her father, Michael, and his second wife, Mary (née McGrath), had a daughter in September 1875 whom they named Mary.
- 19 iii **Jeremiah HAYES** was born about 31 Oct 1865 in Kyle, Soloheadmore, Co. Tipperary. The civil record of Jeremiah's birth tells us he was born on 1 November 1865. According to his baptismal record, however, he was baptised on 31 October 1865. As baptismal records are usually more reliable than civil records, I am inclined to think he was born between 29 and 31 October 1865. His baptismal sponsors were Edmund McGrath and Bridget Treacy (probably Johanna's sister). The family's address of Kyle (shown on the baptismal record) appears to be a townland in Soloheadmore. I am assuming it either lies within the family's usual address of Milltown townland or is another name for Milltown.

Third Generation



14. **Thomas Joseph TREACY** (Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born on 13 Apr 1881 in Murgasty, Co. Tipperary. He was christened about 13 Apr 1881 in Tipperary. He died on 13 Apr 1969 at the age of 88 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. Thomas died on his 88th birthday. Thomas was buried in New Cemetery, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. The sponsors at Thomas's baptism was Sarah Carew, probably his aunt. There was no other sponsor listed on the baptism record.

Thomas began his career working at the gasworks in Tipperary town; according to the 1911 census he was a "gas account collector". On 28 September 1914 he took over the management of the gasworks in Carrick-on-Suir (located on the Quay), eventually buying the Carrick gasworks from the owner, Mr. Anderson. I am unsure as to the year of purchase but it would probably have been during the mid- or late 1930s as it is known that Mr. Anderson still owned the Carrick gasworks in 1933.

Difficulties in getting parts from England for gasworks repairs during World War II led to problems in manufacturing gas at the Carrick works so Thomas decided to switch to the making of charcoal and in 1942 the large gasometers were dismantled. The business eventually concentrated on the sales of coal, coke and briquettes, and subsequently incorporated sales of gas stoves and heaters. Thomas Joseph TREACY and Ellen O'SULLIVAN were married on 12 Jan 1915 in Church of S.S. Peter And Paul, Cork. Witnesses to Ellen and Thomas' marriage were "M. J. Treacy" (Thomas' brother, Martin?) and "Julia O'Sullivan" (Ellen's sister?).



Ellen O'SULLIVAN, daughter of James (Big Jim) SULLIVAN and Julia DOODY, was born on 24 Oct 1887 in Glynn, Mourneabbey, Co. Cork. She was christened on 25 Oct 1887 in Analeentha Church, Mourneabbey, Co. Cork. She died on 18 Sep 1972 at the age of 84 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. Ellen was buried in New Cemetery, Carrick-on-Suir.

According to Ellen's birth record, present at her birth was Mary O'Sullivan (probably her father's sister).

According to information from the Mallow Heritage Centre, the sponsors at Ellen's baptism were Cornelius Sweeney and Julia Curtin. It is believed Cornelius Sweeney was a neighbour of the Sullivans and it is thought he was married to one of Caheraveelane Sullivans who were related to Ellen. A granddaughter of Cornelius would later marry Ellen's brother Denis. Julia Curtin, the second sponsor, had been a neighbour of the Sullivans when they lived in Ballyknockane. Julia would later marry Sean O'Looney; they emigrated to the United States and had 12 children. Valuable information on the Sullivan family, for which I am so grateful, came in November 2003 from 96-year-old Patrick, known as Pats, Curtin, a nephew of Julia's who lived in Ballyknockane with one of his daughters. Sadly, Pats died in September 2004.

It is thought that Ellen, who was also known as Nellie, had some domestic training and subsequently became a parlour maid. I am told that she met her husband, Thomas Treacy, in Tipperary town where they were both working (Thomas worked at the gasworks in the town). Based on this information I believe I have located a 1911 census record for Ellen. An Ellen Sullivan, aged 24 (although our Ellen was actually 23 years of age at the time of the census) and born in Co. Cork, was working as a parlour maid at the home of law agent George Hugh Chetwood Townsend in Cordangan, just a couple of miles south of Tipperary town. It was a large house and, along with Ellen, six other servants are listed.

However, according to Ellen's marriage record, her residence at the time (January 1915) was Lavitt's Quay, Cork but it is not known how she came to move to Cork after apparently having met Thomas. She did have an uncle, Mike Doody, who was living at 5 Lavitt's Quay at the time of the 1911 census, while his wife, Mary

Anne, was running a hotel at no 6. Perhaps Ellen was working at the hotel. Or perhaps, being from Co. Cork, Ellen wished to be married in Cork and therefore used her uncle's address to fulfil a possible residency requirement.

It is thought Ellen may have been related to a Hewitt family which included Patrick (1897-1979), a Holy Ghost priest who did missionary work in Tanganyika (now part of Tanzania), his brother James (1900-1974), a Holy Ghost brother who worked at Blackrock College in Dublin as a ground staff supervisor, and their sister Biddy who married a J.J. Healy and lived in Carrick-on-Suir. Other relatives of Ellen - or her husband, Thomas - included a couple who lived near Flamborough Head in Yorkshire in the 1940s. All we know of this couple is that the husband was in the Merchant Navy. Could they have been Ellen's aunt Hannah (O'Sullivan) and her husband Harry Williams, who was in the Merchant Navy? Further information would be most welcome.

According to a newspaper death notice, Ellen died in St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir.

Thomas Joseph TREACY and Ellen O'SULLIVAN had the following children:

- 20 i **Patrick TREACY** was born between 1915 and 1920 in Waterford. He died between 1915 and 1920 at the age of 0 in Waterford. Patrick died as an infant. I am told he was born and died in a nursing home in Waterford city. However, I can find no trace of a birth or death record for him (in both Carrick-on-Suir and Waterford registration districts).

Note: It is surprising Patrick was not named Thomas as it was traditional at the time to name the eldest son after his paternal grandfather. Searches have been carried out for birth and death records for a Thomas Treacy, just in case (in both Carrick-on-Suir and Waterford registration districts), but nothing was found.

- 21 ii **Mary Frances (Joan) TREACY** was born on 20 Aug 1920 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co.



Tipperary. She died on 23 Oct 2003 at the age of 83 in Haywards Heath, West Sussex. She was buried in Shanganagh Cemetery, Dublin.

The name on Joan's birth certificate is Mary Frances and on her baptism certificate it is Mary Bridget. However, she was called Joan by her family, although her nursing records are in the name of Mary Frances. She used the name is name for most of her life until after her retirement when she changed it to Jo-Ann.

Jo-Ann trained as a nurse in Manchester, qualifying in 1944. She had always wanted to travel so, following a number of years of general and industrial nursing in the UK, she joined the QARANC (Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps) in 1952. Her first foreign posting was to Benghazi in Libya in 1953, followed by Cyprus in 1954.

Jo-Ann returned to England in 1956 and, while working at Shorncliffe Military Hospital, decided she wanted to specialise in nurse training. She embarked on a two-year course in Hull University, obtaining a Diploma in Nurse Training and Education in 1959, after which she spent many years training student nurses overseas during postings to Germany, Hong Kong and Singapore. In 1963, while serving in Hong Kong, she was awarded an Associate Royal Red Cross (ARRC) medal for exceptional services in military nursing.

Following her permanent return to England in 1970 Jo-Ann continued to train nurses at the military hospitals in Tidworth, Colchester, Aldershot and Woolwich. She retired in 1975 as Director of Studies at Woolwich and as acting colonel. She lived briefly in Brighton following her retirement before settling in Henfield in West Sussex. Jo-Ann never married

although it is believed that she was engaged in the 1950s, possibly to a military doctor. Sadly, the marriage never took place because apparently her fiancé was killed in a bomb explosion in Cyprus, about which we have no details.

- Jo-Ann died in hospital in Haywards Heath, West Sussex.
- +22 iii **Sheila TREACY**, born 27 Jul 1923, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary; married Richard (Dick) O'CONNOR, 11 Sep 1958, Limerick; died 5 Jul 2012, Dublin.
 - +23 iv **Thomas Noel (Noel) TREACY**, born 14 Dec 1926, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary; married Ellen (Ella) MEANY, 27 Jun 1957, Clogheen registration district, Co. Tipperary; died 23 May 2009, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.



15. **Martin Joseph TREACY** (Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born on 16 Nov 1883 in Murgasty Cottages, Murgasty, Co. Tipperary. He died on 19 Jan 1977 at the age of 93 in Fermoy, Co. Cork. He was buried in Kilcrumper Old Cemetery, Fermoy, Co. Cork. Sponsors at Martin's baptism were Edmond Carew and Bridget Carew.

According to the 1901 census return for his mother's household in Murgasty, Co. Tipperary, Martin, aged 17, was a baker. By the time of the 1911 census he was a gasworks manager, living on The Quay, Carrick-on-Suir (presumably in the house that adjoined the gasworks on the Quay) with his widowed mother. In late 1914 Martin was promoted to manager of the gasworks in Wicklow and was replaced in Carrick by his elder brother Thomas.

We know from The Irish Times editions of 21 and 28 October 1916 that Martin saved a boy from drowning during his time in Wicklow: "Mr Martin Tracey (sic), gas manager, Wicklow, saved the life of a boy named Robert Culbert, Strand street, Wicklow... Mr. Tracey jumped in and brought him ashore in an unconscious condition."

It is known that Martin's brother Timmy was living in Wicklow in 1918, which makes me think that Timmy may have been living with Martin (and probably their mother) as the Treacy family appears to have had no other Wicklow connections (I have heard that Martin and Timmy did not get on). In 1919 Martin was transferred to Fermoy, Co. Cork as manager of the gasworks there. It appears he lived in Duntahane, Fermoy for the rest of his life. According to a newspaper death notice, he died in St. Patrick's Hospital in Fermoy.

Martin Joseph TREACY and Catherine FOGARTY were married on 17 Jun 1919 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. Martin and Catherine's marriage certificate gives an address of Carrick-on-Suir for Catherine and Wicklow for Martin.



Catherine FOGARTY, daughter of James FOGARTY, was born about 1885 in Portlaw, Co. Waterford. She died on 5 Jan 1964 at the age of 79 in Fermoy, Co. Cork. Catherine was matron of a workhouse or hospital (presumably in Fermoy).

Martin and Catherine, who lived in Duntahane, Fermoy, had no children.

They did help raise Catherine's sister's two children, Maureen (known as Bunty) O'Sullivan and her sister (whose name I do not know) after their father died in 1930 in a motor accident when they were children. It is believed Bunty lived with Catherine and Martin in the aftermath of her father's death.

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22. **Sheila TREACY** (Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born on 27 Jul 1923 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. She died on 5 Jul 2012 at the age of 88 in Dublin. The name on Sheila's certificate of baptism is 'Julia Anna Tracey' (it is Sheila Treacy on her birth certificate).

With her sister, Jo-Ann, Sheila trained as a nurse at the Withington Hospital in Manchester, both qualifying in 1944. Sheila subsequently worked in Brighton (c.1944-c.1949), Moorfields Eye Hospital in London (c.1950-c.1953), Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital in Dublin (c.1953-c.1954) and the Regional Hospital in Limerick (c.1954-1958). She was a specialist in ophthalmic work.

Sheila and her husband, Dick, met in 1958 in the Regional Hospital in Limerick where she was working and where Dick was visiting a patient (Ann Wall?) who may also have been a friend of Sheila's and who introduced them. They married about six months later. Sheila gave up her career upon her marriage, as many women did in Ireland at the time.

For most of her married life Sheila lived at 9 Lisbeg, Tralee, Co. Kerry. In 1986, following Dick's death, she moved to Dublin where she lived for 26 years at 31 Lansdowne Village, Sandymount. Sheila was not in a relationship with 'PRIVATE'.

'PRIVATE' was born (date unknown).

'PRIVATE' and Sheila TREACY had the following child:

+24 i **Living** .

Sheila was in a relationship with 'PRIVATE'.

'PRIVATE' was born (date unknown).

'PRIVATE' and Sheila TREACY had the following child:

+25 i **Carrie ANDERSON**, married Nigel Edward SMITH.

Sheila TREACY and Richard (Dick) O'CONNOR were married on 11 Sep 1958 in Limerick.



Richard (Dick) O'CONNOR, son of John (Jack Bill) O'CONNOR and Catherine (Babe) SHANAHAN, was born on 23 May 1919 in Kilbaha, Moyvane, Co. Kerry. He died on 9 Aug 1985 at the age of 66 in Tralee, Co. Kerry. He was buried on 12 Aug 1985 in New Rath Cemetery, Tralee, Co. Kerry. Dick was also known as Richie. After leaving school he went to Maynooth college to study for the priesthood. Dick eventually decided not to complete his religious studies and left Maynooth after three years with a BA degree (in Irish and Mathematics?). After spending a couple of years working on the family farm he went to University College Dublin and graduated in 1949 with an Agricultural Science degree. He later became an advisor with the Department of Agriculture in Co. Limerick and later in Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Richard (Dick) O'CONNOR and Sheila TREACY had the following children:

Helen O'CONNOR (living).

- +27 ii **Living** .
- 28 iii **Living** was born (date unknown).



23. **Thomas Noel (Noel) TREACY** (Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born on 14 Dec 1926 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. He died on 23 May 2009 at the age of 82 in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Noel ran the family fuel business in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. Throughout his life he was very involved in local activities, including Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society productions, working with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and playing at Castleview Lawn Tennis Club. Noel was still playing tennis regularly until shortly before his death at the age of 82. Thomas Noel (Noel) TREACY and Ellen (Ella) MEANY were married on 27 Jun 1957 in Clogheen registration district, Co. Tipperary.



Ellen (Ella) MEANY, daughter of John MEANY and Mary (May) MASON, was born on 27 Mar 1929 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. She died on 9 Apr 2011 at the age of 82 in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. Ella was owner of a children's clothing shop in Carrick-on-Suir.

Thomas Noel (Noel) TREACY and Ellen (Ella) MEANY had the following children:

- +29 i **Living** .
- +30 ii **Living** .
- +31 iii **Living** .
- +32 iv **Living** .
- +33 v **Living** .

Fifth Generation

24. **Living** (Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- +34 i **Living** .
- +35 ii **Living** .
- +36 iii **Living** .

25. **Carrie ANDERSON** (Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born.

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Carrie ANDERSON had the following children:

- +37 i **Living** .
- 38 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

Carrie ANDERSON and Nigel Edward SMITH were married.

Nigel Edward SMITH was born on 16 May 1956. He died on 21 Sep 2023 at the age of 67 in Bristol, Somerset.

26. **Helen O'CONNOR (living)** (Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Joseph (Joe) GORDON (living), son of Cormac GORDON and Maureen Brigid HUSSEY, was born (date unknown).

Joseph (Joe) GORDON and Helen O'CONNOR had the following children:

- 39 i **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 40 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 41 iii **Living** was born (date unknown).

27. **Living** (Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- 42 i **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 43 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

29. **Living** (Thomas Noel (Noel)-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- +44 i **Living** .
- 45 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 46 iii **Living** was born (date unknown).

30. **Living** (Thomas Noel (Noel)-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- 47 i **Marielle BOURKE** was born on 11 Jun 1991 in Dublin. She died on 11 Jun 1991 at the age of 0 in Dublin. She was buried in New Cemetery, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 48 ii **Julienne BOURKE** was born on 11 Jun 1991 in Dublin. She died on 11 Jun 1991 at the age of 0 in Dublin. She was buried in New Cemetery, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 49 iii **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 50 iv **Living** was born (date unknown).

31. **Living** (Thomas Noel (Noel)-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- 51 i **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 52 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

32. **Living** (Thomas Noel (Noel)-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- 53 i **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 54 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

33. **Living** (Thomas Noel (Noel)-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

- 55 i **Living** was born (date unknown).
- 56 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

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34. **Living** (Living-5, Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

35. **Living** (Living-5, Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following child:

57 i **Living** was born (date unknown).

36. **Living** (Living-5, Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living, daughter of Living , was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

58 i **Living** was born (date unknown).

59 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

37. **Living** (Carrie Anderson-5, Sheila Treacy-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following children:

60 i **Living** was born (date unknown).

61 ii **Living** was born (date unknown).

44. **Living** (Living -5, Thomas Noel (Noel)-4, Thomas Joseph-3, Thomas-2, Mary Looby-1) was born (date unknown).

Living was born (date unknown).

Living and Living had the following child:

62 i **Living** was born (date unknown).

- 'PRIVATE'
... 12
- <NO SURNAME>
Living ... 12–16
- ALLIS
Bridget (b. 1863) ... 6
James ... 6
- ANDERSON
Carrie ... 12, 14
- BOURKE
Julienne (b. 1991) ... 15
Marielle (b. 1991) ... 15
- CAREW
Edmond (Ned) (b. 1820) ... 3
- CAREY
Mary (b. 1851) ... 3
- DOODY
Julia (b. 1858) ... 9
- FOGARTY
Catherine (b. 1885) ... 11
James ... 11
- GORDON
Cormac (b. 1921) ... 14
Joseph (Joe) (living) ... 14
- HANLEY
Mary (b. 1826) ... 3
- HAYES
Ellena (Ellen) (b. 1863) ... 8
Jeremiah ... 7
Jeremiah (b. 1865) ... 8
Mary (b. 1864) ... 8
Michael (b. 1820) ... 7
- HUSSEY
Maureen Brigid (b. 1924) ... 14
- LOOBY
Mary (b. 1795) ... 1
- MASON
Mary (May) (b. 1888) ... 13
- MEANY
Ellen (Ella) (b. 1929) ... 13
John ... 13
- O'CONNOR
Helen (living) ... 12, 14
John (Jack Bill) (b. 1876) ... 12
Richard (Dick) (b. 1919) ... 12
- O'SULLIVAN
Ellen (b. 1887) ... 9
- RYAN
Cornelius (Con) ... 3
- SHANAHAN
Catherine (Babe) (b. 1891) ... 12
- SMITH
Nigel Edward (b. 1956) ... 14
- STAPLETON
Catherine (b. 1831) ... 6
- SULLIVAN
James (Big Jim) ... 9
- TREACY
'unknown' (male) ... 1
Bridget (b. 1838) ... 2
Catherine (b. 1818) ... 1, 3
Denis (b. 1831) ... 2, 5
Edmund (b. 1875) ... 4
Ellen (b. 1824) ... 1
Johanna (b. 1834) ... 2, 7
John (b. 1787) ... 1
John (b. 1827) ... 1
John (b. 1873) ... 4
John (b. 1874) ... 4
John (Seán) J. (b. 1895) ... 6
Martin Joseph (b. 1883) ... 5, 11
Mary (b. 1831) ... 2
Mary Frances (Joan) (b. 1920) ... 10
Patrick (b. 1915) ... 10
Sheila (b. 1923) ... 11–12
Thomas (b. 1821) ... 1, 3
Thomas Joseph (b. 1881) ... 5, 9
Thomas Noel (Noel) (b. 1926) ... 11, 13
Timothy (Timmy) Joseph (b. 1878) ... 4