

GENEALOGY SUPPLEMENT
TO THE *FAMILY TREE MAKER*
DATABASE
FOR THE SURNAME
HANRAHAN

RELATING TO THE ANCESTRY OF
JOHN HANRAHAN

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A separate book based on this same format exists for the Cahill ancestry. Cahill is the surname of John Hanrahan's wife Maria Cahill.

PREFACE

The intent of this publication is to provide some sense of a formal book of family genealogy. A book would contain text and images. This book does present some images; and combined with the research data, the book will help provide a vision of people and the places they lived along with some additional facts.

People doing genealogy research may have varied goals. Those goals may be very limited, seeking information for some purpose, just a hobby, or for developing an expanding library of family history with some writing books about their findings. Whatever the reason, the type of documentation they maintain may be a few notes on a piece of paper, a pamphlet full of notes, filling in forms, or a computer program with some that expand to include a larger room dedicated to the library of information about the research of their genealogy findings. The objective here is to report the status of research notes known at this point in time in a sample book format dedicated to one paternal line.

However, any research should be supported by proper documentation to show the proof and validation of ones research. That is known as the bibliography information. That information should be part of any final publication to support the information presented in a book. Since this book is an example of research information at this point in time, there is no bibliography section. The data presented in this book is supported by the research in progress and the *Family Tree Maker* data base and document files containing the research detail. All reference to bibliography information and the assignment of that information is contained in the data base reports.

While this book is a visual example to provide some formal layout to some of the information being collected, It is for the enjoyment of the reader and is to compliment the ancestry reports that have been provided to the readers from the data base of *Family Tree Maker*.

For each paternal Hanrahan ancestor presented in this book, a small paragraph about his spouse is included with that persons information whom is the maternal ancestor of John Hanrahan.

This book is prepared using a desktop publishing program that is harmonious to formatting page layouts with text, graphics, and images. Pages are composed of text and images all relating to the surname and provide a real sense of what a formal book could provide to present the genealogy of John Hanrahan and his ancestry.

Any facts that have been misstated or presented in error are due to the misinformation provided or found by this author (or a typing error). It is hoped those reading this document will provide any corrections to help continued recording of correct facts in the genealogy search of these families.

* An asterisk after a name indicates the paternal ancestor of John Hanrahan



HANRAHAN

Shield

Red with a lizard in the center surrounded by a three leafed clover between two silver holly leaves, and a wheat sheaf in base.

Crest

A hand holding a holly leaf.

Motto

"An Uachtar" (

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Hanrahan families are still found principally in Munster, in Co. Limerick, and in lesser numbers in the adjacent counties of Clare, Kerry, Cork and Tipperary. They trace their descent from the Ó hAnracháin or Ó hAnradháin sept whose homeland was in the south of Co. Clare.

O'Hanrahan originated in County Westmeath, Ireland.

Spelling variations include: Hanrahan, O'Hanrahan, Hanraghan, Handrahan, Handrihan, Honrahan, and others.

Several interesting interpretations of the name's origin are available and three have been selected as representative examples.

Hanrahan, Irish: Anglicized form of Gael Ó hAnradháin, descendant of Anradhán, a personal name from a diminutive of ánrad(h) hero, warrior, champion, a title denoting the nobleman next in rank to the king in medieval Ireland. The title was also used to denote court poets of the second rank. Vars: O'Hanrahan, O'Harragan, O'Horogan, O'Hor(l)gan, O'Howrane, (O')Hourihan, O'Hourigan, Hourihan(e), Horrigan, Horkan, Haran, Hawrane.

(Source: Patrick Hanks & Flavia Hodges, *A Dictionary of Surnames*, (Oxford 1988))

(O) Hanrahan, Ó hAnracháin. Woulfe makes this a variant of Ó hAnradháin (see Hourahan). The O'Hourahans are a notable Dalcassian sept. The name is spelt Handrahan in some south Tipperary districts.

(Source: Edward MacLysaght, *The Surnames of Ireland*, (Suffolk 1989))

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(Source: Brian de Breffney, *Irish Family Names*, (Essex 1986))

Found on the Internet is the following about the Hanrahan surname:

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JOHN HANRAHAN

Born: Abt 1821, Ireland

Died: 1902, Beemer, Cuming, Nebraska

Buried: Beemer, Cuming, Nebraska: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Occupation: Farmer, Drayage

Spouse: Theresa McKee

Born: 4 March 1825, Ireland

Died: 20 August 1913, Beemer, Cuming, Nebraska

Buried: Beemer, Cuming, Nebraska: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Married: Unknown, (possible Illinois 12/1851)

Children of John Hanrahan and Theresa McKee are:

*Thomas John Hanrahan b. 4 July 1864, Kankakee, Kankakee, Illinois
 d. 19 April 1933, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
 bur: DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery
 m. 28 January, 1891, Villanova, Clinton, Ia Anna Maria Cahill (6 Children)

James Hanrahan b. abt 1866, Illinois
 d. ??
 m.

Michael J. Hanrahan b. 12 March 1868, Wilmington, Will, Illinois
 d. 26 April, 1945, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
 bur: DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery
 m. 25 August 1863, Villa Nova, Clinton, Ia Mary Cahill (5 Children)

Christopher Hanrahan b. 4 October 1879, Wilmington, Will, Illinois
 d. 16 October 1934, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
 bur. Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
 m. abt. 1908 Mary A. _____ (1 Child)

Note: In the 1880 Iowa census, this child is listed with a relationship to head of household as "other"; However, death certificate list John & Theresa as his parents.

Anna Hanrahan b. 18??
 d.
 m. Unknown Johnson

INFORMATION ABOUT JOHN HANRAHAN:

Nothing is known of the ancestry of John Hanrahan at this time.

We know the family lived in Illinois as this is the birth place of the children according to census reports and death certificates. Also unconfirmed is a marriage of a John Handrochon and a Theresa McKee in 1851 in DuPage County, Illinois. The Handrochon spelling is a variation of the name for Hanrahan. While this is a coincidence, this information is being investigated.

Found the family in 1880 Clinton County Census with 1st 4 children listed above.

Obituary April 20, 1933 in DeWitt Observer states Thomas was one of 13 children of John Hanrahan & Theresa McKee.

According to 1900 census, Theresa (Tessie) immigrated in 1845 to America.

From 1880 Clinton Co. Ia Census: CD Pg. 258A

John Hanrahan 52 yr birth would be 1828

Theresa 50 yr birth would be 1830

Thomas 18 yr

James 16 yr

Michael 14 yr

Christopher 14 yr

Obituary of Son Thomas states they moved to Iowa locating on a farm near Villa Nova, Clinton, Ia.

According to the census reports, John was a farmer. When they moved to Iowa, they had a small farm north of DeWitt, Iowa that was among many of the farmers in Clinton County in the Villa Nova township. They were located near the farms of Patrick Cahill and others that had the name Hanrahan. The other Hanrahan farmers were not related to John Hanrahan; however, most of the other Hanrahan's were from a family that emigrated from Ireland to Canada and part of the family moving to Clinton County in the early 1850s.

Found in the Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska 1900 census is a Tessie Hanrahan. She had one child listed with name of "Christ" age of 29 years old, birth date of 1870, October born in Illinois. Tessie birth date is listed as 1825, May, born in Ireland. She immigrated to America in 1845. She owned her house in Wisner. No husband was listed but the son's father was noted to be born in Ireland.

Obtained death certificates for Tessie and Christopher. This is the bases for some of the information and believed to be the same people. Tessie is a form of Theresa and also the name given to a granddaughter. While the 1880 census indicates brothers Michael and Christopher are twins based on the birth information of the census, further census and obituary information indicates this is not true as noted on the previous page.

On the Internet is a listing for the Beemer/Wisner St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery. This is where the information is found for John, Theresa, Christopher and wife Mary along with that of the son of Thomas and Maria Hanrahan named Patrick is found. This is the basis for the data presented here.

John Hanrahan is not found in the 1900 census for this county but burial record indicates he died in 1902. However, the 1900 census for Theresa states she was widowed indicating John died prior to 1900 census.

Son James not much is known at this time. However, a James is found in Nebraska living near the towns of Wisner and Beemer in the towns of Grant and Bismark in the 1910 and 1920 census. He is listed as divorced and working as a farm hand and a farm manager in 1920. There is information in the obituary of Thomas Hanrahan indicating a brother in 1933 is living in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa.

While nothing is confirmed to know about 13 children noted in an obituary, it is known family lived in Kansas and the obituary does note a sister of Thomas' living there when he died in 1933.

Therefore, the search can continue based on some facts. Immigration may have been in 1845, with possible immigration with parents with possible marriage in America in Illinois. The family is found in 1880 census in Iowa, but children's births indicate family in Illinois in 1860s and 1870s. The search will continue in these areas to locate the family and discover the time and point of immigration. History tells us that during this period, many Irish immigrants entered either in Pennsylvania, Canada and some eastern ports. Illinois was a place where many Irish came to start farms or work on canals being built from the Mississippi to the Great Lakes. This family is found migrating to Irish communities in Iowa and later moving on to Nebraska. However, it appears after the death of the father, two brothers (Thomas & Michael) moved back to DeWitt, Iowa. Most likely because their wives were sisters and the wives' families were located in the Clinton County, Iowa area.



THOMAS JOHN HANRAHAN

Born: 4 July 1864, Kankakee, Kankakee, Illinois

Died: 19 April 1933, DeWitt, Clinton, Ia

Buried: DeWitt, Clinton, Ia: St. Joseph Cemetery

Occupation: Farmer & Drayage Worker

Spouse: **Maria Cahill**

Born: 12 December 1865, Villa Nova, Clinton, Ia

Died: 7 July 1943, DeWitt, Clinton, Ia

Buried: DeWitt, Clinton, Ia: St. Joseph Cemetery

Married: 28 January 1891, Villanova, Clinton, Ia,

Children of Thomas Hanrahan and Maria Cahill:

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| Patrick Hanrahan | b. abt. 24 July 1892, Wisner, Cummings, Nebraska
d. abt. 2 August 1892, Wisner, Cummings, Nebraska
bur. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska |
| Tessie Hanrahan | b. 25 April 1894, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 17 January 1978, DeWitt, Cuming, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery
m. Not married |
| Thomas John
Hanrahan, Jr. | b. 22 August 1897, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 5 January 1962, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: Elmwood Cemetery
m. 13 September 1922, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa, Mary Frances Clement |
| Agnes Hanrahan | b. 12 August 1898, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 15 February 1931, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery
m. 4 October 1923, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa Winfield Harper |
| *William Francis
Hanrahan, Sr. | b. 21 January 1902, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 24 June 1988, San Jose, Santa Clara, California
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: Elmwood Cemetery
m. 10 June 1925, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa, Helen Frances Kent |
| Margaret (Daisy)
Hanrahan | b. 6 November 1904, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
d. 10 December 1918, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery |

INFORMATION ABOUT THOMAS J. HANRAHAN:

After their marriage, they moved to Nebraska. In 1900 census report the family listed living in Wisner, Cummings county, Nebraska. Thomas is listed as a Farmer renting his home. This census report confirms information listed on the family group sheet for children and birth dates of month and year along with birth locations.

An obituary states Thomas lived in DeWitt for 32 years, he died in 1933, this means they moved back to DeWitt about 1901.

Clinton Herald, Pg 10, Thursday, 20 April 1933:

States he died at home after a long illness at 9:30 P.M. Thomas is survived by his family and two brothers, Michael of DeWitt and Christopher of Wisner, Nebraska and a sister, Mrs. Anna Johnson of Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

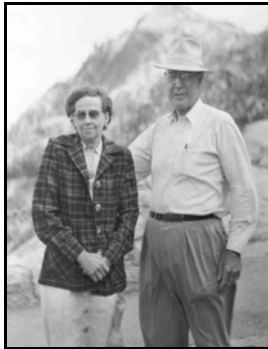
Thomas is listed in the census as a farmer in Nebraska and in Iowa a Drayage worker (a person with a large wagon used for hauler/today, a truck driver). He is known to have horses and wagons and did hauling around town. William, his son, built a barn for his horses and wagons. They lived in a small home residence in DeWitt.



Maria was a great cook. She told stories to her grandson William about Indians in Nebraska and how they used to hang around the farm house, especially when she was cooking. She gave them some food and they were happy and left. The Indians were not a vicious folk, but loved to come and beg for food when the family lived in Nebraska. According to the stories, the Indians would come and just hang out until Maria gave them some food and then the Indians would disappear.

Maria always had cookies and grandchildren could always find cookies and milk when visiting.

Maria was the daughter of an Irish emigrant. Her father, Patrick Cahill, emigrated first to Pennsylvania in 1849 with his father, then moved to Iowa about 1868 purchasing a large farm in Villa Nova township, Clinton, Iowa. (See the Cahill book for more information.)



Son Thomas & wife
Mary Hanrahan



Daughter Tessie

Photo taken in 1928
Maria Cahill Hanrahan & Thomas Hanrahan with
granddaughter & grandson.



WILLIAM FRANCIS HANRAHAN, Sr.

Born: 21 January 1902, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska

Died: 24 June 1988, San Jose, Santa Clara, Ca

Buried: DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: Elmwood Cemetery

Occupation: Painter/Decorator

Spouse: Helen Frances Kent

Born: 22 June 1903, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa

Died: 3 October 1988, San Jose, Santa Clara, Ca

Buried: DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: Elmwood Cemetery

Married: 10 June 1925, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa (Catholic Church)

Helen was a housewife all her life.

Children of William Hanrahan and Helen Kent are:

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| William F. Hanrahan, Jr. | b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa |
| Robert Kent Hanrahan, Sr. | b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa |
| Elizabeth Ann Hanrahan | b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa |
| John Allen Hanrahan | b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa |