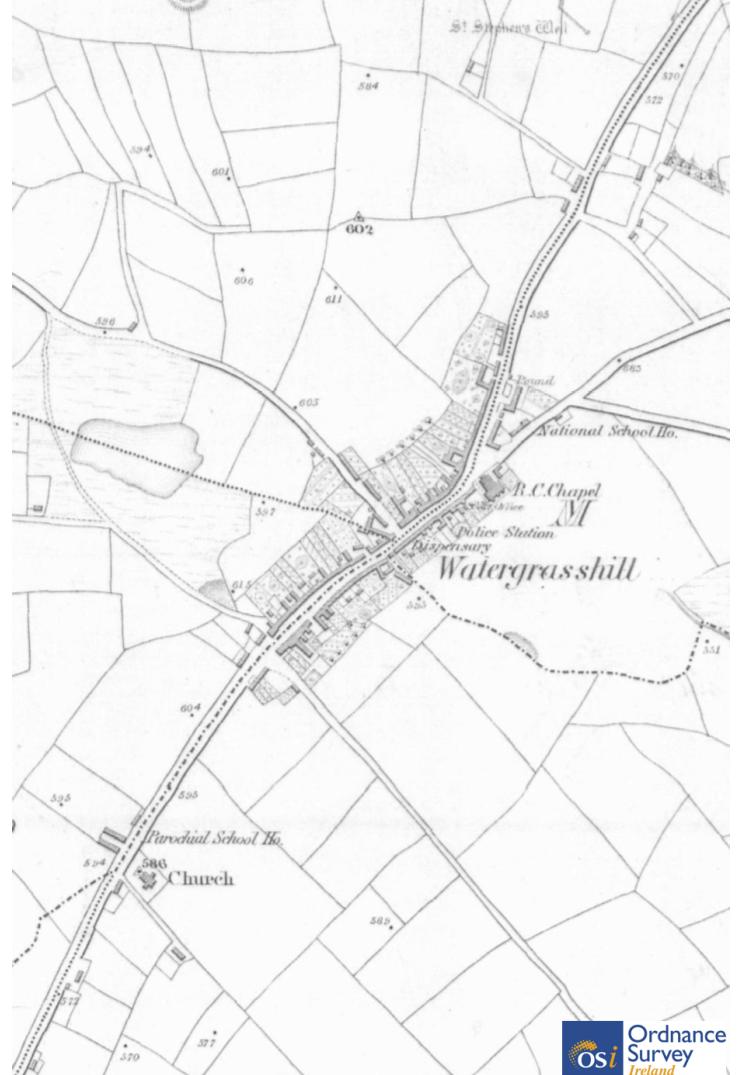




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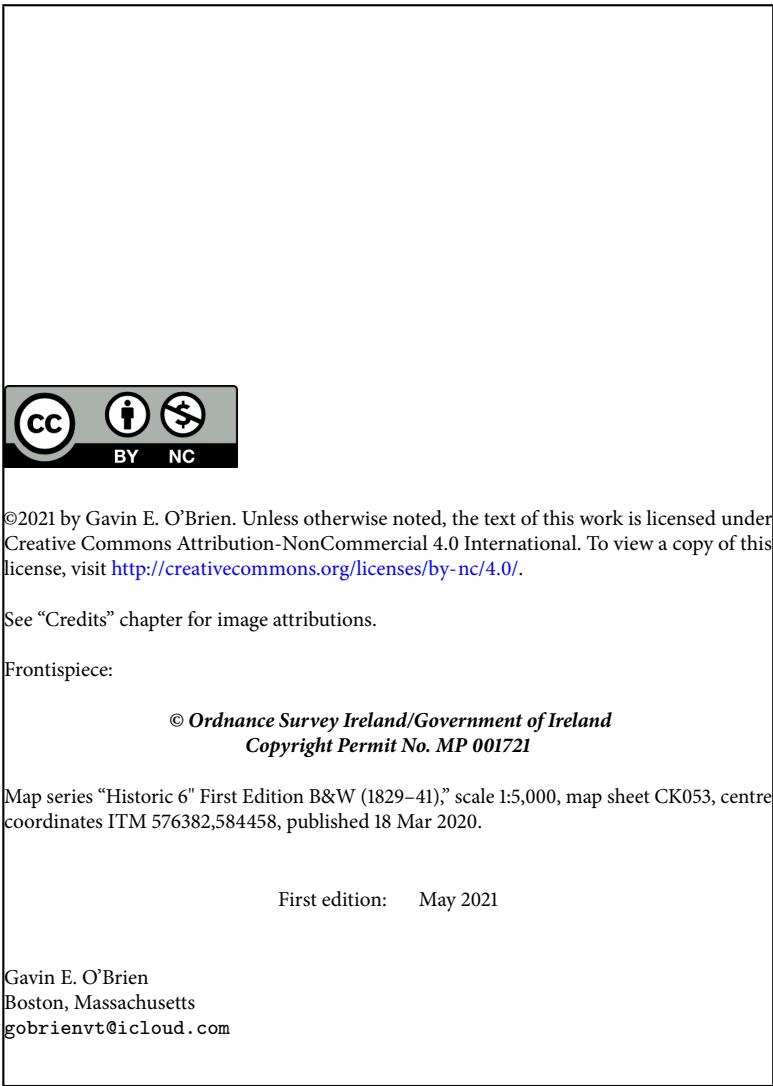
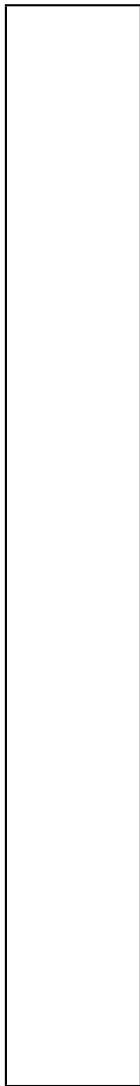




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Preface

This family history begins with William O'Brien and his six known children who came from the town of Watergrasshill in County Cork, Ireland. They all made the voyage to America and settled in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Most of William's children arrived in the final years of the Great Famine in Ireland (1849–1851). William came over as well, at the age of 60, although he did not live long after.

The O'Brien family fled famine in Ireland only to face severe losses from diseases like tuberculosis in the crowded tenements of Boston. Many of William's family lines died out completely or came close. Despite these hardships, the descendants of the original O'Brien immigrants remained in the Boston area for many years. They became business owners, railroad officials, military officers, musicians, teachers, factory foremen, and a variety of other professions.

Starting with William O'Brien as the first generation, I have followed three more generations of his descendants, including all known children and spouses. For privacy reasons, I omitted details other than birth name for anyone who may still be living.

I chose to focus my research on this particular line because it was not well known among my family members. Our Irish origins had always been a mystery. My father traced our ancestry back to William's son, John O'Brien. As I am currently living in Boston, I was well situated to take on the research using local resources.

This family history includes more details on John's line than William's

other children since I have access to more existing information on my own line, and because my primary audience for this book is my extended family. That said, I hope this research is also useful for my more distant cousins and anyone else who is interested in Irish-American genealogy.

My research on the O'Brien family history is ongoing. I still wish to locate more information on their origins in Watergrasshill and find the identity of William's parents. There is a mystery of how they came to acquire the O'Brien surname, which you can read about more in the DNA chapter. See the "Further Research" section of the Appendix for more detail about remaining family mysteries.

The first section of this book provides background information on where the O'Briens came from in Ireland, their first few years in Boston, and DNA evidence of deeper ancestry. The remainder of the book consists of family profiles using the style standardized by *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (known as *Register* style).

Main Person Profiles

Each person has a generation number, which appears next to their first or middle name as a super-scripted numeral. The generations start with 1 for William O'Brien, 2 for his children, 3 for their children, and so on. The first sentence of a profile lists the individual's name followed by their line of descent from William, in parentheses. For example:

FRANCES JOSEPHINE⁴ O'BRIEN (*Edward³, Michael², William¹*)

This shows that Frances is the 4th generation removed from William O'Brien. Her line of descent from William goes from William's son Michael, to Michael's son Edward, to Frances herself.

Those individuals who have full profiles also get a profile number. The profile number appears as an Arabic numeral in the left margin where the children are listed at the end of the parent's profile. The presence of this number indicates that that child will have their own profile later in the report. The Roman numerals in the child list show the order of birth.

For example, here is how Abigail² O'Brien appears in the children list of her father, William¹ O'Brien:

2 ii. ABIGAIL O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1815 or 1825; m. MICHAEL DOOLEY.

The “2” shows that Abigail has her own profile and that hers is the second profile in the report overall. The “ii” indicates that she was the second child born to William O'Brien. Usually those who have children of their own will get their own profile. Others who do not have their own profile may have additional life details included as text under their entry in the children's list within their parent's profile.

The following abbreviations appear in the child section of main profiles:

abt.	about
b.	born
bap.	baptized
bur.	buried
Co.	County
d.	died
m.	married
prob.	probably
unm.	unmarried

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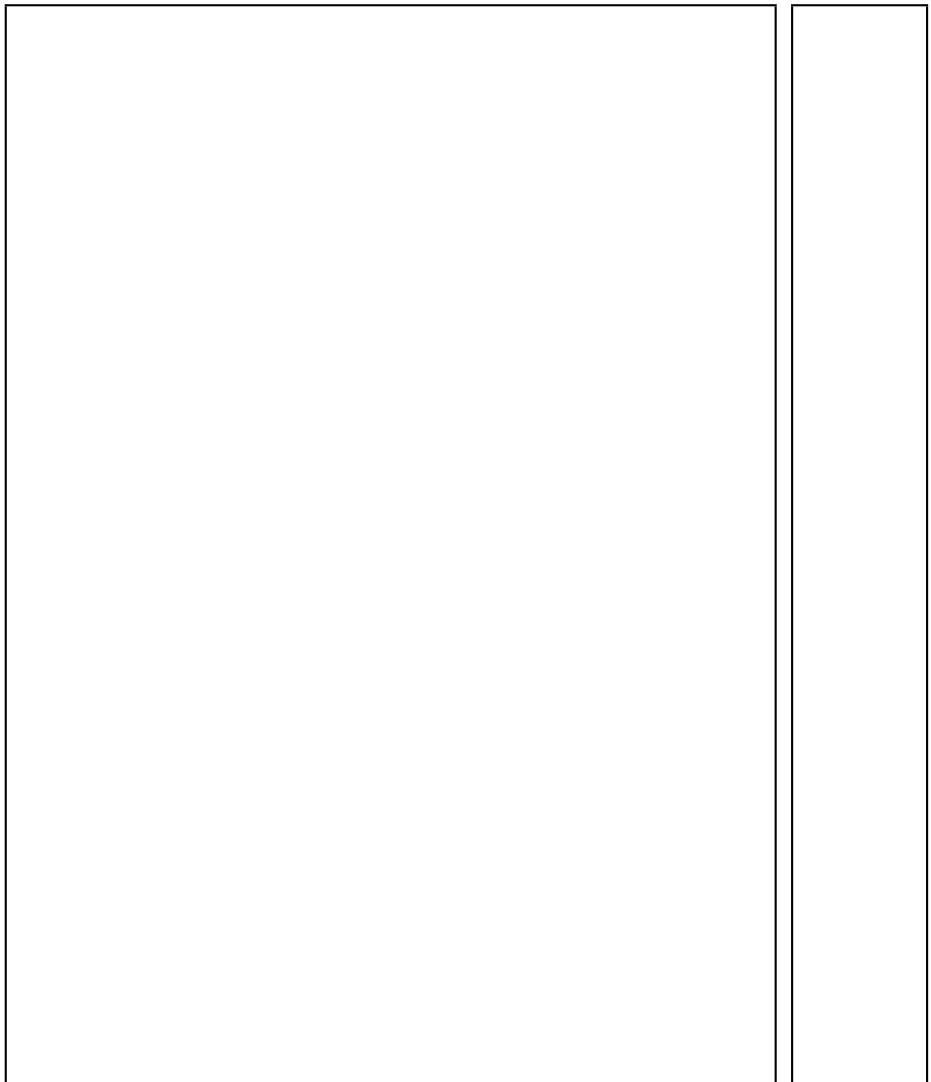
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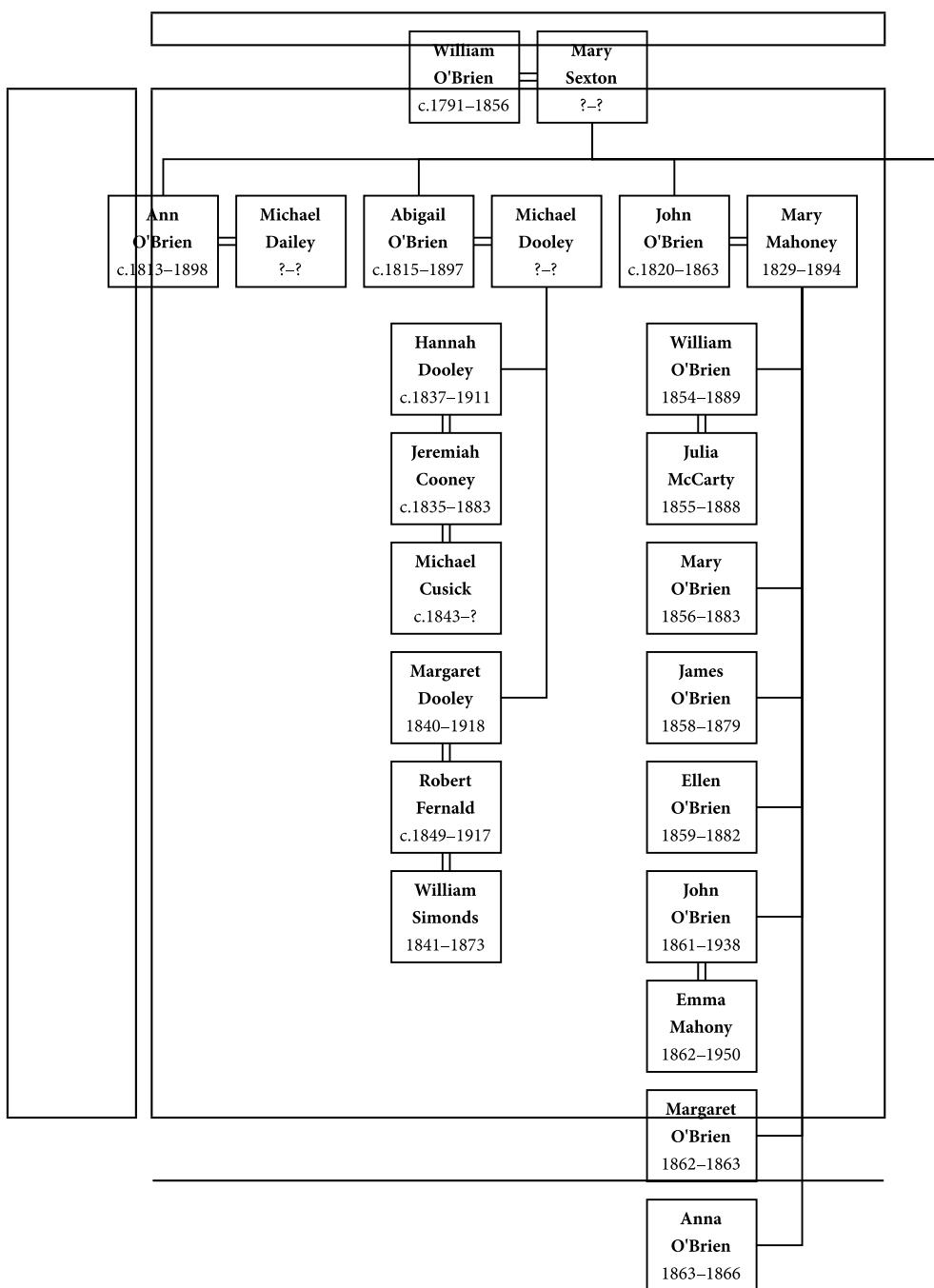
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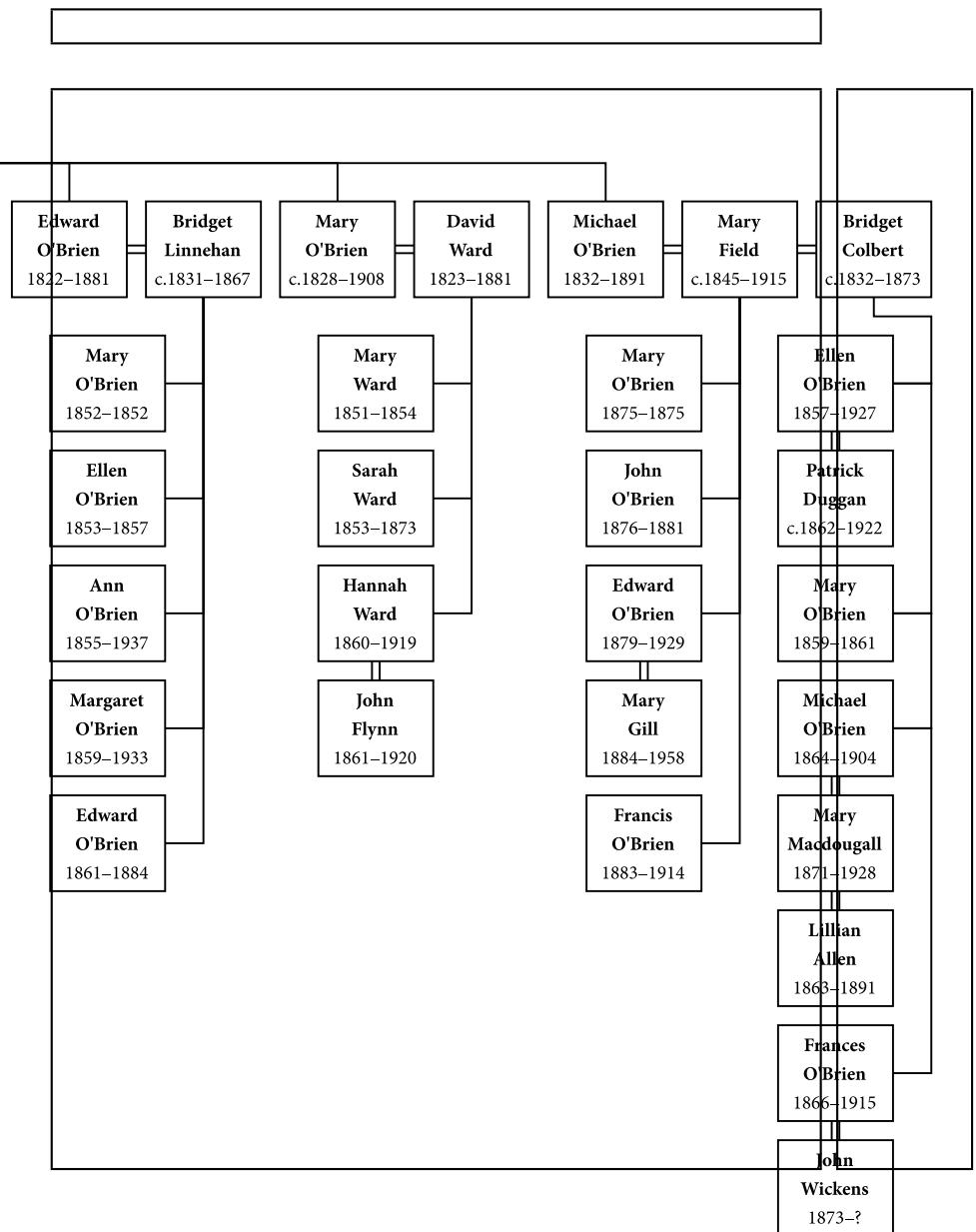
Timeline Genealogy Ireland did a thorough search of County Cork records to find possible evidence of William O'Brien in Watergrasshill. The researchers pulled Valuation Office records and helped me decipher them to trace property ownership.

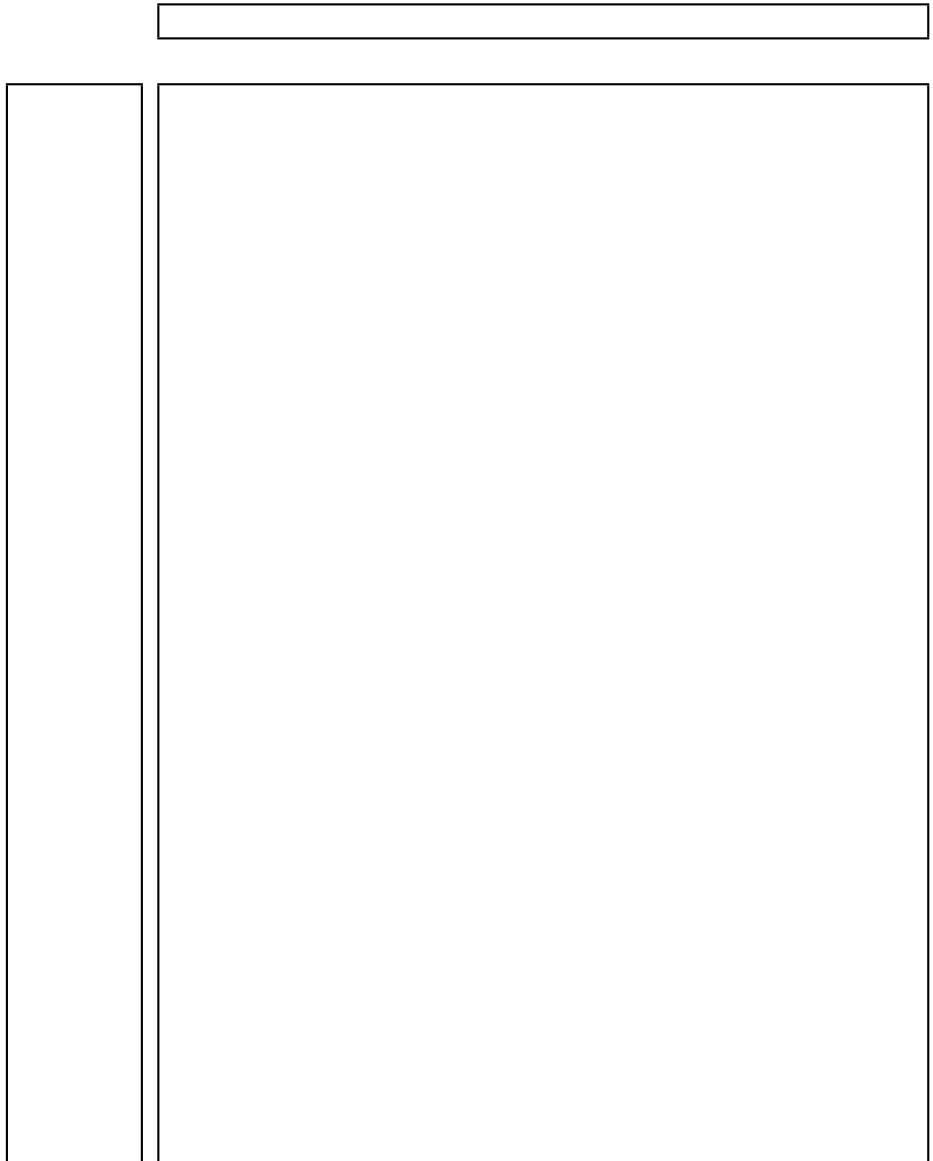
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First Three Generations







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.^[1] The village 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.^[2] The name Watergrasshill was originally "Watercress Hill," and in Irish is *Cnocán-na-biolraighe* (Knockaun-na-billary).^[3]

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.^[4] 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.^[5] The rail bypassed Watergrasshill and replaced the coach traffic that the town relied on for its business. 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)



Figure 1.1: Map of Ireland with pin indicating the location of Watergrasshill.

from the latter City to Fermoy – a good deal of benefit is done the Town by these persons —^[6]

J. Montgomery wrote in Dec 1852 and sometime prior:

2 coaches & Bianconis* 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 valⁿ. considering these circumstances.^[7]

* Charles Bianconi was an Italian entrepreneur who operated passenger coaches between cities throughout Ireland.

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.^[8] Census records prior to 1901 were mostly lost in a 1922 fire at the Public Records Office.^[11]

The Catholic parish of Watergrasshill has baptismal records beginning in 1836 and marriages from 1864.^[9] There is a baptismal record for William's granddaughter, Margaret Dooley, in 1840 (Figure 1.2). This is the only definitive Irish record found for William's family.^[10]



Figure 1.2: Baptismal record of Margaret Dooley. "27 Marg. Mich. Dooly Abby Brien E. Brien Hon. Nagle"

There are, however, O'Briens in Watergrasshill who appear in land 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.

There is a "W^m. Brien" listed in the town of Watergrasshill who was leasing a house with a yard and garden.^[12] 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.^[13] See William O'Brien's profile for more details about the available records.

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.^[14]

The final version of Griffith's Valuation, published in 1853, shows only Owen O'Brien and Patrick O'Brien remaining in Watergrasshill.^[15] By 1901 it appears that all O'Briens had left Watergrasshill, as none are listed in the 1901 or 1911 census.^[16]

The departure of the O'Brien family from Ireland corresponded with the ending years of the Irish potato famine, also known as the Great Famine

which lasted from 1845–1849. During this time, there were between 1.5 and 3 million famine-related deaths in Ireland and 1 million people left Ireland for North America.^[17]

An excerpt from a Cork newspaper shows the dire conditions in Watergrasshill during the famine. The name “Brien” was a written variant of the O’Brien surname,^[18] so the man in this story could very well be a member of William’s family.

FROM THE CONSTITUTION—FEBRUARY 18.

WATERGRASSHILL, NEAR CORK.

“Destitution and sickness are prevailing to an alarming extent in this district. Within the last fortnight a poor man, named BRIEN, actually lay dead for two days on the same bed, or rather on the same mop of straw, with his wife and children, who were too ill to aid in his removal. One of the children died last week. On visiting the hovel, a few days after the death of the child, the mother and two children were found recovering from fever—the only clothing they possessed was an old ragged cloak—On approaching the door, the mother started up, snatching the cloak from the children to cover herself for the moment. The neighbours were afraid to enter the hut, fearing infection. The Relief Committee have established a Soup Kitchen in the village, and hope to be enabled to open another. The Rev. JOHN A. BOLSTER, Rector of the Parish, and the Curate, the Rev. S. B. YOUNG, are, also, endeavouring to provide a fund for clothing, and supplying nourishment to the sick. We trust that their benevolent exertions will be generously responded to, not only by the proprietors and landholders of the district, but by others who have ability to aid in this good work. In the Workhouse (Fermoy) during the last week, there were *seventy* deaths, out of about 1,500 inmates.”^[19]

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 and the effects of the famine, it made sense for the O’Brien family to look for new opportunities in America.

DNA Evidence

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. [20]

Brian Boru was born a member of the Dál gCais clan (Dalcassians). This clan controlled much of what is now County Clare in Ireland. [21] 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 living direct descendant, Sir Conor O'Brien, 18th Baron Ichiquin. [22]

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. [23]

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. [24]

A Y-DNA test of William O'Brien's male line [25] reveals that there is no relation to either the Dalcassian or Northwest Irish O'Briens.* William's

* Of the 29 total matches, 25 of them have surnames Barry, Berry, or Bearey. There are

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.^[26] More recent research indicates that these Barrys were probably from the Hainaut region of what is now Belgium, rather than French Normandy.^[27]

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 FamilyTreeDNA (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.^[28] 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.^[29]

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.^[30] 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.

no O'Brien surnames or spelling variants in the match list.

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Chapter 2

The O'Briens in Boston

The O'Briens were among the almost 1.5 million Irish who sailed to the United States between 1845 and 1855.^[1] William's two youngest children, Michael and Mary, were likely the first of the O'Brien family to make the voyage. Irish families often could only afford tickets for one or two people and so would choose the youngest and healthiest children.^[2] Once in America, the children would send remittances back to Ireland until the rest of the family could be brought over.^[3]

Ship passenger lists for the Port of New York show a Mary O'Brien, age 20, and Michael O'Brien, age 15, arriving on the brig *Thomas Baker* from Galway, Ireland, on 3 July 1849. There were 93 total passengers aboard. The occupation listed for everyone on the passenger manifest is "farming."^[4]

Brigs like the *Thomas Baker* were two-masted ships with square sails.^[5] Prior to the famine, these ships were outfitted for cargo rather than passengers.^[6] The *Thomas Baker*, for instance, was a coal-hauling ship.^[7] Compared to the three-masted liners, brigs were cramped for the number of passengers they carried, with poor ventilation and five-foot ceilings.^[8] The voyage from Ireland to the United States took anywhere from four to eight weeks.

A larger group of the O'Briens arrived in Boston on 27 June 1851 on



Figure 2.1: Example of a clipper barque from 1854.

NAMES.	AGE.	
	Years.	Months.
Ellen O'Mally	26	
Margret Ford	25	
Mary O'Brien	20	
Michael O'Brien	15	

Figure 2.2: Passenger list of the *Thomas Baker* showing Mary O'Brien and Michael O'Brien.

Edmund O'Brien	24	Laborer
William O'Brien	60	"
Abby O'Brien	25	Servt.
Bridget O'Brien	20	
Maryt. O'Brien	8	Child
Hanora O'Brien	10	"

Figure 2.3: Passenger list of the *Chasca* showing O'Brien family along with ages and occupations.

board the vessel *Chasca*^[9]. The voyage from Liverpool, England, to Boston, Massachusetts, took 47 days.^[10] On board were Edward O'Brien (appearing as Edmund*), his father William, wife Bridget, sister Abby (O'Brien) Dooley, and Abby's two children, Margaret and Hanora (aka Hannah).^[11] There were a total of 256 passengers on board,^[11] which must have made the ship quite crowded. The *Chasca* was a 658-ton clipper bark built in East Boston as a speedy cargo ship.^[12] Like the *Thomas Baker*, it was probably retrofitted to carry passengers in response to the large demand for transport to the New World during the famine years.

Both Abby's and Margaret's occupations are listed as "Servt." in the passenger manifest.^[13] About 2,000 Irish women in Boston were domestic workers in 1850. It was a popular trade for Irish immigrant women since

*Edward is also named as Edmund in daughter Mary Ann O'Brien's birth record. By the time his second child Ellen was born, he was going by Edward.

^[13] Abby, Margaret, and Hanora/Hannah are incorrectly given the surname "O'Brien" instead of "Dooley" on the passenger list, but the approximate ages and names match those expected.

they spoke English and didn't have many other opportunities for work available to them.^[14]

William's remaining two children, John and Ann, made separate voyages from Ireland to Boston but cannot be found in passenger records. John must have arrived sometime prior to his marriage in 1853.^[15] Ann may not have arrived until 1870–1880 as she doesn't appear in any prior records.^[16]

Like other Irish immigrants from this time period, William O'Brien and his children likely came to America to escape the famine and build a better life. While the family may have avoided starvation in Ireland, the first few years in Boston presented new challenges. The O'Briens lived in crowded tenement buildings, suffered devastating losses from communicable diseases, and likely faced anti-Catholic discrimination from the city's dominant class of Protestants.^[17]

Moving frequently at first, the family lived predominantly in Boston's North End neighborhood during the 1850s and 1860s.^[18] In 1855, half of all residents of the North End were Irish.^[19] Landlords had subdivided the North End's old mansions and warehouses into crowded tenement houses for renting to the newly-arrived immigrants.^[20] Many of the tenements were not connected to sewage systems or had defective toilets, leading to high rates of infant mortality and diseases like smallpox, cholera, and tuberculosis.^[21]

In 1834, Irish immigrants founded the first Catholic church in Boston's North End — St. Mary's of the Sacred Heart, on the corner of Endicott and Cooper Streets^[22] (see 2.5). John O'Brien married Mary Mahony there in 1853.^[23] St. Mary's quickly reached capacity, and so in 1843, St. John the Baptist Church was founded in a converted pork storehouse on Moon St.^[24] John's children Mary³ and Ellen³ were baptized there. St. John's, too, became crowded, which in 1862 lead to the Catholics purchasing the New North Church at the corner of Hanover and Clark Streets and re-dedicating it as St. Stephen's.^[25] The O'Brien family followed many other Irish in moving from St. John's to St. Stephen's when it opened. The O'Briens' baptisms and marriages took place at St. Stephen's at least until Margaret Dooley's marriage there in 1873.^[26]

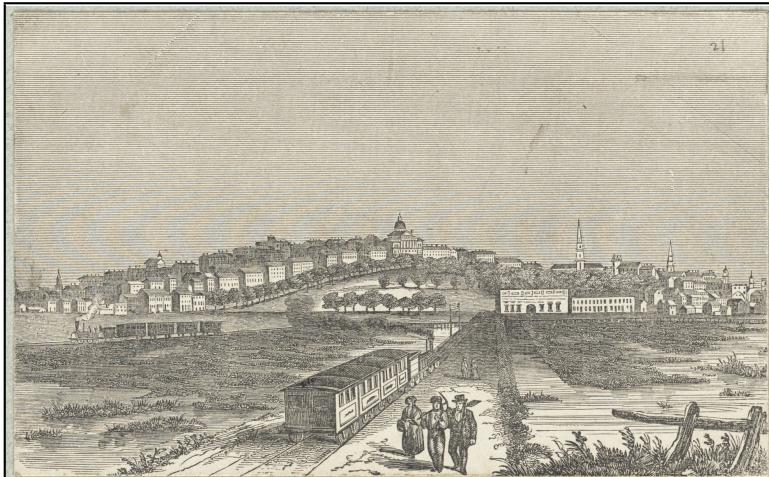


Figure 2.4: Wood engraving of Boston in 1849, showing what the city looked like when the O'Briens first arrived.

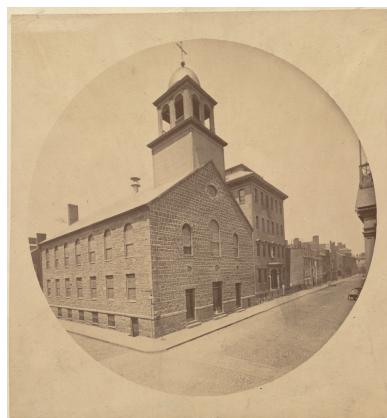


Figure 2.5: St. Mary's of the Sacred Heart Church.

Irish immigrants to Boston had difficulty finding steady work, given that they were mostly rural farmers and did not have specialized trade skills.^[27] Many of them started out by opening a grocery store in their tenement house or somewhere close by.^[28] Indeed, John's occupation is listed as "grocer" on his son John Joseph's birth record.^[29]

John and his brother Michael both worked as oystermen.^[30] Before the advent of industrial-scale dredging operations, the traditional method of oyster harvesting used tongs. Oyster tongs consisted of a pair of metal rakes at the end of long wooden shafts. The oysterman would use the tongs to scrape oysters off the bottom of the sea bed and manually haul them onto the boat, up to 70 pounds at a time. The boats were small vessels rigged with one or two sails.^[31] Being an oysterman brought a degree of independence for an unskilled laborer. He typically owned his own boat and tackle, shucked the oysters at home to sell locally, and kept all the profits.^[32] This changed beginning in the 1870s when steam-powered oyster dredging ships arrived, and packing houses took over the oyster shucking process.^[33]

The natural oyster beds in the Charles and Mystic Rivers had long been depleted by the time the O'Briens arrived in Boston. Even the oysters around Cape Cod and Rhode Island were diminishing. The Boston oyster dealers replaced the naturally-growing oysters with seed oysters from Long Island Sound and New Jersey at first, and eventually from Virginia, "planting" them in the spring and then harvesting the fully-grown oysters in the fall and winter. Ships would bring the oysters into Boston from Wellfleet on Cape Cod, or other planted beds in Narragansett and Buzzard's Bays. Sailors unloaded the oysters at the docks near Fanueil Hall and sold them to local dealers and peddlers.^[34]

Oyster shuckers worked seasonally from September to May. It was a difficult, low-paying job. In 1880 they were paid between 17 and 20 cents per gallon of oysters shucked. Steamships began bringing twice-weekly shipments of opened oysters to Boston from Norfolk, Virginia, making it more difficult to find local employment in the oyster trade.^[35]

It seems that Edward was the main provider for the O'Brien family during the early years in Boston. He may have had a successful trade in



Figure 2.6: Oyster tongers.

Ireland prior to his arrival in the United States. In 1855 he was housing his father and his sister Abby's family in addition to his own.^[36] Edward purchased a 2-person cemetery plot at North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery in 1852^[37] and a large 13-person plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in 1880^[38] where many of his family members were buried.

In the early 1870s, most of William's adult children (Edward, Ann, Mary and Michael) relocated to East Boston. John's sons, John Joseph³, James Edward³, and William³, moved to Boston's South Cove neighborhood (now part of Chinatown).

John's family was hit particularly hard by tuberculosis.* Four of his

*The terms “phthisis” and “consumption” were used at the time to describe what is now called tuberculosis. See I. Berberis, N.L. Bragazzi, L. Galluzzo, and M. Martini, “The history

children died of the disease between 1879 and 1889, as did John himself in 1863. [39] In fact, John's line would have ended if not for his son John Joseph. Tuberculosis 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. [40]

Three of Michael's sons had jobs working in Boston's gas industry. Their roles included gas meter maker, meter tester, meter reader, and foreman. The Boston Gas Company constructed a large coal gas plant at Commercial Point in 1882. The company needed to hire a large number of unskilled laborers, and many of them were Irish immigrants. [41] In the early 20th century, these jobs were highly valued, as the company (later called Boston Consolidated Gas) offered employee profit-sharing plans in 1906 and a pension plan in 1919. This provided job stability and wealth for the Irish working class. [42]

The profiles later in this report include details about each descendant of William O'Brien through the 4th generation.

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Chapter 3

First Generation

1 William O'Brien and Mary Sexton

WILLIAM¹ O'BRIEN was born probably in County Cork, Ireland, about 1791.^[1] He died in Boston, Massachusetts, 28 December 1856,^[2] and was buried at North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.^[3] He married, likely in County Cork, MARY SEXTON.* No further information about Mary is known.

A search of available records in the areas near Watergrasshill shows only one William O'Brien who could potentially be the one in question. This William O'Brien was leasing a house and garden in the townland of Tinageragh (part of the Town of Watergrasshill is located in this townland). He was paying 21 pence per year ground rent to Mary Barry.^[4] His house measured 29 feet in length, 17 feet in width, and 7 feet in height.^[5] The quality designation of "2B" indicates that it was a thatched house built with stone or brick and lime mortar, of medium age (between 25–50 years old), slightly decayed, but in good repair. It does not appear that William leased any farmland, so he was likely a tradesman or laborer.^[6]

* Mary Sexton named as mother in death records of her children Michael, Abigail, Ann, and Mary.

William appears in Valuation Office records occupying the same property between 1847^[7] and 1850.^[8] He must have departed his property prior to 2 April 1853, when Griffith's Valuation was published, as he is not included in the final valuation.^[9] These dates correspond with William O'Brien's known arrival with his family in Boston in 1851.

William left Ireland at age 60 with his son Edward, daughter-in-law Bridget, daughter Abby, and granddaughters Margaret and Hannah. They sailed on the ship *Chasca** from Liverpool, England, arriving in Boston on 27 June 1851 after a 47-day voyage.^[10]

In 1855, William was living in Boston's North End neighborhood with Edward and Abby.^[11] William's wife Mary does not appear in any census records from this time. She may have died in Ireland before 1851.

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.^[12]

Children of William¹ O'Brien and Mary (Sexton) O'Brien, all likely born in Watergrasshill:

- i. ANN² O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1813;^[13] d. 23 Sept. 1898;^[14] m. MICHAEL DAILEY.^[15] 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.
- ii. ABIGAIL "ABBY" O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1815 or 1825; m. MICHAEL DOOLEY.
- iii. JOHN O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1820; m. 20 Nov. 1853, MARY MAHONEY.
- iv. EDWARD O'BRIEN, b. 10 Oct. 1822; m. BRIDGET LINNEHAN.
- v. MARY O'BRIEN, b. abt. 1828; m. 31 Oct. 1850, DAVID WARD.
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Chapter 4

Second Generation

2 Abigail (O'Brien) Dooley

ABIGAIL² "ABBY" O'BRIEN (*William¹*) was born probably in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, about 1815^[1] or 1825.^[2] She died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts on 4 January 1897^[3] and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.^[4] She married, likely in County Cork, **MICHAEL DOOLEY**.^[5] He was born probably in County Cork.^[6] Michael died sometime before 1 May 1865,^[7] probably in Ireland, as he did not accompany Abby to Boston.^[8]

Abigail immigrated to Boston on 27 June 1851.^[9] She was living for a time in the North End with her brother Edward and father William.^[10] Later she moved in with her son-in-law's family, the Simonds.^[11]

Children of Michael Dooley and Abigail² (O'Brien) Dooley, both likely born in Watergrasshill:

- i. HANNAH³ DOOLEY aka Hanora, b. prob. Watergrasshill abt. 1837;^[12] d. Boston 14 June 1911;^[13] m. (1) 14 Aug. 1859, JEREMIAH COONEY;^[14] m. (2) 5 Oct. 1884, MICHAEL CUSICK.^[15] 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

JOHN² O'BRIEN (*William¹*) was born probably in Watergrasshill, County Cork, Ireland, about 1820. [16] He died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts on 22 April 1863 of “phthisis” [17] and is buried in Catholic Mt Auburn Cemetery, Watertown, Massachusetts. [18] He married **MARY MAHONEY** on 20 November 1853 at St. Mary’s Church, Boston. [19] She was born in Ireland about 1829–1832 to James or Patrick Mahoney and Mary (_____) Mahoney. [20] After John’s death, Mary married Thomas Bowser in 1867. [21] Mary died in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 18 November 1894 of “apoplexy.” [22] Mary and Thomas Bowser are buried with John O’Brien in Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery. [23]

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. [24] (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” [25] and “oysterman.” [26] John’s brother Edward probably lived next door at 33 Fleet St., [27] and his son Edward was born at John’s address just nine weeks after John’s son John Joseph was born there. [28]

Children of John 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: [29]

- 8 i. WILLIAM³ O'BRIEN, b. 9 Nov. 1854; m. 27 Sept. 1881, JULIA T. MC CARTY.
- ii. MARY O'BRIEN, b. 11 Jun. 1856; [30] bap. St. Stephen (Boston) 13 June 1856; [31] d. 18 March 1883. [32]
- iii. JAMES EDWARD O'BRIEN, b. 1 Feb. 1858; [33] bap. St. Mary (Boston) 3 Feb. 1858; [34] d. 11 April 1879. Occupation frame polisher, [35] perhaps working at brother John Joseph’s frame shop.
- iv. ELLEN “NELLIE” O'BRIEN, b. 27 Aug. 1859; [36] bap. St. Stephen 28 Aug 1859; [37] d. 1 Oct. 1882. [38]

- 9 v. JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN, b. 29 Jan. 1861, m. 6 Feb. 1890, EMMA A. MAPHONY.
vi. MARGARET O'BRIEN, b. 18 May 1862; [39] bap. St. John the Baptist 19 May 1862; [40] d. 23 Oct. 1863. [41]
vii. ANNA O'BRIEN, b. bet. 19 Aug.-18 Sept. 1863; [42] d. 28 Feb. 1866. [43]

4 Edward O'Brien

EDWARD² O'BRIEN aka Edmund (*William¹*) was born in Watergrasshill County Cork, Ireland, on 10 October 1822. [44] He died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 25 August 1881 [45] and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. [46] He married **BRIDGET LINNEHAN**, [47] probably in County Cork, Ireland, sometime before immigrating to the U.S. on 27 June 1851. [48] Bridget was born in Ireland about 1831 [49] possibly to William Linnehan and Jane (____) Linnehan. [50] She died in Boston on 5 April 1867 of pneumonia at the age of 36. [51]

Edward's profession is listed as "teamster." [52] Prior to the use of motorized vehicles, this term referred to a person paid to transport goods by horse-drawn wagon. [53]

Edward lived at first in Boston's Charlestown [54] and North End [55] neighborhoods. In 1870 he paid \$3,000 for the property at 185 London St. in East Boston. [56] Edward acquired a second East Boston property in 1874, when he purchased 307 Havre St. for \$3,325 at public auction. [57] Both properties were passed onto Edward's heirs upon his death, although the combined value had declined to \$3,700 at the time. [58] His heirs still held title to the properties until at least 1922, [59] when the 185 London St property was being rented out as apartments. [60] Edward's niece, Frances Elizabeth³ (O'Brien) Wickens, lived there for a time. [61] Edward's daughters, Annie M. and Margaret, continued to live at the house on 307 Havre Street up until their deaths in the 1930s. [62] 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 Ann² (O'Brien) Dailey, and niece Delia J., age

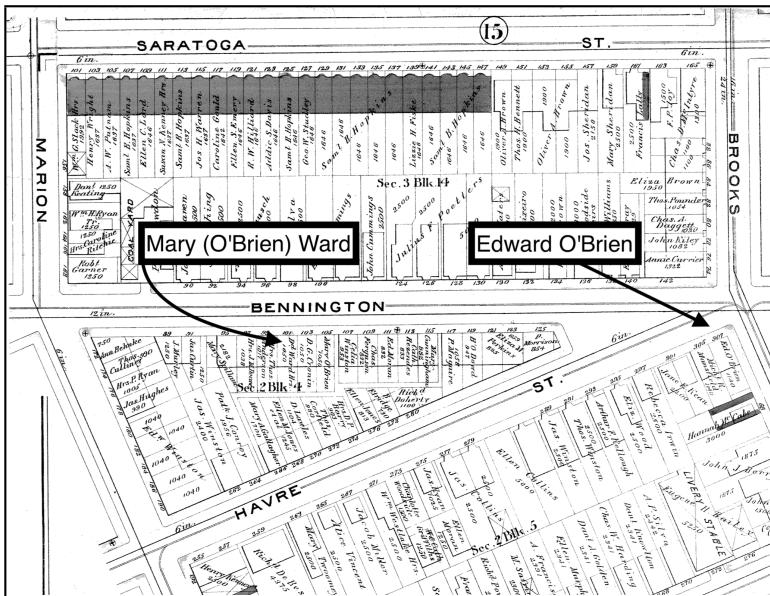


Figure 4.1: Map of Edward O'Brien and Mary (O'Brien) Ward's properties in East Boston.

11. [63] Delia is probably Delia Jane Graham, daughter of William Graham and Mary A (Linehan) Graham. [64] Mary could be Bridget's sister. Edward's household also included Michael Malanny, age 65, and his wife Ann, age 62, although their connection to Edward is not known. [65] 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 (see further information in the appendix). [66] The inscription on the monument indicates that it was erected by Ann Dailey. [67]

Children of Edward and Bridget (Linnehan) O'Brien, all born in Boston:

- i. MARY ANN³ O'BRIEN, b. 13 Oct. 1852; ^[68] bap. Holy Cross (Boston) 16 Oct. 1852; ^[69] d. 25 Nov. 1852; ^[70] bur. North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Mass. ^[71]
- ii. ELLEN O'BRIEN, b. 27 Nov. 1853; ^[72] bap. Holy Cross 3 Dec. 1853; ^[73] d. 10 March 1857; ^[74] bur. North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery. ^[75]
- iii. ANN MARIA "ANNIE" O'BRIEN, b. 9 Nov. 1855; ^[76] bap. St. John the Baptist (Boston) 17 Nov. 1855; ^[77] d. 24 May 1937; ^[78] bur. Holy Cross Cemetery. ^[79]
- iv. MARGARET A. "MAGGIE" O'BRIEN, b. 22 Aug. 1859; ^[80] bap. 29 Aug 1859; ^[81] d. 6 March 1933; ^[83] bur. Holy Cross Cemetery. ^[82]
- v. EDWARD J. O'BRIEN, b. 7 April 1861; ^[84] d. 7 Jan. 1884; ^[85] bur. Holy Cross Cemetery. ^[86]

5 Mary (O'Brien) Ward

MARY² (O'BRIEN) WARD (*William*¹) was born probably in Watergrasshill County Cork, Ireland, about 1828. ^[87] She died in Boston, Suffolk County Massachusetts, on 23 March 1908 ^[88] and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. ^[89] She married DAVID WARD at Holy Cross Church in Boston on 31 October 1850. ^[90] David was born in Mayfield, Fulton County, New York, in 1823 ^[91] to David Ward and Mary A. (_____) Ward. ^[92] He died of cancer in Boston on 19 December 1881. ^[93]

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. ^[94] David was a cook by trade. He was working at Quincy House in 1876, ^[95] Maverick House in 1877, ^[96] and at a saloon in 1880. ^[97] David and Mary purchased the property at 101 Bennington St. in East Boston for \$2,200 in 1871. ^[98]

Children of David Ward and Mary² (O'Brien) Ward, all born in Boston:

- i. MARY ANN³ WARD, b. 24 July 1851; ^[99] bap. Holy Cross (Boston) 27 July 1851; ^[100] d. 6 Jan. 1854. ^[101]

- ii. SARAH WARD, b. 9 Dec. 1853; ^[102] bap. Holy Cross 17 Dec. 1853; ^[103] d 10 April 1873. ^[104]
- ¹⁰ iii. HANNAH WARD, b. 13 Sept. 1860; m. 23 Sept. 1885, JOHN J. FLYNN.

6 Michael O'Brien

MICHAEL² O'BRIEN (*William¹*) was born in Watergrasshill, County Cork Ireland, on 15 December 1832. ^[105] He died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 25 June 1891 ^[106] and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. ^[107]

Michael married, first, **BRIDGET COLBERT** at St. Joseph Church in Roxbury, Norfolk County, Massachusetts (now part of Boston) on 10 July 1854. ^[108] Bridget was born in Ireland about 1832 to Patrick and Ellen (_____) Colbert. ^[109] She died in Boston on 21 October 1873 ^[110] and is buried with the family of Michael's brother, John J. O'Brien, at Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. ^[111]

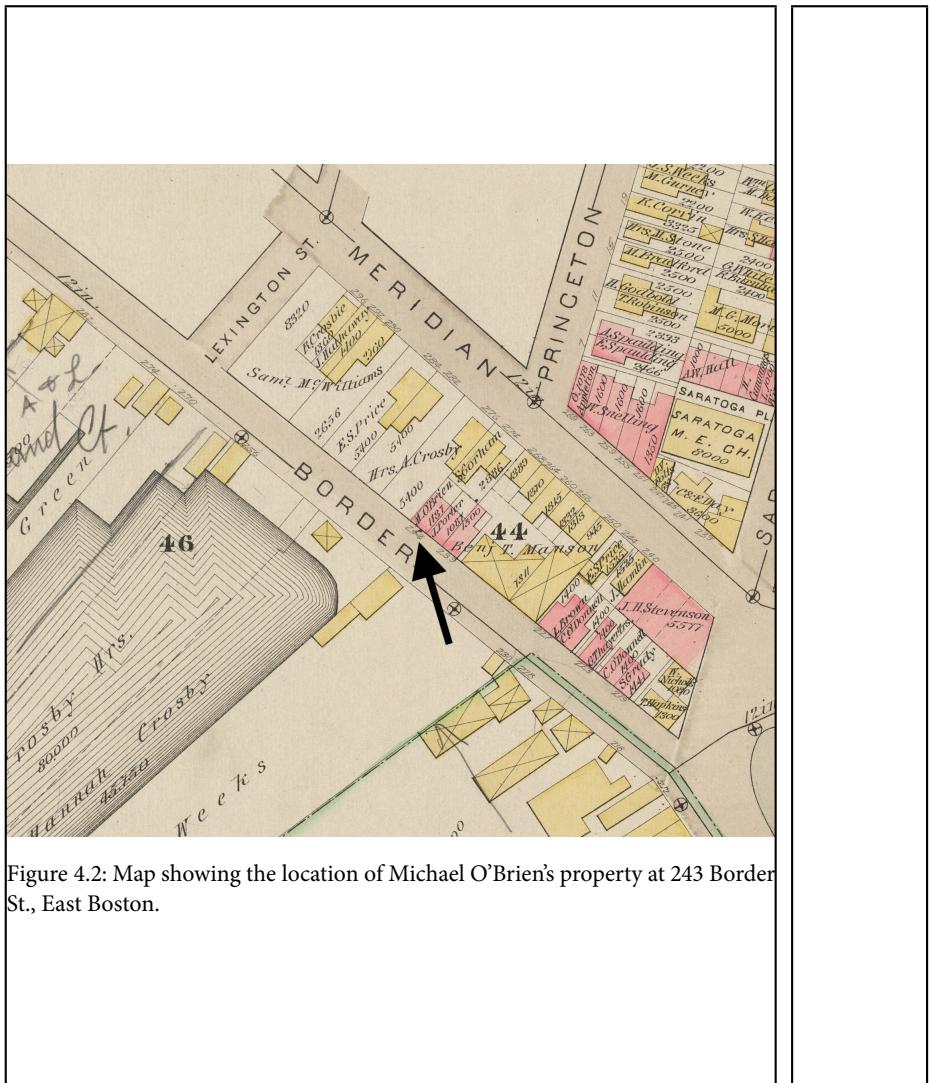
Michael married, second, **MARY FIELD** (aka Mary Feely) at Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston on 19 April 1874. ^[112] Mary was born in Ireland about 1845 ^[113] to Patrick Field and Mary Sheehan. ^[114] She died in Boston on 6 January 1915 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. ^[115]

Michael worked as an oysterman and oyster opener. ^[116] In 1871 he purchased the property at 243 Border St. in East Boston for \$3,600. ^[117] He may have been operating a ferry service from this waterfront location. ^[118]

Children of Michael² O'Brien and Bridget (Colbert) O'Brien:

- ¹¹ i. ELLEN³ O'BRIEN, b. prob. 16 July 1857; m. 14 Jan. 1891, PATRICK J. DUGGAN.
- ii. MARY ANN O'BRIEN, b. 18 Aug. 1859; ^[120] d. 10 June 1861. ^[121]
- ¹² iii. MICHAEL O'BRIEN, b. 24 March 1864; m. (1) 4 July 1883, LILLIAN A. ALLEN; m. (2) 13 April 1899, MARY A. MACDOUGALL.
- ¹³ iv. FRANCES ELIZABETH "FANNIE" O'BRIEN, b. 16 Dec. 1866; m. 1 Jan 1891, JOHN B. WICKENS.

Children of Michael² O'Brien and Mary (Field) O'Brien:



- v. MARY³ O'BRIEN, b. 10 Nov. 1875; [122] d. 20 Nov. 1875. [123]
vi. JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN, b. 30 Oct. 1876; [124] d. 21 Sept. 1881. [125]
14 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; [126] bap. Most Holy Redeemer (East Boston), 18 March 1883; [127] d. 1 May 1914. [128]
Frank worked first as a gas fitter [129] and then was a meter tester for the New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. [130] He was living at 95 S. Sixth St. in New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts, when he died. [131] He never married. [132]

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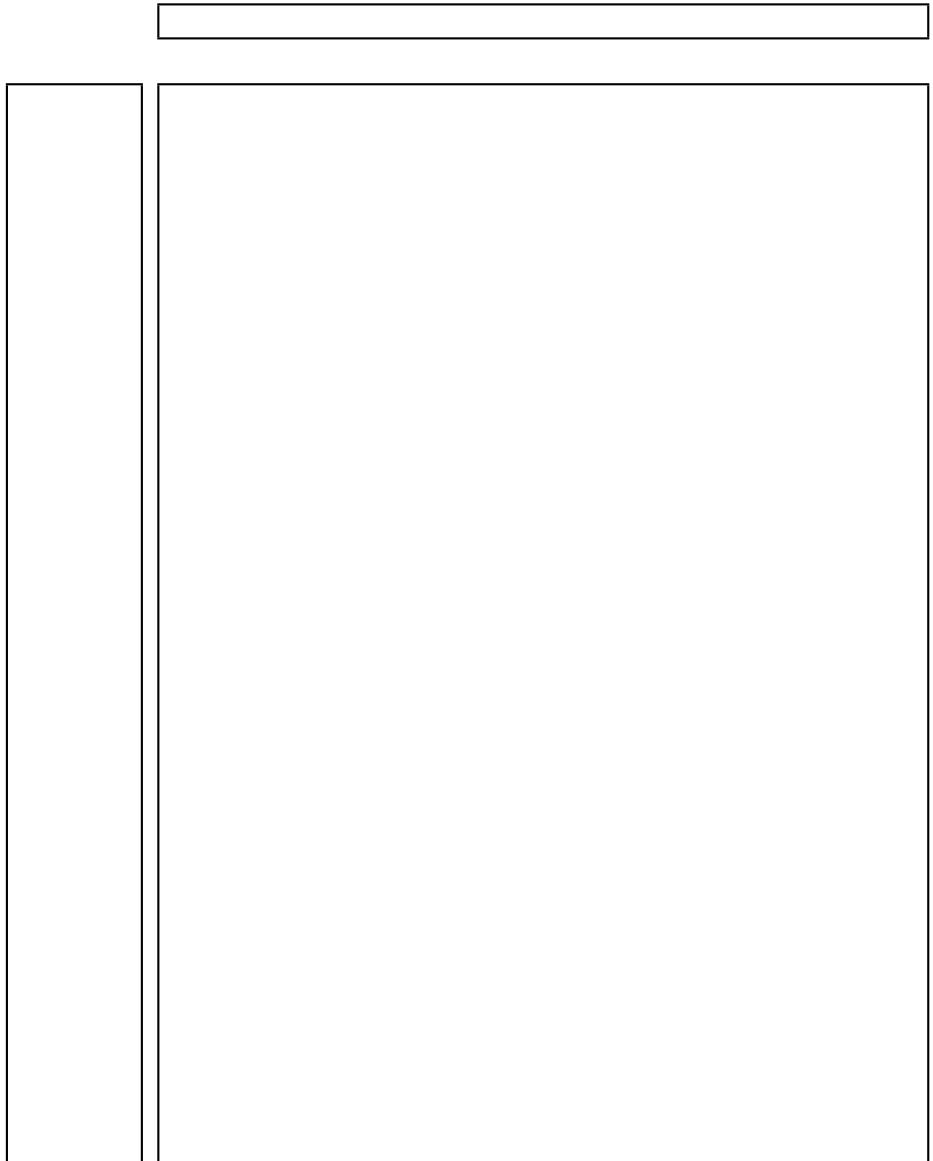
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Chapter 5

Third Generation

7 Margaret (Dooley) (Simonds) Fernald

MARGARET³ DOOLEY (*Abigail*², *William*¹) was born in Watergrasshill County Cork, Ireland, 27 December 1840.^[1] She died in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 1 March 1918.^[2]

Margaret married, first, probably between 1855–1860, WILLIAM SIMONDS.* William was born in Ireland about 1841^[3] to Nicholas Simonds and Catharine (Keenan) Simonds.^[4]

Margaret married, second, on 21 August 1873, ROBERT A. FERNALD^[5] (aka Robert A. Ireland).^[6] Robert was born in Boston about 1849 to George Fernald and Joanna (Whidhent) Fernald.^[7] He died in Boston on 14 June 1917.^[8] Robert was a tugboat captain who ran the New England Dredging Company fleet.^[9] Sometime between 1855 and 1860 Robert's family started using the surname "Fernald" instead of "Ireland."^[10]

* In the 1855 Massachusetts state census, William Simonds and Margaret Dooley were living with their respective families. In 1860, William and Margaret's first child was born (Catharine Simonds). No marriage record can be found in Massachusetts. Another possibility is that they were married in Ireland prior to arriving in the U.S., although Margaret would have been only 15 years old or younger.



Figure 5.1: Captain Robert A. Fernald.

Margaret arrived in Boston on 27 June 1851, traveling with her mother, sister, and other relatives.^[11]

Children of William Simonds and Margaret³ (Dooley) Simonds:

- 15 i. CATHARINE⁴ SIMONDS, b. 19 Dec. 1860; m. 7 April 1879, JOHN McCARTHY.
ii. FRANCIS SIMONDS, b. 4 June 1863;^[12] d. 27 June 1865.^[13]
iii. MARGARET JOSEPHINE SIMONDS, b. 10 Aug. 1865;^[14] d. 24 July 1866.^[15]
16 iv. ABIGAIL J. SIMONDS, b. 23 Jan. 1867; m. 13 April 1890, JOHN H. ROGAN

Children of Robert A. Fernald and Margaret³ (Dooley) (Simonds) Fernald:

- 17 v. ANNA FERNALD, b. 25 June 1874;^[16] d. 5 May 1875.^[17]
vi. CAROLINE EMMA FERNALD, b. 16 March 1876; m. 19 Oct. 1893, JOHN JOSEPH McGURIN.
18 vii. SARAH HELEN FERNALD, b. 5 March 1879; m. 30 Sept. 1902, CHRISTOPHER LEONARD.
19 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.*

* Matthew Leonard's marriage record states his parents' names as Christopher Leonard and Mary Harford. Agnes (Leonard) Fernald's marriage record states her parents' names also as Christopher Leonard and Mary Harford.

8 William O'Brien

WILLIAM³ O'BRIEN (*John², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County Massachusetts on 9 November 1854.^[18] He was baptized at St. Mary (Boston) on 12 November 1854.^[19] He died in Boston on 28 October 1889.^[20] He married, on 27 September 1881 at St. James the Greater Church in Boston, **JULIA T. McCARTY**.^[21] Julia was born in Boston on 12 May 1855 to Charles McCarty and Hanna Mahony.^[22] She died on 9 December 1888.^[23]

William was a “property man” (*i.e.*, props master^[24]) for theaters in Boston. He worked first at the Globe Theatre^[25] and then the Howard Athenæum.^[26] William appears in the Howard Athenæum program for *Oliver Twist!* for the week commencing 8 January 1883, being responsible for “properties and settings.”^[27]

The Howard Athenæum, in the old Scollay 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.^[28]

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.^[29] William himself died of tuberculosis the following year after being ill for 18 months.^[30] 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.^[31]

Children of William³ O’Brien and Julia T. McCarty:

- i. ELLEN LOUISE⁴ “NELLIE” O'BRIEN, b. 9 Nov. 1885;^[32] bap. St. James the Greater (Boston), 12 Nov. 1885;^[33] d. 14 June 1926;^[34] unm.

After her parents died, Nellie lived with her uncle John J.

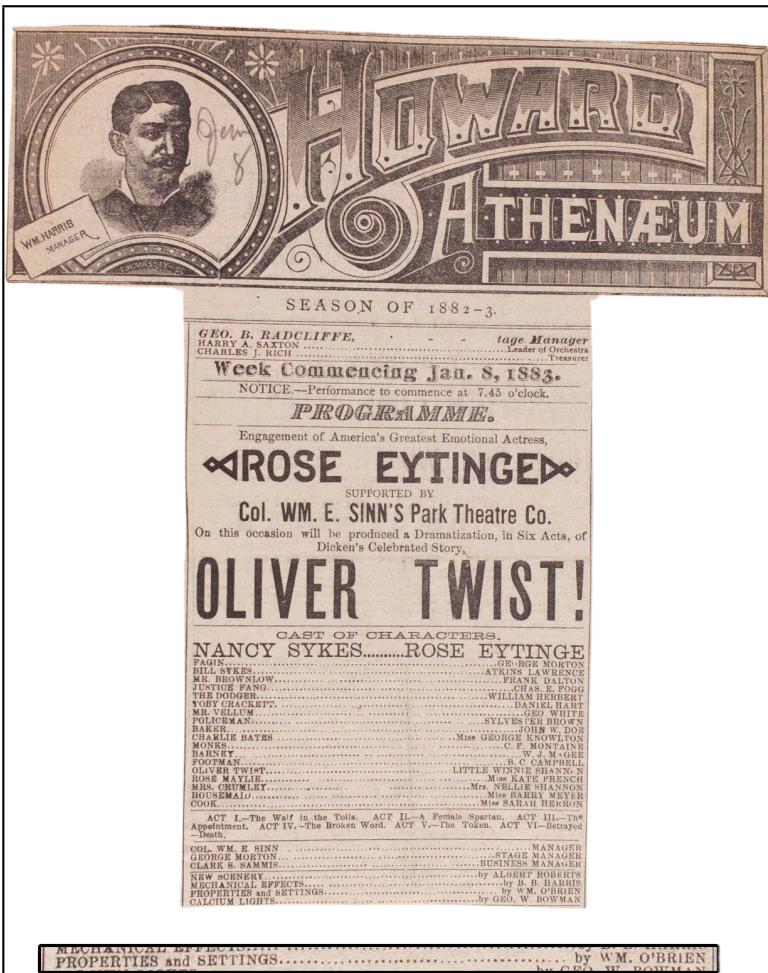


Figure 5.2: Program for *Oliver Twist!* at the Howard Athenæum listing William O'Brien for "properties and settings."

O'Brien in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts^[35] where she was working for a time as a saleslady at a department store.^[36] She left Medford for Boston around 1913.^[37] 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.^[38] By 1924 she had returned to Medford and still worked as a nurse.^[39] Nellie died at age 40 at the state sanatorium in Rutland, Mass.^[40] She succumbed to tuberculosis,^[41] the same disease that killed her parents. Nellie's death certificate states that she had tuberculosis for 25 years.^[42] This might represent a latent tuberculosis infection that later became an active disease.^[43]

9 John Joseph O'Brien



Figure 5.3: Label for John J. O'Brien Picture Frames.

JOHN JOSEPH³ O'BRIEN (*John², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 29 January 1861.^[44] He was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church in Boston on 1 February 1861.^[45] He died in Brookline



Figure 5.4: John J. O'Brien's frame shop at 69 Cornhill, Boston.

Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 15 May 1938.^[46] He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Boston.^[47] He married, at St. Augustine Church in Boston on 6 February 1890, **EMMA A. MAHONY.**^[48] Emma was born in Boston on 27 September 1862 to Edward Mahony and Catherine Josephine Kenney.^[49] She died in Brookline on 11 July 1950.^[50]

John's father, John², died in 1863^[51] and his mother Mary married Thomas Bowser in 1867.^[52] Sometime between 1870 and 1876, the family moved from Hanover St. in the North End to Hudson St. in Boston's South Cove neighborhood.^[53] The family later relocated to 45 Court St. in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and remained there for many years.^[54]

John worked as a picture frame manufacturer. He took over the business from the previous owner, B. Ferdinand Sargent,^[55] when Sargent relocated to Minnesota in 1881 or 1882.* John continued running the business until about 1917.^[56] The frame shop occupied the second floor of the building at 69 Cornhill in Boston.^[57]

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.^[58] 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").^[59]

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.^[60] John was able to recover the business and continued operating out of this location until at least 1916.^[61]

* Boston tax assessment records for 1881 (ward 7, pt. 2, p. 280) show a "Sargent" who lives at 4 Bolton Pl. occupying the property at 69 Cornhill. The tax assessment records for 1883 (ward 7, p. 292) show that the same property is now occupied by "O'Brien" who lives at 199 Hampden (crossed out) and 59 Hudson (written in pencil). The Boston city directory for 1881 lists a B. Ferdinand Sargent, "picture-frame manuf. 69 Cornhill, house 4 Bolton place Chsn." The 1882 directory lists "Sargent B. Ferdinand, removed to Minnesota."

John, his wife Emma, and several of their children are buried in the Mahoney/Mahony plot owned by Emma's father Edward at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Boston's Roslindale neighborhood. [62]

Children of John Joseph³ O'Brien and Emma A. (Mahony) O'Brien:

- i. MILDRED LORETTA⁴ O'BRIEN, b. 14 Nov. 1890; [63] d. 26 May 1891. [64]
- 20 ii. FRANCIS JOSEPH O'BRIEN, b. 2 April 1892; m. Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., 12 Sept. 1921, MARY HELENA FLYNN.
- 21 iii. PAULINE M. O'BRIEN, b. 9 June 1894; m. 9 June 1930, CHARLES LUCIUS BAINE.
- 22 iv. MILDRED LOUISE O'BRIEN, b. 29 Sept. 1896; m. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., Feb. 1925, ALBERT JOSEPH FRENCH.
- v. EDWARD O'BRIEN, b. Medford, 5 July 1898; [65] d. Medford, 24 Dec. 1898. [66]
- vi. ALMYRA LOUISE O'BRIEN, b. Medford, 27 June 1901; [67] d. Medford, 13 July 1902. [68]

10 Hannah (Ward) Flynn

HANNAH³ WARD (*Mary², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 13 September 1860. [69] She died in Boston on 10 January 1919. [70] She married, in Boston on 23 September 1885, **JOHN J. FLYNN** [71] (aka John H. Flynn [72]). He was born in Boston about 1861 to James Flynn and Anna (_____) Flynn. [73] He died in Boston on 8 April 1920. [74]

Hannah arrived in Boston on 27 June 1851, traveling with her mother, sister, and other relatives. [75]

Hannah spent most of her life at the house originally owned by her parents at 101 Bennington St. in East Boston. [76] She purchased the adjacent property at 103 Bennington St. [77] and other East Boston properties on Morris St. [78] and Wesley St. [79]

Although they remained married, it does not appear that Hannah and her husband lived together after the birth of their two children.* In the 1900

* A review of Boston city directories between 1892 and 1919 shows Hannah and John J. Flynn at different addresses for every directory in which they both appear. Beginning in 1910

census, Hannah is living at 101 Bennington St. with her children and her mother Mary.^[80] 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.^[81] 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.^[82] After his death, the property passed to Hannah and John's daughter, Mary Alice.^[83]

John J. Flynn was a trader,^[84] a bartender,^[85] and a clerk at a liquor dealer.^[86]

Children of John J. Flynn and Hannah³ (Ward) Flynn:

- 25 i. MARY ALICE⁴ 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;^[87] d. Boston 15 Jan 1967;^[88] 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.^[89] In the 1930 census, he was living with his sister and brother-in-law and working as a salesman in advertising.^[90]

11 Ellen (O'Brien) Duggan

ELLEN³ O'BRIEN (*Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County Massachusetts, probably on 16 July 1857.^[91] She was likely* baptized at St. John the Baptist Church in Boston (North End) on 18 July 1857.^[92] She died in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 29 July 1927 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.^[93] Ellen married, at Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston on 14 January 1891, PATRICK J. DUGGAN (aka Durgan).^[94] Patrick was born in Ireland

Hannah was living at 101 Bennington St. and John was living at 236 Lexington St.

*This baptismal record lists parents as Michael O'Brien and Bridget Colman, which could be a misspelling of Colbert. The 1870 census, the first definitive record of Ellen, places her birth between 8 July 1857 and 7 July 1858.

on February 1862^[95] to James Durgan and Catharine (____) Durgan.^[96] He died in East Boston on 6 April 1922 and was buried with Ellen at Holy Cross Cemetery.^[97]

In 1880, Ellen was living with her father and stepmother in East Boston and working at a store.^[98] She married Patrick Duggan, who immigrated from Ireland in 1882. He was working as a longshoreman in 1900.^[99] In 1910, Patrick was working as a laborer at a lumber yard, Ellen was a cleaner at an office building, and son William was an apprentice at a shoe factory.^[100] In 1920, Patrick and son Edward were both working as teamsters at trucking companies, while Mary was a telephone operator.^[101]

Children of Patrick J. Duggan and Ellen³ (O'Brien) Duggan:

- i. ESTHER CATHARINE⁴ DUGGAN, b. Boston, 29 March 1891;^[102] bap. Sacred Heart, Boston, 5 April 1891;^[103] d. Boston, 30 March 1892 (hydrocephalus);^[104] bur. Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Watertown, Middlesex, Mass.^[105]



Figure 5.5: William J. Duggan's photograph attached to his application for a Seaman's Protection Certificate in 1919.

- ii. WILLIAM JAMES DUGGAN, b. Boston, 5 Oct. 1892;^[106] bap. Sacred Heart, East Boston, 16 Oct. 1892;^[107] d. Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital, Chelsea, Suffolk Co., Mass., 23 Sept. 1970. William was a cook by trade.^[108] He served in the Navy during WWI and in the U.S. Lighthouse Service (which later merged with the Coast Guard)^[109]

after the war.^[110] During WWII he likely served in the Army National Guard, Medical Department.^[111]

23 iii. MARY FRANCES DUGGAN

24 iv. EDWARD JOSEPH DUGGAN, b. Boston, 28 Dec. 1898; m. Boston, 19 Aug. 1920, ANNA M. SPRACKLIN.

12 Michael O'Brien

MICHAEL³ O'BRIEN (*Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 24 March 1864.^[112] He was baptized at St. Stephen's Church in Boston.^[113] He died in Boston on 3 July 1904.^[114]

Michael married, first, in Franklin, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 4 July 1883, **LILLIAN A. ALLEN**.^[115] Lillian was born in Sevenoaks, Kent County, England, about 1866 to William Allen and Elizabeth (Ashdown) Allen.^[116] She died in Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 2 October 1891.^[117]

Michael married, second, in Boston, on 13 April 1899, **MARY A. MACDOUGALL**.^[118] Mary Macdougall was born in Ingonish, Victoria County, Nova Scotia, Canada, about 1871 to Daniel Macdougall and Mary McLean.^[119] She died in Boston in 1928.^[120]

Michael's occupation in 1899 was "moroccodresser,"^[121] a job that involves dressing leather in a tannery.^[122] Michael's death record states his occupation as "Gas Meter maker."^[123]

Children of Michael³ O'Brien and Lillian (Allen) O'Brien:

i. ARTHUR FRANCIS⁴ O'BRIEN, b. Norwood, Norfolk Co., Mass., 2 Oct 1883;^[124] d. Boston, 28 Sept. 1904.^[125]

ii. EDWARD WILLIAM O'BRIEN aka Edward F. O'Brien, b. Norwood, 18 Dec. 1884;^[126] d. Boston, 25 April 1887.^[127]

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 Sturtevan's lumber team in front of his residence this afternoon, and instantly killed."^[128]

iii. ELIZABETH O'BRIEN, b. Norwood, 29 July 1886;^[129] d. Norwood, 5 Oct. 1886.^[130]

Children of Michael³ O'Brien and Mary A. Macdougall:

- iv. FRANCES L. O'BRIEN aka Frances May O'Brien, b. Walpole, Norfolk Co., Mass., 18 Jan. 1901;^[131] d. Boston, 20 Dec. 1903.^[132]

13 Frances Elizabeth (O'Brien) Wickens

FRANCES ELIZABETH³ “FANNIE” O'BRIEN (*Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 16 December 1866.^[133] She was baptized at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in East Boston.^[134] She died in Boston on 22 February 1915.^[135] She married, in Boston on 1 January 1891, JOHN B. WICKENS.^[136] He was born in Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia, Canada, on 12 March 1873^[137] to Charles Wickens and Jane (Smith) Wickens.^[138] He died sometime after 1 November 1916.^[139]

John Wickens's profession is listed as “mariner,”^[140] “fireman,”^[141] and “marine engineer.”^[142] After his wife Frances died, he moved to Washington state and married Anna M. McGunigle.^[143] It is unknown where or when he died.

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

- i. NELLIE⁴ WICKENS, b. Boston, 22 July 1893; [144] d. Boston, 23 July 1893. [145]
- 26 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; [146] d. Boston, 9 July 1896. [147]
- 27 iv. ALBERT FRANCIS WICKENS, b. Boston, 7 May 1898; m. New Jersey, 13 June 1922, MARY H. SCHALLER.
- 28 v. ETHEL MARY WICKENS, b. Boston, 17 June 1902; m. Wayne Co., Michigan, 20 Sept. 1923, HAROLD EDWARD HEUMAN.

14 Edward Francis O'Brien

EDWARD FRANCIS³ O'BRIEN (*Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 30 October 1879. [148] He died in Concord, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on 26 August 1929. [149] He married in Boston on 23 June 1909, **MARY FRANCES GILL** (aka Marie Frances Gill). [150] She was born in Boston on 3 March 1884 to John A. Gill and Catherine L. Howard. [151] She died in Boston on 15 July 1958. [152]

In 1910, Edward was living in Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, and his occupation is listed as foreman at a gas company. [153] 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. At the time Edward was working as a water meter reader for the Boston Public Works Department, a job he began in January 1917. [154] He was also working as a clerk at the Back Bay (Boston) post office. [155]

Children of Edward Francis³ O'Brien and Mary Frances Gill:

- 29 i. CATHERINE MARY⁴ O'BRIEN, b. Connecticut, abt. 1910; m. 1937, FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MACDONALD JR.
- 30 ii. FRANCES JOSEPHINE O'BRIEN, b. Somerville, Middlesex Co., Mass. 26 March 1912; m. 1942, JOHN RANSOM DAY.

- iii. WALTER GILL O'BRIEN, b. Boston, 2 June 1914; [156] d. Okinawa, Japan, 21 June 1945. [157]

Lt. Walter Gill O'Brien served in the 6th Marine Division and was killed in action at Okinawa. [158] Before enlisting in the Marine Corps, he graduated from Boston College Law School and worked for the Suffolk County Superior Court. [159]

- 31 iv. EDWARD FRANCIS O'BRIEN Jr., b. Mass., 17 Sept. 1916; m. Milton, Norfolk Co., Mass., 1946, MARY A. METIVIER.
- 32 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; [160] d. 1 Sept. 2011. [161]

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." [162] 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. [163] Mary's obituary requested contributions to the Sisters in Everett, Mass. [164]

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Chapter 6

Fourth Generation

15 Catharine (Simonds) McCarthy

CATHARINE⁴ SIMONDS (*Margaret³, Abigail², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 10 December 1860. ^[1] She died in Boston on 24 February 1890. ^[2] She married, in Boston on 7 April 1879,

JOHN F. McCARTHY. ^[3] He was born in Ireland about 1858 to John McCarthy and Ellen (_____) McCarthy. ^[4] The time and location of his death are unknown.

Catharine was baptized at St. Stephen Church in Boston on 22 December 1860. ^[5] 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." ^[6]

Children of John F. McCarthy and Catharine⁴ (Simonds) McCarthy:

- i. HELEN⁵ McCARTHY, b. Boston, 23 June 1879; ^[7] d. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., 17 April 1966; ^[8] m. Boston, 9 Aug. 1899, WILLIAM H. WESTLAKE. ^[9]

Child of William H. Westlake and Helen⁵ (McCarthy) Westlake:

- i. *William Atwell Westlake*, b. Boston, 17 July 1900, [10] d. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., 1 Jan. 1926; unm. [11] 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. [12]
- ii. JOHN F. McCARTHY, b. Boston, 24 Aug 1881; [13] d. Boston, 8 Oct 1881, of bronchitis. [14]
- iii. WILLIAM McCARTHY, b. Boston, 1 Jul 1885; [15] d. Boston, 11 Jul 1885, of asthenia/basilar meningitis. [16]

16 Abigail (Simonds) Rogan

ABIGAIL⁴ SIMONDS (*Margaret³, Abigail², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 23 January 1867. [17] She died in Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 8 May 1958. [18] She married, in Boston on 13 April 1890, **JOHN H. ROGAN**. He was born in Massachusetts from 1866–1867 to William and Mary (_____) Rogan. [19] He died sometime before 1958. [20]

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." [21] The 1910 census shows the family had returned to Boston. [22] 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. [23] It's possible that Abigail's husband John was the newspaper printer boarding at 95 Waltham St. in Boston. [24]

Children of John H. Rogan and Abigail⁴ (Simonds) Rogan:

- i. **WILLIAM H.⁵ ROGAN**, b. Chelsea, Suffolk Co., Mass., 22 Jan. 1891; [25] d. Broward Co., Fla., 1 Jan. 1963; [26] m. Manhattan, Kings Co., N.Y., 18 Aug. 1918, **IRENE HICKEY**. [27] William served in the U.S. Navy during WWI. [28]
- ii. **MARGUERITE E. ROGAN**, b. Chelsea, 28 Apr. 1893; [29] m. **JOHN J. SHEA**. [30]

- iii. ABIGAIL JOSEPHINE "ABBIE" ROGAN, b. Chelsea, 26 Jan. 1898; ^[31] d. Dedham, 9 March 1960; unm. ^[32]
- iv. MARY ALICE ROGAN, b. Boston, 13 June 1904; ^[33] d. Dedham, 8 Sept. 1971; unm. ^[34]
- v. ANNE IRENE ROGAN, b. Boston, 2 Nov. 1907; ^[35] d. Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ky., 10 Dec. 2001; ^[36] m. JOHN P. DORAN. ^[37]

17 Caroline Emma (Fernald) McGurin

CAROLINE⁴ FERNALD (*Margaret³, Abigail², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 16 March 1876. ^[38] She died in Everett, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 28 August 1927. ^[39] 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. ^[40] He died in Marshfield, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 10 January 1968. ^[41]

Children of William P. McGurin and Caroline⁴ (Fernald) McGurin:

- i. ROBERT ALEXANDER⁵ McGURIN, b. Everett, 13 April 1894; ^[42] d. Everett, 1955; ^[43] m. Boston, 7 July 1913, ALTA M. SAUNDERS. ^[44]
- ii. WALTER EDWARD McGURIN, b. Boston, 2 May 1896; ^[45] d. Stoneham, Middlesex Co., Mass., 29 March 1974; ^[46] m. BERNICE L. WOOD. ^[47]
- iii. ALFRED JOHN McGURIN, b. Boston, 5 April 1898; ^[48] d. Montfaucon, France, 22 Oct. 1918. ^[49] Alfred was killed in action while serving with the 55th Artillery at the Battle of Verdun. ^[50]
- iv. MARGARET A. McGURIN, b. Boston, 27 Dec. 1899; ^[51] d. Everett, 17 Nov. 1992; ^[52] m. HENRY J. PHILLIPS SR. ^[53]
- v. SARAH H. "SADIE" McGURIN, b. Boston, 8 July 1901; ^[54] d. Saugus, Essex Co., Mass., 6 Jan. 1999; ^[55] m. JAMES P. MURPHY. ^[56]
- vi. EDWARD JOSEPH McGURIN, b. Boston, 18 Dec. 1902; ^[57] d. Ft. Lauderdale, Broward, Fla.; ^[58] m. Boston, 8 Oct. 1922, HELEN DUFFY. ^[59]
- vii. CAROLINE JOSEPHINE McGURIN, b. Boston, 2 July 1904; ^[60] d. Boston, 2 April 1921; unm. ^[61]
- viii. CATHERINE McGURIN, b. Boston, 9 Sept. 1906; ^[62] d. Everett, 17 Dec. 1999; ^[63] m. FRANCIS KELLEHER. ^[64]

- ix. JOSEPHINE McGURIN, b. Boston, 30 Dec. 1908;^[65] d. Boston, 18 May 1926; unm.^[66]
- x. JOHN FRANCIS McGURIN, b. Boston, 2 April 1914;^[67] d. South Dennis Barnstable Co., Mass., 3 Dec. 2005;^[68] m. BEATRICE M. TASSINARI.^[69]
- xi. CHARLES ALFORD McGURIN, b. Boston, 17 Aug. 1916;^[70] d. Peabody Essex Co., Mass., 18 Dec 2004;^[71] m. CECELIA MULLEN.^[72]

18 Sarah Helen (Fernald) Leonard

SARAH HELEN⁴ FERNALD (*Margaret³, Abigail², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 5 March 1879.^[73] She died in Boston on 25 March 1943.^[74] She married, in Boston on 30 September 1902, **CHRISTOPHER T. LEONARD**.^[75] He was born in Boston on 29 July 1872^[76] to Matthew Leonard and Mary (Harford) Leonard.^[77] He died in Arlington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 9 September 1945.^[78]

Children of Christopher T. Leonard and Sarah Helen⁴ (Fernald) Leonard:

- i. MARY MARGARET⁵ LEONARD, b. Boston, 28 Dec. 1903;^[79] d. Holden Worcester Co., Mass., 31 May 1993;^[80] m. EDWARD J. DUFFY.^[81] Supervisor for New England Telephone.^[82]
- ii. GEORGE THOMAS LEONARD, b. Boston, 9 Aug. 1906;^[83] d. Medford, Middlesex Co., Mass., 9 April 1989;^[84] m. ANN B. CLANCY.^[85]

19 Robert Atwell Fernald

ROBERT ATWELL⁴ FERNALD (*Margaret³, Abigail², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 19 June 1882.^[86] He died in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, on 25 May 1965.^[87] He married, in Boston on 28 June 1911, **AGNES M. LEONARD**.^[88] She was born in Boston on 5 October 1881^[89] to Matthew Leonard and Mary (Harford) Leonard.^[90] She died in Phoenix in October 1975.^[91]

Robert Fernald was a dispatcher for the Boston Tow Boat Co.^[92]

Child of Robert Atwell⁴ Fernald and Agnes M. (Leonard) Fernald:

- i. MARION ELIZABETH⁵ FERNALD, b. probably Rochester, Monroe Co. N.Y., 4 June 1914; ^[93] d. Scottsdale, Maricopa Co., Arizona, 23 Oct 2008; ^[94] m. IVAN BOYD WEATHERUP. ^[95]

20 Francis Joseph O'Brien



Figure 6.1: Frank O'Brien visiting a priest friend in California.

FRANCIS JOSEPH⁴ “FRANK” O’BRIEN (*John²⁻³, William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 2 April 1892. ^[96] He died in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 4 February 1958. ^[97] He married, in Malden on 12 September 1921, **MARY HELENA FLYNN** (aka Helena Catherine Flynn). ^[98] She was born in Charlottetown, Queens County, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on 27 April 1892 to Thomas Flynn and Mary Ann Greenan. ^[99] She died in Malden on 19 April 1981. ^[100]

Frank first worked as a clerk at his father John's frame shop in Boston. ^[101] By 1915, Frank was working in the Accounting Department at Boston and Maine (B&M) Railroad. ^[102] He eventually became B&M's



Figure 6.2: Helena (Flynn) O'Brien.

Inspector of Transportation.^[103] 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.^[104] He was also a member of the B. P. O. E. (Elks), Medford Lodge #915.^[105]

Children of Francis Joseph⁴ O'Brien and Mary Helena (Flynn) O'Brien:

- i. FRANCIS JOSEPH⁵ “FRANK” O'BRIEN JR.
- ii. PAULINE M. O'BRIEN
- iii. MILDRED O'BRIEN
- iv. HELENA O'BRIEN
- v. THERESE CELINE O'BRIEN

21 Pauline (O'Brien) Baine

PAULINE⁴ O'BRIEN (*John²⁻³, William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 9 June 1894.^[106] She was baptized at St. Peter (Dorchester) on 17 June 1894.^[107] She died in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachu-

setts, on 2 February 1967.^[108] She married, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 9 June 1930, **CHARLES LUCIUS BAINE.**^[109] He was born in Guelph, Wellington County, Ontario, Canada, on 27 January 1870^[110] to William Conrad Baine and Mary Jane (Reed) Baine.^[111] He died in Brookline, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 1 March 1962.^[112]

Charles L. Baine served as secretary-treasurer of the Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union from 1902 to 1931.^[113]

Charles L. Baine and Pauline (O'Brien) Baine did not have any children together.^[114] Charles had three children from a prior marriage.^[115]

22 Mildred Louise (O'Brien) French



Figure 6.3: Mildred O'Brien portrait photograph.

MILDRED LOUISE⁴ O'BRIEN (*John²⁻³, William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 29 September 1896.^[116] She died in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 27 February 1927. The cause of death was a pulmonary embolism following a caesarian section.^[117] She

married, in Medford in February 1925, **ALBERT JOSEPH FRENCH**.^[118] He was born in Medford on 8 June 1900 to Joseph Swan French and Emily Selina (Luscombe) French.^[119] He died in Francestown, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, on 30 December 1980.^[120]

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

- i. **ALBERT JOSEPH⁵ FRENCH JR.**, b. Boston, 30 Jan. 1927;^[121] d. North Hampton, Rockingham Co., N.H., 24 March 2013;^[122] m. (1) Ruth Seymour;^[123] m. (2) Inez (Higgins) Lyons.^[124]

23 Mary Frances (Duggan) (Johnson) MacLean

MARY FRANCES⁴ DUGGAN (*Ellen³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 15 September 1895.^[125] She was baptized at Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston on 26 September 1895.^[126] She died at the Essex Sanatorium in Middleton, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 19 July 1959 and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.^[127]

Mary married, first, probably in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, on 23 January 1921, **JAMES FRANCIS JOHNSON**.^{*}^[128] James was born in Boston on 8 January 1898 to James Benjamin Johnson and Rose Quinn.^[129] He was baptized at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in East Boston on 20 January 1898.^[130] He died in Albany, Albany County, New York, on 29 March 1928.^[131]

Mary married, second, in Salem, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, on 23 April 1937, **NEWTON MATHESON MACLEAN**.^[132] Newton was born in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 20 April 1892 to Archibald MacLean and Mary MacLellan.^[133] He died in Lynn on 8 January 1960.^[134]

Mary was a long-time worker at the telephone company, eventually becoming switchboard supervisor.^[135] Her first husband, James F. Johnson, was a veteran of World War I. He was gassed during the war and suffered

* James Francis Johnson appears in his birth and baptismal record as "James Benjamin Johnson."

injuries that may have given him epilepsy. It was likely an epileptic attack that caused him to fall down the stairs to his death in Albany. Mary and her son Leo then returned to Boston, where they were living with Mary's cousin-in-law at 12 Orient Ave. in 1930.^[137] In 1937 she married Newton M. MacLean, a foreman at GE.^[139] The couple was likely divorced by 1940, when Mary was living alone with Leo in Lynn and had gone back to using the surname "Johnson."^[138]

Child of James F. Johnson and Mary F.⁴ (Duggan) Johnson:

- i. LEO FRANCIS⁵ JOHNSON, b. Boston, 28 Feb. 1923; ^[140] d. Kaplan Hospice House, Danvers, Essex Co., Mass., ^[141] m. Swampscott, Essex Co. Mass., 1949, MARGARET LANGFORD.^[142] Leo was a WWII veteran and retired as a Lt. Col. in the Air Force Reserves. He founded Monte Carlo Inc., which organized charity fundraising events.^[143]

24 Edward Joseph Duggan

EDWARD JOSEPH⁴ DUGGAN (*Ellen³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 28 December 1898. He was baptized at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in East Boston on 9 February 1898.^[144] He died of tuberculosis at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Rutland, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 2 February 1950.^[145] He married, at Sacred Heart Church in East Boston on 19 August 1920, **ANNA M. SPRACKLIN**^[146] (aka Maud A. Spracklin). Anna was born in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 1 November 1900 to Alfred Spracklin and Rachael (Atkins) Spracklin.^[147]

Children of Edward Joseph⁴ Duggan and Anna M. (Spracklin) Duggan:

- i. ANNE MAE DUGGAN
- ii. EDWARD J. DUGGAN
- iii. VIRGINIA RAE DUGGAN

25 Mary Alice (Flynn) Clahane

MARY ALICE⁴ FLYNN (aka Alice Veronica Flynn) (*Hannah³, Mary², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 10 August 1886. [148] She was baptized at Sacred Heart (East Boston) on 15 August 1886. [149] She died in Boston on 13 October 1958. [150] She married, in Boston on 18 November 1908, **EDWARD WILLIAM CLAHANE**. [151] He was born in Boston on 31 July 1888 [152] to Edward W. Clahane and Catherine (Nolan) Clahane. [153] He died in Boston on 29 May 1962. [154]

Alice's occupation on her marriage record is listed as "organist." [155] In the 1940 census she was working as a musician for the W.P.A. (the federal Works Progress Administration). [156] She was a member of the Musicians Union, Local #9. [157] Edward Clahane's occupations varied from floor-walker at a dry goods store, [158] insurance claims adjuster, [159] and clerk at the Mass. Geodetic Survey. [160] The family lived at 1137 Commonwealth Ave. in Boston's Allston neighborhood. [161]

Child of Edward W. Clahane and Mary Alice⁴ (Flynn) Clahane:

- i. MARION GERTRUDE⁵ CLAHANE, b. Boston 26 Jan. 1909; [163] d. Brookline, Norfolk Co., Mass., 9 April 1971; [164] unm.

26 Edith A. (Wickens) Giguere

EDITH A.⁴ WICKENS (*Frances³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 22 July 1894. [165] She died in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, on 9 February 1957. [166] She married, in Boston on 12 October 1913, **GEORGE HECTOR GIGUERE**. [167] He was born in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on 25 February 1893 to John B. Giguere and Corinne (Lecours) Giguere. [168] He died in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, on 19 July 1974. [169]

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. [170]

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

- i. GEORGE ELMER⁵ GIGUERE, b. Boston, 17 Jul 1914; [\[171\]](#) d. Boston, 7 May 1916. [\[172\]](#)
- ii. ROBERT E. GIGUERE, b. Boston, 17 Dec. 1915; [\[173\]](#) d. Boston, 26 Sept. 1916. [\[174\]](#)
- iii. DORRIS MARJORIE GIGUERE, b. Boston 23 March 1917; [\[175\]](#) d. Bruce Macomb Co., Mich., 10 July 1981; [\[176\]](#) m. (1) Detroit, 17 July 1943, ROBERT C. MAY; [\[177\]](#) m. (2) Steuben Co., Ind., 6 July 1950, JOHN E. MEYERS; [\[178\]](#) m. (3) JOSEPH LEONARD. [\[179\]](#)

27 Albert Francis Wickens

ALBERT FRANCIS⁴ WICKENS (*Frances³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 7 May 1898. [\[180\]](#) He died in Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey, on 17 September 1977. [\[181\]](#) He married, in New Jersey on 13 June 1922, **MARY HELEN SCHALLER**. [\[182\]](#) She was born in New York on 24 October 1892 [\[183\]](#) to Frank Xavier Schaller and Anna (Schauer) Schaller. [\[184\]](#) She died in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey, on 8 April 1984. [\[185\]](#)

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. [\[186\]](#) In 1940 the family was still in Newark and Albert was working as a deputy tax collector at city hall. [\[187\]](#)

Children of Albert Francis⁴ Wickens and Mary Helen (Schaller) Wickens:

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

28 Ethel Mary (Wickens) Heuman

ETHEL MARY⁴ WICKENS (*Frances³, Michael², William¹*) was born on 17 June 1902 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.^[188] She died on 27 July 1967 in Macomb, Macomb County, Michigan.^[189] She married on 20 September 1923 in Wayne County, Michigan, **HAROLD EDWARD HEUMAN**.^[190] He was born on 12 May 1902 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois^[191] to John Heuman and Augusta (Martin) Heuman.^[192] He died in Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan, on 10 May 1993.^[193]

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.^[194]

Children of Harold E. Heuman and Ethel Mary⁴ (Wickens) Heuman:

- i. VIRGINIA⁵ HEUMAN
- ii. EDWARD HEUMAN
- iii. HAROLD HEUMAN JR.

29 Catherine Mary (O'Brien) MacDonald

CATHERINE MARY⁴ O'BRIEN (*Edward³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, in 1910.^[195] She died in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 27 April 1964.^[196] She married, in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 2 October 1937, **FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MACDONALD JR.**^[197] They were married by Catherine's uncle, Walter H. Gill, a priest in Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.^[198] Frederick was born in Hyde Park, Norfolk County, Massachusetts (now part of the City of Boston^[199]) on 22 October 1908 to Frederick MacDonald and Jane A. (Kelley) MacDonald.^[200] He died in Weymouth, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 11 November 1983.^[201]

Catherine was a teacher when she married in 1937.^[202] Frederick graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was an architect for the First National Bank of Boston.^[203]

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

- i. JANE MARIE⁵ MACDONALD
- ii. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MACDONALD JR.

30 Frances Josephine (O'Brien) Day

FRANCES JOSEPHINE⁴ O'BRIEN (*Edward³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 26 March 1912. [204] She died in Norton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 8 July 1997. [205] She married, in 1942, **JOHN RANSOM DAY**. [206] He was born on 2 February 1912 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, to Edward P. Day and Jennie C (Bowers) Day. [207] He died in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 20 January 1990. [208]

In the 1940 census, Frances was living with her father, Edward O'Brien, and working as a bookkeeper at a life insurance company. [209] John Day was a physician. [210]

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

- i. J. BRIAN⁵ DAY
- ii. EDWARD DAY

31 Edward Francis O'Brien Jr.

EDWARD FRANCIS⁴ O'BRIEN JR. (*Edward³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 17 September 1916. [211] He died suddenly in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 12 December 1985. [212] He married, in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, in 1946, **MARY ANNE METIVIER**. [213] She was born in Milton on 25 November 1917 to Wilfrid Metivier and Helen (Day) Metivier. [214] She died in Needham on 29 August 1999. [215]

Edward was the general manager of Calvert's Department Store in Needham, where he worked for 38 years. He was an Army captain in



Figure 6.4: Calvert's Clothing Store, June 1979.

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. [216]

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

- CLARE⁵ O'BRIEN
- JULIE O'BRIEN
- TED O'BRIEN
- ELLEN O'BRIEN

32 Beatrice Field (O'Brien) Brady

BEATRICE FIELD⁴ O'BRIEN (*Edward³, Michael², William¹*) was born in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 11 August 1919.^[217] She died in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 29 June 1976.^[218] She married, in Boston in 1941, **JOHN FRANCIS BRADY**.^[219] He was born in Boston on 1 June 1914 to Patrick Brady and Delia (Burke) Brady.^[220] He died in Milton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, on 14 March 1983.^[221]

In 1951, Beatrice and John were living in West Roxbury. John was working as a maintenance electrician for the MTA (the Boston transit system now known as the MBTA).^[222] In 1965, the family was still living in West Roxbury, and John was working as an electrician for the Boston Housing Authority.^[223] The family likely relocated to Milton, then Norwell and Green Harbor.^[224]

Children of John F. Brady and Beatrice F.⁴ (O'Brien) Brady:

- JOAN⁵ BRADY
- WALTER BRADY
- PAUL BRADY
- BEATRICE BRADY

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Appendix A

Cemetery Plot Lists

See also the O'Brien "virtual cemetery" on Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/1084932>

For more information on Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery, see Bill McEvoy's book and the Historical Society of Watertown website:

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Women's maiden names and corrected names appear in brackets.

Table A.1: William O'Brien plot, North Cambridge Catholic Cemetery^[1]
Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
Range 17, Grave 124 West (no marker found)

Name	Death/Burial Date
Mary Ann O'Brien	(d) 25 Nov 1852
William O'Brien	(b) 30 Dec 1856
Ellen O'Brien	(d) 10 Mar 1857

Table A.2: Edward O'Brien plot, Holy Cross Cemetery [2]
 Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
 17 North Monument Path, Graves 32–34 East

Name	Burial Date
Edward O'Brien	26 Aug 1881
Edward J. O'Brien	10 Jan 1884
Ann [O'Brien] Dailey	25 Sep 1898
Mary [O'Brien] Ward	26 Mar 1908
Hannah [Ward] Flynn	12 Jan 1919
Margaret A. O'Brien	08 Nov 1933
Annie M. O'Brien	27 May 1937
Anna Gertrude Duckworth	29 Dec 1987
Arthur R. Duckworth	08 Mar 1994
Jeanne A. Benson	08 Apr 2010
Robert K. Benson	08 Aug 2014

Table A.3: Michael O'Brien plot, Holy Cross Cemetery [3]
 Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
 28 North Maple Ave, Grave 27 West (no marker)

Name	Burial Date
Mary O'Brien	21 Nov 1875
John O'Brien	22 Sep 1881
Edward F. O'Brien	27 Apr 1887
Michael O'Brien	26 Jun 1891
Nellie Wickens	13 Jul 1893
Frank J. O'Brien	04 May 1914
Mary G. [Field] O'Brien	09 Jan 1915

Table A.4: Fernald plot, Holy Cross Cemetery^[4]
 Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
 12 North Monument Path, Graves 37, 38 & 2 Rear East

Grave	Name	Burial Date
37-Rear	Annie Fernald	7 May 1875
37-Rear	John F. McCarthy	9 Oct 1881
38-Rear	Jeremiah Cooney	20 May 1883
37-Rear	William McCarthy	12 Jul 1885
37-Rear	Catherine [Simonds] McCarthy	27 Feb 1890
38	Abrigain Dooley [Abigail O'Brien]	6 Jan 1897
38-Rear	Hanna [Dooley] [Cooney] Cusick	16 Jun 1911
37	Robert W. Fernald [Robert A. Fernald]	16 Jun 1917
37	Margaret E. [Dooley] Fernald	4 Mar 1918
37-Rear	Caroline McGurin	5 Apr 1921
37-Rear	Josephine McGurin	22 May 1926
38-Rear	Caroline E. [Fernald] McGurin	31 Aug 1927
37	Sarah [Fernald] Leonard	27 Mar 1943
38	Christopher T. Leonard	12 Sep 1945
38-Rear	John J. McGurin	13 Jan 1968
37	Edward Joseph Duffy	13 Apr 1983
38	Mary M. [Leonard] Duffy	3 Jun 1993

Table A.5: Wickens plot, Holy Cross Cemetery^[5]
 Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
 36 North Maple Ave., Grave 56 West

Name	Burial Date
Frederick J. Wickens	10 Jul 1896
Arthur O'Brien	30 Sep 1904
Frances [O'Brien] Wickens	25 Feb 1915
Elmer Giguere	28 Sep 1916
Robert E. Giguere	28 Sep 1916

Table A.6: John O'Brien plot, Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery^[6]
 Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
 Lot 103, Row 2 West (no marker)

Name	Burial Date
John O'Brien	26 Apr 1863
Margaret O'Brien	25 Oct 1863
Anna O'Brien	03 Mar 1866
Bridget [Colbert] O'Brien	21 Oct 1873
James E. O'Brien	12 Apr 1879
Ellen F. O'Brien	01 Oct 1882
Mary O'Brien	18 Mar 1883
Mary [Mahoney] [O'Brien] Bowser	18 Nov 1894
Thomas J. Bowser	27 Mar 1903

Table A.7: Mahoney plot, Mt. Calvary Cemetery^[7]
 Boston (Roslindale), Suffolk County, Massachusetts
 CL1-1 (Half Circle)

Grave	Name	Burial Date
1A	Catherine J. [Kenney] Mahoney	13 Mar 1913
1B	Elizabeth F. Mahoney	06 Jan 1936
2A	Edward J. Mahoney	15 Jul 1895
2B	Almira L. Mahoney	19 May 1910
3A	Agnes P. Garvin	18 Aug 1883
3B	William E. Garvin	25 Oct 1886
3C	Mary A. Garvin	12 Jan 1916
4A	Josephine L. Mahoney	17 May 1948
5A	Pauline M. [O'Brien] Baine	04 Feb 1967
6A	Mildred L. O'Brien	26 May 1891
6B	Edward O'Brien	26 Dec 1898
6C	Almira O'Brien	13 Jul 1902
6D	John J. O'Brien	17 May 1938
6E	Emma A. [Mahoney] O'Brien	13 Jul 1950

Table A.8: William O'Brien plot, Mt. Calvary Cemetery^[8]
Boston (Roslindale), Suffolk County, Massachusetts
C7-22-22

Name	Burial Date
Julia T. [McCarty] O'Brien	11 Dec 1888
William O'Brien	29 Oct 1889
Nellie L. O'Brien	15 Jun 1926



Figure A.1: William O'Brien grave, Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Boston (Roslindale), Suffolk County, Massachusetts.



Figure A.2: Edward O'Brien family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.



Figure A.3: Robert Fernald's family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.



Figure A.4: Mahoney/Mahony family plot, Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Boston (Roslindale), Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

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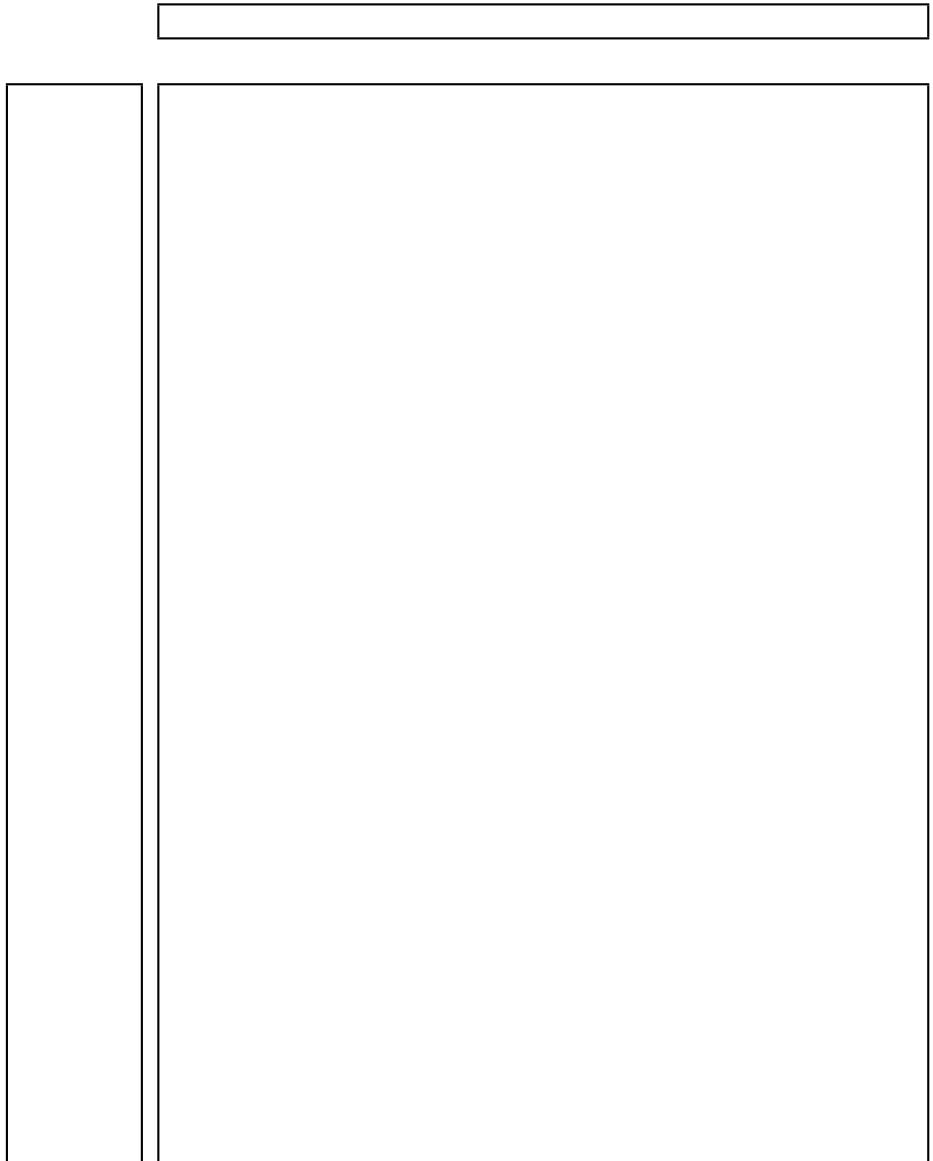
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Descendants of William O'Brien

	William ¹ O'Brien b. abt. 1791 d. 1856	
+ Mary Sexton b.		
Ann ² O'Brien b. abt. 1813 d. 1898		
+ Michael Dailey m. bef. 1880		
Abigail ² O'Brien b. abt. 1815 d. 1897		
+ Michael Dooley d. bef. 1865		
Hannah ³ Dooley b. abt. 1837 d. 1911		
+ Jeremiah Cooney b. abt. 1835 m. 1859 d. 1883		
+ Michael Patrick Cusick b. abt. 1843 m. 1884 d. bef. 1911		
Margaret E. ³ Dooley b. 1840 d. 1918		
+ Robert A Fernald b. abt. 1849 m. 1873 d. 1917		
Anna ⁴ Fernald b. 1874 d. 1875		
Caroline Emma ⁴ Fernald b. 1876 d. 1927		
+ John Joseph McGurin b. 1875 m. 1893 d. 1968		
Sarah Helen ⁴ Fernald b. 1879 d. 1943		
+ Christopher Leonard b. 1872 m. 1902 d. 1945		
Robert Atwell ⁴ Fernald b. 1882 d. 1965		
+ Agnes M Leonard b. 1881 m. 1911 d. 1975		
+ William Simonds b. abt. 1841 d. 1873		
Abigail J ⁴ Simonds b. 1867 d. 1958		
+ John H Rogan b. abt. 1866 m. 1890		
Catharine F ⁴ Simonds b. 1860 d. 1890		
+ John F McCarthy b. abt. 1858 m. 1879		
Francis ⁴ Simonds b. 1863 d. 1865		
Margaret Josephine ⁴ Simonds b. 1865 d. 1866		
John ² O'Brien b. abt. 1820 d. 1863		
Mary Mahoney b. abt. 1829 m. 1853 d. 1894		
William ³ O'Brien b. 1854 d. 1889		
+ Julia T McCarty b. 1855 m. 1881 d. 1888		
Ellen Louise ⁴ O'Brien b. 1885 d. 1926		
Mary ³ O'Brien b. 1856 d. 1883		
James Edward ³ O'Brien b. 1858 d. 1879		
Ellen ³ O'Brien b. 1859 d. 1882		
John Joseph ³ O'Brien b. 1861 d. 1938		
+ Emma A Mahony b. 1862 m. 1890 d. 1950		
Mildred Loretta ⁴ O'Brien b. 1890 d. 1891		
Francis Joseph ⁴ O'Brien b. 1892 d. 1958		
+ Mary Helena Flynn b. 1892 m. 1921 d. 1981		
Pauline M. ⁴ O'Brien b. 1894 d. 1967		
+ Charles Lucius Baine b. 1870 m. 1930 d. 1962		
Mildred Louise ⁴ O'Brien b. 1896 d. 1927		
+ Albert Joseph French b. 1900 m. 1925 d. 1980		
Edward ⁴ O'Brien b. 1898 d. 1898		
Almyra Louise ⁴ O'Brien b. 1901 d. 1902		
Margaret ³ O'Brien b. 1862 d. 1863		
Anna ⁴ O'Brien b. 1863 d. 1866		
Edward ² O'Brien b. 1822 d. 1881		
+ Bridget Linnehan b. abt. 1831 d. 1867		
Mary Ann ¹ O'Brien b. 1852 d. 1852		
Ellen ³ O'Brien b. 1853 d. 1857		
Ann Maria ³ O'Brien b. 1855 d. 1937		
Margaret A ³ O'Brien b. 1859 d. 1933		
Edward J. ³ O'Brien b. 1861 d. 1884		
Mary ² O'Brien b. abt. 1828 d. 1908		
+ David Ward b. 1823 m. 1850 d. 1881		

				Mary Ann³ Ward b. 1851 d. 1854
				Sarah³ Ward b. 1853 d. 1873
				Hannah³ Ward b. 1860 d. 1919
			+ John J Flynn b. 1861 m. 1885 d. 1920	
			Mary Alice ⁴ Flynn b. 1886 d. 1958	
			+ Edward William Clahane b. 1888 m. 1908 d. 1962	
			Harry Joseph ⁴ Flynn b. 1889 d. 1967	
			Michael² O'Brien b. 1832 d. 1891	
		+ Bridget	Colbert b. abt. 1832 m. 1854 d. 1873	
			Ellen ³ O'Brien b. abt. 1858 d. aft. 1891	
			Mary Ann ³ O'Brien b. 1859 d. 1861	
			Michael F. ³ O'Brien b. 1864 d. 1904	
			+ Lillian A Allen b. 1863 m. 1883 d. 1891	
			Arthur Francis ⁴ O'Brien b. 1883 d. 1904	
			Edward William ⁴ O'Brien b. 1884 d. 1887	
			Elizabeth ⁴ O'Brien b. 1886 d. 1886	
		+ Mary A Macdougall	b. abt. 1871 m. 1899 d. 1928	
			Frances May ⁴ O'Brien b. 1901 d. 1903	
			Frances Elizabeth³ O'Brien b. 1866 d. 1915	
		+ John B Wickens	b. 1873 m. 1893 d. aft. 1916	
			Nellie ⁴ Wickens b. 1893 d. 1893	
			Edith A ⁴ Wickens b. 1894 d. 1957	
			+ George H Giguere b. 1893 m. 1913 d. 1974	
			Frederick John ⁴ Wickens b. 1895 d. 1896	
			Albert Francis ⁴ Wickens b. 1898 d. 1977	
			+ Mary Helen Schaller b. 1892 m. 1922 d. 1984	
			Ethel Mary ⁴ Wickens b. 1902 d. 1967	
			+ Harold Edward Heuman b. 1902 m. 1923 d. 1993	
	+ Mary Field	b. abt. 1845 m. 1874 d. 1915		
			Mary ³ O'Brien b. 1875 d. 1875	
			John Joseph ³ O'Brien b. 1876 d. 1881	
			Edward Francis ³ O'Brien b. 1879 d. 1929	
	+ Mary Frances Gill	b. 1884 m. 1909 d. 1958		
			Catherine Mary ⁴ O'Brien b. abt. 1910 d. 1964	
			+ Frederick Augustus MacDonald Jr b. 1908 m. 1937 d. 1983	
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			+ John Ransom Day b. 1912 m. 1942 d. 1990	
			Walter Gill ⁴ O'Brien b. 1914 d. 1945	
			Edward Francis ⁴ O'Brien Jr b. 1916 d. 1985	
			+ Mary A Metivier b. 1917 m. 1946 d. 1999	
			Beatrice Field ⁴ O'Brien b. 1919 d. 1976	
			+ John Francis Brady b. 1914 m. 1941 d. 1983	
			Mary Lucia ⁴ O'Brien b. 1921 d. 2011	
			Francis Joseph³ O'Brien b. 1883 d. 1914	
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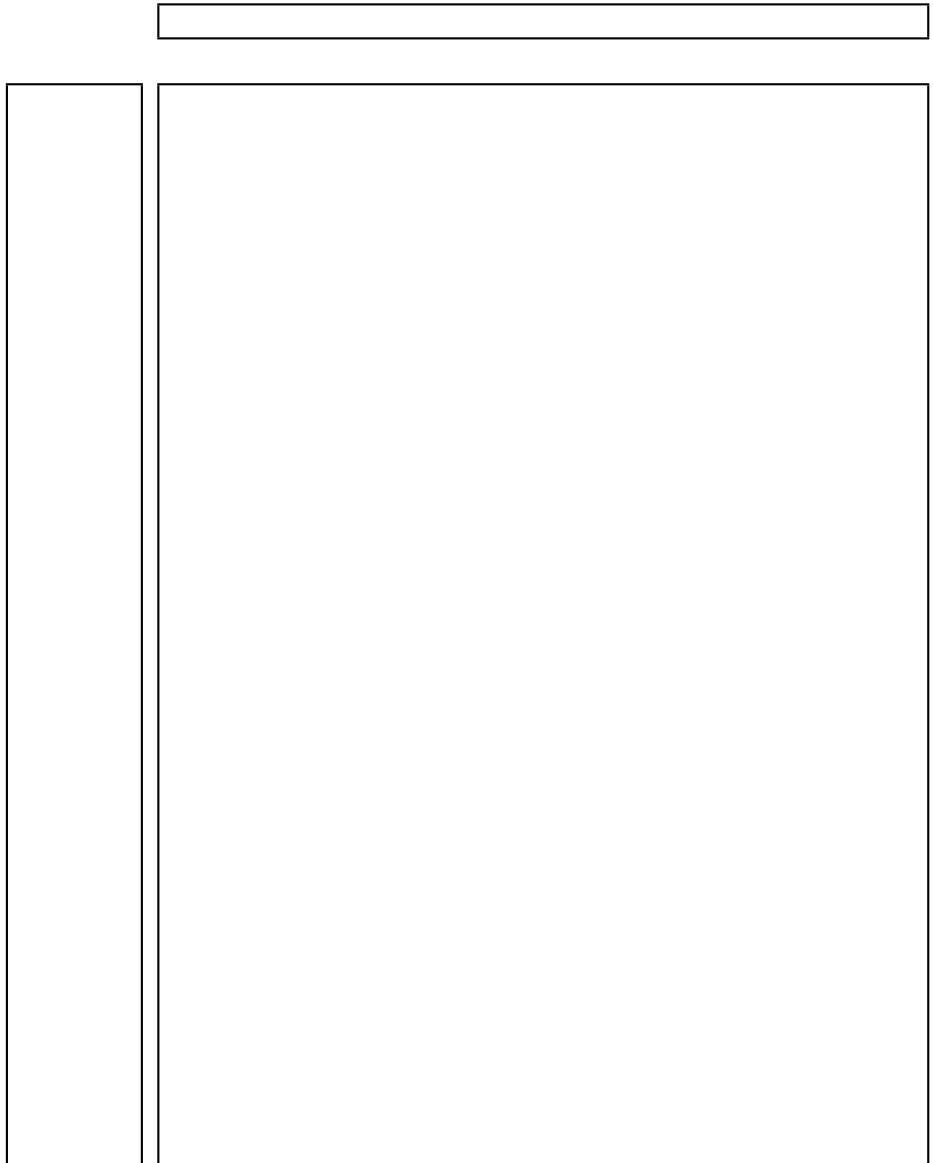
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