



Catharine Kelly

1830–1867

2nd great-grandmother



When Catharine Kelly was born in 1821 in Clontuskert, Galway, Ireland, her father, Michael, was 19, and her mother, Mary, was 16. She married Thomas J. N. Clarkson on September 19, 1850, in Burrishoole, Mayo, Ireland. They had three children during their marriage, but they both died young, orphaning their children.

Their oldest child, Anna Marie, was born in Ireland. Their two sons were born in New York City. Catharine's husband, Thomas, died in New York when he was 31. It is not clear what happened to Catharine and the children after Thomas' death. According to Sister St. Rita (Catherine's and Thomas' grand daughter Mary Catherine Clarkson), "it is surmised that the family returned to Ireland only to send Thomas [along with his siblings, it appears] back to the states when he was 12 to live with the O'Grady's." If so, Catharine, who also died young, likely died in Ireland, leaving her young children as orphans.

Following their father's death, the first record of the children is an 1870 census record showing that they resided in Moundsville, West Virginia, with the family of James O'Grady and Honoria Kelly O'Grady. Census records also show the O'Grady family arrived in the United States in 1866 or 1867. It may be that the Clarkson children returned with them at that time.

1830

Birth

Catharine Kelly was born in 1830 in Clontuskert, Galway, Ireland, to Mary Catherine Kenny, age 25, and Michael Kelly, age 28.

Marriage records provide conflicting information about Catharine's birth. One shows she was 20 when she married in 1850. Another indicates she was 29. The first age seems more likely.

1830 • Clontuskert, Galway, Ireland

1850

Marriage

Catharine Kelly married Thomas J. N. Clarkson in Burrishoole, Mayo, Ireland, on September 19, 1850, when she was 20 years old.

Though dates and names are consistent on all marriage records, they have conflicting information about Catharine's age and the place of the marriage. One record shows Newport as the location, but Newport is just a short distance from Burrihoole.



Thomas J. N. Clarkson

1826–1859

19 Sep 1850 • Burrishoole, Mayo, Ireland

1850

Clarkson-Kelly Marriage Record, Newport

Thos J N Clarkson Ireland Civil Registration	
Name	Thos J N Clarkson
Event Type	Marriage
Event Date	19 Sep 1850
Event Place	Newport, Nenagh, Ireland
Event Place (Original)	Newport, Westport, Ireland
Age	25
Birth Year (Estimated)	1825
Father's Name	Thomas Clarkson
Spouse's Name	Catharine Kelly
Spouse's Age	20
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1830
Spouse's Father's Name	Michael Kelly

19 Sep 1850

1850

Clarkson-Kelly Marriage Record, Burrishoole



Thomas J.N. Clarkson

mentioned in the record of Thomas J.N. Clarkson and Catharine Kelly

Name	Thomas J.N. Clarkson
Birth Date	1825
Age	25
Spouse's Name	Catharine Kelly
Spouse's Birth Date	1821
Spouse's Age	29
Event Date	19 Sep 1850
Event Place	Burrishoole, Mayo, Ire
Father's Name	Thomas Clarkson
Spouse's Father's Name	Michael Kelly

Ireland Marriages, 1619-1898



19 Sep 1850

1858

Birth Record of Son Thomas Michael

This is a Google street view of 24 Ludlow St. where the Clarksons lived when Thomas Michael was born.



21 Apr 1858 • New York City, New York, USA

1858

Residence

Son Michael's birth record shows family residence at the time of birth as 24 Ludlow St. New York, New York.

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DATE OF BIRTH.		NAMES OF PARENTS.	NAMES OF CHILDREN.	PLACE OF BIRTH	
				No.	Street.
1858	April	9 Whitwell Jacob	Suff	54	No. Doug. St.
"	"	11 Wady John & Eliza	" Sarah		104 St. St.
"	"	Graft Andrew & Maria W	" Charles A. J.	396	"
"	"	15 Wale Michael & Maria	" "	318	Genoa
"	"	16 Whistman John & Sarah	" Mary	112	Mary
"	"	21 Schuchin John & Estery	" Thomas M.	24	Ludlow
"	"	19 Bartholomew King & Phoebe E.	" Maria M. S.	169	Church
"	"	Coz William & Ann L.	" Francis		104 St. St.
"	"	23 Cornell John S. & Kate H.	" Eva E.		"
"	"	24 Crowley George & Maria	" George A.		"
"	"	21 Callahan Patrick & Bridget S.	" Kate		"
"	"	22 Coffey Samuel & Esther A.	" Rebecca	49	Brooklyn
"	"	Charley William & Bridget	" Ellen	4	Hamilton
"	"	23 Capora John	" John	144	St. St.
"	"	24 Coughlin George	" George	6	London
"	"	27 Coffey John	" "		Manhattan
"	"	29 Cahill Patrick & Bridget	" Charlotte		104 St. St.
"	"	Christen Gerard W. & Emily A.	" Cecilia W.	141	West 15
"	"	25 Chasman Robert	" Mary & Charlotte	176	Division
"	"	30 Leonard Charles	" "	54	Union

1858 • New York, New York, USA

1867

Death

Catharine Kelly most likely died before 1867 when she was 37 years old.

Estimated date based on records showing Catherine's children were living with Catherine's relatives (the O'Grady family) by 1870, and census records show the O'Grady family immigration date as 1867.

Bef. 1867 • Ireland