

Neill of Tullylish Parish in County Down, Deeds and Conveyances: Evidence from 1712—1870

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The FamilySearch.org database of microfilmed images in the “Ireland, Properties, from 1298 to 1975” database was searched for evidence of the Neill family of Tullylish. The selected search terms shown in Part IV yielded 540 records for review using FamilySearch computer-generated indexing, with 458 for Samuel Neill between 1690 and 1922. Twenty-one of the most important records were abstracted and shown in Part III, with the earliest from 1712 and most recent 1895. In Part II, the complete transcription of the 1730 conveyance of “Neill to O’Neill” demonstrates the alternate use of Neill, O’Neill, Neal, ONeil, Neil, Niel by John and his son Lewis, like a Rosetta Stone for a surname. The 1861 deed of “Barcroft to Dickson” documented multiple parties of Quakers in Ballymacanallen neighboring the farm of Samuel Neill. Among the sellers of this land neighboring Samuel Neill was John Grubb Richardson, the Quaker industrialist, in whose company “Richardson Brothers” Samuel Neill (died 1889 Belfast) was an investor. Part I presents and discusses results.

Image 1. John Neill in 1730 conveyance, he was an Irish Quaker and son of Thomas, also known as O'Neill

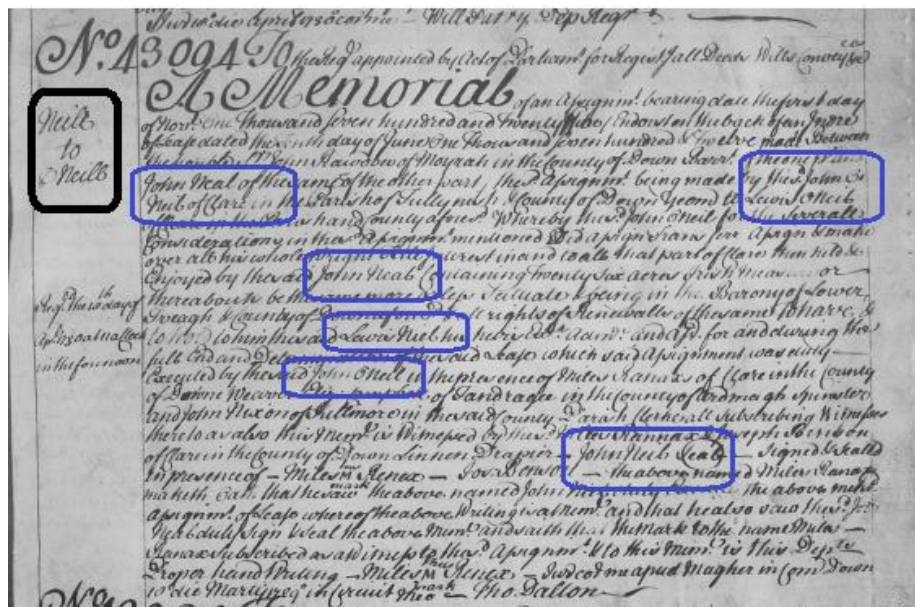
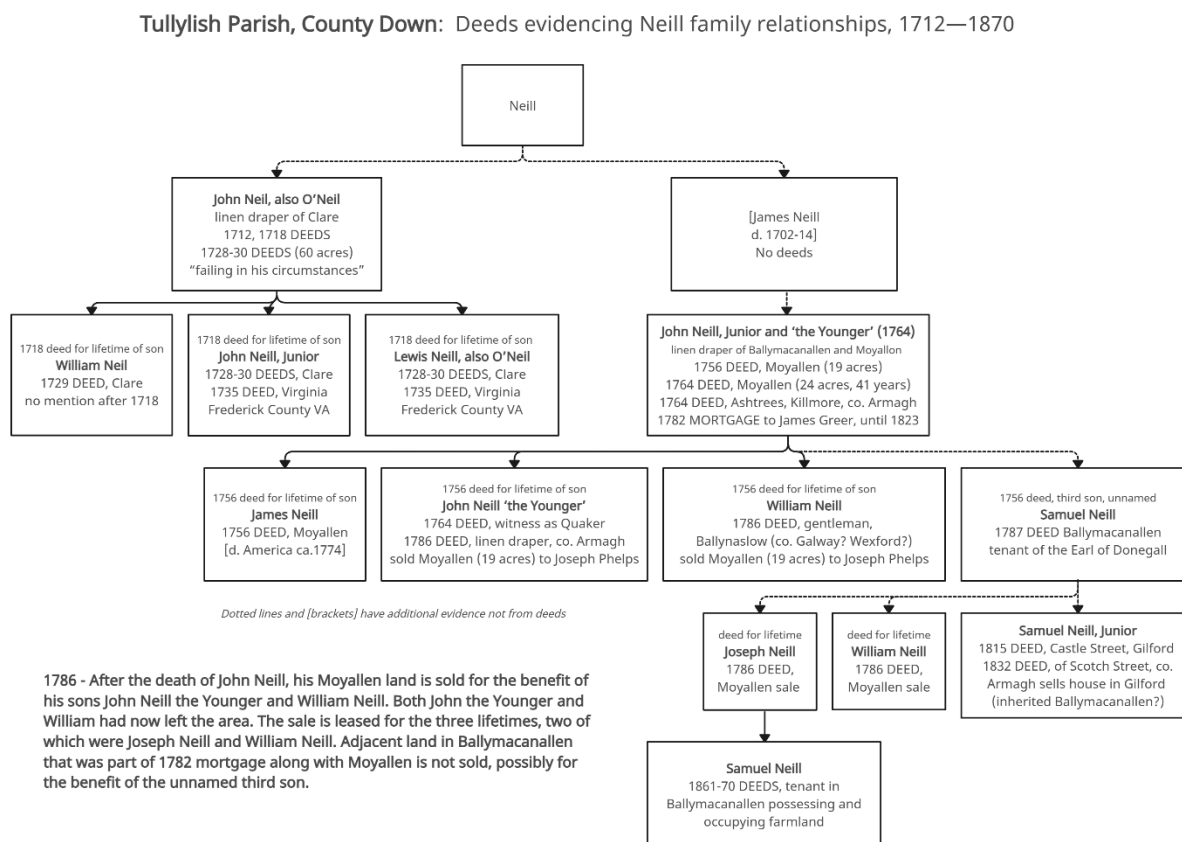


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Part I

Evidence from the research of deeds was consistent with the compiled genealogy that relied heavily on Quaker records. No genealogical claims were disproven as a result of this new information, while new detail were uncovered. Findings of deeds research are shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Overlay of Genealogical Structure to Results of Deeds and Conveyances



Discussion of Figure 1

The key finding was the use of the name O'Neill by this Quaker family. Figure 1 shows Neill relationships gleaned from deeds and conveyances, aided where the dotted lines were inference supported by other evidence. John Neill (top, left), a linen draper from Clare [townland in Tullylish parish, County Down; not to be confused with County Clare]. was "failing in his circumstances" when in 1728 to 1730 he executed a series of transactions, including a sale to his son Lewis O'Neill. John's first lease was in 1712 and his sons William, John Junior, and Lewis were mentioned in a 1718 deed. John Junior and Lewis migrated to Virginia about 1730, while the fate of William remained unknown as he was not found again in deeds.

John Neill of Ballymacanallen (top, right) used ‘Junior’ and ‘the Younger’ to distinguish himself from John Neill of Clare. The practice was not limited to father-son relationships, and could also be uncle-nephew or other kindred relationship. Likewise, three of his sons are identified in deeds – James, John ‘the Younger’, and William – while his third son was not mentioned by name. Two of these brothers inherited and sold their father’s lands in Moyallen, and moved away – John ‘the Younger’ to County Armagh and William to Ballynaslow. Additionally, while witnessing a deed of his father’s, the second John ‘the Younger’ was identified as a Quaker.

The third son of John Neill ‘the Younger’ was not named, missing an opportunity to find proof of his identity. The dotted line in Figure 1 represents relationships inferred by deeds and supported by genealogical evidence from Quaker records in Findmypast.ie. John Neill ‘the Younger’ was already ‘of Ballymacanallen’ when he acquired land in Moyallen in 1756. In 1787, Samuel Neill was a tenant in Ballymacanallen when 117 acres of the townland including his portion was sold from James Montgomery to the Earl of Donegal. It seems this land was sub-let, so no Neill transactions for it have yet been identified in the source used. The presence in Ballymacanallen of John Neill in 1756, then Samuel Neill in 1787 infers the lease passed to this son, who did not receive a stake in his father’s Moyallen land. His son, Samuel Neill Junior resided in Gilford in 1815, the emerging linen mill town adjacent to Ballymacanallen. He sold this home in 1832 upon his second marriage, to Eleanor Holland, and moved to the village of Scotch Street in County Armagh. In 1861, Samuel Neill possessed a farm in Ballymacanallen across which land a road had recently been constructed (see Part II). He held this land in 1862 and 1870, also. This chain of ownership is consistent with the three generations named Samuel Neill that culminated in Samuel Neill who died in 1889 in Belfast. Samuel Neill’s possession of this farm continued after he moved to Belfast around 1849 during linen mill industrialization. However, an inferred conclusion is not the level of proof hoped for.

Additional insights

No deeds in Fermanagh or County Armagh were identified between 1612 and 1712 that might have shed further light on the origins of the family. The only new record from this period was obtained from the Ulster Historical Society, showing John Neal from Magheraboy, Fermanagh on the Ulster militia muster roll in 1630.

A previously unknown individual was identified in the deeds, **Thomas Neill of Clare, County Down**. He purchased sixteen acres of Clare farmland in 1878 from William Lockhart while at the same time employed in Belfast as a power loom manager during the linen mill industrialization. His son, also Thomas Neill, of Rowans Hill in Clare, mortgaged this land in 1895 after his father’s death. An online search of vital records from the General Records Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) for the Waringstown sub-district of Lurgan shows Thomas Neill died 1894 age 60 years (born 1834). William Lockhart was witness to the death of John Neill, a laborer, on 10 September 1881 in Clare, when John died at age 82 years (born 1799).

Neill maternal line connections were also uncovered. The Moyallen land leased by John Neill the Younger in 1756 was previously leased to James Morton, and John’s wife and mother were both Morton. In Gilford where Samuel Neill Junior purchased his home in 1815, there was also the family

of Samuel Cherry there since 1807, and the wife of Samuel Neill was Anne Cherry. The Nicholson family that Samuel Neill (I) married into in 1767 had been associated with Neill and Richardson families in deeds since at least 1744.

Continuing with the vital records from GRONI for the Waringstown sub-district of Lurgan (covering Clare and Ballymacanallen), the Samuel Neill possessing Ballymacanallen land in 1861 was the son of Joseph Neill and a ploughman, whose son Joseph married in 1861 to Margaret Hutchinson in the Tullylish Church of Ireland. There were zero entries for a 'Samuel Neill' either fathering children there or dying there between 1864 and 1892. Additionally, two descendant branches of Samuel Neill (died 1889) were identified, who both remain in the Belfast area and regard this Samuel as the son of Samuel Neill and Anne Cherry, although there is no further evidence.

Part II

The 1730 conveyance of "Neill to O'Neill" documents the alternate use of Neill, O'Neill, Neal, ONeil, Neil, Niel by John and his son Lewis. The text is shown in full.

"Neill to O Neill. Registered the 10th day of April 1730 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. No. 43094. To the registrar appointed by act of Parliament for registration of all Deeds Wills Conveyances. A Memorial of an assignment bearing date the first day of November Thousand seven hundred and twenty nine endorsement on the back of an indenture of lease dated the tenth day of June **One thousand Seven hundred and Twelve** made between the honorable St John Rawdon of Moyrah in the County of Down, barrister, of the one part and **John Neal of the same of the other part, the said assignment being made by the said John ONeil of Clare in the Parish of Tullylish and County of Down, yeoman, to Lewis ONeil of Clare in the Parish and County aforesaid.** Whereby the said **John ONeil** for the several considerations in the said assignment mentioned did assign transfer assign and make over all his whole right title interest in and to all that part of Clare then held and enjoyed by the said **John Neal** containing twenty six acres Irish measure or thereabouts be the same more or less scituate and being in the Barony of Lower Iveagh and County of Down aforesaid, and all rights of renewals of the same have and to hold to him the said **Lewis Niel** his heirs executors administrators and aforesaid for and during the full end and determination of the said lease which said assignment was duly executed by the said **John ONeil** in the presence of Miles Ranax of Clare in the County of Downe Weaver Eliz. Campbell of Tandragee in the County of Ardmagh Spinster and John Nixon of Tullimore in the said County Parish Clerk all subscribing witnesses thereto as also this memorial is witnessed by the said Miles Rannex and Joseph Benson of Clare in the County of Down Linen Draper – **John Neil** (Seal). Signed & sealed in presence of - Miles Renex (his 'M' mark) - Jos. Benson - the above named Miles Ranaxe maketh oath that he saw the above named **John Niel** duly execute the above mentioned assignment of lease whereof the above writing is a memorial and that he also saw the said **Jon Neal** duly sign and seal the **above**

memorial and saith that the mark to the name Miles Ranax subscribed as a witness to the said assignment and to this memorial is this deponents proper hand writing - Miles Renex (this 'M' mark) – lmd me apud Magher in Com Down 10 die Marty req in Circuit meo. Tho. Dalton” [These last words are clear, but undeciphered, possibly Latin.¹]

Details of the parties to the 1861 deed “Barcroft to Dickson” includes Quakers in Ballymacanallen that neighbored the farm of Samuel Neill. Among the sellers was John Grubb Richardson, the Quaker industrialist, in whose company “Richardson Brothers” Samuel Neill (died 1889 Belfast) was an investor.

Table 1. “Barcroft to Dickson” deed of 1861, Ballymacanallen

Barcroft to Dickson, Deed of 8 October 1861, Ballymacanallen (9 acres, 37 perches)	
Parties of the First Part	Parties of the Second Part
William James Barcroft of Redford near Moy in the County of Tyrone Miller	Estate of Abraham <i>Bell</i> late of New York aforesaid merchant deceased (last will and testament)
James <i>Greer Richardson</i> of Truemount near Moy aforesaid Esquire	James <i>Christy Bell</i> of the City of New York in the United States of America Esquire executor
Richard Pike of Derryvale in the said County of Tyrone Linen Merchant	Francis Redden Tillow of the City of New York in the United States of America Esquire executor
Ephraim Allen of the Diamond near Rich Hill in the County of Armagh farmer	Parties of the Third Part
Joseph <i>Dawson</i> of Mayallon in the County of Down farmer	James <i>Greer Bell</i> of Tullyish House near Gilford in the County of Down in Ireland Esquire attorney of second part
Thomas Henry White of Tandragee in the County of Armagh Miller	Parties of the Fourth Part
John Grubb Richardson of Moyallen House near Moyallen aforesaid, Linen Merchant	James Dickson of Elmfield near Gilford in the County of Down Flaxspinner
James <i>Nicholson Richardson</i> of Lissue of the County of Antrim Esquire	Land Surveyor
Richard <i>Bell</i> of Whitehouse in the said County of Antrim Flaxspinner	John Benn
William <i>Richardson</i> of Brooklands in the said County of Antrim Linen Merchant	Neighbors
John <i>Pim</i> of Belfast in the said County of Antrim Merchant	Mrs. Mary <i>Phelps</i>
William Halliday of Belfast aforesaid accountant of the first part	Thomas <i>Christy Wakefield</i>
Witnesses	Abraham Atkinson
Thomas L'Estrange	Graham Armstrong
Charles H. Brett	Sarah Keraghan
Thomas Garrett	Edward Farrell
John Dowling	Samuel Neill
John Russell	
John Kennedy	
Parties of 2 October 1857	
Right Honorable Richard Earl of Clanwilliam	(parties of the second part were same as 1861 first part)
Parties of 20 January 1795	
John Kent	Abraham Atkinson of Stramore in the said County of Down Linen Draper
Margaret Kent	
Rose Kent	
Parties of 1 November 1693	
Sir John Magill	John Cant [Kent]

Part III

¹ Alan Watson, correspondence of 21 April 2025, “probably in the mixture of Norman French and bad Latin that was used for English legal documents for many centuries. I think it means ‘I am at Magher in County Down on 10 March on my circuit.’ What's slightly odd is that you have the deed dated 10 April rather than March.”

Abstracts are organized by key family member, with records shown in chronological order based on date of recording. There was often a time lag between the execution and recording of the transaction, and the records often referred to previous transactions that involved the parcel of land. These sections are: "John Neill of Clare, deeds from 1712 to 1744", "John Neill of Ballymacanallen, deeds for Moyallen from 1756 to 1786", "Samuel Neill of Ballymacanallen, deed from 1787", "Samuel Neill Junior of Gilford, deeds from 1815 to 1832", "Samuel Neill of Ballymacanallen, deeds from 1861 to 1870", and "Thomas Neill of Clare, deeds from 1878 to 1895", along with citations.

John Neill of Clare, deeds from 1712 to 1744

1727 (August 1), Neill to Bright. Memorial of agreement dated 21 March **1716** "between **John Neil of Clare** in the County of Down and George Bright of the same witnessing that the said **John Neill**" leased to Bright five acres and one rood that is part of John Applebies farm in Clare. John Williams, Joseph Benson, and John Benson, linen draper, of Clare in County Down witnessed the 1716 agreement. Joseph Benison and John Benison of Clare witnessed the 1727 agreement.

1730 (April 10), Neill to O'Neill. Assignment of lease on 1 November **1729** by endorsement on the back of an indenture of lease of 10 June **1712** from **St John Rawdon** of Moyrah in the County of Down, barrister, and "**John Neal** of the same of the other part, the said assignment being made by **the said John O'Neil of Clare** in the Parish of Tullylish and County of Down, yeoman, to **Lewis O'Neil of Clare** in the Parish and County aforesaid" for 26 acres Irish measure in Clare, barony of Lower Iveagh. The assigner in *Neill to O'Neill* is variously John Neal, John O'Neil, Jon Neal, John Niel, and signed his name John Neil. Lewis is called Lewis O'Neil and Lewis Niel. Witnesses included Joseph Benson of Clare in the County of Down, Linen Draper.

1730 (April 18), Neill et al to Williams. Indented deeds of lease and release by way of mortgage from 10 and 11 March **1728**, respectively, from John Neill, Senior, and his son Lewis Neill to John Neill, both of Clare parish and County of Down, Yeoman, of the first part and John Williams of Clare parish and County aforesaid of the other part. Parcel in town land of Clare then in possession of Owen McCann, Bryan McCoskran, and Henry Carvell in barony of Moyrah and County of Down. Term for the lives of John Neill, Senior, and his **sons John Neill, Junior, and Lewis Neill**. Witnesses included Elizabeth Benson and Joseph Benison of Clare.

1730 (August 27), Neil to Rogers. Deed of assignment on 13 August **1729** from **John Neil** of Clarecleneconnell [Clare] in the Parish of Tullylish and County of Downe, Draper, to Tobias Rogers of Mayra, Gentleman. John Niel mortgaged to Peter Mason of Mayra for 80 pounds secured by lease of approx. 72 acres from **St. John Rawdon, Baronet**. John Neil "*failing in his circumstances*" gave power to Mason to sell the lease dated 27 June **1718** from Rawdon to John Neil of Clare. Comprising 60 acres of town land of Clare, 7.5 acres field adjoining James Towlerton, 5 acres by endorsement on the back of the lease to John McAlavys for and during the lives of **John Neil, Lewis Neil, William Neil, sons of the said John Neil**. Witnesses included Joseph Benson of Clare in the County of Down, Linen Draper.

1744 (September 24), *Nicholson to Richardson*. Deed of assignment on 12 September 1744 from John Nicholson of Nicholsons hall, County Down, Gentleman, to William Richardson, of Dublin, merchant. Assignment involving multiple parcels, including nine acres in the town land of Kernon, Tullylish parish, County Down, “formerly in the possession of **John Neal** and **Joseph Benison** and their undertenants”, and also the corn mills of Knocknegor and Kernon, and dams, waters, and water rights.

John Neill of Ballymacanallen, deeds for Moyallen from 1756 to 1786

Parcel of nineteen acres, two roods, seven perches

1756 (October 1), *Johnston to Neill*. Deed of lease dated 13 September **1756** from Richard Johnston of Gilford in County Down to “**John Neill of Ballymacallen** [sic] in said County linen draper”. All farm land in the half town of Moyallen “then in the possession of **James Morton** of Moyallen” and containing nineteen acres, two roods, seven perches English statute measure. Lease duration for 41 years or for the “lives of the **James Neill**, **John Neill**, and **William Neill**, first second and fourth sons of the said John Neill the Lessee.” Witnessed by the William Johnston, Gentleman, and brother of Richard Johnston, and David Daniell Stewart of Moyallen, linen draper.

1786 (11 November), *Chief Remembrancer of his Majesties Court of Exchequer in Ireland to Phelps*. Indented deed of conveyance dated 25 July 1786 between “the Right Honorable Earl of Clanbrassill as Chief Remembrancer of his Majesties Court of Exchequer in Ireland of the first part, **John Neill [Junior] of Magherantrim in the County of Armagh** Linnen Draper and **William Neill of Ballynaslow in the Co. of [blank] Gentleman** of the second part, James **Greer** of Clanrout in the County of Armagh Linen Draper of the third part, and Joseph **Phelps** of Moyallon in the County of Armagh Esquire of the fourth part.” [Moyallon is in County Down.] The half town of Moyallon “lately in the possession of said **John Neill the elder**” and containing nineteen acres, two roods, seven perches English statute measure in the parish of Tullylish. Lease duration for the lives of **Joseph Neill**, **William Neill**, and Andrew McCreight. Witnesses were George Crozier, Hugh McKey and Joseph Glenney, all of Dublin.

Parcel of twenty-four acres, three roods, thirty perches

1764 (September 5), *Johnston to Neill*. Indenture of lease dated 29 August **1764** from Richard Johnston of Gilford in the County of Down Esquire “demised unto **John Neill the Younger of Moyallon** in said County Linen Draper all that part of Moyallon aforesaid late in the possession of John Buller and now in said John Neills possession” containing twenty-four acres, three roods, thirty perches English statute measure. Lease duration for 41 years or for the “lives of the said **John Neill and of John Neill son of the said John Neill** and of Andrew Mc Creight aged three years son of Andrew McCreight of Ballymacanallen.” Lease witnessed by John McCreight of Gilford in the County of Down Linen Draper and William McConnell of Moyallon aforesaid Linen Draper, and the memorial witnessed by the said John McCreight and Thomas Trowman of Brackagh in the County of Armagh, Gentleman. Signed by “**John Neill Junior**”.

(See subsequent transfers: *Phelps to Phelps*, 29 April 1819; *Wakefield to Wakefield*, 1 February 1859, involving Thomas Christy Wakefield of Devon, England and Charles Frederick Wakefield of County of Armagh; *Wakefield to Bewley*, 7 February 1860. “Charles Frederick Wakefield of Corcrair Villa in the County of Armagh in Ireland Esquire of the first part **John Grubb Richardson** of Brookhill in the County of Antrim Esquire and Jane Marian [Wakefield] Richardson his wife of the Second part and Samuel Bewley Junior of Sandford Hill Ranelagh in the County of Dublin and James Nicholson Richardson of Lissue in the County of Antrim Esquire of the third part.)

Other transactions

1769 (April 20), *Murphy or Murfy to Neill*. Deed of lease dated 22 October **1764** from Patrick Murfy of the Ashtrees parish of the County of Armagh to “**John Neill of Moyallon**, parish of Tullylish and County of Down linen draper.” Lease of twelve shillings, six pence for each English acre for duration of 19 years. Agreement witnessed by “**John Neill, Junior, then of Moyallon**”. “The above named **John Neill the younger who is one of the People Called Quakers** declares and affirms that he is a subscribing witness to the article of agreement.” (See duplicate recording of No. 175422, *Murphy to Neill*.)

1782 (April 30), *Neill to Greer*. Deed of mortgage dated 11 March **1782** between “**John Neill of Moyallon in the County of Down, Gentleman**, of the one part” and James Greer of Clanrroul in County of Armagh, linen draper. Mortgage for 41 years. Recites 30 October **1764** deed from Richard Johnston, now Sir Richard Johnston, Baronet, to Neill for the half town of Moyallon. Mortgage to Greer secured by lands of the half town of “Ballymacl”, which presumably refers to Ballymacanallen and possibly was intended as Moyallon. Witnesses to mortgage were John Wallace and George Crozier, both of Dublin.

Samuel Neill of Ballymacanallen, deed from 1787

1787 (November 12), *Montgomery to Earl Donegal*. Indentured deed of assignment dated 5 November **1787** between “James Montgomery of Belfast in the County of Antrim Esquire of the one part and the Right Honorable Arthur Earl of Donegall of the other part” and reciting prior transfer of 13 October **1778**. Parcel containing 117 acres of “the town and lands of **Ballymacanal**.” The land was then, or lately in possession, by Francis Savage Esquire, George Portis Esquire, Samuel Brown, James White, George Black, John Hood, Mrs Byrt, John Chapman, Archibald Curry, Thomas Watson, William Lone, Samuel Mercer, William Harrison, James Dickey, Patrick Gaw, Hugh Lyndon, Richard Wright, Hugh McDowall, Phelemy Melon, Andrew Morson, William Watson, John McGra, **Samuel Neill** [Sam], Joseph Egan, Robert Wallen, James Watson, Thomas McCreery, Robert Adams, Hugh Muller, Edward Brown, William Donaldson, David Bell, Charles McAlister, the said Edwd Pollinger, Michael Harrison, Thomas McCabe, Benjamin Edwards, William Ketcher, John McGill, William Maxwell, and undertenants.

Samuel Neill Junior of Gilford, deeds from 1815 to 1832

1815 (January 9) in August 20, 1892, *Moore to Portadown Loan Co. (Ltd.)*. Indenture of mortgage by Thomas Allen Moore and Samuel Moore, farmers, and Samuel’s wife Frances Purdy Moore, all of

Gilford in County of Down, to Portadown Loan Company Limited. Property “lying and being in the townland of Dromaren Parish of Tullylish Barony of Lower Iveagh and County of Down” and involving an “indenture of lease for ever dated the ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifteen [**1815**] from said Sir William Johnston, Baronet, to one **Samuel Neill Junior** at the yearly rent of ten pounds ten shillings late Irish currency and all the estate and interest of the said Thomas Allen Moore in whom the estate and interest of the **Samuel Neill Junior** had been become vested therein or thereto.” Additional details regarding the property and various improvements and access rights, some of which might have applied to the period in which Neill resided there.

1815 (January 9) in December 24, 1902, Land Judge in Chancery Division to Carleton. Deed of conveyance from the “Right Honorable John Ross a Land Judge of the Chancery Court Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland under the authority of the Landed Estates Act 1858” and Katherine Carleton of Portadown in County of Armagh, spinster. The tract of land contained over 344 acres in “portion of the Townlands of Loughan, Drumaran and Tullylish in the Barony of Lower Iveagh (upper half) and County of Down and premises situate in and forming portion of the town of Gilford.” Schedule included entry for the property originally leased to Samuel Neill Junior: “Fee farm grant dated 9th January **1815** from Sir William Johnston Baronet to **Samuel Neill Junior** at the yearly rent of 10 pounds 10 shillings 0 pence of the then currency. The premises are described in said lease as all that tenement **house and garden** situate lying and being in Gilford which was formerly held and possessed by the late Baptist Johnston bounded on the east by Hutchinson Croizer’s farm on the West by Edward McConnell’s, and Thomas Allen’s gardens on the North by said Hutchinsons Crozier’s mearing and on the South by Castle Street **together with the turf bog in the Flow Moss** which was formerly attached to said house, also 3 acres and 14 perches Irish plantation measure of the land termed the Backland bounded on the east by Francis McConnell’s mearing on the West by Hutchinsons Crozier’s mearing on the North by Samuel McKee and on the South by land in possession of said Sir William Johnston.” Also located in Castle Hill, Gilford, was property originally leased to Samuel Cherry for “Lease dated 16th January **1807** from Sir William Johnston, Baronet, to **Samuel Cherry** for the lives of the then Prince of Wales Duke of York and Duke of Clarence and 2000 years from the death of the survivor at the yearly rent of 2 pounds 5 shillings of the then currency.” Also refers to Nicholson, Dickson, Thompson families.

1815 (January 9) in September 14, 1908, Carleton to Sloan. Indenture of mortgage by Katherine Carleton of Gilford Castle in the County of Down, spinster, to Andrew George Sloan and others. Mortgage secured by a schedule of properties in Loughans and Drumaran townlands including “**Representatives of Samuel Neill Junior**” [Reps Samuel Neill Jr.] paying annual rent of 9 pounds, 11 shillings, 10.5 pence for “house and premises in Castle street Gilford”. This lease was from “Fee Farm Grant of 9th January **1815** Sir William Johnston to **Samuel Neill Jr.**”

1815 (January 9) in January 31, 1917, Carleton to Wright. Indenture of conveyance between Katherine Carleton of Gilford Castle in the County of Down, spinster, to James F. Wright of County of Armagh. Sales schedule of properties in Loughans and Drumaran townlands including “**Representatives [of] Samuel Neill Junior now Mrs Annie Moore**” paying annual rent of 9 pounds, 11 shillings, 10.5 pence for “house and premises in Castle street Gilford” containing six

acres, one rood and twelve perches of land. This lease was from “Fee Farm Grant of 9th January **1815** Sir William Johnston to **Samuel Neill Junior**”.

1832 (January 31), Neill to Campbell. Indented Deed of Conveyance dated 23 January 1832 between “**Samuel Neill** of Scotch Street in the County of Armagh linen draper and **Elinor Neill otherwise Holland** his wife of the first part Christopher Armstrong of Portadown in the County of Armagh Shopkeeper and Thomas Robinson formerly of Breagh in the said County of Armagh but then of near Cookstown in the County of Tyrone farmer, Trustees named and appointed in and by a certain Deed of Settlement of the twenty third day of October one thousand Eight hundred and twenty six **[1826] on the intermarriage of said Saml Neill and Eleanor Neill (then Eleanor Holland)** of the second part and Edward Campbell the Elder of Gilford in the said County of Down Grocer of the third part.” House on Castle Street in Gilford, together with garden at the back of the house, and the gateway passage between the house and William Robinson’s house. Additionally, there were turf right, that “together with two reasonable days taking of turf as long as turf could with convenience to Sir William Johnston his heirs and assigns be supplied from the Turf Bog of Gilford Estate.” The property included “all that field or parcel of land formerly taken off Cochran’s farm in the Townland of Dromaran and County of Down and as afterwards in the possession of Richard Robinson containing by survey two acres two roods and ten perches or thereabouts of the then late Irish plantation measure be the same more or less together with the benefit of a road to the said field along the Loning laid out at the bottom of the said **Cochran** farm being the premises comprised in and demised by the indenture of lease of the twelfth November one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four **[1784]** therein recited and also all that field or meadow situate on Dromaran containing about two acres and an half of late Irish measure.” Witnessed by Henry Hogarth and Geo Tyrrell.

Samuel Neill of Ballymacanallen, deeds from 1861 to 1870

1861 (7 December), Bell to Bell. Indenture of assignment dated 28 October 1861 from James Christy Bell to James Greer Bell. Parcel of nine acres, thirty-seven perches in Ballymacanallen which “lands and premises are bounded on the North by lands in the possession of Mrs Mary Phelps on the east by Mr. Thomas Christy Wakefields lands and Ballynagarrick and **Samuel Neills farm on the east** by lands in the possession of the said Abraham Atkinson and Graham Armstrongs farm, and on the South by Sarah Kernaghans farm together with a **Road lately laid out by the said John Kent from the above lands eighteen feet wide with eight feet for ditches through the farms now in the possession and occupation of Edward Farrel and Samuel Neill** leading to the new line of road from the village of Gilford to the town of Lurgan.” (See subsequent transfers repeating the quoted description abstracted: *Barcroft to Dickson*, 28 April 1862, which is detailed in table showing the transaction’s multiple parties of Quakers including **John Grubb Richardson; Dickson to Richardson**, 14 April 1870, purchase by James Nicholson Richardson [son of John Grubb Richardson].)

Thomas Neill of Clare, deeds from 1878 to 1895

1878 (March 21), Lockhart to Neill. Indenture of conveyance dated **6 May 1878** between William Lockhart of Clare in the County of Down farmer and “**Thomas Neill of Clare aforesaid farmer** of the other part.” Originating lease dated 1 November 1830 from Alexander Robert Stewart to John Lockhart Senior, who was deceased and possession of the property transferred to William Lockhart, party to the transaction. Thomas Bell [sic?] paid the cash to Lockhart for conveyance to Thomas Neill. Parcel was farm tenement in Clare in Tullylish parish containing sixteen acres, three roods and thirty perches Irish plantation measure.

1878 (May 15), Neill to Britannia Loan and Discount Company (Limited). Indenture of mortgage dated **10 May 1878** between “**Thomas Neill of Belfast** in the County of Antrim **Power Loom Manager** thereafter called the Mortgagor” and the Britannia Loan and Discount Company Limited, of Belfast. Mortgage on farm tenement in Clare containing sixteen acres, three roods and thirty perches Irish plantation measure. Originating lease dated 1 November 1830 from Alexander Robert Stewart to John Lockhart Senior.

1895 (March 27), Neill to McCormick. Deed of mortgage dated 18 March **1895** between “**Thomas Neill of Rowans Hill Clare** to in the County of Down farmer administrator of the personal Estate and Effects of **Thomas Neill late of Belfast** in the County of Antrim Power Loom Manager deceased of the first part the Britannia Loan and Discount Company (Limited) having their registered office at Belfast in the County of Antrim of the second part and Nicholas McCormick of Gilford in the County of Down Farmer of the third part.” Thomas Neill was the personal representative of the late Thomas Neill. Mortgage by lender dated 10 May 1878 on farm tenement containing sixteen acres, three roods and thirty perches Irish plantation measure in Clare townland of Tullylish parish.

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Part IV

Search terms and results are shown in the table below. There is an additional offline Excel tracker in which each of these 540 deeds was tracked and categorized to aid in analysis. It is unknown how many records might have been missed due to AI misreading the handwriting. Accordingly, the inventory of positive results is considered incomplete, despite best attempts using spelling variants and place names. The 223 items classified as false positive are mostly instances of surnames such as O'Neill, McNeal, or even Steel being misread as Neill, or when the searched place name such as Antrim or Down appeared on the same image as a Neill or Neal from another locale. Samuel Neale from Dublin and County Kildare is one such example of a false positive, though these records were of interest since he is from a Quaker family in the south of Ireland. The subject, Samuel Neill (died 1889, Belfast), was by oral tradition from a Quaker family, and no other Quaker Neill families were identified as a result of this review that could indicate his identity has been mistaken.

Ireland, Properties, from 1298 to 1975							
Keyword	Name	Place	Year (Range)	Items	Item Line #s	Important	Key Evidence
Neill, Tullylish							
Tullylish	Neill	County Down	1690-1899	46	1 - 53	19	Moyallen, Ballymacanallen, Giltford deeds
Tullylish	Neal	County Down	1690-1899	7	54, 179 - 184	1	John Neal, 1744, Kernon townland to Nicholson and Richardson
Tullylish	Neil	County Down	1690-1899	5	50, 52, 190 - 192	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neale	County Down	1690-1899	5	12, 186 - 189	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neel	County Down	1690-1899	4	174 - 177	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neile	County Down	1690-1899	1	178	0	n/a
Tullylish	Nail	County Down	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neall	County Down	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Niel	County Down	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Ireland in UK, England, Properties, to 1972							
Tullylish	Neill	N/A	1690-1899	4	482-485	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neal	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neil	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neale	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neel	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neile	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Nail	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Neall	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a
Tullylish	Niel	N/A	1690-1899	0	n/a	0	n/a

An exhaustive search was conducted for Samuel Neill, given there are three generations of men with that name in the genealogy under evaluation. In addition to the surname variations of Neill, Neal, Neil, Neale, Neel, Neile, Nail, Neall, Niel, the first name variations searched in combination with each were Samuel, Saml, Sam. These combinations were searched in the Ireland records and the UK records that contained an Ireland component for counties Antrim and Down. The most common false positives for these results were the presence of Antrim or Down on an image that had the surname Neill, O'Neill, or variants from another county. O'Neill was the most common source of false positive spellings, although many were also from the use of Neale or variant as a middle name, and also numerous Samuel Neale deeds related to the Quaker family in south Ireland in Dublin and County Kildare. These results are summarized in the tables below.

Ireland, Properties, from 1298 to 1975							
Keyword	Name	Place	Year (Range)	Items	Item Line #s	Important	Key Evidence
Samuel Neill, co. Down							
N/A	Samuel Neill	County Down	1690-1922	99	55 - 153	1	Town of Gilford, 1815, Samuel Neill and Samuel Cherry
N/A	Samuel Neal	County Down	1690-1922	13	203 - 215	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neil	County Down	1690-1922	10	203 - 215	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neale	County Down	1690-1922	16	226 - 241	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neel	County Down	1690-1922	7	196 - 202	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neile	County Down	1690-1922	1	195	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Nail	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neall	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Niel	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
Saml Neill, co. Down							
N/A	Saml Neill	County Down	1690-1922	10	154 - 163	1	"Bally macanet", 1778, resident "Saml Neill"
N/A	Saml Neil	County Down	1690-1922	4	169 - 172	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neale	County Down	1690-1922	2	164 - 165	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neal	County Down	1690-1922	2	167 - 168	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Nail	County Down	1690-1922	1	166	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neel	County Down	1690-1922	1	173	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neall	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neile	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Niel	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
Sam Neill, co. Down							
N/A	Sam Neill	County Down	1690-1922	7	246 - 253	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neil	County Down	1690-1922	1	245	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neale	County Down	1690-1922	1	244	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neal	County Down	1690-1922	1	243	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Nail	County Down	1690-1922	1	242	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neel	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neall	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neile	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Niel	County Down	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a

Ireland, Properties, from 1298 to 1975							
Keyword	Name	Place	Year (Range)	Items	Item Line #s	Important	Key Evidence
Samuel Neill, co. Antrim							
N/A	Samuel Neill	County Antrim	1690-1922	114	254-377	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neale	County Antrim	1690-1922	26	404-429	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neal	County Antrim	1690-1922	17	387-403	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neil	County Antrim	1690-1922	9	379-386	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neel	County Antrim	1690-1922	7	371-377	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neile	County Antrim	1690-1922	1	370	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neall	County Antrim	1690-1922	1	369	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Nail	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Niel	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
Saml Neill, co. Antrim							
N/A	Saml Neill	County Antrim	1690-1922	12	449-460	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neale	County Antrim	1690-1922	8	461-468	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neil	County Antrim	1690-1922	5	469-473	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neal	County Antrim	1690-1922	4	474-477	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neel	County Antrim	1690-1922	4	478-481	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neile	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neall	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Nail	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Niel	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
Sam Neill, co. Antrim							
N/A	Sam Neill	County Antrim	1690-1922	17	430-446	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neil	County Antrim	1690-1922	1	447	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neal	County Antrim	1690-1922	1	448	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neale	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Nail	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neel	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neall	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neile	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Niel	County Antrim	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a

Ireland in UK, England, Properties, to 1972							
Keyword	Name	Place	Year (Range)	Items	Item Line #s	Important	Key Evidence
Samuel Neill							
N/A	Samuel Neill	N/A	1690-1922	20	486-505	1	Samuel Neill Jr., Gilford, original 1815 lease terms recited
N/A	Samuel Neale	N/A	1690-1922	9	516-524	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neal	N/A	1690-1922	2	506-507	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neil	N/A	1690-1922	2	508-509	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neel	N/A	1690-1922	2	514-515	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neile	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Nail	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Neall	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Samuel Niel	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
Saml Neill							
N/A	Saml Neale	N/A	1690-1922	3	525-527	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Niel	N/A	1690-1922	1	513	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neill	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neil	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neal	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Nail	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neel	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neall	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Saml Neile	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
Sam Neill							
N/A	Sam Neale	N/A	1690-1922	2	511-512	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neill	N/A	1690-1922	1	510	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neil	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neal	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Nail	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neel	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neall	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Neile	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a
N/A	Sam Niel	N/A	1690-1922	0	n/a	0	n/a

Ireland, Properties, from 1298 to 1975							
Keyword	Name	Place	Year (Range)	Items	Item Line #s	Important	Key Evidence
Locational Searches							
Clare	Neill, variants	County Down	1600-1795	3	537-539	3	John Neil, 1727, 1728, 1730 deed of John Neill to Lewis O'Neill, citing 1712 lease to John Neal
Brackagh	Neill	County Armagh	1690-1922	2	535-536	1	John Neill the Younger, Moyallen 24 acres, 1764
Armagh	William Neill	County Armagh	1600-1800	2	529-530	0	n/a
Magheralin	Neill	County Armagh	1690-1799	1	531	0	n/a
Killmore	Neill	County Armagh	1690-1799	2	532-533	0	n/a
Ballynaslow	N/A	N/A	1770-1900	1	528	0	n/a
Ireland	Loughlin Neill	N/A	1600-1799	1	534	0	n/a
Ireland	Neale	County Armagh	1600-1799	1	540	0	Grant Index
Ireland in UK, England, Properties, to 1972							
Locational Searches, null incremental findings							
Gilford	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	16 Neill of 487 total
Drumaran	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	2 Neill of 10 total
Knocknagore	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	0 Neill of 18 total
Ballymacanallen	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	2 Neill of 8 total
Ballymackanallon	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	3 Neill of 12 total
Ballymacanal*	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	2 Neill of 23 total
Magherantrim	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	0 Neill of 2 total
Moyal* [Moyallon]	Neill	County Down	1690-1799	0	0	0	6 Neill of 63 total

Disposition of 458 Search Term Results for Samuel Neill						
Counties Down & Antrim	1700-99	1800-49	1850-99	1900-22	Total	Rationale - not Samuel Neill d. 1889 family
Bangor				22	22	recent and unmatching immediate relatives
Clough		1	2	13	16	large, continuous Presbyterian family
Cargaghbane, Donaghmore	3	8		1	12	well documented, unmatching family
Ballymacarrett	1		5	2	8	1778 lease too early, others too recent
Belfast carpenter			4	4	8	recent, unmatching occupation (carpenter)
Ballybrick			7		7	eliminated in prior research
Belfast	1	1		4	6	1758, 1815 unmatching occupation, others recent
Dunluce	2		2	2	6	1741, 1747, others too recent
Carncastle	3	2			5	no evident linkage
Rathfriland		5			5	unmatching occupation (innholder)
Lecale			1	3	4	too recent to be related
Woodgrange			1	3	4	too recent to be related
Belfast Paris St			2	1	3	too recent to be related
Belfast Silverstream				3	3	too recent to be related
Belfast(to Canada)		3			3	emigration
Castlereagh			3		3	too recent to be related
Masserene			3		3	too recent to be related
Portrush				3	3	too recent to be related
Aghnahaugh			2		2	too recent to be related
Ballymoney		1	1		2	eliminated from prior research
Balnagard			1	1	2	too recent to be related
Loughgale	2				2	no evident linkage
Templepatrick		1	1		2	eliminated from prior research
Tullymurry		1		1	2	no evident linkage
Ballybrack			1		1	no evident linkage
Ballymena			1		1	no evident linkage
Banbridge				1	1	too recent to be related
Carrickfergus		1			1	no evident linkage
Killyleagh				1	1	eliminated from prior research
Magheradroll				1	1	too recent to be related
Subtotal	12	24	37	66	139	results reviewed with no findings
duplicated from search terms					23	null
false positive for name or location					223	null
false positive from index					55	null
positive for Samuel Neill of Tullylish family					18	positive results (9 unique, 9 repeat or duplicates)
Total					458	Total results

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Further Research

1. Kindred of Thomas Neill of Clare, Tullylish, County Down, died 1894. He was the father of Thomas Neill, and possibly the son of John Neill of Clare, 1799-1881. Unknown if he descended from William Neill of Clare who was mentioned in the 1729 deed of his father, John.
2. Kindred of Thomas Neill of Castlehill, buried at Moyallen Quaker burial ground, in 1822 age 42 (born about 1780). He was likely the Thomas Neale disowned by Quakers in 1803 for marrying a non-Quaker. Castlehill likely refers to the Castle Hill area of Gilford. Unknown how Elizabeth Neill, died 1825 at age 3 in Knocknagor and buried at Moyallen Quaker burial ground was related.
3. Heirs of Samuel Neill, Junior, real estate interests in Gilford and Ballymacanallen.
4. Elusive documentation showing the father of Samuel Neill (d. 1889, Belfast). While three branches of descendants in Ireland and Scotland also believe him to be the son of Samuel Neill, Junior of Gilford, brothers Thomas (d. 1822) and William (resident in Manchester, England, 1797) have not been disproven.

Note of Appreciation

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Corrected text and Fig. 1 that Samuel of Ballymacanallen in 1861 was son of Joseph, not Samuel, Jr.

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