

**BOLANDS OF TOBERLOWNAGH (and Mucklagh) Townlands, Kilpipe Parish, near Aughrim, Co Wicklow. In the Catholic parish of Kilaveny, near Tinahealy, Diocese of Ferns.**

**Toberlownagh, sometimes informally *Tubberlona***

*No not the triangular Swiss chocolate bar!*



## **Some inferences by #1 Conall BOYLE 1942- on my BOLAND ancestors**

(#numbers are shown on attached family tree) 'Descendants of #763 Sarah BOLAND 1775-1871')

We know with certainty who was #531 Police Sgt John BOLAND 1854-1924, but I have never heard e.g. from my mother or aunts, any personal details about him or his siblings, parents etc. As to his origin, and place of birth all I know is

—[1901] and [1911] Censuses describes place of birth as 'Co Wicklow'

—His police service record says 'Born 1854 in Aughrim, County Wicklow'<sup>1</sup>

—His marriage Certificate gives a clue though. His father is John BOLAND 'Farmer' [BMD]

18 <sup>54</sup> Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of <u>St Kevin's</u> in the Registrar's District of <u>Dublin City</u> in the Union of <u>Dublin</u> in the County of <u>Dublin</u>									
No. (1.)	When Married. (2.)	Name and Surname. (3.)	Age. (4.)	Condition. (5.)	Rank or Profession. (6.)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7.)	Father's Name and Surname. (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9.)	
166	June 2	John Boland	full	Single	Police Sergeant	Neave St. John Boland	James Boland	Farmer	
167	1855	Elizabeth Deane	full	Single	Artist	19 Connolly Street	Robert Deane	Farmer	

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of St Kevin's according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, James Masterson

This Marriage was solemnised between us, John Boland and Elizabeth Deane in the Presence of us, Michael Brown and Sarah Keenan

From these three pieces of information I deduce that **#542 John BOLAND 1808-1879** Farmer, of Toberlownagh Townland, Kilpipe (CofI) Parish (Kilaveney RC Parish), about 7 km s. of Aughrim, Co Wicklow is the father of #531 Sgt John BOLAND, because

The **BOLAND** name is fairly rare, including in Co Wicklow [see "<https://barrygriffin.com/surname-maps/surnames.php?irish-surname=boland>"]

Using [Griffith's Valuation 1848-1864] there are these John BOLANDs in Co Wicklows

—householder 31 The Flash Arklow town

—householder Ballygaham Lr, Castlemacadam, n. of Avoca

—land (3A 3B 12) & house(2b) holder Toberlownagh, Kilpipe s. of Aughrim.

<sup>1</sup> from Garda Museum records [from Sinead BOYLE] DMP 7868 : John Boland

So only the only 'farmer' John BOLAND is this last one and **he becomes #542 farmer John Boland**.

Interestingly in the adjacent Townland of Mucklagh is another family of BOLANDS who are probably related, but none of whom are called John. More on the Mucklagh Bolands later. From now on I concentrate of the Bolands of Toberlowlagh using [Griffiths] and [BMD Shillelagh] both available free of charge from the National Library of Ireland website. **See maps below.**

From [BMD Shillelagh] there are two deaths of John BOLANDs

—The Rev John Boland d 1886 at Hacketstown

—John BOLAND d. 1879 at Toberlowlagh

111	Twenty first February 1879 Toberlowlagh	John Boland	Male	Married	70 years	Farmer	Old age 2 weeks unidentified	Anne Boland her x mark Present at death Toberlowlagh	Third March 1879	R. Kelly Registrar.
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I infer date of

—death 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1879.

—Early in the year, so d.o.b. '1808'

Who is Anne Boland present at death? You'd expect, wife, but maybe dau. But more of that later.

Next I checked all the [BMD Shillelagh] records for Bolands and discovered this wedding

Second Page. Superintendent Registrar's District of **08005559**

1082 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Killacorney in the Registrar's District of Trillick  
in the Union of Shillelagh in the County of Dublin

No. (1.)	When Married. (2.)	Name and Surname. (3.)	Age. (4.)	Condition. (5.)	Rank or Profession. (6.)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7.)	Father's Name and Surname. (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9.)
52	January 1882	Michael Murphy	3rd	Bachelor	Cattle dealer	Whitechurch	John Murphy	Farmer
		Ellen Boland	3rd	Spinster	Farmer	Tubberlona	John Boland	Farmer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Killacorney according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me,  
Martin Fortune

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Michael Murphy & Ellen Boland } in the Presence of us, { William Murphy & Anne Boland }

(without the full Cert. I could not decipher the following. So black mark to Antiquity website which only gives bare details, and top marks to National Library Of Ireland which allows free access to the actual record.)

#731 Ellen BOLAND of 'Tubberlona' is dau. #542 John BOLAND farmer, so Ellen is sis. to #531 Sgt. John BOLAND. She is literate, which is more than can be said for her husband #762 Michael MURPHY, who is from farming stock, outside of Toberlowlagh.

Note the name of the priest Rev Martin Fortune of Kilaveney (RC) Parish. He must be the same one who endorsed #531 Sgt. John BOLAND's application to join the Dublin Metropolitan Police in 1873 when he was 19 yrs old.

Who is Anne Boland, witness. Again here in 1882 you'd expect wife, but maybe dau.

Alas, poor Ellen d. aged 29 in 13.2.1883 just one year and a month after wedding

204	1883 Thyestult February Toberlownagh	Ellen Murphy	Female	Married	29 years	Farmer's Wife	Pulmonary Consumption Several months Certified	Michael Murphy his x mark Witness of death Toberlownagh	Twenty fourth February 1883	Registrar.
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But not before giving birth to #768 John MURPHY

(perhaps his sibling #767 Bridget MURPHY is by the second wife (see Murphys of Toberlownagh)

The only Anne BOLAND #766 that I could find

Anne BOLAND b. 1854 d.1915 dau of John #542. She has the same birth 'year (approx.) as #531 SgtJohnBOLAND so they may be twins!

197	1915 Swelfth July Toberlownagh	Anne Boland	Female	Spinster	61 yrs	Farmer	Scrub Decay and Asthma Certified	Bridget Murphy Niece-in-law Present at death Toberlownagh	Twentieth July 1915	Registrar.
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Note the witness #766 Bridget MURPHY niece-in-law. That I think nails #766 Anne BOLAND as sister to #531 Sgt John BOLAND.

The farmer #542 John BOLAND wants a wife. Could this be she?

100	Twelfth January 1899 Toberlownagh	Mary Boland	Female	Married	10 years	Labourer's Wife	Chronic bronchitis 3 years Certified	John Boland his x mark present at death Toberlownagh	Twenty first January 1899	Registrar.
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Died same year as #542. She d. 21 Jan, he d. 21 Feb, so possible. This Mary is b. 1809 John 1808.

BUT 'Labourer's wife'? Wrong! Mistake by Registrar? #542 John BOLAND may have passed farm on to son-in-law #762 (Murphys in [1901] and [1911] in Toberlownagh)

Could it be Eliza?

103	Twelfth February 1872 Toberlownagh	Eliza Boland	Female	Married	40 years	Farmer's Wife	Diarrhea Chronic Certified No medical attendance	Thomas Wolohan occupier present at death Toberlownagh	Twelfth February 1872	Registrar
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Too old b. 1802? Witness Thomas Wolohan was a neighbour, but here 'occupier', so Eliza may have been a lodger. Cannot rule out Eliza as wife of #542 farmer John BOLAND but unlikely.

But hold on! Here's another candidate

175	Thirtieth December 1885 John Boland	Mary Boland	Female Widow	80 years	Farmer Widow	old age 2 months unattended no medical attendance	recovery Michael Murphy son-in-law present at death John Boland	Thirtieth December 1885	M. G. Goly Registrar
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Aged 80, so b. 1805, so 3 years older than #542 farmer John BOLAND (1808-21.2.1879). Son-in-law #762 Michael MURPHY clinches it. I could also note eldest dau. Of #531 Sgt John BOLAND was bapt. #81 Mary Esther BOLAND (Aunty May to some of us).

Note about ages. I believe it was customary to round off ages to 5s or 10s in earlier censuses and registrations, so musn't get too obsessed with age differentials!

**HIGHLY LIKELY THIS #765 Mary BOLAND (1805- 28.12.1885) was wife of our #542 farmer John BOLAND (1808-21.2.1879).**

**Could this be the grannie of us all?** All the indications are right here. B. 1775 she'd be 33 when #542

76	Thirtieth October 1891 John Boland	Mary Boland	Female Married	96 years	Farmer Wife	Leisure Occupation unattended no medical attendance	Mary & John Boland occupies present at death John Boland	Thirtieth October 1891	M. G. Goly Registrar
77	Thirtieth October 1891 John Boland	Thomas Boland	Male Married	73 years	Farmer	Leisure Occupation unattended no medical attendance	John & Mary Boland occupies present at death John Boland	Thirtieth October 1891	M. G. Goly Registrar

farmer John BOLAND was born, so therefore his mother? I accept that.

WHAT DO WE MAKE OF THESE WHICH suggest a connection

1865 marriage, both from Tobberlona, father Thomas, witness Mary Boland

I think it's the next-door Bolands of Mucklagh

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4	No. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick Mullery	30	Bachelor	Cattle Dealer	Tobberlona	John Mullery	Farmer
		Eliza Boland	28	Spinster	—	Tobberlona	Thomas Boland	Farmer

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Eliza Boland } Mary Boland

And this one? Michael BOLAND b. 1808, bachelor. Poss bro. #542 farmer John BOLAND

169	18 <sup>79</sup> Sixth December Tobberlona	Michael Boland	Male	Bachelor	69 Years	Farmer	Decline and decline 2 years Uncertified	Aune Boland present death Tobberlona	Sixteenth December 18 <sup>79</sup>	W. J. G. J. Registrar.
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Looks plausible, but dau. Thomas. Again from next door Mucklagh?

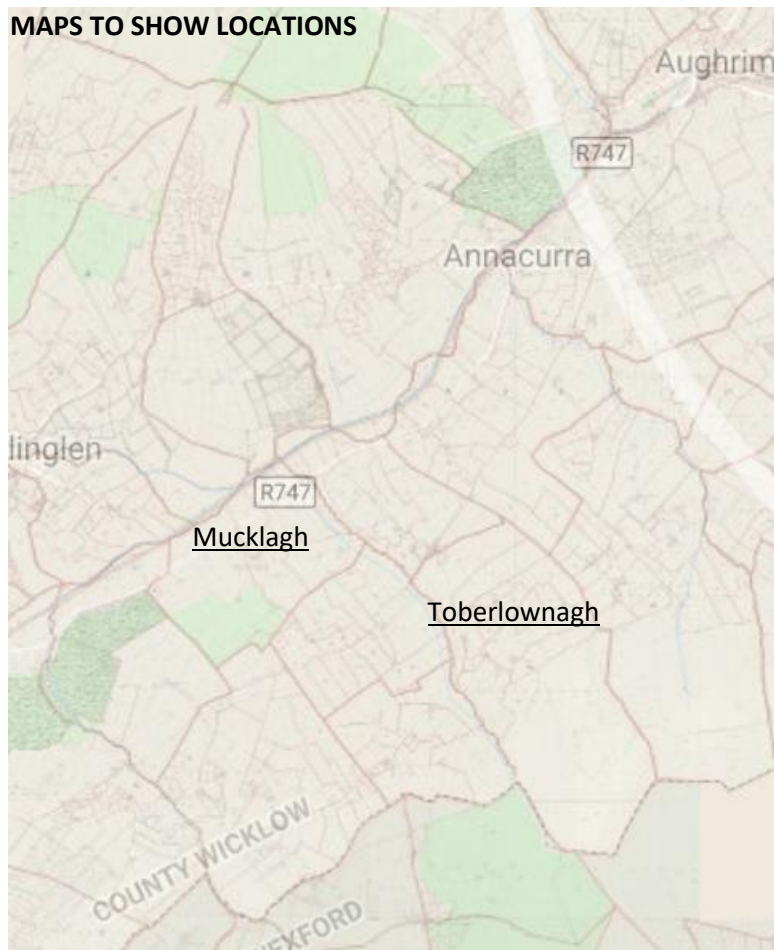
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## MAPS TO SHOW LOCATIONS



Toberlawnagh is ~7 km from Aughrim



This map is taken from [Griffiths]

(Personal note: My father #5 Colman BOYLE was a District Valuer and used these self-same maps in the 1940s and 50s. Always rolled, never folded, they were large scale 56 inches to the mile I recall, printed on linen-backed paper)

Farmhouse of #543 John BOLAND farmer at 3b



Same pic today, Boland house not visible

