

Irish Routes

The Newsletter of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

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A Success Story Adding a New Branch to the Greene Family Tree

In the spring of 1998, The Connecticut Society of Genealogists awarded The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene first prize in its literary awards contest, an published book reviews in The Connecticut Nutmegger as well as in its bi-monthly newsletter. Since the book reviews were published, two out of state libraries and one individual ordered a copy of the book based on the book review. The individual who ordered the book asked that it be sent to Father Thomas Hennessey, S.J., a retired professor at Fordham University. Father Hennessey believed that he was descended from the Greene's of Middletown.

After reviewing the Greene Genealogy, Father Hennessey forwarded information about his family. His great-grandfather was named Edward Green. Edward arrived in New York on May 16, 1850 with a person who appeared to be his brother whose name was listed as Bartlett (an alternative form of Bartholomew). The ship passenger lists stated that Bartlett Green was age 26, placing his birth in 1824.

Father Hennessey's grandmother was Catherine Green. When she was a girl, she was apparently in poor health and was sent to relatives in Middletown, CT. While in Middletown, she stayed with her aunt Maria Dunn, wife of Edward (Ned) Dunn. In letters she wrote back to her family in New York, she referred to her cousins Patrick and Katie Greene of Portland, Connecticut, mentioning that Patrick was married in March, 1883. Catherine eventually married John Regan of Middletown, and in letters to her family noted that the Conroy's of Middletown received hand-delivered invitations to the wedding (indicating a close relationship to her).

Based on the evidence collected, we believe Edward Green, the great-grandfather of Father Thomas Hennessey, was a nephew of Edward Greene and Esther Lalor. In 1996, Thomas Langdon commissioned a research project in Ireland to find out more information about the Greene Family. This information is summarized in the Greene Genealogy on page 45. Based on the Church Records of Stradbally Parish, it appeared that Edward Greene, who married Esther Lalor, had a brother, Patrick. It looked as though Patrick married Mary Dowling and had at least two children, Bartholomew (born in 1824) and Joseph, born in 1836. Note that this Bartholomew has the same birth year as Father Hennessey's uncle Bartholomew Greene.

The Middletown, Connecticut Vital Records, Volume 4 (1846-1879), page 94, records the marriage of Edward Dunn to Maria Green on 19 August 1849. Based on Father Hennessey's information Maria Green appears to be a sister of Father Hennessey's great-grandfather, Edward Greene. It is unlikely the family would have sent a young child to live with a distant relative. Furthermore, Catherine Greene wrote of the wedding of her cousin, Patrick, in March 1883. The only Greene's living in Portland at that time were the descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene. According to Portland Vital Records, Patrick Greene, the son of Patrick Greene and Mary Dunn, married Annie Delay on 18 April 1883. These dates are probably close enough to conclude that the cousin Patrick that Catherine spoke about in her letters was in fact Patrick Greene, grandson of Edward Greene and Esther Lalor. Catherine also wrote about her cousin Katie Greene, who was probably Catherine Greene, daughter of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene.

While no records have been found to date which definitively links the two families, the common references are too close and too frequent to be simply a coincidence. We plan on working with Father

Hennessey to find the information that links the families together. If, in fact, we can do this, we can add a whole new branch to the Green family tree, and possibly use this information to find out more about the ancestors of Edward Greene. It does not appear that Edward Greene's father, Patrick Greene (who was the brother of our Edward Greene) left Ireland. If a death certificate can be found for him listing his parents, it will be possible to add another generation to the Green Family tree!

If anyone has information on the family of Edward and Maria (Green) Dunn, please contact the Family Association.

1998 Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association was held on Sunday, November 1, 1998, from 12 noon until approximately 2:30 p.m at the Riverdale Motel in Portland, CT. Joe Seiferman, a member of the family association and the husband of the late Regina Lucey Seiferman, graciously offered the Family Association the use of his motel meeting room for the 3rd Annual Meeting. Approximately 40 family members attended the annual Pot-Luck Luncheon and Annual Meeting.

Family Association President Thomas Langdon called the meeting to order and summarized the activity of the Family Association over the past year. Highlights of the President's report included:

- the Association experienced an increase in the number of dues paying members
- contributions to the Association have also been on the rise
- The association is close to having sufficient funds to look into the possibility of restoring Edward and Esther Greene's gravestone in St. John's Old Cemetery
- Research efforts have continued on the Dunn, Scully, and Greene families
- The association has been in contact with a cousin from a long-lost branch of the Scully Family, providing information on the family of Anne Scully Conway
- the family association has been in contact with Angela Janda, who has been conducting extensive research on the Lalor families of Queens County for the past 8 years. In the near future, we may find out more about Esther (Lalor) Greene's family from this contact
- In May, The Connecticut Society of Genealogists (CSG) honored the Family Association by awarding The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene, by Thomas Langdon and Regina Woltmann, First Prize in the CSG 1998 Literary Awards Contest
- The association has begun to plan for a family reunion in 2000, the year in which the genealogy of the descendants of John and Margaret (Rohan) Dunn will be published.

Perhaps the most exciting plans currently underway are the plans for the Family History Tour of Ireland in 1999. Our cousin, Rick Synnott of A&S Travel has planned the trip and sent promotional material to the meeting. Information on the trip is attached to this newsletter. At last count, 25-30 family members had signed up to take the trip.

Treasurer John Scully reported that the finances of the Association are in good shape, and that receipts are covering expenditures. A copy of the Treasurer's year end statement is included in this newsletter.

The bylaws of the Family Association require elections every two years. The last election was held in 1996. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to re-elect all of the current officers of the Family Association, and carried unanimously. After election of officers, the meeting was adjourned.

Thank You
To the Following Family Members who have recently paid
1998-99 Family Association Dues

Kathleen Kelly Bohlander
Grace & James Clohosey
Dottie & Bill Daniels
Betty Dinigris
William B. & Bette P. Flynn
Margaret Halloran
Shirley Hawkes
Lorraine & William Magnotta
Valerie & Dick McCusker
Mary Flynn Mintzer
Alice Montano
Philip & Sharon Montano
Carol Palmquist

Edward & Janice Pontacoloni
Dolores Scully
George Wilson Scully
John & Debra Scully
Kathryn Scully
Patricia Scully
Patrick Scully
Robert & Gertrude Scully
James & Evelyn Shea
Marcia & Cletus Todd
Sister Georgeann Vumbaco, RSM
Ann & Rick Wagner
Anita O. Whitesell

Thank You
To the Following Family Members who have recently made
contributions to The Family Association

Grace & James Clohosey
Margaret Halloran
Alice Montano
Philip & Sharon Montano

George Wilson Scully
Robert & Gertrude Scully
James & Evelyn Shea
Anita Whitesell

Relatively Speaking

According to the "50 years ago" column in The Middletown Press, December 30, 1948, "**Franklin Dunn**, son of Mr. & Mrs. James F. Dunn of 429 Washington Street will receive a free trip to the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show during the 3rd Week in January where he will be one of 4 boys to represent the State of Connecticut in the interstate Junior judging contest. Mr. Dunn, who is a member of the Middletown Ham & Egg Club, won this honor for proving himself to be the best Junior poultry judge in Middlesex County in a 2 day judging contest." The family of Franklin Dunn is supposedly related to the family of John Dunn. In 1958, J. Franklin Dunn was co-Chairman of the Dunn-Scully-Greene Family Reunion. To date, we have not been able to connect the two

families. If anyone has information that would be helpful in connecting the families, please drop us a line.

An article in the Hartford Courant on December 29, 1998 reported that Central Connecticut State University beat the University of Buffalo at the Hawaii-Hilo Tournament. **Rick Mickens**, a junior guard from Newington, stole an inbound pass with 4 seconds remaining and passed the ball to his teammate who shot the winning basket. **Mickens**, 2nd in the nation with steals, averaging 4.2 per game, finished with a season high of 22 points.

Treasurer's Report December 31, 1998

The following is the report of our Treasurer, John J. Scully, concerning the operations of the Family Association in 1998. Thanks goes out to all who helped the Association by paying dues, purchasing copies of the Greene Genealogy, and making donations. An operating surplus of \$384.00, plus donations totaling \$721.00 has been allocated to the restoration fund to restore Edward and Esther Greene's Tombstone in St. John's Old Cemetery. The Restoration Fund balance is now \$1,989.92

Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association Operations Statement January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Receipts

Greene Genealogy - Deluxe Edition	\$	-	
Greene Genealogy - Heritage Edition	\$	<u>215.00</u>	
Total Book Receipts			\$ 215.00
Membership Dues			<u>\$ 475.00</u>
Total Receipts			\$ 690.00

Disbursements

Registration & Corporation Expense	\$	50.00	
Postage	\$	<u>256.00</u>	
Total Disbursements			\$ <u>306.00</u>

Net Income from Operations

(allocated to Reserve for Restoration Fund)

\$ 384.00

