

## ST. JOHN'S, STONEYFORD ~ BAPTISMS

St. John's church, Stoneyford was opened on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1841. Stoneyford became a separate parish in 1887. Up until that time the records for Stoneyford are found with the records of Derriaghy, sometimes on separate pages, sometimes written in the margins of the Derriaghy records! We have tried to separate the records for the two churches, but we may have made mistakes, some families might have used both churches.

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 Derriaghy church.

**Lisburn Branch of the North of Ireland Family History Society has transcribed these Baptism 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.

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 indexes.

**Stoneyford (St. John's)**

Baptisms 1839 -1870 (PRONI MIC1/32/1)

