



The Mary Grue Puzzle



My current puzzle

- My grandfather, John McCormick, was born in Motherwell in 1900.
- His parents were John McCormick and Mary Grew (Grue). They were married in Loughgall, August 19th 1895.
- My current search is to find Mary's birth place and who her parents were.

1900 MCCORMICK, JOHN (Statutory registers Births 639/ 232)
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1900. BIRTHS in the PARISH of DALEHEAD in the COUNTY of GLASGOW

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father, Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
232	John McCormick	1900. February Thirteenth 6th Ave. Ave Motherwell	M	John M McCormick Bookbinder Lathams Mary M McCormick M. Grew 1895 August 19 th Loughgall	John M McCormick Mrs J Grew Father Robertson Register Mother	1900. February 26 th At Dalry Robertson Registrar.
233	David Angus Lumsden	1900. February Forthwick 4th Ave. Ave Motherwell	M	Robert Lumsden Coalminer Grace Lumsden M. McMillan 1899 January 2 nd Roxess	Robert Lumsden Father Robertson Register Mother	1900. February 26 th At Dalry Robertson Registrar.
234	Elizabeth Hastie	1900. February Dalry 4th Ave. Ave Motherwell	F	William Hastie Bookbinder Agnes Hastie M. Reid 1891 January 18 th Strathaven	William Hastie Father Robertson Register Mother	1900. February 26 th At Dalry Robertson Registrar.

Robertson Registrar.

Mary Grue, 1956

- Mary Grue died in 1956.
- Her two deceased husbands are listed. John McCormick (my grandfather's father) and Hugh McGinty (who she married after John died).
- Her parents are listed as John Grue and Mary Docherty.

1956 MCGINTY, MARY (Statutory registers Deaths 639/ 113)
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19 56. DEATHS in the _____ of _____ in the _____ of _____

(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	
No.	Name and Surname, Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father, Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
112	John Bushley	19 56. March Thurso	M	40	William Bushley Farm Servant (Deceased)	Bronchitis 4 years Myocarditis 1 Month	J. G. Cunningham Son-in-law	19 56. March 5th At
	Burgh Gardener (Retired)	14 52 AM 13			Elizabeth Bushley Mrs. Ross (Deceased)	Ascert by J. Blackwood	J. G. Cunningham Weddingston	J. G. Cunningham West Registrar No. 212 R.S.
	Married to Annie Lighten	Glazford Street Mochernwell						
	Mary McGinty	19 56. March Airth	F	81	John Grue Farmer (Deceased)	Smile Debility Hypostatic Pneumonia	Felicie M. Cormick Son	19 56. March 5th At
113	Widow of John McCormick Blackwater	24 52 AM 32 Life Drive			Mary Grue Mrs. Docherty (Deceased)	Ascert by J. Patrick McMillan M.B. B.S.	J. G. Cunningham Mochernwell	J. G. Cunningham West Registrar No. 212 R.S.
	Married to Hugh McGinty Blackwater	Mochernwell						
	Margaret Graham Melville	19 56. March Gowth	F	44	George Allan Blacksmith (Deceased)	Hypertension Arteriosclerosis Coronary Thrombosis	J. G. Cunningham Son-in-law	19 56. March 5th At
114	Married to John Hamilton Melville	14 52 AM 95 Farm Street			Margaret Allan Mrs. Allan (Deceased)	Ascert by Samuel D. Thomson M.B. B.S.	J. G. Cunningham Mochernwell	J. G. Cunningham West Registrar No. 212 R.S.
	Married to Annie Lighten	Mochernwell						

J. G. Cunningham
Deputy Registrar.

Mary Grue, 1915

- Mary Grue married her second husband, Hugh McGinty in 1915.
- Her parents are listed as John Grue and Mary Docherty.

1916 MCGINTY, HUGH (Statutory registers Marriages 639/ 36)
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1916 MARRIAGES in the Parish of Dalziel (Page 18.) in the County of Lanark.

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Dissolution, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
35	1915, on the thirty first day of December at Roman Catholic Church Motherwell.	Signed James Valente Coal miner (Bachelor)	23.	3. Scott's Place Motherwell.	Joseph Valente Henry man Maggie Valente M ^{rs} Lumsden	Signed John Caner Taylor	1916. January 3 at Motherwell.
	after Publication According to the Terms of the Roman Catholic Church	Signed Lizzie McMenamy (Spinster)	21	11 Scott's Place Motherwell.	Ellen McMenamy Dress Worker, subsequently married to William Hughes Pithead worker.	Signed John Esau Bundell Witness Sarah McJannick Witness	James Johnston Registrar.
36	1915, on the thirty first day of December at Roman Catholic Church Motherwell.	Signed Hugh McGinty Coal miner (Widower)	38	8 Anderson Street Motherwell.	Hugh McGinty Ship's Carpenter (deceased) Mary McGinty M ^{rs} Galan	Signed John Caner Taylor Witness	1916. January 3 at Motherwell.
	after Publication According to the Terms of the Roman Catholic Church	Signed Mary Grue (Widow)	40	30 Anderson Street Motherwell.	John Grue Farmer (deceased) Mary Grue M ^{rs} Docherty	Signed Daniel Quinn Witness Janie Healy Witness	James Johnston Registrar.

(1.) (2.) (3.) (4.) (5.) (6.) (7.)

James Johnston Registrar.

Mary Grue, 1901

- Mary Grue was living with her husband John McCormick and their children in Motherwell in 1901.
- Mary's place of birth is listed as Ireland. Her husband's is also listed as Ireland.

1901 MCCORMICK, JOHN (Census 639/ 19/ 21) Page 21 of 47
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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the [Page 21]

Civil Parish of <i>Dalziel</i>		Parish Ward of <i>South Dalziel</i>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <i>Dalziel</i>		Quoad Sacra Parish of <i>no</i>		School Board District of <i>Dalziel</i>		Parliamentary Borough of <i>no</i>		Parliamentary Division of <i>North East Ayr</i>	
Regal Borough of		Municipal Borough of		Police Borough of <i>Motherwell</i>		Borough Ward of <i>Motherwell</i>		Town of <i>Motherwell</i>		Village or Hamlet of		Island of	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES In addition to those in (a)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CONDITION as to Marriage.	AGE (last Birthday)	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION.	Employer, Worker, or on Own Account.	If Working at Home.	WHERE BORN.	Qualif. or O. & E.	Windows 1. Paned and Sash. 2. Plain. 3. Louvre. 4. Ornicular. 5. Other.	Rooms with one or more Windows.
103	104 Auldes St		Maggie Buel	Daughter	Single	2				Lanarkshire Dalziel			
			James A. Lightbody	Head	Mar	27	Baker	Worker		" Hamilton			
			Maggie Gavanagan	Servant	Mar	24	Domestic Servant	Worker		Bothwell			
104	104 Auldes St	1	John Carroll	Head	Mar	37	Labourer	Worker		do Motherwell			1
			Rose Carroll	Wife	Mar	34				do Motherwell			
			James Carroll	Son		10				Lanarkshire Motherwell			
			Michael McAlister	Boarder	Single	17	Labourer	Worker		Ireland			
105	106 Auldes St	1	Thomas McAlister	Head	Mar	37	Labourer	Worker		Ireland			1
			Mary do	Wife	Mar	32				do			
			Joseph do	Son		6 Mo				Lanarkshire Dalziel			
106	106 Auldes St	1	Mary Gallagher	Niece	Mar	34				Ireland			2
			Thomas do	Son		9	Scholar			Lanarkshire Motherwell			
			Maggie do	Daughter	Single	8	Scholar			Ireland			
107	106 Auldes St	1	Matthew Bickney	Head	Mar	66	Labourer	Worker		Ireland			23
			Rugh do	Son	Single	24				do			
			Peter do	Son	Single	20				do			
			John do	Son	Single	16				do			
108	108 Auldes St	1	John McCormick	Head	Mar	34	Labourer	Worker		do			1
			Mary do	Wife	Mar	28				do			
			Kathie do	Son		4				Lanarkshire Motherwell			
			Peter do	Son		3				do do			
			John do	Son		1				do do			
			James Grue	Visitor	Single	17	Labourer	Worker		Ireland			
109	110 Auldes St	1	Patrick Donaldson	Head	Mar	27	Labourer	Worker		Ireland			1
			Mary Donaldson	Wife	Mar	20				do			
6	Total of Houses...	6			Total of Males and Females...		16	9				Total of Windowed Rooms.	8

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

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Mary Grue, 1895

- A marriage record exists for August 19th, 1895 between John McCormick and Mary Grew - this is the same day listed above
- In this document Mary's father is listed as Peter and not John.
- It appears to be the wrong record especially as it is possible to find the Mary Grew mentioned in this record, with a father Peter and mother Catherine McGrane in Armagh (where Loughgall is located).

1895. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Loughgall in the Registrar's District of Loughgall
in the Union of Armagh in the County of Armagh

No. (1.)	When Married. (2.)	Name and Surname. (3.)	Age. (4.)	Condition. (5.)	Rank or Profession. (6.)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7.)	Father's Name and Surname. (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9.)
48	August 19 th 1895	John McCormick	Full age	Bachelor	Labourer	Berryrogone	Patrick McCormick	Labourer
		Mary Grew	Full age	Spinster		Upperhunglan	Peter Grew	Labourer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Loughgall according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me,
Thomas O'Neill

This Marriage was solemnized between us,
 { John McCormick } in the Presence of us, { Patrick Grew
Mary Grew } { Sarah Jones

I, C. C. O'Keane Registrar of Marriages, in the District of Loughgall in the Union of Armagh in the County of Armagh, do hereby Certify, That this is a true copy of the Registrar's Book of Marriages within the said District from the Entry of the Marriage of Peter Guinness and Margaret Shelton Number 45, to the Entry of the Marriage of John McCormick and Mary Grew Number 48
 Witness my hand, this 16th day of September 1895 C. C. O'Keane Registrar.

I have examined the above, and have compared it with the said original Registrar's Book, and hereby certify that it is a true Copy.
 Witness my hand, this 21st day of October 1895 Robert Jones Superintendent Registrar.



More about my puzzle

- Initially I did not have the record for my great grandmother's second marriage, nor her death certificates.
- As a result I researched Peter Grew and Catherine McGrane as I thought they were her parents. This made sense as it matched the marriage record from the 19th August 1895 in Loughgall.
- It seems an incredible coincidence for two couples, both named John McCormick and Mary Grew, to have married in Loughgall on August 19th, 1895. However, this seems to be the simplest explanation to the existence of a record with the wrong name for Mary's father as I have found records for a Mary Grew, born to Peter Grew and Catherine McGrane, around 1870.