

Tracing the Cormick Family in County Mayo through Irish Deeds: 1700-1840

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Previous research¹ led to an analysis of the Cormick line based upon a finding in the Ordnance Survey Letters, County Mayo, Vol I indicating a line from Dermot Cormick through to a Major Michael Cormick of Castlehill in Mayo.² The information provides two branches descending from Dermot via a Michael and Richard Cormick. A letter from Thomas Francis Barrett provides a link from his mother, Ann Cormac (Mannion) Barrett, to Elizabeth Cormac daughter of Francis Cormac of Castlehill. It should be noted that Cormick name spelling is often interchanged as Cormick, Cormac, or Cormack such that for this analysis, Cormick will be referenced going forward.

The letter by Thomas F. Barrett notes that Francis Cormac was the owner of an estate where he lived, Castlehill. Francis Cormac was noted to have three daughters, Elizabeth, Lettie and Maggie. Furthermore, Francis was noted to have had a younger brother who had two sons, a Major and Captain in the British Army and two daughters. The connection of the families has remained elusive.

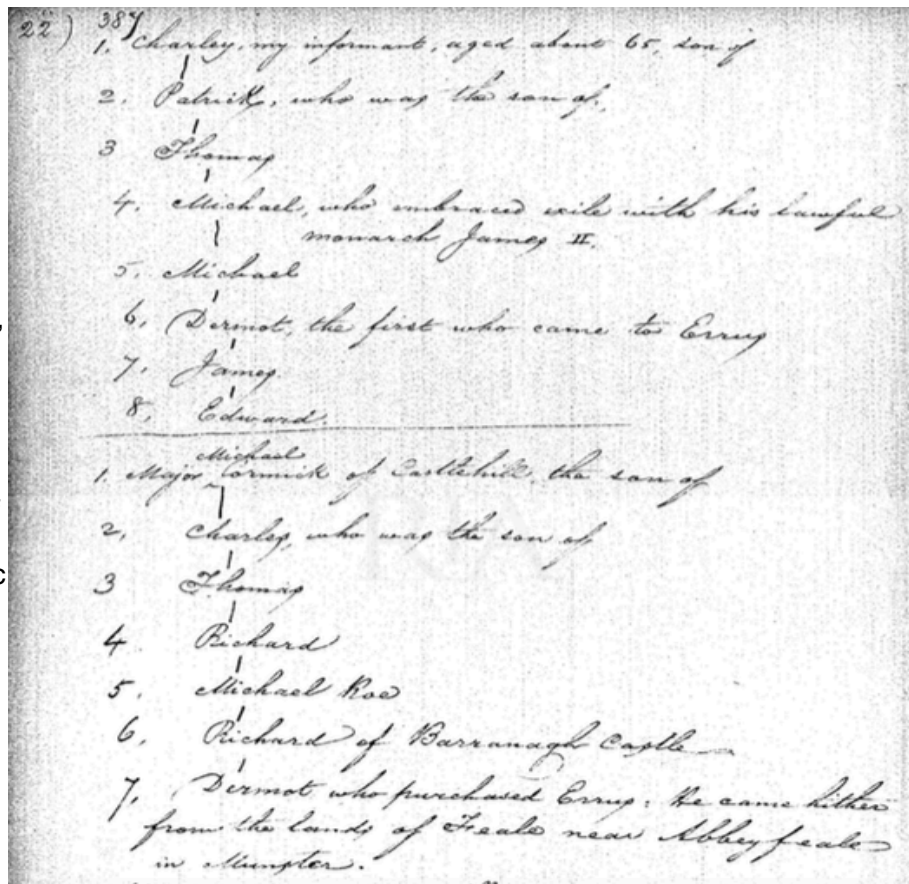


Figure 1. Cormick line from Ordnance Survey Letters, Mayo

Recently the Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland (<https://irishdeedsindex.net>) has begun compiling and indexing the deeds. The website indicates:

¹ Barrett, Bill. "Leveraging Irish Records and Histories to Establish Potential Links between the Cormick/Cormack/Cormac Family of Erris and Tirawley to John J. Barrett and John Mannion." *The Times of Their Lives* (blog). Entry posted March 2015. Accessed December 23, 2020. <https://thetimesoftheirlives.blogspot.com/2015/03/leveraging-irish-records-and-histories.html>.

² John O'Donovan. Ordnance Survey Letters, Mayo Vol. I and Vol. II. (1838).

“The purpose of this project is to provide finding aids for the records held at the Registry of Deeds in Dublin.”
 There are a few types including main index, grantors index and townland index. The website goes on to further say:

“The Registry of Deeds is a rich source of genealogical information. Marriage and other settlements are particularly informative about family relationships.”

An exploration of currently indexed records was used as an initial search to try and prove the previously proposed relationships among the Cormick clan and tie in the suggested relationships from a family letter. The search gradually expanded to try and find un-indexed grantors, and then looking through lands that may be relevant, such as Castlehill and Lahardane.

A reconstruction was undertaken to prove when possible the lines of the Cormick family through the deeds starting with the later lines and working backward.

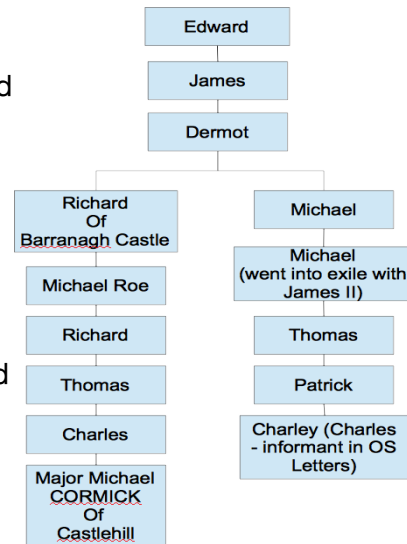


Figure 2. Proposed Cormick relationships from the Ordnance Survey Letter

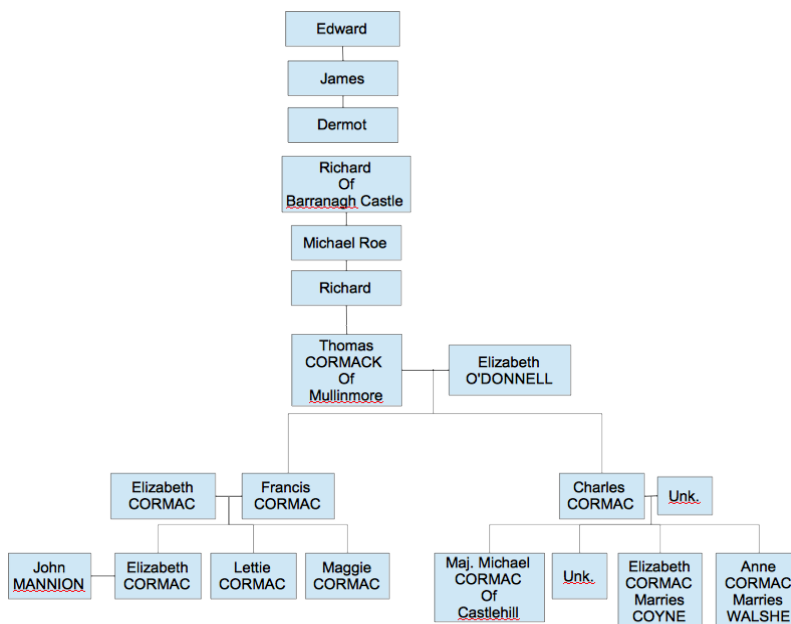


Figure 3. Proposed Cormick lines from prior research

1839-1801

An entry from vol. 11, #109, in 1839 clearly states that Anne Walsh and Elizabeth Coyne were the sisters of Michael Cormick who died intestate and unmarried on 5 Sep 1835.³ A

³ Ireland. Vol. 11, Walshe to Coyne, Deed 109, 1839. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 . <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJW-5TLR>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Attested Copy of Wills

No 109
Walshe
to
Coyne
Regd June 1839
10mp 1 one 0/2

To the Reg. appointed by act of Parliament for repeating deeds wills and
 Testaments. I Memorial of Ann Walsh made the thirtieth day of May in the year one
 thousand eight hundred and thirty nine Retweeted to Michael Walsh of the County
 of Dublin and Anne Walsh wife of Cormick deceased of the first part Elizabeth
 wife of the said city of Dublin widow of the deceased Michael Walsh Bourke
 of the said city of Dublin Esq. Barrister at law and Patrick Nolan of said city
 Doctor of medicine of the first part and Charles Coyne of Sligo in the County of
 Sligo attorney at law of the fourth part Whereas after Reciting that Michael Cormick
 died on the fifth of Sept. in the year eight hundred and thirty six intestate and
 unmarried and without issue being seized of an Estate in possession in fee
 simple of the Manors and premises therein after mentioned and leaving his
 two Sisters said Anne Walsh one Cormick and the said Elizabeth Coyne one Cormick his
 Co-heiresses at law and his wife. And Reciting an Indenture bearing date the twenty eighth of

Figure 4. Memorial No. 109 Walshe to Coyne, 1839

Conveyance dated in 1837, vol. 4, #124 with Ann Walsh, indicated that Michael Cormick was a Major in the North May Regiment of Militia, confirming the rank from prior research sources.

In 1836, a deed naming Elizabeth Coyne is noted in Vo. 12, deed 123.⁵ A review of this deed was performed since there was reference to a sister of Michael Cormick of Castlehill married to a man named Coyne. The deed states, Elizabeth Coyne “otherwise Cormick” was living in

...to be divided of and in all the Clergy Beneficials, tenements, and
 premises situate in the Baronies of Inshawley and Eriss in County
 of Mayo and elsewhere in the Kingdom of Ireland which of Michael Cormick
 the Brother of the said Elizabeth Coyne was at the time of his Death seized possessed
 or entitled unto in possession or expectancy unencumbered or incumbered with all the
 Right Members and appurtenances thereto belonging to hold to the said
 Charles Coyne his heirs and assigns for the use and behoof of them and their heirs

Figure 5. Memorial No. 123, 1836

Dublin. She had lands in County Sligo that she came into when a Michael Cormick died intestate leaving Elizabeth and Ann Walsh, wife of John Walsh, as co-heirs.

A deed from 1835 names “Ann Walsh or Cormick”, wife of John Walsh, and “Elizabeth Coyne or Cormick” as parts to the overall transfer of lands. The entry, vol. 18, deed No. 64⁶, further mentioned the personal estate of Michael Cormick. Researching further back in the “Transcripts of memorials of deeds, conveyances and wills” on FamilySearch.org, an 1825

⁴ Ireland. Vol. 4, Walshe to Bourke, Deed 12, 1837. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 . <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJW-SPDK>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁵ Ireland. Vol. 12, Coyne to Coyne, Deed 123, 1836. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 . <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJW-Z9Q6>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁶ Ireland. Vol. 18, Walsh to Childe, Deed 64, 1835. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 . <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJW-LKJR>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

entry for a Michael Cormick stands out in Book 804, page 211, Memorial #542546.⁷ This entry indicates that Michael of Castlehill, Mayo was the only son and heir to Charles Cormick. The record further states that Charles was deceased and identifies Charle Cormick's wife, as Anne.

542546
 Ellis (as
 Master)
 To
 Castlemaine
 Reg. 25th
 June 1825

A true copy M^{White}
 To the Register appointed by act of Parliament for Registering
 Deeds Leases & Conveyances. Memorial of an Indented Deed of
 Conveyance bearing date the fourteenth day of June one thousand
 Eight hundred and twenty five at made Between Thomas Ellis Esq^r
 one of the Masters of His Majesty's high Court of Chancery in
 Ireland of the first part Michael Cormick of Castlehill in the
 County of Mayo²³ the only son and heir at Law of Charles Cormick
 late of the same place Esq^r deceased by Anne Cormick his wife and
 which said Charles Cormick was the Nephew and devisee named in
 the last will and Testament of Michael Cormick formerly of
 Mullinore in the County of Mayo Esq^r deceased and which said
 Michael Cormick party thereto was also the nephew and heir at
 Law of Bridget Dillon otherwise Cormick deceased one of the Daughters²⁴
 and Co-heiresses at Law of the said Mich^l Cormick deceased of the 2^d
 part Anne Foster otherwise Cormick Widow of Charles Sullivan
 Foster late of North Cumberland in the City of Dublin deceased
 and which said Anne is another of the Daughters²⁵ and Co-heiresses at Law
 of the said Michael Cormick deceased and before her marriage with
 the said Charles Sullivan Foster was the widow and relict of the
 said Charles Cormick deceased and mother of the said Mich^l Cormick
 party thereto of the third part Richard Mahon of — in the said
 County of Mayo Esq^r the only son and heir at Law of Theobald Mahon
 and Mary Mahon otherwise Cormick deceased late the wife of the said
 Theobald Mahon and the other Daughter and Co-heiress at Law of the
 said Michael Cormick deceased of the fourth part Francis Plauslow
 Traftman of Pollers Bars in the County of Middlesex Esq^r the only
 surviving son heir at Law, devisee and Executor named in the last
 will and Testament of Richard Plauslow late of Pollers Bars of aforesaid
 Esq^r

Figure 6. Memorial 542,546 in 1825 outlining much of the Cormick family of Castlehill

The record further states Charles Cormick was nephew to a Michael Cormick of Mullenmore (or Mullinmore, both spellings were observed), also deceased. Charles was a devisee named in the last will and testament of Michael Cormick of Mullenmore. The record further states that Michael Cormick was nephew and heir to Bridget Dillon (Cormick) a daughter and co-heiress of the deceased Michael Cormick of Mullenmore. Bridget is noted to be deceased in the record and was married to Edward Dillon and “had issue one son”, Edward Dillon, who died in 1801.

The memorial further states that Anne Foster, a Cormick, was the widow of Charles Sullivan Foster. She is stated to be another daughter and co-heiress of Michael of Mullenmore. Prior to marrying Charles Foster, Anne was the “widow and relict” of Charles Cormick and mother to Michael of Castlehill. A third daughter is identified, Mary Mahon, wife to Theobald Mahon. Together they had a son, Richard Mahon who is a party in this deed.

Michael Cormick of Mullenmore named his three daughter in his will and died Aug 1779. He also named his son-in-law, Charles, previously noted to be his nephew in his estate as executor.

⁷ Ireland. Vol. 804, Ellis to Castlemaine, Deed 542546, page 211, 1825. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJ7-9S1V-3>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The memorial, #502,600, book 737 from 1819 refers to Anne, Elizabeth and Michael as siblings and their father as Charles.⁸

So from the prior research on the Cormick line, the deeds indicate Charles Cormick married Anne Cormick. Anne was the daughter of Michael Cormick of Mullinmore. Anne and Charles of Castlehill had three identified children as follows:

- Michael of Castlerhill died Sep 1835 and was in the North Mayo Militia, moving from rank of Captain to Major
- Anne married John Walsh who came to own Castlehill in Mayo
- Elizabeth who married Edmond Coyne

Michael Cormick of Mullinmore had three daughters:

- Anne who married Charles Cormick of Castlehill (she also wed Charles Sullivan Foster)
- Bridget who married Edward Dillon, one issue Edward Dillon died in 1801
- Mary who married Theobald Mahon, one issue Richard Mahon died 1825

It is possible that Thomas Francis Barrett's letter might have confused the fact that Michael Cormick was a Captain and then promoted to Major, as no other brother was identified in the records.

Shifting further back to an 1801, Memorial 351581⁹ Michael Cormick was noted to be of Castle Hill, County Mayo, and eldest son and heir at law of Charles Cormick of Castle Hill, esquire,

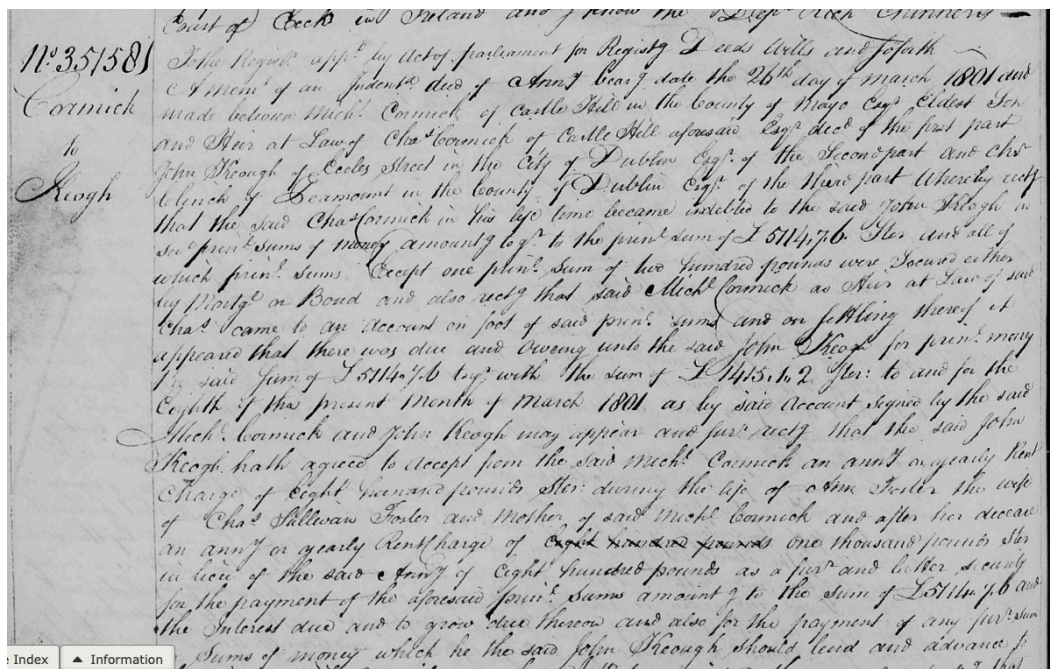


Figure 7. Memorial 351581, dated 1801 between Michael Cormick and John Keough

⁸ Ireland. Vol. 737, Coyne to Cormick, Deed 502600, page 464, 1819. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSH3-S4MG-R>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁹ Ireland. Vol. 531, Cormick to Keough, Deed 351581, page 400, 1801. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJ4-9V44>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

deceased. Michael's mother was Anne Sullivan Foster. It was noted that Charles became indebted to John Keogh. The deed notes lands near Lahardane, Tubbernavine, and other areas known to Barrett, Cormick and Mannion lines were sold or rented to make up for the debt.

1799-1700

In 1783, memorial No. 235176 between Charles Cormick and John Keogh¹⁰ indicates Richard Cormick formerly of Mullinmore likely lost lands and put others in a trust as a provision for Thomas Cormick, the third son of Richard. After Richard's death, money came to Richard's eldest son, Michael. The memorial indicates Thomas Cormick died and Charles was his executor. Further, it is stated that Michael died without male issue, and that Charles, under the will of Richard Cormick, his grandfather, and due to the intermarriage of became entitled to the estate. Apparently the holdings were in Mayo, Roscommon and Westmeath.

It is interesting to note from the earlier research, Charles' grandfather was reported to be

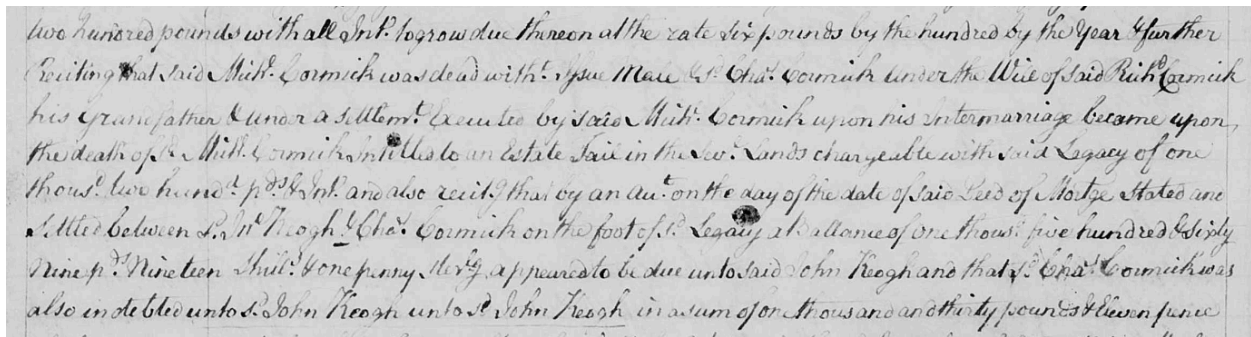


Figure 8. Memorial 235176, 1783 between Charles Cormick and John Keogh

Richard, and that his father was Thomas. This record references Michael and Thomas as sons of Richard and includes the “intermarriage” in how Charles inherited land. Thus, one may conclude from the available date that Richard had at least two sons, the said Thomas and Michael. Following this, Charles may be descended from Thomas and married his first cousin, Anne Cormick, daughter of Michael.

A memorial in 1775, book 307, page 549, No. 205501 Cormick to Plaistow¹¹ details conveying land to Plaistow excluding land of Patrick Barrett and either Wm. Francis or Mrs. Francis Cormick of Ely likely from Michael Cormick, but his brother Thomas is also mentioned. In 1771, book 291, page 15, No. 189070, also Cormick to Plaistow has similar exclusions.

¹⁰ Ireland. Vol. 349, Cormick to Keough, Deed 235176, page 421, 1783. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSH3-S9MG-B>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹¹ Ireland. Vol. 307, Cormick to Plaistow, Deed 205501, page 549, 1775. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJW-J9FG-N>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

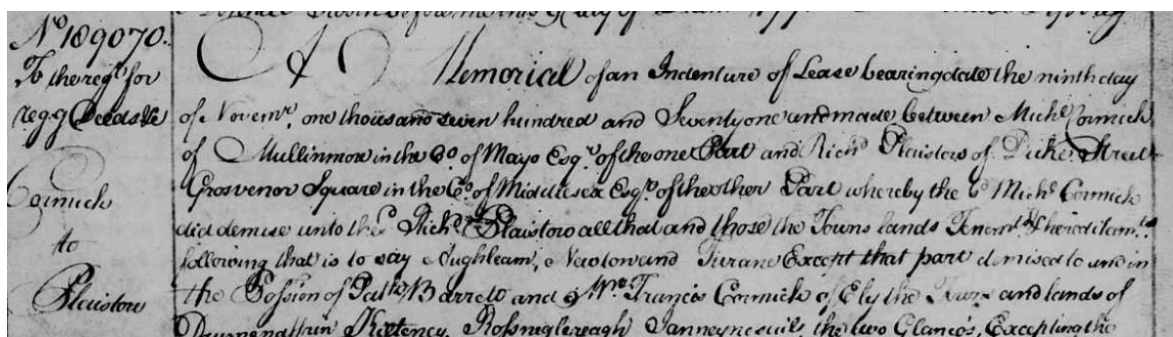


Figure 9. Memorial 189070, 1771 Cormick to Plaistow

In 1770, a memorial Cormick to Cormick was found, book 287, page 210, memorial No. 186567¹² that relates Cormick family of Thomas. The memorial indicates Thomas of Castle was father to Charles, eldest son, of Castlehill. Thomas provided land, payment to Charles, further more Thomas' eldest daughter is identified as Bridget Cormick, while his second daughter was noted to be Letitia Cormick. A second son, Richard Cormick, is also named in the record. The memorial indicates that Thomas' brother was Michael Cormick. The witnesses included an Edward (or Edmond) Cormick of Tobernaven and Lewis O'Donnell of Castlehill.

A memorial from 1768, No. 170082 between a Wallace and Blake¹³ adds more to the Cormick lines identifying a Michael Cormick of Mullinmore and his father Richard. In addition, Michael appears to have set by, to and in trust for Francis Cormick, his uncle.

Francis Cormick is identified as the uncle of Michael Cormick of Mullinmore, County Mayo, while Richard Cormick is identified as Michael's father. There is reference to land in Lahardane. It also refers that Michael Cormick be "decreed as a protestant Discoverer" to claim land.

In 1748, memorial No. 94570 between Cormick and Palmer¹⁴ discusses the marriage of Michael Cormick, late of Mullinmore, but now in Tubber, Dublin, marrying Mary Blake daughter of Xaverius Blake. Additionally, mentioned are Thomas and Francis. The long memorial then identifies Michael's mother as Bridget Cormick and later indicates that Thomas and Francis were his brothers.

Thus we might create a line from Richard Cormick of Mullinmore who married a woman named Bridget as follows:

- Michael of Mullinmore, eldest son, married Mary Blake and had three daughters previously outlined
- Francis
- Thomas

In addition, Richard had a brother named Francis Cormick.

¹² Ireland. Vol. 287, Cormick to Cormick, Deed 186567, page 210, 1770. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJW-4Y6B>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹³ Ireland. Vol. 268, Wallace to Blake, Deed 170082, page 296, 1768. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSNH-H7BK>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁴ Ireland. Vol. 139, Cormick to Palmer, Deed 94570, page 372, 1748. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSJ4-KSNR>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

No 170082
 Wallace
 Blake

fourteen, Dat: Hood Shown before me this twentieth day of April 1788
 To the reg^l appointed by act of parliament for Reg^l Deeds wills &c
 Ch^l: M^l: Dep^l: Reg^l

A Memorial Upon Indented Deed bearing date the twenty ninth day of
 March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty eight between
 Sir Wallace of Rosserk in the Barony of Tyrone, & County of Mayo Esq^r of the
 one part and Thomas Blake of Oranmore in the County of Galway Esq^r of the other
 part recites that certain Deed of the City of Dublin, bearing date the twentieth day of
 Novem^r in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty seven made by
 of Discovery founded upon the acts made in that behalf to prevent the growth &
 further growth of popery in his Majesty's County of Co. Kerry in Ireland against Mich^l
 Cormick

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Cormick of Mullinmore in the County of Mayo Esq^r in order to be decreed as a
 protestant Discoverer to the right Title Estate Interest & benefit of the said purchased
 Leases & Sign^{ts} Land Interest & made by the said Trust for Francis Cormick the deceased
 and Richard Cormick the father of the said Mich^l Cormick the said Lands Tenem^{ts}
 Hereditam^{ts} & primes herein after Mint all those the two quarters of Terinane cont^g
 five hundred & fifty Acres more or less the quarter of Ballinalinay otherwise Ballinlough
 cont^g 9 one hundred and eighty six acres more or less the quarter of Ballinbrinoge otherwise
 Ballinbrannagh cont^g 9 one hundred & thirty three acres more or less the two quarters of
 Straphan otherwise Straghurafine & Drumdowlagh, and Drumlaniff
 cont^g 9 one thousand one hundred & thirty eight acres three woods more or less with within five acres
 of Wood the quarter of Tory otherwise Tirhanane otherwise Tonague & Tonlague cont^g
 five hundred and forty six acres two woods three pure has more or less with within seven acres
 of Wood the quarter of Luchardane otherwise Logherane containing three hundred & fifty acres
 more or less the two quarters of Tobbernewe & Tobberlue cont^g 9 six hundred & seven
 five acres more or less & twenty acres of Wood with all their Subdenominat^{ns} situate
 in the Barony of Tyrone and County of Mayo two acres of profitable Land being part of
 the Cartree of Land called Mungmore in the quarter of Land called Dowlagh & one thousand
 one hundred acres of unprofitable and Mountain Land being part of the said Cartree of
 Mungmore in the said quarter of Land of Dowlagh next meeting & adjoining to the
 Lands of Lancaster and Drunkheran towards the north, and the Cartree of Land called
 Freesty to the East by the Old Meares & bounds containing a considerable number of
 Acres profitable and unprofitable Lands situate in the said County of Mayo all that
 quarters & lands commonly called and known by the name of Ballykieran cont^g 9 the estimate

Figure 10. 1768 Memorial 170082 Michael, Richard and Francis Cormick Relationship

A 1746 memorial, No. 83212 Lyster to Besnard¹⁵, finds both Michael and Francis Cormick party to the undertaking. Michael is listed from Mullinmore. The lands include payment from Richard Cormick of Mullinmore and his estate, known by the name of Ballykieran.

¹⁵ Ireland. Vol. 120, Lyster to Bernard, Deed 83212, page 445, 1746. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSH3-SSZ4-2>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

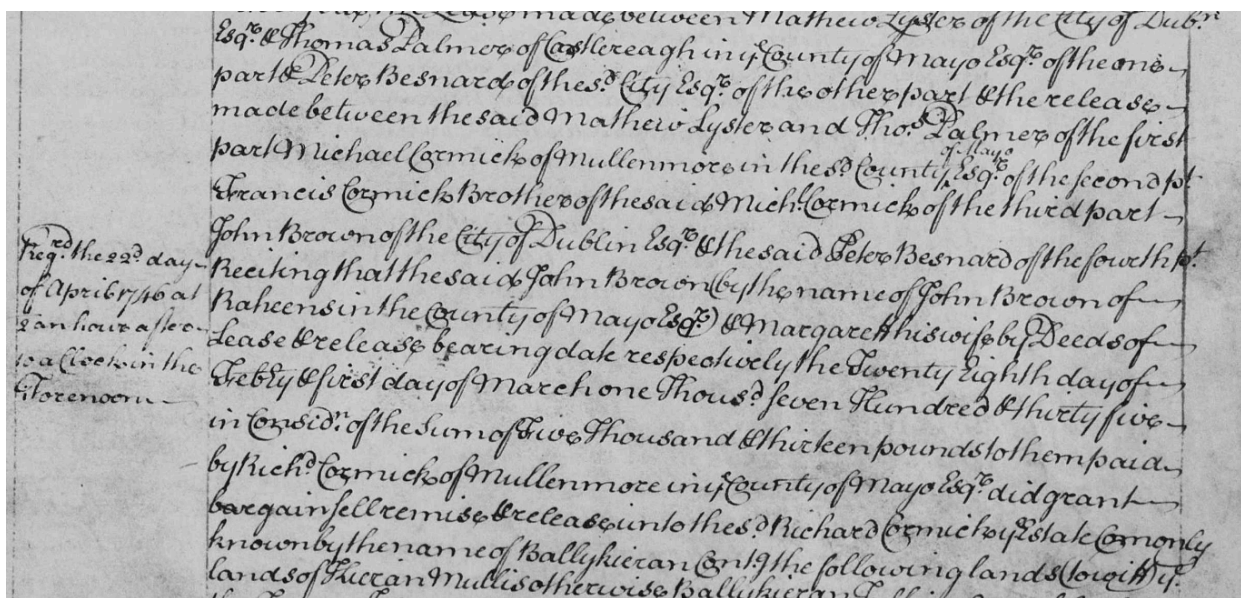


Figure 11. 1746 Memorial 83212 Identifies Richard Cormick Estate of Ballykieran

The next indexed record is dated 1 March 1735¹⁶ and references a purchase of land by Richard Cormick. It was witnessed by a Michael Cormick, though no relationships can be discerned from the record. The lands span a few areas though the deed was made in County Mayo.

The next deed, dated 3rd day of March, 1713¹⁷ is a deed from Earle of Clanricard to Richard Cormick of Mullinmore, Mayo. The deed states for the sum consideration of sixteen hundred pounds sterling, Richard was granted lands such as the farm of Aghnanire consisting of Divers Town and more. The deed is No. 4833. There was no additional information on the Cormick family other than the reference to Richard being of Mullinmore.

A search of the currently indexed deeds for Cormick associated with County Mayo led to a No. 1708 Deed of Morgan to Cormick.¹⁸ In the deed dated 13 Dec 1708, the first reference calls out Francis Cormick of Newtown, Mayo with the designee of esquire. In addition, he is identified as the eldest son and heir of Michael Cormick of Inver, Mayo, also an esquire. Michael is noted to be deceased as of 1708. It is critical to note that the actual deed identifies Francis yet the index record improperly references a Charles Cormick, yet there is no reference to Charles within the image. On 20 June 1700 a tripartite deed was signed by Michael Cormick, suggesting he died between 1700 and 1708. The prior research has two potential Michaels, one of Castlehill who died about 1835 and is obviously ruled out. The other Michael Cormick is Michael Roe, son of a Richard. Thus, Francis may be a son not previously identified.

¹⁶ Ireland. Vol. 81, Browne to Cormick, Deed 58507, page 505, 1735. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSHS-G982-D>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁷ Ireland. Vol. 11, Earle of Clanricard to Cormick, Deed 4833, page 399, 1713. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSH3-M9TC-F>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁸ Ireland. Vol. 1, Morgan to Cormick, Deed 220, page 364, 1708. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSHX-X912-B>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

An earlier deed, No. 202 from 1708 between Lord Bophin and a Burke¹⁹ references a Francis Cormick and his wife Ellen. The link is that half the lands are in Mayo, the Barony of Irrus where many Cormick references have been made. There is no other reference to any Cormicks within the 1708 deed, No. 202.

Legal Cases

A legal record appears in the English Reports: House of Lords (1677-1865) Volumes 3-4²⁰ Cormick v Trapaud. The report provides further evidence of Richard Cormick having sons, Michael, Francis and Thomas. Richard died about 1737-1738 and the lands passed to Michael. Michael “on or about the 6th day of March, 1743, intermarried with Mary Blake . . .” and over time was in debt. There was exchange of money and land and Michael remained in debt to Richard Plaistow. The record indicates that in August 1779, Michael died without any male issue, during Michael’s life with his brothers Francis and Thomas also died. Francis died without issue, while Thomas “left issue one son, Charles Cormick, who entered into all the said lands; and the said Charles Cormick having died, leaving Michael Cormick his eldest son and heir at law . . .” All aligns with the deeds.

the said settlement of 1740 ; *pro ut* the letters.

“ That in the month of August, 1779, the said Michael died without issue male ; and the said Francis Cormick died in the life-time of the said Michael without issue ; and the said Thomas Cormick also died in the life-time of the said Michael, but left issue one son, Charles Cormick, who entered into all the said lands ; and the said Charles Cormick having died, leaving Michael Cormick his eldest son and heir at law, the said Michael Cormick, who is in possession of the said lands, claims [74] to be entitled to the said lands under the limitations of the said will of Richard Cormick, and in the said deed of settlement of the 8th of October, 1748, made in pursuance of the said articles of 1743, some or one of them ; and which settlement was registered on the 4th of May, 1750, upon a memorial signed and sealed by the said Xaverius Blake.

“ And the only question is whether under the circumstances aforesaid the deeds

Figure 12. English Reports: House of Lords (1677-1865) Cormick v Trapaud

Another legal matter was published in Doe dem. MANNION and another v. Bingham.²¹ This record from 1840 discusses the estate Ardelly of one Francis Cormack. It states in 1796 that he had to lease out to Bingham for 31 years and that if yearly rent was not paid, it appears the land should revert to Francis’ heirs. Francis was noted to have died in 1803 “leaving several sons and daughters” and as of 1825 the surviving sons died without issue and “...his two sisters, the lessors of the plaintiff, became entitled to the reversion.” Bingham claims deed of conveyance executed in 1805 by the sisters, Not all the deeds are indexed and some of the research was fortuitous findings. There is likely more to pull from the grantor indexes. This research did not dig into the land or place name indices yet, but will be an avenue to continue

¹⁹ Ireland. Vol. 1, Lord Bophin to Burke, Deed 202, page 314, 1708. Memorial Deeds, Conveyances and Wills. Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland. FHL microfilm, 008093792 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSHX-X915-4>, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

²⁰ The English Reports: House of Lords (1677-1865). United Kingdom: W. Green, 1901.

²¹ Irish Law Reports: Particularly of Points of Practice, Argued and Determined in the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, in Ireland Ireland: Printed and published for Robert Carrick, 1841.

to explore relative to the Cormick line. The most likely tree is shown and the dashed lines indicate best conclusion to date with the limited information on the line.

There are still connections to be made in the deeds and the letter from Thomas F. Barrett dated 1 Sep 1903. Thomas indicated that in approximately 1803, a Francis Cormac owned a large estate and married an Elizabeth Cormac, who had a large estate of her own. He had three daughters, Elizabeth, Lettie and Maggie and a younger brother. Thomas Barrett indicates the younger brother had two sons, a Major and Captain and two daughter, Mrs. Coyne and Mrs. Walsh. This likely represents Charles Cormick of Castlehill and his son Michael who was a Captain then Major, and his sisters Anne and Elizabeth.

Thomas Barrett identifies estates in the Baronies of Erris and Tearaly (likely Tyrawley). The estate in Tyrawley consisted of lan in Castle Hill, Lahardane, Tubbernavine, Masbrook, and Terry. The estate in Erris was land in Cetric and also Elly, possibly Bingham's Castle or land around it. Thomas Barrett discusses Francis Cormac incurring debt secured through land for a period of time and dying before paying the debt to likely Charles Cormick who passed possession to his children.

The deeds have not identified a Francis, but the name Letitia in one deed may suggest that Thomas was off by a generation and some names and that the "brothers" were Charles and Richard. Additional research may further connect these names.

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More than one hundred years ago, there lived in Castle Hill County Mayo, Ireland, a large Estate owner named Francis Cormac. He married a lady whose name was Elizabeth Cormac. She had a large Estate in her own right. Frank Cormac had three daughters, Elizabeth, Lettie and Maggie. He also had a brother, younger than he, whose first name I do not know. The younger brother had two sons and two daughters. The sons were a Major and a Captain in the British army. The daughters were a Mrs. Coyne and a Mrs. Walsh. Both sisters inherited the estates upon the death of their brothers, the Major and Captain, both of whom died without families. Now be it known that Frank Cormac, the first mentioned in this article, was the older brother and lawful heir to the large estates here after mentioned. The Estates are in the Baronies of Erris and Tearaly. The Tearaly Estates consists of several thousand acres in Castle Hill, Lahardane, Tubbernavine, Masbrook, Terry and Cetric in the Erris. He owned Elly, or what is now known as Bingham's Castle. The Bingham's obtained it through treachery one hundred years ago. A forty year lease on the Elly estate from the above Frank Cormac, and have held it through fraud and treachery ever since.

How the Walsh's and Coyne's got the estates--The older brother became involved in debt. He borrowed a large sum of money from his younger brother for which he gave the estates as security for a short period of time. In the meantime, Frank Cormac died before the debt was paid, which left his younger brother still in possession of the property. Two daughters survived Frank Cormac, Elizabeth and Lettie, who were ignorant of their father's transactions and had not the means to go to law with usurpers. Hence the younger brother of Frank Cormac handed the estates down to his two sons, the Captain and the Major. The Major, being the oldest at his death. His two sisters, Mrs. Coyne and Mrs. Walsh, through force, took possession of the estates. Two of Frank Cormac's daughters died without family, Elizabeth Cormac Mannion, the third or oldest daughter, was married to John Mannion, by whom she had a large family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are dead but their children. Some are still living or they are the great-grand children of Frank Cormac and the grand-children of Elizabeth Cormac, his daughter, and through Anna Cormac Mannion Barrett, daughter of Elizabeth Cormac and grand-daughter of Frank Cormac, the first mentioned in this article and mother to the present family of Barretts that the Barrett family make their claim on the Frank Cormac Estate and by the law of Great Britain and Ireland, they are lawful and rightful heirs to the Cormac Estates in Tearaly and Erris, which can be proven by many a person who lives in that country for many years and had the story handed down from father to son.

Figure 13. Letter by Thomas Francis Barrett

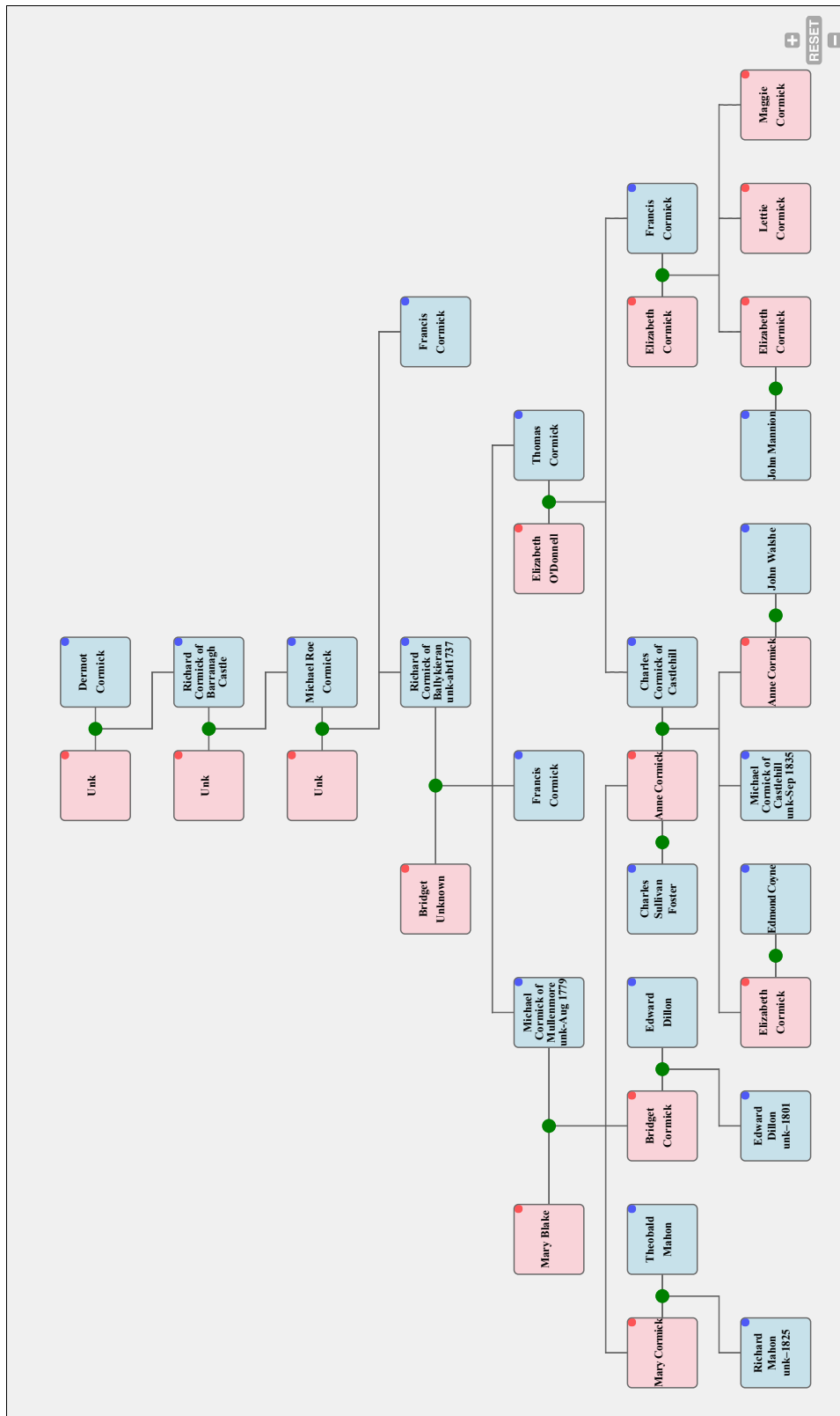


Figure 14. Proposed Cormick Family Tree. Dashed lines represents lines not found in Irish Deeds.