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Ireland -

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Notes taken from people living in and near Gippencurch, Aug. 29, 1964

COONAN, Patrick, father also Patrick, a blacksmith
" , Dennis

lost of line - both died out ~ 10 years ago

COONAN, Mike still living back in hills (couldn't find the road)
his aunt was Maura (?) C. Welch, sister of Patrick above.

In ~~Hugh~~ Menagh -

used to be Coonen's there, but line died out as did above
because men didn't marry!

1970 At LORRHA - Old Cemetery Monument -

In Memory of Winifred CUINANE Milford
d. Apr. 1937 age 77.

husband Philip Cuinane d. Dec. 5, 1943 age 90

Also here find a Coonen's Field - driving from S. to intersection,
turn left - it is on the right about 200 yds down (N. on road
going west), Gleeson's also found here. (Information from old postmaster).

Ireland
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Interviews

FINNBAR

Dublin 1, Mrs. FINNBAR FAGAN nee Coonan, 7 Lissadel Rd, Dublin 12 Tel. 5038 11
July 27, 1972

SW of
Dublin

In the family - Michael, Joseph, Norah, Mary
Bridget, Jeremiah, Margaret, Theresa, Alexander (in order, decim.
age 2)

87 now
Mother - Jeremiah b. (young?) Curraghmore; Mother: Nora Spooer from Gortnagore
- John b., Mike, Donnell, Margaret, Mary, Bridget all passed
N.M., Nelly, N.M. Gortnagore, nearly, died young

Grandfather - Mike Coonan - from? — died at ASHMEER (some estate little piece of land), +

N.B. Steady's from Cullabill also related to grandfather

His grandmother was Oney (Honore) Carey! also Brigid was in Curraghmore

Toby - also connects w. his father Twoty - not heard

Steady - don't know how!

Picture - Westport Studios, 260 Broadway Buffalo N.Y. - Joseph deceased age 21

1st cousin of her mother is - Nora Spooer

Mrs -
Mrs. Smith.
N. Coonan.
Dublin

July 2, 1972
Gortnagore

Mike + Jeremiah Coonan at Gortnagore (rest of family including above) (Mrs.)

Great Gf. - John Coonan b. Cullabill, bros.? (from Michael)

J 1927 age 79+

Gf. - Mike b. John or Dan? + Margaret (mata) died Beagleas + ^{Honora} _{Carey} of Ballymore

J 1963 at age 79+

Sister - Jerry b. John, Dan, Mike, Tim died when a baby; m. Nora Spooer

Jerry + Mary Bridget Lynch → Olive, Noel, Patricia, Dermot, Seamus (d),
Mike + Ann Deegan → Mary, Anne, Bridget, Jeremiah, Patsie, Margaret, Joe,
Theresa, Philomena, Michael John (d) ⁺ _{Twins}

try
Balloonagh
first

Mike said that the ~~Louisa~~ Coonans would be related to them (he knew from a child)

Nora - pays at Mrs. Ryan (a May Coonan lives at 25 Buckfield St., Dublin)

her father was John Coonan + grandfather also John (Jockie) from

Upperchurch, grandmother's name was Jorg - g.g. k. not know

Kieran Joe is now at Ballonaghagan, Loughrea

There is a deceased Coonan at Loughrea whose father's name was Mike; also one is living in this area!

(information, a few names - see charts!)

Upperchurch - Information

A. Notes from cemetery workers:

Lived on road just East of cemetery + up the hill —

PAT COONAN, a blacksmith, who died 4 Dec. 1964 at about 90 yrs. of age. His father was JOHN (born about 1800 and lived to be very old), and his wife was Mary Fitzpatrick! Children were: son John, who was in the army and was shot in Cork in 1922, Bill, Pat, Deanne + Mary, as well as Mike who now lives in FINNAHY. A relative Coonan now lives at or near Sports field in Thurles!

Burial place known for Pat, but no marker (^m NW corner of yard)

B. Son - MICHAEL COONAN b. 1934 -

(actually
Mar 7, 1937)
there were

FINNAHY, UPPERCHURCH, THURLIES, Co. Tip., now out of work for 4 yrs + keeping family at home. His wife, Anne O'Halloran was at work, and he has 6 children. Theresa 12, Johanna 8, John 6, Gerald 6 and Michael 2.

His father PATRICK (1909-1946) and mother Anne Woods of Clane lived at Ballyboy. ~~Brothers~~ are Patrick 1935- (of England) and John 1941- (Belfast)

Uncles + Aunts: Dennis (1913-1956); John (d. ca 1910); Bill (1896-1946) who married Maggie ~~freeston~~^{*} + had sons Tony + Patrick, now in England; Mary (1909-1963); Johanna (-1967) married - Rogerty + has a daughter, Mrs. Hale living in Thurles.

Grandfather: PATRICK (1876-1961) with wife Mary

→ Brady lived at BALLYBOY near Upperchurch; his BROTHER DENNIS of Thurles.
my father?

Great Grandfather: JOHN, lived at KNOCKLOUGH, nr. Upperchurch and just next place from Nialagore

June 24, 69

C. Met PAT CORBETT at farm just down from SHEVRY on road to FOIREACULE —

This man, not married, farmer, knew of Tippemay Hill in Syracuse, and said that in the 1880's as well as earlier, many people went from Upperchurch to there. However, he had never been in the state. He mentioned members of the Shanahan family as an example. ~~He said many~~

He knew that there had been Coonans in Dailegoule (said the Gaelic way of saying it - Cu - NAN), but mostly knew of the family of John, of whom he mentioned the family of Dennis Coonan in Thurles, and said that Mike (see over) must have 1st cousins there.

He also knew of a Pierce Phalen who lived there in the late '50's or '60's, and said he was ^{born} before (of his) father - 1844. Further, many Welch's lived there (spelling varied), and one woman died on way to the states in the 1850's who was a Welch.

The custom of the man's oldest son ~~being~~ given his name was mentioned as common to the area in the past.

June 1970 D. Further comment from Pat Corbett, who had talked to some of the "old folk" near Dailegoule —

The house on the right hand side in the field opposite the series of houses on the left (dividing out away from Shevry to south) was indeed built by a Coonan, and John Coonan also lived there as a small boy (Mike's grandfather). Built over 100 yrs. ago, it has a slate roof, was owned by Ned (Fostey) Ryan who died, and now is inhabited by Griffin's - is vacant!

July 1973

Mike Coonan's daughter gave info (see opposite side) —

Michael's brother's address (when he was visiting!)

Mr. Patrick Coonan
49 St. Nicholas Road
Rodford Semple
Leamington S.P.A.
Warwick, England

COONAN Families in Ireland

Interview - (Name of interviewee) - (Date of interview)

1. Saw Mrs. Mary Spooner Whelan from Congueen at or near Bandonbeg in CLONMORE

Her mother was Nora Coonan, daughter of Jeremiah Coonan (son of Mick?).

There were 6 girls in family, and Joe who died, Mike + Jerry (see below).

She suggested seeing church records at Templemore Cathedral - Mr. Ryan, Gleeson,

Glynn or Conon Negerty!

2. Met wife + daughter, Mary of Mick Coonan in GURTDERRYBEG, who is with good work!

Mick's father was Jeremiah, and his grandfather was Michael Coonan,

who lived near Congueen, COURQUENEEN in BOURNEY Parish
chapel

His brother (Mick's) is Jerry of GURTNAGODNA - all near Templemore (N. of)

Only other Coonans known to them, but not of this family, live
in DUNKERRIN and COLDERRY

3. Met wife + Jeremiah Coonan, age 48, GURTNAGODNA, Roscrea (where he was born)

Works at the large Templemore Livestock Sale Market (auction)

His father was Jerry, d. 21 Aug. 1962 age 78 b. Cullragone

Uncles were Jack, Dan and Mike

Grandfather was Michael b. LISMACKEN, d. ~1930 age ~75 yrs.

He knew of other Coonans at Colderry!

4. Met Jack Coonan in Moneygall, Tip. on Main St. across from church, age ~45 - brought name Coonan!

Mother - Patrick Coonan (1870-1950) mother Mary Anna Kennedy

Uncles - DAN, Tom + Michael - all from CLONOMOHAH, Dunkerrin

Grandfather - WILLIAM

His father told him one granduncle (?) Pat went to USA

Family has connections in GLASSHOUSE, SHIRONE, Co Offaly - a Ned Coonan - 3rd cousin!

5. Met Ned Coonan in Moneygall (son relative to the Thoms) - age ~ 65 ✓ WRITE
Brothers - Tom + William C., The Mill House, THOMASTOWN, Co. Kilkenny 2nd Son!
Father - Thomas of BANGEROTTY, Moneygall, a cattle dealer w. 3 sisters
Grandfather - "Black" Tom Coonan a cattle dealer, had brother (?) Michael
Family came from MOUNT KINNAN near Borrisoleigh
They had friends in Upperchurch!

For Moneygall Coonan's, see Th. Cosgrave, P.P., *Suspension* (^{says} Th. Comeford-Kilkenny)

also CLONKEENY Parish, the Asterion Abbey, Mt. St. Joseph, bet. Roscrea + Tullamore

Heard of John Coonen in Pescara - a tailor, but didn't locate

at [John Conon + Mother] Naragh, July 3, 1972
Home of William Cooner, St. Conlon's Rd (White Walls)

d. 1965 age 77

Family from ASHLEY Park

Pat Cooner, bro. of John went to America - never heard from him until
became an M.D.

Family of Wm. Cooner - Margaret Murray (from Palermostrae
or Newtown village)

↓
John 1950, Peter 1952, Michael 1959
(all born in Naragh)

Wm's father was John Cooner
near 80 when he died about ?
A coach builder

John Cooner himself was evicted from
Cobley park (not for want of money, but because got
thirsty) - came to Naragh - no home first, then rented at his
house, then bought. - His father is not known.

A stone model
of his name (John)
and dated 1812 or
1802.

John → 13 children, all boys died young & never married!

→ went as far as Dublin to go to America just after
marrying Eliza Kenna (from Cobley Park), but changed
their mind and came back.

John Jr. works at movies for 2s + 8d (n.S.) , Michael goes to school.
(especially bright & sweetest fellow - very nice !)
Mother seemed old & tired !

John 1950 - Elizabeth

Patrick - 1952 - at Univ. in Galway - Eng & Hist in 2nd year

Telephones:
Management 266
Visitors 411-412

Telegrams:
"O'Meara's, Nenagh"

O'Meara's Hotel,
Nenagh

22 yrs here from,
John [unclear]

Interviews

June 13,
1973

Mrs. Ryan - #25 Buckfield Drive next Crombie Rd.

Her father was Denis Coonan of Apperchurch (born of fishermen? or Curaduffe)
d. ca. 1939 at 60 age ca. 65 - lived most of his life in Thunders town.

His children - Jack d. at 42 in 1957, Frederick & 8 years now, Christy d. 1949

Dennis d. 17/11/1970 age 51, Josephine (Johanna) lives in Derby, England
(Mrs. Peter Hawkins Sr.), Cottam Mary Ryan,
Parramore (name of the house)
comes from co. Galway

COONAN

Uncles - Pat in Apperchurch d. ca. 12 yrs ago + Dennis Johanna in Thunders town died ca 10 yrs ago (also a fisherman?) not sure, Mary + Anne Woods had one daughter, a Mrs. Woods also Clare PATRICIA m. - FOGARTY M. John FOGARTY son of G. T. E. b. ca 1850. son of G. T. E. d. 1880. wife of L. T. FOGARTY ELIEBUNA

Her mother was Elizabeth Beedle from Bonisdeigh

Grandfather - John Coonan m. (?) don't know any more

very old man, died 1900 - 1910 (small man) lived with them in Thunders when he died.

g.g. f. not known.

N.B. Above Denis COONAN b. 1871 by my chart, had bros. Pat b. 1875, Wm b. 1877

and John b. 1880 and had relatives who were longs

The above mentioned Ann Woods was sister of law Pat Coonan's wife