

Michael Moloughney

1.0 Michael (“Old Mick”) Moloughney (1809-1875)

Born about 1809, County Tipperary, Ireland. Born during the period of the “Penal Laws”, and therefore no information is available as to who his parents were nor where they lived. Placing his birth in the year 1809 is a matter of deduction - based on information found in the Canadian Census records of 1861 and 1871.

As to his parents, ‘Irish custom’ indicates that his father was a Patrick Moloughney and his mother a Mary ‘unknown’ (custom suggested that the first-born son and second-born daughter be named after the paternal grandparents, and the second-born son and the first-born daughter after the maternal grandparents). His first four children were Patrick, Catherine, Mary and James. These four, and two more - Eliza and William, were baptized in the Church of S. Patrick in the Parish of Killordiernan, County Tipperary. The “Penal Laws” were lifted in 1828 and Michael and his family were able to attend church in the Village of Puckane from that date on. According to these church records, he and his family were living on Urra Hill in the Townland of Urra. See ‘The Moloughneys of Ireland’.

He is believed to have had at least four brothers - Patrick, Stephen, Daniel and Edward; no confirmation. These four names appear as sponsors in the baptism of his children in the records of St. Patrick’s Church, Puckane, Co. Tipperary. It is assumed they were his brothers (although Patrick might possibly have been his father). All four lived in neighbouring townlands. Edward remained in Ireland, but the other three emigrated to Syracuse, N.Y. where Patrick had ‘Hogan’ relatives already in place. There is no record of any activity on their part in Ireland after 1850. It is possible that Michael and these three all emigrated together, splitting up after they arrived in Montreal, - with Michael going to his wife’s relatives in Fallowfield, and the others going on to Syracuse. For more information, see ‘The Moloughneys of Syracuse’.

A fifth brother may have been a John Moloughney who settled in Belledune, New Brunswick - having come across to Canada sometime in the late 1820's with his father and mother. The father and mother were called Patrick Moloughney and Mary Ryan and they are buried in the cemetery in Belledune with John, their son, - and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. These Moloughneys came from Boherlahan about thirty-five miles

south of Puckane. At the time of coming to Canada, they brought only one of their children with them - the one called John, who was then about 8 years of age. It is known they left behind a Mary, a Catherine and a Thomas, and possibly a Michael also. It may well have been that Michael had already left home and made his way to the Puckane or Nenagh area where he subsequently met Ellen Murphy and married. For more information on this subject, see "The Moloughneys of Ireland" and "The Moloughneys of New Brunswick".

When Michael was about twenty-five, he married Ellen Murphy. There is no record of his marriage since the Catholic Church records only begin in Puckane in 1834. Based on Irish custom, it is assumed that her parents were a James Murphy and a Catherine (unknown). In the memory of residents of Puckane, there is a 'Murphy's Corner' on the road between Puckane and Urra Hill, and it is assumed that this is the area where Ellen grew up; no confirmation.

Michael Moloughney and Ellen Murphy lived on Urra Hill. Urra Hill is not much more than 600 acres in size, and at the time that Michael and Ellen were there, the land must have fed almost 200 people. (A survey of the church records indicates an extremely large number of residents from that one particular area who had children baptized in the Parish Church during the period 1834-1850). When the famine struck, the land was not capable of feeding the hundreds of mouths that relied upon it, - and many of them left for other parts of the world. In 1850 Michael and Ellen were also forced to emigrate (see 'Moloughneys of Ireland'). They were evicted in January of 1848 and no information is available on where they were from then until they sailed in April of 1850. Conditions were so severe that despite the fact that Ellen was eight months pregnant (with their seventh child) they still were forced to make the voyage. In April of 1850, Michael and Ellen together with their six children set out for Limerick and then for Canada. Their seventh child was born on the ocean.

They arrived safely in Canada (the port of Quebec) on May 22, 1850. Michael was forty-one years of age at the time . . . and his wife Ellen thirty-four. Their six children ranged in age from fourteen years to two years of age. In addition to the birth of a daughter (Margaret) on the ocean, there were four more children born in Canada. The age of Michael Moloughney and Ellen Murphy at the time of emigration and at the birth of each child was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Age at Immigration</u>		<u>At birth of Each Child</u>	
		1850		<u>Father's Age</u>	<u>Mother's Age</u>
Michael Moloughney	1809	41			
Ellen Murphy	1816	34			
Patrick	1835*	14	26	19	
Catherine	1837*	12	28	21	
Mary	1840*	10	31	24	
James	1842*	8	33	26	
Eliza	1845*	5	36	29	
William	1847*	2	38	31	
Margaret	1850		41	34	
Ellen	1853*		44	37	
Michael	1855*		46	39	
Daniel	1857*		48	41	
Anne	1860*		51	44	

* Confirmed with Church Records

The important dates in the history of this family were as follows:

1. Nov 26, 1857 Catherine married Big John McCarthy - she was 20 years of age.
2. Early 1860 's Mary married Pat Leahy when she was in her early 20 's.
3. Feb 8, 1866 Eliza married John Hawley - she was 21.
4. June 13, 1867 Pat married Mary Gleason - he was 31.
5. Feb 6, 1869 Pat married Ellen Mary McCarthy, his second wife - he was 33.
6. 1872 Margaret married Tom Baxter - she was 22.
7. Feb 14, 1875 Michael Moloughney, the father of the family, died - age 66.
8. Nov 16, 1876 Ellen married Mick Costello - she was 23.
9. Oct 31, 1877 Jim married Mary Monahan - he was 35.
10. June 19, 1883 Mick married Ann Tierney - he was 28.
11. July 1, 1884 Dan married Elizabeth Monahan - he was 27.
12. Apr 7, 1888 Ann married Martin Howe - she was 28.
13. Nov 20, 1888 Bill Moloughney married Bridget Linnen - he was 41.
14. July 30, 1900 Ellen (Murphy) Moloughney, mother of the family, died - age 83.
15. Oct 18, 1917 Pat Moloughney died- age 82.
16. Aug 14, 1918 Ann (Moloughney) Howe died - age 58.
17. June 6, 1919 Bill Moloughney died - age 72.
18. Oct 13, 1921 Jim Moloughney died - age 79.
19. Mar 24, 1925 Mick Moloughney died - age 70.
20. Nov 6, 1926 Margaret (Moloughney) Baxter died- age 76.
21. Jan 7, 1931 Dan Moloughney died - age 73.
22. 1939 Ellen (Moloughney) Costello died - age 86.

The land on which Michael and Ellen settled was just south of the Trail Road in Concession #4 of Nepean. It wasn't the best of land, but it was unoccupied. They finally got legal possession on Oct 10, 1861, and during the next eight years acquired an additional 190 acres of adjoining land to add to their holdings, for a total of 290 all told.

The land was cleared and the crops harvested on a co-operative reciprocal basis. They were on Lot #7, Concession #4 and down the road on Lots #7, #8 and #9 of Concession #3 were the Costellos and his brothers-in-law, the Murphys, and the Kennedys. No too far away in Twin Elm was another brother-in-law, William Costello. They all worked together to clear and develop their land, along with their neighbours, many of who had also come from the banks of the Shannon and who had known each other back home.

His brother-in-law William Costello left Twin Elm in the late 1850's when he moved to Brudenell after the murder of Denis Tierney. William had been a witness at the trial of the suspects in the murder, and when they were acquitted he no doubt felt it would be safer to leave the area rather than face possible retaliation at home. (Of the 7 Costello brothers that came to Fallowfield, only one, Jim, remained in the area after 1865 - see "The Costello Story").



Ellen Murphy about 1890

Michael Moloughney died in 1875 at the age of 66, but Ellen lived for another 25 years staying in the original homestead with her son William. William married Bridget Linnen late in life (in 1888 when he was 41 and Bridget 43; no children; one adopted daughter), and by 1890 there were only four people in the house. Pat lived on the farm west of them, Jim on the farm south of them, Mick across the road in Concession #3, and Ellen married Mick Costello and lived down the road on Lot #9, Concession #3. In the other direction, her son Dan lived five lots away on Lot #2, Concession #4 and her daughter Margaret on Lot #1, Concession #4, married to Tom Baxter.

She was surrounded by her family, ex-

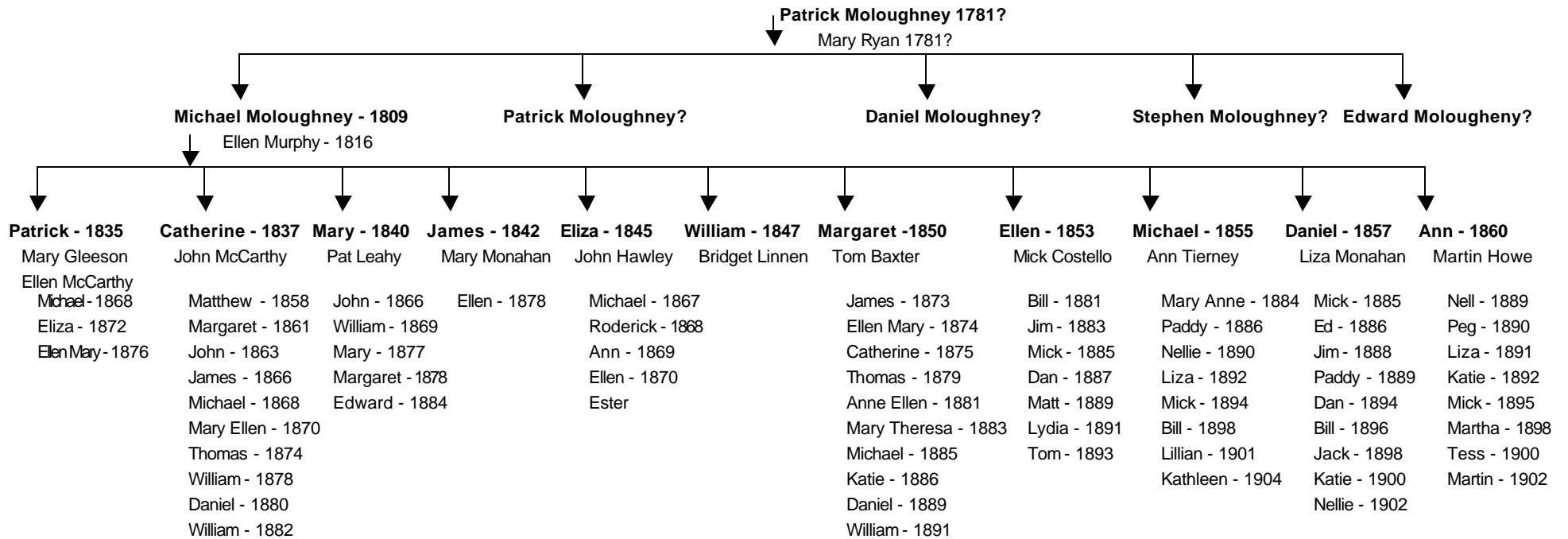
ception made of her three oldest girls. Catherine, the eldest daughter, was out working with the Kilroe family at the age of 13, married 'Big John' McCarthy in 1857 at the age of 20, moved to Brudenell and had her first child before her sister Anne was born in 1860; known to have returned to Fallowfield on at least two occasions in subsequent years. Her second daughter, Mary, married Pat Leahy; from a family they had known back in Ireland. They moved to Ogdensburg, N.Y. where he had relatives; she is known to have made at least one trip back to Fallowfield. The third, Liza, married Johnny Hawley and moved with him to Sandstone, Minnesota; there is no record of her returning home for a visit.

Ellen also had a sister down the road (Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, Lot #9, Concession #3), a brother Michael Murphy also on Lot #9, and her sister Margaret (Mrs. William Costello) in Brudenell. Elizabeth and Margaret had emigrated to Canada with their husbands and family in 1837, and Michael (her brother) had come out with Ellen in 1850 as a single man. In Canada he married one of the Houlahan girls. See "The Murphy Story".

Ellen was a hard worker and a strong-minded person. The Murphys were orphaned at a young age and she married Michael when she was about 18. She gave birth to six children in Ireland; suffered through the Great Famine of 1847; evicted from her home in 1848 and homeless from then until early 1850, crossed the 3000 mile Atlantic Ocean in a 'coffin ship' on which she gave birth to her seventh child; settled on Lot #7, Concession #4. Nepean, where she gave birth to four more children, the last of whom was younger than her first grandchild, - and lived to be 83 years of age, surrounded by family and friends.

Michael Moloughney died on Feb 14, 1875 at the age of sixty-six; Ellen on July 30, 1900 at the age of eighty-three. Both are buried in the Cemetery of St. Patrick's Church, Fallowfield. Michael was one of the first to be buried in this Cemetery. His tombstone is just inside the Cemetery gates, Plot#69.

Michael and Ellen had eleven children and many, many grandchildren. Their descendants are now found from coast to coast in Canada and in varying places in the United States. The following chart shows the first three generations and their relationships



Michael Moloughney of the Township of Sheehan

County of Carleton Place and Province of Ontario do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament and do hereby make and publish all testamentary declarations by me heretofore made -

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my lawful wife Ellen Moloughney this property or which I reside with being comprised the north central 1/2 of lot 17 of the Township of Sheehan 4th concession County and Province aforesaid and containing 6 1/2 acres more or less and further I will and my wife Ellen Moloughney my executors and assigns do hereby declare that it is my last will and testament that I do hereby give and bequeath unto my wife Ellen Moloughney 1/2 of the east quarter of lot 17 1/2 and as of right in my deed County and Province aforesaid, I have and to hold and to be sole manager and director of this property during her natural life and to divide and dispose of this property according to her judgment provided that I bind my wife Ellen to be always directed by my executors as far as Counsel may be required -

I further will and bequeath unto My wife Ellen all my moveable property that is to say all horses cows sheep and all farming implements household furniture and every thing else that I now own and possess to be her sole manager during her life and to dispose of as she wills at the hour of death or before death -

I will and bequeath unto my son James Moloughney the south west half of lot 7 in the Township of Sheehan concession 4 in the County of Carleton Place Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada to have and to hold during his natural life and his heirs executors assigns and administrators -

provided at the same time that I bind him to pay my son Michael five hundred dollars to his heirs executors or administrators and I nominate and appoint Thomas Baxter of the Township of Sheehan and Rodrick Kelly of said Township to be executors of this my last will and testament

signed sealed and delivered on this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord 1874 in presence of the undersigned witnesses who had been present at the time in presence of each other being first reader

(Signed) Michael Moloughney
his Moloughney mark

Witnesses
(Signed) Thomas Fox
(Signed) Patrick Moran



W. P. HOWLAND.

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Province of Ontario.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come--GREETING:

Whereas, Michael Moloughney of the Township of Niagara in the County of Carleton Place, Ontario.

has contracted and agreed for the absolute purchase of the Lands and Tenements hereinafter mentioned and described, at and for the price or sum of four hundred and thirty five dollars of lawful money of Canada, and of which Lands We are seized in right of Our Crown.

Now Know Ye that in consideration of the said sum of four hundred and thirty five dollars well and truly paid to Our use, at or before the sealing of these Our Letters Patent, We have granted, sold, aliened, conveyed, and assured, and by these presents do grant, sell, alien, convey and assure unto the said Michael Moloughney, his Heirs and Assigns, THE EXACT AND ENTIRE parcel or tract of Land,

situated, lying and being in the Township of Niagara, in the County of Carleton Place, in the Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement one hundred acres, be the same more or less; which said Parcel or Tract of Land may be otherwise known as follows, that is to say, being composed of the West half of lot number seven in the fourth concession of the said Township of Niagara.

To have and to hold, the said Parcel or Tract of Land, hereby granted, conveyed and assured unto the said Michael Moloughney, his Heirs and Assigns for ever: saving, excepting and reserving, nevertheless, unto Us the free use, passage and enjoyment of, in, over, and upon all navigable waters that shall or may be hereafter found on or under, or be flowing through or upon any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby granted as aforesaid.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario: Witness, The Honorable WILLIAM PEARCE HOWLAND, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, and Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Ontario.

At Toronto, this sixteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three and in the thirty seventh year of Our Queen.

W. P. Howland, Lt. Gov. H. J. B. H. B.

By Command of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

J. H. Bellant, Secy.

A. W. Scott, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands

Recorded this 28th day of July 1873.

John J. Elshner, Deputy Registrar

J. MICHEL.

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Province of Canada.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—Greeting:

Whereas *Michael Moloughney*, of the Township of *Nepean*, in the County of *Carleton*, yeoman, _____

_____ hath contracted and agreed to and with Our Commissioners for the sale of Our Crown Lands, duly authorized by Us in this behalf, for the absolute purchase, at and for the price and sum of *three hundred dollars* _____ of lawful money of Our said Province, of the Lands and Tenements hereinafter mentioned and described, of which We are seized in right of Our Crown. NOW KNOW YE, that in consideration of the said sum of *three hundred dollars* _____ by _____ *the said Michael Moloughney* _____ to Our said Commissioners of Crown Lands, in hand well and truly paid to Our use, at or before the sealing of these Our Letters Patent, We have granted, sold, aliened, conveyed and assured, and by these presents do grant, sell, alien, convey and assure, unto the said *Michael Moloughney*, his heirs and assigns for ever, all that Parcel or Tract of Land, situate, lying and being in the Township _____ of *Nepean* _____ in the County of *Carleton* _____ in Our said Province, containing by admeasurement *one hundred acres* _____ be the same more or less; which said Parcel or Tract of Land may be otherwise known as follows, that is to say: being composed of _____

The East half of Lot number Seven, in the Fourth Concession Rideau Front of the aforesaid Township of Nepean. _____

Recorded 11th January, 1866

[Signature]

dep. By _____

So have and to hold the said Parcel or Tract of Land, hereby granted, conveyed and assured unto the said *Michael Moloughney*, his heirs and assigns, for ever; saving, excepting and reserving, nevertheless, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all Mines of Gold and Silver, and the free use, passage and enjoyment of, in, over and upon all navigable waters that shall or may be hereafter found on or under, or be flowing through or upon any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby granted as aforesaid.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Our Province of Canada; WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved SIR JOHN MICHEL, K. C. B., Administrator of the Government of the Province of Canada and Lieutenant General Commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c.

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At OTTAWA, this *Fifth* _____ day of *January* _____ in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in the twenty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command of His Excellency in Council.

E. A. Meredith
S^{ry} Secretary.

Andrew Ross
Act. Commissioner of Crown Lands.

J. Michels

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Province of Canada.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—Greeting:

Whereas Michael Moloughney, of the Township of Sipewan, in the County of Carleton, gentleman;

has contracted and agreed to and with Our Commissioner for the sale of Our Crown Lands, duly authorized by Us in this behalf, for the absolute purchase, at and for the price and sum of One hundred and twenty four dollars of lawful money of Our said Province, of the Lands and Tenements hereinafter mentioned and described, of which We are seized in right of Our Crown.

NOW KNOW YE, that in consideration of the said sum of One hundred and twenty four dollars by him the said Michael Moloughney to Our said Commissioner of Crown Lands, in hand well and truly paid to Our use, at or before the sealing of these Our Letters Patent, We have granted, sold, aliened, conveyed and assured, and by these presents do grant, sell, alien, convey and assure, unto the said Michael Moloughney, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, ALL that Parcel or Tract of Land, situate, lying and being in the town ship of Sipewan in the County of Carleton; in Our said Province, containing by admeasurement Eight Acres be the same more or less; which said Parcel or Tract of Land may be otherwise known as follows, that is to say: being composed of

The North half of the east or west half of Lot number 212 in the South Concession Rideau Front, of the aforesaid Township of Sipewan

Recorded 4th March 1877
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Michael Moloughney
Esq. of Sipewan

To have and to hold the said Parcel or Tract of Land, hereby granted, conveyed and assured unto the said Michael Moloughney, his Heirs and assigns, for ever; saving, excepting and reserving, nevertheless, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, the free use, passage and enjoyment of, in, over and upon all navigable waters that shall or may be hereafter found on or under, or be flowing through or upon any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby granted as aforesaid.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Our Province of Canada; WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well Beloved Sir John Michels, Kt., C.B. Adversary of the Government of the Province of Canada, and Lieutenant General Commanding Our Forces in the Province of Canada &c. &c. &c. in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven year of Our Reign.

By Michael Moloughney

By Commissioner of Crown Lands
John P. ...

A. ...
Commissioner of Crown Lands