

More information on the Beck family

In the 1901 census of Ireland, house number 1 in Cornanaff, Skeagh, Co Cavan has an unmarried Presbyterian farmer, Samuel Beck, aged 55. Visitors in the house are Ann Jane Beck, a 60 year old widow, and Alace McKage [sic], an 18 year old dressmaker. Both visitors were Presbyterian.

Interestingly, Alice McKaig [sic] is also listed in the 1901 census as a drapery assistant in the return for William McClelland, draper, 48 Main Street, Bailieborough. She is listed as Presbyterian and 18 years of age.

In the 1911 census of Ireland, house number 2 in Cornanaff, Skeagh, Co Cavan has a 42 year old widow, Jane Beck, as head of the family (all Presbyterian). Visiting is 26 year old Sarah McKaigue [sic] who is Jane's sister (Church of Ireland). The family consists of Jennie (aged 16), Sadie (14), May (12), William (10), Alexander (8) and John (5). All the children except John were born in New York. John was born in Co Cavan.

Question: Did Jane Beck's husband die in New York and the family then returned to Cavan where John was born?

Jane and Sarah were probably also the sisters of Alice (see the 1901 census details above).

In the 1901 census, Sarah, then aged 16 and spelled McKaig, lived at house number 2, Beglieve, Skeagh, Co Cavan, daughter of James McKaig, aged 60 and his wife Mary, aged 50. The family was Church of Ireland. There was also an 18 year old son Samuel (a twin with Alice?) and a carpenter, Robert McKaig, aged 50 who gives his relationship to the head of the family as "niece"! They attended Knockbride Parish Church.

House number 29 in Beglieve was occupied by another McKaig family, also Church of Ireland. They were George, a carpenter aged 45, his wife Susie, aged 40 and their children: Henry, aged 15, George, 13, and Mary, 11.

Samuel, Ann Jane's husband and Jane's husband were possibly all brothers. Their father may have been the Alexander Beck of Cornanaff and Drummoosclin listed in *Griffith's Valuation* for Bailieborough.

The return of judicial rents fixed by Sub-Commissioners and Civil Bill Courts, notified to Irish Land Commission, September and October 1889 has:

No.145 Alexander Beck (tenant) – Sir Robert Hodson, Bart., Townland Cornanaff.

Information from http://eppi.dippam.ac.uk/documents/18643/eppi_pages/498216