

Crown Connections

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First I will briefly outline my branch of Crown's.

I am the granddaughter of Margaret Crown (1911-1986). Her father, John J. Crown (1872-1926), was one of 10 children born to Patrick Crown and Ann Clancy, and the first born in America. Patrick Crown (1843-1903) was the original immigrant in my branch to America. I have associated Patrick with the Crown's of Manorhamilton area because of birth records found of his children - and especially twins - who were born in Ireland and who then also appeared in the federal census of NY. Patrick opened both a hotel and a bar in Brooklyn, which were passed down to his sons when he died. His death certificate in New York names his parents as Richard Crown and Sarah Meehan.

The following analysis of existing records is meant to determine if a connection can be made between my line of Crown's and that of Thomas Crown of Texas and Prof. John Crown of Ireland.

1. There were two Crown's in the 1857 Griffith's Valuation in Lurganboy:

Richard [A]: Pollboy
Anthony [B]: Poundhill

2. 44 years later, in 1901 census of Ireland, the following Crown's were in Lurganboy:

Crowne Richard [C]	Pollboy	Lurganboy	Leitrim	56	M
Crowne Catherine	Pollboy	Lurganboy	Leitrim	50	F
Crowne Richard	Pollboy	Lurganboy	Leitrim	18	M
Crowne Thomas	Pollboy	Lurganboy	Leitrim	15	M
Crown Patrick [D]	Poundhill	Lurganboy	Leitrim	65	M
Crown Maggie	Poundhill	Lurganboy	Leitrim	23	F
Crown Mary	Poundhill	Lurganboy	Leitrim	25	F
Crown Becky	Poundhill	Lurganboy	Leitrim	20	F
Crown John	Poundhill	Lurganboy	Leitrim	30	M

According to the familysearch database of Irish records, this Richard Crown [C] was married to Catherine Melaniff. Their children included Sarah, Dennis, Mary, John M., Brigid, Patrick William, Richard, and Thomas. I hypothesize that the Richard Crown [C] in this 1901 census is the the son of the Richard Crown [A] in the 1857 valuation. Patrick Crown [D] was married to Elizabeth Eams, and their children included Anthony, Elizabeth, Ellen, John, Martin, Anne Theresa, Mary Jane, Margaret, and apparently 2 different girls named Catherine (Kate). I hypothesize that the Patrick Crown [D] in this 1901 census was the son of Anthony Crown [B] in the 1857 valuation. I base these connections partly on location where they lived as well as naming patterns used in the children's names.

We have record that Richard Crown II [C] died in 1908.

3. In the 1911 census can be found:

Crowne Catherine	Pollboy	Lurganboy	Leitrim	70	F
Crowne Richard	Pollboy	Lurganboy	Leitrim	28	M
Crown Patrick	Mountainthird	Lurganboy	Leitrim	78	M
Crown Anthony [E]	Mountainthird	Lurganboy	Leitrim	49	M
Crown Catherine	Mountainthird	Lurganboy	Leitrim	26	F

Here you see Richard II's [C] widow Catherine, as well as Patrick [D] who was also a widower. It's significant to note that Anthony [E] is listed as a son of Patrick. I could not, however, find Anthony back in the 1901 census.

4. Prof. John Crown, grandson of Anthony Crown [E], wrote:

"I had a cousin called Dennis Crown-probably second cuz of my dad, who died aged 99 in 1970. Left Leitrim as young man or possibly a boy. Lived in Brooklyn all his life. Also had cousin Jack Crown Washington DC recently deceased RIP."

The guess about second cousin is about right if we suppose that the two men Richard [A] and Anthony [B] seen in the 1857 Griffiths valuation (1) were brothers. Furthermore, Thomas Crown of Texas has a written history from his father, the grandson of John M. Crown, stating that his gg-grandfather Richard Crown was the son of Richard Crown and Sarah Meehan, which makes my gg-grandfather Patrick and Richard [C] also brothers.

Here is how the family tree might look:

Richard Crown [A] + Sarah Meehan

Richard Crown [C] (abt 1844-1908) + Catherine Melaniff
Dennis J. Crown - 1871-1971, Brooklyn, NY
John M. Crown - 1873-1950, Washington, DC
John R. Crown (1907-1982)
John R. Crown II (1931-2009)
Thomas Crown

Patrick Crown (March 1843- 1903) + Ann Clancy
John J. Crown (1872-1926)
Margaret Catherine Crown (1911-1986)
Richard Schaefer (1933-2009)
Mary Ann Schaefer

Anthony Crown [B] + ?

Patrick Crown [D] (abt 1835-1911) + Elizabeth Eams
Anthony Crown [E] (abt 1864-1944) + Lillian ?
John "Jack" Crown, (1921-1989)
Prof. John Crown (1957-)

* my note – it almost feels to me like there might be a generation missing in the Anthony Crown branch? Not sure yet...

To summarize, here are the points that support this hypothesis:

- a) Common locations. All three branches have Lurganboy/Manorhamilton in Ireland and Brooklyn, NY in common.
- b) Common memory. For example, Thomas Crown has written "Dr. John Crown from Ireland, stayed with my family when I was a young boy." This indicates a family connection between the branches of Thomas Crown and Prof. John Crown. Also the written history provided by Thomas Crown's father links my branch to Thomas' branch.
- c) Documentation. The death certificate of my gg-grandfather establishes his parents were the same parents of Thomas' gg-grandfather. In addition, a study of existing birth records in Ireland, the 1857 Griffiths Valuation, as well as the 1901 and 1911 Irish census all supports this hypothesis of how the three Crown branches are connected. Even US documentation, in particular the 1892 state census of NY, shows a Dennis Crown of the right age living in the household of my gg-grandfather, Patrick Crown. Even though the relationships are not stated, it seems very likely that Dennis Crown was staying with his uncle until he got settled in New York himself.

If this scenario is right, then I believe the following relationships are true:

- a) Thomas Crown and I are 4th cousins, having in common the ggg-grandparents Richard Crown and Sarah Meehan
- b) Thomas and I are 5th cousins once removed to Prof. John Crown. We don't know the names of the earliest ancestors, but both the written evidence as well as family memory support a very feasible case that Richard [A] and Anthony [B] Crown were brothers.

END NOTE

More complete sources are cited on my family tree on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).