

# Descendants of William O'Brien and Mary Sexton of Watergrasshill, Ireland

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# Chapter 1

## The O'Briens in Ireland

The family of William O'Brien and Mary Sexton came to America from the town of Watergrasshill in County Cork, Ireland.<sup>[2,3,4]</sup> The village of Watergrasshill is situated mostly within the civil parish of Ardnageehy and partly within Kilquane, in the larger barony of Barrymore, on the main road between Cork and Dublin.<sup>[5]</sup> The name Watergrasshill was originally "Watercress Hill," and in Irish is *Cnocán-na-biolraighe* (Knockaun-na-billery).<sup>[6]</sup>

Watergrasshill was a small town of 801 inhabitants in 1841, when William and his family lived there prior to their emigration to the U.S. By 1871 the population had dropped to 143.<sup>[7]</sup> Some of this population loss was likely due to the famine, but the arrival of the railroad may also have played a role. The Great Southern and Western Railway reached the City of Cork in 1849.<sup>[8]</sup> Two people performing land valuations included their impressions of Watergrasshill and its transformation. D. Quinn wrote in Feb 1849:

This Town is Poor, but a great deal is done in the way of "Carmen's Stages," it being on the Dublin line to Cork and half way (11 miles) from the latter City to Fermoy – a good deal of benefit is done the Town by these persons —<sup>[9]</sup>

J. Montgomery wrote in Dec 1852 and sometime prior:

2 coaches & Bianconis<sup>1</sup> can pass through the village daily & change Horses here – one or two individuals are thus making pretty well by this – by the rent for stabling &c – & when the railway to Cork is finished, it will lose a good part of this advantage —

It has lost a great deal of it now – (1852) but it is the best of the little villages in this neighborhood although poor enough – Poor Rates are low – only 1/7th for 1832 & none at all in 1837 – Those made a moderate val<sup>n</sup>. considering these circumstances.<sup>[9]</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Charles Bianconi was an Italian entrepreneur who operated passenger coaches between cities throughout Ireland.<sup>[8]</sup>

There are few Irish records available covering the early 19th century. Civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths didn't fully occur in Ireland until 1864.<sup>[11]</sup> Census records prior to 1901 were mostly lost in a 1922 fire at the Public Records Office.<sup>[12]</sup> However, there are O'Briens in Watergrasshill who appear in name directories and Griffith's Valuation records from the time period when William's family lived in the area. It's possible that these sources may reveal some small details about the family's life in Ireland.

F. Jackson's *County and City of Cork Post Office General Directory, 1842–43* includes a "William O'Brien, gent." with a seat at "Transtown mills" and post town at "Watergrass hill."<sup>[13]</sup> Land valuation records for Trantstown in 1847 and 1850 show a John O'Brien leasing a paper mill, house, offices (outbuildings), and land from Lady Augusta Henrietta Fitzgerald.<sup>[14,15]</sup> A revised valuation in July 1850 indicates that John O'Brien no longer resided there, and that the mill became idle in 1847.<sup>[16]</sup> Residents in Trantstown reported that a Mr. O'Brien owned the mill and employed many people there, but he sold his house when the mill closed down.<sup>[17]</sup> The timing of John O'Brien's departure from the mill property around 1850 coincides with the arrival of William O'Brien's family in Boston.

There is no William O'Brien who appears in the valuation records as occupying land in Trantstown. It's possible that John O'Brien was William's son, and that he took over the running of the mill from his father. There is a "W<sup>m</sup>. Brien" listed in the town of Watergrasshill who was leasing a house with a yard and garden. The Feb 1849 revision has William's name crossed out and the word "Vact." written, indicating that the house was vacant and William had moved away.<sup>[18]</sup> There are no other William O'Briens or similar name variants listed in Watergrasshill, although other [O']Briens in town include Denis, Owen, Patrick, and Margaret.[add citation]

Watergrasshill was a poor town in the 1840s that was largely sustained by horse travel between Dublin and Cork. With the loss of that business to the railway, the effects of the famine, and the closure of the paper mill in nearby Trantstown, it made sense for the O'Brien family to look for new opportunities in America.

[ include a description of Griffith's Valuation, House Books, etc. ]

[ add context for Potato Famine driving emigration ]

[ include maps locating Watergrasshill within Ireland and showing local area ]

## **Chapter 2**

### **The O'Briens in Boston**

## Chapter 3

### Name and Lineage

O'Brien is the Anglicized spelling of the surname *Ua Briain* in Classical Irish, and *Ó Briain* in Modern Irish. The *Ua* or *Ó* part of the name means a “grandson” or generally any descendant of the named person. In this case, O'Brien derives from the first name of Brian Boru (born c. 941 and died 23 Apr 1014), High King of Ireland. Boru's descendants formed one of the major dynasties in Ireland.<sup>[19]</sup>

Brian Boru was born a member of the Dál gCais clan (Dalcassians). This clan controlled much of what is now County Clare in Ireland.<sup>[20]</sup> Due to modern genetic testing, it is possible to determine whether a living person is a descendant of Brian Boru, a member of his clan, or an unrelated O'Brien who came from a family that adopted the surname. This is facilitated by the Y-DNA testing of Brian Boru's direct descendant, Sir Conor O'Brien, 18th Baron Ichiquin.<sup>[21]</sup>

Unlike other chromosomes, the Y chromosome is passed from father to son without significant recombination. This means that a living man's Y-DNA is nearly identical to that of his direct male line ancestor from many generations in the past. While rare, mutations on the Y chromosome do occur. These variations are called single nucleotide polymorphisms, or SNPs. It is possible to map groups of people onto branches of a tree based on the SNPs they have in common. These branches are known as haplogroups, and they're named after the Y-DNA mutation that defines them.<sup>[22]</sup>

The Y-DNA testing of Sir Conor O'Brien has revealed that Brian Boru's Dalcassian clan and its descendants are located within the R-L226 haplogroup. Furthermore, Brian Boru's defining mutation places him and his descendants in the sub-group of R-L226 known as FGC5659. There is another group of non-Dalcassian O'Briens known as the “Northwest Irish/Lowland Scots” O'Briens, who are in haplogroup R-M222.<sup>[21]</sup>

A Y-DNA test of William O'Brien's male line<sup>[30]</sup> reveals that there is no relation to either the Dalcassian or Northwest Irish O'Briens. William's branch is located within haplogroup R-Y11179. This haplogroup does not have ancient Irish origins but can be traced back to the Anglo-Norman family with the surname “Barry” that occupied large parts of County Cork subsequent to the English invasion of Ireland in

the 1100s.<sup>[28]</sup> More recent research indicates that these Barrys were probably from the Hainaut region of what is now Belgium, rather than French Normandy.<sup>[27]</sup>

Several websites provide age estimates to determine when William O'Brien's line may have split off from the Barry family. The closest match on FTDNA is a man with a Barry surname. FTDNA's "TiP Report" estimates that the Barry match and William O'Brien's descendant have a common ancestor within the past 8 generations at 60.41% likelihood, within 12 generations at 90.11% likelihood, and within 18 generations at 98.28% likelihood.<sup>[31]</sup> On the website *YFull*, which allows uploading Y-DNA kits for additional analysis, the closest match is the same Barry individual from the previous comparison. YFull predicts that the two matches have a most recent common ancestor at a median of 425 years ago with 95% certainty, placing the common ancestor around the year 1600.<sup>[32]</sup>

Somewhere in William O'Brien's ancestry, the O'Brien name was assigned to (or adopted by) a man of Barry descent. This is known as a non-paternity event (NPE). It is likely impossible to determine when or how this occurred, as useful records in Ireland rarely go back far enough past the early 1800s. However, the Barry family had a major presence in the area where William came from, receiving grants of land in County Cork from the English king and the title Earl of Barrymore.<sup>[29]</sup> More information may arise as additional men submit Y-DNA tests and the timeline for the O'Brien/Barry split can be further narrowed. It is also important to note that the Y-DNA results only pertain to the direct male line. William's descendants still have Irish roots, owing to the Irish spouses of his children. William's own mother is unknown, but it's quite likely she had ancestral Irish origins.

[ include haplogroup tree showing O'Brien branches vs Barry branches ]

[ more background on Barry history in County Cork ]

# Chapter 4

## First Generation

### 1 William O'Brien and Mary Sexton

**WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> O'BRIEN** was born probably in County Cork, Ireland, about 1791.<sup>[33]</sup> He died in Boston, Massachusetts, 28 December 1856,<sup>[35]</sup> and was buried at North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.<sup>[36]</sup> He married, likely in County Cork, **MARY SEXTON**.<sup>[38,39,42,43]</sup> No further information about Mary is known.

William may be the William O'Brien listed in the 1842 Cork County Directory as owning Trantstown Mills, a paper mill close to the village of Watergrasshill.<sup>[13]</sup>

In 1855, William was living in Boston's North End neighborhood with his son Edward, his daughter Abigail, and three of his grandchildren.<sup>[33,69]</sup> William does not appear in the 1850 census. Since Edward immigrated to Boston in 1851,<sup>[2]</sup> it's likely that William arrived with him at that time. William's wife Mary does not appear in any census records from this time. She may have died in Ireland before 1851, or not accompanied her husband to America for reasons unknown.

William lived in Boston for five years before dying of pleurisy. He was living at 207 North Street in the North End at the time.<sup>[35]</sup>

Children of William<sup>1</sup> O'Brien and Mary (Sexton) O'Brien, all likely born in Watergrasshill:

- i. ANN<sup>2</sup> O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1813;<sup>[44]</sup> d. 23 Sept. 1898;<sup>[42]</sup> m. MICHAEL DAILEY.<sup>[42]</sup> Unknown if she had any children. She does not appear until the 1880 census, when she was living with her brother Edward. She may have arrived in the U.S. sometime between 1870–1880. No record of husband Michael Dailey being in the U.S.
- 2 ii. ABIGAIL O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1815; m. MICHAEL DOOLEY.
- 3 iii. JOHN O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1820; m. 20 Nov. 1853, MARY MAHONEY.
- 4 iv. EDWARD O'BRIEN, b. 10 Oct. 1822; m. BRIDGET LINNEHAN.
- 5 v. MARY O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1828; m. 31 Oct. 1850, DAVID WARD.
- 6 vi. MICHAEL O'BRIEN, b. 15 Dec. 1832; m. (1) 10 July 1854, BRIDGET COLBERT; m. (2) 19 April 1874, MARY FIELD.



# Chapter 5

## Second Generation

### 2 Abigail (O'Brien) Dooley

**ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup> O'BRIEN** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born probably in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, about 1815.<sup>[34]</sup> She died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts on 4 January 1897<sup>[39]</sup> and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[40]</sup> She married, likely in County Cork, **MICHAEL DOOLEY**.<sup>[39]</sup> He was born probably in County Cork.<sup>[41]</sup> Michael died sometime before 1 May 1865,<sup>[45]</sup> possibly on 1 January 1857,<sup>[46]</sup> and is buried in North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[37]</sup>

Children of Michael Dooley and Abigail<sup>2</sup> (O'Brien) Dooley, both likely born in Watergrasshill:

- i. **HANNAH<sup>3</sup> DOOLEY**, b. prob. Watergrasshill abt. 1837;<sup>[141]</sup> d. Boston 14 June 1911;<sup>[145]</sup> m. (1) 14 Aug. 1859, **JEREMIAH COONEY**;<sup>[143]</sup> m. (2) 5 Oct. 1884, **MICHAEL CUSICK**.<sup>[144]</sup> No known children.
- 7 ii. **MARGARET E. DOOLEY**, b. 27 Dec. 1840, m. (1) **WILLIAM SIMONDS**; m. (2) 21 Aug. 1873, **ROBERT A. FERNALD**.

### 3 John O'Brien

**JOHN<sup>2</sup> O'BRIEN** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born probably in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, about 1820.<sup>[50]</sup> He died in Boston, Massachusetts on 22 April 1863<sup>[48]</sup> and is buried in Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Watertown, Massachusetts.<sup>[49]</sup> He married **MARY MAHONEY** on 20 November 1853 at St. Mary's Church, Boston.<sup>[50]</sup> She was born in Ireland about 1829<sup>[51]</sup>–1832<sup>[52]</sup> to James<sup>[52]</sup> or Patrick<sup>[51]</sup> Mahoney and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Mahoney.<sup>[51]</sup>

John arrived in the U.S. sometime prior to his marriage to Mary Mahoney in November 1853. He appears in the 1860 federal census in Boston's North End neighborhood, living with wife Mary and four children. Also living with the family was Amelia

Rease, age 19, born in Pico W. P.<sup>[66]</sup> (this is probably Pico Island in the Portuguese Azores).

John was living at 35 Fleet Street in the North End when his son John Joseph was born in 1861. His occupation was listed as “grocer”<sup>[68,69]</sup> and “oysterman.”<sup>[70]</sup> John’s brother Edward lived at the same address, and Edward’s son Edward was born just nine weeks after John’s son John Joseph.<sup>[68]</sup>

Four of John’s children died of tuberculosis<sup>1</sup> in the ten years between 1879 and 1889, as did John himself in 1863.<sup>[48]</sup> This illness disproportionately affected Irish immigrants in Boston:

...[t]he death rate from consumption was greatest among the colored, and among the white ... it was greatest among those whose mothers were born in Ireland or who were themselves natives of Ireland, being more than 3 times the corresponding rate for those whose mothers were born in the United States, and almost double the rate for those who were themselves natives of this country.<sup>[71]</sup>

[add info about Mary marriage to Bowser]

[Catholic Mt Auburn Cemetery info]

Children of John<sup>2</sup> O’Brien and Mary (Mahoney) O’Brien, all born in Boston and all except for John Joseph O’Brien buried at Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts:<sup>[49]</sup>

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  - i. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> O’BRIEN, b. 9 Nov. 1854; m. 27 Sept. 1881, JULIA T. McCARTY.
  - ii. MARY O’BRIEN, b. 11 Jun. 1856;<sup>[54]</sup> bap. St. Stephen (Boston) 13 June 1856;<sup>[55]</sup> d. 18 March 1883.<sup>[56]</sup>
  - iii. JAMES EDWARD O’BRIEN, b. 1 Feb. 1858;<sup>[58]</sup> bap. St. Mary (Boston) 3 Feb. 1858;<sup>[59]</sup> d. 11 April 1879. Occupation frame polisher,<sup>[60]</sup> perhaps working at brother John Joseph’s frame shop.
  - iv. ELLEN “NELLIE” O’BRIEN, b. 27 Aug. 1859;<sup>[62]</sup> bap. St. Stephen 28 Aug. 1859;<sup>[62]</sup> d. 1 Oct. 1882.<sup>[63]</sup>
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  - v. JOHN JOSEPH O’BRIEN, b. 29 Jan. 1861, m. 6 Feb. 1890, EMMA A. MAHONEY.
  - vi. MARGARET O’BRIEN, b. 18 May 1862;<sup>[87]</sup> bap. St. John the Baptist 19 May 1862;<sup>[87]</sup> d. 23 Oct. 1863.<sup>[64]</sup>
  - vii. ANNA O’BRIEN, b. bet. 19 Aug.–18 Sept. 1863;<sup>[65]</sup> d. 28 Feb. 1866.<sup>[65]</sup>

## 4 Edward O’Brien

**EDWARD<sup>2</sup> O’BRIEN** (*William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, on 10 October 1822.<sup>[2]</sup> He died in Boston, Massachusetts, on 25 August 1881<sup>[97]</sup> and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[40]</sup> He married **BRIDGET LINNEHAN**,<sup>[72]</sup> probably in County Cork, Ireland, sometime

<sup>1</sup>The terms “phthisis” and “consumption” were used at the time to describe what is now called tuberculosis.<sup>[67]</sup>

before immigrating to the U.S. on 27 June 1851.<sup>[2,1]</sup> Bridget was born in Ireland about 1831, the daughter of Andrew Linnehan and Ann (\_\_\_\_\_) Linnehan. She died in Boston, Massachusetts, on 5 April 1867 of pneumonia at the age of 36.<sup>[73]</sup>

Edward's profession is listed as "teamster."<sup>[90,94]</sup> Prior to the use of motorized vehicles, this term referred to a person paid to transport goods by horse-drawn wagon.<sup>[96]</sup>

Edward lived at first in Boston's Roxbury<sup>[80]</sup> and North End<sup>[83]</sup> neighborhoods. In 1870 he paid \$3,000 for the property at 185 London St. in East Boston.<sup>[90,91]</sup> Edward acquired a second East Boston property in 1874, when he purchased 307 Havre St. for \$3,325 at public auction.<sup>[77,78]</sup> Both properties were passed onto Edward's heirs upon his death, although the combined value was reduced to \$3,700 at the time.<sup>[75]</sup> His heirs still held title to the properties until at least 1922,<sup>[92]</sup> when the 185 London St. property was being rented out as apartments.<sup>[93]</sup> Edward's niece, **FRANCES ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> (O'BRIEN) WICKENS**, lived there for a time.<sup>[95]</sup> Edward's daughters, Annie M. and Margaret, continued to live at the house on 307 Havre Street up until their deaths in the 1930s.<sup>[84,64]</sup> The properties were likely important sources of wealth for multiple generations of the O'Brien family.

Living with Edward in 1880 were his adult children Annie, Margaret, and Edward J., his sister Ann<sup>2</sup> (O'Brien) Dailey, and niece Delia J. Graham, the daughter of Bridget's sister Mary. Edward's household also included Michael Malanny, age 65, and his wife Ann, age 62, although their connection to Edward is not known.<sup>[74]</sup> None of Edward's children ever married.

There is a large monument at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden marking where Edward is buried along with his wife Bridget, sister Ann, three of his children, and several extended family members. The plot is located at North Monument Ave., Path 17, Grave 34 East (see map in the appendix).<sup>[89,40]</sup>

Children of Edward<sup>2</sup> and Bridget (Linnehan) O'Brien, all born in Boston:

- i. MARY ANN<sup>3</sup> O'BRIEN, b. 13 Oct. 1852;<sup>[80]</sup> bap. Holy Cross (Boston) 16 Oct. 1852;<sup>[81]</sup> d. 25 Nov. 1852;<sup>[82]</sup> bur. North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Mass.<sup>[36]</sup>
- ii. ELLEN O'BRIEN, b. 27 Nov. 1853;<sup>[61]</sup> bap. Holy Cross 3 Dec. 1853;<sup>[62]</sup> d. 10 March 1857;<sup>[63]</sup> bur. North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery.<sup>[37]</sup>
- iii. ANN MARIA "ANNIE" O'BRIEN, b. 9 Nov. 1855;<sup>[85]</sup> bap. St. John the Baptist (Boston) 17 Nov. 1855<sup>[86]</sup>; d. 24 May 1937;<sup>[84]</sup> bur. Holy Cross Cemetery.<sup>[40]</sup>
- iv. MARGARET A. "MAGGIE" O'BRIEN, b. 22 Aug. 1859;<sup>[87]</sup> bap. 29 Aug. 1859;<sup>[87]</sup> d. 6 March 1933;<sup>[64]</sup> bur. Holy Cross Cemetery.<sup>[40]</sup>
- v. EDWARD J. O'BRIEN, b. 7 April 1861;<sup>[83]</sup> d. 7 Jan. 1884;<sup>[88]</sup> bur. Holy Cross Cemetery.<sup>[40]</sup>

## 5 Mary (O'Brien) Ward

**MARY<sup>2</sup> (O'BRIEN) WARD** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born probably in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, about 1828.<sup>[98]</sup> She died in Boston, Massachusetts, on 23 March 1908<sup>[43]</sup> and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[40]</sup> She married **DAVID WARD** at Holy Cross Church in Boston on 31 October 1850.<sup>[98,99]</sup> David was born in Mayfield, Fulton County, New York, in 1823<sup>[101]</sup> to David and Mary A. (\_\_\_\_\_) Ward.<sup>[100]</sup> He died of cancer in Boston on 19 December 1881.<sup>[100]</sup>

David Ward was not Catholic, but promised to raise his children with Mary as Catholic so that the couple could be married in the Catholic Church.<sup>[99]</sup> David was a cook by trade. He was working at Quincy House in 1876,<sup>[102]</sup> Maverick House in 1877,<sup>[103]</sup> and at a saloon in 1880.<sup>[104]</sup> David and Mary purchased the property at 101 Bennington St. in East Boston for \$2,200 in 1871.<sup>[105,106]</sup>

Children of David Ward and Mary<sup>2</sup> (O'Brien) Ward, all born in Boston:

- i. MARY ANN<sup>3</sup> WARD, b. 24 July 1851;<sup>[107]</sup> bap. Holy Cross (Boston) 27 July 1851;<sup>[107]</sup> d. 6 Jan. 1854.<sup>[108]</sup>
- ii. SARAH WARD, b. 9 Dec. 1853;<sup>[109]</sup> bap. Holy Cross 17 Dec. 1853;<sup>[110]</sup> d. 10 April 1873.<sup>[111]</sup>
- 10 iii. HANNAH WARD, b. 13 Sept. 1860; m. 23 Sept. 1885, JOHN J. FLYNN.

## 6 Michael O'Brien

**MICHAEL<sup>2</sup> O'BRIEN** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, on 15 December 1832.<sup>[3]</sup> He died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 25 June 1891<sup>[38]</sup> and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[37]</sup>

Michael married, first, **BRIDGET COLBERT** at St. Joseph Church in Roxbury, Norfolk County, Massachusetts (now part of Boston) on 10 July 1854.<sup>[112,121]</sup> Bridget was born in Ireland about 1832 to Patrick and Ellen (\_\_\_\_\_) Colbert.<sup>[112]</sup> She died in Boston on 21 October 1873<sup>[113]</sup> and is buried with the family of Michael's brother, John J. O'Brien, at Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.<sup>[49]</sup>

Michael married, second, **MARY FIELD** (aka Mary Feely) at Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston on 19 April 1874.<sup>[114,122]</sup> Mary was born in Ireland about 1845<sup>[114]</sup> to Patrick Field and Mary Sheehan.<sup>[115]</sup> She died in Boston on 6 January 1915 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery.<sup>[115]</sup>

Michael was an oysterman or oyster opener.<sup>[116,120]</sup> In 1871 he purchased the property at 243 Border St. in East Boston for \$3,600.<sup>[117,118]</sup> He may have been operating a ferry service from this waterfront location.<sup>[119]</sup>

[ add burial info ]

[ children with same name ]

Children of Michael<sup>2</sup> O'Brien and Bridget (Colbert) O'Brien:

- i. ELLEN<sup>3</sup> "NELLIE" O'BRIEN, b. bet. 2 Jun 1857–1 Jun 1858; <sup>[123,124]</sup> d. unk.  
 Very few records are available for Ellen. Her most likely date of birth was 16 July 1857, parents listed as Michael and Bridget, address at 30 Ferry St. in Boston. <sup>[125]</sup> This corresponds with a baptismal record at St. John the Baptist Church in Boston on 18 July 1857, parents Michael O'Brien and Bridget Colman. <sup>[126]</sup> "Colman" could be a misspelling of "Colbert." Ferry St. and St. John the Baptist Church place the family near Michael's other siblings in Boston's North End neighborhood. <sup>[129]</sup>  
 No plausible marriage or death records for Ellen have been found. She was alive as of 1891 as she appears on the list of father Michael's heirs in his probate file. <sup>[127]</sup>
- ii. MARY ANN O'BRIEN, b. 18 Aug. 1859; <sup>[130]</sup> d. 10 June 1861. <sup>[131]</sup>
- 11 iii. MICHAEL O'BRIEN, b. 24 March 1864; m. (1) 4 July 1883, LILLIAN A. ALLEN; m. (2) 13 April 1899, MARY A. MACDOUGALL.
- 12 iv. FRANCES ELIZABETH "FANNIE" O'BRIEN, b. 16 Dec. 1866; m. 1 Jan. 1891, JOHN B. WICKENS.

Children of Michael<sup>2</sup> O'Brien and Mary (Field) O'Brien:

- v. MARY O'BRIEN, b. 10 Nov. 1875; <sup>[132]</sup> d. 20 Nov. 1875. <sup>[133]</sup>
- vi. JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN, b. 30 Oct. 1876; <sup>[134]</sup> d. 21 Sept. 1881. <sup>[135]</sup>
- 13 vii. EDWARD FRANCIS O'BRIEN, b. 30 Oct. 1879; m. 23 June 1909, MARY FRANCES GILL.
- viii. FRANCIS JOSEPH "FRANK" O'BRIEN, b. 17 Mar 1883; <sup>[136]</sup> bap. Most Holy Redeemer (East Boston), 18 March 1883; <sup>[137]</sup> d. 1 May 1914. <sup>[138]</sup>  
 Frank worked first as a gas fitter <sup>[139]</sup> and then was a meter tester for the New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. <sup>[138,140]</sup> He was living at 95 S. Sixth St. in New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts, when he died. <sup>[140]</sup> He never married. <sup>[138]</sup>

# Chapter 6

## Third Generation

### 7 Margaret (Dooley) (Simonds) Fernald

**MARGARET<sup>3</sup> DOOLEY** (*Abigail<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, 27 December 1840.<sup>[4]</sup> She died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 1 March 1918.<sup>[153]</sup> She married, first, probably between 1855–1860, **WILLIAM SIMONDS**,<sup>[147]</sup> and second, on 21 August 1873, **ROBERT A. FERNALD**<sup>[148]</sup> (aka Robert A. Ireland).<sup>[151]</sup> William Simonds was born in Ireland about 1841<sup>[149]</sup> to Nicholas Simonds and Catharine (Keenan) Simonds.<sup>[146,165]</sup> Robert A. Fernald was born in Boston about 1849 to George Fernald and Joanna (Whidhent) Fernald.<sup>[148,166]</sup> He died in Boston on 14 June 1917.<sup>[150]</sup>

Margaret's second husband, Robert A. Fernald, was a tugboat captain who ran the New England Dredging Company fleet.<sup>[150]</sup> Sometime between 1855 and 1860 Robert's family started using the surname "Fernald" instead of "Ireland."<sup>[151,152]</sup>

Children of William Simonds and Margaret<sup>3</sup> (Dooley) Simonds:

- 14 i. CATHARINE<sup>4</sup> SIMONDS, b. 19 Dec. 1860; m. 7 April 1879, JOHN MCCARTHY.
- ii. FRANCIS SIMONDS, b. 4 June 1863;<sup>[154]</sup> d. 27 June 1865.<sup>[155]</sup>
- iii. MARGARET JOSEPHINE SIMONDS, b. 10 Aug. 1865;<sup>[156]</sup> d. 24 July 1866.<sup>[157]</sup>
- 15 iv. ABIGAIL J. SIMONDS, b. 23 Jan. 1867; m. 13 April 1890, JOHN H. ROGAN.

Children of Robert A. Fernald and Margaret<sup>3</sup> (Dooley) (Simonds) Fernald:

- v. ANNA FERNALD, b. 25 June 1874;<sup>[158]</sup> d. 5 May 1875.<sup>[159]</sup>
  - 16 vi. CAROLINE EMMA FERNALD, b. 16 March 1876; m. 19 Oct. 1893, JOHN JOSEPH MCGURIN.
  - 17 vii. SARAH HELEN FERNALD, b. 5 March 1879; m. 30 Sept. 1902, CHRISTOPHER LEONARD.
  - 18 viii. ROBERT ATWELL FERNALD, b. 19 June 1882; m. 28 June 1911, AGNES M. LEONARD.
- Agnes is the sister of Christopher Leonard, who married Robert's sister Sarah.

## 8 William O'Brien

**WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> O'BRIEN** (*John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts on 9 November 1854.<sup>[160]</sup> He was baptized at St. Mary (Boston) on 12 November 1854.<sup>[161]</sup> He died in Boston on 28 October 1889.<sup>[162]</sup> He married, on 27 September 1881 at St. James the Greater Church in Boston, **JULIA T. MCCARTY**.<sup>[163]</sup> Julia was born in Boston on 12 May 1855 to Charles McCarty and Hanna Mahony.<sup>[167]</sup> She died on 9 December 1888.<sup>[164]</sup>

William was a “property man” (*i.e.*, props master<sup>[168]</sup>) for theaters in Boston. He worked first at the Globe Theatre<sup>[169]</sup> and then the Howard Athenæum.<sup>[170]</sup> The Howard Athenæum, in the old Scollary Square in Boston's West End neighborhood, was known as “The Old Howard.” It was the location for many major musical and drama performances but had difficulty competing with the other Boston theaters in the late 1800s. By the time William started working there, The Old Howard had shifted more toward vaudeville and eventually burlesque. The theater was shut down several times by police in the 20th century and finally burned down from a suspicious fire in 1961.<sup>[171]</sup>

William's wife Julia died at age 33 of “hæmoptysis” (coughing up blood; probably a complication from tuberculosis) just 3 years after their daughter Nellie was born.<sup>[164]</sup> William himself died of tuberculosis the following year after being ill for 18 months.<sup>[162]</sup> He signed his will on 21 August 1889, about 2 months before he died. In the will, he appointed his brother, John J. O'Brien, guardian of his daughter Nellie and executor of his estate. William's life insurance policy provided \$2,000 of which \$1,500 was to be placed in a bank account for Nellie to have when she reached adulthood.<sup>[172]</sup>

Children of William<sup>3</sup> O'Brien and Julia T. McCarty:

- i. ELLEN LOUISE<sup>4</sup> “NELLIE” O'BRIEN, b. 9 Nov. 1885;<sup>[173]</sup> bap. St. James the Greater (Boston), 12 Nov. 1885;<sup>[174]</sup> d. 14 June 1926;<sup>[175]</sup> unm.

After her parents died, Nellie lived with her uncle John J. O'Brien in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts<sup>[177]</sup> where she was working for a time as a saleslady at a department store.<sup>[178]</sup> She left Medford for Boston around 1913.<sup>[179]</sup> She may have been attending nursing school at this time, as in 1919 she was in Tewksbury, Mass., working as a nurse at the State Infirmary there.<sup>[180,182]</sup> By 1924 she had returned to Medford and still worked as a nurse.<sup>[181]</sup> Nellie died at age 40 at the state sanatorium in Rutland, Mass.<sup>[175,183]</sup> She succumbed to tuberculosis,<sup>[176]</sup> the same disease that killed her parents. Nellie's death certificate states that she had tuberculosis for 25 years.<sup>[176]</sup>

## 9 John Joseph O'Brien

**JOHN JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> O'BRIEN** (*John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 29 January 1861.<sup>[168]</sup> He was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church in Boston on 1 February 1861.<sup>[184]</sup> He died in Brookline, Norfolk County, Massachusetts,

on 15 May 1938.<sup>[185]</sup> He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Boston.<sup>[186]</sup> He married, at St. Augustine Church in Boston on 6 February 1890, **EMMA A. MAHONY**.<sup>[187,188]</sup> Emma was born in Boston on 27 September 1862 to Edward Mahony and Catherine Josephine Kenney.<sup>[189]</sup> She died in Brookline on 11 July 1950.<sup>[190]</sup>

John began working as a picture frame manufacturer around 1880<sup>[193]</sup> at age 18 or 19 and continued in that profession until about 1917.<sup>[194]</sup> He operated his frame business on the second floor of the building at 69 Cornhill in Boston,<sup>[194,195]</sup> taking over from the previous owner, B. F. Sargent.<sup>[191]</sup>

Cornhill was a street located at what is now the Government Center complex. At its heyday, many booksellers and publishers located themselves on Cornhill and it became known as one of Boston's intellectual centers.<sup>[192]</sup> The street was mostly destroyed during the city's urban renewal phase in the 1960s. The only remnants of the original Cornhill are the Sears Block and Sears Crescent (location of the famous "steaming teakettle").<sup>[192]</sup>

A fire in 1904 caused major damage to John's frame shop, mostly from the water used to put out the fire. Efforts to fight the fire were complicated by an avalanche of snow falling off the roof and nearly burying the firefighters, and an intoxicated man trying to help by climbing the stairs of the building and hanging onto the firehose.<sup>[195]</sup> John was able to recover the business and continued operating out of this location until at least 1916.<sup>[194]</sup>

John, his wife Emma, and several of their children are buried in the Mahony/Mahoney plot owned by Emma's father Edward at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Boston's Roslindale neighborhood.<sup>[186]</sup>

[house locations: Boston, Malden, Brookline]

Children of John Joseph<sup>3</sup> O'Brien and Emma A. (Mahony) O'Brien:

- i. MILDRED LORETTA<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN, b. 14 Nov. 1890;<sup>[196]</sup> d. 26 May 1891.<sup>[197]</sup>
- 19 ii. FRANCIS JOSEPH O'BRIEN, b. 2 April 1892; m. Malden, Mass., 12 Sept. 1921, MARY HELENA FLYNN.
- 20 iii. PAULINE M. O'BRIEN, b. 9 June 1894; m. 1930, CHARLES LUCIUS BAINE.
- 21 iv. MILDRED LOUISE O'BRIEN, b. 29 Sept. 1896; m. Medford, Mass., Feb. 1925, ALBERT JOSEPH FRENCH.
- v. EDWARD O'BRIEN, b. Medford, Mass., 5 July 1898;<sup>[201]</sup> d. Medford, 24 Dec. 1898.<sup>[202]</sup>
- vi. ALMYRA LOUISE O'BRIEN, b. Medford, 27 June 1901;<sup>[203]</sup> d. Medford, 13 July 1902.<sup>[204]</sup>

## 10 Hannah (Ward) Flynn

**HANNAH<sup>3</sup> WARD** (*Mary<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 13 September 1860.<sup>[205]</sup> She died in Boston on 10 January 1919.<sup>[206]</sup> She married, in Boston on 23 September 1885, **JOHN J. FLYNN**<sup>[209]</sup> (aka John H. Flynn<sup>[208]</sup>). He was born in Boston about 1861 to James Flynn and Anna (\_\_\_\_\_) Flynn.<sup>[209]</sup> He died in Boston on 8 April 1920.<sup>[210]</sup>



Hannah spent most of her life at the house originally owned by her parents at 101 Bennington St. in East Boston.<sup>[105,104,212]</sup> She purchased the adjacent property at 103 Bennington St.<sup>[215]</sup> and other East Boston properties on Morris St.<sup>[213]</sup> and Wesley St.<sup>[214]</sup>

Although they remained married, it does not appear that Hannah and her husband lived together after the birth of their two children.<sup>[216]</sup> In the 1900 census, Hannah is living at 101 Bennington St. with her children and her mother Mary.<sup>[211]</sup> In the 1910 census, she is at the same address, now living with her son Harry, her daughter Alice, Alice's husband Edward Clahane, and her granddaughter, Marion.<sup>[212]</sup> Hannah's husband John purchased the property at 236 Lexington St. in East Boston in 1908 and resided there for the remainder of his life.<sup>[217,210]</sup> After his death, the property passed to Hannah and John's daughter, Mary Alice.<sup>[218]</sup>

John J. Flynn was a trader,<sup>[209]</sup> a bartender,<sup>[221]</sup> and a clerk at a liquor dealer.<sup>[219,220]</sup>

Children of John J. Flynn and Hannah<sup>3</sup> (Ward) Flynn:

- 22 i. MARY ALICE<sup>4</sup> FLYNN, aka Alice V. Flynn, b. Boston 10 Aug. 1886; m. Boston 18 Nov. 1908, EDWARD WILLIAM CLAHANE.
- ii. HARRY JOSEPH FLYNN, b. Boston 6 June 1889;<sup>[221]</sup> d. Boston 15 Jan. 1967;<sup>[222]</sup> unm.  
His WWI draft card lists his occupation as "Collector" and employer as "R. H. Hinkley & Co." He claimed a draft exemption due to being the main support for both his parents.<sup>[223]</sup> In the 1930 census, he was living with his sister and brother-in-law and working as a salesman in advertising.<sup>[224]</sup>

## 11 Michael O'Brien

**MICHAEL<sup>3</sup> O'BRIEN** (*Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 24 March 1864.<sup>[225]</sup> He was baptized at St. Stephen's Church in Boston.<sup>[226]</sup> He died in Boston on 3 July 1904.<sup>[225]</sup> He married, first, in Franklin, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 4 July 1883, **LILLIAN A. ALLEN**,<sup>[228]</sup> and second, in Boston, on 13 April 1899, **MARY A. MACDOUGALL**.<sup>[230]</sup> Lillian Allen was born in Sevenoaks, Kent County, England, about 1866 to William Allen and Elizabeth (Ashdown) Allen.<sup>[228,128]</sup> She died in Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 2 October 1891.<sup>[229]</sup> Mary Macdougall was born in Ingonish, Victoria County, Nova Scotia, Canada, about 1871 to Daniel Macdougall and Mary McLean.<sup>[230]</sup> She died in Boston in 1928.<sup>[231]</sup>

Michael's occupation in 1899 was "moroccodresser,"<sup>[230]</sup> a job that involves dressing leather in a tannery.<sup>[232]</sup> Michael's death record states his occupation as "Gas Meter maker."<sup>[227]</sup>

Children of Michael<sup>3</sup> O'Brien and Lillian (Allen) O'Brien:

- i. ARTHUR FRANCIS<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN, b. Norwood, Norfolk Co., Mass., 2 Oct. 1883;<sup>[233]</sup> d. Boston, 28 Sept. 1904.<sup>[234]</sup>
- ii. EDWARD WILLIAM O'BRIEN, b. Norwood, 18 Dec. 1884;<sup>[201]</sup> d. Boston, 25 April 1887.<sup>[202]</sup>

A mention of Edward's death from the *The Boston Globe*: "Edward O'Brien, aged 2 years, living with his grandfather at 243 Border street, East Boston, was run over by Sturtevant's lumber team in front of his residence this afternoon, and instantly killed."<sup>[235]</sup>

- iii. ELIZABETH O'BRIEN, b. Norwood, 29 July 1886;<sup>[236]</sup> d. Norwood, 5 Oct. 1886.<sup>[237]</sup>

Children of Michael<sup>3</sup> O'Brien and Mary Macdougall:

- iv. FRANCES L. O'BRIEN aka Frances May O'Brien, b. Walpole, Norfolk Co., Mass., 18 Jan. 1901;<sup>[238]</sup> d. Boston, 20 Dec. 1903.<sup>[239]</sup>

## 12 Frances Elizabeth (O'Brien) Wickens

**FRANCES ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> "FANNIE" O'BRIEN** (*Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 16 December 1866.<sup>[240]</sup> She was baptized at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in East Boston.<sup>[241]</sup> She died in Boston on 22 February 1915.<sup>[242]</sup> She married, in Boston on 1 January 1891, **JOHN B. WICKENS**.<sup>[243]</sup> He was born in Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia, Canada, on 12 March 1873<sup>[244]</sup> to Charles Wickens and Jane (Smith) Wickens.<sup>[243,245]</sup> He died sometime after 1 November 1916.<sup>[245]</sup>

John Wickens's profession is listed as "mariner,"<sup>[243]</sup> "fireman,"<sup>[244]</sup> and "marine engineer."<sup>[249]</sup> After his wife Frances died, he moved to Washington state and married Anna M. McGunigle.<sup>[245]</sup> It is unknown where or when he died.

Children of John B. Wickens and Frances E. (O'Brien) Wickens:

- i. NELLIE<sup>4</sup> WICKENS, b. Boston, 22 July 1893;<sup>[246]</sup> d. Boston, 23 July 1893.<sup>[246]</sup>
- 23 ii. EDITH A. WICKENS, b. Boston, 22 July 1894; m. Boston, 12 Oct. 1913, GEORGE H. GIGUERE.
- iii. FREDERICK JOHN WICKENS, b. Boston, 3 Nov. 1895;<sup>[247]</sup> d. Boston, 9 July 1896.<sup>[248]</sup>
- 24 iv. ALBERT FRANCIS WICKENS, b. Boston, 7 May 1898; m. New Jersey, 13 June 1922, MARY SCHALLER.
- 25 v. ETHEL MARY WICKENS, b. Boston, 17 June 1902; m. Wayne Co., Michigan, 20 Sept. 1923, HAROLD EDWARD HEUMAN.

## 13 Edward Francis O'Brien

**EDWARD FRANCIS<sup>3</sup> O'BRIEN** (*Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 30 October 1879.<sup>[250]</sup> He died in Concord, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on 26 August 1929.<sup>[251]</sup> He married, in Boston on 23 June 1909, **MARY FRANCES GILL** (aka Marie Frances Gill).<sup>[252]</sup> She was born in Boston on 3 March 1884 to John A. Gill and Catherine L. Howard.<sup>[253,252]</sup> She died in Boston on 15 July 1958.<sup>[254,255]</sup>

In 1910, Edward was living in Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, and his occupation is listed as foreman at a gas company.<sup>[263]</sup> In 1920 he was living in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts (58 Rockview St.), along with his wife, five children, his sister-in-law Beatrice C. Gill, a maid, and a lodger. Edward's occupation is listed as inspector for the City of Boston.<sup>[264]</sup> He was working as a clerk at the Back Bay (Boston) post office and also as a meter reader at Boston City Hall.<sup>[265]</sup>

Children of Edward Francis<sup>3</sup> O'Brien and Mary Frances Gill:

- 26 i. CATHERINE M.<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN, b. Connecticut, abt. 1910; m. 1937, FREDERICK A. MACDONALD.
- 27 ii. FRANCES JOSEPHINE O'BRIEN, b. Somerville, Middlesex Co., Mass., 26 March 1912; m. 1942, JOHN R. DAY.
- iii. WATER GILL O'BRIEN, b. Boston, 2 June 1914;<sup>[256]</sup> d. Okinawa, Japan, 21 June 1945.<sup>[257]</sup>

Lt. Walter Gill O'Brien served in the 6th Marine Division and was killed in action at Okinawa.<sup>[257]</sup> Before enlisting in the Marine Corps, he graduated from Boston College Law School and worked for the Suffolk County Superior Court.<sup>[258]</sup>

- 28 iv. EDWARD FRANCIS O'BRIEN JR., b. Mass., 17 Sept. 1916; m. Milton, Norfolk Co., Mass., 1946, MARY A. METIVIER.
- 29 v. BEATRICE FIELD O'BRIEN, b. Boston, 11 August 1919; m. Boston, 1941, JOHN FRANCIS BRADY.
- vi. MARY LUCIA O'BRIEN, b. Boston, 14 March 1921;<sup>[259,260]</sup> d. 1 Sept. 2011.<sup>[259,261]</sup>

From Mary's obituary: "She was raised in Boston, graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury in 1938, Emmanuel College in Boston Class of 1942 and received her Master's in education from Boston College in 1957. Miss O'Brien worked as a school teacher 45 years. Mary taught school for the Archdiocese of Boston from 1942-1973 and then in Boston Public Schools and St. Mary's School in Lynn from 1973 to 1987."<sup>[261]</sup> For a time (probably coinciding with her teaching for the Archdiocese), Mary was known as "Sr. Beatrice Marie, S.N.D.," being a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur.<sup>[262,254]</sup> Mary's obituary requested contributions to the Sisters in Everett, Mass.<sup>[261]</sup>

# Chapter 7

## Fourth Generation

### 14 Catharine (Simonds) McCarthy

**CATHARINE<sup>4</sup> SIMONDS** (*Margaret<sup>3</sup>, Abigail<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 10 December 1860.<sup>[266]</sup> She died in Boston on 24 February 1890.<sup>[270]</sup> She married, in Boston on 7 April 1879, **JOHN F. MCCARTHY**.<sup>[268]</sup> He was born in Ireland about 1858 to John McCarthy and Ellen (\_\_\_\_\_) McCarthy.<sup>[268]</sup> The time and location of his death is unknown.

Catharine was baptized at St. Stephen Church in Boston on 22 December 1860.<sup>[267]</sup> After her marriage, Catharine and John were living at 146 Marginal St. in East Boston. Next door at 148 Marginal St. were Catharine's mother, Margaret (Dooley) Fernald, and her grandmother, Abigail (O'Brien) Dooley. Catharine's husband John's occupation is listed as "painter."<sup>[269]</sup>

Child of John F. McCarthy and Catharine<sup>4</sup> (Simonds) McCarthy:

- i. **HELEN<sup>5</sup> MCCARTHY**, b. Boston, 23 June 1879;<sup>[271]</sup> d. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., 17 April 1966;<sup>[273]</sup> m. Boston, 9 Aug. 1899, **WILLIAM H. WESTLAKE**.<sup>[272]</sup>

Child of William H. Westlake and Helen<sup>5</sup> (McCarthy) Westlake:

1. *William Atwell Westlake*, b. Boston, 17 July 1900,<sup>[274]</sup> d. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., 1 Jan. 1926; unm.<sup>[275]</sup> William was a clerk in the shopping card department at Filene's department store. He drowned in upper Mystic Lake while ice skating on the morning of New Year's Day.<sup>[275]</sup>

### 15 Abigail (Simonds) Rogan

**ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup> SIMONDS** (*Margaret<sup>3</sup>, Abigail<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 23 January 1867.<sup>[276]</sup> She died in Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 8 May 1958.<sup>[277]</sup> She married, in Boston on 13 April 1890, **JOHN H.**

**ROGAN.** He was born in Massachusetts from 1866-1867 to William and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Rogan.<sup>[279]</sup> He died sometime before 1958.<sup>[277]</sup>

In 1900, Abigail and John were living with their three children at 21 Murdock St. in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. John's occupation is listed as "printer."<sup>[280]</sup> The 1910 census shows the family had returned to Boston.<sup>[281]</sup> By 1930, John was not living in Abigail's household. Abigail was on Holmes St. in Boston with her daughters Abigail, Mary, and Anna, all three of them working for the telephone company.<sup>[282]</sup> It's possible that Abigail's husband John was the newspaper printer boarding at 95 Waltham St. in Boston.<sup>[283]</sup>

Children of John H. Rogan and Abigail<sup>4</sup> (Simonds) Rogan:

- i. WILLIAM H.<sup>5</sup> ROGAN, b. Chelsea, Suffolk Co., Mass., 22 Jan. 1891;<sup>[284]</sup> d. Broward Co., Fla., 1 Jan. 1963;<sup>[285,286]</sup> m. Manhattan, Kings Co., N.Y., 18 Aug. 1918, IRENE HICKEY.<sup>[287]</sup> William served in the U.S. Navy during WWI.<sup>[286]</sup>
- ii. MARGUERITE E. ROGAN, b. Chelsea, 28 Apr. 1893;<sup>[288]</sup> m. JOHN J. SHEA.<sup>[289]</sup>
- iii. ABIGAIL JOSEPHINE "ABBIE" ROGAN, b. Chelsea, 26 Jan. 1898;<sup>[290]</sup> d. Dedham, 9 March 1960; unm.<sup>[291]</sup>
- iv. MARY ALICE ROGAN, b. Boston, 13 June 1904;<sup>[292]</sup> d. Dedham, 8 Sept. 1971; unm.<sup>[293]</sup>
- v. ANNE IRENE ROGAN, b. Boston, 2 Nov. 1907;<sup>[294]</sup> d. Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ky., 10 Dec. 2001;<sup>[295]</sup> m. JOHN P. DORAN.<sup>[296]</sup>

## 16 Caroline Emma<sup>4</sup> (Fernald) McGurin

**CAROLINE<sup>4</sup> FERNALD** (*Margaret<sup>3</sup>, Abigail<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 16 March 1876.<sup>[297]</sup> She died in Everett, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 28 August 1927.<sup>[299]</sup> She married, in Everett on 19 October 1893, **JOHN JOSEPH MCGURIN.** He was born, in Boston on 22 January 1875, to William P. McGurin and Harriet F. (Saunders) McGurin.<sup>[301,298]</sup> He died in Marshfield, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 10 January 1968.<sup>[302]</sup>

Children of William P. McGurin and Caroline<sup>4</sup> (Fernald) McGurin:

- i. ROBERT ALEXANDER MCGURIN, b. Everett, 13 April 1894;<sup>[303]</sup> d. Everett, 1955;<sup>[304]</sup> m. Boston, 7 July 1913, ALTA M. SAUNDERS.<sup>[305]</sup>
- ii. WALTER EDWARD MCGURIN, b. Boston, 2 May 1896;<sup>[306]</sup> d. Stoneham, Middlesex Co., Mass., 29 March 1974;<sup>[307]</sup> m. BERNICE L. WOOD.<sup>[307]</sup>
- iii. ALFRED JOHN MCGURIN, b. Boston, 5 April 1898;<sup>[308]</sup> d. Montfaucon, France, 22 Oct. 1918.<sup>[309]</sup> Alfred was killed in action while serving with the 55th Artillery at the Battle of Verdun.<sup>[310]</sup>
- iv. MARGARET A. MCGURIN, b. Boston, 27 Dec. 1899;<sup>[311]</sup> d. Everett, 17 Nov. 1992;<sup>[312]</sup> m. HENRY J. PHILLIPS SR.<sup>[312]</sup>
- v. SARAH H. "SADIE" MCGURIN, b. Boston, 8 July 1901;<sup>[313]</sup> d. Saugus, Essex Co., Mass., 6 Jan. 1999;<sup>[314]</sup> m. JAMES P. MURPHY.<sup>[314]</sup>

- vi. EDWARD JOSEPH MCGURIN, b. Boston, 18 Dec. 1902;<sup>[315]</sup> d. Ft. Lauderdale, Broward Co., Fla.;<sup>[316]</sup> m. Boston, 8 Oct. 1922, HELEN DUFFY.<sup>[317]</sup>
- vii. CAROLINE JOSEPHINE MCGURIN, b. Boston, 2 July 1904;<sup>[318]</sup> d. Boston, 2 April 1921; unm.<sup>[319]</sup>
- viii. CATHERINE MCGURIN, b. Boston, 9 Sept. 1906;<sup>[320]</sup> d. Everett, 17 Dec. 1999;<sup>[321]</sup> m. FRANCIS KELLEHER.<sup>[321]</sup>
- ix. JOSEPHINE MCGURIN, b. Boston, 30 Dec. 1908;<sup>[322]</sup> d. Boston, 18 May 1926; unm.<sup>[323]</sup>
- x. JOHN FRANCIS MCGURIN, b. Boston, 2 April 1914;<sup>[324]</sup> d. South Dennis, Barnstable Co., Mass., 3 Dec. 2005;<sup>[325]</sup> m. BEATRICE M. TASSINARI.<sup>[325]</sup>
- xi. CHARLES ALFORD MCGURIN, b. Boston, 17 Aug. 1916;<sup>[326]</sup> d. Peabody, Essex Co., Mass., 18 Dec 2004;<sup>[327]</sup> m. CECELIA MULLEN.<sup>[327]</sup>

## 17 Sarah Helen (Fernald) Leonard

**SARAH HELEN<sup>4</sup> FERNALD** (*Margaret<sup>3</sup>, Abigail<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 5 March 1879.<sup>[328]</sup> She died in Boston on 25 March 1943.<sup>[329]</sup> She married, in Boston on 30 September 1902, **CHRISTOPHER T. LEONARD**.<sup>[330]</sup> He was born in Boston on 29 July 1872<sup>[331]</sup> to Matthew Leonard and Mary (Harford) Leonard.<sup>[330]</sup> He died in Arlington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 9 September 1945.<sup>[332]</sup>

Children of Christopher T. Leonard and Sarah Helen<sup>4</sup> (Fernald) Leonard:

- i. MARY MARGARET<sup>5</sup> LEONARD, b. Boston, 28 Dec. 1903;<sup>[333]</sup> d. Holden, Worcester Co., Mass., 31 May 1993;<sup>[334]</sup> m. EDWARD J. DUFFY.<sup>[334]</sup> Supervisor for New England Telephone.<sup>[334]</sup>
- ii. GEORGE THOMAS LEONARD, b. Boston, 9 Aug. 1906;<sup>[335]</sup> d. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., 9 April 1989;<sup>[336]</sup> m. ANN B. CLANCY.<sup>[336]</sup>

## 18 Robert Atwell Fernald

**ROBERT ATWELL<sup>4</sup> FERNALD** (*Margaret<sup>3</sup>, Abigail<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 19 June 1882.<sup>[337]</sup> He died in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, on 25 May 1965.<sup>[338]</sup> He married, in Boston on 28 June 1911, **AGNES M. LEONARD**.<sup>[339]</sup> She was born in Boston on 5 October 1881<sup>[340]</sup> to Matthew Leonard and Mary (Harford) Leonard.<sup>[339]</sup> She died in Phoenix in October 1975.<sup>[341]</sup>

Robert Fernald was a dispatcher for the Boston Tow Boat Co.<sup>[338]</sup>

Child of Robert Atwell<sup>4</sup> Fernald and Agnes M. (Leonard) Fernald:

- i. MARION ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> FERNALD, b. prob. Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y., 4 June 1914;<sup>[344,342]</sup> d. Scottsdale, Maricopa Co., Arizona, 23 Oct. 2008;<sup>[344]</sup> m. IVAN BOYD WEATHERUP.<sup>[338,343]</sup>

## 19 Francis Joseph O'Brien

**FRANCIS JOSEPH**<sup>4</sup> **"FRANK" O'BRIEN** (*John*<sup>2-3</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 2 April 1892.<sup>[345]</sup> He died in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 4 February 1958.<sup>[346]</sup> He married, in Malden on 12 September 1921, **MARY HELENA FLYNN** (aka Helena Catherine Flynn).<sup>[199]</sup> She was born in Charlottetown, Queens County, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on 27 April 1892 to Thomas Flynn and Mary Ann Greenan.<sup>[347]</sup> She died in Malden on 19 April 1981.<sup>[348]</sup>

Frank worked for the Boston and Maine (B&M) Railroad, first in the Accounting Department<sup>[350]</sup> and later as Inspector of Transportation.<sup>[351]</sup> A member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, North Union Lodge, he was known as the "lodge poet." Frank would write poems for each lodge member at the annual banquet.<sup>[352]</sup> He was also a member of the B. P. O. E. (Elks), Medford Lodge #915.<sup>[349]</sup>

Children of Francis Joseph<sup>4</sup> O'Brien and Mary Helena (Flynn) O'Brien:

- i. FRANCIS JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> "FRANK" O'BRIEN JR.
- ii. PAULINE M. O'BRIEN
- iii. MILDRED O'BRIEN
- iv. HELENA O'BRIEN
- v. THERESE CELINE O'BRIEN

## 20 Pauline (O'Brien) Baine

**PAULINE**<sup>4</sup> **O'BRIEN** (*John*<sup>2-3</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 9 June 1894.<sup>[356]</sup> She was baptized at St. Peter (Dorchester) on 17 June 1894.<sup>[357]</sup> She died in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 2 February 1967.<sup>[358]</sup> She married, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 9 June 1930, **CHARLES LUCIUS BAINE**.<sup>[361]</sup> He was born in Guelph, Wellington County, Ontario, Canada, on 27 January 1870<sup>[364]</sup> to William Conrad Baine and Mary Jane (Reed) Baine.<sup>[365,362,361]</sup> He died in Brookline, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 1 March 1962.<sup>[363]</sup>

Charles L. Baine served as secretary-treasurer of the Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union from 1902 to 1931.<sup>[366]</sup>

Charles L. Baine and Pauline (O'Brien) Baine did not have any children together.<sup>[359]</sup> Charles had three children from a prior marriage.<sup>[363]</sup>

## 21 Mildred Louise (O'Brien) French

**MILDRED LOUISE**<sup>4</sup> **O'BRIEN** (*John*<sup>2-3</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 29 September 1896.<sup>[367]</sup> She died in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 27 February 1927.<sup>[368]</sup> She married, in Medford in February 1925, **ALBERT JOSEPH FRENCH**.<sup>[200]</sup> He was born in Medford on 8 June 1900 to Joseph

Swan French and Emily Selina (Luscombe) French.<sup>[370]</sup> He died in Francestown, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, on 30 December 1980.<sup>[371,372]</sup>

Child of Albert J. French and Mildred L. (O'Brien) French:

- i. ALBERT JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> FRENCH JR., b. Boston, 30 Jan. 1927;<sup>[373]</sup> d. North Hampton, Rockingham Co., N.H., 24 March 2013;<sup>[374]</sup> m. (1) Ruth Seymour;<sup>[374]</sup> m. (2) Inez (Higgins) Lyons.<sup>[374,375]</sup>

## 22 Mary Alice (Flynn) Clahane

**MARY ALICE<sup>4</sup> FLYNN** (aka Alice Veronica Flynn) (*Hannah<sup>3</sup>, Mary<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 10 August 1886.<sup>[376]</sup> She was baptized at Sacred Heart (East Boston) on 15 August 1886.<sup>[377]</sup> She died in Boston on 13 October 1958.<sup>[378]</sup> She married, in Boston on 18 November 1908, **EDWARD WILLIAM CLAHANE**.<sup>[379]</sup> He was born in Boston on 31 July 1888<sup>[380]</sup> to Edward W. Clahane and Catherine Nolan.<sup>[379]</sup> He died in Boston on 29 May 1962.<sup>[381]</sup>

Alice's occupation on her marriage record is listed as "organist."<sup>[379]</sup> In the 1940 census she was working as a musician for the W.P.A. (the federal Works Progress Administration).<sup>[382]</sup> She was a member of the Musicians Union, Local #9.<sup>[378]</sup> Edward Clahane's occupations varied from floorwalker at a dry goods store,<sup>[383]</sup> insurance claims adjuster,<sup>[384]</sup> and clerk at the Mass. Geodetic Survey.<sup>[385]</sup> The family lived at 1137 Commonwealth Ave. in Boston's Allston neighborhood.<sup>[382,378]</sup>

Child of Edward W. Clahane and Mary Alice<sup>4</sup> (Flynn) Clahane:

- i. MARION GERTRUDE<sup>5</sup> CLAHANE, b. Boston 26 Jan. 1909;<sup>[386]</sup> d. Brookline, Norfolk Co., Mass., 9 April 1971;<sup>[387]</sup> unm.

## 23 Edith A. (Wickens) Giguere

**EDITH A.<sup>4</sup> WICKENS** (*Frances<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 22 July 1894.<sup>[388]</sup> She died in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, on 9 February 1957.<sup>[449]</sup> She married, in Boston on 12 October 1913, **GEORGE HECTOR GIGUERE**.<sup>[389]</sup> He was born in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on 25 February 1893 to John B. Giguere and Corinne (Lecours) Giguere.<sup>[390]</sup> He died in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, on 19 July 1974.<sup>[391]</sup>

By 1930 the family had moved from Boston to Detroit. George was working as a consulting engineer. The family owned their home, worth \$11,000, at 13002 Greiner Ave.<sup>[392]</sup>

Children of George H. Giguere and Edith A. (Wickens) Giguere:

- i. ROBERT E.<sup>5</sup> GIGUERE, b. Boston, 17 Dec. 1915;<sup>[451]</sup> d. Boston, 26 Sept. 1916.<sup>[451]</sup>



- ii. DORRIS MARJORIE GIGUERE, b. Boston 23 March 1917;<sup>[396,393]</sup> d. Bruce, Macomb Co., Mich., 10 July 1981;<sup>[394]</sup> m. (1) Detroit, 17 July 1943, ROBERT C. MAY;<sup>[395]</sup> m. (2) Steuben Co., Ind., 6 July 1950, JOHN E. MEYERS;<sup>[396]</sup> m. (3) JOSEPH LEONARD.<sup>[450]</sup>

## 24 Albert Francis Wickens

**ALBERT FRANCIS<sup>4</sup> WICKENS** (*Frances<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 7 May 1898.<sup>[397]</sup> He died in Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey, on 17 September 1977.<sup>[398,399]</sup> He married, in New Jersey on 13 June 1922, **MARY HELEN SCHALLER**.<sup>[400]</sup> She was born in New York on 24 October 1892<sup>[403,405]</sup> to Frank Xavier Schaller and Anna (Schauer) Schaller.<sup>[405,406]</sup> She died in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey, on 8 April 1984.<sup>[403,404]</sup>

In the 1930 census, Albert and family were living in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, where Albert was working as a shipping clerk at an automobile factory.<sup>[401]</sup> In 1940 the family was still in Newark and Albert was working as a deputy tax collector at city hall.<sup>[402]</sup>

Children of Albert Francis<sup>4</sup> Wickens and Mary Helen (Schaller) Wickens:

- i. MARY E.<sup>5</sup> WICKENS
- ii. BARBARA WICKENS
- iii. ALBERT WICKENS
- iv. PAUL WICKENS
- v. JEAN WICKENS
- vi. JOSEPH WICKENS
- vii. JOHN WICKENS
- viii. JAMES WICKENS

## 25 Ethel Mary (Wickens) Heuman

**ETHEL MARY<sup>4</sup> WICKENS** (*Frances<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 17 June 1902 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.<sup>[407]</sup> She died on 27 July 1967 in Macomb, Macomb County, Michigan.<sup>[408]</sup> She married, on 20 September 1923 in Wayne County, Michigan, **HAROLD EDWARD HEUMAN**.<sup>[409]</sup> He was born on 12 May 1902 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois<sup>[410,411]</sup> to John Heuman and Augusta (Martin) Heuman.<sup>[412,413]</sup> He died in Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan, on 10 May 1993.<sup>[410]</sup>

In the 1940 census, the family was living in Mount Clemens, Macomb County, Michigan, where Harold was working as a plant policeman at an automobile manufacturing company.<sup>[414]</sup>

Children of Harold E. Heuman and Ethel Mary<sup>4</sup> (Wickens) Heuman:

- i. VIRGINIA<sup>5</sup> HEUMAN
- ii. EDWARD HEUMAN

## iii. HAROLD HEUMAN JR.

## 26 Catherine Mary (O'Brien) MacDonald

**CATHERINE MARY<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN** (*Edward<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, in 1910.<sup>[263,264,416]</sup> She died in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 27 April 1964.<sup>[415]</sup> She married, in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 2 October 1937, **FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MACDONALD JR.**<sup>[416,417]</sup> They were married by Catherine's uncle, Walter H. Gill, a priest in Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.<sup>[417,415]</sup> Frederick was born in Hyde Park, Norfolk County, Massachusetts (now part of the City of Boston<sup>[418]</sup>) on 22 October 1908 to Frederick MacDonald and Jane A. (Kelley) MacDonald.<sup>[419,420]</sup> He died in Weymouth, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 11 November 1983.<sup>[421]</sup>

Catherine was a teacher when she married in 1937.<sup>[417]</sup> Frederick graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was an architect for the First National Bank of Boston.<sup>[421]</sup>

Children of Frederick A. MacDonald and Catherine M.<sup>4</sup> (O'Brien) MacDonald:

- i. JANE MARIE<sup>5</sup> MACDONALD
- ii. FREDERICK A. MACDONALD JR.

## 27 Frances Josephine (O'Brien) Day

**FRANCES JOSEPHINE<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN** (*Edward<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 26 March 1912.<sup>[422]</sup> She died in Norton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 8 July 1997.<sup>[423,424]</sup> She married, in 1942, **JOHN RANSOM DAY.**<sup>[423,425]</sup> He was born on 2 February 1912 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, to Edward P. Day and Jennie C. (Bowers) Day.<sup>[426]</sup> He died in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 20 January 1990.<sup>[426,427]</sup>

In the 1940 census, Frances was living with her father, Edward O'Brien, and working as a bookkeeper at a life insurance company.<sup>[428]</sup> John Day was a physician.<sup>[429,430]</sup>

Children of John R. Day and Frances J.<sup>4</sup> (O'Brien) Day:

- i. J. BRIAN<sup>5</sup> DAY
- ii. EDWARD DAY

## 28 Edward Francis O'Brien Jr.

**EDWARD FRANCIS<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN JR.** (*Edward<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 17 September 1916.<sup>[431]</sup> He died in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 12 December 1985.<sup>[432,433]</sup> He married, in Milton,

Norfolk County, Massachusetts, in 1946, **MARY ANNE METIVIER**.<sup>[434]</sup> She was born in Milton on 25 November 1917 to Wilfrid Metivier and Helen (Day) Metivier.<sup>[435]</sup> She died in Needham on 29 August 1999.<sup>[436]</sup>

Edward was the general manager of Calvert's Department Store in Needham, where he worked for 38 years. He was an Army captain in World War II and the Korean War. Edward also served as vice president and director of the Needham Cooperative Bank, a member of the Needham Board of Appeals, and a Needham Town Meeting member.<sup>[437]</sup>

Children of Edward F.<sup>4</sup> O'Brien Jr. and Mary A. (Metivier) O'Brien:

- i. CLARE<sup>5</sup> O'BRIEN
- ii. JULIE O'BRIEN
- iii. TED O'BRIEN
- iv. ELLEN O'BRIEN

[birth order?]

## 29 Beatrice Field (O'Brien) Brady

**BEATRICE FIELD<sup>4</sup> O'BRIEN** (*Edward<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 11 August 1919.<sup>[438]</sup> She died in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 29 June 1976.<sup>[439]</sup> She married, in Boston in 1941, **JOHN FRANCIS BRADY**.<sup>[441]</sup> He was born in Boston on 1 June 1914 to Patrick Brady and Delia (Burke) Brady.<sup>[443,442,440]</sup> He died in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 14 March 1983.<sup>[444]</sup>

In 1951, Beatrice and John were living in West Roxbury. John was working as a maintenance electrician for the MTA (what is now the MBTA).<sup>[445,446]</sup> In 1965, the family was still living in West Roxbury, and John was working as an electrician for the Boston Housing Authority.<sup>[447]</sup> The family likely relocated to Milton, then Norwell and Green Harbor.<sup>[448]</sup>

Children of John F. Brady and Beatrice F.<sup>4</sup> (O'Brien) Brady:

- i. JOAN<sup>5</sup> BRADY
- ii. PAUL BRADY
- iii. WALTER BRADY
- iv. BEATRICE BRADY

[birth order?]

# Chapter 8

## List of Persons

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3. John<sup>2</sup> O'Brien
4. Edward<sup>2</sup> O'Brien
5. Mary<sup>2</sup> (O'Brien) Ward
6. Michael<sup>2</sup> O'Brien
7. Margaret<sup>3</sup> (Dooley) (Simonds) Fernald
8. William<sup>3</sup> O'Brien
9. John Joseph<sup>3</sup> O'Brien
10. Hannah<sup>3</sup> (Ward) Flynn
11. Michael<sup>3</sup> O'Brien
12. Frances Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> (O'Brien) Wickens
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17. Sarah Helen<sup>4</sup> (Fernald) Leonard
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28. Edward Francis<sup>4</sup> O'Brien Jr.
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