

Anne married Gregory Feb. 1857. Gregory and Anne had the following children:

1. Catherine McGowan. She married Michael Ryan.
2. Bridget McGowan. She was an old maid school teacher.
3. Elizabeth McGowan. She married a Haeg.
4. Jim McGowan. He didn't marry.
5. Margaret McGowan. She married Neal Gleason.
6. Mary McGowan. She was an old maid school teacher.
7. Dora McGowan. She was an old maid.
8. Ellen McGowan. Another old maid.

Gregory was a labour and later a farmer. He died June 1914 in his home in Plymouth Village. Anne died Sept. 10, 1912.

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Gregory as Michael and Philip came from the family of Tom and Margaret McGowan. The parents were from Castlemoylè-Manorhamilton, co. Leitrim, Ireland.. There were twelve children in the family according to an 1860 notation in Gregory's notebook, a family heirloom, owned by Neal and Zipha Ryan of Mpls. The brothers and sisters are in order as follows: Owen, Patt, John, Bridget, Ann, Martin, Thomas, Mica; , Philip, Thady, Mary, Gregory. Some of these children came to the United States according to relatives. Some stayed in Ireland. Neal Ryan remembers Ann, Thomas, Michael, Philip, Thady and Gregory coming to the U.S. Leo Ryan remembers his grandfather Gregory McGowan, but Neal Ryan, whose younger, doesn't. Leo Ryan of California remembers Thady as staying in N.Y. A Mrs. Margaret Ryan said Thady came out to Phillip McGowans that winter to cut wood. He left in the spring and said he was going to either New Zealand or Australia. That was the last they heard from him. Ann never married. Mary McGowan stayed and took care of her mother in Ireland. Neal Ryan has a copy of her burial. Neal Ryan has a notebook that states all of Gregory's brothers and sisters in 1869. Jim Lemieux, of Int'l Falls, has two letters written to Gregory McGowan from Ireland. One is from his sister, Mary.

Gregory was born in Manorhamilton in 1834. This is in Ireland. He married Ann Bruin or Bruen. It looks like Bruin in Gregory's notebook but Peg Anderson of Duluth found that Bruen heavily populated Rascommon, in Ireland at this same time. Anne couldn't read nor write.

Anne came from a family of three, that we know of. She had a sister named Betty. She and her sister lived with their other sister who was married to a Moore and they had two children: Tom and Joe. There could of been more. Betty moved to N.Y. At 16 Anne came to see her sister, Betty, in N.Y. but couldn't find her. So Anne became a nursemaid for the Redmond Family and moved to Mpls. with them. Anne had been an orphan in that her mother died years before. And her Irish Dutch Hollander father drowned in the London Channel.

Anne was born June 11, 1839 in Clunahee Elfin, Connacht, co. Roscommon, Ireland.

MICHAEL MCGOWAN:

Michael McGowan was born in 1823, as he was 46 in 1869. His parents were Tom and Margaret McGowan. They were from Castlemoyle, Manorhamilton, co. Leitrim, Ireland. Tom and Margaret had twelve children, of which, Michael was one.

Michael married an O'Brien and they have had no children. Peg Anderson, of Duluth, Mn. may have their family bible. It states on the outside of the bible "M. Mrs. M McGowan". It was given to Bonnie Ryan Lemieux and then to Peggy Anderson.

Michael Ryan was a farmer by occupation.

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PHILIP MCGOWAN

Philip McGowan was born in 1825 as he was 44 in 1869. Neal Ryan of Mpls. has a notebook of his brothers, Gregory McGowan.

Philips parents were Tom and Margaret McGowan. Tom and Margaret McGowan had twelve children. The parents were from Castlemoyle Manor-hamilton, co. Leitrim, Ireland.

Philip married a Murphy and they lived in Plymouth. His brother, Thomas, also married a Murphy. The Murphys were sisters. Philips job in Plymouth was that of a farmer.

Philip and his wife had the following children:

1. Margaret McGowan She married Tim Ryan. They had thirteen children.
2. Timothy McGowan. Tim never married.
3. Tom McGowan. He married Anny Ryan.
4. Alice McGowan. She never married. She was born 6-20-1872 and died 12-15-1979.
5. Ann McGowan Ann never married. She was a nun.
5. Nellie McGowan Nellie married Tony Mingelkock.
7. Mamie McGowan Mamie married William Cavanagh.

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PIONEER SETTLER PASSES AWAY.

Gregory McGowan, aged 80 years, resident of Plymouth 50 years, passed away quietly at his home, June 29, 1914.

He was born in the county of Leitrim, Ireland in 1834 and came to America in 1864 to join his three brothers and a sister who had established a home in St. Anthony. He then came out to Parkers Lake and took up a homestead where he resided until death.

He is survived by one brother, Phillip McGowan, one son, James McGowan, and seven daughters, Mrs. Michael Ryan, Mrs. Frank Heeg, Mrs. Neal Gleason, Bridget, Mary, Dora, and Ellen, all of whom were beside his death bed.

Altho a rheumatic sufferer for years he has never given up his active interest in home family and the entire community.

Mr. McGowan was a man of real benevolent spirit and possessed the keenest of mental faculties, which served him until he breathed his last. He respected only truth and honesty in all things. It was the common opinion of all whom he came in contact that "Grandpa McGowan" would sift any question down to the finest point of justice.

To friend and neighbor he was a true and tried pillar in time of trouble and bereavement. To his family he was a fond, kind father, whose patience and endurance through these dark pioneer days made him a exemplary parent.

The family has the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. And we especially extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members who have so ably proved themselves a comfort and a staff to his reclining years.