

DERRIAGHY ~ BURIALS AND DEATHS

There has been a church in Derriaghy for over eight centuries. The present church, Christ Church, was consecrated in 1872 and the church it replaced was built about 1696 and did not have a designated name, it was known as "The Church of Derriaghy." The first existing register dates from 1696.

The book called "The Oldest Register of Derriaghy, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland" (*Published 1981*) edited by W.N.C. Barr and W.C. Kerr, has transcribed the text of this first register and has Marriages 1696 – 1746, Baptisms 1696 – 1763 and Burials 1696 – 1732. It also includes biographical notes on the incumbents 1707 – 1772, notes on some parishioners, Vestry Court minutes, miscellaneous items with lists of names, an index to names and a 1981 Derriaghy Parish map. There is a copy of this book in the Randal Gill Library (IR100/020)

Some records of births, marriages and deaths for Derriaghy are to be found in the Blaris parish record, now in Lisburn Cathedral.

This index is a digital copy of cards which were compiled by W.C. (Bill) Kerr (1909-1999), who was a senior inspector in the Ministry of Education. He was a founder member and chairman of the Ulster Place Names Society. One of his interests was family trees. Along with the rector of Derriaghy from 1961-1990, William Norman Cochrane Barr, he brought out books on the history of Derriaghy and gravestone inscriptions of the church.

Lisburn Branch of the North of Ireland Family History Society has transcribed these Burial and Death records from the handwritten record cards. The handwriting was difficult to decipher in some cases and so we have tried to check them against the microfilmed records of the registers in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI). Again the handwriting in the registers is sometimes difficult to make out and in some cases is illegible. We have copied names as they are spelt, or appear to be spelt! Not all information from the original records was put on the index cards, addresses and ministers' names were left out. The earlier Burial records usually only have the burial date, the later cards from about 1900 have a date of death, not burial, and also have a number which probably refers to a grave plot. We have recorded these numbers, or positions, to the left of the additional information column.

Use this index **ONLY** as an indication of the record. Check the church records for the original entry. In some cases we are uncertain if the date or name we have recorded is correct. Bear in mind that errors or omissions could have been made at the time of the original entry in the register.

Years covered by the Burial and Death index.

Derriaghy (Christ Church)

Burials 1828 – 1835 (PRONI MIC1/32/1)

May 1836 – Feb. 1872 (PRONI MIC1/33A/1)

1872 – 1913 (PRONI MIC1/33B)

Books produced by Bill Kerr and Rev. Barr, all available in the NIFHS Randal Gill Library.

Barr & Kerr, *The Oldest Register of the Parish of Derriaghy* (1981) IR100/022

Derriaghy, A Short History of the Parish (1974) IR350/046

Derriaghy, A Short History of the parish – Revised, added to and updated (2006) IR350/034

Christ Church, Derriaghy – Gravestone and Church Inscriptions (2002) IR575/007

