

## More Than Oliver Twist: Biography

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Name: Catherine Fannon

B. 1808, d. 1885 Author: Dorothy Moss

A Catherine Hanley was baptized on 5 May 1809 in Dunboyne, Meath, Ireland (1). Her parents were Christopher Hanley and Eleanor Everin. In 1844 there was a marriage between 'Catharine Hanley and Patrick Fannon, in Kilkeevin, Roscommon Ireland (2). It is not certain that this is the same Catherine Fannon that lived in the workhouse in Leeds in 1881 (3) but it is a possibility. In 1851, Catherine and Patrick Fannon lived in Kilkeevin with their son Thomas (4).

In 1871 a census return, for 7 Back Victoria Terrace, Bradford (5) shows Catherine Fannon, born Ireland, aged 66 and married, living with five children between the ages of 23 and 10, all named Fannon. It seems likely that these were her grandchildren rather than her children, perhaps the children of Thomas, but this is uncertain.

In 1881, Catherine Fannon was an inmate in Leeds Union Workhouse, a widow, aged 73 (6). She was described as a domestic servant, cook. It is possible that she cooked in the workhouse. She died in 1885 in Leeds (7) and was buried from the Leeds Union Infirmary in Beckett Street Cemetery on 13 June that year (8). The record states she was the widow of Patrick.

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