

## Welcome to the Wrights of Monaghan Website

Hi! The idea of this site is to provide a central point for researchers of WRIGHTs in Co Monaghan, Ireland to exchange, display and sort information on their researches. Long term, it would be great to unravel the tangle of information we all have on the Wrights in Monaghan.

Most of the site information is for registered users, so please sign up to view, edit or add information.

If you would like to add information to this website, please contact me and I'll show you how to put information on the site.

My own WRIGHTs lived in Drumsnatt in the 19th Century. I've been researching them, but I've also stumbled over lots of other data. I'm sure you have done the same. If we can put our researches together, maybe we can sort them out for all our benefit!

WRIGHT From Bell's "The Book of Ulster Surnames";:

In Ireland, outside of Dublin, this name is common only in Ulster, and particularly in counties Antrim, Down and Armagh. It can be of English, Scottish or Irish origin.

In England, where it is one of the twenty most common names, it is most numerous in the north. It derives from the Old English wryhta, which means a "worker, chiefly in wood, a carpenter or joiner". In Lowland Scotland it has the same derivation and was first recorded in the Ragman Rolls of 1296.

In the Highlands, however, the Wrights were a sept of Clan MacIntyre, whose name in Gaelic, Mac an tSaoir means "son of the wright". The Irish Gaelic equivalent gives the name MacAteer. This in Co. Fermanagh was anglicised to Wright, but more generally in Ulster MacAteer was made Carpenter or MacIntyre.