



Diaspora Stories

Ancestor's Name: ELLEN SCOTT
Co. Cork, townland? Derrineanig,
Place of birth (if known): Derreanig, Derrecanig
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Ellen Buckley (as spelled on the marriage record) was married in Iveleary (Inchigeelauh) Parish on February 18, 1817 to Mark Scott. Her father was James Buckley and her mother was Johanna Desmond. James Buckley was a witness to the marriage. Ellen's townland is on the marriage record but largely unreadable. Another record lists her from Derrineanig. Margaret, of the Skibbereen Heritage Center thinks Ellen's townland could be Derreanig or Derrecanig. I could not locate a birth record for her.

When she died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA, on July 22, 1891, Ellen was 104 years of age, which would indicate she was born in 1787. Her age varies on various official records. In the 1880 US Census for Portsmouth, NH, Ellen was age 90, which would indicate a 1790 birthdate.

After Mark Scott and Ellen Buckley married in 1817, I next found Mark Scot (using one "t") in the 1827 Tithe Applotment. He was listed in both the townlands of Inchiroe and Curraglass (across the road from each other), on the Northeast road out of Bantry and east of Keakill on the R - 584. He was a farmer, probably a dairyman, based on what a son and a daughter did after emigrating to the USA. Their daughter and all their sons, as seen below, were baptized at St. Finbarr RC Church in Bantry, where Mark Scott and Ellen Buckley were frequent sponsors in other baptisms.

Child	Baptismal Date
Ellen	May 6, 1827
Michael Scott	March 31, 1829
John Scott	April 18, 1830

Mark Scott	December 4, 1831
Joseph Scott	September 18, 1836
James Scott	May 24, 1838
George Scott	January 17, 1841

After the 1841 Baptism of George Scott, I find Mark Scott in Iveleary/Inchigeelauh in March, 1842 as a sponsor in the baptism of Norry Riordan, whose father is Michael Riordan and mother, Mary Scotte (s/b Scott). Michael Riordan and Mary Scott were married on April 22, 1841 at St. Finbarr RC Church in Bantry. Mark Scott was one of the witnesses. After 1842, I can no longer find any of the family in records, until in 1856, when Ellen Buckley Scott emigrates to Portsmouth, NH, USA, with four of her seven children and without her husband and other children. Her husband and other children left behind, or deceased, were Mark Scott, husband and sons, Michael, John and Joseph

In 1856, emigrating on the ship S.S. America, arriving NYC June 4, 1856, were Ellen Scott, the mother, her daughter, Ellen and sons Mark, George and James, leaving from Liverpool, England. Ellen, the mother, was listed as a servant and the children were listed as tailors. Since they were farmers in Inchiroe/Currageglass, this leads to a supposition that Mark Scott and sons Michael, John and Joseph died in the famine or that the family all moved to a city, where father and three sons remained, while mother, daughter and three other sons left, emigrating to the USA.

The open question is what happened to those who stayed behind, assuming they survived the famine?

In Portsmouth, NH, George Scott was very successful, being a vice-president of a brewing company and owner of a saloon. He and his wife provided for the college education of his sons, George Patrick Scott and Emmett Scott, who became a doctor.

Mark became owner of a dairy farm.

Ellen, the daughter, married Bartholomew Flynn and they owned a dairy farm.

James did not go to Portsmouth with the others; I assume he stayed in New York City.

Ellen Scott, the mother, later lived with her son, George and his wife, Annie G. Corcoran, (married 1876). Ellen's sons, Mark and George predeceased her. In those days, it was unusual for anyone, except the famous, to have an obituary in the newspaper. However, Ellen Scott had an obituary in the local newspaper with headline "104 Years Old". The obituary stated "She has retained her faculties to a remarkable degree, having never used glasses and being

able to recognize those passing on the street to the very last days. She walked to church regularly, up to last spring. She leaves a large family of descendants, her great-grandchildren numbering 47.”

My husband and I visited Ireland in May of 2017. We visited the townlands where my great, great grandmother, Ellen Scott and her son, George, my great grandfather, lived. We visited St. Finbarr RC Church in Bantry, where all the children of Ellen and Mark Scott, including my great grandfather, George Scott were baptized. We also visited areas where ancestors on my mother’s side had lived and met wonderful relatives.

Assuming that Michael, John and/or Joseph Scott survived, we would like to hear from their descendants.

I agree to submit this story for publication by Skibbereen Heritage Centre.

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