

## Greenan and Green in Rawdon and Area <sup>1</sup> adding to their previously published stories in UP TO RAWDON

“We cannot know.”

If used sparingly, this is one of the strongest phrases in the biographer’s language. It reminds us that [what] we are reading, for all its detail, length and footnote, for all its factual certainties and confident hypotheses, can only be a public version of a public life and a partial version of a private life. Biography is a collection of holes tied together with string ...” <sup>2</sup>

What I have learned, since 2013, about the Greenan / Greene / Green families who are identified in the chapters *Greenan of Rawdon* and in the “Green” section of *Some Irish-Catholic Settlers* is presented here.

See also census records at <https://uptorawdon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/11-Greenan-Some-Census-Records.pdf>.

The Greenans are now mostly known as Greenes. I regret any errors or misunderstandings in this essay.

**Bernard Greenan** (c. 1782-1862) – son of **James Greenan** and **Bridget McGorman** (corrected spelling); married **Alice Donnelly** (c. 1796 – 1891), in Église St-Paul, Joliette in 1829. Her parents **John Donnelly** and **Sarah Kean** are named in the marriage registration; all four parents were “of Ireland”.

The Greenan tree<sup>3</sup> names **Michael Greenan** (c. 1793 – 1868) married to **Mary Philipps** (c. 1801 – 1888) as a sibling for Bernard); they were located at Quebec City and in 1852 at Ste-Foy and were known as Green.

I suggested in 2013, that **John Greenan** was a brother to Bernard based on circumstantial evidence. Many public trees on Ancestry<sup>4</sup> now allege that his parents were James Greenan and Bridget McGorman (who we know were Bernard’s parents.) Although we do not have proof from a primary source, we can accept the theory as fact. John died, aged 90, in 1868 or born 1778 and would be an elder brother to Bernard and Michael. Ancestry trees state, without evidence, that John and his wife, Judith McMahan, were from Cavan, County Cavan. I found the Greenans were from County Monaghan in the registration of the marriage of Thomas Green and Catherine Johnston (page 6, below). This article expands their story from church registrations that were overlooked and from new research and adds details about Bernard and Michael. See “**Arrival**” on page 6, of this article for the Rawdon locations given to the Greenan brothers.

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<sup>1</sup> To search for names in this article use **control F**.

<sup>2</sup> Julian Barnes writing in *The Man in the Red Coat* page 114, Penguin, Random House Canada, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Data, from a private tree shared by Greenan family descendant Gary Diorio [sangar@teksavvy.com](mailto:sangar@teksavvy.com), has made this essay possible; additional data researched by Daniel Parkinson.

<sup>4</sup> Private trees that could not be accessed may hold sources that confirm John’s parents names and their places of birth.

## John Greenan (1778-1868) and Judith McMahon (1784-1854)

Their family was the focus of *Greenan of Rawdon* when UP TO RAWDON was published in 2013. The known children follow, with new or updated information to what is on pages 309 -312.

**Edward Greenan** 1811: In 1850, Edward and **Alice McPhillips** were at Mount Holly, Rutland County, Vermont with six children. They had been there about three years. He was a laborer. We know that this was not his first time living in the USA, because his eldest was born c. 1841 in New York state but the family was back at Rawdon in 1842.

Edward died 6 Sept 1859, aged 48, at Chertsey and was buried in the Rawdon Catholic church cemetery. **Alice McPhillips**,<sup>5</sup> widow of Edward, was buried from Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal, on 28 June 1876, aged 66. She was still on the farm at Chertsey in 1871. One suspects that consumption was rampant in the family.

### Children of Edward Greenan and Alice McPhillips:

Photo of one of the boys and a younger sibling, at Rutland

**John Green** c. 1841 was 8 years in 1850 and born in New York state. As firstborn, he was named for his grandfather John Greenan.

**Edouard Green** was baptized 8 December 1842, St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon.

**Mary Green** was baptised 26 March 1844 at Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal and was 6 years on 1850 Vermont census. James Carroll and Mary Reilly (wife of Robert Green) were godparents.

**Catherine Green** was baptized 12 July 1846 at Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal and was 4 years on 1850 Vermont census. She died and was buried at Rawdon 27 September 1863, aged 18.

**Thomas Green** c. 1848, 2 years born, in Vermont, 1850, he died and s buried at Rawdon January 1864, aged 14 [sic].

**Patrick / Owen Green** in 1850, Patrick was 3 months, born in Vermont. Owen was 21, born in "Etats Unis" on the 1871 Chertsey Census, which was the clue to finding the family in Vermont.



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<sup>5</sup> There were McPhillips families at Cathcart Township (Joliette county) their births, marriages and burials recorded at St-Alphonse-Rodriguez, north east of Rawdon. Possibly they are siblings to Alice McPhillips Greenan:

**James McPhillips** (c.1818-1894) married **Catherine Woods**: they knew the Greenan extended family: in 1853 Margaret Anne McPhillips was baptized: parrain James Green and Mary Greenan (children of Bernard). John McPhillips baptized 1857 with John Woods parrain and Ann Shields marraine. In 1848, Henry & John Shields witnessed the burial of an infant son of James McPhillips.

**Hugh McPhillips** (c.1811-1899) son of James McPhillips [senior] and Margret McCalen [or McCahen] of Monaghan, Ireland married **Sarah McDonald** of Rawdon, 2 February 1847 at St. Patrick's, Rawdon. Witnessed by James McPhillips and John McCalen [or McCahen]. Many children including Margaret Ann baptized 31 March 1853, the *marraine* was Mary Greenan.

(Children of Edward and Alice Greenan, continued from previous page)

**Ann Sarah Green** was born 18 June 1854 baptized St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon. Sara [sic] was 19 [sic] on the 1871 Chertsey Census.

**Sarah Greenan**, c.1814 married **James Carroll** 21 July 1836 at St-Grégoire de Rawdon parish as recorded in the St-Jacques register. The signatures recorded are of interest because of the interchange of English and French and the style the participants chose to use. They are, as written, here. "en presence de frere de l'époux, et de *Jean Grinanne* frere et d' *Edouard Grinanne* frere de l'épouse tous enseignant avec nous quatre mots (word unclear) nuls." The signatures: *John Carrol / Jean Grinan / Edward Grinan / Jacques Carrol / Sara Grenenne*

James and Sarah Carroll had a large family; her name is on several church registrations as Sally. She died 5 June 1886, aged 72, and therefore was born c. 1814. Sarah's children, from 1852 Census, are at <https://uptorawdon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/11-Greenan-Some-Census-Records.pdf>.

**Owen Greenan**, c. 1814, was 37 in 1852 and not found again on the census. I am unable to reconfirm the marriage date at St-Jacques and Mary Ann Kirkwood's baptism in the Catholic church, the day before (page 311 and page 486, footnote 7) which might have confirmed Owen's parents' names. Neither event is in the Drouin Index and are from sources that I am presently unable to access. At the marriage at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Montreal, on 26 November 1839, they made their marks as did **John Green** (who is either Owen's father or brother). Two church witnesses (one named George Brush and not Green as I reported in error in 2013) signed.

Notarial entries for **Owen Green**, available at BaNQ, have details which could be examined; the index entries are found at Ancestry. It is known that Owen received Letters Patent<sup>6</sup> in January 1843 for a portion of Lot 26 in the Eighth Range. We know that he left Rawdon for a farm at Chertsey and was there for the 1861 census. Before then, there were sales and quittances suggesting he speculated in property. He sold a lot to François Prévost in 1845. On 18 January 1851, he purchased from William McNown, possibly this was Lot 6N in the Sixth Range. William McNown, junior, had been granted this lot in 1835; he and his wife Jane Bagnall and children, left for Wisconsin 1849-1850. Owen may have sold this in 1855. Registrations for his children were at first at St. Patrick's in Rawdon; and from 1860, they were at St-Théodore de Chertsey.

**Children of Owen Greenan and Mary Ann Kirkwood:** includes new or revised information

**Jane Ann Greenan** c. 1839 Genan [sic] married Romuald Granger of St-Théodore de Chertsey on 20 January 1863. Witnesses: William Kirkwood, uncle of the bride, Thomas Holtby (an Anglican farmer and Chertsey neighbour) and Daniel Trusdell [sic], miller at Chertsey and three relatives of the groom. farmer and Chertsey neighbour) and Daniel Trusdell [sic], miller at Chertsey and three relatives of the groom.

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<sup>6</sup> C 2308, Vol 216A, G5, Petition 6 (LAC and Ontario Archives)

## Children of Owen Greenan and Mary Ann Kirkwood: continued

**Catherine Greenan** 28 December 1841, baptized 1 January 1842 at St. Patrick's, Rawdon. Godparents were John Greenan and Judith McMahon.

**John Greenan** 7 November 1843; in 1852 he was 6 and sometimes lived with his Kirkwood grandparents on the First Range. He died 11 December 1864, aged 21, at Chertsey

**Anne Margaret Greenan** was born in September 1845 and baptized at St-Jacques, 9 September 1845 as Anne Marguerite Grinon.

**Edward Greenan**, c. 1848, married **Valerie Dusable** (1855-1904) at Chertsey in 1871. He died 1 Jan 1922, at Lebanon, Grafton County, NH and was buried there at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Their children were born at Chertsey 1872 - 1892 except the youngest born in New Hampshire after emigration in 1892. Also, M. Elizabeth Greenan died, aged three months, at Chertsey, 8 September 1880. Names and photos of Edward's family may be seen at Ancestry.com in the Plamondon Tuttle public tree.

**James Greenan** 31 January 1852 baptized 1 Feb. 1852, died May 4, 1852 St. Patrick's, Rawdon.

**Thomas Greenan** 22 May 1853, his father signed the register as did Sara Greenan [sic Carroll]. He died 7 November 1866.

**Sarah Eliza Greenan** 18 August, 1855, Rawdon, died Chertsey 1 April 1857 recorded at St. Patrick's, Church, Rawdon

**William Patrick Greenan** 2 March 1858 baptized at St. Patrick's, Rawdon. He placed the stone for his mother in the Rawdon United Church Cemetery. In 1891, he lived with the Engells family at Dunham, Quebec and was employed as a marble cutter and named as a domestic. One male Engells was a farmer, the other a marble cutter and perhaps he was a boarder and helped with farm work. In 1900, he was employed as a marble cutter in nearby Richford, Franklin County, Vermont having entered the U.S.A, in 1892. He had attended school for 8 years. His landlord was a Canadian marble cutter. In 1910, he was at Swanton in the same county, boarding with a family and worked as a "monumental stone" cutter. In 1920, he was still at his trade in Swanton. He was naturalized in 1923 and died, 13 October 1927, at St. Albans, Franklin County.

**Mary Agnes Greenan** 8 March 1860 baptized on 11 March at St-Théodore-de-Chertsey.

**Michael Greenan**, 1813-1817 – was 35 in 1852 and 48 in 1861. Read UP TO RAWDON pages 312 and pages 400-401 and for a revised list of his eight children with Letitia Johnston **update pages 400-401**. In 1861, "Mick and Letty" were settled on the north half of Lot 24, in the Tenth Range but reported farming 200 acres. This is in 2021 an area of vacation homes called Lac Lévis.

### Children of Michael Greenan and Letitia Johnston:

**Mary Ann Greenan** was born c. 1844 and turning 8 years on the February 1852 Rawdon Census, no baptism located.

**John Green** [sic] son of Michael Green *journalier* (labourer) and Letitia Johnson [sic] was baptized June 21, 1846, parish of Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal godparents: John Martin and Elizabeth Green

**Jane Green** [sic] was born 2 June and baptized 23 July 1848 at St-Alphonse-Rodriguez, godparents: James Green and Mary Green, elder children of Bernard Greenan. It does not say "of this parish".

**Francis Greenan** was born 22 November and baptized on December 8, 1850 St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon; mother Latitia Johnson [sic] and named in the Irish tradition for maternal grandfather.

**James Greenan** was born 11 January and baptized 3 February 1853, at St. Patrick's Church, the mother was Latitia Johnson [sic].

**Children of Michael Greenan and Letitia Johnston:** continued

**Bridget Green** [sic] was born 6 April and baptized May 1855 at St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon.

**Thomas Greenan** baptized 5 Dec 1858 at St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon.

**Michael Greenan** was born 5 May 1861 and baptized at St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon. The family were on their farm at 10 / N 24.

**Mary Greenan** estimated date of birth, 1825; we have to assume that she was born in Ireland because there is no baptism at St-Jacques for her. Her parents and siblings arrived at Rawdon c. 1822. She was of full age on 3 March 1851 at marriage to Médard Venne, (a minor with parental consent) at St Patrick's Church, Rawdon. He signed his name Medard Vaine [sic]. The name is common around l'Assomption. in both spellings. but I cannot find him or his father, Louis, a carpenter at Rawdon. The young couple left Rawdon before the 1852 Census was taken and disappear. It is interesting that Mary is about ten years younger than her siblings. Judith was about 41 and bearing children at that age was not unusual.

### **Are these men part of the Greenan family?**

There are two men with connections to the Greenans and the Greens that seemed like possible sons of **John Greenan** and **Judith McMahan** but each has a major drawback for that to be acceptable. I include them here, nonetheless, because of their close links to Greenan and Green families. **John Greenan** was not included in 2013, as a son. I had believed that he emigrated c. 1826-28 with his wife Anne Phillips<sup>7</sup> and the John and Judith family. John, senior, and Edward Greenan received tickets of location on the same day (see **Arrival in Canada** and at **Rawdon Township** next page).<sup>8</sup>

John's second marriage is mentioned in UP TO RAWDON on page 1129 – **John Green** of Rawdon, the widower of **Anne Philipps**<sup>9</sup> in February 1830, wed **Margaret Green** at St-Jacques. Margaret was a daughter of **Thomas Green** and **Anne Wilson** and had a brother John, who with others, signed at her marriage. See pages 11-13 that follow below. **Margaret Green** aged 30, wife of John Green, yeoman, died 22 November 1837, and was buried at Rawdon on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Their daughters are named at UP TO RAWDON page 1129. John Green was already deceased in 1846, when the elder daughter Margaret Green married **James Duffy**. It seems significant that Alice Donnelly was godmother to Hellen the second daughter. Standing up with her were her "cousins" Hugh and James Green establishing a blood relationship between the Bernard and John Greenan families.

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<sup>7</sup> Mary Phillips was Michael Greenan's wife; if this woman is related to her, it may connect John Green to the Greenan family.

<sup>8</sup> We need to see C-2495, vol. 8, page 2544, the land files that have not been digitized that relate to the second Letters Patent to a John Greenan that relate to Lot SW 16 of Seventh Range.

<sup>9</sup> Could she be a younger sister or relative of Mary Phillips, the wife of Michael Greenan? There is no known connection with William and Henry Phillips who had locations on the Second, Fifth and Tenth Ranges of Rawdon Township c. 1823. They were American, sons of a Loyalist Seth Phillips. His son, James Phillips, a Captain of Second Battalion of Militia at Bedford, appealed for recognition of himself his siblings Catherine, John, Seth, William, Zachariah & Henry. (C-2553, Vol 157. pages 77010-77015, RG 1 L3L # 69258). Henry Phillips received Ticket of Location in 1824 and Letters Patent in 1831. See page 1047 UP TO RAWDON

Who then is John Green, a yeoman, aged 50, who was buried 23 March 1838 (born c. 1788), at St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon? If this man is the husband of the late Margaret Green, he is too old to be a son of John and Judith but he does suit the role of husband to Margaret Green.

The second problem is **James Greenan**. I had assumed in 2013 that the man who lived with **Rebecca Scanlon Johnston** (UP TO RAWDON pages 1120 and 400) was a brother of John and Judith's son Michael Greenan because they were neighbours (1852 census); James was 38, born in Ireland and not married and connected to Lavinia Johnston, Michael's wife (who is Rebecca Scanlon's daughter). In Irish tradition, he should be the eldest son, named for his grandfather. I included him although it now seems that he may not Michael's brother. He may be James Green, son of John Green and Nancy Gorman f<sup>10</sup> (both deceased) who died at Rawdon 18 February 1857 and buried at St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon. He was aged about 44, or born c. 1814; apparently not married. Five prominent men signed the register - Edward Corcoran, Alexander Daly, William Price, William Copping a Protestant and James Carroll, son-in-law of John and Judith, husband of their daughter Sarah. To further confuse us, a James Greenan signed beside Michael Green at the burial of his second daughter at Quebec City in 1834. Is there one James Green /Greenan or two or are there three?

**Extending the Family:** James Greenan and Bridget McGorman had two other sons at Quebec.

**Thomas Green** [sic] on 23 November 1830 married Catharine Johnson of Quebec at Notre Dame Church, Quebec City; he named his parents James Greenan and Bridget McGorman of County Monaghan. The bride and groom signed as did Hugh Green who was named brother of the groom. In 1831, Mary Green was marraine, for James, a son of Thomas, and in 1833, Michael Green was parrain for Thomas' daughter Ellen (see below). Thomas Green an "aubergiste" or inn keeper, died in Quebec City 31 May 1836, aged 38, and was buried at Notre Dame Church.

**Hugh Greenan** had a daughter born March 1823 and sons baptized in January 1825, 1827 and 1828; Mary Green (Michael Green's wife) was marraine for the eldest in 1825 and was the child's aunt (see below). Hugh is not on Lower Canada censuses of 1842 or 1851.

**Arrival in Canada of families** and locations in **Rawdon Township:**

**Michael Greenan** received a ticket of location in January 1826 and **Bernard Greenan** in March of 1826. As mentioned in the chapter *Greenan of Rawdon* there were several named John Green or Greenan or Guinon, at Rawdon. **John Greenan** was "authorised to enter and occupy Lot NE 16 of Seventh Range", Rawdon on 16 January 1828; a note in the file certifies that he purchased the clearing and work of James Pearson who gave up the location. There may have been buildings already erected.<sup>11</sup> He was recorded as Guinon on the later Township map. That same day, his son **Edward Greenan**<sup>12</sup> was given permission for

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<sup>10</sup> We are intrigued with the similarity of her name to John Greenan's mother's name McGorman.

<sup>11</sup> There is a second set of Land files for John Greenan at LAC which have not been digitized; they may be for Lot N 25 of Tenth Range that was granted to John Greenan in 1833 and / or possibly the patent issued in 1852 to John Guinon [sic] for the south portion of Lot 16 of the Seventh. The 1831 census lists John Green with 300 acres and a family of 6 lot 16 Seventh Range. John Green and a family of 7 were at 10 / N 25 and claimed 200 acres. In 1861 John Guinan listed at 7 / 15 [sic] owned 200 acres and Michael Greenan was at 10 / N 25.

<sup>12</sup> We learn from a number of church registers who Edward's siblings were and hence his father.

NE 17 of Eighth Range (Lower Canada Land Petitions C-2530, vol. 98, 48291-48296). In 1834, the applications for Letters Patent were in process but John and Edward did not receive until 1839; perhaps, they were, at the same time clearing lots for John's sons Owen, James and Michael that might have been ticketed to failed settlers and purchased by the family.

To summarize, there were no Greenans named as residents of Lower Canada on the 1825 Census. Nonetheless, Hugh was at Quebec City at least from 1822 and Michael from 1823. They were both named as laborers or peddlers, although Michael quickly became a merchant. In 1826, the brothers Bernard and Michael applied for and received tickets of location at Rawdon. John and his large family may have arrived in 1827 and begun the application process which culminated with letters of permission in winter 1828. Thomas of Quebec may have emigrated with one of his brothers before 1830.

### Children of Michael Greenan and Mary Philipps

**Mary Green** (Mrs. Patrick Stafford) was born in Ireland c. 1821 and died in Quebec City, 1886.

**Eleonor Green** was baptized [Eléonore] 9 April 1824 (*née hier*) in Notre Dame Church. Father a *colporteur* [sic peddler]. She was buried as Ellen Green 22 July 1834.

**James Arthur Green** was born 20 April 1826 in Quebec City at his baptism in Notre Dame Church, his father was recorded as "marchand" or merchant and signed with a strong hand.

J. A. Green married **Catherine Helena Murphy**, 11 January 1858, at St-Colomb Church, Sillery. A great many of the bride's family signed and their relationships were given. His father and his sister Mary signed for the groom. In 1871 he was a surveyor of customs in Palais Ward, Quebec City and had seven children born 1858-1873. He moved to Winnipeg c. 1883 and in 1891, he was Canadian Vice Consul for Norway and Sweden. James Arthur, junior, his eldest son was superintendent at an agency; he was married and had a son, 3 years old. They and two unmarried sisters were in the family home. In 1901, James, senior, was Swedish Consul; their married daughter Alice and husband were lodgers. They had a 16-year-old German domestic.

James Arthur Green died at Winnipeg 12 April 1904 and Catherine on 14 August 1904.

In 1831, **Letters Patent** was issued to Bernard Greenan for 9 / 23N and to Michael Greenan at 9 / 24 S. It is difficult to say how long Michael lived at Rawdon, if at all. It is clear that he owned and sold the lot but could have paid a tenant to do the required building, "chopping and clearing". On the **1831 Rawdon Census**, Bernard and Alice and one child were living at 9/23; Michael was not recorded at Rawdon and William Carroll was located at both 9 / 24 and 10 / 24. Michael must have maintained business interests at Rawdon, the words "Greenan of Quebec" are on lot 8 / N 16 on the Holtby Township Map; it was being claimed by Thomas Green junior, son of the settler Thomas Green.<sup>13</sup> In 1852, Michael Green was

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<sup>13</sup> This is curious; one possibility is a brother of John and Bernard at Quebec had an interest here and logically that is Michael but he had his own lot. We do not know of a blood relationship between these Greenans and Thomas Green, senior and his family but there were connections at church events. (See John Greenan and Margaret Green above on page 5.) This is also in text **update page 1126**. What is going on? The words "at Quebec" suggest someone named Greenan had an interest in this property. Is it only a coincidence that Michael, John and Bernard had a brother Thomas? The Thomas Green family were well covered in UP TO RAWDON on pages 1125-1130 and are reviewed at the end of this essay.

recorded as a farmer at Ste-Foy, a Quebec suburb. Curiously his wife is not present and the information for his daughter is quite inaccurate. On 23 August 1863, when writing his will, Michael Green declared that his residence was "Couillard Street, Upper Town". On 29 October 1863, he was of Ste-Foy when he sold SE half of Lot 24, 9<sup>th</sup> Range, Rawdon Township to his nephew Hugh Green. His burial registration on 24 October 1868 states he died at Ste-Foy and was buried at Notre-Dame-de-Belmont Cemetery, Ste-Foy.

#### **Children of Bernard Greenan and Alice Donnelly:**

most were recorded as Green; are from \* St-Jacques register; † are from St. Patrick de Rawdon.

In UP TO RAWDON, I stated that Bernard may not have been literate because he did not sign at man events. He did sign clearly at the marriage of John and Margaret Green; his brothers, older and younger signed their names in various registers.

**Bridget Greenan** born 19 October 1829 \*and buried 1 November 1830. At her baptism, John Green was *parrain* and signed his name. Margaret Green (his wife to be in February 1830) was *marraine*. This is Bernard Green's nephew who had been a witness with signature identical to on his marriage and not Bernard's brother John. It is interesting that several Protestant neighbours signed as witnesses. At the burial of the eight months infant Bridget, Robert Green, a merchant at Lot 23 South, First Range (1831 Census) was a witness. The lot where Robert lived and did business belonged to Zacharie Cloutier, son-in-law of Philemon Dugas, the mill owner. Cloutier was a witness at the burial of John Green [sic Greenan] in 1868. Read about the Greens: UP TO RAWDON, pages 1125 – 1132 and pages 10-12 this document.

**James Greenan** c. 1830 - 1891 married **Mary McCarthy** (1843-1910) farmed at Chertsey

**Mary Sarah Greenan** baptized \* 6 January 1832, aged two weeks, *marraine* Sara Green (daughter of John Greenan and Judith McMahon). In 1857, married **Henry Shields** (1827–1863) a farmer, born Ireland, son of William Shields and Mary Treanor [sic]. Her portrait at <https://uptorawdon.com/photo-updates/> page 309.

**Mary Greenan** baptized \*19 September 1833 and married at Rawdon 17 February 1857 to James Daly, born at Kildare, 1832, son of John Daly and Ellen Carroll.

**Ellen Greenan** c. 1834 is remembered by the family but is missing from the church records

**John Greenan** baptized \* at 8 days, 30 May 1835; blacksmith, he died January 1864 in Montreal  
**Hugh Greenan** was baptized † 21 August 1837, born "the day before yesterday ... sponsors Michael Green and Bridgette Green who with the father cannot sign". Is Michael the uncle from Quebec City or is he John's son Michael. Bridget may be the daughter of Thomas Green and Ann Wilson, wife of Edward Burgess in 1834 – if she signed her maiden name.

Hugh married **Ellen Markey** 20 June 1871 at St-Alphonse de Rodriguez Church. Her Parents were **Luke Markey** (1821–1872) from County Meath, who settled at St-Alphonse and **Catherine Kelly** (1830 -1854) of County Cavan, Northern Ireland but born in Quebec City. They married 6 Sept. 1847 at St-Ambroise de Kildare, as recorded in the St. Patrick de Rawdon register. Ellen died 24 March 1905 and Hugh died 10 August 1922.

See photos of Hugh and Ellen <https://uptorawdon.com/photo-updates/> page 309





A composite photo of the Hugh Green farm on the Ninth Range, lot SE24.

#### Children of Hugh Green and Ellen Markey

**Catherine Alice Greene** (1872–1943) wife of **Wilfred Felix Shields** (1871–1942) After marriage in 1898, they lived at Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

**Thomas Luke Green** (1874–1917) left Rawdon in 1899 and lived with his sister Alice Shields in Chester, PA. He was engineer in an oil works and married Mary A. McFadden. His death from pneumonia.

**Mary Ellen Greene** (1876–1965) wife of **William Edward Kehoe** (1870-1955)

**Martin Felix Greene** (1878–1903) left Rawdon in 1899 and lived with his sister Alice Shields in Chester, PA. and died 25 March 1903 at Chester and buried 30 March at Rawdon Catholic Cemetery and remembered on his parent's stone as Felix.

**Sarah Ann Green Ryan Hannan** (1881- 1973) of St. Alphonse, wife of **Edward Thomas Ryan** (1890–1921) and **William Thomas Hannan** (1879–1973)

**Margaret Jane Green** (Maggie) (1883 – 1971) wife of **John Edward Murphy** (1884–1962)

**John Green** (1885–1962) husband of **Marie Louisa Anna Paré** (1890 – 1977). They raised their family on a farm at Chertsey.

**Stella Gertrude Greene** (1890–1964) wife of **James Daniel Fogarty** (1880–1969). They raised their family in Montreal.

Two family groups of daughters of Hugh and Ellen at <https://uptorawdon.com/photo-updates/> page 309.



Three of the four eldest Greenan children - Alice, Thomas and Felix settled at Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Stella, the youngest, lived in Montreal.



Mary Ellen, Sarah, Maggie and John stayed in the Rawdon area, near Hugh and Ellen, for most of their lives.

**Children of Bernard Greenan and Alice Donnelly:** continued

**Thomas Greenan** c. 1839, died at Rawdon, 1864.

**Ellen Greenan** c. 1840 – 1897. She married James Lane, son of Thomas Lane, a very early settler on the Third Range Lt 25. There is an interesting footnote note about the kindness of Thomas and his son John on UP TO RAWDON page 75.

**Michael Greenan** was baptized † 30 May and born 20 May 1842; he married Adelaide Varin at Chertsey in 1871 and Mathilda McCarthy, at Ste-Julienne in 1874. A farmer at Chertsey, he and his family disappear from the record after 1881.

**Bernard Greenan** born 30 May and baptized † as Greenan, 9 June 1843. The same information is repeated in 1844. He married Alice Burke and farmed at Rawdon; he died 1926.

**Felix Greenan** baptized † 17 May 1846, father did not sign, instead James Greenan, eldest brother may be the signatory. He immigrated to USA in 1861 and was a labourer at Joliet, Illinois in 1870; he became a locomotive engineer. He married **Margaret Ann McElroy** in Michigan in 1880. He died 1915, East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan.



Hugh and Ellen were progressive. A second-hand sewing machine (it's not a Singer), was purchased c. 1895, and was bequeathed to daughter Sarah Ann Green, then to granddaughter Alice Ryan and now is with great grand daughter Heather Henry who you will see is an UP TO RAWDON reader.

## Very Early Rawdon Settlers

**Thomas Green** was born in Ireland c. 1772 and was the husband of Ann (Anastasia) Wilson; he died 22 January 1838 aged 66. **Ann Wilson** died before 1843, as noted at daughter Jane's marriage.

The family is outlined on pages 1125-1130 of *Some Irish Catholic Settlers*. Thomas was one of the earliest to arrive at Rawdon, as early as 1822. Some of the files relating to his settlement are digitized and can be seen at Library and Archives Canada . <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/Pages/land-records.aspx>. Thomas had three children of school age in 1828.<sup>14</sup> His sons were active in support of the school at the Forks, as one can see in this document.

**Children of Thomas Green and Ann Wilson:** reviewed & adjusted to make them similar to birth order.

**John Green**, I have arbitrarily made the eldest. He was recorded in 1852, aged 45, a widower at Wexford, a township north west of Rawdon that was absorbed into Chertsey. In his household were five children. John was 50 in 1861 and 80 in 1871. This gives him a birthdate between 1791 and 1811. He appears to have arrived as a married man and in 1828 had he had three children of school age.

Captain Colclough's list of Permits of Occupation, (C-2515, p. 29,103) credits John Green with ticket of location for 100 acres at Lot SE24 of Fourth Range on 11 June 1823. Colclough credits the north half of Lot 24 to Thomas Green and, as well, gives the north part of Lot 25 to John Green which was also claimed by William Burns and threats of violence ensued. See the account from the file of the Crown Agent, page 84 of UP TO RAWDON. A house was raised for John Green 14 June, 1823 (page 84 of UP TO RAWDON).

His wife **Margaret Edgers** died and was buried on 24 November 1837. John married a second time in 1839, to sixteen-year-old **Bridget / Mary McCarthy** (details at UP TO RAWDON page 1126). She died at Wexford, 23 July 1850 aged 27, and was buried at Rawdon. She was recorded as Mary at her marriage and at most of the registrations for her children, perhaps to distinguish her from her mother Bridget Kessey / Casey McCarthy.

revised **Children of John Green and Margaret Edgers and Mary Bridget McCarthy**

**possible Green** children born in Ireland. A school List from 1828 (footnote 13), names John Green with 3 of school age but no evidence in church records in 1828 except three deceased children.

**Thomas Green** 1823 - 1823

**infant daughter** 1824 - 1824

**Robert Green** 1826 -1828

**Mary Esther Green** April 1829; married John Machabee [sic] at Chertsey February 17, 1863.

**Thomas Green** was baptized May 1841 at St-Jacques; his mother Marie Anne McCarty [sic]; John McCarty, uncle and Brigitte Kessey [sic Casey], grandmother were godparents. He was with his father on Wexford Census, 1852, 1861. He married Sarah MacKaby [sic] in St. Patrick's Church Montreal in 1865.

**Mary Anne Green** born August 29, baptized August 30, 1842 at St. Patrick's, Rawdon. She was on Wexford Census, 1852 but not at home 1861.

**John Joseph Green** was baptized at 8 days, 5 October 1845 at St. Patrick's, Rawdon and at home in 1871.

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<sup>14</sup> Source: [Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning](#) – transcription of correspondence concerning the first Rawdon school with editorial comment by Daniel B. Parkinson. See page 21.

**Catherine Green** was born 22 October 1847 and baptized at St. Patrick's Church; mother said to be Bridget [sic]. She was and still at home in 1871.

**Thomas Green** c. 1801, despite his death and burial on 30 March 1827, aged 26, received a ticket of location for NW 16 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Range in September 1827. His brothers **John** and **Peter Green** and **Philemon Dugas** had certified that he had "actually chopped and cleared 11 acres and "located a house thereon" on 6 August 1827. Thomas prayed for Letters Patent on 16 August 1831 in a signed letter and patent was issued in 1832. Unless there was another relative with the same name, the Thomas Greenan family were determined to have a legacy from Thomas. The later Township map for this lot is mysteriously marked "Greenan Quebec". Does at Quebec refer to the Greenan brother Thomas who married at Quebec in 1830 or to his brother Michael who received his Letters Patent in 1831? As far as is known, the Greenan and Green families were friends but not related.

**Margaret Green**, c. 1804. See page 5 above, she was the wife of John Greenan

**Peter Green** was born in Ireland c. 1805 – aged 45 on the 1852 census and 66 in 1871. He had Letters Patent 1833 to Lots 23 North & South of the Second Range later St Liguori Parish, purchased from **Andrew** and **Barbara Smart**. Lot 23 S of Fourth Range was his first location and his by patent in 1832. Read about **Peter Green** in UP TO RAWDON pages 741, 1087- 1081.

His marriage on 8 January 1833 at St-Jacques was recorded as Pierre Grean [sic]. His bride was **Anne Burgess** daughter of **Edouard [sic] Burgess** and **Marie [sic] Magow**<sup>15</sup>. Both parties were of majority and signing the register with them with were their brothers **Edward Burgess** and **John Green**.

Their eldest son **Edward Green** married **Margaret Maria** Burns daughter of their neighbour **William Burns** (see page 76 and 86 for confrontation between John Green and William Burns).

**Robert Green** – there is no information about his age or date of birth and I have placed him in the gap between Peer and Bridget.

He was a farmer of "Township of Rodden" when he married Mary Reilly of Quebec City on 31 August 1830 at Notre Dame Church, Quebec City. His parents were Thomas Green and Ann Wilson of County Cavan although in fact they had been residents of Rawdon for nearly ten years. The bride was the daughter of the late Thomas Reilly and Sarah McManus of County Cavan. She was given in marriage by her friends Thomas Green, Hugh and Ellen Donovan. The groom and male friends all signing. Robert's brother Thomas had died in 1827 so this man is not identified by me. Could he be his father's brother Thomas?

Robert's son **Thomas** was born 1831 not 1830 and his mother's name misspelled in St-Jacques register. Robert was an "aubergiste" or inn keeper.

**Bridget Greenan** c. 1812. I have not added to the account on pages 1125-1126 for Bridget and her husband **Edward**, who was son of **Edouard [sic] Burgess** and of **Marie [sic] Magow** (footnote 12).

Bridget died 21 April 1852 and was buried at Rawdon. Edward Burgess died and was buried at Rawdon, 16 June, 1894 'nearly' 85 years.

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<sup>15</sup> Her name was also written as McGeoy see UP TO RAWDON page 1133, footnote 28.

**Mary Louise Burgess**, daughter of Edward Burgess and Bridget Green, was wife of **William Kirkwood**, see UTR pages 488-489.

**Anne Greenan** estimated born 1818, minor daughter of Thomas Green and Ann Wilson when she married **Patrick McCarty** [sic] son of **Thomas McCarty** and **Brigitte Kessey** [sic Casey], 31 July 1836, at St-Jacques; signing were **Thomas** and **James McCarty** and her brothers **John** and **Peter Green**. Her husband's younger sister Brigid who later married Anne's brother John.

Patrick and Anne had, according to an Ancestry source, 14 children. The family is hard to trace because of the multiple ways of spelling their surname and events are in different churches in Montcalm. The first two daughters were baptized at St-Esprit and one at Ste-Julianne in 1855. The family may have left Canada c.1857 for Minnesota. It is reported that Patrick died in the 1860s and Anne died at Lagrace, Campbell County, South Dakota, 8 May 1889. I have been unable to find the family on the census

**Jane Green**, estimated birth in 1821. Jane Green claimed birth in Ireland on censuses 1824-1828 which cannot be correct; the family emigrated in 1821 / 1822. They were on land at Rawdon June 1823.

James McCurdy made an abjuration of faith and was baptized a Roman Catholic on the day of his marriage to Jane Green, May 17, 1843.

In 1861, the James McCurdys were no longer living near the Green property on the First Range (by then called St-Liguori) but lived in Rawdon Township at 6 /24. The widow of Alex McCurdy was situated at 5 / N19 in 1889 and later (from documents relating to property of Edward Mason). Jane McCurdy and three children, all Protestant were at Rawdon for 1891 census. See UP TO RAWDON page 1120 and an interesting detail on page 600.

**Children of James McCurdy and Jane Green:** in 1852 James and son Patrick were reported as Protestant, Jane and daughters as Catholic. In 1861, James is Church of England; Jane and all children are Catholic.

**Mary McCurdy** c. 1845 was born on 17 March and baptized 23 March 1845 at St-Jacques-l'Achigan. Ancestry recorded as Marie McCredy; it is correct in the register.

**Anne McCurdy** (Mary Anne) was born 1 February and baptized 14 February 1850, at St-Ambroise-de-Kildare but in Rawdon register, father absent. The priest wrote the name as McHardy.

**Patrick McCurdy** was baptized 14 February 1851, aged three weeks at St-Ambroise-de-Kildare but in the Rawdon register, father absent. The priest wrote the name as McHardy.

**Alexander McCurdy** c. 1853

**Isabella McCurdy** [Marie Isabelle] was born 8 November and baptized 5 December 1860 at St. Patrick's Church, Rawdon, father absent.

**John McCurdy** baptized at St. Patrick's Church, December 11, 1863, father absent.