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NanDate of Birth ¹⁹¹⁷ 5th March 1917 Location - American Home

Early Years - Aughanduff School 1923 to 1929-30

Aughanduff School from.....

Work - Aged (about) 16 left school Worked at home 4 years

Went to work as ~~Assistant~~ Housekeeper for ~~a Priest near P. P. P.~~ ~~to~~ ~~come~~ Receptionist to local family for a year + when the Doctor's family had a crisis after which I got Housekeeper in the Parish of Dowal ~~4~~ 5 miles outside ~~the~~ Newry to Rev. Fr. James Dargan P. P. a native of Dromore Co. Down + his curate Rev. Fr. James M. ^{Mc} Borry from The Bann Foot Dargan I remained there till the end of April 1942 when I left there to get married on June 2nd 1942 I also got the Blessing of the late Dr. Mulheran Bishop of Dromore Diocese after he gave confirmation in the Church Fr. Dargan told him how sorry he was to let me go.

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Some members uses Byrnes

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Burns or Byrnes

I think I should state at this stage there are official irregularities on the Registrar of Births at Stormont Office of Register of Births this is the second generation of Burns or Byrnes this has applied to I Annie Martin has had this checked out in the 1970's one half of my family is Burns, almost another is Registered as Byrnes or Byrnes to me its confusing

Peter Burns or Byrnes was born at Carrif Grove as a young man he bought a house with 22 acres of land at American Silverbridge this land was reduced to half as he acted as bail's man for a neighbour who got into trouble with the law as he had not the cash & his land was seized unfortunately it was the best half and the right of way to the house went with it leaving the house almost isolated or completely isolated. However:

Peter ~~Burns~~ ^{Byrnes} Married Elizabeth Bellew
They had I think think ~~9~~ Children 9

Margret, Elizabeth, Josephine, Rossena, Mary Ann, Kathleen
Bernard, Francis, Bernard died 'when' he was 17 years old. My daughter was home on holidays during 1986 + 1987 during which time she located the grave or Head Stone of my Grand Father Peter Burns & my Grand Mother Elizabeth Bellew & their son Bernard in Mullaughbawn Cemetery my Sisters & Brothers & myself never knew our Grandparents as they had died before my Father Married. Kate

Bessie, Margret, in fact all the girls married well to do Husbands they were all tall slender women who dressed well and got good jobs Bessie was already a trained dress maker & got a job in one of Glasgows top Ladies outfitters adjusting Ladies evening ware & fur coats and general alterations they were all very domesticated. Bessie Married a man also Named Burns she had two Daughters Mary Elizabeth, Margret & Patrick (Pat to us) Margret was an embroidery Teacher in a Private School for the Gentry

The Register of Births are still making Mistakes when I Nan Martin sent for my Birth Certificate to claim Retirement Pension I discovered I was recorded as born on 15 March 1917 in fact I was born on 5th March so I lost two weeks Pension as a result

More recently my Grandson Paul Joseph got his birth Certificate for R. Navy only to learn he's registered as Joseph Paul he is disappointed as he may have to live with his full name as Joseph

Martin's ~~and~~ Sen. to to
Patrick Martin

I know little of his early life but as I grow up he was well known, and respected in the district, apparently he bought the house they owned & lived in there was about 12 to 14 acres of land to it the former owner was called Tweedy there are none of their descendants in the area so we know little about it I presume he bought it about the middle of 19¹⁵ elementary, later he used to go to England every harvest time to work at harvesting the crops he harvested everything from Hops to all kind of grain crops such as Wheat Barley Corn - E.T.C during some of the trips he met and married a girl called Bridget O'Connell she was born in Co. Mayo, but as her mother died at her birth she was taken to England by an Aunt who brought her up, she herself knew little about her family except that she had two brothers

Pat as they was socially known + Kate had ⁵ ~~4~~ sons and one daughter.

Peter, John, (James Michael + Owen Twins) Patrick Jun.
Daughters Name was Mary. Joseph the youngest son
Peter married a Co. Down girl called Lizzie? - they emigrated to Canada and successfully run a ranch they had a family of 5 or 6, I know one was called Persh she used to write to me but she got married had a family which like myself was kept busy so we lost contact, they lived in Neabery, Alberta

James Michael emigrated to Australia and was conscripted into Australian Army at the beginning of World War 2 unfortunately before the war contact was lost with James, he was captured by the Japanese prisoners of War on 17th February 1942 to 26th September 1945 when it appears he escaped as the War Office sent a telegram to his Mother stating he had escaped as news was concealed naturally details were not revealed. but when that telegram arrived his Mother was dead for 4 years, some years later a medal awarded to James Michael was sent to Silverbridge Post Master with instructions to get in touch with his family to see if they would claim it of course John + Patrick who lived in the family home did not appreciate or know the significance or sentimental value of it did not claim it Henry Barragher did as he was instructed to return it to the War Office many months had passed before Joe + I heard about Joe was in fact deeply hurt, and offended this incident prompted him to try to get in touch with him we started corresponding from 1964 to 1974 we did find out he was likely living in New South Wales but his records

Private James Michael Martin EX VX 53933

were in the State^{of} Victoria and the Sydney Office had no power to examine them I must say a big Thank you to the Officials who was dealing with it they did put a lot of effort into it including a Photostat copy of our letter giving him much & many family details they asked him to reply to it but he never did so we don't know if he ever married or had a family

Owen married a Kate Ann Mc Shane they had two Sons & a Daughter James & Peter both married & has families James lives in England Peter lives at Silverbridge Owen worked as a baggage handler for 17 years at Heath Row Air Port retired and returned home to Silverbridge the same year he was killed coming home from Mass in Crossmaglen 1st Nov 1919 - - - John & Patrick never married

Mary their only Sister married a Mr Heart from Ferritspass they also had 2 Sons & 1 Daughter the Sons are married to two Sisters & lives next door in Bessbrook where they have a TAFE Service Owen Martin was regarded all over Co Down & a large part of Co. Down as the best plough man he was so small he had to stand on a box to put on the horse's collar & ~~himself~~ / himself?

Martin and Burns
Joseph Martin youngest son and (Nannie) Nan Burns married

2nd June 1942 we made our home in Lurgan as stated on page 24 perhaps I did make a mess of it however I'll try to correct it somewhat we had 3 children Joseph Benedict eldest Batherine Teresa and Margaret Sarah Ann. Benedict is now a ~~the~~ Psychiatry charge nurse in the local E.T.U. at Craigavon Hospital he married a Sligo girl an SEN. unfortunately it was a stormy partnership but they have 4 sons Paul Joseph was waiting to be called into Royal Navy, after training in Electronics, Edwards a J.H. school boy, Alastair 6 years old the marriage came to an end in November in 1988 with a legal separation but he still supports his boys has a 3 bedroom Masonett which they spend week-ends and he takes a week of his annual holidays to keep them & spend time with them

Batherine Teresa emigrated to New Zealand 22nd June 1961 and entered the Auckland community of The Sisters of Mercy as a pre school child I started ~~to~~ her with a private education teacher with whom she had one lesson per week, she continued with her till she started music lessons at about 9 years old she finds now when she is teaching her diction had helped her a lot when she is singing, she was head girl in St Mary's Intermediate School as it then was the first year it opened it is now known as St. Mary J.H. School, however she continued her school studies & music during her Noviciate years. Graduated in Pianoforte & singing from Trinity collage of Music and taught Music as a full time job for some years, she also trained as a School Teacher, she has been up extreme North in Pawaunga since 1988 she will leave there on December 21st 1990 after Christmas and a seaside holiday she will be going to Fiji for 2 year assignment, Perhaps I should have stated Pawaunga is Bush territory and home for the Native Maorie people who's children she has been teaching for two years now I should also add the Sisters of Mercy are leaving Pawaunga and Education Board is appointing lay Teachers, after Sr's of Mercy run it for 60 years Teresa is their last Principal Teacher as a Sr. of Mercy the Maorie People are sad to see them leave but I understand they have recruited good N.Z Teachers who may understand their culture & way of life better. Sr. Teresa Martin celebrated her Silver Jubilee ~~and~~ ~~of~~ her final Profession 22 February 1988.

Margret Sarah Ann Martin.
 she grew up with Teresa although shes 4 years younger she got
 the same education as Teresa except eliciton lessons but
 she also learned the piano after leaving school at 15 + she
 decided she wanted to train a chiropodist only to learn during
 inical enquires there was no training school in N.I she
 would have to go to Glasgow, or England that was just not
 going to happen after Teresa going away anyway she did not want
 to go so she settled for children's nursing got a job +
 training in a children's home in Belfast only to find training
 allowance was hopelessly low after paying her board + lodging
 expence she only had £8.00 a month left for traveling
 home + pocket money so she soon pulled out of that
 she got a job with a family grocer as shop assistant pay
 reasonably good she knew these people + was very happy but
 the big supermarkets were springing up round town so family
 grocers were price out so they failed, she then joined m
 in Bonner's shirt factory and quickly learned high
 speed machines and did a very precise job sewing on
 collars, by this time I was keeping her going she was
 earning the marriage money as by this time she had
 just met the very shy country boy Vincent Oliver Greene
 the romance blossomed for a year or so untill she had
 the courage to invite ^{him} to meet her Dad + J. they married on
 4th August 1969 at that time Vincent had a Mobile grocerie
 shop he got plenty of customers especially in country areas
 but the N.I. troubles were always a bit worring in case of
 highjack or robbery so he decided it was too risky give it up
 in early 1980, I got a job with a former whole sale man
 as travelling sales man, he feels a lot safer but prays
 nothing will happen

They have 6 children 3 Girls + 3 Boys

Dairdre Teresa Greene
 Colleen Greene
 Martina Greene
 Christopher Greene
 Brian Greene
 Keren Greene