

# The Connors and O'Brien Families

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## Introduction

The original work on the Connors and O'Brien families was done in 2002 while researching my McGraw ancestors in the Truxton area of Cortland County, NY. It was not an extensive effort and only covered a few readily available census records. However, it was sufficient to allow the construction of a basic family tree which allowed the identification of family connections. Michael and Julia O'Brien's youngest daughter Mary married Patrick Connors, the oldest son of Thomas and Maria Connors. Connections to other Truxton area residents were suspected but at that time other research projects seemed more promising.

In September 2017, while extending the lines of a couple other Central New York families, I happened upon a two-page genealogy of Thomas Maher of Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary. I had found the Maher genealogy on line back in 2009 and although it wasn't of any immediate interest I saved it for further reference. I have found it to be wise to save anything related to Upperchurch. Over the years that strategy has yielded several valuable surprises. The Connors family research would turn out to be an example of another genealogy surprise.

<b>Thomas Maher</b>	=	<b>Unknown</b>	
See <i>The Connors and O'Brien Families: The Roger Ryan Family of Cuyler, NY</i>	├	<b>Cornelius Maher</b> b. 1820, Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary	= <b>Mary Connors</b>
See <i>The O'Donnell Families</i>	├	<b>Thomas Maher</b> b. 1824, Co. Cork (Gen) d. 1887 (Gen)	= <b>Mary O'Donnell</b> b. 1823, Co. Cork (Gen) d. 1899 (Gen)
See <i>The Conan Family of Foilagoule</i>	└	<b>John Maher</b> b. 1830, Thurles d. Prospect, Ontario, Canada d. between 1892 - 1900	= <b>Mary Coonan</b> b. Jan 1833, Thurles mar in Upperchurch (Gen) To US 1850 (1900 census) d. Nov 21, 1911

This table represents a top level summary of the Thomas Maher Genealogy discussed above. It was during the research for *The O'Donnell Families* paper that this Maher genealogy was first re-discovered and was determined to be connected to one of the O'Donnell families in the paper. Subsequently it was discovered that the John and Mary Maher in the Maher genealogy were connected to the family in another paper: *The Conan Family of Foilagoule*. During the research for the Conan paper the complicated structure of the Cornelius Maher and Mary Connors relationship was finally sorted out. Initially church records could not be found for Cornelius and Mary until it was realized that this was Mary's second marriage and her maiden name was Ryan. With this new insight the marriage and baptism records for both of Mary's marriages were easily found. Now all three families were tied to the town of Pompey, Onondaga Co., NY.

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# The Thomas Connors Family of Truxton

## Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan

(s/o Patrick Connors and Mary Ryan); (d/o Roger Ryan and Bridget Ryan)

<b>Thomas Connors</b> bap Mar 30, 1841, Fantane, Glenkeen par d. May 12, 1911, Cortland	=	<b>Maria Ryan</b> bap. Jun 29, 1845, Ballyboy, Upperchurch, Ireland mar. 1868 d. Jul 23, 1910, Crains Mills	Both Thomas and Maria came to the US in 1851 with their respective families. Both are buried in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Pompey, NY
		<b>Patrick Connors</b> b. Dec 30, 1869, Cuyler, NY d. Jul 8, 1939, Truxton, NY bur St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY	= <b>Mary O'Brien</b> b. Jun 2, 1879, Truxton, NY mar Jun 19, 1895, St Patrick's Church, Truxton, NY d. Jan 16, 1948, Cortland, NY
1939 - Cortland		<b>Roger Connors</b> b. ~1869 d. Feb 1950, Cortland, NY	= <b>Katherine Herlihy</b> b. Apr 4, 1873, Truxton, NY mar. Nov 11, 1896, St Patrick's Church, Truxton, NY d. Oct 24, 1968, Cortland, NY bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY
1917 - New York City 1939 - Elmira		<b>Mary A. Connors</b> b. 1870, NY d. Jun 14, 1943, Penn Yan, NY No children	= <b>M. Bernard. Grimes (1)</b> mar July 25, 1902, Elmira, NY = <b>William P. Ryan (2)</b> b. 1876 mar Nov 20, 1920, Homer, NY d. Jul 30, 1947, Elmira, NY
1939 - Cortland		<b>Elizabeth Bridget Connors</b> b. 1872, NY d. Oct 30, 1947, Cortland, NY bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	= <b>Francis Joseph Burns (1)</b> <b>William Sullivan (2)</b> <b>Earl Ambrose Fish (3)</b>
1911 - Truxton 1917 - Truxton		<b>Thomas Connors</b> b. ~1873 in NY d. Jul 9, 1932, Truxton, NY	Never married
		<b>Margaret Connors</b> b. 1875, NY d. Jan 19, 1908, Syracuse, NY	= <b>John Mellon</b> mar Oct 2, 1906, St. Patrick's, Truxton, NY Children: Margaret E. Mellon, d. Feb 1, 1908 (18 days)
1911 - Cortland 1917 - Cortland		<b>Annie Connors</b> b. 1877, NY mar Nov 8, 1905, Truxton, NY d. Mar 13, 1947, Cortland	= <b>Patrick Hartnett (1)</b> <b>Thomas Kernan (2)</b> <b>L. D. Terrell (3)</b>
1939 - Elmira		<b>Grace H. Connors</b> b. Apr 1881, NY mar Sep 4, 1911, Elmira, NY	= <b>Dennis J. O'Brien</b> b. 1877, NY d. Mar 15, 1924, Rochester, NY bur SS Peter and Paul Cem
		<b>John Connors</b> b. July 1883 in NY d. Mar 27, 1919, Cortland, NY	Never married
1939 - Elmira 1947 - Elmira 1967 - Elmira		<b>Winifred A. Connors (twin)</b> b. Mar. 1886, NY d. Feb 4, 1967, Elmira, NY	= <b>Thomas R. King</b> mar June 22, 1915, Truxton, NY
1930 - Elmira 1947 - Sonyea 1951 - Sonyea		<b>Julia A. Connors (twin)</b> b. Mar. 1886, NY mar Aug 16, 1930, Homer, NY	= <b>Harry Daley</b> d. bef 1940 No children
		<b>Owen J. Connors</b> b. Dec. 1887, NY d. Mar 8, 1917, Truxton, NY	Never married

Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan had twelve children: five sons and seven daughters. Only two of the sons married: Roger married Katherine (Kitt) Herlihy and Patrick married Mary O'Brien. Roger and Kitt had only one child, a daughter named Janette and she never married. Patrick and Mary had four children: two sons and two daughters. Their sons never married and so the Connors name ended with this generation. The seven daughters all married at least once, while one married twice and two of their daughters married three times.

John Arthur McGraw is a younger brother of my grandfather Edward C. McGraw. Katherine Herlihy is the older sister of my g-grandmother Anna Herlihy Flaherty. In 1950 Anna Herlihy Flaherty, at the age of 74, retired from her job at the Corset factory and moved to Syracuse to help her son-in-law, Edward C. McGraw, raise his family after the death of his wife Louise Flaherty. Anna continued to maintain Edward's household until her death in May 1971 at the age of 94.

### **Census Records - Thomas Connors**

**1870** NY Cortland Cuyler M593-922-712B, 713 Img 10-11/34  
Res 79, Family 79

Thomas Connors, 27, Farmer, Real Est \$8,200, Per Est \$2,500, IR  
Maria Connors, 23, Keeping House, IR  
Patrick Connors, 1, NY  
Roger Connors, 11/12 (Jan), NY  
William Shaw, 30, Farm laborer, NY  
Bridget Ryan, 22, House keeping, IR  
Mary Ryan, 2, NY  
Roger Ryan, 6/12 (Dec), NY

All parents of foreign birth, except William Shaw.

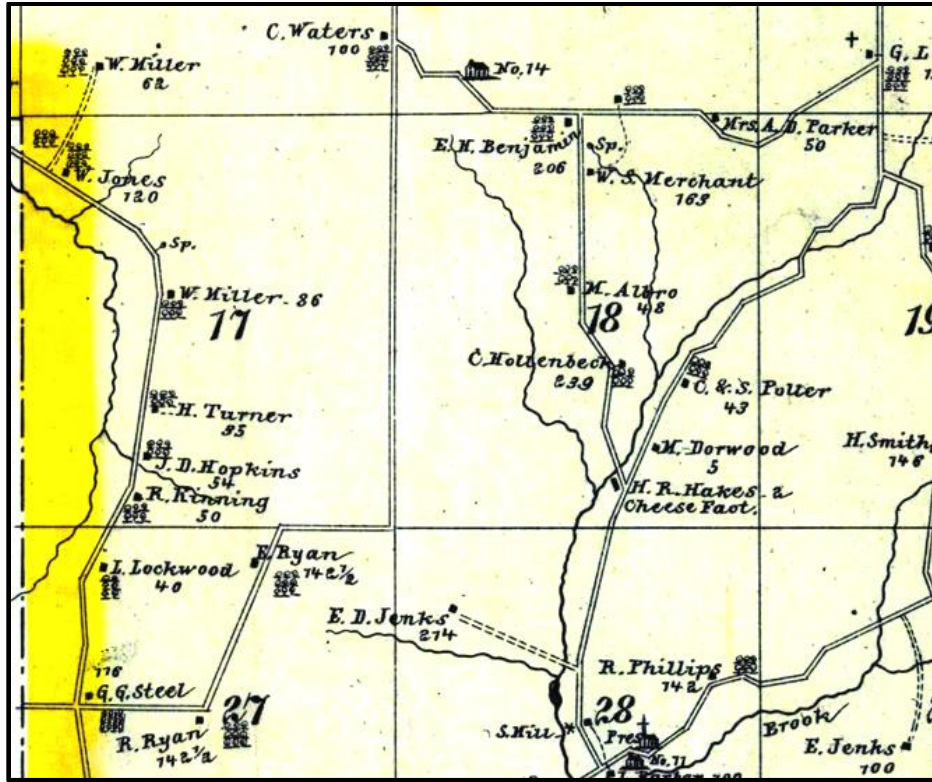
Bridget (Maher) Ryan is the half-sister of Thomas Connors. Neighbors: Res 77, Roger Ryan; Res 78 Edmund Ryan.

**1875** NY Cortland Cuyler ED03

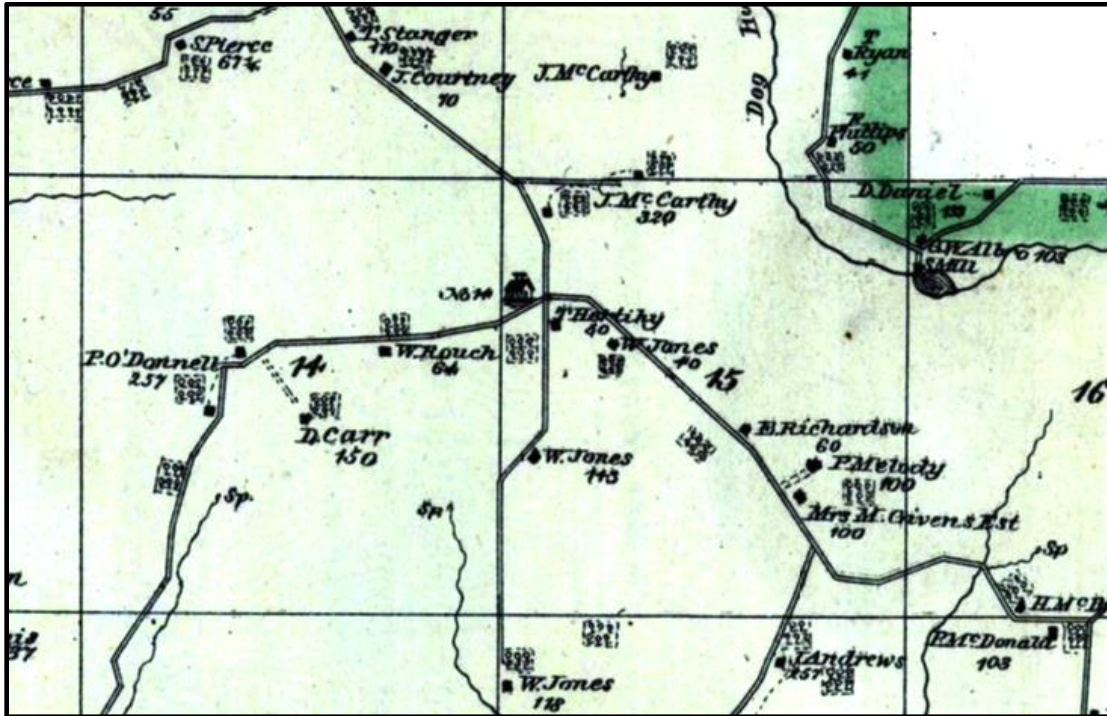
Res 193, Frame, \$600, Family 199

Thomas Conner, 34, IR, M, Farmer, Na, Owner of land  
Maria Conner, 29, IR, M, Keeping house, Na  
Patrick Conner, 6, Cortland  
Roger Conner, 5, Cortland  
Mary Conner, 4, Cortland  
Bridget Conner, 2-11/12, Cortland  
Thomas Conner, 1-9/12, Cortland  
Maggie Conner, 9/12, Cortland

Neighbors: Res 194 Edmund Ryan; Res 195 Rodger Ryan, father of Edmund Ryan and Maria Ryan Connors.



Cuyler - 1876



Truxton - 1876

The Town of Cuyler was formed from the east portion of the Town of Truxton in 1858. Therefore the town lot numbers continue in sequence moving easterly from Truxton to Cuyler. In the maps above Lot #16 in Truxton (partially cutoff in this view) aligns with Lot #17 in Cuyler. Source: Cortland County 1876, New York, Published by Everts, Ensign and Everts in 1876.

Thomas Connors doesn't appear on this map of the Town of Cuyler even though he appears in the 1875 and 1880 Cuyler census records which bracket the year of the maps publication. His location can be estimated by his census position relative to R. Ryan and E. Ryan who are his neighbors in in-laws. Roger Ryan is his father-in-law and Edmond Ryan is his brother-in-law. In 1870, 1875 and 1880 census records the sequence is Roger, Edmond and Thomas which indicates that Thomas Connors farm was somewhere along the road heading east and then north after Edmond Ryan's farm.

**1880** NY Cortland Cuyler Dist 122 T9-822-93B?

Res 95, Family 103

Thomas O'Connor, 37, M, Farmer, IR, IR, IR  
Maria O'Connor, 34, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR  
Patrick O'Connor, 12, son, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Roger O'Connor, 11, son, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Mary O'Connor, 10, dau, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Bridget O'Connor, 8, dau, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Thomas O'Connor, 7, son, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Maggie O'Connor, 5, dau, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Annie O'Connor, 3, dau, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR  
Baby O'Connor, 6/12 (Apr), dau, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR (This is Grace)

Neighbors: Res 93 Roger Ryan; Res 94 Edmond Ryan

**1892** NY Cortland Truxton ED01 Img 1/16

Thomas Connor, 51, Ireland, C, Farmer  
Maria Connor, 45, Ireland, C  
**Patt Connor, 23, US, C, Farmer**  
Roger Connor, 22, US, C, Farmer  
Mary Connor, 21, US, C  
Bridget Connor, 21, US, C  
Thomas Connor, Jr, 18, US, C  
Margaret Connor, 17, US, C  
Anna Connor, 13, US, C  
**Cornelius Connor, (male), 12, US, C**  
John Connor, 10, US, C  
Winnie Connor, 6, US, C  
Julia A. Connor, 6, US, C  
Owen J. Connor, 4, US, C

No Grace. Cornelius is probably Grace despite the fact that the enumerator listed Cornelius as male.

Neighbors: John & Mary Casey, James and Catherine Lonergan.

Next door was the Casey family. The proximity of the Connor and Casey families might be an artifact of the census enumerator ending at one resident and moving to a different section of town before recording the next residence. The Connor family was living in Cuyler at Dog Hollow and the Casey family was living on the North Road out of the village of Truxton. Geographically the two families were not in close proximity.

**1900** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0105 T623-1020-8 Img 15/26

Res 154, Family 158, Rents farm # 114

Thomas Connor, Head, Apr 1841, 59, M, 32, IR, IR, IR, 1851, 49, Na, Farmer

Maria Connor, Wife, July 1846, 53, M, 32, 12/12, IR, IR, IR, 1851, 49

John Connor, son, July 1880, 19, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

Winfred A Connor, dau, March 1886, 14, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

Julia A. Connor, dau, March 1886, 14, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

Owen Connor, son, Dec 1887, 12, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

**1900** NY Cortland Truxton T623-1020-PART2-259A

Res 154, Family 158 (Thomas Connors)

The spelling “Connors” came from the 1900 census so it could equally as well have been spelled “Conners.” Thomas and Maria Connors had 12 children as of June 1900 and all were still living at that time. In the 1910 census only 11 out of twelve children were still living. Only six of the children have been found in the census records so far. The names of one of the twin daughters and son were illegible in the 1900 census. In a later census the daughter’s name was determined to be Julia A. Thomas and Maria were born in Ireland as were both sets of parents. They both came to the U.S. in 1851 probably with their respective families given their young ages at that time. The Thomas Connors family appeared as “neighbors” to the John and Catherine Casey family at the time of the 1900 census.

Thomas Connors and his future wife Maria both arrived in the U.S. in 1851 and just missed being counted with their respective families in the census of 1850. In the 1860 census the parents of Thomas and Maria would be expected to show up but so far they haven’t been found in the listings for the most probable towns of Truxton and Cuyler. In 1869 Thomas Connors (whose Post Office was given as Truxton) was farming Cuyler Lot 17 where he had 276 acres and 65 cattle <sup>1</sup>. The 1876 map of Cuyler Township doesn’t show any Thomas Connors on Cuyler Lot 17. A careful search of the entire Cuyler and Truxton township maps from 1876 failed to turn up any persons named Connors. This “disappearance” of the Thomas Connors family between 1870 and 1876 may be related to the Panic of 1873 when a nationwide financial upheaval caused many persons to lose their family farms.

**1900** NY Cortland Truxton –

259A – Res 154/ Family 158 -Thomas Connors – on the North Road

Also **Patrick Connors**, Roger Connors

**1900** NY Cortland Homer

202B – Res 301/ Family 326 - Patrick(2) Connors

**1910 NY Cortland Truxton T624-934-Part2**

302A – Res 1/ Family 1 – Dennis Connors on the back road Truxton to Cuyler (this is probably O’Connors, a different family since Thomas and Maria Connors don’t appear to have a son named Dennis).

302A – Res 8/ Family 8 – Owen J. Connors (Living with the Thomas and Fanny Ryan family)

302A – Res 12/ Family 12 – Thomas Connors

302B - Res 26/ Family 26 – John L. Connors (Living with the John and Maria Riley family)

303B – Res 54/ Family 56 – Roger Connors – living on Dog Hollow Road with wife of 13 yrs Katheirne

308B – Res 165/ Family 173 – Patrick Connors (North Road)

**1910 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0137 T624-934-1A**

Back road - Truxton to Cuyler, Res 12, Family 12, Owns farm #7 free of a mortgage

Thomas Connors, Head, 68, M1, 42, IR, IR, IR, 1851, Na, Farmer, General farm, OA

Maria Connors, Wife, 63, M1, 42, 12/11, IR, IR, IR, 1851, None

Julia A. Connors, dau, 23, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Winnie L. Connors, dau, 23, S, NY, IR, IR, None

**1915 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01 Img 6/12**

Back Road West??

John L. Connors, Head, 31, US, Farmer

Thomas Connors, brother, Unk, US, Laborer farm

Owen L. Connors, brother, 28, US, Labor farm

Thomas would have been about 42 years old.

**1920 NY Cortland Truxton T625-1096-Part1-298A**

Res, 53 Family 53

Patrick Connors – on the North Road

Roger Connors – on Dog Hollow Road.

**1920 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0035 T625-1096-7B**

Chenango Street Road, Res 170, Family 179 Owns farm #92

Thomas Connor, Head, 45, S, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, Dairy farm

Patrick O’Donnell and family at Res164

**1925 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01 Img 4/6**

Crainesville Road

Thomas Connors, Head, 48, US, C, Farmer

## **Obituaries**

**Margaret E. Connors Mellon** died on January 19, 1908 with the following survivors:

Her husband: John Mellon, Syracuse

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors, Truxton

Brothers:

Patrick Connors, Truxton

Roger Connors, Truxton

Thomas Connors, Jr., Truxton

John Connors, Truxton

Owen Connors, Truxton

Sisters:

Mrs. F. J. Burns, Cortland

Mrs. Bernard Grimes, New York City

Miss Grace Connors, Elmira

Mrs. Patrick Hartnett, Cortland

Miss Julia Connors, Cortland

Miss Winnie Connors, Cortland

**Thomas Connors**, died May 12, 1911,

From the Cortland Democrat, Friday, May 12, 1911

“Truxton - Thomas Connors died at the Cortland hospital Friday morning after an illness of but nine days. He was taken sick the week before and his physician decided an immediate operation was necessary, which was performed at the hospital by Dr. Wallace of Syracuse. He failed to rally from the operation and passed away early Friday morning. Mr. Connors came to Truxton from Pompey many years ago. Three years ago he purchased the Barber farm near Crains' Mills, which he fitted up, making it one of the finest small farms in this section. He was an expert dairyman and a prosperous farmer. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

“Mr. Connors was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.Y. Cavalry. He was a member of the Miller grange, a Republican in politics.”

Thomas Connors left the following survivors:

Sons:

Patrick Connors

Thomas Connors

Roger Connors

John Connors

Owen Connors

Daughters:

Mrs. M. B. Grimes, New York City (Mary)

Mrs. Patrick Hartnett, Cortland (Anna)

Mrs. William Sullivan, Cortland (Bridget)

Grace Connors, Elmira

Winifred Connors, Truxton

Julia Connors, Truxton

From **Owen Connors** Obit March 9, 1917, with the following survivors.

Brothers:

- Patrick Connors, Truxton
- Roger Connors, Truxton
- Thomas Connors, Truxton
- John Connors, Truxton

Sisters:

- Mrs. M. B. Grimes, New York City (Mary)
- Mrs. Thomas King, Elmira (Winifred)
- Mrs. Grace O'Brien, Rochester
- Mrs. Anna Hartnett, Cortland
- Mrs. E(arl) Fish, Cortland (Elizabeth Bridget)
- Julia Connors, Cortland

### Thomas Connors Descendants

Thomas Connors' and Maria Ryan's Descendants		
Children	Grandchildren	G-Grandchildren
Patrick (1869-1936)	4	7 - McGraw 7 - Ryan
Roger (1870-1950)	1	0
Mary (1871-1943)	1	4 - Dougherty
Elizabeth (1872-1947)	1	3
Thomas (1873-1932)	0	0
Margaret (1875-1908)	1	0
Anna (1877-1905)	2	1 - Kernan
Grace (1881-?)	2	? - Vaughn 1 - Sechrist
John (1883-1919)	0	0
Winifred (1886-1967)	2	? - Benson ? - King
Julia (1886-?)	0	0
Owen (1887-1917)	0	0

Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan had 12 children: 5 sons and 7 daughters. These children produced 14 grandchildren for their parents. However, in the subsequent generation there were no Connors among the 23-plus great grandchildren.

## Patrick Connors and Mary O'Brien of Homer and Truxton

(s/o Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan)

(d/o Michael O'Brien and Julia Comerford)

### Patrick Connors

b. Dec 30, 1869, Cuyler, NY  
d. Jul 8, 1939, Truxton, NY  
bur St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

### = Mary O'Brien

b. Jun 2, 1879, Truxton, NY  
mar Jun 19, 1895,  
St Patrick's Church, Truxton, NY  
Jan 16, 1948, Cortland, NY  
bur St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

Not found: 1900 although  
Marie was born in 1898 in  
East Homer.

### Marie D. Connors

b. Jun 27, 1898, East Homer, NY  
d. Nov 23, 1945, Chenango, NY  
bur St Paul's Cem, Norwich, NY

### = John Arthur McGraw

b. Oct 17, 1891, Truxton, NY  
d. Nov 19, 1962, Norwich, NY  
bur St Paul's Cem, Norwich, NY

1951 - Cortlandville

### Josephine C. Connors

b. ~1903, East Homer, NY  
d. Nov 16, 1975, Moravia, NY  
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

### = Ralph H. Ryan

b. 1901, NY  
mar Aug 27, 1931, Truxton, NY  
Alive in 1975

### Thomas Connors

b. ~1905, NY  
d. Nov 26, 1931, Cortland, NY  
bur St Patrick's Cem, Cortland, NY

Never married

### Robert Patrick Connors

b. July 2, 1914, Truxton, NY  
d. Oct 30, 1951, Pompey, NY  
bur St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

Never married

## The Confusing Patrick Connors/O'Connor Situation

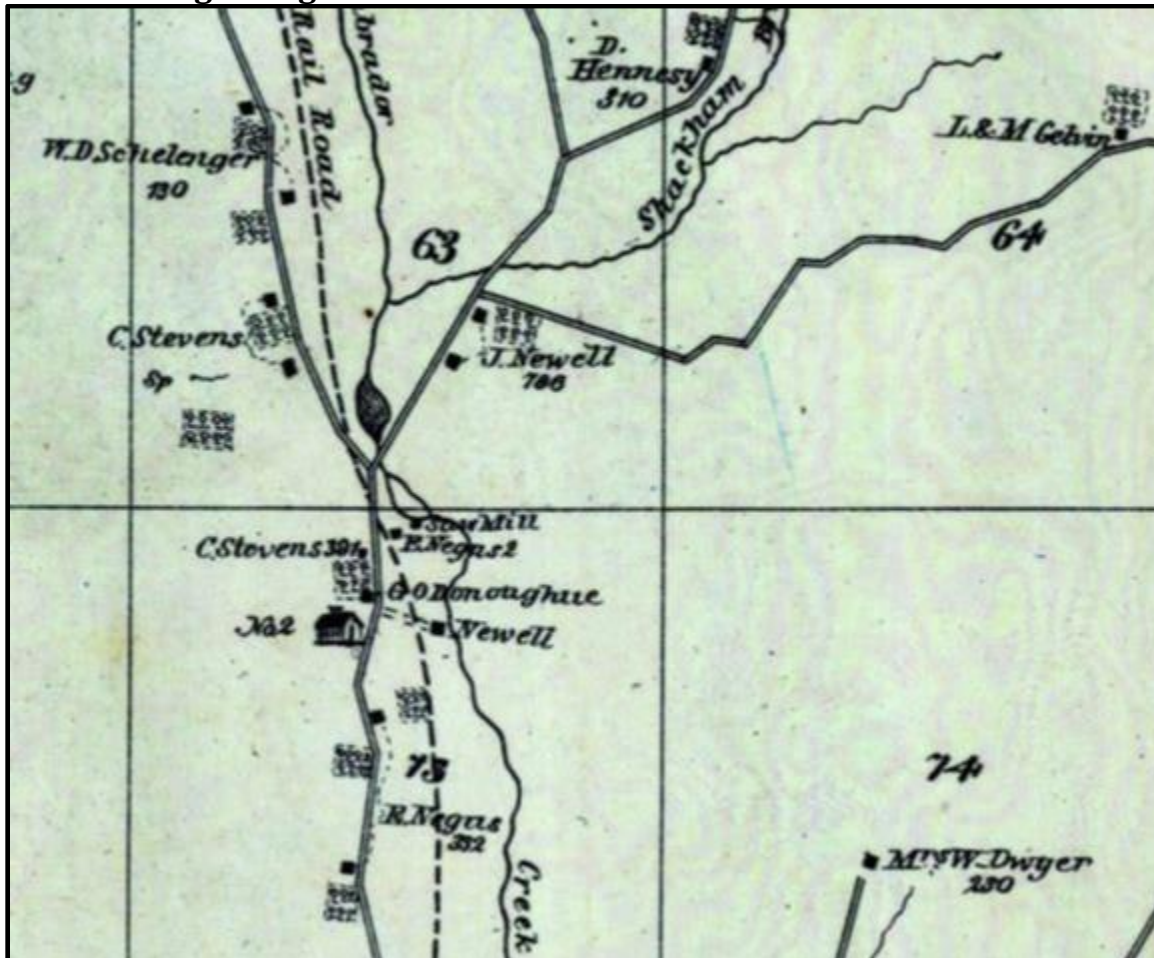
The census enumerators displayed an unusual amount of creativity in finding various ways to spell the names Connors and O'Connor. The "O" prefix can appear or disappear with a frequency that seems to be random. In a similar fashion, but not as frequently the final "s" will come and go. The final "e" and "o" are readily interchangeable. In the final analysis the spelling of the surname cannot be trusted to prove a person's suspected identity. A family is easier to track than an individual but that does not always resolve the ambiguity over identity. In this case the task was to prove whether or not Patrick T. O'Connor and Patrick Connors were the same person. The confusion arose initially because the two Patricks could not be found in the same census year. In 1910 Connors was found on the North road out of Truxton, near the Casey farm. In the 1900 census O'Connor was found on the North road near the Casey farm and Connors could not be found. Both men were about the same age by census standards and they both were married with two children named Marie and Thomas. However O'Connor was married to a Katherine and Connors was married to a Mary. Were these the same family and the 1910 Connors had married a second time? Now O'Connor had been born in Ireland while Connors had been born in New York but this item has been known to be incorrect with a frequency great enough that it alone couldn't be trusted to resolve this identity problem.

It was time to track down O'Connor's wife Katherine whose maiden name was known to be Hickey, thanks to her widowed father living with the O'Connor family at the time of the 1900 census. Following Philip Hickey back through the census records it was discovered that in 1880 his family was living on the North Road next to the Casey farm. Now it was becoming clearer. Patrick O'Connor had come to the US from Ireland in 1892 and was from one of the other families in the area. O'Connor married Katherine Hickey in 1898 and moved onto the Hickey

farm on the North Road. By 1905 Philip Hickey appears to have passed away and the O’Connors family moved to 350 Green Street in Syracuse’s 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. Their place was taken by the Connors family by 1910 and they remained on the North Road for many years.

During the effort to separate the identities of these two families a large number of census records were transcribed and they have been placed in the appendix. Although they aren’t needed anymore to explain these to families they took too long to collect to toss them away.

### The 1925 Lightning Strike



The Chauncey Stevens’ farm in Lot #73 as seen on this 1876 Truxton map. In 1925 this property was owned by William S. Goddard of Homer and was being rented by Patrick Connors. On the map the Lot #73 property was designated as 391 acres and the newspaper article below referred to the farm as “400 acres.” There was a second Stevens farm in Lot #63 further north but that farm was not on the North Road proper, being located north of the split. The 3 mile distance of the farm from the village of Truxton mentioned in an article about the fire is a point between the two Stevens’ properties. To be absolutely certain which Stevens farm was struck by lightning will require a visit to the Cortland County Clerk’s Office and a review of the Deed Books.

Source: Cortland County Atlas, Published by Everts, Ensign and Everts, New York, 1876.

## **Goddard Barns Burn At Truxton**

Friday, September 11, 1925, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

### **Last Night's Electric Storm Does Considerable Damage**

#### **Two Silos Also Destroyed**

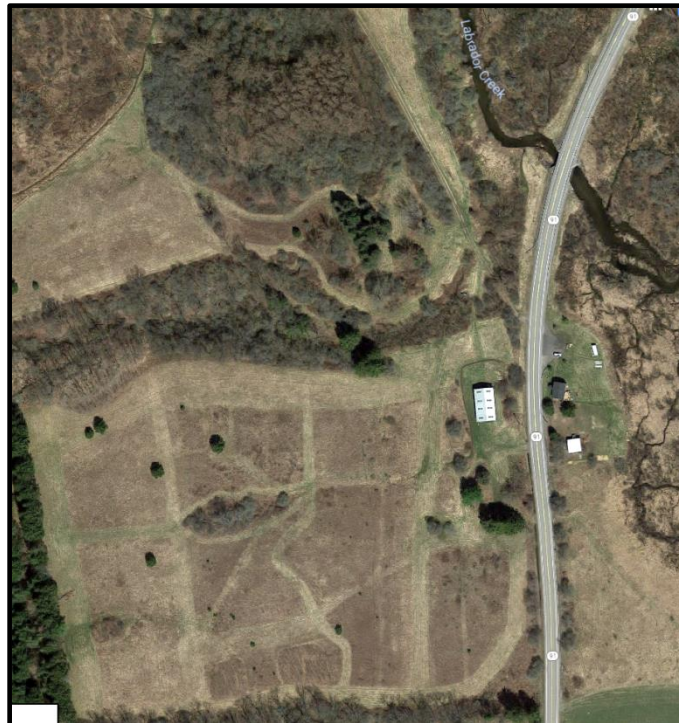
#### **Other Buildings Also Go - Hay and Grain Lost - Full Particulars Not Yet Learned by Owner - Patrick Connors on Tenant Farm - Insurance of \$4,000 Only Partly Covers Loss**

“Last night the barns of W. S. Goddard of this village, which are situated in the town of Truxton on the Labrador road, were struck by lightning during the severe electric storm between 11 and 12 o'clock, and burned to the ground. Mr. Goddard of the Homer Hardware Co., is the owner of a 400-acre dairy farm on which the barns were located. They consisted of a large barn 140 feet by 116 feet in dimensions with two large silos attached, a horse barn 40 by 30 feet and a hog house, near-by, which Mr. Goddard supposes was also burned.

“The barns were filled with hay, and much grain, tools and other valuable farm equipment were also therein stored. Mr. Goddard has not learned the full particulars this morning but will visit the farm today.

“He carried an insurance on the barns and silos destroyed of \$4,000 which will fall far short of covering the loss. At this time of the year the loss is especially unfortunate as much of the season's crops stored in the barns were burned.

:Patrick Connors was the tenant on the farm, which carried a dairy of forty head of cattle. These will have to be sold, as even if the barns could be replaced before winter, the feed for the stock is all destroyed.”



This 2018 satellite view of the location of the old Steven's farm on Lot #73. Labrador Creek crosses the North Road (Route 91 - Apulia Road) just north of where the old western turn off was located. Today, this turn off, which was formerly called the Labrador Road, appears to be a little used private road.

## **Obituaries - Connors**

### **Thomas Connors**

#### **Blow on Head Possible Cause of Truxton Man's Death**

Friday, November 27, 1931, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

"Thomas Connors, 27, of Truxton, died in Cortland Thursday morning at about 2:45. The cause of death is a mystery although it is believed that injuries received by him last April when a piece of wood he was chopping struck him a severe blow on the head, may have caused his condition.

"Mr. Connors was a life long resident of Truxton, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Connors. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's church there. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Arthur McGraw and Mrs. Ralph Ryan of Truxton; and a brother, Robert Connors of Truxton.

"Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning at 9 at the late home and at 9:30 at St. Patrick's church in Truxton. Burial will be made in the Truxton cemetery."

#### **Funeral To Be Tuesday For Patrick Connors, 70**

Monday, July 10, 1939, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

"Patrick Connors, 70, died Saturday at his home three miles north of Truxton on the Apulia road. He had been in failing health for the past five years.

"Most of Conner's life was spent in Truxton where he worked as a farmer. He was a member of St. Patrick's Church of Truxton and active in the Truxton Grange.

"The oldest of a family of 12 children, he was born at Cuyler, December 20, 1869, son of the late Thomas and Maria Ryan Connors.

"Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary O'Brien Connors; a son, Robert Connors of Truxton; two daughters

Mrs. J. A. McGraw of Truxton and

Mrs. Ralph Ryan of Cortland;

a brother,

Rogers Connors of Cortland;

and six sisters,

Mrs. Earl Fish of Cortland

Mrs. L. D. Terrell of Cortland

Mrs. Thomas King, of Cortland

Mrs. Harry Daley

Mrs. William Ryan

Mrs. Grace O'Brien of Elmira and

12 grandchildren.

"Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. (eastern standard time) at the late residence and at 9:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church in Truxton. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery there."

#### **Marie McGraw Dies in Norwich**

Saturday, November 24, 1945, Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

*Binghamton Press Bureau*

“Norwich - Ill but a short period, Mrs. Marie D. McGraw of 16 Gold Street, wife of John A. McGraw, died in Chenango Memorial Hospital here Friday morning a few minutes after her admission.

“Born at East Homer June 27, 1898, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Mary (O’Brien) Connors. A resident of this city the last six years, Mrs. McGraw was a member of St. Paul’s Church and active in the Mothers’ Club of that church.

“Surviving is her husband, manager of the chemurgic division of the Sheffield Farms, Inc., at Woods Corners, and seven children. They are:

Mrs. Mary Stoddard, Truxton

Mrs. Frederick Bosworth, Cortland

John A. McGraw, Jr, just discharged after three years of overseas duty;

Mrs. Jane Dwyer, Fabius

Donald T. McGraw, Norwich

Miss Barbara M. McGraw, Norwich

Gerald F. McGraw, Norwich

“Other survivors include her mother Mrs. Patrick Connors of Truxton,; a brother, Robert of Truxton; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Ryan of Homer and three grandchildren.

“The body rests at her late home where services will be held Monday morning and in St. Paul’s Church at 9:30 o’clock. The Rev. Charles M. Coveney, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul’s Cemetery.”

### **J. A. M’Graw, 71, Dies in Norwich**

Friday, November 23, 1962, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

“J. Arthur McGraw, 71, a native of Truxton and a first cousin of the late John J. McGraw, famous baseball manager, died unexpectedly Monday night at his home, 16 Gold St., Norwich.

“Mr. McGraw had been manager of Sheffield Farms Inc., Chemurgic Division, Woods Corners Plant. When he retired in 1953, he had been employed with the company 45 years. He was a member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Norwich, and the Alert Hose Company 1 of Norwich.

“He was born in Truxton on Oct 17, 1891, the son of Michael and Alice Rooney McGraw. He was married to Marie D. Connors, who died Nov 23, 1945.

“Mr. McGraw is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Henry Stoddard of Truxton, Mrs. Frederick Bosworth of Cortland, Mrs. John Dwyer of Fabius and Mrs. Michael LaCava, Hartwick; three sons, John A. and Gerald F. McGraw, both of Norwich, and Donald T. McGraw, Homer; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Edward and James McGraw, Syracuse, and three sisters, Mrs. Mayme Waters and Mrs. Agnes Currie, both of Syracuse, and Miss Alice McGraw, Binghamton.

“Prayer service will be held Saturday morning at 9 at the Devine Funeral Home, Norwich, and a Solemn High Mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9:30 in St. Paul’s Church. Interment will be in the family plot in St. Paul’s Cemetery.

“Friends may call at the funeral home this afternoon and evening. The Rosary will be said at 7:30 this evening.”

### **Josephine K. Ryan, Of Locust Avenue, dies in Moravia**

Monday, November 17, 1975, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

“Josephine K. Connors Ryan, 72, of Locust Avenue, died Sunday in the Maxwell Nursing Home in Moravia.

“She was born in East Homer, the daughter of Patrick and Mary O’Brien Connors. Mrs. Ryan was employed at the SCM Huntington Street Plant until her retirement in 1960. She was a member of St. Margaret’s Church, Homer.

“Surviving are her husband, Ralph Ryan; four sons,

Robert Ryan, Cortland

Richard Ryan, Cortland

Patrick Ryan, Homer

Ralph Ryan, Jr, Homer;

Three daughters

Mrs. Josephine Ogden, Cortland

Mrs. Vivian Coots, Cortland

Mrs. Helen Lynch, Ireland,

nine grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

“Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10a.m. from H. Patrick McEvoy & Bush Funeral Home, and 11 a.m. from St. Margaret’s Church homer.

“Friends may call Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.”

### **Census Records - Patrick Connors**

**1900** NY - Homer - Truxton - Cuyler

Patrick Connors not found - the towns were searched page by page.

**1905** NY Cortland **Homer** AD01 ED01      Img 8/11

Patrick Connors, Head, 36, US, Cit Farmer

Mary Connors, Wife, 26, US, Cit, Housework

Maria Connors, dau, 6, US, Cit, At school

Josephine Connors, dau, 2, US

Thomas Connors, son, **7**, US, Cit, **At school**

Thomas Connors’ age should have been “1” and therefore he wouldn’t have been “At school.”

**1910** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0137                      T624-934-7B

North Road, Res 165, Family 173, rents farm # 132

Patrick Connors, Head, 41, **M1**, **14 yrs mar**, **NY**, IR, IR, Farmer, General farm (b. 1869)

Mary L. Connors, Wife, 30, M1, 14 yrs mar, 6/3, NY, IR, IR, None

Marie D. Connors, dau, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Josephine C. Connors, dau, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Thomas Connors, son, 5, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Arthur McGraw, Hired man, 18, S, NY, IR, IR, Farm laborer, Working out

John Casey family at Res 167

**1915 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01**

North Road

Patrick Conners, Head, 46, US, Cit, Farmer  
Mary L. Conners, Wife, 36, US, Cit, Housewife  
Josephine R. Conners, dau, 12, US, Cit, Student  
Thomas J. Conners, son, 10, US, Cit, Student  
Robert P. Conners, son, 1(?), US, Cit, None

Next door to the Lonergan and Casey farm

**1920 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0035 T625-1096-3A Img 5/19**

North Road, Res53, Family 53, Rents farm #43

Patrick Conners, Head, 51, M, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, Dairy farm  
Mary Conners, Wife, 40, M, NY, IR, IR, None  
Josephine Conners, dau, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Thomas Conners, son, 15, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Robert Conners, son, 6-6/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Patrick Cane, Hired man, 57, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, Farm  
Daniel Ryan, Hired man, 21, S, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Farm  
Lawrence Richard, Hired man, 22, S, PA, PA, PA, Laborer, Farm  
Ramond Hall, Boarder, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Saw Mill

**1940 NY Cortland Cortlandville Dist 12-23 T627 m-t0627-02520 2A Img 3/22**

RD \$4 Cortlandville, Res 24, Owns \$900

Ralph Ryan, Head, 38, M, 7<sup>th</sup>, NY, Same place, Galvinizer, Galvinizing wire, Earned \$1,000  
in '39  
Josephine C. Ryan, Wife, 36, M, H-1, NY, Same place  
Robert F. Ryan, son, 7, S, 1<sup>st</sup>, NY, Same place  
Patrick H. Ryan, son, 6, S, 1<sup>st</sup>, NY, Same place  
Josephine A. Ryan, dau, 5, S, NY, Same place  
Richard A. Ryan, son, 3, S, NY  
Vivian Ryan, dau, 1, S, NY

## Roger Connors of Dog Hollow Road

### Roger Connors and Katherine Herlihy

(s/o Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan)

(d/o Thomas Herlihy and Mary LNU)

#### Roger Connors

b. ~1869  
d. Feb 1950, Cortland, NY

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#### Katherine Herlihy

b. Apr 4, 1873, Truxton, NY  
mar. Nov 11, 1896, St Patrick's  
Church, Truxton, NY  
d. Oct 24, 1968, Cortland, NY  
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

#### Janette Connors

b. Mar. 1913 in NY  
Taught school in Truxton, NY

Never married.

### Census Records - Thomas Herlihy - Roger Connors

1870 NY Cortland Truxton M593-922-897B Img 24/41

Res 179, Family 181

Thomas Haley (Herlihy), 28, Farmer, Real Est \$1,100, Per Est \$400, Ireland, Cannot write

Mary Haley (Herlihy), 23, Keeping house, Ireland, Cannot read or write

Timothy Haley (Herlihy), 1, NY

All parents of foreign birth

Neighbors: Res 180, William O'Donnell, Res 184, Dennis Carr; Res 175, Michael McAuliffe;

Res 182, Edmund and Catherine Brown; Res 190 Phillip and Bridget Hickey

1875 NY Cortland Truxton Img 7/23

Res 86, Framed, \$200, Family 86

Thomas Herlihy, 30, Ireland, M, Farmer, Naturalized, Owner of land

Mary Herlihy, 26, Wife, Ireland, M

Timothy Herlihy, 7, son, Cortland

Margarett Herlihy, 5, dau, Cortland

Catharine Herlihy, 2, dau, Cortland

Neighbors: Res 85 Patrick O'Donnell; Res 87 William O'Donnell; Res 83, Dennis Carr

1880 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 136 T9-822-235C Img 7/33

Res 58, Family 68

Thomas Harlihy, 35, M, Farmer, IR, IR, IR

Mary Harlihy, 32, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR

Timothy Harlihy, 12, son, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Margaret Harlihy, 10, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Catherine Harlihy, 7, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Anna Harlihy, 4, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Neighbors: Res 56, Dennis Carr; Res 55, Patrick O'Donnell, **Res 48, Phillip Hickey**; Res 50, Michael McCalliff. PROBLEM: **Res 52 was John Casey** who is located between known South Hill residents.

**1892** NY Cortland Truxton ED01                      Img 2/16

Thomas Hurleye, 45, Ireland, C, Farmer  
Mary Hurleye, 47, Ireland, C  
Timothy Hurleye, 24, US, C  
Kitt Hurleye, 19, US, C  
Anna Hurleye, 16, US, C  
James Hurleye, 11, US, C

Neighbors: 6 Res away Cornelius & Joanna Hartnett

**1900** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0105                      T623-XXXX-3                      Img 5/26

South Hill, Res 57, Family 59, Owns farm #47 with a mortgage

Thomas Herlihy, Head, Dec 1845, 54, S, IR, IR, IR, 1862, 38, NA, Farmer

Thomas was actually a widower, his wife, Mary Flynn Herlihy died on Sept 10, 1892

Neighbors: Res 49, Michael McAuliffe; Res 60, John Comerfort, Res 61, Patrick O'Donnell

**1900** NY Cortland Truxton    XXXX                      Img 11-12/26

North Road, Res 126, Family 127, Owns farm #96 with a mortgage

Roger Connors, Head, Jan 1870, 30, M, 3, NY, IR, IR

Kate Connors, wife, Apr 1873, 27, M, 3, 0/0, NY, IR, IR

**1905** NY Cortland Cuyler AD01 ED01                      Img 19/19

Dog Hollow Road

Roger Conors, Head, 35, US, Cit, Farmer, Emp

Catharine Conors, Wife, 33, US, Cit, Housework

**1910** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0137                      T624-934-3A                      Img 5/23

Dog Hollow Road, Res 54, Family 56, Owns farm #39 with a mortgage

Roger Connors, Head, 40, M1, 13, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, General farm, Emp

Catherine Connors, Wife, 38, M1, 13, 0/0, NY, IR, IR, None

**1915** NY Cortland Truxton AD01                      Img 6/12

?? Valley Road

Roger Connors, Head, 45, US, Farmer, Own account

Catherine Connors, Wife, 42, US, Housework

Mary L. Connors, dau, 2, US, None

**1920** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0035                      T625-1096-7A                      Img 13/19

Dog Hollow Road, Res 155, Family 163, Farm #79

Roger Connors, Head, 49, M, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, Dairy farm

Catherine Connors, wife, 46, M, NY, IR, IR

Janette Connors, dau, 6-11/12, S, NY, NY, NY

**1925** NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED02                      Img 5/6

South Hill

Roger Connors, Head, 55, US, C, Farmer, Emp

Katherine Connors, Wife, 52, US, C, Housework  
Janet M. Connors, 12, US, C, School

**1930** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0031      T626-XXX-3A      Img 5/21

Main Street, Res 56, Family 56, Owns home \$2,000

Roger Connors, Head, 60.M, 32 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, State Road

Katherine Connors, Wife, 57, M, 24 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR, Operator, telephone

Janet Connors, dau, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Anna Flaherty, Sister-in-law, 53, Wd, 20 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, NY, Corset factory, Pressing

Leo Flaherty, son (Nephew), 29, S, NY, NY, NY, clerk, Grocery store

Katherine and Anna were sisters (Herlihy), both of their parents were born in Ireland.

**1940** NY Cortland Cortland Dist 12-12      T627 m-t0627-02520 9A      Img 18/29

26 Grant Street, Res 219, Rents \$25/mo

Roger Connors, Head, 70, M, 8 yrs, NY, Same place, None

Katherine Connors, Wife, 65, M, H-3, NY, Same place, Inspector, Corset Factory, Earned  
\$600 in '39

Jeanette Connors, dau, 27, S, C-2, NY, Same place, Teacher, Public school, Earned \$1,100 in  
'39

Anna Flaherty, sister-in-law, 61, Wd, H-2, NY, Same place, Machine Operator, Corset  
Factory, Earned \$600 in '39

## Dog Hollow School

“The Dog Hollow School was No. 26 on the 1855 map. In 1864 it was No. 13 and in 1866 it was changed to No. 4 which number it retained until it closed.”<sup>2</sup> This school was on the western border of the Cuyler Township and was shared between Truxton and Cuyler. In the winter of 1948-9 the Chester Bush family lost their home by fire. This schoolhouse was moved to become their home. It is no longer standing.

Ruby Pudney taught in Dog Hollow before she became Mrs. Potter.



Courtesy of Ruby Potter

### Pupils at Dog Hollow School in 1920

**Front Row (left to right):** Floyd Crandall, Camilla Sutton, Janet Connors, William Powell

**Middle row:** Frank Oliver, Rena Bailey, Helen Sutton

**Back Row:** Edith Sutton, Arthur Crandall, John Elmer

The teacher at Dog Hollow in 1920 was Ruby Pudney before she became Mrs. Potter. A member of her class that year was Janet Connors. She was the daughter of Katherine (Kitt) Herlihy and Roger Connors. In the picture above Janet is the second from the right in the front row. Katherine was known as Aunt Kitt to us as she was the sister of my great-grandmother Anna Herlihy Flaherty. Anna's husband died in 1923 and she moved in with her sister's family on the Main road in the village of Truxton. By 1930 Kitt was working as a telephone operator and Anna was working in the corset factory in Cortland. Kitt's family and her sister Anna moved into the city of Cortland and by 1940 Roger was retired, Kitt and Anna were both working at the Cortland Corset factory and Janette was teaching in a public school.

Janet went on to become a teacher in the Cortland School District but she never married. Anna, Kitt and Janet lived together in Cortland until Anna's daughter Louise died unexpectedly and Anna moved to Syracuse in 1950 to take care of her daughter's family. Kitt died in 1971 at the age of 97 while Anna died in May, 1971 at the age of 93. Sometime after her mother's death, in the 1970's, Janet moved in with Grace and Edwin Flaherty of Syracuse. Edwin Flaherty was the brother of Michael Flaherty who was Anna's late husband.

Note:

Marie Connors (Art McGraw's wife) and Janet Connors' father, Roger Connors, were related. Marie's father was Patrick Connors and he was the brother of Roger Connors.

### **Census Records - Michael Flaherty**

1900 NY Cortland Truxton XXX Img 12/26

Res 134, Family 135, Rents farm #102

Michael Flaherty, Head, Aug 1870, 29, M, 3, NY, IR, IR, Farmer

Anna Flaherty, Wife, Aug 1876, 23, M, 2/2, NY, IR, IR

Margaret Flaherty, dau, Oct 1897, 2, NY, NY, NY

Thomas Flaherty, son, Feby 1900, 3/12, S, NY, NY, NY

FNU Gorman, Apr 1886, 14, S, NY, NY, Domestic

Neighbors: Res 132, John Casey; Res 131, Patrick T O'Connor; Res 129, Michael & Alice McGraw; Res 126, Roger and Kitt Connors.

Anna Herlihy Flaherty was the sister Kitt Herlihy Connors.

## Elizabeth Bridget Connors - Three Husbands

### Elizabeth Bridget Connors

(d/o Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan)  
 (s/o Michael Burns and Ann Collins) #1  
 (s/o B. J. Sullivan and Mother) #2  
 (s/o John Fish and Mary Greene) #3

#### Elizabeth Bridget Connors

b. 1872, NY  
 d. Oct 30, 1947, Cortland, NY  
 bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

#### = Francis Joseph Burns (1)

b. Aug 1868, NY  
 mar. Oct 11, 1893, Cortland, NY  
 d. Jan 9, 1905, Cortland, NY  
 bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Francis Burns and William Sullivan were both firemen from Emerald Hose Co. 4

#### Henry J. Burns

b. Jul 1894, NY  
 In Rochester in 1947  
 d. Feb 25, 1951, Rochester, NY

#### = Margaret Zapf

b. 1897, NY  
 mar Sept 20, 1920, Rochester, NY

Daughter of:  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zapf,  
 213 Bronson Ave.,  
 Rochester, NY

#### Margaret Burns

b. 1924, NY

#### Francis Burns

b. 1926, NY

#### Dorothy Burns

b. 1929, NY

#### = William J. Sullivan (2)

b. 1880, NY  
 mar Jan 1, 1908, Cortland, NY  
 d. Oct 24, 1910, Cortland, NY  
 No children

1974 - still at 73 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY

#### = Earl Ambrose Fish (3)

b. 1883, NY  
 b. May 20, 1886, Solon, NY (Obit)  
 mar Nov 20, 1912  
 d. Jul 25, 1974, Cortland, NY  
 bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY  
 No children in this marriage

### Census Records - Elizabeth Bridget Connors

**1880** NY Cortland Cortlandville Dist 119 T9-822-54D Img 15/21  
 Res 356, Family 404

Michael Burns, 32, M, Farmer, IR, IR, IR  
 Ann Burns, 30, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR  
 Francis Burns, 12, son, S, At school, attended school, NY, IR, IR  
 Mary J. Burns, 3, dau, NY, IR, IR  
 Thomas Burns, 1, son, NY, IR, IR  
 Mary Collins, 60, Mother-in-law, Wd, At home, IR, IR, IR  
 Thomas Collins, 23, Brother-in-law, S, Laborer, IR, IR, IR

At this point this appears to be the best candidate for Francis Burns' family

**1900** NY Cortland Cortland WD06 Dist 0092 T623-XXXX-5 Img 9/16

39 East Court Street, Res 81, Family 102, Rents house  
Frank Burns, Head, Aug 1868, 31, M, 7, NY, IR, IR, Bottler  
Elizabeth Burns, Wife, Jul 1873, 26, M, 7, NY, IR, IR  
Henry J. Burns, son, July 1894, 5, S, NY, NY, NY  
Daniel Mahoney, Boarder, Feb 1860, 40, S, NY, IR, IR, Blacksmith  
John T. Whalen, Boarder, Oct 1872, 27, S, NY, IR, IR, Do...yman?

**1905** NY Cortland Cortland WD06 ED01

39 East Court Street  
Elizabeth Burns, Head, 32, US, Cit, Housework  
Henry J. Burns, son, 10, US, Cit, At school  
Annie B. Conners, Sister, 26, US, Cit, Shop Clerk  
James Kane, Boarder, 22, US, Cit, Teamster  
Archie Hopkins, Boarder, 26, US, Cit, Wire worker  
Michael Conroy, Boarder, 32, US, Cit, Piano Worker  
Fred Cline, Boarder, 23, US, Cit, Painter (House)  
Michael Buckley, Boarder, 30, US, Cit, Wire Worker  
Walter Calahan, Boarder, 21, US, Cit, Brakeman

**1910** NY Cortland Cortland WD02 Dist 0110 T624-934-10A Img 19/20

73 Lincoln Avenue, Res 206, Family 243, Owns home with a mortgage  
William J. Sullivan, Head, 27, M1, 2, NY, NY, NY, Engineer, Shop  
Elizabeth Sullivan, Wife, 30, M1, 2, 0/0, NY, NY, NY, None  
Henry **Buron**, **Nephew**, 16, S, NY, NY, NY, None

William Sullivan's obit gave his address as 73 Lincoln Avenue. He died October 24, 1910. The rest of the census record contains some weird stuff. This was Elizabeth's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, her parents were both born in Ireland, Henry's name was Burns and he was William's step-son.

**1920** NY Cortland Cortland WD02 Dist 0006 T625-1096-4A Img 7/19

73 Lincoln Avenue, Res 82, Family 104, Owns home with a mortgage  
Earl A. Fish, Head, 37, M, NY, NY, NY, Pool room, Own business  
Elizabeth Fish, Wife, 42, M, NY, IR, IR, None

**1930** NY Cortland Cortland Dist 0004 T626-XXXX-7B Img 14/22

73 Lincoln Avenue, Res 165, Family 207, Owns home \$6,000  
Earl A. Fish, Head, 43, M, 28 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, NY, Proprietor, Restaurant  
Elizabeth Fish, Wife, 53, M, 16 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR, None

**1930** NY Monroe Rochester WD19 T626-XXX-14A Dist 0158 Img 24/25

106 Iceland Park, Res 213, Family 262, Owns home \$6,700, Has a radio set  
Henry Burns, Head, 34, M, 24 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, NY, Polishers, Auto Associate, Retail  
Margaret Burns, Wife, 35, M, 25 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, Germany, None  
Margaret Burns, dau, 6, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Francis Burns, son, 4-3/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Dorothy Burns, dau, 1, S, NY, NY, NY, None

**1940** NY Cortland Cortland Dist 12-5      T627 m-t0627-02520 7B    Img 14/30  
73 Lincoln Avenue, Res 179, Owns \$3,000  
Earl Fish, head, 55, 8 yrs, NY, Same house, bartender, Hotel, earned \$724 in '39  
Elizabeth Fish, 63, 8 yrs, NY, Same house

**1940** NY Monroe Rochester Dist 65-280      T627 m-t0627-02850 2B    4/30  
106 Iceland Park, Res 42, Owns home \$5,000  
Henry J. Burns, Head, 43, M, H-4, Cortland, NY, Same home, Foreman, General Motors,  
Earned \$2000 in '39  
Margaret Burns, Wife, 43, M, 8<sup>th</sup>, NY-US, Same home  
Margaret Burns, dau, 16, S, H-2, NY-US, Same home, At school  
Francis Burns, son, 14, S, 8<sup>th</sup>, NY-US, Same home, At school  
Dorothy Burns, dau, 11,S, 4<sup>th</sup>, NY-US, Same home, At school

## **Obituaries**

### **Funeral Of F. J. Burns**

Thursday, January 12, 1905, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

#### **Many Fraternal Organizations Present to Pay Tribute of Respect**

“The funeral of Francis J. Burns was held this morning, the hour being 9 o'clock at the house and 9:30 at St. Mary's Catholic church. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Cortland. Mr. Burns was well known and well liked. He was a member of several different organizations and all turned out to respect his memory and render a last honor to a departed brother.

“Rev. J. J. McLoughlin officiated at the services and the Knights of Columbus quartet, composed of Frank W. Lanigan, John Byrnes, William Walsh and James Murphy, rendered the Gregorian chant. The bearers were Henry Corcoran, Thos. Murray, Daniel Sheehy, Marion Mathewson, John Millen and Geo. H. Richards.

“The funeral procession was an especially long one. It was headed by the officers of the Cortland fire department. Then came the members of the different companies with the exception of the emeralds, of which the deceased was a member. The company formed a guard of honor and marched with the funeral car, in a hollow square. The members of Pecos Tribe, No. 357, I.O.R.M., followed the members of the fire department and the A.O.H. and C.M.B.A. were next in order. Then came the Emeralds escorting the remains and relatives and friends in carriages. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.”

### **Funeral of Wm. J. Sullivan**

Wednesday, October 26, 1910, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

#### **Attended by Emerald Hose Co., Electrical Workers and Many Friends**

“The funeral of William J. Sullivan, who was killed by an electrical shock Monday night, was held from his late home, 73 Lincoln-ave., at 9 o'clock this morning and from St. Mary's church at 9:30, Rev. P. Donohoe, pastor of St. Mary's church officiating. The funeral was largely attended. The deceased was a member of Emerald Hose Co., No. 4, and the members of the company were present in full uniform. The Cortland Fire department was represented by the board of engineers and the electrical workers attended in a body. The three organizations escorted the remains from the house to the church, the engineers being followed by the emeralds

and the emeralds by the electrical workers. All formed in open order at the church both before and after the funeral service.”

### **William J. Sullivan Electrocuted on Street**

Tuesday, October 25, 1910, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

#### **Attempted to Fix Arc Lamp - Chain Charged Through a Guy Wire**

“The long list of violent deaths which have occurred within the past six weeks was augmented last night when William J. Sullivan of 73 Lincoln-ave. was killed by an electric shock sustained in front of the David Harum tavern in Homer.

“Mr. Sullivan was in the employ of The Cortland County Traction company and was in Homer at work yesterday afternoon. He stood in front of the David Harum tavern at 5:30 waiting for the car scheduled to leave Homer at 6 o’clock. He noticed that the street lamp in front of the hotel was not in working order and went to the chain, by means of which the lamp is raised and lowered, to shake the lamp, this often being enough to overcome the difficulty. As he grasped the chain he received a severe shock and fell to the ground. A companion named Fitzpatrick ran to his assistance and Dr. H.S. Braman was the next man on the scene. Dr. Potter was also summoned and everything that could be done for the unfortunate man was done at once. He was placed on the street car which made a fast run to the Cortland hospital, where the two physicians with assistance of Dr. R. P. Higgins worked over him until 7 o’clock before relaxing their efforts which were unavailing. The remains were removed to his home, 73 Lincoln-ave.

“Coroner W. J. Moore this morning found that a guy wire was in contact with a primary wire and that the chain received its charge from the primary wire. Traction company officials are in Homer investigating conditions this afternoon.

“Coroner Moore notified the Public Service Commission of the recent accidents and suggested that they send an expert electrician here to look into wiring conditions. The officers of the Traction company said this afternoon that they approve the coroner’s action in doing so.

“Mr. Sullivan was 30 years of age. He came to Cortland from Rochester five years ago and for more than two years was in the employ of the Traction company. He then went to work in the Wickwire mills and was there until three weeks ago when he returned to the Traction company.

“He was married in January, 1908, to Mrs. Elizabeth Burns, who survives him. His mother, Mrs. B. J. Sullivan, and three sisters live in LeRoy [about 20 miles SW of Rochester in Genesee County, NY] and three brothers live in Rochester. He was a member of Emerald Hose Co., No. 4.

“The funeral will be held from his late home Thursday morning at 9 o’clock and from St. Mary’s church at 9:30.”

### **Mrs. Earl Fish Dies In Cortland**

Thursday, October 30, 1947, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

#### **Funeral Monday Morning for Native of Truxton**

“Mrs. Elizabeth Fish died this morning at her home 73 Lincoln Avenue. She was born in Truxton, the daughter of Thomas and Marie Ryan Connors.

“She had lived in Cortland about 50 years and was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church.

“She is survived by her husband Earl Fish; a son Henry Burns of Rochester; one brother, Roger Connors of Cortland; three sisters, Mrs. Thomas King and Mrs. Grace O’Brien of Elmira

and Mrs. Julia Daley of Sonyea (30 mi south of Rochester); three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

“Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m., Monday, from the late home and at 9:30 a.m. from St. Mary’s Church. Friends may call at their convenience Saturday and Sunday at the late home. Interment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.”

#### Sonyea Today - Wikipedia

Groveland Correctional Facility is a medium security prison located in the Town of Groveland in Livingston County, New York, in the United States. The facility is located next to the community of Sonyea in Groveland on the site of a former Shaker community. The town is south of Rochester, Monroe County, New York, near Interstate 390.

## Anna Connors - Three Husbands

### Anna Connors

(d/o Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan)  
 (s/o Timothy Hartnett and Johanna O'Connor) #1  
 (s/o Thomas Kernan and Abbie Riley) #2  
 (s/o Ransom Terrell and Mary LNU) #3

#### Anna Connors

b. 1877  
 b. Jul 23, 1882, Truxton,  
 NY (from obit)  
 d. Mar 13, 1947, Cortland  
 bur St Mary's Cem,  
 Cortland, NY

#### = Patrick Hartnett (1)

b. 1877, NY  
 mar Nov 8, 1905, Truxton, NY

#### Harold Hartnett

b. Sept 2, 1908  
 d. May 2, 1946, Cortland, NY

Never married

#### = Thomas Kernan (2)

b. 1870, NY  
 d. Sep 20, 1923, Cortland, NY  
 bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

#### Thomas Michael Kernan, Jr.

b. Sep 23, 1919, NY  
 d. Apr 12, 1945, Germany

#### = Ruth Van Duzer

mar Dec 22, 1941, St. Mary's  
 parochial residence, Cortland, NY

#### Vicki Louise Kernan

#### = L. D. Terrell (3)

b. Jul 1879, NY  
 mar Jul 30, 1938

Thomas Kernan's first wife Mary LNU (1867-1912) died at her home, 57 Owego Street on November 4, 1912.

L.D. Terrell's first wife was Viola E. Stoker (1875-1937). They were married in Homer, NY on March 27, 1906. They had a daughter, Evalene Mary, born July 9, 1910 while the family was living at 15 Wheeler Avenue, Cortland, NY.

### Census Records - Anna Connors

1880 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 136 T9-822-244A Img 25/33  
 Res 218, Family 247

Timothy Hartnett, 28, M, Farmer, NY, IR, IR  
 Johannah Hartnett, 30, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR  
**Patrick E. Hartnett**, 4, son, S, At home, NY, NY, IR  
 Cornelius J. Hartnett, 2, son, S, At home, NY, NY, IR  
 John L. Hartnett, 8/12, son, S, At home, NY, NY, IR  
 Thomas Hanneen, 18, S, Servant, NY, IR, IR  
 Honnorah O'Connor, 60, Wd, At this house, IR, IR, IR

**1880** NY Broome Vestal Dist 060 T9-811-493A Img 5/20 - Census Day June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Res 58, Family 63

Ransom Terrell, 36, M, Farming, NY, Conn, NY  
Mary Terrell, 33, Wife, M, Keeping House, NY, NY, NY  
Frederick Terrell, 8, son, S, Attended school, NY, NY, NY  
Minnie Terrell, 6, dau, S, Attended school, NY, NY, NY  
**L.D. Terrell**, 10/12, (July), son, S, NY, NY, NY

At first it was thought by tracing L. D. Terrell back through the census records it would be possible to determine his full name. That was a wrong assumption as shown in the census above. Even as a 10 month old his name was listed as "L.D."

**1892** NY Broome Vestel ED02

Ransom Terrel, 47, Farmer  
Mary Terrel, 44  
Fred Terrel, 21, Laborer  
**L. D. Terrel**, 13

**1900** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 Dist 0089 T623-XXX-1 Img 2/32  
2 Yates Place, Rents home

William Reardon, Head, Dec 1859, 40, M, 9, 4/2, IR, IR, IR, 1880, 20, Na, Blacksmith  
Catharine Reardon, Wife, Aug 1864, 35, M, 9, IR, IR, IR, 1883, 17  
Josephine Reardon, dau, Aug 1892, 7, S, NY, IR, IR, At school  
Catharine Reardon, dau, Sept 1897, 2, S, NY, IR, IR  
**Patrick Hartnett**, Boarder, Mar 1877, 23, S, NY, IR, IR, Fireman (Locomotive)  
Daniel McBaserty, Boarder, Jun, No yr, 23, S, NY, IR, NY, Foreman (Locomotive)

**1900** NY Chemung Elmira WD08 Dist 0027 T623-XXX-1 Img 2/28  
Grand Central Ave, Res 15, Family 16, Rents home

Mame(Mary?) Connors, Head, Jan 1872, 28, S, NY, IR, IR, Spinner, Knitting Mill  
**Anna Connors**, Sister, July 1877, 22, S, NY, IR, IR, Spinner, Knitting Mill  
Grace Connors, Sister, July 1879, 20, S, NY, IR, IR, Spinner, Knitting Mill

**1905** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 ED01 Img 42/43  
2 Yates Place - William Reardon family

**Patrick Hartnett**, Lodger, 27, US, Cit, RR Engineer

**1910** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 Dist 0113 T624-934-8B Img 16/21  
65-1/2 Owego Street, Res 224, Family 244, Rents home

Patrick Hartnett, Head, 33, M1, 4, NY, IR, IR, Railroader, Engineer  
Anna Hartnett, Wife, 32, M1, 4, 1/1, NY, IR, IR, None  
Harold Hartnett, son, 1, S, NY, NY, NY, None

**1910** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 Dist 0113      T624-934-8B    Img 16/21  
59 Owego Street, Res 219, Family 239, Rents house  
Thomas Kernan, Head, 40, M1, 14, NY, IR, IR, Wireworker, Drawer  
Mary Kernan, Wife, 41, M1, 14, 0/0, NY, IR, IR, None  
Four doors down from Patrick and Anna Hartnett. This is Thomas Kernan's 1<sup>st</sup> wife.

**1915** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 AD01 ED01      Img 7/15  
65-1/2 Owego Street  
Anna Hartnett, Head, 38, US, 38 yrs, House Work  
Winifred Connors, Sister, 29, US, 29 yrs, Telephone Operator  
Harold Hartnett, son, 6, US, 6 yrs

**1920** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 Dist 0009      T625-1096-4A      Img 7/19  
65-1/2 Owego Street, Owns home free of a mortgage  
Thomas Kernan, Head, 50, M, NY, IR, IR, Wire drawer, Wire mill  
Anna Kernan, Wife, 41, M, NY, IR, IR, None  
Thomas Kernan, son, 3/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Harold Kernan, step-son, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None

**1925** NY Cortland Cortland WD03 AD01 ED01      Img 7/16  
65-1/2 Owego Street  
Anna B. Kernan, Head, 45, US, C, Housework  
Thomas H. Kernan, son, 5, US, C, Kindergarten  
Harold H. Hartnett, son, 16, US, C, School  
Robert Hayes, Lodger, 20, US, C, Operator (Telegraph)

**1930** NY Cortland Cortland Dist 0007      T626-XXX-2B      Img 4/30  
65-1/2 Owego Street, Res 42, Family 48, Owns home \$5,000  
Anna Kernan, Head, 50, Wd, 18 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, NY, Paper Hanger, Private homes  
Harold Hartnett, son, 21, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Thomas Kernan, son, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Anna's parents were both born in Ireland. Thomas Kernan should have been 10 years old.

**1930** NY Cortland Homer Dist 0021      T626-XXX-13A      Img 25/52  
34 Clinton Street, Res 318, Family 374, Owns home \$4,000  
L.D. Terrell, Head, 50, M, 27 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, NY, Winds Nelling, Wire Factory  
Viola Terrell, Wife, 54, M, 30 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, Eng, NY, None  
Evalene Terrell, dau, 19, S, NY, NY, NY, None

## **Obituaries - Anna Connors**

### **T. Sgt. T. M. Kernan Reported Killed**

Thursday, May 3, 1945, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

### **First Telegram Monday Listed Him Missing in Action**

### **Second Wire Delivered**

### **Wife in Ogdensburg Receives News And Informs Mother**

“Tech. Sergt. Thomas M. Kernan, 25 was killed in action, April 12, in Germany, a second War Department telegram informed his mother, Mrs. L.D. Terrell of 65-1/2 Owego Street, and wife, Mrs. Ruth Kernan, R.N., of Ogdensburg. The latest telegram, received yesterday, followed closely a first, received Monday, and listing Sergeant Kernan as missing in action in the German theater since the April 12 date.

“The Cortland soldier, who was connected with an armored division of a tank battalion, had been overseas a little more than a year. Shipping overseas to England in February 1944, Sergeant Kernan was in on the June D-Day invasion of Normandy and the December battle of the Belgium bulge.

“Neither War Department telegrams gave any further details pertaining to Sergeant Kernan. Yesterday’s official dispatch stated that a letter would follow. Latest word received by Mrs. Terrell from her son was a letter April 8, headed ‘somewhere in Germany.’

“Sergeant Kernan would have been in service, four years this August. He received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and before going across, last February, was on Army maneuvers in California.

“A native of Cortland, and lifelong resident until his entrance into the Armed Forces, sergeant Kernan was born September 23, 1919 at the present residence of his mother. He is the son of the late Thomas M. Kernan.

“The Cortland soldier is a graduate of St. Mary’s High School. He was employed during his civilian life by the Mohican Market and later, by Wickwire Brothers, Inc.

“Other near relatives surviving Sergeant Kernan include his infant daughter, Vicki Louise, whom he had never seen; and a half-brother, Sergt. Harold Hartnett who is serving with a B-29 bomber squadron in the Southwest Pacific.

“Surviving him also are his step-father, Mr. Terrell, and several aunts and uncles, Mrs. Neil Kernan of Lincoln Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fish of Lincoln Avenue; Roger Connors of Clinton Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King and Mrs. Grace O’Brien of Elmira; and Mrs. Julia Daley of Sonyea.

“Sergeant Kernan’s wife joined his mother in Cortland, today.”

## **Two Killed when Cars Hits Tree Near So. Cortland**

Thursday, May 3, 1946, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

### **Harold Hartnett, 27, And William Lutz, 48, Victims**

### **Die Instantly in Early Morning Accident Near Griswold Farm South of Village Automobile Is Demolished**

### **Accidental Death is Verdict of Dr. C.E. Chapin, Coroner, After Investigating Crash**

“Harold Hartnett, 37, of 65 Owego Street and William Lutz, 48, of 425 Birch Street, Westfield, N.J., were killed instantly at 12:57 this morning when the car in which they were riding struck a tree one mile south of South Cortland near the H.C. Griswold farm.

“Coroner C.E. Chapin stated this morning that both men had suffered skull fractures. The coroner’s verdict was accidental death.

“According to the investigation conducted by Corp. Raymond F. Kelly, BCI, and Corp. Melvin Handville of the State Police substation in Homer, the men, traveling in a heavy coupe, were coming toward Cortland on a fairly straight stretch of road, when they struck the tree in the front yard of the Osmond farm.

“The impact of the crash was so great, it shattered a window in the house. Investigation also revealed the tree the car struck was moved back about three inches without knocking it over.

“The machine was completely demolished. The engine was driven back so that there were only inches remaining between it and the front seat. When the engine was pushed back the differential was twisted so that the back wheels of the machine were both pointed in toward the body of the car. Even the wheels of the car wouldn’t revolve when the machine was removed by the tow-truck this morning.

“Hartnett, who was among the 137 New York State men who were members of Col. James E. Roberts 39<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group connected with the 20<sup>th</sup> AAF group, received his discharged from the service November 16, 1945.

“He served with a B-29 bomber squadron on Guam which was commended (sic) by Gen. Carl Spaatz of the U.S. Army Strategic air Forces for its part in the defeat of Japan. He entered the Army on January 27, 1943.

“Harold Hartnett was born in Cortland September 2, 1908.

“He is survived by his mother, Mrs. L.D. Terrell, of 65 Owego Street; his step father; sister-in-law Mrs. Thomas Kernan, and a niece.

“Funeral services will be held Monday morning at the family home on Owego Street at 9 and at St. Mary’s Church at 9:30. Interment will be in the St. Mary’s Cemetery. Friends may call at the home tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

“Lutz, who has been employed at the Globe Hotel for only a short period of time was born February 28, 1898 in Akron, Ohio, the son of William and Constance Stoveken Lutz.

“He is survived by his mother and two sisters, Mrs. J.L. Clark of Westfield, N.J., and Mrs. Constance Salisburg of Detroit, Mich.

“The body is being shipped from the McEvoy Funeral Home tonight to the gray Funeral Home, Inc., 318 East Broad Street, Westfield. Private funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Gray Funeral Home and interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, westfiel.”

### **Mrs. L. D. Terrell Expires, Aged 64**

Friday, March 14, 1947, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

#### **Funeral Monday at St. Mary’s Church at 10 A.M.**

“Mrs. Anna Terrell, 64, wife of L.D. Terrell of 65-1/2 Owego Street died Thursday evening at the Cortland County Hospital. She had been in failing health for several months.

“She was born in Truxton July 23, 1882, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors. Mrs. Terrell was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church.

“Surviving, besides her husband, are one granddaughter, Vicki Kernan of Cortland; a step-daughter, Mrs. Albert Coon of Homer; four sisters, Mrs. Earl Fish of Cortland, Mrs. Grace O’Brien and Mrs. Thomas King, both of Elmira, and Mrs. Julia Dailey of Sonyea; one brother, Roger Connors of Cortland, and several nieces and nephews.

“Funeral services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the home and at 10 from St. Mary’s church. Interment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Friends may call at the home Saturday and Sunday at their convenience.”

Mrs. Albert Coon of Homer is probably Evalene Terrell

# The Connors Girls in Elmira

## Introduction

The Connors girls Mary, Grace and Anna were in Elmira in 1900 and working for the Knitting Mill. Over the years Mary and Grace would leave but then return whereas Anna moved to Cortland and remained there. When they were old enough the youngest sisters, the twins Winifred and Julia also moved to Elmira. This so intertwined their census records that no attempt will be made to separate them and the records for Mary, Grace, Winifred and Julia will be all be reported here.

## Grace Connors and Dennis O'Brien

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan)

**Dennis O'Brien**  
 b. 1877, NY  
 d. Mar 15, 1924,  
 Rochester, NY  
 bur SS Peter and Paul  
 Cem

= **Grace Connors**  
 b. apr 1881  
 mar Sep 4, 1911, Elmira, NY

— **Grace Elizabeth O'Brien** = **William L. Vaughn**  
 b. Jan 1917, NY mar May 17, 1947

— **Margaret Patricia O'Brien** = **Bodine E. Sechrist**  
 b. Sep 1919, NY mar Feb 17, 1945  
 Fort Benning, GA

## Winifred Connors and Thomas R. King

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan)

**Thomas R. King**  
 b. 1880, NY  
 mar Jun 22, 1915,  
 Truxton, NY

= **Winifred A. Connors**  
 b. Mar 1886, NY  
 d. Feb 4, 1967, Elmira, NY

1967 - Fort Wayne, Ind

— **Thomas J. King, Jr.**  
 b. 1916, NY

— **Winifred Regina King** = **John Benson**  
 b. Aug 1924, NY Horseheads, NY

## Census Records - Grace, Mary, Winifred and Julia Connors

**1900** NY Chemung Elmira WD08 Dist 0027 T623-XXX-1 Img 2/28

Grand Central Ave, Res 15, Family 16, Rents home

Mame (Mary?) Connors, Head, Jan 1872, 28, S, NY, IR, IR, Spinner, Knitting Mill

Anna Connors, Sister, July 1877, 22, S, NY, IR, IR, Spinner, Knitting Mill

Grace Connors, Sister, July 1879, 20, S, NY, IR, IR, Spinner, Knitting Mill

**1905** NY Chemung Elmira WD08 WD01 4/12

1104 Lake Street, Boarding with Mary Ryan family

Grace Connors, Boarder, 25, US, Cit, Knitting Mill

**1905** NY New York Manhattan AD15 ED03 Img 5/19

415 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street

Bernard Grimes, Head, 48, US, Cit, Carpentry

Mary Grimes, Wife, 38, US, Cit, House work

**1915** NY Monroe Rochester WD19 AD05 ED09 Img 14/27

301 Champlain Street

Dennis J. O'Brien, Head, 38, US, Cit, Polisher

Grace O'Brien, Wife, 34, US, Cit

Henry J. Burns, nephew, 20, US, Cit

Henry Burns is the son of Grace's sister Elizabeth Bridget Connor from her marriage to her first husband, Francis Joseph Burns. According to her age Grace was born in about 1881 and she should have shown up in the 1892 census with her family. At that time she would have been only 11 years old, however, Grace was not listed with her family in the 1892 census. There was a 12-year-old male, Cornelius, listed between Ann and John, where Grace should have appeared. This Cornelius never appeared in another census and was never mentioned again relative to this family. With 12 children in the family, only confusing one of the children is understandable.

**1920** NY Monroe Rochester WD19 Dist 0228 T625-1125-1B Img 2/24

301 Champlain Street, Res 18, Family 21, Owns home with a mortgage

Dennis J. O'Brien, Head, 39, M, NY, IR, IR, Polisher, Camera Works

Grace O'Brien, Wife, 37, M, NY, NY, NY, None

Grace E. O'Brien, dau, 3-4/12. S, NY, NY, NY, None

Margaret P. O'Brien, dau, 9/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Grace's parents (Thomas Connors and Maria Ryan) were both born in Ireland.

**1920** NY Chemung Elmira WD11 Dist 0045 T625-1093-8B Img 16/19

59 Liberty Street, Res 209, Family 209, Owns home free of a mortgage

Thomas King, Head, 39, NY, IR, IR, Engineer, RR

Winifred King, Wife, 38, NY, IR, PA, Housewife

Thomas King, son, 5, NY, NY, NY

Julia Connors, Sister-in-law, 33, NY, IR, IR, Stenographer, W. Moron

**1925** NY Chemung Elmira WD06 AD01 ED01      Img 7/11

405 Crescent

William Ryan, Head, 48, US, C, Conductor RR  
Mary Ryan, Wife, 48, US, C, Housekeeper  
Frances Cowly, Roomer, 23, US, C, Fireman RR  
George McCann, Roomer, 56, US, C, Conductor RR  
Frank Chamberlin, Roomer, 33, US, C, Trainman RR  
Donald McCauly, Roomer, 26, US, C, Trainman RR  
Grace O'Brion, Sister-in-law, 41, US, C, Silk winder  
Grace O'Brion, Niece, 8, US, C, School  
Patricia O'Brion, Niece, 6, US, C, School

**1925** NY Chemung Elmira WD11 AD01 ED01      Img 9/12

556 Liberty Street

Thomas King, Head, 45, US, C, Engineer  
Winifred King, Wife, 39, US, C, Housework  
Thomas King, son, 9, US, C, School  
Winifred R. King, dau, 275 days, US, C

**1930** NY Chemung Elmira Dist 0029      T626-XXXX-7B      Img 14/30

405 Crescent Avenue, Res 159, Family 175, Rents \$40/mo

William P. Ryan, Head, 56, M, 26 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, PA, PA, PA, Conductor, Street Railroad  
Mary Ryan, Wife, 56, M, 28 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR, None  
Grace O'Brian, Sister-in-law, 49, Wd, 19 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR, Knitter, Knitting Mill  
Grace O'Brian, Niece, 13, S, NY, NY, NY  
Patricia O'Brian, Niece, 11, S, NY, NY, NY  
John J. Junk, Boarder, 35, S, NY, NY, NY, Fireman, Street Railroad  
Williams Mack, Boarder, 35, Wd, 30 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR, Clerk, YMCA  
Agnes O'Brian, Boarder, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Teacher, High School

**1930** NY Chemung Elmira Dist 0036      T626-XXXX-13B      Img 25/40

476 Livingston street, Res 314, Family 347, Owns home \$7,000

Thomas R. King, Head, 49, M, 35 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, PA, Engineer, Steam Railroad  
Winifred King, Wife, 44, M, 29 @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, IR  
Thomas J. King, son, 14, S, NY, NY, NY  
W. Regina King, dau, 5, S, NY, NY, NY  
Julia Connors, Sister-in-law, 44, S, NY, IR, IR, Bookkeeper, New Stand Store

**1940** NY Chemung Elmira Dist 8-45      T627 m-t0627-02513 10A      Img 19/26

**905** Crescent Avenue, Res 175, Rents \$30/mo

P. William Ryan, Head, 64, M, H-2, Pennsylvania, Same house, Conductor, Street Railroad,  
Earned \$3,200 in '39  
Mary Ryan, Wife, 64, M, 8, New Jersey, Same house  
Grace J. O'Brien, Sister-in-law, 55, Wd, H-4, New York, Same house, Knitting, Knitting  
Mill, Earned \$800 in '39

Grace O'Brien, Niece, 23, S, H-4, New York, Same house, Bookkeeper, Automotive Company, Earned \$780 in '39.

C. Julia Daley, Sister-in-law, 44, Wd, H-4, New York, Same house, Office worker, News Dealers, Earned \$0 in '39.

**1940** NY Chemung Elmira Dist 8-53                      T627 m-t0627-02514 8B      Img 17/31

476 Livingston Street, Res 190, Owns \$3,300

Thomas King, Head, 59, M, C-4, NY, Same house, Engineer, Steam Railroad, Earned \$2,000 in '39

Winifred King, Wife, 54, M, C-4, NY, Same house

Thomas King, Jr, son, 24, S, C-4, NY, Same house, Office Clerk, Wholesale Time Clock Co, Earned \$1,100 in '39

Winifred King, dau, 15, S, H-3, NY, Same house

## **Obituaries**

Thursday, July 31, 1947, Elmira Star-Gazette, Elmira, NY

“**William P. Ryan**, 405 Crescent Ave. Wednesday, July 30, 1947. Survived by daughter, Mrs. William Dougherty, Sr., of Elmira Heights; grandchildren, William Jr., Dennis, Gerald, and Sharon Ann, all of Elmira Heights; brother, Edward of Elmira. Body will be removed from Justin McCarthy Funeral Home to residence of Mrs. Grace O'Brien, 405 Crescent Ave., where funeral will be held Saturday, 8 a.m., 9 at St. Cecillia's church, SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.”

## **Other News**

**February 17, 1945** - Margaret Patricia O'Brien married Bodine E. Sechrist on February 17, 1945 at Fort Benning, GA.

**August 24, 1946** - A son was born to Bodine and Margaret Sechrist, 405 Crescent Avenue, Elmira, NY.

**May 17, 1947** - Grace Elizabeth O'Brien married William L. Vaughn at St. Cecilia's church, Elmira, NY.

## The Connors' Sisters Table

The following tables are an attempt to summarize the various name changes, due to marriages, of the Connors sisters and their changes of residence using their appearances in the census records. Margaret Connors married once and died in child birth two years later so she is not included in these tables. The entries highlighted in green indicate either missing data or speculation based on other evidence. The sisters are listed in order of age and their last names reflect either their maiden names or the name of their most recent husband. Two of the Connors sisters married three times.

1900 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary Connors (1870)		Grand Central Ave.	
Elizabeth <b>Burns</b> (1872)	39 East Court St.		
Anna Connors (1877)		Grand Central Ave.	
Grace Connors (1881)		Grand Central Ave.	
Winifred Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY
Julia Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY

1905 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Grimes</b> (1870)			415 W. 44 <sup>th</sup> St, NYC
Elizabeth <b>Burns</b> (1872)	39 East Court St.		
Anna Connors (1877)	39 East Court St		
Grace Connors (1881)		1104 Lake St	
Winifred Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY
Julia Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY

1910 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Grimes</b> (1870)			Missing
Elizabeth <b>Sullivan</b> (1872)	73 Lincoln Ave		
Anna <b>Hartnett</b> (1877)	65-1/2 Owego St.		
Grace Connors (1881)		306 Crescent Ave.	
Winifred Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY
Julia Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY

1915 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Grimes</b> (1870)			Missing
Elizabeth <b>Sullivan</b> (1872)	73 Lincoln Ave		
Anna <b>Hartnett</b> (1877)	65-1/2 Owego St.		
Grace <b>O'Brien</b> (1881)			301 Champlain St, Rochester, NY
Winifred Connors (1886)	65-1/2 Owego St.		
Julia Connors (1886)			Truxton, NY

1920 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Grimes</b> (1870)			Missing
Elizabeth <b>Fish</b> (1872)	73 Lincoln Ave.		
Anna <b>Kernan</b> (1877)	65-1/2 Owego St		
Grace <b>O'Brien</b> (1881)			301 Champlain St, Rochester, NY
Winifred <b>King</b> (1886)		59 Liberty Street	
Julia Connors (1886)		59 Liberty Street	

1925 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Ryan</b> (1870)		405 Crescent Ave.	
Elizabeth <b>Fish</b> (1872)	73 Lincoln Ave.		
Anna <b>Kernan</b> (1877)	65-1/2 Owego St		
Grace <b>O'Brien</b> (1881)		405 Crescent Ave.	
Winifred <b>King</b> (1886)		556 Liberty St.	
Julia Connors (1886)		Missing	

1930 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Ryan</b> (1870)		405 Crescent Ave.	
Elizabeth <b>Fish</b> (1872)	73 Lincoln St.		
Anna <b>Kernan</b> (1877)	65-1/2 Owego St		
Grace <b>O'Brien</b> (1881)		405 Crescent Ave.	
Winifred <b>King</b> (1886)		476 Livingston St.	
Julia Connors (1886)		476 Livingston St.	

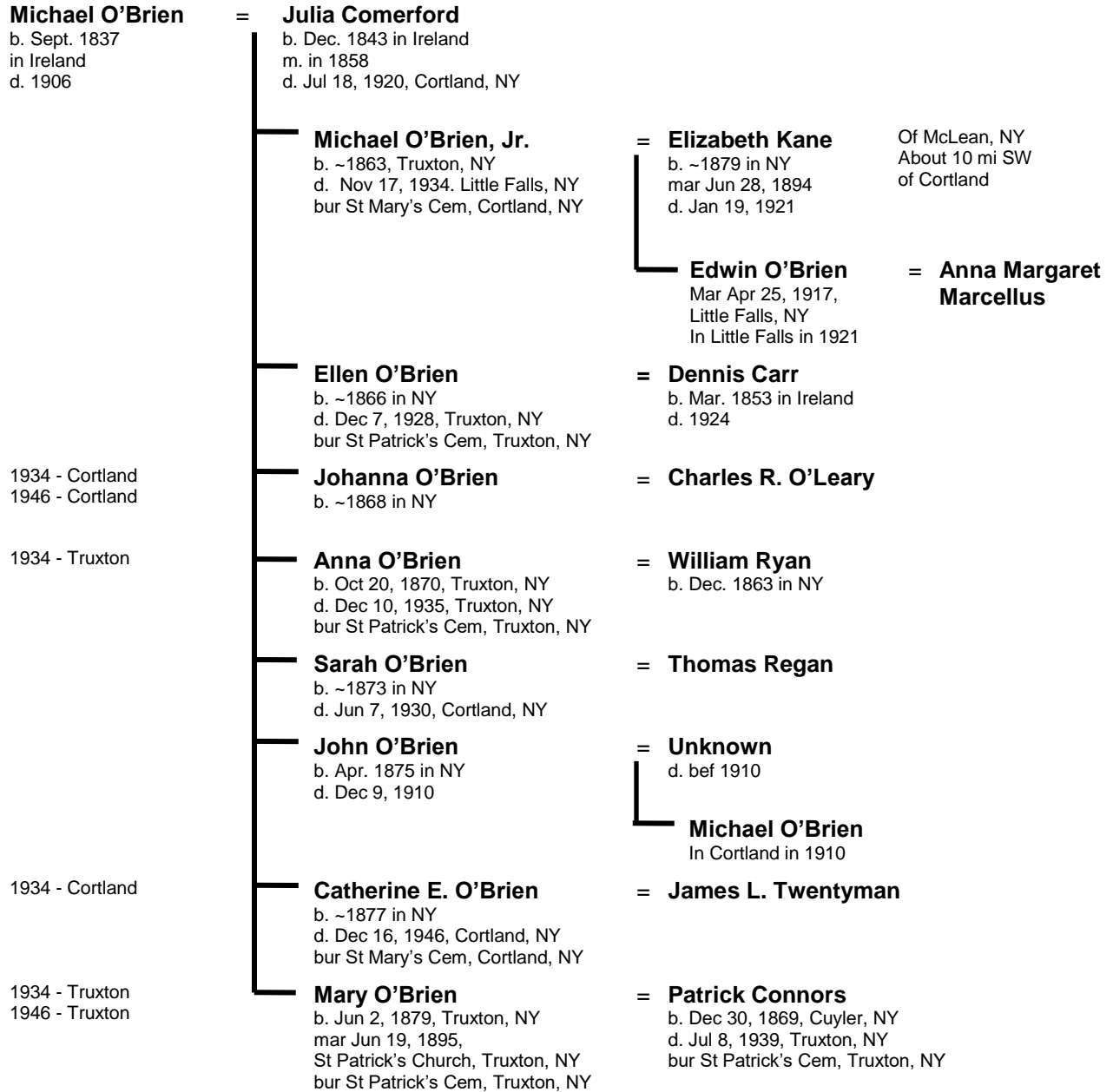
1940 - Name	Cortland	Elmira	Other
Mary <b>Ryan</b> (1870)		905 Crescent Ave.	
Elizabeth <b>Fish</b> (1872)	73 Lincoln St.		
Anna <b>Kernan</b> (1877)	65-1/2 Owego St		
Grace <b>O'Brien</b> (1881)		905 Crescent Ave.	
Winifred <b>King</b> (1886)		476 Livingston St.	
Julia <b>Daley</b> (1886)		905 Crescent Ave..	

# The Michael O'Brien Family of Cuyler and Truxton, NY

## Michael O'Brien and Julia Comerford

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o John Comerford and Catherine Ryan)



Michael O'Brien came to America in 1852 while his wife Julia Comerford came with her family in 1849. They were married in 1858.

## **Census Records - Michael O'Brien Sr.**

In 1860 Orson Waters and his wife Margaret Comerford Waters were occupying the same farm that the O'Briens occupied in 1870.

**1870** NY Cortland Cuyler M593-922-708A Img 1/34

Res 4, Family 4

Michael O'Brien, 32, Farmer, Real Est \$2,500, Per Est \$1,000, Ireland

Judy O'Brien, 26, House Keeper, Ireland

Katie O'Brien, 9, NY, Attended school

Michael O'Brien, 7, NY, Attended school

Ellen O'Brien, 4, NY

Johannah O'Brien, 2, NY

All parents of foreign birth

In 1870 Michael and Julia were living in Cuyler on the farm just south of Julia's father John Comerford and step mother Elizabeth Stapleton Comerford. The name M. O'Brien is seen on the 1876 map of the Town of Cuyler south of John Comerford on the eastern edge of Morgan Hill.

**1880** NY Cortland Truxton Dist 136 T9-822-239D

Res 150, Family 163

Michael O'Brien, 43, M, Farmer, IR, IR, IR

Julia O'Brien, 36, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR

Michael O'Brien, 17, son, S, Works on farm, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Ellen O'Brien, 14, dau, S, At home, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Johannah O'Brien, 12, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Anna O'Brien, 10, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

Sarah O'Brien, 7, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

John O'Brien, 5, son, S, At home, NY, IR, IR

Kattie O'Brien, 3, dau, S, At home, NY, IR, IR

Mary O'Brien, 1, dau, S, At home, NY, IR, IR

By the time of the 1880, taken on June 14<sup>th</sup> of that year, the Michael O'Brien family was living in the Town of Truxton on the lower end of Kettlebail Road. There were four farm hands also living on the O'Brien farm: James Heffron (30), Dennis Carr (25), John Comerford (21) and Michael Comerford (19). Dennis Carr was the future husband of Michael O'Brien's daughter Ellen. John and Michael Comerford were Julia Comerford O'Brien's step brothers.

At the time of the 1900 census Michael and Julia O'Brien were still living at the farm on the lower end of Kettlebail Road. Michael's daughter Anna O'Brien Ryan was also living on the same farm with her husband William Ryan (of Skaneateles, NY) and her family: May (b. Aug. 1890), Josie (b. Aug. 1893), Katherine (b. Jan 1897) and William (b. Oct 1899). Patrick McGraw was living with the Ryan family; Patrick, born in March 1878 in Ireland, came to America in 1895. It is not known if he is related to any of the McGraw families in CNY.

## **Census Records - Michael O'Brien Jr.**

**1900** NY Cortland Cortland WD04 Dist 0092

T623-XXX-7

21 Grant Street, Res 253, Family 325, Owns home with a mortgage

Michael O'Brian, Head, Apr 1866, 34, M, NY, IR, NY, Carriage Blacksmith

Lizzie O'Brian, Wife, Sept 1867, 32, M, 2/2, NY, IR, IR

Edwin O'Brian, son, Nov 1895, 4, S, NY, NY, NY

Anna O'Brien, dau, Mar 1900, 3/12, S, NY, NY, NY

**1905** NY Cortland Cortland WD04 ED01

21 Grant Street

Michael O'Brien, Head, 38, US, Cit, Day laborer

Lizzie O'Brien, Wife, 38, US, Cit, Housework

Michael E. O'Brien, son, 9, US, Cit, At school

Anna L. O'Brien, dau, 5, US, Cit

Theresa Harneschfeger, Lodger, 23, Germany, 21 yrs in US, Cit, Forelady (shirt factory)

**1910** NY Cortland Cortland WD04 Dist 0116

T624-934-1B

21 Grant Street, Res 16, Family 25, Owns home with a mortgage

Michael O'Brien, Head, 46, M1, 16, NY, IR, IR, Wood worker, Own account

Elizabeth O'Brien, Wife, 42, M1, 16, 2/2, NY, IR, IR, None

Edwin O'Brien, son, 14, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Anna L. O'Brien, dau, 10, S, NY, NY, NY, None

**1915** NY Cortland - Michael O'Brien, Jr. not found

**1920** NY Cortland Cortland - Michael O'Brien, Jr. not found

## **Obituaries**

August 13, 1912, Anna Louise O'Brien, 12, died at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs.

Michael O'Brien, 21 Grant Street.

April 25, 1917, Anna Margaret Marcellus (Little Falls) married Edwin O'Brien in Little Falls.

Edwin's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O'Brien of 21 Grant Street.

October 1917, Michael O'Brien declared bankruptcy - owed son Edwin O'Brien \$352 in wages plus others.

## **Mrs. Michael O'Brien**

Friday, July 23, 1920, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

"Mrs. Julia O'Brien, aged 76 years, widow of the late Michael O'Brien, died at her home 94 Groton-ave., Sunday afternoon. Her death was due to a fracture of the spine which she sustained from a fall four weeks ago.

"The deceased was born in Ireland and came to this country when five years of age. The greater portion of her life was spent in the town of Truxton where she was well-known and possessed a large circle of friends. Her husband, Michael O'Brien died fourteen years ago.

"Mrs. O'Brien has made her home in Cortland for a period of nine years. She was a member of St. Mary's church of this city.

"She is survived by seven children:

Mrs. Dennis Carr (Ellen)

Mrs. Charles R. O'Leary (Johanna)

Mrs. Thomas Reagan (Sarah)  
Mrs. James L. Twentyman (Catherine), all of Cortland and  
Mrs. William Ryan (Anna) and  
Mrs. Patrick Conners (Mary) of Truxton; and  
Michael O'Brien of Little Falls.

“She also leaves two sisters and two brothers,  
Mrs. Kathryn McConklin of Baldwinsville and  
Mrs. Patrick Lyons of Cortland;  
John and Patrick Comerford of Truxton and  
Twenty-four grandchildren.

**Sarah O'Brien Regan - died June 7, 1930**

Survivors - Brother

Michael O'Brien, Jr., Little Falls

Sisters:

Mrs. C. R. O'Leary, Cortland

Mrs. J. L. Twentyman, Cortland

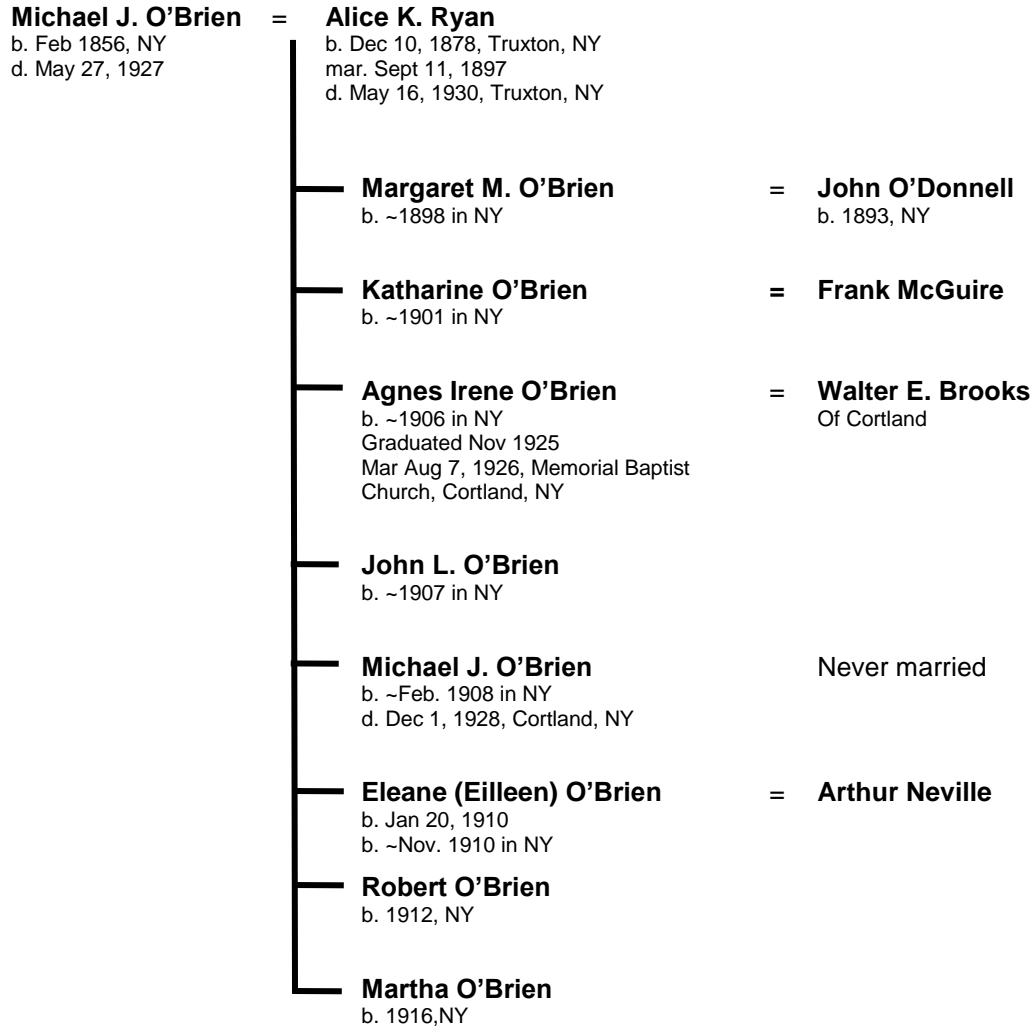
Mrs. William Ryan, Truxton

Mrs. Patrick Conners, Truxton

# Michael James O'Brien and Alice K. Ryan

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Patrick Ryan and Catherine Drake)



This Michael O'Brien family is not thought to be related to the Michael O'Brien who came to the US in 1852 and who later married Julia Comerford. It is the marriage of this Michael's daughter Margaret to John O'Donnell that makes this Michael O'Brien of interest.

## Census Records - Michael O'Brien and Alice Ryan

1900 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0105 T623-XXX-1

Res 16, Family 16, Owns farm #14 with a mortgage

Michael O'Brien, Head, Feby 1856, 44, M, 3, NY, IR, IR, Farmer

Alice O'Brien, Wife, Dec 1878, 21, M, 3, 1/1, NY, **Can, NY**

Margaret O'Brien, dau, Dec 1897, 2, S, NY, NY, NY

William Ryan, Boarder, July 1854, 45, M, 25, NY, IR, IR, Farm laborer

Effie Root, Servant, June 1885, 14, S, NY, NY, NY, Servant

Alice's father Patrick Ryan was born in Canada

1910 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0137 T624-934-7A

Back Chenango Road, Res 152, Family 160, Owns farm #121 with a mortgage

Michael J. O'Brien, Head, 54, M1, 13, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, General farm

Alice A. O'Brien, Wife, 31, M1, 13, 7/6, NY, **Can, NY**

Margaret M. O'Brien, dau, 12, S, NY, NY, NY

Katharine O'Brien, dau, 9, S, NY, NY, NY

Agnes I. O'Brien, dau, 4, S, NY, NY, NY

John L. O'Brien, son, 3, S, NY, NY, NY

Michael J. O'Brien, son, 1-10/12, S, NY, NY, NY

Ileane O'Brien, dau, 2/12, S, NY, NY, NY

Albert Canniff, Hired man, 36, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm laborer, working out

1915 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01

Back road

Michael O'Brien, Head, 58, US, Farmer

Alice C. O'Brien, Wife, 36, US, Housework

Margaret M. O'Brien, dau, 17, US, Housework - home

Katherine A. O'Brien, dau, 14, US, Student

Agnes J. O'Brien, dau, 9, US, Student

John L. O'Brien, dau, 8, US, Student

M. James O'Brien, son, 7, US, Student

Eilleen O'Brien, dau, 5, US, None

Ralph F. O'Brien, son, 2, US, None

1920 NY Cortland Truxton T625-1096-10A

Phelan Road, Res 228, Family 238, Owns farm #139 free of a mortgage

Michael O'Brien, Head, 64, M, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, Dairy farm

Alice O'Brien, Wife, 41, M, NY, Can, NY, None

Katherine O'Brien, dau, 19, S, NY, NY, NY, Teacher, Pub School

Agnes O'Brien, dau, 14, S, NY, NY, NY, None

John O'Brien, son, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None

James O'Brien, son, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Elena O'Brien, dau, 10, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Robert O'Brien, son, 7-11/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Martha O'Brien, dau, 3-5/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

1930 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0031

T626-XXX-10A

Phelan road, Res 216, Family 216, Owns farm, Owns a radio set

Frank McGuire, Head, 36, M, 30 yrs @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, IR, Fr. Canada, Clerk, General  
Brockway Wire Plant

Katherine McGuire, Wife, 29, M, 22 yrs @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, NY, NY, none

Alice McGuire, dau, 5, S, NY, NY, NY, None

James McGuire, son, 4, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Alice O'Brien, Mother-in-law, 51, Wd, 18 yrs @ 1<sup>st</sup> mar, NY, Fr. Canada, NY, Retired

John O'Brien, Brother-in-law, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm hand, General

Martha O'Brien, Sister-in-law, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Robert O'Brien, Brother-in-law, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm hand, General

January 20, 1910, A daughter Eilleen born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien

December 17, 1914, Twins (a son and a daughter) born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien.

July 8, 1927 - Michael O'Brien had died intestate with real estate valued at \$6,000 and a personal estate of \$2,500. His wife Alice and daughter Katherine McGuire was appointed administrators of his estate.

May 16, 1930 - Mrs. Alice Ryan O'Brien died at age 51, she was the daughter of Patrick and Catherine Drake Ryan and was born in Truxton on Dec 10, 1878. She was "survived by her husband" (this is incorrect, her husband Michael O'Brien died on May 27, 1927).

Surviving children:

Mrs. John O'Donnell, Truxton (Margaret)

Mrs. Frank McGuire, Truxton

Miss Martha O'Brien, Truxton

Mrs. Walter Brooks, Cortland

Mrs. Arthur Neville, Cortland

John O'Brien, Truxton

Robert O'Brien, Truxton

## Census Records - Ancestors of Alice Ryan

1865 NY Cortland Solon      Img 9/29

Res 105 Framed, \$400, Family 117

Thomas Ryan, 53, Ireland, M, Farmer, Naturalized, Owner of land

Briget Ryan, 50, Wife, Ireland, 13 children, M

John Ryan, 27, Child, Ireland, S, Farmer

Thomas Ryan, Jr., 22, Child, Canada, S, Farmer

**Patrick Ryan**, 19, Child, Canada, S, Farmer

James Ryan, 17, Child, Canada, S, Farmer, formerly in the army

Michael Ryan, 15, Child, Canada, Farmer

Ann Ryan, 13, Child, Cortland

William Ryan, 10, Child, Cortland

Edward Ryan, 7, Child, Cortland

Thomas Ryan was the neighbor of Michael O'Brien (1865 census) below.

1880 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 136

T9-822-238A

Res 121, Family 132

**Patrick Ryan**, 34, M, Carpenter, Can, IR, IR

Catherine Ryan, 29, Wife, M, Keeping house, **NY**, IR, IR

Margaret Ryan, 4, dau, S, At school, Attended school, NY, Can, **IR**

Thomas Ryan, 2, son, S, At home, NY, Can, **IR**

**Allace Ryan**, 1, dau, S, At home, NY, Can, **IR**

There is a problem here. According to this census the children's mother was born in Ireland but Patrick's wife, Catherine, was born in New York.

Neighbor: Patrick McDonald, Jr. and his family were living in Res 123.

## Census Records - Another Michael O'Brien

1860 NY Cortland Solon

M653-739-441

Img 12/31

Res 1089, Family 1098

Walter O'Brien, 45, Farmer, Real Est \$2,000, Per Est \$630, IR

Mary O'Brien, 33, IR

David O'Brien, 15, NY, Attended school

Mary O'Brien, 13, NY, Attended school

Honora O'Brien, 12, NY, Attended school

John O'Brien, 10, NY, Attended school

Bridget O'Brien, 8, NY, Attended school

**Michael O'Brien**, 6, NY, Attended school

Margaret O'Brien, 4, NY

Walter O'Brien, 1, NY

1865 NY Cortland Solon      Img 9/29

Res 104, Framed, \$500, Family 116

Michael O'Brien, 55, Ireland, M, Farmer, Naturalized, Owner of land

Mary O'Brien, 41, Wife, Ireland, 9 children, M

David O'Brien, 20, Child, Cortland, S

Mary O'Brien, 17, Child, Cortland, S

Ann O'Brien, 15, Child, Cortland, S  
John O'Brien, 13, Child, Cortland  
Bridget O'Brien, 10, Child, Cortland  
Michael O'Brien, 8, Child, Cortland  
Margaret O'Brien, 7, Child, Cortland  
Walter O'Brien, 5, Child, Cortland  
Thomas O'Brien, 2-3/12, Child, Cortland

**1870** NY Cortland Solon                      M593-922-868B-869A                      Img 18-19/23  
Res 161, Family 157

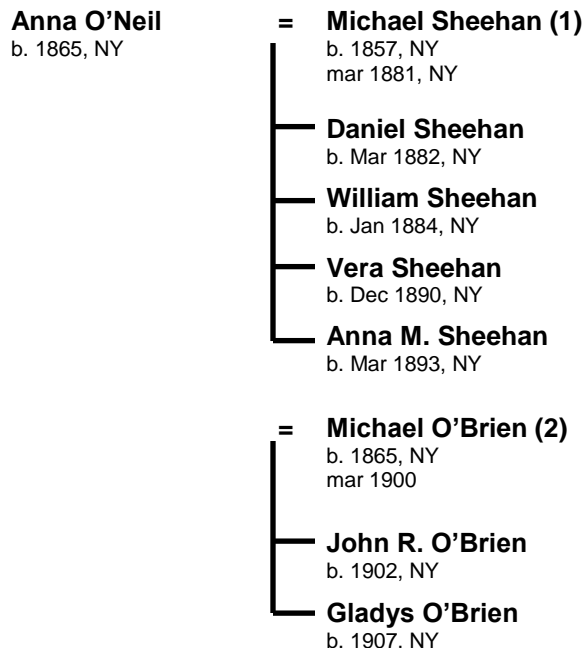
Michael O'Bryan, 50, Farmer, Real Est \$7,000, Per Est \$2,000, IR  
Mary O'Bryan, 46, Keeping house, IR  
John O'Bryan, 20, NY, Attended school  
Annie O'Bryan, 21, NY  
Michael O'Bryan, Jr, 16, NY, Attended school  
Agnes O'Bryan, 18, NY, Attended school  
Maggie O'Bryan, 13, NY, Attended school  
Walter O'Bryan, 9, NY, Attended school  
Thomas O'Bryan, 7, NY, Attended school

All parents of foreign birth

Most of the individuals in this 1870 record match up with those in the 1865 and 1860 census records. It appears that the father's name of Walter in the 1860 census was in error.

## Anna O'Neil and Michael O'Brien

(d/o Michael O'Neil and Bridget LNU)  
(s/o Daniel Sheehan and Ellen LNU) #1  
(s/o Father and Mother) #2



This was an interesting catch made during a search of the 1915 census records. It was kept because it linked Anna's two marriages. Then it was possible to work backwards to find Anna's and Michael Sheehan's parents.

## Census Records - Anna O'Neil

**1860** NY Onondaga Geddes M653-829-667 Img 35/64  
Res 1257, Family 1279

Michael O'Neil, 36, Laborer, Ireland, Cannot read or write  
Bridget O'Neil, 37, Ireland  
Thomas O'Neil, 8, NY, Attended school  
William O'Neil, 7, NY, Attended school  
John O'Neil, 5, NY  
James O'Neil, 3, NY  
**Ann O'Neil**, 8/12, NY

**1880** NY Onondaga Geddes Dist 174 T9-905-270D Img 48/60  
69 Orchard Street, Res 418, Family 454

Bridgett O'Neil, 50, Wd, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR  
William O'Neil, 25, son, S, Common laborer, NY, IR, IR  
John O'Neil, 25, son, S, Common laborer, NY, IR, IR  
**Anna O'Neil**, 20, dau, S, Servant, NY, IR, IR

## Census Records - Michael Sheehan

**1880** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD01 Dist 200 T9-907-11B Img 22/51

140 Free Street, Res 225, Family 256

Daniel Sheehan, 50, M, Laborer, IR, IR, IR

Ellen Sheehan, 49, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR

**Michael Sheehan**, 24, son, S, Laborer, NY, IR, IR

James Sheehan, 18, son, S, Laborer, NY, IR, IR

Mary Sheehan, 16, son, S, Delivery girl, NY, IR, IR

John Sheehan, 14, son, S, At school, Attended school, NY, IR, IR

**1900** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD01 Dist 0083 T623-XXXX-2 Img 4/26

576 Free Street, Res 38, Family 39, Owns home free of a mortgage

Daniel Sheehan, Head, Dec 1832, 67, M, 45, IR, IR, IR, 1852, 48, Na, Common Laborer

Ellen Sheehan, Wife, Nov 1832, M, 45, 7/6, IR, IR, IR, 1852, 48

Mary Sheehan, dau, May 1865, 35, M, 5 yrs mar, 2/1, NY, IR, IR, Seamstress

John Sheehan, son, Jan 1867, 33, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer in flour mill

Raymond Sheehan, Grandson, Sep 1895, 4, S, NY, MA, NY

Daniel and Ellen were married in 1855 in the US and both came to the US in the same year, 1852

## Census Records - Sheehan and O'Neil

**1892** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD10 ED01 Img 3/14

Michael Sheen, 35, US, C, Foreman

Anna Shean, 32, US

Daniel Shean, 10, US

Benny Shean, 8, US

Bianical(?) Shean, 1, US

Bianical is either Vera or Veronica.

**1900** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 Dist 0113 T623-XXXX-5 Img 10/22

847 Emerson Avenue, Res 88, Family 105, Owns home with a mortgage

Anna Sheehan, Head, Jan 1861, 39, **M**, 19 yrs, NY, IR, IR, General Housework

Daniel Sheehan, son, Mar 1882, 18, S, NY, NY, NY, Tester Solvay W

William Sheehan, son, Jan 1884, 16, S, NY, NY, NY

Vera Sheehan, dau, Dec 1890, 9, S, NY, NY, NY, At school, 10 mos

Annie Sheehan Jr., dau, Mar 1893, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, At school, 10 mos

William O'Neil, Brother, Jun 1855, 45, Wd, NY, IR, IR, Foreman Salt Boat

**1905** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 ED03 Img 10/35

926 Emerson Avenue

Michael O'Brien, Head, 43, US, Cit, Kiln setter

Anna O'Brien, Wife, 44, US, Cit, House work

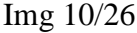
John O'Brien, son, 3, US, Cit

William Sheehan, St-son, 21, US, Cit, Street conductor

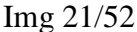

Vorinica (Veronica) Sheehan, St-dau, 14, US, Cit, At school

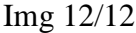
Hanna Sheehan, St-dau, 12, US, Cit, At school

William O'Neil, B-in-law, 50, US, Cit, Day laborer  
Emil Tucci, Boarder, 24, Italy, 1yr in US, Al, Day laborer  
Agustorio Trupdi, Boarder, 19, Italy, 4 yrs in US, Al, Day laborer

**1910** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 Dist 0134 T624-1056-5B   
926 Emerson Avenue, Res 68, Family 84, Owns home with a mortgage  
Michael O'Brien, Head, 44, M1, 10, NY, IR, IR, Kiln setter, Pottery  
Anna O'Brien, wife, 44, M2, 10, 8/4, NY, IR, NY, None  
John O'Brien, son, 9, S, NY, IR, NY, None  
Gladys O'Brien, dau, 4, S, NY, IR, NY, None  
William Shean, Step-son, 26, S, NY, IR, NY, Conductor, Street car  
Anna Shean, Step-dau, 17, S, NY, IR, NY, Apprentice, Milliner  
William O'Neil, Bro-in-law, 48, Wd, NY, IR, NY, Laborer, Auto works  
Anna was an O'Neil who first married a Sheehan and then secondly married an O'Brien.

**1915** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD10 AD02 ED02  
263 Tennyson Avenue  
Michael O'Brien, Head, 50, US, Cit, Potter  
Anna M. O'Brien, wife, 50, US, Cit, Housework  
John R. O'Brien, son, 13, US, Cit, School  
Gladys O'Brien, dau, 8, US, Cit, School  
William F. Shean, Step son, 30, US, Cit, Street Car Conductor  
Anna M Shean, Step dau, 22, US, Cit, Knitting Mill Folder

**1920** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD10 Dist 0158 T625-1248-11A   
261 Tennyson Avenue, Res 204, Family 254, Rents  
Michael O'Brien, Head, 57,  NY, IR, IR, Kiln Setter, Pottery  
John O'Brien, son, 15, S, NY, NY, NY, Hammerman Helper, Steel Works  
Gladys O'Brien, dau, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None  
Anna Shean, Servant, 25, S, NY, NY, NY, Servant, Private Family  
Family 255, Owns home with a mortgage  
William Shean, Head, 35, M, NY, NY, NY, Conductor, Street Car  
Edith Shean, Wife, 35, M, NY, Ger, Ger, None

**1925** NY Onondaga Syracuse WD01 AD01 ED03   
722 Center Street  
Michael O'Brien, Head, 58, US, Cit, Potter  
Anna Shean, dau, 32, US, Cit, Edwards Clerk  
Gladys O'Brien, 19, US, Cit, Hair Dresser

## Extra Material

### Marriages - St. James Church ,Cazenovia, NY

524. **O'BRIEN**, Edward married Abigail Veronica **O'CONNOR** 12 September 1905. Priest: Albert J. Hayes. Witnesses: John W. Kennedy and Nellie M. O'Connor

262. **O'BRIEN**, Patrick married Julia **ROURKE** 10 October 1868. (Note: records show 1867, but it is in chronological order in October, 1868.). Priest: Patrick C. Brady. Witness: Andrew Dardis

514. **O'BRIEN**, Timothy married Anna **FAY** 25 November 1903. Priest: Albert J. Hayes. Witnesses: Patrick Flanagan and Mary Callahan

### Baptisms - St. James Church, Cazenovia, NY

#### EXTRAS

0975. **CONNOR**, Charles, son of Thomas **CONNOR** and Ellen **FITZGERALD**, born 25 November 1862, baptized 27 December 1862, at Chittenango  
Sponsors: Patrick Hopkins and Catherine Hopkins  
Priest: P. C. Brady

0829. **CONNOR**, Michael, son of Patrick **CONNOR** and Hannah **BUCKLEY**, born 13 September, baptized 22 September 1861, at Truxton  
Sponsors: James Griffin and Johanna Carney  
Priest: Bonaventure Carney

### Census Records - Michael Phalon

1870 NY Cortland Solon      M593-922-869B      Img 20/23  
Res 175, Family 171

Michael Phalon, 35, Farmer, Real Est \$1,800, Per Est \$600, IR

Mary Phalon, 34, Keeping house, IR

Bridget Phalon, 14, NY, Attended school

Sarah Phalon, 11, NY, Attended school

Mary A. Phalon, 9, NY, Attended school

Agnes Phalon, 2, NY

Richard Phalon, 7, NY, Attended school

William Phalon, 4, NY

All parents of foreign birth

### Census Records - Margaret O'Donnell

1870 NY Cortland Solon      M593-922-869B-870A      Img 20-21/23  
Res 177, Family 173

Margaret O'Donel, 30, Keeping house, Real Est \$17,500, Per Est \$5,000, IR

Patrick O'Donel, 24, Farmer, IR

Ellen O'Donel, 22, NY  
Bridget O'Donel, 19, NY  
John O'Donel, 17, NY  
Thomas O'Donel, 15, NY  
Katie O'Donel, 13, NY, Attended school  
Margaret O'Donel, 11, NY, Attended school  
Eliza O'Donel, 9, NY, Attended school  
Arthur O'Donel, 7, NY, Attended school  
All parents of foreign birth

Res 176, Family 172 Thomas Haley family M593-922-869B    Img 20/23  
Michael O'Donel, 26, Farmer, IR, IR, IR

### **Census Records - Matthew Ryan**

**1870** NY Cortland Solon    M593-922-864A    Img 9/23

Res 75, Family 71

Mathew Ryan, 60, Farmer, Real Est \$2,100, Per Est \$1,000, IR, Cannot write  
Catherine Ryan, 55, Keeping house, IR, Cannot read or write  
Hannora Ryan, 16, NY, Attended school  
Ellen Ryan, 12, NY, Attended school  
Chellie (Cecelia?) Ryan, 10, NY, Attended school  
**William Ryan**, 7, NY, Attended school

All parents of foreign birth

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## End Notes

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<sup>1</sup> Child, Hamilton, *Gazeteer and Business Directory of Cortland County, N.Y.*, Syracuse, 1869, 131.

<sup>2</sup> Whitmarsh, Virginia, *Cuyler Schools – Beginning to End*, Self published, 1979, p. 20.