

FAMILY CONNECTION

The Newsletter of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

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Name our Newsletter Contest

What you hold in your hands is the first edition of a Newsletter that the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association would like to publish two to four times a year. "Family Connection" is a temporary name used to print the first edition. We need your help. If you have any creative suggestions for a title for our family newsletter, please send your suggestions to Regina Woltmann, 19 E. Main Street, Portland, CT 06480. All suggestions will be reviewed by a committee of interested family members. The **GRAND PRIZE** for choosing the name of the newsletter will be announced at a later date.

Reunion Plans for the 150th Anniversary of Edward & Ester Greene's Arrival in the United States Currently Underway

In March, 1847, Edward and Ester Greene of Stradbally Parish, Queens County (now County Laois), Ireland, and three of their children, William, Michael, and Margaret, left their homeland to sail for the United States. After boarding the ship Yorkshire in Liverpool, England, they arrived in the Port of New York on April 1, 1847. In Middletown, Connecticut, they were reunited with their adult children, Patrick, Elizabeth, and Bartholomew, who had previously made the journey from Ireland to America.

In celebration of the 150th year (Sesquicentennial) of Edward and Ester's arrival in the United States, a committee of volunteers has formed to organize a family Reunion. In the early part of this century, the descendants of Edward and Ester Greene, Martin and Jane (Cavanaugh) Scully, and John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn formed a Family Association to maintain social contacts with their relatives and to host annual reunions. The first family reunion took place in 1914 in Colt Park, Hartford, followed by regular get-togethers through the 1930s. The family association drifted apart during the World War II era, and it was not until the late 1950's (circa 1957-58) that another large reunion was held. In the early 1970s a mini reunion of some branches of the family, organized by Regina Woltmann, was held. While some branches of the family have held reunions since the early 1970s, to our knowledge

there has not been a reunion organized for all branches of the family. In 1997, the Reunion Committee hopes to bring together, once again, the descendants of the Scully-Greene-Dunn family for the 150th Anniversary of Edward and Ester Greene's journey to the United States.

A reunion committee has been organized to gather information on locations, possible entertainment, and activities. In addition, the committee plans to schedule a Memorial Mass at St. John's Church on the morning of the reunion, and will offer a Family History Tour of the Middletown/Portland Area to interested parties. The committee is being Co-Chaired by Janice (Lucey) Johnson, Jean Flood, and Grace (Kelly) Clohosey. Other members of the reunion committee include Bette Flynn, Regina Woltmann, Carolyn Laban, Sandra Bazzano, and Tom Langdon. Carolyn Laban has agreed to chair the photography committee for the reunion. Tentatively, the committee is planning on a reunion in Mid August, 1997, pending selection of the site.

Two meetings have been held to discuss plans for a Family Reunion and reorganization of the Family Association on March 3 and April 28, 1996. Attendance at the meetings has been very good. Among the family members who have been attending include: Virginia (Robinson) Aniello, Sandra Bazzano, Grace Clohosey, Peggy Daly, Eugene Dunn, Jean

Flood, William & Bette Flynn, Gordon & Ruth James, Janice Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Carolyn Laban, Jim Laban, Thomas Langdon, Kerry (Shea) Robinson, Diane (Shea) Rupinski, Dorothy (Kelly) Russell, Bob Scully, John Scully, Regina Seiferman, Dan Shea, Charles Woltmann, Kathryn Woltmann, Martha Woltmann, and Regina Woltmann. Other family members have expressed interest but have not been able to attend the meetings. Committee

membership is open to any family member who would like to get involved.

In order to help the reunion committee accomplish its task, we ask that you fill out the questionnaire enclosed with this letter and return it to the address noted. We hope that you and your family will consider attending the reunion and participating in the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR MEMORIES OF REUNIONS PAST. IF YOU HAVE GOOD STORIES TO TELL, PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND SEND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR STORY.

Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association being Reorganized

Plans are currently underway to reorganize the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association. The Association would be responsible for hosting future reunions, maintaining and updating genealogical information on family members, preserving family monuments, and organizing Family History Tours for interested family members.

If anyone has information or records of the Family Association's Activities in the past, please send copies to Thomas Langdon, 409 Hitchcock Road, Southington, CT 06489. Having access to these records will allow us to structure the Association in a similar manner to the original Family Association. Attorney Thomas Langdon and Jim Laban, a 1996 graduate of UCONN Law School, are Co-Chairing the committee to reorganize the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association.

We hope that all family members will join the Family Association. Part of the Association will consist of a Family Council, and we would like to have representation from each branch of the family on the family council. A general meeting of all interested members to adopt bylaws and elect officers and Family Council Members will be held in the fall.

Anyone interested in helping to organize the Association, or in serving as an officer or committee member of the Association should contact Regina Woltmann at 860-342-3092 or Thomas Langdon at 860-621-0695.

Genealogy of the Descendants of Edward and Ester Greene of Queens County, Ireland, and Middletown, Connecticut to be Republished

Efforts are currently underway to update the 1937 Genealogy of the Descendants of Edward and Ester Greene. Several family members have been working on this project. To date, we have identified 854 descendants of Edward and Ester Greene, and are hoping to fill in many of the gaps before publication deadline

in 1997. If possible, some research will also be conducted in Ireland to see if we can find information on Edward and Ester's ancestors.

The Genealogical Research committee (current members include Regina Woltmann, Thomas Langdon, Jim Laban and Sandra

Bazzano) need your help to make this project successful. We are looking for the traditional genealogical information on family members, (such as dates of birth, marriage, death) as well as stories about family members and their accomplishments. We would like to include as many photographs of family members and reunions in the book as possible, and we ask that you take a look at some of your old photos to see if there might be any of interest. With your permission, we will copy the photographs and return the originals to you. The research committee also plans to create an oral history library, so if you or any of your family members have good stories to tell, and you don't mind telling those stories on tape for the benefit of future generations, please let us know.

Anyone who has information on the family genealogy, anyone interested in helping with this project, or anyone who would like more information about their branch of the family should contact Regina Woltmann (860-342-3092) or Tom Langdon (860-621-0695).

At the Reunion in 1997, an updated genealogy will be available for family members. All proceeds from the sale of the updated Genealogy commemorating Edward and Ester Greene's arrival in the United States will be

dedicated to restoring Edward and Ester Greene's tombstone.

Edward and Ester Greene's tombstone is located in the cemetery behind St. John's Church in Middletown, CT and reads as follows:

"O Lord have mercy on the soul of EDWARD GREEN of Stradbally Parish Queens Co. Ire. who died August 31, 1860, aged 76 years. Also his Daughter Margaret died October 3, 1852, AE 21 years. & his Son William died October 7, 1862 AE 35 years. Requiescent in peace Amen. Erected by his beloved wife Ester Green in Memory of her husband and Children. Also the said Ester Green died April 22, 1872 AE 87 years.

If you were to look for the stone, however, you would not be able to find it. As of 1995, the face of the stone containing the above lettering has been obliterated. It appears to have fallen off, possibly due to the vines that now cover what is left of the stone. Luckily, a photograph of the stone, with the above inscription, was available. By purchasing a copy of the updated Family Genealogy, you will be helping preserve the past for the future generations of the family.

GRANDMA'S GENEALOGY

by Virginia R. Kennedy

(Excerpted from *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Volume 28, Number 4, March 1996)

Remember, as a little child,
You sat on Grandma's knee
And listened while she told you tales
About the family.

She told about the folks she knew
And those she'd heard about.
So many names she mentioned,
It was hard to sort them out.

You got them pictured, one by one;
You had their names to guide you
And now you'd give a million
Just to have them here beside you.

Grandma isn't here today;
She gave up on life's game.
Oh! How you wish she'd left a list
Of each and every name.

Dear Friends, pray sit thee down today
And write your family tree.
Make notes of those you know today
And those of memory.

Remember, there may come a day
YOUR grandchild on YOUR knee
Will look up at you longingly
And say, "Grandma, who are we?"

A Note of Special Thanks to Caroline Kelly

Recently, Miss Caroline Kelly of Middletown, CT, spent quite a bit of time looking for old photographs in her attic. What she found was a goldmine. These pictures will be of interest to many branches of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family, and will be included in the updated Family Genealogy published next year. In addition, Miss Kelly has kept our Family Database updated for new events covering her branch of the family, and has helped members of the Genealogy Committee get in touch with various family members across the United States. The individuals who are currently serving on the Organizational Committee would like to publicly thank Caroline Kelly for her hard work and help in this endeavor.

Recent Family Notes

Births

Sarah Ann Alsford, born 20 February 1996 to Rebecca Ann Seiferman and William Alsford.
Son born 26 March 1996 to Kelley J. Dunn and Karl P. Berens.

Deaths

William Vincent Scully, died 4 January 1996 in Seattle, Washington
Emma (Poglitsch) Halloran, died 24 February 1996 in Hartford, CT.
Harold Vincent Dunn, died 11 April 1996 in Westfield, CT

Miscellaneous

Congratulations to Jim Laban for graduating from UCONN Law School, May 1996.

Please take a moment to look through your family information and photographs for items which may be of interest to family members. If you send us original copies, we will make copies and return the originals to you promptly. Also, if you are aware of any Births, Marriages, Deaths, or special accomplishments of Family members, please send them in for purposes of updating the family database and for publication in the Newsletter.

Thank you for your help.

**Edward and Ester Greene
Sesquicentennial Reunion Questionnaire**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ I/we are interested in attending the Reunion in 1997. Approximate Number attending:

_____ I would purchase a copy of the Updated Genealogy of the Descendants of Edward and Ester Greene (with proceeds dedicated toward preservation of Edward and Ester's tombstone in St. John's Cemetery).

Please Indicate if you would be interested in any of the following Family Association Activities:

_____ I would be interested in Joining the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association.

_____ I would be interested in serving on the Reunion Committee.

_____ I would be interested in serving on the Genealogical Research and Publications Committee.

_____ I would be interested in serving on the Family Council.

_____ I would be interested in helping publish the Family Newsletter or I would be interested in contributing stories and articles.

I submit the following title for the "NAME OUR NEWSLETTER" Contest:

On the back of this form, please list the names and addresses of your adult children/grandchildren or other family members who may be interested in receiving future copies of the family newsletter.

Comments:

Please Return the Completed Questionnaire to: Regina Woltmann, 19 E. Main Street, Portland, CT. 06480. by June 30, 1996.