

Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer

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Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer were from Urard in the Gortnahoe Catholic Parish of Co. Tipperary in Ireland adjacent to the Urlingford Parish of Co. Kilkenny.

While there is a significant amount of information available from actual records, there are numerous inconsistencies along with too many individuals who have the same names in and near Urard that prevent absolute verification of the facts and events. Michael E. Byczek has meticulously reviewed these records and made particular conclusions that are based on balance of probabilities to be highly plausible and more likely than not to be true.

Baptism records from the Gortnahoe church suggest that Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer had nine children. The church only listed date of baptism:

<i>Child</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Location of Baptism (Parish)</i>	<i>Date of Baptism</i>	<i>Notes</i>
John	Hugh Rooney	Alicia Dwyer	Urard	Gortnahoe	9/24/1810	
William	Hugh Rooney	Alice Dwyer	Urard	Gortnahoe	12/26/1811	
James	Jno Rooney	Alicia Dwyer	Rathbeg	Gortnahoe	12/5/1813	
Peter	Hugh Rooney	Alicia Dwyer	Lisnamrock	Ballingarry	1/3/1815	
Nancy + Ellen	Hugh Rowny	Ally Dwyer	Illegible	Gortnahoe	3/17/1817	Twins
Edmund	Hugh Rony	Alice Dwyer	Urard	Gortnahoe	12/26/1819	
Margaret	Hugh Rony	Alley Dwyer	Urard	Gortnahoe	4/8/1822	
Illegible	Hugh Rony	Elisa Drew	Illegible	Gortnahoe	7/27/1829	Presumed to be Catherine

There are several observations to elaborate upon:

1. It is unknown whether John was their eldest child, or just the first baptism available from records online in digital format.
2. The youngest child with an illegible name is presumed to be Catherine, who was born about that time, especially in the absence of another baptism that explicitly listed the name Catherine.
3. The baptism for James refers to the father's name as John. This is a clue about inconsistencies that are explained in more detail below.
4. The baptism for Peter took place in a different church, but one where there are Rooney families. It is presumed to a correct baptism versus a different family with the same names and maiden name of the mother. However, more information is required to determine why the family may have been living in the Ballingarry parish or if this is a coincidence.
5. The baptism for James, which the father's name is John, indicates that family was living in Rathbeg versus Urard. This, when combined with the baptism for Peter, could suggest the family was moving around at the time, especially since these are consecutive baptisms and only represent a period of two years.

Their 2nd eldest son William Rooney married Julia Phelan near Urard around 1834 before settling in Chicago, IL as prominent early settlers of the city dating to 1835. They briefly lived in the Urlingford Parish of Co. Kilkenny after marriage and are Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandparents.

23 Mr. Daniel, Sp. Pat. Dwyer & William Dwyer
24 John of Hugh Rooney Ward Farmer & Alice
Dwyer, Sp. Edm. Costelloe & Elizabeth Barnwell
26 Alexander of Daniel Connors, Inbrannan farmer
John Ryan, a Day Laborer

Sp. John Lusk
20 John of Hugh Rooney Ward Farmer & Alice Dwyer
& William Costelloe
27 Part of Pat. Short, William Smith & Elizabeth Dwyer

Top: Baptism of John Rooney [63A]

Bottom: Baptism of William Rooney [63B]

December 1813 -
James of Jul. Rooney Mother & Alicia
Dwyer, Sp. James Dwyer & Catherine Rooney
Pat^h Healy Grange Labourer & Mary

January. 1815,
3rd Peter. Hugh Rooney and Alicia Dwyer Sp John Rockford
and Ellen Maher. Linnamock

Top: Baptism of James Rooney [63C] - Godparents appear to be James Dwyer and Catherine Rooney

Bottom: Baptism of Peter Rooney [63D]

17 Philip Pagan & Mary Finnan
Ellen & Nancy of Hugh Rooney & Alice Dwyer
13 John Gleeson & Ellen Rooney -
John of St. ...

— Edmund of Hugh Rooney Ward & Alice Dwyer
Sp. Billy Smith & Mary Chary —
of St. ...

Top: Baptism of twins Ellen and Nancy Rooney [63E] - It appears that their godmother was Ellen Rooney

Bottom: Baptism of Edmund Rooney [63F]

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Margaret of Hugh Rooney & Mary Dwyer
Sp. of Catherine Kelly Dunn
Honora

To of Alice Rooney
D. M. Costello Ellen Dwyer
D. M. of John Dwyer

Top: Baptism of Margaret Rooney [63G]

Bottom: Baptism of an illegible child that is presumed to be Catherine Rooney [63H]

Analysis of reference to Hugh Rooney Jr and Hugh Rooney Sr

As discussed below, land records for Urard show two references to farmers named Hugh Rooney: Hugh Rooney Jr and Hugh Rooney Sr. The land records for Hugh Rooney Jr are directly linked to a woman named Alice Rooney. Hugh Rooney Jr is the only reference to a woman with the name of Alice.

Furthermore, the Catholic church records for Gortnahoe show two adult men named Hugh Rooney in Urard who have children born during the same period of years: (1) Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer; and (2) Hugh Rooney and Mary Ryan. This proves that there were two Hugh Rooney families in Urard at the same time, both as land owners and head of their households. This is proof that two Hugh Rooney men were both adults during the 1810s.

Hugh Rooney and Mary Ryan's last known child was born in 1826. Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer's last known child was born in 1829. The earliest known land records are for 1831, which shows Hugh Jr and Hugh Sr. On balance of probabilities, these are the two Hugh Rooney families, with a wife of Alice Dwyer and Mary Ryan.

Catholic baptism records present a very high likelihood that Hugh Rooney who was married to Mary Ryan is Hugh Rooney Sr from the land records. While this cannot be verified at present, the actual records from Urard support this conclusion, given what is known.

Should this be true, there are two possibilities: Mary Ryan was Hugh Rooney Jr's mother, or his father Hugh Rooney Sr had remarried.

If Hugh Rooney married Alice Dwyer when he was 18 years old and his parents were 18 years old when he was born, that would mean that Hugh Rooney Sr and his wife were both 36 years old when their son Hugh Rooney Jr was already married. This implies that Hugh Rooney Jr's mother could have had another five children born after her son was married, assuming one every two years for the next ten years.

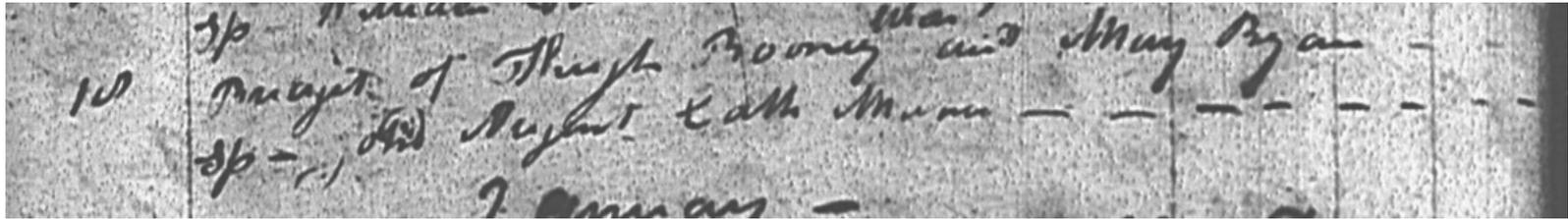
Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer's eldest known child, John, was born in 1810. If the marriage and birth of their first child took place in close proximity, that could mean that Hugh Rooney Jr's biological mother could still have had children born through 1820. This does not appear to be the case because there are confirmed baptisms with Mary Ryan as the mother through at least 1826. Therefore, the most likely scenario is that Hugh Rooney Sr remarried and Mary Ryan is Hugh Rooney Jr's stepmother. Hugh Rooney Sr would not have any age limit to have children provided his second wife was younger than her mid-40s.

To further complicate matters, both Hugh Rooney families in Urard had a son named William Rooney born just six years apart.

If this turns out to be accurate, this means that Hugh Rooney Jr (William Rooney's father) had children who were older than his own half-siblings. William Rooney would have aunts and uncles much younger than himself. This could also explain Rooney relationships in Chicago.

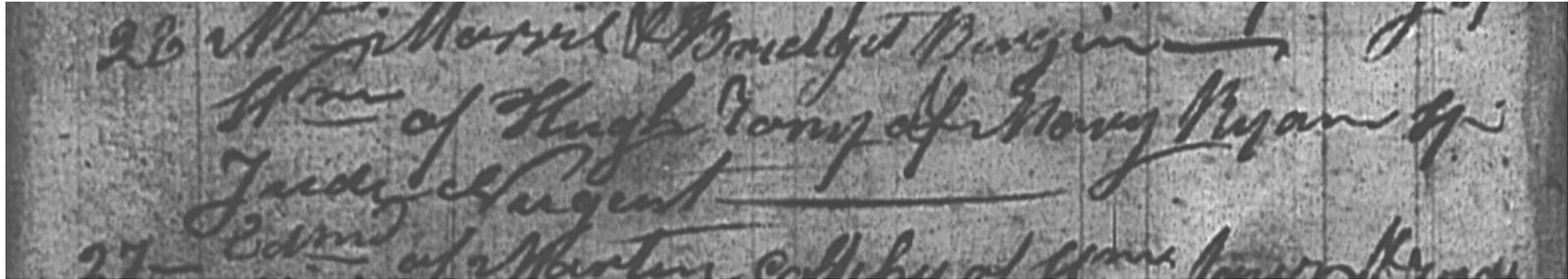
Another scenario is that Hugh Rooney, whose wife was Mary Ryan, is a cousin or other relative. Hugh Rooney Sr could be a third man named Hugh Rooney in Urard.

The Gortnahoe church documents are available online through the Catholic Parish Registers at the NLI (<https://registers.nli.ie>).



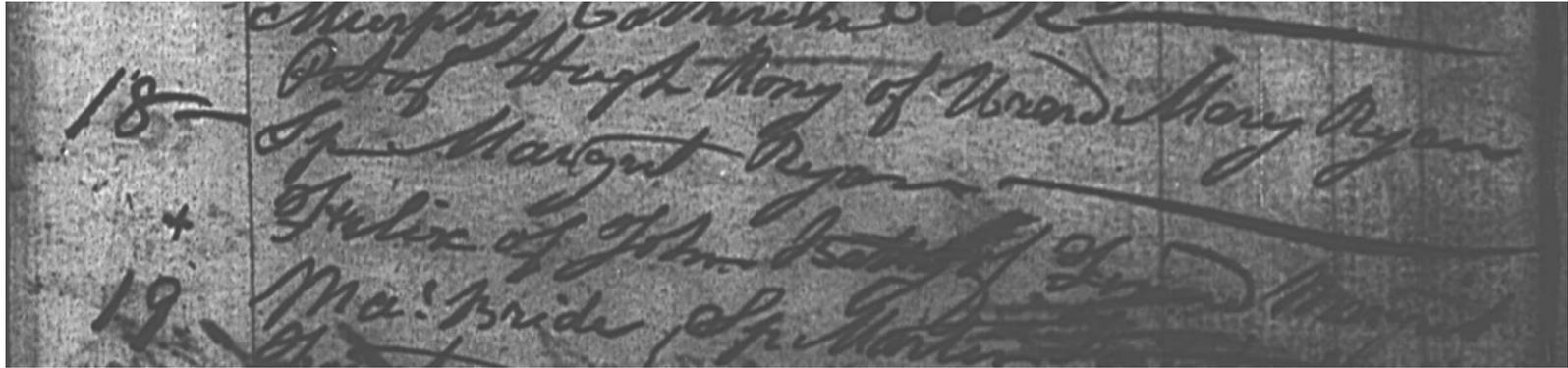
Baptism of Bridget Rooney - 12/18/1814
Gortnahoe Catholic Parish

Location and godparents illegible



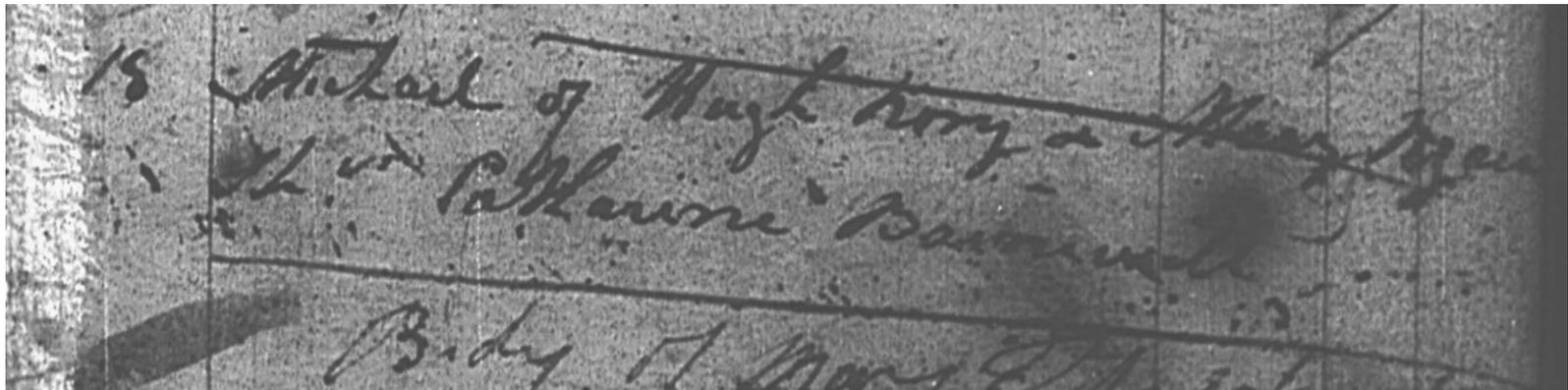
Baptism of William Rooney - 4/26/1817 (exact day of month illegible)
Gortnahoe Catholic Parish

Location and godparents illegible



Baptism of Patrick Rooney - 4/18/1819
Gortnahoe Catholic Parish

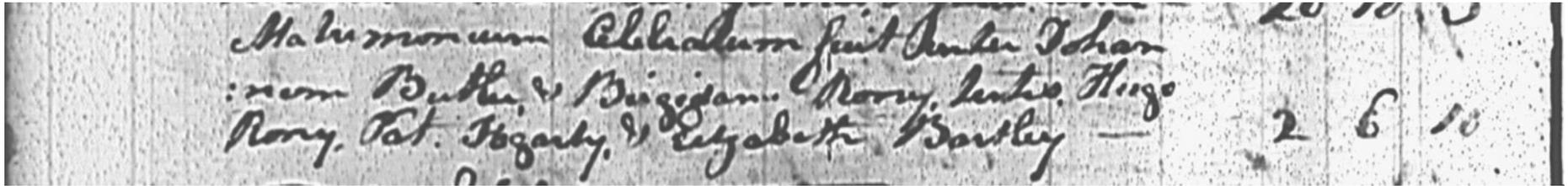
Urrard is clearly written with only the godmother (Margaret Ryan) legible



Baptism of Michael Rooney - 12/18/1826
Gortnahoe Catholic Parish

Location and godparents not legible

Digital access of Catholic church records for Gortnahoe start in 1805. The earliest verified reference to Hugh Rooney in these records was a marriage in 1808 (two years before the first child was born to Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer). The record is illegible/incoherent, and it's unclear how Hugh Rooney is related to the bride named Bridget Rooney. It is presumed that Rony is a misspelling of Rooney.



1808 Marriage between John Butler and Bridget Roney
Gortnahoe Catholic Parish

Three names are listed after the bride. The first is Hugh Roney (slightly illegible).
It's unclear whether there were three witnesses, or the bride was the daughter of Hugh Roney

This record proves somebody named Hugh Rooney was associated with the Gortnahoe Parish as early as 1808.
Without more information, it's unclear whether Hugh Roney was the bride's father or witness.
Therefore, it's unclear whether this is Hugh Rooney Sr (bride's father) or Hugh Rooney Jr (bride's brother), for example

Birth of Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer

There is every reason to believe, based on actual documents, that both Rooney and Dwyer families are from the Urard area. Furthermore, there is not a single document that suggests they were born, married, died, or buried anywhere other than near where they lived in Urard.

Dwyer Family

A published book of biographies from Chicago, IL with a copyright date of 1897, is perhaps the best evidence that Alice Dwyer was born in Co. Tipperary. The book was published just 12 years after William Rooney's death in 1885. In law, this would be referred to as a contemporaneous record. Those who were interviewed for the information may have personally known William Rooney and/or otherwise would have first-hand knowledge about the Rooney family.

One of the featured biographies is for Edmund Tobin from Co. Tipperary. While, there are inconsistencies in that biography as well, everything points to the conclusion that Edmund Tobin was William Rooney's first cousin once removed. The relationship appears to have been William Rooney's mother and Edmund Tobin's maternal grandmother were sisters.

The inconsistencies of the Tobin biography are explained in detail below. In summary, the biography refers to the two Dwyer sisters from Co. Tipperary. One married John Rooney and the other married Joseph Fitzgerald. The biography can only refer to William Rooney, Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandfather. Therefore, the sister who married John Rooney was Alice Dwyer. This is important because the Tobin family associated William Rooney's father as John versus Hugh. This represents two sources where Hugh Rooney may have also been known as John. William and Julia Rooney's two eldest sons were John and Hugh.

The biography is also significant because the Tobin family refers to the Dwyer family who owned "mines and land in County Tipperary from time out of mind". The presumptive fact itself that Alice (Dwyer) Rooney had a sister from the Thurles area is reason enough to conclude that Alice was born near Urard.

Furthermore, the baptism of James Rooney shows that his godfather was James Dwyer. This presents a reasonable presumption that Alice had a brother James who was namesake of the baby. The most plausible conclusion why a brother and sister both lived in or near Urard is because that is where their family resided.

Rooney Family

Newspaper articles refer to a road marker named the "Rooney Cross" in Urard. It is unknown when this monument was built or by whom. It is reasonable to conclude that the Rooney family held a prominent status in the village to have been the subject of this road marker. The earliest known reference was 1861, but it is unknown if the newspapers provided that much detail in earlier years. The reason for these newspaper articles was road construction contracts.

Furthermore, the baptism records show that the godmother for James Rooney was Catherine Rooney. Ellen Rooney was godmother for the twins Ellen and Nancy. The fact that two women with the Rooney surname stood as godmothers presents a reasonable conclusion that both women were very close relatives of Hugh Rooney, perhaps sister or sister-in-law. This implies that Urard is or is near where the extended Rooney family lived.

The Rooney Farm

Detailed land records for Urard exist that, at present, span from the years 1831-1856. Mathematical analysis reveals that three families owned land in 1831 representing three segments. It appears that all three segments were merged into a single farm by 1856 owned by Hugh Rooney. For purposes of this documentary, "owned" is meant to refer to legal possession (i.e. lease), since the Irish were typically not allowed to own their own land. The following observations are crucial to analysis of ownership as it relates to the Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer family:

- 1831 Tithe Defaulters: Owen, Hugh, and Hugh Sr Rooney are the only three farmers with the Rooney surname [71A]
- 1842 Rate Book Owen, Hugh, and Hugh Sr Rooney are consecutive entries [71B]
- 1846 Tenure Book [71C]
- (1) Hugh Rowney Jr crossed out as John Jr.
Alice Rowney
John Rowney leasing from Hugh and Alice Rowney
 - (2) Hugh Rowney Sr crossed out as just Hugh
Hugh Rowney Sr subleasing two parcels
 - (3) Hugh Rowney has part of another subdivision
- 1846 House Book [71D]
- Version A:
- (1) Alice Rowney
Hugh Rowney Jr
John Rowney
 - (2) Hugh Rowney Sr
- Version B:
- (1) Alice Rowney
Hugh Rowney Jr crossed out as John Rowney Jr
John Rowney
 - (2) Hugh Rowney with Sr added
- 1848 House Book [71E] Same as 1846 House Book Version B
- 1849 Field Book [71F]
- (1) Hugh Rooney Jr and Alice Rooney
Hugh Rooney and Alice Rooney
John Rooney
 - (2) Hugh Rooney Sr
- 1850 Griffiths [71G]
- (1) John Rooney Jr
Alice Rooney
John Rooney leasing from Alice Rooney and John Rooney
 - (2) Hugh Rooney Sr
Two sublots leased from Hugh Rooney Sr

Note: The years and record descriptions (i.e. house versus field books) are based on best efforts to identify the chronology and purpose of each document.

1856 Encumbered Land Sale [71H]:

The Fitzgerald Family auctioned off, perhaps, all of Urard in 1856. Hugh Rooney was listed as one of the land holders. There is only one Rooney (Hugh) among the list of names. He is listed with 62 acres, but it's unknown whether this is the Irish or English form of measurement. The 1850 Griffiths showed Hugh Jr (John Jr) and Alice had 19 acres and Hugh Sr had 42 acres. If the lands were combined, it would be about 61 acres.

The Three Segment Farm

An important detail about the known land records is that Owen Rooney owned one of the three segments from 1831-1842, as known. By 1846, it appears that Hugh Rooney Jr's land increased in size proportional to that of Owen Rooney's farm. It is reasonable to conclude that Hugh Rooney Jr acquired Owen Rooney's land.

William and Julia Rooney acquired a vast amount of farm land in the present-day suburbs of Chicago in Des Plaines and Mt. Prospect as early as 1835. Owen Rooney owned the adjacent farm continuous to William and Julia's land. Owen Rooney first appeared in Chicago around 1843, based on known documents.

Some sources suggest that the name Owen can be confused with John, even though it is mostly associated with the name Eugene. Baptism records in Gortnahoe do not show Owen or Eugene during the right time period. The name John does appear multiple times. Since some sources claim Owen and John and interchangeable, that is reason enough to believe that Owen Rooney is highly likely to be William Rooney's brother John from Urard. Hugh and Alice Rooney may have given their eldest son a portion of their farm. Then, sometime around 1842, Owen Rooney joined his brother William in Chicago and the land reverted back to his parents. While this cannot be verified at present, it is a very reasonable conclusion derived from actual records. It also explains why William and Owen acquired adjacent land in Chicago for their family farms. Whoever Owen Rooney ultimately was, on balance of probabilities, he was part of the Rooney family from or near Urard.

The largest inconsistency with the land records is the distinction between Hugh Rooney Jr/Sr and why Hugh Rooney Jr is crossed out with John inserted. Two clues are that (1) there is a baptism for John Rooney and Alice Dwyer as parents and (2) the Tobin biography in Chicago refers to John Rooney, not Hugh.

A reasonable conclusion is that Hugh Rooney as also known as John Rooney. That is why some documents show Hugh and others John. A clue as to this fact is William and Julia Rooney's 2nd eldest daughter. She was known as both Anna Bridget Rooney and Bridget Anna Rooney. Her names were interchanged in documents. At first glance, it might appear that these documents reflect two different daughters. William and Julia's daughter Kittie (Rooney) Talbot, Michael E. Byczek's 2x-great-grandmother, explained in her own words that her sister used both names.

The land records suggest more than just Hugh Rooney Jr crossed out as John Rooney, but specifically John Rooney Jr. This is another clue that Hugh and John are the same person. It seems unlikely that Hugh Jr could be replaced by John Jr versus just John.

Jr/Sr Scenarios

The Hugh Rooney Jr/Sr designations have a finite number of possibilities. The most likely result is narrowed down to William Rooney's father was either Hugh Jr or Hugh Sr.

1. There is not any proof that William Rooney had a brother Hugh. Even if he did, which is Hugh Jr, this would require that both generations of Hugh Rooney married women named Alice. While possible, it seems less likely. This ignores the marriage of Hugh Rooney and Mary Ryan from the 1810s.
2. It is unknown why the farm was co-owned by Alice Rooney and Hugh Rooney Jr. It's possible that this has nothing to do with Alice (Dwyer) Rooney and Alice is an unmarried woman who shares ownership with her brother Hugh Rooney Jr. However, if Hugh Rooney Jr is William's brother, this would further require that he had a sister Alice, which at present, there is not any such proof.
3. The only reference to Alice Rooney is co-ownership of the farm with Hugh Rooney Jr.
4. Alice Rooney, whoever she was, is linked directly to Hugh Rooney Jr and John Rooney Jr. An important clue is the baptism for James Rooney and Edmund Tobin biography.
5. Alice Rooney was not directly linked to Hugh Rooney Sr, which means they were two distinct family households.

Conclusion

Based on balance of probabilities, it is more likely than not, and highly plausible that given what is known, William Rooney's father was Hugh Rooney Jr and grandfather was Hugh Rooney Sr.

The key factors in arriving at this conclusion are:

1. The only reference to Alice Rooney in the land records is directly linked to Hugh Rooney Jr, not Hugh Rooney Sr
2. There are documented references that William Rooney from Division Street in Chicago was the son of John Rooney and that Alice Dwyer from Co. Tipperary was the wife of John Rooney, combined with land records in Urard that show Hugh Rooney Jr's name was crossed out with John Rooney inserted, including reference to John Rooney Jr.
3. There were at least two adult men named Hugh Rooney in Urard during the 1810s. It is more likely than not, that these are Hugh Jr and Hugh Sr based on proximity between baptisms in the late 1820s and land records from 1831.

Refer to Exhibit 71 for an overview and the corresponding analysis for representative documents that describe the Hugh and Alice Rooney farm. While the exact location or boundaries cannot be determined at present, the approximate location is analyzed in Exhibit 74. It is important to observe that the names Hugh Jr, Hugh Sr, John, Owen, and Alice are eventually merged into a single farm under the singular name Hugh Rooney.

There are multiple references to Hugh Rooney in Urard, such as his status as a juror [Exhibit 72] and voter [Exhibit 73].

Rooney Family in Chicago, IL and Urard, Co. Tipperary

There is reason to believe that Owen Rooney from Mount Prospect, IL is John, the oldest son of Hugh and Alice Rooney from Co. Tipperary. Refer to the William Rooney and Julia Phelan documentary for details about the adjacent farms of William and Owen in Chicago. A clue is that Hugh Rooney Jr and Alice Rooney appear to have been directly involved with Owen Rooney, based upon the presumption that Owen Rooney's land was given to Hugh and Alice. Owen Rooney seems to have vanished from Urard land records at the same time that the name first appears in Chicago. Irish tradition was for the eldest son to inherit the family farm from his father. William and Julia Rooney arranged for their eldest son John to acquire ownership of a portion of their farm in Chicago. It would appear that Hugh and Alice may have done the same for their eldest son John. When that son left Ireland to join his brother William in Chicago, Hugh and Alice took back the land.

Another possibility is that John was not their eldest son, but there is one or more earlier baptisms that haven't been verified yet, one of which was Owen. It's also possible that Owen Rooney in Chicago was a first cousin of William Rooney, which would further corroborate the conclusion that Hugh Rooney was born in or near Urard. Regardless of the family relationship, which may never be known, William Rooney and Owen Rooney in Chicago were very close relatives. It was very unlikely that they were strangers since they were both from Co. Tipperary, about the same age, and owned adjacent farms during a very early period of Chicago history.

Owen and Anne Rooney (Mt. Prospect) asked James Rooney to be the godfather for one of their children [Exhibit 68]. There was not any James Rooney known in Chicago at the time, suggesting he was living on the farm. It is highly likely that James Rooney who knew Owen was the son of Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer.

William and Julia Rooney asked Peter Rooney to be the godfather for their daughter Mary [Exhibit 56-8]. It is highly likely that Peter was William's brother. The only other known Peter Rooney in Chicago at the time was Owen Rooney's son, who would have been a very young boy.

Catherine Rooney, the daughter of Hugh and Alice, is confirmed to have traveled to Chicago [Exhibit 66]. She married William Gannon at St. Mary's in Downtown Chicago in 1853. There are indications that the Gannon family farm was adjacent or otherwise near Owen Rooney's farm in Elk Grove at the time. John Rooney was the witness to their marriage. It is unknown whether this was Owen Rooney or William and Julia's son John, who would have been about 16 years old. William and Catherine's first two children were born in Chicago prior to the Gannon family relocating to a farm in Iowa.

Catherine (Rooney) Gannon was associated with a Michael and Ellen Gannon family in Chicago [Exhibit 67]. There is a baptism that suggests Ellen's maiden name was Rooney. It is unknown whether Ellen (Rooney) Gannon may have been the daughter of Hugh and Alice Rooney from Co. Tipperary. This would suggest that two Rooney sisters may have married two Gannon brothers. Similarly, it is possible that two Rooney brothers married two Phelan sisters.

Another clue about whether William Rooney's siblings joined him in Chicago is from William and Julia's grandson John J. Rooney who was an attorney and Chief Justice of the old Municipal Court of Chicago. John J. Rooney was very involved with historical celebrations about the Rooney farm in Des Plaines and Mt. Prospect. Exhibit 50 shows a newspaper reference that John J. Rooney is described in relationship to his "ancestors" in the area. Typically, one would not consider a grandfather as an "ancestor". The word is significant because it could refer to a much larger family presence than just a grandfather. It makes sense to use the word "ancestor" if the farms involved a grandfather William Rooney and his brothers Owen, Peter, and James along with sisters Catherine and Ellen. In this context, John J. Rooney would refer to his "ancestors".

Edmund Rooney passed away in Ireland in 1876. His widow (Catherine Phelan/Whelan) and children traveled to Iowa to join their aunt and sister-in-law Catherine (Rooney) Gannon. It is most likely that Edmund's family passed through Chicago on their journey to the Gannon farm in Iowa. It is reasonable to believe that they reunited with William and Julia Rooney on Division Street.

It is unknown when or where William Rooney married Julia Phelan. Their eldest known child, a daughter Alice, was baptized on September 19, 1835 at the Catholic Church for the Urlingford Parish in County Kilkenny. The family was living in Ardreagh. The Gortnahoe Parish in Co. Tipperary is adjacent to the Urlingford Parish in Co. Kilkenny. It is presumed that William Rooney and Julia Phelan were married in that area shortly before the birth of their daughter Alice.

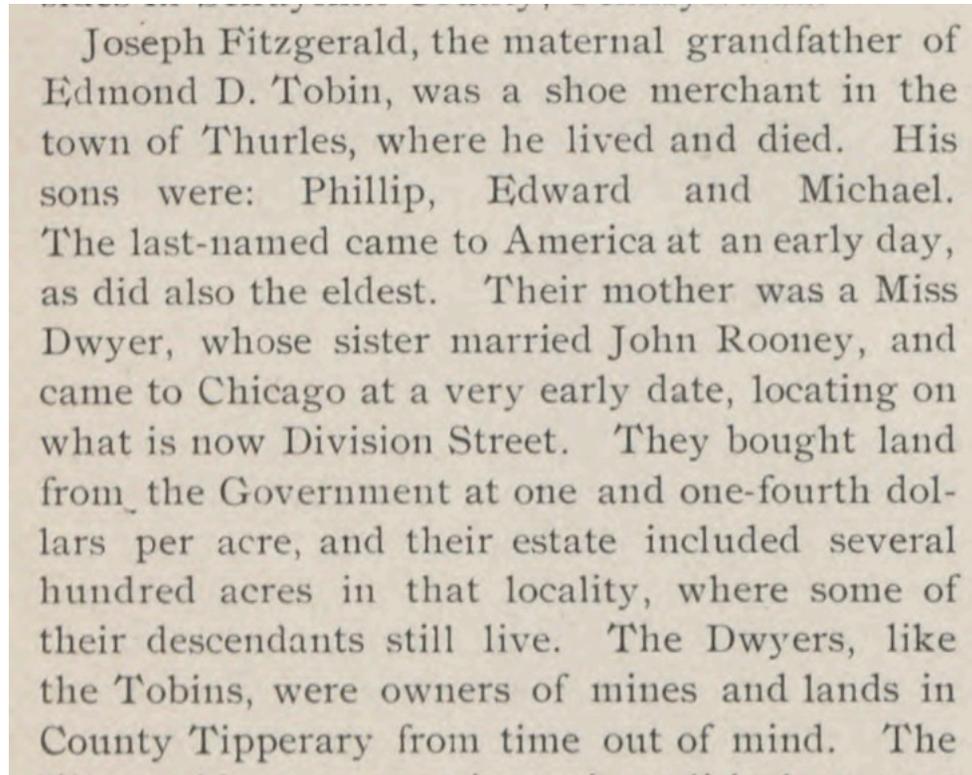
Neither Hugh nor Alice Rooney's death can be verified. There are two death records for Alice Rooney, both in Urard, about the same age and same time (1866 and 1876). Government death records did not begin until the 1860s. Land records show more than one Hugh Rooney. Therefore, it is difficult to determine when William Rooney's father disappeared from the records. It is presumed that the correct death record for Alice (Dwyer) Rooney in 1866 because the informant was Edmund Rooney, also from Urard [Exhibit 70]. The best estimate for Hugh Rooney's death is 1856-1866. Both are presumed to have been buried at the Gortnahoe Catholic Parish cemetery or other nearby graveyard.

An important reality is that a mother and father did not choose how their son or daughter's name was written in Catholic ledger books. The priest decided what name to use without asking the parents for their permission. Furthermore, Catholicism was historically oppressed in Ireland. The difference between the names Hugh and John or Owen and John are not correlated to what names they or their families personally used during their lifetime. Mistakes also happen. Answers to these questions may never be known. Genealogy is limited to what was written down, whether it was accurate, a mistake, or personal opinion of a priest after a baptism.

Exhibit 64

The biography of Edmund Tobin in Chicago suggests that he was the first cousin once removed of William Rooney. Edmund Tobin's maternal grandmother was William Rooney's maternal aunt. The following observations are necessary to explain what might otherwise be perceived as discrepancies.

1. This biography refers to two Dwyer sisters in Co. Tipperary. One was married to Joseph Fitzgerald and later Edward Leahy. The other married John Rooney. William Rooney's father appears to have used both names of Hugh and John.
2. The biography refers to a Rooney who came to Chicago at a "very early date". This reference of "very early" can only refer to William Rooney's status as an Old Settler. It is presumed that the narrator of this biography knew about several members of the Rooney/Dwyer family who settled in Chicago and that William was designated an "Old Settler" of the city. The biography should not be taken literally that Alice and Hugh themselves traveled to Chicago.
3. The Rooney family described in this biography came to Chicago "very early" and settled on Division Street. This can only refer to William and Julia Rooney's house at 43 E. Division.
4. The biography further explains that the Rooney family on Division Street bought land from the Government and their estate contained several hundred acres, where their descendants still lived. This can only refer to the William and Julia Rooney "Des Plaines Farm" and "Mount Prospect Farm", where their son John still owned at the time this biography was written.



Joseph Fitzgerald, the maternal grandfather of Edmund D. Tobin, was a shoe merchant in the town of Thurles, where he lived and died. His sons were: Phillip, Edward and Michael. The last-named came to America at an early day, as did also the eldest. Their mother was a Miss Dwyer, whose sister married John Rooney, and came to Chicago at a very early date, locating on what is now Division Street. They bought land from the Government at one and one-fourth dollars per acre, and their estate included several hundred acres in that locality, where some of their descendants still live. The Dwyers, like the Tobins, were owners of mines and lands in County Tipperary from time out of mind. The

Exhibit 65

During the 1860s and 1870s there was an Edmund/Edward Rooney who was involved with government road construction contracts in and around Urard.

The projects described sections of road and refer to a marker in Urard as “Rooney’s Cross”, which does not appear to still exist.

It is presumed that somebody named Rooney erected a wayside cross as an intersection marker on the main road that went through Urard. There are two primary intersections in Urard. The Rooney family must have held a prominent status in Urard, or were otherwise well-known in the village for such a designation.

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20. Edward Rooney and Edmond St. George, to repair
273 perches of the road from Clonmel to Urlingsford, be-
tween James Cleary's lime kiln at Rathbeg and Rooney's
cross, for 5 yrs, not to exceed 1s. p. p.
... .. and Martin ... to repair 576

Clonmel Chronicle - 4/27/1861 [65A]

BARONY OF SLIVARDAGH.

LIST of applications for presentments to be applied for at the Special Road Sessions, to be held at Ballyneenty, on the 8th day of May, 1862.

Court opens at 12 o'clock.

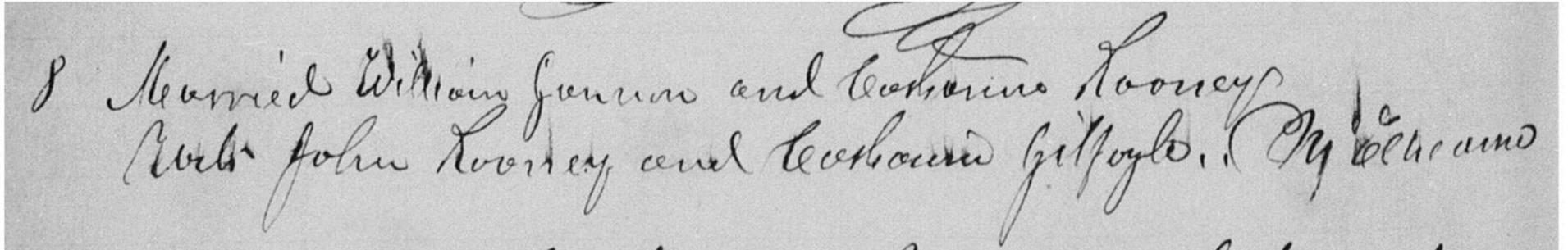
2. William Kelly and William Purcell, to repair 1,240 p. of the road from Carrick to Urlingford, between the National School at Clonmiclean and Ronney's cross at Urard, for 5 years, not to exceed 8s per perch.

27. Thomas Ryan and Edward Rooney to repair 560 perches of the road from Urlingford to Cloamel, between the county bounds at Urlingford and Rooney's cross at Urard, for 5 years, not to exceed 2s per perch.

28 Edmond Dwyer and Edmond Rooney to repair 1,149 perches of the road from Killenaule to Kilkenny, between the bridge of Boulea and Scott's cross at Kyle, and from Feehan's cross at Garranagree to the Munster river, for five years, not to exceed 1s 4d per perch.

Tipperary Free Press - 4/29/1862 [65B]

Exhibit 66



A photograph of a handwritten document, likely a marriage record. The text is written in cursive and reads: "I Married William Gannon and Catherine Rooney with John Rooney and Catherine Gilfoyle. Myself and". The document is slightly faded and has a greyish background.

1853 Marriage of William Gannon and Catherine Rooney at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Downtown Chicago [66A]

John Rooney was a witness

WILLIAM GANNON, the leading Irish farmer and the most extensive stockman of Poweshick Township, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and was one of a family of ten children, of whom only six lived to maturity. John Gannon, the father of this family, was a farmer. He lived on leased land in the Old Country, and to improve his condition removed to America in 1849 and settled in Cook County, near Chicago, Ill. There he joined his fortunes with those of our subject and purchased eighty acres of land, which was paid for largely from the earnings of his son. The mother of the family was also a native of Ireland. Her maiden name was Mary Kelley. After arriving in America the parents made their home with William Gannon and resided with him as long as they lived. The father died in Iowa in 1868, at the age of eighty-four years, and the mother some years later, at the age of ninety years. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Des Moines. Their children were Michael, Katherine, Peggy, Mary, Richard and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Gannon received a fine English education at some of the best schools and was also well instructed in the theory of farming. When he came to this country he had little besides his general knowledge and his indomitable pluck and energy, but these have been sufficient to place him among the wealthiest and most influential citizens of his county. From 1849 until 1856 he remained upon the farm in Cook County, Ill., and on the 5th of July of the latter year arrived in Des Moines, Iowa, with the largest part of his possessions, consisting of the teams and cattle that he drove before him. During the following winter he purchased one hundred acres of raw land in Franklin Township, Polk County, for which he paid \$600. The following spring he rented and farmed a tract of land, and a little later purchased of James Bailey one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he gave about \$1,200. This farm he occupied for five years, giving his personal attention to its cultivation and improvement, and when he had brought the place to its present state of excellence turned his attention to an earlier

Published biography of William Gannon [66B]

purchase of one hundred and seventy acres, which had in the meantime been comparatively neglected. Here his intelligent management soon brought the farm into a high state of cultivation and gradually he has added to the original tract until he now has eight hundred acres in a body, all showing the marks of the master farmer's hand. His residence is one of the finest in the township, and the outbuildings are all first class.

Mr. Gannon and his sons now own some thirteen hundred acres of other lands in this and adjoining counties, making them the largest landed proprietors in this section of Iowa. A very important part of Mr. Gannon's business has been the buying, selling and raising of stock, and in this line he has been more than usually successful. Within the past year or two he has gradually withdrawn from active participation in the business and has given that branch into the hands of his sons, while he, with his wife, resides in his elegant country mansion, eight miles from Colfax and near the Polk County line.

In 1854 Mr. Gannon married Catherine Rooney, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and the daughter of Hugh and Alice (Dwyer) Rooney. They were married in St. Mary's Church, Chicago. Their children are: John, who lives at home with his parents; William J., a resident of this township; Alice, wife of William Phalan; Michael, who lives in Polk County; Kate, wife of James O'Brien, of Bondurant; Mary, who died when about five years old; Ellen, wife of John Maher, of this township; Hugh and Lizzie, at home. Mr. Gannon takes an active interest in politics and is a staunch Democrat. Both he and his wife, as well as the other members of their family, are regular and consistent members of the Catholic Church.

Census or Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Elk Grove*

WHITE PERSONS.

NAMES OF
HEADS OF FAMILIES.

MALES.

FEMALES.

10 Years and under.	10 Years and under 20.	20 Years and under 30	30 Years and under 40.	40 Years and under 50.	50 Years and under 60.	60 Years and under 70.	70 Years and under 80.	80 Years and under 90.	90 Years and under 100.	100 Years and over.	10 Years and under.	10 Years and under 20.	20 Years and under 30.	30 Years and under 40.	40 Years and under 50.	50 Years and under 60.	60 Years and under 70.	70 Years and under 80.	80 Years and under 90.
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<i>Wm Bangor</i>	1			1																
<i>Owen Rooney</i>	5	2	1	1							1				1					
<i>Dennis Linn</i>	2	1			1							1			1					
<i>Wm Gannon</i>	1		1										1							
<i>John Gannon</i>								1												1
<i>Carl Taylor</i>	1				1							2		1						

1855 Illinois State Census that shows Owen Rooney's farm was near, if not adjacent, to the William and John Gannon farms in Elk Grove [66C]

Exhibit 67

16th I baptized John Gannon son of William
and Catherine Gannon - Sponsors were
Michael Gannon and Ellen Gannon
Child born September 27th 54
Michael Gannon

1854 Baptism of John Gannon, son of William and Catherine Gannon, at St. Mary's whose godparents are Michael and Ellen Gannon [67A]

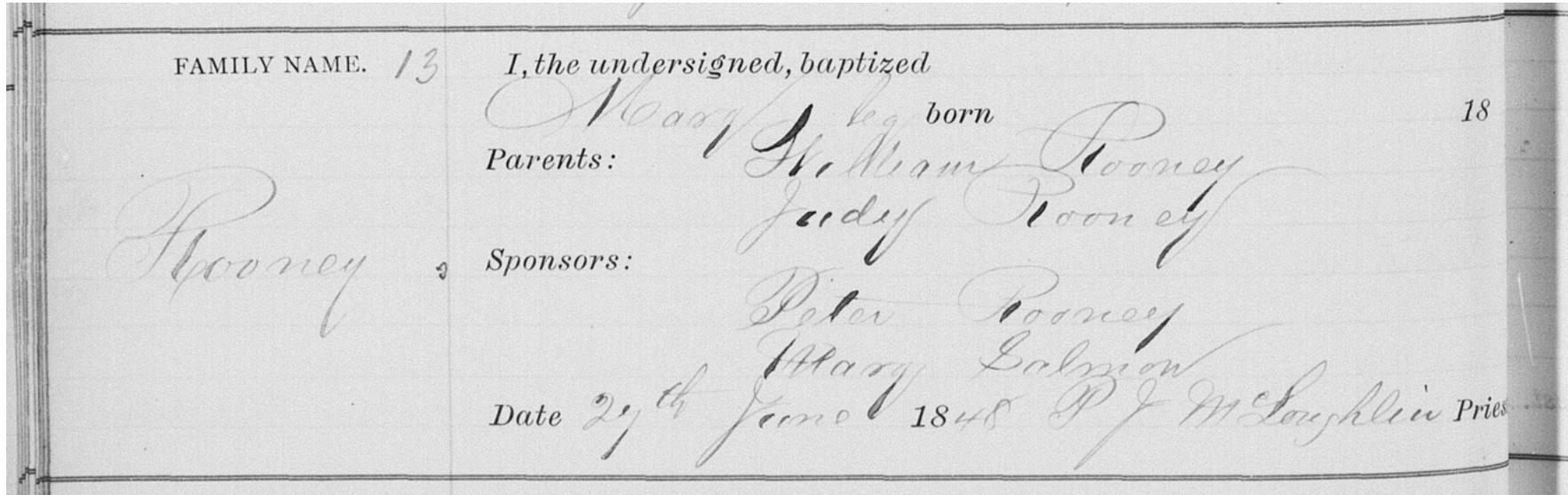
William Gannon had a brother Michael

FAMILY NAME.	68	<i>I, the undersigned, baptized</i>	18
		<i>John</i>	
		born	
		Parents:	
		<i>Michael Gannon</i>	
		<i>Ellen Rooney his wife</i>	
		Sponsors:	
		<i>Richard Gannon</i>	
		<i>Mary Gannon</i>	
		Date of <i>the</i> <i>Appl</i> 1852	
			Priest.

1852 Baptism of John Gannon, son of Michael Gannon and Ellen Rooney, at St. Patrick's Church in Chicago [67B]

The godfather was Richard Gannon. William Gannon had a brother Richard.

Exhibit 56-8
Mary (Rooney) Riley



1848 Baptism at St. Patrick's in the West Loop neighborhood of Chicago [56-8A]
Mary Rooney's godfather was Peter Rooney

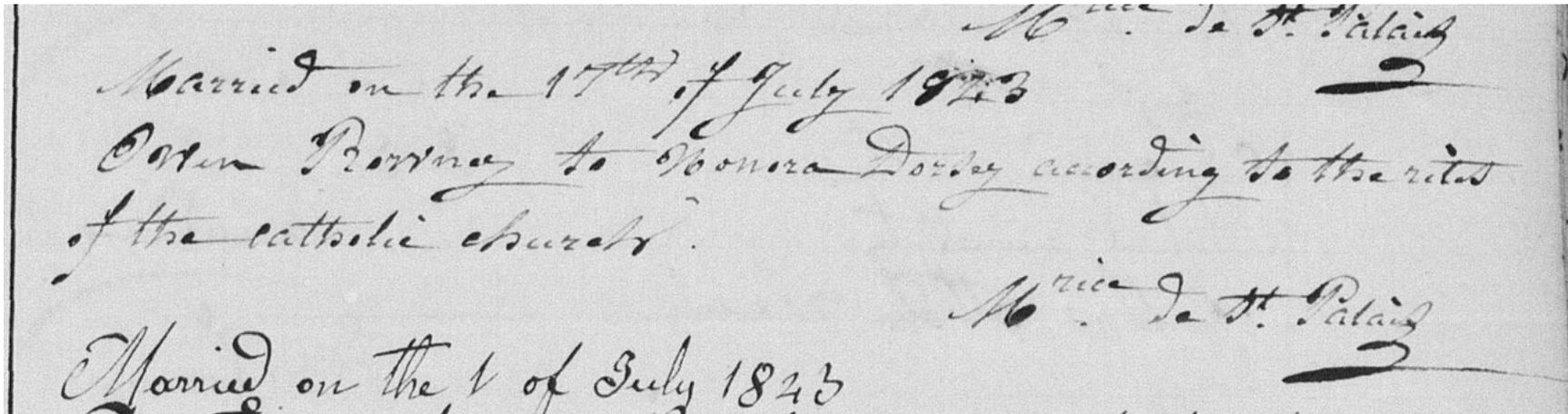
Chicago records do not list any Peter Rooney in Chicago at that time. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that Peter lived on the Rooney farm. The most likely scenario is that Peter was William's brother from Urard, Co. Tipperary.

Owen Rooney - Exhibit 68

Summary of known baptisms with godparents:

	<i>Year</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Spelling</i>	<i>Godparents</i>
Peter	1844	St. Mary's	Eugene Rooney and Ann Rooney	James Lane + Mary Brackon
William	1846	St. Mary's	Owen and Ann Rooney	John O'Mill? + Sarah Casey
James	1848	St. Patrick's	Owen Rooney and Anne Dorsey	James Rooney + Rose Clifford
Joseph	1851			
Mary	1852			
Michael	1854			
Edmund	1856			
Martin	1859	St. Patrick's	Eugene Rooney and Anne Darsey	Michael O'Neill + Mary McBride

The Chicago church records are available online through Family Search (www.familysearch.org).



1843 Marriage at St. Mary's in Chicago
Wife is written as Hanora Dorsey. She called herself Ann.

Note: Nothing is written about the names of witnesses.

Baptized on the 5 of April 1844 Peter son of Eugene Rooney
and Ann his wife born the 13 of April 1844.
Sponsors James Lane - Mary Bracken.
Marie de St. Palais

1844 Baptism of Peter Rooney at St. Mary's in Chicago

Feb 1st William of Owen & Anne Rooney. Mrs.
John Miller & Sarah Casey - P. M. L.
Catherine & William & Bridget Ryan Mrs.

1846 Baptism of William Rooney at St. Mary's in Chicago

FAMILY NAME. <i>Rooney</i>	14	I, the undersigned, baptized	18
		<i>James</i> born	
	Parents:	<i>Robert Rooney</i> <i>Anne Dorsey</i>	
	Sponsors:	<i>James Rooney</i> <i>Rose Clifford</i>	
	Date <i>23 July</i>	<i>18 1/2</i>	<i>P J M Loughlin</i> Priest.

1848 Baptism of James Rooney at St. Patrick's - Godfather is James Rooney

FAMILY NAME. <i>Rooney</i>	21	I, the undersigned, baptized	18
		<i>Martin</i> born <i>29th Sept 1859</i>	
	Parents:	<i>Eugene Rooney</i> <i>Anne Dorsey</i>	
	Sponsors:	<i>Michael O'Neill</i> <i>Mary McPride</i>	
	Date <i>11th Sept</i>	<i>1859</i>	<i>D Dunne</i> Priest

1859 Baptism of Martin Rooney at St. Patrick's

JUDGE ROONEY TO SPEAK AT CENTENNIAL

Varied Program Is Ar- ranged for Two Day Celebration

Plans for the Elk Grove Centennial celebration to be held August 19th and 20th, as revealed at the meeting of the Executive committee, Monday, at the Mount Prospect Village hall, are rapidly assuming form.

Judge John J. Rooney of the Municipal Court of Chicago and Honorable Charles S. Cutting, both of which are descendants of families identified with the early life of this community, will appear on the Sunday afternoon program, Commissioner William Busse, chairman of the speakers' committee, reports. Commissioner Homer J. Byrd will also participate.

The program for Sunday, August 20, will feature tributes to the pioneers of Elk Grove township, when Judge Charles S. Cutting, formerly of Palatine, and Judge John J. Rooney, of the Municipal Court of Chicago, and whose ancestors participated in the growth of Elk Grove, will speak. County Commissioners William Busse and Homer J. Byrd will also take part in the speakers' program.

Exhibit 50

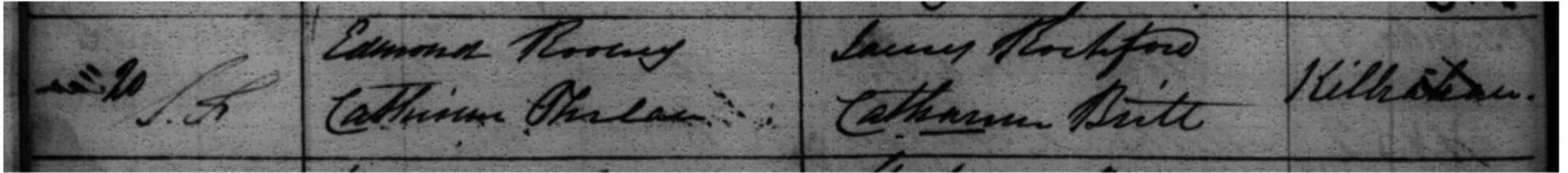
The centennial celebrations in 1933 could have origins with the claim that William Rooney built the oldest house in Mount Prospect in 1833.

Judge John Rooney is called a descendant "of families identified with the early life of this community" [left, 50A] and that his "ancestors" were involved with Elk Grove [top, 50B].

Left: Mount Prospect Center Herald (8/4/1933)

Right: Arlington Heights Herald (7/28/1933)

Exhibit 69



1854 Marriage of Edmund Rooney and Catherine Phelan - Ballycallan Catholic Parish in County Kilkenny

Exhibit 70

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Wilmington</u>		Registrar's District <u>Wilmington</u>								
1866. DEATHS Registered in the District of <u>Wilmington</u> in the Union of <u>Wilmington</u> in the Counties of <u>Kilkenny & Tipperary</u>										
No.	Date and Place of Death.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Condition.	Age last Birth day.	Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Certified Cause of Death, and Duration of Illness.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
195	<u>Eleventh</u> <u>4 May</u> <u>1866</u> <u>Urard</u>	<u>Alice</u> <u>Roney</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Widow</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>Bronchitis</u> <u>1 Month</u> <u>None</u> <u>Unverified</u>	<u>Bronchitis</u> <u>1 Month</u> <u>Unverified</u>	<u>Edmond Rooney</u> <u>Occupier</u> <u>Urard</u>	<u>Fourteenth</u> <u>5</u> <u>May</u> <u>1866</u>	<u>William</u> <u>Glenn</u> <u>Registrar</u>

1866 Death Certificate for Alice Roney, a widow, living in Urard [70A]

The witness was Edmund Rooney, also from Urard. Because of the witness, it is presumed to be the correct death certificate for Alice (Dwyer) Rooney.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Wilmington</u>					Registrar's District <u>Wilmington</u>					
1876. DEATHS Registered in the District of <u>Wilmington</u> in the Union of <u>Wilmington</u> in the Counties of <u>Kilkenny & Tipperary</u>										
No.	Date and Place of Death.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Condition.	Age last Birth day	Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Certified Cause of Death and Duration of Illness.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
17	<u>Twentyfourth</u> <u>Wilmington</u> <u>1876</u> <u>Warrant</u> <u>Parish of</u> <u>Wilmington</u>	<u>Alice</u> <u>Rooney</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Widow</u>	<u>76</u> <u>4</u>	<u>Widow of</u> <u>a Labourer</u>	<u>old age &</u> <u>infirmitas</u> <u>Quartan</u> <u>De Nervis</u> <u>Blind out</u>	<u>William</u> <u>Rooney</u> <u>Mark</u> <u>Occupies</u> <u>Warrant</u>	<u>Twentyfourth</u> <u>Wilmington</u> <u>1876</u>	<u>William</u> <u>Rooney</u> <u>Registrar.</u>

1876 Death Certificate for Alice Rooney, a widow, living in Urard [70B]

The witness was William Rooney, also from Urard

It is unknown whether there were two Alice Rooney widows living in Urard, or whether this is a duplicate death certificate that may have been filed in error

This William could be the son of Hugh Rooney and Mary Ryan

Exhibit 71 - Land Description

There is a consistent pattern in the land records of three segments of land. Regardless of why Hugh Jr was crossed out, it is fair to presume the land divided into three segments under the name Alice is where William Rooney was born. It is also fair to presume that the land could have originally belonged to his grandfather Hugh Sr, since the earliest documents list the names as consecutive. It is also fair to presume that William's grandfather took over other land, of which two sublots were leased out.

There are two distinct groupings of land that Michael E. Byczek described as "Three Segments - Alice" and "Three Segments - Hugh Sr".

Three Segments - Alice

	Type	Grade (1846)	Grade (1848)	Dimensions [2]	Possible Acreage A-R-P (1849) [1]
Sublot A (Hugh Jr / John)	House	3C+	2C	29.6 x 15.6 x 5.0	8-2-30
	Shed Cow House	4C-	3C-	12.6 x 7.0 x 4.0	2-2-0
Sublot B (Alice)	House	3C-	2B-	31.6 x 16.6 x 5.6	4-1-0
	Stable	3C	2C+	9.6 x 15.6 x 5.6	3-0-0
	Piggery	4C-	3C-	8.6 x 8.0 x 3.6	0-2-0
Sublot C (John)	House	3C-	2C-	19.6 x 14.6 x 5.0	0-3-39

Three Segments - Hugh Sr

Sublot A (Hugh Sr)	House	2B	Same	39.6 x 17.6 x 7.0	27-0-32
	Cow House	2B	2C+	57.0 x 16.6 x 6.0	4-0-0
	Piggery	A-	2B	7.6 x 11.0 x 5.0	
	Quarry				
Sublot B (Burk)	House	3C	2C+	20.6 x 12.0 x 5.0	0-0-19
Sublot C (Kelly)	House	3C+	2C	28.0 x 16.0 x 5.6	0-0-26
	House return (?)	2B	2C+	10.6 x 13.6 x 5.6	
	Piggery	2C+	Same	6.0 x 11.6 x 4.0	

Assessment: The grade classification changed for most of the structures from 1846 to 1848. It's possible that a different classification scheme was used. One version was found online, but it's not known if reliable. According to the changes in classification, both the state of repair, age, and construction method/material changed. This may reflect a different method to classify structures.

[1] The 1849 Field Book shows a list of lot dimensions without descriptions that probably correspond to each purposes of the land (i.e. House).

[2] It is assumed that the dimensions are listed in Irish measurements, since it appears that the acreage corresponds to Irish versus English.

Generalized Grade Classifications (according to online sources).

Dwellings

- 1 - Slated dwelling houses built with stone or brick and lime and mortar
- 2 - Thatches houses built with stone or line and mortar
- 3 - Thatched houses having stone walls with mud or puddle mortar; dry stone walls pointed, or mud walls of the best kind
- 4 - Urban: Basement stories of a slate-roof house used as dwellings

Offices

- 1 - Slated offices built with stone, or brick walls with good lime mortar
- 2 - Thatched offices built with stone or brick walls and lime mortar
- 3 - Thatches offices having stone walls with mud or puddle mortar, dry stone walls pointed, or good mud walls
- 4 - Thatched offices built with stone walls

Newly Built

- A + Built or ornamented with cut stone, and of superior solidity and finish
- A Very substantial building and finish, without cut stone ornament
- A - Ordinary building and finish or either of the above when built 20-25 years prior

Medium Age

- B + Medium but not new, but in sound order and in good repair
- B Medium, slightly decayed by age, but in good repair
- B - Medium, deteriorated by age, and not in perfect repair

Older than 25 years

- C + Old but in good repair
- C Old and out of repair
- C - Old and dilapidated, scarcely habitable

Maps

It is not presently possible to identify the Rooney farm from the Griffiths Map.

The Map with lot numbers do not match with the official Griffiths index or the Valuation Books from the 1840s.

The Griffiths Index is supposed to match the corresponding map. However, the lot numbers do not correspond to the property descriptions. For instance, one property listed as 19 acres is four times larger than a lot listed as 15 acres.

According to the 1850 Griffiths, the three segment property (Alice) with lot number 36 is 19 acres whereas the three segment subdivision (Hugh Sr) with lot number 54 is 42 acres. However, lot 36 is about ten times the size of lot 54.

Also, Griffiths lists Urard as having 67 lots. However, the corresponding map only has 60 numbered lots.

The Valuation Books from the 1840s constantly cross lot numbers out and refer to the Hugh Sr subdivision as formerly being lot #67, suggesting there is an older map that the Valuation Books are based upon.

There is also uncertainty with the location of Urard in County Tipperary. It is possible that the Urard village as it existed during the Rooney time period may not exactly match present-day boundaries.

The 1850 Griffiths Map shows Urard near the border with Urlingford Parish in County Kilkenny. Gortnahoe (Tipperary) and Urlingford (Kilkenny) are adjacent. The modern day map shows Urard in a different location, but not that far away. It is presumed that the Griffiths Map is accurate, and that at some point the village boundaries may have changed.

1831 Tithe Defaulters



Record Transcription:

The 1831 Tithe Defaulters

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First name(s) Hugh

Last name Rooney Sen

Occupation farmer

Residence Urard

Defaulter's parish Fennor

Barony Slieveardagh

County Tipperary

Parish(es) surveyed Fennor

Number of occupied houses 223



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Record Transcription: The 1831 Tithe Defaulters

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First name(s)	Owen
Last name	Roony
Occupation	farmer
Residence	Urard
Defaulter's parish	Fennor
Barony	Slieveardagh
County	Tipperary
Parish(es) surveyed	Fennor
Number of occupied houses	223

Rate Books

There are multiple Rate Books, but only the 1842 edition for the Fennor Parish (civil parish) has been found online as of present.

There are only three Rooney entires, listed consecutively: Owen, Hugh, and Hugh Sr.

Consecutive entry suggests the three individuals are associated with the same or adjacent land. An observation should be made about the three Rooney farms in Mount Prospect and Des Plaines. William and Julia Rooney may have been trying to recreate the family arrangement in Urard.

There are several pages for Urard. The Rooney family appears at lines 168, 169, and 170 [They are leasing the land from Fitzgerald, who owns most of Urard]

This version of the Rate Books uses both Irish and English measurements.

It appears that the difference is that 1 Irish acre = 1.62 English acres (according to online sources).

A R P refers to acre - rood - perch.

It appears that the Statute Measure is equivalent to U.S. measurement.

Hugh Sr had 31 acres while Hugh Jr and Owen had equal amounts of 10 acres. This could suggest that Hugh Sr is the patriarch or head of the family.

Two possible scenarios are: Hugh Jr split his land in half for his son Owen, or Hugh Sr gave two of his sons (John and Owen are brothers) equal amounts. This could further explain why William and Julia Rooney arranged for their eldest son John to acquire a portion of their farm in 1863. William Rooney may have been following a Rooney tradition where the father splits the family farm in half for his oldest son.

Owen and Hugh have a 5 net annual value while Hugh Sr is 14.

According to this financial breakdown, Hugh Sr has three times the net annual value of each smaller Rooney plot. Hugh Sr also has more expenses and repairs, probably because it's a larger operation.



No.	Name of Occupier.	Name of Owner.	Description of Property Rated, namely, whether Lands, Buildings, open Mines, Commons and rights of Common, profits issuing out of Lands, rights of Fishery, Canals, Navigations, and rights of Navigation, rights of Way, and other rights or easements over Lands, and Tolls.	Name or Situation of Property.	ESTIMATED EXTENT.					
					Irish or Conyngham Measure, when Rent is paid according to either.			Statute Measure.		
					A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
154	Thomas Martin	Mrs Fitzgerald	Grass and Lands	Unad	5	1	20	8	2	30
155	John Martin	"	"	Continued	3	3	"	6	1	10
156	John Mahon	"	"	"	11	1	"	10	2	"
157	Marcus Walsh	"	"	"	10	"	"	16	"	32
158	John Martin Junr	"	"	"	13	2	"	21	3	30
159	Denis Phelan	"	"	"	5	2	"	0	3	26
160	John Martin	"	"	"	2	2	"	4	"	10
161	Henry Cogan	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	2	19
162	John Cumack	"	"	"	1	2	37	2	2	30
163	Patrick Mara	"	"	"	1	1	12	1	3	10
164	John Mara	Thomas Reilly	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	30
165	Thomas Reilly	Mrs Fitzgerald	"	"	16	"	"	25	3	26
166	John Reilly	"	"	"	5	2	"	8	3	26
167	Martin Mc Donnell	"	"	"	4	2	"	7	2	"
168	Queen Rooney	"	"	"	6	1	20	10	"	6
169	Hugh Rooney	"	"	"	6	1	20	10	"	6
170	Hugh Rooney Jnr	"	"	"	19	2	"	31	2	14
171	William Mahon	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	3	10
172	William Reilly	"	"	"	4	"	"	6	1	36
173	William Smyth	"	"	"	0	"	"	12	3	36
174	George Alby	"	"	"	11	1	"	10	1	"



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann.
 Tipperary County Council *Electoral Division.*

of *January* in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Sixty Two* on a Poundage of *Five* Pence in the Pound.

Net Annual Value.			Landlords' Rates.			Tenants' Rates.			Landlords' Taxes and other Public Charges.			Tenants' Taxes and other Public Charges.			Landlords' Repairs and Insurance.			Tenants' Repairs and Insurance.			Landlords' other Expenses.			Tenants' other Expenses.			Gross Annual Value.			Rate at $\frac{s}{d}$ in the Pound.			Arrears &c. (if any.)					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
4	10	"	1	10	"	1	10	"	"	"	15	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	10	"	6	10	9	"	1	10	"	"	"	"	"							
3	5	"	1	4	"	1	4	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	6	"	4	11	0	"	1	4	"	"	"	"	"							
9	10	"	3	11	"	3	11	"	"	"	1	10	"	"	16	"	"	"	1	"	13	3	11	"	3	11	"	"	"	"	"							
0	10	"	3	6	"	3	6	"	"	"	1	10	"	"	6	"	"	"	10	"	12	3	1	"	3	6	"	"	"	"	"							
11	10	"	4	9	"	4	9	"	"	"	2	0	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	16	7	7	"	4	9	"	"	"	"	"							
4	15	"	1	11	"	1	11	"	"	"	16	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	10	"	6	16	11	"	1	11	"	"	"	"	"							
2	"	"	"	10	"	"	10	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	2	"	9	14	0	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"							
1	"	"	"	5	"	"	5	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	10	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"							
2	"	"	"	10	"	"	10	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	4	"	2	14	0	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"							
1	10	"	"	7	"	"	7	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	2	1	3	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"							
"	10	"	"	2	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	13	5	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"							
13	10	"	5	7	"	5	7	"	"	"	2	10	"	"	1	10	"	"	1	"	19	1	3	"	5	7	"	"	"	"	"							
4	15	"	1	11	"	1	11	"	"	"	16	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	13	"	6	17	11	"	1	11	"	"	"	"	"							
4	"	"	1	0	"	1	0	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	9	"	5	11	4	"	1	0	"	"	"	"	"							
5	"	"	2	1	"	2	1	"	"	"	1	4	"	"	10	"	"	"	10	"	7	0	2	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"							
5	"	"	2	1	"	2	1	"	"	"	1	4	"	"	10	"	"	"	10	"	7	0	2	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"							
14	15	"	6	1	"	6	1	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	1	10	"	"	1	2	20	19	3	"	6	1	"	"	"	"	"							
1	"	"	"	5	"	"	5	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	10	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"							
3	"	"	1	3	"	1	3	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	4	"	4	4	6	"	1	3	"	"	"	"	"							
6	"	"	2	6	"	2	6	"	"	"	1	4	"	"	14	"	"	"	10	"	0	13	"	"	2	6	"	"	"	"	"							
11	5	"	4	0	"	4	0	"	"	"	1	10	"	"	2	0	"	"	1	"	16	12	4	"	4	0	"	"	"	"	"							



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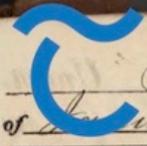
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No.	Name of Occupier.	Name of Owner.	Description of Property Rated, namely, whether Lands, Buildings, open Mines, Commons and rights of Common, profits issuing out of Lands, rights of Fishery, Canals, Navigations, and rights of Navigation, rights of Way, and other rights or easements over Lands, and Tolls.	Name or Situation of Property.	ESTIMATED EXTENT.					
					Irish or Conyngham Measure, when Rent is paid according to either.			Statute Measure.		
					A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
167	Martin M. Dunne	"	"	"	4	2	"	4	2	"
160	Queen Rooms	"	"	"	6	1	20	10	"	6
159	Hugh Rooney	"	"	"	6	1	20	10	"	6
170	Hugh Rooney Esq.	"	"	"	19	2	"	31	2	14
171	William Maher	"	"	"	2	"	"	2	"	12



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Tipperary County Council

Electoral Division.

of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two on a Poundage of Five Pence in the Pound.

Net Annual Value.	Landlords' Rates.	Tenants' Rates.	Landlords' Taxes and other Public Charges.	Tenants' Taxes and other Public Charges.	Landlords' Repairs and Insurance.	Tenants' Repairs and Insurance.	Landlords' other Expenses.	Tenants' other Expenses.	Gross Annual Value.	Rate at 5 d. in the Pound.	Arrears due, (if any.)
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4	1 0	1 0	"	"	10	"	"	9	5 11 4	1 0	
5	2 1	2 1	"	"	10	"	"	10	7 0 2	2 1	
5	2 1	2 1	"	"	10	"	"	10	7 0 2	2 1	
14 15	6 1 1/2	6 1 1/2	"	"	3	"	"	1 2	20 19 3 1/2	6 1 1/2	
1	5	5	"	"	1	"	"	"	1 6 10	"	5

Valuation Books

There are a series of valuation books that appear to have been either a precursor to Griffiths Valuation (1850) or were the actual documents used to finalize Griffiths.

Four such books are described in this biography for the Rooney family in Urard:

Tenure Book	1846 [undated, so it's unknown whether it was written before or after the 2-10-1846 House Book]
House Book	2-10-1846
House Book	5-12-1848
Field Book	2-28-1849

These documents have multiple entries crossed out.

Some of the crossed out portions pertain to Hugh and John, as if the names are interchangeable or the land has changed hands. It is assumed that whoever was compiling the information was using existing records and had to keep changing the names each time they visited the land (suggesting Hugh and John were interchangeable or, perhaps, co-owners).

Other items that are crossed out are the lot numbers, which create the discrepancies with the Griffiths lot map to identify the location of the land.

The 1842 Rate Book (pre-famine) appears to show Owen, Hugh, and Hugh Sr leasing three adjacent parcels of land.

The 1846-1849 Valuation Books (post-famine) appear to reflect this same configuration, with the additional indication that Hugh Sr took over another farm.

These books also indicate that Owen is not involved with the land anymore. It appears to show that Hugh and Alice now have two adjacent parcels of land which are adjacent to Hugh Sr. This would suggest that when Owen vanished from the records, Hugh and Alice took over the land (perhaps suggesting a parent-child relationship). There are indications that Owen Rooney in Chicago arrived around 1843, which could correspond to the difference between the 1842 and 1846 land records in County Tipperary. The fact that Owen Rooney appeared in Chicago at about the same time an individual with that same name disappeared from the Co. Tipperary land records suggests this is the same person.

1846 Tenure Book

County of Tipperary Parish of Semor				Barony of Stewardagh Townland of Ward			
No.	Occupiers.	Immediate Lessor.	Description of Tenement.	Content of Farm.	Rent.	Tenure and year let.	OBSERVATIONS.
37 ^{37²}	Hugh Rooney Hugh Rooney $\frac{1}{2}$	Lady Fitzgerald	16¹ & Land 16 ¹ & Land	12-0-0	0-16-0 ¹	at will	
	Alice Rooney $\frac{1}{2}$						
37 ³⁷	John Rooney	Hugh & Alice Rooney	16 ¹ & Land		0 0 0	at will	
38 ³⁸	George Ashby	Lady Fitzgerald	Land	11-2-0	1-0-0 ¹	at will	lives in Kilkenny Abbey see 93 & 94
39 ³⁹	Hugh Rooney senr	Lady Fitzgerald	16¹ & Land 16 ¹ & Land	19-0-0	0-16-0 ¹	at will	
	Matthew Bunk	Hugh Rooney senr	16 ¹ & Garden			at will	
	Edw ^d Kelly Peter Brennan	Hugh Rooney senr	16 ¹ & Garden			at will	
40 ⁴⁰	William Maher	Lady Fitzgerald	16¹ & Land 16 ¹ & Land	0-3-0	1-0-0 ¹	at will	
	divided this lot now dig William Smyth	Lady Fitzgerald	Land	0-3-0 ¹	1-0-0 ¹	at will	see 78 } lot 47 is all one value
41 ⁴¹	William Smyth Patrick & Alice	Lady Fitzgerald	Land		1-0-0 ¹	at will	Hugh Rooney has all see 78 } Pat Cahills land
42 ⁴²	Lady Fitzgerald	Lady Fitzgerald	Land		1-0-0 ¹	at will	see 70
43 ⁴³	Thomas Manton	Lady Fitzgerald	Land		1-0-0 ¹	at will	
44 ⁴⁴	Lady Fitzgerald Thomas Manton	Lady Fitzgerald	16 ¹ & Land		1-0-0 ¹	at will	
45 ⁴⁵	Thomas Manton Thomas Manton	Lady Fitzgerald	16¹ & Garden 16 ¹ & Garden			at will	

Parish of ...

No.	Occupiers.	Immediate Lessor.	Description of Tenement.
61 ^{a. 37¹} 62 ^{b. 37²}	John Rowney $\frac{1}{2}$ Hugh Rowney $\frac{1}{2}$	Lady Fitzgerald	office 140 & Land office 140 & Land
63 ^(37²)	Alice Rowney $\frac{1}{2}$ John Rowney	Hugh & Alice Rowney	140 & Land

Content of Farm.	Rent.	Tenure and year let.	OBSERVATIONS.
12-0-0	0-16-0 ^{pa}	at will	
	0 0 0	at will	

One portion of the land - Currently marked lot 37. Formerly marked lot 61, 62, and 63 but that could also be position number of the ledger
 It appears to show that Hugh Rooney is now listed as John, but that Hugh and Alice are one unit (suggesting they are married)
 Hugh and Alice are equal owners of the first segment, while they lease the second segment to John (this is presumed to be Owen's share that reverted back)
 The 1842 Rate Book showed two parcels containing 6 acres. Therefore, combined they are 12 acres (as listed here)

76	⁵⁴² 65	a	Hugh Rooney senior	Lady Fitzgerald	offices Ho & Land
		b	Matthew ^{Thos} Burk	Hugh Rooney senior	Ho & Garden
		c	Peter Brennan ^{Edw} Kelly	Hugh Rooney senior	office Ho & Garden

19-0-0	0-16-0	at-will
		at-will
		at-will

Hugh Rooney Senior is crossed out

This parcel of land is currently listed as lot 52 (illegible) with three subdivisions containing a total of 19 acres (matches with 1842 Rate Book)

Hugh has the first segment, while he is leasing out the other two segments to Burk and Kelly.

Note: Matthew Burk is crossed out to read Thomas Burk while Peter Brennan is crossed out to show Edward Kelly.

divided	Ship lot now divided	Lady Fitzgerald	Land
67	William Smythe	remainder of old lot 67	} Land
54	Patrick Cahill Hugh Rooney	Lady Fitzgerald	

0-3-38	1-0-0 of	at will	See 78 } lot 67 is all one value
	1-0-0 of	at will	Hugh Rooney has all Pat Cahill's land see 78

There is a new entry for Hugh Rooney, which shows lot 54 (old lot 67 is written in)
 It appears that old lot 67 was subdivided into lots 54 (as above) with another portion in the name of Hugh Rooney
 The names of Patrick Cahill and another are crossed out with Hugh Rooney written in
 This land total is less than one acre

A note is made that Hugh Rooney has all of Pat Cahill's land with reference to lot 78 (illegible)

1846 House Book
Version 1

Houses in Townland of <i>Uraid</i> Feb 18 th 1846										Houses in Townland of <i>Uraid</i> Feb 18 th 1846									
No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.	No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.		
+ 33	Henry Spaw Home	2c	16.0	18.0	7.0	24	3 1/2	81	76	Alice Rowney Ho	3c	21.6	16.6	5.6	51	1 1/2	5 1/2		
	Estimated Value	7 1/2								b stable	3c	9.6	15.0	5.6	15	1 1/2	1 1/2		
+ 33	Edward P. Horse	Vagant	2.6	16.6	17.6	11.0	2 1/2	8 1/2	7	Piggery	4c	8.6	8.0	3.6	7	1 1/2	0 1/2		
	Estimated Value	£ 1.0.0								Estimated Value	8 1/2						7 1/2		
+ 33	John P. Horse	Ho	2.6	12.6	17.6	11.0	2 1/2	8 1/2	1	John Rowney pair Ho	3c+	29.6	15.6	5.0	45	3	10 3/4		
	Estimated Value	15								a shes cow Ho	4c	12.6	7.0	4.0	9	0 1/2	0 2		
										Estimated Value	13						5 1/2		
+ 34	John Cormack Ho	3c	25.6	18.6	6.0	1 1/2	2	1 1/2	7	John Rowney Ho	3c	19.6	14.6	5.0	28	1 1/2	2 1/2		
	Estimated Value	7 1/2								Estimated Value	4 1/2						4 1/2		
+ 34	Matthew Kelly	Ho	3c	15.0	18.6	6.0	2 1/2	1 1/2	5 1/2	Thomas					2 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2		
	Estimated Value	4 1/2								Matthew Bank	3c	20.6	12.0	5.0	25	1 1/2	4 1/2		
										Estimated Value	5 1/2						4 1/2		
+ 34	Pat Doherty	Ho	3c	20.0	18.0	6.0	3 1/2	2 1/2	4	Edward Kelly					4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2		
	Estimated Value	10								Estimated Value	10						11 1/2		
+ 34	John Dorsey Ho	3c	11.6	17.6	6.0	2.0	1 1/2	1 1/2	4	Ho return	2b	11.6	13.6	5.6	14	5 1/2	6 1/2		
	Estimated Value	4								Piggery	2c+	6.0	11.6	4.0	7	1 1/2	4 1/2		
										Estimated Value	£ 1.0.0						19 1/2		
+ 36	John Marah Ho	2b	37.6	16.6	6.0	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	4	Hugh Rowney Ho	2b	39.6	17.6	7.0	69	6 1/2	18 1/2		
	Ho	3c	19.0	16.6	5.6	5 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2		a Cow Ho	2b	57.0	16.6	6.0	46	3 1/2	3 1/2		
	Ho	3c+	6.6	6.0	5.0	7 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2		Piggery new wales	a-	7.6	11.0	5.0	8	5 1/2	0 1/2		
	Estimated Value	3 1/2								Estimated Value	£ 3.0.0						11 1/2		

Four entries on the 2nd page corresponding (three segments plus the new subdivision)

Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.		
							£	s.	d.
Alice Rowney Ho	3C-	31.6	16.6	5.6	51 52	1 1/2	5	5	5
b stable	3C	9.6	15.6	5.6	14 15	1 1/2	1	5	7
Piggery	4C-	8.6	8.0	3.6	6 7	0 1/2	0	1	4
Estimated Value							1	7	9
John									
Hugh Rowney Junr. Ho	3C+	29.6	15.6	5.0	45 46	3	10	3	6
a shed cow Ho	4C-	12.6	7.0	4.0	9	0 1/2	0	2	2
Estimated Value							0	10	5
John Rowney Ho	3C-	19.6	14.6	5.0	28	1 1/2	2	7	9
Estimated Value									

This is the three segment property - Alice owns part b, Hugh Jr (crossed out with John added) has part a, and John has part c
Part B: House in 3C grade (31.6 x 16.6 x 5.6), Stable in 3C- grade (9.6 x 15.6 x 5.6) and Piggery in 4C- grade (8.6 x 8.0 x 3.6)
Part A: House in 3C+ grade (29.6 x 15.6 x 5.0), Shed Cow House in 4C- grade (12.6 x 7.0 x 4.0)
Part C: House in 3C- grade (19.6 x 14.6 x 5.0)

It would appear that Part A is more valuable (13) compared to Part B (8 and 6) and Part C (4 and 6)

Thomas									
Matthew Burk	3c	20.6	12.0	5.0	24 25	2 1/2 1 1/4		1	6
Estimated Value	6/-							4	4
Edmund Kelly					44			11	11
Peter Brennan	4c	28.0	16.0	5.6	45	3 1/2		7	4
C Ho return	2b	10.6	13.6	5.6	14	5 1/2		6	5 1/2
Piggery	2c+	6.0	11.6	4.0	7	1 1/4		+	1 1/2
Estimated Value	£ 1.0.0						0	19	7 1/2
Hugh Rowney ^{senr}	4c	39.6	17.6	7.0	49	6 3/4	1	18	10
a Cow Ho	2b	57.0	16.6	6.0	44	3	1	3	6
Piggery new walls	a-	7.6	11.0	5.0	8	5 1/2		2	6
Estimated Value	£ 3:0.0						3	4	10

This is the newly added subdivided portion
Hugh Sr has Part A

House in 2B grade (39.6 x 17.6 x 7.0), cow house in 2B grade (57.0 x 16.6 x 6.0) and Piggery with new wall (?) in A- Grade (7.6 x 11.0 x 5.0)

It appears that this is brand new property that is significantly more valuable than the three segment portion above.
Hugh is subleasing Parts B and C to Burk and Kelly, so he also is the primary occupier of this land from Fitzgerald.

1846 House Book
Version 2

Houses in Townland of <i>Urara</i>								
No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Windows.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.
							£ s. d.	
61	John Mearah House	2c	37.6	16.6	6.0	81	6	1-10-6
	Forge	3c	19.0	16.6	5.6	31	1 1/4	3.2
	Do	3c	6.6	6.0	5.0	3	1 3/4	.5
	Estimated value 5/6.							1.14.1
62	Alice Rooney House	3c	21.6	16.5	6.5	51	1 1/4	5.3
	Stable	3c	9.6	15.6	5.6	14	1 1/4	1.5
	Piggery	4c	8.6	8.0	5.6	6	1/4	.1
	Estimated value 8.6							6.9
62	Hugh Rooney Junr House	3c	29.6	15.6	5.0	45	3	11.3
	Shea cow ho.	4c	12.6	7.0	4.0	8	1/4	2
	Estimated value 13/6.							11.5
63	John Rowny Ho Estimated value 4.8	3c	19.6	16.6	5.0	28	1 1/4	2.11

Houses in Townland of <i>Urard</i>								
No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Windows.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.
							£ s. d.	
	William Bank Ho	3c	20.6	12.0	5.0	24	2 1/4	4.6
	Estimated value 6/6.							
65	Peter Brennan House	3c	28.0	16.0	5.6	44	3 1/4	11.11
	House return	2c	10.6	15.6	5.6	14	2 3/4	3.2
	Piggery	2c	6.0	11.6	4.0	6	1	0.8
	Estimated value 1.0.0							15.7
65	Hugh Rooney Junr House	2c	39.6	17.6	7.0	69	6 3/4	1-18.9
	Cow House	2c	57.0	16.6	6.0	94	5	1-3.8
	Piggery	3c	7.6	11.6	5.6	8	3 3/4	2.6
	Estimated value 23.0.0							3-4.9
66	William Maher House	2c	34.1	15.0	5.0	61	2 3/4	11.5
	Cow House	2c	19.0	13.0	5.6	24	2 1/4	4.6
	Estimated value 16/6.							15.5

The first parcel of land with three segments on the first page with the subdivision on the 2nd page.

62	Alice Rooney	3c-21.6	16.6	5.6	51	1/4	5.3
	House	3c	9.6	15.6	5.6	14	1.5
	Stable	4c	8.6	8.0	3.6	6	.1
	Piggery						
	Estimated value	2.6					6.9
62	Hugh Rooney Jr	3c+29.6	15.6	5.0	45	3	11.3
	House	4c-12.6	7.0	4.0	8	1/4	2
	Shea Cow ho.						11.5
	Estimated value	13/100					
63	John Rooney Ho	3c-19.6	14.6	5.0	28	1/4	2.11
	Estimated value	4.6					

It would appear that this is the original book that predated the earlier version
 This is the three segment parcel of land, and it shows Hugh Jr without being crossed out
 However, it shows John, not Hugh as the other entry

Alice and Hugh Jr are both referred to as #62 while John is #63, indicating that however this was compiled, Alice and Hugh Jr are associated with each other

No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.		
								£	s.	d.
65	Mathew Burk No 30 Estimated value 6/-		20.6	12.0	5.0	24	2 1/4	4	6	✓
65	Peter Brennan House	30+	28.0	16.0	5.6	44	3 1/4	11	11	
	House return	26	10.6	13.6	5.6	14	2 3/4	3	2	
	Piggery	20+	6.0	11.6	4.0	6	1 1/2	0	6	
	Estimated value £ 1.0 0							15	7	
								0	19	
65	Hugh Rooney Senr									
	House	26	39.6	17.6	7.0	69	6 3/4	1	18	7
	Cow House	26	57.0	16.6	6.0	94	3	1	3	6
	Piggery	26	7.6	11.0	5.0	8	3 3/4	2	6	
	Estimated value £ 3.0 0							3	4	9
								3	3	3

This is the subdivided parcel, with all three names listed as #65.

Note, that Peter Brennan is listed, whereas he is crossed out in the version above.

For some reason, the piggery is crossed out, perhaps suggesting it was being built and was finished for the version listed above.

Houses in Townland of <i>Maard</i> ,								Houses in Townland of <i>Maard</i>									
No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.	No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.
36	Sam Marsh					61			54 C.	Edm Kelly							
	House	2C	37.6	16.6	6.0	67	4 1/2	1.2.10		Edm Brennan							
	Forge	2C	17.0	16.6	5.6	21	2	0.5.2		House	2C	28.0	16.0	5.6	144	2 3/4	0.10.1
	4 th		6.6	6.0	5.0	4		1.8.0		W. Wilson,	2C	10.6	13.6	5.6	14	4	0.4.8
	E. W. 1/2 1.15.0									piggery	2C	6.0	11.6	4.0	7	1 3/4	0.0.10
										E. W. 1/2 1.5.0							0.15.7
37 b	Alice Rooney					57			54 a	Hugh. Rooney. Serv							
	House	2b	31.6	16.6	5.6	57	4 3/4	1.0.2		House	2b	39.6	17.6	7.0	69	6 3/4	1.18.9
	Stable	2C	9.6	15.6	5.6	14	2	0.2.4		Cow W.	2C	57.0	16.6	6.0	94	2 3/4	0.17.7
	piggery	3C	5.6	5.0	3.6	7	0 1/2	0.0.3		piggery	2b	7.6	11.0	5.0	3	2 1/2	0.1.8
	E. W. 1/2 1.10.0							1.2.9		E. W. 1/2 2.15.0							2.18.0
37 a	Hugh Rooney					45			55	William Maher. Gen. Edm. Kelly							
	House	2C	29.6	15.6	5.0	45	2 1/2	0.9.4		House	2b	41.0	15.0	5.0	84	4 1/4	1.1.7
	3 rd Cow W.	3C	13.6	7.0	4.0	7	0 1/2	0.0.6		Cow W.	2C	19.0	12.0	5.6	25	2	0.4.0
	E. W. 1/2 1.15.0							0.9.8		E. W. 1/2 1.15.0							1.5.7
37 c	John Rooney					28			57	John Manton. Serv							
	House	2C	19.6	16.6	5.0	28	1 3/4	0.4.1		House	2C	28.6	18.0	6.0	51	3	0.12.9
	E. W. 1/2 0.7.6									E. W. 1/2 12.0							
54 b	Tom Manton					24											
	Bank					24	3 3/4	0.7.6									
	House	2C	30.6	12.0	5.0	24	3 3/4	0.7.6									
	E. W. 1/2 0.10.0																

The three segments involving Alice are on the left page
 The divided land follows immediately, as if the land is adjacent

Houses in Townland of ...

No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.
								£ s. d.

37 ^{37 b}	62 Alice Rowney							
	House	2b-	31.6	16.6	5.6	57 53	4 ³ / ₄	1.0.2
	Stable	2c+	9.6	15.6	5.6	14 16	2	0.2.4
	Piggery	3c-	8.6	8.0	3.6	6 7	0 ¹ / ₂	0.0.3
	E. of 1. 10. 0							1.2.9
37a ^{37a}	62 John Hugh Rowney Jr.							
	House	2c	29.6	15.6	5.0	45 46	2 ¹ / ₂	0.9.4
	Sheep Cou. H ^o	3c-	12.6	7.0	4.0	8 7	0 ¹ / ₂	0.0.4
	E. of 0. 15. 0							0.9.8
37.0 ^{37.0}	63 John Rowney,							
	House	2c-	19.6	11.6	5.0	28	1 ³ / ₄	0.4.1
	E. of 0. 7. 6							

The segments for lot 37, again with Hugh Jr crossed out and John added

No.	Name and Description.	Quality Letter.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Measures.	Rate per Measure.	Amount.
								£ s. d.
54 C	Edm Kelly							
65	Peter Bauman							
	House	2C	28.0	16.0	5.6	114	2³/₄	0 10 1
	4 ^o Return,	2C+	10.6	13.6	5.6	112	4	0 4 8
	Piggery	2C+	6.0	11.6	4.0	7	1 ³ / ₄	0 0 10
	£ 4 11 5.0							0 15 7
54 a								
2	Hugh. Rowney. Sewy							
4	House	2B	39.6	17.6	7.0	64	6 ³ / ₄	1 18 9
3	Cow 4 ^o .	2C+	57.0	16.6	6.0	94	2 ¹ / ₄	0 17 7
9	Piggery new built	2B.	7.6	11.0	5.0	8	2 ¹ / ₂	0 1 8
	£ 7 15 0							2 18 0

54 b	Tom							
65	Matthew Burke							
	House	2C+	20.6	12.0	5.0	24	3 ³ / ₄	0 7 6
	£ 11 0 10 0							

Lot 54 subdivision - More changes (decline) for Hugh Sr: House the same grade, cow house in 2C+ grade (formerly 2B), and Piggery in 2B grade (formerly A-)

1849 Field Book

TOWNLAND OF <i>Urards</i>																				
No.	Subdenominations and Observations.	Quantity.			Rate per Statute Acre.	Amount of Land.			Amount of Houses one-third being deducted.											
		A.	R.	P.		£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.									
	Brought forward	7	0	1	17															
45	56 Edward Cormack	1	2	21	18.0	16.0	1	9	4											
43	57 Michael Manton	4	1	13	18.0	16.0	3	17	11											
	Waste at House	0	0	10	5.0	5.0														
	House																			
41	58 Harry Egan	1	2	7	22.0	24.0	1	13	11											
	Waste at House	0	0	10	5.0	5.0														
	House																			
	James Brennan	0	0	17	22.0	24.0	0	2	4											
	House																			
	Thomas Gynan	0	0	15	22.0	24.0	0	2	0											
	House																			
40	59 John Cormack	2	0	37	12.6	11.0	1	7	10											
	House	0	2	0	9.0	8.0	0	4	6											
	Mathew Kelly	0	0	19	18.0	18.0	0	1	10											
	House																			
53	60 Elizabeth Mara	0	0	10	16.0	14.6	0	1	0											
	House																			
	John Darcy	0	0	16	14.0	14.6	0	1	7											
	House																			
	Waste in Common	0	0	12	5.0	5.0														
	Carried forward	7	6	1	14					64	12	4								

TOWNLAND OF <i>Urard</i>																				
No.	Subdenominations and Observations.	Quantity.			Rate per Statute Acre.	Amount of Land.			Amount of Houses one-third being deducted.											
		A.	R.	P.		£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.									
	Brought forward	7	6	1	14					64	12	4								
53	60 John Mara	0	2	4	10.6	9.6	0	5	6											
	Elizabeth Mara	1	1	23	10.6	9.6	0	14	7											
53	57 Michael Manton	0	3	35	10.6	9.6	0	10	1											
51	Martin McPinnell	6	3	34	17.6	16.6	6	1	9											
53	John Mara	0	0	35	21.0	24.0	0	4	7											
	House																			
62	Hugh Rooney Junr.																			
	Alice Rooney	4	1	00	17.6	16.0	3	14	4											
	House	3	5	0	15.0	14.0	2	5	0											
	House	0	2	0	8.0	7.8	0	4	0											
6.6	House	8	2	30	8.6	7.6	3	13	10											
	House	2	2	0	11.0	10.0	1	7	6											
	Waste at House	1	0	20	5.0	5.0														
	Hugh Rooney																			
	House																			
	Alice Rooney																			
	House																			
63	John Rooney	0	3	39	18.0	16.0	0	17	10											
	House																			
	Carried forward	7	6	1	14					68	11	4								

The three segment land with Alice on the 2nd page

TOWNLAND OF *Urad*

No.	Subdenominations and Observations.	Quantity.	Rate per Statute Acre.			Amount of Land.	Amount of Houses one-third being deducted.
			A.	R.	F.		
		£		S.		D.	
	Brought forward	766	1	34		2	0
					638	11	4
58	²³ 64 George Ashby	8	1	9	17	0	15
		10	0	0	21	0	19
76	²³ 65 Hugh Rooney Esq.	27	0	32	16	6	15
		4	0	0	24	0	21
	waste at Houses & Quays	0	2	0	0	0	0
	House						
	Mathew Burke	0	0	19	21	0	24
	House						
	Peter Brennan	0	0	26	21	0	24
	House						
63	66 William Maher	0	5	12	0	23	0
	House						
64	⁷⁰ 67 William Smith	1	2	31	17	6	16
73	⁷⁵ 68 Patrick Cahill	9	3	6	17	0	16
66	⁷⁰ 69 Thomas Manton	5	0	34	14	0	13
		3	2	0	16	0	15
67	⁷⁰ 70 John Manton Junr.	4	0	2	14	0	13
		2	0	0	16	0	15
	waste at House	0	0	5	0	0	0
	House						
	Carried forward	823	2	29		696	11
					677	1	

TOWNLAND OF *Urad*

No.	Subdenominations and Observations.	Quantity.	Rate per Statute Acre.			Amount of Land.	Amount of Houses one-third being deducted.
			A.	R.	F.		
		£		S.		D.	
	Brought forward	823	2	29		2	0
					696	11	1
	Thomas Manton	0	1	00	18	0	20
	House						
71	⁶⁵ John Maher Esq.	12	3	19	17	0	15
		5	0	0	14	6	15
	waste at House	0	0	10	0	0	0
	House						
72	⁸⁴ Philip Finnelly	1	2	1	25	11	13
73	⁷⁰ William Costello	4	1	33	14	0	13
		0	2	0	10	0	9
	waste at House	1	0	10	0	0	0
	House						
74	William Cahery	1	0	17	6	0	5
		1	2	0	11	0	10
		0	3	0	5	0	14
75	⁷⁵ Eleanor Purcell	1	1	30	14	6	13
76	William Rielly	4	1	18	15	6	14
	waste at House	0	0	5	0	0	0
	House						
	Patrick Ryan	0	3	7	16	6	10
	House						
	James Withnell						
	House						
	Carried forward	862	1	3		724	15
					741	11	

The three segment subdivision on first page (consecutive except for one entry between the previous segment (with Alice))

No.	Subdenominations and Observations.	Quantity.			Rate per Statute Acre.	Amount of Land.			Amount of Houses one-third being deducted.		
		A.	R.	P.		£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.

62	<i>House</i> Hugh Rooney Jun ^r & Alice Rooney	4	1	00	17.6	16.0	3	12	4		
61 62a		3	0	0	15.0	14.0	2	5	0		
61 62b		0	2	0	8.0	7.0	0	4	0		
		8	2	30	8.6	7.6	3	13	10		
		2	2	0	11.0	10.0	1	7	6		
	Waste at House	0	0	20	0.0	0.0					
	Hugh Rooney House										
	Alice Rooney House										
62 63	John Rooney House	0	3	39	18.0	16.0	0	17	10		
	Carried forward	7	4	6			6	3	0	11	4

This book has a different format and breaks down the combined land into smaller segments (that match the building descriptions)
 It appears that the total acreage is about 18 plus, which corresponds to the original 19 acres going back to the 1842 Rate Book (Hugh Sr portion in 1842)
 This book also refers to "waste", perhaps a garbage dump. The lots are written as 62 and 63 then crossed out as 61 and 62.

No.	Subdenominations and Observations.	Quantity.			Rate per Statute Acre.	Amount of Land.			Amount of House one-third being deducted.		
		A.	R.	P.		£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.
	Brought forward	746	1	24				£ 0	0		
								638	11	4	
58	64 George Ashby	8	1	9	17.0	15.6	7	1	2		
		10	0	0	21.0	19.0	10	10	0		
76	65 Hugh Rooney Sr	27	0	32	16.6	15.0	22	8	9		
		4	0	0	24.0	21.0	4	16	0		
	waste at Houses & Quarry House	0	2	0	0.0	0.0					
	Mathew Burke House	0	0	19	21.0	24.0	0	2	5		
	Peter Brennan House	0	0	26	21.0	24.0	0	3	4		
63	66 William Maher	0	3	1	20.0	23.0	0	15	1		

The subdivision portion: Referred to as lot 65 with 76 written in pencil (there was an earlier comment about lot 67 - perhaps an error)

Hugh Sr is listed as having waste at houses and quarry

This book refers to Hugh Sr having a breakdown consisting of a total of 31 acres and the other two (Burke and Brennan) having a very small patch

1850 Griffiths

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Content of Land.	Net Annual Value.			
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.	Total.	
36	a b c	John Rooney, jun.	Thomas Kelly,	House (forge) and gar.	0 0 35	0 5 0	1 0 0	1 5 0
		Alice Rooney,	Lady Fitzgerald,	House and land,	19 0 10	5 0 0	0 5 0	5 5 0
		John Rooney,	Alice Rooney and John Rooney,	House and land,		5 0 0	0 5 0	5 5 0
37		George Ashby,	Lady Fitzgerald	House and land,	0 3 39	0 15 0	0 5 0	1 0 0
38				Land.	18 1 9	15 5 0		1 1 9
54	a b c	Hugh Rowney, sen.	Lady Fitzgerald,	House, offices, and land,	42 1 1	31 10 0	2 0 0	33 10 0
		Thomas Burke,	Hugh Rowney, sen.	House and garden,	0 0 19	0 3 0	0 5 0	0 8 0
		Edward Kelly,	Hugh Rowney, sen.	House and garden,	0 0 26	0 4 0	0 11 0	0 15 0
55		William Maher,	Lady Fitzgerald	House and land,	1 0 00	1 10 0		1 10 0

Top: The three segments with Alice
 Bottom: The three segment subdivision for Hugh Sr

Note: The three segment with Alice is listed as 19 acres while the Hugh Sr segments have 42 acres.

The 1842 Rate Book showed an initial segment of 6, 6, and 19 as if the two 6 acres segments were joined.

The 1849 field book showed only 19 acres and that Hugh Sr had 31 acres.

This could indicate that the missing 12 acres from Alice's segments were added to Hugh Sr's 31 acres for approximately 42 acres

Alice Rooney is associated with John Rooney, Junior. This could be another indication that the names Hugh and John are interchanged in relation to Hugh Senior

1856 Encumbered Land Sale

The Fitzgerald Family auctioned off, perhaps, all of Urard in 1856. Hugh Rooney was listed as one of the land holders [71H].

The Auction was divided into two lots, 1 and 2. It appears that the two lots are roughly the north and south portions of Urard.

Hugh Rooney is listed under lot 2, which corresponds to the general area of the Griffiths Map, despite having the wrong lot numbers.

There is only one Rooney (Hugh) among the list of names. He is listed with 62 acres, but it's unknown whether this is the Irish or English form of measurement.

The 1850 Griffiths showed Hugh Jr (John Jr) and Alice had 19 acres and Hugh Sr had 42 acres. If the lands were combined, it would be about 61 acres.

Since there is only one Hugh Rooney (only one Rooney at all), it's possible that Hugh Sr is dead and Hugh Jr took over all the land. This could indicate that William Rooney's father was still living as of 1856.

This could be the best estimate of Hugh Rooney's death, since the most probable death certificate for his wife Alice is 1866 as a widow.

Hugh Rooney's farm is located in Lot 2, as that identifier was used for the auction. This represents the best geographic location of the Rooney farm, because it narrows down the possibilities when comparing Griffiths lot numbers with the map index. Lots #36 and #54 from Griffiths is within Lot 2 as used for the 1856 auction.

In the Court of the Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in Ireland.

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AUGUSTINE FITZGERALD,
OWNER AND PETITIONER.

RENTAL, MAPS, & PARTICULARS
OF THE LANDS OF

U R A R D,

Situate in the Barony of Slieveardagh and County of Tipperary, South Riding,

Containing, as per Survey, 1043A. 2R. 8P. Statute Measure,

BEING THE FEE-SIMPLE ESTATE OF THE OWNER AND PETITIONER,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

IN TWO LOTS,

BY THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SALE OF INCUMBERED ESTATES IN IRELAND,

AT THEIR COURT, 14, HENRIETTA-STREET, DUBLIN,

On **TUESDAY, the 18th day of NOVEMBER, 1856,**

At the Hour of 12 o'Clock.

For RENTALS and Particulars of Sale, apply at the Office of the Commissioners, 14, Henrietta-street, Dublin; to **AQUILA M'MAHON**, Solicitor, having Carriage of Sale, 36, Upper Gloucester-street; to **P. J. COFFEY, Esq.**, Agent over said Estate, Waverly, Newmarket-on-Fergus; or to **J. T. HURFORD**, Surveyor and C.E., 30, Bachelors'-walk, Dublin.

ROBERT CARRICK, PRINTER,

30, BACHELORS'-WALK, DUBLIN.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS

OF LOTS 1 and 2.

The Townland of URARD is situate in the Parish of FENNOR, Barony of SLIEVEARDAGH, and County of TIPPERARY, and lies on an elevated plain, having a gradual fall to its extreme boundaries ; commanding an excellent view of the surrounding Properties of Lord Clonmel, the Earl of Kilkenny, Colonel Moore, and Wm. P. Barker, Esq.

The Lands are well supplied with Limestone Quarries of a superior quality, and have suitable Public Roads kept in repair by County Presentments ; there is also a constant supply of Water.

The Estate lies about 12 Miles West of the City of Kilkenny ; 10 East of the important Town of Thurles, where there is a Station of the Great Southern and Western Railway ; 3 from the Colliery of Slieveardagh ; and 1 mile from Urlingford.

SUMMARY.

No. of Lot.	DENOMINATIONS.	Quantity of Land Statute Measure.			Tenants' Yearly Rents.			Outgoings.			Nett Rent, or value of each lot.			Griffith's Valuation.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.
1	Part of the Town and Lands of URARD situate in the Parish of Fennor, Barony of Slieveardagh and County of Tipperary, South Riding.	638	1	21	430	14	0	47	0	5	383	13	7	416	17	0
2	Part of the Town and Lands of URARD, as aforesaid.	405	0	27	196	18	10	21	10	0	175	8	10	231	16	0
	Total, ...	1043	2	8	627	12	10	68	10	5	559	2	5	648	13	0

LOT No. 2.

PART OF THE TOWN AND LANDS OF URARD, CONTINUED.

DENOMINATIONS	TENANTS' NAMES	Quantity of Land Statute Measure.			TENANTS' YEARLY RENT.	GALE DAYS	TENURE AND OBSERVATIONS.
		A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.		
URARD.	Patrick Hackett, ...	4	0	8	3 2 0	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
do.	Bridget Costelloe, ...	26	1	15	12 4 9	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May.
do.	Thomas Ryan, ...	18	1	5	12 8 6	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
do.	James Cormack, ...	79	2	11	30 0 0	1st May, and 1st November.	Holds under Lease, bearing date 1st March, 1842, from Anne Catherine Fitzgerald, widow to Timothy Cormick, of Stepleview, in the County Kilkenny, farmer, for the lives of Denis Cormick, Christopher Cor- mick, in being, and Timothy Cormick, Jun., deceased, first, second, and third sons of Lesser, and for the term of 31 years, to be computed from the 1st day of November, 1842, at the Yearly Rent of £30, excepting and always reserving unto the said Anne Catherine Fitzger- ald, her heirs or assigns, all woods, underwoods, timber and timber trees, mines, minerals, quarries, and all other royalties whatsoever, and full and free liberty and authority to hunt, hawk, fish, and fowl on the said premises or any part thereof, at all proper and convenient seasons, with or without servants, attendants, and followers. Quantity in Lease 79a. 2r. 11p. 27 1/4 yards, Statute Measure. A copy of this Lease will be handed to the purchaser.
do.	James Hacket, (groom,) ...	4	0	30	2 15 6	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
do.	Hugh Rooney, ...	62	2	10	34 0 0	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
do.	Thomas Reilly, ...	4	2	24	3 7 3	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
do.	Jeremiah Manton, ...	7	1	3	4 0 0	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
do.	Philip Fennelly, ...	20	1	30	6 6 3	1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May
	<i>Carried forward,</i> ...	227	1	16	108 4 9		

TENANTS' NAMES.	Quantity of Land Statute Measure.	TENANTS' YEARLY RENT.	GALE DAYS.	TENURE AND OBSERVATIONS.
Hugh Rooney,	62 2 10	34 0 0	1st November, 1st May, and 1st November.	Tenant from year to year, determinable every first day of May

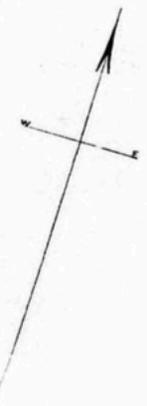
LOT 2

MAP
OF PART OF
THE ESTATE OF
Lieutenant Col. Augustin Fitzgerald
Situate in the Barony of Stevardagh, &
COUNTY OF TIPPERARY
J. T. Hurford, C.E.

J. T. Hurford, C.E.
Surveyor General & Civil Engineer

Part of **U R A R D**

National School



Scale 20 to the Inch to an Inch

LOT 1

MAP

OF PART OF
THE ESTATE OF

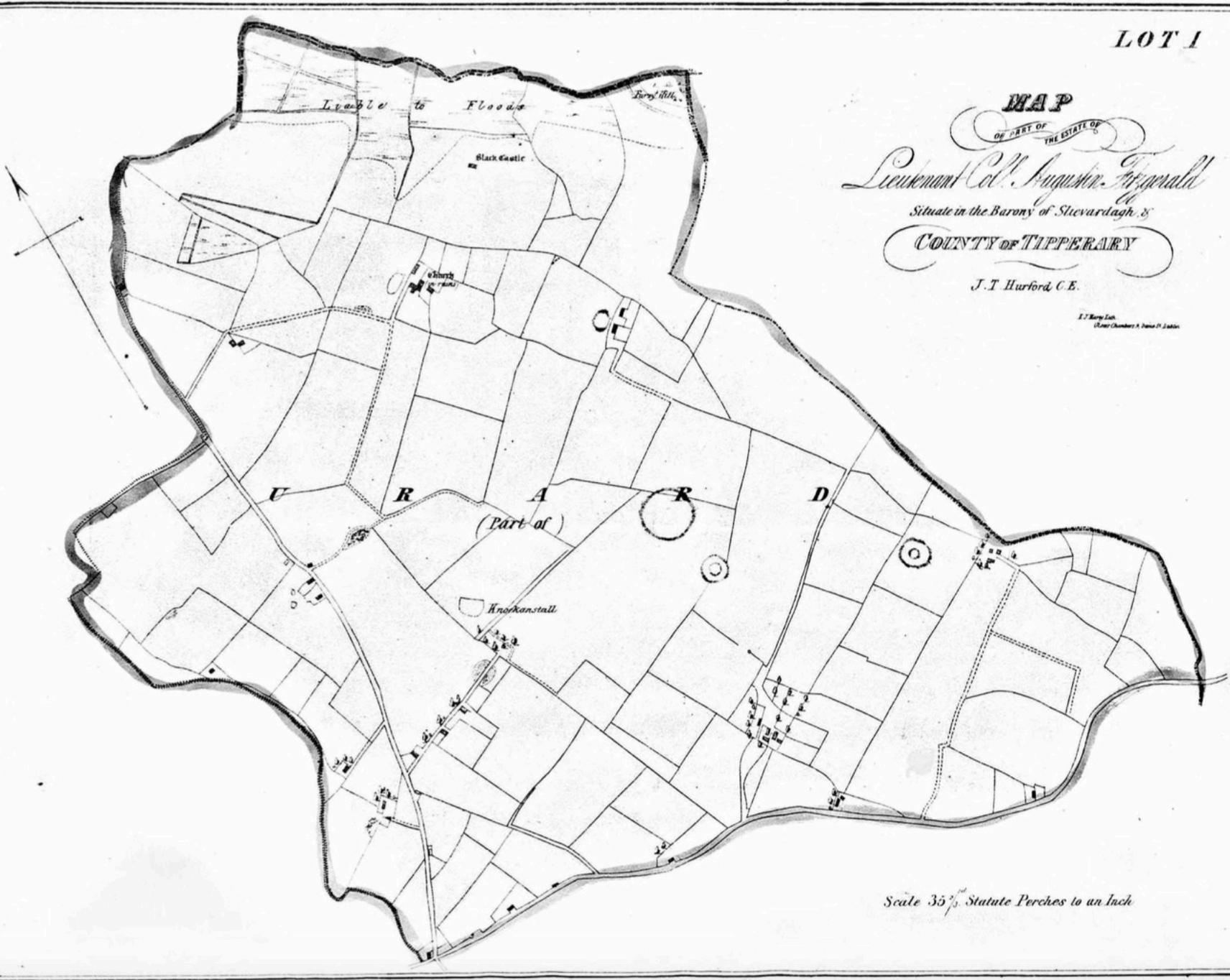
Lieutenant Col. Augustus Fitzgerald

Situate in the Barony of Stevardagh &

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY

J. T. Hurford, C. E.

J. T. Hurford, C. E.
Surveyor General & Surveyor of the Crown



Scale 35th Statute Perches to an Inch

RETURN RELATIVE TO JURORS IN THE COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.

No.	Christian and Surnames, in Alphabetical Order of Surnames.	Barony, District, and Place in which the Men live.	Title, Quality, Calling, or Business.	Qualification, whether Freehold or Leashold, Merchant, Freeman, or Householder.
195	Rooney, Hugh - -	Urard - - -	ditto - - -	ditto.

There is a single Hugh Rooney from Urard who was identified as a juror in 1846. It is unknown how he was selected to be a juror.

Hugh Rooney referred to as a freeholder farmer

List of Jurors printed in the Publication "Accounts and Papers of the House of Commons" for 1846 - Book referred to as the Session for 1/22 - 8/28/1846

Exhibit 73

A List of Persons who have served Notice of their intention to apply at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Thurles, in and for the division of Nenagh, in the County of Tipperary, on Wednesday, the 27th day of October, 1847, to be Registered as persons entitled to vote at Elections of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, for the County of Tipperary.

No.	Name, Description, and Residence of Applicant	Description of Property, with name of Townland, Parish, Street, &c., and right in which Registry is claimed.	Yearly value.
58	Rooney, Hugh Urard	Urard	10
59	Ryan, James Boulick	Boulick	10

It appears that land holders (freeholders) were allowed to vote, but had to declare their intentions

There is a single Hugh Rooney from Urard who declared himself to vote in 1847

Hugh Rooney identified as a freeholder farmer with yearly value of 10 pounds (or shillings, hard to read)

Newspaper Article - Voter Declaration (Tipperary Vindicator - 10/13/1847) [73A]

Representation of the County.

WE, the undersigned, request a Meeting of the Clergy, Gentry, Electors and Inhabitants of the County of Tipperary, at Cashel, on Wednesday the 18th instant, at the hour of One o'Clock, for the purpose of selecting a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of our late distinguished representative, the Hon. Robert Otway Cave.

GORTNAHOE AND NEWBIRMINGHAM.

M. Meighan, P.P.	Michael Dunne,
Patrick Feehan, R.C.C.	James Ryan,
Michael Daly, R.C.C.	William Maher,
John Hickey,	Denis Costello,
John Cormack,	Patrick Campion,
James Cormack,	John Dunne,
Tim Hickey,	James Cleary,
James Cleary,	John Cormack,
John Hogan,	William Bergan,
William J. Carroll,	Laurence Cormack,
Patrick Egan,	John Cahill,
Nicholas Duggan,	James Dillon,
Connor Doney,	John Dillon,
Thomas Walsh,	Hugh Rooney,
Patrick Shanahan,	Andrew Purcel,

There is also a Hugh Rooney from the general Gortnahoe Region (without a village name) who joined in a political meeting in 1844

Tipperary Vindicator - 12/18/1844 [73B]

Exhibit 74 Land Maps

The Griffiths Land Index refers to map numbers to locate each farm. There is also an overlay tool to view present-day locations. However, there is uncertainty as to the accuracy of the map lot numbers. The following maps show prospective lot boundaries based on the information provided through the Griffiths search tool. The maps may not be accurate, but are a good estimate to visualize where Hugh and Alice Rooney's farm would have been approximately located.



The best verification of where the farm was located is using the Catholic parish boundaries. William Rooney was baptized in the Gortnahoe Parish of Co. Tipperary, while his daughter Alice was baptized in the Urlingford Catholic Parish of Co. Kilkenny. The map above [74A] shows that these two Catholic parishes are adjacent. Hugh and Alice Rooney were living in Urard within the Gortnahoe Parish in 1811. William and Julia Rooney were living in Ardreagh within the Urlingford Parish in 1835. The only way to verify the locations of Urard and Ardreagh was the fact that each was situated within that particular parish boundaries.



Urard Townland, Co. Tipperary

- English
- Gaeilge
- Deutsch
- français

Search for a townland, civil parish, barony, electoral division or county

Co. Tipperary → Slievardagh → Fennor Civil Parish → Fennor Electoral Division → Urard

- Map ↓
- Area ↓
- Bordering Townlands ↓
- Subtownlands ↓
- Records Search ↓
- OpenStreetMap ↓

Urard is in the Electoral Division of [Fennor](#), in Civil Parish of [Fennor](#), in the Barony of [Slievardagh](#), in the County of [Tipperary](#)

The Irish name for Urard is [Iúr Ard](#)

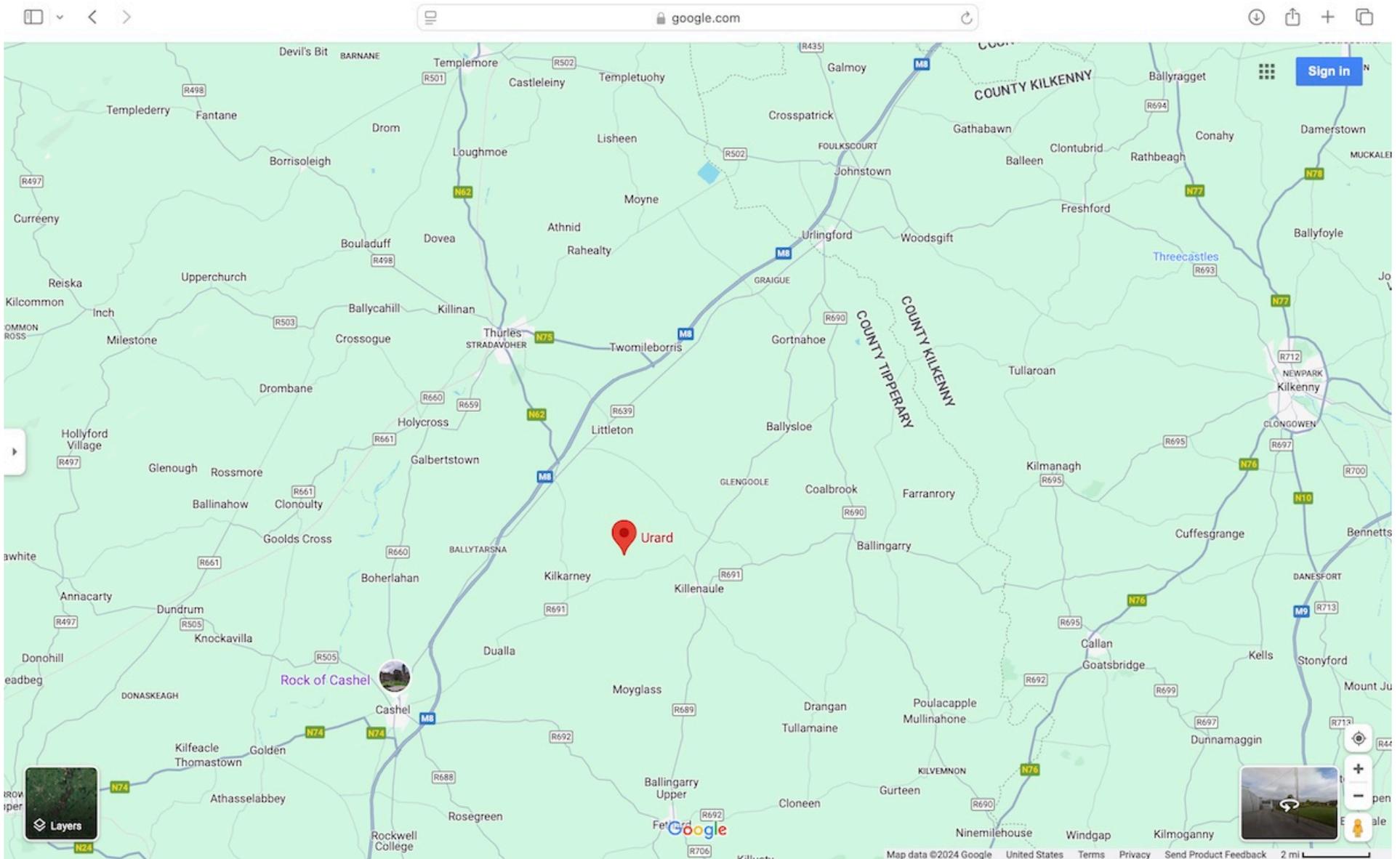
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Map

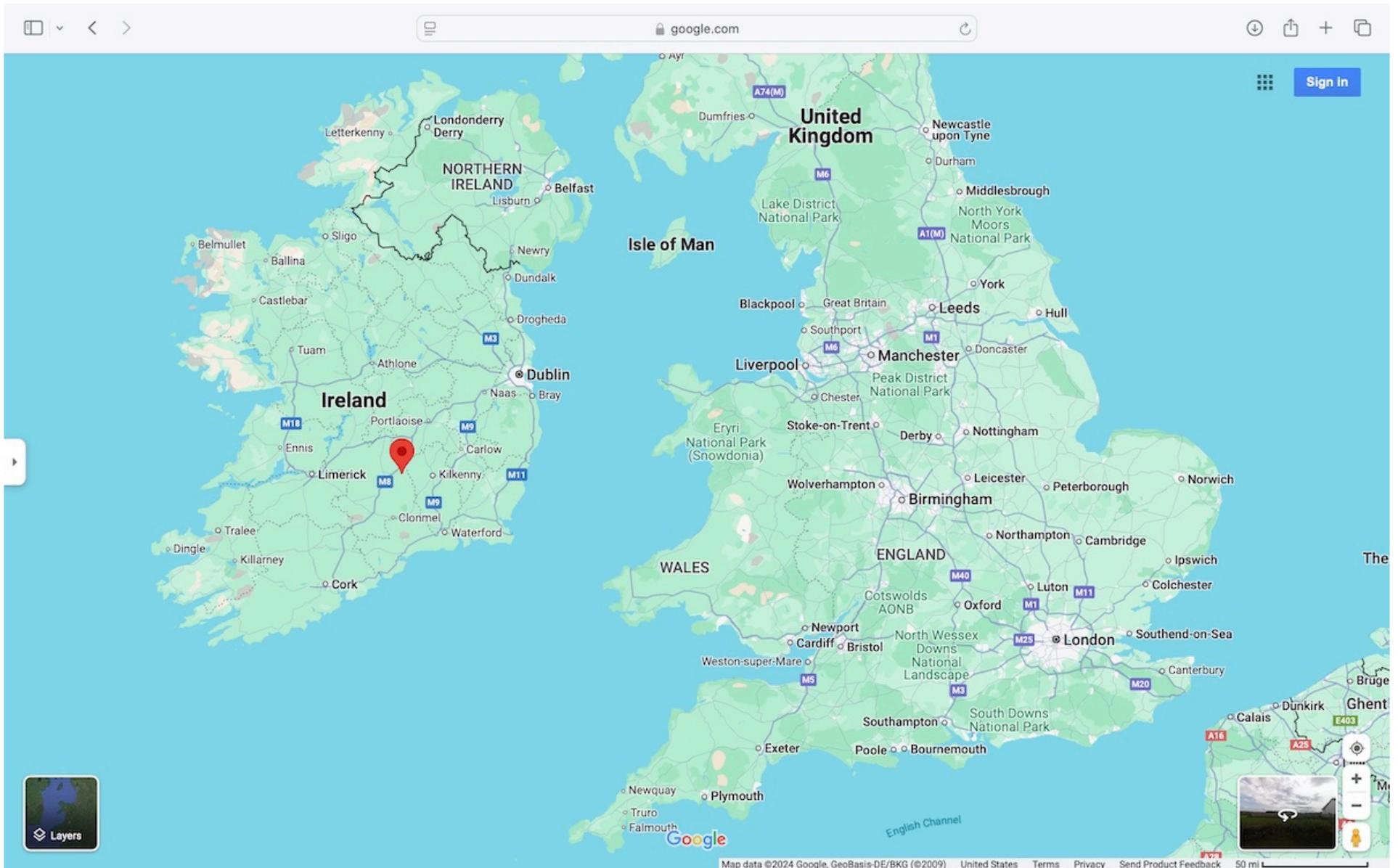
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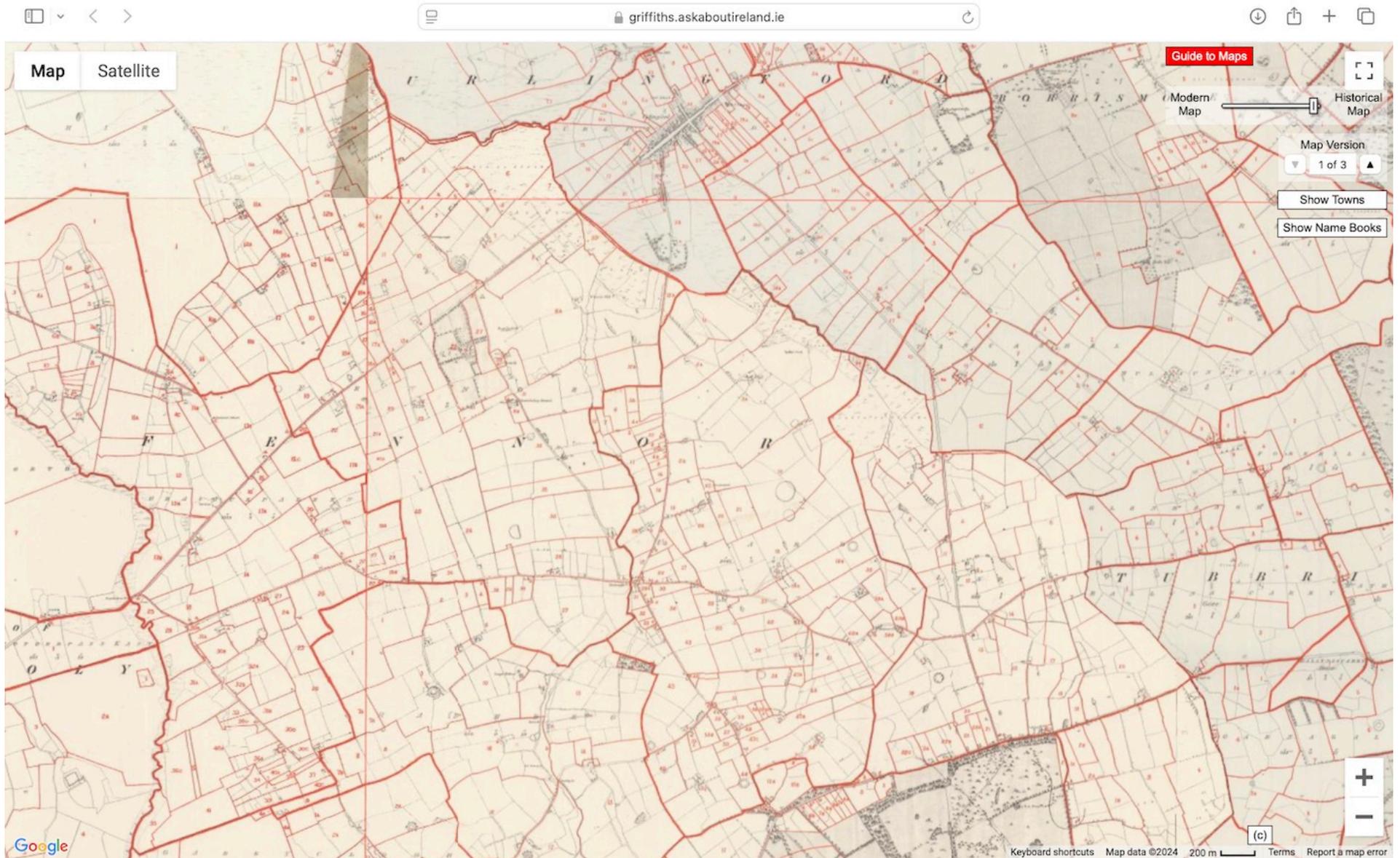
Present-day Urard is considered a Townland in the Fennor Civil Parish located between Urlingford and Gortnahoe [74B]
It is unclear whether this was the same Urard boundaries as when William Rooney was born in 1811



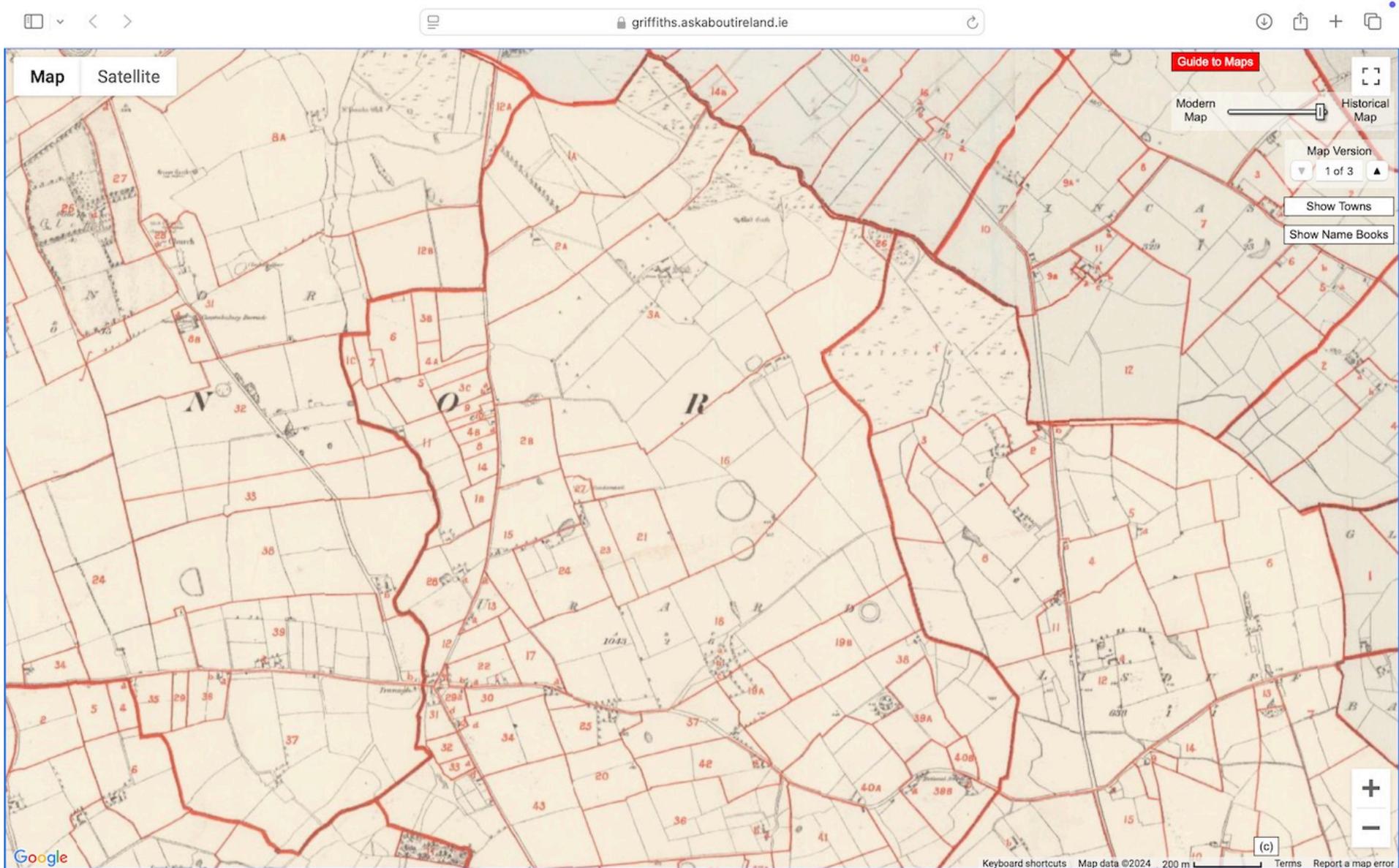
Google Maps show that there is a present-day Urard further southwest than Gortnahoe in the opposite direction than Urlingford [74C]



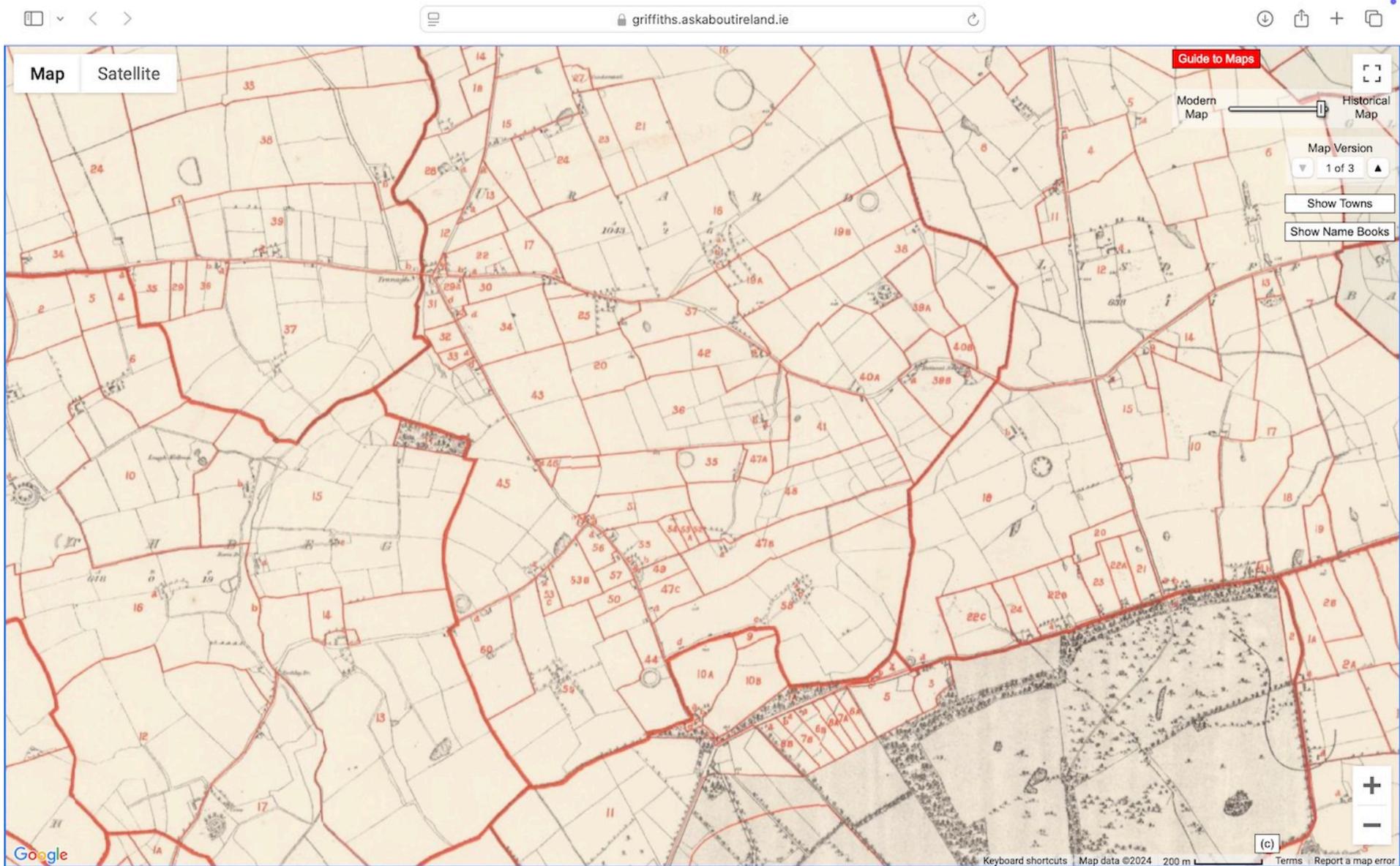
Location of Urard in the context of Ireland as a country [74D]



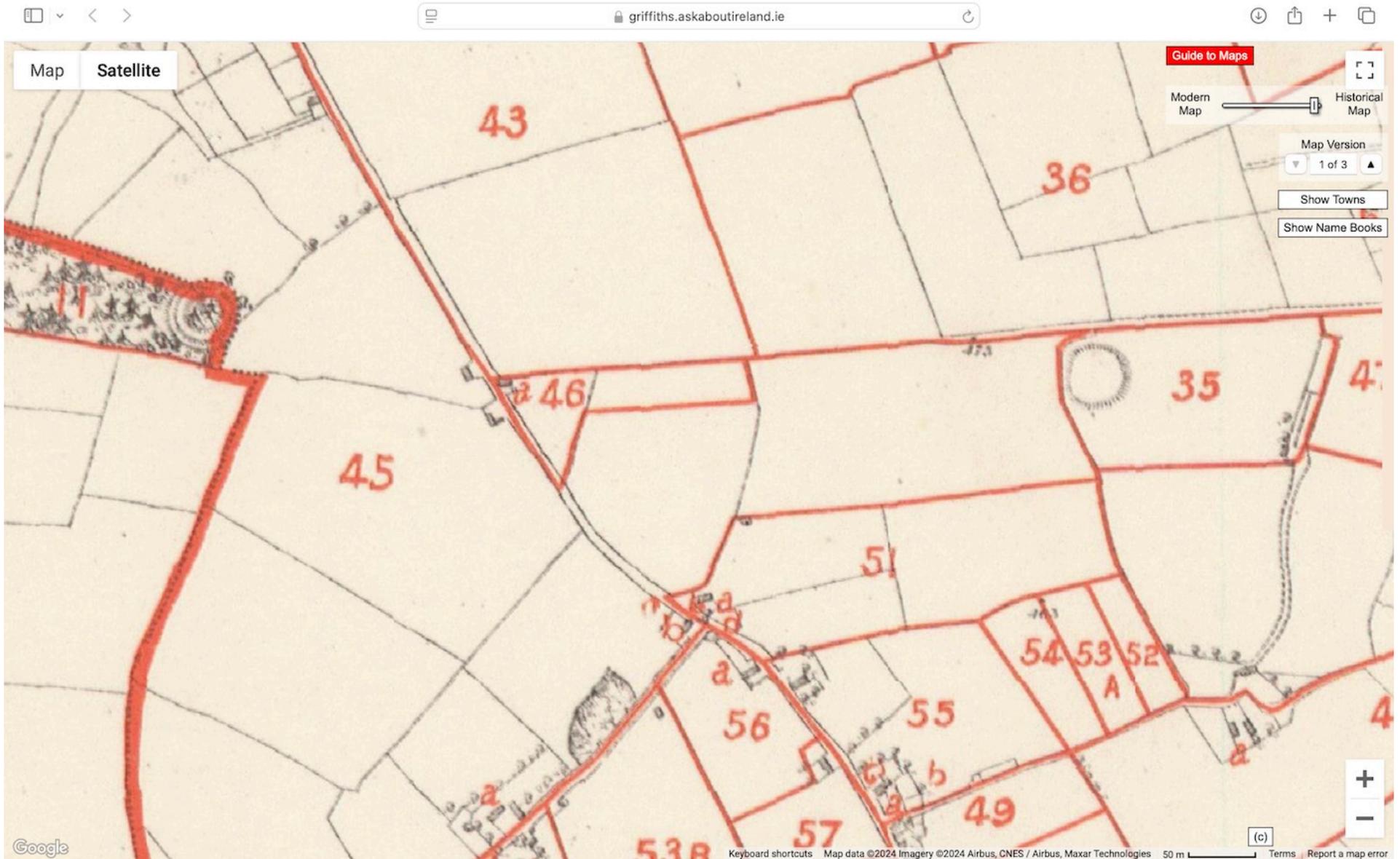
The map that accompanied Griffiths shows Urard with lot numbers [74E]
Urard is the section with the “OR” in “FENNOR”
Urlingford is along the top of the image



Zoom of north half of Urard [74F]
The name Urard is visible halfway between the OR of FENNOR and the bottom of the image



Zoom of south half of Urard [74G]
Lots 36 (middle of image) and 54 (slightly below) are the best candidates for the Rooney farm

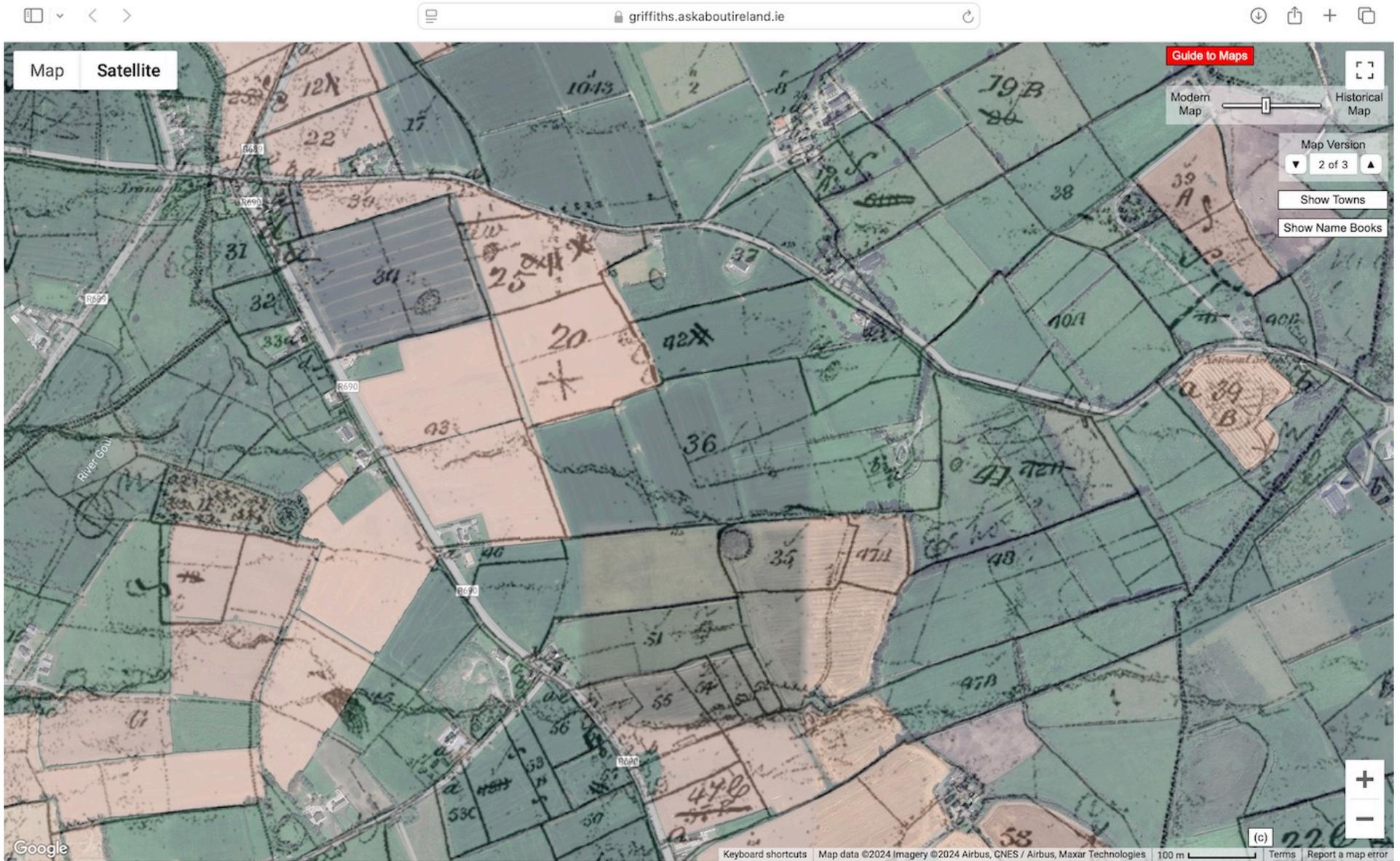


Lots 36 and 54 [74H]

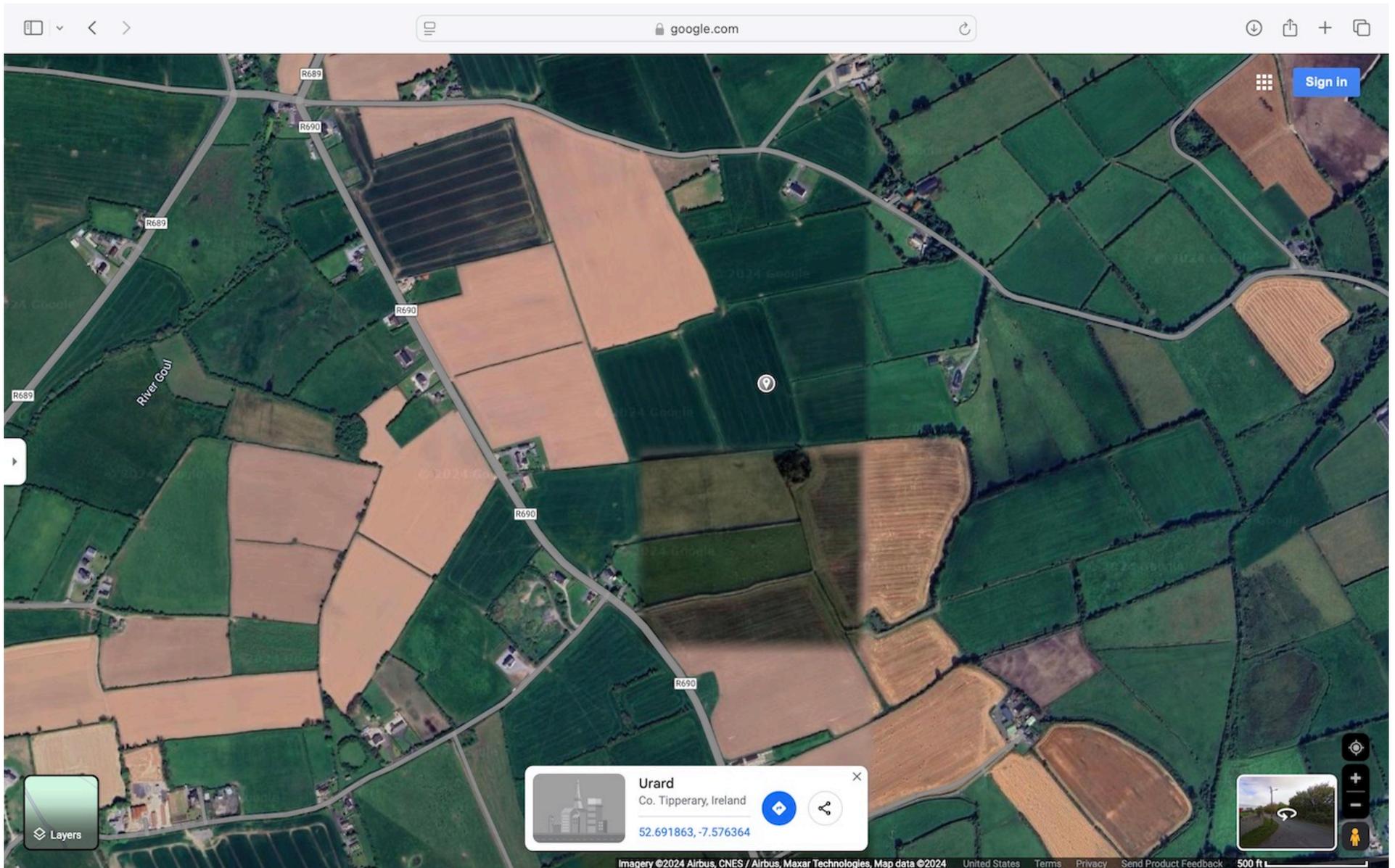
There appears to be a discrepancy in how the lot numbers correspond to the Griffiths Index. Therefore, the map may not match the lot numbers. The road intersection north of lot 56 (at the 'a' corner) shows a circle in the top corner. This is the best candidate for where the Rooney Cross was located.



Search tool overlay that shows the present-day location of each Griffiths lot number [74I]
Emphasis is on lots 36 and 54

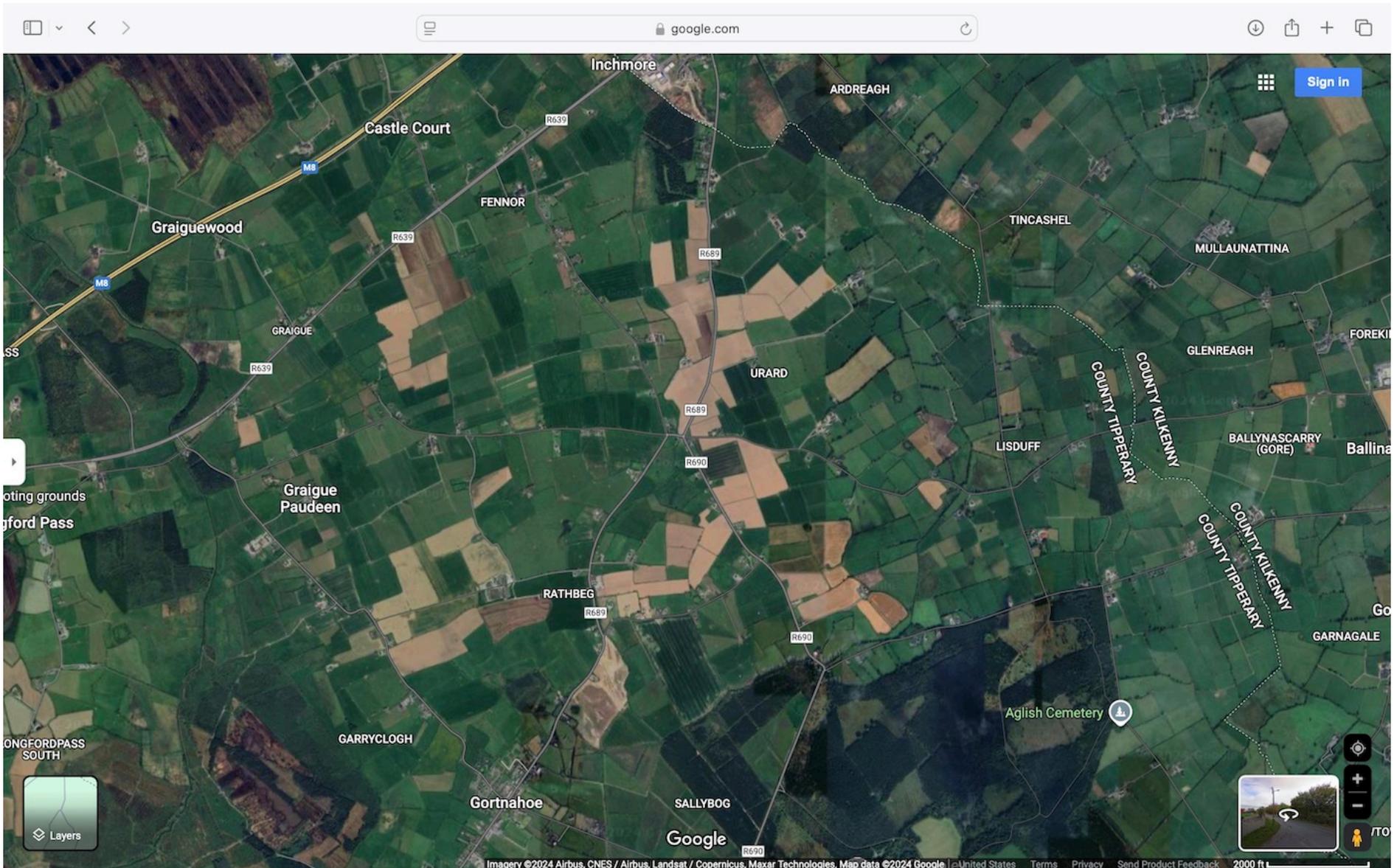


A second map overlay showing the same lot numbers [74K]



The map marker shows lot 36 [74L]

The road intersection to the southwest, which is the best candidate for the Rooney Cross (may not exist in present-day) and very near the possible farm location



Aerial view of Urard [74M]

The Catholic Church where William Rooney was baptized in 1811 was located in Gortnahoe on the bottom-left of the image (Rathbeg also visible)
William and Julia Rooney were living in Ardreagh (near the top-right of the image) in 1835 shortly after their marriage

XIV. Rooney, Dwyer, and Phelan Relatives in Chicago

There is reason to believe that William Rooney's brothers John, Peter, and James and his sisters Catherine and Ellen joined him in Chicago. There is a suggestion that his parents also came to Chicago, but that is less likely. The known records suggest that both Hugh and Alice Rooney passed away while living in Urard.

It is also reasonable to speculate that when William Rooney's sister-in-law Catherine (Phelan) Rooney and her children joined Catherine (Rooney) Gannon in Iowa, they probably stopped in Chicago to reunite with William and Julia Rooney. This is especially true if Catherine and Julia were relatives, and perhaps even sisters.

There was at least one Phelan family associated with both Catherine (Phelan) Rooney and Catherine (Rooney) Gannon in Iowa. The exact family relationship is unknown, but if they were also related to Julia (Phelan) Rooney, it is reasonable to believe that they also stayed in Chicago to reunite with the Rooney family prior to settling in Iowa.

As mentioned, Edmund Tobin settled in Chicago and appears to have been William Rooney's first cousin once removed.

There is a high likelihood that Kittie Rooney's marriage to Edward H. Talbot reveals a direct or indirect family relation or acquaintance through their common County Tipperary origins. Refer to the Edward H. Talbot and Kittie A. Rooney documentary for details.

William and Julia Rooney's family were also involved with two other families (Sanders and Wright) in Chicago over the years. Both families remained very close with John and Ellen Rooney in the Bridgeport neighborhood. While the exact family relationship is unknown, it is highly likely that they were related.

Records show that Patrick Sanders married Mary Walsh/Welch at St. James in Chicago in 1859. Their son James was baptized at St. Mary's in Downtown in 1868 [Exhibit 76A]. His godmother was Bridget A. Rooney (highly likely and presumed to be the daughter of William and Julia Rooney). Their daughter Margaret Sanders was baptized at St. Mary's in 1869 [Exhibit 76B]. Her godfather was William Rooney without any further identifying details. Margaret Sanders later married Charles Rooney, who was the grandson of Owen Rooney from Mt. Prospect. Other members of Owen and Anne Rooney's family were also associated with the Patrick and Mary Sanders family over the years.

Patrick Sanders was a Chicago alderman who assisted William Rooney during construction of his namesake building on Franklin and Lake after incurring costs related to improvements made to the public street. Patrick Sanders later owned a plumbing company and was a creditor in Julia Rooney's probate case. William and Julia Rooney's son John, and his wife Ellen, were very close to the Sanders family. Their family plots are adjacent to each other at Calvary Cemetery. When Mary Sanders passed away in 1901, a comment was made that the pallbearers were her Rooney cousins. An unverified claim has been made through user-submitted online genealogy that the mother of Mary (Walsh/Welch) Sanders was Julia or Johanna Rooney. It is unknown how William Rooney was related to Mary Sanders, but there appears to have been a rather strong Rooney family connection.

The Andrew Wright and Bridget Ryan family was also associated with William and Julia Rooney. Their son Joseph Wright was baptized at St. Thomas in Chicago in 1873 [Exhibit 77A]. The godparents were Hugh Roney and Mary Roney. It is presumed to be the son and daughter of William and Julia Rooney. Their son Andrew Wright was baptized at Nativity in Bridgeport in 1882 [Exhibit 77B]. His godfather was John Rooney, presumed to be the son of William and Julia Rooney. It may just be a coincidence, but the other Hugh Rooney from Urard was married to Mary Ryan.

Michael E. Byczek's great-grandmother Marie Talbot, the daughter of Kittie Rooney and Edward Talbot, lived with her uncle John Rooney after her father passed away. John Rooney built a family home at 2970 Archer in the Bridgeport neighborhood [Exhibit 78]. It is believed that Marie Talbot remained with her uncle from 1908 until her marriage to Martin Flanagan in 1922. During this time, another relative also lived in the John Rooney household. Catherine Wright was identified as

a cousin alongside Marie Talbot. At one point, John and Augustus Wright also lived at 2970 Archer. These seem to have all been Wright siblings. The exact family connection between the Rooney and Wright families remains unknown, but appears to have been more significant than mere acquaintances.

Exhibit 76

Feb 2	James	William Roche Mary A. Rooney
	Godson	Pat Sanders Mary Walsh
		Pat Sanders

Jan 26	Mich ^e Sanders	Bridget A. Rooney
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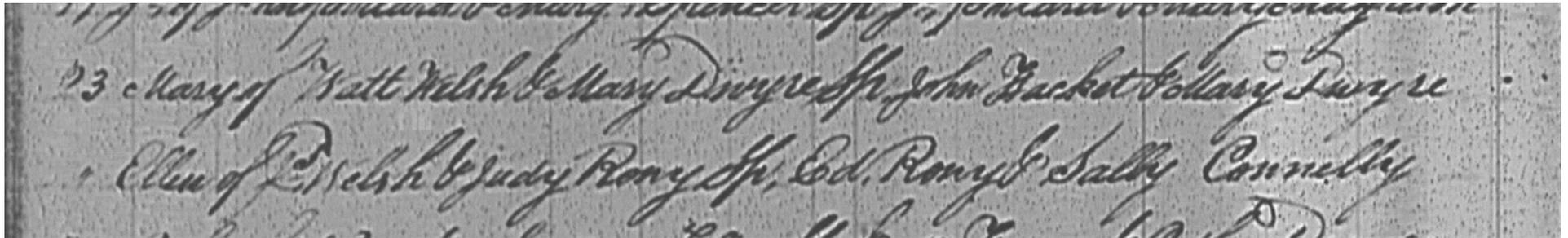
76A: Baptism of James Sanders at St. Mary with Bridget A. Rooney as godmother

26	Marg ^t Helen	James Mitchell Mary Deen
	Al:	Pat Sanders Mary Walsh

Sept 20	Wil Rooney	Anastasi Murphy
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76B: Baptism of Margaret Sanders at St. Mary with William Rooney as godfather

There is unverified user-uploaded content on popular genealogy sites that identify Mary Walsh as the daughter of James Welsh/Walch and Julia/Johanna Rooney. Analysis of Catholic church records reveal a James Welsh and Julia Rooney family in Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary during the right time period. It is the same church where a baptism took place for Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer.



Ballingarry Parish (Co. Tipperary)
Two Welsh babies baptized same day on 8/23/1835

One baby, Ellen, was the daughter of James Welsh and Judy Roney, where the godfather was Ed Roney.
Note: Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer had a son Edmund Rooney who would have been 16 years old in 1835

Exhibit 77

" " " 14 Christopher Joseph Andrew Wright & Bridget Ryan

Dec. 8 Hugh Roney & Mary Roney P.M. Harrigan
Aug. 28 Thomas Breen & Mary Miller P.M. Harrigan

77A: Baptism of Christopher Wright at St. Thomas the Apostle with Hugh and Mary Roney as godparents

Andrew Patk Andrew Wright B. Ryan
Patk Stephen Jas. Keating Patk Hanson

" " John Rooney Johanna Delaney
" " John Mahoney Lucy Gorman

77B: Baptism of Andrew Wright at Nativity with John Rooney as godfather

Other Rooney and Dwyer Families in the Gortnahoe Catholic Parish

Online access to digital scans for the Gortnahoe Catholic parish begin in 1805. John Rooney's baptism in 1810 is the first verified child of Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer for that church. It is a good indication that John may be their eldest child. Unfortunately, many entries are totally illegible. These records show that Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer lived amongst numerous other families with the same surnames within the Gortnahoe Catholic Parish.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Name and Parents (if baptism)</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1805:	B	Magarita Michael Margarita Johan Malachias	Antoni Dwyer and Elaine Coppenge? Edmund Tompone? and Catherine Dwyer Michael Dunning and Marie Holland? Mathias Cady? and Bridget Rooney Michael Doran? and Catherine Dwyer	Michael Dwyer - Sponsor Jacob Dwyer - Spon
1806:	B	Patrick? Catherine	Patrick? Dwyer and Judith Brophy Patrick Nail? and Maria Kelley	Gulilm Dwyer - Spon
1807	M	Thomas Joyce and Maria Fogarty Gilm Dwyer and Judith Costello		Patrick Dwyer - Witness
1808	M	Brenden Lahy? and Bridget Dwyer Gul Ryan and Marian Rooney?		Ellen Dwyer - Wit Margarite Rooney? - Wit
1809	M	Gul Kennedy and Bridget Dwyer		
1810	B	Patrick Maria ? Thomas Michael Anthony Judith Patrick	Nicholas Purl? and ? Dwyer Don? Fitzpatrick and Judith Di? Gul Kenndy? and Bridget Dwyer Patrick Bartley? and Judith Quinn? Edward Campion (Urard Lab) and Cat Dwyer Roch? Dwyer (Gortnahoe - shoe) + Liz Cahil James McDonnell (Grange) and Marg Mosny? Wm Cafs? (Lisbeft) and Anne Rooney	Gul Rony - Wit Hugh / Honora Rony - Wit?
	M	McDonald and Doolin		Alice Mooney? - Wit Martin Rooney? - Wit
1811	B	Thomas Catherine Judith Bridget Mary	Michael Nowlan (Lick) and Mary Kennedy Edm Lahy (Kil) and Bridget Dwyer Rich Cutan? and Anne Lam? Edward Dwyer (Grange) and McDonnell Andrew Bony (lick) and Cath Purell?	James Dwyer - Wit Ally Rooney? - Wit James Dwyer - Wit

1812	B	Ellen	William Ryan and Mary Rooney Urard	Wit - Ellen Rooney Wit - Hugh + Catherine Rooney Wit - Hugh Rooney
	M		John Houlihan (Greane - farmer) and Honor Rooney (gortnahoe)	Wit: John Rooney
1813	M			Wit: Thomas Rooney?
1814	B	John	John Roney? and Ellen Cahill?	Wit Rooney
1815	B			somebody _ooney (mother?)
1817	B			Father / Godf Rony?
1820	B	Pat Ryan	Billy? Ryan and Mary Roney	
1821	B		father James Rowney?	James Roney (god)
			Father possible Andrew Roney	
1825	B		parents james ryan and mary rony possible father is Tom Bony?	God a Rony (Ned?)
1827	B		father possibly thomas boonies	
1828	B		Mother Mary Talbot, Father William Rooney ? Possible father is Peter Rony	John Rony god Mary Rony? God
			Father Ned Rone?	
1829	B		Mother Bridget Phelan	John Rony? God
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[77B] Andrew Wright Baptism - "Illinois, Chicago, Catholic Church Records, 1833-1925," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DY4S-12H?cc=1452409&wc=M662-536%3A39541901%2C39541902> : 20 May 2014), Nativity of Our Lord Parish (Chicago: 37th St) > Baptisms 1871-1892 > image 252 of 411; Catholic Church parishes, Chicago Diocese, Chicago. (online access verified on December 17, 2024)

Additional Information

Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents. Their son William Rooney (3x-great-grandfather) married Julia Phelan before they arrived in Chicago, IL as prominent early settlers in 1835. Their third youngest daughter, and co-executor of Julia's Estate, Katherine ("Kittie") Rooney (2x-great-grandmother) married Edward H. Talbot at Holy Name Cathedral in 1880. Their only daughter Marie T. Talbot (great-grandmother) married Martin J. Flanagan at Holy Name Cathedral in 1922, the same church where her parents were married. Their eldest child, a daughter, Marie C. Flanagan (grandmother) married Michael S. Byczek at St. Bridget's in the Bridgeport neighborhood in 1950. Their eldest child, a son, Michael M. Byczek (father) married Betty A. Bykowski in 1974 at St. Helen's on Augusta and Oakley in Chicago. They have two children, Michael E. Byczek (the eldest) and Katherine S. Byczek, both born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Rooney and Dwyer families for over 30 years. He has gathered an extensive collection of documents. This compiled documentary is an accurate source of genealogy for Hugh Rooney and Alice Dwyer.

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