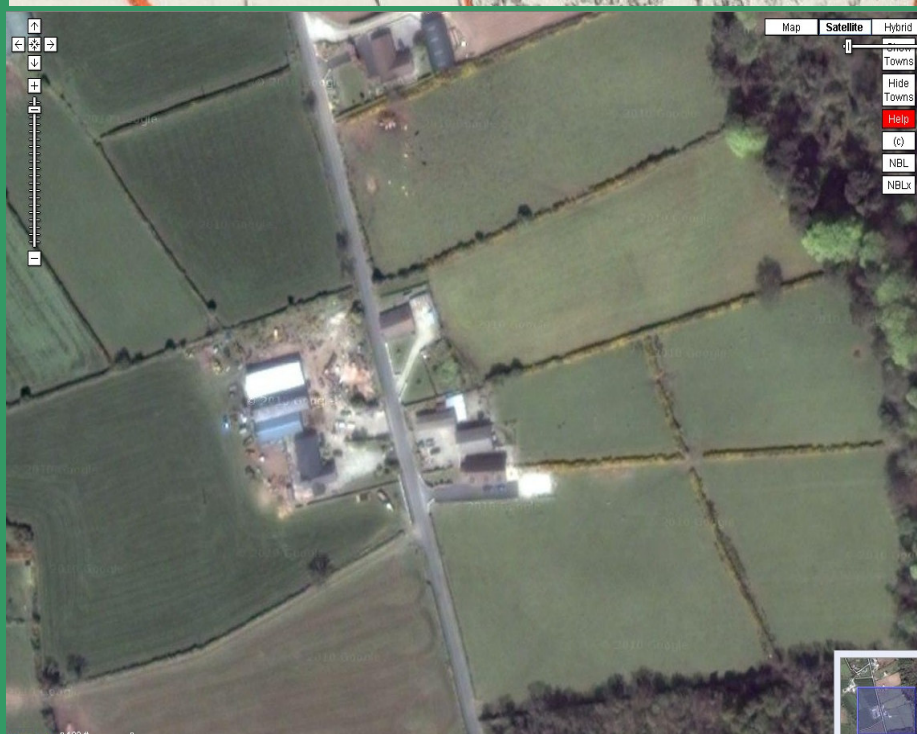
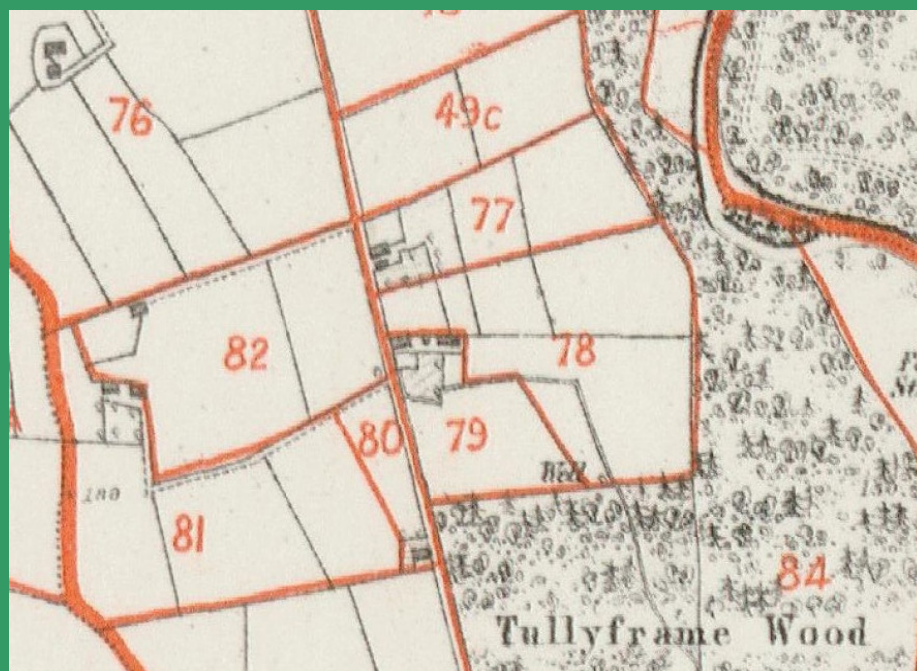


The Hennity Letters From Ireland

1940 - 1970



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The Hennity letters consist of nine letters sent to Agnes McGraw Currie over the period 1940 to 1968. Eight of the letters were from Mary Alice Hennity and one from her mother Martha Rooney Cunningham. Martha was the sister of Mary, Alice and John Rooney, who came to America in the 1880's. Mary Alice Hennity and Agnes McGraw Currie were 1st cousins.

No .	Envelope Date	Letter Date	Address	Writer
1	No envelope	1 Apr 1940	Mourne Park, Newry, Co. Down	Mary Alice Hennity
2	23 May 1940		Letter Missing	Martha Cunningham
3	18 Dec 1940		Letter Missing	Martha Cunningham
4	No envelope	16 Dec 1942	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Co. Down	Martha Cunningham
5	No envelope	7 Nov 1944	Mourne Park, Newry, Co. Down	Mary Alice Hennity
6	No envelope	1950 ¹	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry, Co. Down, NI	Mary Alice Hennity
7	No Date	1951 ²	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry, Co. Down, NI	Mary Alice Hennity
8	No Date ³	3 Oct 1953	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry, Co. Down	Mary Alice Hennity
9	10 July 1957	9 July 1957	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry	Mary Alice Hennity
10	No Date	25 Feb 1958	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry	Mary Alice Hennity
11	No Date ⁴	3 Jan 1968	26 McGoldrick Villas, Derryogue, Kilkeel	Mary Alice Hennity

The May and December 1940 envelopes each displayed a sticker, that indicated they had been opened for inspection, by Examiners 4100 and 3802 respectively. This was obviously a wartime practice of inspecting civilian mail to prevent information about the military build up in Northern Ireland, in anticipation of D-Day, from leaking out . By checking the various “war covers” on a Military and Censored Postal History web site⁵ it was determined that these inspection stickers were used in Northern Ireland during WW II. Therefore the censoring was done in Northern Ireland on the mail leaving the country.

Unfortunately, the letters that were originally in those two envelopes are now missing. The identity of Martha Cunningham as the writer of those missing letters is known from the return address on the back of the envelopes. The McGoldrick Villas address in Item #11 is that of Mary Alice's daughter Nora.

COVER: The top map is a portion of the Griffith's Valuation map (1863) for Co. Down. The Rooney's holding was labeled #77. The bottom image is a modern satellite image of the same area today. Remarkably most of the field boundaries are the same after 150 years.

¹ The year 1950 was printed on the letter in pencil at a later date.

² The year 1951 was printed on the letter in pencil at a later date.

³ Postmark ripped off envelope.

⁴ Postmark ripped off envelope.

⁵ <http://www.warcovers.co.uk/shop/1942-Honour-Envelopes-cover-N.-IRELAND.-FPO-492-p-m.-RAF-censor.html>

1	No envelope	1 Apr 1940	Mourne Park, Newry, Co. Down	Hennity
<p>Mary Alice expressed her sympathies on learning about her Aunt Alice's death (Jan. 20, 1940). Her Uncle James (Rooney) had died recently and was buried on March 1st. James had been living with his sister, Martha Rooney Cunningham. After James's death, Mary Alice's eldest son (William) was living with Martha (his grandmother) as was someone named Vincient (Vincent?). Martha was weak from a stomach problem that had been going on for years.</p> <p>Mary Alice had three children: Nora (18), William (13) and Leo (10). Mary Alice's husband was working on the Kilmorey Estate and they were living in one of the houses on the estate. "We have free fine⁶, free milk and free house, so we are very happy so far, but this war is hitting us badly, a lot of men on the Estate has been paid off already, and more changes are expected next month, it is feared the place will be shut up yet."</p>				

⁶ I'm not sure exact what this "fine" was but it was probably some monetary charge that her family didn't need to pay..

G. Mourne Park
Kerry
Co. Down
Ireland
April 1st 1940

My Dear Cousin,
We were
all very sorry to hear
about Aunt Alice's
death. I am sure you
miss her very much,
as we do Uncle James
he was buried on
March 1st just a month
ago and the house does
seem lonely without
him, Mother misses

him more than anyone
as she was always with
him, and now Aunt Alice's
death is another shock,
she is not very strong
herself, having been
suffering for years
with her stomach,
but she has Vincent
and my eldest boy
is with her now for
company. I have three
children, Nora, aged 18
Willie, aged 13. and Leo
aged 10 years, my husband
works here on the
Kilmorey Estate, and
we live in one of the

houses, we have free fire,
free milk, and free house.
so we are very happy so
far, but this war is
hitting us badly, a
lot of men on the
Estate has been paid off
already, and more
changes are expected
next month, it is feared
the place will be shut
up yet. How are all
the rest of my cousins
please give them my
love, now that I
have Mrs Waters
address I will write
to her sometime's.

"Mrs. Waters" was Mayme McGraw Waters, sister of Agnes McGraw Currie. Both were daughters of Alice Rooney McGraw. Mayme, Agnes and Mary Alice Hennity were all 1st cousins.

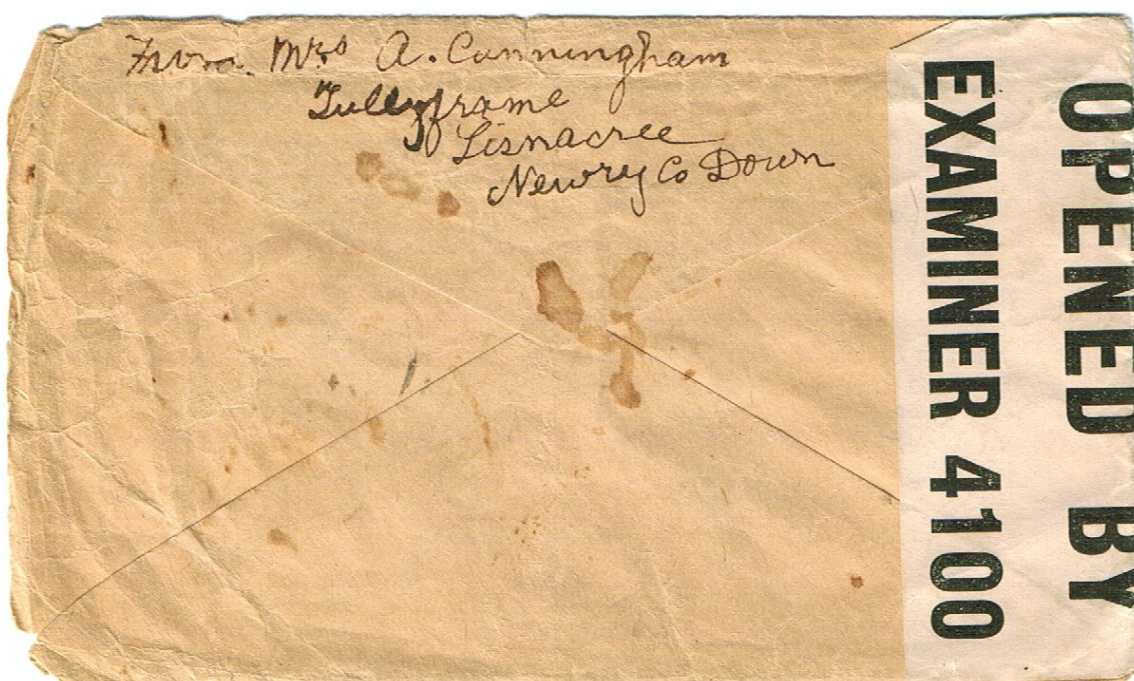
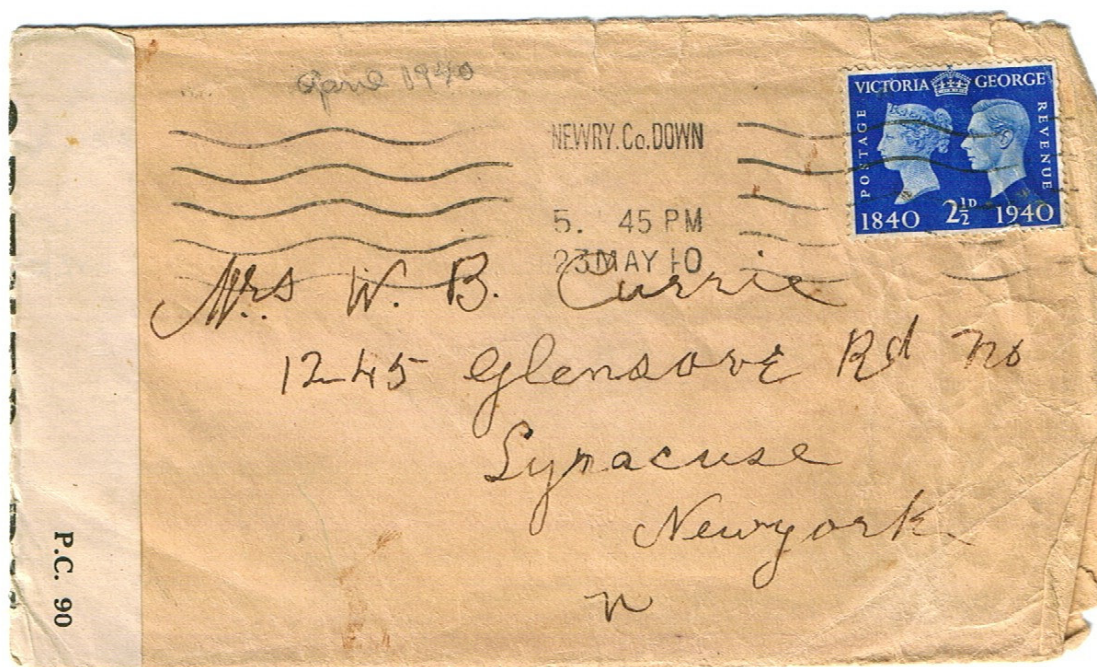
My husband and children
join in extending their
sympathy to you all
in your great loss
and we will remember
Aunt Alice in our
prayers.

I will be
delighted to hear from
you all, and hope to
get a letter quite
soon from you.

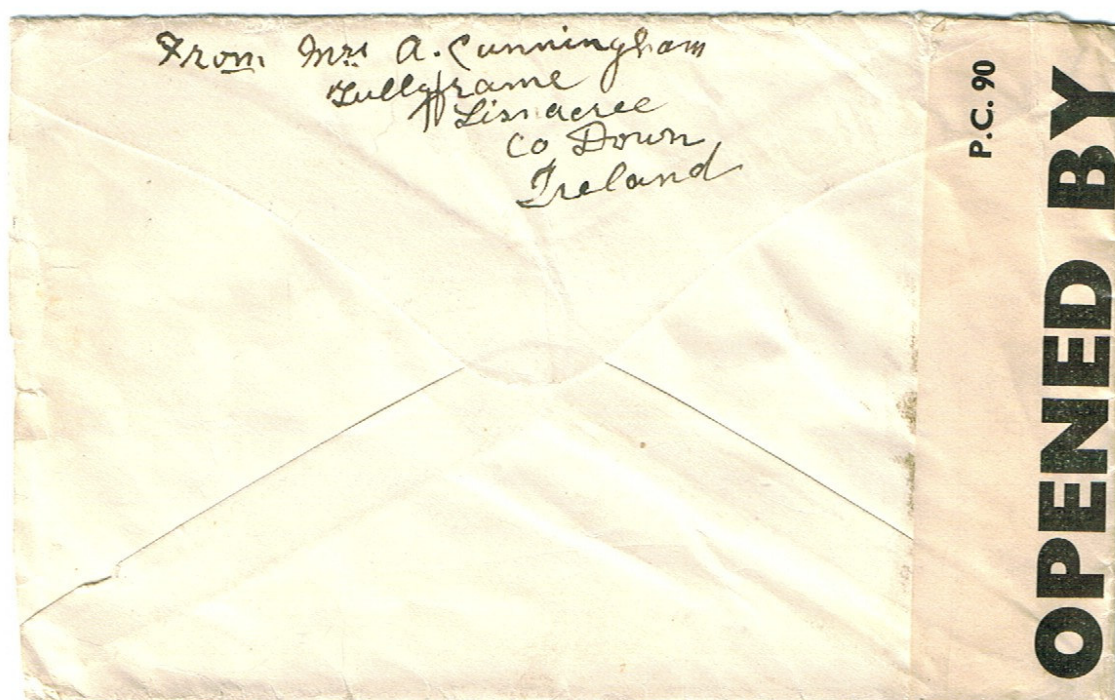
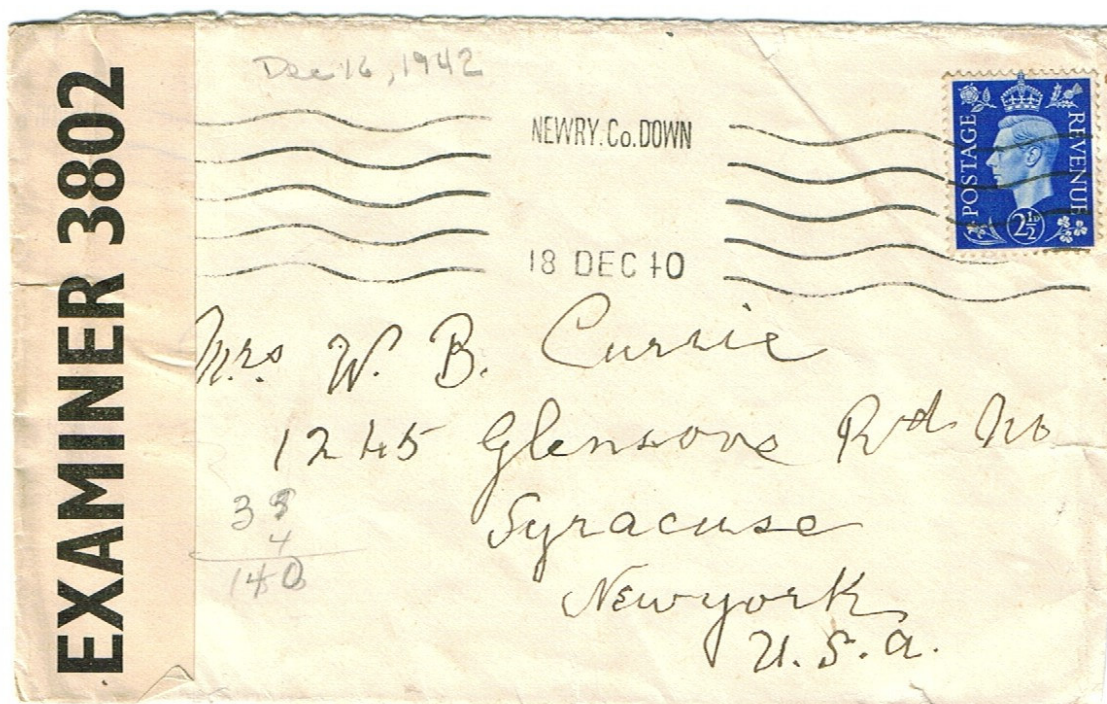
I will close now
With Best Love
From Your Cousin
Mary Alice.

Mrs Wm Hennity
Mourne Park.

2	23 May 1940	Letter Missing	Martha Cunningham
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3	18 Dec 1940	Letter Missing	Martha Cunningham
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4	No envelope	16 Dec 1942	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Co. Down	Martha Cunningham
<p>Martha had written several letters to Agnes and had received no replies. Perhaps the wartime censors were to blame for some lost letters but it is doubtful if an 81 year old Irish grandmother, who didn't even go outside because of the cold weather, could have written letters containing strategic information.</p>				

3-30-42

Tullyframe
Lisnacree
Co Down

16/12/1942

My Dear Niece

Thanks very much for very nice letter I was so pleased to hear from you I was ^{beginning} to think we had lost our Friendship I have written several times but got no answers to them so I suppose the did not reach you

Well we are all well at present we have very cold weather just now Mary Alice wrote to you before Xmas I hope you got it all right

My Dear niece I cannot
write much my hands are
so cold & my pen is bad
I am old & cannot get out
in this cold weather

I sometimes feel lonesome &
when I get a letter from
my friends it lifts my
thoughts off other things

I thank you very much
for your nice letter

give my love ~~thto~~ Mammie
& all her family. I will close
with Love & best wishes ^{to} you
& Husband & Family

From Aunt Martha Cunningham
write soon

5	No envelope	7 Nov 1944	Mourne Park, Newry, Co. Down	Hennity
Relative to Martha "...she says she will be 83 at Xmas." Apparently the children didn't know the year of their mother's birth. All in the family were working. Nora was engaged to "a nice young American soldier" who was in France at the time of the letter. During the build up to D-Day American soldiers were stationed in Northern Ireland and apparently Nora got to meet one of them. However, in the end they never married and whether he was killed in the war is unknown.				

American troops first arrived in Northern Ireland on January 26, 1942⁷. At the peak, in December 1943, there were 120,000 of them in the small northeast corner of Ireland. This "represented the equivalent of one tenth of the total population before the start of world War II." Air bases were located at Toome, Maghahery and Greencastle, near Kilkeel, which is near Newry. The army was located all over Northern Ireland.



This is a current picture of the mansion at Mourne Park. It was originally put on the market at £10M but recently reduced to only £6.5M. The property includes 140 acres. A current rumor on the Internet says that U2 band member, The Edge, is considering the property and that he would turn part of it into a music studio.

⁷ "One Yank and They're off": Interaction between U.S. Troops and Northern Irish Women, 1942-1945
 Leanne McCormick, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May, 2006), pp. 228-257
 (article consists of 30 pages), Published by: University of Texas Press
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Mourne Park
Newry
Co. Down

7.11.44

My Dear Cousin, I

have waited a long
time for a letter from
you. The last time
Mother heard from
you, you said you
were writing to me
in a few days, so
if you did I never
received it. Mother
hasn't been very well
lately, there is a big
change in her but
still she is wonderful
for her age, she says
she will be 83 at Hmas.

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All our family are O.K.
and working. Nora
is engaged to a nice
young American soldier
he is in France at
present, so if God
spares him to get back
safe they will get married.
How is all your own
family, also all my
other cousins, please
remember me to them
as I don't know their
addresses. I am
sending you an "Irish
Calander," for Xmas
I hope you will like
it, and that it reaches
you safe and in good
time.

I know ⁽³⁾ Mayme's address
so I may write her also.
Now Dear Cousin when
you get this please
write soon and tell me
all the news about
each and everyone
I often think about
you all and wish we
were near each other
Space is getting short
so I will close by
wishing yourself,
Husband and Family
a very happy Xmas
and bright New Year
Your Fond Cousin
Mary Alice.

6	No envelope	1950	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry, Co. Down, NI	Hennity
<p>Mary Alice's mother, Martha Rooney Cunningham, had died some 18 months prior to this letter. The date of the letter is uncertain. The original letter had no date and the year 1950 had been printed on it in pencil at a later time. Based on the address, Mary Alice appears to have moved into her mother's house old house. That house was the old Rooney homestead in Tullyframe⁸ and the family had occupied the house since at least 1863. Mary Alice had settled up her mother's affairs while her brother Arthur had apparently been less than helpful during the process.</p> <p>Leo, her youngest boy was working in England. In Northern Ireland they were still under post war rationing a full five years after the war had ended. They were having a difficult time getting clothes and household items due to a lack of ration coupons. Everyone around them was getting clothes from friends in America. Mary Alice inquired about any old clothes that might be made available to them. She cautioned against new clothes that would require a "heavy duty" far in excess of the actual worth of the clothes. And in the next year they were not getting any coupons for clothing. It was difficult for Mary Alice to ask for help and she wanted Agnes to know they weren't hard up but just in a difficult situation. The rationing process had made items unavailable despite the amount of money one might have. In closing she expressed the hope that her request had not offended Agnes.</p>				

⁸ Maps of the Tullyframe area, where the family homestead was located, are shown on the cover of this document.

Tullyframe
Lisnacree
County

1950 Co Down. N. I.

My Dear Cousin

It is a long time now
since I heard from you. I do hope you
are all O.K. Everyone here is fine.
I wrote to you and Mayme when
Mother died eighteen months ago
but got no reply. I have been very
busy and worried until now. I had
a lot of business to straighten, the
house needed a lot of repair, and
of course Arthur (my brother)
tried to give me trouble also, but
Thank God I have everything settled.
Well Dear, How are all your family
also, all my other cousins, please
tell them I was asking for them.
All my family are working, Leo
my youngest boy is in England.

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Well Dear there is nothing here only Rationing, coupons, and points, its awful, money is useless because you cant buy anything in the line of clothes, shoes, or household linen, curtains, or even a tea towel without coupons and we get so few of them and it takes so many for each article, we just get twenty coupons for six month, It takes twenty six to get a man's suit, eighteen for a lady's coat, so you see how we are in a fix, everyone around here are getting clothes from their friends in America, not new ones, just what their friends had worn, I was hoping you and Mayme would be so kind as to send on anything you dont need, they would be very welcome, coats, dresses, shoes, underwear, mens shirts, vests, sweaters, suits, anything whatever, only no new articles, as I would have to pay very heavy duty on them, double or even more than they would be worth.

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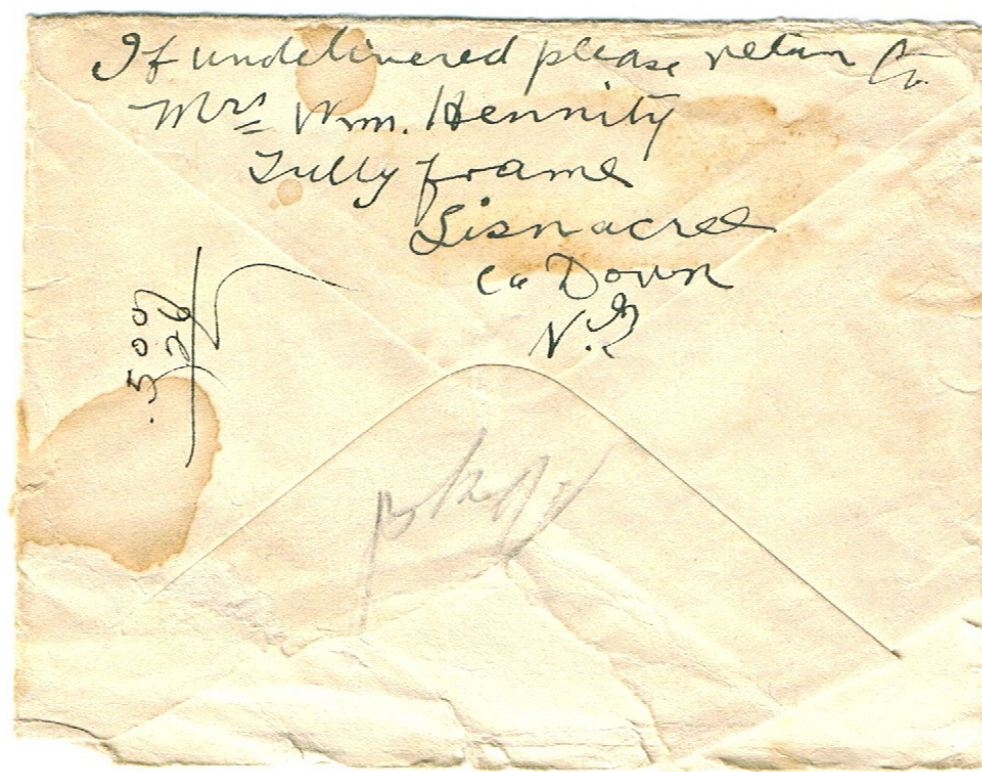
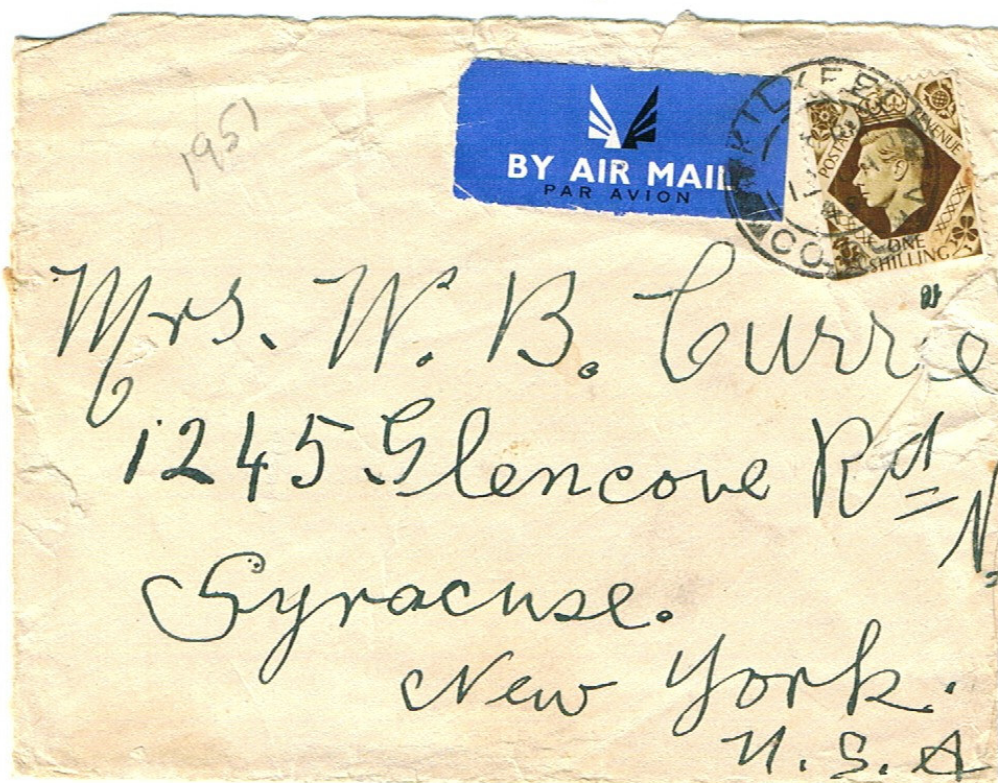
Now Dear, dont think that I am hard up
and asking charity, no such thing, but
I am sure you understand, and worse
still we are getting no clothing book this
year, I am sending you a cutting out of the
paper to see for yourself, Please tell
Mayme for me if she could send anything
I will write her later.

Now Dear Cousin, I hope you are not
offended at my asking you.

Please write soon and tell me all the
news.

Yours Loving Cousin
Mary Alice Hennity.

7	No Date	1951	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry, Co. Down, NI	Hennity
<p>This letter also had no date on the original letter. The year 1951 had been written on it in pencil at a later time. Nora was getting married in the 1st week in August “to an Irish lad.” The American soldier, from the earlier letter (#5, 7 Nov 1944), who Nora was engaged to, had most likely died in the war. Mary Alice said she would miss Nora around the house and mentioned that she (Mary Alice) had heart and blood pressure problems. Leo was still in England</p>				



Tullyfrans
Lisnacree
Newry
1951

Dear Cousin,

I do
hope these few
lines find you well
also your husband
and family.

We are all
fine at present
Thank God.

I have
been looking out
for a letter from
you for some time
I wrote to you
and sent you an

Irish Calendar for
Christmas but had
no reply since
I do hope you
got it safely.

My daughter Nora
is getting married
in the first week
of Aug all being
well to an Irish
Lad. I will miss
her from home
as I don't be very
well at times
with my heart
and blood-pressure
but we can't keep
them always they
have to look out

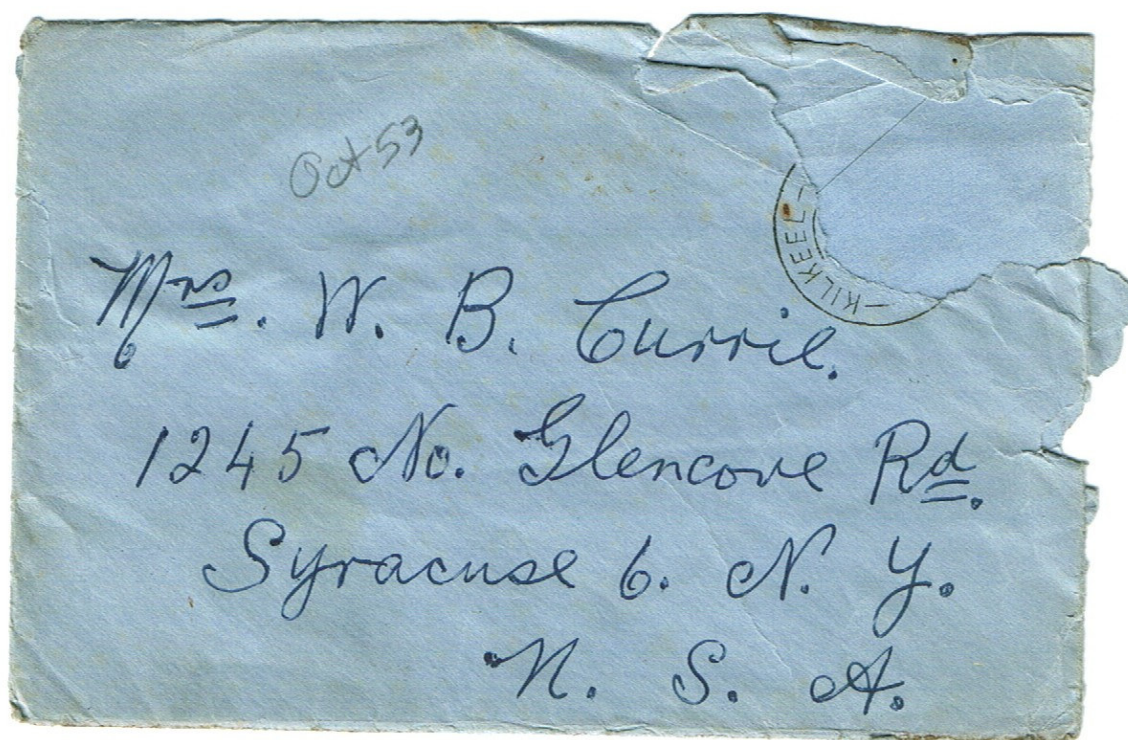
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for themselves
my youngest boy
is still in England.
please write soon
and let me know
how you all are
so until then
Cheerio, and
God Bless You all

Your Fond Cousin
Mary Alice
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8	No Date	3 Oct 1953	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry, Co. Down	Hennity
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Mary Alice expressed her sympathies on the recent death of Agnes's husband (Walter Beattie Currie). Nora was married two years ago the previous August (August, 1951). Nora had a 5-month old little boy and was living in Kilkeel. Leo, Mary Alice's youngest, was married and living at home. Eldest son William was engaged and planned on marrying in the New Year (1954). William would be living about a half-hour away from his mother. Mary Alice's husband was in Scotland - probably working there. Mary Alice's brother Arthur was living with her and he was very much into "the drink" with all the problems that go with that way of life.



Tully frame
Lisnacree
Kewry. Co Down
3rd 10th 53.

My Dear Cousin,

In answer
to your most welcome letter
I was delighted to hear
from you again but sorry
to hear of your husband's
death I know you must
feel his loss terrible
and be so lonely but
cheer up and look after
yourself and time will
do wonders. I do hope
you are feeling better

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yourself, dont go to work too soon take as long a rest as you can. It is a good thing you have one little girl they are always a comfort to the Mother. My daughter Clara is married two year ago last August and has a lovely Baby boy five month old. my youngest son Leo is married and living at home, my eldest son Wm is engaged and getting married sometime in the New Year, they have every thing ready including furniture and house.

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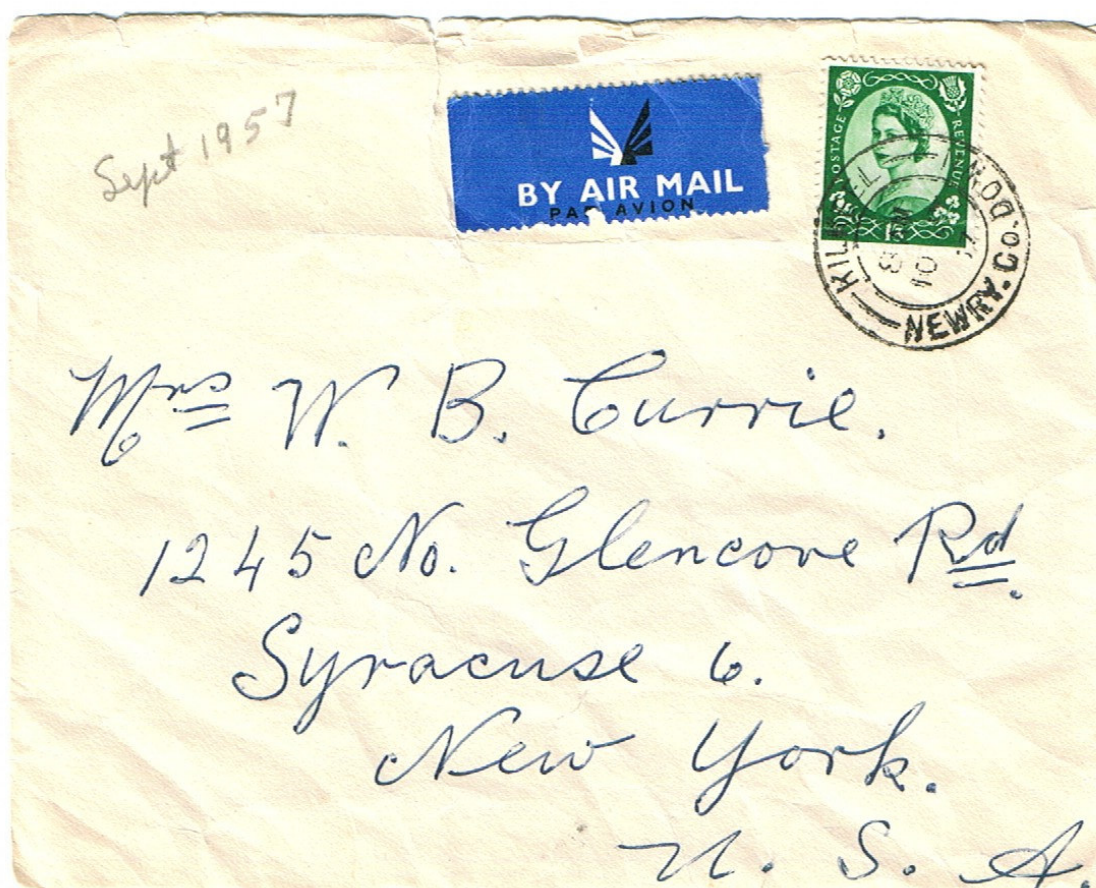
My husband is in Scotland
and Nora is living in our
own town Kilkeel, and W^m
will be living about half an
hour's walk away so they
will all be around home.
My brother Arthur is living
with me but he is no good
to himself or anyone else
he drinks all he gets.
I am keeping fairly well
now - but not able to do
much. I am pleased to know
you got the calendars, I will
send you one when they come
out for Hmas. How is Mayme
tell her I was asking for
her and to please write.

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It wont be long to Hmas
now a time when we think
of all our friends far and
near. Do please write
by return as I am anxious
to hear from you and I
will write also. Give my love
to all your family and all my
cousins. I missed your letters
a lot and wondered what
happened that you stopped
writing. So until I hear
from you again "Cheerio",
and God Bless You all

Lots of Love.
Your Cousin
Mary Alice.

9	10 July 1957	9 July 1957	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry	Hennity
<p>The date written on the front of this envelope is in error. The writer of the envelope date had mistaken 9-7-57 for a September date and was unaware or had forgotten that an Irish writer would have followed the day-month-year format. Mary Alice was pleased to know Agnes and the others had arrived home safely. This was obviously a reference to a recent visit to Ireland. Mary Alice was taking care of her son William's baby boy because William's wife was in the hospital. The baby was just starting to walk. Nora and her children had been living with Mary Alice for the last three months since her (Nora) husband had gone to England to work. Leo appears to have been working in England also. Father John McGraw had come for a visit the previous weekend. He said Mass at their local Church and after a lunch they took him on a tour of the Mourne Mountains. After the visit Father John was headed back to the US and was due to arrive on the 17th or 18th of July. Father John was the youngest son of Agnes's oldest brother James McGraw. He had been ordained in Rome by the Pope.</p>				



Tullyframe
Lisnacree
Kewry
9.. 7.. 57

Dear Cousin Agnes,

I am
sorry to keep you waiting
so long for an answer to
your most welcome letter.

I am pleased to learn
you all got home safe but
sorry your time was so short
and that I couldn't get out a
bit with you owing to having
the baby. Yes, Willie's wife
is fine again and the baby
has started to walk. Nora
and the children are here
with me this last three ^{months} ~~week~~
as her husband has gone to

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England to work, both he and Leo were home at Whit for a holiday, he will be home in about three week for another holiday, longer this time.

How is Colleen and her baby I hope they are fine please try and send me some snaps.

Well Agnes we got a pleasant surprise at the weekend when Father John McGraw came, we were all delighted to see him and I think he enjoyed his visit we were at his Mass on Sunday and got his blessing, after lunch we had a tour of the parish and the Mountains of Mourne, but he will tell

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you all about his visit when he gets home, he expects to arrive home about the 17th or 18th.

I had a letter from Mayme some time ago and answered it. I was pleased to hear from her and am looking forward to more letter's.

We had a very hot spell of weather this summer which we dont usually get but we had a thunder storm and it has gone a little cooler since.

Please tell all my cousin I was asking for them and do write soon again Agnes as I love to get your letter's. So Until next time
"Cheerio," & God Bless you all.
With Love x x x
From Mary Alice & all

10	No Date	25 Feb 1958	Tullyframe, Lisnacree, Newry	Hennity
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Mary Alice said that her husband was “still at work.” I don’t know if she meant that he was just still working or that he was still working in Scotland or England. She was just getting over a four weeklong illness. Nora’s children had had the flu twice and her (Nora’s) husband was still working in England. Her (Mary Alice’s) husband William and her son Leo had been home for Christmas. “Willie John, wife and baby are all OK.”



There was nothing on the back of the envelope.

Tullyframe.
Lisnacree.
Kewry.

25/2/58.

Dear Cousin Agnes,

I don't really know which of us is the best at writing. I have been waiting a long time for a letter from you and I suppose it was the same on the other side but I have beat you to it. (Ha. Ha.) How are you or are you working yet? I expect you have got your house done up long since. How is Colleen and Baby? It will be getting big now. How old is it? I just forget when it was born. and your two boys how are they doing, how many of a family have they got.

My husband is still at work and I am just recovering

Colleen's baby was Barbara Elizabeth Sochia, born 1957. Agnes's boys were Dick and Doug Currie

from a four week illness I am rather weak yet. Nora & children are fine now although children had "flu," twice. her husband is still in England, he and Leo were home at Christmas.

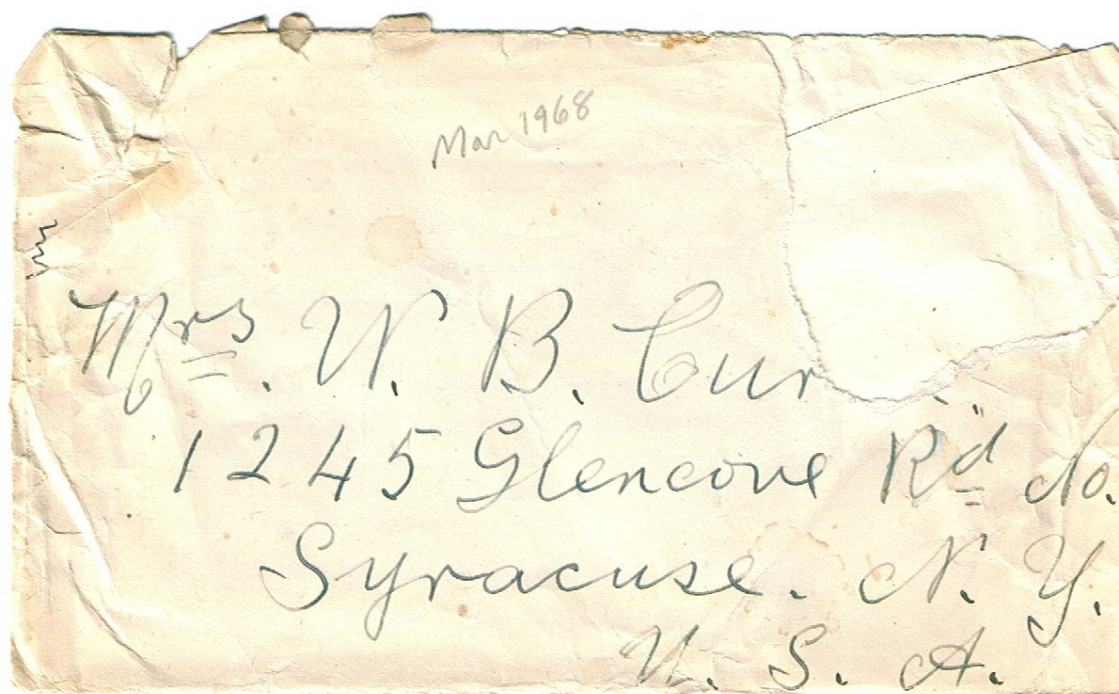
Willie John, wife and baby are all O.K. We are having some rough weather here at present.

I am sending each of you a St Patrick's Day card and hope you get them in time.

Now Agnes when you get this please write me a long letter as I love to get your letters and hear all the news.

So Until then
 "Cheerio" God Bless You
 With Love
 From Mary Alice.

11	No Date	3 Jan 1968	26 McGoldrick Villas, Derryogue, Kilkeel	Hennity
<p>The date in pencil on the front of the envelope is in error. The Irish use a day-month-year format.</p> <p>William John had an accident at work and had been hospitalized. Back in October (1967) he had dislocated his shoulder and broke his arm and hand while the nerves in his hand were also damaged. He was getting better slowly but Mary Alice thought it would “be a long time until it is better again.” Her youngest son Leo was still working in England and his wife was in the hospital. Leo had two children: Paul Martin and Teresa Bernattee (she was going to be 3 at the end of June). Nora’s children: Seamus Gerard (15 in April), Maria Goretti (14 on past Dec 23rd), Denis Joseph (10 in September). William John’s children: William Gerald (12 in September). Mary Alice’s brother Arthur had refused to go into the hospital for an operation recommended by his doctor.</p> <p>Mary Alice’s husband William Hennity died on September 19, 1966. Sometime after that Mary Alice moved in with her daughter Nora - the McGoldrick address was Nora’s.</p>				



26 M^cGoldrick Villas.
Derryogue.
Kilkeel.

3/1/68

My Dear Cousin,

I was so
glad to get your Christmas
card and to know you
were all well.

We are all well here T. G.
only my Son William John
had an accident at work
and has to attend Hospital
every day. It happened
in October and was pretty
bad it is improving now
but very slowly it will
be a long time until it
is better again. It was

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his shoulder got dislocated
his arm and hand broken
and the nerve of his hand
is damaged. Leo my other
son in England is well
but his wife is in Hospital
at present having an operation
they have two children a
boy Paul Martin at school
and a girl Teresa Bernattee
will be three year old at
the end of June. Nora's
children Seamus Gerard will
be 15 in April coming and
Maria Goretti was 14 on the
23rd December past. Denis
Joseph will be 10 in September
coming so they will soon

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grown up. William John has one boy W^m Gerald he is twelve in September. My brother Arthur was not too well lately the D^r wanted him to go into Hospital for an operation but he wouldn't go.

When you get this please write and tell me how your family all are.

I had no word at Christmas from Jim & Mary I hope they are all well. I had no word from Lucy either she wrote to me since Mayme died and I am a bit worried in case there is something wrong.

III

The weather is very cold
we had a fall of snow then
heavy rain fall and now
severe frost I do wish we
had the summer back.

I hope you had a jolly
Christmas and wish you
and all the family a
Happy, Holy, Prosperous
New Year.

Your Loving Cousin
Mary Alice.

P.S. Do please write soon.

The last known letter from Mary Alice Hennity was to Lucy Sprague and was dated Feb. 23, 1970. Lucy was the daughter of Mayme McGraw Waters, Agnes Currie's oldest sister. I don't have the original or a copy of that letter but Lucy did transcribe Mary Alice's last letter in a letter she had sent to me back in the late 90's.

26 McGoldrick Villas
Derryogue, Kilkeel
23-2-70

My Dear Cousin & Family:

In reply to your very welcome letter and Christmas card received some time ago. Sorry to be so long in answering but you realize how it is at that time. I am not so active as I used to be and sometimes forgetful.

Pleased to hear about your family and that all are quite well. My family are all doing fine. T.G. Nora's two eldest are 16 years and William John's boy is 13 years. Leo's children are small yet. The eldest is seven and the next four.

You asked me about some names of your grandmother's family. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Sloan. Father's, James Rooney. They had five of a family. Eldest son, James Rooney. He never married. Eldest daughter, Mary Rooney. She went to America and married John McGraw. Your grandmother, Alice Rooney, who married Michael McGraw. My mother, Martha Rooney, who married Arthur Cunningham, and last John Rooney who went to America, came back on a visit, returned to America, and died.

I am sorry I can't tell you anything about your Grandfather's family. My mother used to tell us all the news but it is so long ago I don't remember.

My mother had three of us. William John, who went to America, married, died four years ago. (Myself) Mary Alice, who married William Hennity. He died three years ago. And Arthur who never married but is still alive on his own.

How the years go by and we never seem to notice until old age comes. Please write soon again as I miss your mother's letters very much.

The Rooneys are buried here in St. Colmans, Massforth, the church where we go to mass on Sundays, and where Father John McGraw said mass when he was here on his way home from Rome [1957].

With Love,
God Bless.
Mary Alice (signed)

How many of a family have you and how many girls?

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Mary Alice Hennity died on December 19, 1972 and was buried at St. Colman's Church, in Massforth. Mary Alice's brother, Arthur Cunningham, despite his less than healthy way of life and his refusal to follow his doctor's instructions managed to live to the ripe old age of 90. (died Mar. 22, 1987)

After Mary Alice passed away there were no more letters from Ireland. However, in 2006 I received an e-mail from Gerry Hennity, Mary Alice's grandson. The communication lines are open once more.

APPENDIX

The James Rooney Family

James Rooney
d. Before 1901

= **Mary Sloan**
d. Before 1901

James Rooney
b. 1853
Eldest son. Never married
Remained in Ireland
d. Feb. 1940, Ir.

Mary Rooney
b. Apr. 21, 1859 Co. Down, Ir
Immigrated 1881
mar. Feb. 11, 1890
d. May 22, 1932 Truxton,
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

= **John William McGraw**
b. Jun 1844, Gleninchaveigh, Uppechurch,
Co. Tipperary
d. Nov. 8, 1926, Truxton
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

Alice Rooney
b. Aug. 31, 1860 Co. Down, Ir
Immigrated 1881
mar. Apr. 7, 1882
d. Jan. 20, 1940, Truxton
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

= **Michael William McGraw**
b. 1843, Drumdiha, Moyaliff, Co. Tipperary
d. Apr. 9, 1923, Truxton
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

Martha Rooney
b. 1870 (1901 census)
b. 1864 (1911 census)
bur. St. Colmans, Massforth.
Remained in Ireland

= **Arthur Cunningham**
b. 1869 Ireland

John Rooney
b. Oct. 4, 1868 Co. Down, Ir
Immigrated March 1886
Never married
d. 1913, Homer, NY
bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

Arthur Cunningham and Martha Rooney

Martha Rooney
 b. 1870 (1901 census)
 b. 1864 (1911 census)
 bur. in St. Colmans,
 Massforth. Remained in
 Ireland

= **Arthur Cunningham**
 b. 1869 Ireland

William John Cunningham
 b. 1893 Co. Down, Ireland
 b. Dec. 16, 1889 (Draft Card)
 b. 1890 (1901 census)
 d. 1966

= **Frances ? (#1)**
 b. 1898 Montana
 d. ~1921 Butte, Montana

James Cunningham
 b. June 22, 1917 Butte, Montana
 d. June 1987 Miles City, Carter, MT

= **Katherine Dwyer (#2)**
 b. Sept. 21, 1898 Cromhene, Co. Cork, Ireland
 d. Dec. 15, 1966 Butte, Montana

Arthur V. Cunningham
 b. April 27, 1923 Butte, Montana
 d. March 1969

Audrey R. Cunningham = **? Weistaner**
 b. May 13, 1928 Butte,
 Montana
 d. Oct. 8, 1995

Kenneth P. Cunningham
 b. 1930 Butte, Montana
 d. Nov. 12, 1999 Silver Bow Co., MT

Mary Alice Cunningham
 b. 1892
 Lived in Newry, Lisacre,
 Co. Down, Ireland
 d. Dec. 19, 1972
 bur. St. Colmans, Massforth,
 Co. Down

= **William Hennity**
 d. Sept. 19, 1966
 bur. St. Colmans, Massforth, Co. Down

Nora Hennity = **J. Donnan**
 b. 1922
 bur. St. Colmans,
 Massforth, Co. Down

William John Hennity = **?**
 b. 1927

Leo Hennity = **?**
 b. 1930
 d. Birmingham, England

Arthur Cunningham
 b. 1897
 Never married
 Remained in Ireland
 d. Mar. 22, 1987 (age 90)
 Slieve Roe Nursing Home,
 Kilkeel, Co. Down, Ir

Mary Alice Cunningham and William Hennity

Mary Alice Cunningham

b. 1892
Lived in Newry, Lisacre,
Co. Down, Ireland
d. Dec. 19, 1972
bur. St. Colmans, Massforth, Co.
Down

=

William Hennity

d. Sept. 19, 1966
bur. St. Colmans, Massforth, Co. Down

Nora Hennity

b. 1922
mar. Aug., 1951
bur. St. Colmans, Massforth,
Co. Down

=

J. Donnan

Seamus Gerard Hennity

b. Apr. 1953

Maria Goretti Hennity

b. Dec. 23, 1954

Denis Joseph Hennity

b. Sept., 1958

William John Hennity

b. 1927
mar. 1954

=

?

William Gerald Francis Hennity

b. Sept., 1956

Leo Hennity

b. 1930
d. Birmingham, England

=

?

Paul Martin Hennity

b. 1963

Teresa Bernattee Hennity

b. June 1965

Michael William McGraw and Alice Rooney

Michael William McGrath
 b. 1843, Drumdiha, Moyalliff, Co. Tipperary
 d. Apr. 9, 1923, Truxton
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

= **Alice Rooney**
 b. Aug. 31, 1860 Co. Down, Ir
 Immigrated 1881
 mar. Apr. 7, 1882
 d. Jan. 20, 1940, Truxton
 bur. St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton, NY

— **Mary Isobelle McGraw**
 b. 1886, Truxton, NY
 m. 1910
 d. 1966

= **Levi Waters**
 b. 1886
 d. 1947

— **James Leo McGraw**
 b. 1888, Truxton, NY
 d. 1980

= **Mary Dadey**
 b. 1903
 m. 1920
 d. 1992

— **Edward Charles McGraw**
 b. 1890, Truxton, NY
 d. 1979, Syracuse, NY

= **Louise Flaherty**
 b. 1897, Truxton, NY
 m. 1919
 d. 1950, Syracuse, NY

— **John Arthur McGraw**
 b. 1891, Truxton, NY
 d. 1962

= **Marie Connors**
 b. ~1898
 m. 1913
 d. 1945

— **George Francis McGraw**
 b. 1893, Truxton, NY
 d. 1893, Truxton, NY

= Never married

— **Thomas Joseph McGraw**
 b. 1894, Truxton, NY
 d. 1959

= Never married

— **Alice Rooney McGraw**
 b. 1896, Truxton, NY
 d. 1980

= Never married

— **Agnes Ellen McGraw**
 b. 1898, Truxton, NY
 m. 1924
 d. 1988

= **Walter Currie**
 b. ~1899
 d. 1952

— **William Michael McGraw**
 b. 1899, Truxton, NY
 d. 1959

= **Dorothy Deveraux**
 b. ?
 m. 1946
 d. 1984

Mayme is Mary Isobelle McGraw Waters.

Lucy Sprague is Mayme's daughter.

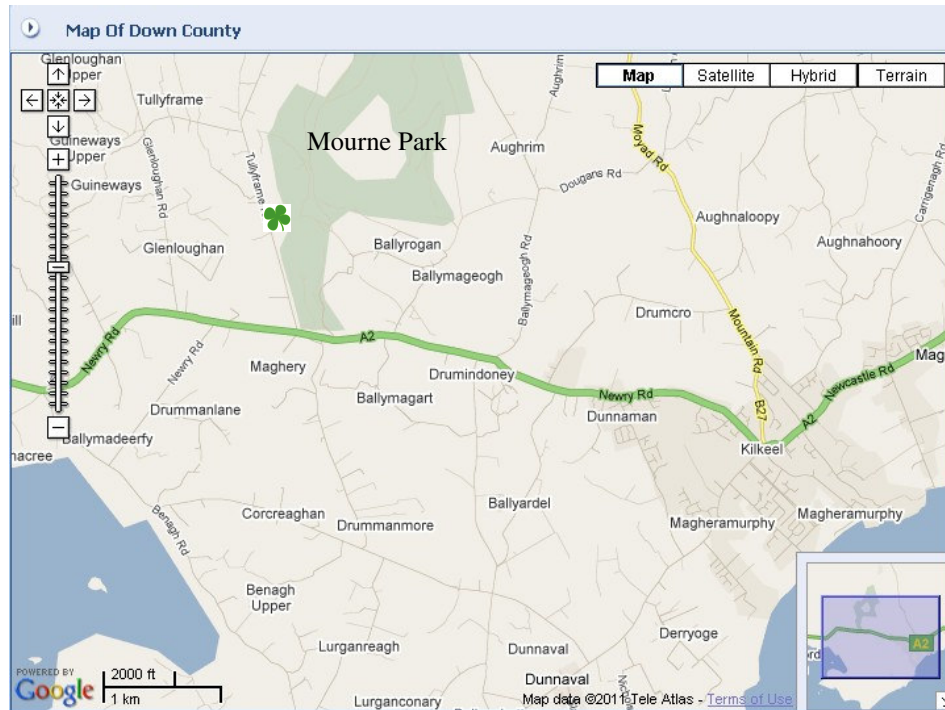
Agnes Currie is Agnes Ellen McGraw Currie

Dau: **Colleen** Currie Sochia; sons: **Dick** and **Doug** Currie

Father John McGraw is the youngest son of James Leo McGraw.

Michael F. McGraw is the grandson of Edward Charles McGraw.

The Kilkeel and Mourne Park area of Co. Down, Northern Ireland

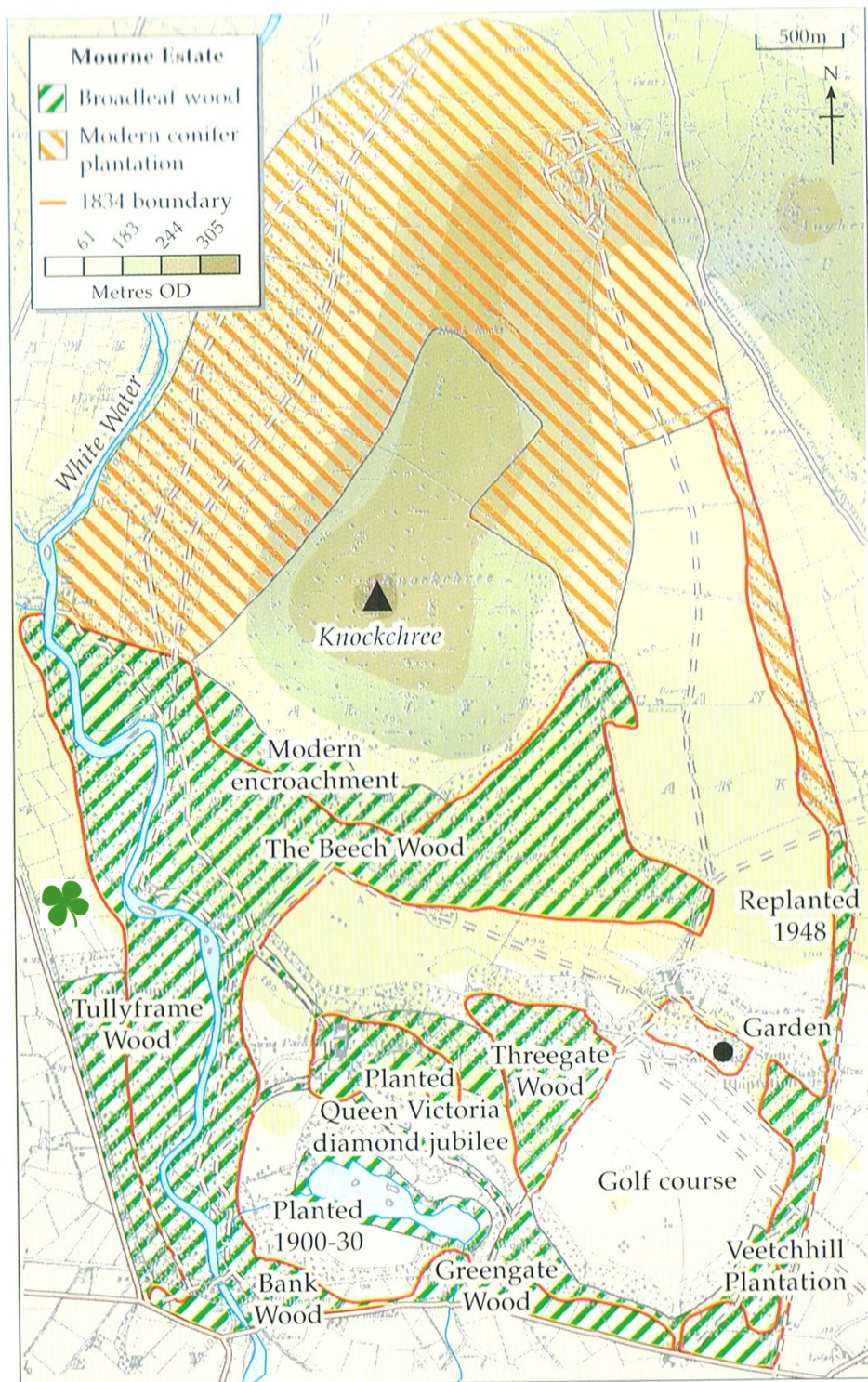


The old Rooney homestead is designated on the map above by the shamrock. Mourne Park, where Mary Alice's husband was working in the early 1940's, is shown above with the Rooney homestead abutting up to the Tullyframe Woods on the west side of the estate. Mourne Park is shown in more detail on the following page. Mary Alice's daughter, Nora, was living in Derryogue, just south of Kilkeel, which is in the lower right hand corner of the above map.



St. Colman's Church, Massforth, Kilkeel, Co. Down, Northern Ireland

Mourne Park and Its Evolution⁹



The Rooney homestead in Tullyframe is designated by the shamrock.

⁹ Atlas of the Irish Rural Landscape, Edited by F.H.A. Aalen, Kevin Whalen and Matthew Stout. Cork University Press, Cork, Ireland (1997) . p. 128

The Yanks in Ireland¹⁰



Lieutenant General George S. Patton Jr, Commander of 5th Infantry Division, addresses men of the 10th Infantry Regiment in March 1944, upon completion of an assault demonstration near Kilkeel, Co. Down.

In the Autumn of 1943 the second wave of American soldiers began arriving in Northern Ireland. The 5th Infantry Division was in that second wave and the men were grateful to leave Iceland for the friendlier climes of Ireland - what a difference a single letter can make. Most of the 15,000 men were deployed around the Mourne Mountains. The 10th Infantry Regiment of the 5th Division made their home base at Newcastle, Ballyredmond and Kilkeel. Also to be found in the Kilkeel area, the 46th Field Artillery and the Division Headquarters were located at Mourne Park.

¹⁰ Home Away From Home - The Yanks in Ireland, by Mary Pat Kelly, Appletree Press Ltd., Belfast Northern Ireland (1994), p 100-101.