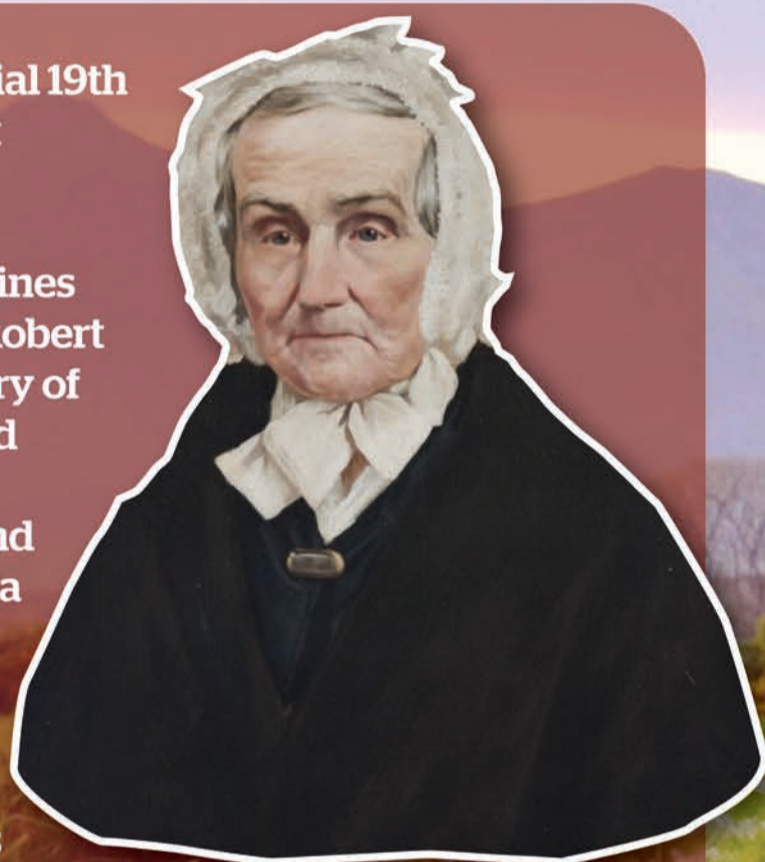


# Famous Ulster-Scots O' Mourne

*Agnes Irvine Scott*  
*1799-1877*

## The Irvines of Ballykeel

Agnes Irvine was a quintessential 19th century Scotch-Irish immigrant woman, born and raised in the townland of Ballykeel, near Ballymartin. Her family, the Irvines could trace their roots back to Robert the Bruce and the border country of Scotland. Around 1640, they fled Scotland at a time of religious persecution of Presbyterians and settled in Ballykeel. Agnes was a committed Presbyterian, who loved the Bible and Robbie Burns' poems.



Like many Ulster Presbyterians of the time, Agnes emigrated with her family in 1816 leaving the port of Warrenpoint and arriving in Pennsylvania. Tragically her sister Sussanna died on the journey and was buried at sea during the thirty six day voyage. Agnes married a respectable Presbyterian, John Scott, also of Ulster descent, who later became a member of the United States House of Representatives and together they had seven children.

When tensions over divided loyalties to Britain arose in Agnes' Presbyterian Church, Agnes remained staunchly loyal to Britain. During the American Civil War, Agnes' family was split with two sons fighting for the Confederacy and another son supporting the Union cause.




Colonel George  
Washington Scott


In 1889, Agnes' son Colonel George Washington Scott formally recognised his mother's important family and community influence. He founded a College of high standards dedicated to her memory for women in the Presbyterian educational movement that would bear her name. Agnes Scott College today is still connected to the Presbyterian Church in the USA!

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