

Annaghdown immigrants to New Zealand, as represented in the writings of Dan Davin



DAN DAVIN, 1913-90

*Lost in my father's youth is that strange land.
No goats ran leaping from the hill
When I came there and the fairies did not know
My father's son. Only the grey walls
Still ran greyly over the moody hills
And gentle Irish rain fell melancholy
On the son of a lost son.*

'Winter Galway' was prompted
by Dan Davin's first visit to his
father's native Tonegurrane in 1936

AOTEAROA

NEW ZEALAND

Te Reo Māori Language Place Map

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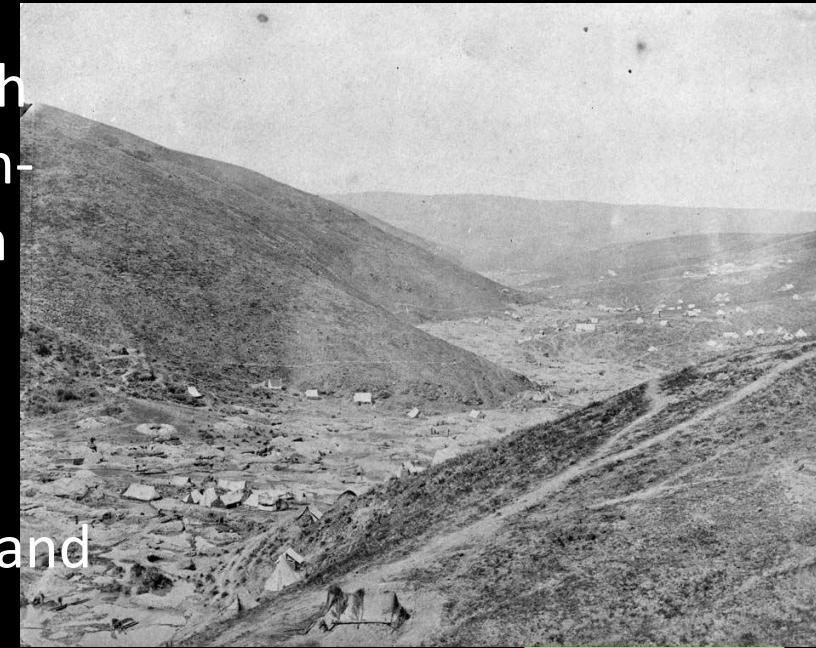
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Southland Times, 3 November 1910

The death of Mr John Cavanagh, which occurred at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr Thomas Fahey of Mill Road on Saturday, creates another gap in the diminishing ranks of the pioneers of Southland. The late Mr Cavanagh was born in Annaghdown, Co. Galway, Ireland in 1824 and in common with many others, finding the conditions prevailing in his native country intolerable, decided to immigrate to New Zealand, and he accordingly arrived in Dunedin in 1859. In company with his brother William, who along with Mr John Cahill, now of East Invercargill, paved the way for the Galway immigrants to Southland, he took part in the gold rush to Gabriel's Gully...



Southland Times, 3 November 1910 (part 2)

.... After the gold fever had abated, Mr Cavanagh took up land in Roslyn Bush where he remained for number of years. Later he became proprietor of the old Sylvan Hotel in East Invercargill. The deceased gentleman was of a most kindly and hospitable nature, and many who in the early days partook of the hospitality of Mr Cavanagh and his wife, who predeceased him by 26 years, will experience a pang of keen regret at the demise of a generous and kind-hearted man. In carving out a home for himself and his family of seven sons and six daughters, who, by the way survive him, and in enduring the hardships and vicissitudes which fell to the lot of the early settlers in Southland, Mr Cavanagh evidenced the stuff of which he was made, and now, after all the years of toil and struggle, 'he sleeps well'.

From 'Assisted Passengers' list on *The Melbourne*, November 1860

George Browne, wife, and daughter,
Drumgriffin*

Daniel Caulfield, Drumgriffin

Pat and Helen Crowe, Drumgriffin

John Ford, Annaghdown

Patrick Ford, Annaghdown

Patrick and Honor Ford, Annaghdown

Thomas Kilkelly, Annaghdown

James Leven (?) and wife,
Annaghdown

Patrick Savelle (?), Drumgriffin Thomas

Tahy (Fahy?) and wife, Drumgriffin

**AT LEITH FOR
O T A G O, N E W Z E A L A N D.**

The Magnificent New All Clipper-built Ship
"MELBOURNE" of Leith,
661 Tons Register,
Commanded by Captain ROBERTSON, late of the
Intercolonial Mail Steamer,
is now loading at Leith for above Port, to be despatched 20th
November. This fine vessel has a lofty and airy full Poop
Cabin for first-class passengers, and a spacious and well-
ventilated 'tween decks, now being comfortably fitted up for
Intermediate and Steerage passage. Has still room for a
few tons cargo.
For Freight or Passage apply to THOMAS D. CURRIE,
Otago Emigration Office, 20 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh;
or to the Owners,

JOHN BROADFOOT & SON,
16 Assembly Street.

Leith, October 22, 1860.

N.B.—A First-Class SURGEON WANTED to accompany
his Ship.

* Post office was in Drumgriffin

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.

(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A.

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

No. on Form B. 9

NUMBER.	NAME AND SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	IF Deaf and Dumb; Deaf only; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic.
	Christian Name.	Surname.										
1	Clary	Moghan	head of family	roman catholic	cannot read	67	F	Farmer	widow	Co Galway Irish English		
2	Tom	Davin	son	roman catholic	cannot read	52	M	Farmer	married	Co Galway Irish English		
3	Sarah	Davin	daughter	Roman Catholic	read & write	42	F	Farmers daughter	married	Co. Galway Irish English		
4	Mark	Davin	son	Roman Catholic	read & write	21	M	Farmers son	not married	Co Galway Irish English		
5	Ellen	Davin	daughter	Roman Catholic	read & write	19	F	Farmers daughter	not married	Co. Galway Irish English		
6	Michael	Davin	son	Roman Catholic	read & write	15	M	Farmers son	not married	Co Galway Irish English		
7	Honor	Davin	Grand Daughter	Roman Catholic	read & write	12	F	Farmers son	not married	Co. Galway Irish English		
8	Julia	Davin	Grand Daughter	Roman Catholic	read & write	10	F	Scholar	not married	Co Galway Irish English		
9	Thomas	Davin	son	Roman Catholic	Read	8	M	Scholar	not married	Co Galway Irish English		
10	Martin	Davin	Grand son	Roman Catholic	Cannot read	5	M	Scholar	not married	Co Galway Irish English		
11	Mary	Davin	Grand Daughter	Roman Catholic	Cannot read	1	F		not married	Co Galway		
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I hereby certify, as required by the Act 63 Vic. cap. 6, s. 6 (1), that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Patrick Clifford Con

(Signature of Enumerator)

Maryx Maghan

(Signature of Head of Family).

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

Witness Patrick Clifford Con mark



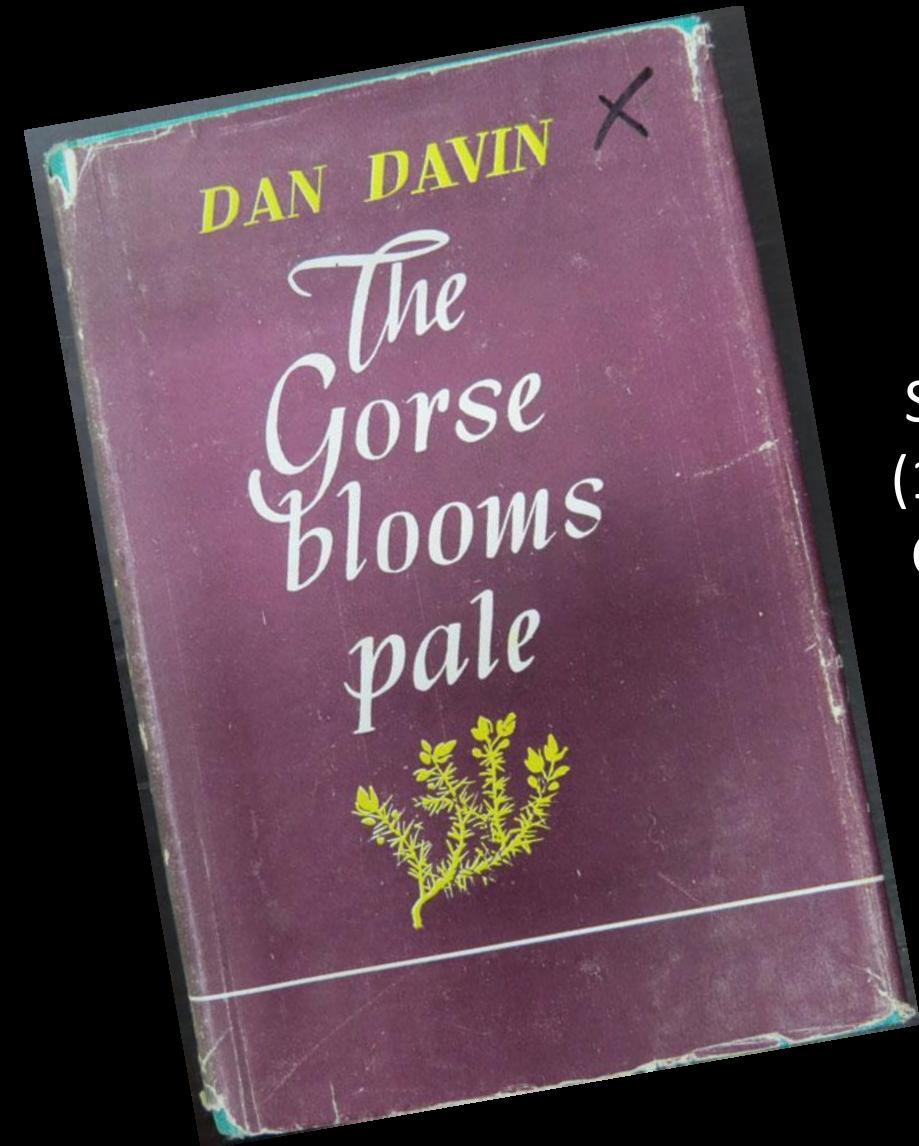
Dee Street, Invercargill, N.Z.

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Invercargill in Dan Davin's childhood

'Southland's transplanted Galway': East Invercargill cemetery





Stories in *The Gorse blooms pale* (1947) feature the character Mick Connolly, who is based on Davin himself

