

THE ROURKES OF ANNAGHARVY

APPENDIX

Christenings from St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Parish of Geashill register

Page 32	26th Jan 1803	of Mary, daughter of Michael Rourk, of Annaharvey
Page 33	Oct 29th 1804	of Lucinda, daughter of Mich Rourke of Annaharvey and Mary (no maiden name given)
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Locations at Rawdon

<u>Name</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>source</u>
Joseph Neville	6 th Range, Lot N 6	map, late 1840s
John Neville (son)	9 th Range, Lot S 6	map, late 1840s
Joseph Neville	9 th Range, Lot S 6	1861 census
John Rourke	8 th Range, Lot N 11 8 / S 11 6 / N 7	Letters Patent: April 28, 1834 map, late 1840s map, late 1840s
William Rourke	6 th Range, Lot S 5 6 th Range, Lot 6	Letters Patent: Sept. 15, 1862 200 acres, 1861 census. He must have purchased 6 / S 6 to make the 200 acres.
William Rourke (son of John Rourke)	6 th Range, Lot N 6	He had 100 acres at 6 / 6 in 1861 perhaps purchased from his uncle, Joseph Neville
Michael Rourke	7 th Range, Lot N 23 7 th Range, Lot 23	1840s map 1861 census, south ½ probably, purchased from Wm Eveleigh, brother of John Rourke's wife Ann
James Rourke	Chertsey 1871	1861 Census, Rebecca Rourke is a widow in 1871

RAWDON CENSUS February 1852¹ La Paroisse de St-Patrice, County of Leinster

Protestant on this census usually means Church of England.

Most women were enumerated by their maiden names.

French spelling was used, *Marguerite* for Margaret and *Suzanne* for Susan

(?) = not sure, hard to read; Dates in *blue italics* are from the Christ Church register.

page 69 lines 49, 50 and page 73, 1 – 8 See Eveleigh Family on this site for birthdates of children.

	employment	born	religion	age	comment from census
John Rourke	farmer	Ireland	Protestant	51	frame house
Ann Evilagh		"		46	
William Rourke	labourer	Canada	"	21	
John Rourke	"	"	"	19	
James Rourke ²	"	"	"	17	
Joseph Rourke ³	"	"	"	16	in school
Henry Rourke ⁴	"	"	"	14	"

¹ There are two Irish Catholic Rourkes on this census; they were usually recorded as O'Rourke: 1) census page 57: Andrew Rourke, farmer, 70, and wife, Ann Hogan, 34, with seven Canadian children, ages 2 - 11. 2) census page 63: Catharine Rourke wife of John Johnson, with 7 Canadian children (LAC Microfilm C1124). See Up To Rawdon pages 1098 and 427.

² James was at Wallace Township, Perth County with wife Elisabeth and two daughters in 1861(identified as Rork with all family members born in Ireland.) Elisabeth died shortly thereafter. He purchased the farm of his brother Michael Samuel Rourke at Denbigh in Addington County, Ontario and remarried, Mary Williams (Ireland, est. 1846), at Christ Church, Rawdon on December 18, 1864. He may have been at Renfrew County, then after a brief stay at Park Head, Amabel Township, Bruce County and finally settled at Keppel and Derby in Grey County. He married three times. See: *UP TO RAWDON To Huron's Shore* chapter

³ Joseph Rourke settled about half way between Park Head and Allenford in Amabel Township, Bruce County with his wife Jane Manchester (born 1842, a daughter of Jacob Manchester and Elizabeth Smiley).

⁴ Henry was born September 22, 1836 and baptized Henry Warren Rourke at Christ Church with siblings Mary Ann, Susan and Michael Samuel on March 23, 1847, a.k.a. as Henry Charles Rourke. He married Catherine Nightingale c.1862 who died in 1876. On 27 September 1884, he then married her sister Ellen at Allenford, Amabel Township, Bruce Co.

He died on June 4, 1909 at Park Head, Ontario and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Tara in Arran Township, Bruce County. (Sheila Lamb lambsm@cogeco.ca)

	<u>employment</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>religion</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>comment from census</u>
Michael Rourke ⁵		Canada	Protestant	9	"
Mary Ann Rourke ⁶	"		"	12	"
Suzann Rourke	"		"	11	"
Marthhena Stewart ⁷	Ireland		"	26	



Believed to be a photograph of Michael Rourke Farm at Rawdon.

⁵ Born 18 April 1842 and baptized Michael Samuel with three siblings on March 23, 1847.

⁶ Mary Ann Rourke married William Nightingale at St. Gabriel Street Presbyterian Church on January 13, 1862. She died at Rawdon, February 17, 1873. Mary Ann is named on the Nightingale tombstone in St. John's Cemetery in New Glasgow.

⁷ She signed Martha Stuart when a sponsor with John Rourke at 1849 McGarrity baptism.

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				<u>comment from census</u>
Michael Rourke, farmer	Ireland	Protestant	45	frame house
Ann Davis	"	"	41	
James Rourke ⁸	"	"	21	
Michael Rourke ⁹	Canada	"	20	
George Rourke	"	"	14	in school
John Rourke	"	"	8	"
Robert Rourke ¹⁰	"	"	4	"

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Suzanne Rourke	Canada	Protestant	16	in school
Mary Ann Rourke ¹¹	"	"	11	"
Elizabeth Rourke ¹²	"	"	6	"

⁸ He married Ellen Mason (daughter of James Mason and Mary Armstrong) at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Montreal on 25 March 1862. There is no record of her death, 1867 -1870. James Rork, a widower, then married Esther Brennan at Chertsey on March 8, 1870 (Rivest Index). She was born at Rawdon on 7 February 1827, daughter of John Brennan and Ann Thomas. Esther died 4 March 1908 in Montreal but was buried in Rawdon.

Census at Chertsey identifies James (eldest son of Michael Rourke and Ann Davis). I have not found birth or death registrations for his family. His brother Michael lived at Chertsey in 1871 as did his second wife Esther's half sister Susannah Smith Holtby.

1871: James Rork [sic], 40, born in Ireland married to Esther, 45, born in Quebec with children Anna 7, Georgiana 5 and James 4 - born in Quebec.

1881: James Roark [sic], 50, born in Ireland, was husband of Esther, 57, born in Ireland [sic]. Their children were Anna Maria 10 [sic], Georgiana 16 and James Edward 14.

1901: James Rourk [sic] 70, born in Ireland, 13 February 1831 and immigrated in 1833. His wife, Essey, now younger than her husband was 65 and born in Ireland [sic] but no date of birth or of immigration was recorded.

⁹ Michael Rourke was born 14 June 1832 and baptized at Christ Church on 2 December 1832. Burial and other sources incorrectly indicate birth in 1830. He married Diana Blaggrave on July 26, 1865 in the presence of Robert Blaggrave and Mary Ann Blaggrave also at Christ Church. They lived at Chertsey in 1871,

¹⁰ Robert Rourke married Mary Ann Blaggrave.

¹¹ Born March 15, 1840, she married Robert Blaggrave on March 16, 1871 at Christ Church.

¹² Elizabeth Rourke married William Nightingale at Christ Church, Rawdon March 5,

Sara Rourke ¹³	"	"	4	"
Isabella Rourke ¹⁴	"	"	2	
Marguerite Rourke	"	"	1	<i>born 1851</i>
<u>page 85, lines 4 – 11</u>				<u>comment from census</u>
William Rourke, farmer	Ireland	Protestant	37	log house
Isabella Holmes	"	"	32	
John Rourke	Canada	"	14	in school
James Rourke ¹⁵	"	"	12	"
William Rourke	"	"	9	"
Samuel Rourke	"	"	3	
Philip Rourke	"	"	1	born 1851
Maria Rourke	"	"	7	in school
<u>page 73, lines 37 - 42</u>	I did not record school information for this family.			
Joseph Nevill, farmer	Ireland	Protestant	57	log house
Maria Rourke ¹⁶	"	"	45	
John Nevill	Canada	Protestant	14	<i>March 11, 1838</i>
Jacob Nevill ¹⁷	"	"	12	
Jane Neville ¹⁸	Ireland	"	18	<i>Nov. 1829 (1911 census)</i>
Suzann [sic Susan] Neville	Canada	"	7	<i>August 15, 1843</i>
William Fulsher ¹⁹	Canada	"	4	

1874 after decease of her cousin, Mary Ann. Elizabeth died April 22, 1888 at New Glasgow, Quebec.

¹³ She is only Jane in the church register but apparently known as Sarah Jane. She was born October "184 _" and baptized July 29, 1846, the same day as her brother John.

¹⁴ Isabella Rourke married Isaac Blagrove on June 6, 1878 at Christ Church.

¹⁵ He married Emma Constable (Rawdon, c.1849), married at Seaforth, McKillop Township, Huron County in 1869. He died at Seaforth in 1903. See more on James and Emma read these chapters: *From Rawdon, West to Wellington* and *To Huron's Shore*.

¹⁶ Mary Neville died 22 October 1873; buried at Rawdon. Joseph died February 17, 1873.

¹⁷ On the 1911 census, he gave his birth date as May 1841.

¹⁸ Tombstone: Christ Church Rawdon Cemetery - born 1827 and died 16 November 1911; married William Jones 12 February 1856, Christ Church.

¹⁹ William Fulsher, son of Samuel Fulsher and Maria [sic Eliza] Neville was born June 22, 1846 and baptized at Christ Church, Rawdon on 16 December 1846.

other Neville children, not on 1852 Rawdon Census

Eliza / Elizabeth Neville	Ireland	1821-1825	Mrs. Samuel Fulsher ²⁰
Michael Neville ²¹	Ireland	c. 1825	Chertsey 1852 census
Joseph Neville	Rawdon	September 1, 1834	died May 16, 1850
Lucy Neville	Rawdon	December 9, 1845	died 5 December 1847

²⁰ They married on April 24, 1843 at Christ Church. See: Up to Rawdon Fulsher at Rawdon chapter. Their eldest son, William 4, was with his Neville grandparents in 1852, footnote 19.

²¹ Michael Neville married Maria Lockins September 25, 1849 at Christ Church. In 1852, they farmed at Chertsey. On the adjoining farm: Richard Prettie 50 and his wife Jane Neville 50 and three young men William Prettie, 32 George Prettie 24 and George Cox Prettie 22. Richard Prettie and Jane Neville (of *Cobourg Haut-Canada* in 1866) had a daughter Elizabeth who renounced Anglican faith and was baptized a Catholic at Rawdon on October 17, 1866 before marriage to Thomas Daly (Hugh Daly / Mary Guinon); Bridget Neville was a witness. Jane, 30 years, was not on the 1852 Census. Relationship of Jane to Jacob Neville, if any, is not known.

RAWDON CENSUS 1861, Microfilm C 1297

Ages from this census are sometimes doubtful; the 1852 census seems to be more reliable.

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		<u>1861</u>		<u>1871 Census</u>
William Rourke	Ireland	46	C of E farmer	60
Margaret Rourke	Canada	33		40
<i>née Gray m. 1858 at Erskine Presbyterian, Montreal; see UP TO RAWDON 'English Gray and Lewis and Lockens'</i>				
Mariah Rourke ²²	Canada	14		
Samuel Rourke	Canada	12		22
Philip Rourke	Canada	9		20
Isabella Rourke	Canada	7		18
Margaret Elizabeth	-	- ²³		14
<i>Isabella Holmes died March 29, 1857; M. Elizabeth was her last child.</i>				
Eliza J. Rourke ²⁴	Canada	1		11
<i>The two eldest sons, from 1852 census, John and James were not at home in 1861 and third son William may be with Neville family, see below.</i>				
Sanders Smith ²⁵	Ireland	36		

²² She married John Gray, brother of her stepmother, Margaret Gray. They had two children baptized at Huntingdon in 1871 but she was deceased before October 1873 when John Gray remarried. His second wife was Rose McCurdy, footnote 26 whose first husband was a cousin to Maria Rourke. See Up to Rawdon: English Gray, Lewis, Lockens.

²³ It is apparent that she lived with her grandmother when her mother died. Marguerite [sic] Rourke was 4 years old and living with her grandmother and aunt, Isabella and Margaret Holmes, on the 1861 Ste-Julienne Census. Margaret Roarke [sic] was recorded with her aunt, Margaret Holmes, Mrs. Saunders Smith at Ste-Julienne in 1871 as well as with her father.

²⁴ The siblings of Eliza Jane Rourke are named on pages 298-299 of Up To Rawdon, Part One and are taken from the 1871 and 1881 Rawdon Censuses.

²⁵ Usually spelled Saunders, he arrived in Canada c. 1839 (1901 census) and first lived with the Rourke family. He married Margaret Holmes, a younger sister of William's Rourke's wife Isabella Holmes, and had a family at Rawdon. Was he from Annaghary and related to Henry Smith? See: *Henry Smith of Annaghary & Other Smiths at Rawdon*.

p.1 Wm. is believed to be a son of John Rourke and Anne Eveleigh.

		<u>1861</u>		<u>1871 Census</u>
William Rourke	Canada	29	C of E farmer	deceased
Rose Rourke ²⁶	Canada	29	<i>b. 1827</i>	40, widowed
Alexdr. Rourke	Canada	6		16
John Rourke	Canada	4	<i>John E.</i>	14
Rose A. Rourke	Canada	2	<i>Rosanna</i>	12
Eliza Smiley ²⁷	Ireland	50		-
Mary Anne				10
Susan				8
Marguerite Jane				7
Isabella				2

²⁶ Rose is a daughter of Alexander McCurdy and Rose McFee and born at Rawdon. She married a second time at Centenary Methodist Church in Pointe-St-Charles, Montreal on October 1, 1873. She was a widow, resident of Rawdon and the groom was John Gray, a carpenter of Huntingdon and witnessed by William and Jane Sprinkling. Jane Sprinkling was a sister of the groom and they were children of John Gray and Jane Fechnie of Rawdon.

²⁷ Eliza Smiley could be Elizabeth Eveleigh, born 1806-7, wife of John Smiley, 45 years, on 1852 census. She was a sister of Ann Eveleigh, Mrs. John Rourke and therefore would be an aunt to William Rourke, the household head. She should be in Howick, Huron County where her family settled.



The Neville farm on the Ninth Range (Lot 6) of Rawdon Township was purchased by Joseph Neville. It had been granted to John McNown in 1835. This painting from the 1950s is by Linda Blagrove. Data on the Neville family is found on pages 1, 6 and 8 of this supplement. Pierre Emond of Lac des Deux Montagnes, Quebec kindly provided the scan.

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Michael [sic Joseph] Nevel	Ireland	67	C of E farmer	75
Mary Nevel [sic Neville]	Ireland	57		67
Susan Nevel	Canada	18		24
Jacob Nevel	Canada	20		22
Mary J. Trebeken ?	Canada	13	<i>overwritten, illegible</i>	
Elizabeth Jones	Canada	5	<i>grand daughter</i> ²⁸	
John Nevel	Canada	22		
William Rourke	Canada	18	<i>possibly 3rd son of Wm and Isabella</i>	

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		<u>1861</u>		<u>1871</u>
Michael Rourke	Ireland	53	C of E farmer	64
Ann Rourke	Ireland	50		60
John Rourke ²⁹	Canada	17	<i>born 1842</i>	24

²⁸ Daughter of William Jones and Jane Neville was born September 4, baptized November 7, 1856.

²⁹ John Rourke, son of the late Michael Rourke, farmer of Chertsey died in Little Chertsey 30 April 1913, aged 69 years and was buried in the cemetery of Christ Church, Rawdon on 2nd May. His wife, Ellen (maiden name was Sheppy or Chipping) died 16 May 1899 aged 40 years" and "was buried at the English Church graveyard". Their eldest

Robert Rourke	Canada	12			
Charles Rourke	Canada		1856 ³⁰		
Mary Ann Rourke	Canada	21			
Elizabeth Rourke	Canada	19	born 1842	28	as Betsy

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Sarah Rourke	Canada	16	born 1846	22	
Isabella Rourke	Canada	10	January 2, 1850	20	
Margaret Rourke	Canada	9		18	
Catherine Rorke [sic]	Canada		June 3, 1853 ³¹		

James, Michael, George Rourke (on 1852 census) were not on 1861 Rawdon Census. See UP TO RAWDON 'Bagnall, Blagrove & Pigott: Family Connections' for the marriages and children of Michael, Mary Ann, Robert and Isabella Rourke with siblings Diana, Robert, Mary Ann and Isaac Blagrove.

<u>p. 40</u>		<u>1861</u>	<u>comment</u>	<u>1871</u>	
John Rourke	Ireland	60		70	C of E
Ann Rourke	Ireland	55	née Eveleigh	65	
Mary Ann Rourke	Canada	22			
Susan Rourke	Canada	20			
Samual [sic] Rourke	Canada	18	Michael in 1852, 1870	29 ³²	
George Hobs	Canada	20	neighbour's son		
Francis Smiley ³³	Canada	12			

children were: James Rourk - died 22 April 1896, aged 19 years and Florence Anne Rourke who died of consumption in the Grace Dart Home, Montreal 3 October 1913, aged 31. Both are buried at Christ Church Cemetery. Other known children of John (Jack) Rourke and Ellen, his wife, are Robert 1887, Mary Ellen 1892 and John 1894; birth dates are estimated from 1891 and 1901 Chertsey censuses.

³⁰ Charles William Rourke was born March 19, 1856 and baptized at Christ Church, July 11, 1856.

³¹ She was not on the 1861or census but I have not found a burial for her at Christ Church. She was baptized on October 30, 1853 Abraham and Zerena Bagnall were sponsors. She was listed as *Charles* Rourk, a female, 14 years, in 1871.

³² Also enumerated were Michael's wife Emily, 26, born in Ontario and their children John 5, Samuel 3, William 2 and Emily 3 months, all were born in Quebec. This is not correct; see the tenth page of the chapter, *To Huron's Shore*.

³³ The Smiley boys, living with John Rourke and Ann Eveleigh, are her nephews, sons of John Smiley and Eliza Eveleigh, 1852 census. The Smiley family may have been in

George Smiley Canada 10

p.40: marked as "*absent family members*" the head of the household was not indicated

William Rourke Canada 22 *possibly son of William, also with Joseph
Neville*

Henry Rourke Canada 19 *not identified*

Jean Rourke Canada 17 *possibly Jane, daughter of Michael 1852 census*

Henry Rourke Canada 25 *Henry Warren, son of John & Ann, born 1836*

Joseph Rourke Canada 23 *son of John and Anne Rourke, born 1834*

transition to a new home, at Howick Township, Huron County which is where an older brother Samuel Smiley was married in 1866.

Complete list of children of James Rourke and Rebecca Odlum³⁴

The baptisms are from an Index at St. Mary's Church of Ireland at Geashill, Tullamore, Co. Offaly to the Geashill and Killeigh parish registers. Registers are in the Archives of the *Representative Church Body Library*, Braemor Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14. They do not have a copy of the Index and the archivist, Dr. Raymond Refaussé says it is not reliable. There may be errors in the Rourke material noted.

Eliza Maria Rourke 20 October 1837 and baptized 6 January 1838. (page 6K)³⁵
Died / buried at Geashill 17 December 1850 (page 7 G)

Catharine Rourke 7 July 1837 [sic]³⁶ (page 75G) *she remained single*
Katherine [sic] was born April 1851 [sic] and lived with brother, James, at Ste-Sophie in 1911.
She died 11 July 19151, aged 76, at Rawdon, where she was buried

Rebecca Rourke 4 February 1841. (page 75G)
She gave her date of birth as April 1840 on the 1911 Census. She married James Archie Smith, Rawdon, a widower, at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Montreal, on January 18, 1878; he was a son of Henry Smith of Annaghary. Rebecca died at Rawdon 8 March 1912 and was buried at Christ Church, 10 March 1912.

Thomas Odlum Rourke 9 March 1843 and baptized July 13 1845³⁷ (page 17 K)
He married Elizabeth Parkinson 11 July 1877 at Christ Church.

Susan Rourke 9 April 1845 and baptized July 13 1845 (page 17 K)
She married Charles Copping of Chertsey 4 March 1873 probably at Chertsey and lived at New Glasgow.

Sarah Rourke born 1847 - 1849

³⁴ Rebecca Odlum was the second daughter of Thomas Odlum and Dinah Pattinson or Patterson and was born at Annaghary. She had an elder sister, Eliza, c. 1808 and a younger sister, Catherine c. 1813. Source: <http://www.odlumhistory.com/> pages 60 and 61.

³⁵ The Index names the family's residence in all cases as "Annaharvy".

³⁶ This must be her baptismal date. It is not in chronological order and perhaps it should read 1839. Tombstone dates her death at 76 years on 11 July 1915 (or born, 1839). Ena P. Rourke said she was born in 1838.

³⁷ Birth date in Index was typed 1845 and then 5 overtyped as 3. Susan was baptized on the same day.

She is not in the Geashill Index but was 21 on the 1871 Chertsey census in 1871; she was 32 in 1881; she gave December 12, 1850 as her date of birth in 1901 and December 1847 in 1911.

She married her first cousin, Jacob Neville; she died at Rawdon, 26 June 1932 (Christ Church register).

Michael Rourke 30 July 1850 and baptized 12 August 1850 (page 6G)
He apparently died before the family immigrated to Canada.

Eliza Rourke 2 January 1853 and baptized 25 September 1853 (page 25K)
Eliza used a younger age on later censuses. She married James Herbert, son of James Herbert (of King's County) and Alicia Watters, on 23 June 1874 at Christ Church. They had six children before his early death in 1890. Eliza died 20 September 1931 and was buried in Rawdon United Church Cemetery.

James Rourke 21 November 1855 and baptized 13 December 1855
He remained single and lived at Ste-Sophie with his sister Katherine in 1911. He died 27 December 1927 and was buried at Christ Church on the 29th of December.

CHERTSEY CENSUS, 1861, Microfilm C1297

James Rack [sic]	Ireland	48
Rebecca	"	46
Catrin	"	21
Rebecca	"	19
Thomas	"	17
Susann	"	15
Sara	"	13
Lisy	"	6
James	"	4

CHERTSEY CENSUS, 1871, Microfilm C10036

The ages from birth dates in the Geashill Index (St. Mary's church of Ireland) are for comparison and are not part of the census. Anglaise = English Church

				<u>actual age</u>
Rork [sic], Thomas	25	Ireland	Anglaise	28
" Rebecca	56	"	"	-
" Suzan	23	"	"	26
" Catharine	29	"	"	34
" Rebecca	27	"	"	30
" Sara	21	"	"	-
" Eliza	17	"	"	18
" James	14	"	"	16

Rebecca Odlum Rourke died on January 26, 1891, aged 80 years, "at the home of her daughter" in Rawdon. The Christ Church register was witnessed by Robert and Michael Smith, brothers-in-law of her daughter Rebecca, Mrs. Archie Smith.