

# THOMAS & ELIZABETH NEILL (*flourished* 1670), QUAKER FAMILY OF IRELAND

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**PART I:**  
**LINEAGE OF JON PATRAIC NEILL**

*First Generation*

THOMAS NEILL (fl. 1670)

Thomas Neill flourished in 1670 when he and his wife Elizabeth resided in Enniskillen, co. Fermanagh, Ireland. It around this time their eldest surviving son, John, was born.<sup>1</sup> Son James followed several years later.<sup>2</sup> What little is known of the couple is inferred from records of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, the religious movement that started in England in 1652 and came to Ireland in 1654 during the Cromwellian settlement. Elizabeth is not an Irish name, so she was likely English and with the affiliation to Quakerism coming her family. Thomas was likely a merchant, and in 1694 the couple was living in Gloucester, a trading port on the southwest coast of England with a thriving Quaker community.

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			Year. Month. Day.			
	1215	John Neill		Enniskillen	Thomas & Elizabeth	Gloucester

Image 1. Quaker record of John Neill born in Enniskillen, son of Thomas and Elizabeth who lived in Gloucester in 1694

The emergence as Thomas Neill from Tómas Ó Néill seems improbable, though he was certainly buffeted into form by forces of history. He was born into the Ó Néill family, the traditional rulers of the North of Ireland since the fourth century and founded by Eóghan (Owen), the son of legendary Niall of the Nine Hostages. This ancestry included Niall Glundubh (died 919), the high king of Ireland who usurped power from the ruling lineage during the Viking wars, and Niall's grandson Domnall Ua Néill (died 980), the high king of Ireland who introduced Ó Néill as a hereditary surname.<sup>3</sup>

The generation of Thomas's grandfather fought the Nine Years' War (1594-1603) that resulted in the fall of Gaelic Ireland and the end of Ó Néill rule in the North. Thomas's father was born into the chaotic,

<sup>1</sup> John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>, use of images herein copyrighted by Findmypasti.ie is appreciated.

<sup>2</sup> James Nail, 1702, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 24, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0084&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002542/G>; see also, J. L. Fisher, 2012, "Some Records of the Lurgan Quakers of Northern Ireland: Marriage Certificates 1698 – 1726", retrieved April 24, 2019, from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMarriageCertificates/LurganMarriageBooks.pdf>, page 26. James Neil married Jane Morten, 1702.

<sup>3</sup> Jon Patraic Neill, See FamilyTreeDNA kit number 947180, in the FamilyTreeDNA Cenel Eoghain project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/cenel-eoghainy-dnaproject/about/background>. Haplogroup bread crumbs: R-S588 (Cenel Eoghain) > R-BY55263 (Niall Glundubh) > R-BY76660 (O'Neill) > R-FTC78015 (Neill). See Activity Feed in project.

post-war society when land was seized by the English government and redistributed to its incoming settlers, displacing much of the native population of Ulster. Thomas's early years were formed by the Irish Confederate Wars that consumed the island during 1641 to 1653 in the failed attempt of armies led by Owen Roe O'Neill to win back sovereignty. By 1660, Charles II was restored to the throne and war-weary Quakers embraced pacifism.

Transformation from *Ó Néill* to *Neill* coincided with the family's embrace of Quakerism. I believe this change took place primarily because they lived within an English-speaking society in which the *Ó* prefix simply was not used. Quaker values reinforced this usage because Quakers rejected all titles that ranked people by social status, and *Ó Néill* is a royal name.

The first recorded instance of the usage *Neill* dates to 1690 when Thomas's son John Neill was a witness to a Quaker marriage at Ballyhagan in Kilmore parish, co. Armagh.<sup>4</sup> The only recorded instance of the usage *O Neill* occurred in 1766 when John's elderly widow Esther, aged about 90 years, witnessed the marriage of Samuel Neill to Deborah Nicholson along with Samuel's father John Neill (son of James and Esther's nephew) and Samuel's brother John Neill junior.<sup>5</sup> It is more likely this younger generation was referring to the elderly woman's traditional surname than Esther having used the name *O Neill* throughout her life.

Children of Thomas Neill and Elizabeth:

- i. John Neill, born at Enniskillen, co. Fermanagh.<sup>6</sup> He married Esther Reford on 3 April 1694 in Lurgan, co. Armagh.<sup>7</sup> They moved to Clare, Tullylish parish, co. Down, between 1695 and 1701.<sup>8</sup> Two of their three surviving sons migrated to the Virginia colony. See *Branch 1, Virginia*<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> John N(eill?), J.L. Fisher, 2012, "Some Records of the Ballyhagan Quakers of Northern Ireland Marriage Certificates Prior to 1700, Men's Preparative and Monthly Meeting Minutes 1705 – 1717," PDF page 12, Retrieved from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/BallyhaganQuakerMinutes/BallyhaganMinutes.pdf>, May 16, 2021. Marriage was between William and Mary Richardson, a family that would remain important to the Neill family history in the generations that followed.

<sup>5</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Marriages" image and transcript, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/001679/G>, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/MAR/031190>

<sup>6</sup> John Neill, 1694, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>; John Nail, John Neil, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0121&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002602/G>, John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>

<sup>7</sup> John Neill, 1694, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>

<sup>8</sup> John Neil or Nail, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>; see also Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0121&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002602/G>; Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROD-LURGAN-1859/0019&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BURS/40742>

<sup>9</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) through John and Esther Neill descendants: usernames Gregchalus (9cM), Gerry Rogers (10cM), Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024, and Melina Shaughnessy (15cM over 2 segments - one paternal and one maternal), accessed January 6, 2025.

- ii. James Neill, married Jane Morton on 24 September 1702 in Moyallon, co. Down, where they resided.<sup>10</sup> His surname in various documents was spelled Nail, Neil, Neal, and Neill.

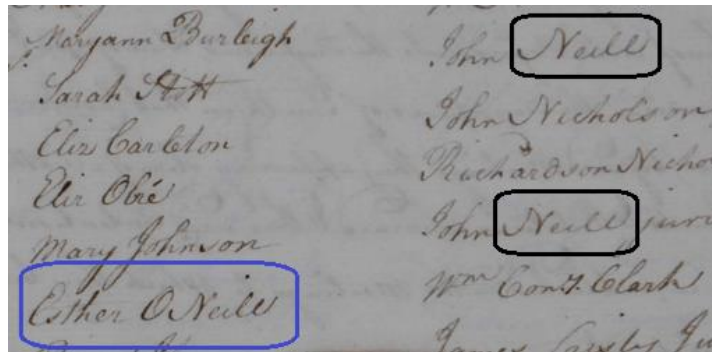


Image 2. Esther O'Neill along with John Neill and John Neill junior among the witnesses to the 1766 marriage of Samuel and Deborah Neill, highlighted and excerpted from the document below

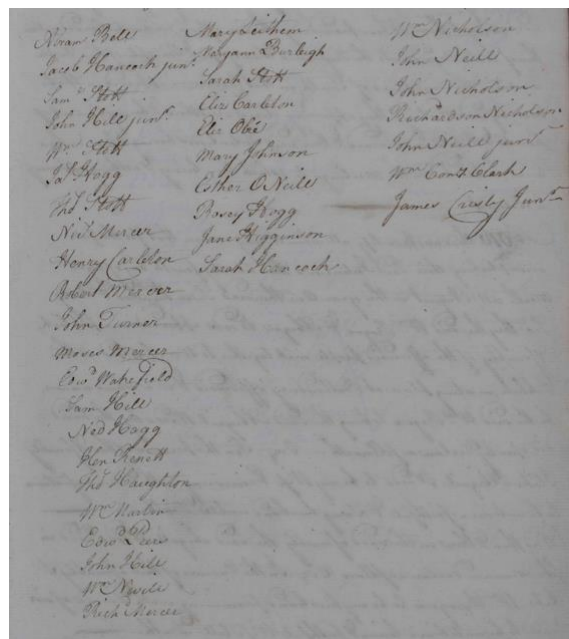


Image 3. Original Quaker record listing all 39 witnesses to the marriage of Samuel and Deborah Neill

<sup>10</sup> James Nail, 1702, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 24, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0084&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002542/G>; see also, J. L. Fisher, 2012, "Some Records of the Lurgan Quakers of Northern Ireland: Marriage Certificates 1698 – 1726", retrieved April 24, 2019, from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMarriageCertificates/LurganMarriageBooks.pdf>, page 26. James Neil married Jane Morten, 1702.

## *Second Generation*

### JAMES NEILL (fl. 1700)

James Neill married Jane Morton on 24 September 1702 at Moyallon Meeting in co. Down.<sup>11</sup> James married eight years after his brother John, and James's early life is believed to have followed his brother moving roughly five miles from Lurgan in Shankill parish, co. Armagh to Tullylish parish, co. Down about 1697.<sup>12</sup>

Jane Morton was born 15 April 1683 at Creenagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh, the daughter of John Morton and Margaret Cherry. John Morton was born about 1654 in Creenagh, the son of James Morton, and died in 1729. He married Margaret, daughter of John Cherry, on 14 November 1680 in Creenagh. The Morton and Cherry families were Quakers and Plantation-era settlers in Ireland, with branches later emigrating to Pennsylvania.<sup>13</sup>

James Neil and Jane Morten both of Tullilish Parish, County Down, 24 September 1702. At Moyallon Meeting House. James Neil and Jane Morten both in the parish of Tullilish & county of Down having declared their intentions of marriage with each other in several publick meetings of the people called Quakers, whose proceedings therein after a deliberate consideration thereof, Enquiry being made concerning their clearness from all others, Consent of parents and relations concerned were consented unto by the said meetings. Now these are to Certify all whom it may concern that for their full accomplishing of their said intentions according to Gods ordinance the said James Neil and Jane Morten appeared in a publick meeting house Moyallon on the 24th day of the month called September in the year 1702, where being contracted the said James Neil taking the said Jane Morten by the hand did solemnly declare in like manner as followeth. In the presence of God & before this assembly I take Jane Morten to be my wife promising with Gods assistance to be a loving husband to her till death separate us. And then and there in the said assembly the said Jane Morten did declare in like manner as followeth, In the presence of God and this assembly I give myself to James Neil to be his wife and take him to be my husband promising with the Lords assistance to be an obedient wife unto him while death separate us. And as a further confirmation thereof the said James Neil and Jane Morten did to these presents subscribe their names as husband and wife and we whose names are under written being present with many

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<sup>11</sup> James Nail, 1702, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 24, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0084&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002542/G>; see also, J. L. Fisher, 2012, "Some Records of the Lurgan Quakers of Northern Ireland: Marriage Certificates 1698 – 1726", retrieved April 24, 2019, from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMarriageCertificates/LurganMarriageBooks.pdf>, page 26. James Neil married Jane Morten, 1702.

<sup>12</sup> John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>

<sup>13</sup> Daniel, McCance, "Irish Quaker Morton, Chester & York PA", January 23, 2000 at 03:56:29, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/morton/1071/>



more of the solemnizing of their said marriage and subscription aforesaid as witnesses have set our hands the day & year above written. James Nail Jane Nail " 14

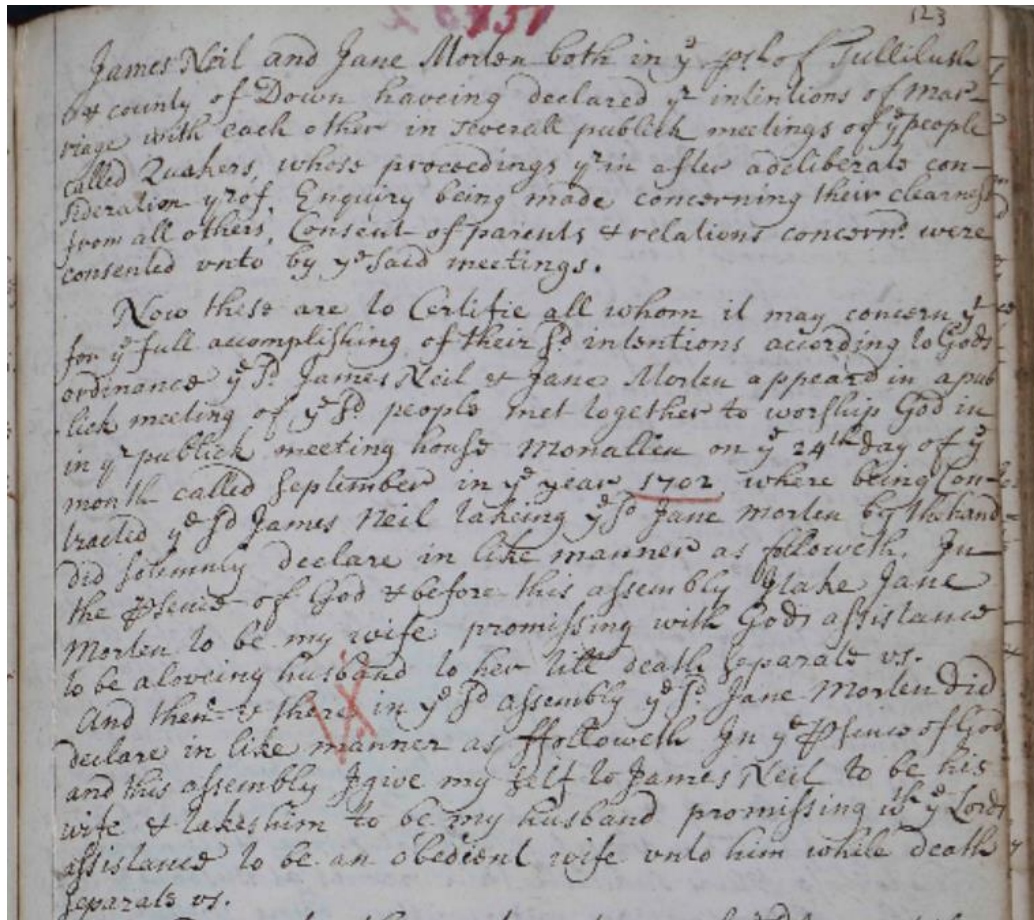


Image 4. Quaker record of the marriage of James Neill and Jane Morton. The record includes spellings Neil and Nail

The witnesses to the wedding were the local Quaker community that included members of the Neill and Morton families, as well as Ezekiel Bullock and his son-in-law Michael Cherry mentioned above: "John Morten Robert Hoope John Neil Joseph Robinson James Morten Joel Carr Samul Morten James Hues Mary Cherry Marth Millikin Alexr Cristy Thoms Bullough Rachel Morten Ruth Robson John Morten Tho. Wainwright Jane Cherry Sarah Rea Micha'l Cherry Ezekiel Bullock Sarah Christy Martha Beans Willm Morten John Beck Ellinr Morten Mary Robinson Robert Robinson Mary Bullogh Mary Millikin

<sup>14</sup> James Nail, 1702, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 24, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0084&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002542/G>; see also, J. L. Fisher, 2012, "Some Records of the Lurgan Quakers of Northern Ireland: Marriage Certificates 1698 – 1726", retrieved April 24, 2019, from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMarriageCertificates/LurganMarriageBooks.pdf>, page 26. James Neil married Jane Morten, 1702. Note the spelling of Neil and Nail in the same records. Elsewhere in text it is indicated the name was written 'Neill' and pronounced 'Nail.'

Jno Christy Margret Christy Ann Bullough Robert William'sn Mary Christy Hannah Bullock Jno Walker  
Jam's Millikin" <sup>15</sup>

*Separate of.*  
And as a further confirmation of y<sup>e</sup> James Neill &  
Jane Morten did to these y<sup>e</sup> sents subscribe y<sup>e</sup> names as hus-  
band & wife and we whose names are underwritten being pre-  
sent with many more of y<sup>e</sup> following of y<sup>e</sup> marriage and  
subscriptions afores<sup>d</sup> as witnesses have set our hands &  
day & year above written.

John Morten	Robert Grope	}	James Neill
John Neill	Joseph Robinson		Jane Neill
James Morten	Joel Carr	}	
Samuel Morten	James Hues		Mary Cherry
Alex <sup>r</sup> . Christy	Thom <sup>s</sup> . Bullough	Rachel Morten	Ruth Robison
John Morten	Tho. Wainwright	Sarah Morten	Sarah Lea
Michael Cherry	Reckiel Bullock	Jane Cherry	Martha Beans
Will <sup>m</sup> . Morten	John Cook	Sarah Christy	Mary Robinson
Robert Robinson		Ellin <sup>e</sup> Morten	Mary Millikin
Jno. Christy		Mary Bullock	Ann Bullough
Robert William <sup>s</sup> .		Margret Christy	Hannah Bullock
Jno. Walker		Mary Christy	
Jam <sup>s</sup> . Millikin			

Image 5. Witnesses to the marriage of James and Jane Neill, including relatives Morton, Cherry, Christy

Sadly, James Neill died when John was a child and his widow Jane remarried in 1714 to Isaac Haddack, for which she was disowned by the Quakers and estranged from her family.

Testimony against Jane Neal. A testimony given forth by us the people called Quakers against ye scandalous and reproachful actions of Jane Neal. Who was by her parents educated and brought up in the profession of truth and was a frequenter of our religious meetings from her childhood and also married her first husband amongst us, but after her first husband's decease, she not keeping to ye teachings of ye Grace of God in her self, grew wanton and loose in her conversation haunting loose and idle company. Particularly one Isaac Haddack for which she was several times dealt with but she in deceitful hypocritical manner endeavoured to cover her inclinations with a covering of lies and deceit which at length proced as was feared. She confessing to be with child and as she says married to ye said Isaac, notwithstanding all ye endeavors of her relations and friends who timely warned her of ye evil she was in danger to run herself into. Wherefore we can do no less for ye clearing of our Christian profession,

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*



than bear our testimony against her and to deny her to be our society, or yet we can have fellowship with her, unless she come by unfeigned repentance to amend her ways. Signed in behalf of our meeting held in Hillsborough ye 10th of ye 1st month 1714 by Alexander Seaton, Richard Mercer, Jonas Shaw, James Morton <sup>16</sup>

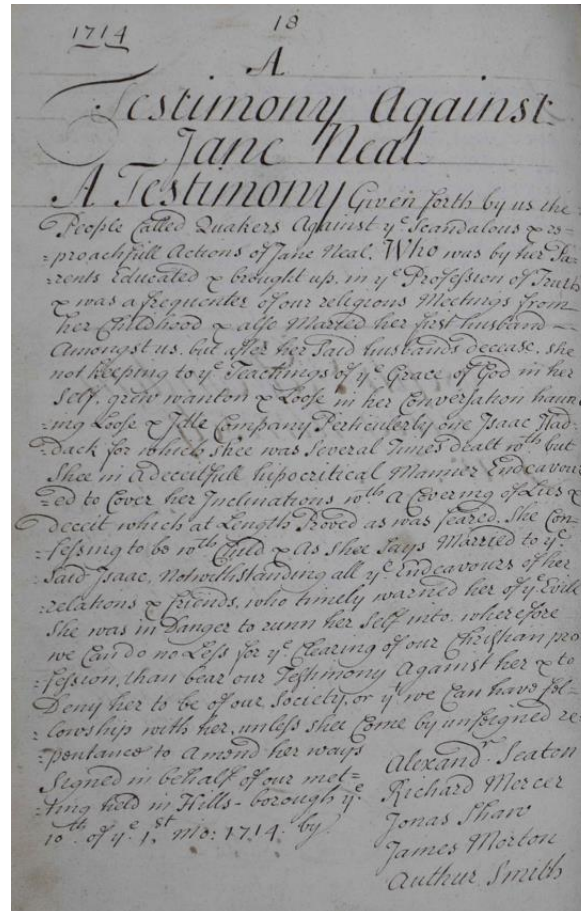


Image 6. "Testimony Against Jane Neal" that resulted in the unfortunate widow being disowned by Quaker society. Her brother James Morton, who witnessed Jane's marriage to James Neill, signed the document

Child of James Neill and Jane Morton:

- i. John Neill, born between 1702 and 1714, married Sarah Morton in 1733 and resided in Moyallon, Tullylish parish, co. Down. <sup>17</sup> He died 3 December 1782 and was buried at Lynastown Quaker Burial Ground in Monraverty, co. Armagh. <sup>18</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Jane Neal, 1714, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, retrieved February 13, 2024, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-B-M-5-1%2F0014&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F074174>

<sup>17</sup> John Neill, 1733, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 24, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>

<sup>18</sup> John Neill, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths, retrieved May 28, 2021, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FROD-LURGAN-1859%2F0019&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FBURS%2F40733>; Philip B. Wilson, "Lynastown - a seventeenth century Quaker

### Third Generation

#### JOHN NEILL (~1703-1782)

John Neill was born at Moyallon, Tullylish parish, co. Down after 1702, and married there to Sarah Morton in 1733.<sup>19</sup> It is believed John was raised in the household of his uncle John Neill after the early death of his father James and his mother's disownment by the Quakers for remarrying in 1714 to a man outside the society. In 1775, John gave permission for his sons John and William to emigrate to America, although neither left as planned due to outbreak of revolution.<sup>20</sup> He died 3 December 1782 at Moyallon aged almost 80, and was buried nearby at the Lynastown Quaker Burial Ground in Monraverty, co. Armagh. Quaker burial records denote him as the "son of James & Jane", likely to differentiate from his son John, whose wife was also named Sarah and also buried at Lynastown.<sup>21</sup>

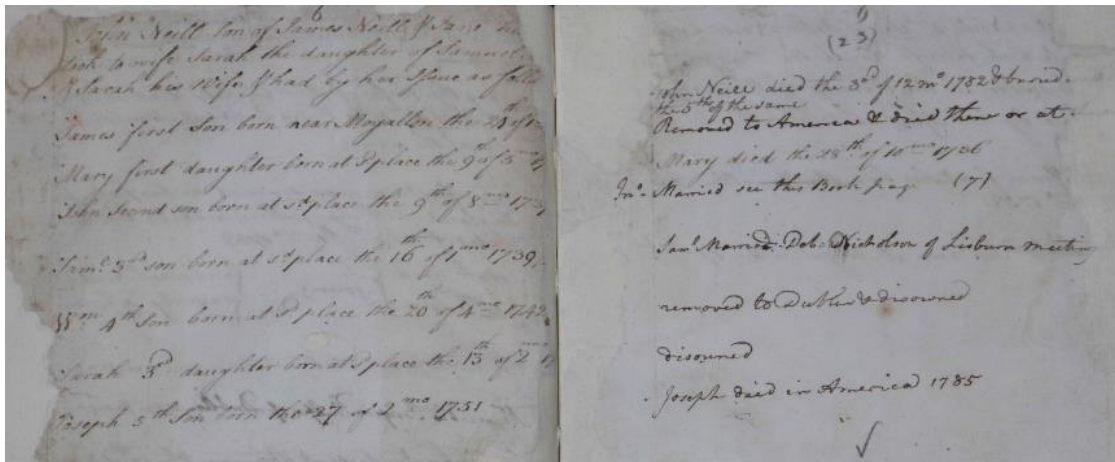


Image 7. Quaker records of the John Neill family, showing births on the left and last known record on the right.

Burial Ground", *Journal of Craigavon Historical Society*, Vol. 6 No. 3, Retrieved from <http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/rev/wilsonpblynastown.html>, May 25, 2021. This cemetery lies some 75 meters to the north of the Bluestone Road on the edge of the Brownlow sector of Craigavon. John Neill is referred to as burial #167 and the son of James and Jane. John's wife Sarah was burial #153; John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>.

<sup>19</sup> John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>; Saml Neill, 1740, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-2/0015&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/BIR/008620>

<sup>20</sup> John Neill Junr. & William Neill, 1775, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, Lurgan, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-1-3%2F0134&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F110719>, retrieved April 4, 2019,

<sup>21</sup> Philip B. Wilson, "Lynastown - a seventeenth century Quaker Burial Ground", *Journal of Craigavon Historical Society*, Vol. 6 No. 3, Retrieved from <http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/rev/wilsonpblynastown.html>, May 25, 2021. This cemetery lies some 75 meters to the north of the Bluestone Road on the edge of the Brownlow sector of Craigavon. John Neill is referred to as burial #167 and the son of James and Jane. Burial #153 was Sarah Neill "wife of John Neill", but refers to his daughter-in-law not his wife Sarah (for whom there is not a burial record); John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>

His Will was probated in 1785 as John Neill of Moyallon. The original Will was destroyed, but the index remained.<sup>22</sup> Of their five sons, James went to America, William to Dublin, Joseph to Philadelphia, while John and Samuel remained in Tullylish. James and Joseph both died within months or years of arriving in America and did not have families. John's two surviving sons eventually left for England, with son John moving on a Quaker settlement in Pennsylvania before settling in northern Ohio as part of the Irish Quaker community there. Samuel's sons remained in Tullylish, with his son Samuel maintaining strong ties to the Quaker community.

Children of John Neill and Sarah Morton:<sup>23 24</sup>

- i. James Neill, born 24 March 1734. He emigrated to America, and "died there or at sea." He was the transatlantic bearer of a letter written from Joseph Wilson to his uncle Thomas Greer of Dungannon, co. Tyrone, dated 19 December 1774 in New York. Wilson was then moving from Philadelphia to Wilmington, Delaware, and requested return correspondence in the care of John Morton. These were all families associated with the Lurgan Meeting.<sup>25</sup>
- ii. Mary Neill, born 9 July 1736 and died 28 December 1736.
- iii. John Neill, Jr., born 9 October 1737, married Sarah Whiteside of Kilcurran, near Charlemont, 29 December 1756.<sup>26</sup> *See Branch 2, England and Ohio*
- iv. Samuel Neill,<sup>27</sup> born 16 March 1739, married Deborah Nicholson on 10 April 1766 in Hillsborough, co. Down.<sup>28</sup> He died 14 August 1820 in Knocknagor, Tullylish parish, co. Down, and was buried 16 August 1820 at Moyallon.<sup>29</sup>
- v. William Neill, born 20 June 1742, moved to Dublin and was disowned by the Quakers. He had received a certificate from the Quaker meeting at Lurgan on 23 April 1775 to be introduced to the Quakers at Philadelphia, along with his brother John. This was four days after the outbreak of the American Revolution with the battles of Lexington and Concord on 19 April, yet before news of these events could have reached Ireland. Their plans were thus disrupted by war. "From our Mens Meeting held in Lurgan in the North of Ireland the 23rd day of the 4th month 1775 – to Friends in Philadelphia in America. Dear Friends and

<sup>22</sup> John Neill, 1785, "W.P.W. Phillimore & Gertrude Thrift, Indexes to Irish Wills 1536-1858, 5 vols (1909-1920)" Image, retrieved April 24, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/IET0037/602&parentid=IRE/IET0037/602/109>

<sup>23</sup> John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>; Saml Neill, 1740, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-2/0015&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/BIR/008620>

<sup>24</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) through descendants of Sarah Morton's brother James: (9cM) Susanna Mcgahee (9cM), Wanda Johnson (9cM), Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

<sup>25</sup> James Neill, "J. Wilson, New York, to T. Greer, Dungannon; PRONI D1044/404; CMSIED 9501012", retrieved August 15, 2021, from Irish Emigration Database, <https://www.dippam.ac.uk/ied/records/29789>. The original document in the collection of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI, ID D1044/404).

<sup>26</sup> John Neill, 1756, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>

<sup>27</sup> See, Jon Patraic Neill, May 28, 2021, "Samuel (1739-1820) & Deborah Neill Quaker Family in Ireland".

<sup>28</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Marriages" image and transcript, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/001679/G>, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/MAR/031190>

<sup>29</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/BUR/031192>

- Brethren, William Neill being about to remove to your parts / a Friend on his behalf requested our certificate, We hereby certify that he was born of Parents in unity with us, and at times attended our religious meetings for worship and are sorry his appearance are not more agreeable to the profession he makes, he leaves this with the consent of his father and as far as appears is free of debt and marriage engagements. We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight, earnestly desiring his growth and preservation in the truth [from] your Friends and Brethren. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting.”<sup>30</sup> The brothers had already received a certificate of removal from the Moyallon Meeting in anticipation of joining the Philadelphia Meeting in America. “A certificate of removal on behalf of Wm. Neill by order of the preparative meeting held at Moyallan was brought here likewise one for John Neill Junior by order of the same meeting was brought here read appeared and both signed – James Christy Junr is desired to record them in the proper book and Joseph Richardson is desired to forward them to Friends in Philadelphia.”<sup>31</sup>
- vi. Sarah Neill, born 13 April in the 1740s (year illegible), and was disowned by the Quakers.
  - vii. Joseph Neal, born 27 April 1751, moved to Dublin, was disowned by the Quakers in 1779, then “died in 1785 in America.” He died 25 November 1785 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, listed as age 30 years, and had attended the Quaker Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Southern District. His religious sect was identified as ‘pre-separation’, meaning before the Hicksite-Orthodox separation of Quakers in America.<sup>32</sup> His disownment was described in Quaker records. “Whereas Joseph Neal, who was some years ago recommended to us by friends of Lurgan, as a member of our society, hath, during his residence here, set up in business, in an extensive way, not being bounded by that pure principle of light in his own heart, which, if attended to, would be sufficient to preserve him from running so greatly into debt, and falling so far short of the payments of his just debts, to the great injury of his creditors: and mostly or wholly absenting himself from our meetings of worship; and, on inquiry we find his conduct to be very irregular; such as keeping late hours, and spending a considerable sum of money extravagantly; which is disorderly conduct we can have no unity with; and for a warning to others, we are concerned to deny the said Joseph Neal to be of our society: yet that he may be favored with a right sight and sense of the evil of his ways, and witness true repentance, and be enabled to make full restitution to his injured creditors is our sincere desire for him. Signed in and on behalf of our men’s meeting held in Dublin this 13th 4th month 1779 by James Gough, clerk to the meeting.”<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> John Neill Junr. & William Neill, 1775, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-5-12%2F0102&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F122051>

<sup>31</sup> John Neill Junr. & William Neill, 1775, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, Lurgan, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-1-3%2F0134&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F110719>, retrieved April 4, 2019,

<sup>32</sup> Joseph Neal, retrieved May 25, 2021, “U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935”, Ancestry.com.

<sup>33</sup> Joseph Neal, 1779, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record/browse?id=ire%2fqquaker%2fmm11f-2%2f0103>



A Certificate of removal on behalf of W<sup>m</sup> Neill by order of the Preparative Meeting held at Moyallon was brought here likewise one for Jas: Neill Jun<sup>r</sup> by order of the same meeting was brought here read approved and both signed - Jas: Christy Jun<sup>r</sup> is desired to record them in the proper Book & Joseph Richardson is desired to forward them to Friends in Philadelphia -

Image 8. William Neill and his brother John attempted to migrate to Philadelphia in 1775, but their plans were interrupted by the outbreak of revolution



Image 9. Lynastown Quaker burial ground in Monraverty, co. Armagh, used for members of the Lurgan and Moyallon Meetings. Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Neill of co. Armagh, 2022

#### *Fourth Generation*

#### SAMUEL NEILL (1739-1820)

Samuel Neill was born 16 March 1739 in Moyallon, co. Down, was a birthright Quaker as his parents attended the Lurgan Meeting in co. Armagh. He was the son of John Neill and Sarah Morton of Moyallon. Samuel had four brothers: James who emigrated to America, John who married a Quaker and lived in Moyallon, William who moved to Dublin and was disowned by the Quakers, and Joseph who died in America in 1785.<sup>34</sup> His grandparents were James and Jane Neill, and Samuel and Sarah Morton, all Quakers.<sup>35</sup> The founders of the family were James's parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Neill, Quakers, with known residences in Enniskillen, co. Fermanagh about 1660 and Gloucester, England in 1694.<sup>36</sup>

Samuel attended the Quakers' Ulster Quarterly Meeting at Ballinderry, co. Tyrone in 1756 at age 17 years.<sup>37</sup> He attended the Antrim Meeting on 26 February 1758 at age 19 years.<sup>38</sup> It was unknown if this meeting referred to Lisburn in co. Antrim or Antrim town. On 9 March 1766 and age 26 years, his intention to marry Deborah Nicholson was raised at the Lurgan Meeting in co. Armagh to confirm he and his proposed wife were in good standing in Quaker society and both of 'sound mind' in their decision.

At a preparative meeting held in Lurgan the 9th of 3rd month 1766 - Saml. Neill of Moyallon meeting having acquainted this meeting of their being an intention of marriage between him and Deborah Nicholson of Lisburn meeting and desiring our concurrence and leave to proceed and friends having no objection thereto James and John Christy are desired to signify the same to Lisburn preparative meeting and that he is in unity with us.<sup>39</sup>

Ten days later on 19 March at the Lurgan Meeting, regarding his intentions to marry, "James Christy and John Christy to enquire on the clearness of mind of Samuel Neill."<sup>40</sup> (Samuel's grandmother was Christy and these men were all likely second cousins, or other near kindred.) That same day, "In Preparative meeting, a letter received from John Hill and William Neville on behalf of the Lisburn meeting regarding

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<sup>34</sup> John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>; Saml Neill, 1740, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-2/0015&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/BIR/008620>

<sup>35</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Marriages", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>

<sup>36</sup> John Neill, "Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births" image, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>

<sup>37</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/139341>

<sup>38</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/000467>

<sup>39</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-1-3/0075&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/109860>

<sup>40</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-1-3/0076&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/109864>



wedding of Samuel Neill to Deborah Nicholson.”<sup>41</sup> The next day, 20 March, at the Lisburn Meeting the women assigned Isabella Hill and Ruth Richardson to enquire on the clearness of mind of Deborah Nicholson in her intentions to marry to ‘Samuel Nail’.<sup>42</sup>

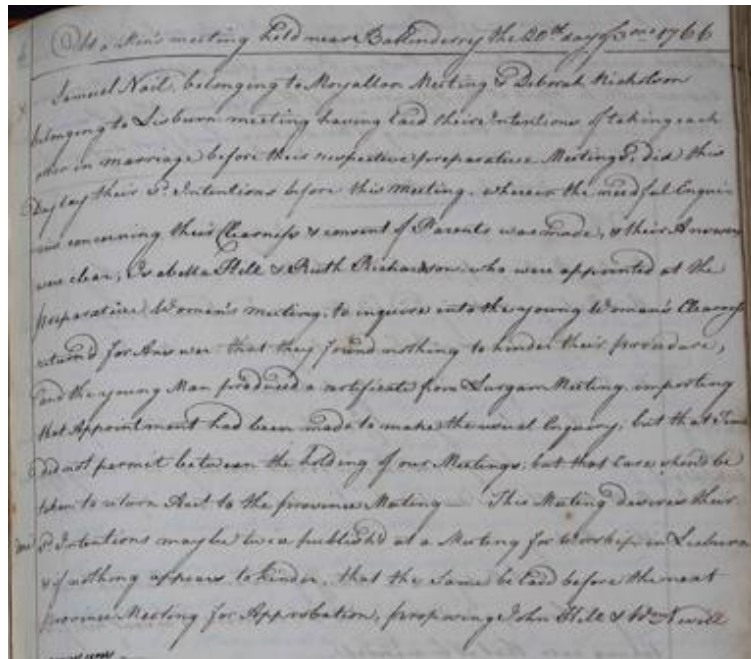


Image 10. Quakers required spouses to be from their society and had a rigorous vetting process for approving matches

Samuel and Deborah Neill married on 10 April 1766 in Hillsborough, co. Down, nearby the town of Lisburn that spans the counties Down and Antrim border. This town was several miles from Ballinderry, which spans the co. Derry and Tyrone border. The wording of their marriage vows was recorded in Quaker meeting records.

Whereas Samuel Neill Son of John Neill of Moyallon in the County of Down and Deborah Nicholson Daughter of Wm Nicholson of Lisburn and County of Antrim, Having declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage before several meetings of the People called Quakers at Hillsborough and near Ballonderry, according to the good order used amongst them, where Proceedings therein after a deliberate consideration thereof with regard unto the righteous Law of God and example of his People recorded in the scriptures of Faith (in that Case) were consented unto by the said meetings they appearing clear of all others, and having consent of Parents and Relations concerned, and their said Intentions having been twice published in their respective meeting to which they belong and nothing appearing to obstruct. Now there are to certify all whom

<sup>41</sup> Samuel Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-1-3/0076&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/109865>

<sup>42</sup> Deborah Nicholson, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-B-M-1-2/0103&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/042548>

it may concern that for the full accomplishing of their said Intentions this 10th day of the 4th mo. April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six they the said Samuel Neill and Deborah Nicholson appeared in a publick Assembly of the aforesaid People met together to worship God in their Publick meeting Place at Hilsborough aforesaid and in a solemn manner he the said Samuel Neill taking the said Deborah Nicholson by the hand did opening declare as followeth *ye are witnesses I take Deborah Nicholson to be my wife promising through Divine assistance to be unto her a faithful and loving husband until Death separate us.* And then and there in the said assembly the said Deborah Nicholson did in like manner declare as followeth. *Ye are witnesses I take Samuel Neill to be my Husband promising through divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful wife until Death separate us.* And the said Saml. Neill and Deborah as a further Confirmation thereof did then and there to these Presents set their Hands as Husband and Wife. Saml. Neill, Deborah Neill.

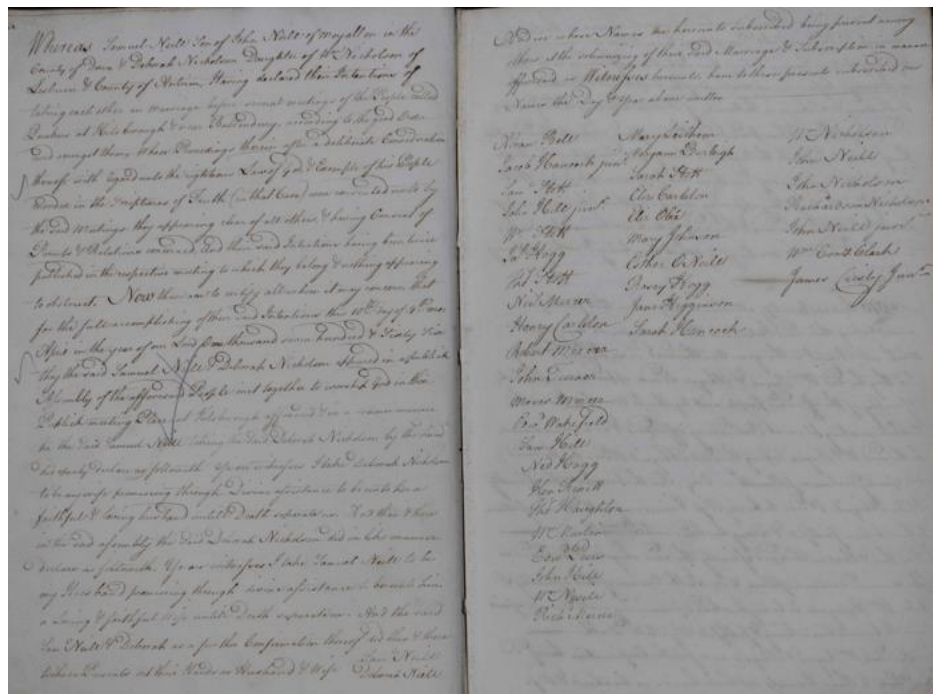


Image 11. Original Quaker record of marriage of Samuel and Deborah Neill, including their wedding vows and all witnesses

Attendees of the meeting included John Neill (i.e., his father) and John Neill Junior (i.e., his brother): “Jacob Hancock junr, Saml Stott, John Hill junr, Mrs Stott, Jas Hogg, Thos Stott, Nics Mercer, Henry Carleton, Robert Mercer, John Turner, Moses Mercer, Edwd Wakefield, Sam Hill, Ned Hogg, Hen Renett, Thos Haughton, Wm Martin, Edwd Peers, John Hill, Wm Nevill, Richd Mercer, Mary Leithem, Mary Ann Burleigh, Sarah Stott, Eliz Carleton, Eliz Obre, Mary Johnson, Esther O'Neill, Rosey Hogg, Jane Higginson,

Sarah Hancock, Wm Nicholson, John Neill, John Nicholson, Richardson Nicholson, John Neill junr, Wm Con.?. Clark, James Cristy junr”<sup>43</sup>

Samuel and Deborah belonged to the Lisburn Meeting for the first year of their marriage, until 20 March 1767, when they were recorded in the ‘removals’ register. Thereafter, they went to the Lurgan Meeting in co. Armagh.<sup>44</sup> Quakers had no baptism, so there were no records of the births of their children. During these times, Quakers were persecuted in England, Ireland, and American colonies because of their unorthodox religious beliefs and refusal to pay tithes to the established church. Their property was confiscated, books burned, and many of them were imprisoned. Quakers made records of these tribulations and their society compensated individuals, as authorities took property from any individual Quaker on the behalf of all Quakers. At the Ulster Quarterly Meeting of 1768 it was stated in “County of Antrim, Parish of Lisburn, otherwise Blea[illegible letters] Samuel Neill had taken from him for tythe by the aforesaid 4 stacks of wheat 3 stacks of oats & 17 stacks of barley worth about 12-3.”<sup>45</sup>

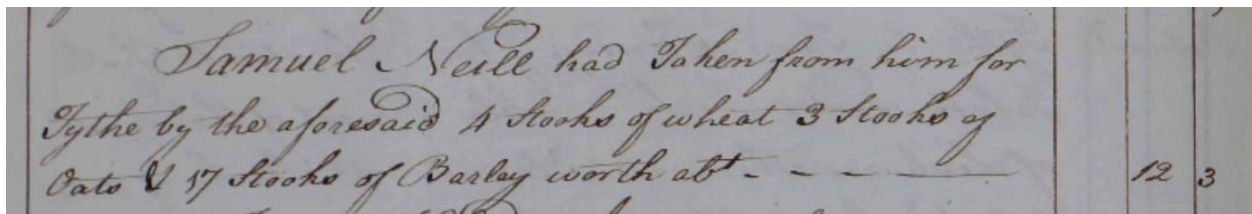


Image 12. Quakers refused to pay tithes to the established state church, so the government seized the property of random individuals, in this case Samuel Neill

Deby Neill was present at a Quaker Meeting at Grange, co. Tyrone in 1779.<sup>46</sup> In Lurgan Meeting records, Samuel Neill died 14 August 1820 at his residence in Knocknagor, Tullylish parish, co. Down, and was

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<sup>43</sup> Samuel Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Marriages” image and transcript, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/001679/G>, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/MAR/031190>. Note the use of the O Neill surname with Esther O Neill. Samuel’s grandfather John Neill married Esther Reford, and she would have been an elderly woman at this time. It is the only known Quaker record in Ireland which Neill and O’Neill are used together.

<sup>44</sup> Samuel Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/CONG/016994>

<sup>45</sup> Samuel Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/Q-5-7/0074&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/164951>

<sup>46</sup> Deby Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records”, accessed November 4, 2018, [https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/G-M-5-1/0051&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/026163&ga=2.209508626.101439573.1542817750-139654297.154205046](https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/G-M-5-1/0051&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/026163&ga=2.209508626.101439573.1542817750-139654297.154205046;); “Grange Meeting House is at 21 Dreemore Road, Grange, Dungannon, Co Tyrone. It is one mile off the Moy to Dungannon Road. (There is a signpost, identifying the Meeting, pointing east at the southern end of the straight stretch leading to Dungannon; to the south towards Moy the road is winding. Taking this turn, the main B-road bears left, and there is immediately a right turn signposted for Grange, which is easy to miss. After about a mile one comes to a cross-roads; turn left and the Meeting House is first house on the left),” <https://quakers-in-ireland.ie/quakermeetings/ulster/grange/>

buried 16 August 1820 at Moyallon.<sup>47</sup> She died 4 July 1825 at age 86 years and was buried on 6 July at Moyallon.<sup>48</sup> Quaker minutes recorded that “burial notes for Deborah Neil and Jane Thompson have been read”.<sup>49</sup>

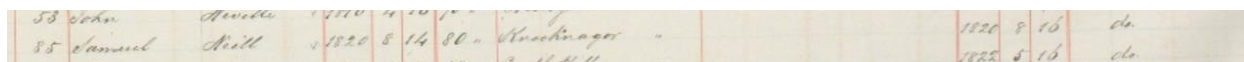


Image 13. Samuel Neill death record recorded by the Quakers. There was no state record at this time for deaths

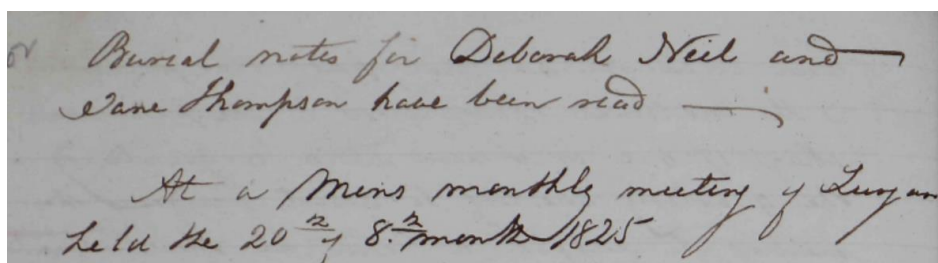


Image 14. Quaker burial notes for Deborah Neil (sic) from 1825

Quaker Record Books from Lurgan Meeting included an 1883 accounting of prior Quaker membership associated with multiple meetings that were transferring to a new or consolidated location, although the exact reason for the listing is uncertain. Deborah Neill was listed as resident of Knocknagor, co. Down and as an ‘Old Member’ of the Quakers who was the wife of Samuel Neill. She was listed simply as ‘dead’.<sup>50</sup>

Name	Description	Residence	How acquired	Membership	How disposed
Kathleen Isabella	Wife of John	Stranmillis	Old Member	Discontinued	
Neill Deborah	Wife of Samuel	Knocknagor	Old Member	Discontinued	Dead
Neeson Robert	Merchant	Down	Old Member	Discontinued	

Image 15. Quaker membership records notating Deborah Neill, deceased, wife of Samuel Neill

<sup>47</sup> Samuel Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/BUR/031192>

<sup>48</sup> Deborah Neale, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/BUR/030892>

<sup>49</sup> Deborah Neil, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-1-7/0034&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/BUR/005445>

<sup>50</sup> Deborah Neill, “Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/125734>

Children of Samuel Neill and Deborah Nicholson <sup>51</sup>:

- i. Joseph Neill, born about 1770 in Gilford, Tullylish parish, co. Down, and died there about 1840. He married Sarah Baxter. *See Branch 3, to Utah*
- ii. Elizabeth Neill, born about 1772.
- iii. Thomas Neill, born about 1775 and died about 1835. He was disowned by the Quakers at Lurgan in 1803 for having been married by a priest (could have been either Catholic or Church of Ireland.) It is unknown whether he remained in Tullylish, or left the area. <sup>52</sup>

“Whereas Thomas Neale had a birthright and was brought up in the religious profession with us the people called Quakers and at time frequented our meetings for worship, but not rightly attending to that inward principal which alone was sufficient to enable him to preserve in a watchful guard over all his actions, he [illegible] his affections to a woman not in religious profession with us to whom he acknowledges to be married by a Priest contrary to the good order of our Society, the will of his parents, and the advice of his friends - - We therefore think it right, thus publicly, to certify against such conduct and disown him to be any longer a member of our Society. Given forth from our monthly men’s meeting for Lurgan held at Grange the 17th of 12th month 1803. Signed on behalf thereof, Joseph Gough, clerk.” <sup>53</sup>

- iv. Samuel Neill, born about 1776 and died 26 November 1832 at Gilford, Drumaran townland, Tullylish parish, co. Down. <sup>54</sup> He married Anne Cherry. <sup>55</sup>
- v. William Neill, born about 1777.
- vi. Sarah Neill, married John Heaton 17 May 1795 at Moyallon, although as part of the Lurgan Meeting. Her father was “Samuel Neill of Ballymacanallon, County Down.” <sup>56</sup> John Heaton was tithed in 1827 when living in Moyallon, Tullylish parish. <sup>57</sup> His property in Moyallon was assessed sometime between 1824 and 1856. His assessment number was 4, the Quaker

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<sup>51</sup> Ruth Baird, Baird Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/159111598/person/402083772520/facts>, accessed March 22, 2021. (Sources: Shane Cornwall Family Tree, Ebert Family Tree). Note – the original source of the information cannot be determined, nor can the original family tree on Ancestry due to circular references. Although this information is unattributed it has been corroborated in instances herein.

<sup>52</sup> He might have been the Thomas Neill whose Roman Catholic funeral was held in Dromore parish, Tullylish on March 8, 1847. Thomas Neill, “Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915”, Ancestry.com, retrieved August 16, 2021.

<sup>53</sup> Thomas Neale, “Thomas Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-5-8%2F0044&parented=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F127679>”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/POUR1/BUR/030892> The image is of poor quality.

<sup>54</sup> Samuel Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROD-LURGAN-1859/0019&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BURS/40742>, accessed May 1, 2019.

<sup>55</sup> Anne Cherry, FamilySearch.org ID KH1X-TPM, retrieved March 31, 2021; William Neil, “Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842”, FamilySearch.org ID KGW5-LWD, retrieved March 31, 2021; “New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896”, Ancestry.com, retrieved March 31, 2021.

<sup>56</sup> Sarah Neill, “Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages”, accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>; John Heaton, accessed May 7, 2021, <https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FMARR%2F14756G>

<sup>57</sup> John Heaton, “Applotment of the Tithes of the Parish of Tullylish Under the Composition Act October 27th 1827”, Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) reference FIN/5/A/266A, Proni.gov.uk, retrieved April 4, 2021.

meeting house was assessment number 6, indicating it was nearby, and assessment number 14 was ten acres of land described as “good arable deep and lies well also quakers graveyard.”<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> John Heaton, “Ireland, Valuation Records, 1824-1856”, Ancestry.com, retrieved May 7, 2021.



### *Fifth Generation*

#### SAMUEL NEILL (1776-1832)

Samuel Neill was born about 1776 and died 26 November 1832 at Gilford in Drumaran or Drumarin townland in Tullylish parish, co. Down, age 56 years. He was buried 28 November at the nearby Quaker Moyallon Meeting burial ground.<sup>59</sup> He married Anne Cherry, who was a cousin several generations removed from common Cherry ancestry that was shared by Anne and Samuel through his grandmother Neill and great-grandmother Neill both of whom were Morton's.<sup>60</sup> Their home of Gilford is a village in Tullylish parish, co. Down, situated on the River Bann between the towns of Banbridge, Tandragee and Portadown. It comprises the townlands of Drumaran, Ballymacanallen and Loughans.<sup>61</sup> In 1827, Samuel Neill was tithed in Drumaran ('Drummarin'), Tullylish parish, as was his brother Joseph who lived nearby in the same townland.<sup>62</sup>

The Neill, Morton, and Cherry families were Quakers. It is unknown when Anne died, though likely around 1814 when her daughter Sarah Anne died and afterwards no further children were recorded. If so, the couple would have been married for roughly seven years when Samuel was widowed and her sons Samuel and William left without their mother. Anne's presumed death follows an unfortunate pattern in the family that began with the early death of Samuel's great-grandfather James Neill and continued with his great-grandson William John Neill whose mother died when he was age four years. Three generations of orphaned children in the 1700's and 1800's partly explains the lack of branches of the family.

Commercial interests reinforced the ties of common blood among Gilford Quakers. The 1824 directory shows Samuel Neill, merchant, of Gilford together with Thomas C. Wakefield of Moyallon-green and gentry John Nicholson of Stramore-house and Thomas Christie Wakefield, junior, of Moyallon.<sup>63</sup> These men are from Quaker society and all have a nexus with John Grubb Richardson, a leading Quaker financier and industrialist of his era.<sup>64</sup> Richardson's second wife was Jane Marion Wakefield of Moyallon, co. Down, the daughter of Thomas Christy Wakefield. Both Samuel Neill's and Richardson's

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<sup>59</sup> Samuel Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROD-LURGAN-1859/0019&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BURS/40742>, accessed May 1, 2019. Another source has his birth as 1774, which is possible if he was born late in that year and died in his "56<sup>th</sup> year" (with last birthdate age 55), see Samuel Neill, "U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900", Ancestry.com, retrieved June 29, 2021.

<sup>60</sup> Anne Cherry, FamilySearch.org ID KH1X-TPM, retrieved March 31, 2021; William Neil, "Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842", FamilySearch.org ID KGW5-LWD, retrieved March 31, 2021; "New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896", Ancestry.com, retrieved March 31, 2021.

<sup>61</sup> "Gilford, Northern Ireland", Wikipedia, accessed May 1, 2019; see also <http://www.rosdavies.com/PHOTOSwords/TullylishAll.htm>; <https://www.townlands.ie/down/iveagh-lower-upper-half/tullylish/drumaran/>

<sup>62</sup> Samuel Neill, "Applotment of the Tithes of the Parish of Tullylish Under the Composition Act October 27th 1827", Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) reference FIN/5/A/266A, Proni.gov.uk, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>63</sup> Samuel Neill, *Pigot & Co., City of Dublin and Hibernian Provincial Directory* (1824) Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/IET0005/410&parentid=IRE/IET0005/410/103>, retrieved 1 May 2021.

<sup>64</sup> John Grubb Richardson, *Dictionary of Irish Biography*, <https://www.dib.ie/biography/richardson-john-grubb-a7670>, retrieved 12 February 2024.

mothers were Nicholson's related to John Nicholson, and Richardson's son James Nicholson Richardson was the author of *Six Generations of Friends in Ireland (1686-1890)*.<sup>65</sup> Richardson's business was called "Richardson Brothers and Company", which lasted into the twentieth century and is listed in the will of Samuel's son Samuel Neill (died 1889) in the sixth generation, below, as an investment. Samuel Neill and most these other men (possibly excluding John Nicholson) were descended in one or multiple ways from Alexander Christy, who was one of the founders of the Moyallon Meeting, born 1642 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, died 29 April 1722, and buried at Friends Burial Ground, Lynastown in Lurgan, co. Armagh.

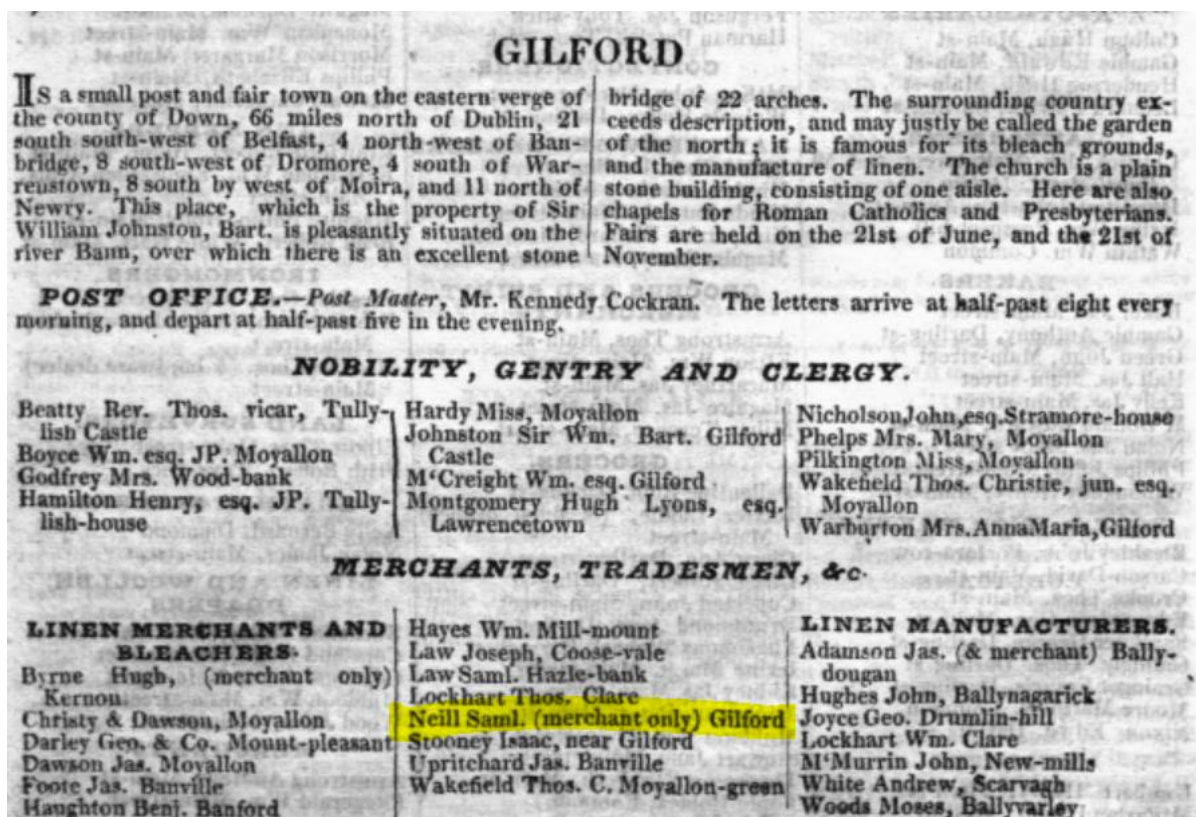


Image 16. Samuel Neill in the 1824 directory of Gilford along with Quaker families Wakefield and Nicholson, all of whom were tied the Quaker industrialist John Grubb Richardson

Samuel Neill's estate was probated in Prerogative Court for co. Down in 1834, and although his 1832 will was destroyed in the Dublin Four Courts fire of 1922 the surviving index listed Samuel Neill as "farmer" of Gilford, co. Down.<sup>66</sup> Samuel's son William Neill described himself in 1838 as both a farmer and clerk in a wholesale and spirit grocery store. Samuel was listed as a merchant in the 1824 directory and in the 1838 record described as having been a farmer. Likely the son William in this record of his immigration

<sup>65</sup> James Nicholson Richardson, 1895, *Six Generations of Friends in Ireland (1686-1890)*, see <https://www.amazon.ca/Six-Generations-Friends-Ireland-1655/dp/1104378000>, retrieved 12 February 2024.

<sup>66</sup> Samuel Neill, 1834, National Archives of Ireland, [http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/dw/IRE\\_DIOC\\_007246544\\_00164.pdf](http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/dw/IRE_DIOC_007246544_00164.pdf)

to Australia is mirroring his father's occupations and that Samuel had been the owner of the wholesale and spirit grocery store. Samuel's son Samuel Neill (died 1889, below) was both a mill manager in 1872 and later storekeeper in 1889, in addition to having an investment in John Grubb Richardson's business "Richardson Brothers and Company". These occupational and business ties are important evidence of Neill identity in the absence of other records that had been destroyed.

NAME (Hus.)	NEIL? or NIEL? William	and farmer
OCCUPATION	Clerk in wholesale and spirit grocery store	
REL	Free	AGE 28yrs 14 Sep 1838 RW
NATIVE PLACE	Tullylish Co Down	
FATHER	NEIL? of NIEL, Samuel farmer	
MOTHER	CHERRY Anne	
NAME (Wife)	NEIL? of N IEL? Mary Jane	
OCCUPATION	Lived with parents	38
REL	Free	AGE 23yrs 1 Jan 1838 RW
NATIVE PLACE	Banbridge Co Down Ireland	
FATHER	NORTON Joseph hotelkeeper there	
MOTHER	FRASER Rebecca	
CHILDREN	Samuel 3 yrs 16 Jan 1838 Fraser 1yr 8 months	
	died at sea 19 Jul 1838 Rebecca 5yrs 10 Feb 1838	
SHIP	Mandarin	DATE OF ARRIVAL 19 Oct 1838 VOL 8

Image 17. Record of William Neill immigration to Australia in 1838 that names his parents, Samuel Neill and Anne Cherry

Just as Samuel Neill and Anne Cherry were from Quaker families and distantly related, their sons Samuel and William married into families with historically Quaker roots – Norton and Percy. William Neill married Mary Jane Norton and Samuel Neill married Sarah Jane Percy. Elizabeth Percy was claimed by the Nicholson family as one of their early ancestors in the Ulster Plantation era, meaning that Samuel and Sarah Jane were distant cousins through common Percy ancestry. Percy was incorporated into the Neill family and used as a middle name in subsequent generations in Ireland and Australia.

Children of Samuel Neill and Anne Cherry:

- i. Samuel Neill, born about 1809 in Tullylish and married Sarah Jane Percy. He died aged 80 years on 22 October 1889 in Belfast, co. Antrim. He was a mill manager in Belfast and later a shopkeeper there.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>67</sup> Jon Patraic Neill, *Chronicle of the Neill Family, Volume 1*, 2020. Available at Lulu.com and Library of Congress general collection, ISBN: 978-1-7345937-0-9. Scope includes descendants of Samuel Neill (1810-1889) in Ireland and United States. Electronic excerpt of the book for Samuel Neill family (1809-1889) is available upon request to the author by emailing jonpneill62@gmail.com. Author's descent from Samuel (1809-1889): son John (~1840/5-1900), grandson William John (1875-1935), great-grandson Donald George (1908-1968), great-great-grandson John Peter (1936-2018), great-great-great-grandson Jon Patraic (1962-). All resided in United States; John immigrated in 1874, William John in 1880.

- ii. William Neill, born 14 September 1810 in Tullylish. He married Mary Jane Norton and emigrated to New South Wales, Australia in 1838.<sup>68</sup> *See Branch 4, to Australia*
- iii. Sarah Anne Neill, born about 1812 and died age 2 years on 23 August 1814 at Drumarin and was buried the next day 24 August at Moyallon.<sup>69</sup>



*Image 18. Moyallon Meeting House in Tullylish parish, co. Down. Photograph courtesy of Robert A. Neill of co. Armagh, 2022*

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<sup>68</sup> William Neil, "Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842", FamilySearch.org ID KGW5-LWD, retrieved March 31, 2021; "New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896", Ancestry.com, retrieved March 31, 2021.

<sup>69</sup> Sarah Anne Neill, <https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FPOUR1%2FBUR%2F031197>, accessed May 1, 2021. Samuel and Sarah Anne were the only two Neill's in the Quaker death index who died at Drumarin.



### *Sixth Generation*

#### SAMUEL NEILL (1809-1889)

Samuel Neill was born about 1809 in Tullylish parish, co. Down, and married Sarah Jane Percy. He died aged 80 years on 22 October 1889 in Belfast, co. Antrim. She was born about 1818, according to records compiled of Shankill Cemetery burials. The two older children of Samuel and Sarah Neill were likely born in Tullylish and moved with their parents to Belfast in or shortly before 1849 when their sister Jane was baptized there in the established church, the Church of Ireland. Quaker faith suffered setbacks in Ireland in early 1800's and by 1849 The Great Hunger had devastated rural life and society in co. Down, while Belfast was rapidly industrializing and growing in population. Samuel Neill was a mill manager in Belfast in 1872 at the time of his son John's wedding, and resided at 36 Hudson Road in Shankill. Samuel and Sarah Jane Neill later lived at 35 Bristol Street in Shankill when he was a storekeeper, as his father had been, and had accumulated some wealth.



*Image 19. Residence of Samuel and Sarah Jane Neill at 35 Bristol street in Belfast, four miles north of the city center, from Google*

Samuel died on 22 October 1889 at his home in Belfast, and was buried there at the Shankill Cemetery. His widow published his death notice in the *Belfast Newsletter*. "Neill, at 35 Bristol Street, after a lingering illness borne with Christian fortitude, Samuel Neill in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of his age. The remains of my beloved husband will be removed from his late residence for interment in Shankill burying ground tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intonation. Sarah Jane Neill."

Image 20. Will of Samuel Neill including "my son John Neill now in America" and his investment in "Richardson Brothers" indicating his close ties to the Richardson family and the Quaker community of Moyallon

In his will, Samuel Neill disposed of his possessions and his apparel was given to his son John, which suggested they were of similar height and body shape. His estate was valued in his will at £740 in 1889, indicating he was prosperous for his time and place. Sarah Jane Neill died on 13 June 1890 at her Bristol Street residence and Letters of Administration were granted on 4 July 1890 for her personal effects valued at £45. She was listed as a widow and her estate was administered in Belfast by her son, Thomas Neill, who was a linen salesman residing in Sandringham Villa, Sydenham, co. Down.<sup>70</sup>

<sup>70</sup> Griffith's Valuations tax assessment records of real estate ownership and leases from 1847–1864, retrieved from Irishorigins.com; 1901 census of Larne DED (District Electoral Division), National Archives of Ireland, retrieved from Website census.nationalarchives.ie; graveyard records of William Neill and family from County Antrim from the Ulster Historical Foundation, retrieved from Website Historyfromheadstones.com; Ordnance Survey. *Memoirs of Ireland. Parishes of County Antrim X. 1830-1, 1833-5, 1839-40*. Volume 26, edited by Angelique Day, Patrick McWilliams, and Noirin Dobson, Belfast, Ireland: The Institute of Irish Studies, The Queen's University of Belfast, 1994; Will of Samuel Neill, of 35 Bristol Street, Belfast, obtained from the Ulster Historical Society of Belfast in 1990 and from the Calendar of Wills online database in the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) Website PRONI.gov.uk, path/ dCAL\_ PRONI\_ Wills Calendar retrieved 2 July 2012; Abstract of the



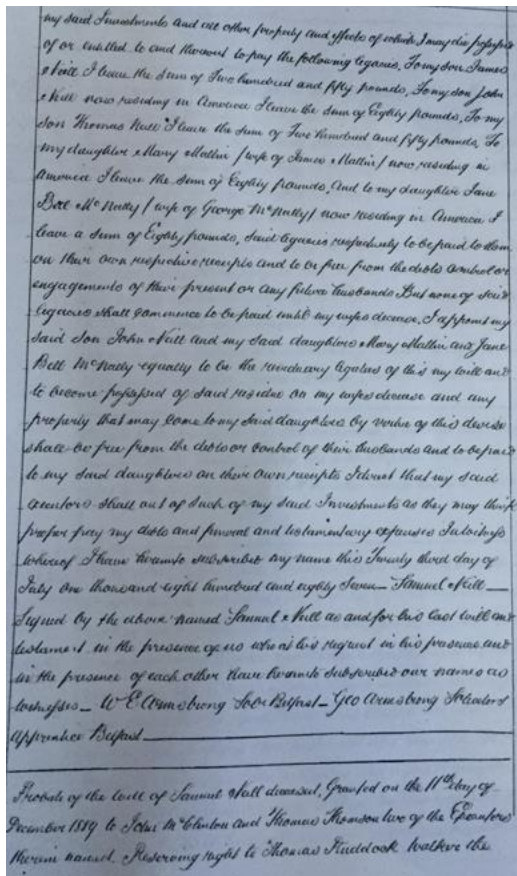


Image 21. Will of Samuel Neill, page 2, documenting his children for a generation in which few Irish records exist.

When Samuel Neill moved to Belfast in 1849, it ended an era that began by 1690 when the Neill family became an integral part of Quaker society in co. Armagh and co. Down. Connections to Quaker society defined Samuel and Sarah Jane even after they moved to Belfast. The mill that Samuel managed in 1872 might have been Quaker owned, as the Quakers dominated linen manufacturing in Ulster. It is known

Administration of Sarah Jane Neill from the Calendar of Wills online database in Website PRONI.gov.uk path dCAL\_PRONI\_Wills Calendar retrieved 2 July 2012; Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) including Belfast city directories, research by O. Cresswell, Ulster Families, 54 Rosscroole Park, Belfast BT14 8JX, in 1990; Belfast Newsletter, 23 October 1889, 'Neill', from Kathleen Neill of the Irish Heritage Association, 162A Kingsway, Dunmurry, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT17 9AD (1988); Shankill Cemetery, no record of Samuel or Sarah Neill burial from Shankill Cemetery Office and City of Belfast, Parks and Cemeteries Department, Central Office, P.O. Box 234, City Hall, Belfast BT1 5GS, April 1990 "many of the original records were destroyed"; death certificate of Samuel Neill from the death records of the Republic of Eire, 11 Lombard Street, Dublin, Ireland, and for an unsuccessful search of Sarah Jane Neill between 1889 and 1894; "Inflation: the Value of the Pound 1750-1998," House of Commons Research Library 99/ 20, dated 23 February 1999, and issued by Parliament of the United Kingdom; Ulster Covenant and Ulster Declaration, 1912, from the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) available at Website Nidirect.uk.gov; County Antrim, description of the dialect, from Website antrim.local.ie, path content/31034.html/ genealogy (page 3 of 8), retrieved 24 April 2004 (link broken by 30 April 2017); Baptism record of Jane Bell Neill, Website Ancestryireland.com database retrieved 15 May 2008; 1930 Federal Census of New York regarding Mallin and McNally; Shankill Burying Ground Belfast, from website cambraistreet.co.uk retrieved 28 November 2018; Edwin B. O'Neill and John D. McLaughlin, "Insights Into the O'Neills of Ireland from DNA Testing," Journal of Genetic Genealogy, 2006, Volume 10, pages 18-26; Laoise T. Moore, Brian McEvoy, Eleanor Cape, Katharine Simms, and Daniel G. Bradley, "A Y-Chromosome Signature of Hegemony in Gaelic Ireland," American Journal of Human Genetics, February 2006, Volume 78, Number 2, pages 334-338, Smurfit Institute of Genetics and School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College, Dublin. Published online 8 December 2005. doi: 10.1086/500055.

Samuel was later an investor in the leading industrial firm owned by Quaker John Grubb Richardson, “Richardson Brothers and Company, Ltd.” Samuel’s later occupation as a storekeeper was likely modeled after his father’s business in Gilford, co. Down, and such businesses were characteristic of Quakers. His son Thomas Neill was a linen salesman, indicating a Quaker owned firm, and Thomas married into the Quaker Dawson family, which is found in the 1824 directory of Gilford in partnership with Christy who was from the Quaker family from which Samuel descended.

Their children were named for Quaker forebears, recalling Thomas, James, and John Neill. The middle name Percy was Sarah Jane’s maiden name and associated with Quaker ancestry. Bell was a respected early Quaker family in Lurgan that shows in Jane Bell Neill, the name used for the eldest daughters of Samuel and John.<sup>71</sup>

Fading signals of the Quaker culture from which Samuel and Sarah Jane originated can be detected, beyond occupations, business dealings, and naming conventions. The Church of Ireland was the state’s established church and former Quakers were known to affiliate and began to baptize their children there, as a social and legal expectation. Two expected artifacts are missing, despite their wealth, that were considered immodest. There is no grave marker or headstone at the Shankill cemetery in which they were interred, consistent with Quaker social custom. Their son John who died in Brooklyn in 1900 also lacked such a marker, although John’s son James later erected one honoring multiple family members. Secondly, there is no known photograph of the couple despite this technology having been readily available to them.

Children of Samuel Neill and Sarah Jane Percy:<sup>72</sup>

- i. James Percy Neill, born about 1839 in co. Down, and lived in Belfast. He married twice. His first wife died, and he married secondly on 22 January 1870 to Elizabeth Dickson.<sup>73</sup>
- ii. John Neill, born between 1845 and 1848 in co. Down, and married in Belfast on 21 March 1872 to Martha Coulter. She died in 1880 in Brooklyn, New York and he married secondly about to Anna J. Toomey. He died on 17 August 1900 in Brooklyn.
- iii. Jane Bell Neill, born and baptized 29 June 1849 at St. Anne’s Church of Ireland in Belfast. She immigrated to New York about 1878 and married there about 1879 to George M. McNally. They resided in Saugerties, Ulster County, New York where she died after 1930.<sup>74</sup>
- iv. Thomas Neill, born about 1853 in Belfast, and married on 26 May 1874 to Annie Dawson at St. Anne’s Church of Ireland in Belfast. He died on 9 September 1910 in Belfast.
- v. Mary Neill, born in Belfast. She married James Mallin and by 1889 they had immigrated to New York.

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<sup>71</sup> Jane Bell, <https://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMensMinutesText1675to1729.htm>, accessed February 15, 2024. She married in 1707 to John Boyd at the Lurgan Meeting. The connection to later use of the name Jane Bell is unknown.

<sup>72</sup> Jon Patraic Neill, 2019, *Chronicle of the Neill Family, Volume I*, <https://www.lulu.com/shop/jon-patraic-neill/chronicle-of-the-neill-family-volume-one/hardcover/product-1wkz5nkk.html?page=1&pageSize=4>. Includes Samuel Neill descendants in Ireland and United States.

<sup>73</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) with his descendants: 8cM Valerie Williamson (WillVA53) through James’s daughter Elizabeth Geddes, 13cM Bonnie Hughes through James’s daughter Eveline Gageby, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

<sup>74</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) with her descendant, Dave McNally, 23andMe.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

### *Seventh Generation*

#### JOHN NEILL (1845-1900)

John Neill was born between 1845 and 1848 in co. Down. He first left Ireland during the early 1860s when he was a young mariner serving on a naval blockade runner during the American Civil War. The 1900 census indicated he was first in the United States in 1860, although he was not a naturalized citizen. He married first on 21 March 1872 to Martha Coulter at College Square North Presbyterian Church in Belfast. She was working as a winder at the Brookfield Garment Factory in Belfast when they married. She was born to James Coulter and Isabella French in the Shankill neighborhood of Belfast and was baptized on 10 November 1844 at St. Anne's Church of Ireland. Martha arrived separately from her husband in New York City in the early months of 1880 and died within weeks in April 1880 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York at age 35 years.

He married secondly to Anna J. Toomey in Brooklyn later in 1880. She was born in May 1860 and immigrated to New York in 1873 with her parents, Michael Toomey and Mary Ryan. They were a Roman Catholic family and Anna's husband John Neill later converted to the Catholic faith as a parishioner of Church of the Assumption in Brooklyn. After his time at sea as a mariner, he was a longshoreman working on the Brooklyn docks. He died 17 August 1900 at his home on McKenny Street in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York and was buried on 20 August at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn. Anna died there on 8 March 1918 in Brooklyn, New York and was buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery next to her husband.<sup>75</sup>

Children of John Neill and Martha Coulter:

- i. Jane Bell Neill, born 30 September 1874 in Belfast, and died 23 February 1929 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. She married 24 July 1897 in Brooklyn to Robert R. Freer.<sup>76</sup>
- ii. William John Neill, born 4 August 1875 in Belfast and baptized there on 17 August at St. Anne's Church of Ireland. He married on 6 May 1900 to Effie Lenora Chambers in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa. He died at age 59 years on 1 May 1935 in Cedar Rapids while serving as its Mayor.
- iii. Elizabeth Neill, born in 1878 and died about 1880.

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<sup>75</sup> Sources: Marriage certificate of John Neill and Martha Coulter from the records of the Registrar General at 11 Lombard Street, Dublin, Ireland, and from a letter to the author from the Presbyterian Historical Society, Belfast; John Neill death certificate from the city of New York; Anne Toomey Neill death certificate from the city of New York; Alexander Neill death certificate from the city of New York; letter to the author from Holy Cross Cemetery of Brooklyn, New York; 1880, 1900 (poor legibility, impairing indexing such as Null), 1910 Federal Censuses of New York; 1915 State Census of New York; correspondence from William C. Neill; correspondence from Ruby (Book) Neill Andrie; Will of Samuel Neill, of 35 Bristol Street, Belfast, from the Ulster Historical Society, Belfast; William Neill birth record, Martha Coulter birth record, [Ancestryireland.com/database](https://ancestryireland.com/database), retrieved 12 May 2008; Annie Neill to Robert Appleton, Agnes Neill to James Shinnors in "New York, New York Marriage Index 1866-1937," retrieved from Ancestry.com on 10 September 2016; Annie Appleton, Robert Appleton, Anna Neill, (unnamed female child) Neill in "New York, New York Death Index 1862-1948," retrieved from Ancestry.com on 10 September 2016; John Neill and Martha Coulter marriage announcement from the *Belfast Newsletter* of 22 March 1872, retrieved 28 November 2018 from website Ancestry.com.

<sup>76</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) of 32cM with her descendant, Jeannie Freer, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.



*Image 22. Photograph of John Neill taken at Belfast, Ireland around the time of his 1872 wedding to Martha Coulter*

Children of John Neill and Anna J. Toomey:

- iv. Michael Neill, born in 1881 and died in July 1892. He was buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn.
- v. John Thomas Neill, born 7 June 1883 and married 24 November 1909 to Annie Marie Lafferty. He died in New York, New York on 6 January 1944.
- vi. Samuel Joseph Neill, born in June 1885 and lived in Brooklyn and for a brief time in Florida, where he worked on the construction of the Florida East Coast Railroad on the Atlantic coast. He did not marry.
- vii. James John Neill, born 23 March 1888 and married 10 April 1910 to Edith E. Jahn. He died 22 June 1943 in New York City where he was a bartender. He was buried on 25 June 1943 in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn.<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>77</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) with his descendants: 93cM Robert Beraud, 36cM Christopher Moorzitz, 35cM Sam Moorzitz, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

- viii. Annie Neill, born in February 1890 and was residing with her mother in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York in 1910 as Annie Neill and in 1915 as Annie Appleton. She married Robert Appleton in Brooklyn on 10 September 1910. He was a driver for a candy company and resided on Hicks Street when they married. He was the son of Irish immigrants, born about 1885 in New York and died 28 May 1912 in Brooklyn at age 27 years. Annie had been married less than two years and was age 22 years when her husband died, and she remained a widow until her death on 11 October 1937 in Brooklyn. They did not have children.
- ix. Bridget Mary Neill, born in December 1893, called Mamie. She married in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on 29 November 1911 to Patrick J. Sullivan.
- x. Agnes R. Neill, born 19 July 1894 and married to James Francis Shinnors on 23 May 1915 in Kings County, New York. She died 24 January 1970 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn.
- xi. Alexander G. Neill, born in June 1897 and died 16 July 1897 from cholera. He was buried on 19 July 1897 at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.



*Image 23. Martha Coulter's 1872 wedding portrait. She died in 1880 along with daughter infant Elizabeth shortly after arrival to New York city*

### *Eighth Generation*

#### WILLIAM JOHN NEILL (1875-1935)

William John Neill was born 4 August 1875 in Belfast and was baptized there on 17 August 1875 in the Church of Ireland.<sup>78</sup> Together with his mother and sister Jane, he was aboard the S.S. Alsatia when it arrived on 15 November 1876 in Manhattan at Castle Garden, also called Fort Clinton, the immigrant arrival hub that preceded Ellis Island. They left the port of Moville, co. Donegal, in the Inishowen peninsula (now in the Republic), just north of Derry.<sup>79</sup> After her death in 1880 in Brooklyn, he lived in an orphanage and then was a homeless child. He later lived with his aunt Jane McNally in Saugerties, New York, before leaving for Iowa as a young man. At age 22 years he enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War and was stationed at Camp Cuba Libre in Jacksonville, Florida and Camp Columbia in Havana, Cuba. Upon his return from Cuba, he married to Effie Lenora Chambers on 6 May 1900 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa. She was born 17 January 1881 in Grundy Center, Grundy County, Iowa and died 14 July 1970 in Cedar Rapids. Her parents were Cyrus W. Chambers and Emma Jane Griffith.<sup>80</sup> They were buried at the Linwood Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. He was a cooper and later a salesman and Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the time of his death in 1935.<sup>81</sup>



*Image 24. William John Neill and wife Effie with sons Gerald and Donald, Cedar Rapids, Iowa circa 1912*

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<sup>78</sup> William Neill birth record, Ancestryireland.com/ database, retrieved May 12, 2008.

<sup>79</sup> Martha Neill, "New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island, 1820-1957," retrieved from Ancestry.com on August 14, 2021.

<sup>80</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) through Effie Chambers's brother Homer's grandson (167cM) khurley36, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

<sup>81</sup> Correspondence from Ruby (Book) Neill Andrie; death certificates from the State of Iowa for William Neill and Effie Neill; military records from the National Archives; William Neill birth record, Ancestryireland.com/ database, retrieved 12 May 2008; Bible owned by William Neill with inscription of Camp Columbia Cuba, received by the author from Donald C. Neill in 2021.



Children of William John Neill <sup>82</sup> and Effie Lenora Chambers:

- i. William Gerald Neill, born 28 July 1904 in Cedar Rapids and married there 3 September 1923 to Kathryn Houlihan. They divorced, and he married secondly to Lenora Claassen on 4 September 1943 in San Francisco, California while he was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. 'Jerry' died 31 May 1982 in Scotch Grove, Iowa and was buried in the Linwood Cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. <sup>83</sup>
- ii. Donald George Neill, born 27 August 1908 in Cedar Rapids and married there to Ruby Vivian Book on 29 November 1934. He died on 4 December 1968 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan and was buried in the Linwood Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.



*Image 25. William John Neill official portrait as Mayor of Cedar Rapids, 1934, wearing label pin of United Spanish American War Veterans*

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<sup>82</sup> DNA ethnicity estimates from Ancestry.com for results of Jon Patraic Neill, Jon Patraic Neill (Paternal), and Donald Neill (son of William Gerald Neill), accessed February 19, 2024. Results indicate William John Neill was about 4-12% Irish, which is consistent with ancestors from the Quaker community that had predominantly Scots and English ancestry. William's ethnicity mix represents Thomas Neill (1%) plus one great-grandparent who was partially or fully Irish (3-11%).

<sup>83</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) of 278 cM with his son, Donald Neill, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024. Donald Neill is FamilyTreeDNA.com kit #1004039.

### *Ninth Generation*

#### DONALD GEORGE NEILL (1908-1968)

Donald George Neill was born 27 August 1908 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa. In 1932, he was an electrical engineering graduate of Iowa State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He married on 29 November 1934 in Cedar Rapids to Ruby Vivian Book, the daughter of George William Book and Alma Elizabeth DueMong. The family lived in Iowa, Washington State, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan. He was a member of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. During World War Two, he was a plutonium engineer in Washington State, working on the Manhattan Project that produced the atomic bombs credited with ending the war in Japan. He died 4 December 1968 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Ruby Book was born 16 November 1907 in Smithland, Woodbury County, Iowa and died 14 December 2002 at age 95 years in Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida. She married secondly to Charles L. Andrie, and they resided in Nokomis, Sarasota County, Florida from 1975 to 1992.<sup>84</sup>



*Image 26. Donald G. Neill graduation. Taken in front of Sigma Chi fraternity house with fiancée Ruby*

#### Children of Donald George Neill and Ruby Vivian Book:

- i. John Peter Neill, born 17 September 1936 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa and married to Natalie Faith Board on 28 November 1957 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He married secondly to Beverly Lynn Daniel on 28 April 1979 in Loveland, Clermont County, Ohio. He died 4 July 2018 in Englewood, Sarasota County, Florida.
- ii. He or she was stillborn about 1940.

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<sup>84</sup> Sources: Ruby Neill Andrie correspondence from 1974 to 2002, including autobiography from 1986; William G. Neill correspondence; obituaries of Donald Neill from Cedar Rapids, Iowa newspapers; marriage certificate of Donald Neill and Ruby Book from Linn County, Iowa; newspaper clipping from undated and unnamed source about 1945 regarding atomic bomb facility; Leaflet on Donald G. Neill from Iowa State College, published 1932, from the family papers of Donald C. Neill given to the author in 2008; envelope of William Neill with hair of Donald Neill from 1910.

- iii. Colleen Martha Neill, born 19 September 1943 in Kankakee, Illinois and married Earl M. Hansen on 27 August 1966 in Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan. She died 21 September 2012 in Overland Park, Kansas.



*Image 27. Donald and Ruby with Colleen, circa 1950*



*Image 28. Donald Neill, Detroit, circa 1966*

### *Tenth Generation*

#### JOHN PETER NEILL (1936-2018)

John Peter Neill was born 17 September 1936 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa and died 4 July 2018 in Englewood, Sarasota County, Florida. Known as Peter Neill, he attended Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, and like his father, joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. He left the college after two years and joined the U.S. Army, training at Fort Leonard Wood in Pulaski County, Missouri. While on active service he was a Sergeant stationed in Chicago, Illinois where he was a clerk in the Fifth Army and held a secret clearance level during the period between the Korean and Vietnam Wars. While in Chicago he also worked part time at a McDonald's restaurant. He married on 28 November 1957 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio to Natalie Faith Board, daughter of Byron Jack Board and Louise Mae Jacobs. Peter and Natalie Neill divorced in 1977, and he married secondly in the Lutheran Church on 28 April 1979 in Loveland, Clermont County, Ohio to Beverly Lynn Daniel.<sup>85</sup> He owned a dry goods wholesaler business and was later a travel agent.

Children of John Peter Neill and Natalie Faith Board:

- i. Scott Byron Neill, born 12 November 1960 in Cincinnati. He married Regina Rae Mooney on 8 July 1989. Their children are Natalie Noble Neill and Stefanie Book Neill.
- ii. Jon Patraic Neill, born 6 July 1962 in Cincinnati. He married Elizabeth Ann Homan on 20 May 1988 in Madeira, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- iii. Jay Randolph Neill. He was born 22 April 1969 in Cincinnati. He married Jennifer Joan Meadows on 21 June 1997. Their twin sons are Jack Austin Neill and Jason Ryan Neill.



*Image 29. Peter Neill, U.S. Army, circa 1956*



*Image 30. Natalie Board, wedding day, 1957*

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<sup>85</sup> Author.

### *Eleventh Generation*

#### JON PATRAIC NEILL (1962-)

Jon Patraic Neill was born 6 July 1962 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He married on 20 May 1988 at St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Madeira, Hamilton County, Ohio to Elizabeth Ann Homan. She was born 18 October 1961 in Cincinnati, the daughter of Theodore Joseph Homan, Jr. and Ellen Louise Baab. She received a baccalaureate degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1985. He received a baccalaureate degree from the University of Florida in 1984, Master of Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University in 1996, and Doctor of Philosophy from Walden University in 2014. Member of the Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Florida. Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Brereton Jones in 1995 in Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky. They resided in 2024 in Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland.<sup>86</sup>



*Image 31. Jon Patraic Neill and sons at New York City, 2000. In the background are the Brooklyn docks where immigrant John Neill worked in 1900*

Children of Jon Patraic Neill and Elizabeth Ann Homan:

- i. Alexander Homan Neill, born 9 June 1990 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He married Rachel Vernee Bonds on 18 May 2014 in Long Creek, Oconee County, South Carolina.
- ii. Connor Homan Neill, born 24 March 1993 in Cincinnati. In 2014 at the University of South Florida, he became the fourth generation in Sigma Chi fraternity.<sup>87</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> Author.

<sup>87</sup> Connor Neill is FamilyTreeDNA.com kit #1004320.





*Image 32. Elizabeth Ann Homan, wedding day, 1988 in Cincinnati, Ohio*



*Image 33. Jon Patraic Neill and sons, grandson, on 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at Guinness brewery in Baltimore, Maryland, 2022*

## PART II:

### BRANCHES

#### *Branch 1, to Virginia*

#### JOHN NEILL (fl. 1700)

John Neill was born in Enniskillen, co. Fermanagh, probably in the 1660s, the eldest son and child of Thomas and Elizabeth Neill.<sup>88</sup> There were numerous records of John Neill from the decade of the 1690s to indicate his places of residence and worship in co. Armagh, beginning with Ballyhagan in Kilmore parish. John Neill was a witness to the wedding of “William Richardson of Egralougher in Loughgall Parish, Armagh & Mary Calvert of Turcarra in Loughgall Parish” on 4 June 1690 at the Ballyhagan meeting in Kilmore parish, co. Armagh. Among the witnesses was James Morton, whose family John’s brother James would later marry into.<sup>89</sup> This record indicates John was an adult, born 1669 or before. On 8 December 1692 he witnessed the wedding of John Porter of Lurgan, Shankill parish and Mary Boys of Drumilly, Loughgall parish at the Ballyhagan meeting in co. Armagh.<sup>90</sup>

#### *Connection with Ezekiel Bullock family*

The next year, in 1693, John Neill was residing in Shankill parish, co. Armagh, when he was required to pay a cess for the Church of Ireland in Lurgan. Everyone had to pay a cess (into the ‘cess pool’) for the church, even if Quaker. John Neill was listed sequentially next to Ezekiel Bullock, who was followed by George Bullock. The article that contained this information properly identified the Bullocks as Quaker, but missed the affiliation for Morton and Neill. In terms of property, John Neill paid 3 pence, placing him

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<sup>88</sup> John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>

<sup>89</sup> John N(eill?), J.L. Fisher, 2012, “Some Records of the Ballyhagan Quakers of Northern Ireland Marriage Certificates Prior to 1700, Men’s Preparative and Monthly Meeting Minutes 1705 – 1717,” pages 7-8, Retrieved from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/BallyhaganQuakerMinutes/BallyhaganMinutes.pdf>, May 16, 2021. Author indicated some damage to the original record. See James Neill marriage record.

<sup>90</sup> John Neill, J.L. Fisher, 2012, “Some Records of the Ballyhagan Quakers of Northern Ireland Marriage Certificates Prior to 1700, Men’s Preparative and Monthly Meeting Minutes 1705 – 1717,” pages 11-12, Retrieved from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/BallyhaganQuakerMinutes/BallyhaganMinutes.pdf>, May 16, 2021. Author’s note: In 1988, when I lived in Cincinnati in southern Ohio, I managed a small bank office and there was a customer who would only deal with me as the manager and she was the local treasurer of the ‘Society of Friends’, which I knew was a religion but did not know it as Quaker, or what Quaker was, whose name was Ruby Porter. She was from northern Ohio, which meant nothing to me, roughly equivalent to a connection between Cork and Belfast, and she asked me if I had people in northern Ohio. I knew of no connection, only to learn in 2019 from the autosomal DNA results that this was the very Quaker community where the Neill family belonged in Ohio - John Neill, son of John the brother of Samuel (1739-1820). Possibly she was related to these same Lurgan Porters, as many Lurgan families migrated to northern Ohio. About 2000, I was asked by another colleague if I was from northern Ohio because of I looked so much like her family there. About 2005, William Christopher Neill (a great-grandson of John Neill of Belfast and Brooklyn, through son James John and grandson William Calvin) said his son David William Neill was attending Miami University in Ohio when another student asked him if he was from the Neill family of Quakers in northern Ohio. I responded to William via email there was no known relationship, but that the Ohio Neill’s could have been Quaker and descended from an earlier era of immigrants from the family, long before our branch arrived in 1874 (which it turns out was the case). I did not know of a Quaker connection, and initially assumed this religious affiliation did not involve my direct ancestors.

in the lowest 25% of assessable wealth, and paying the same amount as Shane O'Neill who was identified as one of the few Catholics in Lurgan.<sup>91</sup> Sequential enumeration in tax lists indicates physical proximity of residences, inferring John Neill was a near neighbor to Ezekiel Bullock, and Ezekiel to his father George.

The personal relationship between Ezekiel Bullock and John Neill is also subtly inferred from records of the building of the Lurgan Meeting House in 1696, based on financial commitments in 1695. They contributed the same amount of 1 pound, 8 shilling, and were the only ones to contribute this particular amount, indicating either coincidence or collaboration. "In the year 1695 it pleased God to open ye hearts of ye Friends of this meeting to build a meeting house fit for a Province meeting or other large meeting - Ye ... one formerly ... use of being too little and going to decay so Friends upon several conferring on affairs so as the said house was built upon a tenement called Maddens tenement on ye south end of town of Lurgan upon a copy hold lease from Esq. Brownlowe in the name of Robert Hooke being for this meetings use and likewise two small dwelling houses in ye front of ye said tenement. The cost of which with ye meeting house by subscription as hereafter mentioned, but what wanted to complete ye said work was paid out of ye collection stock, which was but little."<sup>92</sup>

Ezekiel Bullock was a clockmaker whose work was appreciated down the centuries. He was identified in John Neill's social network as the result of researching all the names of people who attended the same weddings in Lurgan's Quaker records.<sup>93</sup> The location of Ezekiel's residence and burial site are given in a Craigavon Historical Society article, indicating that if John Neill was indeed a near neighbor to Ezekiel, that he lived in Tullygally townland on the Portadown Road about one mile out from Lurgan. Based on a recollection of the author's grandmother of watchmakers in the family, John and his brother James might have been apprentices of Ezekiel Bullock, as clockmakers.<sup>94</sup>

According to the Craigavon Historical Society, "Ezekiel Bullock was a Quaker, one of the five sons of George Bullock, who presumably came from England to reside in 'Tabligally' (Tullygally) in the Parish of Shankill, County Armagh. Tullygally was about a mile out of Lurgan on the Portadown Road, where I

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<sup>91</sup> Francis X. McCorry, "Lurgan 1693", *Journal of Craigavon Historical Society*, Vol. 6 No. 1, Retrieved from <http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/rev/mccorrylurgan1693.html>, May 16, 2021. John "Neis, or Neir", was enumerated #29, Ezekiel Bullock #30, and George Bullock #31. There was no surname Neis or Neir, and is interpreted as a mistranslation of Neil or Neill; see also, <https://www.lurganancestry.com/hearthtaxp5.htm>. George Bullock was in the 1664 Armagh tax roll in 'Tolligally'.

<sup>92</sup> George R. Chapman, "Quaker Meeting Places in the Lurgan Area in the 17th Century", *Journal of Craigavon Historical Society*, Vol. 2 No. 1, Retrieved from <http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/rev/chapmanquakermeeting.html>, May 16, 2021. Article refers to John 'Neile'. There were also multiple contributors named Porter.

<sup>93</sup> J. L. Fisher, 2012, "Some Records of the Lurgan Quakers of Northern Ireland: Marriage Certificates 1698 – 1726", record of Joseph McNeece and Margaret Christy, 1703, retrieved from <http://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMarriageCertificates/LurganMarriageBooks.pdf>, page 28, April 24, 2019.

<sup>94</sup> Author's note - my grandmother Ruby Neill, wife of Donald Neill, recalled the Neill family in Ireland was 'Quaker, I think' also recalled one of them might have been a 'watchmaker'. (Ruby Neill about 1980 was recalling a conversation with her father-in-law William Neill from about 1934 shortly before he died, and additionally her husband Donald Neill had a first cousin on his Neill side (Robert Freer, son of Jane Neill) who had married into a Quaker family, thereby creating some confusion as to who was a Quaker. Then, in researching watchmakers in Belfast name Neill, I came upon Sharman D. Neill who was in business around the time my family left Belfast in 1880, and I could not determine a connection. In any event, the reference was to a near relative, which Sharman was not.) John and, or James might have been an apprentice to Ezekiel Bullock the clockmaker. In other family connections, Ezekiel's son-in-law was Michael Cherry and James Neill's wife Jane Morton was the daughter of Margaret Cherry. James's great-grandson Samuel Neill married Anne Cherry.

lived myself for thirty years. When I bought this clock in 1968 in Tobermore, County Tyrone I was, literally, bringing it home. He [Ezekiel Bullock] was born on the 26th October, 1650 (Lisburn Society of Friends Register). By trade, Ezekiel was a master Millwright, an excellent specimen of his handiwork being still preserved. He married Ruth, daughter of Laurence Allison of Crawford, Belfast on the 12th August, 1684, and was resident in Lurgan during 1689 (Armagh Health Tax Rolls). In his will, dated 8th December 1714 (Dromore Diocesan Court), probate of which is not recorded, Ezekiel orders 'his body to be interred in the burial ground of the people called Quakers adjoining their meeting house in the town of Lurgan'. He bequeathed to his daughter, Hannah, wife of Michael Cherry, the house she then dwelt in and to his son Isaac, 'my shoppe and all my tools including the large vices'." <sup>95</sup>

### *Marriage to Esther Reford*

John Neill married Esther Reford, daughter of Lewis, on 3 April 1694. <sup>96</sup> The Reford (Rafford, Refort, Radford) family were Quakers from Antrim town, co. Antrim. <sup>97</sup> Their intention to marry had been announced in the Lurgan meeting of 7 March 1694. "1693/4, 7<sup>th</sup> day 1<sup>st</sup> month At our particular Men's Meeting held at Lurgan the 7<sup>th</sup> day 1<sup>st</sup> month John Neill this day presenting himself hath laid his intention of marriage with Ester Rafford before this meeting and nothing appearing to obstruct his said intention it's the consent of this meeting that he also by said intention before the men and womens meetings near Ballymoney, and that William Porter give him a certificate to friends there of his declaring his so intention to this meeting." <sup>98</sup>

After marrying in 1694, John and Esther resided in Lurgan, Shankill parish, then part of Clanbrassil territory and now in the barony of Oneilland East, co. Armagh. Their first child was born in Lurgan in 1695, and by the time their second child was born in 1697 they were residing about five miles to the south in Clare, co. Down. <sup>99</sup> John Neill was an active Quaker and regular participant in the men's preparative meetings. In 1696, he was among the 19 members passing judgment against John Christy, son of Alexander, that disowned Christy for fornication. <sup>100</sup> He hosted at his house the wedding of Margret Christy of Moyallon Meeting to Joseph McNeece of Charlemont Meeting on 17 February 1703, and attended other Quaker weddings. <sup>101</sup> John Neill might have been a minister in the Society of Friends,

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<sup>95</sup> Charles Gardiner, "Ezekiel Bullock, a Lurgan Clockmaker", *Journal of Craigavon Historical Society*, Vol. 5 No. 2, Retrieved from <http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/rev/gardinerezekiel.html>, May 16, 2021.

<sup>96</sup> John Neill, 1694, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>

<sup>97</sup> "Refort papers", Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) reference T3029, Proni.gov.uk, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>98</sup> John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-1-1/0031&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/001995/G>; see use of dates by Quakers, <http://files.lib.byu.edu/family-history-library/research-outlines/NonGeographic/Quaker.pdf>. March was the 1st month.

<sup>99</sup> John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>.

<sup>100</sup> John Neal, 1696, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0017&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/126807>.

<sup>101</sup> Joseph McNeece and Margaret Christy, 1703, Abell Porter and Elizabeth Harwood, 1704, John Lockert and Mary Mathews, 1704, William Rea and Elizabeth Rea, 1705, *Some Records of the Lurgan Quakers of Northern Ireland: Marriage Certificates 1698 – 1726*, J. L. Fisher, 2012, retrieved from April 4, 2019, <http://www.cephasfisher.net/LurganMarriageCertificates/LurganMarriageBooks.pdf>, pages 28, 37, 40, 41.

based on his active role and recollection of the author's grandmother.<sup>102</sup> During these times, Quakers were persecuted and refused to pay tithes to the established church. Their property was confiscated, books burned, and many of them were imprisoned. Quakers made records of these tribulations and their society compensated individuals, as authorities took property from any individual Quaker on the behalf of all Quakers. "Anno 1699. County of Down. John Neill had taken from him for tithe by the said Demster and for of Dean Lashly and Archdeacon Jenny twenty nine and a half stooks [stocks] of oats twenty nine stooks [stocks] of wheat all worth six pounds."<sup>103</sup>

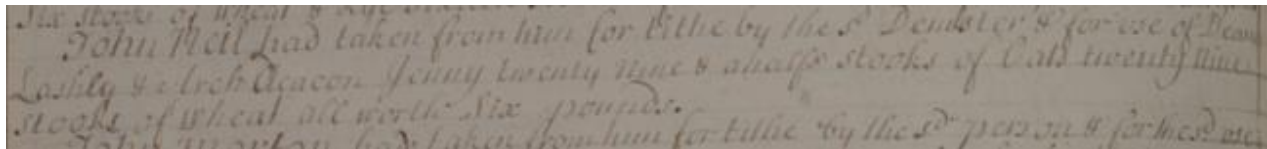


Image 34. Property of John Neill seized by the government to pay for tithes owned by the Quaker community

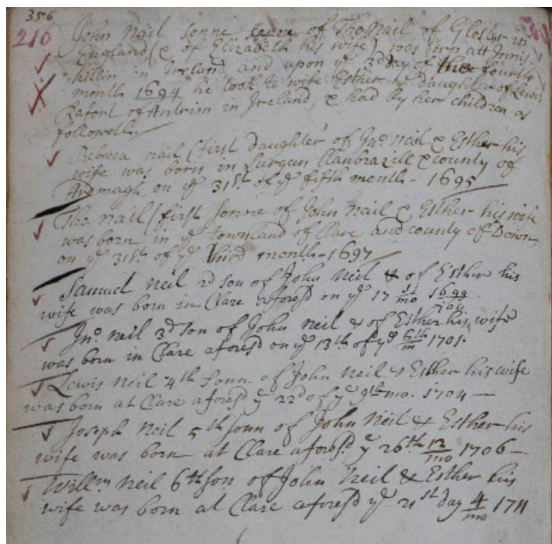


Image 35. Quaker family record for John Neill and Esther Reford

<sup>102</sup> "John Neill might have been a minister in the Society of Friends." Author's note – "A 'Minister' in the Society of Friends is a person recorded as having a Gift in the Ministry of the Gospel and he or she does not receive remuneration", according to "The History of Ballyhagan and Richhill Meetings 1654 – 1793 – 2004, Chapter 1, Beginnings 1654", <https://www.sinton-family-trees.uk/ballyhagan/chapter-1.php>. Quaker ministers do not use 'Reverend', as it is an honorific title and therefore not allowed in their social custom. My grandmother, Ruby Neill, told me about 1978 that one of the Neill ancestors in Ireland had been a minister. I was under the mistaken belief that he must have been Presbyterian and wrote about 1979 to the Presbyterian Historical Society, Fisherwick Place, Belfast, for identification. They had no such record. It was not until 2018 when through autosomal DNA results that I made the connection to Quaker ancestry and reinterpreted her recollection as perhaps being a Quaker minister. It is important that she did not use the term 'priest' indicating Church of Ireland, nor use the term Reverend. John Neill was clearly the most involved of the family in Quaker affairs, though Irish Quaker records were not found to refer to its ministers, and it cannot be proven through the documents that were examined.

<sup>103</sup> John Neil, 1699, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FYMG-2%2F0087&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FCONG%2F1202007>



#### Children of John Neill and Esther Reford <sup>104</sup>

- i. Rebecca Neill, born 31 May 1695 in Lurgan, co. Armagh. She wrote a letter to her cousin Reford on 16 November 1738 regarding a livestock transaction. <sup>105</sup>
- ii. Thomas Neill, born 31 March 1697, died 19 August 1711 in Clare, co. Down.
- iii. Samuel Neill, born 17 January 1700, died 6 March 1700 in Clare, co. Down.
- iv. John Neill, <sup>106</sup> born 13 June 1701 in Clare, co. Down. He emigrated with brothers Lewis and William to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania about 1730, and was in Virginia about 1733 with his wife Anne and brother Lewis. <sup>107</sup> He died at Frederick County, Virginia in 1750. <sup>108</sup> *See John Neill (1701-1750)*
- v. Lewis Neill, <sup>109</sup> born 22 September 1704 in Clare, co. Down. He emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1730 and was in Virginia about 1733. He married about 1737 to Lydia Hollingsworth at Frederick County, Virginia. He died in 1776 at Frederick County and was buried at the Hopewell Burial Ground. <sup>110</sup> The Hopewell Quaker meetinghouse is located on Hopewell Road (formerly State Route 672) one mile west of Clearbrook in Frederick County, Virginia and the graveyard is just east of the meetinghouse and enclosed by a limestone wall. <sup>111</sup> *See Lewis Neill, 1704-1776*
- vi. Joseph Neill, born 26 December 1706, died 14 July 1708 in Clare, co. Down.
- vii. William Neill, born 21 April 1711 in Clare, co. Down. It is unknown whether he remained in Ireland or migrated to America. He is not the William Neill of North Carolina who died 1769, which has been widely published in error. *See section "William Neill, of North Carolina, died 1769."*

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<sup>104</sup> John Neil or Nail, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>; see also Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1/0121&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002602/G>; Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROD-LURGAN-1859/0019&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BURS/40742>

<sup>105</sup> Rebecca Neill, "Rebecca Neill, (Cheur), to (?) Reford, Co. Antrim; PRONI T3028/; CMSIED 9601134", retrieved August 15, 2021, from Irish Emigration Database, <https://www.dippam.ac.uk/ied/records/46938>. The original document contained in the Reford Papers in the collection of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI, ID T3028).

<sup>106</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) through John daughters Margaret Helm (7cM) with Beverly Daugherty, and Nancy Phelps (10cM) with Gerry Rogers, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

<sup>107</sup> J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, "Lewis Neill", retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I10316&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, pages 176-182, 190; see also FamilySearch™ Pedigree Resource File, Compact Disc #97, Pin #666570, Submission #288516-1109103195405.

<sup>108</sup> Cecil O'Dell, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, 1995, pages 230-232, map on page 231. Courtesy of J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, May 18, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](https://www.frostandgilchrist.com).

<sup>109</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) of 9cM with Lewis Neill descendant through daughter Elizabeth Helm, username Gregchalus, Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.

<sup>110</sup> J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, "Lewis Neill", retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I10316&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, pages 176-182, 190; see also FamilySearch™ Pedigree Resource File, Compact Disc #97, Pin #666570, Submission #288516-1109103195405.

<sup>111</sup> "Hopewell Meeting", retrieved May 25, 2021, from <https://quaker.org/legacy/hopecentre/history/hopewellmeeting.html>.

*Branch 1, continued*

JOHN NEILL (1701-1750)

In 1730, brothers John and Lewis Neill left Lurgan, co. Armagh and took passage to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They first settled near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, according to their family tradition, before moving on to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia.<sup>112</sup>

*Migration to Shenandoah Valley in Virginia*

“John Neill (b. 1710 c.) and his brother Lewis Neill (b. 1715 c.) were in Orange County, Virginia by 4 November 1735 when James Wood surveyed a 640-acre tract of land for them. This tract, part of Jost Hite’s was located on the Great Pond Branch of Opequon Creek. John and Lewis divided this land, Lewis receiving the north section and John and his children the southern part, by Fairfax grants. The tract is on the east side of Opequon Creek with Virginia Highway 7 running through the center. Dry Marsh Run crosses the north end and Clarke County Highway 635 cuts across the center of the land, from north to south. (Tract 85, Map 7). On 2 October 1738, John and Lewis purchased 150 acres situated on both sides of Opequon Creek (Clarke and Frederick County, Virginia) from Rees Smith. The land was approximately one-half mile south of a new road (Virginia Highway 761) that connect with Jost Hite’s road (Summit Point). (Tract 25, Map 7.)”<sup>113</sup>

The migration to Virginia that John and Lewis Neill joined was organized by two Quakers from the Friends Meeting in Chester County, Pennsylvania who were originally from Ulster. “By the mid-1730s, Ross and Bryan had settled approximately seventy families on the land allotted them. The majority of families originated in Chester County, but also represented were settlers from Maryland, Delaware, southern New Jersey, and points further north. The largest concentration settled primarily along Opequon Creek in what would become Frederick County, Virginia and Berkeley County, West Virginia, north of present-day Winchester. Despite the fact that the venture did not achieve the one hundred families originally required, permanent patents were issued for the lands in November 1735.”<sup>114</sup>

According to *Pioneers of Old Frederick County*, “John Neill was deceased by 15 November 1750 when his will (dated 2 October 1750) was proved in Frederick County Court. Lewis (brother or son) and Isaac Hollingsworth were named executors. His wife Anne is mentioned, though she may have been his second wife. He will the plantation where he lived to his son Lewis. This land was the south part of Tract 85 on Opequon Creek. Lewis had the inherited tract surveyed on 24 April 1751 and received a Fairfax grant for the 400 acres (with a still house) on 15 November 1757. John willed 400 acres (including the

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<sup>112</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Lewis Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=10316&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, pages 176-182, 190; see also FamilySearch™ Pedigree Resource File, Compact Disc #97, Pin #666570, Submission #288516-1109103195405.

<sup>113</sup> Cecil O’Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, pages 230-232, map on page 231. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](https://www.frostandgilchrist.com).

<sup>114</sup> A. Nicholas Powers, “Friends in High Places: Quaker Furniture Makers in Virginia’s Northern Shenandoah Valley”, retrieved February 14, 2024, from <https://www.mesdajournal.org/2018/friends-in-high-places-quaker-furniture-makers-in-virginias-northern-shenandoah-valley/>

mill) to his son William. On 28 November 1749, William had the inherited 400 acres surveyed and received a Fairfax grant for it on 6 October 1750. This land was located on both sides of Opequon Creek and on Abraham's Run on the west. (Adjacent south of tract 85.) To his unborn child John willed his half of the 150-acre Rees Smith place (Tract 25) and 200 acres on Cacapon River. On 4 June 1756, when John (the unborn child mentioned above) was five or six years old he purchased 100 acres of a 1 November 1752 380-acre Fairfax grant from William Dillon on Back Creek. John willed 210 acres of land (surveyed for Jost Hite on 11 October 1734 by Robert Brooke; see Robert Brooke, Book of Surveys, Virginia Historical society, Richmond, Virginia) to his son-in-law Thomas Helms, husband of his daughter Margaret Neill. (Tract 34, Map 7). Helms had the tract surveyed again by John Baylis who recorded it as 320 acres of 25 April 1751 (see Joyner, Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys, Frederick County, Virginia, Vol. II, pages 72, 112, 113); he received a Fairfax grant for it on 5 December 1751 (see Gray, Northern Neck Grants, H-63). John willed two lots in a town called Frederick Town (Winchester, Virginia) to his daughter Sarah Neill. He mentioned his son-in-law Meredith Helms who owned 405 acres on the Opequon, adjacent south of John's 400-acre Mill land (see Gray, Northern Neck Grants, H-90)."<sup>115</sup> "John Neill (b. 1710 c.) and his brother Lewis controlled or owned outright approximately 5,800 acres of land in present-day Clarke County, Virginia. Their land began at Clarke County, Virginia Highway 761 on the north and ran four miles south along the Opequon Creek to about one mile south of Virginia Highway 7. From Opequon Creek, it extended east about two miles to Clarke county, Virginia Highway 660, 674, 656 and 659. Only John Neill's (b. 1751) tracts of 300 acres and 311 acres are east of these roads."<sup>116</sup>

#### Children of John Neill and Anne:

- i. Lewis Neill, died by 13 December 1773. "Lewis Neill (son of John, d. 1750) was deceased by 13 December 1773 when his brother John Neill (b. 1751) sold the 400 acres of willed land for which Lewis had received a Fairfax grant on 15 November 1757. Their brother William was also deceased by this date. The 400 acres was sold to Lewis Neill for 700 pounds (Frederick County, Virginia Deed Book 16, page 509)."<sup>117</sup>
- ii. William Neill, died by 13 December 1773.
- iii. Sarah Neill.
- v. Elizabeth Neill, married Meredith Helm.<sup>118</sup>
- vi. Margaret Neill, married Thomas Helm.
- vi. John Neill, Jr., born 1751, after the death of his father in 1750. "On 26 April 1752, John Neill Jr. (unborn at father's death) had 300 acres of Wilkinson Marsh on Jost Hite's Road surveyed and received a Fairfax grant for it on 8 May 1760 (see Gray, Northern Neck Grants, K-125). On 31 July 1773, John Neill Jr. leased this 300 acres to David Millar for a period of 21 years;

<sup>115</sup> Cecil O'Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, pages 230-232, map on page 231. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](http://frostandgilchrist.com).

<sup>116</sup> Cecil O'Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, pages 230-232, map on page 231. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](http://frostandgilchrist.com).

<sup>117</sup> Cecil O'Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, pages 230-232, map on page 231. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](http://frostandgilchrist.com).

<sup>118</sup> J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, "Elizabeth Neill", retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I10479&tree=frostinaz01>. Frost notes, "Meredith Helm is shown here as the husband of Elizabeth Neill, not her sister, Margaret Neill, based upon a study of Bible records. See 'Outline of the Family Line of Leonard Helm of Frederick Co., VA, With a Focus on the Descendants of Leonard's son, Meredith', <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~helmsnc/leonardhelmssubset.html>"

the terms stipulated 10 pounds to be paid annually on the first day of August (Frederick County, Virginia Deed Book 16, page 514). William Neil received two Fairfax grants (16 September 1756, 16 October 1756) for one 400-acre tract of land three miles below Lewis Neill. This land is located on Opequon Creek about one mile north of Tract 25 with Clarke County, Virginia Highway 761 crossing on the north. He also owed 232 acres on Great Cacapon River, Hampshire County, Virginia (West Virginia) in 1766 (see Gray, Northern Neck Grants, H-678, H-706, N-244).”<sup>119</sup>

*Branch 1, continued*

LEWIS NEILL (1704-1776)

The history of Lewis Neill was published by a female line descendant, William Jolliffe, in 1893. Jolliffe’s richly narrated account is highly trustworthy for the timeframe of about 1735 to 1893, but unfortunately, he established or repeated factual errors about earlier times that are refuted elsewhere in my text. First, the direct male line of Thomas Neill was not of the Clandeboye O’Neill bloodline, although his ancestors were from their territory and likely identified culturally as Clandeboye. Secondly, William Neale of the Quaker’s Lurgan Meeting who came to Ireland from Leicestershire, England in 1654 was not the father of Thomas Neill and William was not an O’Neill. It was coincidental that among the Quakers in Ireland there were both Neale of English origins and Neill of native Irish O’Neill origins.<sup>120</sup> Thirdly, the William Neill in Virginia to which Jolliffe refers was the son of John, not the third brother William who was born in 1711. Consequently, he could not have been the William Neill who died in North Carolina in 1769. Finally, the premise that, “These brothers left home because they were unwilling to bear arms in what they considered an unrighteous cause,” does not pertain to the history of the 1730’s and appears to be a nod to the later Revolution of the 1770’s. In the context of ‘unrighteous cause’, Lewis remained under the authority of the British crown and benefited greatly from its land policies. Quakers were ahead of their time in compensating native Americans directly for the Virginia land they had already legally purchased under the Crown, yet he enslaved individuals taken from Africa. Jolliffe’s treatment of these politics speaks more to his era after the Civil War than to Lewis’s era of frontier expansion.

Jolliffe wrote, “The Society of Friends in North Ireland grew and flourished amid all kinds of persecutions, which were continued with more or less severity until the middle of the eighteenth century. In the year 1730, Lewis Neill and his two brothers, John and William [inclusion of William here is incorrect], took passage from Lurgan, Ireland, and landed in Pennsylvania, and family tradition says

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<sup>119</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>120</sup> Jon Patraic Neill, April 2, 2019, “Research of the Neale Family in Ireland, 1654-1700”, Tampa, Florida; March 23, 2019, “Research of the Neel Family in England, 1300-1654”, Tampa, Florida. Available from the author, jonpneill62@gmail.com. See also William O’Neill reference in C. Richard King, 2002, *James Clinton Neill: The Shadow Commander of the Alamo*, Fort Worth, Texas: Eakin Press. Other sources go further in connecting William O’Neill into the lineage of the Earls of Tyrone, which is not supported by evidence or tradition and has been disproven by DNA. For example, see: FamilySearch.org ID G4P6-RJH, retrieved May 23, 2021, <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/landscape/G4P6-RJH>; see DNA evidence by Jon Patraic Neill, May 1, 2021, “Autosomal and Y DNA Testing Results of Jon Patraic Neill”.

settled near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Finding the lands thereabouts mostly taken up, and few opportunities offering for getting on in the world, John and Lewis were early attracted to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, which was then being opened up by Scotch-Irish and Friends under the patronage of Alexander Ross.”<sup>121</sup>

Jolliffe continued, “About the year 1733 they left Pennsylvania in company with a number of Friends, and permanently took up their residence in the Valley of Virginia. We have no record of William over having moved from Pennsylvania, nor do we know where his descendants reside. John first settled on the banks of the Opecquon Creek, at what is known as the Spout Spring, now in Clarke County, Virginia. His brother Lewis fixed his home on the banks of the same stream about a mile and a half farther down, at a point now familiarly known as the Burnt Factory. The lands in the Valley being all prairies and covered with grass, the early immigrants sought the banks of the streams on which to build their homes, because of the proximity of wood and water, taking up the rich prairie lands as farms. Lewis at first made his home in a small cave on the banks of this stream until such time as he was able to rear and complete the large, old-fashioned, hipped-roof house, still standing (at that day considered the finest in the county), in which he resided until his death. These brothers, though members of the Society of Friends in Ireland, did not bring their certificates with them, and were not actually members of the Society afterwards, though they always leaned towards that body in religious belief. Lewis soon began to acquire property by grants from the Crown, and from Lord Fairfax, and by purchase. He built a large gristmill near his house, one of the first in the county, and opened his house as an ordinary, as did most of the gentlemen of that day, the population being sparse and scattered. He was largely engaged in business of a mercantile character, trading in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, and is said to have occasionally dabbled in slaves. He soon became one of the acknowledged leaders among the early settlers.”<sup>122</sup>

“Lewis Neill was commissioned sheriff of Frederick County by Lewis Burrell, president of the Council of Virginia, April 19, 1751. He was the fifth person to hold this office. His bondsmen were Meredith Helm, Samuel Earle, Thomas Swearingen, Leonard Helm, William Cocks, Robert Calvert, Peter Wolf, John Jones, John Madden, John Shearer, John Thurman, John McCormick, all of Frederick County, and William Russell, of Culpeper County. They were bound in the sum of one thousand pounds sterling. The commission was renewed September 13, 1751, and he was always afterwards styled Lewis Neill, gentleman. During his life he was called by his neighbors Captain Neill, no doubt because of this commission. He seems to have patronized the courts very largely and gave the lawyers plenty to do, his name appearing in many judgments through a long series of years. He married, about the year 1737,

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<sup>121</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Lewis Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=10316&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, pages 176-182, 190; see also FamilySearch™ Pedigree Resource File, Compact Disc #97, Pin #666570, Submission #288516-1109103195405.

<sup>122</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Lewis Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=10316&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, pages 176-182, 190.



Lydia, daughter of Abraham Hollingsworth, who was the grandson of Valentine Hollingsworth, who came over before Penn in the *Welcome*, in 1682.”<sup>123</sup>

“Lewis Neill became a wealthy man, owning large estates, mills, and other property. He was very industrious in business, upright and fair in all transactions. He was very firm and courageous in his convictions of right and justice, and when a member of the Justices’ Court of the county often vigorously opposed Lord Fairfax, who was disposed to carry matters with a high hand, and to whom many of the justices tamely submitted because of his rank and position as Lord Proprietor. At his death, which occurred the latter part of the year 1775, he left his large family well provided for. His grandson, our cousin Joseph Neill, estimated his possessions at not less than forty-nine thousand acres of land [see footnote], and he was worth probably two or three hundred thousand dollars in the currency of that time. In later life it seems he must have attended Friends’ Meetings quite regularly, but I can find no account of his ever having joined them. He worked with his own hands as a mason upon the walls (as did also Abraham Hollingsworth) of the large stone meeting house at Hopewell, and contributed largely towards its erection. His remains were interred in the Hopewell Graveyard beside those of his wife.”<sup>124</sup> Lastly, “Lewis Neill directed, after the legacies and his just debts were paid, that the remainder of his estate should be sold and equally divided between his five sons, and ‘desired that his children may not sell or dispose of his negroes out of the family.’ He appointed his five sons executors of his last will and testament. This Will was drawn August 10, 1775, and probated March 5, 1776.”<sup>125</sup>

Cecil O’Dell in his book about the pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia, stated: “Lewis Neill (b. 1715 c.) owned approximately 4,000 acres of land in this area [Clarke County]. Around 1737, he married Lydia Hollingsworth (b. 1718 c.), the daughter of Abraham (b. 1686) and Ann Hollingsworth. Lewis was appointed a justice of the First Court of Frederick County and a Captain of the Militia. Lewis and Lydia’s daughter married Henry Rees in 1762. Lydia was not listed as a witness to the marriage and may have died by that time. Lewis also owned 1,914 acres in Frederick County and Jefferson County, [later called] West Virginia. He and his brother John disposed of only one piece of property in their lifetime, which occurred on 7 September 1756 when Lewis and his wife Lydia sold lots in Winchester to Jacob Sowers for 49 pounds. Lewis was deceased by 5 March 1776 when his will (dated 10 August 1775) was proved in Frederick County Court. Lewis’s daughter Ann Rees was willed 520 acres of Fairfax grant land rented at the time to Jose and Edward White. She acquired possession of the 520 acres on 2 February 1768. At Ann’s death, the land was to be conveyed to Lydia and Lewis Rees, son and daughter of Henry and Ann Rees. He willed 10 pounds each to grandchildren Lydia, Gideon, Lewis and Margaret Rees. This land is located near the head of and on Dry Marsh Run with Virginia Highway running through the middle of the property and Clarke County, Virginia Highway 660 near the east line.”<sup>126</sup>

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<sup>123</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>124</sup> *Ibid.* The claim of 49,000 acres of land being owned by Lewis Neill is not supported by land records, which indicate about 6,000 acres (see Cecil O’Dell source). See, by comparison, that George Washington owned about 50,000 acres of land and was considered one of the wealthiest men in America. <https://www.businessinsider.com/george-washington-richest-president-us-history-2017-1>. At 6,000 acres, Lewis Neill was a large landholder even by Virginia standards.

<sup>125</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>126</sup> Cecil O’Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, pages 230-233, map on page 231. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](http://frostandgilchrist.com). My notes in brackets.

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We the Subscribers do promise & oblige ourselves & our Heirs Executors & Administrators to pay unto Mordecai Ellis, Abel Walker, Edward Beeson, Lewis Neill, Robert Thaine, M<sup>r</sup> Key, or one of them in Pennsylvania Currency the several Sums of Money by us respectively subscribed to be applied in such manner as the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia with the Consent of the said Members of this Meeting may hereafter direct for the Benefit of the Indians who were formerly the native Owners of the Lands on which we now live, or their descendants if to be found, and if not for the Service & Benefit of other Indians, whenever the same may be done in such Manner as to avoid giving Occasion of Offence to those in Power at the time of such Appropriation agreeable to the Minutes of the Conclusion ~~of the~~ ~~Minutes~~ of the monthly Meeting of Friends at Hopewell this sixth day of the first month 1778

Image 36. Lewis Neill of the Hopewell Meeting in Virginia, son of Lewis and Lydia, was among the Quaker signatories in 1778 who compensated the native owners for the Virginia land they held.

#### Children of Lewis Neill and Lydia Hollingsworth:

- i. Ann Neill, born 28 January 1738 in Orange (later Frederick) County, Virginia. She “married, first, Henry Rees, son of Thomas and Margaret Rees, of Frederick County, August 26, 1762, by whom she had children: Lydia, born October 10, 1764; Gideon, born November 30, 1766; Lewis, born November 16, 1768; and Margaret, born February 14, 1771. She married, secondly, John Lupton June 13, 1776, and by him left two children, Elizabeth and Jonah. Her father left her by will a large farm during her natural life, but to revert to her two children, Lydia and Lewis Rees, at her death. Also household furniture and one hundred pounds current money. She joined the Society of Friends by request.” No record of her death.<sup>127</sup>
- ii. William Neill, born 7 March 1740 in Orange (later Frederick) County, Virginia and was not mentioned in the Will of his father in 1775, and possibly predeceased him.<sup>128</sup>
- iii. John Neill, born 20 October 1744 in Frederick County, Virginia. He “married Anne Hollingsworth, who was born June 12, 1751, and was the daughter of Isaac Hollingsworth and Rachel Parkins, his wife. They had nine children, namely, Rachel, who married a Carter; Ruth, who married a Miller; Lydia, who died young; Phoebe, who married a Chandler, and afterwards Wharton; Mary, who married a Taylor; Isaac, who died single; Lewis, who married a Parkins; Thomas, who married Mary McPherson (daughter of John and Hannah, of Berkeley County, in 1804); and Abraham, who died single. His father left him a large tract of

<sup>127</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Ann Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=10315&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 184.

<sup>128</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “William Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=1360&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 184. Frost notes, “the author confuses this William Neill with a person with a confusingly similar name, William O’Neill, who married Mary Frost.”

- land situated in what is now Clarke County, a negro man named Forrester, a house and lot in Winchester, and a sum of money to be paid out of his movable estate. Some of these lands are held by his descendants to this day. John Neill was not a Friend, though his wife was.”<sup>129</sup> John’s father, Lewis Neill, “willed 616 acres to his son John Neill, ‘where John now lives,’ and had been the home plantation for Lewis. He received this tract from Lord Fairfax on 13 October 1756.” “This land is located on Opequon Creek with Dry Marsh Run on the north. Virginia Highway 7 traverses the center with Clarke County, Virginia Highway 635 crossing the middle, north to south.”<sup>130</sup>
- iv. Lewis Neill, Jr., born 12 Jul 1747 in Frederick County, Virginia and died 16 November 1841, age 94 years. He “married Rachel Janney, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Baker) Janney, of Loudoun County, Virginia, May 5, 1774, and by her had two sons, Abel and Joseph, both of whom died young, and five daughters, namely, Lydia, who married John Williams (son of William and Elizabeth, of Loudoun County), May 10, 1804; Sarah, who married William Hunt Brown (son of Isaac and Sarah), December 17, 1801, and died September 9, 1875; Rebecca, who married William Jolliffe (son of Captain John Jolliffe and Mary Dragoo), September 12, 1799; Ann, who married Mahlon Schofield (son of John and Rachel, of Prince George County, Maryland), March 5, 1807; and Mary Neill, who died a single woman when quite old. By his father’s will he was given a large tract of land in Frederick County, with a flourmill, which place was known as Swarthmore.” “Lewis also received the large farm on which his father resided in Clarke County and a sum of money out of his movable estate. Lewis seems to have been a favorite child with his father. He joined the Society of Friends, February 4, 1771, just prior to his marriage, and was ever afterwards known as a strict member. He was an educated businessman, attending to his farms and mills, and acting as executor for his father’s estate, his sister’s and his brother’s, and other relations. He was a surveyor in good practice.” William Jolliffe wrote in 1893, “I have in my possession the old surveyor’s compass used by Lewis Neill, an instrument beautifully made and in perfect working order. It was made by Goldsmith Chandlee, of Winchester, and contains both his name and that of L. Neill on its face. It is to be transmitted to the eldest male in the family studying or practicing engineering. Lewis Neill enlarged the old house at Swarthmore by building a large stone addition about the year 1800. The old mill was abandoned because of difficulty with the water during his lifetime. The little log house once occupied by the miller still stands, and was the residence of Uncle John and Mammie Eliza Allen, colored. While residing at his old home, at Opecquon Creek, he entertained the Fishers and other exiled Friends during the Revolutionary War. This was when he was a young man. In the ninety-fifth year of his age he thus described those times to William Evans, who was on a religious visit to Virginia, in 1841. ‘He told us that three of the Friends who were banished from Philadelphia in the Revolution were billeted at his house. The trials of that day, he remarked, none could have a conception of except those who witnessed them.’ Kercheval, who wrote the first *History of the Shenandoah Valley*, spent much time at his house

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<sup>129</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “John Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I360&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 184-185.

<sup>130</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “John Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I360&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Cecil O’Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, page 233. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, frostandgilchrist.com.

gathering information for his work. I have in my possession an interesting inventory of clothing, books, etc., left by Dr. Drewett Smith, one of these Friends at his house. This is written out in a remarkably neat, round hand, and signed Lewis Neill. His wife died March 27, 1812, and was buried at Hopewell Graveyard, and he afterwards made his home with his daughter Rebecca and her family. My sister has in her possession a large silver tablespoon, marked *B. E.*, which belonged to a Hessian officer named Barney Eccles. He gave it to Rachel Neill as a token of his gratitude for some kindness he had received from her during the Revolutionary War. What the service was has been lost in the lapse of time, but the spoon has been handed down in the family as a cherished relic of this great-grandmother. Lewis was a tall, handsome man, very erect in his carriage even in old age, and his intellect was remarkably clear. He possessed a host of friends. His death occurred November 16, 1841, when he was in his ninety-fifth year. His remains were interred at Hopewell, beside those of his wife.”<sup>131</sup> He was documented in land records, including property received from his father. “Lewis willed 76 acres (‘where Lewis Sr. lives’) to his son Lewis Neill, including the mill and house. This tract is located on Opequon Creek adjacent west of the northwest corner of the 640-acre survey land. Lewis Sr. received this land on 15 October 1756 from Lord Fairfax. Clarke County, Virginia Highway 645 and 664 run south to north through the tract. Lewis Junior was willed 200 acres of the northwest corner of the 640-acre survey land. His father, Lewis, had received a Fairfax grant for this land on 1 August 1750. The 200 acres is adjacent south of Dry Marsh Run with Clarke County, Virginia Highway 635 on the east while 645 crosses the southwest corner. Lewis Senior purchased 126 acres from Mary Alford on 4 April 1758 for 45 pounds, part of Thomas Helms grant land. He bequeathed this 126 acres, plus another 100 acres from the grant land to his son Lewis Jr. Clarke County, Virginia Highway 645 crosses this property. Lewis Junior was willed 250 acres of the 300-acre 25 September 1750 Fairfax grant land located adjacent west of the Thomas Helm grant land. Lewis Junior also received the still and all utensils belonging to the still. He was willed two tracts of land with a total of 283 acres, part of John Littler’s 1,084-acre patent land. The 283 acres incorporated 200 acres which Lewis Senior bought from Richard Jones on 6 March 1748 for 45 pounds, and the 83 acres he purchased from John Jones on 2 May 1757 for 20 pounds.”<sup>132</sup>

- v. Thomas Neill, born 22 September 1750 in Frederick County, Virginia, and “married Abigail Dunn, June 28, 1787. They were married by Christian Streit, a Methodist minister. They left no children. His mind was weak, and he relied upon his brother Lewis to care for him. By his father’s will he was left a fine estate in Frederick County, a negro man named Harry, his son Samuel and his daughter Catherine with her two children, and a complete outfit of household and farming utensils. After his death, his brother-in-law Lupton made his will, leaving all his property to the Lupton family. This will Lewis and the other heirs contested for

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<sup>131</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Lewis Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=1358&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 184-188. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, frostandgilchrist.com.

<sup>132</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Lewis Neill, Jr.”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=1358&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Cecil O’Dell, 1995, *Pioneers of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Publishing Company, page 235. Received from Michael Frost, May 18, 2021, frostandgilchrist.com.



- a long time, but it was finally decided against them. By this means the Luptons acquired many of the fine estates on Apple-pie Ridge held by them.”<sup>133</sup>
- vi. Abraham Neill, born 26 September 1753 in Frederick County, Virginia. He “married Rachel Woodroo and left five children, namely, Lewis, who married Cortina Baker and left nine children (their estates were situated near Duffield’s Depot, Berkeley County, West Virginia); Thomas, who died unmarried; Lydia, who died when a child; William and Joseph, who both died unmarried. Joseph inherited the larger part of his father’s estate, and died when quite an elderly man during the late war. He was always known to us as Cousin Jo Neill. He left fine estates at Newtown and in Winchester. Abraham Neill was perhaps the most polished of all the sons, was of a firm character and very determined when his mind was once made up. He added largely to his inherited estates, which were mostly south of Winchester. He was not a Friend. His father left him the large tract of land he bought of his brother John, and a tract of land in Berkeley County, purchased of Thomas Hart, a house and lot in the town of Winchester, purchased of Isaac Parkins, and other lands, a negro woman named Hannah and her child, and a complete outfit of farming implements.”<sup>134</sup>
  - vii. Rebecca Neill, born 26 September 1753 in Frederick County, Virginia.
  - viii. Joseph Neill, born 22 November 1757 in Frederick County, Virginia. He “married, April 7, 1790, Rebecca McPherson, daughter of Daniel McPherson, and by her had three children, namely, Lydia, who died single in the town of Winchester when eighty-four years of age; Lewis, married September 20, 1815, to Anne Stribbling (who died December 24, 1847, aged fifty-two, and was buried at Berryville, Clarke County. They left children); and Mary, married Thomas Huck, and had Richard, Lewis, and Mary Huck. Richard Huck married Mary Stabler, and has a family of children. (His daughter Charlotte married George J. Jolliffe, son of Joseph N. and Sarah Jolliffe, of Swarthmore). Lewis married a lady from Mobile, Alabama, Eliza Clitherell Jones. He is a prominent lawyer residing in Winchester. Mary died unmarried at her brother’s house in Winchester. Joseph Neill joined the Society of Friends by request. His children never joined. His wife was a Friend. By his father’s will he was left a fine tract of land south of Winchester, and also a tract of land adjoining his brother Lewis, near Swarthmore, a sum of money out of his movable estate, a negro man named Daniel, with his wife and two children, and a complete outfit of farming and household utensils.”<sup>135</sup> Joseph’s son Lewis was the father of First Lieut. Lewis Neill, a graduate of West Point Military Academy who died at Fort Croghan in Texas on 13 January 1850 as a result of wounds received in battle in 1847 during the Mexican War. His classmate at West Point, one

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<sup>133</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Thomas Neill”, retrieved May 24, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I361&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 188-189. Received from Michael Frost, May 23, 2021, frostandgilchrist.com.

<sup>134</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Abraham Neill”, retrieved May 22, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I357&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 189. Received from Michael Frost, May 24, 2021, frostandgilchrist.com.

<sup>135</sup> J. Michael ‘Mike’ Frost, “Joseph Neill”, retrieved May 24, 2021, from <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I355&tree=frostinaz01>. Original source: Jolliffe, William, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 189-190. Received from Michael Frost, May 23, 2021, frostandgilchrist.com.



cadet after Lewis in the class register, was Ulysses Simpson Grant, who went on to lead the Union Army as General during the Civil War of 1861-65.<sup>136</sup>

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<sup>136</sup> William Jolliffe, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1893, page 178. Received from Michael Frost, May 24, 2021, [frostandgilchrist.com](https://frostandgilchrist.com); Lewis Neill, retrieved May 25, 2021, "Neill-oliver family tree", <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/28235267/person/13429659957/facts>; Lewis Neill, <https://civilwartalk.com/threads/grants-class-of-1843-at-west-point.183304/>; Lewis Neill, "Heitman's Register and Dictionary of the US Army", page 594, accessed May 25, 2021, <https://www.fold3.com/image/306349241?rec=283077432&terms=lewis,neill> (there is also on file his application to West Point). Author's note – I was watching the History Channel documentary "Grant" in 2020 when I noticed on the West Point Academy cadet ledger the name 'Lewis Neill' directly above that of 'Ulysses Simpson Grant', see <https://heavy.com/streaming/2020/05/grant-documentary-history-channel-watch-online/>

*Branch 2, to England and Ohio*

JOHN NEILL (1737-?)

John Neill was born 9 October 1737 at Moyallon, Tullylish parish, co. Down, the son of John Neill and Sarah Morton.<sup>137</sup> He signified his intentions to wed Sarah Whiteside on 9 November 1756 at the Quaker Meeting in Lurgan, co. Armagh. Sarah was born in co. Monaghan and resided in Kilcurran, near Charlemont in co. Armagh, and attended the Charlemont Meeting.<sup>138</sup> They married on 29 December 1756.<sup>139</sup> She died 17 September 1764 and was buried on 19 September at Monraverty, co. Armagh, in the Quaker graveyard called Lynastown.<sup>140</sup> Her family name was also spelled Whitsitt, and other variants. The couple had two young sons at the time of her death. After Sarah's death, John decided in 1775 to emigrate to America where there was a large Quaker society in Philadelphia. He and his brother William were certified by the Lurgan Meeting as being Quaker by birthright and having had their father's permission to emigrate.

From our Mens Meeting held in Lurgan in the North of Ireland the 23rd day of the 4th month 1775 – to Friends in Philadelphia in America. Dear Friends and Brethren, John Neill Junr. being about to remove to your parts / a Friend on his behalf requested our certificate, We hereby certify that he was born of Parents in unity with us, and at times attended our religious meetings for worship, he leaves this with the consent of his father. We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight, earnestly desiring his growth and preservation in the truth [illegible] your Friends and Brethren. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting.

The brothers also received a certificate of removal from the Moyallon Meeting in anticipation of joining the Philadelphia Meeting in America. "A certificate of removal on behalf of Wm. Neill by order of the preparative meeting held at Moyallon was brought here likewise one for John Neill Junior by order of the same meeting was brought here read appeared and both signed – James Christy Junr is desired to record them in the proper book and Joseph Richardson is desired to forward them to Friends in

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<sup>137</sup> John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-1-A/0082&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/MAR/002399/G>; Saml Neill, 1740, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-2/0015&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/BIR/008620>

<sup>138</sup> John Neill and Sarah Morton family, retrieved May 28, 2021, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2F5-1-3%2F0022&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F109181>

<sup>139</sup> John Neill, 1756, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>

<sup>140</sup> Philip B. Wilson, "Lynastown - a seventeenth century Quaker Burial Ground", *Journal of Craigavon Historical Society*, Vol. 6 No. 3, Retrieved from <http://www.craigavonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/rev/wilsonpblynastown.html>, May 25, 2021; Sarah Neill,

Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths, retrieved May 28, 2021, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FROD-LURGAN-1859%2F0019&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FBURS%2F40733>

Philadelphia.”<sup>141</sup> As with his brother William, revolutionary events unfolding in America disrupted John’s plans and he was unable to emigrate. William later left for Dublin, but it is unknown what John did next. Four years later his son, John ‘the Younger’, joined the British Navy to fight the colonial rebellion in America.

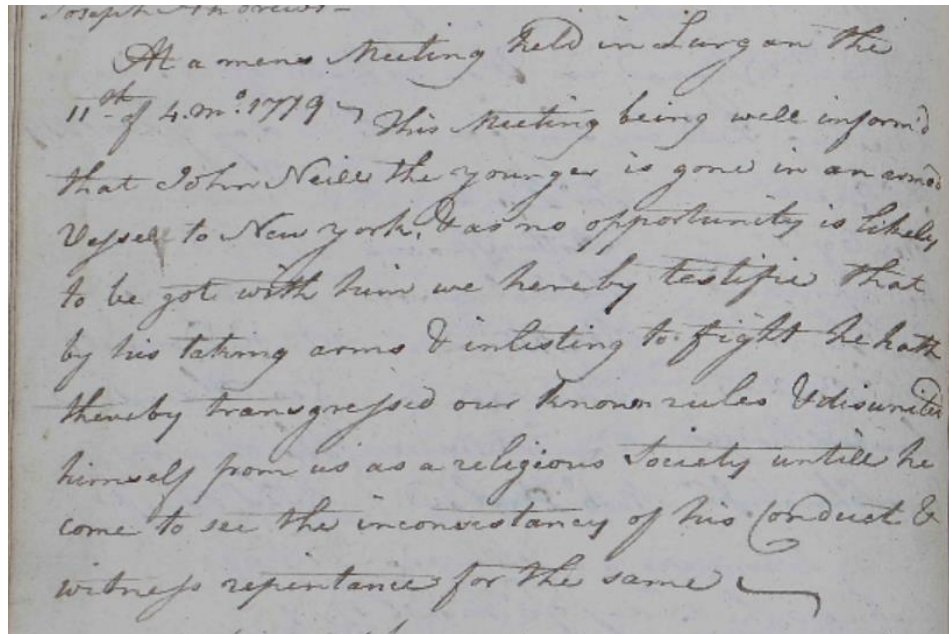


Image 37. John Neill ‘the Younger’ was admonished by Quakers for joining the British navy at age 18 to participate in “an armed voyage to New York” to suppress the revolting American colonists

Children of John Neill and Sarah Whiteside:<sup>142</sup>

- i. William Neill, born in July 1758, and disowned by the Quakers at Lurgan Meeting in 1786 for marrying a non-Quaker woman. “Whereas William Neill was born of parents professing with is the people called Quakers had a birth right in our society and at times attended our religious meetings for worship when young, but has for several years past neglected the attendance thereof, although advised to be more careful in the that respect, and for want of taking heed to the dictates of truth in his own heart which if obeyed is sufficient to preserve out of all evil he let out his affections to a woman not of our religious society to whom he acknowledges he is married contrary to our rules we therefore think it necessary to testify that for his said transgression he is hereby disunited from and is not in membership with us until he witness repentance for the same, which that he may in mercy be favored with is our

<sup>141</sup> John Neill Junr. & William Neill, 1775, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, Lurgan, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-1-3%2F0134&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F110719>, retrieved April4, 2019,

<sup>142</sup> Sarah Neill, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-5-2%2F0016&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FBUR%2F006215>

- sincere desire for him. Given forth at a men's meeting held in Lurgan this 9th day of the 8th month 1786.”<sup>143</sup> In 1797, William Neill and his wife Ann were in Manchester, Lancashire, England when their infant daughter Mary died on 1 June. This William was likely this son of John and Sarah (born 1758), or it might have been his nephew William (born about 1777), the son of Samuel and Deborah; his uncle William (born about 1742) had moved to Dublin. William was “of Moyallan near Gilford in Ireland,” which both establishes his identity and indicates he did not have a local address in Lancashire, and was therefore certainly visiting. His wife might have been from here. Quaker records noted Mary's “parents not in membership”, consistent with this William's disownment for marrying outside Quaker society.<sup>144</sup> On 6 June, their deceased, 9-month-old daughter Mary was fourth burial of the Quaker burying ground used by the Hardshaw East meeting,<sup>145</sup> called Mount Street.<sup>146</sup>
- ii. John Neill, ‘the Younger’, whose original family record was partially destroyed but read in part, “John 2<sup>nd</sup> son born at Moyallon the 17<sup>th</sup> of”<sup>147</sup>, was born 17 March 1761. He left Moyallon about age 18 years to join the British Navy in suppression of the colonial rebellion then underway in America, for which he was for a time disunited with the Quakers though not disowned. “At a mens Meeting held in Lurgan the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1779. This meeting being well informed that John Neill the Younger is gone in an armed vessel to New York and as no opportunity is likely to be got with him, we hereby testify that by his taking arms and enlisting to fight he hath thereby transgressed our known rules and disunited himself from us as a religious society until he come to see the inconsistency of his conduct and witness repentance for the same.”<sup>148</sup> After the war, John was a mariner and resided in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, where he married Margaret Thompson on 13 April 1789 at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas (Anglican). The witnesses were John Wright and Alexander Thomson.<sup>149</sup> They emigrated to America about 1790 and settled first in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then in Columbiana County, Ohio, where he was a ‘chick farmer’.<sup>150</sup> Despite his wartime transgression, he remained a Quaker, and according to a county

<sup>143</sup> William Neill, 1786, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-5-12%2F0146&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F123544>

<sup>144</sup> Mary Neill, England & Wales, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Burials 1578-1841, retrieved June 28, 2021, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=TNA%2FRG6%2F0643%2F0%2F0077&parentid=TNA%2FRG6%2FBUR%2F712834>, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=TNA%2FRG6%2F0582%2F0%2F0215&parentid=TNA%2FRG6%2FBUR%2F710396>, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=TNA%2FRG6%2F0968%2F0%2F0274&parentid=TNA%2FRG6%2FBUR%2F772537>

<sup>145</sup> Mary Neill, “Manchester, England, Non-Conformist Deaths and Burials, 1758-1987” database and image, retrieved June 28, 2021, Ancestry.com.

<sup>146</sup> Friends Burial Ground (Defunct), retrieved June 28, 2021, Findagrave.com, cemetery ID 2639155.

<sup>147</sup> Sarah Neill, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Deaths, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-5-2%2F0016&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FBUR%2F006215>

<sup>148</sup> John Neill the Younger, 1779, Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records, retrieved April 4, 2019, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2/IRE/QUAKERS/L-G-M-5-12/0112&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/122422>

<sup>149</sup> John Neill, 1789, England, Lancashire Banns & Marriages, retrieved May 28, 2021, <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBPRS%2FLIVERPOOL%2F005737337%2F00043&parentid=PRS%2FLIVERPOOL%2FMAR%2F0077398%2F1>

<sup>150</sup> Ira Jerome Neill (1914-), 1967, *The Neill Record Book : to all of the Neills and their related families*, Seattle, Washington. See [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/16013/images/dvm\\_GenMono002715-00145-1?pld=144](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/16013/images/dvm_GenMono002715-00145-1?pld=144) in record John

history, "The Friends' Meeting at New Lisbon - about 1816 a small meeting house was built on Jefferson Street, which was used thereafter as long as worship according to the custom of the Friends was kept up in the place. No records of this meeting have been preserved, but among those who attended there are remembered John Neil, ..." (and a familiar Lurgan name, Joseph Richardson).<sup>151</sup> Margaret died 23 October 1817 in Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio. He died there in 1833, and left a Will dated 18 May 1825 that itemized his substantial estate. Their children were William, born 1780, died 1842; Mary, born 1785, died 1849; Rachel, born 1786, died 1849; Sarah, born 1788, died 1879; John Jr. (Neil), born 1801, died 1877; and Ruth, born 1805, died 1881.<sup>152</sup>

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Neill, Mason Family Tree, by user noragrierson14 in website Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11953487/person/-293457118/facts>

<sup>151</sup> *History of Columbiana County, Ohio : with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers*, page 121. Retrieved May 28, 2021, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/19875/images/dvm\\_LocHist006229-00068-1?pid=120](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/19875/images/dvm_LocHist006229-00068-1?pid=120) in record John Neill, Mason Family Tree by user noragrierson14, in website Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11953487/person/-293457118/facts>

<sup>152</sup> Ira Jerome Neill (1914-), 1967, *The Neill Record Book : to all of the Neills and their related families*, Seattle, Washington. See [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/16013/images/dvm\\_GenMono002715-00145-1?pid=144](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/16013/images/dvm_GenMono002715-00145-1?pid=144) in record John Neill, Mason Family Tree, by user noragrierson14 in website Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11953487/person/-293457118/facts>. Author's note - John's Will first mentions children John and Ruth, then the older children beginning with William. Based on their marriage record and dates of birth, it appears the four eldest children were Margaret's from an earlier marriage and adopted by John. William married Susanna Morton, and through the Morton family their descendant "Catherine Newport Robert Gonzales" shares 13cM DNA (autosomal) Ancestry.com, accessed February 5, 2024.



### *Branch 3, to Utah*

#### JOSEPH NEILL (~1770-after 1827)

Joseph Neill was born about 1770 in Gilford, Tullylish parish, co. Down, and died there after 1827 and before 1847. He married Sarah Baxter, who was born about 1771 and died 10 March 1856 at Gilford.<sup>153</sup> In 1827, Joseph Neill was tithed in the townland of tithed in Drumaran ('Drummarin'), Tullylish parish, nearby his brother Samuel.<sup>154</sup> Sarah Neill was a leaseholder of a house for 15 shillings per year, sometime between 1847 and 1864, in the townland Ballymacanallen, part of which overlaps with the town of Gilford.<sup>155</sup> Ballymacanallen was listed as the home of Sarah Neill in her marriage in 1795 to John Heaton, which gave her father as "Samuel Neill of Ballymacanallon, County Down."<sup>156</sup> Ballymacanallen townland borders the townlands of Drumaran, Clare, Knocknagore, and Moyallon.

Joseph and siblings were Quaker by birthright, but their marriages and deaths were not found in Quaker meetings and other records from his lifetime were destroyed in the Four Courts Dublin Fire of 1922. The records for Joseph and his children come from unreliable sources that lacked further substantiation, the Mormon Church and Ancestry. However, the details of children who died young indicate a trustworthy family document was the original source. The only surviving bloodline from Joseph was through his daughter Eliza, whose widowed husband Alexander Cornwall migrated Salt Lake, Utah. This surname was immediately recognizable to me as relatives of William John Neill who had told my grandmother, Ruby Neill, in 1935, that the name of his Neill relatives who immigrated to America were in her words, "sounded like Cornwallis, the British general, but it wasn't that."<sup>157</sup> Consistent with what William Neill told my grandmother and that she relayed to me, this was also the only other Neill family in William's generation that had emigrated to America.

A descendant of Eliza and Alexander Cornwall, Debbie Weaver, wrote her great-grandmother was Lottie Cornwall, who was the great-granddaughter of Eliza (1801-1859) and Alexander Cornwall. After her death, Alexander immigrated to New York by way of Manchester, England, settling in Salt Lake County, Utah. Debbie Weaver also stated that, "Our family was also told that the Neill family had been Quakers!"<sup>158</sup> It is important these oral traditions aligned, as it connects the identity of Samuel Neill (died 1889, Belfast) with Samuel Neill (died 1820 in the town of Gilford in Ballymacanallen townland), which a gap in generations that is rarely bridged because of the loss of Irish records.

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<sup>153</sup> Ruth Baird, Baird Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/159111598/person/402083772520/facts>, accessed March 22, 2021. (Sources: Shane Cornwall Family Tree, Ebert Family Tree).

<sup>154</sup> Joseph Neill, "Applotment of the Tithes of the Parish of Tullylish Under the Composition Act October 27th 1827", Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) reference FIN/5/A/266A, Proni.gov.uk, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>155</sup> Sarah Neill, Griffith's Valuation 1847-1864, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/GRIFF/084/089&parentid=IRE/GRIFF/084/084089/028/1>, accessed May 1, 2019.

<sup>156</sup> Sarah Neill, "Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROM-LURGAN-1859/0020&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/MARR/14744G>; John Heaton, accessed May 7, 2021, <https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FMARR%2F14756G>

<sup>157</sup> Author, "Oral Tradition of William John Neill (1875-1935) Family Origins", January 16, 2024.

<sup>158</sup> Email correspondence from Debbie Weaver, [geneweaverdw@gmail.com](mailto:geneweaverdw@gmail.com), July 10, 2022 and July 22, 2022.

Children of Joseph Neill and Sarah Baxter:

- i. Eliza Neill. <sup>159</sup> She was born in 1801 and died 28 April 1859 at Gilford. <sup>160</sup> She married on 15 April 1825 at Gilford to Alexander Cornwall. <sup>161</sup> He was born 10 August 1803 at Newry, co. Armagh, and immigrated with his surviving children to the United States in 1861 from Manchester, England. He died 14 January 1879 at Millcreek, Salt Lake County, Utah. Their children were Deborah, John William, Joseph, Mary Jane, Alexander, James, and Samuel Cornwall. <sup>162</sup> Their son Alexander Cornwall also lived in Utah. <sup>163</sup>
- ii. Samuel Neill. He was born in 1802 and died young (see second child with the name).
- iii. Ann Neill. She was born in 1804 and died young (see second child with the name).
- iv. Deborah Neill. She was born in 1809.
- v. Joseph Neill. He was born in 1812 and died young (see second child with the name).
- vi. Mary Neill. She was born in 1816.
- vii. Samuel Neill. He was born in 1816. He was likely Samuel Neill, ploughman, of Ballymacanallen whose son Joseph married 21 June 1861 to Margaret Hutchinson at the Tullylish parish Church of Ireland. Joseph's occupation was dyer and Margaret's father, Thomas Hutchinson, was a shoemaker. <sup>164</sup>
- viii. Ann Neill. She was born in 1818.
- ix. Isabelle Neill. She was born in 1820. She married James McGuigan on 16 June 1850 at the Tullylish Church of Ireland in co. Down. Her father was listed as Joseph Neal, a laborer of Drummarin in Tullylish parish. William Cornwall witnessed the wedding. <sup>165</sup> She died 20 February 1868 in Ballymacarrett townland of Belfast, co. Down. <sup>166</sup> He immigrated to New

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<sup>159</sup> Shared DNA (autosomal) with Bruce Cornwall, FamilyTreeDNA.com, accessed February 5, 2024. He did not have a family tree available.

<sup>160</sup> Ruth Baird, Baird Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/159111598/person/402083772520/facts>, accessed March 22, 2021. (Sources: Shane Cornwall Family Tree, Ebert Family Tree).

<sup>161</sup> Eliza Neill, Alexander Cornwall, U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900, Ancestry.com, accessed March 22, 2021.

<sup>162</sup> Shane Cornwall, Shane Cornwall Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/113015250/person/420108894915/facts>, accessed March 22, 2021

<sup>163</sup> Michellepeluaga, Peluaga Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13159096/person/-112978204/facts>; Elizabeth Cornwall, Cornwall Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/22739125/person/1299759746/facts>; Tawnya Cox, Marcos McGraw Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/76704865/person/40358771075/facts> (image of Alexander Cornwall might be incorrect – see Thomson; email correspondence of March 17, 2021) and <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/76704865/person/250078015261/facts>; slsmock, Smock's branches and twigs, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/15014989/person/198501546/facts> (use this source for Cornwall ancestry). All accessed March 22, 2021.

<sup>164</sup> Joseph Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1861/R1/318/4/46, accessed May 7, 2021.

<sup>165</sup> Isabella Neal, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1850/R1/318/2/43, accessed August 15, 2021.

<sup>166</sup> Isabella McGuigan, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1868/57/1007/3/174, accessed August 15, 2021.

York alone on 1 May 1879.<sup>167</sup> He settled in Utah, where he died at Richfield, Sevier County, Utah on 11 April 1907.<sup>168</sup>

- x. Joseph Neill. He was born in 1824.

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Image 38. At the bottom of the image, Joseph Neill in the 1827 Tullylish parish tithe applotment book for Drumaran townland. His brother Samuel Neill was listed on the page that followed

<sup>167</sup> James McGuiggan, "New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957", Ancestry.com, retrieved August 16, 2021.

<sup>168</sup> James Dimond 'Jimmy Diamond' McGuigan, Findagrave.com, ID 112088, retrieved August 15, 2021.

*Branch 4, to Australia*

WILLIAM NEILL (1810-1855)

He was born 14 September 1810 in Tullylish, co. Down, Ireland and married Mary Jane Norton (or Morton). They emigrated to New South Wales, Australia, arriving on 19 October 1838 on the ship *Mandarin*. He was the son of Samuel Neill, farmer (illegible, possibly 'deceased' abbreviated as dec'd), and Anne Cherry of Tullylish. His occupation was clerk in wholesale spirit and grocery store and farmer, which also possibly indicates his father's profession as merchant and farmer. He could read and write, and his religion was 'Protestant Presbyterian'. He was brought out to Australia by the government as a 'bounty immigrant', meaning William and family were selected by Australian colonists who then paid for their passage. When they arrived, a colonist would have employed William then be reimbursed by the government for all or part of the cost of passage.<sup>169</sup> They resided outside Sydney in Parramatta, New South Wales, where he was the schoolmaster.<sup>170</sup> William Neill died 15 September 1855.<sup>171</sup> Mary Jane was born 1 January 1815 at Banbridge, co. Down, to Joseph Norton and Rebecca Fraser, where her father was a hotelkeeper and she lived at home. He and Mary Ann arrived in Australia with children Rebecca Anne and Samuel; son Fraser died at sea.<sup>172</sup> She died 1 July 1898 at Forest Lodge in Sydney, New South Wales, at the home of her daughter Sarah Anne Hutton at 42 Ross Street.<sup>173</sup> The family burial ground was at St. John's Cemetery in Parramatta, Cumberland County, New South Wales, which was described as the earliest existing Anglican burial ground in Australia and that included First Fleet arrivals.<sup>174</sup>

Children of William Neill and Mary Jane Norton:

- i. Rebecca Anne Neill, born 10 February 1833 in Tullylish, co. Down.
- ii. Samuel Neill, born 16 January 1835 in Tullylish, co. Down.<sup>175</sup> He was imprisoned in the Goulburn gaol (jail) in New South Wales in 1862. He was described as slight build with fair complexion, light brown hair and blue eyes, and identified as having arrived on the ship *Mandarin* (a means of identification peculiar to Australia). He was jailed again at Darlinghurst in New South Wales for stealing on 8 July 1885 and sentenced to serve three

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<sup>169</sup> William Neil, "New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896", Ancestry.com, retrieved March 31, 2021.

<sup>170</sup> "Neill", 2 July 1898, *Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14176640>. "NEILL.—July 1, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. George Hutton, 42 Ross-street, Forest Lodge, Mary Jane, relict of the late William Neill, many years school-master at Parramatta, and mother of Mrs. William Davis Wright, of Queanbeyan, and Samuel and James Neill, of Cooktown, in her 85<sup>th</sup> year."

<sup>171</sup> William Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785841, retrieved April 4, 2021; see also, <https://stjohnsonline.org/old-parramattans/>.

<sup>172</sup> William Neil or Niel, "Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842", FamilySearch.org ID KGW5-LWD, retrieved March 31, 2021.

<sup>173</sup> "Neill", 2 July 1898, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14176640>.

<sup>174</sup> St. John's Cemetery, <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2415557/st-john's-cemetery>; see also, <https://stjohnsonline.org/old-parramattans/>.

<sup>175</sup> William Neil, "Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842", retrieved March 31, 2021.

- months' hard labor, being returned to Goulburn gaol on 18 August to serve out his term.<sup>176</sup> He resided in Cooktown, Queensland in 1898.<sup>177</sup>
- iii. Fraser Neill, born December 1836 in Tullylish, co. Down and died at sea on 19 July 1839.<sup>178</sup>
  - iv. James Neill, born 1841 in Parramatta, New South Wales.<sup>179</sup> He resided in Cooktown, Queensland in 1898.<sup>180</sup>
  - v. Ann Jane Neill, born 1840 in Parramatta.<sup>181</sup> She died 8 August 1841 in Parramatta.<sup>182</sup>
  - vi. William Neill, born 1843 in Parramatta.<sup>183</sup> He died 30 July 1843 in Parramatta.<sup>184</sup>
  - vii. Margaret Isabella Neill, born 1844 in Parramatta.<sup>185</sup> She married in 1864 to William Davis Wright at Wollongong district of Sydney, New South Wales.<sup>186</sup> They resided in 1898 at Queanbeyan, New South Wales, located adjacent to the Australian Capital Territory.<sup>187</sup> He was born in June 1841 and died 25 September 1924 at Edgerton, Yass River, "late of Narrabri and Queanbeyan."<sup>188</sup>
  - viii. Anne Neill, born 1844 in Parramatta.<sup>189</sup>
  - ix. Sarah Ann Neill, born 1846 in Parramatta and baptised there at St. John's Anglican Church on 29 November.<sup>190</sup> She married George Hutton in 1876 in Glebe district of Sydney.<sup>191</sup> They resided in 1898 in Forest Lodge, Sydney, New South Wales.<sup>192</sup>

<sup>176</sup> Samuel Neil, "New South Wales, Australia, Gaol Description and Entrance Books, 1818-1930" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>177</sup> "Neill", 2 July 1898, *Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14176640>.

<sup>178</sup> Frazier Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785834, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>179</sup> James Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 1774/1841 V18411774 47, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>180</sup> "Neill", 2 July 1898, *Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14176640>.

<sup>181</sup> Ann J. Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 51/1840 V184051 139, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>182</sup> Ann Jane Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785832, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>183</sup> William Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 425/1843 V1843425 124 (see also 318/1843 V1843318 124), retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>184</sup> William Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785840, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>185</sup> Margaret Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 137/1844 V1844137 48, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>. For her middle name, see daughter Margaret Frances Wright registration number 6232/1883. Note her middle initial / was transcribed in error as J in some records.

<sup>186</sup> Margaret Neill, "Marriage Search Results" database, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>187</sup> "Neill", 2 July 1898, *Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14176640>.

<sup>188</sup> William Davis Wright, 30 September 1924, *Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16161846>.

<sup>189</sup> Anne Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 3077/1844 V18443077 121B, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>190</sup> Sarah A. Neil, "Australia, Birth Index, 1788-1922" database and "Australia, Births and Baptisms, 1792-1981" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved April 4, 2021. (She is not the Sarah A. Neil who married Henry Colton, as misidentified in <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/51301943/person/13178846294/facts>, retrieved April 4, 2021).

<sup>191</sup> Sarah Neill, "Marriage Search Results" database, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>192</sup> "Neill", 2 July 1898, *Sydney Morning Herald*, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14176640>.



- x. Joseph Neill, born 1848 in Parramatta.<sup>193</sup> He died 2 February 1849 in Parramatta.<sup>194</sup>
- xi. William Neill, born about 1851 died 23 December 1855 in Parramatta.<sup>195</sup>
- xii. Mary Jane Neill, born 1851 in Parramatta.<sup>196</sup> She died 14 January 1852 in Parramatta.<sup>197</sup>
- xiii. David Neill, born 1854 in Parramatta.<sup>198</sup> He died 24 January 1854 in Parramatta.<sup>199</sup>
- xiv. George Neill, born 1854 in Parramatta.<sup>200</sup> He died 18 May 1854 in Parramatta.<sup>201</sup>
- xv. Thomas Neill, born 1855 in Parramatta.<sup>202</sup> He died 12 November 1855 in Parramatta.<sup>203</sup>



Image 39. William Neill original Australian immigration record (see Image 17), showing his parents and home in Ireland

<sup>193</sup> Joseph Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 115/1848 V1848115 50, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>194</sup> Joseph Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785836, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>195</sup> Thomas Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785838, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>196</sup> Mary J. Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 1179/1851 V18511179 51, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>197</sup> Mary Jane Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785837, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>198</sup> David Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 1028/1854 V18541028 52, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>199</sup> David Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785833, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>200</sup> George Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 1027/1854 V18541027 52, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>201</sup> George Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785835, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>202</sup> Thomas Neill, "Births Search Results" database, registration number 818/1855 V1855818 53, retrieved July 2, 2021, <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/>.

<sup>203</sup> Thomas Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 144785838, retrieved April 4, 2021.

**PART III:**  
**PRESUMPTIVE BRANCH**

*Kilmore Parish, co. Armagh*

WILLIAM NEILL (1777-after 1847)

(PRESUMPTIVE) William Neill was born in 1777 in Tullylish parish, co. Down, the son of Samuel Neill and Deborah Nicholson.<sup>204</sup> It is believed, but unproven due to destruction of Irish records, that this William is one and the same as William Neill who resided in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh sometime between 1847 and 1864 in a house and farm leased by Count De Salis. He in turn leased a house to Samuel Neill.<sup>205</sup>

Children of William Neill (PRESUMPTIVE): incomplete list<sup>206</sup>

- i. (daughter), married name Irwin, and mother of William Irwin and Anne Jane Irwin whose married name was Blacker. William Irwin was a farmer and died 3 December 1885 at Brackagh.<sup>207</sup> (See below for the marriage of his son Samuel A. Irwin to Elizabeth Ann Neill.) Anne Jane Irwin married James Blacker, a farmer, and was widowed when she died 8 January 1917 at Brackagh.<sup>208</sup> She was age 73 years at death, and born about 1844.<sup>209</sup> Her children were James, Rachel, Richard, Albert, and Samuel Blacker. They were all Church of Ireland.<sup>210</sup>

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<sup>204</sup> Ruth Baird, Baird Family Tree, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/159111598/person/402083772520/facts> accessed March 22, 2021. (Sources: Shane Cornwall Family Tree, Ebert Family Tree). Note – the original source of the information cannot be determined, nor can the original family tree on Ancestry due to circular references. Although this information is unattributed it has been corroborated in instances herein.

<sup>205</sup> William Neill, "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1847-1864" database, Ancestry.com, accessed March 30, 2021. <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/GRIFF/084/089&parentid=IRE/GRIFF/084/084089/028/1>, accessed May 1, 2019.

<sup>206</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1880/S1/1231/1/44, accessed May 7, 2021; James Neill, "Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records", accessed November 4, 2018, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FL-G-M-5-13%2F0029&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F125734> (Quaker records). James Neill was a widower when married 3 March 1880 in Bessbrook, co. Armagh, to Elizabeth Craig. He was a cloth passer and the son of William Neill, a farmer and weaver. James was a Quaker 'upon application', likely meaning his parents were not active Quakers when he was born, or his first marriage was to a non-Quaker. James and Elizabeth had children Margaret and William James before Elizabeth died about 1881; see also email correspondence with Robert Neill, March-May 2021. **Robert's father had told him the family was related to a Neill branch in Bessbrook, but did not have further details.**

<sup>207</sup> William Irwin, 1886, "Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858 – 1920" database, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>208</sup> Anne Jane Blacker, 1917, "Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858 – 1920" database, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved April 4, 2021.

<sup>209</sup> Anne Jane Blacker, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1917/39/1006/15/6, accessed April 4, 2021.

<sup>210</sup> Anne Jane Blacker, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved April 4, 2021.

- ii. William Neill, born about 1816 and was age 85 years in 1901 when residing with his niece Anne Jane Blacker in Brackagh, Mullahead townland, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh. He was Church of Ireland. He was single in 1901. <sup>211</sup>
- iii. **2.** James Neill, born about 1816, died 5 March 1896 at Tamnavelton, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh. <sup>212</sup>
- iv. **3.** Samuel Neill, born about 1821 in Drumaran, Tullylish parish, co. Down and died 12 October 1913 age 92 years at Brackagh, co. Armagh. <sup>213</sup>

#### JAMES NEILL (1816-1896)

##### 2. (PRESUMPTIVE) JAMES NEILL <sup>2</sup> (William<sup>1</sup>)

James Neill was born about 1816 and was known as James Neill of Tamnavelton. He was a widower when died 5 March 1896 at Tamnavelton, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh at age 80 years. His daughter Mary Anne Neill was present at death. <sup>214</sup> His Will was written 15 January 1896 and probated 10 January 1902, leaving his property to two daughters, Mary Anne and Sarah. The witnesses were Joseph Hutchinson and James Neill. <sup>215</sup> There is no direct evidence of his relationship to William Neill, which is inferred based upon the timing of James's birth, residence in Kilmore, and intermarriage of James's grandchildren to Samuel Neill's grandchildren.

Children of James Neill: incomplete list

- i. **4.** James Neill, born about 1846 in Kilmore parish, co. Armagh. He married Elizabeth McKinney on 21 September 1878 at Mullavilly parish Church of Ireland in Kilmore, with witnesses Richard Hutcheson and Isabella McKinney. <sup>216</sup> He was he died 6 September 1929 at Cordrain, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh. <sup>217</sup>
- ii. Mary Anne Neill, was unmarried and an heir of her father's estate in 1896.
- iii. Sarah Neill, was unmarried and an heir of her father's estate in 1896.

#### SAMUEL NEILL (1821-1913)

##### 3. SAMUEL NEILL <sup>2</sup> (William<sup>1</sup>)

Samuel Neill was born about 1821 in Drumaran, Tullylish parish, co. Down and died 12 October 1913 age 92 years at Brackagh, co. Armagh. He was a widower and farmer. His daughter Anne Neill of Brackagh

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<sup>211</sup> William Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 8, 2021.

<sup>212</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1896/39/1006/10/298, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>213</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1913/39/1006/14/215, accessed April 23, 2019.

<sup>214</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1896/39/1006/10/298, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>215</sup> James Neill, 1896, Will Calendars, Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), Proni.gov.uk, retrieved May 24, 2021.

<sup>216</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1878/Q1/92/4/40, accessed May 13, 2021.

<sup>217</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1929/39/1006/17/57, accessed May 24, 2021.

was present at his death.<sup>218</sup> He married Jane Neisbett on 27 November 1846 at the Tullylish parish Church of Ireland, it being the first marriage for both. He was a weaver residing at Tullylish when married, and was the son of William Neill, also a weaver. Jane's father, James Nesbitt, had been a shoemaker in Loughans, Tullylish. Samuel resided in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh sometime between 1847 and 1864 in a house and farm sublet by William Neill and owned by Count De Salis.<sup>219</sup> Jane died and Samuel married secondly on 23 October 1857 in a civil ceremony at Banbridge, co. Down, to Mary Ann Friar. He was a weaver, widowed, and residing in Drumaran, Tullylish, and the son of William Neill, a weaver. Her father was Francis Friar, a weaver, of Loughans, Tullylish.<sup>220</sup> Samuel Neill's Will was probated on 2 June 1914, in which he mentioned his grandson Joseph Neill (who lived with him), and left the remainder of his estate to son Samuel. His estate was worth £187-10 shillings.<sup>221</sup> There might have been additional children.

Children of Samuel Neill and Jane Neisbett:

- i. **5. Greenaway Neill**, born about 1848 in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh, and died in 1899 at Belfast, co. Antrim.
- ii. **6. Samuel Neill**, born about 1855 in Brackagh.<sup>222</sup> He married Bessie Grant 9 March 1877.<sup>223</sup> He died 14 March 1939.<sup>224</sup>

Children of Samuel Neill and Mary Ann Friar<sup>225</sup>:

- iii. **Anne Neill**, born about 1857 and resided with her brother Samuel in 1901.<sup>226</sup> She was the unmarried mother of Joseph Neill.<sup>227</sup> He was born about 1861 and he and his mother resided with his uncle Samuel Neill in 1911.<sup>228</sup>

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<sup>218</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1913/39/1006/14/215, accessed April 23, 2019.

<sup>219</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1847-1864" database, Ancestry.com, accessed March 30, 2021.  
<https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE%2FGRIF%2F084%2F089&parentid=IRE%2FGRIF%2F084%2F089%2F028%2F1>, accessed May 1, 2019.

<sup>220</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registrations M/1846/R1/318/1/55 and M/1857/R1/344/9/37, accessed April 23, 2019.

<sup>221</sup> Samuel Neill, 1914, Will Calendars, Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), Proni.gov.uk, retrieved March 30, 2021.

<sup>222</sup> Samuel Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>223</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1877/Q1/83/2/214, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>224</sup> Samuel Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image,  
<https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FYMM-14%2F0089&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FBURS%2F53293>,  
 accessed May 1, 2019. His mother was listed as Mary Ann Neill, although she was actually his step-mother.

<sup>225</sup> Samuel Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image,  
<https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FYMM-14%2F0089&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FBURS%2F53293>,  
 accessed May 1, 2019. This record gives Mary Ann Neill as the mother of Samuel, who was actually his stepmother.

<sup>226</sup> Samuel Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>227</sup> Email correspondence with Robert Neill, March-April 2021.

<sup>228</sup> Samuel Neill, 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

#### JAMES NEILL (1846-1929)

#### 4. JAMES NEILL <sup>3</sup> (James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>)

James Neill was born about 1846 in Kilmore civil parish, co. Armagh. He married Elizabeth McKinney on 21 September 1878 at Mullavilly parish Church of Ireland in Kilmore, with witnesses Richard Hutcheson and Isabella McKinney. He was known as James Neill of Cordrain, and was the son of James Neill of Tamnavelton, co. Armagh. Elizabeth was from Cornascriebe, which like Cordrain and Tamnavelton, are townlands in Kilmore civil parish.<sup>229</sup> He was a farmer, and the family was all Church of Ireland. Elizabeth was also called Lizzie, and she was born about 1852.<sup>230</sup> He was a widower when he died 6 September 1929 age 83 years at Cordrain, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh.<sup>231</sup> He left his estate to son Samuel.<sup>232</sup> There might have been additional children.

Children of James Neill and Elizabeth McKinney:<sup>233</sup>

- i. James Neill, born 26 April 1880.<sup>234</sup>
- ii. Elizabeth Neill, called Lizzie, born 11 January 1883.<sup>235</sup> She was unmarried and living with her parents in 1911.
- iii. Ellen Neill, born 19 August 1884.<sup>236</sup>
- iv. Sarah Neill, born 23 July 1886.<sup>237</sup> She was unmarried and living with her parents in 1911.
- v. Minnie Neill, born about 1890. She was unmarried and living in Cordrain in 1929.
- vi. Isabella Neill, called Bella, born 24 August 1891.<sup>238</sup> She married Thomas Neill on 31 January 1922 at St. Anne's parish Church of Ireland in Belfast.
- vii. Samuel Neill, born 26 August 1894 in Tandragee, co. Armagh.<sup>239</sup> He married his second cousin, Rachel Neill, the daughter of Samuel Neill.

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<sup>229</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1878/Q1/92/4/40, accessed May 13, 2021.

<sup>230</sup> James Neill, 1901 and 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 24, 2021.

<sup>231</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1929/39/1006/17/57, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>232</sup> James Neill, 1929, Will Calendars, Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), Proni.gov.uk, retrieved May 24, 2021.

<sup>233</sup> James Neill, 1901 and 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 24, 2021.

<sup>234</sup> James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1880/39/1006/9/153, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>235</sup> Elizabeth Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1883/39/1006/10/141, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>236</sup> Ellen Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1884/39/1006/10/428, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>237</sup> Sarah Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1886/39/1006/11/253, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>238</sup> Isabella Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1891/39/1006/13/70, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>239</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1894/39/1006/14/29, accessed May 13, 2021.



### GREENAWAY NEILL (1848-1899)

#### 5. GREENAWAY NEILL <sup>3</sup> (James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>)

Greenaway Neill was born about 1848 in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh, and died in 1899 at Belfast, co. Antrim. <sup>240</sup> He married Isabella McRoberts on 25 November 1867 in Lurgan, co. Armagh, and was listed as the son of 'Samuel Neale'. <sup>241</sup> He resided at 10 Sherbrook Street in Belfast Urban District 3 when he died 16 June 1899. His wife was present at death. <sup>242</sup> Bella Neill resided at 31 Hutchinson Street in Falls Ward of Belfast in 1901 with sons Samuel and Thomas. She was born about 1848 in co. Armagh and was Church of Ireland, as were her children. <sup>243</sup> In 1911, she resided at 36 Fortuna Street in St. George's Ward in Belfast with son Thomas. Two of her five children were deceased by 1911. <sup>244</sup> She died 13 April 1921 at Union Infirmary at 51 Lisburn Road, now Belfast City Hospital, and when residing at 36 Fortuna. She was buried at Dundonald Cemetery in Belfast, co. Down. <sup>245</sup> Her son Thomas was present at death. She was the widow of Greenaway Neill, a laborer. <sup>246</sup>

Children of Greenaway Neill and Isabella McRoberts:

- i. William John Neill, born 3 October 1870 in Tandragee, co. Armagh. <sup>247</sup> He was not located in the 1901 or 1911 census.
- ii. Sarah Elizabeth Neill, born 14 July 1872 in co. Armagh. <sup>248</sup> She was not located in the 1901 or 1911 census.
- iii. Francis Neill, born 6 January 1877 in Brackagh, co. Armagh. <sup>249</sup> He was not located in the 1901 or 1911 census.
- iv. Samuel Neill, born 31 May 1879 in Brackagh, co. Armagh. <sup>250</sup> He was an unemployed laborer in 1901 in Belfast and living with his mother. <sup>251</sup> He was not located in the 1911 census.
- v. Thomas Neill, born 3 October 1881 in Tandragee, co. Armagh. <sup>252</sup> He was a shipyard laborer in 1901 and a telephone cable jointer in 1911 in Belfast. He married his second cousin, Isabella Neill, on 31 January 1922 at St. Anne's parish Church of Ireland in Belfast. Her father

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<sup>240</sup> Greenaway Neill, "Ireland, Civil Registration Deaths Index, 1864-1958" database, Ancestry.com, accessed March 31, 2021.

<sup>241</sup> Greenaway Neale, "Ireland, Select Marriages, 1619-1898" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 1, 2021; see also email correspondence with Robert Neill, March-May 2021. Greenaway Neill was a known brother to Samuel Neill (1855-1939).

<sup>242</sup> Greenaway Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1899/49/1007/63/51, accessed May 1, 2021.

<sup>243</sup> Bella Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>244</sup> Isabella Neill, 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>245</sup> Bella Neill, Ancestry.com. "Web: Belfast, Northern Ireland, Burial Indexes, 1869-2011" [database on-line], accessed May 1, 2021; <https://dof.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialsearch/BurialRecordDetails.aspx?RecordID=8141.89>.

<sup>246</sup> Isabella Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1921/50/1007/171/41, accessed May 1, 2021.

<sup>247</sup> William John Neill, "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 1, 2021.

<sup>248</sup> Sarah Elizabeth Neill, "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 1, 2021.

<sup>249</sup> Francis Neill, "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 1, 2021.

<sup>250</sup> Samuel Neill, "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 1, 2021.

<sup>251</sup> Samuel Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>252</sup> Thomas Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021; General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1881/39/1006/9/422, accessed May 1, 2021.

was James Neill of Cordrain, co. Armagh. The witnesses were Robert Neill and Lizzie Orr.<sup>253</sup>  
 Their children were Thomas and Reginald.<sup>254</sup>

#### SAMUEL NEILL (1855-1939)

##### 6. SAMUEL NEILL<sup>3</sup> (James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Samuel was born about 1855 in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh, where he was a farmer.<sup>255</sup> He married Elizabeth Grant, called Bessie, on 9 March 1877 at the Ballymore parish Church of Ireland in co. Armagh. She was from Mullaglass, co. Armagh, the daughter of Wisdom Grant.<sup>256</sup> She was born about 1856 in co. Armagh. Their household in 1901 included his widowed father, Samuel, age 76 years, and sister Annie Neill, age 44 years. They were all Church of Ireland. He could not read.<sup>257</sup> He died 14 March 1939 and was buried at the Church of Ireland cemetery in Mullavilly, co. Armagh, and this was the last Quaker record pertaining to the Neill family. He had attended the Lurgan Meeting.<sup>258</sup> His son Robert Neill of Brackagh was present at his death.<sup>259</sup>

No.	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	RESIDENCE
5571	Samuel Neill	14 3 1939	84	Brackagh, Portadown, co. Armagh

DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY MEETING	DATE OF BURIAL	PLACE OF BURIAL	N.M. (Non-Member)
Son of Samuel & Mary Ann Neill	Lurgan 10/2	14 3 1939	Church of Ireland Burial and Burial Ground, Lurgan	

Image 40. Last Quaker record of a Neill from the Lurgan Meeting was the death of Samuel Neill of Brackagh, 1939

#### Children of Samuel Neill and Elizabeth 'Bessie' Grant:<sup>260</sup>

<sup>253</sup> Lizzie Ann Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1908/Q1/92/5/93, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>254</sup> Email correspondence with Robert Neill, May 23, 2021.

<sup>255</sup> Samuel Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>256</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1877/Q1/83/2/214, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>257</sup> Samuel Neill, 1901 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>258</sup> Samuel Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Deaths Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FYMM-14%2F0089&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FBURS%2F53293>, accessed May 1, 2019. His mother was listed as Mary Ann Neill, although she was actually his step-mother.

<sup>259</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, death registration D/1939/39/1006/18/106, accessed April 23, 2019.

<sup>260</sup> Samuel Neill, 1901 and 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021; see Robert Neill, rneill143, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23308199/person/1373710513/facts>

- i. **7.** Thomas Neill, born 17 October 1877.<sup>261</sup> He married Eliza Jane Anderson on 3 December 1909 in Portadown, co. Armagh.<sup>262</sup> They resided in Toronto, Ontario, Canada where he died 18 April 1955.<sup>263</sup>
- ii. **8.** Mary Jane Neill, born 1 May 1879.<sup>264</sup> She married William Quay 10 March 1904 at Banbridge, co. Down.<sup>265</sup> She died in 1947.<sup>266</sup>
- iii. **9.** Elizabeth Ann Neill, born 8 November 1881, called Lizzie Ann, Eliza.<sup>267</sup> She married Samuel Augustine Irwin on 12 February 1908 at Mullavilly parish Church of Ireland, co. Armagh.<sup>268</sup>
- iv. Samuel Neill, born 22 October 1883.<sup>269</sup>
- v. **10.** William Neill, born 2 June 1885.<sup>270</sup> He married Mary Hamill, called Minnie, on 30 March 1904 at the Mullavilly parish Church of Ireland, co. Armagh.<sup>271</sup> They resided in 1911 at 12 Unshinagh in Mullahead, co. Armagh, where he was a farmer.<sup>272</sup>
- vi. Robert Neill, born 14 April 1887.<sup>273</sup> He was a farmer, and married Agnes Costello on 23 March 1927 at the Seagoe parish St. Gobhan Church of Ireland, co. Armagh. She was born in 1901, the daughter of Atkinson Costello of Carue, and worked as a machinist. Their wedding was witnessed by John Ramsey and Esther Hamilton McClintock.<sup>274</sup> He died 28 February 1967 at Portadown, co. Armagh. They had five sons and a daughter. Their deceased children are Robert Neill (1930-1930), Robert Atkinson Neill (1931-1997), Samuel Gordon Costello Neill (1935-1977), and William John Alan Neill (1940-2018).<sup>275</sup>

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<sup>261</sup> Thomas Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1877/39/1006/8/110, accessed May 12, 2021. Note all other records give his date of birth as 16 October, not 17th.

<sup>262</sup> Thomas Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1909/S1/1177/10/165, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>263</sup> Thomas Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 136480122, retrieved May 13, 2021.

<sup>264</sup> Mary Jane Neill, "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>265</sup> Mary Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1904/R1/344/13/70, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>266</sup> Mary J. Quay, Findagrave.com, memorial number 193787597, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>267</sup> Elizabeth Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1881/39/1006/9/441, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>268</sup> Lizzie Ann Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1908/Q1/92/5/93, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>269</sup> Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1883/39/1006/10/281, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>270</sup> William Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1885/39/1006/11/60, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>271</sup> William Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1904/Q1/92/5/72, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>272</sup> William Neill, 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved May 1, 2021.

<sup>273</sup> Robert Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1887/39/1006/11/362, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>274</sup> Robert Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1927/S1/1175/10/110, accessed June 10, 2021.

<sup>275</sup> Robert Neill, Neill Family Tree, by Robert Neill, rneill143, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23308199/person/1373710513/facts>

- vii. David Neill, born 15 February 1889.<sup>276</sup> He married Mary Kerr, called Minnie, on 30 October 1912 at St. Cornelius Episcopal Church in Manhattan.<sup>277</sup> He died 9 January 1963 at Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.<sup>278</sup>
- viii. Rachel Neill, born 6 March 1891.<sup>279</sup> She married her second cousin, Samuel Neill, on 11 June 1930 at Mullavilly parish Church of Ireland in co. Armagh. She resided at Mullavilly and he at Cordrain, co. Armagh, where his father James was a farmer. Witnesses were Albert Qua and Eliza Irwin, her sister.<sup>280</sup> Rachel and Samuel Neill resided at Tandragee, co. Armagh, where she died 9 February 1978. They had a daughter and three sons, Bill, Everard, and Kenneth James.<sup>281</sup>
- ix. Francis John Neill, born 29 January 1893.<sup>282</sup> He married Elizabeth Morrow on 9 May 1923 at St. Mark's Church of Ireland in Portadown, co. Armagh. She was the daughter of Joseph Morrow of Grove Hill, Portadown.<sup>283</sup> They had a daughter.<sup>284</sup>

#### 6. THOMAS NEILL<sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Thomas Neill, born 17 October 1877.<sup>285</sup> He married Eliza Jane Anderson, called Jeanie, Jennie, Jenny, on 3 December 1909 at St. Mark's Church of Ireland in Portadown, co. Armagh.<sup>286</sup> Jeanie was from Magherdogherty townland of Mullabrack parish, Markethill, co. Armagh, the daughter of Henry Anderson and Rachel Pedlow.<sup>287</sup> The family emigrated from Belfast on the White Star Line ship *Laurentic* arriving at Quebec, Canada on 5 May 1929. His arrival record included a handwritten note, "Father Samuel Neill Brackey Portadown County Ireland." The family comprised his wife Jeanie and nine children ages 6 to 16 years: Bessie, William, Thomas, Robert, Madge, Dick, Nora, Nan, Gladys. Their last

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<sup>276</sup> David Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1889/39/1006/12/162, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>277</sup> David Neill, "New York, U.S., Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records, 1767-1970" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>278</sup> David Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 109949780, accessed May 12, 2021. Includes obituary.

<sup>279</sup> Rachel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1891/39/1006/13/2, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>280</sup> Rachel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1930/Q1/92/6/39, accessed May 13, 2021.

<sup>281</sup> Rachel Neill, Neill Family Tree, by Robert Neill, rneill143, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23308199/person/1380384907/facts>

<sup>282</sup> Francis Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1893/39/1006/13/286, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>283</sup> Francis John Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1923/S1/1177/13/40, accessed June 10, 2021.

<sup>284</sup> Francis John Neill, Neill Family Tree, by Robert Neill, rneill143, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23308199/person/1380387452/facts>

<sup>285</sup> Thomas Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1877/39/1006/8/110, accessed May 12, 2021. Note all other records give his date of birth as 16 October, not 17th.

<sup>286</sup> Thomas Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1909/S1/1177/10/165, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>287</sup> (Jenny / Jean) Eliza Jane Anderson, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19571559046/facts>. This family tree is through Eliza Jane's brother Richard Anderson. Record includes family photo of Thomas and Jenny Neill with children.

residence in Ireland was 2 Burnbrae Avenue in Portadown.<sup>288</sup> They resided in Toronto, Ontario, Canada where he died 18 April 1955.<sup>289</sup> Jennie was born 3 November 1887 and died 19 October 1970. She was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto, Ontario, nearby her husband and daughter Ethel.<sup>290</sup>

Children of Thomas Neill and Eliza Jane 'Jennie' Anderson:

- i. Ethel Mary Neill, born 14 September 1910.<sup>291</sup> She married and had three daughters.<sup>292</sup> She died 21 December 1940 at age 30, buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto, Ontario. Her married name was Downey.<sup>293</sup>
- ii. Florence Neill, born 15 July 1911,<sup>294</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1928, arriving on 1 June at Halifax, Nova Scotia for destination in Toronto.<sup>295</sup> She was a nurse, and returned to live in Northern Ireland on 16 January 1929, via Liverpool.<sup>296</sup>
- iii. Elizabeth Neill, called Bessie, Betty, born 20 July 1912,<sup>297</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. She married and had a son and daughter. She died in 1979.<sup>298</sup>
- iv. William Samuel Neill, called Bill, born 25 July 1913,<sup>299</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. He married Flo and they had a son.<sup>300</sup>
- v. Thomas Henry Neill, born 10 September 1914,<sup>301</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. He married and they had two sons and a daughter.<sup>302</sup>

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<sup>288</sup> Thomas Neill, "Canada, Arriving Passengers Lists, 1865-1935" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021 (see handwritten note); "UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>289</sup> Thomas Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 136480122, retrieved May 13, 2021.

<sup>290</sup> Jennie Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 136480154, retrieved June 7, 2021.

<sup>291</sup> Ethel Mary Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1910/176/1021/44/114, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>292</sup> Ethel Mary Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19614443722/facts>.

<sup>293</sup> Ethel M. Neill Downey, Findagrave.com, ID 136480185, retrieved June 7, 2021.

<sup>294</sup> Florence Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1911/176/1021/45/10, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>295</sup> Florence Neill, "Canada, Arriving Passengers Lists, 1865-1935" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021.

<sup>296</sup> Florence Neill, "UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021.

<sup>297</sup> Elizabeth Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1912/176/1021/45/479, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>298</sup> Betty Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19578382797/facts>.

<sup>299</sup> William Samuel Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1913/176/1021/46/467, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>300</sup> Bill Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19583440976/facts>

<sup>301</sup> Thomas Henry Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1914/176/1021/47/444, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>302</sup> Thomas Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19583539001/facts>



- vi. Robert James Neill, born 23 October 1915,<sup>303</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. He married Georgina and they had two daughters. He died in 1990.<sup>304</sup>
- vii. Margaret Neill, called Madge, born 7 March 1917,<sup>305</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. She married Douglas Haig Wilson and they had a son, Neill Wilson. She died in 2006 at Gravenhurst, Ontario.<sup>306</sup>
- viii. Richard Anderson Neill, called Dick, born 29 January 1919,<sup>307</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. He married Margaret and they had two sons.<sup>308</sup>
- ix. Norah Neill, born 1 August 1920,<sup>309</sup> emigrated to Canada in 1929. She married.<sup>310</sup>
- x. Ann Neill, called Nan, emigrated to Canada in 1929.<sup>311</sup> She married John Graham Douglas Chatham, called Jack, and they had three sons and a daughter, including sons Gary and Glenn. Nan was born 27 August 1921 in Portadown, co. Armagh, and died 20 October 1991 at Mississauga, Ontario.<sup>312</sup> She and Jack married on 7 June 1941 at St. Cuthbert Anglican Church in Montreal, Quebec. Witnesses were her brother Richard Neill and sister Elizabeth (surname illegible).<sup>313</sup>
- xi. Gladys Neill, born about 1923, emigrated to Canada in 1929.<sup>314</sup>

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<sup>303</sup> Robert James Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1915/176/1021/48/415, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>304</sup> Robert James Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19583672820/facts>

<sup>305</sup> Margaret Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1917/176/1021/49/361, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>306</sup> Madge Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19583822709/facts>

<sup>307</sup> Richard Anderson Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1919/176/1021/50/450, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>308</sup> Dick Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19583846063/facts>

<sup>309</sup> Norah Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1920/176/1021/52/87, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>310</sup> Nora Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19583887827/facts>

<sup>311</sup> Nan Neill, "UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021. No birth record found in Ireland.

<sup>312</sup> Anne (Nan) Neill, Sturgeon/Anderson Family Tree, by Linda Sturgeon, Sturgeon\_Linda, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/41053360/person/19590947210/facts>. Record includes family photo.

<sup>313</sup> Ann Neill, "Quebec, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1968" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed June 7, 2021. She gave her parents' names as Thomas Henry Neill and Elizabeth Neill, which was not technically correct as Thomas used no middle name (per birth record and gravestone) and her name was Eliza, not Elizabeth.

<sup>314</sup> Gladys Neill, "UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021. No birth record found in Ireland.

## 7. MARY JANE NEILL <sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Mary Jane Neill was born 1 May 1879 in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh, called Minnie. <sup>315</sup> She married William Quay 10 March 1904 at Banbridge, co. Down. <sup>316</sup> They emigrated to New York about 1906. William left Londonderry / Derry on 22 April 1905 aboard the *Caledonia* and bound for New York, where he was to stay with his cousin Robert Corry of 778 Henry Street in Brooklyn. <sup>317</sup> (The family of John Neill, also a descendant of Samuel Neill 1739-1820, lived at this time in the Henry Street neighborhood.) They resided on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan in New York City in 1910, 1920, and 1930. <sup>318</sup> She died in 1947. She was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery at Kew Gardens in Queen County, New York City. <sup>319</sup> William was born 1876, died 1936. <sup>320</sup>

Children of Mary Jane Neill and William Quay: <sup>321</sup>

- i. John Quay, born 2 June 1904 in Tandragee, co. Armagh. <sup>322</sup> He died 28 January 1963 at Manhattan in New York City. <sup>323</sup> He resided in Manhattan when he registered for the draft during World War Two on 16 February 1942. At the time, he worked at Starrett Lehigh. He was described as 6 foot tall and 186 pounds, with brown hair and gray eyes, and light complexion. <sup>324</sup>
- ii. Mary Quay, called Minnie, born 10 October 1905 in Tandragee, co. Armagh. <sup>325</sup> She died in December 1982 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. <sup>326</sup>
- iii. Sarah Quay, born about 1911 in New York City. In 1930, she was a secretary at a publishing company. <sup>327</sup>
- iv. William Quay, born 26 March 1912 in New York City, died in May 1984 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. <sup>328</sup> He resided in Manhattan when he registered for the draft

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<sup>315</sup> Mary Jane Neill, "Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911" database, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>316</sup> Mary Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1904/R1/344/13/70, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>317</sup> William Qua, "New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 13, 2021; Mary J. Quay, "1930 United States Federal Census" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 13, 2021.

<sup>318</sup> Mary J. Quay, "1910 United States Federal Census" database and image, "1920 United States Federal Census" database and image, "1930 United States Federal Census" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 13, 2021.

<sup>319</sup> Mary J. Quay, Findagrave.com, memorial number 193787597, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>320</sup> William Quay, Findagrave.com, memorial number 193787583, accessed June 9, 2021.

<sup>321</sup> Mary J. Quay, "1910 United States Federal Census" database and image, "1920 United States Federal Census" database and image, "1930 United States Federal Census" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 13, 2021.

<sup>322</sup> John Qua, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1904/39/1006/16/420, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>323</sup> John Quay, "New York, New York, U.S., Death Index, 1949-1965" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>324</sup> John Quay, "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947" database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>325</sup> Mary Qua, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1905/39/1006/17/108, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>326</sup> Mary Quay, "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>327</sup> Sarah Quay, 1930 U.S. census of New York, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>328</sup> William Quay, "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

- during World War Two on 16 October 1940. At the time, he was unemployed. He was described as 5 foot, 8 inches tall and 176 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, and ruddy complexion.<sup>329</sup>
- v. Margaret Quay, born 4 March 1914 in New York City.<sup>330</sup> She married Duane Henry Weert on 31 October 1937 in Manhattan, and divorced in 1946 in Chippewa County, Michigan.<sup>331</sup> Her married name was Genardi when she died 4 April 2005 in Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey.<sup>332</sup>
  - vi. Florence Quay, born 23 March 1916 in New York City. She married John Mullin on 25 November 1937 in Manhattan.<sup>333</sup> She died 15 December 1998 in Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida.<sup>334</sup> In 1940, they had two children, John Mullin, age 4, and Thomas Mullin, age 1.<sup>335</sup>
  - vii. Anna Quay, born about 1918 in New York City and resided with her parents in 1930.<sup>336</sup>
  - viii. Francis Quay, called Frank, born 11 April 1920 in New York City, died 1 August 2006 at Flushing, Queens County in New York City.<sup>337</sup> He married Josephine Cummings on 9 January 1943 in Manhattan.<sup>338</sup> He resided in Manhattan, later Long Island, when he registered for the draft during World War Two on 1 July 1941. At the time, he worked as a loader at Liberty Motor Freight in Secaucus, Hudson County, New Jersey. He was described as 5 foot, 11 1/2 inches tall and 150 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes, and sallow complexion. His next of kin was John Mullin of New York City.<sup>339</sup>

#### 8. ELIZABETH ANN NEILL<sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Elizabeth Ann Neill was born 8 November 1881 in Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh, called Lizzie Ann, Eliza.<sup>340</sup> She married Samuel Augustine Irwin on 12 February 1908 at Mullavilly parish Church of

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<sup>329</sup> William Quay, "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947" database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>330</sup> Margaret Quay, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>331</sup> Margaret Quay, "New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Marriage Index, 1866-1937" database, "Michigan, U.S., Divorce Records, 1897-1952" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>332</sup> Margaret Genardi, "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>333</sup> Florence Quay, "New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Marriage Index, 1866-1937" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>334</sup> Florence L. Mullin, "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>335</sup> Florence Mullin, "1940 United States Federal Census" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>336</sup> Anna Quay, 1930 U.S. census of New York, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>337</sup> Frank Quay, "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>338</sup> Frank Quay, "New York, New York, Index to Marriage Licenses, 1908-1910, 1938-1940" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>339</sup> Frank Quay, "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947" database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>340</sup> Elizabeth Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1881/39/1006/9/441, accessed May 12, 2021.

Ireland, co. Armagh.<sup>341</sup> He was the son of William Irwin of Brackagh, whose mother was a Neill and grandfather was William Neill. Their children were born in Tandragee, co. Armagh. Samuel was born about 1877. They resided in 1911 at 22 Ballylisk in Mullahead, co. Armagh. The family belonged to the Church of Ireland.<sup>342</sup>

Children of Elizabeth Ann Neill and Samuel Augustine Irwin:

- i. Eliza Irwin, born 16 November 1908.<sup>343</sup>
- ii. William Irwin, born 7 March 1910.<sup>344</sup>
- iii. Samuel Irwin, born 1 January 1912.<sup>345</sup>
- iv. Fredrick Irwin, born 6 November 1913.<sup>346</sup>
- v. James Irwin, born 4 November 1915.<sup>347</sup>
- vi. Bessie Irwin, born 2 December 1917.<sup>348</sup>
- vii. Thomas Irwin, born 31 January 1920.<sup>349</sup>

#### 9. WILLIAM NEILL<sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

William Neill was born 2 June 1885 at Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh.<sup>350</sup> He married Mary Hamill, called Minnie, on 30 March 1904 at the Mullavilly parish Church of Ireland, co. Armagh. Her father was William Hamill, a farmer in Unshinagh townland, Tandragee, co. Armagh.<sup>351</sup> They had two sons.<sup>352</sup> They resided in 1911 at 12 Unshinagh in Mullahead, co. Armagh, where he was a farmer. They were Church of Ireland.<sup>353</sup>

Children of William Neill and Mary Hamill:

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<sup>341</sup> Lizzie Ann Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1908/Q1/92/5/93, accessed May 24, 2021.

<sup>342</sup> Samuel Irwin, 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved June 8, 2021, [http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Armagh/Mullahead\\_Rural/Ballylisk/331840/](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Armagh/Mullahead_Rural/Ballylisk/331840/)

<sup>343</sup> Eliza Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1908/39/1006/17/468, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>344</sup> William Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1910/39/1006/18/127, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>345</sup> Samuel Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1912/39/1006/18/337, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>346</sup> Fredrick Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1913/39/1006/19/63, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>347</sup> James Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1915/39/1006/19/296, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>348</sup> Bessie Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1917/39/1006/19/496, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>349</sup> Thomas Irwin, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1920/39/1006/20/214, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>350</sup> William Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1885/39/1006/11/60, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>351</sup> William Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, marriage registration M/1904/Q1/92/5/72, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>352</sup> William Neill, Neill Family Tree, by Robert Neill, rneill143, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23308199/person/1380360062/facts>

<sup>353</sup> William Neill, 1911 census, Nationalarchives.ie, retrieved June 8, 2021, [http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Armagh/Mullahead\\_Rural/Unshinagh/332133/](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Armagh/Mullahead_Rural/Unshinagh/332133/)

- i. William Thomas Neill, born 15 April 1905 at Unshinagh.<sup>354</sup>
- ii. Samuel Edmond Neill, born 21 September 1907 at Unshinagh.<sup>355</sup>

#### 10. DAVID NEILL<sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

David Neill was born 15 February 1889 at Brackagh, Kilmore parish, co. Armagh.<sup>356</sup> He departed the port of Londonderry / Derry on 22 April 1912 for New York aboard the *Cameronia*, where his sister Mary Jane Quay resided.<sup>357</sup> He married Minnie Kerr on 30 October 1912 at St. Cornelius Episcopal Church in Manhattan. His parents were Samuel Neill and Bessie Grant, and her's were William Kerr and Elizabeth Munro.<sup>358</sup> He declared his intention to become a U.S. citizen on 24 March 1926, having last arrived 10 April 1920 from Liverpool, England on the *Haverford*. He and wife Minnie (nickname for Mary) resided at Oonoke Avenue in New Canaan, Connecticut. He stated he was born in Brackagh, Portadown, Ireland and his last foreign residence was Guilford, Ireland.<sup>359</sup> He was described as 5 foot 11 inches tall, blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, and 185 pounds. They resided in Harrison, Westchester County, New York in 1930 where he was a superintendent of an estate,<sup>360</sup> and Patterson, Putnam County, New York in 1942 where he was a farmer.<sup>361</sup> He died 9 January 1963 at Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.<sup>362</sup> His wife Mary was born in 1891 and died 1973.<sup>363</sup>

"David Neill died suddenly on Wednesday, January 9, 1963, at his home on Route 22, Pawling. His age was 74. The deceased was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Grant Neill, and he was born in Portadown, Northern Ireland. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Kerr and five children, Mrs. Anne Gudernacht, of Sharon, Connecticut, Mrs. Elizabeth Bearse of New York city, Robert L. Neill of Carmel, William Neill of Port Chester and David Neill of Wilton, Connecticut. Funeral services will be private, and arrangements are in charge of the Kenny Funeral Home, Sharon, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, friends may send donations to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Pawling or N.Y. State Heart Fund."<sup>364</sup>

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<sup>354</sup> William Thomas Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1905/39/1006/17/23, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>355</sup> Samuel Edmond Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1907/39/1006/17/351, accessed June 8, 2021.

<sup>356</sup> David Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1889/39/1006/12/162, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>357</sup> David Neill, "New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>358</sup> David Neill, "New York, U.S., Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records, 1767-1970" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>359</sup> David Neill, "Connecticut, U.S., Federal Naturalization Records, 1790-1996" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>360</sup> David Neill, 1930 U.S. census of New York, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>361</sup> David Neill, "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>362</sup> David Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 109949780, accessed May 12, 2021.

<sup>363</sup> Mary Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 109949852, accessed June 2, 2021.

<sup>364</sup> David N. Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 109949780, accessed May 12, 2021. Includes obituary from *Putnam County Courier*, 10 January 1963. The obituary gave his name incorrectly as David N. Neill; he had no middle name.



Children of David Neill and Mary Kerr:

- i. **11.** Anne Neill, born 10 August 1914 in New York City, died 3 June 1998 in Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut. <sup>365</sup> She married Gaert Steverwald Gudernacht on 5 July 1940 in Manhattan. <sup>366</sup>
- ii. William Samuel Neill, born 10 May 1915 in Unshinagh townland, Tandragee, co. Armagh, while his father David resided in New Jersey. <sup>367</sup> He died 27 October 2000 in Rye Brook, Westchester County, New York and was buried at Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye. <sup>368</sup> He resided at Route 22 in Patterson, Putnam County, New York when he registered for the draft during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the service on 29 September 1945. <sup>369</sup> "William S. Neill a longtime resident of Rye Brook died October 27, 2000. He was 85 and born May 10, 1915 in Northern Ireland to the late David and Mary Kerr Neill. At the age of 16 he immigrated to the United States and settled in Port Chester. He served in the US Army during World War II in Europe as Staff Sergeant. He was awarded several medals including the Bronze Star. He was married to the late Helen Roth on May 19, 1951. Mrs. Neill died in 1990. He married Alice Moshier on September 3, 1992 who survives. Mr. Neill was a retired Field Engineer. He was a member of the Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Rye Brook, NY. He is survived by his wife Alice Neill of Rye Brook, NY and nieces and nephews. Besides his parents and first wife he was predeceased by his brothers, Larry, Steve, and Bill Neill and sisters Anne Gudernatch and Betty Bearse. Visitation will be at Craft Memorial Home, Inc. on Sunday, October 29, from 5-9 PM. Graveside service on Monday, October 30 at 10:30 AM at the Greenwood Union Cemetery, North St., Rye, NY. Memorial donations may be made to the Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, King St. and Comley Ave., Rye Brook, NY 10573. Craft Memorial Home, Inc. 40 Leicester Street, Port Chester (914) 939-0131. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our Sympathy Store. Published in *The Journal News* on Oct. 28, 2000." <sup>370</sup>
- iii. David Stephen Neill, born 22 July 1917 in Stramore in Gilford, co. Down, Ireland, called Steve. He registered for the draft during World War Two when residing at Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut on 16 October 1940. He was described as 6 foot, 3 inches tall, 190 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes, and light complexion. <sup>371</sup> He married Rosalie A. Roy on 24 July 1942 in Westport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. <sup>372</sup> He enlisted in the

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<sup>365</sup> Anne Gudernacht, "Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 5, 2021.

<sup>366</sup> Anne Neill Gudernacht, "New York, New York, U.S., Marriage License Indexes, 1907-2018" database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 5, 2021.

<sup>367</sup> William S. Neill, General Register Office, Nidirect.gov.uk, birth registration U/1915/39/1006/19/256, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>368</sup> William S. Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 172522910, accessed June 6, 2021

<sup>369</sup> William Samuel Neill, "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947" database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>370</sup> William Samuel Neill, <https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=william-samuel-neill&pid=148823020>, retrieved June 5, 2021.

<sup>371</sup> David Neill, "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947" database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>372</sup> David S. Neill, "WEB: Connecticut Marriage Records, 1897-1968" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

- American military on 2 August 1943 to serve in World War Two.<sup>373</sup> They resided in 1958 in Westport.<sup>374</sup> She was born 8 September 1916, died 30 December 2004 in Worthington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.<sup>375</sup> He died 13 June 1973 in Chicago or its metro area in Cook County, Illinois.<sup>376</sup> He resided at time of death in Wilton, Fairfield County, Connecticut, where he was buried at Hillside Cemetery.<sup>377</sup>
- iv. Eliaabeth Kerr Neill, born 3 December 1920 in Mamaroneck, Westchester County, New York, called Elizabeth, Belle, Betty, married name Bearse<sup>378</sup> She died 22 April 1999 and buried at Pawling Cemetery in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.<sup>379</sup>
  - v. Robert Lawrence Neill, born 27 April 1929 in Westchester County, New York, called Larry.<sup>380</sup> He died 15 September 1987.<sup>381</sup> He served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was buried at Pawling Cemetery in Dutchess County, New York.<sup>382</sup> He married 3 November 1954 to Neva Katherine Mead at Church of the Holy Communion (Anglican) in Mahopac, Putnam County, New York.<sup>383</sup> She was born 8 December 1932 in Carmel, Putnam County, New York and died in July 1981. She was buried at Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel, Putnam County, New York.<sup>384</sup>

#### 11. ANNE NEILL<sup>5</sup> (David<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Anne Neill, born 10 August 1914 in New York City, died 3 June 1998 in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut.<sup>385</sup> She married Gaert Steverwald Gudernacht, who was a physician at Lenox Hill Hospital in

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<sup>373</sup> David S. Neill, "U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>374</sup> David S. Neill, "U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>375</sup> Rosalie A. Neill, "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>376</sup> David S. Neill, "Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012" database, "Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 4, 2021.

<sup>377</sup> David S. Neill, Findagrave.com, ID 125091169, retrieved June 4, 2021. William J. Neill, born April 12, 1951, left a message with this record, and likely is David's son. There was no means to contact him. See Findagrave.com ID 47840598.

<sup>378</sup> Eliaabeth Neill, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007", Ancestry.com, retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>379</sup> Elizabeth Bearse, Findagrave.com, memorial number 109949629, accessed June 6, 2021.

<sup>380</sup> Robert L. Neill, "New York State, Birth Index, 1881-1942" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 2, 2021. This source shows as born in town of Harrison; Lawrence Robert Neill, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 2, 2021. This source shows as born in town of Portchester. Both towns are in Westchester County, New York.

<sup>381</sup> Lawrence Robert Neill, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" database, Ancestry.com, accessed June 2, 2021.

<sup>382</sup> Robert L. Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 91280216, accessed June 2, 2021.

<sup>383</sup> Robert Neill, "New York, U.S., Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records, 1767-1970" database and image, Ancestry.com, accessed June 2, 2021.

<sup>384</sup> Neva Katherine Neill, Findagrave.com, memorial number 171130247, accessed June 2, 2021.

<sup>385</sup> Anne Gudernacht, "Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012" database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 5, 2021.

New York City.<sup>386</sup> They married on 5 July 1940 in Manhattan.<sup>387</sup> She died 3 June 1998 in Salisbury, Connecticut and was buried at Hillside Cemetery in Sharon.<sup>388</sup> He was born 11 August 1914 in New York, New York and died 29 May 2007 in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut.<sup>389</sup>

“Anne (Neill) Gudernatch, 84, of Cobble Road, Salisbury, formerly of Sharon, died Wednesday (June 3, 1998) at the Sharon Hospital in Sharon. She was the wife of Dr. G.S. Gudernatch. Mrs. Gudernatch was born August 10, 1913 in New York City, daughter of the late David and Mary (Kerr) Neill. Dr. and Mrs. Gudernatch lived for over 50 years in Sharon before moving to Salisbury in 1992. Mrs. Gudernatch was a past president of the Sharon Womens Club, and a founding leader of the Sharon Town Beach Committee. She was active in the Sharon Country Club, as well as the Sharon Historical Society and was very active in town politics. During World War II, Mrs. Gudernatch volunteered at the Sharon Hospital and sponsored a youth group called the V-16er's. In addition to her husband, she leaves her children Susan and Joseph Dreyfus of New York City, Kenneth Gudernatch of East Hartford and Stephen and Amy Gudernatch of Tolland; a brother, William Neill of Rye Brook, NY; a sister, Belle Bearse of New York City; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, 11 a.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Sharon. Calling hours will be at the funeral home, Today, 5-7 p.m. Memorial donations may be sent to the Salisbury Public Health Nursing Association, Salmon Kill Rd., Salisbury, CT 06068.”<sup>390</sup>

“Gaert S. Gudernatch, M.D., (Kurt) passed away on May 29, 2007, after more than 92 years full of love, caring, and dedication to his family, friends, patients, and to his community. Dr. ‘G’ was a family physician in Sharon for more than 40 years and enjoyed the life of a ‘country doctor’. He served as Sharon's Director of Health for 45 years, finally retiring in 2004 at the age of 90. Dr. Gudernatch was a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Medical College, and served for many years as a school physician and state medical examiner. He was a past president of the Litchfield County Medical Society, served on the Governor's Clear Water Task Force, and was chairman of Connecticut's Rural Health Commission. Dr. Gudernatch was also a New York Central Railroad Surgeon and a Connecticut State Police Surgeon. On the national level, Dr. Gudernatch represented New England for many years on the American Medical Association's Council On Rural Health and was on the Medical Advisory Board of the Sears Roebuck Foundation. Dr. Gudernatch also served on Sharon's Town Planning Commission, was a long time member of the Sharon Fire Department, and recently was honored for his 65 years of service to the Sharon Lions Club. Dr. Gudernatch was the son of the late Dr. J. Fredrick Gudernatsch and Mariele Steuerwald Gudernatsch of Germany and New York City. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Anne Neill Gudernatch. He is survived by his three children, Kenneth Gudernatch, of East Hartford, Susan Dreyfus and her husband, Joseph, of New York City, and Stephen Gudernatch, of Tolland; seven

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<sup>386</sup> Gert S. Gudernacht, “U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947” database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 5, 2021. In other records, his first name is spelled Gaert, pronounced Kurt.

<sup>387</sup> Anne Neill Gudernacht, “New York, New York, U.S., Marriage License Indexes, 1907-2018” database and image, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 5, 2021.

<sup>388</sup> Anne Neill Gudernacht, Findagrave.com, ID 18523176, retrieved June 5, 2021. Includes obituary printed in the *Hartford Courant*, June 5, 1998.

<sup>389</sup> Gert Steverwald Gudernacht, Findagrave.com, ID 20822259, retrieved June 5, 2021.

<sup>390</sup> Anne Neill Gudernacht, Findagrave.com, ID 18523176, retrieved June 5, 2021. Includes obituary printed in the *Hartford Courant*, June 5, 1998.

grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Lions Club or the Sharon Fire Department, Sharon, CT 06069. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our Sympathy Store.”<sup>391</sup>

Children of Anne Neill and Gaert Steverwald Gudernacht:

- i. Kenneth Neill Gudernacht, born 12 September 1943 and baptised at Christ Church in the Episcopal Diocese of New York.<sup>392</sup> He resided in 2004 in East Hartford, Connecticut.<sup>393</sup>
- ii. Susan Gudernacht, married Joseph Dreyfus. They resided in 2004 in New York City.<sup>394</sup>
- iii. Stephen F. Gudernacht, resided in 2004 in Tolland, Connecticut.<sup>395</sup> His wife was Amy.<sup>396</sup> He was born about 1949. His children are Matthew Neill Gudernacht and Sarah Elizabeth Gudernacht.<sup>397</sup> Matthew was born 30 September 1985 in Rockville, Tolland County, Connecticut.<sup>398</sup> He is an actor, writer, and producer in California.<sup>399</sup>

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<sup>391</sup> “Gaert S. Gudernacht”. Retrieved June 6, 2021, <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/journalinquirer/obituary.aspx?n=gaert-s-gudernacht&pid=88569293>. Published in *Journal Inquirer* from Jun. 2 to Jun. 8, 2007

<sup>392</sup> Kenneth Neill Gudernacht, “New York, U.S., Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records, 1767-1970” database and image, “U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2” database, Ancestry.com, retrieved June 5, 2021.

<sup>393</sup> “Gaert S. Gudernacht”. Retrieved June 6, 2021, <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/journalinquirer/obituary.aspx?n=gaert-s-gudernacht&pid=88569293>. Published in *Journal Inquirer* from Jun. 2 to Jun. 8, 2007

<sup>394</sup> “Gaert S. Gudernacht”. Retrieved June 6, 2021, <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/journalinquirer/obituary.aspx?n=gaert-s-gudernacht&pid=88569293>. Published in *Journal Inquirer* from Jun. 2 to Jun. 8, 2007

<sup>395</sup> “Gaert S. Gudernacht”. Retrieved June 6, 2021, <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/journalinquirer/obituary.aspx?n=gaert-s-gudernacht&pid=88569293>. Published in *Journal Inquirer* from Jun. 2 to Jun. 8, 2007

<sup>396</sup> Anne Neill Gudernacht, Findagrave.com, ID 18523176, retrieved June 5, 2021. Includes obituary printed in the *Hartford Courant*, June 5, 1998.

<sup>397</sup> Stephen F. Gudernacht, <https://voterrecords.com/voter/4548583/stephen-gudernacht>, retrieved June 6, 2021. He resided in 2021 at 456 Merrow Road Tolland, CT 06084.

<sup>398</sup> Matthew Neill Gudernacht, [https://connvoters.com/by\\_number/0035/07495\\_matthew\\_neill\\_gudernacht.html](https://connvoters.com/by_number/0035/07495_matthew_neill_gudernacht.html), retrieved June 6, 2021.

<sup>399</sup> Tom Leininger, January 11, 2020, “Laughing at Death: Tolland native putting his stamp on the national comedy stage”, [https://www.journalinquirer.com/living/laughing-at-death-tolland-native-putting-his-stamp-on-the-national-comedy-stage/article\\_37983c56-34b4-11ea-941d-c3f8c85cfd0e.html](https://www.journalinquirer.com/living/laughing-at-death-tolland-native-putting-his-stamp-on-the-national-comedy-stage/article_37983c56-34b4-11ea-941d-c3f8c85cfd0e.html), retrieved June 6, 2021. See also, <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4265146/>.

**PART IV:**  
**DISAMBIGUATION OF UNRELATED QUAKER FAMILIES**

**William Neale, Quaker in county Armagh, Ireland, 1654**

William Neale who in 1654 was among the first English Quakers in Ireland at Lurgan, co. Armagh<sup>400</sup>, has been mistakenly identified in published books and numerous online genealogies as the father of our subject Thomas Neill<sup>401</sup>. These errors worked either way, by claiming Irish ancestry for William or claiming Thomas Neill as the son of the Englishman William Neale or O'Neill.<sup>402</sup> The mix-up stems from two sons of Thomas Neill, John and James, being members of the Lurgan Meeting in the 1690's, which was merely coincidental that a founder of the meeting was named Neale. William Neale was from the Leicestershire, England gentry, and Y-DNA testing results of his documented descendant Phillip R. Neal<sup>403</sup> shows William was Haplogroup I (I2a)<sup>404</sup> which is associated with England.<sup>405</sup> The misidentification involving William Neale and Thomas Neill is a simple error of two men having similar surnames and being from a small group of Quakers in the same place and timeframe.<sup>406</sup> Autosomal DNA analysis shows no Jon Patraic Neill paternal matches to descendants of William Neale<sup>407</sup>. There is one Jon Patraic Neill maternal match to claimed descendants of William Neale through his son Henry Neal who married Sarah O'Mooney in Pennsylvania.<sup>408</sup> The family of William Neale was prominent in Quaker society in Mountmellick, county Laois, and his descendants resided there, Dublin, and various counties in southern Ireland that had Quaker residents.<sup>409</sup>

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<sup>400</sup> *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750 : With their early history in Ireland* by Albert Cook Myers, 1901, [https://archive.org/stream/immigrationofiri00myer/immigrationofiri00myer\\_djvu.txt](https://archive.org/stream/immigrationofiri00myer/immigrationofiri00myer_djvu.txt), pages 374-375.

<sup>401</sup> See compiled records without supporting sources or evidence at FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com. For example, <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/landscape/G4P6-RJH>

<sup>402</sup> C. Richard King, <https://www.amazon.com/James-Clinton-Neill-Shadow-Commander/dp/1571685774>, retrieved 25 January 2024. This book states the father of Thomas Neill was the Quaker William Neale of Lurgan Meeting and later Mountmellick, Ireland. The second misidentification in this book is claiming Thomas Neill was the ancestor of William Neill died 1769 in North Carolina.

<sup>403</sup> Phillip R. Neal, Ancestry Tree "Neal-Beadle-Dingman-Hatt Immigrant - DNA VERIFICATION", <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/53092518?cfpid=13453539694&dtid=100>, retrieved 29 January 2024. Neal is a descendant of William Neale through Henry Neal, the son of Robert "of the kingdom of Ireland."

<sup>404</sup> Neal-O'Neal DNA Project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/neal-2/dna-results>, retrieved 29 January 2024. See Neal kit #333189 for "Alexander Neal (b.1838 d.1912)".

<sup>405</sup> M170 Haplogroup, <https://discover.familytreedna.com/y-dna/I-M170/story>, retrieved 29 January 2024. See kits #333189.

<sup>406</sup> *The same type of misidentification error is seen in a Y-DNA tester with Irish Type III ancestry that claims English ancestry with Quaker William Neale, which is self-contradictory.* Neal-O'Neal DNA Project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/neal-2/dna-results>, retrieved 29 January 2024. See Neal kit #350460 for "Robert Neal b. 1685. Probably Co. Clare".

<sup>407</sup> Ancestry.com, Jon Neill's DNA Matches, retrieved 29 January 2024.

<sup>408</sup> Deborah Davis, "Davis Family Tree", <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/7140175/family/pedigree?cfpid=150010507772>, retrieved 29 January 2024. Veracity of these claims has not been reviewed.

<sup>409</sup> "Research of the Neale Family in Ireland, 1654-1700", by Jon Patraic Neill, Tampa, Florida, April 2, 2019. Research materials include images of digitized Quaker records accessed from Findmypast.ie.



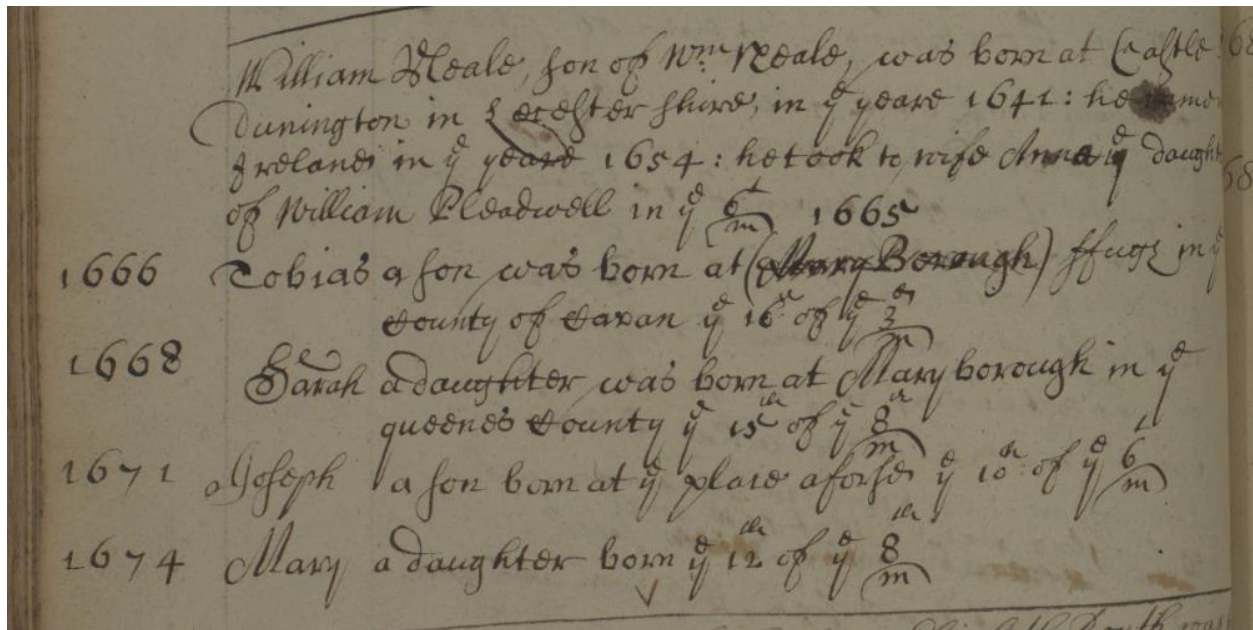


Image 41. Quaker record of William Neale born 1641 in Castle Donington, Leicestershire, England moved to Ireland in 1654. He was in county Cavan, Ireland in 1666 and by 1667 in Maryborough, Queens county, Ireland, now county Laois <sup>410</sup>

### Hugh O'Neill, Quaker in Delaware and Virginia, died 1751

Hugh O'Neill, born about 1695 in Ireland, is the subject of a colorful oral tradition of a sailor jumping ship from an English naval vessel and swimming ashore to the town of Christina on the Delaware River,<sup>411</sup> now the site of the Christiana Towers in the city of Wilmington, Delaware.<sup>412</sup> Hugh married his wife in 1732 from its Quaker community and then about 1750 moved to Virginia where the family belonged to the Hopewell Meeting in Frederick County, before many of them settled at Bush River in South Carolina in 1766 in a further Quaker migration.<sup>413</sup> The Hopewell Meeting was the

<sup>410</sup> William Neale, Mountmellick Meeting, 1675, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FMMVG-1%2F0035&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FCONG%2F701527>, in "Research of the Neale Family in Ireland, 1654-1700", by Jon Patraic Neill, Tampa, Florida, April 2, 2019. Research materials include images of digitized Quaker records accessed from Findmypast.ie.

<sup>411</sup> "The Verifiable Pedigree of Hugh O'Neill of Shanescastle 'who jumped ship' and Changed His Surname to O'Neill", Posted on Feb 16, 2017, Feb 17, 2017 by Mac an Tíre Ó Maolchonaire in "Hugh O'Neill of Shane's Castle, Ancestor of Judge John Belton O'Neill", retrieved 26 December 2023, <https://grumblesfromabroad.wordpress.com/2017/02/16/first-blog-post/> also <https://wordpress.com/hughoneilljumpedship>. This article acknowledges the claim of Hugh's ancestry was in error, but advances a second claim that genetic evidence also disproves. For Hugh's present-day Quaker descendants, see, "Welcome to the Scrapbook of the O'Neill Family, Irish Quakers and Friends", <https://homepages.rootsweb.com/~joneall/famhisty/qof.html>, retrieved February 3, 2024.

<sup>412</sup> I work at this location on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor, overlooking the spot of Hugh's arrival. – author (JPN)

<sup>413</sup> J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, "Hugh O'Neill" in "Frost Gilchrist and Related Families" database, <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=10439&tree=frostinaz01>, retrieved 30 January 2024. This source is documented against original sources and is highly trustworthy. (A 1759 fire destroyed the early records from Hopewell Meeting.) Hugh's death is evidenced from Junie Estelle Stewart King, *Abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administration*

nexus to the Thomas Neill Quaker family, where his grandsons Lewis and John and their families remained for generations. In the 1893 history of the Jolliffe family the Neill's are described as a junior branch of 'Upper Claneboys' in direct line of descent from Niall of the Nine Hostages through Aed Buide Ó Néill ('Hugh Boy O'Neill') who became king in 1260.<sup>414</sup> This compares to oral tradition in my lineage of descent from Niall of the Nine Hostages through Domnall Ó Néill ('Donald O'Neill', high king, died 980) but that did not include Aed Buide, and thereby *accurately* not claiming Clandeboye ancestry.<sup>415</sup> The purpose to discussing Hugh O'Neill is his descendants did claim Clandeboye ancestry, including through the surviving princely line of the 1500's and with Hugh's birthplace in 1695 at Shane's Castle, Edenduffcarrick, in county Antrim. This oral tradition was published in 1858<sup>416</sup>, although unknown whether this tradition began independently of the Neill claim or if the two families were somehow confused from their time together at Hopewell. Genetic testing results show Hugh O'Neill was Irish Type III DNA from southern Ireland, meaning neither Clandeboye nor O'Neill from Ulster.<sup>417</sup> Regardless of origins, these O'Neill remained Quakers and refused to support the institution of slavery in South Carolina, which preceded their migration to Ohio.<sup>418</sup>

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*Accounts of Frederick County, Virginia 1743-1800*, Scottsdale, Arizona: J.E.S. King, 1961 (Also in King is John Neill's son-in-law Meredith Helm administered the estate of Hugh Neale, 2 September 1746. The identity of this Hugh is unknown.) See also, "Bush River Quakers, Newberry County, South Carolina", from *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* by William Wade Hinshaw, Volume I, about 1936. (Contributed by Dena W. for Newberry County, South Carolina Genealogy Trails) at [https://genealogytrails.com/scar/newberry/bush\\_river\\_quakers.htm](https://genealogytrails.com/scar/newberry/bush_river_quakers.htm), retrieved January 30, 2024.

<sup>414</sup> William Jolliffe, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893: Also Sketches of the Neill's, Janney's, Hollingsworth's, and Other Cognate Families*, <https://www.amazon.com/Historical-Genealogical-Biographical-Jolliffe-Virginia/dp/101589593X>, retrieved January 25, 2024.

<sup>415</sup> Author, "Oral Tradition of William John Neill (1875-1935) Family Origins", January 16, 2024. Genetic testing confirmed claims (Kit #947180, FamilyTreeDNA) and indicated the family resided in Clandeboye territory.

<sup>416</sup> See above, "The Verifiable Pedigree of Hugh O'Neill of Shanescastle 'who jumped ship' and Changed His Surname to O'Neill". It is stated, "Judge John Belton O'Neill of South Carolina wrote his major historical work, the *Annals of Newbury*, in 1858" (from source John Belton O'Neill, *The Annals of Newberry*, Newberry, South Carolina: Aull & Houseal, 1892, pages 278-279). The judge described the oral tradition and further stated, "On landing, to escape detection, he altered the spelling of his name, either from O'Neill or O'Neale to O'Neill." This is an oft-repeated fallacy that in the 1700's the spelling of one's surname could be integral to their social identity, much less to evade legal detection. A better explanation is O'Neill was simply Hugh's rendering of his surname as he knew or preferred it.

<sup>417</sup> O'Neill DNA Project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/oneill/dna-results>, retrieved 29 January 2024. See kit #910574 under "1C Leinster/Carlow/Magh da Chonn, R-L159" lineage. Also, Neal-O'Neal DNA Project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/neal-2/dna-results>, retrieved January 39, 2024. See O'Neill kit #910574 for ancestor "Hugh O'Neill/O'Neale/O'Neill, b. 1695 and d. 1754" Haplogroup R-BY114951. Also, "R1b-Z255, L159 and Subclades Project", <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/R1b-L159.2?iframe=yresults>, retrieved January 30, 2024. See kit #722131 under R-BY114951 that claims Hugh O'Neill d. 1754 ancestry.

<sup>418</sup> J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, "Hugh O'Neill" in "Frost Gilchrist and Related Families" database, <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personID=I10439&tree=frostinaz01>, retrieved January 30, 2024. This source is documented against original sources and is highly trustworthy. Mike provided valuable contributions to this paper with information on O'Neill and Neill Quaker families from the Hopewell Meeting in Virginia. He is related to both families.

### William Neill, of North Carolina, died 1769

William Neill who died in 1769 in Rowan County, North Carolina<sup>419</sup>, has been mistakenly identified in many online genealogies since at least 2009 as the William Neill born in 1711 at Lurgan, co. Armagh, or Clare, co. Down, Ireland, the son of Quakers John Neill and Ester Reford, and grandson of our subject Thomas Neill.<sup>420</sup> Despite his descendants' claims of O'Neill descent<sup>421</sup>, Y-DNA testing results for three of his descendants show William was Haplogroup I (I2b1)<sup>422</sup>, which is not associated with Ireland.<sup>423</sup> This misidentification dates at least to the 1893 history of the Jolliffe family of Virginia, into which family John and Ester Neill's sons Lewis and John married.<sup>424</sup> In 2021, a local Virginia researcher, J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, evaluated the original documents and concluded William Neill in Virginia was the son of John, not his brother.<sup>425</sup> This William in Virginia could not have fathered, due to timing, the children born to the man who died in 1769. The Quaker Blackburn family from co. Armagh has published extensive research on its Irish and American branches and its data supports these were three different men: William born 1711 in Ireland, William in Virginia, William died 1769 in North Carolina.<sup>426</sup> Autosomal DNA analysis of Jon Patraic Neill shows three paternal matches to descendants of William Neill died 1769 in North Carolina<sup>427</sup>, which is explained either by migration from Ulster to North Carolina or Quaker endogamy if his wife was from the Callender family of Maryland and Delaware (claimed, but not proven).<sup>428</sup> There are also nine Jon Patraic Neill maternal matches to descendants of William Neill and Sarah Callender, which is explained by direct maternal ancestor Hannah Tripp<sup>429</sup> who was from a Quaker

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<sup>419</sup> Marcy Porter, "Neill Descendants," <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~marcyptx/NEILL/d1.htm#g1>, retrieved January 25, 2024.

<sup>420</sup> William Neill birth record, <https://www.findmypast.ie/>, retrieved January 25, 2024. See John Neill, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=IRE/QUAKER/ROB-LURGAN-1859/0021&parentid=IRE/QUAKER/BIRTH/45304>, retrieved May 1, 2019

<sup>421</sup> Richard King, <https://www.amazon.com/James-Clinton-Neill-Shadow-Commander/dp/1571685774>, retrieved January 25, 2024. This book states the ancestors of William Neill died 1769 were the O'Neill of Ulster through the Quaker William O'Neill and his son Thomas Neill. The second misidentification in this book is the Quaker William Neale of Lurgan Meeting and later Mountmellick, Ireland.

<sup>422</sup> Neal-O'Neal DNA Project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/neal-2/dna-results>, retrieved January 25, 2024. See kits #B3076, #B78040, #95777.

<sup>423</sup> O'Neill DNA Project, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/oneill/dna-results>, retrieved January 25, 2024.

<sup>424</sup> William Jolliffe, *Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Account of the Jolliffe Family of Virginia, 1652 to 1893: Also Sketches of the Neill's, Janney's, Hollingsworth's, and Other Cognate Families*, <https://www.amazon.com/Historical-Genealogical-Biographical-Jolliffe-Virginia/dp/101589593X>, retrieved January 25, 2024.

<sup>425</sup> J. Michael 'Mike' Frost, <https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/>, retrieved January 25, 2024.

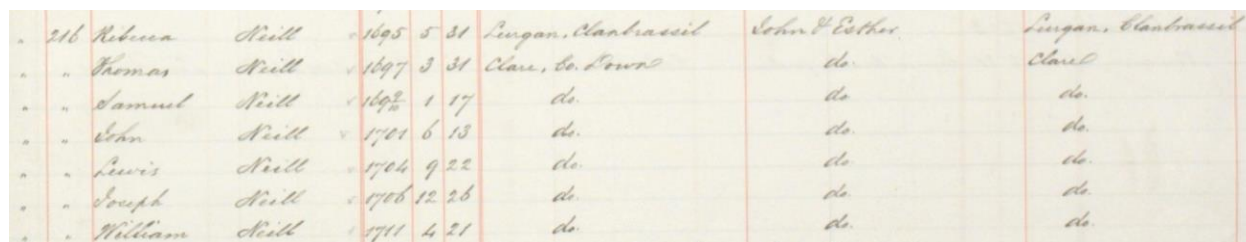
<sup>426</sup> Blackburn Family Association, <http://www.blackburn-tree.org>, retrieved January 25, 2024.

<sup>427</sup> Ancestry.com, Jon Neill's DNA Matches, retrieved January 25, 2024.

<sup>428</sup> Florence Amelia Wilson Houston, Laura Anna Cowan Blaine, and Ella Dunn Mellette (1916), "Maxwell history and genealogy including the allied families of Alexander, Allen, Bachiler, Batterton, Beveridge, Blaine, Brewster, Brown, Callender, Campbell, Carey, Clark, Cowan, Fox, Dinwiddie, Dunn, Eylar, Garretson, Gentry, Guthrie, Houston, Howard, Howe, Hughes, Hussey, Irvine, Johnson, Kimes, McCullough, Moore, Pemberton, Rosenmüller, Smith, Stapp, Teter, Tilford, Uzzell, Vawter, Ver Planck, Walker, Wiley, Wilson," [https://books.google.com/books/about/Maxwell\\_History\\_and\\_Genealogy.html?id=9aU0AAAAAAAJ](https://books.google.com/books/about/Maxwell_History_and_Genealogy.html?id=9aU0AAAAAAAJ), retrieved January 25, 2024. Identifies Callender family as Quaker.

<sup>429</sup> Jon Patraic Neill, <https://search.worldcat.org/title/1226077480>, retrieved January 25, 2024. "Chronicle of the Neill Family," Volume 5, page 1889. Source: 'A Record of the Egelston Family In America' on occasion of the Egleston family reunion on August 4, 1940, from the files of the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Kentucky.

family and lived in the vicinity of the Callender family.<sup>430</sup> The only identified connection of Quakerism to this William Neill was possibly his wife, as his Neill descendants remaining in North Carolina claimed he was Presbyterian from co. Down, Ireland.<sup>431</sup> William Neill's descendant James Clinton Neill is notable in Texas history as the commander of the Alamo.<sup>432</sup>



216	Rebecca	Neill	1695	5	31	Bangan, Clonbrassil	John & Esther	Bangan, Clonbrassil
"	Thomas	Neill	1697	3	31	Clare, Co. Down	do.	Clare
"	Samuel	Neill	1698	1	17	do.	do.	do.
"	John	Neill	1701	6	13	do.	do.	do.
"	Lewis	Neill	1704	9	22	do.	do.	do.
"	Joseph	Neill	1706	12	26	do.	do.	do.
"	William	Neill	1711	4	21	do.	do.	do.

Image 42. Quaker record of William Neill born 1711. This record has generated multiple and conflicting genealogical claims

### Samuel Neale, Quaker missionary from Dublin, died 1792

Samuel Neale of Dublin and his wife Mary Peisley Neale were notable Quaker missionaries in Ireland, who had preached in Ulster during the lifetime of Samuel Neill (I) who married Deborah Nicholson. In records of the 1756 Ulster Quarterly Meeting he is referred to as "Samuel Neill from Leinster,"<sup>433</sup> reflecting the Ulster spelling but otherwise unrelated to our subject Thomas Neill.

The *Dictionary of National Biography* included this excerpt regarding Samuel and Mary Neale. "He died at Cork on 27 February 1792, and was buried in the Friends' burial-ground there on 2 March, having been a minister forty years. Neale married Mary Peisley (b. 1717) on 17 May 1757. She had long been a minister, and in her youth had a similar experience to Neale's. She travelled in England and America, and exerted much influence. She died suddenly three days after the marriage. Three years later Neale married Sarah Beale (d. 7 March 1793). Before his death he prepared the journals and letters of Mary Peisley for publication, Dublin, 1795. His own journals were first published in Dublin in 1805. [Some Account of the Lives and Religious Labours of Samuel and Mary Neale, forming vol. viii. of Barclay's

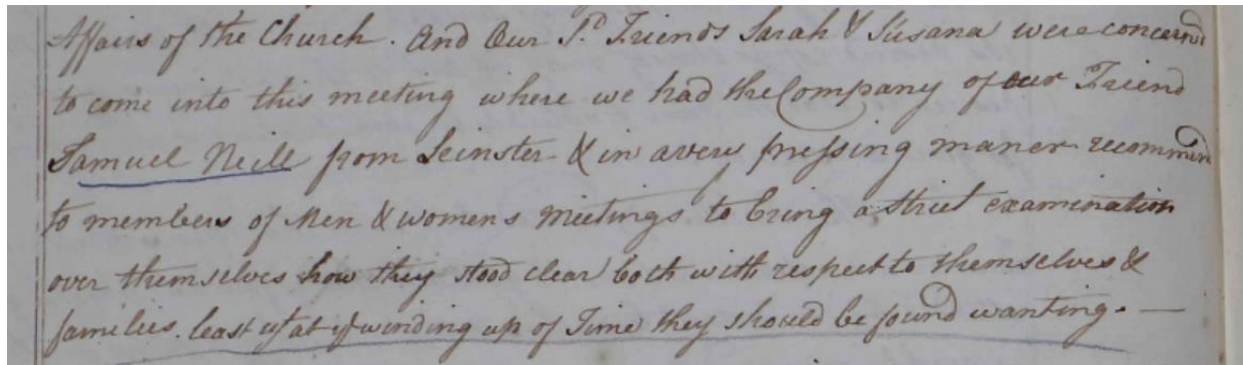
<sup>430</sup> Janet Tripp Andrews, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/597900-john-tripp-1611-1678-a-glimpse-into-our-founder-s-life>, retrieved January 25, 2024. Identifies Tripp family as Quaker

<sup>431</sup> Phyllis Neill Gryder, <https://www.amazon.com/Heritage-Iredell-County-1980/dp/0894590871>, retrieved January 25, 2024. See Neill family, number 471, pages 430-431.

<sup>432</sup> C. Richard King, 2002, *James Clinton Neill: The Shadow Commander of the Alamo*, Fort Worth, Texas: Eakin Press.

<sup>433</sup> Samuel Neill, 1756 Ulster Quarterly Meeting, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, <https://search.findmypast.ie/record?id=S2%2FIRE%2FQUAKERS%2FQ-1-3%2F0034&parentid=IRE%2FQUAKER%2FULSTER%2FCON%2F139341>; see also Samuel Neill, 1758, Antrim Meeting, Ireland, Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records Image, <https://www.findmypast.ie/transcript?id=IRE/QUAKER/ULSTER/CON/000467>, retrieved May 1, 2019.

Select Series, London, 1845. Reprinted in vol. xi. of The Friends' Library, Philadelphia, 1847; Leadbeater's Biog. Notices, pp. 291–306.”<sup>434</sup>



Affairs of the Church. And Our F. Friends Sarah & Susanna were concerned to come into this meeting where we had the company of our Friend Samuel Neill from Leinster & in a very pressing manner recommended to members of Men & women's meetings to bring a strict examination over themselves how they stood clear both with respect to themselves & families. least if at winding up of Time they should be found wanting. —

Image 43. Ulster Monthly Meeting recording the 1756 visit and preaching of Samuel Neill.

<sup>434</sup> Charlotte Fell Smith, “Samuel Neale”, *Dictionary of National Biography*, 1885-1900, Volume 40, London; see also Jon Patraic Neill, April 2, 2019, “Research of the Neale Family in Ireland, 1654-1700”, Tampa, Florida; March 23, 2019.