

DANIEL McCONACHY STORIES

Daniel McConaghy was born about **1770** in County Antrim, Northern Ireland and died in Causeway Head, Ardihennon, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

He married **Kate McCurdy** who was born in Tonduff, County Antrim, N. Ireland and died in Causeway Head, Ardihennon, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Daniel was known locally as "**Kate Curdy's Dan**" to differentiate him from another Dan in the area.

He had a cottage and farm of 16 acres at Causeway Head. His grazing land reached up to the headlands above the Giant's Causeway (*Causeway Head*). The family also grazed sheep down at the small 'ports' around the Giant's Causeway.

The town land of Ardihennon is in the Parish of Billy, County Antrim. The family was associated with both Dunseverick and Billy Parish Churches. The family grave in Billy churchyard which is specifically associated with the family and where several family members rest there is a single stone simply marked "McConaghy" with no other details.

There are probably earlier family graves at Dunseverick and possibly even early ones at Ballintoy. Some family members are buried at Dunluce Parish Church in Bushmills.

The original McConaghy cottage was passed on down through several generations. It is not known if this Daniel built it or if it was a McConaghy from an earlier generation.

The last inhabitant, Agnes McConaghy, died in 1938, after which the cottage fell into ruin. Remaining family members lived in a newer house, "*Warren View*" which was built in the mid-1800s and was next door by John McConaghy, Agnes's brother.

The earliest McConaghy family undoubtedly migrated to North Antrim from Scotland, spreading out probably from the Ballintoy area.

There also seems to have been a connection with Ballymoy.

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