

Coronary Church in the Parish of Knockbride, Co. Cavan

– more recently known as Corranery and even occasionally spelt Corroneary

Baptisms 1764 – 1961; Marriages 1768 – 1787; 1863 – 1955; Burials *none listed*

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Coronary baptisms

1870

William **Ney**, Martha Dixon his wife,

*Margaret Jane, their first child, baptised 20 March 1870

* Margaret Jane Ney married a Mr Unsworth and lived in Perth, NW Australia. So who was the Margaret Jane Ney who died in September 1899 (See Wills and Probates)?

Could it be the MJNey who married James Barron in 1865, making her at least 55 when she died – but why not MJBarron then?

1874

William **Ney**, Martha Dixon his wife,

*Mary Anne, their second child, baptised 01 January 1874

* Settled in Montreal as Mrs Cole. Had at least one son – Jack Cole

1890

James **Byres** [*sic*] and Lizzie Hamilton

had Thomas James, their first child, baptised 24 December

1892

James **Byres** [*sic*] and Lizzie Hamilton

had John, their second child, baptised 10 October

1894

James **Byres** [*sic*] and Lizzie Hamilton

had Jane, their third child, baptised ? (1894)

Coronary marriage

1900

No	When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
22	December 6 th 1900	John Byers Letitia Alice Ney	full age full age	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer -	Rooskey* Killacloughan	Robert Byers William Ney	Farmer Farmer

*Rooskey & Killacloughan are stated as being “in the Parish of Knockbride”

Married in the above Meeting House according to the usages of the Secession Church by Licence by me, William Auld, officiating minister.

This marriage was solemnised between us	John Byers Letitia Alice Ney	in the presence of us	James G Gamble Mary Anne Ney
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Mary Anne was Letitia Alice's sister; James G Gamble was a neighbour who grew up alongside John Byers.

Coronary baptisms *contd.*

1902

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia Alice **Ney**
had John William, their first child, baptised 23 February

Willie married Lucy Wedlock and they had two children: Ivan and Jean.

1903

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia Ann [*sic*] **Ney**
had Martha Jane, their second child, baptised 7 June

She married Bob Beck, and he and Ginnie went to New York from Derry (White Star line?) c.1928/29. Bob's other brothers, Willie (ex-RIC), John & Alex, all went to Canada. Bob and Ginnie had two children: Walter and Jean.

1904

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia Alic [*sic*] **Ney**
had Samuel, their third child, baptised 24 October

Sam emigrated with brother George to Canada c.1928 from Derry (White Star line?) Sam died some years after his marriage to Margaret (surname ?). They had two daughters: Barbara and Patricia.

1906

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia A. **Ney**
had Eliza, their fourth child, baptised 14 May

Lily moved to Belfast and ran a wool shop on the Castlereagh Road. She married Robert (Bob) Morrison and they lived on the Knock Road.

1907

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia A. **Ney**
had Robert, their fifth child, baptised 4 November

Bob emigrated to USA and there married a Scottish girl. Two children: Betsy and Bob (who died of croop when he was 5 or younger).

1909

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia **Ney**
had Christina, their sixth child, baptised 25 October

Chris married Bertie Noble; lived in Dublin. Three children: Joy, Vivian and Trevor.

1910

John **Byres** [*sic*] and Letitia A. **Ney**
had George, their seventh child, baptised 24 October

George emigrated with brother Sam to Canada c.1928 from Derry (White Star line?). He married Loretto, a French-Canadian girl. She pre-deceased George who died c.1998/99

1912

John Byres [*sic*] and **Letitia Ney**
had Anna Mary, their eighth child, baptised 27 May

Annie came to Belfast and married Jack Stanex. They had two sons: Raymond and Derek.

1914

John Byres [*sic*] and **Letitia Alice Ney**
had Alexander, their ninth child, baptised 25 May

Alex came to Belfast and lived in Roden Street. He married Dorothy. No children.

1915

John Byres [*sic*] and **Letitia Ney**
had Albert James, their tenth child, baptised 29 August
[*born 14 April*]

Served an apprenticeship at a grocery shop in Mullagh. Came to Belfast c.1935 and served his time with S.D. Bell's grocery shop. Eventually bought his own grocery shop at 48 Kenilworth Street. Stayed in "digs" in Ravenscroft Avenue and on the Beersbridge Road. Married Winifred Ethel May Martin in 1946 and bought a house at 12 Clonaver Park (off Holywood Road), moving to "Sweet Auburn", 82 Old Holywood Road, Belmont, Belfast BT4 2HP, c. 1951 and to 19 Strathearn Mews, Belmont, Belfast BT4 2QU in May 2002. Then moved to Bangor, c.2006. Four children: David, Heather, Elaine and Sharon.

1918

John Byres [*sic*] and **Letitia E.**[*sic*] **Ney**
had Thomas Walter, (the Register is written as "Waller")
their eleventh child, baptised 28 October

Walter came to Belfast with Alex and the two worked together for a time in a garage in Roden Street. Walter married Cis and eventually moved to England. They had three children: Roslyn, Audrey and Clive.

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CORRANEARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To mark the 300 years of Coraneary Presbyterian Church and also of the recent renovations to both the Church and the Hall, there will be Services of Celebration held on Sunday next, 27th November. The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev. Dr Harry Uprichard will attend the 11am service and then at 7.30pm Dr Warren Porter will officiate.

Corraneary dates back to the early 1700s and by 1705 the Rev. John Lee of Banbreaky [now Ervey] was conducting one service per month and also devoting one quarter of his time to work with its people. He remained in this role until 1710.

It appears that for a period between 1714 and 1755, Corraneary was joined with Corglass but in 1755 Corraneary made application to the Burgher Synod of Scotland for *Services of Preaching* as

they were then in the process of forming a congregation of their own. Leave was granted and Dr. Clarke of Cahans and Rev. John McCauley often preached to them.

Sometime between 1755 and 1764, the meetinghouse, which was thatched, was built on the present site. Their first ordained minister was Rev. John Craig who was installed circa 1764 to the joint congregations of Cootehill and Corraneary. The ordination was held in a meadow belonging to Robert Jordan of Cootehill. The stipend promised by Corraneary was 15 and oats while Cootehill promised 10 and oats. Rev. Craig continued with this arrangement for five/six years when he relinquished Cootehill congregation for Urcher [Bailieborough] providing services with the latter every 3rd Sabbath but remaining as a minister of Corraneary until 1792 when he and his family emigrated to America.

In 1791, [the year prior to his departure], the old meetinghouse was demolished and a new one [with roof shingles of black oak] was built on the same site, but to a larger scale. Records show that for the previous 46 years there were 922 baptismal registries representing 301 families, with John, James and William being the most popular boys names and Mary, Jane and Margaret the most popular girls names. Sharp, Irwin, Brown, Bell and Sanderson were the principle surnames. Rev. Craig's successor was Rev. Francis Carlisle who was ordained in September 1793 to the joint charges of Corraneary and Urcher, where he remained until his death in 1811.

With his passing came the severance of the close connection between Corraneary and Bailieborough branches of Secession. There were then two new vacancies. In March 1813, Rev. Samuel Crookshanks was ordained to the pastoral charge of Corraneary and by 1835 the average Sabbath attendance was 250 persons. In 1848 the church roof was slated. Rev. Crookshanks died in 1863 and is buried in the adjoining graveyard. In 1865 at the age of 21, Rev. John W Gamble [who was brought up in the congregation] succeeded him.

He stayed ten years until 1875 when he was called to Cootehill Original Secession. His successor, a Scotsman by the name of Rev. William Auld was ordained in August 1877. He saw the congregation united with Cootehill Original Secession and followed his brother-in-law Rev. John W Gamble as minister of the united charge. During Mr. Auld's ministry a fine manse was built at Corraneary; also general renovations were carried out to the church, which included a new system of heating with everything being carried out in the best style. Rev. Auld took ill when preaching on the 4th April 1920 and died three weeks later on April 27th. A headstone in the graveyard marks his resting place.

There then followed Rev. John Howe, 1921-1926 and Rev. David Bennie 1928-1931. The last minister of Corraneary as a Secession charge was Rev. David Russell 1931-1953. He retired in May 1953 due to failing health. Rev. James Higginson Beggs, Toberdoney, was placed in charge and carried out all official duties. It was under his stewardship that the congregation signalled their wish to join the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Rev. William Chestnutt of Kilmount provided the weekly pulpit supply during Rev. Russell's declining health and the ensuing vacancy. Rev. David Russell died in 1954 and is also buried in the adjoining graveyard.

In June 1955, Corraneary Secession Congregation were received into the Presbyterian Church in Ireland being joined with the congregation of Kilmount and placed under the care of Rev. William T. Eakins, minister of 1st Bailieborough and Glasleck. Two years later, however, they were united with the aforementioned churches and Rev. Wm Eakins served as their minister until he left for England in 1957. There then followed Rev. Warren Porter, 1958-1963 [who introduced the first musical instrument into the church], Rev. Thomas James Hagan 1965-1967 and Rev. John Carson Lee 1967-1973.

In 1974 Coraneary and 1st Bailieborough [Corglass] congregations were united with Trinity, Bailieborough and became one charge with Rev. James Peacock ministering from 1975-1982. In 1979 during his ministry major refurbishment was carried out to the building at Corraneary. This included a beautiful and still much admired piranha pine ceiling. This time also marked the introductions of some hymns into Sabbath worship, the Psalter previously being the only source of praise used. He and his family subsequently emigrated to Australia. There then followed a long vacancy under the convenorship of Rev. John Fulton. During this time, Rev. James A Duly [1987-1989] and Rev. Brian A. H. Wilson [1990-1992], ministered. Rev. Florence Taylor took up the ministry of the united charge in 1993 and retired in 2002. The present minister is the Rev. Sam Anketell who was installed in June 2004.

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