

Irish Routes

The Newsletter of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



Introducing The Family of John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn

In the September, 1996 Newsletter, we introduced the family of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene, one of the three sets of couples who were the progenitors of the Scully Greene Dunn Family. In this issue, we introduce the Dunn branch of the family, which began with John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn.

John Dunn was born circa 1805 in Maryborough Parish (now known as Portlaoise), Queens County, Ireland, to Patrick and Mary Dunn. John emigrated from Ireland to the United States around 1835, and settled in Middletown, CT. To date, we do not know whether John was married to Margaret Rohan in Ireland or in the United States, but if they were married in the United States, they were not married in Middletown or Portland, CT. A search of marriage records in Middletown and Portland found no record of their marriage. Margaret Rohan was born circa 1801 in Ireland. Margaret's death certificate lists her father as John Rohan. An obituary which appeared in The Penny Press of Middletown on Tuesday, September 1, 1885 recorded this information about John:

"Mr. John Dunn, aged upwards of eighty years, died this morning. Deceased was the father of policeman Dunn, and had been a resident of Middletown for many years. Deceased was the oldest Catholic resident in the city. He came from Ireland to this country about half a century since, and used to delight to tell of the great changes he had seen in this locality."

John and Margaret had six children, two of whom died young. Their first child was Michael Sylvester Dunn, who was born on Ferry Street in Middletown on May 6, 1839. He married Mary Kent on January 16, 1865, and had five children, two of whom died young. Michael and Mary's children were John V., William A., Adrian Rohan, Michael Joseph, and George Harrison Dunn. In his early years, Michael was a tinsmith and worked at the J.O. Smith Manufacturing Company in Westfield. He later moved to Meriden where he ran a store, and upon his return to Middletown, was placed in charge of the construction of a retaining wall along the riverfront near the old steamboat wharf. Michael later became a letter carrier for the Middletown Post Office, and served as registrar of voters in the fourth district of the city for a period of 20 years. His obituary reports that he was, with William Fitzgerald, one of the first altar boys at St. John's Church in Middletown. Michael was also a Civil War Veteran, serving as Sergeant of Company A, 24th Regiment, Conn. Vols.

John and Margaret's second child was Mary Dunn, who was born in 1841. Mary married George Harrison on June 4, 1866 in Middletown, CT. Mary and George had four children, Georgie B., Johnnie F., Maggie E., and Charlotte Harrison. All of the children except Charlotte died young. Mary died on

December 7, 1905 in Middletown, CT and was buried near her children in St. John's New Cemetery next to the gravesite of her brother, Michael Sylvester Dunn.

Catherine Dunn, the third child of John and Margaret, was born circa 1844 in St. John's Parish House, which was located where St. John's School now stands. She married John Scully in Middletown, CT on February 13, 1862. John was the son of Martin and Jane (Kavanaugh) Scully. At the time of their marriage, John was listed as a resident of Meriden, CT. John and Catherine had eight children, who were, in order of birth, Mary E. Scully Tourtellotte, Margaret Scully, Jane Scully, Martin John Scully (who married Mary [Minnie] Theresa O'Brien, a descendant of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene), Zita Scully Geary, Sarah Ann Scully Foley, Grace Josephine Scully Plourd, and Francis Scully. Catherine (Dunn) Scully died in Middletown, CT on December 8, 1906, and was buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Mark F. Dunn was the fourth child of John and Margaret. Mark was born circa 1844 in Middletown, CT. He married Mary A. Greene (a descendant of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene) in Middletown, CT on October 9, 1867. Mark and Mary had nine children, who were, in order of birth, John Anthony Dunn, Mary Esther Dunn Pitt, James Patrick Dunn, Edward Robert Dunn, Michael Sylvester Dunn, Francis (Frank) Mark Dunn, Patrick Joseph Dunn, William Lawrence Dunn, and Margaret E. Dunn. Mark Dunn served on the Middletown Police force for most of his career, and, at the time of his death, was second in command. Like his brother Michael, Mark was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in Company H 1st Regiment Conn. Vols. Heavy Artillery, Company F 24th Regiment Conn. Vols. Infantry, and later in Company C, 2nd Regiment New Jersey Vols. Mark died suddenly on July 14, 1890 at the age of 46, and was buried in St. John's New Cemetery.

John and Margaret's last two children, Sarah Ann Dunn and John Dunn, both died in infancy.

The chart on page 3 summarizes the information on the descendants of John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn through 3 generations.

Based on information available to date, it appears John Dunn emigrated from Ireland to America in 1835, which would make 2000 the 165th Anniversary of his arrival in the United States. The Scully Greene Dunn Family Association is planning on hosting a reunion in the year 2000 to celebrate this anniversary, and would like to publish an updated genealogy on the descendants of John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn. The Dunn genealogy will be volume 2 of a three volume set recording the history of the Scully Greene Dunn families. Anyone who has information on the family of John and Margaret, or information on their descendants, is encouraged to contact the Family Association. Several family members have already contributed pictures and stories to include in the Dunn Genealogy. Your contributions will go far in making the publication of the Genealogy complete and accurate.

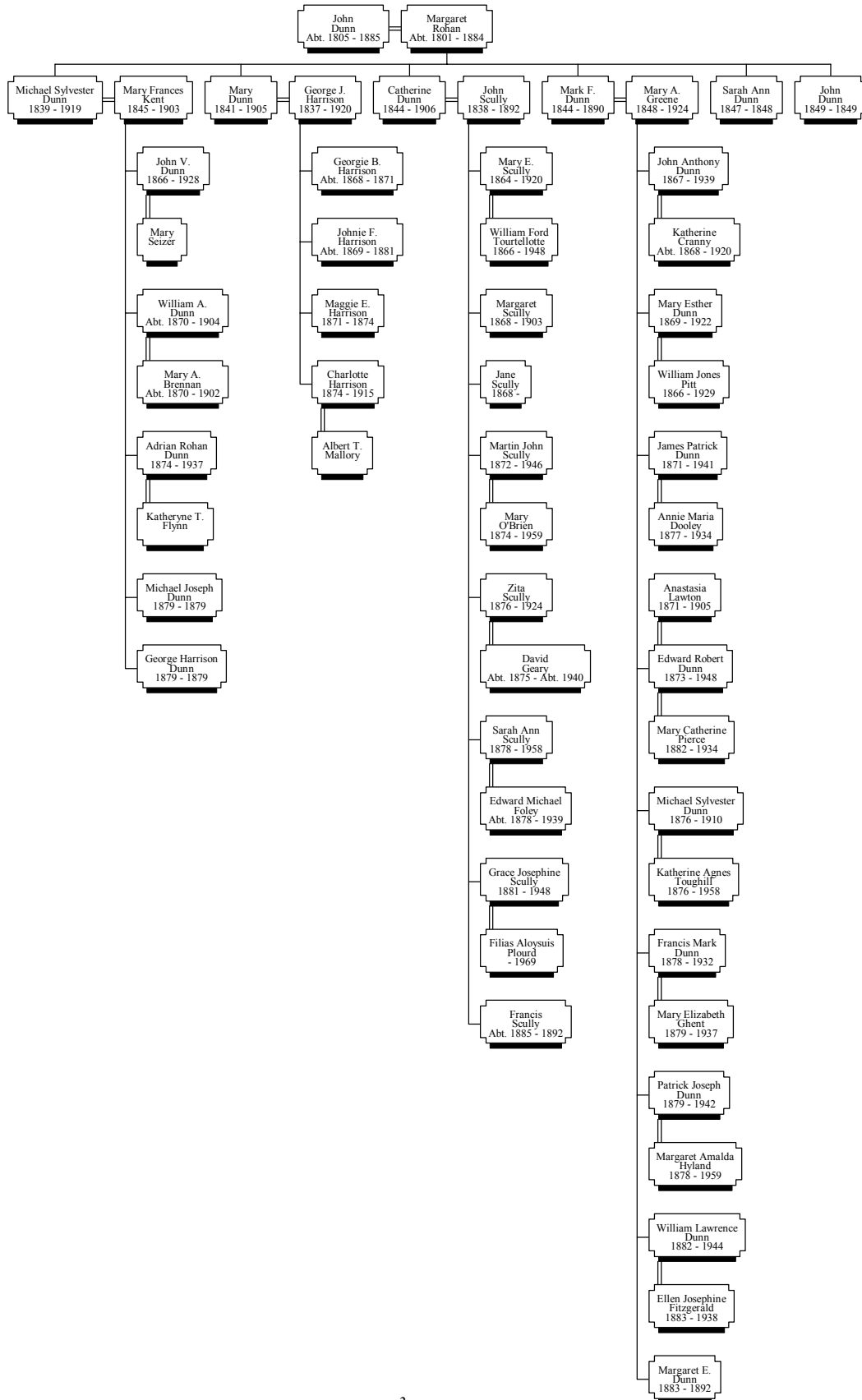
“Edward & Esther Greene Anniversary Reunion Magnets Available”

There are still a limited number of magnets available commemorating the 150th Anniversary Reunion of Edward and Esther Greene's emigration to the United States.

Members of the Family Association who did not pick one up at the reunion, or who would like an additional magnet should contact Regina Woltmann at 19 East Main Street, Portland, CT, 06480. Please include \$1.00 for postage.



Descendants of John Dunn



Treasurer's Report December 31, 1997

The following is the report of our Treasurer, John J. Scully, concerning the operations of the Family Association in 1997. Thanks goes out to all who helped the Association by attending the reunion, purchasing the Genealogy, and making donations. A total of \$884.92 has been allocated to the restoration fund to restore Edward and Esther Greene's Tombstone in St. John's Old Cemetery.

Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association Operations Statement January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

Receipts

Greene Genealogy - Deluxe Edition	\$8,169.00	
Greene Genealogy - Heritage Edition	<u>\$ 556.50</u>	
Total Book Receipts		\$ 8,725.50
Family Reunion		\$ 4,953.00
Membership Dues		\$ 200.00
Donations		<u>\$ 1,075.00</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 14,953.50

Disbursements

Registration & Corporation Expense		\$ 277.71
Printing of Genealogy Books		\$ 8,886.67
Family Reunion Expenses		\$ 4,609.33
Postage		\$ 219.32
Photo Expenses		\$ 51.20
Supplies		<u>\$ 24.35</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 14,068.58</u>

<u>Reserve for Restoration Fund</u>		<u>\$ 884.92</u>
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Recent Family Notes

Births

Kathryn Austin Stack was born July 31, 1997 to Christopher and Elizabeth (Kaul) Stack.

Adam and Colleen (Butler) Borenko are the proud parents of twin girls, the 12th known set of twins in the Greene Family since 1853, when Bartholomew and Bridget (Kilbrick) Greene had twin daughters named Julia and Esther.

Marriages

Susan Stack married Joseph Madison on October 24, 1997.

Richard Laban married Karen Newman in Pennsylvania on January 5, 1998.

Recent Family Notes, Continued

Deaths - Our Sympathy to the Families of

Walter F. Scully, died in South Kingston, RI, October 15, 1997, aged 92 years.

Hazel (Hendley) Scully, died November 18, 1997 in West Kingston, RI. Hazel was the wife of the late Walter F. Scully, one of our oldest family members who died October 15, 1997. Hazel and Walter has been married for 59 years (June 11, 1938). Patrick and Margaret (Greene) Scully had the longest marriage on record in the family, which lasted 66 years.

Gertrude (Farrell) Dunn, died December 25, 1997 in Middletown, CT. Gertrude was the wife of the late Mark F. Dunn, former Middletown City Comptroller

Highlights from the 1997 Annual Report of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

The Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association accomplished a lot during 1997. Below is a summary of the family's accomplishments.

Edward & Esther Greene 150th Anniversary Reunion

Approximately 300 family members from across the United States gathered at Cave Hill Resort for the Family Reunion in June, 1997. Highlights included live music, entertainment by Irish Step Dancers, swimming, boating, games, and, of course, lots of food and fun. Thanks go out to the Chairpersons of the Reunion Committee, Janice (Lucey) Johnson, Grace (Kelly) Clohosey, and Jean Flood, and to all of the volunteers who made this endeavor a success.

Memorial Mass

On the morning of the reunion, a memorial mass was held at St. John's Church in Middletown, CT for the deceased members of the family. St. John's Church was built by Irish immigrants in the 1850s, and several members of the Scully-Greene-Dunn family contributed both money and labor to the effort. Herb and Pat Videll, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, represented the family in presenting the offertory gifts at the mass. Immediately following the mass, family members gathered for a tour of St. John's Old Cemetery, where flowers prepared by Bette (Petrofsky) Flynn were placed on the graves of family members, including Edward and Esther Greene's grave.

The Greene Genealogy

The family association published a book entitled The Descendants of Edward & Esther (Lalor) Greene of Stradbally Parish, Queens County, Ireland and Middletown, CT, the first of three books planned for publication which will record the history of the Scully, Greene, and Dunn families. Copies of the book have been deposited at The Connecticut State Library, the Portland Public Library, the Middletown Public Library, the Godfrey Memorial Library, St. John's Church, The Connecticut Society of Genealogists Library, The Southington Public Library, The Library of Congress, The New England Historic and Genealogical Society, The Mormon Family Research Center, The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and the Offlay/Laois Family History Center in Ireland.

Incorporation of the Association

Thanks to the hard work of James P. Laban and John J. Scully, the Family Association was officially incorporated in 1997, and received tax-exempt status from the IRS.

Tombstone Preservation Fund

As a result of the activity of the association, \$884.92 has been transferred to the fund for the preservation of Edward and Esther Greene's tombstone.

Family Newsletters

In 1997, the Family Association published 3 issues of its newsletter named "Irish Routes." The newsletter was distributed to all known family members whose addresses are on file with the association. The Family Association plans to publish three newsletters per year. Please keep us posted - send news items to Regina Woltmann at 19 East Main Street, Portland, CT, 06480 or to Thomas Langdon at 409 Hitchcock Road, Southington, CT 06489.

Genealogical Research

Throughout 1997, several family members conducted genealogical and historical research on the Scully-Greene-Dunn Families and other Irish families in the Middletown/Portland area of Connecticut. These records are being compiled for future family publications, and will be added to the archives of information being maintained by the family association.

Family Website

A website for the Scully-Greene Dunn Family Association was established in 1997, and may be found at <http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/l/a/n/Thomas-P-Langdon/>.

Scully Greene Dunn Family Association Annual Meeting Held in November, 1997

Approximately 35 family members gathered at the meeting room of the Riverdale Motel on November 2, 1997 for our annual meeting which was called to order by Vice President Jim Laban in the absence of President Tom Langdon. Regina Woltmann, Corresponding Secretary, welcomed family members, presented the annual report prepared by Tom Langdon, and thanked everyone for their hard work on behalf of the Association. Jim Laban noted that the Greene genealogy books, as well as reunion pictures, are for sale (see order blank at back of this newsletter). The Scully Greene Dunn Family Association is required to hold an annual meeting to maintain its tax-exempt, non profit status.

Treasurer Jack Scully read his report (a copy of the year end report is included in this newsletter), and a copy of the annual report was available for perusal at the meeting. Regina Woltmann concluded the business portion of the meeting by expressing thanks to Jim Laban and Jack Scully for their work "behind the scenes" in setting up the tax-exempt status of the organization and coordinating the financial aspects of the association.

The meeting was opened up for general comments. The major topic of discussion focused on where the association will focus its efforts in the future. Several individuals expressed an interest in future reunions and in creating additional publications on the Dunn and Scully families. Jim Laban thanked Regina Woltmann and Tom Langdon for all of their efforts in restructuring the family association, and for coordinating efforts to collect and preserve the family's history.

The Family Association would like to express thanks to Joe Seiferman for his continued generosity in allowing us to use the meeting room of the Riverdale Motel.

Relatively Speaking

James P. Laban, Vice President of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Mid-Connecticut Workforce Development, Inc., (MCWD), a consortium that promotes employment and training opportunities for residents of 22 cities and towns in central Connecticut. Jim was appointed through the MCWD Nominations Committee which accepted names from municipal governments, business and labor organizations, education, nonprofit and community based agencies. Congratulations Jim.

George P. Dunn, former Fire Chief of Middletown, was elected to the South Fire District Fire Commission. George retired as Middletown's fire chief in April 1994 after 30 years of service, and currently serves as director of operations for Hunter's Ambulance Service in Meriden. The South Fire District is one of three fire districts in Middletown, and encompasses

about 25 square miles in the south and southeast areas of the town. About 15,000 people reside in the district. George will serve a five year term on the commission. Congratulations, George.

Rebecca Sullivan, daughter of John and Marie Sullivan, graduated from Quinnipiac College in May 1997 with a degree in Physical Therapy. Congratulations, Rebecca, and best wishes in pursuing your new career.

Lorenzo W. Langdon, husband of Patricia (Dunn) Langdon, was recently elected Chairman of the Southington Public Library Board of Trustees and The Barnes Museum Board of Trustees.

Please keep the following family members in your prayers: **Joseph Aniello, Marie Sullivan.**



An Irish Blessing

May the sun always shine
On your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain
To follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend
Always be near you.
May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.

**Response Form:
Family Association Membership Application
Reunion Photo Order Form
The Descendants of Edward and Esther Greene Order Form**

The Scully Greene Dunn Family Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to research of family history and restoration of family gravestones. In order to continue our research on the Scully, Greene and Dunn Families, we ask for your assistance and support by becoming a member of the Family Association. We will publish approximately 3 newsletters per year, host an Annual Meeting with Pot Luck Luncheon, as well as other activities deemed appropriate by the council.

Name:
Address:
City/State:
Phone:
E-Mail Address:

- Yes, I would like to become a member of the Family Association. Dues are \$5.00 per year (July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998).

- Please enter my order for the following 1997 Reunion Photographs. Costs are as follows:
 - “The Whole Gang”
 - Descendants of Julia Greene*
 - Descendants of John Dunn*
 - Descendants of Margaret Greene*

- Please enter my order for _____ copies of the Deluxe Edition of “The Descendants of Edward and Esther Greene” at \$53.00. If you wish to have the book mailed to you, please include an additional \$5.00 for postage and handling for each book ordered.
 - If you would like a copy of the book with a silk marker ribbon in the binding, please include an additional \$3.00 per book.*

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 would be interested in participating in a walking tour of St. John’s Church, St. John’s Old and new cemeteries, the Portland Quarries, and other areas of interest to the Scully Greene Dunn Family in the Middletown/Portland area of Connecticut.**

**Please Mail this Completed Form to:
The Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association
John J. Scully, Treasurer
53 Whiteside Street
Newington, CT 06111**

