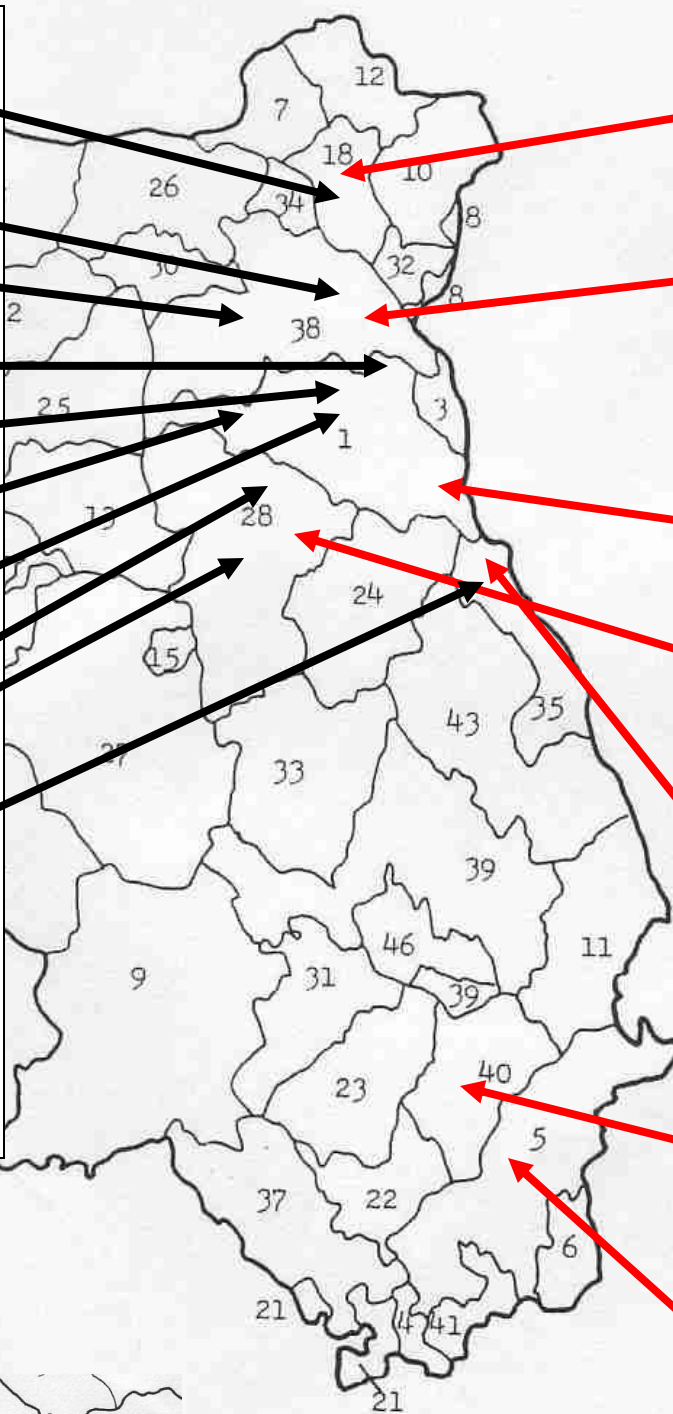


# Detailed location of townlands of McMurtry residence in 1800s in County Derry

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- Coleraine Parish**  
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- Mascoquin Parish**  
Castleroe
- Mascoquin
- Aghadowey Parish**  
Drumsteeples
- Collins
- Crossmakeever
- Aghadowey
- Errigal Parish**  
Kellykergan
- Garvagh
- Kilrea Parish**  
Kilrea



**Coleraine Parish**  
CF 210 Thomas b  
1818=>Canada

**Mascoquin Parish**  
1831: Henry 2m 3f Castleroe  
CF 219: Henry b 1800=>  
New Brunswick

**Aghadowey Parish**  
CF 245 David b 1781-1874  
CF 221 Hugh 1797-1887  
CF 243 Robert b 1820  
Crossmakeever  
1831:Crossmakeever  
Samuel 3m 3f  
James 5m 4f Crossmakeever

**Errigal Parish**  
CF 227 Hugh b 1831 Garvagh  
Hugh 5m 2 f Inshaleen (Tithes)  
1831 John 2m 1 f Kellykergan  
Thomas 2m 3f Kellykergan

**Kilrea Parish**  
206 John b 1805=>New  
Brunswick 1847  
207 Thomas b abt 1810=>New  
Brunswick by  
1841=>Ireland=>Illinois

**Magherafelt Parish**  
CF 203: James McM 1794-  
1878=>March Twp, Ontario  
John 1803-1887=>Middlesex Co

**Artrea Parish**  
CF 211 Alexander b1780  
=>Boston  
1831: Alexander & James  
Ballymenagh? (both 2 males)

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| 1 Aghadowey      | 25 Drumachose        |
| 2 Aghanloo       | 26 Dunboe            |
| 3 Agivey         | 27 Dungiven          |
| 4 Arboe          | 28 Errigal           |
| 5 Artrea         | 29 Faughanvale       |
| 6 Ballinderry    | 30 Formoyle          |
| 7 Ballyaghan     | 31 Kilcronaghan      |
| 8 Ballymoney     | 32 Kildollagh        |
| 9 Ballynascreen  | 33 Killelagh         |
| 10 Ballyrashane  | 34 Killowen          |
| 11 Ballyscullion | 35 Kilrea            |
| 12 Ballywillin   | 36 Learmount         |
| 13 Balteagh      | 37 Lissan            |
| 14 Banagher      | 38 Macosquin         |
| 15 Bovevagh      | 39 Maghera           |
| 16 Carrick       | 40 Magherafelt       |
| 17 Clondermot    | 41 Tamlaght          |
| 18 Coleraine     | 42 Tamlaght Finlagan |
| 19 Cumber Lower  | 43 Tamlaght O'Crilly |
| 20 Cumber Upper  | 44 Tamlaghtard       |
| 21 Derryloran    | 45 Templemore        |
| 22 Desertlyn     | 46 Termoneeny        |
| 23 Desertmartin  |                      |
| 24 Desertoghill  |                      |

The McMurtys of County Derry Ireland lived in the 1800s in the northeast parishes of Coleraine, Mascoquin, Errial and Kilrea and in the southeast parishes of Magherafelt and Artrea.

There are 8 families whose descent we can trace from these early origins, though several of them proceed to leave no male offspring by the mid-1800s.

### **Northern Derry**

#### Aghadowey McMurtys

One of the earliest McM reference in Co Derry is that of a Thomas McMurtys, a tenant in Drumstable/Drumsteeples of Aghadowey in a 1765 list of tenants. Since he is not listed in the tenants list of 1725, it is possible he arrived in the area between those dates. Since DNA suggests the County Derry DNA pattern was characteristic also of the McM who lived in Dailly, Kirkmichael and possibly Straiton Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland, we assume that Thomas or his forebears came from that location.

The family continued to live there as evidenced by Andrew, David and James McMurtys appearing in the 1831 census; then, John and widow McMurtie and a David McMurtys appearing in the 1833 Tithes list. Because of the geographical proximity of Crossmakeever, Collins and Drumsteeples, the three families associated with those locations are all considered to possibly be brothers or close kin:

David 1781-1874 (CF 245)

Hugh 1789-1887 (CF 221)

James 1791-1866 (CF 243): assumed to be father of Robert b 1828 md 1856

#### Errigal and Kilrea McMurtys

Errigal and Kilrea lie just south of Aghadowey.

The 1831 census for Kellykernan, Errigal lists a John McMurtys (1m 1 f) and a Thomas McMastery (2m 3f). We suspect that this was the family of John McMurtys 1801-1875 (CF 206) and Thomas McMurtys b abt 1810 (CF 207) or possibly John and his father or uncle Thomas.

Thomas came to New Brunswick and married Martha Ritchie in 1841, returned almost immediately to Ireland and then went to Illinois in the 1860s. This migration is very similar to the tradition in the family of John McMurtys (CF 206) who married in Ireland (reportedly to an Annie Dinsmore) and came with his wife and children to New Brunswick in 1847. The tradition was that he had a "brother Robert who returned to Ireland for a short time and after returning settled probably in Ontario". John's family tradition was that he was from Kilrea in Co Tyrone. However, Kilrea lies in Co Derry, not far from Errigal. A son of John McM was named Hugh Gamble McM and there was a Hugh Gamble living next door to John McMurtys in the 1831 census, supporting the theory that John in Kellykernan was the John of CF 206.

#### Mascoquin McMurtys

The 1831 census list Henry McMurtry in Castleroe with 2m 3 f. We suspect this is Henry (CF 219) b 1800 is the father of Henry b 1828 md 1858 Mascoquin who came to New Brunswick in 1864 and died in Nova Scotia in 1865.

#### Coleraine McMurtrys

There is a Thomas McMurtry (CF 210) born about 1818 in Co Derry (possibly Coleraine) who came to Ontario in 1840, then to Saskatchewan late in life. He may be related to the Mascoquin Henry

#### **Southern Derry**

#### Artrea McMurtrys

The 1831 census lists Alexander McMurtry and James McMurtry. We suspect this was the Alexander (CF 211) b 1780 and his son James b 1810 who came to Massachusetts by 1850.

#### Magherafelt McMurtrys

James McMurtry 1794-1878 (CF 203) came from Co Derry to March Township, Ontario in the early 1820s (prior to 1823). He married Nancy Wilson whose family tradition was that her parents were from Coche and Coolshinney, Co Derry. Coolshinney is associated with a location 2 miles SW of the village of Magherafelt in the Parish of Magherafelt. So we assume that the McMurtrys lived there also or close by. It is possible that they are a branch of the nearby Artrea McMurtrys, but James may just be part of a family that left Magherafelt prior to the 1831 census.

Also arriving in March Township from Ireland in this era was John McMurtry 1803-1887, assumed to be the younger brother of James. John moved on to Middlesex Township between 1835 and 1837.

