

ANDREW HEPBURN, MASON of CASTLEFINN  
1795 - 1866



Due to the loss of records and inaccessibility of existing records for the parish of Donaghmore, there is little known about **Andrew Hepburn**. His surname is variably recorded as; HEYBURN, HEBORN & HALPURN.

Andrew Hepburn is found in the **Griffith's Valuation of Tenements 1857** in **Sessiagh Allison** with **Robert Hepburn** a probable brother (whose parents are confirmed to be **William Hepburn of Raphoe & Mary Harris**).

There is also an Andrew Hepburn born around 1783, a weaver, living in Liscurry within the neighbouring parish of Leckpatrick at the same time, very likely a relative (uncle or cousin).

Between 1846 and 1857 Andrew Hepburn is identified as the father on the Donaghmore Church of Ireland marriage registration of four of his children; **William, Anne Jane, Edward Marks** and **Samuel**.

Two other *possible* children of Andrew Hepburn living in the parish are; **Mary Ann Hepburn** and **John Hepburn**, builder of Strabane.

Andrew's wife is identified as simply "**Jane**" on the two existing baptismals of his children; Edward Marks Hepburn (1826) and Anne Jane Hepburn (1828).

Edward Marks Hepburn was the second son born to Andrew and, following the Irish naming pattern, would be named after the maternal grandfather (Jane's father). Significantly, the Curate of the parish church who signed the baptismal was "**Edward Marks**". More research is required to confirm if Edward Marks, Curate, is the father of Jane.

Andrew died at Sessiagh Allison on 25 July 1866 from Chronic Bronchitis, a 71 year old widow. His daughter-in-law **Eleanor Elliott Hepburn** was present at his death.

Issue:

Confirmed:

1. William 1823 – 1887  
x Frances McConaghy
2. Edward Marks 1826 – 1915  
x Jane Kerr
3. Anne Jane 1828 - 1916  
x Edward Lapsley
4. Samuel 1836 – 1913  
x Eleanor Elliott

Probable:

5. Mary 1825 -?  
x Joseph Patterson
6. John 1810  
x Mary

Sources:

1. Griffiths Valuation 1848-1864 - Leckpatrick, County Tyrone
2. Griffiths Valuation 1848-1864 – Donaghmore, County Donegal
3. PRONI MIC 1/209 B/1 Pg6 No.12: Regist. of Marrs., District of Strabane.
4. PRONI MIC 1/209 A/2 Donaghmore Parish OPRs Marrs 1836-45
5. of the Chapel of Ease in Donaghmore Parish, later known as Monellan
6. IGRO Death: 1866