

Irish Routes

The Newsletter of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

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Don't Forget to Sign up for the Millennium Reunion Of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association

It is not too late to sign up for the Millennium Reunion of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association, celebrating the 165th Anniversary of John Dunn's emigration to the United States. Over 160 family members have already sent in their reservations, and space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the reunion, provided we have not yet met the maximum capacity allowed by Cave Hill. The chairpersons of this year's reunion are Janice (Lucey) Johnson, Grace (Kelly) Clohosey, and Sheila (Dunn) Parmelee. If you need information on the reunion, or a sign-up form, or would like to volunteer your services to help that day, please contact Regina Woltmann at 860-342-3092.

COME JOIN US ON JUNE 25, 2000 AT THE FAMILY REUNION.

Cemetery Tour & Mass— Saturday, June 24th

On the day before the Reunion, a tour of St. John's Old and New Cemetery will be held at 2:00. Interested parties should meet at the Parking Lot across from St. John's Church for the Tour of St. John's Old Cemetery (2:00 to 2:30), followed by a tour of St. John's New Cemetery on Johnson Street.

Family members wishing to attend Mass may do so at St. John's Church at 4:00 p.m. St. John's Church was financed and built by the Irish families of Middletown & Portland, including several members of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family.

Family Heritage Cookbook

Carolyn Laban has graciously offered to compile a cookbook of favorite family recipes. Please mail your family recipes to Carolyn Laban at 52 Westwood Drive, Middletown, CT 06457 or bring them to the family reunion on June 25th. Please include your name and phone number in case there are any questions. If possible, please indicate the family member who first used the recipe, and any interesting trivia concerning it – such as “this was the favorite snack of Mark Dunn.”

Once compiled, the cookbook will be available to all Family Association Members.

Reunion Door Prizes

The Family Association is accepting donations for Door Prizes at the Family Reunion on June 25th. Donations can be in the form of a good or service. Donations that have been received include a copy of The Descendants of Edward and Esther (Lalor) Greene, a desk pen made out of Portland Brownstone, and a Gift from Santa's Workshop. Some family members have indicated they would donate Surprise Baskets, and hand-made Afgans. Anyone wishing to donate a good or service as a door prize should contact Lee Sisson at 860-429-7532.

Reunion Program Booklets – Advertising Needed!

The Reunion Committee would like to print a program for the reunion, which will include an agenda for the day's events, and information on the Family Association. In order to fund the printing of the booklet, we are seeking the help of family members. To recognize family members and businesses who contribute to this cause, 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 sized 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. Please EMAIL your advertisement (or text) to Thomas Langdon at TPLangdon@aol.com if you would like to support the reunion by taking out an advertisement. Checks should be made out to the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family Association, and should be mailed to Jack Scully, Treasurer, 53 Whiteside Street, Newington, CT 06111.

Recent Family Notes

Births

Arianna Piascik was born to Lisa (James) Piascik and her husband Todd.

Emily Joyce Madison was born August 2, 1999 to Joe and Susan (Stack) Madison.

Samuel Dunn Parmelee and James Wilkenson Parmelee (Twins) were born September 10, 1999 to James and Holly Parmelee.

Alison Rose Tewksbury was born on January 16, 2000 to Jon and Jennifer Tewksbury.

Keegan Patrick Langdon Jarvis was born in Farmington, CT on April 15, 2000 to Randall and Kelly (Langdon) Jarvis.



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Relatively Speaking

James Laban, recently competed in and finished the Boston Marathon.

Marissa Woltmann will be participating with the Torrington High School Orchestra in the Australia Olympics to be held later this year.

Karen Daniels is eagerly looking forward to returning to Ireland in June to attend a summer

course in Dublin. Karen's first trip to Ireland last year – the Scully-Greene-Dunn Reunion Tour – must have made quite an impression!

Portland Brownstone Quarries Designated National Historic Landmark

The brownstone quarries in Portland, CT were recently designated a National Historic Landmark. The Portland Quarries provided work for many Irish immigrants in the mid to late 1800's, including many members of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Families. Portland brownstone has been used across the country in constructing impressive public buildings and private residences. St. John's Church in Middletown, CT was constructed with rejected pieces of Portland Brownstone that the quarry laborers brought over to Middletown in order to build their church.

Memorial Day

As many family members celebrated Memorial Day, their thoughts turned to our forefathers who served their country in the Armed Forces. Members of the Scully-Greene-Dunn Family have served in all of the country's conflicts since the Civil War. Michael O'Brien, John Scully, Patrick Conway, and Mark Dunn fought in the Civil War, and countless others have served during, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and other conflicts to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

Bob and Gert Scully recently donated to the Family Association a copy of the proclamation awarding our cousin Joseph Raftery (who was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge) the Purple Heart. Thanks, Bob and Gert, for sharing this with us and helping preserve the family history.