

William Patrick Madden

(1825–1895)

US Judge
Breitheamh SAM

Born in Moycullen, William Patrick Madden left Ireland for America around 1850. He enlisted in the United States Army and saw action on the frontier in Kansas, where he founded the Irish settlement of St. Bridget.

Madden became the first Probate Judge of Marshall County in Kansas. He had a strong interest in public education and was instrumental in establishing a public school adjacent to his ranch in St. Bridget.

Madden died when his wagon overturned in November 1895. He was eulogised in the Marshall County News: 'He came here poor but by industrious and frugal habits had acquired a handsome competency. His life has been a laborious and eventful one and he will be greatly missed in the community.'

I Maigh Cuilinn a rugadh William Patrick Madden agus d'imigh sé go Meiriceá um 1850. Liostáil sé le hArm na Stát Aontaithe agus bhí sé ar dualgas ar an ur criche in Kansas, áit ar bhunaigh sé an lonnaíocht Éireannach, St. Bridget.

Ba é William an chéad Bhreitheamh Probháide i gContae Marshall in Kansas. Bhí suim mhór aige san oideachas poiblí agus bhí dlúthbhaint aige le pobalscoil a bhunú in aice lena rainse in St. Bridget.

Fuair William bás nuair a d'iompaigh a vaigín bunoscionn i mí na Samhna 1895. Scriobhadh tuairisc iarbháis faoi sa *Marshall County News*: 'He came here poor but by industrious and frugal habits had acquired a handsome competency. His life has been a laborious and eventful one and he will be greatly missed in the community.'



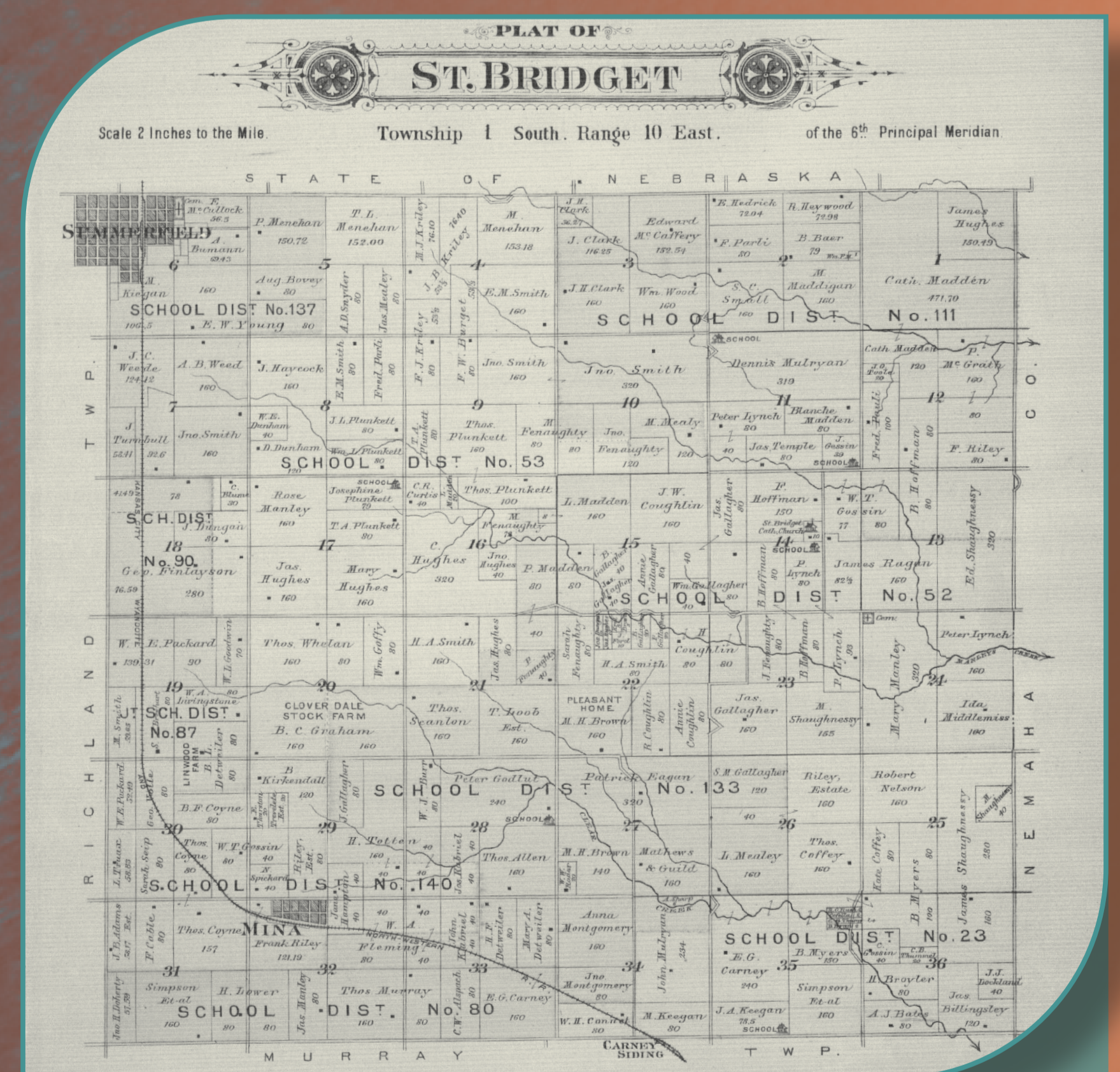
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William Patrick Madden is interred on his family ranch in St. Bridget
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Church at St. Bridget notable for its unfinished steeple
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1904 landowner map of St. Bridget Township, showing many Galway surnames
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