

# Bellasis Presbyterian Church, Co. Cavan

Baptisms 1833 – 1985; Marriages 1845 – 1951 No burials listed\* [PRONI MIC/1P/267]

*\*but see listings from graveyard below*

\* This file updated 21.07.2019

## Marriages

When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
07 July 1845	John <b>Byars</b>	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Lataster	John <b>Byars</b>	Farmer
	Anne Fagan	full age	Spinster	-	Crankree	The late ? Fagan	Farmer

Witnesses were	William Hogg James <b>Byars</b>
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NB: The Civil Register gives Letester and Cremlin in Column 6; and states "Drumgora, Meeting House of Bellasis". The late Mr Fagan's Christian name is obscure in both sources. It might be Hu[gh].

18 September 1845	Josias Wilson	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Donena, Parish of Bailieboro'	William Wilson	Farmer
	Anne <b>Byars</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Tievenaman, Parish of Killinkere	Robert <b>Byars</b>	Farmer

Witnesses were	George Jameson George Brown
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11 December 1845	James Coote	full age	Widower	Farmer	Dromore, Parish of Bailieboro'	Thomas Coote	Farmer
	Jane Coote	full age	Spinster	-	Killaduff, Parish of Killiker	The late William Coote	Farmer
21 January 1846	Alex Stafford jun.	full age	Widower	Farmer	Carrickmore	Ben. Stafford	Farmer
	Lydia <b>Byars</b> (Civil Register gives <b>Byers</b> )	15 years	Spinster	-	Tievenaman	Samuel <b>Byars</b>	Farmer

Witnesses were	George Jameson James Stafford
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When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
18 February 1846	Thos. McIlwain	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Lisanymore	The late Saml. McIlwain	Farmer
	Jane Harrison	19 years	Spinster	-	Drumagoland	William Harrison	Farmer

Witnesses were	George Jameson George McQuade (X his mark)
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11 June 1846	Thomas Watson	full age	Widower	Farmer	Fintavin	James Watson	Farmer
	Sarah McIlwain	full age	Spinster	-	Lisnamore	Thomas McIlwain	Farmer

Witnesses were	Samuel McIlwain Robt. Elliott
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*The next entry needs to be double-checked. The details are correct – but I need to confirm that the record relates to Bellasis! This time, Byers was recorded with an 'e'.*

*14 June 2012 – Not a Bellasis church record. I need to see where this came from!*

08 March 1847	Martin Armstrong	22	Bachelor	Farmer	Tievnaman	Martin Armstrong	Farmer
	Sarah Byers	20	Spinster	-	Tievnaman	Robert Byers	Farmer

09 March 1847	Edward <b>Byars</b>	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Drummolland Parish of Killinkere	James <b>Byars</b>	Farmer
	Mary Williamson	full age	Spinster	-	Aibel-Jion (?) Parish of Baillieboro'	Hugh Williamson	Farmer

Witnesses were	Robt. McAuley Robert Byars
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09 March 1850	Joseph <b>Byars</b>	23	Bachelor	Farmer	Lateaster	John <b>Byars</b>	Farmer
	Mary Mulligan	21	Spinster	-	Drumnaglass	Ralph Mulligan	Farmer

Witnesses were	Robert <b>Byars</b> Jane Henry
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05 August 1850	Robt. Stafford	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Cornaden	Nathan Stafford	Farmer
	Polly Newel	full age	Widow	-	Kilnavarragh	The late Thos. Harrison	Farmer

Witnesses were	John <b>Byars</b> Thos. Harrison
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06 December 1850	Joseph <b>Byars</b>	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Cornaden	Joseph <b>Byars</b>	Farmer
	Rachel McIlwain	full age	Spinster	-	Lisnamore	Thomas McIlwain	Farmer

Witnesses	Samuel McIlwain Joseph <b>Byars</b>
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Civil Register for the next two adds: "Marriage solemnized at Drumgora in the meeting House of Bellasis in the Parish of Lurgan, Co. Cavan."

When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
11 December 1850	Robt. Byars	23	Bachelor	Farmer	Drummollard	James Byars	Farmer
	Anne Jane McQuade	17	Spinster	-	Lisnabantry	Thomas McQuade	Farmer

Witnesses were	Thomas McAuley Mary Byars
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27 January 1853	William Vogan	19	Bachelor	Farmer	Cornessass Parish of Kill	James Vogan	Farmer
	Eliza Byers	full age	Spinster	-	Tivnaman Parish of Killinkere	John Byers	Farmer

Witnesses included	Anne Coote
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14 April 1853	George McElwain	22	Bachelor	Farmer	Grahadussin Parish of Killinkere	Samuel McElwain	Farmer
	Anne Johnston	full age	Spinster	-	Lisnamore Parish of Killinkere	The late John Johnston	Farmer

03 June 1853	William Morrow	full age	Bachelor	Baker	Bailieboro'	William Morrow	Herdsmen
	Sarah Jane Coote	20	Spinster	-	Carrickmore	Thomas Coote	Workman

Witnesses included	Charles Coote
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18 September 1855	Thomas Dorrington	full age	Widower	Farmer	Sallygloghan	The late Mark Dorrington	Farmer
	Anne Jane McQuade	full age	Spinster	-	Lisnamore	The late Arcd. Johnston	Farmer

Witnesses were	Margaret Johnston Benjamin Johnston
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15 November 1855	John Byers	full age	Widower	Farmer	Lisachople	John Byers	Farmer
	Anne Milligan	full age	Widow	-	Drummaglass	The late Joshua Brand	Farmer

Witnesses were	David Byers Phebe Milligan
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29 June 1857	Henry Davison	full age	Bachelor	Servant	Carnagh	The late Henry Davison	Farmer
	Isabella Jackson	full age	Spinster	-	Coronaden	The late William Jackson	Labourer

Witnesses were	William Henry Joseph Byers
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When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
19 November 1857	John McIlwain	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Lisnamore	Thomas McIlwain	Farmer
	Fanny McGuire	full age	Spinster	-	Kilnavar	Jams McGuire	Farmer

Witnesses were	John Coote Anne Matchett
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25 November 1857	John Byers	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Gortnabraher	The late John Byers	Farmer
	Jane Hogg	full age	Spinster	-	Polemaly	William Hogg	Farmer

Witnesses were	James Byers Jane Byers
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*Note to me: Check that this next entry really was for Bellasis ...*

31 December 1857	Thomas Byers	27	Bachelor	Farmer	Billises	John Byers	Farmer
	Eliza Fausett	17	Spinster	-	Drumbo	James (or Daven ?) Fausett	Farmer

20 August 1858	James Brown	full age	Labourer	Farmer	Coronaden	John Brown	Labourer
	Maria Henry	full age	Spinster	-	Coronaden	John Henry	Farmer

Witnesses were	Isabella Byers Joseph Byers
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29 September 1858	Henry Stafford	17	Bachelor	Farmer	Carrickmore	Alexander Stafford	Farmer
	Eliza or Betty Anne Williamson [or Milligan?]	18	Spinster	-	Carrickmore	The late Robt. Williamson	Farmer

Witnesses were	James Byers Hannah Jane Milligan
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28 December 1858	William McCullough	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Skey	The late James McCullough	Farmer
	Anne Byers	full age	Spinster	-	Stramaquerty	James Byers	Farmer

29 August 1860	John Armstrong	full age	Widower	Farmer	Ravenfield	Christopher Armstrong	Farmer
	Sally Johnston	full age	Spinster	-	Lisnamore	The late Archd. Johnston	Farmer

When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
31 January 1861	James Byers	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Gartnabragher	Samuel Byers	Farmer
	Mary Reburn	full age	Spinster	-	Cluggagh	The late John Reburn	Farmer

Witnesses were	William Byers Anne Montgomery
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18 March 1862	James McCulloch [McCullough]	19	Bachelor	Farmer	Corleck Parish of Knockbride	Thomas McCulloch	Farmer
	Margaret Byres	19	Spinster	-	Gartnabraher Parish of Lurgan	William Byers	Farmer

06 April 1863	Joseph Byers	full age	Bachelor	Farmer's son	Gartnabragher	William Byers	Farmer
	Mary M. Langtree	full age	Widow	Milliner	Ballyjamesduff	Adam Ford	Methodist Preacher

12 October 1863	Robert Hanna	full age	Widower	Working Steward	Carne Parish of Castleraghan	Robert Hanna	Farmer
	Martha Byers	full age	Spinster	-	Kildarragh Parish of Castleraghan	The late Adam Byers	Farmer

29 October 1863	Benjamin Johnston	28	Bachelor	Farmer	Lisnamore Parish of Killinkere	The late Archibald Johnston	Farmer
	Margaret Whyte	19	Spinster	-	Tivnaman Parish of Killinkere	The late Richard White [sic]	Farmer

03 January 1866	James Doughty	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Kilmore	The late John Doughty	Farmer
	Anne McIlwaine	full age	Spinster	-	Lisanamore	The late Joe McIlwaine	Farmer

My family talks of "relatives" or some connection with Billis and the Doughty family.  
It seems most likely that Anne McIlwaine (above) is a sister of Jane (see second entry below).

09 August 1871	George Nixon	full age	Widower	Farmer	Moneyeass (?)	John Nixon	Farmer
	Eliza Byers	full age	Spinster	-	Gortnabraher	Wm Byers	Farmer

03 January 1872	Robt Byers	full age	Widower	Farmer	Rooskey	John Byers	Mason
	Jane McIlwaine	full age	Spinster	-	Lisanamore	The late Joseph McIlwaine	Farmer

in the presence of	Joseph McIlwaine Mary Anne Byers
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The above entry, the marriage of Robert and Jane, is the marriage of my great grand-parents.

When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
21 February 1873	Robert <b>Byers</b>	full age	Widower	Farmer	Drumagoland	The late Joseph <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
	Ellen Edmonston	full age	Widow	-	Dettiem ?	The late James Hanna	Farmer

18 March 1874	John <b>Byers</b>	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Stramawherty	James <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
	Anne Jane Barron	full age	Spinster	-	Coronary	The late Geo. Barron	Farmer

Witnesses included	Sarah <b>Byers</b>
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24 April 1879	Robert <b>Byers</b>	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Drumagoland	Robert <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
	Rachel <b>McIlwaine</b>	20 years	Spinster	Farmer	Lisanamore	John <b>McIlwaine</b>	Farmer

Witnesses included	Reachel [ <i>sic</i> ] <b>Byers</b>
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12 April 1883	Joseph <b>Byers</b>	full	Bachelor	Farmer	Clandid	James <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
	Eliza Freeland	19 years	Spinster	-	Clandid	George Freeland	Farmer

Witnesses included	Lizzie <b>Byers</b>
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06 March 1884	James <b>Byers</b>	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Greaghangee	Robert <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
	Mary Anne <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Aghalohan	Robert <b>Byers</b>	Farmer

Witnesses included	Robert <b>Byers</b> Sarah <b>Byers</b>
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15 June 1887	Edward B. Williamson	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Cliffin	John Williamson	Farmer
	Mary <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Gallon	Robert <b>Byers</b>	Farmer

Mary Byers's signature has a swirling W-like mass between "Mary" and "Byers". Could it imply Mary Anne Byers ?

02 May 1888	William Hetherington	full age	Widower	Farmer	Killdorra	William Hetherington	Farmer
	Jane <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Fintavin	Thomas <b>Byers</b>	- (?)

Witnesses included	Robert <b>Byers</b>
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18 February 1894	Hugh McNeil	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Carriga	John McNeil	Farmer
	Margaret J. <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Cornaden	Joseph <b>Byers</b>	Farmer

Witnesses included	Martha <b>Byers</b>
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When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
03 November 1897	John Tyrell	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Eighter	James Tyrell	Farmer
	Martha <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Cornaden	Joseph <b>Byers</b>	Farmer

Witnesses included	Lizzie <b>Byers</b>
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01 June 1899	James <b>Byers</b> Mary Ann White	full age 20 years	Widower Spinster	Farmer -	Gartnabraher Tievenaman	Samuel <b>Byers</b> William White	Farmer Farmer
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08 Nov. 1899	John James <b>Byers</b> Jane Williamson	19 years full age	Bachelor Spinster	Servant -	Termon Drumallaght	Robert <b>Byers</b> John Williamson	Farmer Labourer
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01 Oct. 1902	Thomas Hobson Mary Anne <b>Byers</b>	full age full age	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer -	Clonamey Cornaden	Richard Hobson Joseph <b>Byers</b>	Farmer Farmer
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Witnesses were	J.H. <b>Byers</b> Sarah <b>Byers</b>
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06 May 1903	William <b>Byers</b> Sarah Johnston	full age full age	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer -	Kilmore Lurgan	James <b>Byers</b> Archibald Johnston	Farmer - [ <i>dead?</i> ]
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08 July 1903	Alexander Watson	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Fintavin	James Watson	Farmer
	Sarah <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Cornaden	Joseph <b>Byers</b>	Farmer

Witnesses included	Marion Bertram
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10 July 1907	William Hugh White	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Drumod	James White	Farmer
	Lizzie <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-	Cornaden	Joseph <b>Byers</b>	Farmer

Witnesses included	J.H. <b>Byers</b>
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20 Jan. 1909	Robert <b>Byers</b> Lizzie Johnston	full age full age	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer -	Pullamalady Lissanymore	Robert <b>Byers</b> Samuel Johnston	Farmer Farmer
08 Oct. 1913	William Scott	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Pottle, Bailieboro', Stramaquerty, Killinkere	Robert Scott	Farmer
	Margaret <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-		John <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
20 April 1916	William Doughty	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Lissanymore, Virginia Drumagoland Virginia	James Doughty	Farmer
	Letitia Wilson	nearly 18 years	Spinster	-		Samuel Wilson	Farmer

Witnesses included	Thomas Samuel <b>McIlwaine</b>
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03 Oct. 1917	Samuel Bell	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Lisnabantry, Virginia Stramaquerty, Virginia	George Bell	Farmer
	Sarah Selina <b>Byers</b>	full age	Spinster	-		John <b>Byers</b>	Farmer
24 Nov. 1926	Joseph <b>Byers</b> Jane Mitchell	full age full age	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer -	Gartnabraher Lisacopple	Samuel <b>Byers</b> William Mitchell	Farmer Farmer

Witnesses included	John Joseph <b>Byers</b>
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When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
21 Feb. 1934	Samuel Byers	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Kilmore, Ballyjamesduff Pollomalady	Joseph Byers	Farmer
	Martha Jane Byers	full age	Spinster	-		Robert Byers	Farmer

Witnesses included      Myra Byers

4 April 1934	John William Johnston	full age	Bachelor	Farmer	Drumagoland	Robert Johnston	Farmer
	Lizzie Byers	full age	Spinster	-	Carriga, Killinkere	John James Byers	Farmer

Witnesses included      Olive Byers

10 Sept. 1947	John Anderson	full age	Bachelor	Merchant	Letterkenny	Samuel Anderson	Farmer
	Doreen Martha Byers	full age	Spinster	Teacher	Billis, Virginia	Henry Byers	Farmer

## Bellasis Presbyterian Church – baptisms

Baptisms below are from 1877 onwards – so what about earlier ones?

For example, where were these children of Joseph Byers & Rachel McIlwaine (born c.1825, married 06 Dec 1850) baptised?

Thomas    b. 16 May 1852  
 William    b. 16 May 1852  
 Mary Ann    b. 09 Apr 1854  
 Rachel    b. 23 Sep 1856  
 Lydia    b. 04 Oct 1858  
 Joseph    b. 08 Mar 1861  
 James    b. 14 Oct 1869

**Baptisms** (from 1877) Dates given here are the birth dates:

10 February 1879    James Byers, son of John Byers, Stramaquerty  
 10 July 1881        Joseph Elliott Byers, son of John Byers, Stramaquerty  
 ? October 1885     Mary Jane Byers, daughter of John Byers, Stramaquerty  
 19 June 1887        Samuel Byers, son of John Byers, Stramaquerty

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15 November 1898    Felicia Dorothy Violet McIlwaine, daughter of Joe McIlwaine, Lisanymore  
 17 May 1900        Frances Victoria McIlwaine, daughter of Joseph McIlwaine, Lisanymore  
 18 January 1902     John Henry McIlwaine, son of Joseph McIlwaine, Lisanymore

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09 April 1901 John Robert Byers, son of John James Byers, Carrickaheshil  
23 December 1903 Martha Byers, daughter of John James Byers, Cornaden  
28 January 1910 Elizabeth Byers, daughter of John James Byers, Cornaden  
06 February 1912 Margaret Byers, daughter of John James Byers, Cornaden  
11 June 1917 Thomas Henry Byers, son of John James Byers, Cornaden  
06 August 1919 Olive May Byers, daughter of John James Byers, Cornaden

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29 October 1912 Jane Byers, daughter of Robert Byers, Drummollagh  
07 December 1914 Margaret Byers, daughter of Robert Byers, Drummollagh  
27 August 1916 Douglas Shearer Byers, son of Robert Byers & Jane Shearer, Drummollagh  
02 November 1918 Christina Byers, daughter of Robert Byers & Jane Shearer, Drummollagh  
24 June 1920 Edna May Byers, daughter of Robert Byers & Jane Shearer, Drummollagh  
06 September 1922 Louisa Nicholson Byers, daughter of Robert Byers & Jane Shearer,  
Drummollard [sic]

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19 February 1916 Gladys Anne Byers &  
Irene Isabella Byers, twin daughters of Henry Byers & Mary Jane Byers  
(Cruikshank)  
27 November 1917 Doreen Martha Byers, daughter of Henry Byers & Mary Jane Byers  
(Cruikshank)  
10 September 1919 Sarah, daughter of Henry Byers & Mary Jane Byers (Cruikshank)  
- 28 June 1925 (baptism date)  
William Henry Byers, son of Henry Byers & Mary Jane Byers (Cruikshank)  
of Drummollard  
20 April 1933 Charles Stanley Byers, son of Henry Byers & Mary Jane Byers (Cruikshank)  
of Drummollard

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17 April 1921 Marjorie Virginia Byers, daughter of James Byers & Jean Catherine Bell of  
Bellasis  
17 May 1923 Cora Jane Kathleen Byers, daughter of James Byers & Jean Catherine Bell of  
Drumgora  
23 June 1925 John, son of James Byers & Jean Catherine Byers (Bell) of Bellasis  
24 February 1928 Iris Elizabeth Byers,  
James Samuel Byers, twin children of James Byers & Jean Catherine Byers  
(Bell) of Bellasis

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19 September 1934 Roberta Mary Iris Byers, daughter of John William Johnston and  
Elizabeth Johnston (Byers) of Drumagoland, Virginia  
22 May 1936 Olive Martha Byers, daughter of John William Johnston and  
Elizabeth Johnston (Byers) of Drumagoland, Virginia  
14 September 1938 Edith Elizabeth Byers, daughter of John William Johnston and  
Elizabeth Johnston (Byers) of Cornaden  
06 October 1940 Hilda Byers, daughter of John William Johnston and  
Elizabeth Johnston (Byers) of Cornaden

04 December 1941     John, son of John William Johnston and  
Elizabeth Johnston (Byers) of Cornaden

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20 June(?) 1945     Frederick Byers Reginald Sedgewick, son of Frederick Reginald Sedgewick  
and Gladys Byers of Drummallagh, Bellasis

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30 June 1952         Joan Isabella Byers\*, daughter of John Samuel Byers and Gladys Vera  
Hawthorne of Drummallagh, Virginia  
\* “born in the Rotunda, Dublin.”

24 March 1956       Ruth Mary Byers\*, daughter of John Samuel Byers and Gladys Vera  
Hawthorne of Drummallagh, Virginia  
\* “born at Drummallagh.”

08 May 1958         Carole Ann Byers\*, daughter of John Samuel Byers and Gladys Vera  
Hawthorne of Drummallagh, Virginia  
\* “born at St Joseph’s Maternity Home, Virginia.”

13 April 1961       Margaret Sarah Byers\*, daughter of John Samuel Byers and Gladys Vera  
Hawthorne of Drummallagh, Virginia  
\* “born at the Nursing Home, Virginia.”

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10 January 1907     Alexander, son of Alexander and Sarah Watson (née Byers), Fintavin

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There are a couple more Byers entries – but they’re not recorded here as they’re relatively too recent.

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The next few entries, for Johnston, are recorded here because they may help with my own family researches (or someone else’s perhaps?!) and of course, John William Johnston married a Byers.

22 November 1904     Margaret Jane Johnston, daughter of Robert Johnston, Lisanymore

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12 March 1910         William Alfred Johnston, son of Archibald Johnston, Lisanymore [sic]

15 July 1911         Archibald Johnston, son of Archibald Johnston, Lisanymore

10 April 1913 (baptism date, no birth date given)

John Faulkner Johnston, son of Archibald Johnston, Lisanymore [sic]

28 August 1914       David Henry Johnston, son of Archibald Johnston, Lisanymore

27 May 1916         James Johnston, son of Archie [sic] Johnston and Matilda Faulkner,



## Bellasis Presbyterian Church – graveyard listings

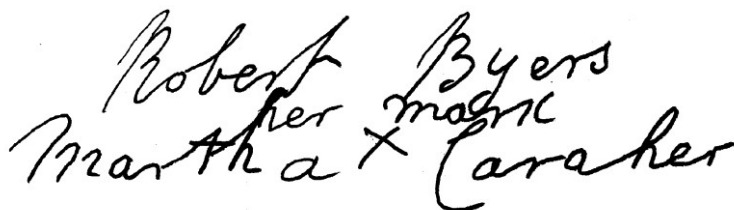
1. One single gravestone:  
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Drumallaght
2. James Byers, Ballyjamesduff, died 26 October 1963, age 84  
& his wife Jane Kathleen, died 14 April 1990, aged 99
3. Elsie Byers, Gartnabraher, Ballyjamesduff, died 28 July 1992, aged 56
4. Sadie Byers, Pollomalady, died 21 November 1990, aged 51
5. Henry Byers, died 16 November 1953, aged 80  
his wife Mary, died 12 April 1955, aged 69  
their son John, died 7 January 1966, aged 53  
& his wife Gladys, died 17 August 1987, aged 77
6. Robert Byers, died 4 March [*no year given*], aged 94  
& his wife Ellen, died 21 February [*no year given*], aged 80
7. John Byers B.A., died 15 February 1912, aged 30 years 9 months
8. Robert Byers, died 4 May 1878, aged 64  
& his wife Sarah, died 14 October 1891, aged 72

*also ...* John James McElwaine, died 18 July 1826, aged 60

## Robert Byers's signature (see bottom of Page 5 above)

*Rough tracings from the microfilmed records ...*

1862 marriage of Robert Byers and Martha Caraher



Robert Byers  
Martha Caraher

1872 marriage of Robert Byers & Jane McIlwaine

Robert Byers  
Jane <sup>her</sup> + Mc Ilwain  
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