

The Nix Families of Truxton, New York

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Initial Analysis

During a trip to Fabius, NY for the 50th McGraw Reunion at Highland Forest in July 1999 I took the opportunity to wander through St. Patrick's Cemetery in nearby Truxton. As I was looking at the McGrath monument in the northwestern part of the cemetery I noticed a small gravestone on the western edge of the cemetery that was engraved "Herlihy," which was the maiden name of one of my paternal great-grandmothers. I decided to copy down the information in case it later turned out to be a relative. As I moved along the western edge of the cemetery another name caught my eye – "Phelan" – the maiden name of two great-great-grandmothers. So I copied this information also. Thomas Phelan's wife was the person buried there and her name was Hanora Nix. The next stone was another Nix so I copied that information also.

At the end of the week, after I returned to Austin, I tried to fit the new Phelan and Herlihy notes into the information that I had previously gathered. They were interesting new facts but the fit just wasn't there so I put them away until another day.

Several years later, in the spring of 2003, I was following the trail of Patrick and Ann McGrath of Fabius, Cuyler and DeRuyter, NY when I discovered that their daughter Mary had married Thomas Nix on November 18, 1856. They had a very large family and that took a while to sort out but when it was done I was curious about Thomas Nix and where he had originated. I remembered the Nix gravestones from St. Patrick's Cemetery and the notes that I had taken back in 1999. I dug out the old notes and the Nix search was under way.

I started by gathering all the Nix entries in the Baptismal, Marriage and Death records for St. James Catholic Church in Cazenovia, NY which included Pompey, Fabius and Truxton and Cuyler as mission churches in the latter half of the 19th century. These names were then organized into families and the sponsors and witnesses compared to determine any family relationships. Next the Federal census records for the Truxton area were searched from 1850 through 1920. This yielded some more insight into the family relationships and identified additional children that weren't in the church records. It was also possible to use the census records to see which families were living close together. The children could be followed as they moved out of their parent's homes as they went to work on neighboring farms and then sometimes married and started families of their own.

Most of the Nix families found in Truxton from 1850 – 1870 were related as brothers in two different families. In addition, the Nix families were related by marriage to the Phelan, Quinn, O'Donnell, Melody, O'Hara, Griffin and McGrath families.

There were two William Nix families living in Truxton according to the census records. William (1) was the son of John and Nora Nix and first showed up in the 1869 Cortland Co. directory, his wife was Alice O'Hara. The 1850 William (2) first appeared to be the same person who later appeared in Homer in 1860. After some more research, the 1850 William (2) was determined to be an anomaly and he will be treated in a separate section of this paper. The title of William (2) now belongs to the William in 1860 Homer.

Records From the Irish Parishes

The fact that one or more members remained in Ireland or had children baptized in Ireland prior to immigration allowed the family's home parish to be identified. The Parents had typically been born around 1800 and they usually remained in Ireland. Their children had typically been born in the 1820s and 1830. The Children immigrated after they became adults and some married and had children before leaving Ireland. Some of the Children remained in Ireland and raised their families there. The Grandchildren remained in Ireland in some cases and in others they went to America with their parents.

The Irish parish records provide a valuable resource to help identify the members of these family, but it is a limited window. During the Penal Times of the 18th century in Ireland Catholic churches were outlawed and the priests were hunted down. During the early 19th century as efforts for emancipation of the Catholics was gaining momentum the church began to operation once again and records began to be kept. In 2015 the previously microfilmed parish records were made available online by the National Library of Ireland. Typically, the online parish records end in the 1880s but the civil registration of births, marriages and deaths, which began in 1864, overlap nicely.

In the tables below the range of years where family records had been found are displayed. A “—“ indicates that a record was not expected to be found. The phrase “Not found” indicates that one or more records were expected to be found but none have been found. The searches were focused on the RC parishes named in the tables but the search covered all of Ireland.

Nix Family (1)		Parents	Children	Grandchildren
Mahoonagh	Bap: 1812 - 1869	—	Not found	1856-1868
	Mar: 1810 - 1869	Not found	Not found	—

One brother remained in Ireland

Nix Family (2)		Parents	Children	Grandchildren
Lurriga	Bap: 1801 - 1881	—	Not found	1841-1847
	Mar: 1802 - 1884	Not found	Not found	—

One of the three brothers in this Nix family had children who had been baptized in Ireland before the family immigrated to the US. Other siblings remaining in Ireland have not been identified.

Staff Family		Parents	Children	Grandchildren
Kildimo	Bap: 1831 - 1881	—	—	1835-1841
	Mar: 1831 - 1882	—	Not found	—

Two brothers remained in Ireland

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John Nix and Nora Pesklay

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

John Nix
b. in Ireland
d. in Ireland

= **Nora Pesklay (?)**
b. ~1792 in Ireland
To US by 1870
d. bet 1875-1880

Is Pesklay a transcription error?

= **Anthony Nix**
b. 1824, Ireland
d. Jan 9, 1912, Castlemahon,
Mahoonagh parish, Co. Limerick

= **Bridget Ahern**
b. 1838, Ireland
d. Aug 22, 1878, Castlemahon,
Mahoonagh parish, Co. Limerick

= **William (1) Nix**
b. ~1825, Ireland
To US 1868 (1900 census)
d. Jun 19, 1903, Cortland
bur. Unknown

= **Alice O'Hara**
b. 1832, Co. Sligo, IR
To US 1850
mar 1855, Constableville, NY
d. Jan 16, 1902
bur Cortland, NY

Alive in Jan 1909

= **John Nix**
b. ~1829, Ireland
To US 1854
d. Dec 11, 1912, Binghamton

= **Margaret O'Donnell (1)**
b. 1830
d. July 23, 1866
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

= **Margaret LNU (2)**
b. Nov 1845, Ireland (1900 census)
To US 1861
mar 1869
d. Jul 4, 1920, New York City
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Brother in Ireland
Mentioned in a 3rd obit and
found in the search for Ella
Nix O'Connor.

= **Thomas Nix**
b. 1831, Ireland
To US 1850 (1900 census)
mar. Nov. 18, 1856 Cazenovia
d. Jan 21, 1909
bur. St. James, Cazenovia, NY

= **Mary McGrath**
bap. Jun 16, 1832, Mayne, Mayne par,
Westmeath, Ireland
To US 1848 (1900 census)
d. 1924
bur. St. James, Cazenovia, NY
See: *Patrick and Ann McGrath*

= **Mary Nix**
b. 1835, Ireland
mar Aug 2, 1857
d. Jan 16, 1909, Cortland
bur. St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

= **Patrick Melody**
b. 1828, Ireland
d. Nov, 1880, Truxton
bur. St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

= **Honora Nix**
b. 1836, Ireland
mar Jul 5, 1861, Cazenovia
d. Dec 3, 1868
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

= **Thomas Phelan**
b. 1832
To US 1846
d. Jan 6, 1910, Cortland, NY

The parent's names came from the 1909 death certificate of their son Thomas Nix.

William (1) Nix and Alice O'Hara

(s/o John Nix and Hanora Pesklay)
(d/o Father and Mother)

William (1) Nix
b. Aug 1824, Ireland
To US 1868 (1900 census)
d. Jun 19, 1903, Cortland
bur. Unknown

Alice O'Hara
b. 1832, Co. Sligo, IR
To US 1850 (Obit)
To US 1868 (1900 census)
mar 1855, Constableville, NY
d. Jan 16, 1902, Cortland
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

1902 – Cortland
1926 in Manlius

John Nix
b. July 28, 1856
d. May 16, 1935, Cortland, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Never married

1902 - Chicago

Anna Maria Nix
b. Nov. 18, 1857
mar 1877

= **David A. Baker**
b. Jan 1855, NY

1902 – Chicago
1926 in Chicago

Anthony Nix
b. Oct. 9, 1859
d. July 5, 1876, Preble

Never married

Honora only appeared in
the 1865 and 1870 census

James Bartholomew Nix
b. Nov. 8, 1861

Honora Nix
b. May 28, 1863

Probably died young

1902 - Cortland
1926 in Cortland
1935 in Cortland

Mary Nix
b. Feb 17, 1865, NY
mar 1891
d. Mar 20, 1936, Cortland, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= **Patrick F. Dalton**
b. Aug 1856, Ireland
To US 1863
d. Jun 16, 1914
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

1902 - Cortland
1905 – 131 Homer Ave,
Cortland
1935 Jennie Nix in Cortland

William T. Nix
b. Feb 6, 1867, Truxton
d. Dec 30, 1926, Cortland
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland

= **Jennie Dowd**
b. 1867
mar Mar 27, 1894, Cortland
d. 1955
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

1902 – Cortland
1926 in Cortland
1935 Abbie Nix in Cortland

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

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

Baptism Records - St. James, Cazenovia, NY

William Nix and Alice O'Hara

357. **NIX, John**, son of William NIX and Alice O'HARA, born 28 July, baptized 11 December 1856, at Truxton. Sponsors: Thomas Nix and Mary Nix. Priest: M. W. Rooney.

505. **NIX, Anna Maria**, daughter of William NIX and Alice O'HARA, born 18 November 1857, baptized 11 March 1858. Sponsors: Anthony Nix and Johanna Nix. Priest: M. W. Rooney.

600. **NIX, Antony**, son of William NIX and Alice O'HARA, born 4 October, baptized 9 October 1859. Sponsors: John Nix and Honora Nix. Priest: Bonaventure Carney.

863. **NIX, James Bartholomew**, son of William NIX and Alice O'HARA, born 8 November, baptized 8 December 1861, at Truxton. Sponsors: Patrick Melody and Margaret Griffin. Priest: Bonaventure Carney.

1036. **NIX, Honora**, daughter of William NIX and Alice AHEARN, born 28 May 1863, baptized 5 July 1863, at Truxton. Sponsors: R. McGrath and Margaret Nix. Priest: Thomas Daly.

Census Records

1855 NY Oneida Boonville ED03 [Img 7/34](#)

Res 49, Framed, Family 49, Boarding house

Thomas Ryan, 26, Boarder, Ireland, 6 yrs, Sawyer, Na,

William Nix, 33, Boarder, Ireland, 6/12 yrs, C... laborer, Na

John Nix, 24, Boarder, Ireland, 6/12 yrs, C... Laborer, Alien

Note: John and William would appear to be brothers. Why they settled on Boonville is unknown at this time. What became of this John Nix is also unknown. Why did William relocate to Truxton, NY?

1855 NY Lewis Martinsburg ED02 [Img 2/18](#)

Res 21, Stone, \$4,000, Family 21

David T. Martin, 47, Lewis, M, 47 yrs, Justice, Native, Owner of land

Catharine L. Martin, 38, Wife, Mass, M, 36 yrs

Frances E. Martin, 12, Child, Lewis

Alice Martin, 10, Child, Lewis

David L. Martin, 7, Child, Lewis

Catharine Martin, 4, Child, Lewis

Alice O'Hara, 26, Servant, Ireland, 3 yrs, Alien, Cannot read or write

1860 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 215 Fam 227

William Nix, 32, Farm Laborer, Per Est \$100, Ireland

Allice Nix, 30, Ireland

John Nix, 3, NY

Anna Nix, 2, NY

Anthony Nix, 8/12, NY

Acenuth Cardner, 28, Domestic, NY

1865 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 266 Framed 475 Fam 288

William Nix, 47, Ireland, Mar once, Mar now, Farmer, Na, Owner of land
Alice Nix, 35, Wife, Ireland, Children: 6, Mar once, mar now, Alien, Cannot R or W
John Nix, 8, Child, Cortland
Anna M. Nix, 7, Child, Cortland
Anthony Nix, 5, Child, Cortland
James B. Nix, 3-6/12, Child, Cortland
Hanora Nix, 2, Child, Cortland
Mary Nix, 3/12, Child, Cortland

1870 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 165 Fam 167

William Nicks, 45, Farmer, Real Est \$500, Per Est \$500, Ireland, Citizen
Alice Nicks, 40, Keeping House, Ireland
John Nicks, 14, NY, Attended school
Anna M. Nicks, 12, NY, Attended school
Anthony Nicks, 10, NY, Attended school
James Nicks, 8, NY, Attended school
Honora Nicks, 6, NY
Mary Nicks, 5, NY
William Nicks, 3, NY
Thomas Nicks, 11/12 (July), NY

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

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 307 Framed \$75 Fam 314

William Nix, 45, Ireland, M, Farmer
Alice Nix, 46, Wife, Ireland, M
Mary Nix, 10, Dau, Cortland, S
William Nix, 8, Son, Cortland, S
Thomas Nix, 5, Cortland, S

Note: **Honora** missing

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 179 Framed \$400 Fam 189

Nathaniel B. Patrick, 23, Cortland, M, Farmer
Harriet Patrick, 18, Wife, Onondaga, M
Edwin Clark, 21, Hired, Cortland, S, Farm Laborer
John Nix, 19, Hired, Cortland, S, Farm Laborer

Note: This **John Nix** is probably the son of **William Nix and Alice O'Hara**.

1880 NY Madison DeRuyter, Dist 052

Res 151 Fam 180

William Nix, 53, M, Works on farm, IR, IR, IR
Allice Nix, 54, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR
John Nix, 23, Son, S, Works on farm, NY, IR, IR
James Nix, 18, Son, S, Works on farm, NY, IR, IR
William Nix, 13, Son, S, Goes to school, NY, IR, IR
Thomas Nix, 10, Son, S, Goes to School, NY, IR, IR

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

238A; Residence 120, Family 131

SEVERANCE, David, 60, Farmer, NY, MA, MA

_____, Harriett N., 58, wife, Keeping house, NY, NJ, NJ

_____, Jane, 27, dau., At home, NY, NY, NY

NIX, John A., 23, Servant, **Ireland**, Ireland, Ireland [Born 1857]

Note: This **John Nix** might have been the eldest son of **William Nix** and **Alice O'Hara**. However, their son **John** (who was born in NY) was living with the family in DeRuyter at the time of the 1880 census. A more likely match for **John** would be the son of **Anthony Nix and Bridget Ahern** of Castlemahon, Mahoonagh, Co. Limerick

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

238A; Residence 119, Family 130

BEATTIE, William, 46, Farmer, Nova Scotia, Scotland, Scotland

_____, Jane, 46, wife, Keeping house, Ny, MA, NY

_____, Clara E., 19, dau., At home, NY, Nova Scotia, NY

_____, Charles W., 6, son, At school, NY, Nova Scotia, NY

_____, Coolidge F., 4, son, At school, NY, Nova Scotia, NY

ROWLEY, Elizabeth, 42, At this house, NY, MA, NY

GREGG, Dennis, 39, Servant, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

NIX, Thomas, 17, Servant, **NY**, Ireland, Ireland [Born 1863]

Note: **Thomas** was thought to be the son of **William Nix** and **Alice O'Hara**. However, their **Thomas** was living with the family and he was only 10 years old.

1892 NY Cortland Cortlandville, ED06

William Nix, 66, Ireland, C, Laborer

Alice Nix, 67, Ireland, C

William T. Nix, 26, US, C, Laborer

Thomas Nix, 23, US, C, Laborer

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 Dist 0091

8 Halbert Street, Res 139, Fam 152, Owns home with a mortgage

William Nix, Head, Aug 1824, 75, M, **45 yrs**, IR, IR, IR, 1868, 31 yrs, Cemetery Laborer

Alice Nix, Wife, May 1829, 71, M, **45 yrs**, Children: 6/6, IR, IR, IR, 1868, 31 yrs, Carriage shop

Thomas Nix, Son, July 1868, 31, M, 8 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Carriage Trimmer

Abbie Nix, Dau-in-law, May 1868, 32, M, 8 yrs, Children: 1/1, NY, NY, NY

Catherine Nix, Grand dau, April 1896, 4, S, NY, NY, NY

In The Newspapers

Real Estate Transfers

“**Alice Nix** to **William Nix**. Land in Cortland \$1,500.00”

August 2, 1895, Friday, The Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

A NEW POLICEMAN

William T. Nix Appointed by the Village Fathers Monday Night

“An informal ballot for an additional policeman resulted in **W. T. Nix** 3, **O. Reilly** 1. The ballot was declared formal, and **Mr. Nix** declared appointed.”

April 27, 1897, Tuesday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

Local -Personals

“**Mr. William Nix** started yesterday for Chicago, where he will visit for some time.”

October 22, 1902, Wednesday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

Brought Home from Chicago

“**Mr. Nix**, father of **William Nix** of this city, had a shock of paralysis in Chicago last week Saturday. He has sufficiently recovered so as to be able to be brought home and arrived on the 1 o'clock train today. He was at once taken to his home in an ambulance.”

November 22, 1902, Saturday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

RECORD OF DEATHS

“June 19, 1903 **William Nix** - cerebral apoplexy

February 5, 1904, Friday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

Name	Years	Cemetery	Obituary	Find A Grave
William Nix	1824-1903		No	No
Alice Nix	1832-1902	Cortland, NY	Yes	No
John Nix	1856-1935	St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	Yes	Yes
Anna Marie Nix	1857-?			
Anthony Nix	1859-1876			
James Bartholomew Nix	1861-?			
Honora Nix	1863-?			
Mary Nix Dalton	1865-1936	St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY		Yes
William T. Nix	1867-1926	St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY	Yes	
Thomas Nix	1868-?	St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY		

“**Anthony Nix** of Truxton was killed at Preble July 5 while attempting to board a moving coal train.” [This appears to have taken place in 1876]

March 2, 1900, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Death of Mrs. Nix

“**Mrs. Alice Nix**, wife of **Mr. William Nix**, and mother of Messrs. **John Nix**, **William T. Nix** and **Thomas Nix** and **Mrs. Patrick Dalton**, all of Cortland, died about 6:30 o'clock this morning at her home, 8 Halbert-st., from a complication of diseases. Her age was 70 years.

“Mrs. Nix was born in County Sligo, Ireland. Her maiden name was **Alice O'Hara**. In **1850** she came to this country, and in 1855 she married Mr. Nix in Constableville, N.Y. Subsequently they moved to Cortland, and have been residents here for many years. Aside from the children referred to, she is survived by a son, **James Nix** of Chicago and a daughter, **Mrs. David A. Baker**, who resides in Chicago.

“The funeral will be held from the house at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and at 9:30 at St. Mary's church. Burial in Cortland.”

The Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY, Thursday, January 16, 1902

Death of an Infant

“Cortland, Aug. 18. — **Paul**, 5-months-old son of **Mr. and Mrs. William Nix** of No. 151 North Main street, died at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral will be held from the house to-morrow morning.”

August 18, 1903, Friday, The Syracuse Herald, Syracuse, NY

WILLIAM T. NIX

Death Last Night, Came After Illness of Nine Months

“**William T. Nix** of 10 Halbert-st., 59, a well known citizen and associated with the Prudential Life Insurance company for a period of 25 years, passed away last evening at 9:45 o'clock at his home. Mr. Nix had been in ill health for close to nine months and confined to his bed the greater share of the time.

“He was a native of Truxton where he was born on Feb. 6, 1857 (actually 1867). He was the son of **William and Alice O’Hara Nix**, there being eight children of the family of whom four survive.

“Mr. Nix spent his earlier days at Truxton and came to Cortland 40 years ago last spring. He was united in marriage with **Miss Jennie Dowd** on March 27, 1894, the ceremony being performed in this city by the **Monsignor J. J. McLoughlin**, pastor of St. Mary’s church at the time.

“The deceased served the city for five years as a patrolman of the Cortland police department. His activities with the Prudential Life Insurance Co, started in the position of agent under the late **George Charron**. Mr. Nix was promoted to the duties of assistant superintendent at Waverly, moving there in 1906 for a nine years’ residence in that city. He then returned to Cortland and served efficiently in the same capacity of assistant superintendent until his illness last spring compelled him to retire from active business operations.

“Mr. Nix was a faithful communicant of St. Mary’s church and one of the most loyal and active members of Division No. 1 of the A.O.H. He served as president of the latter organization at various intervals for the past 11 years, always having a foremost part in arranging the plans of the St. Patrick’s day banquets. His presence was always apparent at these gatherings and no member was closer in touch with the affairs than William T. Nix. He was also a member of the Cortland council, No. 233, Knights of Columbus and of the Cortland County Sportsmen’s Association, Inc.

“Mr. Nix possessed many friends. His warm and open heart was one of his chief characteristics, he was always a friend in need and especially in the hours of sorrow and affliction. He made acquaintances readily and these companionships were lasting to the end, while in his civic and business affairs he bore the esteem and respect of all who knew him.

“He is survived by his wife, **Mrs. Jennie Nix** and four children, **William J. Nix**, **Miss Mabel Nix**, **Milo** and **Leo Nix**, all of Cortland. He also leaves three brothers and one sister, **James Nix** of Chicago, Ill., **John Nix** of Manlius, **Thomas Nix** and **Mrs. Mary Dalton** of Cortland.

“The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9 o’clock at the late home and at St. Mary’s church at 9:30 o’clock. The interment will be made in St. Amry’s cemetery.”

December 31, 1926, Friday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

JOHN NIX DEAD

Native of Truxton Had Lived in Cortland and Fayetteville

“**John Nix**, 78, a former resident of Fayetteville, died this morning, May 16, 1935, in Cortland following an illness of some two weeks. He made his home with his sister, **Mrs. Mary A. Dalton**, 10 Brown Avenue in this city.

“Mr. Nix was a native of Truxton where he was born a son of the late **William and Alice O’Hara Nix**. Years ago he lived in Cortland, but most of his recent years were spent at Fayetteville. He returned to this city about a year ago.

“Besides his sister, **Mrs. Mary A Dalton** of this city he is survived by a brother, **James Nix** of Chicago, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, **Mrs. Thomas Nix** and **Mrs. William Nix** of Cortland; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.”

May 16, 1935, Thursday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, N.Y.

John Nix and Margaret O'Donnell

(s/o John Nix and Hanora Pesklay)
(d/o Father and Mother)

John Nix
b. Jun 1832, Ireland
To US 1854
d. Dec 11, 1912, Binghamton

= **Margaret O'Donnell (1)**
b. 1830, Ireland
d. Jul 23, 1866, Truxton @ 36
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

— **John Nix**
b. Sept 1860
d. Jun 15, 1861, Truxton @ 10 mos
bur St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

— **John Nix**
b. Oct 13, 1863
bap. Nov 8, 1863, Truxton, NY

— **Thomas Nix**
b. 1864 (1875 census)
d. Feb 25, 1916, Cortlandville, NY

1916 in Fostoria, O.

= **Margaret LNU (2)**
b. Nov 1845, Ireland (1900 census)
To US 1861
mar 1869
d. Jul 4, 1920, New York City
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

1912 in Binghamton

— **William E. Nix**
b. 1871 (1880 census)
d. Sept 1914, Denver Colorado
bur Binghamton, NY

= **Delia McGowan**
b. 1871 (1892 census)
mar 1899
d. Apr 15, 1910, Binghamton, NY
Died of tubercular pneumonia
bur Binghamton, NY

1912 in Chicago
1916 in Cleveland O.

— **John Nix**
b. 1872 (1875 census)

1912 in Cortland

— **Hanora Nix**
b. 1874 (1880 census)
d. Mar 30, 1916, Cortland, NY

= **Timothy O'Connell**
b. 1870, Maine
mar 1897

1912 in Fulton, NY
1916 in Fulton, NY

— **Mary E. Nix**
b. 1876 (1880 census)
d. 1939
bur St. Mary's Cem, Fulton, NY

= **James Bernard Buell**
b. 1874 (1910 census), NY
mar 1901
d. Mar 3, 1946, Orwell
bur St. Mary's Cem, Fulton, NY

1912 in Fostoria, O.
1916 in Fostoria, O.

— **Edward Nix**
b. 1879 (1880 census)

1912 in NYC
1916 in NYC

— **Margaret E. Nix**
b. 1881 (1900 census)
b. 1890 (1915 census)

= **Oscar Larramore (Larmour)**
b. 1889 (1915 census)

1912 in Kingston, PA
1916 in Wilkes-Barre, PA

— **Gertrude A. Nix**
b. 1886 (1900 census)
b. Jul 13, 1885, Courtland, NY
d. Dec 26, 1969, Syracuse, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Dewitt, NY

= **Rial Sandwick**
b. Mar 24, 1885, McLean, Tompkins Co
mar 1910
d. Mar 31, 1967, Syracuse, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Dewitt, NY

Baptism Records

1074. **NIX, John**, son of John NIX and Margaret O'DONNELL, born 19 October 1863, baptized 8 November 1863, at Truxton. Sponsors: William Nix and Mary Melody. Priest: P. C. Brady.

Census Age Table

Name	1850	1855	1860	1865	1870	1875	1880	1892	1900	1905	1910
Location	Truxton			DeRuyter		Truxton	Truxton	Truxton	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland
John Nix	25			46		48	50		67	70	85
Margaret O'Donnell Nix				31	d. 1866						
Margaret LNU						30	36		54	59	70
Children											
John Nix (died in infancy)											
John Nix (died in infancy)											
Thomas Nix				1	7 ¹	11		27 ²			
Children w/ 2nd Wife											
William Nix						4	9				
John Nix						3	8				
Hanora Nix						1-3/12	6				
Mary E. Nix							4		23		
Edward Nix							1		21		
Margaret E. Nix									19	23	
Gertrude A. Nix									14	19	

Note 1: In 1870 **Thomas Nix** was living with **Thomas** and **Mary McGrath Nix**.

Note 2: In 1892 **Thomas Nix** was not living with his family. The nature of the data doesn't allow his assignment to a particular household. The **Nix** family was not found in the 1892 census after a page by page search.

Census Records

1850 NY Cortland Truxton M432-493, 136A;

Res 142, Fam 147

William JONES, 39, Blacksmith

...

Many people

...

John NIX, 25, Laborer, Ireland [Born 1825]

Note: This might be the **John Nix** who later married **Margaret O'Donnell**, son of **John and Nora Nix**. However, John and Nora's **John Nix** came to the US in 1854 and went to DeRuyter.

1860 - not found

1865 NY Madison DeRuyter

Res 357, Framed \$350 Fam 376

John Nix, 46, Ireland, Mar once, Mar now, Farmer, Naturalized

Margaret Nix, 31, Wife, Ireland, **Children: 2**, Mar once, Mar now

Thomas Nix, 1, Child, Cortland, S

1870 - Family not found.

Note: **Thomas Nix**, aged 7, was living with his uncle and aunt, **Thomas Nix** and **Mary McGrath**. This was probably before his father had remarried after the death of his first wife in 1866. **Note:** The marriage of **John Nix** and his 2nd wife, **Margaret LNU**, has been estimated as 1869.

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 105 Framed \$200 Fam 105

John Nix, 48, Ireland, M, Day Laborer, Na, Owner of land
Margarett Nix, 30, Wife, Ireland, M, Alien
Thomas Nix, 11, Son, Cortland, S
William Nix, 4, Son, Cortland, S
John Nix, 3, Son, Cortland, S
Hanora Nix, 1-3/12, Dau, Cortland, S

Note: Comparison with the 1865 census shows that son **Thomas** has aged 10 years, as expected, but his parents seem frozen in time. **John** only aged 2 years while his wife **Margaret** only aged 1 year. This **isn't Margaret O'Donnell** who died in 1866. This is **John's** 2nd wife who was also named **Margaret**.

1880 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 136

Res 110 Fam121

John Nix, 50, M, Laborer, IR, IR, IR
Margaret Nix, 36, Wife, M, Keeping house, IR, IR, IR
William Nix, 9, Son, S, At school, NY, IR, IR
John Nix, 8, Son, S, At school, NY, IR, IR
Honnora Nix, 6, Dau, S, At school, NY, IR, IR
Mary E. Nix, 4, Dau, S, At home, NY, IR, IR
Edward Nix, 1, Son, S, At home, NY, IR, IR

Note: Located on Cheningo Road between Severance and Pierce

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD03 Dist0089

37 Park Street, Res 75, Fam 82, Rents home

John P. Nix, Head, June 1832, 67, M, 31 yrs, IR, IR, IR, 1854, 46 yrs, Na, Laborer in Car Shop
Margaret Nix, Wife, Nov 1845, 54, M, 31 yrs, Children: 7/7, IR, IR, IR, , 1861, 39 yrs
Ella M. Nix, Dau, June 1876, 23, S, NY, IR, IR
Edward E. Nix, Son, Sep 1878, 21, S, NY, IR, IR
Margaret E. Nix, Dau, Aug 1880, 19, S, NY, IR, IR
Gertrude A. Nix, Dau, Jul 1885, 14, S, NY, IR, IR

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD02 Dist 0090

73 Groton Avenue, Res 119 Fam 147

Isaac Sandwick, Head, April 1844, 56, M, 32 yrs, NY, Eng, Eng, Carpenter
Sarah E. Sandwick, Wife, Feb 1842, 58, M, 32 yrs, Children: 6/3, NY, Mass, Conn, None
Rial N. Sandwick, Son, March 1884, 16, S, NY, NY, NY, Day Laborer

1905 Cortland Cortland WD03ED01

37 Park Street

John P. Nix, Head, 70, Ireland, 45 yrs, Cit, Helper (Car Shop)
Margaret Nix, Wife, 59, Ireland, 52 yrs, Cit, Housework
Margaret E. Nix, Dau, 23, US, Cit, Teacher
Gertrude A. Nix, Dau, 19, US, Cit At school

1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD03 Dist 0114

37 Park Street, Res 154 Fam 171, Rents home

John Nix, Head, 85, M1, 50 yrs, IR, IR, IR, 1840, Na, Laborer, Street, 52 wks

Margaret Nix, Wife, 70, M1, 50 yrs, Children: 9/8, IR, IR, IR, No immigration yr

Margaret O'Connell, Grandchild, 14, M1(?), NY, NY, NY

Note: This is **John's** 2nd marriage. He and **Margaret** were married in about 1869. 1st wife died in 1866.

1915 NY New York New York AD25 ED12

West 11th Street, Res 112/114

Samuel Larmour, Lodger, 66, Ireland, 35 yrs, Cit, Contractor

Oscar Larmour, Lodger, 26, US, 26 yrs, Cit, Mechanic

Margaret Larmour, 25, US, 25 yrs, Cit, Teacher

1915 - No **Sandwicks** in the Syracuse area

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD14 Dist 0193

116 Oxford Street, Res 67 Fam 142, Rents

Leonard Parker, Head, 51, M, NY, NY, NY, Woodworker, Portrait Co.

Anna Parker, Wife, 42, M, NY, NY, NY, None

Harry Sandwick, Brother-in-law, **66**, S, NY, NY, NY, Trimmer, Automobile Co.

Rial Sandwick, Brother-in-law, 35, S, NY, NY, NY, Trimmer, Automobile Co.

Note: **Harry Sandwick's** age is more likely 36, rather than 66. Rial is separated from his wife, Gertrude, and he is claiming to be Single.

1925 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD13 AD02 ED07

118 Bellevue Avenue

Rial Sandwick, Head, 35, US, Cit, Auto Trimmer

Gertrude Sandwick, Wife, 34, US, Cit, Housework

Robert Sandwick, Son, 12, US, Cit, School

1930 NY Onondaga Syracuse Dist 0084

104 Chester Street Fam 125, Rents, Radio

Rial Sandwick, Head, 46, M, Mar @ 21, NY, NY, NY, Automobile Trimmer, Automobile Shop, Not a veteran

Gertrude Sandwick, Wife, 44, M, Mar @20, NY, IR Free State, IR Free State, Teacher, Public School

Robert Sandwick, Son, 17, S, PA, NY, NY, None

In The Newspapers

LOCAL PERSONAL

“**MISS MARGARET NIX** of Cortland is visiting **Mr. and Mrs. William Nix** of 24 Morgan-st. — Binghamton Leader.”

July 12, 1900, Thursday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

March 14, 1913

“A son was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Rial Sandwick** of Kinston, Pa., Mrs. Sandwick was formerly Gertrude Nix of Cortland and a graduate of Cortland Normal in the class of 1907.”

March 14, 1913, Wednesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

TEN DAYS IN PEN FOR MAN WHO DROVE AUTO WHILE DRUNK

Rial Sandwick Sent Up Without Option of Fine

“One man was sentenced to serve 10 days in the penitentiary and fine of \$295 were imposed on 17 reckless and drunken drivers and traffic violations arraigned in Court of Special Sessions Monday.

“**Rial Sandwick**, 1152 W. Onondaga st., charged with driving while intoxicated, was sentenced to 10 days in Onondaga Penitentiary without any alternate fine. ...”

July 9, 1923, Monday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

Obituaries

Name	Years	Cemetery	Obituary	Find A Grave
John Nix	1829-1912		Yes	No
Margaret O'Donnell (1)	1830-1866	St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton		
Margaret LNU (2)	1845-1920	St. Mary's Cem., Cortland	Yes	No
1st Wife				
John Nix	1860-1861	St. Patrick's Cem., Truxton		
John Nix	1863			
Thomas Nix	1864-1916	—	Yes	No
2nd Wife				
William Nix	1871-1914	Binghamton, NY	Yes	No
John Nix	1872			
Hanora Nix O'Connell	1874-1916	—	Yes	No
Mary E. Nix Buell	1876-1939	St. Mary's Cem, Fulton, NY		Yes
Edward Nix	1879			
Margaret E. Nix Larmour	1881			
Gertrude A. Nix Sandwick	1886-1969	St. Mary's Cem, DeWitt, NY	Yes	Yes

Based on the information available John Nix's first wife Margaret O'Donnell died in 1866 and he married another woman also named Margaret and they continued having children. Strangely, when John Nix died in 1912 his son Thomas wasn't listed among his survivors. When William Nix (oldest child with the 2nd wife) died in 1914 Thomas wasn't mentioned as one of his survivors. In 1916, when Thomas died, all the children of the second marriage were listed as his survivors. John's 2nd wife was not listed as one of Thomas Nix's survivors.

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

Nix, John, b., d. Jun 15 1861, age: 10 mo, s/o John & Margaret Nix [born Sep 1860]

Nix, Margaret O'Donnell, b., d. Jul 23 1866, age: 36 yrs, w/o John Nix [born 1830]

The fate of the second John Nix is unknown.

JOHN NIX

A Former Resident of Cortland Died in Binghamton

“**John Nix** died in Binghamton Wednesday (Dec 11th) evening of cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Nix has been a resident of Cortland county for nearly sixty years. He had been in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company in their car shops here for over thirty years. Last January Mr. and Mrs. Nix went to Binghamton to reside with their eldest son, who had lost his wife and had two young children. Mr. Nix has been in excellent health until two weeks ago when he suffered a slight shock and Wednesday he died very suddenly. He is survived by his wife and seven children, **William Nix** of Binghamton, **John** of Chicago, Ill., **Edward** of Fostoria, O., **Margaret Nix** of New York, **Mrs. Bernard Buell** of Fulton, **Mrs. Rial Sandwick** of Kingston, Pa., and **Mrs. Timothy O'Connell** of this city. Funeral arrangements not yet been made.

December 13, 1912, Friday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Note: Son **Thomas Nix** is missing — he died in 1916

WILLIAM NIX

Brother of Mrs. T. D. O'Connell Died in Colorado

"Mrs. T. D. O'Connell of this city received word today that her brother, **William Nix**, whose home was in Binghamton, died in Denver, Colo., aged 43 years. He went to Colorado two years ago in the hopes of regaining his health and improved all the time while there, but complications set in and he underwent an operation last week and was in too weakened a condition to stand the shock. Mr. Nix's death is a particularly sad one because he leaves two children, the oldest being but 8 years of age, their mother having died 4 years ago. Besides his children he is survived by his mother, two brothers and four sisters.

"The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church in Binghamton, but the time is not known yet."

September 23, 1914, Wednesday, Cortland Standard

Thomas Nix

"**Thomas Nix**, a life-long resident of Cortland county, died at his home in Cortlandville Friday (Feb 25th) night after an illness of three months. He is survived by four sisters, **Mrs. Timothy O'Connell** of Cortland, **Mrs. Bernard Buell** of Fulton, **Mrs. Rial Sandwick** of Kingston, Pa., **Mrs. Oscar Larmore** of New York city; and by two brothers, **Edward Nix** of Fostoria, Ohio, and **John Nix** of Detroit, Mich."

March 3, 1916, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

DEATH OF THOMAS NIX

Funeral at St. Mary's Church on Saturday Morning

"**Thomas Nix** aged 52 years died last night in Cortlandville after an illness of three months duration.

"The deceased has always lived in Cortland county and made farming his occupation. He is survived by four sisters:

Mrs. Timothy O'Connell of this city,
Mrs. Bernard Buell of Fulton,
Mrs. Rial Sandwick of Kingston, PA.,
Mrs. Oscar Larmour of New York City,

Two brothers,

Edward Nix of Fostoria, Ohio,
John Nix of Detroit, Mich.

"The funeral will be held from the home of his sister **Mrs. Timothy O'Connell**, 54, Lincoln-ave. on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and from St. Mary's church at 9:30 o'clock. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery."

February 25, 1916, Friday, The Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

MRS. TIMOTHY D. O'CONNELL

Passed Away in Early Morning After a Short Illness

"**Mrs. Timothy D. O'Connell**, aged 39 years, died at her home 54 Lincoln-ave., this morning at 6:30 o'clock after an illness of short duration.

"Mrs. O'Connell was born in Truxton and was the daughter of **John and Margaret Nix**. The greater part of her life was spent in this city, where she was well known and respected by a large circle of friends. Mrs. O'Connell possessed a cheerful and pleasing disposition, quiet and friendly in her manners, and faithful in her religious duties. She was a member of St. Mary's church of this city.

“She leaves her husband and one daughter, **Margaret O’Connell** of this city, her mother, **Mrs. Margaret Nix**, of Fostoria, Ohio; three sisters, **Mrs. Bernard Buell** of Fulton, N.Y., **Mrs. Margaret Laramore** of New York city, **Mrs. Gertrude Sandwick** of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; two brothers, **Edward** of Fostoria, Ohio, and **John** of Cleveland, Ohio.

“The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

March 30, 1916, Thursday, Cortland Standard Cortland, NY

DIED

“**NIX** — In New York city, N.Y., July 4, 1920, **Mrs. Margaret Nix**, formerly of Cortland, aged 75 years. The remains will be brought to the city on Thursday morning for interment in St. Mary’s cemetery.”

July 7, 1920, Wednesday, Cortland Standard and Homer Republican, Cortland, NY

DIED IN NEW YORK

Mrs. Margaret Nix Passed Away at Home of Daughter

“**Mrs. Margaret Nix**, aged about 75 years, a former resident of this city, died last Sunday at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Margaret Larmour** in the city of New York. The remains will be brought to the city tomorrow for interment in St. Mary’s cemetery.

“Mrs. Nix was the widow of the late **John Nix** and she is survived by three daughter and two sons: **Mrs. Margaret Larmour** of New York city, **Mrs. Bernard Buell** of Fulton, **Mrs Reil Sandwick** of Pennsylvania. **Edward Nix** of Mount Clemens, Mich., and **John Nix** of Chicago.”

July 7, 1920, Wednesday, Cortland Standard and Homer Republican, Cortland, NY

Rial N. Sandwick

“**Rial N. Sandwick**, 83, of 502 Bellevue Ave., a trimmer and upholsterer for cars and buses, died yesterday at his home after a long illness. Born in McLean, Mr. Sandwick lived in Syracuse 48 years. He was a communicant of Most Holy Rosary Church.

“Surviving are his wife, **Mrs. Gertrude Nix Sandwick**; a son, **Capt. Robert J. Sandwick**, a member of the Syracuse Police Dept.; and a granddaughter, **Miss Marilyn Sandwick**.

“Services will be at 8:30am Monday at the Kompf Funeral Home and 9am in Most Holy Rosary Church. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.”

April 1, 1967, Saturday, The POST-STANDARD, Syracuse, NY

Mrs Gertrude Nix Sandwick

“**Mrs Gertrude Nix Sandwick**, of 502 Bellevue Ave., died yesterday after a long illness. She was born in Cortland and has been a resident of Syracuse 50 years. A retired teacher, she taught for 25 years in the Syracuse system. Most of the period was spent at Bellevue Junior High School.

“Surviving are a son, **Capt. Robert J. Sandwick** of the Syracuse Police Dept.; and a granddaughter, **Miss Marilyn Sandwick**.

“Services will be at 9:30am Monday at the Kompf Funeral Home and 10am in Most Holy Rosary Church. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.”

December 27, 1969, Saturday, The POST-STANDARD, Syracuse, NY

Find A Grave

James Birney Buell

BIRTH: 7 Jan 1874, Fulton, Oswego County, NY
DEATH: 3 Mar 1946 (aged 72) Orwell, Oswego County, NY
BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Fulton, Oswego County, NY
PLOT: Section 5 - Our Lady of Hope
MEMORIAL ID: 127818732

Ellen Mary Nix Buell

BIRTH: Jun 1876
DEATH: 1939 (aged 62–63)
BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Fulton, Oswego County, NY
PLOT: Section 5 - Our Lady of Hope
MEMORIAL ID: 127818754

Rial Newton Sandwick

Birth: 24 Mar 1884, McLean, Tompkins County, NY
Death: 31 Mar 1967 (aged 83), Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY
Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, Onondaga County, NY
Plot: Sec 86 Lot 378 Space 4A
Memorial ID: 209753729

Gertrude A. Nix Sandwick

Birth: 13 Jul 1885, Cortland, Cortland County, NY
Death: 26 Dec 1969 (aged 84), Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY
Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, Onondaga County, NY
Plot: Sec 86 Lot 378 Space 5A
Memorial ID: 209753447

Robert J Sandwick

Birth: 14 Mar 1913, Kingston, Westmoreland County, PA
Death: 20 Dec 1988 (aged 75), Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY
Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, Onondaga County, NY
Plot: section 86 lot 378 space 1A
Memorial ID: 183157547

Nix, Phelan (14)

Hanora Nix
wife of
Thomas Phelan
d. Dec. 3, 1868
Aged 32 years

Margaret O'Connell
w. of
John Nix
Died July 23, 1866
Age 36

John, son of
John & Margaret Nix
D. June 15, 1861
Age 16 mo.

Inscriptions on two adjacent gravestones found along the western edge of St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY, in the northwestern corner. O'Connell should be O'Donnell. Age "16 mo" is "10 mo"

Thomas Nix and Mary McGrath

(s/o John Nix and Hanora Pesklay)

(d/o Patrick McGrath and Ann Cawley)

Mary McGrath bap. Jun 16, 1832, Mayne, Mayne par, Westmeath, Ireland To US 1848 (1900 census) d. 1924 bur. St. James, Cazenovia, NY	=	Thomas A. Nix b. 1831 Ireland mar. Nov. 18, 1856 Cazenovia To US 1850 (1900 census) d. Jan 21, 1909 bur. St. James, Cazenovia, NY	In the 1900 census Mary's number of children was: 11/8
This is probably the child that died before 1900 to bring the number down to 8.	—	John Nix b. Aug. 15, 1857, NY	Wasn't listed with his own family in the 1870 or 1880 census.
1909 in Cazenovia 1924 in Cazenovia	—	Mary Ann Nix b. Feb. 17, 1861, NY	= Thomas Dady b. June 9, 1859 m. Jan. 11, 1887
1909 in Cazenovia 1924 in Cazenovia	—	Honora (Nora) B. Nix b. June 11, 1862, NY (b. 1863) d. 1954 bur. St. James, Caz.	= Charles H. Googin b. 1857 m. Jan. 12, 1888 d. 1941 bur. St. James, Caz.
1909 in Syracuse 1924 in East Syracuse	—	Anna Nix b. ~1865 m. Jan. 11, 1887 d. 1933 bur. St. James, Cazenovia	= William Dwyer b. 1860 d. 1940 bur. St. James, Cazenovia
1909 in Cazenovia 1924 in Perryville, Madison Co.	—	Margaret Nix b. ~1867 m. April 11, 1888 d. 1942 bur. St. James, Caz.	= Thomas Joseph Burke b. Dec. 16, 1860 Perryville, Mad. Co., NY d. May 1, 1947 Cazenovia bur. St. James, Cazenovia
1909 in Boston 1924 in Boston, Mass.	—	Katie Nix b. Sept. 1869	= Eugene Sweeney b. 1866, IR To US 1890
1909 in Cazenovia 1924 in Cazenovia Born 1863? or 1870?	—	Thomas A. Nix, Jr. b. 1872 (Grave) d. 1958 bur. St. James, Cazenovia	= Bridget Gregg b. 1880 m. June 8, 1904 d. 1916 bur. St. James, Cazenovia
1909 in Towanda, Pa. 1924 in Perryville, Madison Co	—	Ellen Nix b. 1873, Cortland Co. d. 1954 bur. St James, Cazenovia	= James Dougherty b. 1871, NY mar Apr 18, 1898, Cazenovia d. 1954 bur St. James, Cazenovia
1909 in Cazenovia 1924 in Cazenovia	—	Elizabeth Nix b. 1880, NY d. 1944 bur. St. James, Cazenovia	= Daniel T. Sullivan b. 1878, NY d. 1949 bur. St. James, Cazenovia

Marriage Recs - St. James, Cazenovia

089. **NIX, Thomas** married **Mary MC GRATH** 18 November 1856
Priest: Michael W. Rooney, Witnesses: Anthony Nix and Margaret Nix

487. **DOUGHERTY, James A.** married **Helena F. NIX** 18 April 1898
Priest: Daniel Doody, Witnesses: Thomas Dougherty and Elizabeth Nix

508. **SULLIVAN, Daniel** married **Lizzie NIX** 10 June 1902
Priest: Albert J. Hayes, Witnesses: Frank McDonald and Kittie Hanlon

Thomas Nix and Mary McGrath

442. **NIX, John**, son of Thomas NIX and Mary McGRATH, born 15 August, baptized 6 September 1857. Sponsors: John Nix and Honora Nix. Priest: M. W. Rooney.

789. **NIX, Mary Ann**, daughter of Thomas NIX and Mary McGRATH, born 17 February, baptized 9 June 1861, at Truxton. Sponsors: Thomas Phelan and Mary Nix. Priest: Bonaventure Carney.

996. **NIX, Honora**, daughter of Thomas NIX and Mary McGRATH, born 11 June 1862, baptized 8 February 1863. Sponsors: Patrick McGrath and Honora Nix. Priest: P. C. Brady.

William DWYER and Anna NIX

2372. **DWYER, Helena Frances**, daughter of William DWYER and Anna NIX, born 11 September 1893, baptized 1 October 1893
Sponsors: Charles Gookin and Mary Nix, Priest: J. L. Meagher

2404. **DWYER, William**, son of William DWYER and Anna NIX, born 14 August 1895, baptized 1 September 1895
Sponsors: Thomas Burke and Nora Googin, Priest: J. L. Meagher

2436. **DWYER, James Leo**, son of William DWYER and Anna NIX, born 24 April 1897, baptized 9 May 1897
Sponsors: Helena F. Nix and Thomas Dady, Priest: Daniel Doody

Thomas DADY and Mary NIX

2334. **DADY, Mary Anna**, daughter of Thomas DADY and Mary NIX, born 13 February 1891, baptized 29 March 1891

Sponsors: Thomas Nix and Catherine Dady, Priest: J. L. Meagher
"Married Christopher BOWES 14 August 1939, in this Church. Rev. R. J. Lynch."

2371. **DADY, Catherine Irene**, daughter of Thomas DADY and Mary NIX, born 3 August 1893, baptized 1 October 1893

Sponsors: Philip Reily and Mary Millet, Priest: J. L. Meagher
"Married Walter MOORE, a non-Catholic, 29 October 1921."

2416. **DADY, Thomas Richard**, son of Thomas DADY and Mary NIX, born 17 March 1896, baptized 19 April 1896

Sponsors: William Dwyer and Elizabeth Nix, Priest: Daniel Doody

2473. **DADY, Anna Honora**, daughter of Thomas DADY and Mary NIX, born 22 November 1898, baptized 18 December 1898

Sponsors: Mary Nix and James Purcell, Priest: Daniel Doody

Census Records

1865 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 107 Framed \$400 Fam 118

Thomas Nix, 36, Ireland, Mar once, Mar now, Famrer, Na
Mary Nix, 32, Wife, Ireland, Children: 5, Mar once, Mar now, Alien
Honora Nix, 8, Child, Chenango
Mary A. Nix, 4, Child, Madison
Ann Nix, 11/12, Child, Cortland

1870 Cortland County M593\922 Truxton

902B; Residence 266, Family 270

NIX, Thomas, 38, Farm Laborer, Ireland
____, Mary, 36, Ireland
____, Mary, 9, NY
____, Hanora, 7, NY
____, Anna, 5, NY
____, Margaret, 3, NY
____, Katie, 8/12, NY (Sept.)
PHELAN, Thomas, 38, Ireland
____, John, 6, NY
NIX, Thomas, 7, NY

Note 1: Is 7-year-old **Thomas Nix** the son of **Thomas** and **Mary Nix**? According to **Thomas Nix's** gravestone he was born in 1872 — so he couldn't appear in the 1870 census. This **Thomas Nix** is the son of **John Nix** and **Margaret O'Donnell**.

Mary McGrath (dau. of Patrick and Ann McGRATH) married Thomas NIX on Nov. 18, 1856 by Michael W. Rooney at Cazenovia. Witnesses: Anthony NIX and Margaret NIX.

Thomas and Mary NIX had a son John born 15 Aug. 1857. At the time of the 1870 census he would have been 12 and wasn't listed as living with his parents. He was too young to be on his own or working for another farmer. Perhaps he had died.

Thomas Phelan was the husband of Hanna NIX. Hanna died Dec. 3, 1868 (age 32 years). Since Thomas Phelan was living with Thomas NIX in 1870 Hanna was probably a sister of Thomas NIX.

John NIX mentioned on the adjacent grave is probably a brother of Hanna and Thomas.

1880 – not found

1892 NY Madison Fenner

Thomas Nix, 64, Ireland, C, Farmer
Mary Nix, 69, Ireland, C
Patrick McGraw, 84, Ireland, C, Farmer [Father-in-law]
Kate Nix, 22, U.S., C
Thomas Nix, 21, U.S., C, Farmer
Florence Thair, 10, U.S., C
Ellen Nix, 17, U.S., C
Elizabeth Nix, 12, U.S., C

1900 NY Madison Fenner Dist 0010

Res 4 Fam 4, Owns farm No. 4 with a mortgage

Thomas Nix, Head, Mar 1832, 68, M, 43 yrs, IR, IR, IR, **1850**, 50 yrs, Na, Farmer
Mary Nix, Wife, Feb 1834, 66, M, 43 yrs, Children: 11/8, IR, IR, IR, 1848, 52 yrs
Thomas A. Nix, Son, Jan 1874, 26, S, NY, IR, IR, Teamster
Lizzie G. Nix, Dau, Feb 1880, 20, S, NY, IR, IR

1905 NY Madison Fenner

Bingley Road, Res 202

Thomas A. Nix, Head, 33, US, Cit, Farmer, OA
Bridget E. Nix, Wife, 24, US, Housework

Bingley Road, Res 203

Thomas Nix, Head, 74, Ireland, 51 yrs, Cit, Farmer, OA
Mary Nix, Wife, 70, Ireland, 51 yrs, Cit, Housework

1910 NY Madison Cazenovia Dist 0004

Res 169 Fam 171, Rents farm

Thomas A. Nix, Head, 38, M1, 6 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, General Farm, OA
Bridget Nix, Wife, 30, M1, 6 yrs, Children: 3/3, NY, IR, IR, None
Catharine Nix, Dau, 4, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Mary Nix, Dau, 3, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Thomas Nix, Jr., Son, 1-7/12, S, NY, NY, None, NY

1910 – Mary McGrath Nix not found

Children's Census Records

1920 MA Suffolk Boston WD10 Dist 0278

423 Seventh Street, Res 100 Fam156, Owns home with a mortgage

Eugene Sweeney, Head, 54, M, 1890, Na, 1895, IR, IR, IR, Motorman, Elevated Railway
Catherine Sweeney, Wife, 50, M, NY, IR, IR, None
John F. Sweeney, Son, 18, S, Mass, IR, NY, Checking Clerk, Silvery Bureau
Mary E. Sweeney, Dau, 14, S, Mass, IR, NY, None

1920 NY Madison Fenner Dist 0107

Dougherty's Road, Farm, Res 184 Fam 184, Owns farm No. 158

James Dougherty, Head, 49, M, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, General Farm
Nellie Dougherty, Wife, 45, M, NY, IR, IR, None
James Dougherty, Son, 19, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Mary Dougherty, Dau, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Lawrence Dougherty, Son, 15, S, Penna, NY, NY, None
Thomas Dougherty, Son, 12, S, Penna, NY, NY, None
Helen Dougherty, Dau, 9, S, Penna, NY, NY, None
William Dougherty, Son, 5, S, Penna, NY, NY, None
Paul Dougherty, Son, 1-10/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None
John Dougherty, Brother, 44, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, General farm

1920 NY Madison Cazenovia Dist 0103

Res 361 Fam 377

Margaret Wallace, Head, Owns free, 63, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Daniel T. Sullivan, Head, Owns w/ mortgage, 42, M, NY, Penna, IR, Ice Dealer, OA

Elizabeth Sullivan, Wife, 40, M, NY, IR, IR, None

Elizabeth Sullivan, Dau, 15, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Veronica Sullivan, Dau, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Dorothy Sullivan, Dau, 2-6/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Note: For some reason there were two “Heads” of this family. It would make more sense if the counting got out of sync, since they can’t both own the same property.

Obituaries

Name	Years	Cemetery	Obituary	Find A Grave
Thomas A. Nix	1831-1909	St. James, Cazenovia	Yes	Yes
Mary McGrath	1832-1924	St. James, Cazenovia	Yes	Yes
John Nix	1857			No
Mary Ann Nix Dady	1861			No
Honora B. Nix Googin	1862-1954	St. James, Cazenovia		No
Anna Nix Dwyer	1865-1933	St. James, Cazenovia		Yes
Margaret Nix Burke	1867-1942	St. James, Cazenovia		Yes
Katie Nix Sweeney	1869			No
Thomas A. Nix, Jr.	1872-1958	St. James, Cazenovia		Yes
Ellen Nix Dougherty	1873-1954	St. James, Cazenovia		Yes
Elizabeth Nix Sullivan	1880-1944	St. James, Cazenovia		Yes

“**NIX** — At Cazenovia, N.Y., on the 21st inst., **Thomas Nix**, aged 75 years. Survived by his widow **Mary Nix**: seven daughters, **Mrs. William Dwyer** of Syracuse, **Mrs. Eugene Sweeney** of Boston, **Mrs. James Dougherty** of Towanda, Pa., and **Mrs. Thomas Dady**, **Mrs. Charles Googin**, **Mrs. Donald Sullivan** and **Mrs. Thomas Burl**, all of Cazenovia, and one son, **Thomas Nix** of Cazenovia. Funeral will be held from his late home Saturday morning at 9 o’clock and at St. James Church at 10 o’clock. Friends are invited. Burial at Cazenovia.”

January 22, 1909, Friday, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

Mrs. William Dwyer of Syracuse,
Mrs. Eugene Sweeney of Boston,
Mrs. James Dougherty of Towanda, Pa.,
Mrs. Thomas Dady, of Cazenovia,
Mrs. Charles Googin, of Cazenovia,
Mrs. Donald Sullivan, of Cazenovia,
Mrs. Thomas Burl (Burke?), of Cazenovia,
Thomas Nix of Cazenovia.

Mrs. Mary Nix, 92, Is Survived By 38 Grandchildren

“The death of **Mrs. Mary Nix**, 92, occurred early Wednesday (Jan 9th) morning at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Thomas Dady**, in Pompey Hollow. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o’clock from St. James church with burial in St. Agnes cemetery.

“Mrs. Nix was born in Ireland and came to this country at the age of fourteen years. She had been a resident of Cazenovia for the past forty years. She was the widow of the late Thomas Nix who died about fourteen years ago.

“Mrs. Nix is survived by seven daughters, **Mrs. Thomas Dady**, **Mrs. Charles Googin** and **Mrs. Dan Sullivan** of Cazenovia, **Mrs. William H. Dwyer** of East Syracuse, **Mrs. T. J. Burke** and **Mrs. J. A. Dougherty** of Perryville and **Mrs. Eugene Sweeney** of Boston, Mass., and one son **Thomas Nix** of Cazenovia, thirty-eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The bearers at the funeral were her six sons-in-law.”

Cazenovia Republican, Cazenovia, Thursday, January 10, 1924

Mrs. William H. Dwyer of East Syracuse,
Mrs. Eugene Sweeney of Boston, Mass.
Mrs. J(ames) A. Dougherty of Perryville
Mrs. Thomas Dady of Cazenovia
Mrs. Charles Googin of Cazenovia
Mrs. Dan Sullivan of Cazenovia,
Mrs. T(homas) J. Burke of Perryville(?)
Thomas Nix of Cazenovia

OBITUARY - Thomas Nix

“Cazenovia lost one of its respected citizens when **Thomas Nix** died at his home on Lake Road, January 21. Mr. Nix was born in County Limerick, Ireland, seventy-five years ago. He came to this country in 1854. When he first arrived here, he moved from place to place until he settled near Truxton. It was here that he met his wife, who was **Miss Mary McGrath**. They married at Cazenovia, in 1856. He moved near Cazenovia twenty-seven years ago, and has since made it his home. Besides many who will mourn his loss as a friend, he is survived by his widow and seven daughters,

Mrs. W. H. Dwyer, East Syracuse;
Mrs. Eugene Sweeney, Boston;
Mrs. J. A. Dougherty, Towonda, Pa.;
Mrs. Thos. Burke, Perryville;
Mrs. Thos. Dady, Cazenovia
Mrs. Chas. Googin, Cazenovia
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, Cazenovia

And one son,

Thos. A. Nix, Cazenovia

And thirty-five grandchildren.

Two brothers,

Anthony Nix of Ireland

John Nix of Cortland

The funeral was held Saturday morning from St. James’ church. Interment was made in St. Agnes cemetery (aka St. James). The remains were borne to their last resting space by six of his grandsons, Miles and Thomas Dwyer of East Syracuse; Wm. And Chas. Burke of Perryville; John Dady and Walter Googin of Cazenovia.

The following were in town Saturday to attend the funeral:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dwyer and family,

Mrs. James Donnelly,

Mrs. John Hanlon,

Mrs. M. H. O'Donnel of East Syracuse,

Mrs. Eugene Sweeney, Boston;

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dougherty, Towanda, Pa.;

Miss Helen Dady, LaFargeville, NY;

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Buell, Fulton;

Thoms. Nix, Ithaca;

Wm. Nix, Waverly, Pa.;

Mr. and Mrs. John Nix,

Mr. and Mrs. John Mac

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O'Connell,

Mrs. Ella O'Connor,

Mrs. Patrick Dalton,

Mrs. John Kernan,

Messrs. **Thos. Phelan, John A. Nix** and **John Nix** of Cortland;

Misses **Nellie** and **Nora McCarthy, Patrick Guilfoyle** of Syracuse.”

January 21, 1909, Thursday, The Cazenovia Republican, Cazenovia, NY

Note: Thomas' brother **Anthony** in Ireland is covered in the "[Anthony Nix and Bridget Ahern](#)" section. **Mrs. Ella O'Connor** is the daughter of **Anthony** and **Bridget Nix**.

NIX DEATHS – St. James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY

Nix (maiden name), see Anna E. Nix Dwyer.

Dwyer, Anna E. Nix, wife of William H. Dwyer, born 1865, died 1933.

Dwyer, William H., born 1860, died 1940.

Nix (maiden name), see Elizabeth Nix Sullivan.

Sullivan, Elizabeth Nix, born 1880, died 1944.

Nix (maiden name), see Margaret Nix Burke.

Burke, Margaret Nix, wife of Thomas Joseph Burke, born 1867, died 1942.

Burke, Thomas Joseph, born 1860, died 1947.

Nix (maiden name), see Nora Nix Googin.

Googin, Charles H., born 1857, died 1941.

Googin, Nora Nix, wife of Charles H. Googin, born 1863, died 1954.

Nix, Thomas A., born 1872, died 1958.

Nix, Bridget Gregg, wife of Thomas A. Nix, born 1880, died 1916.

Nix, Thomas, born 1831, died 1909.

Nix, Mary, wife of Thomas Nix, born 1833, died 1924.

Nix, Mary E., born 1907, no other data given.

Nix, Thomas J., born 1908, died 1984.

Find A Grave

<p>Thomas Nix BIRTH: 1831 DEATH: 1909 (aged 77–78) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 129144847</p>	<p>Mary Nix BIRTH: 1833 DEATH: 1924 (aged 90–91) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985636</p>
<p>Elizabeth Nix Sullivan BIRTH: 1880 DEATH: 1944 (aged 63–64) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92984867</p>	<p>Daniel T Sullivan BIRTH: 1878 DEATH: 1949 (aged 70–71) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92984748</p>
<p>Thomas A Nix BIRTH: 1872 DEATH: 1958 (aged 85–86) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985996</p>	<p>Bridget Gregg Nix BIRTH: 1880 DEATH: 1916 (aged 35–36) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92984604</p>
<p>Thomas J Nix BIRTH: 28 Oct 1908, NY DEATH: Jun 1984 (aged 75), Cazenovia, NY BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985997</p>	<p>Marion J Ball Nix BIRTH: 26 Mar 1912, Onondaga County, NY DEATH: 29 Jan 1997 (aged 84), Cazenovia, NY BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 131209002</p>
<p>Anna E Nix Dwyer BIRTH: 1865 DEATH: 1933 (aged 67–68) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92984505</p>	<p>William H Dwyer BIRTH: 1860 DEATH: 1940 (aged 79–80) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, New York, USA MEMORIAL ID: 92986053</p>
<p>Helena F Nix Dougherty BIRTH: 1874 DEATH: 1954 (aged 79–80) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985039</p>	<p>James A Dougherty BIRTH: 1870 DEATH: 1954 (aged 83–84) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985104</p>
<p>Margaret Nix Burke BIRTH: 1867 DEATH: 1942 (aged 74–75) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985442</p>	<p>Thomas Joseph Burke BIRTH: 1860 DEATH: 1947 (aged 86–87) BURIAL: Saint James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY MEMORIAL ID: 92985962</p>

Patrick Melody and Mary Nix

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o John Nix and Hanora Pesklay)

Patrick Melody

b. 1828, Ireland
d. Nov, 1880, Truxton
bur. St Patrick's Cem,
Truxton, NY

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Mary Nix

b. Apr 1833, Ireland (1900 census)
mar Aug 2, 1857
d. Jan 16, 1909, North Homer, NY
bur. St Patrick's Cem, Truxton, NY

Baptism Records

No Melody baptism records found at St. James. It appears that this couple never had any children. In the 1900 census Mary Melody reported that she had never given birth to any children.

Census Records

1855 NY Cortland Truxton ED02

Res 236 Fam \$1000 Fam 298

Judah Pierce, 62, Mass, M, 40 yrs, Farmer, Native, Owner of land

Fanny Pierce, 53, Wife, Mass, M, 31 yrs

A. B. Pierce, 27, Child, Cortland, 24 yrs, Farmer, Native

Frances Pierce, 21, Child, Cortland, 21 yrs

Alvin Pierce, 20, Child, Cortland, 20 yrs, Farmer

Elizabeth Pierce, 15, Child, Cortland, 15 yrs

Charles Danzig, 12, Help, Cortland, 12 yrs

Patrick Mulludy, 30, Help, Ireland, **5/12 yrs**, Farmer, Alien

Louis Walten, 19, Female, Help, Oneida, 5 yrs

Sarah Campbell, 63, Boarder, Mass, Wd, **5/12 yrs**

Elisu Campbell, 33, Boarder, Cortland, **5/12 yrs**

1860 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 23 Fam 23

Patrick Melody, 32, Farmer, Real Est \$1600, Per Est \$428, Ireland

Mary Melody, 25, Ireland

Catherine O'Neil, 65, Ireland

1860 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 168 Fam 175

Calvin Severance, 35, Farm, Real Est \$4400, Per Est \$1636, NY

Rosamond Severance, 34, Farm, NY

George Severance, 10, Farm, NY

Louisa Severance, 4, Farm, NY

Elizabeth Severance, 6/12, Farm, NY

Roselee Morgan, 22, Farm Laborer, NY

Bridgett Malody, 39, Domestic, Ireland

1865 – **Patrick Melody** not found. Searched Truxton page by page

1870 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 177 Fam 179

Patrick Melady, 40, Farmer, Real Est \$3700, Per Est \$1000, Ireland, Citizen
Mary Melady, 36, Keeping House, Ireland, Cannot Write
Mary Melady, 3, NY
Thomas Melady, 1, NY
Hanora Nicks, 78, Ireland

Note: The parents of all of the above were of foreign birth. **Hanora Nicks** is probably **Hanora Nix** and is the mother of **Mary Nix Melody**. The children Mary and Thomas are Patrick and Mary Melody's niece and nephew. These are the children of Mary's sister, Honora Nix and Thomas Phelan. Honora died in 1868.

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 82 Framed \$400 Fam 82

Patrick Malody, 45, Ireland, M, Farmer, Na, Owner of land
Mary Malody, 41, Wife, Ireland, M, Alien
Mary Phelan, 8, Niece, Cortland, S
Thomas Phelan, 6, Nephew, Cortland, S
Hanora Nix, 80, Mother, Ireland, Wd, Alien

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

235A-235B; Residence 62, Family 72

MALLADY (MELODY), Patrick, 50, Farmer, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland
_____, Mary, 40, Wife, Keeping house, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland
PHELAN, Mary, 13, **Niece**, With family, NY, Ireland, Ireland
PHELAN, Thomas, 11, **Nephew**, At School, NY, Ireland, Ireland
QUIN, Honnora, 27, Cousin, At this house, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland
QUIN, Mary, 4/12, Blank, At this house, NY, Ireland, Ireland

Note: Honnora Quin not found in the 1875 or 1892 census

1900 NY Cortland Cortlandville Dist 0086

Res 66 Fam 70, Owns home with a mortgage

John Kernan, Head, Oct 1864, 35, M, 12 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Blacksmith
Mary Kernan, Wife, Oct 1866, 33, M, 12 yrs, Children: 2/2, NY, IR, IR
Francis Kernan, Son, July 1889, 10, S, NY, NY, NY, At school
Harold Kernan, Son, Aug 1894, 5, S, NY, NY, NY, At school
Mary Melody, Aunt, Apr 1833, 67, Wd, Children: 0/0, IR, IR, IR

Obituary

Name	Years	Cemetery	Obituary	Find A Grave
Patrick Melody	1830-1880	St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton	Yes	No
Mary Nix Melody	1834-1909	St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton	Yes	No

Crushed by a Tree

“**Patrick Melody** was cutting trees on the farm of **Dennis Carr**, near Truxton, when one fell. It struck Melody and crushed him to death.”

November 14, 1880, Sunday, The Sunday Courier, Syracuse, NY

MRS. MARY MELODY

Died at the Home of Her Niece in the Early Morning

“**Mrs. Mary Melody**, aged 76 years, died at the home of her niece, **Mrs. John Kernan**, at 1 o'clock this morning (Saturday morning). The funeral will be held from her late home Monday morning at 9 o'clock and from St. Mary's church at 9:30 o'clock.”

January 16, 1909, Saturday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

THREE OLD RESIDENTS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Melody, Mrs. I. H. Rhodes and Mrs. Jannette Frost

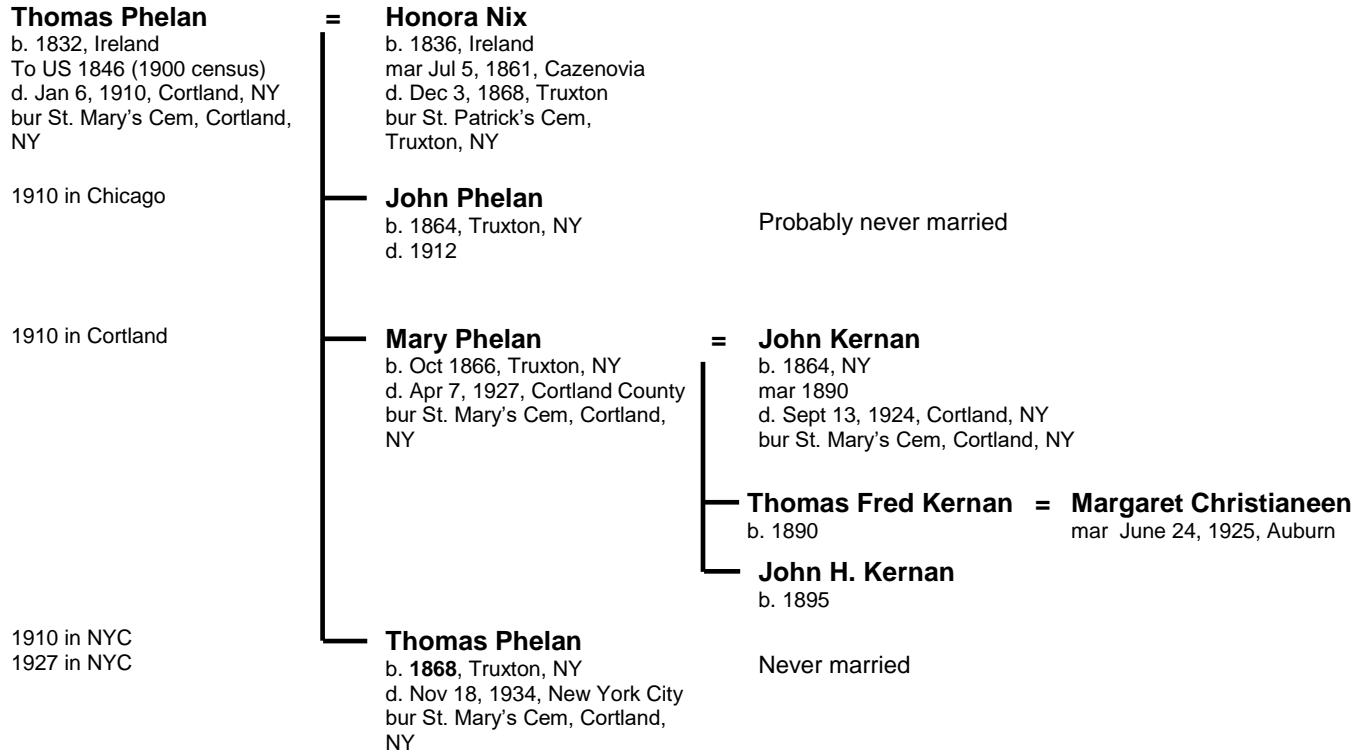
“Cortland, Jan 16. — **Mrs. Mary Melody** died at the home of her niece, **Mrs. John Kernan**, in North Homer avenue this morning at 1:30 o'clock. Her age was 76 years. Last summer Mrs. Melody experienced a severe shock of paralysis and a few days ago she suffered another, from which she did not rally. Her husband died a good many years ago, having been killed by a falling tree at Truxton. Mrs. Melody was an estimable woman and she had the respect of all who knew her. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of her niece and at 9:30 from St. Mary's church. Interment will be made in the family lot at Truxton.”

January 16, 1909, Saturday, The Syracuse Herald, Syracuse, NY

Thomas Phelan and Honora Nix

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o John Nix and Hanora Pesklay)



Note 1: Thomas Phelan was the Administrator of his father's estate. His address was 318 West 29th St, New York City

Note 2: Catherine Phelan Flaherty, b. 1830, Ireland, arrived in the US in 1862. Is she any relation to **Thomas Phelan** or the Phelens of Shevry, Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary?

Marriage Record

169. **PHELAN, Thomas** married **Honorah NIX** 5 July 1861, at Cazenovia.
Priest: Bonaventure Carney, Witnesses: Thomas Nix and Catherine Mc Nally

Census Records

Thomas Phelan to the US in 1846 (1900 census)

1850 – **Thomas Phelan** not found

1855 – **Thomas Phelan** not found

1860 – **Thomas Phelan** not found - Truxton was searched page by page

Thomas Phelan married **Honorah Nix** on July 1, 1861

1860 Cortland County, M653\608; - Truxton??

Res 252, Fam 267

David S. SEVERANCE, 40, Farmer, 3250, 1176, NY

Harriett M. _____, 38, Farmer, NY

Jane T. _____, ?, NY

Ann GRADY, 16, Domestic, Ireland

Honorah NIX, 22, Domestic, IRELAND (Born ~ 1838)

Mary JEFFERY, 64, Domestic, NY

Wm. Dalrymple, Domestic, NY

Note: **Honorah Nix** is the daughter of **John Nix** and **Nora Pesklay**. The future wife of **Thomas Phelan**

1865 – **Thomas Phelan** not found — Searched Truxton page by page

1870 Cortland County M593\922 Truxton, 901A; June 20, 1870

Res 238, Fam 242

PIERCE, Charles, H., 34, Real Est \$20,000, Per Est \$5400, NY

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PHELAN, Thomas, 40, Farm laborer, Ireland

MELDRIM, John, 26, NY [Son of Thomas and Nancy Meldrim]

Note: This appears to be the widower **Thomas Phelan** moving around, adjusting to his wife's death in December 1868.

1870 Cortland County M593\922 Truxton, 902B; June 22, 1870

Res 265, Fam 270

NIX, Thomas, 38, Farm Laborer, Ireland, Citizen

_____, Mary, 36, Ireland

_____, Mary, 9, NY

_____, Hanora, 7, NY

_____, Anna, 5, NY

_____, Margaret, 3, NY

_____, Katie, 8/12, NY (Sept.)

PHELAN, Thomas, 38, Ireland, Citizen

_____, John, 6, NY

NIX, Thomas, 7, NY

Note 1: The parents of all the above were of foreign birth

Note 2: Is 7-year-old **Thomas Nix** the son of **Thomas** and **Mary Nix**? According to **Thomas Nix's** gravestone he was born in 1872 — so he couldn't appear in the 1870 census. This **Thomas Nix** is the son of **John Nix** and **Margaret O'Donnell**.

Note 3: **Mary McGrath** (dau. of **Patrick and Ann McGRATH**) married **Thomas NIX** on Nov. 18, 1856 by **Michael W. Rooney** at Cazenovia. Witnesses: **Anthony NIX** and **Margaret NIX** (this is probably **Anthony's** wife **Margaret Griffin**).

Note 4: Thomas and Mary NIX had a son, **John**, born 15 Aug. 1857. At the time of the 1870 census he would have been 12 and wasn't listed as living with his parents. He was too young to be on his own or working for another farmer. Perhaps he had died.

Note 5: Thomas Phelan was the husband of **Hanna NIX**. Hanna died Dec. 3, 1868 (age 32 years). **Thomas Phelan** was living with **Thomas NIX** in 1870, the deceased Hanna was a sister of **Thomas NIX**.

1870 NY Cortland Truxton, June 18, 1870

Res 177 Fam 179

Patrick Melady, 40, Farmer, Real Est \$3700, Per Est \$1000, Ireland, Citizen

Mary Melady, 36, Keeping House, Ireland, Cannot Write

Mary Melady, 3, NY

Thomas Melady, 1, NY

Hanora Nicks, 78, Ireland

Note 1: The parents of all of the above were of foreign birth.

Note 2: Hanora Nicks is probably **Hanora Peskly Nix**, the mother of **Mary Nix Melody**. The children **Mary** and **Thomas** are **Patrick** and **Mary Melody's** niece and nephew. These are the children of Mary's sister, **Honora Nix** and **Thomas Phelan**. **Honora** died in 1868. Their sibling **John Phelan** was living on the nearby farm of **Thomas** and **Mary Nix** with his father **Thomas Phelan**.

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 82, Framed \$400, Fam 82

Patrick Malody, 45, Ireland, M, Farmer, Naturalized, Owner of land

Mary Malody, 41, Wife, Ireland, M, Alien

Mary Phelan, 8, Niece, Cortland, S

Thomas Phelan, 6, Nephew, Cortland, S

Hanora Nix, 80, Mother, Ireland, Wd, Alien

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

237B; Residence 111, Family 122

PIERCE, Charles A., 43, Farmer, NY, NY, NY

_____, Sarah, D., 37, wife, Keeping house, NY, CT, NY

_____, Elison, 16, dau., At home, NY, NY, NY

_____, W. Wyatt, 14, son, At home, NY, NY, NY

_____, Lucy, 4, dau., At home, NY, NY, NY

_____, Cevina(?), 2, dau., At home, NY, NY, NY

FELAN, Thomas, 47, Servant, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

NIX, Mary, 23, Servant, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

235A-235B; Residence 62, Family 72

MALLADY (MELODY), Patrick, 50, Farmer, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

_____, Mary, 40, Wife, Keeping house, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

PHELAN, Mary, 13, **Niece**, With family, NY, Ireland, Ireland

PHELAN, Thomas, 11, **Nephew**, At School, NY, Ireland, Ireland

QUIN, Honnora, 27, Cousin, At this house, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

QUIN, Mary, 4/12, At this house, NY, Ireland, Ireland

1892 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED07

Thomas Phalon, 25, US, C, Trimmer

Note: This is the son of **Thomas Phelan** and **Honora Nix**

1892 - The older Thomas Phelan and his daughter Mary could not be found.

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD02 Dist 0090

72 Main Street, Res 259, Fam 322

William Randall...

— others

Thomas Phelan, Servant, Dec, 1832, 67, Wd, IR, IR, IR, 1847, 52 yrs, Na, No occupation

1900 - Thomas Phelan's children, Mary and Thomas could not be found.

1910 NY Cortland Cortlandville Dist 0123

Homer Avenue, Res 39 Fam 38

John Kernan, Head, 46, M1, 20 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Blacksmith, Shop, OA

Mary Kernan, Wife, 44, M1, 20 years, Children: 2/2, NY, IR, IR, None

Fred Kernan, Son, 20, S, NY, NY, NY, Student, School

H. Kernan, Son, 15, S, NY, NY, NY, Student, School

Homer Avenue, Res 40 Fam 39 (Living next door)

J. Kate Kernan, Head, 70, Wd, Children: 6/5, IR, IR, IR, 1853, Alien, None

Note: Mary Kernan is the former **Mary Phelan**. **J. Kate Kernan** is obviously the mother of **John Kernan**.

In The Newspapers

((Syracuse OR Cortland) w/2 NY) AND ((Thomas) w/2 (Phelan OR Phalen OR Phalon OR Phelon)) AND (filename contains(1850~~1880)) - No hits

FROM PORTO RICO

John Phelan Tells of His Experience in a Most Interesting Manner

“Mrs. John Kernan of Cortland has received the following letter from her brother, John Phelan, who was at the time of writing in Porto Rico. Mr. Phelan is a son of Mr. Thomas Phelan of Cortland. He left his home here about a year ago and enlisted from Chicago:

ON THE FIELD NEAR MAYAGNEZ

Aug. 16, 1898.

“DEAR SISTER — Well, we arrived on this island all right after a voyage of eight days and have been continually on the march or fighting since. We have fought two pitched battles with the Spanish and besides we have been skirmishing with guerillas all the night and day. I am on the Gatling gun detachment and we have been at the front all the time and have been complimented time after time for our good work. The country here where we are is very mountainous and very hard to campaign in, as the roads are poor and the rainy season has set in. In our fights our loss has been small, owing to the poor marksmanship of the enemy. Still we have lost two men and have several wounded on the Gatlin detachment. All the natives are friendly to us with the exception of the wealthy Spanish, and they pretend to be after the army is in their neighborhood. The natives are no more than slaves and are exceedingly poor. They are all a mixture of negroes and low Spanish and, while most of them are very ignorant, they have some remarkably good traits, being polite, honest and very accommodating. They are poorly fed and will do anything for some of our rations. Ourhardtack which we consider pretty tough they seem to think a choice morsel, and the tin cans in which our rations come are eagerly gathered up by them for dishes.

“Porto Rico as a country is fine and the climate delightful. We expected the climate to be worse here than in Florida, but were much surprised to find it a great improvement. When the

sun shines and there is no breeze of course it is very hot, but there is a breeze blowing nearly all the time, and the nights are quite cool. One always sleeps comfortably under a heavy blanket. The dew is heavy, and there is considerable rain at this season of the year. The soil is fertile and when cultivated will grow about anything. The principal crops where we are are coffee and bananas. Oranges do well here and lemons grow wild. Coconuts are as plentiful as apples in New York, and in the season pineapples are plentiful. A coconut costs one cent and the other fruit is so plentiful that I never heard of any one selling it.

“The national drink here is rum and costs 20 cents a quart, or one cent a drink, but I can tell you that it is something fierce and if a man goes up against it once and come back he is certainly a stayer and should be entitled to a pension after the war.

“We are camped now about fifteen miles from the coast on the top of the mountain ranges that reach from one end of the island to the other. We do not know what we are held here for, although there has been some talk about an armistice having been made. We have not heard anything from the United States since we left Tampa, and know nothing about what is going on in the outside world. We had some quite severe lightning for two days and if the rumor of peace is unfounded we expect a battle at a town seven miles ahead, where we hear the enemy is entrenched. On the 12th inst. We completely routed the Spanish, capturing their colonel, lieutenant colonel and all the field officers of one regiment. We also got one of their military bands and a large amount of stores and guns. Our commanding officer is General Schwan and he is a fighter from the start, but don't seem to have any regard for his troops' health or comfort, sometimes pitching camp on wet and swampy ground when we could just as well go to a dry place. But I don't complain as some things are better than I expected and I have been lucky so far. I was very fortunate in getting detailed on these guns as we do not have to walk or carry our equipment like the other fellows. Of course we are always at the front in a fight, but I do not mind that any more. The first fight we were in I was somewhat scared, but as soon as we got our guns unlimbered and into action I did not mind it anymore. There was a man shot beside me the other day and that made me kind of nervous for a while. My position on the gun is feeding it, that is putting the cartridges into what is known as the hopper, and I have a good chance to see all the action that is going on in front in time of action.

“I think one could do quite well here after the war is over, especially if he could speak some Spanish and was fairly well educated. The people here have been taxed so much that they do not put in much time raising crops. On the basis of what the tax now is I think the people will go ahead again and times should be good again on the island. If some American farmer came here and worked as they do in the States it would be only a short time before they became rich, and this is certainly a rich and fertile land.

“Well, dear sister, I shall be glad to hear from you all again and trust you and all are well. I would like some Cortland papers. By the way I met one Fitzgerald here. He is in the Eleventh infantry and asked me to have you tell his sister, Jim Sheridan's wife, that he is well and all right. His company has been to the front with us all the time and he was pretty well shot up once. Give my love to all the folks and the next time you write send to my New York address, as I may need it some time or other. Answer at once and I suppose in about a month I will hear from you.

Your loving brother,
John Phelan

Address Gatling Gun Detachment.

Eleventh Infantry, U.S.A., Porto Rico

September 8, 1898, Thursday, Cortland County Sentinel, Cortland, NY

“IN PURSUANCE of an order of **Hon. J. E. Eggleston**, Surrogate of the County of Cortland, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of **John Phelan**, late of the City of Cortland, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, at the office of Dowd & Dowd, attorneys, at the City of Cortland, N. Y., on or before the 15th day of January, 1913.

Dated July 1, 1912

Thomas Phelan,
Administrator, etc.
156-6 mo tue.”

July 9, 1912, Tuesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

“**Thomas Phalen** of New York city is the guest of his sister, **Mrs. John Kernan**, of North Homer-ave.”

June 27, 1914, Saturday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

“**Thomas Phalen** of New York is spending a fortnight’s vacation with old friends in Cortland, which was formerly his home.”

July 1, 1918, Monday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

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April 6, 1926, Tuesday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

Obituaries

THOMAS PHELAN

Dropped Dead on the Street in Front of the Place Where He Worked for Years.

“**Thomas Phelan**, who resided with his son-in-law, **John Kernan**, in Homer ave., beyond the city limits, dropped dead in front of the Randall house in Main-st. at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Death was due to heart failure.

“Mr. Phelan, who was in his 84th year, left home at 8:15 o'clock this morning boarding the car from Homer-ave. in Cortland at 8:30. He left the car at the head of Railroad-st. and went to Kernan's Family liquor store, where he sat for a time and looked over the newspaper. He then went to the Randall green house and chatted for a while with **George Cleary**. He appeared to be feeling as well as usual. He left the greenhouse and had just reached the street when his heart failed him and he expired instantly. The remains were removed to McEvoy's undertaking rooms.

“Mr. Phelan had been a resident of Cortland for many years and for more than twenty-five years working in the Randall greenhouse and about the estate. He had not been there recently, but made his home with Mr. Kernan. His heart had long troubled him.

“He is survived by two sons and one daughter, **Thomas Phelan** of New York, **John Phelan** of Chicago and **Mrs. John Kernan** in Cortland.

“The funeral arrangements will be announced later.”

January 6, 1910, Thursday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Kernan Died in Field 200 Yards From Home

“**John Kernan**, nearly 60 years old, was found dead Saturday afternoon in the field about 200 yards from his home, in Homer avenue, near the overhead crossing. **Dr. F. H. Forshee** of McGrawville, the town health officer, gave heart disease as the cause of death

“Mr. Kernan was last seen alive the evening before, when he was in good health apparently. The body was found by **Oscar Whiting** and **John Cowley**, neighbors who were searching for him.

“Mr. Kernan was a lifelong resident of the county and a member of the firm of Buckley & Kernan, blacksmiths. He is survived by his wife, two sons, **John H. Kernan**, of Syracuse and **Thomas F. Kernan** of Cortland; a sister, **Mrs. Frank Gallagher** and a brother, **Daniel Kernan**, both of Cortland.

“The funeral was held at St. Mary's church, Monday morning, and burial was made at St. Mary's cemetery.”

September 19, 1924, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Death of Mrs. Kernan

“**Mrs. Minnie Kernan**, widow of **John Kernan**, of 21 Arthur Avenue, died Thursday morning, April 7, 1927 at the hospital aged 60 years. Mrs. Kernan fell and broke her hip recently and has been failing in health since. She leaves two sons, **Thomas F Kernan** of Utica and **John H. Kernan** of Syracuse, and a brother, **Thomas Phelan** of New York City. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at John McEvoy's home and at 9:30 at St. Mary's Church.”

April 8, 1927, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, N. Y., Number 6

MRS. MINNIE KERNAN

Deceased Broke One Hip Last Fall, Other Last Friday

“Mrs. Minnie Kernan, the widow of the late **John Kernan**, died in this city at 10 o’clock this morning. The fore part of last September Mrs. Kernan had the misfortune to fall and break her right hip while at the home of a friend.

“Her condition showed a general improvement from the accident but last Friday she fell at her home 21 Arthur ave., breaking the other hip. The general shock of the mishap together with its action on the heart was the means of only hastening the end.

“The deceased was born at Truxton and she was the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phelan**, there being three children of the family. Mrs. Kernan has been a resident of Cortland for the past forty years. She was a faithful and devoted communicant of St. Mary’s church and a member of the L.C.B.A.

“Her husband, the late **John Kernan**, died at his home on North Homer ave., Sept. 13, 1924.

“Mrs. Kernan is survived by two sons, **Thomas F. Kernan** of Utica and **John H. Kernan** of Syracuse; and her one brother, **Thomas Phelan** of New York city.

“The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9 o’clock at the funeral parlors of John McEvoy, 69 North Main-st., and at St. Mary’s church at 9:30 o’clock. The burial will be made in St. Mary’s cemetery.”

April 7, 1927, Thursday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

DEATH OF THOMAS PHELAN

Native of Truxton Expires in New York City.

“**Thomas Phelan**, 66, died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, Nov. 18, 1934 in New York City, following an illness of over two years. Mr. Phelan was born in Truxton, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phelan**.

“He moved to New York City about 35 years ago and had been employed with Lord & Taylor until the past four years. The only survivors are two nephews, **Thomas F** and **John Kernan** of Syracuse.

“The remains will arrive in Cortland tomorrow morning and the funeral services will be held at 9:30 Wednesday morning at McEvoy’s funeral parlors and at 10 at St. Mary’s Church. Burial will be made in St. Mary’s Cemetery. The funeral was held in St. Mary’s Church, Cortland, Wednesday morning, and burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery.”

November 19, 1934, Monday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, N. Y.

Find A Grave

Thomas Phelan

Birth: 1832

Death: 4 Jan 1910 (aged 77–78), Cortland County, NY

Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, Cortland County, NY

Plot: section 1, lot 175

Memorial ID: 140884618

Mary “Minnie” Phelan Kernan

Birth: Oct 1866

Death: 7 Apr 1927 (aged 60), Cortland County, NY

Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, Cortland County, NY

Plot: section 1, lot 175

Memorial ID: 140884620

Thomas Phelan Jr.

Birth: 1868

Death: 18 Nov 1934 (aged 65–66), New York County, NY

Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, Cortland County, NY

Plot: section 1, lot 175

Memorial ID: 140884619

Nix, Phelan (14)

Hanora Nix
wife of
Thomas Phelan
d. Dec. 3, 1868
Aged 32 years

Margaret O'Connell
w. of
John Nix
Died July 23, 1866
Age 36

John, son of
John & Margaret Nix
D. June 15, 1861
Age 16 mo.

Inscriptions from Nix gravestones in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

The Second Nix Family

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Father and Mother)

Unknown

b. in Ireland
d. in Ireland

From Limerick. Settled in Orange Co, NY in 1846. Settled in Truxton about 1855. Died in 1894 and a brother **William** in Columbus, WI survived him

= Unknown

b. in Ireland
d. in Ireland

Anthony Nix

b. ~1814 Ireland
d. Dec 30, 1894, Truxton
bur. St. Patrick's
Truxton, NY

= Margaret Griffin

b. 1822 Ireland
m. ?
d. 1892
bur. St. Patrick's, Truxton, NY

William (2) Nix

b. May 1824, Ireland (1900)
To US 1846 (1900)
d. 1901, Dodge Co, WI
bur Columbus, WI

= Mary LNU

b. Apr 1824, Ireland (1900)
d. Oct 8, 1909, Dodge, WI

John Nix

b. Jun 24, 1817, Limerick
d. Mar 14, 1893
bur St. Jeromes Cem, Columbus, WI

= Bridget LNU

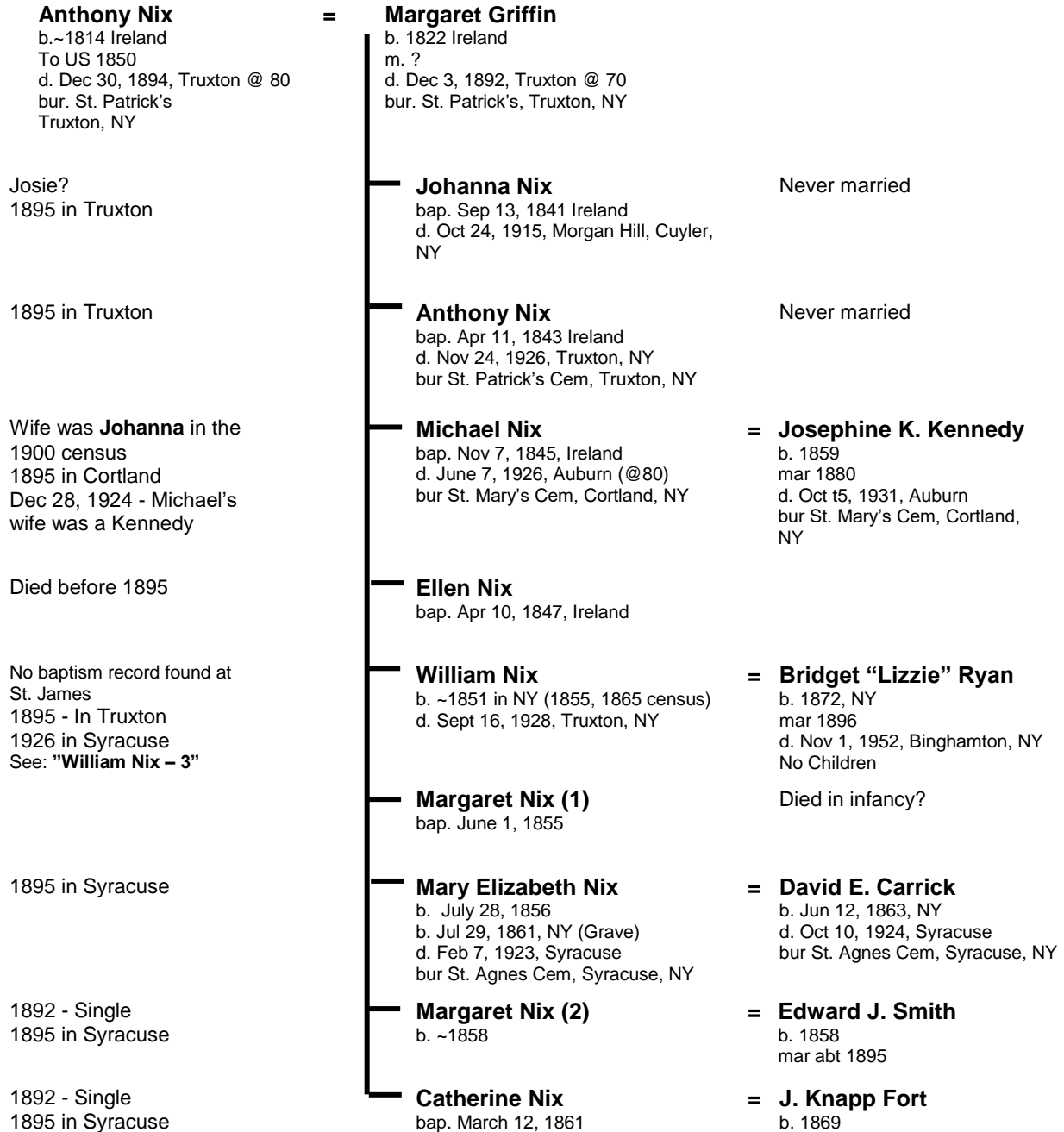
b. Feb 2, 1815
d. Dec 23, 1883
bur St. Jeromes Cem, Columbus, WI

John Nix was not listed as a survivor in Anthony's 1894 obituary because John Nix died almost two years prior to Anthony's death.

Anthony Nix and Margaret Griffin

(s/o Father and Mother)

(d/o Father and Mother)



William A. Nix's wife's name is Jessie M. (Son of Michael Nix and Johanna Kennedy)
July 30, 1912 "**William A. Nix** and **Miss Jessie Marie Rounds** were united in marriage by Rev. Patrick Donohue, pastor of St. Mary's church."

July 29, 1922, Saturday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

NIX, Margaret, baptized 1 June 1855
Sponsors: Michael Dwyer and Catharine Ryan.

NIX, Mary Eliza, baptized 11 December 1856, at Truxton.
Sponsors: Patrick McGrath and Mary McGrath.

NIX, Catherine, baptized 16 May 1861, at Truxton.
Sponsor: Anna Stewart.

Irish Church Records

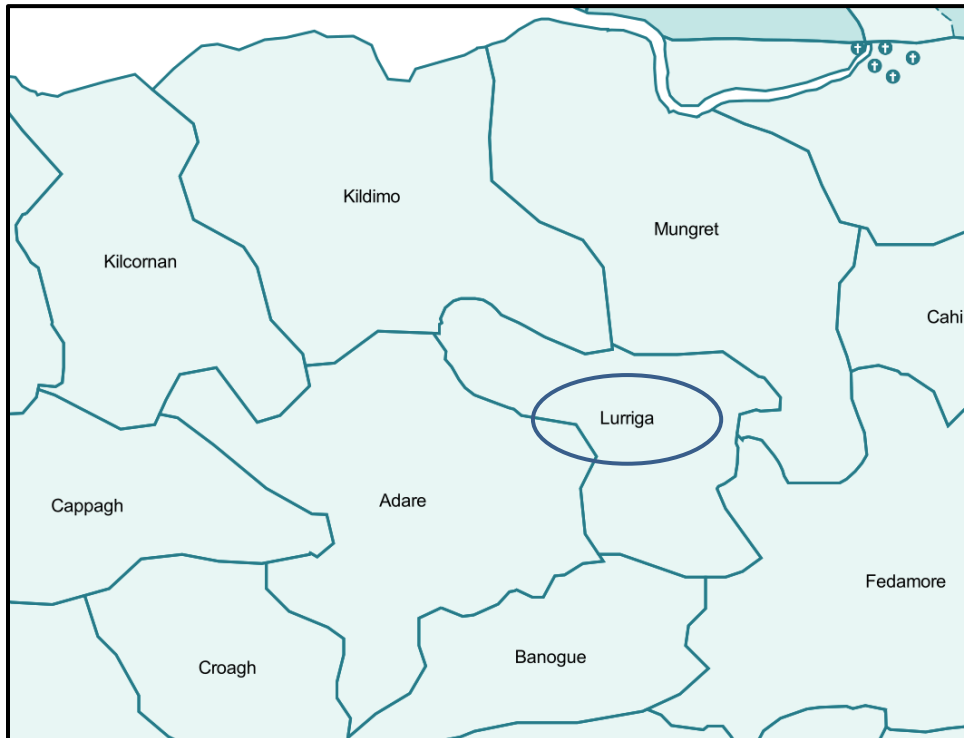
Lurriga RC, Limerick Diocese – Baptism – 1801 - 1881

September 13, 1841 - **Joanna Nix** - Parents; Antonia Nix and Margarite Griffin
Res: None. Sps. Joanne McNamara and Elizabetha Nix

April 11, 1843 - **Anthony Nix** - Parents: Anthony Nix and Margaret Griffin
Res: None. Sps. Jacob Nix and Catherine McNamara

November 7, 1845 - **Michael Nix** - Parents: Antonie Nic and Margarita Griffin
Res: None. Sps. Patricio Connell and Catherine Reardan

April 10, 1847 - **Ellen Nix** - Parents: Antonia Nix and Margarite Griffin
Res: None. Sps: Davidis Danaher and Maria Hickey



This is a map of the Roman Catholic (RC) parishes located to the southwest of the city of Limerick in Co. Limerick. The church records for the Nix family above were from the Lurriga RC parish shown in the blue oval on the map above.

St. Michael's (Limerick City), Limerick Diocese

February 9, 1810 - **Anthony Nix** - Parents: James Nix and Margarete Dundon

Res: None. Sps. Robert Erkins and Catharine King.

Note: This is the only baptism record for these parents. There is no convincing evidence that this is the Anthony Nix being sought.

No marriage record could be found in the Irish Parish records for **Anthony Nix** and **Margaret Griffin**.

Baptism Records – St. James, Cazenovia, NY

Anthony Nix and Margaret Griffin

190. NIX, Margaret, daughter of Anthony NIX and Margaret GRIFFIN, baptized 1 June 1855

Sponsors: Michael Dwyer and Catharine Ryan. Priest: J. P. Cahill.

358. NIX, Mary Eliza, daughter of Anthony NIX and Margaret GRIFFIN, born 28 July, baptized 11 December 1856, at Truxton. Sponsors: Patrick McGrath and Mary McGrath. Priest: M. W. Rooney.

775. NIX, Catherine, daughter of Antony NIX and Margaret GRIFFIN, born 12 March, baptized 16 May 1861, at Truxton. Sponsor: Anna Stewart. Priest: Bonaventure Carney.

Note: It's interesting that Anthony and Margaret Nix never asked any of the other Nix individuals in the area to be baptism sponsors.

Census Age Table

Name	1850	1855	1860	1865	1870	1875	1880	1892	1900	1910	1915
Location	Truxton	Truxton	Truxton	Truxton		Truxton	Truxton	Truxton	Truxton	Truxton	Truxton
Anthony Nix	30	40	47	53		56	68	70	d. 1894		
Margaret Griffin Nix	25	33	35	48		50	65	65	d. 1892		
Children											
Joanna Nix	9	14		20				40	57	65	71
Anthony Nix	7	12		18					54	67	70
Michael Nix	5	10	15	16	22 ²						
Ellen Nix	3	8	13	17							
William Nix		4	10	14		24	26	30			
Margaret Nix (1)		1/12									
Mary Elizabeth Nix			4	9		18	23	28 ¹			
Margaret Nix (2)			2	6		16	20	22 ¹		44	
Kattie Nix				4		14	18	20 ¹			

Note 1: In 1892 **Mary E. Nix** was living with her husband **David Carrick** in the 6th Ward of Syracuse. Also living with the couple were Mary's sisters **Margaret** and **Katherine**. The sisters' ages are all in the correct sequence but the ages themselves are seriously in error. Based on the information in the family tree the ages should be **Mary (38)**, **Margaret (36)** and **Katherine (31)**.

Note 2: **Michael Nix** was working and boarding on the **David Smith** farm in Truxton.

Census Records

1850 NY Cortland Truxton M432-493

148B July 18, 1850;

Residence 319, Family 330

Anthony NIX, 30, Laborer, Ireland

Margaret NIX, 25, Ireland

Johanna NIX, 9, Ireland

Anthony NIX, 7, **NY**

Michael NIX, 5, **NY**

Ellen NIX, 3, **NY**

Note: Arrival (1847-1850). Anthony, Michael and Ellen were all born in Ireland (see Irish baptism records below)

1855 NY Cortland Truxton ED02 - census day was June 1, 1855

Res 97 Frame \$100 Fam 110

Anthony Nix, 40, Ireland, M, 5 yrs, Farmer, Naturalized

Margaret Nix, 33, Wife, Ireland, M, 5 yrs

Johanna Nix, 14, Child, Ireland, 5 yrs

Anthony Nix, 12, Child, Ireland, 5 yrs

Michael Nix, 10, Child, Ireland, 5 yrs

Ellen Nix, 8, Child, Ireland, 5 yrs

William Nix, 4, Child, Cortland, 4 yrs

Margaret Nix, 1/12, Child, Cortland, 1/12 yrs

Note: **Margaret** might be **Mary Elizabeth**. There might have been an earlier **Margaret** who subsequently died in infancy, prior to the 1860 census. However no evidence of this death has been found and no subsequent **Margaret** appears to have been born in 1858 to this family, although this latter **Margaret** continues to appear in the subsequent census records.

1860 Cortland County, M653\739 - Truxton??

602; Residence 210, Family 221

Anthony NIX, 47, Farmer, Real Est \$2000, Per Est \$815, **NY**

Margaret ____, 35, Ireland

Michael ____, 15, Ireland

Ellen ____, 13, Ireland

William ____, 10, **NY**

Mary ____, 4, **NY**

Margarett ____, 2, **NY**

Note: Family in Ireland in 1847. **Joanna** and **Anthony** missing. **Anthony** might have been working on a nearby farm - see **Kenney** farm below

606; Residence 238, Family 252

Moses KENNEY, 57, Farmer, 16,000, 5,505, **NY**

Frances ____, 45, **NY**

Adelia ____, 17, **NY**

Mary E. ____, 12, **NY**

Celestia D. ____, 9, **NY**

Anthony NIX, Jr., 19, Farm laborer, Ireland

Kendrick SHEDD, 16, Farm laborer, **NY**

608; Residence 252, Family 267

David S. SEVERANCE, 40, Farmer, 3250, 1176, **NY**

Harriett M. _____, 38, Farmer, NY
Jane T. _____, ?, NY
Ann GRADY, 16, Domestic, Ireland
Hanorah NIX, 22, Domestic, IRELAND (Born ~ 1838)
Mary JEFFERY, 64, Domestic, NY
Wm. Dalrymple, Domestic, NY

Note: Hanorah Nix is the daughter of **John Nix** and **Nora Pesklay**. The future wife of **Thomas Phelan**

1860 Cortland County, M653\739 - Truxton??

584; Residence 80, Family 85

John B. BUELL, 34, Farmer, \$4000, \$2494, NY
Emily _____, 29, NY
Thomas BUELL, 75, NH
Sarah _____, 62, NY
Charles S. _____, 6, NY
Wm. M. _____, 5, NY
Flora D. _____, 3, NY
Lora A. _____, 1, NY
Carrie E., _____, 4/12, NY
George CRIPMAN, 19, Farm laborer, NY
Johanna NIX, 17, Domestic, NY [Born 1843]

Note: Johanna might be the daughter of **Anthony Nix** and **Margaret Griffin**. She was not living with the family during the 1860 census.

1865 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 276, Framed, \$100, Fam 298

Anthony Nix, 53, Ireland, Mar once, Mar now, Na, Owner of land
Margeret Nix, 48, Wife, Ireland, Children: 12, Mar once, Mar now, Alien
Johannah Nix, 20, Dau, Ireland, S
Anthony Nix, 18, Son, Ireland, S, Farm
Ellen Nix, 17, Dau, Ireland, S
Michael Nix, 16, Son, Ireland, S, Farm
William Nix, 14, Child, Cortland
Mary Nix, 9, Child, Cortland
Margaret Nix, 6, Child, Cortland
Catherine Nix, 4, Child, Cortland
James Mach, 20, Nephew, Ireland, Farm, Alien

1870 Cortland County M593\922 Truxton

888B; Residence 37, Family 37

SMITH, David, 28, Farmer, 0, 0, NY
_____, Emeline, 26, NY
_____, Nellie, 1, NY
NIX, Michael, 22, Farm laborer, NY
RYAN, Daniel, 19, Farm laborer, Ireland
SCHELLINGER, Elizabeth, 19, Domestic servant, NY

Note: Michael might be the son of **Anthony Nix** and **Margaret Griffin**. However, their Michael was born in Ireland

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 227 Framed \$100 Fam 234

Anthony Nix, 56, Ireland, M, Farmer, Na, Owner of land
Margarett Nix, 50, Wife, Ireland, M
William Nix, 24, Son, Cortland, S, Native
Mary Nix, 18, Dau, Cortland, S
Margaret Nix, 16, Dau, Cortland, S
Katie Nix, 14, Dau, Cortland, S

1875 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 244 Framed \$1200 Fam 253

William Jones, 64, S. Wales, M, Farmer, Naturalized, Owner of land
Mary A. Jones, 59, Wife, Cortland, M
William N. Jones, 18, Son, Cortland, S
Mary Russell, 24, Hired, Canada, M, Domestic, Alien
Michael Nix, 28, Hired, Cortland, S, Famer Labor, Native [Born 1847]

Note: This farm was on the West Road out of Truxton. This would seem to be the same **Michael Nix** found in the 1870 and 1880 census however this **Michael Nix** was born in Cortland County.

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

243A; Residence 209, Family 224

NIX, Anthony, 68, Farmer, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland
____, Margaret, 65, wife, Keeping house, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland
____, William, 26, son, Works on farm, NY, Ireland, Ireland
____, Mary, 23, dau., Teaches school, NY, Ireland, Ireland
____, Margaret, 20, dau., At home, NY, Ireland, Ireland
____, Kattie, 18, dau., Teaching school, NY, Ireland, Ireland

1880 Cortland County, T9\822\Part 1 Truxton

234B; Residence 53, Family 63

PIERCE, William J., 45, Farmer, NY, NY, NY
____, Jenni, wife, 43, NY, NY, NY
PIERCE, William, 72, Father, NY, MA, MA
NIX, Michael, 32, Servant, **Ireland**, Ireland, Ireland [Born 1848]
HAYES, Charles L., 23, Servant, Labors on farm, NY, NY, NY
HAYES, Chester L., 19, Servant, Teaching school, NY, NY, NY
KENNEDY, Johanna, 19, Servant, At home, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

Note: **Michael** might be the son of **Anthony Nix** and **Margaret Griffin**. **Johanna Kennedy** might be the future bride of **Michael Nix**.

1892 NY Cortland Truxton ED01

Anthony Nix, 70, Ireland, C, Farmer
Margaret Nix, 65, Ireland, C
William Nix, 30, US, C
Johanna Nix, 40, US, C

Note: After the death of his parents **William Nix** remained on at the family farm on the North Road out of Truxton. He was there in 1910 and 1920.

1892 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD06 ED04

Margaret L. Nix, 22, US, C, Hairdresser

David E. Carrick, 28, US, C, Clerk

Mary E. Carrick, 28, US, C

Mary E. Crofoot, 20, US, C

Anna E. Crofoot, 15, US, C

Katherine E. Nix, 20, US, C

Note: Margaret (22), Mary (28) and Katherine (20) are the **Nix** sisters. The 1892 census doesn't designate the different residences and families and that makes it difficult to tell which individuals are living together. It seems plausible that the Nix sisters would be living with their married sister, Mary E. Carrick, but then who are the Crofoot individuals? Based on the information in the family tree the ages should be **Mary (38), Margaret (36) and Katherine (31)**. The ages are WAY OFF!

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0093

110 Elm Street, Res 302 Fam 357, Owns Home

M. A. Nix Head, Nov 1850, 49, M, 20 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Hotel

Johanna Nix, Wife, Feb 1863, 37, M, 20 yrs, children: 4/3, IR, IR, IR

William Nix, Son, Jun 1884, 16, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

Margrette Nix, Dau, Oct 1889, 10, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

Lillian Nix, Dau, Jun 1892, 7, S, NY, IR, IR, At school

David Morris, Boarder, Aug 1849, 50, S, Eng, Eng, Eng, Wire Washer, 0 mos not empl

Eugene Harrington, Boarder, Apr 1876, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Nick Polisher, 4 mos not empl

Daniel Hurlihy, Boarder, May 1840, 60, S, NY, NY, NY, Day Laborer

Michael Fitzgerald, Boarder, Feb 1850, 50, S, NY, NY, NY, Stone Moulder, 4 mos not empl

Beatrice Tobin, Servant, Mar 1880, 20, S, NY, NY, NY, Housework

Note: Michael A. Nix was born in Ireland in 1845. Although the location of his birth was incorrect on his entry, the error was not repeated in the location of the parents' birth in his children's entries.

1900 NY Cortland Truxton — T623\1020\Part 2, TRUXTON

257A; Residence 115, Family 116

NIX, Anthony, Dec. 1845, 54, S, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland, Naturalized

___, Hannah, sister, Aug. 1842, 57, Ireland, Ireland, Ireland

Note: Both emigrated 1860. both can read and speak English but only Anthony can write.

1905 NY Cortland Truxton ED01

Anthony Nix, Head, 60, Ireland, 58 yrs, Cit, Farmer, OA

Josephine Nix, Sister, 62, Ireland, 58, Cit, Housework

Michael Shoughnessy, Servant, 38, Ireland, 10 yrs, Cit, Farm Laborer

1910 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD17 Dist 0182

135 Hopper Street, Res 265 Fam 300, Rents home

Edward J. Smith, Head, 42, M1, 15 yrs, NY, —, NY, Foreman, Typewriter Wk [b. 1868]

Margaret Smith, Wife, 44, M1, 15 yrs, Children: 2/2, NY, IR, IR, None [b. 1866]

Aubrey J. Smith, Son, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Edward W. Smith, Son, 6, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Catherine Smith, Sister, 53, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Julia A. Smith, Mother, 78, Wd, Children: 4/3, NY, NY, NY, None

1910 Cortland County, T624\934\Part 2 Truxton

303A; Residence 38, Family 34, Rents farm

NIX, Anthony, 65, S, **Ireland**, Ireland, Ireland, **1847** Na, Gen. Farming,

____, Josephine, **sister**, 67, S, **Ireland**, Ireland, Ireland, **1847**

MORSE, David, hired man, 60, S, Wales, Wales, Wales, 1857 Na, Working out

1915 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01

Morgan Hill Road

Anthony Nix, Head, 70, Ireland, 67, C Farmer

Johanna Nix, Sister, 71, Ireland, 67, C, Housework

Michael Shaughnessy, Lodger, 50, US, Laborer - farm

1925 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD15 AD03 ED03

209 Madison

S. A. Fort, Head, 83, US, Cit, No Occupation

J. Knapp Fort, Son, 56, US, Cit, Builder, OA

Catherine Fort, Daughter-in-law, 60, US, Cit, Housewife

Margaret Nix, Roomer, 35, US, Cit, Secretary

Harriet Crofoot, Roomer, 40, US, Cit, Secretary

1925 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD19 AD02 ED05

131 Fernwood Ave

Edward J. Smith, Head, 57, US, Cit, Employment Manager, Smith Premier

Margaret A. Smith, Wife, 57, US, Cit, Housewife

Aubrey J. Smith, Son, 29, US, Cit, "Dr."

Edward W. Smith, Son, 22, US, Cit, "Dr."

Catherine Smith, Sister, 68, US, Cit, Housework

In The Newspapers

"**Anthony Nix** fell from a window to the ground on Tuesday last, and was considerably jarred. No bones were broken although he fell thirty feet."

August 19, 1887, Friday, The Democrat, Cortland, NY

"**MR. ANTHONY NIX**, who has been visiting his son, **Michael Nix**, at the East Cortland House, has returned to Truxton."

October 18, 1892, Tuesday, Cortland Standard and Cortland Daily Journal,
Cortland, NY

PERSONAL

"**Michael Nix** of Cortland, has been visiting his sister **Mrs. David E. Carrick** of 100 Madison street."

December 8, 1892, Friday, The Syracuse Courier, Syracuse, NY

BORN

"NIX — To **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nix** of Cortland, NY, Jan 26, 1899, a son."

February 3, 1899, Friday, Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

DIED

"NIX — In Cortland, Aug 26, **Francis Michael Nix**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nix**, aged 7 months."

September 1, 1899, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON

“Truxton, May 2. — It is rumored that **Mr. O'Donnell** has rented his place here to **Michael McGraw** of the North road.

“**Mr. Herlihy** is in Rome to have a growth, presumed to be a cancer, removed from his lip.

“**Will Nix** visited his wife (Lizzie Ryan) recently, who is in the State hospital in Binghamton and found her better and brighter than he has ever seen her since she went there.

“The daughters of **Thomas Connors**, who is in critical condition at the Cortland hospital, went to visit him the last of the week.”

May 2, 1911, Tuesday Evening Cortland Standard

PERSONALS

“**Mrs. William Nix** and son **Robert** are visiting Mrs. Nix's sister, **Mrs. Elsie Rounds Rudger** of Perry, NY.”

September 1, 1914, Tuesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

Name	Years	Cemetery	Obituary	Find A Grave
Anthony Nix	1814-1894	St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton	Yes	
Margaret Griffin Nix	1822-1892	St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton		
Johanna Nix	1841-1915	St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton	Notice	Yes
Anthony Nix	1843-1926	St. Patrick's Cem, Truxton	Yes	
Michael Nix	1845-1926		Notice	
Ellen Nix	1847		No	No
William Nix	1850-1928			
Mary Elizabeth Nix Carrick	1856-1923			
Margaret Nix Smith	1858			
Kattie Nix Fort	1861			

“**Anthony Nix**, a well known farmer of this town died Sunday (Dec 30th 1894) night. Mr. Nix was born in Ireland, but came to America and settled in Truxton on the same farm where he died about 50 years ago. He was about 80 years old at the time of his death. He leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.”

January 4, 1895, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Obituary

“**Anthony Nix**, a well-known resident of Cortland county, N.Y., died at his home in Truxton on Sunday night, December **29**, 1894, aged 81 years. [actually Dec 30th]

“Mr. Nix was born at Limerick, Ireland in 1815. When he was 31 years old [1846], accompanied by his wife, he came to America, and settled in Orange county, this state, engaging in farming. Early in his forties Mr. Nix moved to Truxton, where he resided up to the time of his death. [His daughter, Margaret, was baptized at Cazenovia on June 1, 1855. Anthony was 40 that year]

“He has always been closely identified with the farming industry, being actively engaged in agriculture up to the time of his death. In 1891 Mr. Nix experienced the great sorrow of his life in the loss of his wife, who died on December 3 of that year. It may be said that he never really recovered from the shock, having been in failing health since. Of a nature intently human, lovable and true, loyal of heart, the soul of honesty, never did the unfortunate knock in vain at his door. Always ready to give and help, Mr. Nix went to his grave beloved and revered by all who had met him. He leaves a family of seven children to mourn his loss, **Mrs. David E. Carrick** of Syracuse, N.Y., **Miss Josie, Anthony and William**, who reside at Truxton, **Michael** of Cortland, **Margaret and Catherine** of Syracuse. Mr. Nix also leaves one brother, **William**, who resides at Columbus, Wis. The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 2, **Rev. Father McGinnis** officiating, and was largely attended by friends and relatives of the deceased. Mr. Nix was buried by the side of his wife in the Roman Catholic cemetery of Truxton. A devout Catholic he died surrounded by the sacraments of the church he loved so well.” COM.

January 11, 1895, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Note: Anthony and Margaret's child Ellen was baptized on April 10, 1847 in the Roman Catholic parish of Lurriga in Co. Limerick. Therefore the family arrived in America in the latter part of 1847 at the earliest.

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

Nix, Francis, d. Aug 26 1899, age: 7 mo, s/o M.A.& Josephine Nix [born Jan 1899]

Nix, Josie, d. Oct 24 1915, age: 73 yrs [born 1842]

Note: This is the daughter of **Anthony Nix** and **Margaret Griffin**. In 1910 she was living on the family farm on Morgan Hill Road with her brother **Anthony Nix**.

DIED

“NIX — In Cortland, June 7, Michael A. Nix of Auburn, aged 80 years.”
June 11, 1926, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

ANTHONY NIX

Truxton Man Will Be Buried Friday Morning

“**Anthony Nix**, 83, a native of Ireland and resident of Truxton the greater portion of his life, died this morning at 12:15 o'clock at the home of **Mrs. William Ryan** in the town of Truxton where he has been making his home of late years. The death was due to pneumonia and after a brief illness of one week.

“Mr. Nix was born in Ireland in 1844 and he was the oldest child of **Anthony and Margaret Nix**, there being eight children of the family. He came to this country when but a youth, taking up residence at Truxton and devoting his time to farming.

“He was a communicant of St. Patrick's church of Truxton.

“Mr. Nix was a single person and he leaves two sisters and a brother. **Mrs. J.K. Forte**, **Mrs. E. J. Smith** and **William Nix**, all of Syracuse. He is also survived by five nieces and three nephews: **Mrs. Hubbard**, **Miss Margaret Nix**, **Miss Harriet Crofoot** and **Edward Smith**, all of Syracuse; **Mrs. William Gildmeyer**, **Mrs. George Train** and **Aubrey J. Smith** of East Orange, N.J., and **William A. Nix** of Cortland

“The funeral will be held Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of **Mrs. William Ryan** and at St. Patrick's church at 10 o'clock. The burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery at Truxton.”

November 24, 1926, Wednesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

MRS. JOSEPHINE NIX DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Native of Ireland Spent Most of Life Here

“**Mrs. Josephine Nix**, 72, widow of **Michael Nix**, formerly of Cortland, died this morning at 2 at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. George Train** in Auburn.

“Mrs. Nix was a native of Ireland but live most of her life in Cortland. She lived here more than 40 years, having moved away two years ago. Mr. Nix died about six years ago.

“She is survived by one son, **William Nix** of Cortland; and two daughters, **Mrs. George Train** of Auburn, and **Miss Elizabeth Nix** of Syracuse.

“Funeral services will be held in Auburn, the time of which will be announced tomorrow. Burial will be made in St. Mary's cemetery, Cortland.”

October 5, 1931, Monday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

William (2) Nix and Mary LNU

(s/o Anthony Nix and Catherine LNU)

(d/o Father and Mother)

William (2) Nix

b. May 1824, Ireland (1900)
To US 1846 (1900)
d. 1901, Dodge Co, WI
bur Columbus, WI

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Mary LNU

b. Apr 1824, Ireland (1900)
d. Oct 8, 1909, Dodge, WI

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Catharine Nix

b. ~1846, NY

—

Hannah Nix

b. ~1851, NY
d. Nov 13, 1930, Dodge, WI

Never married

—

Mary Nix

b. ~1852, NY

—

John Nix

b. ~1853, NY
d. 1875
bur St Jerome's Cem, Columbus, WI

Never married

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Eliza Nix

b. ~1854, NY

—

Anthony Nix

b. ~1855, NY
d. Jan 19, 1937, Dodge, WI

Never married

—

Margaret Nix

b. ~1858, NY

= FNU Riley

—

Mary Kerwin

b. 1870, WI

This family was living in the town of **Homer** by July 3, 1860. The next census in which they appeared (1880) found them in Wisconsin. Mary Kerwin showed up with the family in the 1880 census and was described as a “daughter.” It is more likely that she is a relative. One of the daughters (Catherine, Mary, or Eliza) might have married a Kerwin. However, in the WI marriage records no marriage to a Kerwin was found for these three.

This William is thought to be the brother of Anthony Nix. It also looks like Anthony wasn't a son of John and Hanora Nix after all, as was initially guessed.

Could this be one of their children?

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

Nix, John, b., d. Apr 12 1861, age: 8y 7m 17d [born Oct 1853]

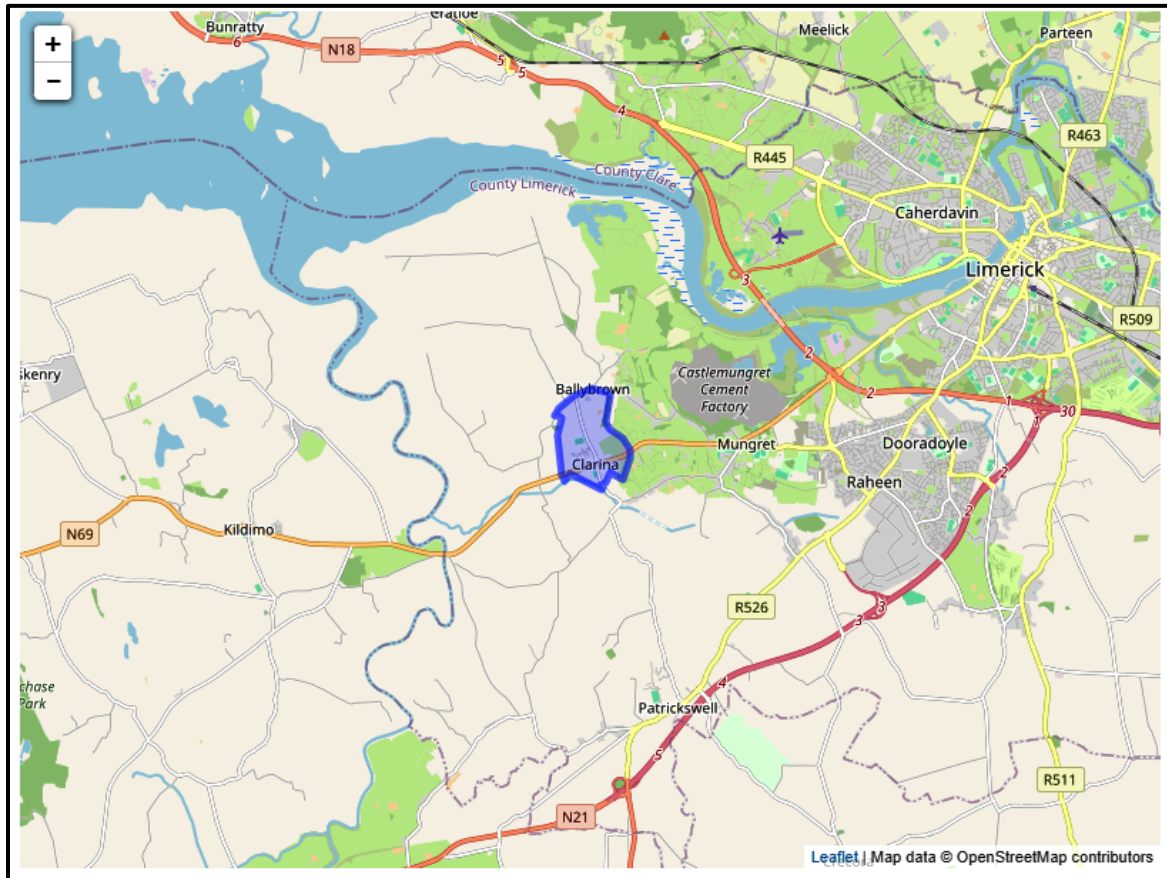
Irish Church Records

Lurriga RC, Limerick Diocese

August 17, 1823 - **Gulielmus Nix** - Parents: Antonio Nix and Joanna Canty

Res: None. Sps. Joannes Hogan and Margareta O'Connell.

Note: This was the only baptism records for these parents. This might be or not be the baptism record of the William Nix above. This William is the brother of Anthony Nix (wife: Margaret Griffin). An Irish baptism record found for Anthony doesn't have the same parents so one or both of these baptism records might not be the correct ones.



The area outlined in blue is the townland of Ballybrown in the civil parish of Kilkeedy. These are in the Roman Catholic parish of Lurriga.

Census Age Table

Name	1850	1855	1860	1875	1880	1895	1900	1905	1910	1920	1930	1940
Location	Truxton	Homer	Homer	Elba	Elba	Elba	Elba	Elba	Elba		Elba	
William Nix		23	40		50		76	d. 1901				
Mary Nix		25	38		60		76	86	d. 1909			
Children												
Catherine Nix		4	14		30							
Hannah Nix		3	9		26		35	57	57		78	d. 1930
Mary Nix		2	8					50				
John Nix		1	7		d. 1875							
Eliza Nix			6		23							
Anthony Nix			5		20			46	50		68	d. 1937
Margaret Nix			2		18						66	
Mary Kerwin					10							

Wisconsin census for 1875 and 1895 only listed the name of the head of the household and the number of males and females residing in the household.

US Census Records

1855 NY Cortland Homer ED03

Res 306 Framed \$700 Fam 324

William Nicks, 23, Ireland, M, 2 yrs, Laborer, Naturalized, Alien

Mary L Nicks, **25**, Wife, Ireland, 2 yrs, Alien

Catherine Nicks, **4**, Child, Cortland Co, 2 yrs

Hannah Nicks, 3, Child, Chenango Co, 2yrs

Mary Ann Nicks, 2, Child, Cortland Co, 2 yrs

John Nicks, 1, Child, Cortland Co, 1 yrs

Note: Compared with the ages in the 1860 census the ages of **John, Mary** and **Catherine** are quite a bit out of whack. When all the census ages are considered it is the 1860 ages that seem to have the problem.

1860 NY Cortland Homer (Census day was June 1, 1860)

Res 426 Fam 438 – **July 9, 1860**

William Nix, 40, Laborer, Real Est \$100, Ireland, Cannot R or W

Mary Nix, 38, Ireland

Catherine Nix, 14, NY

Hannah Nix, 9, NY

Mary Nix, 8, NY

John Nix, 7, NY

Eliza Nix, 6, NY

Anthony Nix, 5, NY

Margaret Nix, 2, NY

Note: All of these children were born prior to **1860**. They couple would have married in about **1846**. This **Hannah** here was born in 1851.

Not found in Truxton area in 1850, 1865, 1870

Not found in the Columbus Wis. area in 1870.

1875 WI Dodge Elba

William Nix, 2 males, 5 females

1880 WI Dodge Elba Dist 010

Res 86 Fam 88

William Nix, 50, M, Section Boss, Cannot R or W, IR, IR, IR
Mary Nix, 60, Wife, M, Keeping House, Cannot Write, IR, IR, IR
Kate Nix, 30, Dau, S, Servant, NY, IR, IR
Hannah Nix, 26, Dau, S, Servant, NY, IR, IR
Lizzie Nix, 23, Dau, S, At house, NY, IR, IR
Anthony Nix, 20, Son, S, Brakeman, NY, IR, IR
Maggie Nix, 18, Dau, S, At home, NY, IR, IR
Mary Kerwin, 10, Dau, S, WI, IR, IR

Note: Mary Kerwin's age shows that the family had been in Wisconsin for at least 10 years. Why Mary's name is Kerwin is unknown.

1895 WI Dodge Emmet

William Nix

Males: 2; Females: 2

Born in US: 2; Born in Ireland: 2

1900 WI Dodge Elba Dist 0088

Res 123, Fam 128, Own farm #103 without a mortgage

William Nix, Head, May 1824, 76, M, 45 yrs, IR, IR, IR, **1846**, 54 yrs, Na, Day laborer
Mary Nix, Wife, Apr 1824, 76, 45 yrs, Children: 7/6, IR, IR, IR [No immigration year]
Hannah Nix, Dau, Feb 1862, 35, S, NY, IR, IR

Note: **1846** was when **William's** brother **Anthony** came to Orange Co., NY. Perhaps they traveled together. This **William** and **Mary** were married in **1855**. This isn't consistent with the William and Mary in the 1860 census. **Hannah** was born in NY so that shows the family spent some time in NY. Mary had also given birth to seven children which is the exact number of children appearing in the 1860 census.

1905 WI Dodge Elba

Res 89, Owns home free of a mortgage

Mary Nox, Head, 86, Wd, Born IR, Parents born in IR, Retired
Hannah Nox, Dau, 57, S, Born in NY, Parents born in IR, House work
Mary Nox, Dau, 50, S, Born in NY, Parents born in IR
Anthony Nox, 46, S, Born in NY, Parents born in IR, Railroad hand

1910 WI Dodge Elba Dist 0011

Res 156 Fam 156, Owns home with a mortgage

Anthony Nix, Head, 50, S, NY, IR, IR, Flagman, RR Co.
Hannah Nix, Sister, 57, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Note: **Anthony** and **Hannah's** ages are now in better alignment with the 1860 census data.

1920 - Anthony and Hannah not found.

1930 WI Dodge Elba Dist 0016

Res 122 Fam 127, Owns home \$1,000

Anthony J. Nix, Head, 68, S, NY, IR, IR, Flagman, Rail Road Company
Hannah Nix, Sister, 78, S, NY, IR, IR, None
Margaret Riley, Sister, 66, Wd, Mar @ 29, NY, IR, IR, None

Anthony, Hannah and **Margaret** not found in the 1940 or 1950 census

Obituaries

Name	Years	Cemetery	Obituary	Find A Grave
William Nix	1820-1901	Columbus, WI	Death Rec.	No
Mary Nix	1822-1909		Death Rec.	No
Catherine Nix	1846			
Hannah Nix	1851-1930		Death Rec.	No
Mary Nix	1852			
John Nix	1853-1875	St. Jerome's Cem, Columbus, WI		Yes
Eliza Nix	1854			No
Anthony Nix	1855-1937		Death Rec.	No
Margaret Nix Riley	1858			No
Mary Kerwin	1870			No

Note: The children's names highlighted in GRAY were living together in the 1930 census

Death Record

Name	William Nix	Mother's Name	Catherine
Sex	Male	Mother's Sex	Female
Age	80 years	Mother's Birthplace	Ireland
Birth Date	1821	Spouse's Name	Mary
Birthplace	Limerick, Ireland	Spouse's Sex	Female
Residence Date	1901	Event Type	Death
Residence Place	Dodge Co.	Event Date	1901
Burial Place	Columbus, Wis.	Event Place	Dodge, Wisconsin, United States
Occupation	section forman	Source Details	p 374
Race	white		
Father's Name	Anthony Nix		
Father's Sex	Male		
Father's Birthplace	Ireland		

Find A Grave

John Nix

BIRTH: 15 Jul 1856

DEATH: 14 ??? 1875 (aged 18-19)

BURIAL: Saint Jeromes Cemetery, Columbus, Wisconsin

MEMORIAL ID: 242958134

Note: "Son of William and Mary Nix."

Another Nix family

Wisconsin Death Records

Hannah Nix, November 14, 1930, Dodge Co., WI

William Nix, February 6, 1946, Milwaukee, WI (this might not be the right William)

Census Age Table

Name	1855	1860	1870	1875 ³	1880	1895 ³	1900	1905	1910	1920	1930
Location		NY	NJ		WI	WI	WI	WI	WI		
John Nix		38	45		58	d. 1893					
Bridget Nix		34	34		58	d. 1883					
Children											
Thomas Nix		19	16 ¹								
Anthony Nix		8			33	x	49	58	58	d. 1918	
Hanora Nix		5	14		23	x	41	42	49		
Catherine Nix		4	13								
Bridget Nix		4/12 ²									
John Nix			7		16	x					
William Nix			5		13	x	34	36	38		
Relatives											
Nora Connelly (Niece)						x	15	21	24		
Mary Connelly (Niece)								13	18		
Frank Connelly (Nephew)							3	8	13		

Note 1: In the 1870 census Thomas Nix seems to have lost thirteen years in the ten years between the censuses. At that time Thomas would have been 29 years old and had probably moved out on his own. It is more likely that Anthony was mistaken for Thomas since Anthony would have been 18 in 1870, which is close to 16, and he was most likely still living at home.

Note 2: Bridget probably died as an infant.

Note 3: The Wisconsin state census records for 1876, 1885, and 1895 only list the head of the household and the number of males and females in the household and is fairly useless. The 1895 assignments of males and females is pure guesswork.

US Census Records

1860 NY NY New York WD07 Dist 05

Res 188 Fam 827

John Nicks, 38, Laborer, Ireland
Bridget Nicks, 34, Ireland
Thomas Nicks, 19, Laborer, Ireland
Anthony Nicks, 8, **NY**, Attended school
Hanora Nicks, 5, NY
Catherine Nicks, 4, NY
Bridget Nicks, 4/12, NY

1865 – not found

1870 NJ Hudson Jersey City WD07

Res 23 Fam 47

John Nix, 45, Laborer, Ireland, Citizen
Bridget Nix, 34, Per Est \$500, Ireland
Thomas Nix, 16, Laborer, **NJ**
Honora Nix, 14, At home, **NJ**
Katherine Nix, 13, **NJ**, Attended school
John Nix, 7, NJ, Attended school
William Nix, 5, NJ

Note: There is no Ireland born **Anthony**, who should be about 18, residing with the family. The parents of all the above were of foreign birth.

1880 WI Columbia Columbus

Hampden Road Res 331 Fam 345

John Nix, 58, M, Laborer, IR, IR, IR
Bridget Nix, 58, Wife, M, Keeps home, IR, IR, IR
Anthony Nix, 33, Son, S, Night Watch, **IR**, IR, IR
Honora Nix, 23, Dau, S, Dressmaker, NY, IR, IR
John Nix, 16, Son, S, At school, NY, IR, IR
William Nix, 13, Son, S, At school, NY, IR, IR

Note: The oldest child, **Anthony**, was born in Ireland, while the other three were born in NY. Therefore, the family was in NY by at least 1857 and remained in NY until at least 1867.

1895 WI Columbia Columbus

Anthony Nix, 3 males, 2 females, 4 born in US, 1 born in Ireland

1900 WI Columbia Columbus Dist 0004

Birdsey on Tony Hill, Res 551 Fam 575, Owns home free of a mortgage

Anthony Nix, Head, Apr 1851, 49, S, IR, IR, **1857**, 43 yrs, Na, Night Watch
Nora Nix, Sister, Nov 1858, 41, S, NY, IR, IR
Willie Nix, Brother, July 1865, 34, S, NY, IR, IR, Day Laborer
Nora Connelly, Niece, June 1884, 15, S, WI, IL, NY, At school
Francis G. Connelly, Apr 1897, 3, S, IL, IL, NY

1905 WI Columbia Columbus

Fam 248, Owns home free of a mortgage

Anthony Nix, Head, 58, S, IR, Parents born in IR, Policeman
Nora Nix, Sister, S, 42, NY, Parents born in IR, House keeper
William Nix, Brother, 36, S, NY, Parents born in IR, Day Laborer
Nora Connelly, Niece, S, 21, WI, Parents born in IR, School Teacher
Mary M. Connelly, Niece, S, 13, IL, Parents born in IR
Francis G. **Nix**, Nephew, S, 8, IL, Parents born in IR

Note: Francis G. Nix's last name is actually **Connelly**. In the previous (1900) and following census report (1910) the Connelly children's parents were born in IL (Father) and NY (Mother), neither were born in Ireland.

1910 WI Columbia, Columbus WD03 Dist 0012

Newton Street, Res 282 Fam 289, Owns home free of a mortgage

Anthony Nix, Head, 58, S, IR, IR, IR, 1853, Night Watch, Street
Nora Nix, Sister, 49, S, NY, IR, IR, None
Willie Nix, Brother, 38, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, Odd Jobs
Nora Conley, Niece, 24, S, **WI**, IL, NY, Teacher, Public school
Mary Conley, Niece, 18, S, **IL**, IL, NY, Servant, Private family
Frank Conley, Nephew, 13, S, **IL**, IL, NY, None, Attended school

1900 WI Columbia Columbus Dist 0004

Water Street, Res 287 Fam 300, Rents home

Thomas Powers, Head, Aug 1873, 26, S, WI, IR, IR, Saloon keeper
Anthony Nix, Helper, **Mar 1857**, 43, S, NY, IR, IR
Patrick McMahan, Roomer, Mar 1876, 24, S, WI, IR, IR, Day laborer
William Metzen, Roomer, Sept 1887, 22, S, WI, Germany, Germany, Marble cutter
August Boehle, Roomer, Aug 1868, 31, S, Germany, Germany, Germany, 1884, 16 yrs, Na, Day Laborer

Note: This **Anthony Nix's** age is in conflict with both of the other **Anthony Nixs**. **This Anthony not found in 1910 census.**

1920 WI – Anthony, Nora and William Nix not found. Neither was **Nora, Mary and Frank Connelly**.

1930 WI – Anthony, Nora and William Nix not found. Neither was **Nora, Mary and Frank Connelly**.

Irish Church Records

There were no baptism records for children with John and Bridget Nix as the parents. According to the 1900 census Anthony was born in Ireland in April 1851 and he came to the US with his parents in 1857. His sister Nora was born in New York in November 1858. Perhaps a more accurate set of numbers could be found in the 1860 census. Anthony had been born in 1852, but this time in NY and Hanora was born also in NY but in 1855. Through out the other census records Anthony was born in Ireland and Nora was born in NY, with the exception of 1870 when she was born in NJ.

Find A Grave

The following four individuals are all on the same gravestone. One of the sides were very eroded. It appears that they have captured John, the father, twice and interpreted one of the instances as his son John.

John Nix

BIRTH: Jun 1817, Ireland

DEATH: Mar 1883

BURIAL: Saint Jeromes Cemetery, Columbus, WI

MEMORIAL ID: 242917714

Bridget Nix

BIRTH: 2 Feb 1815

DEATH: 23 Dec 1883

BURIAL: Saint Jeromes Cemetery, Columbus, WI

MEMORIAL ID: 242917464

Anthony Nix

BIRTH: 29 Mar 1842

DEATH: 7 Nov 1918

BURIAL: Saint Jeromes Cemetery, Columbus, WI

MEMORIAL ID: 115893034

Note: The **Anthony** in John and Bridget's family would have been 66 if he had died in 1918. This birth year is off by about 10 years. This **Anthony** and the **John below** appear to share a gravestone.

John Nix – This is actually John Nix, the father.

BIRTH: 24 Jun 1847, in Limerick Co., Ireland

DEATH: 14 Mar 1893

BURIAL: Saint Jeromes Cemetery, Columbus, WI

MEMORIAL ID: 115893054

Note: This **John** doesn't fit with the census records. The census record **John Nix** (son of John and Bridget) was born in 1865. Upon close examination of an image of **John Nix's** gravestone his birth year appears to be **1817**, not **1847**. This John Nix is actually the husband of Bridget and the father of Anthony and the other John. **Anthony** and **John's** inscriptions appear to be on opposite sides of the same gravestone which implies that they are related, but as father and son and not siblings.

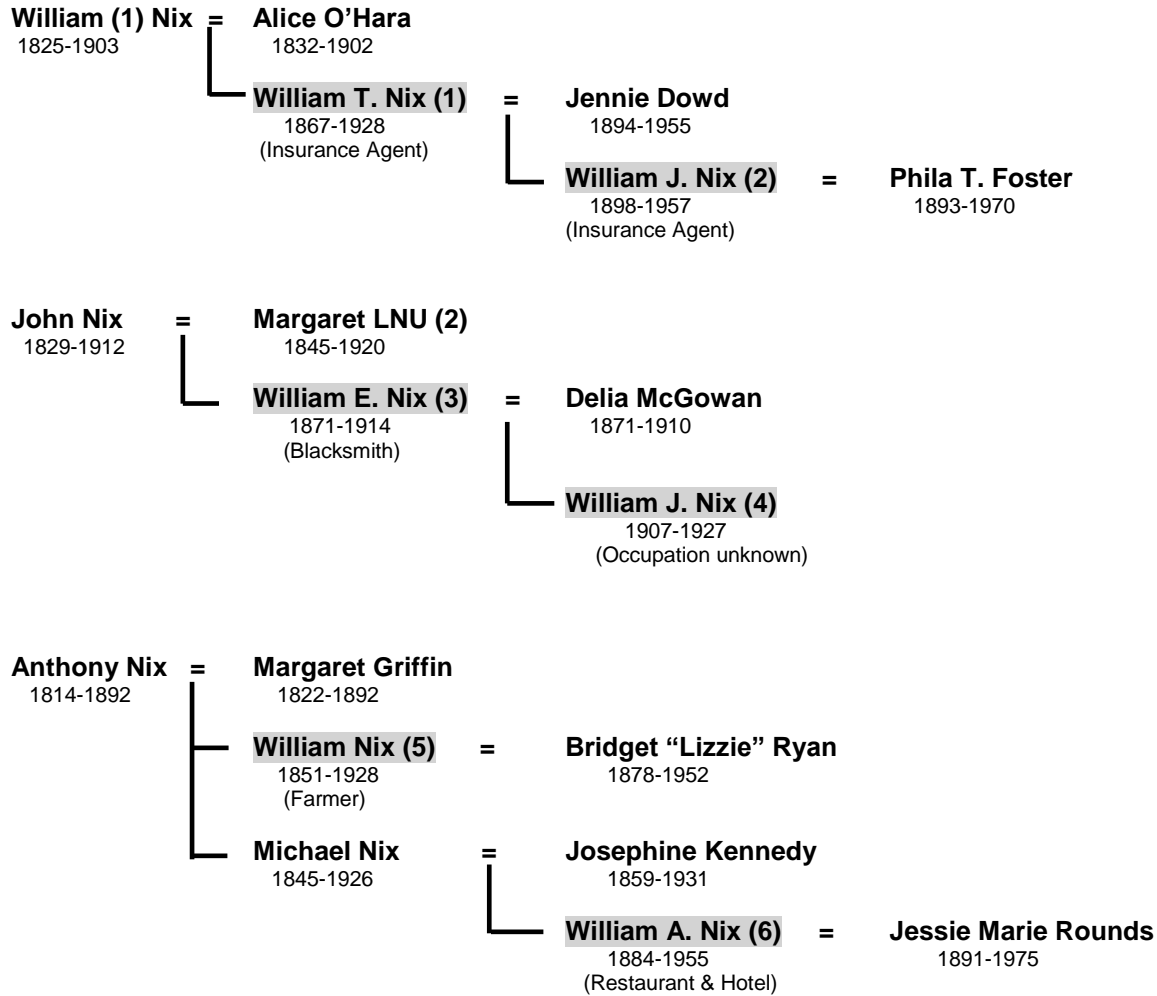
There were no **Connelys** buried in St. Jeromes Cemetery.

A Comparison of the Limerick Nix Families

Truxton, NY	Columbus, WI	Columbus, WI
Anthony Nix 1814-1894 Limerick	William Nix 1824-1901	John Nix 1817-1893 Limerick
Margaret Griffin 1822-1892 Limerick	Mary LNU 1824-1909	Bridget LNU 1815-1883
Children		
	John Nix 1856-1875	Anthony Nix 1842-1918
<p>In Anthony's obituary he was survived by his brother William Nix of Columbus WI. Therefore, William was also connected to Limerick, Ireland. William was in Homer, NY in 1860 and by 1880 the family was in Elba, just east of Columbus, WI</p>		<p>The inscriptions on the gravestone were badly eroded. There might be a son John also described there but it was confused with the information for John Nix, the father.</p>
<p>Taking into consideration that Anthony and William are brothers (according to the William's obituary) they are both from Limerick. The connection of John Nix to Anthony and William is not known at present but John was also from Limerick. It is quite likely that all three are brothers.</p>		

The Multiple William Nixs

2nd and 3rd Generation William Nix Confusion



In the first column on the left William (1) Nix and John Nix are brothers. At the time of his death Anthony had two brothers living in Columbus, Wisconsin. The fact that all three of these persons in the first column liberally use the name William and they all came from Co. Limerick makes it highly likely that they are somehow connected.

William T. Nix - (1) & (2)

(s/o William Nix and Alice O'Hara)

(d/o Patrick Dowd (1829-1905) and Ellen Kelly (1831-1893))

William T. Nix (1)

b. Feb 6, 1867, Truxton
d. Dec 30, 1926, Cortland
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland

William is referred to as "J"
and "T."

1926 in Cortland

1926 in Cortland
1957 in Syracuse

1926 in Cortland
1957 in Rome, NY

1926 in Cortland
1957 in Endicott

= Jennie Dowd

mar Mar 27, 1894, Cortland
d. 1955
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland

"The deceased served the city for five years as a patrolman of the Cortland police department. His activities with the Prudential Life Insurance Co, started in the position of agent under the late George Charron."

William J. Nix (2)

b. 1898
d. December 26, 1957, Cortland
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= Phila T. Foster

b. 1893
d. 1970
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Mabel Nix (Anna?)

b. 1900

= Peter Carr

Paul Nix

b. Mar 1903, Cortland
d. Aug 17, 1903, Cortland

Died in infancy

James Milo Nix

b. 1904

Leo T. Nix

b. 1908
d. May 28, 1966
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= Elizabeth Florence Roche

b. Sep 9, 1903
mar Apr 7, 1947, Cortland
d. May 1987
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

US Census Records

1910 NY Tioga Barton Dist 0144

147 Howard Street, Res 124 Fam 143

William T. Nix, Head, 43, M1, 16 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Agent, Insurance

Jennie Nix, Wife, 43, M1, 16 yrs, Children: 4/4, NY, IR, IR

William J. Nix, Son, 12, S, NY, NY, NY

Anna M. Nix, Dau, 10, S, NY, NY, NY

James M. Nix, Son, 6, S, NY, NY, NY

Leo Nix, Son, 1, S, NY, NY, NY

Note: Jennie Nix forgot to mention her five-month-old son, **Paul**, who had died in August 1903.

In The Newspapers

A NEW POLICEMAN

William T. Nix Appointed by the Village Fathers Monday Night

“An informal ballot for an additional policeman resulted in **W. T. Nix** 3, **O. Reilly** 1. The ballot was declared formal, and **Mr. Nix** declared appointed.”

April 27, 1897, Tuesday, Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY

Office Remains Vacant

“CORTLAND, July 8. — Since the resignation of **William T. Nix** as policeman the Board of Police Commissioners has allowed the office to remain vacant and the force short one patrolman, as the man appointed when Nix resigned refused to qualify for the position.

“It is now stated by the members of the board that they have decided to let the place remain vacant until later in the summer, as the men now on the force seem capable of doing the work and there appears to be no one on the eligible list that the board wished to try.”

July 8, 1901, Monday, The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

Obituaries

Former K of C Official Dies

“Cortland — (U.P.) — A former Knights of Columbus state official died yesterday (Dec 26th) at his home.

“**William J. Nix**, who suffered a fatal artery rupture in his back, was 60 years old. The former state master of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus was also active in the Moose and the Elks.

“His brother, **Leo**, is principal of the George F. Johnson Elementary School at Endicott.”
December 27, 1957, Friday, Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

“**WILLIAM J. NIX**, 60, of 3 Glenn Street, Cortland, died yesterday morning at his home. He is survived by his wife, **Mrs. Thila Foster Nix**; a sister, **Mrs. Peter Carr** of Syracuse; two brothers, **J. Milow** of Rome, N.Y. and **Leo T. Nix** of Endicott; two nieces and a nephew and several cousins. He was the owner of the William J. Nix General Insurance Agency of Cortland, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge, all of Cortland, a member of St. Mary’s Holy Name Society and Athletic Association, the Chamber of Commerce, Insurance underwriter Association and Railroad Brotherhood Association. The body was moved to the McEvoy Funeral Home, Cortland, where friends may call this evening.

December 27, 1957, Friday, Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

Find a Grave

William T Nix

BIRTH: 1867

DEATH: 1926 (aged 58–59)

BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

PLOT: sec 9, lot 35 & 36

MEMORIAL ID: 149030649

Jennie Dowd Nix

BIRTH: 1867

DEATH: 1955 (aged 87–88)

BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

PLOT: sec 9, lot 35 & 36

MEMORIAL ID: 149030648

William J Nix

BIRTH: 24 Jun 1897

DEATH: 26 Dec 1957 (aged 60)

BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

PLOT: sec 9, lot 35 & 36

MEMORIAL ID: 149030650

Phila T Nix

BIRTH: 1893

DEATH: 1970 (aged 76–77)

BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

PLOT: sec 9, lot 35 & 36

MEMORIAL ID: 149030651

Leo T Nix

BIRTH: 1908

DEATH: 28 May 1966 (aged 57–58)

BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

PLOT: sec 9, lot 35 & 36

MEMORIAL ID: 149030647

Florence Roche Nix

BIRTH: 9 Sep 1903

DEATH: May 1987 (aged 83)

BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

PLOT: sec 9, lot 35 & 36

MEMORIAL ID: 149030646

William E. Nix (3) & (4)

(s/o John Nix and Margaret LNU (2))

(d/o John McGowan and Margaret LNU)

William E. Nix (3)

b. 1871 (1880 census)
d. Sept 1914, Denver
Colorado
bur Binghamton, NY

Can this be the correct
Gertrude Nix? She was living
in New York City at age 12?
See below: *The Sad Saga of
Gertrude Nix.*

= Delia McGowan

b. 1871 (1892 census)
mar 1899
d. Apr 15, 1910, Binghamton,
NY
Died of tubercular pneumonia
bur Binghamton, NY

Gertrude Nix

b. 1906
d. Mar 31, 1918, New York City
bur St. Patrick's Cemetery,
Binghamton, NY

Died young

William J. Nix (4)

b. 1907
d. Jan 22, 1927, New York City
bur St. Patrick's Cemetery,
Binghamton, NY

After the death of their parents, William might have been found in the 1920 census. He could have been adopted by one of the many McGowan relatives in the Binghamton area but searches under that surname also turned up empty.

US Census Records

1910 NY Broome Binghamton WD03 Dist 0011

4 Kacey Avenue, Res 14, Fam 193, Owns home free of a mortgage

William E. Nix, Head, 39, M1, 11 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Blacksmith, Carriage Factory

Delia Nix, Wife, 37, M1, 11 yrs, Children: 2/2, NY, IR, IR, None

Gertrude Nix, Dau, 4, S, NY, NY, NY, None

William J. Nix, Son, 3, S, NY, NY, NY, None

1915 NY Cortland Cortland WD02 AD01 ED01

54-1/2 Lincoln Avenue

Timothy O'Connell, Head, 42, US, 42 yrs, Cit. Laborer in Wire Mill

Nora O'Connell, Wife, 36, US, 36 yrs, Cit, Housework

Margaret O'Connell, Dau, 17, US, 17 yrs, Cit, School

Gertrude Nix, Roomer, 9, US, 9 yrs, School

Note: Nora Nix O'Connell was the sister of **Gertrude's** father **William Nix**.

Obituaries

Death in Binghamton

“CORTLAND, April 15. — Word has been received here of the death in Binghamton of **Mrs. William Nix**, formerly of this city. The funeral will be held Monday morning at St. Patrick's Church in Binghamton. She is survived by her husband, two small children and four brothers and a sister, all of Binghamton. She was 35 years of age.”

April 16, 1910, Saturday, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

Miss Gertrude Nix

“**Miss Gertrude Nix**, a former resident of this city, died in New York yesterday (Mar 31st). The funeral arrangements will be announced later.”

April 1, 1918, Monday, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

OBITUARY

Gertrude Nix

“The funeral of **Gertrude Nix**, who died in New York City on Monday, was held this morning at 9 o’clock at McDevitt Brothers’ Undertaking rooms, and at 9:30 at St. Patrick’s church. **Rev. J. H. Burns** celebrated mass and preached the funeral sermon. The pallbearers were **George O’Neil, Martin O’Neil, E. H. Lynch** and **John Cooper**. Burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery.”

April 4, 1918, Thursday, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

William J. Nix

“**William J. Nix** of New York city, died Saturday (Jan 22) night after a long illness. He is survived by several uncles and aunts. The body will arrive in this city Wednesday morning over the Lackawanna. The funeral will be held at St. Patrick’s church at an hour to be announced later. Burial will be in St. Patrick’s cemetery.”

January 24, 1927, Monday, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

William J. Nix

“The funeral of **William J. Nix** was held this morning at 9:30 o’clock at St. Patrick’s church. The **Rt. Rev. Mgr. John J. McLoughlin** officiated. **Miss Helen Dombrosky** sang. The pallbearers were **Joseph Cooper, Francis Cooper, James O’Neil, James Ash, Fred Luth** and **Christopher McCarthy**. Burial was in St. Patrick’s cemetery.”

January 26, 1927, Wednesday, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

The Sad Saga of Gertrude Nix.

Gertrude was born in 1906 and her mother died in 1910. In January 1912, Gertrude’s grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nix, went to Binghamton to reside with their eldest son, who had lost his wife and had two young children. On December 11, 1912 John Nix passed away. Mr. Nix has been in excellent health until two weeks prior to his death when he suffered a slight shock and he died very suddenly. In 1915, 9-year-old Gertrude was living in Cortland with her aunt, Honora Nix O’Connell. She probably went there after the death of her grandfather in December of 1912. Her father had gone to Colorado for health reasons in about September 1912.

Her father had been away in Colorado for some time seeking to improve his health but he eventually died there in 1914. In 1916 her aunt Honora passed away and it appears that Gertrude was then shipped off to New York City, with her grandmother to live with still another aunt, Margaret Nix Larmour, who was a teacher. If the obituary above is to be believed then little Gertrude herself passed away in 1918 at the young age of 12 and her body was shipped back to Binghamton where she was buried in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. Two years later, in 1920, her grandmother passed away while still living with her daughter Margaret in New York City. Her body was shipped to Cortland where she was buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Cortland, NY.

William Nix (5)

(s/o Anthony Nix and Margaret Griffin)

(d/o Patrick Ryan and Mary Dwyer)

William Nix (5)

b. 1851 in NY (1855 census)
 b. 1859, NY (1860 census)
 b. 1851, NY (1865 census)
 b. 1851, NY (1875 census)
 b. 1854, NY (1880 census)
 b. 1862, US (1892 census)
 b. 1862, NY (1900 census)
 b. 1855, NY (1905 census)
 b. 1860, NY (1910 census)
 b. 1853, NY (1915 census)
 b. 1860, NY (1920 census)

= **Bridget "Lizzie" Ryan**

b. Sept 1878, NY
 mar Feb 18, 1896, Truxton
 d. Nov 1, 1952, Binghamton, NY

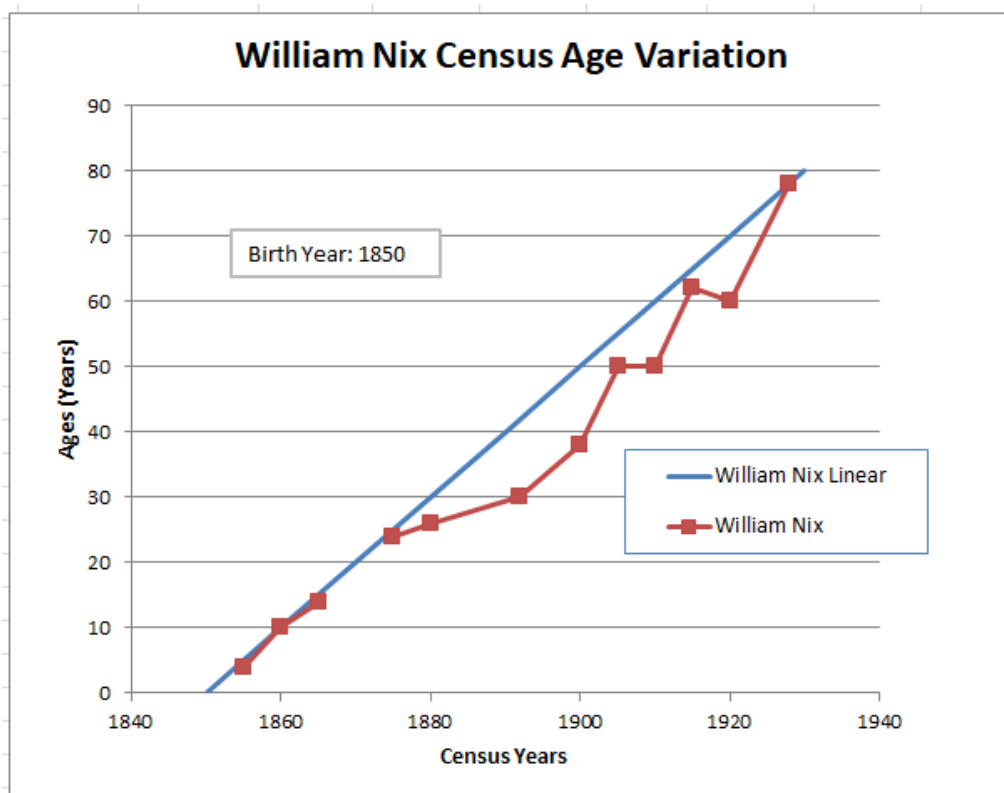
No children

Between 1905 and 1910 Lizzie was committed to the State Hospital at Binghamton, NY. She was still there at the time of the 1950 census.

1926 in Syracuse according to brother Anthony's obit. However, not found in the 1925 census in Syracuse

This appears to be the William Nix in Cuyler in 1900 and 1905 and in Truxton on the North Road in 1910 and 1920. Not found in the 1925 census

d. Sept 16, 1928, Truxton, NY



Since William and Lizzie never had any children there was more than enough room to examine William age variation found in the census records. Normally a person's census ages, when they are under ten years of age, are fairly accurate. When the census appearances begin at a later age, say in the 20s or 30s, their accuracy is suspect and the above graphing technique can be useful in estimating the person's actual birth year. Starting in his 30s Williams aging seems to have slowed down, which is often seen in spinsters. During his 40s and 50s he tended to catch up to his actual age. In his 1928 obituary his age was given at 78 — back onto the trend line.

US Census Records

1892 NY Cortland Truxton ED01

Anthony Nix, 70, Ireland, C, Farmer

Margaret Nix, 65, Ireland, C

William Nix, 30, US, C

Johanna Nix, 40, US, C

Note: After the death of his parents **William Nix** remained on at the family farm on the western road leading up the Truxton side of Morgan Hill. In 1910 and 1920 he was living by himself on the North Road out of Truxton.

1892 NY Cortland Cuyler, ED01

Patrick Ryan, 60, US, C, Farmer

Mary Ryan, 59, US, C

Lizzie Ryan, 20, US, C

Note: **Patrick** and **Mary Ryan** were born in Ireland. It is highly likely that **William Nix** married the above **Lizzie Ryan**. In 1900 and 1905 **William** and his wife **Lizzie** were living next to **Patrick** and **Mary Ryan** on Morgan Hill.

This **William Nix** below is the son of **Anthony Nix and Margaret Griffin**

1900 Cortland County, T623\1020 Cuyler

142A, 4th-6th June 1900; Residence 136, Family 141

NIX, William Head, Jan. 1862, 38, M, 4 yrs, NY, Ireland, Ireland

___, **Lizzie**, Wife, Sept. 1878, 22, M, 4 yrs, Children: 0/0, NY, Ireland, Ireland

Note: Listed next to **Patrick** and **Margaret (Dwyer) Ryan** on Morgan Hill.

1905 NY Cortland Cuyler, AD01 ED01

Patrick Ryan, Head, 75, Ireland, 47 yrs, Cit, Farmer, OA

Mary Ryan, Wife, 72, Ireland, 47 yrs, Cit, Housework

Sarah Ryan, Dau, 56, Ireland, 47 yrs, Cit, Housework

Margaret Ryan, G-dau, 4, US, Cit

William Nix, Head, 50, US, Cit, Farmer, OA

Lizzie Nix, Wife, 32, US, Cit, Housework

1910 NY Cortland Truxton

North Road, Residence 175, Family 183, Rents farm no. 140

NIX, William, Head, 50, M1, 13 yrs, NY, Ireland, Ireland, Farmer

Note: Lives on a farm three away from the **Michael McGraw** family. This is the same **William Nix** who was living on Morgan Hill in Cuyler at the time of the 1900 census. **William's** wife **Lizzie** seems to have wound up at the Binghamton State Hospital.

1910 NY Broome Binghamton WD12 Dist 0035

Binghamton State Hospital

Lizzie Nix, 36, M, ? yrs, Children: 0/0, NY, IR, IR, No occupation

1915 NY Cortland Truxton AD01 ED01

North Road

William Nix, Head, 62, U.S. Farmer, OA

1920 NY Broome Binghamton WD12 Dist 0055

Binghamton State Hospital

Lizzie Nix, Inmate, 45, S, US, Both parents born in US, No occupation

Note: **Lizzie** is no longer married and her parents are no longer born in Ireland

1920 NY Cortland Truxton Dist 0035

North Road – Farm, Res 41 Fam 41, Rents farm No. 35

William Nix, Head, 60, M, NY, IR, IR, Farmer, Dairy Farm, OA

1925 NY Broome Binghamton WD12 AD01 ED04

Binghamton State Hospital

Lizzie Nix, Inmate, 41, US, 41 yrs, C

Note: **William Nix** was not found in the 1925 census. Also **Lizzie** has lost 9 years during the 5 five years between 1920 and 1925.

1930 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 0049

Binghamton State Hospital

Lizzie Nix, 56, M(arryed), born in US, birthplace of both parents in unknown, No occupation

Note: **Lizzie's** age has corrected itself and she is once again married, however her husband, **William Nix**, of Truxton, Cortland Co., had died in 1928.

1940 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 4-68

Binghamton State Hospital

Lizzie Nix, Inmate, 66, M(arryed), NY, Same house in 1935, Institution

1950 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 64-111

Binghamton State Hospital

Lizzie Nix, Patient, 76, Mar(ried), NY

In The Newspaper

TRUXTON

“**William Nix** and **Miss Bridget Ryan** were joined in wedlock Tuesday (Feb 18th) by **Rev. Father M’Guinness.**”

February 21, 1896, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

“**P. J. Dwyer** has leased his farm on Morgan hill to **William Nix** who has taken possession”

March 24, 1909, Wednesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON- From Chas. W. Beattie

“For several weeks past hunters and farmers have been reporting that two deer, a buck and a doe have been seen in the woods and adjacent fields not far from this village. **Thurlo Pierce** came to town one morning and reported that one had been among his herd of cows on the previous day. These reports, which were no doubt true, have aroused enthusiasm of the people and all have been delighted to think we should be favored with a visit from these denizens of the forests. It remained, however, for **William Nix** of Morgan hill to spring the great surprise when he announced to a party of book-read sports that a ‘dear’ had been mingling with his cows on the day preceding and that he had succeeded in getting the animal into his barn and it was there still and that he intended to keep it there for a time and feed it and take care of it with an idea of making a pet of the beautiful creature. Many of our would-be sportsmen anxious to see a wild

deer, and some more law-abiding citizens, were not to be seen in their accustomed place of worship last Sunday, but might have been traced through the snow and sleet up over the rough and mountainous fields, through the woods and fording stream wending their way to the residence of Mr. Nix. The sporting element of the party were taking the trail in order that they might feast their eyes on a real wild deer, while the other faction were on a mission of mercy to warn Mr. Nix of the penalty attached to the act of confining wild deer against their wishes and the laws of the state. After the tramp of several hours over hill and through dale the party arrived at the coveted spot. Mr. Nix was informed of their object in making the trip on this Sabbath day and he at once proceeded to exhibit his captive, which was nothing more or less than a fine Jersey calf. Some of the party failed to enter into the spirit of the joke while others considered it a good one.”

November 22, 1911, Wednesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON, NORTH ROAD

Truxton, North Road, Oct 27.

“The sympathy of the people of this neighborhood is extended to **William Nix**, whose sister, **Miss Johanna Nix**, died on Sunday (Oct 24th) morning at her home on Morgan hill.”

October 28, 1915, Thursday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

TRUXTON, NORTH ROAD

Truxton, North Road, Nov 2

“**William Nix** spent Sunday with his brother, **Anthony Nix**, on Morgan hill.”

November 23, 1915, Wednesday, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Obituaries

DIED

“NIX — At Truxton, Sept. 16. William Nix, aged 78 years.”

September 21, 1928, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

“**MRS. ELIZABETH RYAN NIX**, 79, of 11 Riverside Street, formerly of Truxton, N.Y., died at 10 p.m. Saturday (Nov 1st). She is survived by a sister, **Mrs. Anna Bosworth** of Binghamton; three nieces, **Mrs. Robert Zimmerman**, **Miss Marie Ryan**, both of Binghamton, **Mrs. Rose Hicks** of Mineola; a nephew, **Leo Ryan** of Sea Cliff, L.I.; a sister-in-law, **Mrs. Alice Ryan** of Binghamton; several grandnieces and grandnephews. She was a member of St. Paul’s Church. The body was moved to the Thomas J. Shea Funeral Home, 137, Robinson Street, where friends may call today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.”

November 3, 1952, Monday, Binghamton press, Binghamton, NY

William A. Nix (6)

(s/o Michael Nix and Johanna K. Kennedy)

(d/o R. Jerome Rounds (1864-1926) and Amy Ann Babcock (1866-1964))

William A. Nix (6)

b. Nov 19, 1884
d. Jun 26, 1955, Cortland
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland

= Jessie Marie Rounds

b. Apr 6, 1891
mar Jul 30, 1912, Cortland
d. 1975
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland

Owner of a hotel and restaurant

Robert Nix

b. Nov 18, 1912, Cortland
d. Mar 4, 1968
bur Crown Hill Cem, Albany GA

= Thelma Arlene Haight Nix Dean (1)

b. May 14, 1913, Virgil, NY
d. Nov 27, 2007, Norwich, NY
bur Cortland Rural Cem, Cortland

= Florence Evelyn Green (2)

b. Apr 13, 1916
d. Apr 5, 2006
bur Crown Hill Cem, Albany, GA

Richard Nix

b. 1916, Cortland

Mary Rita Nix

b. Dec 8, 1916, Cortland
d. Sep 4, 1966, Flagstaff, AZ
bur Bellevue Memorial Park, Ontario,
CA

= William F. Jamieson

b. Oct 22, 1914, Toronto, Ontario,,Canada
d. Nov 1, 1974, Alta Loma, CA
bur Bellevue Memorial Park, Ontario, CA

US Census Records

1920 NY Cortland, Cortland WD05 Dist 0014

110 Elm Street, Res 146, Fam 168, Rents

William Nix, Head, 35, M, NY, NY, IR, Proprietor, Hotel

Jessie Nix, Wife, 28, M, NY, NY, NY, None

Robert Nix, Son, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, School

Richard Nix, Son, 4, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Mary Nix, Dau, 3, S, NY, NY, NY, None

In The Newspapers

PASTOR OF ST. MARYS UNITED THREE COUPLES

“CORTLAND. July 31. — **Rev. F. Donohue**, pastor of St. Mary's Church, married three couples yesterday. They were: **George W. Jones** and **Miss Maude Winifred Kane**, **William A. Nix** and **Miss Jessie Marie Rounds**, all of this city, and **Frank G. Rudeau** of Syracuse and **Miss Katherine Louise Harrington** of this city.

“Mr. and Mrs. Nix left on the morning train for Buffalo and Cleveland, where they will take in the Grand Circuit races this week and next. ...”

August 1, 1912, Thursday, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

Find A Grave

William Anthony Nix

BIRTH: 19 Nov 1884
DEATH: 26 Jun 1955 (aged 70)
BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY
PLOT: sec 5, lot 43
MEMORIAL ID: 150055618

Jessie Marie Rounds Nix

BIRTH: 6 Apr 1891
DEATH: 1975 (aged 83–84)
BURIAL: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY
PLOT: sec 5, lot 43
MEMORIAL ID: 150055617

Robert William Nix

BIRTH: 18 Nov 1912
DEATH: 4 Mar 1968 (aged 55)
BURIAL: Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, USA
MEMORIAL ID: 23463137

Thelma Arlene Haight Nix Dean

BIRTH: 14 May 1913, Virgil, Cortland County, NY
DEATH: 25 Nov 2007 (aged 94), Norwich, Chenango County, NY
BURIAL: Cortland Rural Cemetery, Cortland, Cortland County, NY
MEMORIAL ID: 121978133

Florence Evelyn Green Nix

BIRTH: 13 Apr 1916
DEATH: 5 Apr 2006 (aged 89)
BURIAL: Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, USA
MEMORIAL ID: 23463129

Mary Rita Nix Jamieson

BIRTH: 8 Dec 1916, Cortland County, New York, USA
DEATH: 4 Sep 1966 (aged 49), Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona, USA
BURIAL: Bellevue Memorial Park, Ontario, San Bernardino County, CA
MEMORIAL ID: 150851246

William F Jamieson

BIRTH: 22 Oct 1914, Toronto, Toronto Municipality, Ontario, Canada
DEATH: 1 Nov 1974 (aged 60), Alta Loma, San Bernardino County, CA
BURIAL: Bellevue Memorial Park, Ontario, San Bernardino County, CA
MEMORIAL ID: 150851226

Appendix

The Original Nix Families

The Original Nix Families - 2003

John Nix (1825-?) Cem.: Unknown	Margaret O'Donnell (1830-1866) Cem.: St. Patrick's
1850 - Truxton 1860 - ? 1869 - Truxton 1870 - ? 1880 - Truxton 1889 - Cortland Village	1850 - ? 1860 - ? ↑ ?? 1869 - 1870 - ? ↓ 1880 - Truxton 1889 -

James Nix (1828-?) Cem.: Unknown	Hanora (?) (1823-?) Cem.: Unknown
1850 - Truxton	1850 - Truxton James Nix and a William Nix were neighbors in 1850

William Nix (1826-?) Cem.: Unknown	Mary (?) (1827-?) Cem.: Unknown
1850 - Truxton 1860 -	1850 - Truxton 1860 -

Anthony Nix (1814-1892) Cem.: St. Patrick's	Margaret Griffin (1822-1892) Cem.: St. Patrick's
Arrival 1841-43 1850 - Truxton 1860 - Truxton 1869 - Truxton 1870 - ? 1880 - Truxton 1889 - Truxton	Arrival 1841-43 1850 - Truxton 1860 - Truxton 1869 - N.A. 1870 - ? 1880 - Truxton 1889 - N.A.

Thomas Nix (1831-1909) Cem.: St. James	Mary McGrath (1833-1924) Cem.: St. James
1850 - 1860 - 1869 - Truxton 1870 - Truxton 1880 - 1884 - Cazenovia 1889 -	1850 - 1860 - 1869 - N.A. 1870 - Truxton 1880 - 1884 - Cazenovia 1889 -

William (1) Nix (1825-1903) Cem.: Unknown	Alice O'Hara (1832-1902) Cem.: Unknown
1850 - 1860 - 1869 - Truxton 1870 - Truxton 1880 - DeRuyter 1889 - Cortland	1850 - 1860 - 1869 - N.A. 1870 - Truxton 1880 - DeRuyter 1889 - N.A.

Patrick Melody (1830-1880) Cem.: St. Patrick's	Mary Nix (1834- ?) Cem.: Unknown
1850 - 1860 - 1869 - 1870 - Truxton 1880 - Truxton 1889 -	1850 - 1860 - 1869 - 1870 - Truxton 1880 - Truxton 1889 -

Thomas Phelan (1832 - ?) Cem.: Unknown	Hanora Nix (1836-1868) Cem.: St. Patrick's
1850 - 1860 - 1869 - 1870 - Truxton 1880 - Truxton 1889 -	1850 - 1860 - 1869 - 1870 - 1880 - 1889 -

John Nix (? - ?) Died in Ireland	Honora Pesklay (1792 - ?) Cem.: Unknown
	1850 - Ireland 1860 - Ireland 1869 - 1870 - Truxton 1880 - 1889 -

1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 are U.S. census records; 1869 and 1889 are the Cortland Co. Directories where only males over 18 are listed. The arrows show which individuals were baptism sponsors for the other Nix families. This demonstrates the family connections among most of the families. John and Honora Nix in the lower right hand corner were the patriarchs of the family. The James and William Nix families in the upper right hand corner don't seem to be connected to any of the other Nix families on this page.

These are the members of the first Nix Family

John Nix (? - ?) Died in Ireland	Honora Pesklay (1792 - ?) Cem.: Unknown
	1850 – Ireland 1860 – Ireland 1869 – 1870 – Truxton 1880 – 1889 –

John Nix (1825-?) Cem.: Unknown	Margaret O'Donnell (1830-1866) Cem.: St. Patrick's
1850 – Truxton 1860 - ? 1869 – Truxton 1870 - ? 1880 – Truxton 1889 – Cortland Village	1850 – ? 1860 - ? ↑ ?? 1869 – ↓ 1870 - ? 1880 – Truxton 1889 –

Thomas Nix (1831-1909) Cem.: St. James	Mary McGrath (1833-1924) Cem.: St. James
1850 – 1860 – 1869 – Truxton 1870 – Truxton 1880 – 1884 - Cazenovia 1889 –	1850 – 1860 – 1869 – N.A. 1870 – Truxton 1880 – 1884 - Cazenovia 1889 –

William (1) Nix (1825-1903) Cem.: Unknown	Alice O'Hara (1832-1902) Cem.: Unknown
1850 – 1860 – 1869 – Truxton 1870 – Truxton 1880 – DeRuyter 1889 – Cortland	1850 – 1860 – 1869 – N.A. 1870 – Truxton 1880 – DeRuyter 1889 – N.A.

Patrick Melody (1830-1880) Cem.: St. Patrick's	Mary Nix (1834- ?) Cem.: Unknown
1850 – 1860 – 1869 – 1870 – Truxton 1880 – Truxton 1889 –	1850 – 1860 – 1869 – 1870 – Truxton 1880 – Truxton 1889 –

Thomas Phelan (1832 - ?) Cem.: Unknown	Hanora Nix (1836-1868) Cem.: St. Patrick's
1850 – 1860 – 1869 – 1870 – Truxton 1880 – Truxton 1889 –	1850 – 1860 – 1869 – 1870 – 1880 – 1889 –

1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 are U.S. census records; 1869 and 1889 are the Cortland Co. Directories where only males over 18 are listed.

These are the second Nix families with Anthony in Truxton and his two brothers in Columbus Wisconsin.

Anthony Nix (1814-1892) Cem.: St. Patrick's	Margaret Griffin (1822-1892) Cem.: St. Patrick's
Arrival 1841-43 1850 – Truxton 1860 – Truxton 1869 – Truxton 1870 - ? 1880 – Truxton 1889 – Truxton	Arrival 1841-43 1850 – Truxton 1860 – Truxton 1869 – N.A. 1870 - ? 1880 – Truxton 1889 – N.A.

William Nix (1824-1901) Cem.: Columbus WI	Mary LNU (1824-1909) Cem.:
1850 – 1860 – Homer 1869 – 1870 – 1880 – Elba, WI 1900 – Elba, WI	1850 – 1860 – Homer 1869 – 1870 – 1880 – Elba, WI 1900 – Elba, WI

John Nix (1817-1893) Cem.: St. Jeromes	Bridget LNU (1815-1883) Cem.: St. Jeromes
1850 – 1860 – NY 1869 – 1870 – NJ 1880 – WI 1889 –	1850 – 1860 – NY 1869 – 1870 – NJ 1880 – WI 1889 –

Anthony Nix and Bridget Ahern

The obituary below contained enough information to trace this Nix family back to Ireland. With two brothers back in Ireland that made it easier to location the correct ones because they were living close together. This section will proceed in the actual order in which the information was uncovered. It was discovered toward the completion of the process that this Anthony Nix was another son of John Nix and Nora Pesklay.

Mrs. John McNamara

Cortland, Feb 20 — “**Mrs. John McNamara** of 10 Copeland avenue, died Saturday (Feb 17th) morning after an illness lasting two years. She was born at County Limerick, Ireland, 63 years ago (b. 1860). She is survived by her husband; two daughters, **Mrs. W. E. McKenna** of Chicago, Ill., and **Miss Mary McNamara** of this city (Cortland), **John McNamara** of this city (Cortland); a sister, **Mrs. Ella O’Connor** of Cortland, and four brothers, **John Nix** of Springfield, Mass., **William Nix** of Chicago, Ill., and **Thomas** and **James Nix**, who reside in Ireland. The funeral was held Monday morning.”

February 20, 1923, Tuesday, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

Note: In another obituary **Mary McNamara’s** surviving sister was named **Mrs. Ella O’Connell** of Cortland, rather than O’Connor. As will be shown below that O’Connor is the correct name.

McNamara

“McNamara — In Cortland, Feb 17 (Saturday), **Mrs. John McNamara** aged 62 years, 9 month, 5 days.”

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

Note: This works out to a birth date of May 12, 1860. This would fit better if it were 63 years. Then it would be May 12, 1859 which fit right in between Mary’s siblings Honora (baptized July 20, 1858) and Thomas (baptized April 21, 1860).

US Census Records

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 Dist 0091

96 Lincoln Avenue Res 102 Fam 110, Owns home free of a mortgage

John A. Nix, Head, May 1857, 43, M, 18 yrs, IR, IR, IR, —, 26 yrs, Na, Carriage Trimmer
Nellie Nix, Wife, Aug 1861, 38, M, 18 yrs, Children: 6/6, IR, IR, IR, —, 19 yrs
A. Ernest Nix, Son, Dec 1884, 15, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Charles Nix, Son, July 1893, 6, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Arthur Nix, Son, Oct 1894, 5, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Hellen Nix, Dau, Nov 1895, 4, S, NY, IR, IR, At School
Robert Nix, Son, Oct 1897, 2, S, NY, IR, IR
Mary Nix, Dau, Apr 1899, 1, S, NY, IR, IR

1920 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 Dist 0004

14 Copeland Avenue, Res 34 Fam 37, Owns home free of a mortgage

John McNamara, Head, 62, M, **1879**, Na, 1884, IR, IR, IR, Foundry, Dye Maker
Mary L. McNamara, Wife, 61, M, **1880**, Na, 1884, IR, IR, IR, None
Maude A. McNamara, Dau, 28, S, NY, IR, IR, Stenographer, oil Co.
John P. McNamara, Son, 27, S, NY, IR, IR, Machinist, Automobile
Mary H. McNamara, Dau, 25, S, NY, IR, IR, Telephone, Operator

Note: In the 1910 census **Mary** reported that she had given birth to a total of 6 children and that only 3 were still alive.

An Ireland born **Ella**, married to an **O'Connor** could not be found in Cortland or the surrounding area. Below is the closest match that could be found. However, this Ella O'Connor was single, living with her brother, and they had both been born in NY.

1920 NY Cortland Truxton, Dist 0035

Res 124 Fam 130, Owns farm

Cornelius O'Connor, Head, 60, S, NY, IR, IR, No occupation

Bridget O'Connor, Mother, 90, W, 1848, Na, 1851, IR, IR, IR, No occupation

Ella O'Connor, Sister, 51, S, NY, IR, IR, No occupation

Irish Church Records

Mahoonagh RC, Limerick

May 4, 1856 – **Joannes Nix** – Parents: Antonio Nix and Brigide Ahern

Res; None, Sps. Gulielmus Sweeny and Joannes Nix and Honora Nix

July 20, 1858 – **Honora Nix** – Parents: Anthonio Nix and Brigida Ahern

Res: None, Sps. Patrick (illegible), Joannes Riely, Johana Roche.

April 21, 1860 – **Thomas Nix** – Parents: Antonio Nix and Brigida Ahern

Res: None. Sps. Jacobus Ahern and Anna Liston

January 9, 1862 - **Gulielmus Nix** – Parents: Antonio Nix and Brigida Ahern

Res: None. Sps. Gulielmus Nix, Ellina Ahern. Priest Mauntius Ahern

February 22, 1863 – **Michael Nix** – Parents: Antonio Nix and Brigida Ahern

Res: None. Sps. Jacobus Leahy and Hellena Normoyle

August 2, 1866 – **Hanoram Nix** – Parents: Antonio Nix and Brigida Ahern

Res: None. Sps. Michael Nix and Catharina Sullivan

March 27, 1868 – **Michael Nix** – Parents: Antonio Nix and Brigida Ahern

Res: None. Sps. Joanne and Maria Nix. Priest: J. Moran CC

The marriage record of Anthony Nix and Bridget Ahern was not found. No baptism records could be found for these parents for daughters **Mary** (born about 1860) or **Ella**.

Sup Reg Dist Newcastle, Reg Dist Newcastle

December 14, 1864 – **Ellen Nix**, Par. **Anthony Nix** (Carpenter) and **Bridget Ahern**,

Res: Castlemahon, Informant: Bridget Nix, Mother, Castlemahon,

Reg: December 27, 1864, Geo. Peirce, Asst. Registrar

Note: No baptism record was found for **Ellen Nix**.

August 17, 1869 – **James Nix**, Par. **Anthony Nix** (Carpenter) and **Biddy Ahern**,

Res: Castlemahon, Informant: Mary (x - her mark) Noctin, Present at birth, Castlemahon,

Reg: August 31, 1869, Geo. Peirce, Asst. Registrar

Note: No baptism record was found for **James Nix**.

July 19, 1872 – **Honora Nix**, Par. **Anthony Nix** (Carpenter) and **Bridget Ahern**,

Res: Castlemahon, Informant: Bridget Nix, Mother, Castlemahon,

Reg: August 3, 1872, J. Peirce, MB, Asst. Registrar

April 22, 1874 – Bridget Nix, Par. **Anthony Nix** (Carpenter) and **Bridget Ahern**,

Res: Castlemahon, Informant: Bridget Nix, Mother, Castlemahon,

Reg: May 9, 1874, Geo. Peirce, Asst. Registrar

Aug 18, 1878 – Catherine Nix, Par. **Anthony Nix** (Carpenter) and **Bridget Ahern**,

Res: Castlemahon, Informant: Kate (her x mark) Moran, Present at birth, Castlemahon,

Reg: August 24, 1878, Geo. Peirce, Asst. Registrar

A page-by-page search of the Mahoonagh RC parish records was conducted for the baptism of **Mary Nix** who is thought to have been born in about 1860. The search began in December 1858 and went past **Thomas Nix** (baptized April 21, 1860) and up to January 9, 1862 with the baptism of Mary's brother **Gulielmus (William) Nix**. No baptism record for Mary Nix was found.

The civil records didn't begin until 1864 and Mary's birth record wouldn't be expected to be found there. A search for Mary Nix over all of Ireland between 1860 and 1870 produced only one record. It was a Mary Nix of Croom, Co. Limerick with different parents.

Irish Census Records

1901 - House 6 in Castlemahon Village (Mahoonagh, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Nix	Anthony	78	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Nix	Thos	38	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Nix	Catherine	38	Female	Daughter in Law	Roman Catholic
Nix	James	1	Male	Grand Son	Roman Catholic
Nix	Terence		Male	Grand Son	Roman Catholic
Liston	Mary	39	Female	Visitor	Roman Catholic

Note: Mary Liston is probably the sister of Catherine Liston Nix

1911 - House 12 in Castlemahon Town (Mahoonagh, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Nix	Thomas	51	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Nix	Catherine	51	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Nix	James	11	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Nix	Terence	10	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Nix	Michael	7	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Nix	Anthony	87	Male	Father	Roman Catholic
Nix	James	40	Male	Brother	Roman Catholic

Marriage: Thomas Nix & Catherine Liston - Castlemahon

Sup Reg Dist – Newcastle West, Reg Dist - Broadford
April 29, 1899 - married at Roman Catholic Chapel of Feohanagh
Husband: **Thomas Nix** (Full age, Bachelor, Parish Clerk, Castlemahon)
Father: Anthony Nix (Living), Carpenter
Wife: **Catherine Liston** (Full age, Spinster, Farmer's Daughter, Shanrath)
Father: Terence Liston (Dead), Farmer
Witnesses: James Nix and Mary Liston
Priest: Michael Irwin, P.P.
Reg: May 11, 1899, R. P. Gordon

Irish Civil Death Records

Death: Bridget Nix - 40 - 1878

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle
Date: August 22, 1878 - Location: Castlemahon
Name: **Bridget Nix**
Condition: Married
Age at last Birthday: 40 years
Occupation: Carpenter's wife
Cause of Death: Cardiac Atrophy, About 2 years, Certified
Informant: **Thomas Nix**, present at death, Castlemahon
Reg: August 24, 1878, Geo Peirce, Registrar

Note: Bridget died in child birth. Her daughter **Catherine Nix** was born on August 22, 1878

Death: Anthony Nix - 88 - 1912

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle
Date: January 9, 1912 - Location: Castlemahon
Name: **Anthony Nix**
Condition: Widower
Age at last Birthday: 88
Occupation: Carpenter
Cause of Death: Senile Debility
Informant: **Thomas Nix**, Son, Castlemahon
Reg: January 13, 1912, D. J. Hurley
Their Children

Death: Michael Nix - 7 - 1874

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle
Date: May 18, 1874 - Location: Castlemahon
Name: **Michael Nix**
Condition: Bachelor
Age at last Birthday: 7 years
Occupation: Carpenter's child
Cause of Death: (See Below), 12 months, Certified
Informant: **Bridget (x her mark) Nix**, present at death, Castlemahon
Reg: May 21, 1874, Geo Peirce, Asst. Registrar



Death: Honora Nix - 2 - 1874

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle

Date: June 2, 1874 - Location: Castlemahon

Name: **Honora Nix**

Condition: Spinster

Age at last Birthday: 2 years

Occupation: Carpenter's child

Cause of Death: Croup, 4 days ill, Certified

Informant: **Thomas Nix**, present at death, Castlemahon

Reg: June 6, 1874, Geo. Peirce, Asst Registrar

Death: Kate Nix - 2 months - 1878

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle

Date: October 22, 1878 - Location: Castlemahon

Name: **Kate Nix**

Condition: Spinster

Age at last Birthday: 2 months

Occupation: Carpenter's child

Cause of Death: Diarrhea, one week

Informant: **Thomas Nix**, present at death, Castlemahon

Reg: November 7, 1878, Geo. Peirce, Asst Registrar

Death: Bridget Nix - 10 - 1884

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle

Date: August 14, 1884 - Location: Castlemahon

Name: **Bridget Nix**

Condition: Spinster

Age at last Birthday: 10 years

Occupation: Carpenter's child

Cause of Death: Scarletina, 3 days ill Certified

Informant: **Thomas Nix (brother)**, present at death, Castlemahon

Reg: August 21, 1884, Geo. Peirce, Asst Registrar

Death: Catherine Nix – 74 years - 1934

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle
Date: July 21, 1934 - Location: Castlemahon, Newcastle R-D
Name: **Catherine Nix**
Condition: Married
Age at last Birthday: 74 years
Occupation: Wife of Ex-Sub-Postmaster
Cause of Death: Myocarditis Hemiplexia, Certified
Informant: **Michael Nix**, son, present at death, Castlemahon, Newcastle R-D
Reg: July 26, 1934, Ml.. O'Connor, Registrar

Death: Thomas Nix – 75 years - 1935

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle
Date: January 31, 1935 - Location: Castlemahon, Newcastle R-D
Name: **Thomas Nix**
Condition: Widower
Age at last Birthday: 75 years
Occupation: Ex-Sub-Postmaster
Cause of Death: Senile Debility, No medical attendant
Informant: **Michael Nix**, son, present at death, Castlemahon, Newcastle R-D
Reg: February 5, 1935, H. O'Connor, Registrar

Death: James Nix – 78 years - 1947

Sup Reg Dist - Newcastle, Reg Dist - Newcastle
Date: February 22, 1947 - Location: Castlemahon, Newcastle R-D
Name: **James Nix**
Condition: Bachelor
Age at last Birthday: 78 years
Occupation: Carpenter
Cause of Death: Influenzal pneumonia, Cardiac Failure, Certified
Informant: **Michael Nix**, nephew of deceased, present at death, Castlemahon, Newcastle R-D
Reg: March 6, 1947, H. Young, Registrar

Find A Grave

St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

Section 4, Lot 159

John McNamara 1854-1926

Mary Nix McNamara 1859-1923

Children

Nellie McNamara 1886-1892

Celai McNamara 1887-1891

Mabel McNamara 1888-1888

Maude McNamara McKenna 1888-1957

John P. McNamara 1891-1875

Mary Helen McNamara 1892-1970

Patrick O'Connor

Birth: 1872

Death: 1903 (aged 30–31)

Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, Cortland County, NY

Plot: section 2

Memorial ID: 142134936

Ella T O'Connor

Birth: 1873

Death: 1944 (aged 70–71)

Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, Cortland County, NY

Plot: section 2

Memorial ID: 142134937

Anthony Nix and Bridget Ahern

Anthony Nix

b. 1824, Ireland
d. Jan 9, 1912, Castlemahon,
Mahoonagh parish, Co.
Limerick

1880 in Truxton, NY
1892 in Cortlandville, NY
1900 in Cortland WD01, NY
1920 in Springfield WD07, MA
1923 in Springfield, MA

1905 - 223 Railroad St.,
Cortland, NY

1901 in Castlemahon
1911 in Castlemahon
1923 in Castlemahon

1880 – not found
1900 in Chicago WD29, IL
1920 in Chicago WD06, IL
1923 in Chicago, IL

1923 in Cortland, NY
1925 in Cortland, NY
1926 in Binghamton, NY

1911 in Castlemahon
1923 in Castlemahon

= Bridget Ahern

b. 1838, Ireland
d. Aug 22, 1878, Castlemahon,
Mahoonagh parish, Co.
Limerick

John Nix

bap. May 4, 1856
To US 1874 (1900 census)
To US 1874 (1920 census)

Honora Nix

bap. Jul 20, 1858

Mary L. Nix

b. 1859, Ireland
To US 1880
d. Feb 17, 1923, Cortland, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Thomas Nix

bap. Apr 21, 1860
d. Jan 31, 1935, Castlemahon

William Nix

bap. Jan 9, 1862
To US 1880

Michael Nix

bap. Feb 22, 1863

Ellen Nix

b. Dec 16, 1864, Castlemahon, IR
To US 1896 (1910 census)
To US 1897 (1905 census)
d. Apr 30, 1944, Binghamton, NY
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Hanora Nix

bap. Aug 2, 1866
d. 1867

Michael Nix

bap. Mar 27, 1868
d. May 18, 1874, Castlemahon

James Nix

b. Aug 17, 1869, Castlemahon
d. Feb 22, 1947, Castlemahon

Honora Nix

b. Jul 19, 1872, Castlemahon
d. June 2, 1874, Castlemahon

Bridget Nix

b. Aug 22, 1874, Castlemahon
d. Aug 14, 1884, Castlemahon

Catherine Nix

b. Aug 18, 1878, Castlemahon
d. Oct 22, 1878, Castlemahon

Only 6 of the 13 Nix children survived to adulthood. Of those 6 survivors, 4 of them immigrated to the US. The Nix children highlighted in **GRAY** are the only ones that went to the US.

= Nellie LNU

b. 1862, IR
To US 1881 (1900 census)
To US 1874 (1920 census)
mar 1882
Children: 3 (1892 census)
Children: 6 (1900 census)
Children: 7 (1920 census)

Died young

= John McNamara

b. 1858, IR
To US 1879
d. 1926, Cortland, NY
bur St. Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

= Catherine Liston

b. 1860
mar Apr 29, 1899, Feohanagh,
Mahoonagh par, Co. Limerick
d. Jul 21, 1934, Castlemahon

= Annie Dullard

b. 1866, Illinois
mar 1891
Children: 5 (1900 census)
Children: 6 (1920 census)

Died young

= Patrick O'Connor

b. 1872, IR
mar 1897
d. 1903 (Gravestone)
d. Nov 23, 1904, Cortland, NY (NYS Death Index)
bur St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Died young

Died young

Single in 1911. Never married

Died young

Died young

Died in infancy. Mother died 4 days after Catherine's birth.

In Search of Ella

The reason for this Ella search was to determine if her married name was O'Connor or O'Connell. It was also desired to determine any local O'Connor connections.

In The Newspapers

TRUXTON

TRUXTON, Sept. 27. — "A disastrous fire occurred yesterday at about 5 o'clock in the evening, when the residence of **Patrick Connors** with nearly all its contents was destroyed. The house stood on a hill three miles from this village from which it was plainly in view, and was seen to burn by most of our citizens. There was no one at home but **Mrs. Connors**, and she was able only to get out a little clothing and bedding. There was some insurance, but we have not learned the amount."

September 30, 1898, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

Note: This turned out to be a different family

An Auburn Ella O'Connell

1920 NY Cayuga Auburn WD05 Dist 0009

208 State Street, Res 271 Fam 340, Owns home free of a mortgage

Timothy O'Connell, Head, 69, M, 1881, Na, 1885, IR, IR, IR, Flagman, Railroad

Ellen O'Connell, wife, 69, M, 1881, Na, 1885, IR, IR, IR, None

Eugene Hassett, Son-in-law, 40, M, 1899, Na, 1902, IR, IR, IR, Accountant, Freight Office

Ellen Hassett, Dau, 40, 1999, Na, 1885, IR, IR, IR, None

Joseph Hassett, Grandson, 7, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Helen Hassett, Granddaughter, 5, S, NY, IR, IR, None

John Hassett, Grandson, 3-9/12, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Mary Hassett, Granddaughter, 11/12, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Note: Obviously **Ellen O'Connell Hassett** didn't arrive in the US in 1999. She came with her parents **Timothy** and **Ellen O'Connell** in 1881. But even this is slightly in error as seen in **Ellen's** Irish birth record shown below, she was born in 1882. The most likely arrival year for the family was 1883.

Sup Reg Dist Newcastle, Reg Dist Abbeyfeale

November 1, 1882 – **Ellen O'Connell**, Par. **Timothy O'Connell** (Caher Leane, Farmer) and **Ellen Casey**, Res: Caher Leane, Informant: Timothy O'Connell, Father, Caher Leane, Reg: November 7, 1882, Thomas O'Connell, Asst Registrar

Although an **Ellen O'Connell** was found living near Cortland, NY it is obvious from the Irish birth record that this was an **Ellen Casey** and not an **Ella Nix**.

Another Ella O'Connor

1930 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD12 Dist 0204

618 Stinard Street, Res 53 Fam 70, Owns home \$16,000, Has a radio

Nicholas H. Hemmer, Head, 37, M, Mar @ 25, NY, NY, NY, Contractor, Builder

Helen M. Hemmer, Wife, 35, M, Mar @ 23, NY, NY, NY, None

6 children – ages 1 to 10

Ella M. O'Connor, Mother-in-law, 60, Wd, NY, IR, IR, None

Margaret O'Connor, Sister-in-law, 24, S, NY, IR, NY, Stenographer, Insurance

Note: **Helen's** father was born in Ireland, not NY. Compare her with her sister **Margaret** who was also residing at the house. This **Ella M. O'Connor** initially looked interesting. She was about the right age, she was living not too far from Cortland, but she had been born in NY, rather than Ireland.

The Actual Ella O'Connor

US Census Records

1892 - Neither **Ella Nix** nor **Patrick O'Connor** were found

1900 – Neither **Ella** nor **Patrick O'Connor** were found. Cortland WD01 and WD05 were searched page by page.

1900 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0093 [Pendleton St still in WD05 in 2024]

41 Pendleton Street, Res 130 Fam 155, Owns home with a mortgage

Katherine O'Conner, Head, Aug 1845, 55, Wd, **Children: 7/4**, IR, IR, IR

John P. O'Conner, Son, Jan 1874, 26, S, **NY**, IR, IR, Carriage Blacksmith, 6 mos unemployed

Morris M. O'Conner, Son, Mar 1878, 22, S, **NY**, IR, IR, Carriage Trimmer, 2 mos unemployed

Edward J. O'Conner, Son, Feb 1880, 20, S, **NY**, IR, IR, Clerk

Kittie J. O'Conner, Dau, Sept 1883, 16, S, **NY**, IR, IR, At school

Note: This family is NOT connected to the Ireland born **Patrick O'Connor**. All four children are accounted for and none were named Patrick. All the children were born in NY.

1905 NY Cortland Cortland WD06 ED01

76 East Court Street

Ella O'Connors, Head, 34, Ireland, **8 yrs in US**, Cit, Shop Clerk

James O'Connors, Son, 7, US, Cit, At School (9 mos)

Mary O'Connors, Dau, 5, US, Cit, At School (9 mos)

Note: This is the CORRECT Ella.

1905 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 ED01

44 Crandall

Thomas O'Connor, Head, 27, Ireland, **6 yrs**, Cit, Day Laborer

Mary O'Connor, Wife, 22, Ireland, 17 yrs, Cit, Housework

James O'Connor, Son, 5/12, US, Cit, At Home

Note: Based on the age of **Ella** and **Patrick's** son **James**, **Patrick** needed to arrive in the US by 1897 at the latest. This was 8 years ago so **Patrick** and **Thomas** couldn't have traveled together. But assuming that they are still brothers, they both named their first born sons **James**. If they were following naming tradition then there is a good chance that their father's name was also **James**.

1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0117

44 Crandall Street, Res 68 Fam 82, Rents home

Ella O'Connor, Head, 38, Wd, Children: 2/2, IR, IR, IR, 1896, No occupation

James O'Connor, Son, 12, S, NY, **IR**, IR, No occupation

Mary O'Connor, Dau, 10, S, NY, **IR**, IR, No occupation

Note: The family was living in the city of Cortland. **Ella's** census age of 38 implies she was born in 1872. **Ella** was actually baptized in Ireland on December 14, 1864. Based on the children's information, their father **Patrick** had been born in **Ireland**.

1910 NY Cortland Cortland WD05 Dist 0117

89 River Street, Res 131 Fam 153, Rents home

Thomas O'Connor, Head, 33, M, 6 yrs, IR, IR, **1901**, Na, Blacksmith, Wagon Shop

Mary O'Connor, Wife, 28, M, 6 yrs, Children: 5/3, IR, IR, IR, **1890**, None

James O'Connor, Son, 5, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Thomas O'Connor, Son, 1-6/12, S, NY, IR, IR, None

Katherine O'Connor, Dau, 2/12, S, NY, IR, IR, None [Died Jan 30, 1911]

Note: An older son named **Thomas** died May 30, 1907. Based on the children info from the census "5/3"

Thomas and **Mary** must have lost another child besides **Thomas** prior to the 1910 census.

1915 - Ella O'Connor not found

1920 NY Cortland Cortland WD01 Dist 0004

29 Alvena Avenue, Res 12, Fam 13, Owns home with a mortgage

Ella O'Connor, Head, 49, Wd, 1897, Na, 1902, IR, IR, IR, None

James O'Connor, Son, 21, S, NY, IR, IR, Clerk, Shipping

Mary O'Connor, Dau, 19, S, NY, IR, IR, Telephone, Switch board

Note: The family is living in the city of Cortland.

1925 - Ella O'Connor not found

1930 - NY Broome Binghamton Dist 0016

58 St. John Avenue Res 81 Fam 125 Rents \$40/mo Radio

Robert Kohnstam, Head, 28, M, Mar @ 25, NY, PA, PA, Civil Engineer, D.W.R.R.

Mary Kohnstam, Wife, 30, M, Mar @ 22, NY, IR, IR, None

Robert Kohnstam, Jr., Son, 3-1/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Ellen O'Connor, Mother-in-law, 57, Wd, IR, IR, IR, None

1930 Michigan Wayne Detroit (Districts 501-750) Dist 0516

5019 Larchmont Avenue Res 130 Fam 18, Owns \$5,200

Thomas O'Connor, Head, 52, M, **22 yrs**, IR, IR, IR, 1900, Na, Millwright, Auto factory

Mary O'Connor, 48, M, **22 yrs**, IR, IR, IR, 1888, Na, none

James O'Connor, Son, **25**, S, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, Fire door factory

Thomas O'Connor, Son, 21, S, NY, IR, IR, Clerk, Bank

William O'Connor, Son, 16, S, MI, IR, IR

Mary O'Connor, Dau, 13, S, MI, IR, IR

Joseph O'Connor, Son, 12, S, MI, IR, IR

Rita O'Connor, Dau, 11, S, MI, IR, IR

Note: The time married of 22 years is in error. Their oldest son, James, was 25 years old.

1940 NY Broome Binghamton Dist 4-338

141 Schubert Street, Res 98 Rents \$40/mo

Robert Kohnstam, Head, 39, M, H-4, Penna, Same house, 44 hrs worked, Construction Engineer,
Railroad, Worked 52 wks, \$2700

Mary Kohnstam, Wife, 40, M, H-2, NY, Same house

Robert Kohnstam, Son, 14, S, 7th, NY, Same house

Ella O'Connor, Mother-in-law, 68, Wd, 8th, Ireland, Same house

1940 MI Wayne Detroit Dist 84-957

5019 Larchmont Avenue Res 156 Owns \$2000

Thomas O'Connor, Head, 63, M, 8th, Irish Free State, Same place, Millwright, Auto Industry, 52 wks, \$2400

Mary O'Connor, Wife, 58, M, 8th, Irish Free State, Same place

James O'Connor, Son, 35, S, 9th, NY, Same place, Production, Steel Co, 25 wks, \$700

Tom (William) O'Connor, Son, 26, S, H-4, MI, Same place, Production, Steel Co, 46 wks, \$1500

Mary O'Connor, Dau, 23, S, H-4, MI, Same place, Typist, Charitable Institution, 16 wks, \$150

Rita O'Connor, Dau, 21, S, H-4, MI, Same place

Note: The response "Same place" probably should have been "Same House" because the residence was the same in 1930 and 1940: 5019 Larchmont Avenue. "**Tom**" is actually **William** according to his age. The actual **Thomas** in the family would have been 31 in the 1940 census.

1950 MI Wayne Detroit Dist 85-1774

8255 Ohio, Res 10

Thomas E. O'Connor, Head, 73, Mar, Ireland, Cit, Unable to work

Mary J. O'Connor, Wife, 68, Mar, Ireland, Cit, Keeping House

Mary J. O'Connor, Dau, 32, Nev, Mich, Working, 40 hrs, Typist & Filing, Blower Manufacturer

City Directories

Year	City	Entry	Comment
		Earliest Directory was 1902	
1902	Cortland	<u>Patrick O'Connor</u> , carriage trimmer, h <u>37 Hubbard</u> Thomas O'Connor , laborer, bds. <u>37 Hubbard</u>	Thomas and Patrick are probably related. Hubbard St is in Ward 7 in 2024
1904	Cortland	<u>Patrick O'Connor</u> , carriage trimmer, h 37 Hubbard Thomas E. O'Connor , laborer, h 44 Crandall	
1905	CENSUS	Ella O'Connor was living at 76 E. Court St with her children James (7) and Mary (5) Thomas O'Connor was living at 44 Crandall with his wife Mary (22) and their son James (5/12).	Patrick appears to have died between 1904 and 1906. Patrick O'Connor died on Nov 23, 1904 in Cortland, NY - NY State Death Index.
1906	Cortland	Ella O'Connor , widow Patrick , h 76 E Court Thomas E. O'Connor , fireman, h 191 Railroad	
1908	Cortland	Ella O'Connor , widow Patrick , h 76 E Court Thomas E. O'Connor , blacksmith, h 76 E Court	
1910	Cortland	Ella O'Connor , widow Patrick , h 44 Crandall Thomas E. O'Connor , blacksmith, h 89 River	44 Crandall St was in Ward 5 in 1910
1910	CENSUS	Ella O'Connor and family at 44 Crandall. Thomas O'Connor and family at 89 River Street.	
1912	Cortland	Ellen O'Connor , widow Patrick , domestic, h 27 Alvena	No Thomas O'Connor .
1914	Cortland	Ellen O'Connor , wid Patrick , domestic, h 29 Alvena	No Thomas O'Connor .
1916	Cortland	Ellen O'Connor , wid Patrick , domestic, h 29 Alvena James A. O'Connor , clk 116 Main, res 29 Alvens av	No Thomas O'Connor .

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1918	Cortland	Ellen O'Connor , wid Patrick , domestic, h 29 Alvena James A. O'Connor , clk, res 29 Alvens av Mary E. O'Connor , opr 24 Railroad, res 29 Alvena av	No Thomas O'Connor .
1920	Detroit	Thos E. O'Connor millwright h 5019 (285) Larchmont av	Could the number in parenthesis be an apartment number?
1921	Cortland	Ellen O'Connor , wid Patrick , domestic, h 29 Alvena James A. O'Connor , clk, res 29 Alvens av Mary E. O'Connor , opr 24 Railroad, b 29 Alvena av	29 Alvena St was in Ward 5 in 1920 Alvena St is in Ward 1 in 2024
1922	Cortland	Ellen O'Connor , wid Patrick , domestic, h 29 Alvena Mary E. O'Connor , phone opr, b 29 Alvena av	
1924	Cortland	Mary E. O'Connor , phone opr, b 29 Alvena av	
1926	Cortland	O'Connors are missing	
1926	Binghamton	Ella O'Connor wid Patrick r 129 Leroy Robert B. Kohnstam (May) draftsman h 129 Leroy	
1927	Binghamton	Ella O'Connor wid Patrick r 129 Leroy Robert B. Kohnstam (May) draftsman h 129 Leroy	
1930	Binghamton	Ella O'Connor , wid Patk r 58 St. John av Robert B. Kohnstam (May) civil engr h 58 St John	

Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ella O'Connor

“**Mrs. Ella O'Connor**, 72, of 62 Lathrop Avenue, died Sunday (Apr 30th) night in the Binghamton City Hospital. She is survived by a daughter, **Mrs. Robert B. Kohnstam** of this city; a son, **James** of Martins Ferry Ohio; a brother, **John Nix** of Troy, and seven grandchildren. The body was removed to the Frank J. Kelly Funeral Home, 152 Conklin Avenue, where friends may call.”

May 1, 1944, Monday Evening, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, NY

NY State Death Index

Patrick O'Connor, November 23, 1904, Cortland, No. 49317

TRUXTON

“Dec 2 — Several from here attended the funeral of **Patrick O'Connor**, who died of blood poisoning at Homer recently, yesterday.”

December 4, 1902, Thursday, The DeRuyter Gleaner, DeRuyter, NY

Note: This is probably **Patrick L. O'Connor** — son of **Patrick O'Connor** and **Hannora Lumbard O'Connor**. He was interred at St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

DIED

“**O'CONNOR** — In Cortland, May 30, **Thomas Patrick**, infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Connor**.”

June 7, 1907, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

DEATH OF A CHILD

“**Catherine May**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O’Connor** of 89 River-st., died this morning of pneumonia following measles. Her age was 11 months and 15 days. The funeral will be held at the house tomorrow morning at 11:15 o’clock, but will be private owing to the illness of the other children in the family from measles. Burial in St. Mary’s cemetery.”

January 30, 1911, Monday Evening, Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY

Joseph McGuire

“**Joseph McGuire** aged seventy years, died at his home on East Court-st. Tuesday morning. He was employed by the Cortland Wagon company. Mr. McGuire was a native of Ireland and has lived in this country eighteen years (1888). He leaves eight children.

Christopher, John, Joseph, Peter and William, Mrs. Mary O’Connor, Mrs. Anna Allen and Mrs. Kate Burns all of Cortland. The funeral was held yesterday at nine a.m. from the house and 9:30 from St. Mary’s church.”

October 26, 1906, Friday, The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY

From Find A Grave

This **Patrick** and **Ella** above appear to be the persons sought.

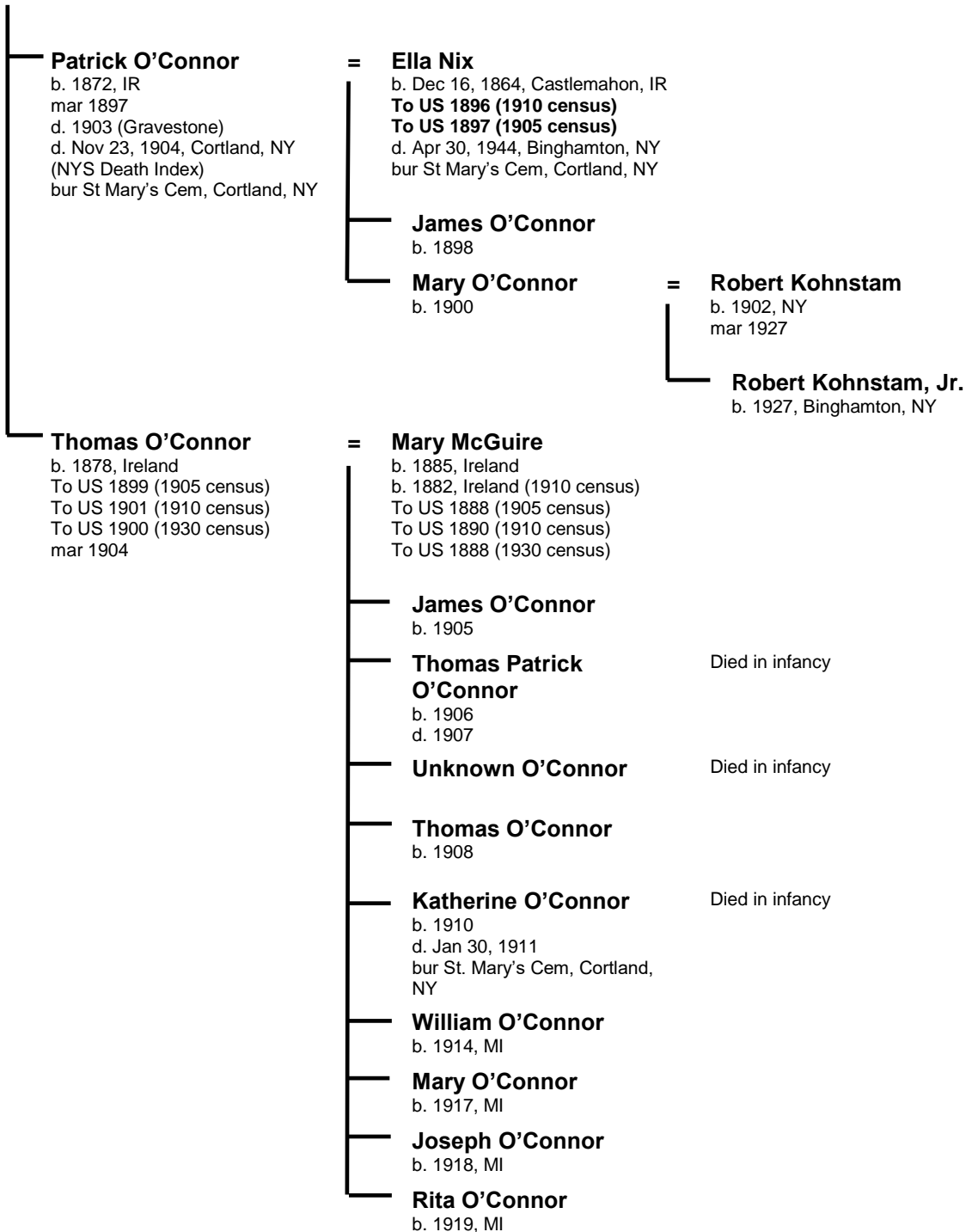
Patrick O'Connor Birth: 1872 Death: 1903 (aged 30–31) Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: section 2 Memorial ID: 142134936	Ella T O'Connor Birth: 1873 Death: 1944 (aged 70–71) [April 30, 1944, Binghamton, NY] Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY Plot: section 2 Memorial ID: 142134937 Note: This is the correct Ella and she was actually baptized in Ireland on December 14, 1864.
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Summary

After an extensive search Patrick O’Connor could not be found in any census. He did appear in the 1902 and 1904 editions of the Cortland City Directories with a possible brother named Thomas O’Connor. It isn’t known when he came to the US or whether he had relatives in the Cortland, Truxton or Syracuse areas.

The O'Connor Brothers

James O'Connor = Unknown



The family moved to Detroit, MI in 1912.

1915 - Thomas and Mary O'Connor not found in NY. Family was in Michigan
1920 - Thomas and Mary O'Connor not found in Michigan.

City Directories

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1913	Detroit	Thomas E. O'Connor blacksmith h 642 Lincoln	
1914	Detroit	Thomas E. O'Connor blacksmith h 642 Lincoln	
1915	Detroit	Thomas E. O'Connor trimmer h 642 Lincoln	
1916	Detroit	Thomas E. O'Connor h 642 Lincoln	
1917	Detroit	Only 1 st half of directory found	
1918	Detroit	Only 1 st half of directory found	
1919	Detroit	Only 1 st half of directory found	
1920	Detroit	Thomas E. O'Connor millwright h 5019 (285) Larchmont av	
1921	Detroit		

Irish Civil Records

In this district there were three birth records for a Patrick Connor with a father named James but there was no record for a Thomas Connor with a father named James. The Tralee District was chosen for the large number of Connors and the hope that the luck of the Irish would intervene. Listed below are the records for a Patrick and Thomas Connor with the same parents and approximately correct birth years.

A search of the parish records centered on Castleisland RC parish for the baptism records of Simon Connor and Johanna Curtin's children over the period 1875±10 had no hits in Co. Kerry. The online baptism records for Castleisland RC parish run from 1823 to 1880. Simon and Johanna's 1865 marriage could also not be found in the parish records. It is difficult to know what to make of this since the civil records do exist.

Sup Reg Dist Tralee, Reg Dist Brosna

July 30, 1871- **Patrick Connor**, Par. Simon Connor (Farmer) and Johanna Curtin,
Res: Glanlarhan, Informant: Simon Connor, Father, Glenlarhan, Reg: No. 161, August 16, 1871, Rich Harold, Registrar

Sup Reg Dist Tralee, Reg Dist Brosna

March 9, 1877 - **Thomas Connor**, Par. Simon Connor (Farmer) and Johanna Curtin,
Res: Glanlarhan, Informant: Simon Connor, Father, Glenlarhan, Reg: No. 458, April 2, 1877, Rich Harold, Registrar

This was an interesting journey into the Irish records but point of origin of Patrick and Thomas O'Connor in Ireland could not be determined.

Marriage: Simon Connor & Johanna Curtin - Glenlarhan

Sup Reg Dist - Castleisland, Reg Dist - Castleisland

February 21, 1865 - married at the RC Chapel of Castleisland

Husband: **Simon Connor** (29, Bachelor, Farmer, Glenlarhan)

Father: Simon S. Connor, Farmer

Wife: **Johanna Curtin** (27, Spinster, Farmer's Daughter, Crag)

Father: Patrick Curtin, Farmer

Witnesses: Jeremiah Connor and Patrick Curtin

Priest: Michael O'Sullivan, C.C.

Reg: No. 40, April 1, 1865, William Nolan

Townlands

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Glanlarehan		549	Kerry	Trughanacmy	Ballincuslane	Tralee	Munster
Crag		282	Kerry	Trughanacmy	Castleisland	Tralee	Munster

The McGowan Family

William Nix (3) married Delia McGowan in 1899. He was the son of John Nix and John's 2nd wife Margaret. Often finding the family of the person who married a Nix can be difficult. However, in the case of the McGowan family it proved rather easy and so the family is detailed in this section.

US Census Records

1850 NY Broome Conklin

Res 241 Fam 242

John McGowen, 48, Farmer, Real Est \$300, Ireland

Ellen McGowen, 46, Ireland

Jeremiah McGowen, 15, NY, Attended school

Julia McGowen, 4, NY, Attended school

1855 NY Chenango Smithville ED01

Res 226, Framed, \$300, Fam 227

Cornelius McGown, 26, Chenango, M, 26 yrs, Farmer, Native, Owner of land

Mary McGown, 26, Wife, Ireland, M, 6 yrs

Mary McGown, 70, Mother, Ireland, Wd, 28 yrs

John McGown, 30, Ireland, M, 26 yrs, Farmer, Native, Owner of land

Margaret McGown, 21, Wife, Ireland, M, 6 yrs

Elisabeth McGown, 2, Child, Chenango, 2 yrs

Edward McGown, 1/12, Child, Chenango, 1/12 yrs

Betsy McGown, 17, Sister, Chenango, 17 yrs

Sally A. McGown, 19, Sister, Chenango, 19 yrs

1855 NY Chenango Smithville ED01

Res 227, Log, \$20, Fam 228

John McGown, 40, Ireland, M, 18 yrs, Farmer, Na, Owner of land

Anna McGown, 30, Wife, Ireland, M, 12 yrs

John McGowan, 8, Child, Chenango, 8 yrs

Charlotte McGowen, 6, Child, Chenango, 6 yrs

Mary McGown, 4, Child, Chenango, 4 yrs

Catharine McGown, 2, Child, Chenango, 2 yrs

Ellen McGown, 2/12, Child, Chenango, 2/12 yrs

1855 NY Chenango Smithville ED01

Res 228, Framed, \$500, Fam 229

Catharine McGown, 56, Ireland, 27 yrs

James McGown, 19, Child, Chenango, 19 yrs, Farmer

John McGown, 18, Child, Chenango, 18 yrs, Farmer

Barney McGown, 15, Child, Chenango, 15 yrs

Wheaton McGown, 11, Child, Chenango, 11 yrs

Catharine McGown, 23, Laborer, Chenango, 23 yrs

1870 NY Broome Conklin

Res 289 Fam 292

Jeremiah McGowen, 35, Farm Laborer, Per Est \$200, NY, Citizen

Mary McGowen, 35, Keeping House, NY

John McGowen, 14, At home, NY

William McGowen, 12, At home, NY

Jerry McGowen, 10, At home, NY

James McGowen, 8, Attending School, NY

Hattie McGowen, 7, Attending School, NY

Susan McGowen, 5, Attending School, NY

Stephen McGowen, 3, At home, NY

Jacob McGowen, 1, At home, NY

Hellen McGowen, 65, Domestic servant, Ireland, Cannot R or W

Note: The parents of **Jeremiah**, **Mary** and **Hellen** were of foreign birth. **Hellen** is **Jeremiah's** mother.

1875 NY Broome Maine ED02

Res 77, Framed \$400, Fam 78

Jeremiah McGowen, 42, Broome, M, Farmer, Native, owner of land

Mary McGowen, 40, Wife, Broome, M

William McGowen, 17, Son, Broome, S

Jeremiah McGowen, 16, Son, Broome, S

James McGowen, 15, Son, Broome, S

Stephen McGowen, 12, Son, Broome, S

Jacob McGowen, 10, Son, Broome, S

Hattie McGowen, 7, Dau, Broome, S

Susan McGowen, 5, Dau, Broome, S

Jenna McGowen, 3-9/12, Dau, Broome, S

Charles McGowen, 4/12, Son, Broome, S

1875 NY Broome Maine ED02

Res 7, Framed \$1000, Fam 7

John McGowen, 50, Ireland, M, Farmer, Naturalized, Owner of land

Margaret McGowen, 40, Wife, Ireland, M

Elizabeth Costello, 21, Child, Chenango, M

Edward McGowen, 20, Child, Chenango, S

Maryann McGowen, 17, Child, Chenango, S

Margaret McGowen, 15, Child, Chenango, S

Katherine McGowen, 13, Child, Broome, S

John McGowen, Jr., 10, Child, Broome, S

William McGowen, 8, Child, Broome, S

Bedelia McGowen, 6, Child, Broome, S

Nicholas McGowen, 1-1/12, Child, Broome, S

1880 NY Broome Maine Dist 051

Res 91 Fam 91

John McGowan, 55, Wd, Farmer

Mary A. McGowan, 22, Dau, S, Keeping house

Katie McGowan, 17, Dau, S

John McGowan, 15, Son, S, Farm laborer

William McGowen, 13, Son, S, Farm Laborer

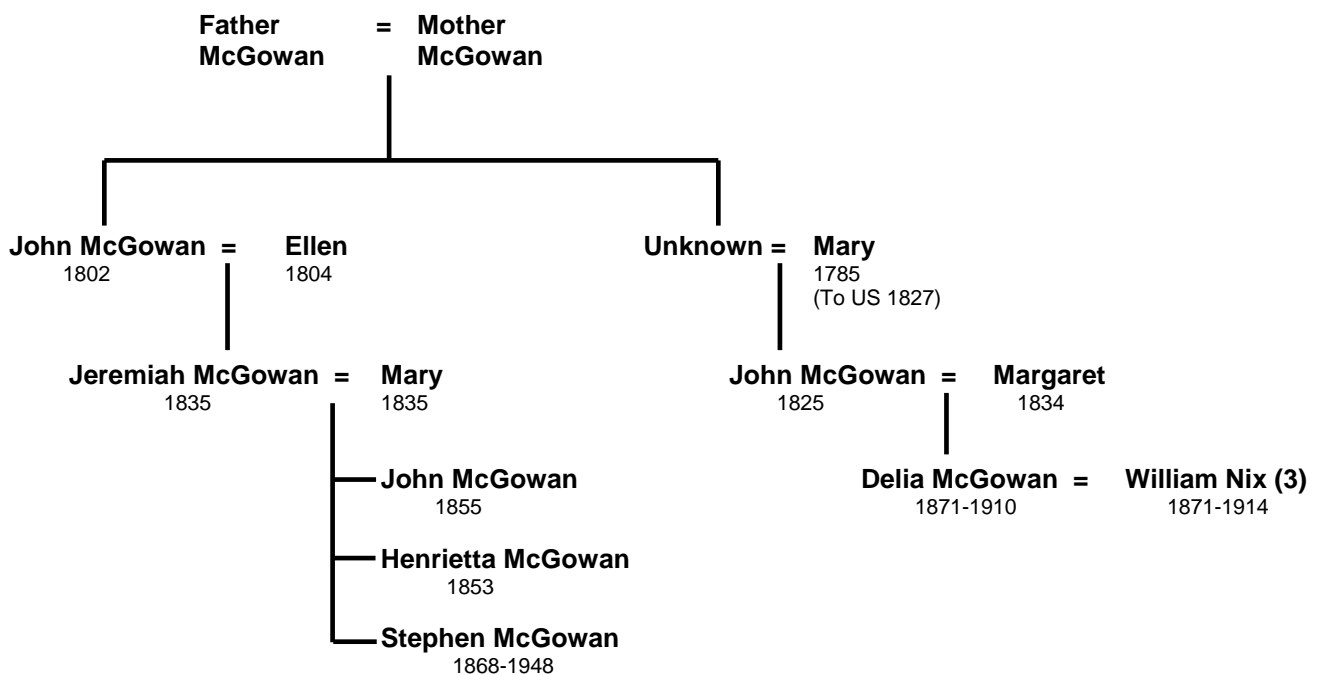
Nicholas, 6, Son, S

1880 NY Broome Binghamton WD01 Dist 033
 76 Leroy Street, Res 182 Fam 205 – An Academy
Delia McGowan, 10, Student, At Academy, NY, IR, IR

1892 NY Broome Binghamton WD03 ED03
 John H. McGowan, 37, US, C, Forman
 Henrieta McGowan, 29, US, C
 Stephen McGowan, 24, US. C. Farmer
Delia McGowan, 21, US, C

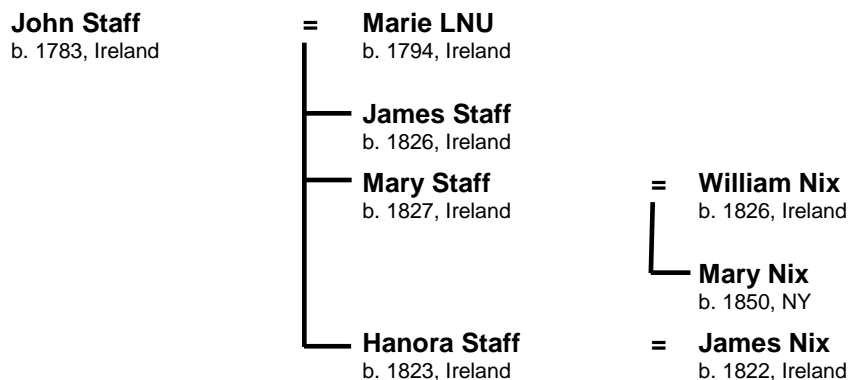
Note: The first three individuals are the children of **Jeremiah** and **Mary McGowan**. **Delia** is the daughter of **John** and **Margaret McGowan**. **Jeremiah** and **John McGowan** were 1st cousins.

The McGowan Family Tree



The Staff Family of Co. Limerick

William and James Nix were living on adjacent farms in Truxton, Cortland County, NY, during the 1850 census. William and his wife, Mary, and their young daughter Mary were living with the John Staff family. This can be a sign that William's wife was the daughter of John and Marie Staff. Also, it is possible that William and James are related and that James' wife, Hanora, is also a daughter of John and Marie Staff. For now, all these assumptions are being accepted as true and it remains to be seen where the trail leads. These assumptions are depicted in the family tree below.



Irish Parish Records

Lurriga RC, Limerick Diocese

March 11, 1821 – **Jacobus Staff** – Par. Joannes Staff and Margta Slattery
Res: None. Sps. Daniel Madden and Catherine Madden

January 8, 1823 – **Marian Staff** – Par. Joannes Staff and Margarita Slattery
Res: None. Sps. Mauritina Fitzgerald and Maria Slattery

June 16, 1829 – **Honoriam Staff** - Par. Joannes Staff and Margarita Slattery
Res: None. Sps. Michael Ninsay and Maria Kelly

April 18, 1831 – **Brigidam Staff** – Par. Joannes Staff and Maria Slattery
Res: None. Sps. Patrick Leamy and Helena Madigan

February 15, 1833, **Johanna Staff** – Par. Joannes Staff and Margarita Slattery
Res: None, Sps. Joanna Walsh and Catharina McNamara

June 27, 1836 – **Johanna Staff** – Par. Joannes Staff and Maria Slattery,
Res: None. Sps. Thomas Fitzgerald and Maria Hayes

Note: Taking into account the Latin and the variation in the mother's name these baptism records could be those of **John** and **Maria Staff** in the above family tree. The names of the first three children are the same but the birth order is different and what became of the other children is an open question. This family is possibly the same Staff family found in Truxton in 1850.

A Possible William Nix

Lurriga RC, Limerick Diocese

August 17, 1823 - **Gulielmus Nix** - Parents: Antonio Nix and Joanna Canty
Res: None. Sps. Joannes Hogan and Margareta O'Connell.

Note: This was the only baptism record for these parents. This might be or not be the baptism record of the **William Nix** above. This **William** is possibly the brother of **James Nix** (wife: Hanora Staff). No Irish baptism record for James with the same parents has been found.

Thomas and Michael Staff Back in Ireland

Upon searching the Griffith's Valuation (GV) in Ireland for the name Staff it was discovered that there were only two Staff families in all of Ireland. Thomas and Michael Staff were occupying land in Ballynacarriga, Ardcanny, Co. Limerick. Going back about 25 years to the Tithe Applotment records the same Thomas and Michael Staff are found together with a John Staff in Knockanes, Adare, Co. Limerick. The assumption will be made that the Staff men are brothers since they were all born within a 14-year time span. The joint occupation of parcels of land supports that assumption. The 1901 and 1911 census records and the Civil records helped to flesh out the Thomas and Michael Staff families.

Thomas Staff
b. 1791, Ireland
d. 1869, Rathkeale

= **Catherine O'Donnell**
b. 1803
mar Feb 4, 1845, Kildimo
d. Mar 20, 1883, Ballynacarriga

Thomas Staff
bap Dec 8, 1839, Kildimo
(Illegitimate)

= **Margaret O'Neil**
b. 1850
d. Jul 22, 1885, Ballydoole

Searched 1840±10 years and no other children were found for Thomas and Catherine Staff

Michael Staff
b. Mar 22, 1873, Ballydoole

= **Maria Downing**

Henry Staff
b. Sept 10, 1876, Ballydoole

John Thomas Staff
b. 1909

Thomas Staff
b. Dec 25, 1877, Ballydoole

Ellen Staff
b. Oct 23, 1882, Ballydoole

John Staff
b. Nov 25, 1884, Ballydoole

Michael Staff
b. 1797, Ireland
d. Sept 15, 1875, Ballynacarriga

= **Margaret Hanley**

No marriage record found

Honora Staff
bap. Apr 10, 1835, Kildimo

Michael Staff
bap. Jul 18, 1841, Kildimo

= **Catherine Kinerk**
b. 1849
mar Feb 17, 1874

Searched 1840±10 years and no other children were found for Michael and Margaret Staff.

Margaret Staff
b. April 11, 1876, Ballynacarriga

Mary Staff
b. April 3, 1878, Ballynacarriga

Died young

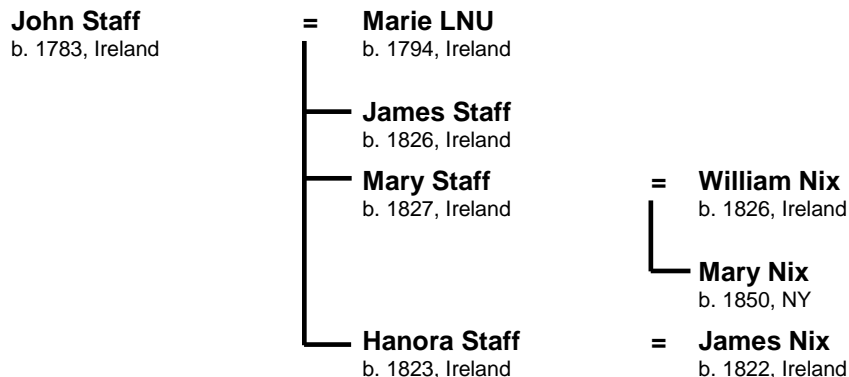
Michael Staff
b. Oct 22, 1879, Ballynacarriga

Patrick Staff
b. Dec 8, 1881, Ballynacarriga

Bridget Staff
b. Mar 16, 1889, Ballynacarriga

There were no other male Staffs who appeared in the 1901 or 1911 Irish census.

The Mysterious Disappearance of the Staff and Nix Families From Truxton



The only place where these persons have been found in the records, and they were all found together, was in the 1850 census of Truxton, Cortland County, NY.

US Census Records

1850 NY Cortland Truxton M432-493, 143B July 18, 1850;
Res 252, Fam 262

James NIX, 28, Laborer, Ireland [Born 1822]
 Hanora NIX, 27, Ireland, Cannot R or W [Born 1823]

Note: **James** and **Hanora** are living next door to a **William** and **Mary Nix**. They are most likely brothers. **James** and **Hanora** were not found in the 1855 (page by page), 1860, 1865 or 1870 census. The neighboring **William** and **Mary Nix** was not the family that was in Homer in 1855 and 1860 and then moved to Elba, Dodge, Wisconsin. No marriage records could be found for either of the Nix couples in the Irish parish records.

1850 NY Cortland Truxton M432-493
Res 253, Fam 263

Wm. NIX, 24 Laborer, Ireland
 Mary NIX, 23, Ireland
 Mary NIX, 2/12, NY
 John STAFF, 67, Laborer, Ireland
 Maria STAFF, 56, Ireland
 James STAFF, 24, Laborer, Ireland

Note: This is a different **William Nix** family, it is not the **William (2) Nix** family. They don't seem to blend in with the **William (2) Nix** and **Mary LNU** family that later moved to Elba, Dodge, Wisconsin. **James** and **William Nix** only appeared in the 1850 census. Another possibility is that **Hanora Nix** and **Mary Nix** are sisters and their maiden names are **Staff**. The **Staff** family has proved to be equally elusive by not making any subsequent appearances in the census records and have eluded the Find A Grave folks. Could **Staff** possibly be **Stafford**?

1860 WI Columbia Columbus

Res 1178 Fam 1199

James Staff, 80, Real Est \$200, Per Est \$75, Ireland, Cannot R or W

Margaret Staff, 60, Ireland, Cannot R or W

James Staff, 20. Day L(aborer), Ireland

Res 1178 Fam 1200

Mike Madigan, 40, Rail Road Contractor, Real Est \$200, Per Est \$1500, Ireland

Ella Madigan, 23, Ireland

Michael Madigan, 1, Wisconsin

Note: It seems ironic that a Staff family, probably from Co. Limerick, reached Columbia County, WI prior to the **William (2) Nix** family, which was also from Co. Limerick. The 1860 WI **James Staff** family bears a resemblance to the 1850 Truxton **John Staff** family, but it seems unlikely that they are the same family. It seems odd that the Staff family ages are all multiples of 10.

In The Newspapers

Nothing was found in the Fulton Newspaper archives with the search strings below.

((Syracuse OR Cortland) w/2 NY) AND ((John OR Marie OR James) w/2 (Staff)) AND (filename contains(1840~~1865))

((Syracuse OR Cortland) w/2 NY) AND ((William OR James) w/2 (Nix OR Nicks)) AND (filename contains(1840~~1865))

Obituaries

None found

Find A Grave

Not found in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY

Not found in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

Not found in St. James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY

The Staff Families in Ireland

Tithe Applotment

Knockanes, Adare, Co. Limerick 1827		Number of acres of				Total No. of acres	Improprate Tithe	Vicarial Tithe	Total Amt.
		1 st quality	2 nd quality	3 rd quality	4 th quality				
No.	Names	a-r-p	a-r-p	a-r-p	a-r-p	a-r-p	£-s- d	£-s- d	£-s- d
15	John & Thos. Staff	6-1-28	10-0-0	14-0-0	6-0-0	36-1-28	2-12-3	1-6-1½	3-18-4½

Ballynacarriga, Co. Limerick 1833		Number of acres of				Total No. of acres	Rents Paid	Real Acreable Value
		1 st quality	2 nd quality	3 rd quality	4 th quality			
No.	Names	a-r-p	a-r-p	a-r-p	a-r-p	a-r-p	£-s- d	£-s- d
15	Michael Staff & Co	10-0-0	10-0-0	14-3-13		34-3-13	0-17-1	0-17-1

Griffith's Valuation Table

Legend - H = House; L = Land; G = Garden; HO = House and office; HOL = House, office and land; HG = House and garden; OL = Office and land

No.	Ballynacarriga Occupant	Immediate Lessor	Description of Tenement	Content of Land			Net Annual Value of Land			Net Annual Value of Buildings			Total Net Annual Value		
				A	r	p	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
15	James Madigan	Miss Deb. Dawson	Land				9	0	0	—	—	—	9	0	0
15a	Thomas Staff		House and land	32	3	22	10	12	0	0	18	0	11	10	0
15b	Michael Staff		House and land				12	0	0	1	0	0	13	0	0
15c	John O'Neill	Michael Staff	House & small garden	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	7	0	0	7	0
18	Michael Staff	Miss Deborah Dawson	Land	8	3	36	2	2	0	—	—	—	2	2	0
	Thomas Staff						2	2	0	—	—	—	2	2	0
	John Madigan						2	2	0	—	—	—	2	2	0
	John Giltinane						2	2	0	—	—	—	2	2	0

Irish Church Records

Kildimo RC, Limerick Diocese (1831-1881)

April 10, 1835 – **Honora Staff** – Parents: Michael Staff and Margaret Hanley. Sps. Joannes Hanley and Margaret Goggin.

December 8, 1839 – **Thomas Staff** (illegitimate) – Parents: Thomas Staff and Catharine O'Donnell, Sps. Robert Hanley and Anna Hays

July 18, 1841 – **Michael Staff** – Parents: Michael Staff and Margaret Hanley
Sps. Thomas Fitzgerald and Catherine Hanley

Kildimo RC, Limerick Diocese (1831-1882)

February 4, 1845 – **Thomas Staff** and **Catherine O'Donnell**
Present Thomas Fitzgerald and Mary O'Donnell

Marriage: Michael Staff & Catherine Kinerk - Ballinacarriga

Sup Reg Dist - Askeaton, Reg Dist - Rathkeale

February 17, 1874 - married at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballysteen

Husband: **Michael Staff** (of age, Bachelor, Farmer, Ballinacarriga)

Father: Michael Staff, Farmer

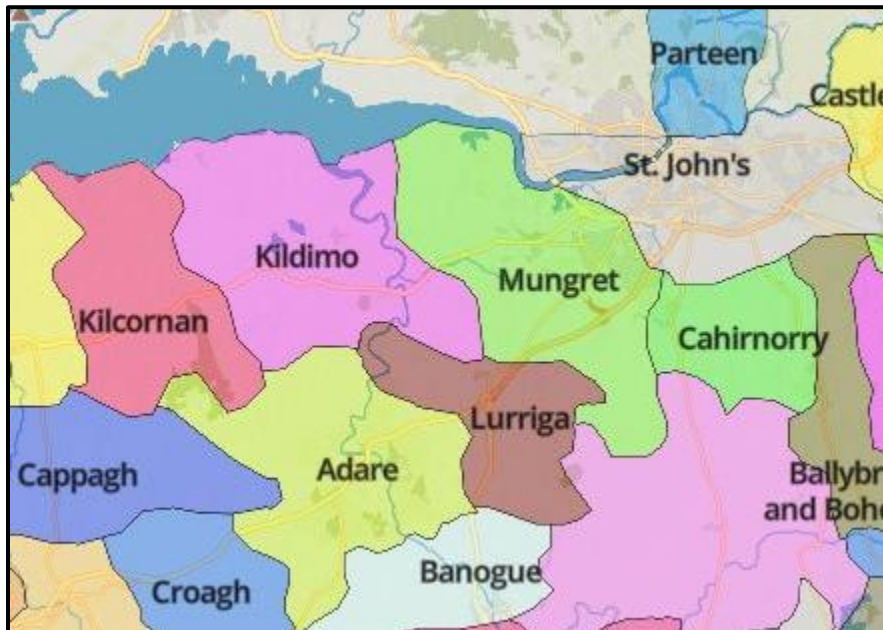
Wife: **Catherine Kinerk** (of age, Spinster, Farmer, Ballinvoher)

Father: Patrick Kinerk, Farmer

Witnesses: Thomas Staff and Eliza O'Carroll

Priest: Redd. D. R. Shanahan, C.C.

Reg: April 13, 1874, Patrick C. O'Brien



The Roman Catholic (RC) parishes of Kildimo, Adare and Lurriga are adjacent to each other.
The map is from John Grenham's web site

Irish Census

1901 - Residents of a house 1 in Ballydoole (Ballynacarriga, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Staff	Thomas	65	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Staff	Michael	28	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Henry	24	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Thomas	22	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Ellon	18	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Staff	John	16	Male	Son	Roman Catholic

1901 - Residents of a house 19 in Ballincarriga (Ballynacarriga, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Staff	Michael	55	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Staff	Catherine	53	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Staff	Margaret	22	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Staff	Michael	20	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Patrick	18	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Bridget	10	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic

1911 - Residents of a house 11 in Ballydoole (Ballynacarriga, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Staff	Thomas	76	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Staff	Henry	35	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Thomas	32	Male	Son	Roman Catholic

1911 - Residents of a house 2 in Ballynacarriga (Ballynacarriga, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Staff	Michael	69	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Staff	Kate	62	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Staff	Michael	29	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Patrick	28	Male	Son	Roman Catholic
Staff	Bridget	15	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic

1911 - Residents of a house 5 in Shannongrove (Pallaskenry, Limerick)

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion
Downey	John	80	Male	Head of Family	Roman Catholic
Downey	Clarenda	76	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic
Staff	Maria	40	Female	Daughter	Roman Catholic
Staff	Michael	38	Male	Son in Law	Roman Catholic
Staff	John Thomas	2	Male	Grand Son	Roman Catholic

Note: Michael is the son of Thomas Staff

Irish Civil Records

Sup Reg Dist Rathkeale, Reg Dist Pallas Kenry

March 22, 1873 – **Michael Staff**, Par. Thomas Staff (Farmer) and Margaret O’Neil,
Res: Ballydoole, Informant: Margaret (x her mark) Lynch, Present at birth, Ballydoole,
Reg: March 20, 1873, George Kingsley.

Sup Reg Dist Rathkeale, Reg Dist Pallas Kenry

September 10, 1876, **Henry Staff**, Par. Thomas Staff (Farmer) and Margaret O’Neil,
Res: Ballydoole, Informant: Margaret (x her mark) Lynch, Present at birth, Ballydoole,
Reg: October 3, 1876, Reg: James McNaman, Deputy Registrar

Sup Reg Dist Rathkeale, Reg Dist Pallas Kenry

December 25, 1877, **Thomas Staff**, Par. Thomas Staff (Farmer) and Margaret O’Neil,
Res: Ballydoole, Informant: Margaret (x her mark) O’Neil, Present at birth, Ballydoole,
Reg: January 15, 1878, George Leske Griffin, Registrar.

Sup Reg Dist Rathkeale, Reg Dist Pallas Kenry

October 23, 1882, **Ellen Staff**, Par. Thomas Staff (Farmer) and Margaret O’Neil,
Res: Ballydoole, Informant: Thomas Staff, Father, Ballydoole, Reg: No. 284, November 7, 1882,
Cornelius O’Brien.

Sup Reg Dist Rathkeale, Reg Dist Pallas Kenry

November 25, 1884, **John Staff**, Par. Thomas Staff (Farmer) and Margaret O’Neil,
Res: Ballydoole, Informant: Thomas Staff, Father, Ballydoole, Reg: No. 481, January 27, 1885, Cornelius
O’Brien, Registrar

Death: Michael Staff - 78 - 1875

Sup Reg Dist - Rathkeale, Reg Dist – Pallas Kenry
Date: September 15, 1875 - Location: Ballynacarriga
Name: **Michael Staff**
Condition: Widower
Age at last Birthday: 78 years
Occupation: Farmer
Cause of Death: Old age, uncertified, No. 13
Informant: Thomas Staff, present at death, Ballydoole
Reg: September 21, 1875, George Griffin

Death: Patrick Staff – 2 wks - 1880

Sup Reg Dist - Rathkeale, Reg Dist – Pallas Kenry
Date: January 23, 1880 - Location: Ballydoole
Name: **Patrick Staff**
Condition: Bachelor
Age at last Birthday: 3 weeks
Occupation: Farmer’s child
Cause of Death: Whooping Cough, 2 weeks, Certified
Informant: Thomas Staff, present at death, Ballydoole
Reg: January 27, 1880, George Leake Griffin

Death: Catherine Staff - 80 - 1883

Sup Reg Dist - Rathkeale, Reg Dist – Pallas Kenry

Date: March 20, 1883 - Location: Ballynacarriga

Name: **Catherine Staff**

Condition: Widow

Age at last Birthday: 80 years

Occupation: Farmer's wife

Cause of Death: Old Age, no medical attendant

Informant: Bridget Fitzgerald, Daughter-in-law, Present at death, Ballynacarriga

Reg: March 30, 1883, Cornelius O'Brien

Death: Margaret Staff - 35 - 1885

Sup Reg Dist - Rathkeale, Reg Dist – Pallas Kenry

Date: July 22, 1885 - Location: Ballydoole

Name: **Margaret Staff**

Condition: Married

Age at last Birthday: 35 years

Occupation: Farmer's wife

Cause of Death: Heart Disease for a considerable time, Certified

Informant: Thomas Staff, Husband, Ballydoole

Reg: July 31, 1885, Cornelius O'Brien

Townlands

Townland	AKA	Acres	County	Barony	Parish	PLU	Province
Ballynacarriga		845	Limerick	Kenry	Ardcanny	Rathkeale	Munster
Ballydoole		464	Limerick	Kenry	Ardcanny	Rathkeale	Munster
Ballydoole		46	Limerick	Kenry	Chapelrussell	Rathkeale	Munster
Knockanes		472	Limerick	Coshma	Adare	Croom	Munster
KILDIMO T.		xx	Limerick	Kenry	Kildimo	Rathkeale	Munster
Kildimo		340	Limerick	Kenry	Kildimo	Rathkeale	Munster
Shannon Grove		476	Limerick	Kenry	Ardcanny	Rathkeale	Munster
MAHOONAGH T.		xx	Limerick	Glenquin	Mahoonagh	Newcastle	Munster
Mahoonagh Beg		91	Limerick	Glenquin	Mahoonagh	Newcastle	Munster
Mahoonagh More		311	Limerick	Glenquin	Mahoonagh	Newcastle	Munster

ISSUES – Melody, Flaherty and Nix

Patrick Melodys

There were two **Patrick Melodys**. One married **Mary Nix**;

112. **MELODY, Patrick** married **Mary NIX** 2 August 1857

Priest: Michael W. Rooney, Witnesses: Joseph Winters and Bridget Hennessy

The other Patrick Melody married **Betsy Flaherty**, wit. **Thomas Flaherty** (see below).

Note 1: No **Betsey (or Elizabeth) Flaherty** has been found in the records (not found in the 1855 or 1860 census), with the exception of the marriage record below. The second Patrick Melody has also not been tracked down.

Note 2: Is **Thomas Flaherty** related to **Patrick Flaherty** (See: *The Flaherty Family of Truxton, NY*)? **Thomas Flaherty** was not found in the 1855 or 1860 census.

118. **MELODY, Patrick** married **Betsy FLAHERTY** 3 October 1857

Priest: Michael W. Rooney, Witnesses: Thomas Flaherty and Nancy Tobin

Note: There was a **Patrick** and **John Melody** boarding on the **Patrick Hughes'** farm in Lenox, Madison County, in 1855. They had both only been in Lenox for 1 month. It seems likely that this **Patrick** and **John Melody** are related. However, where did the duplicate **Patrick Melody** come from and where did he go?

US Census Records

1855 NY Cortland Truxton ED02

Res 236 Frame \$1000 Fam 298

Judah Pierce, 62, Mass, M, 40 yrs, Farmer, Native, Owner of land

Fanny Pierce, 53, Wife, Mass, M, 31 yrs

A. B. Pierce, 27, Child, Cortland, 24 yrs, Farmer, Native

Frances Pierce, 21, Child, Cortland, 21 yrs

Alvin Pierce, 20, Child, Cortland, 20 yrs, Farmer

Elizabeth Pierce, 15, Child, Cortland, 15 yrs

Charles Danzig, 12, Help, Cortland, 12 yrs

Patrick Mulludy, 30, Help, Ireland, **5/12 yrs**, Farmer, Alien

Louis Walten, 19, Female, Help, Oneida, 5 yrs

Sarah Campbell, 63, Boarder, Mass, Wd, **5/12 yrs**

Elisu Campbell, 33, Boarder, Cortland, **5/12 yrs**

1855 NY Madison Lenox ED04

Res 250 Framed \$300 Fam 307

Patrick Hughes, 28, Ireland, 8/12 yrs, None, Alien

Mary Foy, 30, Sister, Ireland, Wd, 8/12 yrs, Alien

James Foy, 4, Nephew, Livingston, 8/12 yrs

Celia Foy, 3, Niece, Livingston, 8/12 yrs

Michel Foy, 6/12, Nephew, Madison, 6/12 yrs

Patrick Malody, 24, Boarder, Ireland, **1/12**, Laborer, Alien, Cannot R or W

John Malody, 23, Boarder, Ireland, **1/12** yrs, Laborer, Alien, Cannot R or W

John Creevy, 25, Boarder, Ireland, 6/12 yrs, Laborer, Alien

1860 NY Cortland Truxton

Res 23 Fam 23

Patrick Melody, 32, Farmer, Real Est \$1600, Per Est \$423, Ireland

Mary Melody, 25, Ireland

Catharine O'Neil, 65, Ireland

Note: Mary Melody's maiden name was **Nix** — **Catherine O'Neil** is not her mother.

1860 NY Madison Lenox

Res 364 Fam 365

Hugh Melady, 29, Ireland

Bridget Melady, 27, Ireland

John Melady, 8/12, NY

Honora Pesklay Nix

When did she come to America? — In the US by 1870. At the time of the 1870 and 1875 census Honora was living with her daughter Mary Nix Melody in Truxton. This was her only surviving daughter. Her other daughter, Honora Nix Phelan, died in 1868 and her husband had placed two of their three children, John and Mary, with his late wife's sister. So the older Honora was living with two of her grandchildren.

When did she die? — After 1875. Not found in the 1880 census.

Where is she buried? — No obit found. Not found in Find A Grave. Not found in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY, which is the most likely place for her to have been buried.

Is PESKLAY Honora's real maiden name, or was it a transcription error?

Note: Honora's maiden name of **Pesklay** came from the death certificate of her son **Thomas Nix**. He died on January 21, 1909 in Cazenovia and is buried in St. James Cemetery, Cazenovia, NY. It was record No. 1715 and it is filed in the Cazenovia Town Clerk's Office, 7 Albany St., Gothic Cottage, Cazenovia, NY 13035.

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St. Patrick's Cemetery, Truxton, NY

Nix, John, b., d. Apr 12 1861, age: 8y 7m 17d [born Oct 1852]

Note: This might be a member of the **William (2) Nix** family that was living in Homer in 1860 and later went to Wisconsin. Wrong. That family's son John died in 1875 in Wisconsin. He is buried in St. Jerome's Cemetery, Columbus, WI.