

Biography of Catherine Logan nee Brannan

B. 1800-1806, Ireland D. 1883, Leeds Union Infirmary

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Catherine Logan was an inmate in the Leeds Union Workhouse on the night of the 1881 Census (1). She was a 77 year old Widow, and had worked as a Charwoman.

Catherine was born in Ireland sometime between 1800 and 1806 and arrived in Manchester before 1838. On 12 February that year she married Michael Logan in the Cathedral. The couple lived in the Newton area of Manchester and Michael earned a living as a Labourer (2).

Over the course of the 20 years after their marriage, the couple had at least 12 children (3, 4, 6). Their first child, John, named after Catherine's father, was born at the end of 1838 in Manchester but died in the same quarter (3) and daughter Bridget, born in 1839, died aged 2 (4). By 1841, the couple had moved to Leeds and lived in Boot and Shoe Yard, Leeds North, an area with a large Irish population (5).

Another 10 children were born in Leeds but most died at a young age and were buried in the Becket St Cemetery. Of the 12 known births, only Catherine (1845), Ellen (1854), Edwin (1857) and Mary (1850) (6) achieved adulthood. In 1851, the Logans were in Back George St, Leeds, lodging with an Irish shoemaker and his family (7).

By 1861, Michael and Catherine (recorded as Laughgan) lived in Union St, Leeds, with Michael earning a living as Hawker (8). None of their surviving children were shown at this address and their whereabouts on this date remain unknown.

In July 1865, a 65 year old Michael died in Union Court and was buried in the Beckett St Cemetery (9, 10), and by 1871, Catherine was in the Leeds Union Workhouse (11). 10 years later, she was again in the Workhouse (1) but had 2 married daughters living in Leeds. In 1866, a 19-year-old Catherine (junior) had married James Wood in Leeds Parish Church and by 1881 was a Widow and working in Holbeck as a Charwoman (14,15). Ellen had married John Mc Dermot in 1875 and the couple and their 2 children lived in Garsides Court (16, 17) with Edwin working in a woolen mill in SE Leeds, living in a boarding house (18).

Catherine died in the Infirmary in 1883 aged 83 (12). She was buried in the Beckett St Cemetery, joining her late husband and many of their children (13).

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Name	Birth	Birth reg	Death reg	Becket St burial
John	1838 M'cster	Dec 1838 Man 20 595	Dec 1838 Man 20 572	
Bridget	1839 Leeds	Sep 1839 23 402	Mar 1842 23 310, aged 2	
Margaret	1841 Ire?	Not registered	Mar 1855 9 b 218, aged 14	17 Jan 1855
Patrick	1842 Leeds	Mar 1842 23 378	Jun 1842 23 267, aged 0	
Mary Ann	1843 Leeds	Mar 1843 23 380	Dec 1849 23 335, aged 8	3 Oct 1849
Michael	1844 Leeds	Dec 1844 23 387	Dec 1844 23 269, aged 0	
Catherine	1845 Leeds	Dec 1845 23 406		
Ellen	1848 Leeds	Jun 1848 23 491	Dec 1852 9b 244, aged 4	23 Dec 1852
Mary	1850 Leeds	Sep 1850 9b 465	?	
Michael	1852 Leeds	Sep 1852 9b 352	Dec 1852 9b 231, aged 0	16 Nov 1852
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Edwin	1857 Leeds	Jun 1857 9b 383		

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