

# Knockbride Parish Church

Baptisms 1825 - 1917; Marriages 1827 - 1930; Burials 1817 – 1863, 1866 – 1910, 1918 - 1971  
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## Marriage

1848

When married	Name & Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's Name	Rank or Profession
23 June 1848	John Greer Caroline Ney		Spinster	Labourer		William Ney	

## Baptisms

When born	When baptised	Name of child	Born to	Townland	Occupation
16 Nov 1855	6 Jan 1856	William	Robert & Jane Ney	Begleff [ <i>sic</i> ]	Farmer

1872 This next is the birth of my grandfather John Byers and then of James George Gamble who would eventually be John Byers's 'best man'.

When born	When baptised	Name of child	Born to	Townland	Occupation
28 Sept 1872	11 Nov 1872	John	Robert & Jane Byers	Roosky	Farmer

31 Dec 1873	09 Jan 1874	James George	James & Eliza Gamble	Roosky	Farmer
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Extract from Civil Records for 1877. Registered on the 10<sup>th</sup> December in the District of Cootehill in the Union of Cootehill in the Counties of Cavan and Monaghan –

Date & Place of Death	Name & Surname	Sex	Condition	Age last Birthday	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Certified cause of Death, & Duration of Illness	Signature, Qualification, & Residence of Informant
30 November 1877 Rooskey	Robert Byers	M	Married	44 years	Farmer	Diabetes Six months Uncertified In medical attendance	Jane Byers her X mark Present at death Rooskey

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## Marriage

This is the re-marriage of Jane Byers to Robert Johnstone.

| When married | Name & Surname   | Age | Condition | Rank or Profession | Residence at time of marriage | Father's Name    | Rank or Profession |
|--------------|------------------|-----|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 9 March 1878 | Robert Johnstone |     | Bachelor  | Farmer             | Lissannamore                  | Arthur Johnstone | Farmer             |
|              | Jane Byers       |     | Widow     | Farmer             | Rooskey*                      | Joseph McIlwaine | Farmer             |

\*Rooskey is stated as being "in the Parish of Knockbride"; Lissannamore "in the Parish of Billis"

Jane Byers signs as "Jane Byers, her X mark"

Robert Johnston(e)'s parents were probably Arthur and Maria Johnston of Lissanymore. Robert was born before the surviving church baptismal register ... but there were at least two younger sisters. Details to be discovered!

## Baptism

| When born    | When baptised | Name of child | Born to                 | Townland | Occupation |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| 5 April 1880 | 5 May 1880    | Margaret      | Robert & Jane Johnstone | Roosky   | Farmer     |

## Marriages

1882

| When married     | Name & Surname | Age      | Condition | Rank or Profession | Residence at time of marriage | Father's Name | Rank or Profession |
|------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 23 February 1882 | John Cootes    | 24       |           | Farmer             | Cliffin                       | James Cootes  | Farmer             |
|                  | Elizabeth Ney  | full age |           |                    | Tullylarkan                   | James Ney     | Farmer             |

1910

| When married | Name & Surname     | Age | Condition | Rank or Profession | Residence at time of marriage | Father's Name    | Rank or Profession |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Dec 1910   | Thomas Wedlock     |     |           | Farmer             | Drummamuck                    | Thomas Wedlock   |                    |
|              | Margaret Johnstone |     |           |                    | Rooskey                       | Robert Johnstone |                    |

## Burials

| Name                                     | Townland | Date          | Age |
|------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|-----|
| Jane <b>Johnston</b><br>née <b>Byers</b> | Coronary | 24 May 1899   | 61  |
| Robert <b>Johnston</b>                   | Rooskey  | 26 April 1924 | 82  |
| James G. Gamble<br><i>best man</i>       | Rooskey  | 01 March 1944 | 70  |

So, if ages are accepted as accurate (always a dubious assumption!):

Jane **Johnston**, formerly Jane **Byers** (née **McIlwaine**), was born c.1838

She would have married Robert Byers when she was c.33/34

Robert Johnston was born c.1842

... and Robert Byers died in 1877 aged 44 (born c.1833).

The witness at the wedding of Jane McIlwaine and Robert Byers was Mary Anne Byers. In 1884 at Bellasis Presb. Church, a Mary Anne Byers married James Byers. Both their fathers were called Robert Byers. She lived at Aghalohan and just possibly was the daughter of my family's Robert Byers by his first marriage. This might help trace him back.