



# the septs



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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**OR: People Who Live in Glasshouses Should Not Throw Stones**

*by Nora Hickey, speaker at the November Quarterly Meeting*

Virginia Mahoney's reference to our conversation re surnames has provided the theme for this article about ancestral research in Irish parish and other records. Five years of parish indexing in the Bandon Heritage Centre in County Cork (and please note that the centre closed December 1989 - and that letters addressed personally to me at that address are not passed on) has indicated that much of the failure to find that elusive progenitor may lie in not recognizing the form of the surname. The following points to consider are based upon my genealogical and research experience in County Cork, but I firmly believe that similar developments in surnames happened throughout the country. Much research remains to be done into this question of surnames, and it must be approached on a local and regional, and not national, basis.

One obvious reason for these variations records are the alternative spellings. For example, there were twenty-nine ways of spelling Maloney/Moloney in the Church of Ireland registers in Bandon alone. Remember that surnames were written by the minister, according to his version of the name, and probably phonetically. And even if one could read what is written in the register - and today the baptismal registers is not written usually within sight of parents and godparents - one would not dare contradict the priest or minister. Therefore Maloneys should always look for Moloney, Mullowney and so forth. The parish registers will show the surname and all other records, Tithe Applotment Books, Griffith's Valuations, etc. as perceived by the writer. Very few indexes make allowances for the different spellings/versions of the same surname, even separating e.g. Flynn from O Flynn. Surnames written in the Griffith's Valuation depended on the perception of the surveyor. For example, in the Bantry area Keohane was spelt

Keohane; in Barryroe the local engineer wrote it as Keoghane - a form never found in the many variations in the parish registers. The form "Cohane" is also represented in the GV.

All indexes, e.g. National Library GV list, the legal BMD indexes show surnames as spelled and therefore one will have to search in several parts of all indexes. Surnames beginning with such letters as C and K, e.g. Carney/Kearney, Cavanagh/Kavanagh or H and A, e.g. Ahearn/Hearn, Anglin/Hanglin or E and H, e.g. Enright/Henright, and H and Wh, Whooley/Hooley; Houlahan/Houlahan are obvious examples. Houlahan is anglicized as Holland - and I have seen the different versions refer to the same family in both church and legal records. The Anglo-Norman names of "de" or "d" should also be treated with caution. Courcy/Coursey is interchangeable with de Courcy, d'Arcy has become Darcy, and D'Amery has developed into Amery or Dammery. In other words, there are always two areas in indexes to search for these surnames.

Interpretation of difficult, and often carelessly written handwriting often leads to surname confusion. Examples of this include: Buckley/Brickley, Long/Song, Lidwell/Sidwell, Sugrue/Lugrue and Feagan/Teagan. The capital letter "C", when written in nineteenth century hand is often read as "E", so Carbery is misread as Earbery. Therefore if you do not find what you are seeking under the normal spelling, think where else it might turn up. One major area of confusion is in deciding whether a name is Regan or Ryan. Among the Bandon RC parish entries were families that were definitely REGAN; there were also families that were definitely RYAN, but the majority of families were mixed- and how can one decide, in the absence of other information, whether they should be indexed

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## *From The President – Beth Mullinax*

Hope your summer was a good one, here in Minnesota we are still waiting its arrival! I'll make this short as our space is limited with all the great articles coming in from all our members and friends. I wish to pass on a few tidbits to keep



Beth Mullinax

everyone informed of what IGS is doing.

IGS has been asked to be a sponsor of the next Irish Genealogical Congress in Ireland. What an honor! The first congress was held in September 1991 in Dublin City and three of the

board members at that time attended, along with at least 10 other members from all over the US and at least one from England. The Irish government was so pleased with the success of this first congress that they have decided to have one every three years. Watch for information on this and a possible tour to coincide with the congress.

The genealogy tour planned for May 1993 has not been finalized. The proposed itinerary went to the Irish tour company and we are waiting for their report, giving us specifics and costs. We have had an excellent response to the initial letters that went out to those interested and will have everything finalized before the next newsletter.

A very, very few of our members get upset with us if we don't answer their correspondence within a week. I'm sorry but it is usually impossible to answer that soon. We are a small staff, all volunteers, with most of us still working full time jobs. This is a hobby with us, as it is with most of you, and we love it or we wouldn't be doing it. In fact, I'm retiring in December because my job is starting to interfere with my hobby! Although our membership is close to 1300 now, a small percentage of that number lives in this area or even in Minnesota. Answering queries is done in between all the other work of making this organization operate. We love the queries, and I personally would rather be researching than doing anything except playing with my grandsons. Also, with weddings, deaths, illnesses, vacations, work, etc., etc., it has been a summer and a half.

So please bear (or is it bare) with us, we'll answer all your letters, usually within 30 days. I might add that besides the letters from our members, we get letters and calls from all over the world (almost) asking us questions about Irish research, our society and where gg grandfather Sullivan came from! What fun!

Your Board has plans that should be completed by next spring that will benefit most of you in your research and offer you even more for your membership. I can hardly wait!

## *Remember a Lifetime for Lifetimes to come*

### **Irish Genealogical Society**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

University of St. Thomas  
2115 Summit Ave.  
Room 155, Murray-Herrick Hall  
Saturday, November 21, 1992

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 10:00	Business Meeting
10:00 - 10:45	<b>Nora Hickey</b> of Cork Family History, Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland. A prominent Irish researcher and publisher & director on the Board of Irish Family History Foundation.
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:45	<b>Nora Hickey</b>
11:45 - 1:00	Q & A

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### From The Editor – Ida Troye

Well, what do you think? Are we going international, or what? A prominent Irish researcher, Nora Hickey from the Cork Family History Society in



Ida Troye

Kinsale has written an excellent article on name variations, one of the "glitches" we run into on occasion. She is also a "survivor" of the Halloween snowstorm of '91 – remember, she was going to appear at St.

Thomas on November 1. She came to St. Paul and spent the next four days inside, doing research with one of our members. She is brave – she is going to try again on November 21 at our Quarterly Meeting. We have to have a good turnout, after all she is coming from Ireland to try again.

Another discovery – this newsletter tells of 24 million names on draft registration cards from World War I – the news inside will tell *you* how to find them.

A wonderful job was accomplished by Joe Huber, our computer whiz! He has alphabetized the Poor Law Unions for us to use with one of the most helpful books published. He tried to find this in other books to no avail, so he made one for us. It's in this issue.

If you could send your family surname out to over 1,000 people, would you think you might get a clue? That happens when you subscribe to a

membership in the Irish Genealogical Society. *The Septs* goes to over 1200 active members and if you put in a query – just imagine! In addition to that, you can enter it in the Irish Genealogical Society's **Surname List**, which is updated quarterly and published as a single edition at the end of each year. So, the number grows; persons who see that publication is larger than our circulation. Just two of the services you receive as a member.

We now have available a 97 page 2nd Annual Edition of the IGS Surname List with over 4700 surnames. This list enables you to contact other persons searching the same surname, a very valuable tool.

An Irish Blessing: "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." Keep shining.

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## Poor Law Unions (districts)

# "A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland"

by Brian Mitchell

This list was taken from the referred book. It contains the alphabetical listing of Poor Law Unions (districts) and the county(s) that these Poor Law Unions encompass.

There is an alphabetical listing for the Parish and the Barony in the "General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland." The Poor Law Union, however, is very important in order to search births, marriages and deaths. This index would be very helpful in looking in the Atlas and other sources, such as the film you might search at the Church of Jesus Christ LDS Family History Centers.

*submitted by Joe Huber*

District	County
Abbeyleix	Laois (Queens)
Antrim	Antrim
Ardee	Louth
Ardee	Meath
Armagh	Tyrone
Armagh	Tyrone
Athlone	Roscommon
Athlone	Westmeath
Athy	Kildare
Athy	Laois (Queens)
Bailieborough	Cavan
Ballina	Mayo
Ballina	Sligo
Ballinasloe	Galway
Ballinasloe	Roscommon
Ballinrobe	Galway
Ballinrobe	Mayo
Ballycastle	Antrim
Ballymahon	Longford
Ballymahon	Westmeath
Ballymena	Antrim
Ballymoney	Antrim
Ballymoney	Derry
Ballyshannon	Donegal
Ballyshannon	Fermanagh
Ballyshannon	Leitrim
Ballyvaghan	Clare
Balrothery	Dublin
Baltinglass	Carlow
Baltinglass	Kildare
Baltinglass	Wicklow

District	County
Banbridge	Armagh
Banbridge	Down
Bandon	Cork Middle
Bandon	Cork West
Bantry	Cork West
Bawnboy	Cavan
Bawnboy	Leitrim
Belfast	Antrim
Belfast	Down
Belmullet	Mayo
Borrisokane	Tipperary North
Boyle	Roscommon
Boyle	Sligo
Cahersiveen	Kerry
Callan	Kilkenny
Callan	Tipperary South
Carlow	Carlow
Carlow	Kildare
Carlow	Laois (Queens)
Carrick on Shannon	Leitrim
Carrick on Shannon	Roscommon
Carrick on Suir	Kilkenny
Carrick on Suir	Tipperary South
Carrick on Suir	Waterford
Carrickmacross	Monaghan
Cashel	Tipperary North
Cashel	Tipperary South
Castlebar	Mayo
Castleblayney	Armagh
Castleblayney	Monaghan
Castlecomer	Kilkenny
Castledearg	Tyrone
Castlereaigh	Roscommon
Castletown	Cork West
Castletowndelvin	Meath
Castletowndelvin	Westmeath
Cavan	Cavan
Celbridge	Dublin
Celbridge	Kildare
Celbridge	Meath
Claremorris	Mayo
Clifden	Galway
Clogheen	Tipperary South
Clogheen	Waterford
Clogher	Tyrone
Clonakilty	Cork Middle
Clonakilty	Cork West
Clones	Fermanagh
Clones	Monaghan
Clonmel	Tipperary South
Clonmel	Waterford
Clougher	Monaghan
Coleraine	Antrim
Coleraine	Derry
Cookstown	Tyrone
Cootehill	Cavan
Cootehill	Monaghan
Cork	Cork East
Cork	Cork Middle
Corrofin	Clare
Croom	Limerick
Dingle	Kerry
Donaghmore	Laois (Queens)

District	County
Donegal	Donegal
Downpatrick	Down
Drogheda	Louth
Drogheda	Meath
Dromore	WestSligo
Dublin	NorthDublin
Dublin	NorthDublin City
Dublin	SouthDublin
Dublin	SouthDublin City
Dundalk	Armagh
Dundalk	Louth
Dundalk	Monaghan
Dunfanaghy	Donegal
Dungannon	Tyrone
Dungarvan	Waterford
Dunmanway	Cork West
Dunshaughlin	Dublin
Dunshaughlin	Meath
Edenderry	Kildare
Edenderry	Meath
Edenderry	Offaly (Kings)
Einniskillen	Fermanagh
Ennis	Clare
Enniscorthy	Carlow
Enniscorthy	Wexford
Enniskillen	Tyrone
Enniskillen	Cavan
Ennistimon	Clare
Fermoy	Cork East
Galway	Galway
Glennamaddy	Galway
Glennamaddy	Roscommon
Glenties	Donegal
Glin	Kerry
Glin	Limerick
Gorey	Wexford
Gort	Clare
Gort	Galway
Gortin	Tyrone
Granard	Cavan
Granard	Longford
Granard	Westmeath
Inishowen	Donegal
Kanturk	Cork Middle
Kells	Cavan
Kells	Meath
Kenmare	Kerry
Kilkeel	Down
Kilkenny	Kilkenny
Killadysert	Clare
Killala	Mayo
Killarney	Kerry
Kilmacthomas	Waterford
Kilmallock	Cork Middle
Kilmallock	Limerick
Kilrush	Clare
Kinsale	Cork East
Kinsale	Cork Middle
Larne	Antrim
Letterkenny	Donegal
Limerick	Clare
Limerick	Limerick
Lisburn	Antrim

<b>District</b>	<b>County</b>
Lisburn	Down
Lismore	Cork East
Lismore	Waterford
Lisnaskea	Fermanagh
Listowel	Kerry
Londonderry	Donegal
Londonderry	Derry
Longford	Longford
Loughrea	Galway
Lowtherstown	Fermanagh
Lowtherstown	Tyrone
Lurgan	Antrim
Lurgan	Armagh
Lurgan	Down
Macroom	Cork Middle
Macroom	Cork West
Magherafelt	Derry
Mallow	Cork East
Mallow	Cork Middle
Manorhamilton	Leitrim
Middleton	Cork East
Millford	Donegal
Millstreet	Cork Middle
Mitchelstown	Cork East
Mitchelstown	Limerick
Mohill	Leitrim
Monaghan	Monaghan
Mountbellew	Galway
Mountmellick	Laos (Queens)
Mountmellick	Offaly (Kings)
Mullingar	Westmeath
Naas	Dublin
Naas	Kildare
Naas	Wicklow
Navan	Meath
Nenagh	Tipperary North
New Ross	Carlow
New Ross	Kilkenny
New Ross	Wexford
Newcastle	Limerick
Newport	Mayo
Newry	Armagh
Newry	Down
Newtown-Limavady	Derry
Newtownards	Down
Oldcastle	Cavan
Oldcastle	Meath
Omagh	Tyrone
Oughterard	Galway
Parsonstown	Offaly (Kings)
Parsonstown	Tipperary North
Portumna	Galway
Rathdown	Dublin
Rathdown	Wicklow
Rathdrum	Wicklow
Rathkeale	Limerick
Roscommon	Galway
Roscommon	Roscommon
Roscrea	Laos (Queens)
Roscrea	Offaly (Kings)
Roscrea	Tipperary North
Scarriff	Clare
Shillelagh	Carlow
Shillelagh	Wexford
Shillelagh	Wicklow
Skibbereen	Cork West
SkullCork	Westy
Sligo	Sligo
Stanorlar	Donegal

<b>District</b>
Strabane
Strabane
Strokestown
Swineford
Swineford
Thomastown
Thurles
Thurles
Tipperary
Tipperary
Tipperary
Tobercurry
Tralee
Trim
Tuam

<b>County</b>
Donegal
Tyrone
Roscommon
Mayo
Roscommon
Kilkenny
Tipperary North
Tipperary South
Limerick
Tipperary North
Tipperary South
Sligo
Kerry
Meath
Galway

Tulla
Tullamore
Tullamore
Urlingford
Urlingford
Waterford
Waterford
Westport
Wexford
Youghal
Youghal
Clare
Offaly (Kings)
Westmeath
Kilkenny
Tipperary South
Kilkenny
Waterford
Mayo
Wexford
Cork East
Waterford

## America's First Immigrant Through Ellis Island

*Excerpt from IACI brochure*

A 15 year old Irish girl, Annie Moore, was the first immigrant processed through Ellis Island on January 1, 1892. She stepped ashore and was greeted with fanfare and awarded a \$10 gold piece.

Annie Moore, from County Cork, Ireland along with her two young brothers came aboard the S.S. Nevada to join their parents who had immigrated nearly two years previously. The Moore family lived in New York for a while and eventually settled in Texas and New Mexico. Miss Moore went on to marry a descendant of the famous Irish statesman, Daniel O'Connell.

To commemorate Annie, and as a fitting tribute to the millions of immigrants who followed, the Irish American Cultural Institute, with official endorsements from the U.S. and Irish governments, has commissioned noted Irish sculptor Jeanne Rynhart to create a life-sized bronze statue of Annie Moore to be erected on Ellis Island. The event is planned to coincide with the Centennial & Rededication of Ellis Island in 1992.

Simultaneously, the Queenstown (Cobh) Restoration Project in County Cork has adopted Annie Moore as the focal point of its new Emigrant Museum & Heritage Centre. President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, will unveil the Cobh Annie Moore on October 8, 1992.

For information on donations to this monument, contact: The Annie Moore Project, The Irish American Cultural Institute, 300 East 42nd St., 17th Floor, NY, NY 10017-5947

# Bulletin Board

## Irish Genealogical Society Quarterly meeting - 1992

November 21, 1992

Put this date on your calendar for a "must attend" schedule.



## Indianapolis Area Query

The *Indianapolis Star* will accept queries for publication in their Sunday Edition. *Indiana Ancestors* by Victoria Hizer is the article name. The rules are: query must have Indiana connection and should be limited to 50 words, plus dates and senders name and address. Query number and approximate date of publication will be sent IF a SASE ACCOMPANIES REQUEST. Write: *Indiana Ancestors*, *Indianapolis Star*, P.O.B. 145, Indianapolis, IN 46206-0145

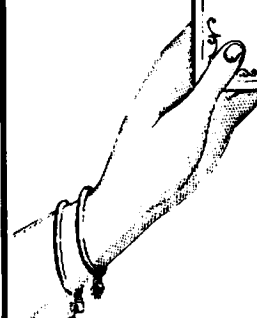
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November 14, 1992	December 12, 1992
January 9, 1993	February 13, 1993
March 13, 1993	April 10, 1993
May 8, 1993	June - none, 1993
July 10, 1993	August 14, 1993
September 11, 1993	October 9, 1993
November 13, 1993	December 11, 1993



## MGS Office and Library Schedule

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

The office and library is staffed by volunteers. There may be times when the Library is closed due to lack of volunteers. Call before you come, to verify that the Library is open. The address is 1650 Carroll Avenue, Saint Paul. NOTE: This address is NOT the mailing address for the Office and Library. The mailing address is P.O. Box 16069, Saint Paul, MN 55116-0069. The phone number is (612) 645-3671



## New Location of Library

Minnesota Genealogical Society  
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2 blocks south of I-94 on Snelling, then 2 blocks west of Snelling. Please call before coming to the library.

612-645-3671

# Dear Septs

"I am one of those people who love helping another, and if I find information that I think will help someone else, I'm more than willing to share same. Therefore, I sure hope this will be of help to someone.

Or like you said, maybe it will give someone else a place to start searching. Also, maybe it will give others the idea of what then can contribute to society.

Happy hunting - that's what we're all doing." This from Carol K. (Songs) Hansing, Rural Route 1, Box 84, Belvue, KS 664-9614.

Carol also sent us information on two more cemeteries in Jackson Co., Kansas - see "Library News". Thanks, Carol, these donations make our library expand. If you readers want to search a name - please send SASE and 20¢ per page for copies to the Irish Genealogical Society Post Office box number.

A long letter from Joy Yockey of Montesano, WA - here is what she has to say...

I know that most people go to Disneyland, but the past two years my understanding better half has hauled me to Canada, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and back to Nebraska looking through cemeteries for long deceased relatives. I've made contact & friends with people in Minnesota who took their time to go find and take a picture of one grave, and a person in California who found and recorded our Great Grandpa, also cousin took some in Arizona. I gave my husband a list of the towns and cemeteries we needed to find and we met some great people and visited family. How many of you have ever gone bouncing over hill and dale to a family cemetery on the open range and paid respects to family who immigrated to this country?

Editor's note: sounds like you could write a book.

From: Marie Bohan Schmitz of LaMesa, CA...

Thank you for the generous new member packet and for the best newsletter of any genealogy society I have ever seen. This last issue is magnificent. It is full of good information which I can use, particularly the info on the centers in Ireland and where the records are, etc.

Again, thanks for all the good materials. I'll share them with my friends in the British Isles Genealogical Research Assn in San Diego.

Editor's note: We are so glad that this information is helpful. We try to put some U.S. and some Irish research in each newsletter.

Carole Dunn Vaughn from Princeton, Illinois, as always, has good, helpful hints. Here is her latest...

I'll tell you briefly of my experiences in New York. First of all, I have only been an amateur genealogist for two years and I tend to be rather impulsive when I take on something new. I did not know about IGS at that time, so I referred to my home resource - World Book. In the New York section, they had a list of addresses for information. I wrote to the address listed under the "History" subtitle and asked if they would send me addresses for any historical societies in my county of interest, Ontario County. They complied rather promptly and I began correspondence with the Phelps and Ontario County historical societies. Through the latter, I discovered a county archives from which I was able to get copies of Naturalization papers of my ancestor, which listed his exact location of birth (HURRAY!) and a copy of his brother's will.

Altogether, through the help of World Book, I was able to get copies of obituaries; current addresses for people of my surname in the area; a copy of the 1900 census listing my ancestor's brother; 2 sets of naturalization papers and a copy of a will. I am tickled by the information I have added to my "file" but feel this is only the tip of the New York genealogical iceberg.

Thank you for your continued dedication to IGS.

## Abbreviations used in Queries:

b - born	bap - baptized	m - married	d - died
ca - circa	mo - mother	fa - father	dau - daughter
so - son	sis - sister	bro - brother	sib - sibling
fam - family	ch - children	IRE - Ireland	Dio - Diocese
TwN - Townland	Bar - Barony	Par - Parish	Civ - Civil
imm - immigrated	CI - Church of Ireland		RC - Roman Catholic

# Q u e r i e s

*Address queries to: IGS, P.O. Box 16585, St. Paul, MN 55116, ATTN: Queries. When sending a query to be published it isn't necessary to send a SASE. IGS number and/or most recent mailing label must accompany query.*

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BYRNE  
BUCKLEY  
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PICKETT  
HAMEL CHAPMAN  
DOHERTY  
O'CONNELL  
HAYES  
P(h)YLES**

IG #1278 Kay Blaha, 3325 70th St., W., Northfield, MN 55057. Fam orig Co. Westmeath. **RICHARD** b. ca 1815 & wife **ROSEANN** \_\_\_\_\_ b ca 1820. Ch **MARY** m to **BYRNE**; **MARGARET** m 1) **BUCKLEY** & 2) **FLEMING**, **THOMAS** m. **PICKETT**, **MATTHEW**, **MICHAEL** m to 1) **MARY** & 2) **HAMEL CHAPMAN**; **ANN** m **JAS. DOHERTY**. Richard d ca 1867.

**JOHN G. O'CONNELL**, b 1829 Co. Kerry, IRE - Ohio ca 1860-1867 m **MARY A. P(h)YLES**. St. Thomas MN ca 1868-70. Niece **BRIDGIE HAYES** Ohio in 1869.

**BARRY**

**ELIZABETH BARRY** m **TIMOTHY BURNS** - Boston MA 1853-1857.

**COOLEY  
GRUBB**

IG #1003 Linda Kvidt, 2668 Guthrie Court No., Oakdale, MN 55109. Seeks info on **ORANGE SCOTT COOLEY**, b 1857, Sandusky, OH. Bro **SILAS** b July 18, 1860 Wyandot Co., OH. Siblings **PELEG**, **CHARLIE**, **MATILDA** & **EMMA COOLEY GRUBB**.

**DAN(N)AHY  
DEN(N)EHY  
DINAHY**

IG #043 Steve Dennehy, 620 S. Idaho, Butte, MT., 59701. 4 bro. from Allihies Parish (aka Kilnamanagh) Castletown Berehaven (Beara), Co. Cork, IRE imm in 1840's to NY, MA or RI. **TIMOTHY** m **JULIA DENNEHY** (cousin) ch: **ANNA** b 1828, **THOMAS** b 1832, **CORNELIUS** b 1834, **BRIDGET** b 1838 & **MARGARET** b 1840.

**JOHN** m **ELLEN SULLIVAN**; ch **THOMAS** b 1825, **JULIA** b 1825, **JOHN** b 1832, **TIMOTHY** b 1834.

**CORNELIUS** m 1) **HONORA O'SHEA**, ch **THOMAS** b 1825, **TIMOTHY**, b 1827, **CORNELIUS** b 1829, 2) **HONORA SULLIVAN**, ch **JOHN**, b 1832, **HONORA** b 1834, **JULIA** b 1837, **ELLEN** b 1840.

**PETER** m **MARY** \_\_\_\_\_: ch **PATRICK** b 1832.

**FITZSIMMONS**

From Foyne's Island, Robertstown, Shanagolden (Catholic Parish), Shanid Baroney, Co. Limerick, IRE to Detroit MI ca 1850.

**KELLY  
WILSON**

**WILLIAM KELLY** m **MARGARET WILSON** ca 1834, ch **THOMAS W.**, b 1834 came from Co. Louth, IRE to Rochester, Monroe Co., NY ca 1845. Catholic.

**BARRY  
KEARNEY**

IG #1170 William A. Barry, 6238 Beck Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91606 seeking birthplaces of **JOSEPH PATRICK BARRY** b 1857 Co. Kerry IRE m **CATHERINE KEARNEY**, b 1852 IRE; ch: **MARY** b 1885, **GEORGE** b. 1886, **DENNIS** b 1888, **PETER** b 1890, & **WILLIAM** b 1892 in Newark, Ohio. They immigrated to Ohio in 1884.

**PATTERSON  
GARDNER**

IG #1316 Janet W. Swanson, 14553 NE 4th Place, Bellview, WA 98007 looking for **ARTHUR PATTERSON** and **DIANE GARDNER** of County Mayo, IRE.



**O'MALLEY  
ERSKINE  
CARR** IG #0591 Kathleen O'Malley Strickland, 4042 Forest Heights Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701 seeks **THOMAS O'MALLEY** and **ELLEN (NELL) ERSKINE** of Co. Donegal. So. **JAMES** immigrated to U.S. before 1861, IL in 1863. m **ELIZA CARR** 2 Apr 1864 in Henry, Marshall Co., IL. In Ottawa, LaSalle Co., IL in 1867, then Fairbury, Livingston Co., IL. James sold Irish laces and linnens then est a saloon. Died 5 July 1928, Peoria, IL.

Also info on **WILLIAM CARR** da **ELIZA** b 8 Sept. 1845 in Co. Carlow, IRE. Emigrated to Williamsport, PA. Family moved to Henry, Marshall Co., IL in 1864.

**SHEEHAN  
THEISEN/TYSON** IG #1360 Robert Theisen, 525 North 66th Street, Seattle, WA 98103 seeks info on the par and sibs of **MARY THERESA SHEEHAN** b Feb, 1860, Prairie du Chien (?), WI, m **PETER PHILLIP THEISEN (TYSON)**, 13 Feb 1883 in Kenosha, WI (?); raised family and died in Chicago, IL after 1920. Sister Anna b ca 1875, lived in Chicago in 1920; may have had a relative named Nellie; in Chicago 1893.

**HURLEY  
POWER** IG #1063 Patty Speckels McKibben, 2934 Williamsburg Cir., Stow, Ohio 44224 is seeking **LAURENCE HURLEY**, b ca 1799 in Youghal, Co. Cork, or Co. Waterford; m **PENELOPE POWER** of Youghal, ch bapt in Temple Michael Church in Co. Waterford, poss marriage also. Immigrated to Buffalo, NY.

**McLAUGHLIN** William J. McLaughlin, 11 Center Drive, Manhasset, NY 11030 is searching for the demise of the **ST. PATRICK'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA** in New York. **MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN** b co. Kildare, IRE, imm Apr. 1863, d 25 Oct 1887, was president of Branch 16 of above. NY archives have no record of this organization. Has anyone else?

**HANLEY/HANDLEY/  
HANLON  
COLEMAN  
FOLLEY  
O'CONNOR** IG #1137 Mrs. Kathryn H. Bzdick, 21 Chowning Circle, Waynesboro, VA 22980 - **EDWARD O'HANLON**, b Co. Cork, IRE, m: **MARY** \_\_\_\_\_ ch bo in Co. Cork: **MICHAEL** m **HANORA COLEMAN**; **EDWARD** m **HANNA JANE** \_\_\_\_\_ Dutchess Co., NY; **JAMES** m **MARGARET FOLLEY**, Co. Cork; **DENNIS** m **MARGARET O'CONNOR**, Co. Cork.

**HANDLEY  
COLEMAN  
DONNELLY  
MALLORY  
LAVIN  
LANAHAN** **MICHAEL HANDLEY** b 1875/1810 Co. Cork, d 22 Oct, 1888 m **HONOR COLEMAN** who d 11 Mar 1894, Millerton, Dutchess Co., NY. 3 ch b Co. Cork are **MARY**, b 1840, d 16 Nov 1860 Millerton, Dutchess Co., NY; **EDWARD** b Mar 1838 m 1865 to **HANNAH DONNELLY** of Co. Clare, IRE d 14 Dec 1920 Derby, New Haven Co., CT. **HANORA** b 28 Jun 1852 m 15 Jun 1871 to **LANGDON (DAVID) MALLORY**, Dutchess Co., NY d 9 Mar 1946 Chatham, Columbia Co., NY; **JOHN** b Oct 1858 in Millerton, NY, m 29 Mar 1877 to **MARY LAVIN** b 1854 Newark, NJ Essex Co., d 23 Mar 1900, Dutchess Co., NY. Her par **ANDREW & MARGARET LANAHAN (LEONARD)**.

**HANDLEY  
LITTLE** **MARY HANDLEY** b Millerton, Dutchess Co., NY m **JOSEPH LITTLE** res (1898) 149 East 126th St., NY City. Ch **JAMES** b 1879 d 6 Mar 1880 NY, **ROBERT** b Mt. Riga, Dutchess Co., NY.

**HANLON  
O'CONNOR** **DENNIS HANDLON** m **MARGARET O'CONNOR** res (1850) with Palmer family in Sharon, Litch Co., CT (1854) res Millerton, Dutchess Co., CT (1860) Clyde, Wayne Co., NY Ch **JOANNA, JAMES, CATHERINE, DENNIS, MARY, JOHN**.

*(This query continued next issue)*

## Papers of the Continental Congress

Kim King, Edmonds, Washington

### *Another hint in search of your ancestors*

A very interesting record group found at the United States National Archives is worthy of consideration and review from both a historical and genealogical viewpoint. A five volume index covering 50,000 documents are contained in records of the Continental Congress. These documents reproduced on 204 reels of microfilm can be found under schedule "1M247". Check with the branch of the National Archives nearest you.

The Record Group of the Continental Congress consists of documents, letters, and journals written by generals, statesmen and council presidents. They deal with events covering the period 1774-1789. The index is straightforward, listed by name, subject, place as well as being cross-referenced.

I used these records in my search for an officer in the Irish Volunteers. My attention was drawn by the subject, "Prisoners of War, Convention troops." I knew my subject had been in Pennsylvania or New Jersey, in the 1770's, since he married the daughter of a local sheriff. They also had issue one or two children in America before returning to Ireland. There is some evidence he came to America about 1770 and returned to Ireland about 1781. The possibility existed that I might trace him in America by exploring letters and lists of prisoners, which were exchanged between generals of the convention troops and generals of the Continental Army.

The indexes, arranged alphabetically, note lists of loyalist prisoners from North Carolina to Philadelphia, prisoners in Pennsylvania, Canadian prisoners, notes and letters on prisoners, complaints, etc. Many included names, rank and origin of county and country. Besides the British and Irish troops, the reports also include German and French troops, too. I found the correspondence between certain generals of the Convention Army and generals of the Continental Army to be quite interesting. At times to humorous, intriguing, yet extremely polite and proper in their dealings with one another. Comments noted in the exchange of several letters dealt with "Poor Treatment" of seven British officers, covering a complaint of "being assigned a room only 10 x 10 foot square, barely enough space to lie down," and another letter complained of "not receiving adequate rations, fire or candle," and still another

letter complained "that their servants had better conditions than they."

The Committee on Secrecy, War and Intelligence for the Congress of North Carolina sent prisoners, all British officers, to Philadelphia because the Committee said, "their rank and influence over an ignorant and restless part of our inhabitants to be capable of doing us the most mischief," and further stated, "the security of our country makes it indispensably necessary for should they have an opportunity of exerting their pernicious influence at a time when we may be invaded by a powerful army the consequences might and probably would prove fatal." Attached to the letter were names and rank of 26 officers of the Convention Troops being sent to Pennsylvania, putting them at the disposal of the Continental Congress. My elusive ancestors were not among those listed.

The papers of the Continental Congress should be of interest to everyone, not just history buffs, but for those engaged in genealogy as well. Consider looking through these documents as you search for that missing British or Irish ancestor. You will find the records fascinating educational and well worth your effort. The papers contain the spirit and thinking of our forefathers during this important time in our country's history.

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## Draft Registration Cards

A significant new microfilm collection is a set of 24 million cards created during the World War I draft. There were three draft registrations which eventually included all men (whether native born or alien) between the ages of 18 and 45. The information on the cards includes: **full name; full date and place of birth; race, citizenship, occupation, personal description and signature.**

Not all men who registered actually served; not all men who served registered for the draft. The draft cards are **not** military service records.

At the Church of Jesus Christ LDS Family History Library (FHL), search the catalog section on micro fiche no. 0013 under UNITED STATES GENERAL. At the bottom of page 245 through 251 it lists "United States Military Records. U.S. Selective Service System WWI (1914-1918) Draft Registration Cards.

In checking with the reference section in Salt Lake City, Utah, they stated that all states are now available. You search by STATE, then COUNTY to get the film number(s) for County and order film. This will show the alphabetical list of persons. (*News of the Family History Library, Vol. 4, No. 1 Winter 1992*)

## SURNAME COUNT BY COUNTY

This article shows the count of surnames (taken from the 1992 complete Surname List) in each county of Ireland. It shows the count where a county was named or where a major city (i.e., Dublin or Belfast) was named. Many members named a geographical division without a county and the author was not able to track these down. Also, the author tried not to duplicate counts for name variants. So, if a member had the names: Connell, McConnell, O'Connell listed for a county, it was only counted once. Or if the member listed: Boran, Borin, Boren for a county, it was counted only once. However, if one of the variants was an anglicized form (e.g. Morrison for Fitzmaurice or Rabbitt for MacAneany), the author may not have recognized it as such.

Antrim	90	3.3%	Leitrim	27	1.0%
Armagh	57	2.1%	Limerick	95	3.5%
Carlow	29	1.1%	Longford	40	1.5%
Cavan	54	2.0%	Louth	30	1.1%
Clare	124	4.5%	Mayo	194	7.1%
Cork	461	16.8%	Meath	53	1.9%
Derry	48	1.8%	Monaghan	38	1.4%
Donegal	103	3.8%	Offaly	30	1.1%
Down	69	2.5%	(Kings)		
Dublin	81	3.0%	Roscommon	106	3.9%
Fermanagh	49	1.8%	Sligo	67	2.4%
Galway	100	3.6%	Tipperary	156	5.7%
Kerry	236	8.6%	Tyrone	85	3.1%
Kildare	18	0.6%	Waterford	73	2.7%
Kilkenny	61	2.2%	Westmeath	54	2.0%
Laois	37	1.4%	Wexford	50	1.8%
(Queens/Leix)			Wicklow	25	0.9%

The membership also listed Ulster 33 times and Munster 1 time. The author also welcomes suggestions on other things to do with the Surname List. Some members have asked for dates to be included, but there are too many kinds of dates that could be included. There are dates for birth, marriage, death, emigration and migration. So far I have not figured out how to merge these into the Surname List in a workable fashion.

# Tithe Composition Applotment

## Act of Parliament of 1823

This provides for tithes due to the Established Church to be paid in money rather than in kind. The new method of tithe payment involved a valuation of the entire country, parish by parish. The amount of tithe payable by each individual landholder was fixed. The record of this great survey is contained in the Tithe applotment Books.

These books, numbering some two and a half thousand volumes ranging from 1823 to 1837 lists, by townlands, the landholders or tenants. This valuation was the first comprehensive register of people in relation to the tenancy and working of the land of Ireland.

Virginia Mahoney researched the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints (Mormon) library index and copied the following directly from the film to show a sample of what can be discovered. It is listed by townland and, of course, the head of household in a certain year. You can order any of these tithe records through that library by film number.

Here is a sample:

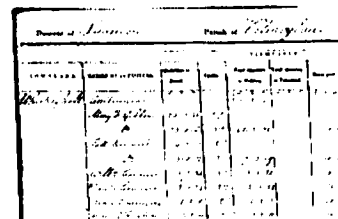
Tithe Records 1833 – Film No. 256684 – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

County Kilkenny

Civil Parish: St. Patrick's

Diocese: Ossary

Townland	Names of Occupiers	Townland	Names of Occupiers	Townland	Names of Occupiers	
Holden's Rath	James Boulger	Clonmorne or Castle Blunden	Lawrence Hyland	Black Quarry	Wm. Leeche	
	Redmond Reade		Rev'd Henry Herbert		Garret Neale	
Kilbeg	John Brennan	Mortgage Fields	Widow Maher	Dumorne	Michael Byrne	
	Patt Butler		Lawrence Hyland		Scald Furze	Wm Doyle
	Michael Cody	Shellums Rath	Richard Neale	Smithland Wignore	Patt Murphy	
	John Phelan		James Holden		John Hoyne	
	Wm Phelan		Michael Dalton		Reverend Wm. Walsh	
Dicksboro	Denis Dwyer	Margaret's Fields	James Dencifs	Dean's Ground	James Murphy	
	John Ryan		Widow Gorman		John Hoyne	
	Stephen Stokes		Widow Gregg		Reverend Doctor Bailey	
	Loughman & Egan		Thomas Gregg		Patt Grace	
Kilcreen	John Ryan	Brennan & Alcocksfield	James Maher	Dean's Ground	Michael Hoban	
	James White		Denis Martin (Mines)		C. Maxwell	
	Pate Morrifsy		Lawrence Neary		James Menghan	
Drakeland	David Price	Arscradine	James Shortall	Dean's Ground	James Menghan Jr.	
	John Southwick (jr.)		Wm Robertson		John Southwick	John Butler
		C. Bayley				Wm Robertson
	Rich Sullivan	Coxes Field	David Mellea Jr.		Michael Bougler	
	James Fitzgerald		Polgour		James Fleming	James Kilree
	Martin Davis	James Fleming			Wm. Cody	
	Castle Quarter	Lawre Hyland	Wet Lands		Anty Murphy	Andrew Johnston
					Tim Maher	Wm. Wheeler
		Edward Dwyer	Archer's Lease & Nursery		Redmond Reade	Marq of Ormond
		Thomas Hackett			Widow Heffernan	Patt Byrne
Widow Connell		Review Fields	Richard Malone	Wm. Shanager		
James Dullard			Michael Butler	Wm. Corbett		
Widow Egan		Archer's Lease & Nursery	Dray Dowling	Thomas Ferrill		
& Partners			Michael Sullivan	James Hughes		
Rev. Henry Herbert		Review Fields	Widow Dalton			
John Marshall			John Walsh			
John Southwick	Review Fields	Richard Malone				
Rich & Butler		Lady Carrick				
Castle Quarter	Widow Saunders	Review Fields	D of Nursery			
			James Boulger	Captain Bagwell		
	Richard Sullivan	Review Fields	Michael Hoban			
	Patt Bergan		Richard Meavy			
	Patt Butler		Michael Byrne			
Michael Reade	Review Fields	Thomas Walton				
M Cormack						
John Darcy						



Excerpt of a page from the Tithe Book for the Parish of Kilkenny, Diocese of Ossary.

# Library News

## Library Donations

*As always, our members are continuing their generosity.*

GO RAIBH MAITH ATHEI (Thank you)

LIBRARY DONATIONS -  
JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1992

MURPHY GENEALOGY AND RELATED INFORMATION, by Donald V. Murphy. DONATED BY: Donald V. Murphy. PRINTED BY: K. K. Stevens Publishing Co., P.O. BOX 427, Astoria, IL 61501, 1992, unnumbered pages, indexed, pictures. (WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW)

FAMILY HISTORY

TARTAN FOR ME! by Philip D. Smith. DONATED & PUBLISHED BY: Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716, 1992, 140 pp., maps.

(WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW) SURNAMEN

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS, by John Grenham. DONATED & PUBLISHED BY Gill and MacMillan, Goldenbridge, Inchicore, Dublin 8, Ireland, 1992, 281 pp. (WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW)

GENEALOGY/GUIDES

RHODE ISLAND 1870 CENSUS INDEX OF MURPHY's, DONATED BY: Steve Dennehy, 620 S. Idaho, Butte, MT 59701

SURNAMES

TANGNEYS LISTED IN CASEY, Extracted and computerized by Dennis Tangney, 966 Corbett Ave, San Francisco, CA 94131-1524. Copy & bound by Linda B. Stafford, 5430 James Road, Bloomington, IN 47408.

FAMILY HISTORIES

OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS, by Curtis Coughlin Roselle, 1992, (Family names of Roselle, Coughlin, Lloyd & Mountjoy), 119 pp., Indexed.

FAMILY HISTORIES

TOMBSTONES IN CASTLEKIERAN GRAVEYARD (COUNTY MEATH), DONATED by Colleen Tate, Morton, MN 56270.

BOOK # 2 CEMETERIES

ORDNANCE SURVEY OF 1836 FOR PARISH OF LOUGHAN OR CASTLEKIERAN (Co Meath) Ireland by Dr. Beryl F. E. Moore, 1975, copy. DONATED by Colleen Tate.

BOOK #6 GOVT LITS/RECORDS

AN ACCOUNT OF THE CROSSDRUM CHALICE compiled by Dr. Thomas Gaffney Taaffe of New York. Copy DONATED by Colleen Tate.

BOOK # 6 HISTORY

GENERATIONS, New Brunswick Genealogical Society's Journal, Issues 27 through 40, DONATED BY: Delores Cummings, 3321 Girard Ave So, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

PERIODICALS

ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WASHINGTON CITY, MAINE, Journal, Issues 54, 57-61, DONATED BY: Delores Cummings.

PERIODICALS

MARKHAM, ONTARIO CENSUS INDEXES 1851-1881, Compiled by Louise I. Hope, PUBLISHED BY the Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch, 1991, 90 pp., Indexed. DONATED BY: (SEE NOTE)

GOVT RECORDS/LISTS

SHIELDSVILLE, MN, MARRIAGES FROM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, 1881-1902. (SEE NOTE)

BOOK #3 MINNESOTA

SHIELDSVILLE, MN, ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH DEATHS, 1885 -1899.

BOOK #2 CEMETERIES

*NOTE: The above three items were donated by a member at the MGS library one Saturday and I can't remember who it was! Isn't that awful, such valuable information but I didn't write it down as I knew her but just can't remember. Is that old age or what! Please identify yourself, Donor. Thanks!*

VALLEY LEAVES (North Alabama), Vol 26 issue 4, June 1992, Quartely of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1568, Huntsville, AL 35807. DONATED BY: John P. Carrigy, Dr, Huntsville, AL 38524.

PERIODICALS

GLIMPSES OF HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF CLOONCLARE, MANORHAMILTON (County Leitrim), by Terence Bradley, copy DONATED BY: John H. McGowan, 9500 Colledgeview Road, Bloomington, MN 55437.

BOOK #6

HISTORY

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 1992 (3 copies), PUBLISHED & DONATED BY: Catholic Universe Bulletin, 1027 Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114-2556

DIRECTORIES

IRISH GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM THE LONDONDERRY JOURNAL, 1772-1784, by Donald M. Schlegel, PUBLISHED BY Clearfield Company, 1990, 153 pp, plus 36 pp appendix, all indexed, DONATED BY CLEARFIELD COMPANY, INC., 200 E. Eager St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW)

GOVT RECORDS/LISTS

THE SCOTCH-IRISH IN AMERICA, by Henry Jones Ford, PUBLISHED BY Clearfield Company, 1992, 607 pp, indexed, DONATED BY CLEARFIELD COMPANY, INC. (WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW)

HISTORY

THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BROWN (1819-1908) & ISABELLA KENNEDY (1820-1894) OF IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND HAMPTON FALLS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, by Wilma T. Regan and Laird C. Towle, PUBLISHED & DONATED BY: Heritage Books, Inc., 1992, 165 pp., Indexed. WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW

FAMILY HISTORIES

HISTORY OF THE LANDS AND THEIR OWNERS IN GALLOWAY [Scotland] WITH HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE DISTRICT by P. H. M'Kerlie, PUBLISHED & DONATED BY: Heritage Books, Inc., 1992, 319 pp., VOLUME I, PART A; VOLUME I, PART B; VOLUME II. WATCH FOR BOOK REVIEW

HISTORY

EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND TO AMERICA, 1735-1743, by Frances McDonnell, PUBLISHED & DONATED BY: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992, 142 pp., Indexed.

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GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS, ST. PETER'S, BALLYMODAN, BANDON, COUNTY CORK, by Droichead na Banndan Community Co-Operative Society Ltd., 1985, 44 pp., DONATED BY: Nora M. Hickey.

CEMETERIES

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS, BALLYMODAN, BANDON, COUNTY CORK, (REILIG, BAILE, MUADAN), by Droichead na Banndan Community Co-Operative Society Ltd., 1985, 44 pp., DONATED BY: Nora Hickey.

CEMETERIES

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS KILBROGAN ROMAN CATHOLIC, BANDON, COUNTY CORK, by Droichead na Banndan Community Co-Operative Society Ltd., 1985, 44 pp., DONATED BY: Nora Hickey.

CEMETERIES

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS KILBROGAN CHURCH OF IRELAND, BANDON, COUNTY CORK, by Droichead na Banndan Community Co-Operative Society Ltd., 1985, 44 pp., DONATED BY: Nora Hickey.

CEMETERIES

THE COACHFORD RECORD, VOL I, DEC 1990 AND VOL 2, DEC 1992 By the COACHFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, County Cork, Ireland, DONATED BY: Nora Hickey.

PERIODICALS

LOCAL HISTORY REVIEW, NO 2, 1988 AND NO 3, 1989 by the Federation of Local History Societies, Nora M. Hickey, Hon. Editor, DONATED BY: Nora Hickey.

HISTORIES

THE KINSALE RECORD, VOLS 1-3, by Kinsale & District Local History Society, Kinsale, County Cork, 1989, 1990 & 1991, DONATED BY: Nora M. Hickey

PERIODICALS

THE BATTLE OF KINSALE, KINSALE HISTORICAL SERIES NO. 1, by the Kinsale Heritage Society, 1987, 20 pp., DONATED BY: Nora M. Hickey

HISTORIES

KINSALE GLIMPSES OF A TOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, by Nora M. Hickey, 1985, 40 pp., DONATED BY: Nora M. Hickey

HISTORIES

KINSALE HISTORICAL JOURNAL, NOS. 1 (1986), 2 (1987) & 3 (1988), by the Kinsale Heritage Society, DONATED BY: Nora M. Hickey

PERIODICALS

THE O MAHONY JOURNAL, ORGAN OF THE O MAHONY RECORDS SOCIETY, VOLS 13 (Summer 1989) & 14 (1990), DONATED BY: Nora M. Hickey

PERIODICALS

JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CEMETERIES, 1870-1975 donated by Carol K. (Songs) Hansing of Belvue KS. Includes Adrian (1894 - 1975) and Little Cross Creek (1870-1958)

CEMETERIES

# Gleanings

## From HERE and THERE

### HERE:

**NEW YORK** - We have mentioned several times in past THE SEPTS about the Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, NY, where many of the early Irish settlers in the area were buried. Member Norma Freeman of Lakeport, Calif, suggests that all members who have ancestors buried there, submit their names and plot numbers and all else you have on the grave site and we consolidate everyone's information as a start to a transcription of the cemetery. Sounds great to me so just submit all you have and we'll see what we can do for you. Norma also sent copies of a map of the cemetery with the sections numbered. We may just have something going on this!

**CALIFORNIA** - If your relatives were in the area of Pomona Valley California, you may want to contact the Pomona Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 286, Pomona, CA 91769. They have compiled an impressive list of genealogical publications for sale, with extracted names going back as far as 1851, for example the CALIFORNIA STATE MARINE HOSPITAL, San Francisco, Patient lists, 1851 for \$11.50. Also, cemeteries, land grants, military, etc..

**THE ONTARIO REGISTER** - One of our members researched in these books in the Peterborough Public Library, Ontario, Canada and thought they should be in our library. There are seven volumes Edited and Published by Thomas B. Wilson, Lambertville, NJ. Does anyone know if these books are available for purchase, and if so, where? Thanks!

**WISCONSIN** - Member Carol Wilson of RR 1, Box 139, Mason, WI 54856, writes that she has information on three Wisconsin counties that she will check for IGS members. They are Langlade, Monroe and Vernon Counties. She also has the Centennial Book for the town of Grandview, WI (Bayfield County), unindexed, that she can check. The town was also called Gribben, Prattsburg and Pratt. She says she also does research in Ashland

and Bayfield Counties but must charge for this as she takes time off from work to work when the offices are open. She is interested in doing this research in exchange for research in Albany/Rensselaer Counties, NY, Fayette County, PA, Weymouth/Plymouth Counties, MA, Berkeley County, VA, and Dickenson County, VA. Carol also tells us that the state has an index, on microfilms, of the Births, Deaths and Marriages for the entire state, PRE-1907. They are alphabetical by name, give the date of the event, and tell what county the event took place in. These can be viewed in the different "area research centers" throughout the state, but are also available for sale from the State Center for Health Statics, Rm 172, 1 West Wilson St, Madison, WI 53703, (\$22.03 for deaths, \$25.39 for marriages and \$22.60 for births).

**GROSSE ILE, ONTARIO, CANADA**, The Irish Echo dated July 15-21, 1992, carried a Letter to the Editor from Gearoid O Branagain of Bramalea, Ontario, about the Canadian government's proposed development of Grosse Ile into a theme park called Canada, Land of Hope and Welcome. For those of you not familiar with Grosse Ile, this was the Ellis Island of Canada. Many Irish are

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## Library Purchases

**LIBRARY PURCHASES JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1992**

**HISTORY OF THE NAME MAC CARTHY**, by J.D. Williams, PUBLISHED BY: History House, Ennis, Ireland, 1983, 60 pp.

**FAMILY HISTORIES**

**ARRANMORE LINKS**, by Barney Gallagher, Edited by Aidan Gallagher, 1986, 152 pp., pictures. Purchased from Aidan Gallagher, 24 College Park, Terenure, Dublin 6W, Ireland.

**HISTORIES**

**THE IRISH IN AMERICA, A GUIDE TO THE LITERATURE AND THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**, by Patrick J. Blessing. PUBLISHED BY the Catholic University of America Press, 2200 Girard Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211, 347 pp., index.

**DIRECTORIES**

## Gleanings *(continued)*

buried there, dead of cholera or other diseases after they were quarantined after arriving from Ireland in the 1800s. IGS has several books on this and one contains a list of some of the orphans who were adopted out after their parents died on the island. There is a beautiful Celtic cross at Grosse Ile as a monument to these immigrants. Personally, I believe that what is already there is enough to symbolize the "Land of Hope and Welcome". If you agree with me, please write to Mr. Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, House of Commons, Room 309S, Centre Block, Ottawa, Ontario KIA OR6.

HOUSE OF BOYD SOCIETY, Mr. M.J. Boyd of Canberra, Australia, wrote about his Boyd family who went to Sydney, Australia in 1826 from Killarney, County Kerry. He also wrote about the House of Boyd Society which was formed in 1988. Anyone interested in Clan Boyd may write the membership secretary, Henry F. Boyd, 5200 Brittany Drive South, #1301, St Petersburg, FL 33715.

CLANS REUNIONS, we receive quite a bit of information on the different family name groups/clans, both in Ireland and elsewhere. Some we publish as we do above, but we receive long lists from the Irish Tourist Board and Clans Alliance International. If we receive the 1993 information in time for our Spring newsletter we will try and publish it, otherwise if you are interested in a certain surname, write with a SASE and we will sent out what we have, if anything.



## THERE:

COUNTY ARMAGH - An update on the Irish Genealogical Centre for County Armagh. They wrote to send their new address which is: Armagh Ancestry, 42 English Street, Armagh, BT61 7BA, Northern Ireland; Tel: 0861-527808. They are currently indexing to the computer the pre-1900 Church Records, pre-1900 Civil Records, Tithe Applotment Books, Griffith's Land Valuation, Gravestone Inscriptions and any available Census or substitute data. They welcome genealogical searches in these resources and also state that visitors are welcome to the Centre. Grace McParland is the Project Supervisor for the Centre.

HERITAGE CENTRES IN IRELAND, for new members, we have published a list of the centres in Ireland that are indexing the parish records, primarily Catholic but all denominations that are made available to them. They are also indexing all other materials that are of a genealogical help to researchers. We published this list throughout the 1991 issues of our newsletter and then published all of in a book, with all 32 counties included. This book is for sale for \$6 plus \$2 postage and handling. The Centres have been sending us updates on their services as well as brochures, etc., to keep us informed. The following two centres were heard from since the last newsletter.

COUNTY DERRY - The Genealogy Centre, Heritage Library, 14 Bishop Street, Derry, NI BT 48 6PW, is now welcoming guests into their centre. They sent information on their holdings which we will copy and mail to you with your SASE.

COUNTY TIPPERARY - The Bru Boru Heritage Centre, Rock of Cashel, County Tipperary, sent a colorful brochure on their new centre. It appears that they are not only doing genealogy but having folk theatre and other good things. We'll try to plan our trip through there.

*NOTE: When writing ANY of the centres, please let them know that you are a member of IGS. This makes them more aware of us and encourages them to send us current information without having to write them. THANKS!*

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. - This Society which is at Colonial Building, Military Road, St John's Newfoundland, Canada A1C 2C9, wrote for information on IGS. We have offered to share newsletters with them as many Irish, Scots-Irish and Scots came through their ports. We hope to share information with them and will certainly pass it on to all of you.



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### State Cemetery Associations

Following is a list of contact persons for several cemetery associations. If you are interested in cemetery information from any of these states, you may contact that person. SEND A SASE. (Whitman County Newsletter, Vol. 8, #6, from SKCGS 9/91) from Grays Harbor Genealogical Society Newsletter 5/1992.

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### Success Story

Dear Madam Editor:

I had a rather startling experience while in Ireland a few weeks back that I believe is worth every one's consideration when hunting for ancestors. I know exactly where my great grandfather lived and farmed. I had been in the parish church (really a cathedral) on previous trips to the area and had looked through the parish record books. I was able to find the baptismal records for some of my grandfather's brothers and sisters, but not for my grandfather. I was frustrated and disappointed.

A friend of mine who lived in the area and whose grandfather had been a friend of my grandfather said to me one evening that I "should mind the Hennesey's" as well as my own name. Having nothing to lose, I started to look under "Hennesey." My great grandfather must have been a man with an ironic sense of humor, because he used the name "Hennesey" rather than "Ennis" when my grandfather was baptized. He used the same name for others of his children as well.

I thought about this for a while and I came to the conclusion that we American Irish are quite naive when we go delving in the events of mid 19th century Ireland. This was the period when the Irish people were beginning to use English as their everyday language but many still had knowledge and memories of Gaelic. I assume that my great grandfather knew that there were several transliterations of O'hAongusa and was probably trying them out to see which suited him. My grandfather immigrated as "Ennis" and became a citizen of the United States using that name.

Researchers should always be wary of alternate English spellings and even alternate English transliterations of an Irish name. I think our ancestors were not as particular about these things as we are. Using another English version of a name may have been just another way of thwarting authority and giving the lion's tail a bit of a nip. The priest who recorded the events in the parish record books wrote mostly in English and I would guess it was they as much as anyone who set the standard for spelling. Talk to the people of the area. I was surprised how much lore they had of the people who had migrated. My family is still remembered though more that twelve decades have passed.

Warmest regards,  
Capt. Robert Ennis, USN (retired)  
Lubbock Texas

## What's In a Name?

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under REGAN or RYAN? I opted for majority rule, with notation at the beginning of the indexes, but I cannot be positive that this resulted in a 100% correct allocation. However, anyone looking for either Regans or Ryans in Bandon, or anywhere else in Ireland, should be aware of this problem - and I know a few people in Ireland who are not 100% happy about the Ballyporeen REGAN entry!

Another example of surname confusion is shown by Coughlan and Coholan - and their spelling variations. All the experts, including Edward MacLysahgt {THE SURNAMES OF IRELAND} and Kenneth Nicholls, University College, Cork {lecture to the O Mahony Society, 1986} state that these are two separate surnames, with completely different origins. I do not dispute this statement, but the reality in the parishes of West Cork is that the two surnames are used synonymously. Even today, I know of two brothers, and a father and son, who use the two surnames [1] Cogan appears in the Bandon registers as Cogan, Gogan, Googin, Goggin and Cogane; when one also discovers that the surname of Gookin also developed into Googin...! More headaches for the researcher. we developed a saying: "Some Archdeacons are Codys; some Codys are Archdeacons; but not all Archdeacons are Codys, and not all Codys are Archdeacons!"

Members of the same family/sept who had the same surname -and the development of the surname is outside the range of this brief explanation - would add another name to differentiate. Thus MacCarthy Mor, MacCarthy Reagh or Riabhach {striped or swarthy}, MacCarthy Spainneach {Spanish}, MacCarthy Cairbreach, MacCarthy Rabach, MacCarthy Glas {green}, and MacCarthy Crimeen, now the name Cremin. Mickie Cremin of Barryroe parish was listed as Michael MacCarthy only twice in his life - Butlerstown School register and his obituary notice in the CORK EXAMINER. His funeral was poorly attended, and so when his sister, Katie Cremin, died, the death announcement included both Cremin and MacCarthy! (Cremins are lucky because the "real" surname is always MacCarthy).

What causes problems for research is the dropping of the actual family name and thus the secondary name becomes the surname used today. An example of this is Whooley, Hooley, Coffey. Cadogan, Kerukan, Bohane - all of these are O Driscoll surnames. Bohane may also be an O Sullivan surnames as in Bogue/Bouig. Lordan,

Hourihane, Grahan, Mongain, Manning and Corcoran are among the secondary names for O Brien in the Barryroe area.

Another method of identifying families of the same surnames was by adding a description: Donovan Ban, Barry Ban, were the families with white hair. Was the Ban dropped favour of the real surname? Was it anglicized into White? Or confused with the English name of White? I do not yet have a definite answer to these questions, because, as is true of so many of these surname variations, the answer lies in whatever was the local custom, and will only be revealed with a locally based search for your ancestor - or detailed research within a parish. {2} Maol (bald), Meirgeach (generous), Liath (grey-haired) are other examples of descriptive surnames - and vary from locality to locality. {3} And if you have a Canniffe (Caniv) ancestor, you are really an O Mahoney, from Ceannduibh, the black-haired Kean.

In Barryroe parish the family secondary name of Mac an Mhaighister (son of the master) was given to one of the many Fleming families in the parish because William Fleming was the school master of a hedge school in Vallinvillish, townland of Ballinvrokig, and he is listed in Griffith's Valuation as William Fleming (Master). My father was at school with some of this family - and never knew until we were doing our own family research that their surname was really Fleming!

The same principle applies to topographic names. In the Sheeps Head peninsula the surname Mountain is among the register entries. These were the Donovans living on the mountain. The Hurleys Carriga were those descended from the Hurleys of Ballincarriga Castle (Enniskeane parish), but in neighbouring bandon parish Carriga means MacCarthy. the 021 County Cork telephone directory lists three "Carrig" surnames, from a family originally on a rock, but which rock? and where? And in Barryroe, "The Randals" were a branch of the Hurleys, descended from Randal Hurley and the name "The Yeardeleys" was given to another family of Hurleys.

The Rosscarbery RC registers show exactly what I mean by the several secondary names given for O Donovan. In the earlier years the two names were listed, Donovan Rua, Donovan Bui (yellow/fair-haired), Donovan Rossa, Donovan Asna, and so on. Gradually, only the secondary name was given. Father James Coombes, eminent historian and P.P. of Timoleague, Co. Cork, has

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## Local Studies in Ireland – Part III

by *Nora M. Hickey of Cork Family History:*

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## What's In a Name?

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listed all the secondary names from the parishes of Barryroe and Timoleague, in his **TIMOLEAGUE & BARRYROE**. Again, I stress that these secondary names are very localized.

Now to discuss the "O" and the "Mac". During the nineteenth century these were NOT usually written in the parish registers. Why? Remember that Daniel O Connell, the Roman Catholic clergy et al. were preaching the doctrine that the only way to improve one's status and move out of the land was to learn English and become upwardly mobile - and indeed this was true. Therefore Irish names were anglicized, and "O" and "Mac" omitted. With the development of nationalism and the Gaelic Revival towards the end of the century, "O" and "Mac" were returned to the surnames. Before I incur the wrath of historians, I stress that this is a very simplistic statement for a very complex issue - but it illustrates the point that you may or may not find your surname with or without "O" or "Mac". And several Irish experts deplore the habit of writing O', deeming it an English term, meaning "of the", and insist that O, as in O Mahoney or O'Brien, is the correct form. Likewise the Norman Fitz (fils=the son of) was often left out of the register entries, e.g. Gerald or Garrett for FitzGerald. Some surnames did not bring back the "O", Murphy and Crowley being notable examples.

These two surnames also illustrate the usage of "-y or -ey". Most early nineteenth century entries were "-y" (or "-ey"). By 1900 several surnames, but not all, were using "-ey" instead of "-y". Buckley, Crowley and Hurley are among the surnames that included the "e" but Murphy and Mahony did not. A few families in Ireland do use the Mahoney spelling to this day, but these are in a definite minority. The reverse is true in the U.S.A.

Which leads to another surname thought, ripe for research! I do not think that Irish surnames in the USA and Ireland developed at the same time, or to the same extent. For example, most of the O Mahony sept in the USA use the Mahoney spelling and a three syllable pronunciation e.g. Ma-ho-ney, without the "O". When one thinks of the Gaelic form O Mathuna, (Ma-Hu-na) and the Irish pronunciation today of Ma-ny, one wonders who is keeping the correct version? I believe that the Gaelic versions of pronunciation, if not also the spelling, were transported across the Atlantic, and retained there for longer than in Ireland, where

the process of anglicization continued until the early twentieth century. I found proof of this during my US visit in 1991.

The Keohane name is found in the USA as Cohane, a version of O Ceochain - the Gaelic form, far far later than in Ireland, but it developed into Keohane (usually) in both countries. (Remember that the old Gaelic language of 20 letters did not include "K"). I found an excellent family history of the descendants of William Cohane and Johanna Burke of Bandon, Co. Cork, in the library of the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. William McCourtie, prior to writing the family history in 1914, had visited Bandon and found no one of the name left there. He wondered if his William Cohane ancestor had wandered in from Wexford? Alas, by the time of his visit, the name in the Bandon area was Keohane - and nobody he spoke to recognized Cohane. So now I know that distant relative, George M. Cohan, did not change his name, as previously thought! Cousin Jim in Florida still uses the Co-Han pronunciation, whereas I say Keogh-hane (courtesy of a British education) and in West Cork it is said as Q-hain.

The point of the sub-title, which might also read "The biter bit!" Within the past year, I found out that the Keohanes, a surname found only in West Cork and South Kerry, were the Crowleys that were lost in a mist, and thus became the Crowley Ceochains!

NOTES: {1} Mathieson's **SURNAMES OF IRELAND** records several examples of this anomaly, e.g. Falconer & Faulkner use different spellings within the same family. {2} I have grave reservations about the standardization of surnames in the IGP database. Not least is the fact that the base names are those from Co. Sligo, but because I firmly believe that each parish should be computerized separately and then analyzed for the surname variations. These often show up by looking at the mothers' names. After that process is completed, standardization may take place. In the IGP database, entries are standardized almost immediately. {3} The Irish Folklore Commission Schools Manuscript Collection of 1937-1938 was a National Schools Survey. The pupils collected the oral traditions of their areas, including many of the local secondary names - now lost, alas, from the Irish oral tradition. (The discovery of television has much to answer for!)



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