

The Comerford Family of Morgan Hill

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Introduction

It was through the Comerfords that the McGraw, O'Brien, Carr, Ryan and Waters families were connected. In the 1860s these families were living close together on top of Morgan Hill on the western edge of the Town of Cuyler.

According to a book on the Comerford families in America that the author read back in 2002, — and which can no longer be found — the Comerfords of Cortland Co. came to America from Co. Cork, Ireland. With additional research it has been determined that the Comerfords are concentrated around Co. Kilkenny, which borders Co. Tipperary on the east. A search through the Catholic Parish Registers turned up baptism records for three of John and Catherine Ryan Comerford's children. These were for Timothy (1845), Nancy (1847) and Patrick (1848) in the Templeberry Roman Catholic parish in the Killaloe Diocese of Co. Tipperary. There might have been more children but the baptism records for Templeberry only went back to 1840 and they were in very bad shape making them difficult to read.

John Comerford was married twice, his first wife was Catherine Ryan and they were married in Ireland prior to 1840 and they came to America in 1850. According to the 1900 census Julia Comerford O'Brien was born in Dec 1843, in Ireland, and claimed to have emigrated from Ireland to the US in 1849. Her younger brother Patrick Comerford, was also born in Ireland and was baptized March 1848. Patrick claimed that he emigrated from Ireland to the US in 1850. All these dates are consistent. Two other children, Timothy and Nancy, were also born in Ireland but they never made it to the US — they might have died during the Great Famine in Ireland.

In the US they had a 2nd Nancy (b. 1851) and a daughter named Ellen (b. 1854) was born in Fabius, Onondaga Co., NY. Catherine died sometime in 1857, perhaps in childbirth since her last child, Catherine was born on June 5, 1857. John married Eliza Stapleton the following year. John and Eliza were married on Feb. 6, 1858 at St. James Catholic Church, Cazenovia, Madison Co., NY. Witnesses were Dennis Carr and Bridget Burk and the priest was Michael W. Rooney. The sponsor Dennis Carr was the uncle of another Dennis Carr who would later marry Ellen O'Brien, the daughter of Michael and Julia Comerford O'Brien.

Ironically, the sponsors for Patrick's Irish baptism were Thomas and Judy Stapleton. John Comerford's wife died shortly after they arrived in America and he remarried — Eliza Stapleton. Could that be a coincidence? The Stapletons of Cazenovia came from Rossmore, Co. Tipperary — Eliza might have been one of them.

John and his second wife Eliza had a son John born on Nov. 14, 1858 in Fabius. In 1870 John and Eliza had only Michael, John and Eliza living with them. Julia Comerford and Michael O'Brien were married in 1860 or earlier since their oldest child was born in 1861. In 1860 and 1865 the O'Brien family was living in DeRuyter in Madison County. According to the 1870

census the Comerfords and the O'Briens were living on adjacent farms on the Town of Cuyler Lot 65, on the western border of the Town of Cuyler. This was the same farm that Orson Waters and his wife Margaret Comerford were occupying in 1860 and 1865. This area which straddles the border between the Towns of Truxton and Cuyler is known as Morgan Hill.

The Michael O'Brien family might have also been one of the neighbors of the Edmond McGraw family (who is the author's gg-grandfather) in Cuyler in the 1860s if they arrived prior to January 1868. Edmond and his family purchased 255 acres of land on Lots 51 and 52 in the town of Truxton and moved there in January 1868. In 1875 John Comerford and Michael O'Brien were both living on the North Road out of the village of Truxton.

The Town of Cuyler Map, Cortland County, from 1876 is shown below. The M. O'Brien mentioned above in 1876 was listed as living in the township of Truxton in the 1880 census. The O'Brien and Comerford families must have moved to the North Road prior to the publishing of the 1876 map. Based on the comparison of the 1880 census and the 1876 map for township of Truxton, the Michael O'Brien family was living on the eastern branch of the West Road (Kettlebail Road) out of Truxton in 1880.

In 1880 the Comerford children Michael and John were living on the Michael O'Brien farm whose wife was their half-sister Julia Comerford O'Brien. Their sister Eliza was living next door to the O'Briens on the Comerford homestead that was then being run by her half-brother Patrick Comerford. Their parents John and Eliza Comerford are not found in the 1880 census, indicating that they had probably died prior to the taking of the 1880 census. Exactly when they died isn't known and where John and Eliza were buried is also unknown. It isn't known if John and Eliza had any other children after their daughter Eliza who was born in ~1866.

Two of the Comerford sons, Patrick (9 children) and John (13 children), were the most prolific and so they were researched in more detail than their other siblings. An exception was made for John's daughter Catherine who married Thomas F. Walpole and whose family connections were numerous and easily found.

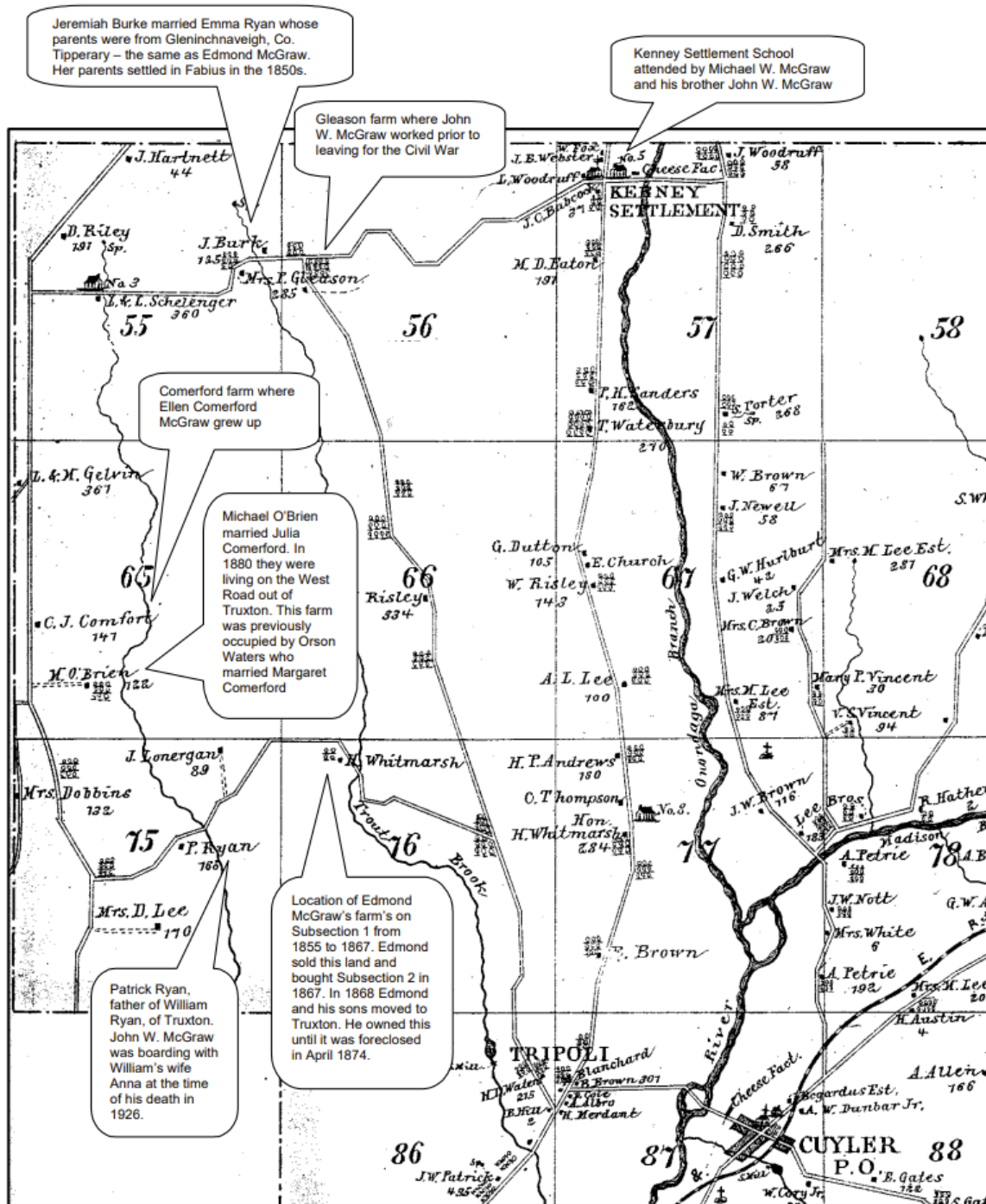
In the process of tracking some of the Morgan Hill Comerfords in the Cortland City Directories two new Comerfords families were encountered. Thomas D. Comerford and Bernard Comerford. These two individuals were researched in some detail to determine any possible connections to the Morgan Hill Comerfords — no connections were found. The results of that research have been included in this paper.

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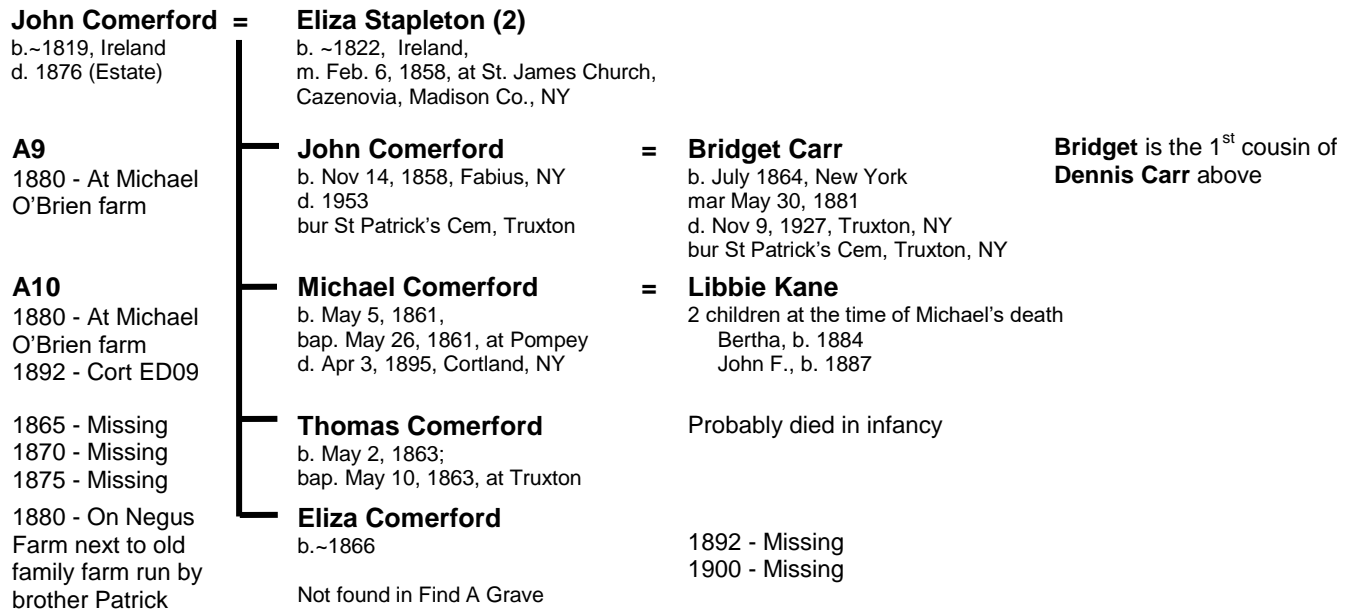
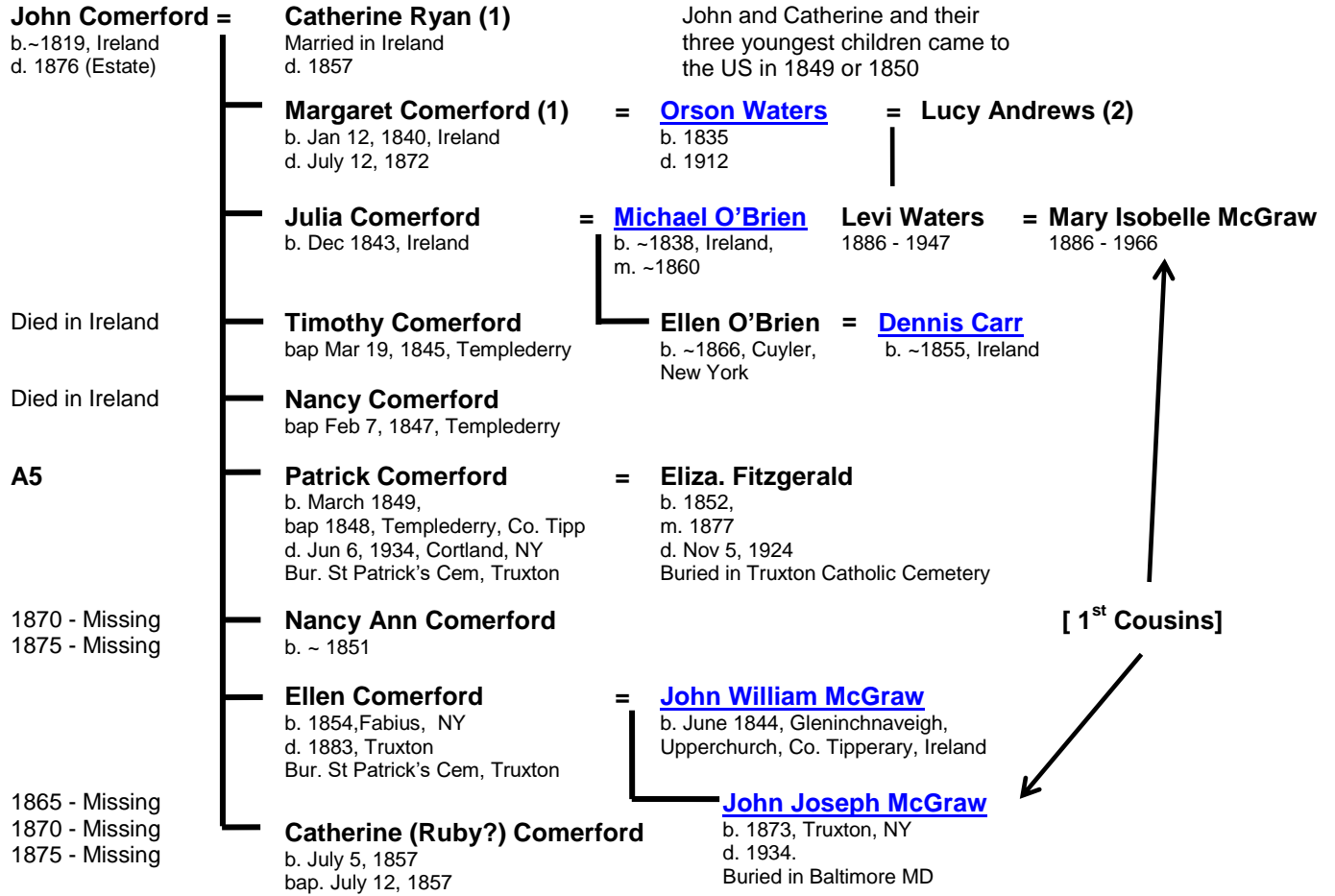
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Map of the Northwestern Corner of the Town of Cuyler



The Town of Cuyler Map, Cortland County, from 1876. In Lot #65 the Comerford and O'Brien farms are seen to be adjacent.

A - John Comerford and Catherine Ryan



Census Records

1855 NY Onondaga Fabius

John and **Catherine's** daughter **Ellen** was born in 1854 in Fabius. Both of the ED's for Fabius were searched page by page and no **Comerfords** were found. **John** and **Eliza's** (2nd wife) son **John** was also born in Fabius on Nov 14, 1858.

1860 NY Cortland Cuyler

Res 85 Fam 80

John Comefort, 50, Farmer, Real Est \$2850, Per Est \$870, Ireland
Elizabeth Comefort, 35, Wife, Ireland
Patrick Comefort, 11, Ireland, Attended School
Nancy Ann Comefort, 9, NY, Attended School
Ellen Comefort, 7, NY, Attended School
Ruby Comefort, 3, NY
John Comefort, 1, NY

1865 NY Cortland Cuyler

Res 82 Frame \$200 Fam 84

John Comfort, 53, Ireland, M2, Mar now, Na, Cannot R or W
Eliza Comfort, 40, Wife, Ireland, M1, Mar now, "Colored person not taxed", Cannot R or W
Patrick Comfort, 16, Son, Ireland
Anna Comfort, 14, Dau, Cortland
Eliza Comfort, 12, Dau, Cortland
John Comfort, 6, Son, Cortland
Michael Comfort, 4, Son, Cortland

Note: The entry "Colored person not taxed" for Eliza Comfort is obviously a mistake.

1870 NY Cortland Cuyler

Res 2 Fam 2

John Comfort, 51, Farmer, Real Est \$3500, Per Est \$200, Ireland, Cannot R or W
Eliza Comfort, 48, Keeping House, Ireland, Cannot R or W
Patrick Comfort, 21, Works on Farm, Ireland
John Comfort, 11, NY, Attended School
Michael Comfort, 9, NY, Attended School
Eliza Comfort, 5, NY, Attended School

Note: The parents of all the above were of foreign birth.

1870 NY Monroe Wheatland

Res 353 Fam 353

Michael Kane, 44, Farmer & Blacksmith, Real Est \$1000, Per Est \$100, IR, Citizen
Bridget Kane, 35, IR
James Kane, 16, NY, Attended school
John Kane, 14, NY, Attended school
Margret Kane, 12, NY, Attended school
Libbie Kane, 10, NY, Attended school
William Kane, 8, NY, Attended school
Kate Kane, 7, NY, Attended school

Note: The parents of all the above were of foreign birth. The parents of all the above were of foreign birth. **Libbie Kane** was the future wife of **Michael Comerford**.

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 210 Framed \$400 Fam 220 - North Road

John Comfort, 57, Ireland, M, Farmer, Na, Owner of land
Eliza Comfort, 51, Wife, Ireland, M
Patrick Comfort, 26, Son, Ireland, S, Na
John Comfort, 16, son, Cortland, S
Michael Comfort, 14, Son, Cortland, S
Eliza Comfort, 10, Dau, Cortland, S
Amy Dewire, 14, Hired, Onondaga, S, Domestic

1880 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 136

Res 150 Fam 163

Michael O'Brien, 43, M, Farmer, IR, IR, IR
Julia O'Brien, 36, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR
Michael O'Brien, Jr., 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
Katie O'Brien, 3, Dau, S, At home, NY, IR, IR
Mary O'Brien, 1, Dau, S, At home, NY, IR, IR
James Heffron, 30, S, Works on R Road, IR, IR, IR
Dennis Carr, 25, S, Works on R Road, IR, IR, IR
John Comerford, 21, S, Works on R Road, IR, IR, IR
Michael Comerford, 19, S, Works on R Road, NY, IR, IR

NOTE: Julia Comerford O'Brien is the half-sister of **John** and **Michael Comerford**. **Dennis Carr** is the future husband of **Ellen O'Brien**. **John Comerford** would later marry **Bridget Carr**, the 1st cousin of **Dennis Carr**.

1892 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED09

Michel Comfort, 81, Painter
Libbie Comfort, 29, Housekeeper
Bertha Comfort, 8
John F. Comfort, 5

NOTE: Michael's actual age was probably 31

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD06 Dist 0093

153 Railroad Street, Res 383 Fam 444, Owns home with a mortgage

Mary Harvey, Head, Mch 1857, 43, Wd, Children: 2/2, NY, IR, IR
William F. Harvey, Son, June 1875, 24, M, NY, NY, NY, Carriage Trimmer
Harriet M. Harvey, Dau-in-law, Dec 1875, 24, M, NY, NY, NY, Dress Maker
Ch Edward Harvey, Son, Apr 1877, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Machinist
John F. Comfort, Son (ad), Jul 1886, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, At school

NOTE: John F. Comfort is the son of **Michael & Libbie Comerford**.

1905 NY Cortland Cortland WD04 ED01

9 North Main Street

John H. Comfort, Lodger, 18, US, Cit, day laborer

NOTE: This is probably John F. Comerford, the son of **Michael and Libbie Comerford**.

1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0118

3 Clinton Avenue Res 202 Fam 249, Rents home

Albert F. Seager, Head, 39, M1, 7 yrs, NY, NY, NY, Drug Merchant, Employer
Jannie E. Seager, Wife, 43, M2, 7 yrs, Children: 0/0, NY, NY, NY, None
Edward G. Ellis, Nephew, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Milk Products Co., Wage
Willis Howard, Roomer, 30, S, NY, NY, NY, Chef Hotel, Wage
John Comerford, Roomer, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Salesman, Hotel, Wage

Irish Church Records

No record of the marriage of John Comerford and Catherine Ryan was found in the parish registers in the period: 1842 ± 10. No baptism records were found in Templederry RC parish for Margaret and Julia but there was one for Patrick. In addition, baptism records were found for two additional children who didn't appear to make the voyage to America.

Templederry RC, Killaloe Diocese, Ireland Baptisms (From 13 Sep 1840)

March 19, 1845 - **Timothy Comerford**. Par - John Comerford and Catharine Ryan
Res: None, Sps. John Carey and Ellen Ryan

February 7, 1847 - **Nancy Comerford**, Par - John Comerford and Catharine Ryan
Res: None. Sps. Abraham Parrington and Bridgett Hongerty (?)

1848 - **Patrick Comerford**, Par - John Comerford and Catharine Ryan
Res: None, Sps. Thomas & Judy Stapleton



The above map is from the Catholic Parish Registers t the NLI website <https://registers.nli.ie>
The RC parish of Templederry is located to the northwest of Upperchurch RC parish.

In The Newspapers

“AT A SURROGATES COURT HELD IN AND for the County of Cortland, at the Surrogate’s office in the village of Cortland, N.Y., on the 9th day of December A.D. 1876, Present, **A. P. Smith**, Surrogate. In the matter of the application of the Administrators &c, of **John Comerfort** deceased, intestate, for authority to mortgage, lease, or sell the Real Estate of the said intestate for the payment of his debts. On reading and filing the application of **John Twentyman** and **Eliza Comerfort** the Administrators of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of **John Comerfort** late of Truxton in the county of Cortland, deceased, intestate, for authority to mortgage, lease or sell the real estate of the said intestate for the payment of his debts, it is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said **John Comerfort** deceased, appear before the Surrogate of the county of Cortland, at his office in the Village of Cortland, N.Y., on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JANUARY 1877 at ten o’clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any, they have, why authority should not be given to the said Administrators to mortgage, lease or sell so much of the real estate of the said **John Comerfort** deceased, as shall be necessary to pay his debts.”

A. P. SMITH, Surrogate

January 12, 1877, Friday, The Democrat, Cortland, NY

BREVITIES

“— **Mr. Michael Comerfort** is lying very low at his home on Port Watson-st. It is feared that he cannot survive long.”

August 1, 1892, Monday, Cortland Evening Standard and Journal, Cortland, NY

ESTATES

“In the matter of the estate of **John Dwyer**, late of Truxton, N.Y., letters of administration issued to **Eliza Dwyer**.”

“In the matter of the estate of **Michael Comerfort**, late of Cortland, N.Y., letters of administration issued to **Libbie Comerfort**.”

December 4, 1896, Friday, Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Note: This was the newspaper announcement that led to the search for the marriage of **Eliza Comerfort** to **John Dwyer**. Then there was an intensive search to separate the multiple **John Dwyers** in the Fabius and Truxton area. The **John Dwyer** in the announcement above was finally determined to be an older **John Dwyer, Sr.** and **Eliza** was his 2nd (or perhaps his 3rd) wife. In the end there was no evidence that **Eliza Comerfort** (daughter of **John** and **Eliza Comerfort**) had ever married anyone.

LAPEER

“Lapeer, Feb. 3. — **Mrs. Libbie Comerford** and children were guests of her niece, **Mrs. Orson House**, last Sunday.”

February 5, 1904, Friday, Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

LAPEER

“**Mrs. Libbie Comerford** and daughter **Margaret** of Cortland, **Miss Anna O’Donnell** of Truxton, **Mrs. Mamie McMahon** and sons **Ralph, John** and **Vincent**, and **H.S. Wood**, wife and daughter, **Norma**, of Marathon, **John Kane** and **Thomas E. Shields** and wife of Lapeer were Sunday guests of **Charles Kelly** and wife.”

August 6, 1918, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

MARATHON

“Marathon, March 18 — **Mrs. Libbie Comerford** of Cortland was in town on Friday to see her brother, **William Kane**, who was sick all the week but is improving.”

March 20, 1925, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Note: This is the widow of **Michael Comerford** (1861-1895), her maiden name was **Kane**.

MARATHON

“Marathon, Oct. 3. — **Mrs. Libbie Comerford** and son **Francis** of Cortland were Sunday callers of her sisters and brother in this village.”

October 5, 1928, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

Michael T. Comerfort

“**Michael T. Comerfort**, died at 7:20 o'clock last night (Apr 3) of rheumatism of the heart, aged 34 years. He leaves a wife, two children, a mother, two brothers and three sisters. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 151 Railroad-st., at 9 a.m. Saturday and at St. Mary's church at 9:30 o'clock. The deceased was mail carrier in Cortland about six years ago.”

April 4, 1895, Thursday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

HARRY O. KENNEY DIES EARLY TODAY

“**Harry O. Kenney**, 71 of Main St., Truxton, died early this morning in Cortland Memorial Hospital.

“He was born in Truxton on June 21, 1885, the son of **Albert F.** and **Fidelia Fenton Kenney**, and operated the Kennedy General Store in Truxton until his retirement on Jan. 1, 1949.

“A former Truxton fire commissioner, Mr. Kenney was a member of the Cortland B.P.O. Elks; the Cortlandville Lodge 470, F & AM; the Miller Grange, Truxton; the Truxton Athletic Association; the Truxton Sportsman Club, and was director of the Truxton Rural Cemetery.

“He is survived by a daughter, **Mrs. G. B. French**, Truxton; a son **Albert Kenney**, Cortland, and four grandchildren.

“Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at his late residence on Main St., Truxton, with the **Rev. John Lewien**, Geneva, former pastor of the Truxton Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Truxton Rural Cemetery.

“Friends may call at the residence tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening at their convenience.”

August 7, 1956, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

Comerford, John, b. 1860, d. 1953

Comerford, Bridgett Carr, b. 1864, d. 1927

Comerford, Mary E., b. 1882, d. 1883

Comerfort, Nora R., b. May 25 1884, d. Jun 21 1971, Army Nurse WW I (Never married)

Comerford, Agnes, b. 1897, d. 1897

Comerford, John Jr., b. 1901, d. 1901

Comerford, Dennis L., b. 1893, d. 1961, h/o Mildred Morse Comerford

Comerford, Mildred M (Morse)., b. 1904, d. 1999, w/o Dennis Comerford

Comerford, J. Earl, b. 1902, d. 1970, h/o Mary Angier Comerford

Comerford, Mary E. (Angier), b. 1903, d. 1990, w/o J. Earl Comerford

Children of Patrick Comerford and Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Comerford, Patrick L., b. 1889, d. 1944, h/o Anna Comerford

Comerford, Anna M., b. 1886, d. 1925, w/o Patrick Comerford

NOTE: These two, Patrick and Anna, were brother and sister. Neither had ever married.

A5 - Patrick Comerford and Elizabeth Fitzgerald

<p>Patrick Comerford = Elizabeth Fitzgerald b. 1849, Ireland To US in 1850 Naturalized in 1856 d. Jun 6, 1934 Cortland, NY Buried in Truxton Catholic Cemetery</p>	<p>b. ~1852 in Ireland To US in 1868; Naturalized in 1877. m. 1877 d. Nov 5, 1924, Truxton, NY Buried Truxton Catholic Cemetery, Truxton, Onondaga Co., NY</p>	<p>In 1910 and 1920 Patrick was living on the Truxton-Cuyler Road.</p>
<p>1916 - Cortland 1924 - Cortland 1934 - Cortland</p>	<p>John Comerford b. Nov. 1877 d. 1966 bur St. Mary's Cem Cortland, NY</p>	<p>Never married</p>
<p>1916 - Cortland 1924 - Cortland 1934 - Cortland</p>	<p>Katherine Comerford b. May 1879 d. 1968 bur St. Mary's Cem Cortland, NY</p>	<p>= Bernard J. Roddy b. 1882 d. 1942 bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY</p>
<p>"Mott"</p>	<p>Maurice J. Comerford b. April 1881 b. Aug 2, 1880, Truxton (Grave) d. Nov 26, 1916, Syracuse, NY bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery</p>	<p>Never married</p>
<p>Died Wed Aug 24 in obit</p>	<p>Mary L. Comerford b. Jan 1882, mar. Feb 16, 1904, Truxton d. Aug 25, 1904, Waynesboro, PA bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery</p>	<p>= Fred DeWitt Stevens b. Mar 13, 1882, Truxton d. Jun 19, 1962, Utica, NY bur Grandview Cem, Whitesboro, NY</p>
<p>1916 - Truxton 1924 - Syracuse 1934 - Cortland 1944 - Rome</p>	<p>Margaret Comerford b. Aug. 1883 mar. Jun 22, 1903, Truxton, NY d. May 28, 1947 bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY</p>	<p>= William C. Reagan b. May 26, 1873, Messengerville, NY d. Apr 29, 1935, Truxton bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY</p>
<p>1916 - Truxton 1924 - Brooklyn 1934 - Brooklyn 1944 - Brooklyn</p>	<p>Elizabeth Comerford b. July 1885 b. Feb 1, 1885, Truxton (Grave) d. Aug 4, 1974, Cortland bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland</p>	<p>= Whitney R. Truman b. 1884, Nyack, NY mar Jul 11, 1923, Homer, NY d. Oct 25, 1937, Queens, NY</p>
<p>1916 - Truxton 1924 - Cortland</p>	<p>Anna M. Comerford b. Aug 20, 1886, Truxton d. Nov 21, 1925, Cortland bur St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY</p>	<p>Never married</p>
<p>1916 - Truxton 1924 - Truxton 1934 - Cortland</p>	<p>Patrick L. Comerford b. 1889, d. Apr 24, 1944, Binghamton, NY bur St Patrick's Cem Truxton, NY</p>	<p>Never married</p> <p>In the 1925, 1930 and 1940 census Patrick was in the Binghamton State Hospital</p>
<p>1916 - Cortland 1924 - Truxton 1934 - Cortland</p>	<p>Francis D. Comerford b. 1890 d. Nov 22, 1966, Binghamton, NY bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY</p>	<p>Never married</p> <p>In the 1925, 1930, 1940 and 1950 census Francis was in the Binghamton State Hospital</p>

In 1910 only 8/11 of Patrick and Elizabeth's children were alive. Julia O'Brien, sister of Patrick and widow of Michael O'Brien was living with Patrick and Elizabeth. Her son John (age 35) was also living with them. Only 8/14 of Julia and Michael's children were still alive in 1910. In 1920 Mary Rooney McGraw was living with Patrick Comerford and his family.

The Next Generation: Patrick Comerford and Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Children

Katherine Comerford b. May 1879 d. 1968 bur St. Mary's Cem Cortland, NY	=	Bernard J. Roddy b. 1882 d. 1942 bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	No children
Mary L. Comerford b. Jan 1882, mar. Feb 16, 1904, Truxton d. Aug 25, 1904, Waynesboro, PA bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	=	Fred DeWitt Stevens b. Mar 13, 1882, Truxton d. Jun 19, 1962, Utica, NY bur Grandview Cem, Whitesboro, NY	No children
Margaret Comerford b. Aug. 1883 mar. Jun 22, 1903, Truxton, NY d. May 28, 1947 bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	=	William C. Reagan b. May 26, 1873, Messengerville, NY d. Apr 29, 1935, Truxton bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	John F. Reagan (b. 1927) William L. Reagan (b. 1929)
Elizabeth Comerford b. July 1885 b. Feb 1, 1885, Truxton (Grave) d. Aug 4, 1974, Cortland	=	Whitney R. Truman b. 1884, Nyack, NY d. Oct 25, 1937, Queens, NY	Betty Truman (b. 1925)

Census Records

1880 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 199 Fam 214

Patrick Comerfort, 31, M Farmer, IR, IR, IR
Eliza Comerfort, 28, Wife, M, Keeping House, IR, IR, IR
John Comerford, 2, Son, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR
Catherine Comerford, 1, Dau, S, At Home, NY, IR, IR
John Fitzgerald, 23, Servant, S, Laborer, IR, IR, IR
Patrick Dwyer, 16, Servant, S, Servant, NY, IR, IR
Bridget Marah, 27, Servant, S, Servant, IR, IR, IR

Note: **John Fitzgerald** might be **Eliza Comerford's** brother. **Patrick Dwyer** is probably the son of **Richard and Ellen Dwyer** of Truxton (Res 227, Fam 257).

1892 NY Cortland Truxton ED01

Patt Comerfort, 42, Ireland, M, C, Farmer
Eliza F. Comerfort, 38, US, C
John Comerfort, 14, US, C
Catharine Comerfort, 12, US, C
Morris T. Comerfort, 11, US, C
Mary Comerfort, 10, US, C
Margaret Comerfort, 8, US, C
Elizabeth Comerfort, 7, US, C
Anna comerfort, 5, US, C
Patt Comerfort, Jr., 3, US, C
Francis Comerfort, 2, US, C

1900 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0105

Res 264 Fam 281, Owns Farm No. 140 with a mortgage

Patrick Comerfort, Head, March 1849, 51, M, 23 yrs, IR, IR, IR, 1850, 50 yrs, Na, Farmer
Eliza Comerfort, Wife, March 1852, 48, M, 23 yrs, Children: 11/9, IR, IR, IR 1868, 32 yrs
John Comerfort, Son, Nov 1877, 22, S, NY, IR, IR, Bar-tender
Katherine Comerfort, Dau, May 1879, 21, S, NY, IR, IR, Dress Maker
Mott Comerfort, Son, Apr 1881, 19, S, NY, IR, IR, Farm Laborer (This is Maurice)
Mary Comerfort, Dau, Jan 1882, 18, S, NY, IR, IR, Servant
Maggie Comerfort, Dau, Aug 1883, 16, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Lizzie Comerfort, Dau, Feby 1885, 15, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Anna Comerfort, Dau, Aug 1887, 12, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Patrick Comerfort, Son, Apr 1890, 10, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Illegible Comerfort, Son, June 1891, 8, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Illegible, Boarder, Unk 1840, 60, S, IR, IR, IR, 1860, 40 yrs, Farm Laborer

1905 NY Cortland Truxton ED01

Patrick Comerfort, Head, 56, Ireland, 56 yrs, Cit, Farmer, OA
Eliza Comerford, Wife, 50, Ireland, 38 yrs, Cit, Housework
Elizabeth Comerford, Dau, 20, US, Cit, House work
Anna Comerford, Dau, 18, US, Cit, At School (8)
J. Patrick Comerford, Son, 16, US, Cit
Frank Comerford, Son, 15, US, Cit, At School (8)

1910 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0137

Truxton - Cortland Road Res 184 Fam 192, Owns Farm No. 147 with a mortgage

Patrick Comerfort, Head, 61, M1, 33 yrs, IR, IR, IR, 1850, Na, Farmer, General Farm, Emp
Eliza E. Comerford, Wife, 56, M1, 33 yrs, Children: 11/8lr, IR, IR, 1868, None
Anna M. Comerford, Dau, 23, S, NY, IR, IR, None
Patrick L. Comerford, Son, 21, S, NY, IR, IR, Farm Laborer, Home farm, W
Francis D. Comerford, Son, 19, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Res 184 Fam 193

Julia O'Brien, Head, 66, Wd, Children: 14/8, IR, IR, IR, 1848, Own income
John O'Brien, Son, 25, S, NY, IR, IR, Farm laborer, Working out

Note: Julia O'Brien is the younger sister of **Patrick Comerfort**.

1915 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01

State Road South

Patrick Comerfort, Head, 66, Ireland, 65 yrs, C, Farmer, Emp
Eliza Comerford, Wife, 62, Ireland, 47, C, Housework, X
Patrick L. Comerford, Son, 26, US, Farm laborer, W
Anna M. Comerford, Dau, 27, US, Housework home, X
Elizabeth G. Comerford, Dau, 29, US, School teacher, W
Frank D. Comerford, Son, 22, US, Bartender, W
Daniel Twentyman, Servant, 43, US, Laborer, Farm, W
Thomas Lewis, Servant, 45, US, Laborer, Farm, W

1920 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0035

Truxton State Road Res 18 Fam 18 Owns Farm No. 14 with a mortgage

Patrick Comerfort, Head, 70, M 1850, Na, 1856, IR, IR, IR, Farmer, Dairy Farm, Emp
Elizabeth Comerford, Wife, 68, M, 1868, Na, 1877, IR, IR, IR, None
Annie Comerford, Dau, 31, S, NY, IR, IR, Telephone Operator, Telephone Company
Patrick Comerfort, Jr., Son, 29, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, Home Farm
Marry McGraw, Servant, 54, M, 1888, Na, 1895, IR, IR, IR, Servant, Private Family

1930 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 0049

Binghamton State Hospital

Francis D. Comerford, 39, S, NY

Patrick L. Comerford, 40, S, NY

1940 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 4-68

Binghamton State Hospital

Francis D. Comerford, Inmate, 49, S, NY, Same house

Patrick L. Comerford, Inmate, 50, NY, Same house

1950 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 64-111

Binghamton State Hospital

Frances Comerford, 59, NY

In The Newspapers

TRUXTON

Pretty Wedding at St. Patrick's Church — Well Known People Interested

"Truxton, June 23. — A pretty wedding was solemnized at Saint Patrick's church at 5:30 o'clock last evening when **Margaret Lillian**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Comerford**, was united in marriage to **Deputy Sheriff William C. Reagan**. Over 300 invitations were issued and the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The ceremony was performed by **Rev. Thomas J. Conway**. The bride was attended by her sister, **Mary Comerford**, who was maid of honor and **Josephine Carr** and **Elizabeth Comerford** were bridesmaids. The groom was attended by his brother, **Francis Reagan** of Blodgett Mills, who was best man. The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of white satin. The groom wore the conventional black. After the ceremony a reception given at the home of the bride and an elegant wedding supper was served.

McDermott's full orchestra of Cortland furnished the music for dancing. After receiving congratulations **Mr. and Mrs. Reagan** drove to Cortland where they took the early morning train via D.L. & W.R.R for Buffalo, Niagara Falls and other points in the West. They will be gone about two weeks. Upon their return their return they will begin housekeeping in rooms in the Cormic house in North Main-st. The presents were numerous and costly. The bride is a beautiful and charming young lady. For several years she has been employed at Hotel Kenney. The groom is a popular young business man having for several years conducted a barber shop on Main-st.

"Both the young people have many friends. We extend congratulations."

June 25, 1903, Thursday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

BRILLIANT NUPTIAL EVENT.

Fred Stevens and Miss Mary Comerford Married at Truxton

"A very brilliant wedding took place Tuesday evening at St. Patrick's church in Truxton, when **Fred Stevens** and **Miss Mary Comerford**, both of Truxton were united in marriage by Rev. Father Conway, pastor of the church in the presence of about 200 friends of the young couple.

"The bride, who was gowned in an elegant white satin dress was attended by her sister, **Miss Elizabeth Comerford** who acted as bridesmaid, and two maids of honor, the **Misses Elizabeth Lyons** and **Agnes Dowd** of this city. Walter Ford of this city acted as best man.

"After the ceremony a very elaborate reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Comerford**. The bridal couple were liberally remembered by their friends who left many useful presents. Both of the contracting parties are well known here and have many friends who wish them success.

"They will make their home in Pittsburg, Pa., where the groom has received a position as draftsman in a large factory." (Swift Manufacturing Co.)

February 19, 1904, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, June 1. — **Miss Elizabeth G. Comerfort**, daughter of **Patrick Comerfort**, is seriously ill, having been at the point of death for two days. She is suffering from a hemorrhage in the stomach. **Dr. VanHoesen** attends her with **Dr. Dana** of Cortland in consultation."

June 3, 1904, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Nov. 22. — **Patrick Comerford, Sr.**, was called to Syracuse by the serious illness of **Mott Comerford**."

November 24, 1916, Friday, Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Dec. 16. — The Catholic rectory has been sold to **Patrick Comerford, Sr.** Consideration \$2,500.

December 16, 1919, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Jan. 10. — **Mrs. Patrick Comerford** is ill at her home in South Main street. Her daughter, **Mrs. Rody** from Cortland, called on her Tuesday."

Some related persons.

"**Michael Flaherty**, who for several months has been in very poor health, was taken to the Memorial hospital at Syracuse Thursday. His condition at present is serious.

"**Mrs. Edward McGraw** (the former **Louise Flaherty**, daughter of **Michael**) and daughter **Marjorie**, and son **Francis** (the author's father - born Dec 20, 1922) returned to their home in Syracuse last Thursday.

"**Miss Flaherty** who also been visiting **Mrs. Michael Flaherty** (**Miss Flaherty's** mother) returned with **Mrs. McGraw**."

January 12, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

CREWS APPOINTED FOR PATROLS ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN COUNTY

"Patrol gangs for the state highways of Cortland county have been appointed and all of them will be engaged on maintenance work by the beginning of next week. Ten appointments are:

"Patrol 610 — **John Comerford**, foreman with truck, **Patrick Comerford, Jr.**, Charles A. Graham, William Van Dee, all of Truxton."

April 13, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUMAN — COMERFORD

"Truxton, July 11 — A pretty summer wedding took place in home Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock, July 11, when **Elizabeth Comerford**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Comerford** of Truxton, became the wife of **Whitney R. Truman**, of New York. **Rev. W. J. Christian** officiated.

"The couple was attended by **Miss Comerford's** sister and her husband, **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reagan** of Truxton.

"After a wedding breakfast, which was served at the Country club, the couple left for Atlantic City where they will remain for a month. They will make their home at 489 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn."

July 13, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Six Persons Injured When Auto Left Road

"Six persons were injured in an automobile accident near Stevens farm on the Groton road at 2:30 Thursday morning when the Chevrolet car in which they were riding left the road. **Leon Rose**, bookkeeper in the Central garage, a careful driver, was at the wheel. He was not driving at a fast pace and it is probable that he nodded for a moment and the accident resulted. He had been up late the previous night driving in a new car from Buffalo.

"**Rodney J. O'Connor**, manager of the Mathews store, sustained two fractures of the lower jaw and a deep cut on the right cheek. He is the most seriously injured, but will recover.

"**Miss Ida M. Bean** of 86 Madison street, a telephone operator, has a fracture of the pelvis. **Miss Mary Roche**, of the Peck Furniture house, residing at 143 Tompkins street, sustained a fractured nose and a sprained back. **Arthur Butler** of 144 South Main street, was generally shaken up and **Francis Comerford** sustained a cut over the left eye and a bad shaking. **Rose** was shaken up and has some small cuts.

"The injured were taken to the hospital in Beard's ambulance. **Comerford, Rose** and **Butler** were able to leave after their wounds had been cared for. The other are still at the hospital.

"Two carloads of young folks attended a party at Owasco lake Wednesday afternoon and evening and they were returning to the city when the accident occurred. The other load was ahead of **Mr. Rose** and his party.

July 20, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Feb. 2. — Wednesday was the coldest day of the winter thus far. The mercury registered 26 degrees below zero at the home of **Fred C. Applegate** on the Chenango state road.

"In the home of **Patrick Comerford**, the pipes leading to a kitchen range were frozen and the stove exploded, doing considerable damage.

"A snowmobile fitted with runners similar to a sleigh in front and with double wheels in the rear attracted considerable attention, on Main Street Wednesday. The machine was occupied by **Marks**, the rural mail carrier on route No. 3, Tully, N.Y., while an automobile has not been over this trip in two weeks, the snowmobile made the trip down the Shackham road and over the West hill in record time."

February 2, 1925, Monday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

BLONDES FAIL IN CITIES

Short, Dark-Haired People DO Best There, Says, English Authority

"London, Feb. 2. — **W. J. Perry**, a British authority on cultural anthropology, says that in the great urban centers, such as London, he has found that the tall blond peoples are dying out and that the race is not so much to the strong as to those who are short, dark-haired and brown-eyed.

"The Nordic blond gets along all right in the country, he said, but the dark peoples thrive and multiply best in the city. They cope better with urban conditions. If this thing keeps on and England continues to become more and more urban, **Mr. Perry** seems to think that Alpine and Mediterranean folk will predominate in Britain as they did centuries ago."

February 2, 1925, Monday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, March 25 — **Fred Applegate** has bought the **Patrick Comerford** residence in South Main street, and will take possession April 1. **Mr. Comerford** expects to move to Cortland and stay with his daughter, **Mrs. Bernard Roddy**."

March 27, 1925, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

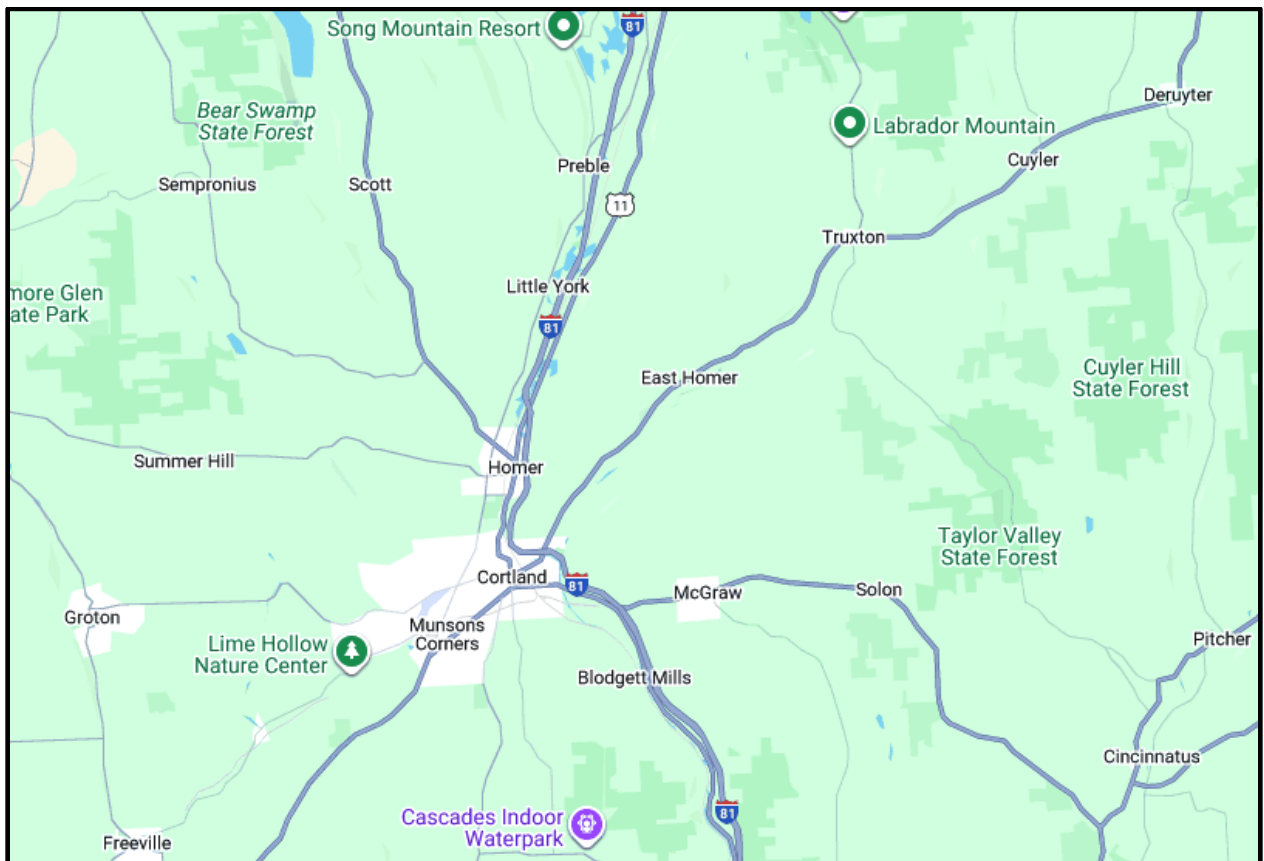
TRUXTON

“Truxton, Aug. 14 — **Mrs. John McGraw** of New York and **Mrs. Whitney Truman** of Brooklyn visited at **Harry Kenney’s** Monday.”

August 15, 1947, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

NOTE: **Mrs. John McGraw** was the widow of **John J. McGraw**, former manager of the New York Giants (1902-1932). **Mrs. Whitney Truman** was the former **Elizabeth Comerford**. Her father was **Patrick Comerford**, the brother of **Ellen Comerford**, who was **John J. McGraw’s** mother. **Mrs. Truman** was **John J. McGraw’s** 1st cousin. Harry Kenney was the husband of **Mrs. Truman’s** 1st cousins, **Elizabeth Comerford** (dau. of **John Comerford** and **Bridget Carr**). **Harry Kenney** was the son of **Bert Kenney** of Truxton who was instrumental in getting **John J.** into professional baseball.

Cortland Area Map



This map shows the locations of the villages of East Homer, Truxton, Cuyler, and DeRuyter relative to the cities of Cortland and Groton.

Obituaries

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Aug. 30. — It is with profound sadness that we are again called upon to chronicle the death of one of Truxton's most highly respected young ladies. **Mrs. Fred D. Stevens**, nee **Miss Mary Comerfort**, who died at her home in Waynesboro, Pa., Wednesday (Aug 24) evening at 7 o'clock after an illness of but two day with appendicitis. Wednesday evening when Mr. Stevens returned home from the office where he was employed he found his wife suffering great pain. He at once called a physician who diagnosed the case as appendicitis. As he desired counsel a noted physician of Baltimore was telegraphed for. They decided that an operation was necessary. The operation was performed and seemed to be a success but owing to her weakened condition she was unable to stand the shock and peacefully passed away. Her parents had been telegraphed for and left on the first train but she died before they arrived there. Mrs. Stevens was a daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Comerford** and was born in this place twenty-three years ago. With the exception of two years that she lived in Cortland she had always lived here. She attended the Truxton high school. March 16, 1904, she was married to **Fred D. Stevens** of Cortland. Her sudden death came as a great shock to her parents and many friends. She was a young lady that was loved and highly respected by all who knew her. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Monday at 10:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by **Rev. Thomas Conway** assisted by **Rev. Father Comerfort** of Syracuse and **Rev. Father Fitzgerald** of Jersey City. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery in this village." September 2, 1904, Friday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Maurice J. Comerford

"Truxton — The funeral of **Maurice J. Comerford**, who died in St. Joseph's hospital, Syracuse, Sunday (Nov 26th) morning, was held at St. Patrick's church Tuesday forenoon. Mr. Comerford was a son of **Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Comerford, sr.**, and was born in Truxton in 1880. For several years he had been employed in Syracuse. About two weeks ago he underwent an operation for appendicitis after which typhoid pneumonia developed. He is survived by his parents; three brothers, **John** and **Frank** of Cortland, **Patrick** of Truxton, and four sisters, **Mrs. Bernard Roddy** of Cortland, **Mrs. William Reagan** of Truxton, **Elizabeth** and **Anna** of this village."

December 1, 1916, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Mrs. Eliza Comerford Dies at Truxton Home

"Truxton, Nov. 5. — **Mrs. Eliza Fitzgerald Comerford**, 74, wife of **Patrick Comerford** of Truxton, died at her home at 11:30 Wednesday (Nov 5th) night. The funeral will be held Saturday morning from the home at 10 o'clock and from St. Patrick's church at 10:30. Mrs. Comerford was born in Ireland, but all her married life of 45 years was spent in Truxton where she was one of the stand-bys of the community and of her church.

"Here husband and four daughters survive: **Mrs. Catherine Roddy** and **Miss Anna Comerford** of Cortland, **Mrs. William Reagan** of Syracuse, and **Mrs. Whitby (Whitney) Truman** of Brooklyn. She also leaves three sons, **John J. Comerford** of Cortland, **Patrick** and **Frank** of Truxton. Two brothers and seven sisters survive: **John Fitzgerald** of Cortland, **Maurice Fitzgerald** of Ireland, **Mrs. Stack**, **Mrs. Griffin** and **Mrs. Fitzgerald** of Ireland, **Mrs. Thomas Farrell** and **Mrs. E. C. McEvoy** of Cortland, **Mrs. John O'Brien** of Groton, and **Mrs. James Griffin** of Binghamton."

November 7, 1924, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Nov. 25 — **Miss Anna Comerford**, well-known and much esteemed in Truxton, died at the Cortland hospital last Saturday (Nov 21st) morning at 7:30 o'clock. Until the past few months Miss Comerford had made her home with her father, **Patrick Comerford**, at Truxton, Moving with him a short time ago to Cortland. She was taken ill about three weeks ago, was operated last week, and seemed to continually lose strength until the end came. She is survived by her father, three brothers, **John, Patrick** and **Francis**, and three sisters, **Mrs. Bernard Roddy** of Cortland, **Mrs. William Reagan** of Truxton, and **Elizabeth** of Binghamton. Miss Comerford's age was 38 years."

November 27, 1925, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Death of Miss Comerford

"**Miss Anna M. Comerford**, 38, died Saturday (Nov 21st) morning in this city. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the home of her sister, **Mrs. B. J. Roddy**, 26 Grant street, and at St. Mary's church. Interment was made at Truxton, her former home. She is survived by her father, **Patrick Comerford**. Six sisters and brothers are **Mrs. Roddy**, with whom she resided, **Mrs. William C. Regan** of Syracuse, **Mrs. Whitney R. Truman** of Orange, N.J., **John J. Comerford**, **Patrick L. Comerford**, and **Francis Comerford** of Cortland."

November 27, 1925, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

DIES IN NEW YORK

Whitney Randolph Truman Found His Bride in Truxton

"**Whitney Randolph Truman**, 53, New York, real estate operator and whose wife is **Mrs. Elizabeth Comerford** formerly of Truxton, died yesterday (Oct 25) of a heart attack at his home 136 Whitson Street, Forest Hills, Queens.

"Mr. Truman had been active in real estate circles in New York City for the last 25 years. During that time, he had been manager of several large office buildings. At his death, he had charge of the building at 217 Broadway and he conducted his real estate business in offices there.

"Born in Nyack, N.Y., Mr. Truman was the son of the late **Mumford M., and Elizabeth Whitney Truman**.

"Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, **Elizabeth**, and a sister, **Mrs. Samuel J. Woolf**.

"The funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 at the church of the Transfiguration, East 29th Street, New York City."

October 26, 1937, Tuesday Evening Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

rites here for Patrick L. Comerford, 55

"Funeral services for **Patrick L. Comerford**, 55, of Binghamton, who died here Monday evening, will be held Friday morning from 26 Grant Street at 9 and from St. Mary's Church at 9:30. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton.

"Surviving are two brothers, **John J. Comerford** of Cortland, and **Francis D. Comerford** of Binghamton; three sisters, **Mrs. Catherine A. Roddy** of Cortland, **Mrs. Elizabeth Truman** of Brooklyn, and **Mrs. Margaret Reagan** of Rome; and a niece **Miss Elizabeth W. Truman** of Brooklyn.

April 27, 1944, Thursday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Mrs. Margaret L. Reagan

“**Mrs. Margaret L. Reagan**, 62, of 26 Grant St., died Wednesday, May 28, 1947 at Cortland hospital. She was born in Truxton, daughter of **Patrick and Eliza Fitzgerald Comerford**.

“She leaves two sisters, **Mrs. B. J. Roddy** of Cortland and **Mrs. Whitney R. Truman** of Brooklyn, and two brothers, **Francis Comerford** of Binghamton and **John Comerford** of Cortland.

“Funeral services will be held Friday at 9:30 a. m. at St. Mary's church with burial in St. Mary's cemetery.”

May 30, 1947, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

FRANK COMERFORD

“CORTLAND — **Frank Comerford**, 76, formerly of Cortland and Truxton, died Tuesday in Binghamton. He was born in Truxton, the son of **Patrick and Elizabeth Fitzgerald Comerford**.

“Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the home of his sister, **Mrs. Katherine Roddy**, 26-1/2 Grant St., and at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

“Friends may call at the Roddy home 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 (missing words) Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Comerford is survived by two sisters, **Mrs. Roddy** and **Mrs. Elizabeth Truman** of Cortland; a brother, **John Comerford**, and a niece, **Mrs. Betty Brevett**.”

November 24, 1966, Thursday, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

ELIZABETH TRUMAN, RETIRED TEACHER, SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

“**Elizabeth Comerford Truman**, 89, of 15 Morningside Dr., Cortland, died Sunday (Aug 4th) at Cortland Nursing Home. She was born Feb 1, 1885 in Truxton, the daughter of **Patrick and Eliza Fitzgerald Comerford**. A graduate of Cortland Normal School, she taught school on Long Island and in Brooklyn for many years. She was a member of the National Retired Teachers Association and a member of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society.

“She is survived by one daughter, **Mrs. Peter (Elizabeth) Brevett**; two grandchildren, and several cousins.

“Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. at the H. Patrick McEvoy and Bush Funeral Home, 122 Tompkins St., and at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's School Educational Fund.

August 5, 1974, Monday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Find A Grave - Patrick Comerford and Family

Father	Mother
<p>Patrick Comerford Birth: 1849 Death: 6 Jun 1934 (aged 84–85), New York, USA Burial: Saint Patricks Cemetery, Truxton, NY Memorial ID: 170725691</p>	<p>Elizabeth “Eliza” Fitzgerald Comerford Birth: 13 Mar 1853, Athea, County Limerick, Ireland Death: 5 Nov 1924 (aged 71), Truxton, NY Burial: Saint Patricks Cemetery, Truxton, NY Memorial ID: 173470915</p>
Children	Spouses
<p>John J Comerford Birth: 1877 Death: 1966 (aged 88–89) Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 9, lot 22 Memorial ID: 149030566</p>	
<p>Catherine A Comerford Roddy Birth: 1879 Death: 1968 (aged 88–89) Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 9, lot 22 Memorial ID: 149030564</p>	<p>Bernard J Roddy Birth: 1882 Death: 1942 (aged 59–60) Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 9, lot 22 Memorial ID: 149030565</p>
<p>Maurice J “Mott” Comerford Birth: 2 Aug 1880, Truxton, NY Death: 26 Nov 1916 (aged 36), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Patricks Cemetery, Truxton, NY Memorial ID: 173471069</p>	
<p>Mary L “Molly” Comerford Stevens Birth: 18 Jan 1882, Truxton, NY Death: 25 Aug 1904 (aged 22) Burial: Saint Patricks Cemetery, Truxton, NY Memorial ID: 173471159</p>	<p>Fred Dewitt Stevens Birth: 13 Mar 1882, Truxton, NY Death: 19 Jun 1962 (aged 80), Utica, NY Burial: Grandview Cemetery, Whitesboro, NY Memorial ID: 184999676 Note: Molly was his first wife, Fred married twice more.</p>
<p>Margaret Lillian Comerford Reagan Birth: 1883, (Cortland, NY) Death: 28 May 1947 (aged 63–64) Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 7, lot 7&8 Memorial ID: 149804605</p>	<p>William C Reagan Birth: 26 May 1873, Messengerville, Cortland County, NY Death: 29 Apr 1935 (aged 61), Truxton, NY Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 7, lot 7&8 Memorial ID: 149804604</p>
<p>Elizabeth Comerford Truman Birth: 1 Feb 1885, Truxton, NY Death: 4 Aug 1974 (aged 89), Cortland, NY Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 9, lot 22 Memorial ID: 149030567</p>	
<p>Anna M Comerford Birth: 20 Aug 1886, Truxton, NY Death: 21 Nov 1925 (aged 39), Cortland, NY Burial: Saint Patricks Cemetery, Truxton, NY Memorial ID: 116828126</p>	

<p>Patrick L Comerford Birth: 1889 Death: 24 Apr 1944 (aged 54–55), Cortland, NY Burial: Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY Memorial ID: 116828498</p>	
<p>Francis D Comerford Birth: 1890 Death: 1966 (aged 75–76) Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: sec 9, lot 22 Memorial ID: 149030568</p>	

Find A Grave - Eliza Fitzgerald

Family Members

Parents



John Fitzgerald
1820-1872



Catherine "Cate" *Quill/Woods*
Fitzgerald
1824-1896

Spouse



Patrick Comerford
1849-1934

Siblings



Mary *Fitzgerald* Farrell
1843-1938



Maurice Fitzgerald
1846-1940



John "Yank" Fitzgerald
1854-1942



Honora "Nora" *Fitzgerald* Griffin
1857-1950



Catherine "Kate" *Fitzgerald* Dowd
1859-1914



Margaret *Fitzgerald* O'Brien
1862-1937



Ellen *Fitzgerald* McEvoy
1867-1943



Brigid *Fitzgerald* Griffin
1867-1939



Julia *Fitzgerald* Fitzgerald
1871-1919

Children



John J Comerford
1877-1966



Catherine A *Comerford* Roddy
1879-1968



Maurice J "Mott" Comerford
1880-1916



Mary L "Molly" *Comerford* Stevens
1882-1904



Margaret Lillian *Comerford* Reagan
1883-1947



Elizabeth *Comerford* Truman
1885-1974



Anna M Comerford
1886-1925



Patrick L Comerford
1889-1944



Francis D Comerford
1890-1966

A9 - John Comerford and Bridget Carr

John Comerford
 b. Nov 14, 1861, Fabius, NY
 d. 1953 Truxton, NY
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

= **Bridget Carr**
 b. July 1864,
 mar. May 30, 1881
 d. Nov 9, 1927, Truxton
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery, Truxton

In 1920 9/12 children were still living.

Not found in Find A Grave

1927 - Syracuse
 1953 - Truxton

Mary E. Comerford
 b. 1882,
 d. 1883
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

Died in infancy

Nora R. Comerford
 b. May 1884,
 d. Jun 21, 1971
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

Never married

1927 - Truxton
 1953 - Truxton

Elizabeth F. Comerford
 b. Dec. 1885
 d. May 1, 1981, Cortland Co
 bur Truxton Rural Cem, Truxton, NY

= **Harry Otis Kenney**
 b. Jun 21, 1885, Truxton, NY
 d. Aug 7, 1956, Cortland Co, NY
 bur Truxton Rural Cem, Truxton, NY

1927 - Watertown

Mary Estella Comerford
 b. April 5, 1887, Truxton, NY
 d. Nov 25, 1943
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

= **Albert Chapman**
 b. 1885
 d. 1969
 bur Glenwood Cem, Watertown, NY

Died before 1920

Lisa Comerford
 b. July 1889

1927 - Truxton
 1953 - Truxton

Theresa Comerford
 b. Aug. 1891
 mar 1918

= **William Riley**
 b. Oct 12, 1888, NY
 d. Mar 18, 1956, Cortland
 bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

1927 - Groton
 1953 - Groton
 1966 - Alive

Catherine Comerford
 b. ~1890
 mar Feb 16, 1920, Truxton, NY

= **Thomas F. Walpole**
 b. Nov 19, 1889, Groton, NY
 d. Jul 24, 1966, Groton, NY

1927 - Truxton
 1953 - Truxton

Dennis Leon Comerford
 b. Apr. 1893,
 d. 1961
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

= **Mildred Morse**
 b. Jan 24, 1904, Cortland, NY
 d. Nov 20, 1999, Mesa, AZ
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

1927 - Oneonta
 1953 - Truxton

Anna Josephine Comerford
 b. Jan. 9, 1895, Truxton, NY
 d. Feb 24, 1975, Syracuse, NY
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

= **Curtis Lee Secor**
 b. 1885
 mar aft 1930
 d. 1957
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery.

Agnes J. Comerford
 b. 1897,
 d. 1897
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

Died in infancy

1927 - Truxton
 1953 - Truxton

Helen Comerford
 b. June 2, 1899, Truxton, NY
 d. Mar 6, 1984, Cortland, NY
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

= **Ralph Henry**
 mar Feb 2, 1920, Homer, NY
 Couple separated by 1930
 Not found in Find A Grave

John Comerford, Jr.
 b. 1901
 d. 1901
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

Died in infancy

1927 - Truxton
 1953 - Truxton

John Earl Comerford
 b. 1902
 d. 1970
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

= **Mary Angier**
 b. 1903
 d. 1990
 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery

The Next Generation: John Comerford and Bridget Carr

Children

Elizabeth F. Comerford b. Dec. 1885 d. May 1, 1981, Cortland Co bur Truxton Rural Cem, Truxton, NY	= Harry Otis Kenney b. Jun 21, 1885, Truxton, NY d. Aug 7, 1956, Cortland Co, NY bur Truxton Rural Cem, Truxton, NY	Albert Kennedy (b. 1916)
Mary Estella Comerford b. April 5, 1887, Truxton, NY d. Nov 25, 1943 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	= Albert Chapman b. 1885 d. 1969 bur Glenwood Cem, Watertown, NY	William E. Chapman (b. 1922)
Theresa Comerford b. Aug. 1891 mar 1918	= William Riley b. Oct 12, 1888, NY d. Mar 18, 1956, Cortland bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	Sharon A. Riley (b. 1935)
Catherine Comerford b. ~1890	= Thomas F. Walpole b. Nov 19, 1889, Groton, NY d. Jul 24, 1966, Groton, NY	See Walpole Section
Dennis Leon Comerford b. Apr. 1893, d. 1961 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	= Mildred Morse b. Jan 24, 1904, Cortland, NY d. Nov 20, 1999, Mesa, AZ bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	M. Jean Comerford (b. 1925) Betty Comerford (b. 1927) John Comerford (b. 1938)
Anna Josephine Comerford b. Jan. 9, 1895, Truxton, NY d. Feb 24, 1975, Syracuse, NY bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	= Curtis Lee Secor b. 1885 d. 1957 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery.	No children
Helen Comerford b. June 2, 1899, Truxton, NY d. Mar 6, 1984, Cortland, NY bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	= Ralph Henry mar Feb 2, 1920, Homer, NY Couple separated by 1930 Not found in Find A Grave	John Philip Henry (b. 1925) Richard George Henry (b. 1927)
John Earl Comerford b. 1902 d. 1970 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	= Mary Angier b. 1903 d. 1990 bur Truxton Catholic Cemetery	Anna Comerford (b. 1936) Peter Joseph Comerford (b. 1938)

Census Records

1892 NY Cortland Truxton ED01

John Comerford, 33, US, C, Farmer
Bridget Comerford, 28, US, C
Maria Comerford, 8, US, C
Eliza Comerford, 6, US, C
Mary Comerford, 4, US, C
Lena Comerford, 2, US, C
Laura Comerford, 1, US, C
Dennis Carr, 73, Ireland, C, Farmer
Bridget Carr, 64, Ireland, C
Thomas Carr, 23, US, C

1900 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0105

Res 60 Fam 61, Owns Farm no. 49 with a mortgage

John Comerford, Head, Nov 1858, 41, M, 19 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Farmer
Bridget Comerfort, Wife, Feb 1864, 36, M, 19 yrs, Children: 10/8, NY, IR, IR
Nora R. Comerfort, Dau, May 1884, 16, S, NY, NY, NY, Servant, At School (9)
Elizabeth F. Comerfort, Dau, Dec 1885, 14, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9)
Mary Estella Comerfort, Dau, Apr 1887, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9)
Lena Comerfort, Dau, Jul 1889, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9)
Theresa Comerfort, Dau, Aug 1891, 8, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (6)
Dennis Comerfort, Son, Apr 1893, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (4)
Anna Josephine Comerfort, Dau, Jan 1895, 5, S, NY, NY, NY
Helen Comerfort, Dau, Jun 1899, 11/12, S, NY, NY, NY
Dennis Carr, F-in-law, Aug 1817, 82, M, 48 yrs, IR, IR, IR, **1849**, 51 yrs, Na
Bridget Carr, M-in-law, Dec 1829, 70, M, 48 yrs, Children: 8/5, IR, IR, IR, **1847**, 53 yrs
Barney Smith, Boarder, Jan 1868, 32, S, IR, IR, IR, 1875, 25 yrs, Na, Stone Mason
Bridget Dobbins, Boarder, Sept 1863, 36, S, NY, IR, IR, NY, IR, IR, Dress Maker

1930 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0031

Cuyler Back Road, Res 97 Fam 97, Owns farm no. 36

Earl Comerford, Head, 27, S, NY, NY, NY, Farmer, Dairy Farm
John Comerford, Father, 71, Wd, Mar @ 21, NY, IR, IR, Patrolman, State Road
Helen Henry, Sister, 30, Sep, **Mar @ 25**, NY, NY, NY, Housekeeper, Private family (mar in 1920)
John Phillip Henry, Nephew, 5, S, NY, NY, NY, None
George Richard Henry, 3, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Walter Beatty, Laborer, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Dairy Farm
Laurence Trumble, Laborer, 50, M, Mar @ 25, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Dairy Farm

1930 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0031

Chenango Road, Res 19 Fam 19, Farm No. 15

William Riley, Head, 40, M, Mar @ 28, NY, NY, NY, Farmer, Dairy Farm
Teresa Riley, Wife, 38, M, Mar @26, NY, NY, NY, None
John Huntley, Laborer, 55, M, Mar @ 25, NY, NY, NY, Farm hand, Dairy Farm
James Johnson, Laborer, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm hand, Dairy Farm

1940 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 12-38

Res 47 Rents \$10, Not a farm

John Comerford, Head, 79, Wd, 8th, NY, Same place, Blank

Helen J. Henry, Dau, 40, M, H-3, NY, Same place, Clerk, Post Office

J. Phillip Henry, grandson, 15, S, H-2, NY, Same place

G. Richard, grandson, 13, S, 8th, NY, Same place

NOTE: Helen Henry appears to be separated from her husband, **Ralph Henry**. In October 1936 a **Mrs. George W. Henry** died in Cortland. One of her surviving sons was a **Ralph Henry** of Oneida, NY.

In The Newspapers

Sent To Syracuse

"The following men drafted for military service left Wednesday for camp at Syracuse - **John F. Comerford**, Cortland."

September 6, 1918, Friday, Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Dec. 16. — **Harry O. Kenney** has purchased a Western electric lightning plant to furnish light for his residence and store. He will also furnish light for **A. F. Kenney's** residence. The plant was sold and will be installed by **Earl D. Hill**."

December 16, 1919, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

MARRIED

HENRY—COMERFORT — In Homer, Feb. 2, by **Rev. W. J. Christian**, **Mr. Ralph Henry** of East Homer, and **Miss Helen Jeanette Comerfort** of Truxton."

February 6, 1920, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, Feb. 4. — **Miss Helen Comerfort**, youngest daughter of **John Comerfort** was united in marriage to **Ralph Henry** of East Homer on Monday, Feb. 2, at St. Margaret's parochial residence in Homer by **Rev. William Christian** pastor of St. Margaret's church and St. Patrick's of Truxton. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. **Mr. and Mrs. Henry** left for a honeymoon trip after which they will make their home in East Homer.

February 6, 1920, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

MARRIED

"**WAHLPOOL — COMERFORD** — In Truxton, Feb 16, by **Rev. W. J. Christian**, **Mr. Thomas Wahlpool** of Groton, and **Miss Cathleen Comerford** of Truxton."

February 20, 1920, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

"Truxton, May 5. — "**Dennis Comerford** underwent an operation for appendicitis at his home at Crain's Mills Monday night.

May 7, 1920, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

EAST HOMER

"East Homer, Feb. 25. — The rooms which **George Henry** has had done off in what used to be the old grange hall are nearing completion. **C. H. Moore** has done the carpenter work and **Charles Van Valkenburg** of Truxton the painting and papering. **Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henry** will occupy them."

February 27, 1920, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

“Miss Nora Comerford of Cortland has gone to Syracuse to become supervisor of the operating room at the Memorial hospital. Miss Comerford was in service overseas during the war.”

February 4, 1921, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, May 4 — **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kenney** and children accompanied by **Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henry** of East Homer spent the last of the week at Ke-we-hi cottage at Otisco lake.”

May 6, 1921, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, July 14. — **Patrick Comerford, Sr.**, has been quite seriously ill, his son **John** is spending a little time at the old homestead.”

July 16, 1921, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

EAST RIVER

“East River, Sept. 7 — **Ralph E. Henry** of East Homer is installing a Delco lighting system for the Model Dairy Co. at this place.

September 9, 1921, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

HAD DEMOCRAT IN HIS HOME FOR 41 YEARS THIS MONTH

“Among The Democrat’s long-time subscribers is **John Comerford** of Truxton, patrolman on the state road in that section. When Mr. Comerford married in May, 1881 (to **Bridget Carr** of South Hill), he began housekeeping on a farm on South Hill, and one of the first things ordered for his new home was a subscription to The Democrat, so that with the beginning of this month he has been on our list 41 years. And both Mr. Comerford and The Democrat are working for good roads.”

June 2, 1922, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Manager of Café in Havana

“**John J. Comerford**, formerly a proprietor of the Dexter House, has gone to Havana, Cuba, to take over the management of the café of **John J. McGraw’s** Palace Hotel.”

November 17, 1922, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Note: John J. McGraw was the manager of the New York Giants and **John J. Comerford** was **John’s** 1st cousin.

TRUXTON

“Truxton, Jan. 24 — **Mrs. John Comerford** suffered a shock at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Harry Kenney**, on Wednesday.”

January 26, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, Feb. 7 — **Mrs. Robert M. Whitman** and **Mrs. John Riely** of Cortland were in town Monday to visit their aunt, **Mrs. John Comerford** who recently suffered a shock, is slightly better.”

February 9, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, Feb. 21 — **Mrs. William Reagan** of Syracuse is spending a few days with her mother, **Mrs. Patrick Comerford**, who is recovering from the grip.”

February 23, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, March 7 — **Mrs. Arthur McGraw** and son **Jack** were in Cortland Monday where **Dr. Kelly** removed a bead from little Jack’s ear.

“**Mrs. Ralph Henry** is spending a few days with her mother, **Mrs. John Comerford**.

“**John Comerford** went to the Cortland hospital Monday evening and underwent an operation there Tuesday morning. His condition is as good as can be expected.”

March 9, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

COMERFORD — MORSE

“Truxton, April 4 — A very pretty Easter wedding took place in St. Patrick’s church Monday morning, April 2, when **Miss Mildred Morse**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morse**, became the bride of **Dennis Comerford**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Comerford**. The ceremony was performed by **Rev. W. J. Christian**. **Miss Isabelle Reagan** of Syracuse and **Earl Comerford** were the attendants.

“After a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride’s parents, the couple left for a short wedding trip.”

April 6, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, Nov. 28 — **Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Comerford** moved their household goods to Cortland Monday, where **Mr. Comerford** has accepted a position with Cobb & Co.”

November 30, 1923, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

EAST HOMER

“East Homer, Jan. 23 — **Vincent Rood** has rented **Herman Stanton’s** farm at East River. **Ralph Henry** will move into the place vacated by him, having bought the place of **E. J. Henry**.

January 25, 1924, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, May 7 — **Mrs. John Comerford**, **Mrs. Wm. Riley**, and **Mrs. H. O. Keeney** spent Friday with **Mrs. Ralph Henry** at East Homer. **Mr. and Mrs. Henry** have just moved into their newly purchased house.”

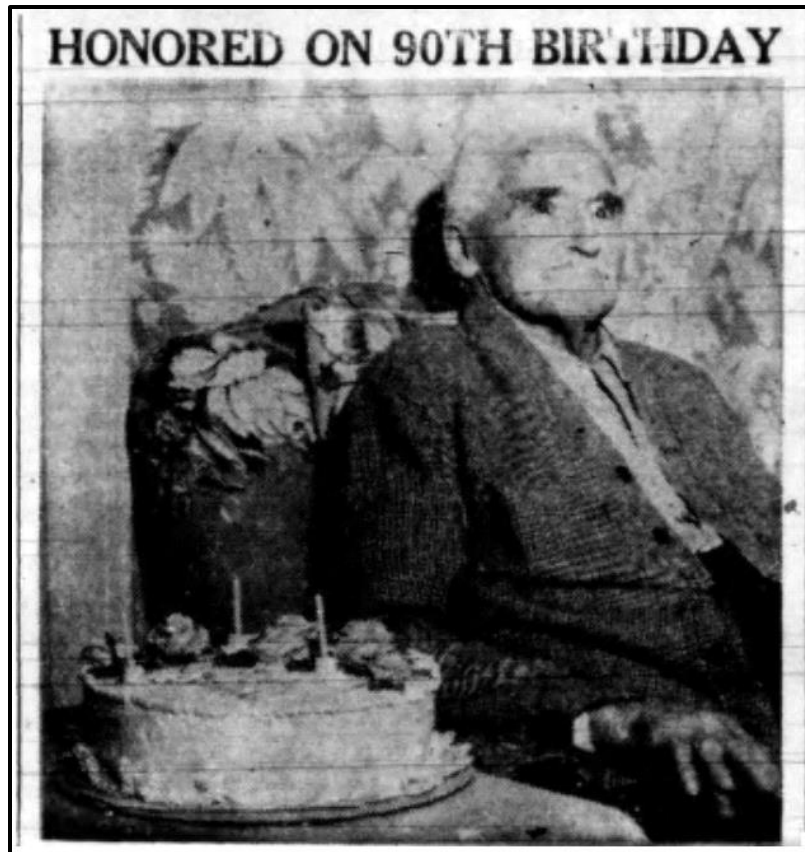
May 9, 1924, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

DENNIS COMERFORD MOVES TO TRUXTON

Will Reside There in the Floyd Morse House and Continue his Work In Cortland

“Truxton, Sept. 3 — **Dennis Comerford**, who has been living in Cortland, moved his furniture into the house owned by **Floyd Morse**, last Wednesday. **Mr. Morse** will soon move to Sheds Corners. **Mr. Comerford** will continue his work in Cortland. [Note: **Mr. Morse** is **Dennis Comerford’s** father-in-law.]

September 5, 1924, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY



“John Comerford celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday at a party at his home in Truxton. Four generations of his family were represented. About 35 guests were present.

“Mr. Comerford, who is the uncle of the late John J. McGraw was born in Fabius on November 14, 1861. He was the son of John and Eliza Stapleton Comerford. Later he moved his family to Truxton and attended the old Homer Academy.

“On May 30, 1881, Mr. Comerford married Bridget Carr, who died in 1917.

“Mr. Comerford has eight living children: Miss Nora Comerford, Mrs. Harry Kenney, Mrs. William Riley, Dennis Comerford, Mrs. Lee Secor, Mrs. Helen Henry and Earl Comerford, all of Truxton, and Mrs. Thomas Walpole of Groton. He also has 15 grandchildren and eight great grandsons.”

November 15, 1951, Thursday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

Mrs. John Comerford Dies at Truxton Home

"Truxton, Nov. 10 — The funeral of **Mrs. John Comerford** will be held Saturday morning, at the house at 9:30 and at St. Patrick's church at 10 o'clock.

"**Mrs. Bridget E. Comerford**, wife of **John Comerford**, was 63 years old, and died at 3 o'clock Wednesday (Nov 9th) afternoon at their home.

"Surviving, besides her husband, are seven daughters, **Mrs. H. O. Kinney**, **Mrs. William Riley**, **Mrs. Ralph Henry**, all of Truxton; **Mrs. Thomas Walpole** of Groton, **Mrs. Albert Chapman** of Watertown, **Miss Josephine Comerford** of Oneonta and **Miss Nora Comerford** of Syracuse; two sons, **Dennis** and **Earl Comerford** of Truxton; a sister, **Mrs. Mary Gibbons** of Cortland, and a brother **Thomas M. Carr** of Truxton."

November 11, 1927, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Sudden Death Of Mrs. Mary Chapman

"Truxton, Dec 4 — Funeral services for **Mrs. Mary Chapman** who died suddenly at her home in Watertown, Thanksgiving day afternoon, were held in St. Patrick's church on Saturday morning. **Rev. William Stapleton** of Homer officiated, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in Truxton.

"**Mrs. Chapman** was born in Truxton, April 5, 1887, daughter of **John** and the late **Bridget Carr Comerford**. She was a graduate nurse from Cortland hospital in 1910, and has lived in Watertown the past 26 years.

"Surviving besides her husband, **Albert Chapman**, is one son, **Sergt. William E. Chapman** of Rapids City. S.D.; her father **John Comerford**, and six sisters, **Miss Nora Comerford**, **R. N.** of Syracuse, **Mrs. Thomas Walpole** of Groton, **Mrs. Lee Secor** of Amsterdam, and **Mrs. Harry Kenney**, **Mrs. William Riley**, **Mrs. Helen Henry**; two brothers, **Dennis** and **Earl Comerford**, all of Truxton, and several nephews and nieces."

December 3, 1943, Monday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

WILLIAM RILEY, 67, TRUXTON DIED

"**William Riley**, 67, of Truxton, a retired farmer, died Sunday morning (Mar 18) at Cortland Memorial Hospital after a heart attack.

"He was born in Truxton Oct. 12, 1888, son of **Michael and Margaret Dobbins Riley**.

"A communicant of St. Patrick's Church, Truxton and a member of Truxton Grange, he is survived by his wife, **Mrs. Teresa Comerford Riley**; a daughter, **Miss Sharon A. Riley** of Truxton; two sisters, **Mrs. Nora Laughlin** and **Miss Margaret Riley**, both of Cortland.

"Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. from the residence of **Miss Nora Comerford**, Main St., Truxton, and 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland.

"Friends may call at the Comerford residence at their convenience. McEvoy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements."

March 19, 1956, Monday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Peter Comerford 1937-2020



Peter J. Comerford April 21, 2020 Peter Joseph Comerford, age 82, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Barclay Friends in West Chester, PA. He was born December 13, 1937 in Truxton, NY. Peter was a graduate of Truxton High School and Morrisville Community College. He spent the greater part of his career with the New York State Department of Agriculture as a livestock specialist and visiting professor at Cornell University. He had a passion for agriculture, animal husbandry and loved working with farmers throughout the state of New York. He was honored to be named the 1982 NYS Beef Cattleman of the Year and was most at home living and working on a farm. Peter was a devout Catholic with an equal devotion to his family and sports. He was predeceased by his parents, **John Earl Comerford** and **Mary (Aungier) Comerford** and his sister **Anne Battle**. Peter is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Lucia Poletto Comerford**. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, **Michael Earl Comerford (Eileen)** and his daughter, **Monica Elizabeth Church (John)**. He is also survived by two sisters, **Adele Cloutier (Calixte)** and **Jane Comerford**, five adoring grandchildren, Delany, Ronan, Keegan, James and Nora, and many nieces and nephews. Due to the current health crisis, funeral services are being held privately. A funeral mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers at this time, the family requests donations be made to Barclay Friends, 700 North Franklin Street, West Chester, PA 19380. Arrg's By: The Donohue Funeral Home, 366 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, PA 19087, 610-989-9600 Online Condolences: donohuefuneralhome.com

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JOHN T. (sic) COMERFORD

Former Clerk at Messenger Dies After Long Illness

"**John F. Comerford**, 45, for several years clerk at the Messenger Hotel, died this morning at 10 at the home of his sister, **Mrs. Elizabeth Bosworth**, 114 Clinton Avenue, following a week's illness. He had been in failing health for some time.

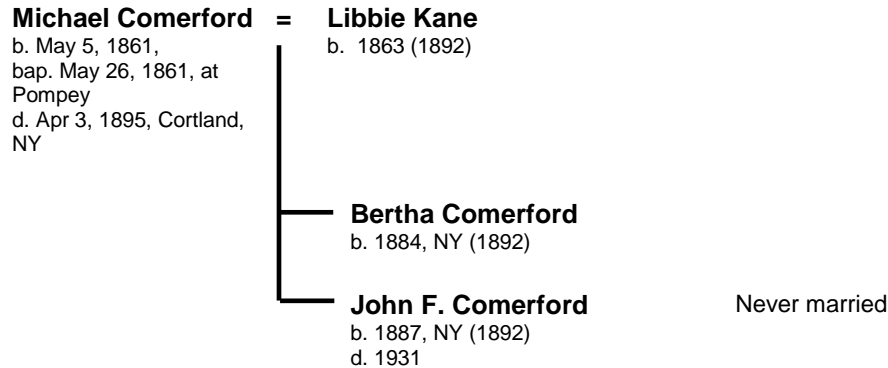
"Mr. Comerford has been in the employ of **William Riley** for many years. He was single and lived most of his life in this city. He was a member of the Cortland Moose lodge. His sister is his only near survivor.

"Funeral arrangements were not complete this afternoon."

January 31, 1931, Saturday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

A10 - Michael Comerford and Libbie Kane

(s/o John Comerford and Eliza Stapleton)
(d/o Father and Mother)



US Census Records

1892 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED09

Michel Comfort, 31, Painter
Libbie Comfort, 29, Keeping House
Bertha Comfort, 8
John F. Comfort, 5

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD06 Dist 0093

153 Rail Road Street Res 383 Fam 444, Owns home with a mortgage
Mary Harvey, Head, Mar 1857, 43, Wd, Children: 2/2, NY, IR, IR
Michael F. Harvey, Son, June 1875, 24, M, 2 yrs, NY, NY, NY, Carriage Trimmer
Harriet Harvey, Dau-in-law, Dec 1875, 24, M, 2 yrs, NY, NY, NY, Dress Maker
Ch Edward Harvey, Son, Apr 1877, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Machinist
John F. Comfort, Son (Ad), Jul 1886, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, At School

1905 NY Cortland Cortland WD04 ED01

9-11 North Main Street
Archie Van Duser, Head, 31, US, Cit, Day Laborer
Edward Van Duser, Brother, 18, US, Cit, Day Laborer
Ruth Van Duser, Sister, 16, US, Cit, At School
John H. Comfort, Lodger, 18, US, Cit, Day Laborer

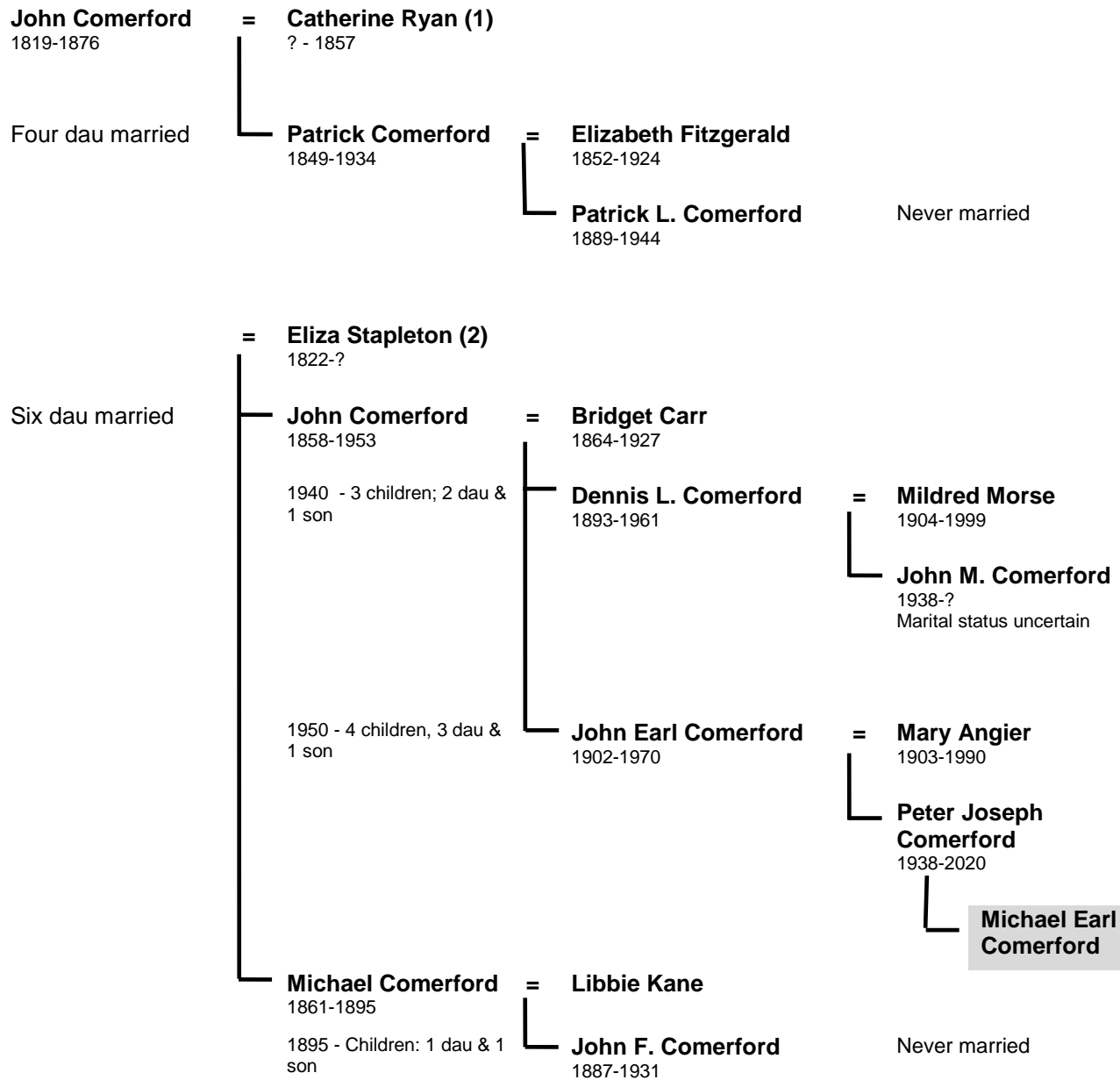
1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0118

3 Clinton Avenue, Res 202 Fam 249, Rents Home
Albert F. Seager, Head, 39, M1, 7 yrs, NY, NY, NY, Drug Merchant
Jennie E. Seager, Wife, 43, M2, 7 yrs, Children: 0/0, NY, NY, NY, None
Edward G. Ellis, Nephew, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Milk Products Co.
Willis Howard, Roomer, 30, S, NY, NY, NY, Cheff, Hotel
John Comerford, Roomer, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Salesman Cigar, Hotel

1915 NY Cortland Cortland WD02 AD01 ED01

87 Maple Avenue
John Comerford, Roomer, 28, US, Cit, Bartender, W

The Male Lines of the Comerford Males Who Married



The Comerford families were large however more of the daughters married than the sons. The family tree above was constructed to trace the Comerford name down to the present day. Patrick L. and John F. were included, even though they never married, because their marital status was not determined until this tree was completed. John Comerford and Bridget only had two sons who married and each of those only had one son to carry on the Comerford name. Peter Joseph Comerford, son of John Earl and Mary Comerford only had one son. The marital status of John M. Comerford, son of Dennis L. and Mildred Comerford remains to be determined. Therefore, it appears that there is only one surviving Comerford - Michael Earl Comerford. It is possible that Michael has one or more sons to carry on the Comerford name..

B - Matthew Walpole and Bridget LNU

(s/o Father and Mother)
(d/o Father and Mother)

Matthew Walpole
b. 1827 (Grave)
d. 1875 (Grave)

= **Bridget LNU**
b. 1835, IR

B2

Mary Walpole (1)
b. 1856 (1880)
d. 1895,(Grave)
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

= **John J. Heffron**
b. 1856 (1880)
d. 1920 (Grave)
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

= **Dora Mansell (2)**
b. 1871 (Grave)
mar
d. 1948 (Grave)
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

John Walpole
b. 1858 (1880)
b. Sept 1857, NY (1900)

= **Mary Greenan**
b. 1864, NY (1870)
b. Aug 1864, NY (1900)

James E. Walpole
b. Jul 1859, NY (1900)
d. Mar 17, 1936, Groton (Grave)
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

= **Margaret Heffernan**
b. Jun 1859, NY (1900)
mar 1885 (Obit)

Matthew Walpole
b. 1863 (1880)
d. Aug 23, 1930, Binghamton, NY
bur St Patrick's Cem, Owego, NY

= **Anna O'Hern**
b. 1873, NY
d. Mar 5, 1944, Johnson City, NY
bur St Patrick's Cem, Owego, NY

B5

Barney Walpole
b. 1869 (1880)
d. May 31, 1925 (Grave)
bur St Anthony Cem, Groton, NY

= **Ella Nora Mullen**
b. Mar 1869, NY (1900)
d. Feb 14, 1950
bur St Anthony Cem, Groton, NY

Alice Walpole
b. 1872, NY (1880)
d. Dec 2, 1947, Auburn, NY
(Grave)
bur St Anthony Cem, Groton, NY
No Children

= **Mathew C. Emperor**
b. Dec 25, 1865, Newmarket, Co.
Cork, IR (Grave)
mar 1899 (Grave)
d. May 29, 1939, Auburn, NY
(Grave)
bur St Anthony Cem, Groton, NY

Census Records

1870 NY Tompkins Groton

Res 337 Fam 355

Matthew Walpole, 42, Farmer, Real Est 5000 Per Est 1400, Ireland

Bridget Walpole, 35, Keeping house, Ireland, Cannot Write

Mary Walpole, 14, At Home, NY, Attended school

John Walpole, 12, At Home, NY, Attended school

James Walpole, 10, At Home, NY, Attended school

Matthew Walpole, 7, At home, NY, Attended school

Barney Walpole, 1, At home, NY

NOTE: The parents of all the above were of foreign birth

Res 337 Fam 357

James Walpole, 60, Laborer, Real Est \$0, Per Est \$100, Ireland

Ann Walpole, 46, Keeping House, Ireland, Cannot write

Arthur Walpole, 9, At school, NY, Attended school

NOTE: The parents of all the above were of foreign birth

1880 NY Tomkins Groton Dist 231

Res 69 Fam 82

John Heffron, 24, M, Farmer, NY, IR, IR

Mary Heffron, 24, Wife, M, Keeping House, NY, IR, IR

John Walpole, 22, BLANK, S, Laborer, NY, IR, IR

James Walpole, 20, Brother, S, Laborer, NY, IR, IR

Mathew Walpole, 17, Brother, S, Laborer, NY, IR, IR

Barney Walpole, 11, Brother, S, At School, NY, IR, IR

Alica Walpole, 8, Sister, S, NY, IR, IR

Res 71 Fam 84

Anna Walpole, 65, Blank, Wd, Laborer, Cannot r or W, IR, IR, IR

NOTE: **Mary Heffron** is probably a Walpole however **Anna Walpole** at Res 71 is NOT the mother of all of the Walpoles

1900 NY Tomkins Groton Dist 0145

Res 196 Fam 203, Owns Farm No. 146 with a mortgage

Barnard Walpole, Head, May 1869, 31, M, 6 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Farmer

Ella M. Walpole, Wife, Mch 1869, 31, M, 6 yrs, Children: 3/3, NY, IR, IR

Barnard Walpole, Son, Jan 1895, 5, S, NY, NY, NY

Edward Walpole, Son, Nov 1896, 3, S, NY, NY, NY

John Walpole, Son, Jan 1900, 4/12, S, NY, NY, NY

Res 197 Fam 204, Owns Farm No. 147 with a mortgage

James Walpole, Head, July 1859, 40, M, 15 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Farmer

Margaret Walpole, Wife, June 1859, 40, M, 15 yrs, Children: 3/2, NY, IR, IR

Eva W. Walpole, Dau, Oct 1885, 14, S, NY, NY, NY

Harry J. Walpole, Son, Nov 1889, 10, S, NY, NY, NY

Mary Heffron, Mother, Aug 1822, 77, Wd, Children: 11/9, IR, IR, IR, 1851, 49 yrs

Res 199 Fam 206, Owns Farm No. 149 with a mortgage

John Walpole, Head, Sept 1857, 42, M, 16 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Farmer

Mary Walpole, Wife, Aug 1854, 35, M, 16 yrs, Children: 4/4, NY, IR, IR (Maiden name **Greenan**)

Agnes B. Walpole, Dau, June 1885, 14, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (10 mos)

Matthew J. Walpole, Son, Aug 1888, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (10 mos)

Thomas F. Walpole, Son, Nov 1889, 10, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (10 mos) (Mar. **Catherine Comerford**)

Mary E. Walpole, Dau, Nov 1891, 7, S, NY, NY, NY

Obituaries

THOMAS E. "ED" WALPOLE

"ZEPHYRHILLS — **Thomas E. "Ed" Walpole**, 70, of 5729 13th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33540, formerly of Groton, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002 in Florida.

"Ed was born March 13, 1932 in Cortland, the son of the late **Edward** and **Katheryn Nix Walpole**, and had been a resident of Groton for most of his life. He was a former New York State Trooper, retiring in 1976 from the B.C.I. Division of Troop C. He had served as Police chief, for the Village of Groton, prior to joining the State Police.

"Ed was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps - 1st Division, and served in the Korean Conflict. He was a member and past Commander of Carrington-Fuller American Legion Post 800 of Groton, and was a member of numerous other organizations, including: the N.Y. State Troopers Assoc. - C.N.Y. Chapter (Retired), the VFW and Elks Lodge of Cortland, Zephyrhills Elks and Moose Lodges; and he was a retired member of citizens Hook & Ladder Co. 3 of the Groton Fire Dept.

"He is survived by his wife of 48 years, **Shirley (Mott) Walpole**; four sons, **Terry** of Groton, **Michael (Debbie)** of Duanesburg, **Daniel** of Zephyrhills, and **Joseph** of Hickory, NC; nine grandchildren; a sister, **Josephine Walpole** of Groton; nieces, nephews and many cousins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Alice Harder.

"A memorial service will be held this summer, at a time which will be announced by the Shurtleff Funeral home, Groton. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Carrington-Fuller American Legion Post 800, Groton, or to the Groton Fire Dept. Ambulance Fund."

June 13, 2002, Thursday, The Ithaca Journal (theithacajournal.com), Ithaca, NY

B2 - John Walpole and Mary Greenan

(s/o Matthew Walpole and Bridget LNU)
(d/o Thomas Greenan and Catherine Connor)

John Walpole
b. 1858 (1880)
b. Sept 1857, NY (1900)

= **Mary Greenan**
b. 1864, NY (1870)
b. Aug 1864, NY (1900)

— **Thomas F. Walpole**
b. Nov 19, 1889, Groton, NY
d. Jul 24, 1966, Groton, NY
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton,
NY

= **Catherine Comerford**
b. ~1890
mar Feb 16, 1920, Truxton, NY

— **Rita E. Walpole**
b. 1922

— **Margaret M. Walpole**
b. 1927

— **John T. Walpole**
b. 1930

B5 - Barney Walpole and Ella Nora Mullen

(s/o Matthew Walpole and Bridget LNU)
(d/o Father and Mother)

Barney Walpole
b. 1869 (1880)
d. May 31, 1925 (Grave)
bur St Anthony Cem,
Groton, NY

= **Ella Nora Mullen**
b. Mar 1869, NY (1900)
d. 1950

— **Timothy Edward
Walpole**
b. 1896
d. Dec 12, 1958, Groton
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton,
NY

= **Kathryn Nix**
b. 1896
mar 1922
d. Jun 15, 1954
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

— **Thomas E. Walpole**
b. Mar 13, 1932
d. Jun 4, 2002, FL

— **Josephine Walpole**
b. 1927
In Groton in 2002

— **Alice Walpole**
b. 1924

C - Thomas Greenan and Catherine Connor

(s/o Father and Mother)
(d/o Father and Mother)

Thomas Greenan
b. 1836, IR (Obit)
d. Dec 7, 1916, Groton
bur St Anthony's Cem,
Groton, NY

= **Catherine Connor**
b. 1836, IR (1870)
d. 1922 (Grave)
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

1900 - Mar 39 yrs
Children: 6/4

TO US
Thomas - 1860
Catherine - 1852

John Greenan
b. 1862 (Grave)
d. 1879, McLean, NY
bur St Patrick's Cem, McLean,
NY

Died young

C2 & B2
1916 - Groton

Mary Greenan
b. 1864 (1870)
b. Aug 1864 (1900)

= **John Walpole**
b. Sept 1857 (1900)

Thomas Greenan
b. 1864 (Grave)
d. 1866, Tompkins Co, NY
bur St Patrick's Cem, McLean,
NY

Died in infancy

C4
1916 - Cortland

Abbie Greenan
b. May 1868, NY (Grave)
mar 1892 (Grave)
d. Jul 18, 1942 (Grave)
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= **Thomas Nix**
b. May 1868
d. Dec 10, 1928, Cortland, NY
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Thomas Nix parents'
William Nix and **Alice**
O'Hara

Johanna Greenan
b. Aug 22, 1869, Groton, NY
mar 1892
d. Sep 11, 1916, Moravia, NY
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton,
NY

= **Thomas W. Ward**
b. Oct 3, 1859, Niles, Cayuga, NY
d. Feb 14, 1917, Moravia, NY
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton,
NY

Catherine C. Greenan
b. 1876 (Grave)
d. 1904 (Grave)
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton,
NY

Never married

Obituaries

THOMAS GREENAN

Groton Farmer's Death Came After Brief Illness

"**Thomas Greenan**, aged 79 years father of **Mrs. Thomas Nix** of this city, died suddenly at his home in Groton yesterday (Dec 7). He has been ill for some little time, but his condition was not regarded as serious.

"The deceased was a retired farmer. He leaves his **wife** and two daughters **Mrs. Mary Walpole** of Groton and **Mrs. Thomas Nix of Cortland**, one sister, **Mrs. Ann Conley of Lisle** (Broome County, NY).

"The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning from St. Anthony's church in Groton and the burial will be made in Groton cemetery."

December 8, 1916, Friday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

GROTON

"Groton, Dec 11. — **Thomas Greenan** of this village, aged 80 years, passed away very suddenly at the home of his daughter, **Mrs. John Walpole**, Wednesday night (Dec 6). He is survived by his **widow** and several children. The funeral will be Saturday a.m. at St. Anthony's church.

December 11, 1916, Monday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

C4 - Abbie Greenan and Thomas Nix

(s/o Thomas Nix and Alice O'Hara)
(d/o Thomas Greenan and Catherine Connor)

Abbie Greenan

b. May 1868, NY (Grave)
mar 1892 (Grave)
d. Jul 18, 1942 (Grave)

bur St Mary's Cem,
Cortland, NY

= Thomas Nix

b. May 1868
d. Dec 10, 1928, Cortland, NY
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Thomas Nix parents'
William Nix and **Alice O'Hara**

Timothy Edward Walpole's parents were
Bernard Walpole and
Ella Nora Mullen

Kathryn Nix (1)

b. 1896
mar 1922
d. Jun 15, 1954
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

= Timothy Edward Walpole

b. 1896
d. Dec 12, 1958, Groton
bur St Anthony's Cem, Groton, NY

Thomas Ed Walpole

b. Mar 13, 1932, Cortland
d. Jun 4, 2002, Zephyrhills, FL

Alice Nix

b. Sep 1, 1901
d. Jul 19, 1968, Syracuse, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= Fred S. Ketchum, Sr.

b. Aug 7, 1900
d. Jul 27, 1959
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Eleanor A. Nix

b. 1906, Cortland Co, NY
d. Apr 17, 1913, Cortland Co, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Never married

D - Peter Comerford and Margaret LNU

(s/o Father and Mother)
(d/o Father and Mother)

Peter Comerford

b. 1791, IR (1851)
d. 1877, Cayuga Co, NY
bur Indian Mound Cem,
Moravia, NY

1871 - Grenville
1875 - Sempronius

= Margaret LNU

b. 1801, IR (1851)
d. 1875, Cayuga Co, NY
bur Indian Mound Cem, Moravia,
NY

1871 - Grenville

Peter Comerford

b. 1832, Canada (1851)

Bernard Comerford

b. 1834, Canada (1851)

Catherine Comerford

b. 1837, Canada (1851)

= Jackson Raines

b.
mad 1869, Rome, NY

D4

1870 - Cayuga Co, NY
1875 - Sempronius

Thomas D. Comerford

b. 1839, Canada (1851)
d. Jan 21, 1901, New Hope,
Cayuga Co, NY
bur Indian Mound Cem, Moraia,
NY

= Ellen Abbie Eaton

b. 1848, Cayuga, NY (1875)
mar Dec 23, 1868 (Obit)
d. Nov 11, 1934, Cortland,
NY
bur Indian Mound Cem,
Moravia, NY

1871 - Grenville
1875 - Sempronius

Satornius Comerford

b. 1848, Canada,(1851)

D4 - Thomas D. Comerford and Ellen Abbie Eaton

(s/o Peter Comerford and Margaret LNU)
(d/o Ebenezer Eaton and Adaline Smith)

Thomas D. Comerford b. 1839, Canada (1851) d. Jan 21, 1901, New Hope, Cayuga Co, NY bur Indian Mound Cem, Morqvia, NY	=	Ellen Abbie Eaton b. 1848, Cayuga, NY (1875) mar Dec 23, 1868 (Obit) d. Nov 11, 1934, Cortland, NY bur Indian Mound Cem, Moravia,, NY		
		Adeline Comerford b. Feb 21, 1871, Cayuga, NY d. Mar 1904, Sempronius, NY bur Sand Hill Cem, Sempronius	=	Lee Jay Tinker b. Mar 29, 1868, Sempronius (Grave) d. Dec 28, 1912, Auburn, NY bur Sand Hill Cem, Sempronius
		Darwin D. Comerford b. Jun 29, 1874, Sempronius d. Jul 25, 1938, Kellogsville bur Owasco Rural Cem, Skaneateles, NY	=	Bella Morris b. 1873 (Grave) mar Jun 29, 1898 d. Oct 23, 1918 (Obit) bur Owasco Rural Cem, Skaneateles, NY
		Lyman C. Comerford b. Feb 12, 1876, Sempronius d. Mar 16, 1920, Binghamton bur Cortland Rural Cem, Cortland, NY	=	Laura Finn b. Aug 12, 1895, Cortland (Grave) mar Feb 12, 1906, Cortland (Obit) d. Mar 18, 1975, Cortland (Grave) bur CortlandRural Cem, Cortland, NY
		Nellie Comerford b. Oct 23, 1878, Sempronius d. Dec 30, 1955, Cortland (Grave) bur Cortland Rural Cem	=	Henry H. Morris b. 1874 (Grave) d. 1948 (Grave) bur Cortland Rural Cem
		Neva E. Comerford b. Aug 26, 1880, Sempronius d. Mar 15, 1962, Moravia, NY bur Indian Mound Cem, Morvia, NY	=	Willard R. Austin b. Mar 1, 1876, Moravia, NY mar Jun 29, 1898 bur Indian mound Cem, Moravia
		Neil Dow Comerford b. Aug 26, 1880, Sempronius d. Apr 8, 1971, Hunstville, AL bur Scott Union Cem, Scott, Cortland Co, NY	=	Florence Irene Loomis b. Aug 10, 1883, Stockton, KS mar 1904 (Grave) d. Nov 11, 1960, Cortland bur Scott Union Cem, Scott, Cortland Co, NY
		Thomas Deck Comerford b. Jun 27, 1882, Sempronius d. Feb 19, 1945, Cortland bur Fabius Evergreen Cem	=	Guida Finn(1) b. Oct 25, 1887, Cortland mar Mar 28, 1905 d. 1981, Vermont bur Lyndon Center Cem, Lyndon, VT
			=	Bessie Crowhurst (2) b. Apr 11, 1898 (Grave) d. May 25, 1965, NY bur Fabius Evergreen Cem
		Marie E. Comerford (1) b. Jul 26, 1885, Cayuga d. Feb 21, 1913 bur Cortland Rural Cem	=	Ray Clark Cummings b. Aug 19, 1877 (Grave) d. Aug 11, 1962 bur Cortland Rurla Cem
			=	Bertha Wilbur (2) b. Nov 27, 1884 (Grave) d. Mar 2, 1973 bur cortland Rural Cem

Census Records

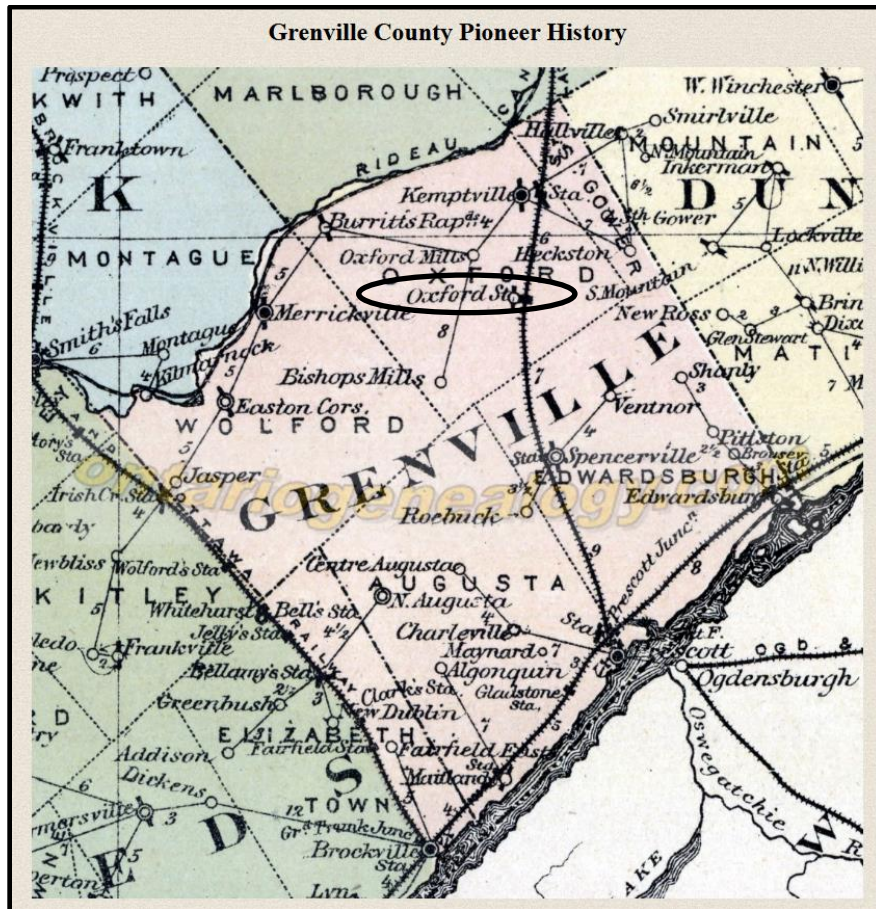
1851 Canada West (Ontario) Grenville County Oxford

Peter Comerford, Tailor, Ireland, R.C., 60 (age at next birthday)
Margaret Comerford, Ireland, R.C., 50
Peter Comerford, Canada, R.C., 19
Bernard Comerford, Canada, R.C., 17
Catherine Comerford, Canada, R.C. 14
Thomas Comerford, Canada, R.C., 12
Satornius Comerford, Canada, R.C. 3

1861 Canada West Grenville

Log house, 1 story, 1 family in house

Peter Cummerford, Tailor, Ireland, RC, 68, Mar
Margret Cummerford, Ireland, RC, 62, Mar
Thomas Cummerford, Labourer, Canada West, RC, 22, S
Cathrine Cummerford, Canada West, RC, 23, S
Saturnius Cummerford, Canada West, RC, 11, S



Peter Comerford resided close to Oxford Station (black oval). The river running diagonally across the lower right hand corner of the map is the St. Lawrence River. The white area southeast of the river is New York State.



1861 map of Oxford, Grenville Co, Ontario, Canada. The black oval designates the property of P. Commerford on Lot 14 in Section IX

1865 Thomas Comerford not found

Thomas and his older brother **Bernard** were serving in the Union Army during the Civil War.

1870 NY Cayuga Venice

Res 282 Fam 287

Thos. D. Comerford, 30, Farmer, Per Est \$1,000, NY
 Hellen Comerford, 23, Keeping House, NY

1871 Canada Ontario Leeds and Grenville North Oxford

Res 250 Fam 251

Peter Comerford, 85, Ireland, Catholic, Origin = Irish, Farmer, Married
 Margaret Comerford, 83, Ireland, R. Catholic, Origin = Irish, Married
 Saturanes Comerford, 21, Ontario, R. Catholic, Origin = Irish, Farmer

Note: In the case of **Saturanes** the meaning of "Origin = Irish" is uncertain since he was born in Ontario of Irish parents.

1875 NY Cayuga Sempronius

Res 111 Frame \$400 Fam 112

Thomas R. Comoford, 35, Onondaga, M, Farmer, Native, Owner of land

Ellen A. Comoford, 27, Wife, Cayuga, M

Adeline Comoford, 4, Child, Cayuga, S

Darwin Comoford, 1, Child, Cayuga, S

Peter Comoford, 88, Father, Ireland, Wd

Saturnus Comoford, 24, Servant, Canada, S, Farm Laborer, Alien

Margret Curtam, 19, Domestic, Cayuga, S, House Work

Note: Saturnus Comoford is the brother of **Thomas**

1880 NY Cayuga Sempronius Dist 036

Res 46 Fam 46

Thomas B. Comerford, 39, M, Farmer, NY, IR, IR

Ellen A. Comerford, 32, Wife, M, Keeping House, NY, NY, NY

Lina Comerford, 9, Dau, NY, NY, NY

Dorwin Comerford, 5, Son, NY, NY, NY

Lyman Comerford, 4, Son, NY, NY, NY

Nellie Comerford, 1, Dau, NY, NY, NY

Robert Case, 17, S, Farm Laborer, NY, NY, NY

1892 NY Cayuga Sempronius ED01

Thomas D. Comerford, 52, US, C, Farmer

Ellen A. Comerford, 45, US, C

Darwin Comerford, 18, US, C

Lyman Comerford, 17, US, C

Nellie Comerford, 14, US, C

Neil D. Comerford, 12, US, C

Nora D. Comerford, 12, US, C

T. Deck Comerford, 10, US, C

Myra E. Comerford, 7, US, C

1900 NY Cayuga Sempronius Dist 0040

Res 175 Fam 178, Owns Farm No. 129 with a mortgage

Thomas Comoford, Head, July 1840, 59, M, 28 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Farmer

Ellen A. Comoford, Wife, June 1847, 52, M, 28 yrs, Children: 9/8, NY, NY, NY

Lyman Comoford, Son, Feb 1876, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm Laborer

Nial Comoford, Son, July 1880, 19, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm Laborer

Nora C. G., Dau, July 1885, 14, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (8)

Dexter Comoford, Son, June 1883, 16, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm Laborer

1905 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 ED01

11 Halbert Street

B. A. Comorford, Head, Female, 56, US, Cit, Housework

Lymon Comorford, Son, 28, US, Cit, Wire Drawer

Marie Comorford, Dau, 19, US, Cit, Stenographer

Wm. R. Lewis, Boarder, 19, US, Cit, Wire Worker

Note: The head of the household is probably **Ellen Comerford**

1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD02 Dist 0111

23 Groton Res 30 Fam 45, Rents home

Ellen Comerford, Head, 62, Wd, 41 yrs, Children: 8/7, NY, NY, NY, None

1920 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 Dist 0003

79 Hamlin Street Res 33 Fam 34, Owns home with a mortgage

Neil D. Comerford, Head, 39, M, NY, NY, NY, Wire Drawer, Wire Mill

Florence L. Comerford, Wife, 36, M, KS, PA, IL, None

Clayton L. Comerford, Son, 14, S, NY, NY, KS, None

Thomas D. Comerford, Son, 12, S, NY, NY, KS, None

Neva E. Comerford, Dau, 10, S, NY, NY, KS, None

Harold V. Comerford, Son, 7, S, NY, NY, KS, None

Neil D. Comerford, Jr., Son, 12/12, S, NY, NY, KS, None

79-1/2 Hamlin Street Res 34 Fam 35, Owns home free of a mortgage

Ellen E. Comerford, Head, 72, Wd, NY, NY, NY, None

In The Newspapers

Still There are Snowbanks

“**Mrs. Ellen Comerford** with her three sons and a daughter were yesterday moving from Sempronius to Cortland. Back on the hills they found the roads so drifted with snow that they had to get out and dig before they could get a loaded wagon through, and it was necessary to put three horses on the wagon to draw it with any degree of ease.”

April 4, 1902, Friday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

LOCAL PERSONALS

“**Mrs. Ellen Comerford** of Lincoln-ave. is visiting friends in Sempronius.”

August 12, 1902, Tuesday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

LOCAL PERSONALS

“**Mrs. Ellen Comerford** and sons have purchased one of **C. P. Walrad's** houses on Halbert-st., and will take possession on Dec. 1. **James Richardson** has rented the house formerly occupied by them at 55-1/2 Lincoln-ave.”

November 11, 1903, Wednesday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

DRESSERVILLE

“Dresserville, Aug. 13. — **Mrs. Nell Comerford** and three children returned to their home in Cortland after a week's visit with friends in this town

“**H. B. Livermore** motored to Freeville Sunday and brought back Mrs. Ellen Comerford and her daughter Myra, who were hastily summoned to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. William Austin, near the state road, who is seriously ill and is reported as rapidly failing.”

August 13, 1912, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

DRESSERVILLE

“Dresserville, Oct. 23. — **Mrs. Vesta Rhoads**, **Mrs. Ellen Comerford**, and **Mrs. Huldah Ferguson** were Monday guests of **Mrs. Grace Rhoads.**”

“**Mrs. W. Harmon** and **Mrs. Ellen Comerford** of Cortland, **Mrs. Julia Robbins**, **Mrs. F. Ferguson** of Groton, **Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Eaton** of Summerhill, **Mrs. S. Rhoads** and **Miss Alta Rhoads** were entertained by **Mrs. R. E. Lawrence** last Wednesday.”

October 23, 1912, Wednesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

Thomas D. Comerford

"The death of ex-Supervisor **Thomas D. Comerford**, of Sempronius, removes from the community a well known and respected citizen, and active figure in the business, political and social life of the town where the man resided, a man of liberal and progressive views, and one who enjoyed the friendship and confidence of his fellow townsmen generally, whose advice in matters of importance was often sought by his friends and in whose judgment they placed implicit confidence. His memory is worthy of more than passing notice, for his place in the community and in the estimation of his fellows was won by perseverance and hard work, in the face of obstacles which would have disheartened a less courageous and weaker man. His life work represented a struggle against adversity and his modest triumphs over the difficulties which beset his path furnish an object lesson to these of the present day who find themselves confronted by difficulties which appear quite impassable.

"**Thomas D. Comerford** was born in Onondaga county in 1840, of Irish parents. His father, **Peter Comerford**, was by trade a journeyman Sailor, a once familiar figure in our business life, but one which the march of progress and modern methods and ideas have long since relegated to obscurity. While Thomas was very young the family removed to the Province of Ontario, Canada, and set about making a home in what was then an unbroken wilderness tenanted only by the savage and the wild beast. There the earlier years of his life were passed, and there he grew to young manhood. Shortly before the opening of the Civil War, filled with desire to better himself, he returned to the United States, accompanied by an older brother, **Bernard**. For a time the two young men followed the Great Lakes as sailors. Then the war broke out, and both enlisted in the Union Army, serving with honor till the close of the war. After the war, **Bernard** again became a sailor on the lakes. **Thomas** finally located in Cayuga County (Town of Sempronius), where he resided for the rest of his life in the towns of Venice and Sempronius.

February 8, 1901, Friday, Moravia Republican Register, Moravia, NY

Found Dead in Bed

"**Mrs. Catherine Raines**, Long Resident Hereabout Lived Alone at Hyland's Mills, About Four Miles North of This City – Death Was Caused by Apoplexy While She as Building a Fire

"**Mrs. Catherine Raines**, a well-known and esteemed former resident of this city on Sunday about 5 p.m. was found dead at her home at Hyland's Mills, about four miles north of here. Mrs. Raines resided there alone, and the last that any of her neighbors recall of seeing her was about noon on Wednesday, when she talked with her next door neighbor, **Mrs. M. B. Smith**.

"On Sunday afternoon, **Frank Hurlbut** was calling at Mr. Smith's and speaking of not seeing Mrs. Raines, they decided to go over to the house and investigate. Not getting any response to their knocking, they forced an entrance and found Mrs. Raines lying on the floor in front of her stove dead. She was dressed and had evidently been getting ready to start a fire when she suffered a fainting spell, for there was fresh cold kindling and a little cup of kerosene already for use by her side. After she was stricken she had evidently been able to reach out and draw a couple of quilts and a pillow off her bed and the body partly laid upon them when found.

"**Coroner Lehr** was summoned from this city, and on investigating the circumstances announced that apoplexy was the cause of death, and expressed his opinion that the woman had been dead since Wednesday. He gave the body in charge of J.B. Wiggins & Son, who brought it to their parlors here.

“Mrs. Raines, whose maiden name was **Miss Catherine Cummerford**, was born in Prescott, Ontario, Canada, 71 years ago. In the early 60’s she came to this city and in 1869 she was married to **Jackson Raines**, who came here from Albany after the close of the war. The marriage took place in West Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. Raines took up their residence in Rome. Later they lived for many years in the towns of Western and Steuben. Mr. Raines was a veteran of the civil war, belonging to the 11th New York Cavalry, and was honorably discharged at Albany after the war. He died in this city in 1895. Since her husband’s death, Mrs. Raines has lived alone, despite the efforts of her only child, **Attorney Francis F. Raines** of Auburn, to have her make her home with his family. The son visited his mother at regular intervals of about six weeks. He is now just released from a ten day’s confinement in his home by grip and on Sunday afternoon was discussing a journey here today or Tuesday to see his mother, when the message announcing her death was received by him about 7 p.m. He came here immediately arriving at 10 p m., Sunday. The sympathy of many friends is extended the son, who is well known here.

March 27, 1911, Monday, Rome Sentinel, Rome, NY

Mrs. Ellen Comerford

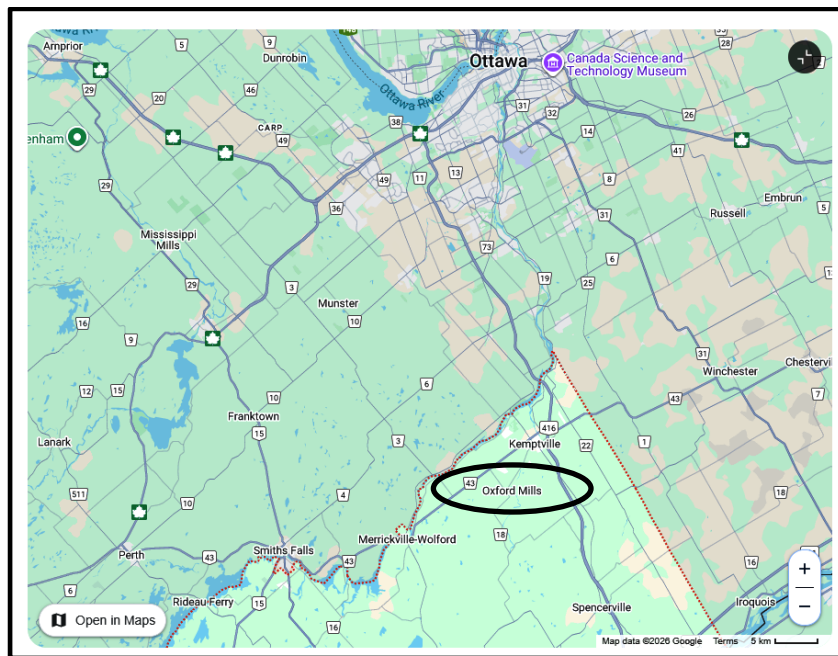
‘Mrs. Ellen A. Comerford, 87, widow of **Thomas D. Comerford**, died Sunday, November 11. She fell and broke her hip while visiting at Moravia a month ago. The funeral was held at Wright’s funeral home and burial was at Moravia, on Wednesday. **Mrs. Comerford** leaves five children, **Mrs. Neva Austin** of Moravia, **Darwin Comerford** of Niles, **Mrs. Henry H. Morris**, **Neil Comerford**, and **T. Deck Comerford** of Cortland, and 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.”

November 16, 1934, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Analysis

If Catherine had been born 71 years ago then she was born in 1840. According to her Find A Grave information Catherine was born on Feb 28, 1836 in Prescott and Russell, Prescott and Russell Counties, Ontario, Canada. Her brother, Thomas D. Comerford (see obituary above), was born in 1840 in Onondaga Co., NY prior to the family moving to Canada.

According to the 1851 Canadian census for Oxford, Grenville County, Ontario Catherine was 14 years old at the time of the census. That means she was born in about 1837 which is close to her Find A Grave birth information and she was born in Ontario, Canada. This census information throws some doubt on her brother Thomas's birth information. Their parents had five children at the time of the 1851 census and ALL of the children had been born in Canada. Thomas had been born in about 1839 according to this census which is close to the birth year of 1840 found in his obituary. However, it is very doubtful that he could have been born in Onondaga County as stated in his obituary.



According to Thomas Comerford's obituary his family moved to the Province of Ontario, Canada when he was very young. Once there they "set about making a home in what was then an unbroken wilderness tenanted only by the savage and the wild beast." If Thomas had been born in 1840 the move to Canada probably took place around 1845. In the 1851 Canadian census the Peter Comerford family was residing in Oxford, Grenville County, Ontario Province. Grenville County was created in 1792 and it was "settled primarily by United Empire Loyalists in the late 1700s after the Revolutionary War."¹

By 1802 the township of Oxford had been surveyed and fully settled. Just about every lot in the township had an occupant.² The map on the previous page shows that Oxford Mills (black oval) which is just north of Oxford is only about 30 miles south of Ottawa, which is the Capital of Canada. This area was definitely NOT an "unbroken wilderness" in 1845.

Peter Comerford's oldest son, Peter, was born in Canada in about 1832 as were his other four children, including Thomas who was born in about 1839 — which is in close agreement with Thomas' obituary.

Thomas had been a politician during his time in Sempronius and his obituary seems to convey a back story that a Canadian born individual constructed to improve his election chances. In the US census records (1870, 1875, 1880, 1892 and 1900) Thomas proclaimed that he had been born in New York State and in 1875 he narrowed that to Onondaga Co. He must have thought that his story of growing up in the “unbroken wilderness tenanted only by the savage and the wild beast” would endear him to the voters.

[The County of Grenville](#)

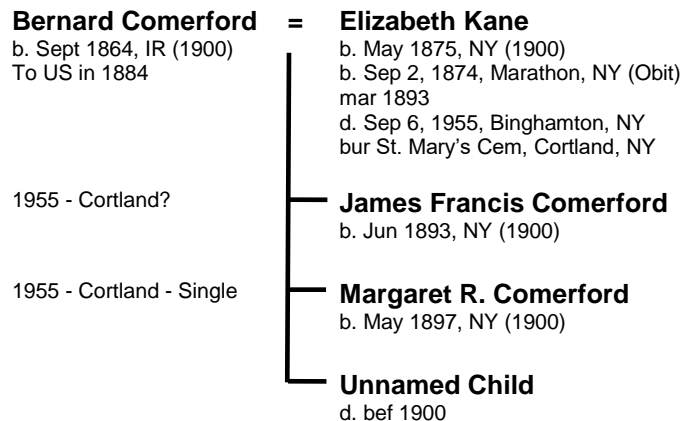
The county was created in 1792, and named in honour of William Grenville, 1st Baron Grenville, who was the British Secretary of State responsible for the colonies in 1790. It consisted of five townships, which were settled primarily by United Empire Loyalists in the late 1700s after the Revolutionary War.

E - Bernard Comerford and Elizabeth Kane

This Bernard Comerford doesn't appear to be related to the Comerford family of Morgan Hill.

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Patrick Kane and Mary Fitzpatrick)



In a 1909 article about a Kane family reunion held in Marathon, NY, Elizabeth's mother was referred to as Margaret. In Elizabeth's 1955 obituary her mother was referred to as Mary Fitzpatrick.

Census Records

1900 NJ Union Elizabeth WD12 Dist 0117

931 Olive Street, Res 252 Fam 288, Rents house

Bernard Comerford, Head, Sept 1864, 35, M, 7 yrs, IR, IR, IR, **1884**, 16 yrs, Na, Carrier Leather
Elizabeth Comerford, Wife, May 1875, 25, M, 7 yrs, NY, IR, IR
James F. Comerford, Son, June 1893, 6, S, NY, IR, NY
Margaret R. Comerford, Dau, May 1897, 3, S, NY, IR, NY
Christopher Bergin, Boarder, Aug 1853, 46, Wd, IR, IR, IR, 1866, 34 yrs, Na, Carrier Leather
John A. Scully, Boarder, June 1845, 55, M, 5 yrs, Ohio, PA, Ohio, Carrier Leather
Frank R. Peebles, Boarder, Nov 1861, 39, M, 10 yrs, NY, NY, NY, Carrier Leather

1905 NY Cortland Marathon ED02

Tannery

Barney Comerford, Head, 38, Ireland, 20 yrs, Cit, Engineer
Elizabeth Comerford, Wife, 28, US, Cit, House work
James Comerford, Son, 10, US, Cit, School (9 mos)
Margarette Comerford, Dau, 7, US, Cit, School (7 mos)

1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 Dist 0109

30 Maple Avenue, Res 13 Fam 20, Rents home

Bernard Comerford, Head, 52, M1, 17 yrs, IR, IR, IR, **1880**, Na, Fireman, Factory
Elizabeth Comerford, Wife, 34, M1, 17 yrs, Children: 3/2, NY, IR, IR, Laundress, At home
James F. Comerford, Son, 15, S, NY, IR, NY, Delivery Boy, Meat Market
Margaret R. Comerford, Dau, 12, S, NY, IR, NY, None

NOTE: **Barney** and **Elizabeth** were married in 1893. **Bernard** was born in Ireland in 1858-1864 and he came to the US in 1880-1884. He appears to have died between 1910 and 1915.

1915 NY Cortland Cortland WD02 AD01 ED02

34 West Court

Elizabeth G. Comerford, Head, 40, US, Cit, Nurse
Francis Comerford, Son, 20, US, Cit, Meat Cutter
Margret R. Comerford, Dau, 18, US, Cit, Corset Worker
Thomas H. Clancy, Boarder, 40, US, Cit, Laborer (Carriage Yards)

1920 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0013

27 Elm Street, Res 131 Fam 138, Rents

Elizabeth Comerford, Head, 45, M, NY, IR, IR, None
J. Francis Comerford, Son, 25, S, NY, IR, NY, Butcher, Meat Market, W
Margaret Comerford, Dau, 22, S, NY, IR, NY, Machine Operator, Corset Factory, W
Edward McMahon, Lodger, 49, Wd, NY, IR, IR, Blacksmith, Forging Co., W
Leo Francis McMahon, Lodger, 26, S, NY, NY, NY, Accountant, Forging Co., W
Thomas X. Clancey, Lodger, 44, S, NY, IR, IR, Butcher, Meat Market, W

NOTE: The father of **Elizabeth's** children was born in IRELAND. Her marital status is also listed as "M(arried)"

In The Newspapers

MARATHON

"Marathon, Aug. 9. — The sixth annual reunion of the Kane family was held Saturday, Aug. 7, 1909, at the home of **Mrs. Anna Shields**, on Warren-st., Marathon, N.Y. **Patrick and Margaret Kane** came from Ireland in their youth and were married in Syracuse fifty-seven years ago (1852), Aug. 8. To them have been born nine children who are still living, as follows: **John Kane** of Chicago, **Ella Ahern** of Whitney's Point, **Margaret Allen** of Cortland, **William Kane** of Marathon, **Anna Shields** of Marathon, **Sarah Barrett** of Marathon, **Timothy Kane** of Marathon, **Mary McMahon** of Marathon, **Elizabeth Comerford**, of Cortland.

"The parents died several years ago and the anniversary of their wedding day is observed each year by the children and descendants. Saturday was a beautiful day for such an event and tables were set upon the lawn and a royal dinner served to a score of the friends.

"At a business meeting **Thomas Barrett** was chosen president. **Elizabeth Comerford**, vice-president, **Genevieve Murray** secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year. It was voted to hold the reunion next year with **Mrs. Comerford** in Cortland."

August 10, 1909, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

LAPEER

"Lapeer, Jan. 6. — **Timothy Kane** of Ilion and **Mrs. Elizabeth Comerford**, son and daughter of Cortland, were New Year's guests at **William Kane's**"

January 6, 1914, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Galatia

"Galatia, Aug. 15. — **Mrs. Elizabeth Comerford** and daughter **Margaret** of Cortland spent last week with **Mrs. Mary McMahan**."

August 15, 1934, Wednesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

MRS. COMERFORD AGED 81, EXPIRES

"**Mrs. Elizabeth K. Comerford**, 81, 14 Stewart Pl. (Cortland), died this morning in Binghamton.

"Born in Marathon on Sept. 2, 1874, she was the daughter of **Patrick and Mary Fitzpatrick Kane**.

"Surviving her are a daughter **Miss Margaret Comerford**, a son, **Francis Comerford**, and several nieces and nephews.

"Funeral services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. from the family home and at 9:30 from St. Mary's Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

"Friends may call at the home at 14 Stewart Pl. on Wednesday and Thursday at their convenience."

September 6, 1955, Tuesday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Appendix

Land Transactions - Comerford

Comerford Land Purchases

Date	Grantor (Sells)	Grantee (Buys)	Bk, Pg	Location
1857	Alvin Brown	John Comerford	28, 305 (169)	Truxton 55 (50 a.)
1858	Smith & Sprague	John Comfort	32, 247	Truxton 65 (142.65)
1858	John Comfort & Wife	Seneca Smith	32, 315	Truxton 55 (50 a.) Same property sold to Comerford by Alvin Brown in 1857
1860	Smith & Sprague	John Comfort	33, 211	Truxton 65 (100 a.)
1865	Ed & Harriet Negus	John Comfort	48, 334	Cuyler 65 (76 a.)
1866	John Comfort & Wife	Michael O'Brien	45, 354	Cuyler 65 (70 a.) See details in O'Brien land transactions
1877	John Comfort	Edward & Harriet Negus	M 18, 150	
1891	Edward D. Mathews & wife	Patrick Comerford	85, 453	Truxton Lot 2,3,92
1897	Carrie H. Chapman	Patrick Comerford	96, 286	Marathon 82
1897	Eurella M. Pollard	Patrick Comerford	96, 287	Marathon 82
1901	Dorinda Bennett & others	John Comerford and ano	100, 273	Truxton 24 - 68.68 acres
Deed Book 102 is the latest one available at Family Search				
1903	Calvin P. & Grace A. Walrad	Ellen A., Lyman & Thomas D. Comerford	170, 103	Cortland 64
1906	Mary D. McElligott	Ella Comerford	106, 507	Marathon 82
1909	Abby M. Cone	(Dick) Guyda & T. Dick Comerford	116, 296	Cortland 64
1909	Arthur L. Stevens & wife	Florence L & Neil D. Comerford	116, 485	Cortland 64
Mortgages				
Year	Mortgagors (Borrows)	Mortgagees (Lends)	Bk, Pg	
	John Commerfort	Alvin Brown	W, 137	Not at Family Search.org
	John Comfort	Seneca Smith	1, 212	Not at Family Search.org
	John Comfort	E & H. Negaas	5, 500	Not at Family Search.org
1877	John Comfort	(Affts Sale) Edward & Harriet Negas	18, 150	Not at Family Search.org

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1857	Alvin Brown	John Comerford	28, 305 (169)	Truxton 55 (50 a.)
Date of Indenture:		December 1, 1856		
Grantor:		Alvin Brown of Truxton		
Grantee:		John Comerford		
Amount:		\$450		
Description:		<p>All that certain piece of land in <u>Truxton</u> aforesaid on <u>Lot No. 55</u> described as follows to wit, Beginning at the northwest corner of subdivision No. Two;</p> <p>Thence South on the line between said Subdivision No. Two and Subdivision No. One to land formerly owned by Elisha Sprague;</p> <p>Thence East on said Sprague North line to Stephen Porter's land;</p> <p>Then North on said Porter's west line (it being the line between said Subdivision No. Two & Subdivision No. three) to the north line of the said town of Truxton;</p> <p>Then West on said town line to the place of beginning.</p> <p>Containing as is supposed <u>Fifty Acres</u> be the same more or less.</p> <p>Subject however to all taxes, and assessments which have been levied on the premises since the thirteenth day of November, in the year 1852.</p>		
Date Recorded:		January 5, 1857		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1858	Smith & Sprague	John Comfort	32, 247	Truxton 65 (142.65 a.)
Date of Indenture:		April 1, 1858		
Grantor:		O. S. Sprague & Seneca Smith, assignees of Alvin Brown		
Grantee:		John Comfort of Truxton in the County of Cortland and State of New York		
Amount:		\$2,282.40		
Description:		<p>All that Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the Town of Truxton aforesaid on <u>Lot Sixty five</u> in said town and described as follows to wit, it being a certain piece of land conveyed by Alvin Webster to said Alvin Brown by deed bearing date eighth day of November 1849 and recorded in the clerk's office for said County of Cortland January 11, 1850 in Book 15 of Deeds, page 10 &c and containing <u>forty two and 65/100</u> acres of land</p> <p>Also all that other parcel of land on said <u>Lot Sixty five</u>, being what is called the <u>Smith lot</u>, and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the west by the highway or center of the highway; on the north by the lands of <u>Warren Negus</u>; on the east by the west line of the <u>States hundred</u> produced northerly, which is also the west line of what is called <u>William's lot</u>; on the south by the land first above described and land owned or in possession of John Dobbins, and containing <u>one hundred acres</u> more or less.</p>		
Date Recorded:		April 7, 1858		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1860	Smith & Sprague	John Comfort	33, 211	Truxton 65 (100 a.)
Date of Indenture:		April 7, 1860		
Grantor:		Seneca Smith and Oscar S. Sprague, Assigns of Alvin Brown		
Grantee:		John Comefort		
Amount:		No amount given		
Description:		<p>Same legal description as April 8, 1858 transaction among the same parties.</p> <p>This deed is intended to convey to the party of the second part whatever title to the said described premises we as assignees aforesaid may have acquired, since the date of our above mentioned deed of said premises, to the said party of the second part, viz; April 1st 1858, and more particularly what title that they may have acquired to said premises by virtue of a deed of the same with other lands from Henry Denison & wife dated ...(no date given)</p>		
Date Recorded:		August 17, 1860		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1865	Ed & Harriet Negus	John Comfort	48, 334	Cuyler 65 (76 a.)
Date of Indenture:		February 17, 1865		
Grantor:		Edward Negus and Harriet Negus of Truxton in the County of Cortland in the State of New York		
Grantee:		John Comfort of Cuyler in said County & State		
Amount:		\$640		
Description:		<p>All their interest being an undivided one half interest that Tract or Parcel of Land situate in the old Town of Truxton in said County of Cortland now in the town of Cuyler, being <u>parts of subdivision one and two in said town of Truxton on Lot number sixty five, and lying east of the road</u> passing through said Lot & bounded on the <u>north</u> by land formerly owned by John B. Call, on the <u>south</u> by lands formerly owned by Aretus Waters & now owned by the party of the second part, on the <u>east</u> by lands formerly owned by Aretus Waters & called <u>William's Lot</u>; and on the <u>west</u> by the highway. Containing <u>seventy six</u> acres more or less.</p>		
Date Recorded:		February 21, 1865		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1891	Edward D. Mathews & wife	Patrick Comerfort	85, 453	Truxton Lot 2,3,92 347.53 acres
Date of Indenture:		May 8, 1891		
Grantor:		Edward D. Matthews and Annie Churchill Matthews, his wife of Utica, Oneida County, N.Y.		
Grantee:		Patrick Comerfort, farmer, of Truxton, Cortland County, N.Y.		
Amount:		\$7,000		
Description:		<p>All that Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the Town of Truxton, County of Cortland and State of New York, described as follows, viz. Bounded on the <u>West</u> by the Lands of John Matthews and Jonothan Bliss, on the <u>south</u> by lands of Jonathan Bliss and Dayton Hedges, on the <u>East</u> by the lands of Dayton Hedges and John Severance, on the North by the lands of Abel Perry Jr. Leonard and William Bliss, John Miller, Daniel C. Rounds, Benjamin B. Fields, Nathan A. Eason and David Matthews containing 347-53/100 acres of land, be the same more or less. <u>There being 201-86/100 acres on Lot No. 92 and 145-67/100 acres on lots Nos. 2 and 3 as surveyed by Damon Coats, March 1839.</u> Being the same premises described in a certain mortgage dated Dec. 8, 1840 and recorded Jan 1, 1841 in Book K, page 250 from George Bliss to David Matthews and the same premises described therein excepting and reserving therefrom the right of way conveyed by said David Matthews to the <u>New York and Oswego Midland R.R. Co.</u> deed dated Sept. 8, 1871 and recorded Nov. 6, 1871 in Book 52, page 434.</p> <p>And being the same premises described in a certain lease between the heirs of said David Matthews and one Patrick Comerfort dated Dec. 22d, 1882 and in said lease described as follows. "The farm in the Town of Truxton, N.Y. known as the <u>Morris farm</u> containing about <u>246 acres of land</u>, more or less, excepting strip of land conveyed to the <u>N.Y. & Oswego M. R.R. Co.</u> bounded and described as follows, viz.</p> <p>Beginning at the <u>South east corner</u> thereof and running thence West first by lands of Charles & William Pierce 2d by lands of Sabin Pierce; on the <u>West</u> by lands of John Bloomfield, 2d, by lands of Chauncey Stone; on the <u>North</u> 1st by lands of Michael Welch 2d by lands of Michael Weig and 3d by lands of James Smith 4th by lands of Janie Keriney, 5th by lands of Mrs. Meedrain, 6th by Mrs. Anthony Morris, 7th by Alicey Risley; on the <u>east</u> by David Sevrous being the same premises lately rented to Wm Jones now deceased." The said right of way conveyed by David Matthews to said <u>N.Y. & O. Midland R.R. Co.</u> by deed recorded in Book 52, page 434 is excepted and reserved from the deed. Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the said party of the first part in and to said premises.</p>		
Date Recorded:		May 8, 1891		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1901	Dorinda Bennett & others	John Comerfort and ano	100, 273 (481)	Truxton 24 - 68.68 acres
Date of Indenture:		October 4, 1900		
Grantor:		Dorinda Bennett and sons and their wives of Truxton, Cortland County, State of New York		
Grantee:		Williams Gibbons & John Comerfort of the same place		
Amount:		\$160		
Description:		<p>All that Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the town of Truxton, County of Cortland, and State of New York, Being all that tract or parcel of land situate on the <u>Great Lot No. 24</u> in said town of Truxton. Bounded and described as follows. Beginning at the Northwest corner of lands owned by Dorinda Bennett & sons and running thence East along the south line of lands owned by Patrick O'Donnell 134 rods to the West line of John Comefort</p> <p>Thence South along said Comefort's west line 82 rods to the southwest corner of said Comefort's land,</p> <p>Thence West along a new made line of Dorinda Bennett & sons 134 rods to the East line of Chauncey Webster's land,</p> <p>Thence North along the East line of the said Webster's land 82 rods to the place of beginning</p> <p>Containing <u>68 & 68/100 acres</u> of land be the same more or less.</p>		
Date Recorded:		October 4, 1900		

Comerford Land Sales

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg	Location
	John Comfort & Wife	Seneca Smith	32, 315	
1866	John Comfort & Wife	Michael O'Brien	45, 354	Cuyler 65 (See O'Brien Land Purchases)
1877	John Comfort	Edward & Harriet Negus	M 18, 150	
	Patrick Comerfort (Special Guardian of 3 Twentyman children)	William Young	80, 296	Truxton 73, 83
1891	John Comerfort (by Refs)	John Stebbins	85, 527 (292)	Cuyler 65
Deed Book 102 is the latest one available at Family Search				
1917	Linne May Young Comerford & others	George R. Beers & wife	132, 169	Cortlandville 79
1922	Guyda Comerford	Edmond J. O'Neil & wife	142, 506,	Groton Ave., City
	Bessie L. & Thomas D. Comerford	Edmond J. O'Neil & wife	143, 200	Groton Ave., City
1927	Bridget Comerford	John Comerford	156, 108	Truxton 5
1928	Patrick Comerford, Sr.	Fred C. Applegate & wife	157, 332	Truxton 93
1928	Patrick Comerford & others	NY Power & Light Corp	158, 444	Truxton
1930	John Comerford	The Ohio Producing & Refining Co., Inc	163, 71	Truxton
	Dennis & Mildred Comerford	Nora R. Comerford	176, 470	Truxton 93
1937	John Comerford	John Earl Comerford & wife	178, 200	Truxton 4 &5
	Patrick Comerford	John Comerford & others	178, 400	(Will)
	John J. Comerford & others	County of Cortland	178, 427	Truxton
	Patrick Comerford, heirs of	John Comerford	178, 446	Truxton 3 & 93
1938	John Comerford	Lawrence J. Sheehan	179, 410	Truxton 3

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1888	Patrick Comerfort (Special Guardian of 3 Twentyman children)	William Young	80, 296	Truxton 73, 83
Date of Indenture:		February 22, 1888		
Grantor:		Daniel Twentyman infant over 14 years of age and James Twentyman and Martha Twentyman infants under the age of Fourteen years by Patrick Comerfort their Special Guardian		
Grantee:		William Young of Truxton, Cortland County, N.Y.		
Amount:		\$1716.87		
Description:		<p>All their interest & shares in and to all that tract or Parcel of land situate in the town of Truxton, N.Y. Cortland County on <u>lot number seventy three (73)</u> bounded North by the land of Joel Call East by the said lot line on the South by the lands of Orice Rodway and West by said lot line, containing <u>one hundred and twenty five acres of land, excepting and reserving</u> therefrom about <u>one acre of land now used as a burying ground.</u></p> <p>Also all that Tract or Parcel of land situate in the town of Truxton aforesaid on <u>lot number seventy three (73)</u> and bounded north by the lands of said John Twentyman East West and South of the East West and South lines of said lot. Containing <u>one hundred acres of land</u> more or less.</p> <p>Also all That Tract or Parcel of land situate in the town of Truxton aforesaid on <u>lot number Eighty three (83)</u> Bounded and described as follows, to wit: Forty five acres and fifty four (54) rods of land in the <u>north west corner of said lot eighty three</u>, laid out one hundred and eighty six rods east & west by thirty nine rods north and south and containing <u>forty five acres and fifty four rods of land.</u></p>		
Date Recorded:		February 23, 1888		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1891	John Comerfort (by Refs)	John Stebbins	85, 527 (292)	Cuyler 65
Date of Indenture:		May 29, 1891		
Grantor:		H. A. Dickinson, as Referee in the action hereinafter mentioned, of Cortland, in the County of Cortland, New York		
		<p>“Eliza Dwyer (formerly Comfort), as administratrix, etc. of the estate of <u>John Comfort, deceased</u>, Owen Galvin, Lawrence Gavin and Eliza Galvin, his wife John Galvin, Robert Turner, Helen B. Turner, Eli P. Colgrove and Mary D. Merchant (formerly Muncy), as administrator, etc. of <u>Ooga Muncy, deceased</u>, Julia B. Hyde, Elizabeth Hathaway, Chancy Stevens and Mary Stevens, his wife, Stratton S. Knox, Riley Champlin, as administrator, etc., of <u>Calvin L. Hathaway, deceased</u>, Patrick Callihan, James Dougherty, Michael O’Brien and Julia O’Brien, his wife”</p>		
Grantee:		John Stebbins of Cazenovia, New York		
		“John H. Watkinson, John Stebbins and Charles Stebbins, as executors of the last will and testament of Charles Stebbins, deceased”		
Amount:		\$250 - The “action” was the result of a foreclosure sale		
Description:		<p>That all and singular the premises described in a mortgage executed by <u>John Comfort to Seneca Smith</u>, and recorded in Cortland County clerk’s Office, in Liber One of Mortgages, at page 212, and being the same premises mentioned in the complaint in said action and in said judgment described, or such part thereof as is sufficient to discharge the mortgage debt, the expenses of the sale, and costs of said action, and which might be sold separately without material injury to the parties interested, be sold at public auction, according to the law, and practice of said Court, by and under the direction of the said Sf (Sheriff) H. A. Dickinson</p> <p>All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the town of Cuyler, in the County of Cortland, and being part of <u>Lot No. 65</u> in said town, bounded as follows: It being a certain piece of land conveyed by Alvin Webster to Alvin Brown by deed bearing date November 8th 1849, and recorded in Cortland County Clerk office, January 11, 1850, in Book 15 of Deeds, page 10, etc. and <u>containing 42 and sixty five one hundredths acres</u>: Also all that other piece of land situate on <u>Lot No. 65</u> in said town of Cuyler, and being what is called the “<u>Smith Lot</u>.” And described as follows: Bounded on the west by the center of the highway, on the north by land formerly owned by <u>Warren Negas</u>, on the east by the west line of the <u>State’s hundred acres</u>, proceeding northwardly, which is also the west line of what is called the “<u>Williams Lot</u>”, on the south by the line first above described, and land owned by, or in possession of John Dobbins containing 100 acres, more or less, and being the same lands conveyed by <u>Seneca Smith</u> and <u>Oscar L. Sprague</u>, as assignees of A. Brown, to Seneca Smith, by deed dated April 1, 1858, and the last mentioned piece was again conveyed by quit Claim deed bearing date herewith.”</p>		
Date Recorded:		July 20, 1891		

Cortland City Directories

Family Associations

A5 - Patrick Comerford and Elizabeth Fitzgerald

A9 - John Comerford and Bridget Carr

A10 - Michael Comerford and Libbie Kane

D4 - Thomas D. Comerford and Ellen Abbie Eaton

E - Bernard Comerford and Elizabeth Kane

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1902 is the earliest Cortland City Directory at Ancestry.com			
Census	Cortland	1900 NY Cortland A5 - John Comfort , 31 Railroad St, Nov 1879, <u>Bartender</u> A10 - John T. Comfort (adopted), 153 Railroad St, Jul 1886, At school	
1902	Cortland	A5 - Catherine Comerford , dressmaker, bds 9 N Church A5 - John J. Comerford , <u>bartender</u> <u>The Elk Hotel</u> , bds do A9 - Mary Comerford , emp Wickwire's, bds 9 Church A9 - Nora Comerford , domestic 23 Port Watson D4 - Ellen Comerford , widow Thomas , h 55-1/2 Lincoln ave D4 - Deck Comerford , emp Wickwire's, bds 55-1/2 Lincoln ave D4 - Lyman Comerford , emp Wickwire's, bds 55-1/2 Lincoln ave. D4 - Neil Comerford , emp Wickwire's, bds 55-1/2 Lincoln ave.	
1904	Cortland	A5 - Catherine Comerford , dressmaker, rooms 17-1/2 Clayton ave. A5 - John J. Comerford , <u>clerk</u> , 31 Railroad, bds do (Hotel) A10 - John Comfort , news agent, rooms <u>9 N Main</u> D4 - Ellen Comerford , widow Thomas D , h 11 Halbert D4 - Lyman Comerford , wire drawer, bds 11 Halbert D4 - Marie E. Comerford , stenographer 50 Main, bds 11 Halbert D4 - Neil Comerford , wire drawer, bds 11 Halbert D4 - T Deck Comerford , wire drawer, bds 11 Halbert	
Census	Cortland	1905 NY Cortland Cortland WD04 ED01 A10 - John H. Comfort , 9 North Main Street - Lodger, 18, US, Cit, day laborer	
1906	Cortland	A5 - Catherine Comerford , dressmaker, rooms 33 Clayton ave A5 - John J. Comerford , <u>barkeeper</u> 31 Railroad, rooms do (Hotel) A9 - Mary Comerford , silk weaver, rooms 166 Homer ave A10 - John Comfort , porter Cortland House D4 - Ellen Comerford , widow Thomas D , h 11 Halbert D4 - Lyman Comerford , wire drawer, bds 11 Halbert D4 - T Deck Comerford , wire drawer, bds 11 Halbert E - Barney Comerford , stationary fireman, bds Arlington Hotel	

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1910	Cortland	A5 - John J. Comerford , <u>bartender</u> 31 Railroad, bds do (Hotel) A9 - Mary Comerfort , <u>nurse</u> , Cortland City Hospital A9 - Nora Comerford , <u>waitress</u> Cortland House A10 - John Comerfort , <u>clerk</u> , rms 1 Clinton ave D4 - Ellen A. Comerford , widow Thomas D , h 23 Groton ave D4 - Lyman Comerford , wire drawer, h 11 Halbert D4 - Neil D. Comerford , wire drawer, h 79 Hamlin D4 - T Deck Comerford , wire drawer, h 125 Groton ave E - Bernard Comerford , sta fireman, h 30 Maple ave	

The Thomas D. and Bernard Comerford are not related to the Morgan Hill Comerfords. Thomas was from Sempronius, Cayuga Co, NY. Bernard was from Elizabeth, Union Co., NJ

Cortland City Directories - Continued

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1912	Cortland	A5 - John J. Comerford (O'Brien and Comerford) 3 Main, h do A9 - Nora Comerfort , <u>nurse</u> , Cortland City Hospital A10 - John Comerfort , porter Cortland House, rms 1 Clinton ave D4 - Ellen A. Comerford , widow Thomas D , h 23 Groton ave D4 - Lyman Comerford , wire drawer, h 11 Halbert D4 - Neil D. Comerford , wire drawer, h 79 Hamlin D4 - T Deck Comerford , wire drawer, h 125 Groton ave E - Elizabeth G. Comerford (Mrs. Bernard) h 34 W Court E - Francis Comerford , driver 6 N Main, res 34 W Court	
1914	Cortland	A5 - John J. Comerford (O'Brien and Comerford) 3 Main, h do A5 - Frank Comerfort , bartender Cortland House, rms 13 Monroe A9 - Mary E. Comerford , <u>nurse</u> , 125 N Main, rms do A9 - Nora R. Comerfort , <u>nurse</u> Cortland County Hospital A10 - John F. Comerford , mgr pool room, res 87 Maple av D4 - Ellen A. Comerford , wid Thomas D , res 125 Port Watson D4 - Neil D. Comerford , wire drawer, h 79 Hamlin D4 - Lyman Comerford , wire drawer, h 11 Halbert D4 - Thomas D. Comerford , wire drawer, h 125 Groton av E - Elizabeth G. Comerford, (Mrs. Bernard) , nurse, 34 W Court, h do E - J. Francis Comerford , elk 6 N Main, res 34 W Court	
1916	Cortland	A5 - John J. Comerford , res Dexter House A5 - Francis D. Comerfort , <u>bartender</u> , Cortland House, rms 13 Monroe Heights A9 - Josephine Comerfort , <u>nurse</u> 134 Homer av A9 - Nora Comerfort , <u>nurse</u> , 134 Homer av A10 - John F. Comerford , bartender, 18 N Main, bds do D4 - Ellen A. Comerford , wid Thomas , h 79-1/2 Hamlin D4 - Neil D. Comerford , wire drawer, h 79 Hamlin D4 - Lyman Comerford , wire drawer, h 11 Halbert D4 - Thomas D. Comeford , wire drawer, h 125 Groton av E - Elizabeth G. Comerford , wid Bernard , nurse 34 W Court, h do E - J. Francis Comerford , meat cutter, 6 N Main, res 34 W Court E - Margaret R Comerford , Corset wrkr, res 34 W Court	

ENDNOTES

- ¹ Grenville County, Ontario - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grenville_County,_Ontario
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