

Irish Routes

The Newsletter of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE REUNION

The responses for the 150th Anniversary Reunion have been terrific. All individuals on our mailing list have received an invitation to the reunion, but don't neglect to inform your children and close family members. Unfortunately, not everyone is on the mailing list. In addition to the mailing of the brochure, the reunion has been advertised in Nexus, the Newsletter of the New England Historic & Genealogical Society, and has also been noted in the Newsletter of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. Within two weeks of the mailing of the invitational brochure, approximately 150 people have registered, with more reservations coming in on a daily basis. Based on registrations to date, we have a good cross section of attendees from all branches of the family. Some guests are coming from Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. While the brochure asked for a response by May 15th, don't despair if you

have not yet registered - we simply wanted to get an idea of how many people would be attending to see if we should hold the reunion at Cave Hill. Currently, we have enough people registered to rent the facility. We will accept registrations up to the day of the reunion, since we would like to have as many people there as possible. Please help us by sending in your registrations as soon as possible. The reunion committee has a lot of work to do before the reunion, and their planning will be much easier with a good estimate of the number of people attending. Come join the fun at Cave Hill resort in Moodus, CT on June 29, 1997 - Send in your reservation today!

REMINDER: Cave Hill opens at 10:00 am, for those who would like to come early and sit by the pool. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning.

MEMORIAL MASS

On the morning of the reunion, there will be a memorial mass conducted at St. John's Church for the deceased members of the family at 10:00 a.m. Those individuals wishing to attend the mass should meet outside the church between 9:30 and 9:45.

St. John's Church was an important part of the lives of our early family members. Prior to the construction of St. John's, there was no Catholic Church in the Middletown/Portland Area. Mass was held at the homes of the small congregation of Catholics, and, when weather permitted, under the branches of a large oak tree. The current building which houses St. John's Congregation was built in stages. The owners of the Portland quarries donated all of the stone necessary for the church's construction, and the Irish immigrant laborers who worked in the quarries by day built St. John's Church by night. In order to finance the purchase of the land and architectural services, plots in the cemetery directly behind the church were sold for \$20. Among the family members who purchased cemetery lots to help finance the building of the church include Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene, Joseph and Elizabeth (Greene) Conroy, John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn, and Patrick and Mary (Dunn) Greene. To find out more about St. John's Church and the early Irish settlers in Middletown & Portland, order a copy of **The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene of Stradbally Parish, Queens County, Ireland and Middletown, CT.**

Directions to St. John's Church

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Take Route 9 north or south to Middletown. As you come close to the Portland Bridge, there will be several traffic lights in a line. Turn onto Hartford Avenue from Route 9 at the traffic light, or follow signs to Route 66 East toward Portland. St. John's Church is the brownstone church at the end of Main Street in Middletown. The Church sits below the entrance to the Rt. 66 bridge to Portland. Parking is available in the area. As you go past the church take your first right into the parking lot. You may also park on St. John's Street for on street parking.

"Relatively Speaking"

In the "Name our Newsletter" Contest, we had two close suggestions for the name of this publication. "Relatively Speaking", submitted by Shirley Dunn, was the runner up in the contest. As a result, in future newsletters, we have decided to name this column, which identifies relatives in the news, "Relatively Speaking."

Julia Kenney Hall was named "IRISH MAYOR OF WOLCOTT" over St. Patrick's Day weekend this year. Julia took over the Wolcott Town Hall on Friday Morning, March 15, and attended social events throughout the weekend. Last year, Julia celebrated her 90th Birthday, and she says she is looking forward to attending the 150th Reunion Picnic this year.

Neil Scully (a grandson of our Treasurer, Jack Scully) was the subject of an article in the Cheshire Herald recently. Neil, a 15 year old Cheshire High School Sophomore, also runs a successful computer consulting business, and has already established a reliable reputation with his six steady clients. Neil has a presence on the Internet, which can be accessed at <http://www.connix.com/~scully>. Congratulations to our family's young technology entrepreneur.

Brittany Bordonaro, age 11 (granddaughter of Janice Lucey Johnson) won first place for her poster on freedom as part of the Law Day events which took place on Thursday, May 1, 1997 in Portland, CT. A photo of Brittany and her poster appeared in The Middletown Press.

Rick Mickens, Central Connecticut State University's Central Forward basketball team member (and Jack Scully's grandson), was quoted in a recent article in the Middletown Press. Central's basketball team has contracted to play all of the division 1 teams recently. According to Rick, "I think it's going to be exciting. We only had one game against a Division I opponent in the State, Fairfield, and I think it's good for bragging rights, and it will build up 'basketball outside of UConn'"

Walter Clohosey has been researching land title records in Middletown to pinpoint the location of Edward and Esther Greene's house. Walter's contributions will be reflected in future publications and articles covering the history of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Families.

REUNION COMMITTEE TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Reunion Committee on June 1st at Cave Hill resort in Moodus at 1:00. Those wishing to car pool can meet at the home of Regina Woltmann, 19 East Main Street, Portland, CT at 12:30. All Reunion Committee Members are urged to attend. Family members who would like to become involved with the Reunion are invited to join the Reunion Committee.

Recent Family Notes

Births

Wesley Adam Orred, born January 1997 to Gregory and Susan (Rutherford) Orred
Derek James born in New Britain, CT on 7 April 1997 to Lisa Ann James.

Deaths - Our Sympathy to the Families of

Robert Lawrence Dunn, died 30 April 1997 in Port St. Lucie, FL. Robert was the son of Edward Robert and Pauline (Gudones) Dunn. He was formerly a Lieutenant of the Middletown Fire Department. Robert was co-chairman of the Dunn-Scully-Greene Reunion held in 1958. To Robert's family, we express our sincere sympathy.

Be Sure to Reserve Your Copy of *The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene*

The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene of Stradbally Parish, Queens County, Ireland and Middletown, CT, is the result of the dedicated efforts of numerous family members who collected and contributed data. The book was compiled by Thomas P. Langdon and Regina Woltmann. It is 352 pages in length, and provides detailed information on family members, the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association, and the Middletown/Portland community. Highlights of the book include:

- A picture of Esther (Lalor) Greene, our immigrant ancestor born circa 1784, and pictures of other early family members including Mark Dun (Husband of Mary A. Greene) and a portrait of Mary (Greene) Dunn and her children.
- Approximately 100 photographs of family members and their communities
- Results of research conducted on the family of Edward and Esther Greene in Ireland during 1996
- A comprehensive Name Index to all individuals included in the book

This hard-cover 7x10 book will be printed on acid free paper designed to last at least 200 years and will be case bound in library quality A-Grade Arrestox Linen. The Heritage Edition will include a silk ribbon inserted in the binding of the book and a beautiful hand-designed bonded leather slip case.

The book was completed in February, and will be available for distribution at the Family Reunion. Reserve your copy today by sending in the attached form. Copies of the book will also be available for sale at the family reunion.

AN ORDER FORM FOR THE BOOK IS LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER. SEND YOUR ORDER IN TODAY.

THANK YOU!

To All Those Who Contributed Information Over the Past Few Months:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending in corrections, updates, and additions to the family information over the past few months. With the print deadline for the book on the horizon and with the reunion plans which had to be made, there has not been much time to respond individually to the recent submissions. All of the information submitted has, however, been incorporated into the family databases. While The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene has gone to print, we are still interested in receiving any further updates and corrections you may have. In addition, if you have any stories, photographs, or papers which might be relevant to the family history, please send copies to us. We would like to have this information for incorporation into future publications and newsletters.

To everyone who has helped with this project by submitting and correcting information, thank you for your efforts. I look forward to working with you in the future, and meeting you at the reunion in June.



Business Sponsors Sought

The Reunion Committee would like to print a program for the reunion, which will include an agenda for the days events, information on a self-guided family history tour of the Middletown/Portland areas, and information on the Family Association. In order to fund the printing of the reunion program, we are seeking the help of family members. As a means of recognizing those family members and businesses who contribute, an advertising section will be included in the brochure, which can include information on your business or a personal message, if you desire. For a donation of

\$50, a business -card size advertisement will be included in the program. Contributions of \$75 will be recognized with a half page, and those contributing \$100 will have a full page for a business advertisement or personal message. For family members who have businesses - don't forget that your advertising expenses may be tax deductible. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor for the reunion program should contact Jack Scully, Treasurer of the Family Association, at 53 Whiteside Street, Newington, CT 06111, or Thomas Langdon at 860-621-0695.



Order Form
The Descendants of Edward and Esther Greene

Name:

Address:

- Please enter my order for _____ copies of the Deluxe Edition of “The Descendants of Edward and Esther Greene” at \$53.00 (tax included)

- Please enter my order for _____ copies of the Heritage Edition of “The Descendants of Edward and Esther Greene” at \$79.50 (tax included). The Heritage Edition includes a silk bookmark and hand-crafted, bonded-leather slipcase.

- I will pick up my books at the Family Reunion -OR-
- Included is \$5.00 for postage and handling for each book ordered.

If you would like copies of the book mailed, or if you are ordering copies of the book as a gift, please include the names and addresses of the recipients on a separate sheet of paper.

- My check is enclosed for.....\$_____ Please make checks payable to “Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association.” Please do not send cash.

- I am interested in helping with further genealogical updates and historical research.

- I am interested in volunteering to help at the Scully-Greene-Dunn 150th Anniversary Reunion on June 29, 1997.

Please Mail this Completed Form to:

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