

THE KILRANES – Version 3

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Mum's Mother's maiden name was Kilrane. The name Kilrane is not that common and has a wide variety of different spellings e.g. Kilraine, Gilrane, Kilrain, Kelrane etc.

Mum's Mother was christened Elizabeth but was also known as Lizzie and Lydia. She came from a large family most of whom Mum remembers by name.

John Bernard - 5 Nov 1876 Spiddal

Francis Patrick - 16 March 1879 Spiddal

Mary Ann – 1880 Galway

Patrick - 16 March 1882 Spiddal

Richard Joseph – 1882 Spiddal

Michael James - 30 September 1883 Spiddal

Ellen Theresa - 15 March 1885 Spiddal

Elizabeth - 12 July 1886 Dunmore

Kate Mary - 28 April 1888 Dunmore

Emily Rebecca - 30 January 1890 Dunmore

Henry Joseph - 29 August 1892 Dunmore

Their Father was Francis Kilrane, who was in the R.I.C. and their mother was Bridget Campbell.

John Bernard Kilrane - 5 Nov 1876

John was the eldest of 10 children. He appears on the 1901 census aged 24 as a shop assistant living at 2 Bridge Street, Dunmore. This was a shop owned by a Thomas Molloy. Apart from John and Thomas there were 14 others living in the building and they were all shop assistants. From the enumerator's buildings form we learn that the building was a shop and there were 19 windows at the front of the building. With this information I was able to identify the shop on Streetview. He appears on the 1911 census as the Manager of Lucey's Drapery store in Kanturk, Co. Cork. Both the buildings in which he lived have the same pink colour scheme!



Part of 2 Bridge Street, Dunmore



The pink building on the left was **Lucey's in Kanturk**

It's possible that John was known as 'Jack'. Before I started all my research, Mum listed as many of Lydia's siblings as she could and one of them was Jack. She also recalled that she had a vague memory of one of the brothers being in the Boer War and thought it might have been Jack. There were two Boer Wars; 1880-1881 and 1899-1902 so it's unlikely that he fought in either.

For a long time I could find no further records for Jack but our cousin Gerry Kilrane alerted me to a record he had found for John Bernard Kilrane in South Africa. It records his death on 22 March 1921 in Johannesburg General Hospital and also details of his estate. The death was registered by his friend B.J. Donnellan who was present when he died. Mr. Donnellan was able to supply names and addresses of Jack's nearest relatives. These were Michael in Roscommon and Harry (Henry) in Dublin, care of Boyers North Earl Street. He also recalled that Jack had one married sister whose name and address were unknown to him. This would have been Lydia.

Jack was unmarried when he died aged "about 40". He lived at 17 Biccard Street, Johannesburg and was recorded as a "Commercial Broker".

B.J. Donnellan was the executor of Jack's estate. His assets and liabilities were listed. Jack owned 2 pieces of land on Newlands Street and Victoria Street in Benoni near Johannesburg which he bought on 28th August 1919 for £200. I wondered how Jack could afford to pay £200 for land in 1919. It was a considerable amount of money in those days for a "draper". The inventory states that *"it is doubtful whether that sum of money will be realized therefore today, the said lots being vacant and having being acquired in times considered better than present times"* The 2 pieces of land were sold for just £111. Along with the value of some personal effects and some money owed to him, Jack's estate was worth £115 19shillings and 6 pence. After debts, administration of the will, his funeral

costs, rent owed to his landlady and his hospital bill were paid for, the final amount was £85 8 shillings and 9 pence. This was sent to Michael, Harry and Lydia in Ireland.

The land he owned was 20 acres in total and would have been about 20 football pitches in size. This was development land and is now a leafy suburb of Johannesburg. Jack probably intended to develop this land and sell the houses he built.



Victoria Street, Benoni, Johannesburg

Another record I found for Jack shows that he was a Private in the “10th S.A.I.” and received a pension on 14 October 1919 in respect of a disability. The record does not state what the disability was. The S.A.I. stands for the South African Irish Rifles which was raised in Johannesburg at the start of World War 1.

Francis Patrick Kilrane - 16 March 1879

In the 1901 census of Ireland, Francis Kilrane aged 21 is living in Cartron near Milltown in Galway. It's a bit difficult to pinpoint exactly where this place is but I think it's a few miles from Dunmore. He was working as a Draper's Assistant for a William Molloy. (His brother John was in Dunmore at this time working for a Thomas Molloy who may have been related to William).

Townland	Parish	Barony	County	Description	Head of household Surname	Head of household Given	Head of household Occupation	Other occupants
Cartron	Addergoole	Dunmore	Galway	Household	Molloy	William(27)	business mgr.	not married-John Reddington(23) grocers asst.- Michael Noone(23) grocers asst.- Francis Kilrane?(21) drapers asst.-James Murry(17) grocers asst.- Patrick Connor(18) grocers asst.-Augustine Guinan(15) grocers asst./born Co.Mayo-see continued record

I have discovered a death record for a Frank Kilrane in Dublin in 1909. There is no record of him on the 1911 census so this would make sense but I can't be sure.

Mary Ann Kilrane – 1880

Mum had mentioned an Aunt "Moll" or "Maud" who had been a nurse in WW1. Moll is another name for Mary so a search revealed that she was born Mary Ann in 1880 in Galway, probably Spiddal. She appears on the 1901 census aged 20 as head of the house in Dunmore. Her younger siblings Elizabeth and Henry are living with her. The house is no.2 Castle Street and was a small 2 storey house with 2 windows at the front. This house was just around the corner from their older brother John.

Townland	Parish	Barony	County	Description	Head of household Surname	Head of household Given	Head of household Occupation	Other occupants
Dunmore T./Castle St.	Dunmore	Dunmore	Galway	Household	Kilrane	Mary A.(20)	dressmaker/not married	Elizabeth(13) sister-Henry J.(10) brother

On the 1911 census in the UK, Mary Ann was working as a nurse at The George Hospital in Kettering in Northamptonshire which ties in with the story of her being a nurse in WW1. There are good records of soldiers in WW1 but it's very difficult to find out anything about the nurses who had such an important role in the war and put their lives in danger.

I have found a record of Mary's death in 1918 Rathdown district in Dublin. This would have covered Dalkey where her sister Elizabeth had settled with Arthur Blair so it seems probable that she died in Elizabeth's care. Her date of death is between Oct-Dec and the war ended in November. I wonder if

she was injured near a battle front or perhaps died of Spanish flu which broke out at that time. Some time I will visit the record office in Dublin and try to find out how she died.

One thing that I thought was a coincidence was the presence of a nurse named Alice Kynaston from Shropshire at The George Hospital in the 1911 UK census. If you look at the family tree you will see that we are direct descendants of Roger and Alice Kynaston of Shropshire. It's a very rare name so I would think that Alice is related very distantly.

Patrick Kilrane - 16 March 1882

Apart from a birth/baptism record I have found no further records of Patrick.

Richard Joseph Kilrane - Jan – Mar 1882

Richard is either a twin of Patrick's or the same person. I can't find his exact birth date but it seems he was born at the same time as Patrick. Mum doesn't recall any mention of twins.

In the 1901 census he is living in Church Street in Roscommon Town aged 18. He is a draper's salesman and lives at the shop of his employer Patrick Curley along with the other shop assistants.

Townland	Parish	Barony	County	Description	Head of household Surname	Head of household Given	Head of household Occupation	Other occupants
Roscommon T./Church St.	Roscommon	Ballintober South	Roscommon	Household	Curley	Patrick(34)	draper	Margaret(26) saleswoman- Margaret(7mo.)-John Connor(12) brother in law-Richard Kilrain(18) drapers salesman-Edward Jordan(15) drapers apprentice

By 1911 he is a boarder in a hotel at 67 Bridge Street, Skibereen working as a Shop Assistant. In those days it was a long way to travel from Leitrim to Cork for a job with no known family connections in the area apart from his brother John in Kanturk. It's possible that John knew of the position in Skibereen and urged Richard to move.



Bridge Street, Skibereen – 1900, (67 is just out of the photo on the right)



Me outside 67 Bridge Street, Skibereen!

Richard joined the Royal Munster Fusiliers (RMF) possibly in October 1914 in Fermoy when the 8th Battalion, in which he served, was formed. There is plenty of information on the internet and I gleaned the following from Wikipedia. From Fermoy the 8th RMF moved to Mitchelstown in November 1914 and then on to Templemore in February 1915 for training. They completed harder training at Blackdown camp in Aldershot in Hampshire from August 1915.

Loos: He sailed from Southampton and arrived in France on 19th December 1915 and went straight to the frozen trenches of Loos. In February 1916 more training was undertaken at Béthune before returning to the trenches and rotating with the 9th battalion of RMF. During June and July it took part on several raids along the Loos sector with its brigade, suffering significant losses. It left with the 16th Division for the Somme sector on 30 August 1916.

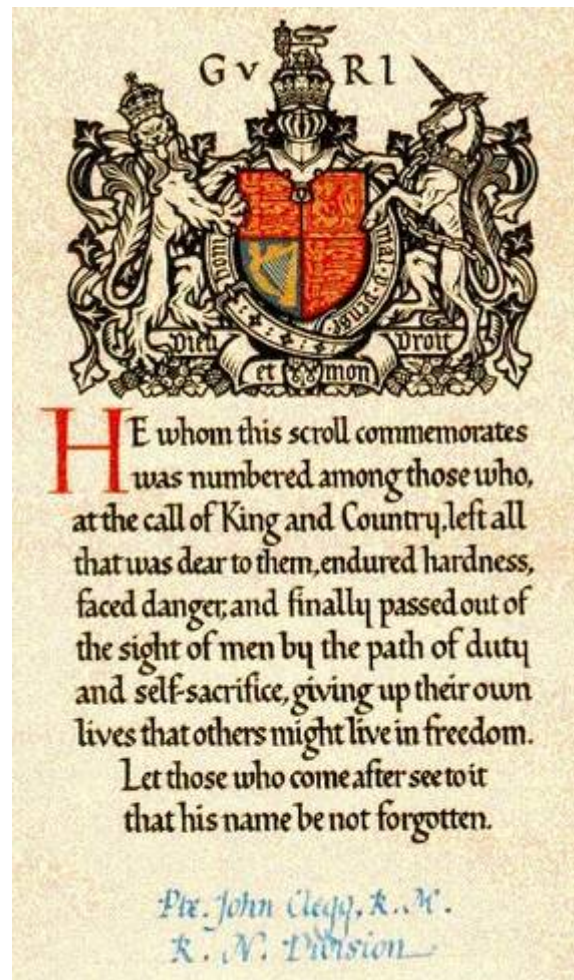
The Somme: The 8th RMF's area of operation was to the front at Guillemont and Ginchy. It was part of the assault which took Guillemont on 3rd September 1916 along with the Connaught Rangers. After the initial attack on Ginchy failed, the 8th RMF was left open to a counter-attack and then withdrawn to recover from its losses. It returned on the 7th September with 200 men for the next attack on Ginchy. With inadequate cover, by the 9th September it was inflicted with heavy casualties and was unable to bury its dead. The other battalions of the 16th (Irish) Division captured Ginchy. The Division was then transferred northwards to the Ypres Salient, to Loche and Mont Kemmel. The 8th RMF was on rotating trench engagements with continual casualties up to 7th November.

Richard died on 27th October 1916 as a result of wounds probably incurred in fighting near Loche and Mont Kemmel. I presume he died in a Casualty Clearing Hospital at Bailleul in France about 3 miles from Loche and Mont Kemmel. He is buried in the Bailleul Cemetery. He would have been 33 years old.



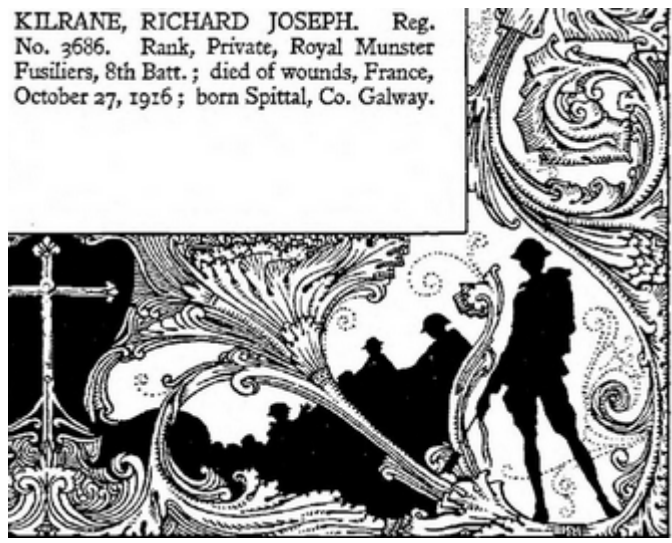
Bailleul Cemetery

Mum said she remembers seeing a medal mounted on a plaque with writing above it. After WW1, special commemorative medals and scrolls were issued to the families of those who died in the war. Here is an example:



This would have been sent to Richard's sister Elizabeth. Sadly this seems to have disappeared. Elizabeth perhaps named her first son after her brother. Uncle Dick was born in 1917.

A memorial to the Irish casualties of WW1 was built at Islandbridge. There is a reading room which contains a book listing all those Irish soldiers who died and Richard appears in the book. By coincidence, when I was at Bolton Street doing architecture, I did a sketch study of the memorial which was derelict. This is not surprising as the subject of Irish fighting in a 'British' war was a taboo subject for many years. Sadly their efforts were forgotten and their memory neglected. Since then the memorial has been restored. It was designed by Lutyens and the book was illustrated by Harry Clarke. Here is Richard's record:



Richard was also awarded certain medals and his Medal Roll Card still exists and is kept at the National Archives in Kew in London. He was awarded the Star on his arrival in France.

Campaign :— **1914-15.** (A) Where decoration was earned.
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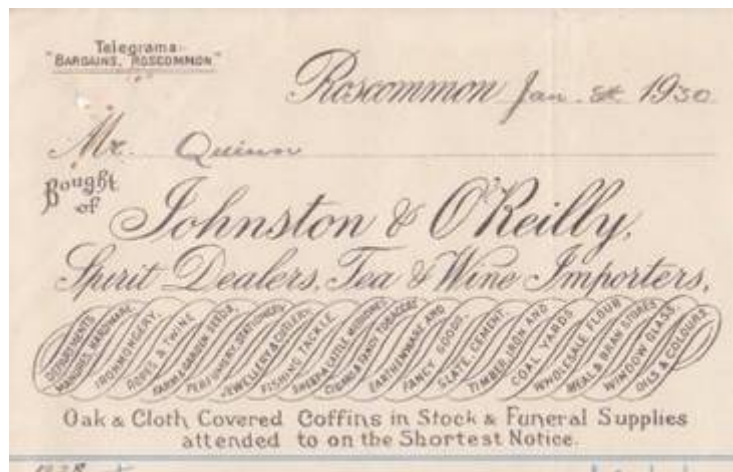
Richard Kilrane's Medal Card

At least one of Richard's descendants has visited his grave. Gerry Kilrane was in Belgium and took the time to drive to Bailleul to pay his respects.

Michael James - 23 September 1883

In the 1901 census he is living in Goff Street in Roscommon Town aged 17. He is a shop assistant and lives at the shop of his employer 91 year-old Martin McDonnell along with the other shop assistants.

By the 1911 census he is still a shop assistant at 25 Goff Street for Johnston, O'Reilly and Mulrennan. The census return form is actually filled in and signed by Michael on behalf of his employers.



1930 Bill Head of Johnston & O'Reilly

Michael eventually went to America and I have found a number of records. He first entered the USA in 1927 on May 25th aged 43. He just missed Marjorie Blair's arrival into the world! He was recorded as being a clerk and gave his brother Henry as his contact address in Ireland. He was 5'9" with brown hair and brown eyes and was going to stay with a friend called Mr. Kalleghan of 259, W114 St., New York and had \$25. The journey from Southampton took 11 days. The passenger above him on the list was an Elizabeth Brennan! She was a nurse from Scotland.

Michael pops up on the 1930 US census. He is recorded as being 47 but by this time would have been 50. He is a lodger in a boarding house in Manhattan, working as a Clerk.

In 1935 Michael became a US citizen. His application shows that he's an unmarried Head Porter. His last residence was Dalkey, Ireland where he must have been staying with Elizabeth and Arthur Blair, just before Mum was born. His witnesses and referees are John Connolly, storekeeper and Michael Sheridan, letter carrier.

In 1942 he registered in the US Army but at the age of 59 it's unlikely that he was involved much in any way. Michael gives Emily's husband, Edgar Hart, as his contact. His own address is the same address so he was probably living with Emily and Edgar at 28-41 Hobart Street Queens. This was a 2 storey house of 1589sq. ft. built in 1940.



28-41 Hobart Street, Queens, New York

Michael was working at National City Bank. The form is filled in with his own handwriting. I can find no record of him ever returning to Ireland.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

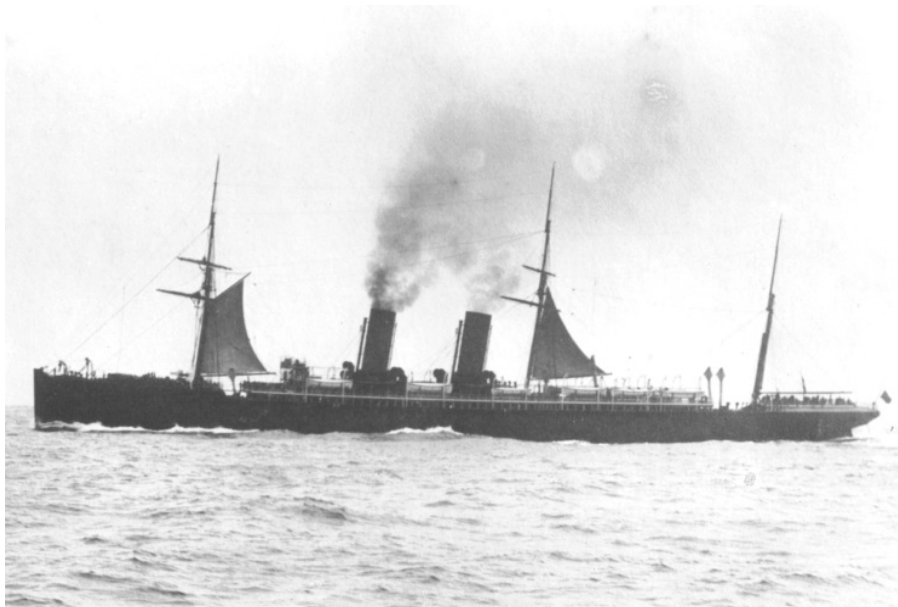
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2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 28-41 Hobart St. Woodside Queens N.Y. <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same <small>[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]</small>		
4. TELEPHONE None	5. AGE IN YEARS 59	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Spiddal Ireland <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
DATE OF BIRTH Sept 23 1883 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>		
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Edgar Hart - 28-41 Hobart St. Woodside		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS National City Bank		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 20 Exchange Pl. N.Y.C. N.Y. N.Y. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. (other) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	16-21630-2 Michael James Kilrane <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

World War 2 Registration Card – Michael Kilrane

Ellen Theresa - 15 March 1885 Spiddal

Ellen appears on the 1901 census living in Clifden aged 15. She is living with her Grandparents. I'll write more about this in another section.

Ellen went to America and remained there possibly until her death. Her Grandmother died in 1905 in Clifden so this probably prompted her to leave for America. She first arrived on 5th November 1905 on the Cunard Line's SS Etruria as a dressmaker aged 20 (but recorded as 19). She had just \$5 and her passage was paid by an Aunt. Her last place of residence was Clifden and her destination is her Aunt Mrs. R. Murphy, 1596 James Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I presume that this Aunt paid her passage but I still haven't figured out exactly who she is. Her name was Elizabeth Murphy in 1910 US census. It is possible that she was a sister of Ellen's mother Bridget Kilrane nee Campbell.



SS Etruria with sails hoisted

Ellen appears on the 1910 US census living in Pittsburgh with her Aunt Elizabeth Murphy and her cousins, along with some nieces.

She is now recorded as Helen and her age is 23 when it should be 25. Helen is working as a Saleslady in Millinery. Helen continues to live with the same family after her Aunt Elizabeth dies and appears on the 1920 US census working as a Saleslady in a Department Store. In the 1930 census she is still living with her 3 cousins and a niece and nephew and still working as a Saleslady in a Department Store.

As far as I know, Helen/Ellen never returned to Ireland.

Elizabeth Kilrane - 12 July 1886 Dunmore

Elizabeth was born 12th July 1886 in Dunmore, Co. Galway. In the 1901 census she is aged 13 and living with her 20-year-old sister Mary and her younger brother Henry in Castle Street, Dunmore.

She appears on the 1911 census as Lizzie Kilrane (incorrectly transcribed as Kelrane – it took me ages to find her!) and is living at 22 Talbot Street in Dublin and working as a Drapery Shop Assistant.



Talbot Street, Dublin – early 1900's

Elizabeth married Arthur Blair and you know the rest. I imagine that perhaps they met on Dun Laoghaire pier on a Sunday afternoon. This would have been a popular activity for people living and working in the centre of Dublin. They married between October and December 1916.

At first they lived in Dalkey and all their children were born in Dalkey. Arthur worked for the dentist Mr. Ward at 97 Upper George's Street and when he retired he gave the business to Arthur. Arthur raised a loan to buy the house and the family moved to 97. The strong appointment book that Mr. Ward had built up enabled him to do this. Samuel Beckett's uncle was Arthur's anaesthetist.



97 Upper Georges Street, Dun Laoghaire

Kate Mary Kilrane - 28 April 1888 Dunmore

Kate only appears on the 1901 census named as Katie living at the Convent of Mercy in Claremorris with Emily (see below) and at first I could find no other records but Mum did tell me that she died at a young age which explains why I can't find her on the 1911 census. I subsequently found a death record. Katie died in 1907 aged 19 in the registration district of Tuam.

Emily Rebecca Kilrane - 30 January 1890 Dunmore

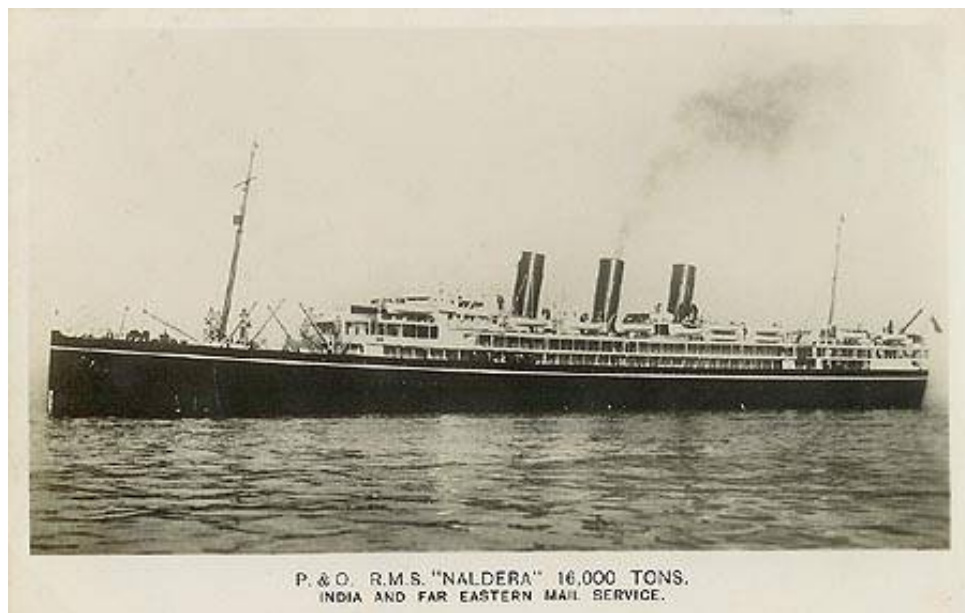
Emily was born Emily Rebecca Kilrane. By the time Emily was 8, both her parents were dead and in 1901 she is on the census living as a boarder at the Convent of Mercy Claremount House in Claremorris with her sister Katie. I remember Emily talking about her time there and, when I was young, for some reason I thought it was an orphanage. Perhaps she mentioned that her parents were dead. She said that she loved her food and when the nuns' backs were turned she would eat her school chums unwanted food! On one occasion she hopped over into the neighbouring farm and gathered strawberries in a cabbage leaf before being rumbled by some cows. I got the impression that she was happy there.

Townland	Parish	Barony	County	Description	Head of household Surname	Head of household Given	Head of household Occupation	Other occupants
Claremount	Kilcolman	Clanmorris	Mayo	Mercy Convent boarding school	Gibbons	Mary Margaret(20)	student	Julia Quigley(21)-Ada Peacock(14)-Mary M. Molloy(23)-Mary A. Lynch(22)-Susana O'Brien(14)-Rose Lynam(13)- Katie Kilrane(13) -Maggie O'Brien(16)-Matilda O'Sullivan(18)-Maud Peacock(11)- Emily Kilrane(10) -all students



Convent of Mercy, Claremorris, Co. Mayo

Emily appears as a passenger arriving in Sydney on 16th August 1922 aboard the Naldera from Marseilles. I remember a story that Emily had travelled around the world and passed through either the Panama Canal or the Suez. The route the Naldera took went through the Suez. At some time she accompanied a wealthy man who was an invalid on a journey by ship. This might have been the trip she went on with him.



RMS Naldera



Naldera leaving wharf, Australia in 1922

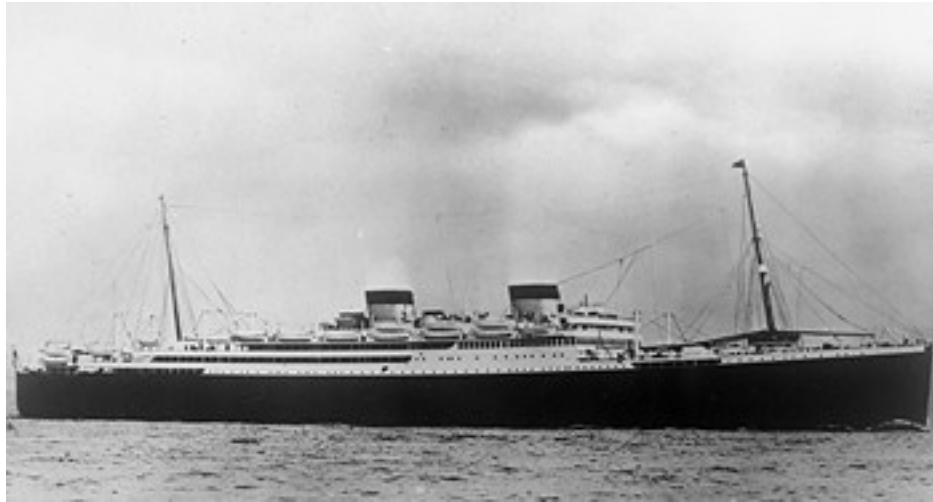
Emily arrived back in Southampton from Australia via Africa on 8th October 1922 on the White Star Line ship, Ceramic. She's recorded as being 29 but would have been 32. Emily is a nurse and her destination address is the Hospital of St. John & St. Elizabeth at 40 Grove End Road, London. This hospital still exists and I used to live quite close by. She boarded at Melbourne and returned via Adelaide, Albany, Durban, Cape Town, and Tenerife. This ship only catered for cargo and third class travellers.



Ceramic

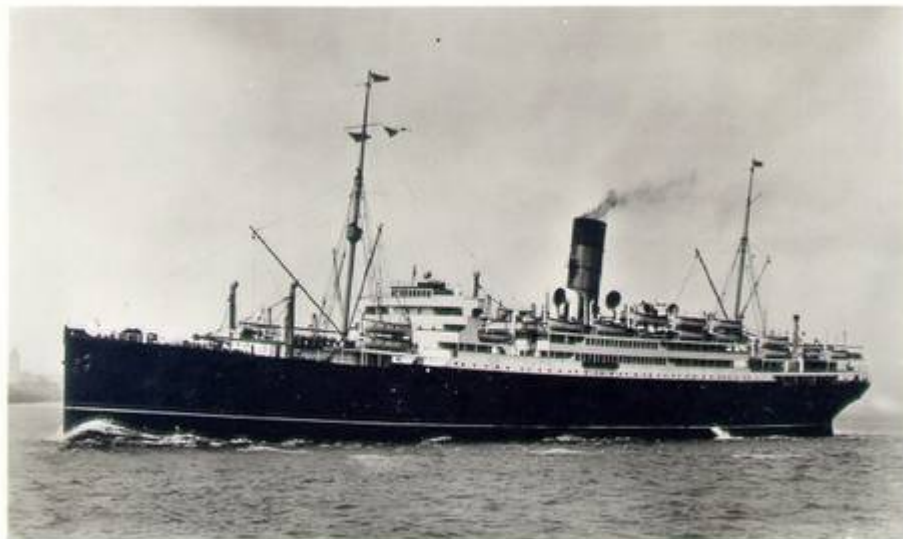
Emily eventually moved to America and arrives in New York on 8th August 1930 aged 40 from the port of Cobh on the White Star Line Ship, Britannic. Britannic was a new ship whose maiden voyage was just 5 weeks before Emily sailed. She left Cobh on 3rd August. Recorded as a nurse, she gives her home contact as her sister "Mrs. Blair, 97 Upper Georges Street, Kingstown" and her destination is

to her brother Michael Kilrane in New York. It is recorded that she intends to stay permanently in USA. She is 5'4" with brown hair and green eyes!



Britannic

Emily travelled back and forth between Ireland and America several times over the years. The next passenger manifest shows her arriving in New York on 11th October 1932 from Liverpool on the SS Scythia. She had left New York in June 1932. Again, she gives her sister as her home contact and this time she is recorded as Lydia Blair.



CUNARD WHITE STAR S.S. "SCYTHIA"

According to her next arrival in New York, she left America in December 1935 and returned nearly 2 years later on 7th November 1937. The ship sailed from Southampton and this time she gives her contact as "Mrs. B. Coote, 89 Walm Lane, London NW2". I used to live near here too! Mrs. B Coote was Robert Coote's mother. Emily's destination is first recorded as her brother "M. Kilrane, 124 W94th Street, New York" but this is overwritten with "to fiancé: Edgar Hart, 216 Jefferson Hall Hotel, E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit". I can find no record of a Jefferson Hall Hotel but there is an apartment block of that name. Mum told me that she met Edgar on one of her trips between England and America.

Emily married Edgar Hart just 6 days after arriving back in America on 13th November 1937 aboard the Britannic, the very ship that first brought her to America. They were married at Ste Anne de Detroit, a French Catholic Church. I also found a record of a baptism of Edgar Hart at the same church. This puzzled me at first but then I realised that it was a record of Edgar converting to the Catholic Church in order to marry Emily. This took place the day before the marriage.



Ste Anne de Detroit

Emily's next trip is in 1946 on 25th May (Mum's birthday!) when she left America. She arrived in Southampton aboard the Marine Flasher on 3rd June 1946. The Marine Flasher was built in 1945 as a troop ship and was completed just after VJ Day. It was used to transport thousands of German refugees to America from the port of Bremen in Germany from April 1946. Emily would have travelled on one of the ship's return trips to Europe to pick up more refugees. It is unlikely that Emily had seen her sister Elizabeth since her last trip to America to marry Edgar. The war would have made travel difficult so it's not surprising that once the war ended Emily took the opportunity to return 'home' after a break of 6 and a half years.



SS Marine Flasher - Arriving in New York Ellis Island - 20 May 1946

The picture above shows the arrival of The Marine Flasher in New York on 20th May 1946. It returned to Europe 5 days later with Emily on board. Just look at the hairstyle of the woman in the picture below! Also note the gun on the ship.



Marine Flasher - January 1946

Emily returned to America by Pan American Airways from Shannon on 9th December 1946 and is recorded as a Housewife. Mum would have been 19 and old enough to remember this trip. The Foyne's 'flying-boat' station closed in 1946 so Emily would have flown by conventional aircraft from Shannon Airport which had opened in 1942. The record shows the aircraft serial number to be NC88838. This was a Lockheed L-1049 Super Constellation called Clipper Donald McKay. The flight would have taken hours instead of days!



Poster of Pan Am Super Constellation over Manhattan

The next record is of her arrival in New York on the Queen Mary on 5th April 1950. Her contact address in USA is "Mrs. Flood 142 E27th St NYC". It's possible that at this point she was no longer with Edgar. I think I remember that the marriage lasted 13 years so this record would fit. (Hilda Fowle nee Blair also sailed on this ship in 1936.)



RMS Queen Mary

The record below is Emily's naturalisation record as a US citizen in 1952. It shows her unmistakable signature.

No. 6993475

Name HART, Emily Rebecca

residing at 45 W. 94th St. NY NY

Date of birth Jan. 30th, 1890 Date of order of admission March 10, 1952

Date certificate issued March 10, 1952 by the

U. S. District Court at New York City, New York

Petition No. 601626

Alien Registration No. 4163114

✓ Emily Rebecca Hart.
(Complete and true signature of holder)

1952 Emily Hart nee Kilrane – US Naturalisation

One last record shows her arrival in New York aboard the Britannic (see above) on 4th May 1957 from Cobh. She gives the same address as her naturalisation record above. This address is close to a large hospital in Manhattan where she was presumably working again as a nurse. Mum did say that after she split from Edgar she returned to America to work as a nurse.

Mum told me that Emily knew that Edgar had a child before she married him but she believed him when he said that he had not been married to the mother. I find this hard to believe because all the census and passenger list records I can find for him state that he was married to Mabel Davis. I can't find a record of their marriage but I'm convinced that he married Emily when he was still married to Mabel. Either way, Edgar must have lied, either to Emily by saying he wasn't married when he was or to the authorities by pretending he was married to Mabel when he wasn't. When Emily and Edgar lived in New York he would travel to Connecticut on the pretext of starting up a business for which he obtained money from Emily. It transpired that he had some other woman in Connecticut and when Emily found out they divorced.

Henry Joseph - 29 August 1892 Dunmore

Henry was the youngest and was known as Uncle Harry to Mum. On the 1901 census he lived in Dunmore with his older sisters Mary Ann and Elizabeth. By 1911 he had moved to Dublin and lived at 87 Marlborough Street while working as a Draper's Assistant. Elizabeth lived around the corner in Talbot Street. John Bernard's estate record in 1921 in South Africa lists Harry as working for Boyers.

I will have to check the story with Mum but I think he was in the IRA. The story from Mum is that British soldiers, probably Black and Tans, came looking for him only to find a British man, Arthur Blair!

He sometimes visited 97 when Mum was young and at that stage worked in Clerys and lived in digs in Booterstown. Mum said he was quiet, fastidious and religious. He got TB and Mum recalls visiting him in Jervis Street hospital where he died in 1945.

Kilranes

John Bernard	1876	went to South Africa and died in 1921
Francis Patrick	1879	possibly died 1909
Mary Ann	1880	died 1918
Patrick	1882	unknown – possibly died before 1901 census
Richard Joseph	1882	died 1916 in WW1
Michael James	1883	went to America 1927
Ellen Theresa	1885	went to America 1905
Elizabeth	1886	stayed in Ireland and married Arthur Blair
Kate Mary	1888	died 1907
Emily Rebecca	1890	left Ireland by 1922. Returned in 1960s
Henry Joseph	1892	stayed in Ireland – died 1945

Elizabeth and Emily were the only two who married. Elizabeth was the only one to have children. I don't think it's so surprising that we knew so little about them when we were growing up. Elizabeth lost her parents by the age of 12 and the children were split up. They grew up away from their Grandparents. In a situation like that, you lose the opportunity to hear stories from the past. Also, several of Elizabeth's and Emily's siblings died quite young and maybe it's something they didn't like

to talk about. Any talk of Richard would have been taboo in Ireland. I'm just glad to have found them all.

Great Grand Parents

Our Kilrane Great Grandparents were Francis Kilrane and Bridget Campbell.

Francis Kilrane – 1847

According to various records Francis was born any time between 1847 to 1849 in Leitrim.

Francis joined the RIC on 12th January 1867 aged 20 and went into service on 17th May 1867. He would have entered a period of training possibly at the Phoenix Park. His posting was to the Western Region of Galway which tallies with his marriage record and his children’s birth records. The first seven children were born in Spiddal. For security reasons, on joining the RIC all recruits were posted to a county different to their birth county which is why Francis was posted to Galway. On 1st March 1882 he was promoted Acting Constable and then to Constable on 1st December 1882. His death certificate reveals that he was eventually promoted to Sergeant. This might have happened around 1885 before the birth of Elizabeth who was the first child born in Dunmore. His death certificate records the witness as “James McKeown RIC Maam” which would mean that Francis was stationed at Maam on his death. So we know he was stationed at Spiddal, Dunmore and Maam.

Francis married Bridget Campbell on 9th May 1875. His residence is Spiddal and his Father is recorded as “Bernard Kilrane – Alive – Farmer”. Bridget is living in Clifden and her Father is “John Campbell – Dead – Policeman”. The marriage took place in the RC church of Ballynafad near Ballynahinch Castle.

1875. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of <u>Ballynafad</u> in the Registrar's District of <u>Roundstone, No 1</u> in the Union of <u>Clifden</u> in the County of <u>Galway</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
126	May 9 th 1875	Francis Kilrane	28	Bachelor	Policeman	Spiddal	Bernard Kilrane	Alive Farmer
		Bridget Campbell	23	Spinster	—	Clifden	John Campbell	Dead Policeman
Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of <u>Ballynafad</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, by me, <u>Joseph A. Moloney</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Francis Kilrane</u> <u>Bridget Campbell</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>Patrick & Cummins</u> <u>Anne & Burke</u>		

1875 Marriage of Francis Kilrane and Bridget Campbell



Ballinafad Church

Francis died on 1st September 1895 in Maam. His age is recorded as 46. The cause of death was Valvular Mitral Regurgitation which is a condition of the heart and is basically a leaking heart valve.

Bridget Campbell - 1852

According to Bridget’s marriage record and death record she was born in 1851 or 1852. Francis’ RIC record says she is from Mayo.

Bridget died aged about 48 in 1898 in Clifden leaving at least 11 children ranging in age from 4 to 22.

Great, Great Grandparents and Great, Great, Great Grandparents

Bridget Kilrane nee Campbell’s Parents

On Francis’ and Bridget’s marriage record is the fact that her Father, John Campbell, is a deceased Policeman. There is a possibility that he came from Donegal but I need to do more research. The witnesses on the marriage record are Patrick Cummins and Anne Burke. When I was searching for the Kilrane children on the 1901 census I found Ellen living in Clifden. The head of the house is Patrick Cummins and Ellen is recorded as his Granddaughter. His wife is Rebecca aged 84 and I believe this is Bridget’s Mother who probably remarried Patrick Cummins.

Townland	Parish	Barony	County	Description	Head of household Surname	Head of household Given	Head of household Occupation	Other occupants
Clifden T./Main St.	Omev	Ballynahinch	Galway	Household	Cummins	Patrick(72)	army pensioner/born Co.Mayo	Rebecca(84)wife-Ellen Kilrane(15) gd-James Moore(30)boarder/stud groom/not married/Derry

In the 1901 census Patrick is recorded as an "army pensioner - Pte 88th Reg". This means he was a Private in the 88th Regiment of Foot known as the Connaught Rangers. With this information I was able to discover that Patrick Cummins was born in 1828 in Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo. He joined the Connaught rangers in Ballinrobe in 1846 aged 18 and was recorded as a Labourer with bowed legs! His regiment eventually took part in the Crimean War and on 5th November 1854 he was severely wounded in the Battle of Inkerman. Perhaps he was tended to by Florence Nightingale! He was discharged from the army on 7th August 1855 in Chatham, Kent most likely just after his return to England due to his injuries and therefore missed being sent to India to suppress the Indian Mutiny. He received a pension which was increased as the decades passed. In 1899 he was recommended for a special increase to 18d which was granted. He was living in Clifden in 1892 and possibly earlier.

Rebecca's death occurred in 1905 in Clifden. Her death record shows her age as 82 born in 1823 whereas the 1901 census records her as 84 born in 1817. I can't find any further records for Rebecca.

Mum recalls that Emily visited Clifden at one point as she had become interested in her family history. Mum thinks that she did make contact with some people in Clifden but for some reason did not feel very welcome! I can't think who could possibly have remained in Clifden after the deaths of Rebecca Campbell/Cummins and Patrick Cummins.

Francis Kilrane's Parents

I received all information on the Kilrane line from our 3rd cousins Gerry Kilrane and Tom Coughlan. Francis Kilrane's Father was Bernard Kilrane also known as Ould Barney. He was born in Co. Down or Co. Armagh in about 1788. His Father, our Great, Great, Great Grandfather was also called Bernard Kilrane. In 1798 Bernard senior was involved in the Battle of Ballynahinch (Co. Down not Co. Galway) as part of the Rebellion. The uprising failed and Bernard and many others were informed on by a spy named Edward Newell. They were rounded up by the British Army and Bernard was executed on the back of a cart outside his house which was then burnt to the ground. His son was rescued by a brother who was a priest and taken first to Longford and eventually to Leitrim where Bernard's descendants live today. Bernard lived to the age of 112/113 and died on 30th August 1900.

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Obituary of Bernard Kilrane 1900 supplied by Tom Coughlan and Gerry Kilrane

Bernard settled in Towneymore just outside Mohill in the south of Leitrim. During the mid 1800's a valuation survey of Ireland was completed. This was called Griffith's Valuation and Bernard is recorded as follows:

Family	Townland	Details of Holding	Acreage of Land	Rateable Valuation of House
Bernard Kilrane	Tawnaghmore	House, Offices and Land; also house rented to Honor Donnelly	21-2-38	15 Shillings

For a man to have arrived in Leitrim as an orphaned refugee it is quite remarkable that Bernard managed to hold property with a value of 15 shillings around the time of the famine.

Another interesting find is a record of some trouble encountered by Bernard Kilrane on 23rd March 1845.

Mar. 23	B. Mohill, T. Towneymore.	Patk. Gilluly and Bernd. Kibrian.	On this evening five or six men, two of whom were armed, entered Gilluly's house, and assaulted him and his son, but not dangerously. Gilluly having prosecuted a man four years previous for waylaying his son, is the assigned cause of the outrage. The party then proceeded to Kibrian's house, and assaulted him for having a loy iron made by a smith who is obnoxious.
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This is one of those instances of poor transcription. Kibrian is most probably Kilrane. Don't ask me what is meant by "a loy iron made by a smith who is obnoxious"!! This record appears in *Outrages in County Leitrim, 1845*, Parliamentary Report, 1846 and was supplied to me by Tom Coughlan, our 3rd cousin.

According to Parish records, Bernard married Mary Ann Kelly and they had 6 children. Francis was the eldest but there is evidence that there could have been more children before him. Another record has been found of a Bridget Kilrane born in 1839 to Bernard Kilrane and Mary Shanley. It is possible that Bernard was first married to Mary Shanley. Bernard would have been about 60 when Francis the 'eldest' was born so it seems possible that he could have been married to Mary Shanley first. In any event, Mary Anne Kelly would be our Great, Great, grandmother. She died on 17th February 1876.

There is plenty of information on the internet about the Battle of Ballynahinch and you will also find information about the spy Edward Newell. It is believed that Bernard junior possibly had a brother and a sister who travelled to Leitrim with him.

Michael Dan Kilrane

When researching the Kilrane's I came across a 1988 death record for a Vietnam War veteran named Michael Dan Kilrane. He was born in 1945 and joined the army aged 20 in 1965 and was a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. His grave is at Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island which is a U.S. military cemetery. This presumably means he died while still in service. He is distantly related but at the moment I can't remember how.