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Introduction

SOMETIMES WE ARE MOTIVATED
BY A MAGIC FORCE
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS DOING THIS
BUT WE CAN'T STOP DOING IT TILL IT IS DONE



Where?



THIS IS A STORY ABOUT SUCH A THING
AND YES, IT ENDED UP BEING A VERY GOOD

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Agenda

- INTRO TO IRELAND
- HOW THIS STUDY STARTED
- GENEALOGY BAD & GOOD
- QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED
- BEGINNING DEEP SEARCH




- PEOPLE & LOCALITIES
- FAMILY SEARCH
- FINDINGS
- MEANINGS
- LEARNING ALONG THE WAY
- JOY AND HAPPINESS?

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How Did this Start

I MET THIS WOMAN WHO ASKED WHAT I DID



I do family research.
I'm a genealogist and volunteer
researcher at the Fairborn
FamilySearch Center

MAYBE YOU COULD HELP ME FIND MY FAMILY
AND WHERE THEY CAME FROM IN IRELAND



Of course, all we need three things

1. A good name
2. A reasonable date of birth
3. A birth location

Oh, she said, "I don't have any of that."

Genealogist
SHOCK!

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A Week Later I'm Given a 3X5 Card

THE CARD

1850
William McNeil Ellen Glynn
Springfield, Mayo County?
London, Ohio



Ireland

MANY POSSIBLE SPELLINGS

- McNeil, McNeal, McNeel, McNeill
- O'Neil, Oneal, MacNeil, MacNeal
- Glynn, Glenn, Glinn, Glenn
- O'Glynn, Glen, Gwen, Ginn

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Not Much to Go On!

FIRST RULE OF GENEALOGY: THOSE WHO DESIRE THE RESEARCH
SHARES THE INFORMATION THEY POSSESS WITH THE "RESEARCHER"

SECOND RULE OF GENEALOGY: THE RESEARCHER DOES NOT
BELIEVE ANYTHING SAID OR PROVIDED (RESEARCH IT YOURSELF)

SO, WHAT ELSE CAN YOU TELL ME?

1. I believe they lived in Springfield and London, Ohio
2. They were Irish and spoke Gaelic at home (grandparents)
3. They were very very Roman Catholic
4. They attended St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springfield

"Oh yeah", I said, "I can probably do this.
I went to an Irish Roman Catholic Grade School
and survived kindergarten to sixth grade."

Pure
dumbness &
enthusiasm
on my part!

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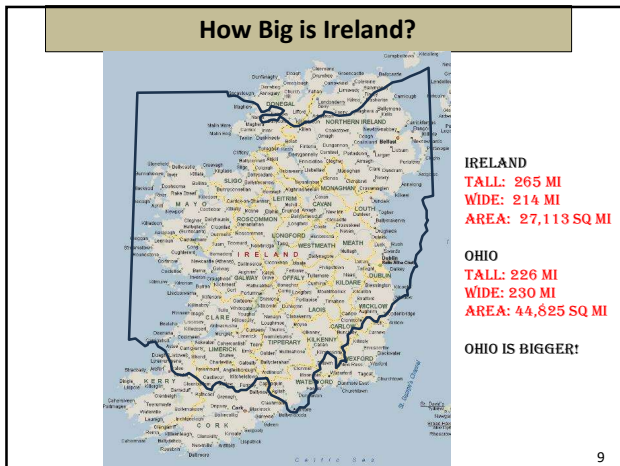
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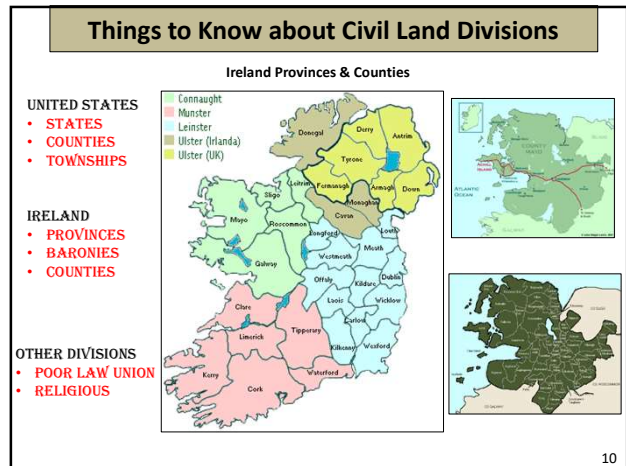
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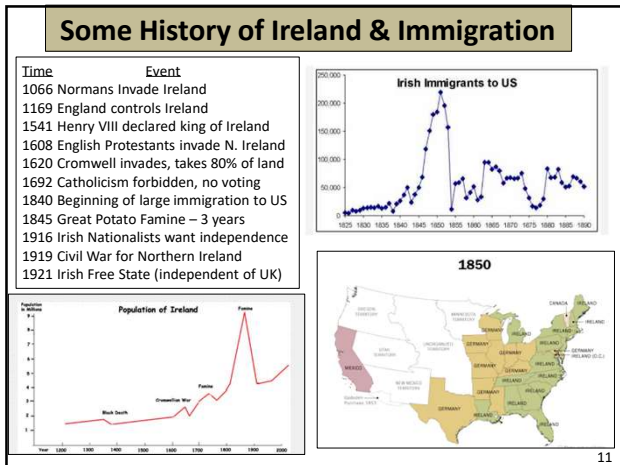
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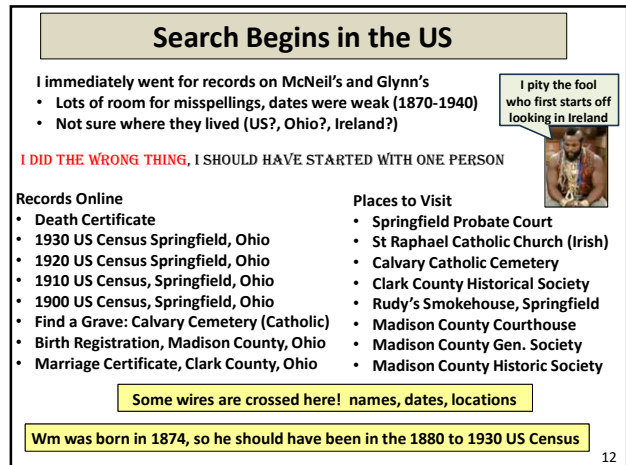
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Wm McNeal [McNeil] Birth Record

STUDY THE TURF, THE TIME, THE LOCALITIES, & EXISTING RECORDS

Madison County Records of Birth (not a birth certificate)
 William McNeal [McNeil] 26 Jan 1874, Jefferson, Madison, Ohio
 Parents: John McNeal [McNeil] and Ann Corigan [Corrigan]
 Birth Register (Madison County, Ohio) 1867-1881, Vol 1
 Image 195 of 343 Images (Under Mc) found 20 Feb 2023

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Wm & Ellen Marriage 20 Jun 1893

Marriage
 20 Jun 1893

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What I Did

Found records on William McNeal and Ellen Glynn

- Found misspellings, weak dates
- Living in Springfield. Wm was born in Ohio, Ellen was born in Ireland

I DID THE WRONG THING, SHOULD HAVE STARTED WITH ONE PERSON

I got lucky in finding William McNeal and wife Ellen Glynn

- Name: William W. McNeal, born Madison County, Ohio, 26 Jan 1874
- Wife: not cited died before 1939
- He died: Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, 3 May 1939
- Father: **John McNeal**, born West Jefferson, **Ohio** (Not so)
- Mother: **Dorothy Ellen McNeal**, not born in Ireland (Not wife)
- Informant: Miss Edna McNeal (likely his child)
- Wm Buried in Calvary Cemetery Clark County, Ohio

I AM NOW "OVERWHELMED"

You can always gather more than you can analyze

I can't recall where I got all this stuff

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Solution to the Dilemma

DO THE THINGS THEY TEACH YOU TO DO

"Do Things"

- Gather all the information about a person
- Make a pedigree chart on the individual
- Select what is missing from the chart
- Identify your research question
- Write down your research objective(s)
- Identify where to find the information
- Prioritize where to look first
- Create your research log
- Identify your sources in the log
- Describe what you found or did not find
- Indicate your next move
- Talk to your collaborator

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Seek Assistance

FIND A FRIEND TO COLLABORATE
 ENLIST A MENTOR TO GUIDE YOU
 BEG A LIBRARIAN TO HELP SEARCH
 OBTAIN A GURU TO SUGGEST
 HIJACK AN EXPERT TO REVISE
 GET A CONSIGLIERE TO BEAT SENSE INTO YOU

Do what they tell you or suffer their wrath

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Start the Research Log

Research Log for the Irish Case Study (Family of McNeil/Glynn)†

Activity	Notes	Comments
Jan-2023 Tasking from Irene at Orla's - Can you find my family from Ireland (see card)?	Verbal - I find Wm McNeil, 1874 and Ellen Glynn, Springfield	As start, but weak. Ellen came from Ireland?
Started at US Census 1880-1910	Determined Wm born in Ohio, Ellen was from Ireland. Wm's parents were John McNeil and Ann Corigan from Madison Co	John & Ann were born in Ireland? "
1900 Census Jefferson Co	John & Ann, came to US in 1852 & 1860, Married 1860 (not sure where)	Son John Jr born in 1852 at sea. Son Patrick born in 1861. Some date confusion here - need ship records
Noted that there were several Glynn's living down the street from Ellen in 1900	They may be relatives from the same town. They may have better records	Keep this idea on the list
Census for Wm & Ellen	Got some help, but was unable to find Death Certificate of anyone (Wm, etc.) in -interfile	614-297-2300. Got temp card
9 Feb. 2023 Trip to Ohio History Center in Columbus	Found Wm and Ellen, but no paperwork	Found Louise Irene McNeil 1907-1966
9 Feb. 2023 Went to Calvary Cem in Springfield - 325 E. Possum Rd, 737-323-2414	Learned about this from Irene - Holy Church, 235 E. High St, Springfield, OH, 45504	Called the archbishop in Cinco but did not get good email re phone number. Called twice more - person out
Found Church Records kept by Archdiocese of Cincinnati	https://resources.catholicco.org/offices/archives/genealogy	6333.263.3384. ireneshug@archdiocese.org

Reread it often

Genealogical Techniques:

- Keep track of everything
- Write everything down
- Scan, clip, capture
- Save to well-labeled file(s)
- Include "no finds"
- People's names, images
- Organizations, numbers
- Locations, hours, routes
- Photos taken or borrowed
- Site topics and URLs

14 pages and growing

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On the Map

I got three counties worth of kin that expect a certain amount of research for this project. I'm just trying to save us a lot of bloodletting.

MIAMI CHAMPAIGN FRANKLIN
MONTGOMERY CLARK GREENE MADISON PICKAWAY FAIR
FAYETTE

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On the Road (Springfield, Ohio)

St. Raphael RC Church
Clark Co. Public Library
Clark Co. Historic Soc.
Clark Co. Probate Court
Calvary RC Cemetery
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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More Collaborative Records

1908 Springfield City Directory

Mary Glynn & Patrick McNeil

William's 1918 Draft Card

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Additional Collaborative Records

Ellen's Obit

William's Obit

20 Apr 1928

23 May 1939

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Calvary Cemetery Visit (McNeil and Glynn)

Stan Spitzer, Calvary Catholic Cemetery Springfield, Ohio 937-323-7474 www.calvaryspringfieldoh.org

Joseph A. McNeil 34-D-2 2a 3 5/2/1925	Edna E. McNeil 38-E Shaw 6 10/6/188	Bridget Kenny Glynn Jul 1834 - 10 Oct 1918
Mrs. Mary McNeil 55-A 2a 4 3/6/1945	William W. McNeil 38-F Down 1 5/24/1939	Mary Conroy Glynn 14 Dec 1864 - 25 Mar 1931
McNeil child (Pat) 55-A 1/23/1945	Mrs. William McNeil 38-E Down 2 1/6/1939	Patrick Glynn 1866 - 7 May 1910
McNeil child (Patricia) 55-A 2/29/1944	Joseph Ann McNeil Catholic 3 Veterans Row 4 1/1/183	Robert H Glynn 1913 - 1992
Patrick McNeil 55-A 6/24/1948	Thelma Marie McNeil 38-D-2 2a 4 12/1/1932	Thomas E Glynn 1906 - 1987
Fannie A. McNeil 34-D-2 2a 4 3/6/1924	Irene Francis McNeil 55-A 6A 5 10/5/1946	Thomas W Glynn 1944 - 1988
McNeil child (William McNeil) 56-A 8/11/1961	John P. McNeil 55-A 2a 6 8/16/1946	
William McNeil 34-D-2 2a 3 1/1/1923	Joseph Arthur McNeil 55-A 2a 6 8/11/1946	

Where is Ellen Glynn McNeil?
Yes, she too is at Calvary - Story?

Interred Dates?

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Calvary Cemetery, 3155 East Possum Road Springfield, Ohio 45502, 937-323-7474

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