The O'Dea Families

...from the Parish of Aglishcormick



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Catherine Sampson O'Dea (left front) and her daughter Catherine O'Dea in front of the O'Dea Homestead North of Kilteely

There is a legend among the O'Dea families in the Townland of Miltown in the ancient Parish of Aglishcormick, County Limerick, that the O'Deas originated in County Clare, that four brothers were evicted from their land, and that they were traveling to Queenstown (Cobh) in County Cork to emmigrate. When they reached County Limerick, two brothers decided to settle in Aglishcormick. The other two emigrated, were never heard from again, and are known as the "lost O'Deas." Although there is no documentation to support this legend, it is not an unlikely story, and it provides a convenient place to start a history of the O'Deas in Aglishcormick and the various Day Families that emigrated.

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The Origins of this O'Dea Research

- In 2003, Fr. Rochford Parish Priest of Emly Co. Tipperary discovered that the g-g-grandparents of Denny Day (who lives in Madison, Wisconsin) were married in St. Ailbe's in Emly in 1848
- After further research, he discovered that all three of Darby and Johanna's children who were born in Ireland were baptized in Kilteely in the Parish of Aglishcormick (Now part of Kilteely parish).
- Soon after that, Denny and I made contact online and have been doing genealogical research on the O'Dea family's of Aglishcormick every since.

The Origins of this O'Dea Research

 Besides the connection with Denny's family in Illinois and then later in Iowa, I also discovered links to other branches of the family in New York and Australia.

 By 2012, Denny and I had exhausted many if not most of the paper records related to our two branches of the family and, although we knew we were related, we still did not know specifically how. We decided to test our DNA using the Y-DNA111 test and soon thereafter added the L226 test as well. We discovered immediately that we were either 5th or 6th cousins.

The Origins of this O'Dea Research

The Carmilite Abbey

 In Kilteely, there are many O'Deas and one of these, Patrick, we knew was descended from a common ancestor, but probably not the one Denny and I shared. Patrick had the same two DNA tests completed that we had and, without going into any great detail, we were able to determine that the following chart best describes the relationship between the three of us: The chart shows DNA characteristics that distinguish our three branches and indicates that Denny and I are 5th cousins once removed and that Pat and I are 6th cousins and Pat and Denny are 6th cousins once removed.

What is most interesting about this chart is that it allows us to relate with confidence our line of the O'Dea family to paper records such as the Tithe Records of 1826 and to an older estate map from the Philpot Wolfe estate from 1769. Lastly, although we have no paper record of him, we can now postulate a common ancestor, a *Pater Familias*, who gave rise to all of the families from which we are descended and who probably lived in the early 18th century, most likely in County Clare.

1	Pater Familias (common ancestor)		
	DYS607 = 15		
	DYS464 = 13-13-17		
	CDY = 35-37		
2	John (elder)	Thomas (elder)	
	DYS607 = 15	DYS607 = 15	
	DYS464 = 13-13-15-17	DYS464 = 13-13-13-15-17	
	CDY = 37-39	CDY = 35-37	
3	Michael	John (m. Mary Apjohn)	Darby
	DYS607 = 15	DYS607 = 15	DYS607 = 16
4	Thomas (little) m. Anne	Robert m. Catherine	Thomas m. Ellen
	Connell	Collins	
5	Thomas m. Julia	Patrick m. Margaret	Darby m. Johanna
	O'Donnell	Hourigan	Murnane
6	John m. Johanna	Robert m. Mary Crehan	Darby m. Johanna Ryan
	Maloney		
7	John m. Mary Kelly	Patrick m. Mary Cristina	John m. Carolyn Walsh
		O'Neill	
8	Patrick	Edmond	Leo m. Nora Miller
9			Dennis

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The Apjohns of Pallasgreane

...from the Confederate War

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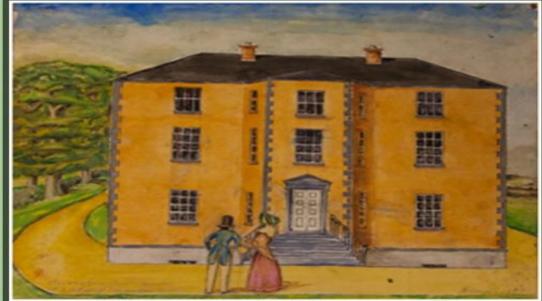
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The earliest references to the Apjohn family in Ireland is found 1) in County Derry between 1658 and 1682 where two Apjohns, both Curriers, and their families lived, 2) in Limerick where John Apjohn, a Soldier, died in 1655, and 3) in Dromkeen in the Parish of Grean where Thomas Apjohn lived as early as 1641. Little is known of the first two, but Thomas is the *pater familias* of the Apjohn family in County Limerick.

Thomas Apjohn, as we shall see, had two sons-Michael and William. As in most families of the period, children were named after parents and brothers and sisters; as a result, there are a plethora of Apjohns named Thomas, William and Michael and in some cases it is difficult to determine which individual is referenced in a specific event such as memorial, will, marriage, birth, etc.



Linfield House-front view (Michael Dwyer 1987)

Relationship Chart & Family Grave

Relationship: Edmond Joseph O'Dea to Mary Apjohn

Mary Apjohn is the 3rd great grandmother of Edmond Joseph O'Dea

3rd great grandmother



b: 1765

Mary Apjohn

Old pallas Co. Limerick

d: 20 Sep 1833 Kilteely graveyard

John O'Dea

b: Abt. 1760 Miltown Kilteely Co. Limerick

d: Abt. 1841 Miltown Kilteely Co. Limerick

2nd great grandfather



Robert O'Dea

Bef. 1799
 Lought Kilteely, Co. Limerick

d: 06 May 1886
 Miltown Kilteely Co. Limerick

Great grandfather



Patrick O'Dea

b: 15 Mar 1840 Miltown Kilteely Co. Limerick

d: 02 Jan 1923 Miltown, Kilteely

Paternal grandfather



Robert O'Dea

b: 05 Dec 1877 Miltown, Kilteely, Co. Limerick

d: 07 Jun 1940 Kilteely

Father



Patrick (pake) O'Dea

b: 24 Mar 1926 Miltown, Kilteely, Co. Limerick

d: 27 Jun 2006 Kildromin, Kilteely, Co. Limerick

Self



Edmond Joseph O'Dea

13 Mar 1963
 Miltown Kilteely Co. Limerick

d:



The O'Deas in the United States

...from Aglishcormick to Illinois and Iowa



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Darby Day

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Darby O'Dea was born and raised on a small plot of land a little north of the village of Kilteely in the Townland of Miltown in the ancient parish of Aglishcormick in County Limerick.

We know very little about Darby other than he was a laborer and that he was probably born early in the 19th century (circa 1804). Given the usual naming conventions of the 19th century for children, we can assume that Darby's father was Thomas O'Dea (first son) and his mother's name was Ellen (first daughter). He married Johanna Murnane in St. Ailbe's Church in Emly, County Tipperary, on February 6, 1842.

Johanna Murnane was born and raised in the Townland of Dromcomogue in County Limerick but attended church in Emly just over the border in County Tipperary. Besides

her marriage record, we have her baptism record; she was born in April 1819 in the Townland of Dromcomogue in the Parish of Emly. Her parents were James Murnane and Catherine (Mary) Flynn. We also have the marriage record for James and Catherine (Mary) Murnane; they were married in the Parish of Knocklong on April 3, 1810. The Parishes of Emly and Knocklong abut one another and the Townland of Dromcomogue is almost exactly between the two villages.

Darby and Johanna emigrated from Galway town on April 8, 1848, during the Great Famine and arrived in New York on May 11, 1848. During the voyage, Johanna was pregnant and delivered their second son John two weeks after their arrival.



Relationship Chart and Family grave

Great-Great-Grandfather

Great-Great-Grandmother

Darby Day

Johanna Murnane Day b. circa 1806 b. 7/20/1819

Kilteely, County Limerick

Dromcomogue, County Limerick m. 2/6/1842 St. Albe's Church Emly, County Limerick d. 11/15/1902 Stark County, Illinois



Stark County, Illinois Great-Grandfather

Jeremiah Day

b. 12/19/1856 Stark County, Illinois

m. 1/29/1883

d. 2/12/1882

Camp Grove, Illinois

d. 4/12/1932 Greene County, Iowa



Grandfather

John Jeremiah Day

b. 10/29/1883 Stark County, Illinois

m. 1/12/1908 Greene County, Iowa

d. 2/22/1976 Greene County, Iowa



Father

Leo James Day

b. 5/17/1915 Greene County, Iowa

m. 5/17/1941 Greene County, Iowa

d. 1/3/1945 Ardennes Forest, Belgium



Son

Dennis Michael Day

b. 2/14/1944 Jefferson, Iowa

m. 6/24/1967 Spencer, Iowa





Johanna Murnane, dau. of James Murnane, son of Thomas Murnane: Thomas Murnane and his wife Ellen are buried in Hospital cemetery.

The inscription on the gravestone reads:

Erected by James & Philip Marnane of Dromcomoque in memory of their father Thomas Marnane who depted this life March 10th, 1792, aged 48 Also his wife Eln Marnane depted this life Nov 1st, 1821, aged 60 years Requiescat in Pace. Amen.

The O'Deas in Australia

...from Aglishcormick to Victoria



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In 1841, John and Bridget O'Dea Lynch emigrated to Australia.

In 1841, Bridget O'Dea Lynch emigrated to Australia. Bridget's brother Michael followed in 1844. He was a bounty emigrant and records state he "has a sister in the Colony married to a man named Lynch." He originally arrived in Sydney and from there it is thought that he went to The Gap near Yass in New South Wales. He married Mary Purtell in 1848 in Bowning, New South Wales. He then joined the Californian Gold Rush in the United Staes of America 1849 to look for gold. He returned to Yass in Australia before travelling south to join his sister in the Tower Hill district in south -west Victoria. He became licensee of the nearby Carleton Inn, Killarney. The pub still stands and is operated today as a motel.

Relationship Chart and Family grave Tower Hill Victoria Australia

Relationship: John Joseph Lenehan to Michael O'Dea Michael O'Dea is the 2nd great grandfather of John Joseph Lenehan 2nd great grandfather Michael O'Dea Bridget (nee Unknown) b: Abt. 1771 Kilteely Co. limerick d: Bef. 1826 Boheroe, Kilteely Co. Limerick Great grandfather John O'Dea (younger) 1798 Boheroe, Kilteely Co. Limerick Maternal grandfather Michael O'Dea b: 15 Jun 1823 Boheroe, Kilteely Co. Limerick d: 13 Jul 1876 Tower Hill Victoria Australia Mother Mary catherine O'Dea b: 1849 Victoria, Australia d: 23 Dec 1894 Crossley, Victoria, Australia

John Joseph Lenehan b: 12 Sep 1876

d: 17 Nov 1957

Kirkstall, Victoria, Australia

Towerhill, Victoria AU

