

Mulcahys of Ballingoola & Meanus, Co. Limerick

-Mulcahy Immigrants to America-

The Mulcahys who Came to America

Three Mulcahy brothers emigrated to America in the early 19th century from County Limerick, Ireland. The three brothers were James “Jim”, Patrick “Pat” or “Paddy” and Matthew “Matt”. James and Patrick arrived in the the US in 1900 and Matthew arrived some six years later in 1906.

One sister, Josephine (born Johanna), emigrated to Philadelphia in 1907, but returned to Ireland prior to World War I and later emigrated to England where she married.

Mulcahys of Ballingoola & Meanus

James, Patrick, Matthew, and Josephine were four of the twelve children born to Daniel “Black Dan” Mulcahy¹ (1853-1945) and Margaret Jones (Abt. 1855- Abt. 1971). Most of their children were born in Ballingoola,² County Limerick, Ireland, with the youngest, Thomas, who was born in Meanus, County Limerick.³ The family later moved to Meanus, at least by 1901, where “Black Dan” and his wife Margaret lived the remainder of their lives.

¹I am uncertain as to why Daniel was called “Black Dan”, but this was the name by which he was called by Rick Grogan. It is likely that Rick heard the name years ago and must have been how Daniel was called either in his lifetime or referred to by his children after his death.

²The name Ballingoola means “townland of” or “place of” (*baile na* as *ballin*) and goola = ?.

³The Irish Census of 1911 indicates that 12 children were born to the marriage, 10 of whom were living. James, the eldest died in 1900, and another, Martin died, prior to this date. Rick and Jim Grogan in their research that Martin died as at about 17 or 18 years of age. On the childrens' birthplace as being Ballingoola, the church records reflect this. The only child not found in the church records of Cashel and Emly is the youngest, Thomas, who was born elsewhere, likely Meanus. The family moved from Ballingoola and later lived in Meanus, Co. Limerick, probably before 1895. It is unknown if the family lived anywhere else before Meanus. Meanus is approximately 10.3 km from Ballingoola.



Ballingoola is approximately 20 km south of Limerick City. It is located in the ecclesiastical parish of Hospital, which is part of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly.

Daniel “Black Dan” Mulcahy and his wife Margaret in undated photograph.

(copy obtained from a photo in the possession of the family of Daniel Mulcahy and Nancy Blake Mulcahy Limerick City. Daniel was the son of Denis, son of Black Dan)

Little is known of Margaret Jones background, aside from the fact that her father's name was Michael Jones and that she was living in Ballingoola where she was a dairy maid in the year 1875, the time of her marriage to Black Dan. These details come from her civil marriage record of the same year.

Black Dan was the son of James Mulcahy and Johanna Galligan according to the church records from the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly and was born in Rawleystown.⁴ He was a dairy farmer, probably as his father was (though we have no documentation that his father James was a dairy farmer) When the family lived in Meanus, there were dairy cows on the land, and some of the children (Denis and Tom) assisted with this. I understand that there was a cooperative creamery in Greybridge, which was not far down the lane, called Greybridge Cooperative Creamery. The name appears in official documents that I could locate from 1905 forward. It is likely that it existed earlier than this, or some cooperative creamery was participated in by the family.

Much of what is known anecdotally about Black Dan, the very little that I know, comes from stories told to this author by Rickard “Rick” Grogan (1925-2010), who was the grandson of Black Dan. Rick was not certain why Daniel was called “Black Dan”, but this was the name he called him by, and I presume that he had heard it from other, older family members, including his mother, Helene Mulcahy Grogan. Rick also told me that Black Dan was a chauffeur for “Boss Croaker”. I presume that this was his job in later life after he had turned much of the dairy and other farming work over to his sons. “Boss Croaker” was certainly one of the Croker family who owned many acres of land in Limerick since the 17th or 18th centuries.⁵

⁴Report from the Tipperary Family History.

⁵*Griffiths Valuation* (printing date 1851) shows that James Mulcahy, a tenant in Ballingoola, parish of Caherconney, had Henry Croker, Esq. as his landlord. James was certainly the father of Black Dan. The property description is “house and garden”, a size 36 p [perch]. Meanus, during the Valuation had no Crokers as landlords, but there were Mulcahys living in Meanus, however.

There is not much known about Black Dan's life from a documentation standpoint. We know Dan was born to James Mulcahy and Johanna Galligan in Rawleystown and was baptised on July 17, 1853. His sponsors were Michael Dee and Mary Cronican.⁶ These persons are unknown. There is a Michael Dee who appears in the townland of nearby Caherconney. Cronican appears in Ballinard, and the Village of Herbertstown near to Ballinard, with a William and Richard respectively, and only one Cronican in Limerick of the townland, Boolagluss. There is a Thomas Mulcahy listed in Griffith's Valuation in Ballinard in Herbertstown Village, and his probable son, John resided in Ballinard having a family which was still present in 1911 census.

We also know that Black Dan married Margaret Jones on May 2, 1875 according to their marriage record of Hospital Parish. The witnesses were Patrick Hayes and Catherine Sheehan.⁷ What relationship, if any, these persons had to Dan and Margaret is not known.

Margaret Jones

Research indicates that Margaret Jones was baptized 19 Jun 1854 in Manister parish, Limerick. Her parents were Michael Jones and Jane (Janett) Enright. The family appears to have lived in the Fedamore area, and perhaps in the townland of Cloghadooarty North.

The church records from the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly indicate that Black Dan and Margaret had twelve children:

Children of Black Dan and Margaret Jones

The children born to Black Dan and Margaret Jones Mulcahy were:


- i. James (Jim) (b.Feb 1876)
- ii. Michael (Mick) (b.1877)
- iii. Patrick (Pat) (b.Mar 1879)
- iv. Daniel (Dan) (b.1881)
- v. Denis (Dinny) (b.1882)
- vi. Ellen (went by the name Helene) (b.1884)
- vii. Matthew (Matt) (b.1886)
- viii. Martin (b.1888)
- ix. Johanna (went by the name Josephine) (b.1890)
- x. Bridget (b.1892)
- xi. John (b.1894)
- xii. Thomas (b.1895)

Ballingoola

⁶Report of Tipperary Family History Research dated 2007 from the Hospital Parish register of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly.

⁷Report of Tipperary Family History Research dated 2010 from the Hospital Parish register of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly.

How long were the Mulcahy family in Ballingoola before they moved to Meanus? Both of Black Dan's sons, Patrick and Matthew, have civil birth registrations that record Ballingoola as their place of birth, in 1879 and 1886, respectively.

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No.	Ionad Breithe	Name	Sex	Name and Surname and Dwelling-Place of Father	Name and Surname and Maiden name of Mother	Rank or Profession of Father	Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth and Date
161	18 79	Patrick Mulcahy	Male	Daniel Mulcahy Ballingoola	Margaret Mulcahy formerly Jones	Labourer	Daniel Mulcahy Father Ballingoola	18 79	James Conboy Assistant Registrar	

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Eisithe ag / Issued by Margaret Connolly, Registrar Dáta / Date Of Issue 16 April 2007

Is cion trom é an deimhniú seo a athrú nó é a úsáid tar éis a athraithe / To alter this certificate or to use it as altered is a serious offence

Civil Birth Registration of Patrick Mulcahy, copy issued 2007

BIRTHS Registered in the District of <u>Hospital</u> in the Union of <u>Kilmallock</u> in the County of <u>Limerick</u>										
No. (1.)	Date and Place of Birth. (2.)	Name (if any). (3.)	Sex. (4.)	Name and Surname and Dwelling-place of Father. (5.)	Name and Surname of Mother. (6.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (7.)	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant. (8.)	When Registered. (9.)	Signature of Registrar. (10.)	Baptismal Name (if added after Registration of Birth, and Date). (11.)
109	18 86 Sixteenth September Ballingoola	Matthew	Male	Daniel Mulcahy Ballingoola	Margaret Mulcahy formerly Jones	Labourer	her Margaret Mulcahy Mark Mother Ballingoola	Eighteenth October 18 86	James Conboy Assistant Registrar	

Civil Birth Registration of Matthew Mulcahy, copy issued 2011
(birth date given is not the same as baptismal date from church records)

Mulcahy family – James and Johanna Galligan Mulcahy

Black Dan's father, James Mulcahy, appears in *Griffiths Valuation* living in Ballingoola. The Lessor of his land was Henry Crocker, Esq.

PRIMARY VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

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PARISH OF CAHERCORNEY.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names		Description of Tenement.	Area.		Net Annual Value.		
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.				Land.	Buildings.	Total.
				A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BALLINGOOLA. (Ord. S/ 23 & 32.)								
1	a	Timothy Garvey,	John Croker, Esq.	House, offices, corn & paper-mills and land,	18	1	0	27 0 0
2	b	James Bresnan,	Timothy Garvey,	House,	0	0	9	2 0 0
3	c	John Minahan,	Timothy Garvey,	House and garden,	0	0	9	0 17 0
4	d	Daniel Murphy,	Timothy Garvey,	House,	0	0	0	0 17 0
5	e	Edmund Joyce,	Timothy Garvey,	House,	0	0	0	0 10 0
6	f	Timothy Garvey,	John Croker Esq.	Land,	33	3	14	39 0 0
7	g	Timothy Garvey,	John Croker, Esq.	Land,	2	1	24	2 10 0
8	a	Rev. Patrick Fitzgerald,	John Croker, Esq.	House, offices, and land,	12	0	30	16 10 0
9	b	Patrick Joyce,	Rev. Patrick Fitzgerald,	House,	0	0	0	0 10 0
10	c	William Quilty,	Rev. Patrick Fitzgerald,	Land (marsh),	0	2	30	0 8 0
11	d	William Quilty,	William Ryan,	Water of half river,	1	0	32	0 12 0
12	e	William Quilty,	John Croker, Esq.	House, offices, and land,	2	2	15	4 0 0
13	f	William Ryan,	John Croker, Esq.	Land,	18	2	16	19 0 0
14	g	Richard Dooley,	William Ryan,	House, offices, and land,	123	1	18	112 15 0
15	a	John Bolan,	William Ryan,	House and garden,	0	0	15	0 2 0
16	b	John Croker, Esq.	In fee,	House and garden,	0	0	13	0 2 0
17	c	Henry Croker, Esq.	John Croker, Esq.	Land,	10	0	18	13 15 0
18	d	James Mulcahy,	Henry Croker, Esq.	House and garden,	23	2	20	33 0 0
19	e	John O'Donnell,	John Croker Esq.	House, offices, and land,	40	0	30	54 12 0
20	f	Daniel O'Donnell,	John O'Donnell,	House,	0	0	0	0 13 0
21	g	John O'Donnell,	John Croker, Esq.	Land,	3	2	10	5 8 0
22	a	Bridget O'Donnell,	John Croker, Esq.	House,	2	0	13	3 2 0
23	b	Thomas Quilty,	John Croker, Esq.	House and garden,	1	0	5	1 10 0
24	c	Daniel Quilty,	John Croker, Esq.	Land,	8	1	33	13 0 0
25	d	Patrick O'Donnell,	John Croker, Esq.	House and garden,	0	0	13	0 2 0
26	e	John Dooley,	John Croker, Esq.	House and land,	66	2	20	81 15 0
27	f	James O'Brien,	John Croker, Esq.	House, offices, and land,	20	0	35	29 15 0
28	g	Michael O'Brien,	John Croker, Esq.	House, offices, and land,	20	0	35	29 15 0
CAHERCORNEY				Total.	304	3	15	450 10 0
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Black Dan's parents, James and Johanna, according to the church records, were married on April 9, 1845 and the witnesses were John Galligan and John Mulcahy. James Mulcahy was likely a dairy farmer. The marriage took place in Raleighstown (Tipperary). Some of their children were born in Rawleystown and some in Ballingoola.

The couple had seven known children:
(years provided based on baptismal dates)

- Mary (1846)
- Bridget (1848)
- Johanna (1850)

- Daniel (1853)
- James (1856)
- Ellen (1859)
- Dennis (1862)

Their first known child was, Daniel, born 1853 is “Black Dan” Mulcahy. See below for more details about his life.

Ellen Mulcahy 1859

Another child we know of was Ellen Mulcahy, who was born 1859 and married John Houlihan continuing to reside in Ballingoola after her marriage. Her husband, John Houlihan, was a cooper who sold his barrels to Greybridge Creamery.

Some of Ellen's children emigrated to Philadelphia as described elsewhere in this history They were: Johanna, Molly, Jim and John.

Ellen's children were likely all born in Ballingoola. Her son Tom's birth registration from 1892 records he was born Mar 14, 1892 in Ballingoola to John Houlihan and Ellen Houlihan formerly Mulcahy. This document is the only one I have so far that predates the Census of 1901 in demonstrating that the family lived in Ballingoola at that early date.⁸

Ellen and John moved to Caherelly and later Limerick City.

A story has come down through Ellen's descendants that her mother, Johanna Galligan Mulcahy died in childbirth and that Ellen (and presumably some of her other siblings) was brought up by two of her aunts. There is no evidence located as yet to confirm this story. It is unknown if these were Johanna's sisters or James sisters. The story says that one these aunts married a man named Madden.⁹

Mary Mulcahy 1846

A marriage record for Mary Mulcahy (b. 1846), sister of Black Dan, indicates that she married a Michael Madden in 1869. But nothing about the couple following their marriage has been located.

James Mulcahy 1856

Tom Mulcahy, formerly of Waterford, located the descendants of James Mulcahy (1856) in Australia.¹⁰ There is some DNA evidence that they are related to this author.

Bridget 1848, Johanna 1850 Denis 1862 Mulcahy

No records have been located beside their baptismal records. Nothing more is known of them.

Black Dan Mulcahy

⁸ Registration was obtained by Andie Murphy of England, the granddaughter of Thomas Houlihan.

⁹Information on Ellen Mulcahy and John Houlihan from Breda Corish, London, the great-granddaughter of Ellen Mulcahy and John Houlihan.

¹⁰ Tom Mulcahy, grandson of Black Dan. Son of John Mulcahy (1894-1969)

post 1901

By the time of the 1901 Irish Census, the family of Black Dan was living in the townland of Meanus¹¹. At home were all the children except James, Patrick and Daniel. James and Patrick had already departed to the U.S. Daniel was either living elsewhere in the area or was already married.¹² Black Dan is listed as a Farmer, and the elder boys are listed as Farmers Sons, while the younger children are recorded as Scholars.

My understanding is that the family's industry was based on dairy farming and that they at some point had a relationship with the Greybridge Creamery where farmers would sell their milk for processing into butter and possibly other dairy products. So, when Black Dan is listed as "farmer" in the census, it is likely he was a dairy farmer at this time. More information concerning the family's farming business needs to be uncovered.

The family had moved from Ballingoola, likely prior to the birth of the youngest son, Thomas "Uncle Tom", which occurred in 1895. The baptismal record of Thomas does not appear in the parish records of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly. It is probable that it will be located in the parish of Bruff, Meanus and Grange Meanus belonged to, which is part of the Diocese of Limerick. In Meanus, the family attended parish church of St. Mary's, Meanus, where Black Dan and Margaret Mulcahy are buried in the churchyard.

The census of 1911 lists Black Dan, 57, and his wife Margaret, 56, as well as five of their children. The census records they had been married 36 years, which correlates the date of 1875 provided in the church records. Their son, Denis, 28, is a creamery engineer, Helena (the future Helene Grogan) 26, is a dairy maid; Bridget, 18, has no occupation listed; and the two youngest sons, John, 17, and Thomas, 15, are listed as scholars.

In this census married women were asked how many children were born to them and how many were living. In this space was written "12" for children born and "10" for children living. Presumably, this took into account the death of son, James Mulcahy, who died in the United States in 1900 (see below). The other child who died, according to information passed down by Jim and Rick Grogan was Black Dan and Margaret's son, Martin, who it was remembered, died in his teens.

Margaret Jones Mulcahy died in 1923 with her son, John, present at her death according to her death record.

¹¹The origin of name of Meanus is unknown.

¹²Daniel and family appear in the Irish Census of 1911 where it is recorded that he has been married 11 years. He is living in the town of Bruff. I was not able to locate him in the 1901 census. There is a Daniel Mulcahy, 22, who is living in Hospital Town. One assumes he was nearby in Limerick in any case.

403	19 ²³ Twenty seventh January Meanus	Margaret F Mulcahy	Married	65	Farmer's wife	Cardiac Disease 2 years Certified	John Mulcahy son Buried at Death Meanus	June 8 th 1923
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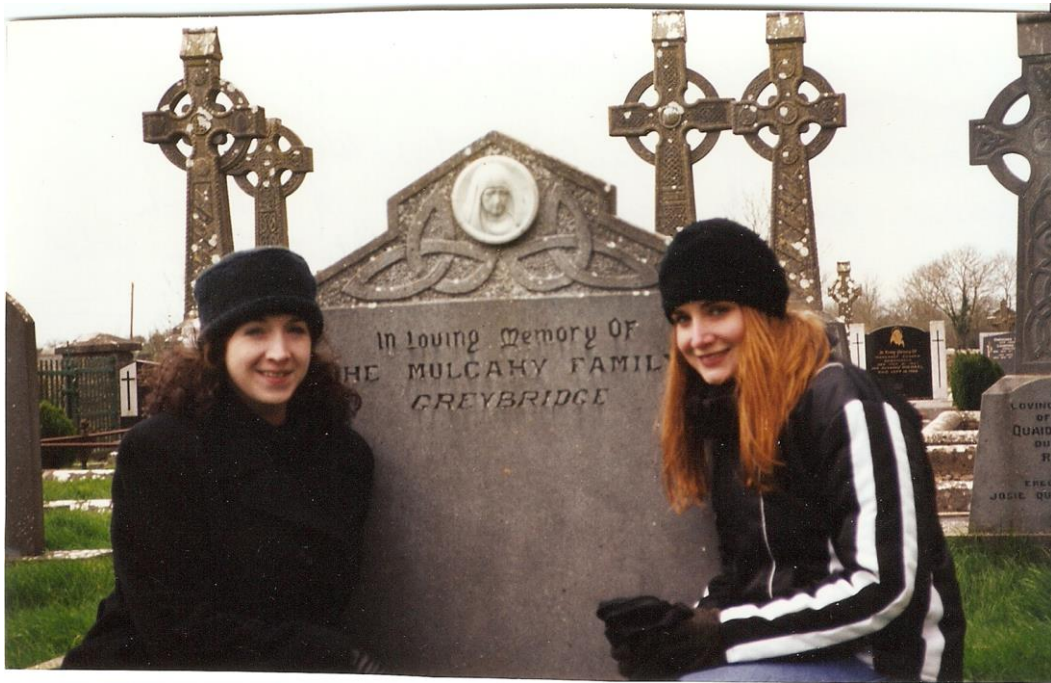
Stories from Rick Grogan concerning Black Dan's later life, remember that he was chauffeur to "Boss Croaker" (see above, page 2). There is also a story that concerns how Black Dan refused to have electricity put in his home. The date when electricity became available is unknown, but it was only after Black Dan's death in 1945 that his sons had it installed.

His granddaughter, Mary Mulcahy Hiscox, daughter of John Mulcahy (1894-1969), remembered a story her father told about Black Dan. In his youth, John along with his brother Tom (1897-1989) saw their father, Dan, beaten in front of them by the Black and Tans. This took place at their home in Meanus. Both Tom and John may have become active in the IRA after this event. They were both later imprisoned for their association.

Black Dan died in 1945 at the age of 92. He is buried with his wife Margaret at the parish church of St. Mary's, Meanus, in the churchyard. I was taken to the grave by Rick Grogan in 1998 and the burial was also confirmed by Tom Mulcahy of Waterford, grandson of Black Dan, who was working on the family history. There are no notations on the gravestone aside from the family name. Buried also with Black Dan and Margaret is their son Martin Mulcahy who died in 1905 at the age of 17.



St Mary's Church, Meanus. Founded circa 1845



The gravestone of Daniel & Margaret Jones.

Greybridge.

Meanus.

1st April 1945.

My Dear Matt.

You must excuse me for not answering your letter before now but I am not much good at the pen & time seems to slip very quickly. Well Matt you will be surprised to hear that the old man is gone at last. He died on the 25th Jan 1945. He passed away very easy, just the same as a child sleeping, & never had a bit of pain. He was 92 years of age & I wouldn't say that any of us would get as far as that. He was buried in Meanus & there was a very big funeral although there was a foot of snow on the ground at the time. Well Matt we were all very sorry to hear of your own troubles. The passing away of the little one must be a big blow, but I suppose it was all for the best as she wasn't able to go around.

Letter from Tom Mulcahy, son of Black Dan, to his brother, Matt Mulcahy (

However that don't do, you would feel the loss anyway. How are you doing yourself since you wrote, you must get a bad doing to be laid up so long. It is no joke to be knocked out like that especially in the times that are there, however the war is as good as over & things won't be long coming back to normal again. Meand is still the same one-horse town that it was & all the folks that you remember are just the same. We still go for a game of cards to Moreys in the evenings. We didn't get any account of Joe for a good bit but I have no doubt but she is alright. All the family wish to be remembered to you Mick, Derm, Lena, Dan, John, & myself, We are all doing fine J. G. Is Martin still working in the steeworks or was he called up. Write again & give us all the news.

With best love to yourself & kisses, also Peg, Martin, Ann & Betty. From all the Mulcahys in the old sod. Tell Pat & family we were asking for them & ask Pat if he remembers the day he threw all the clay pipes down to ally into the river.
Best love. Tom,

Key to what is discussed in the letter:

Tom's letter to Matt
1 April 1945

- Writing to tell Matt that their father is dead.
- He died 25 Jan 1945.
- He was 92 years of age.
- Buried in Meanus [at St. Mary's in the church yard].
- Remarks on the death of his brother Matt's daughter [Mary died 1941].
- About Meanus: says we still go for a game of cards to Moreys in the evenings.
- Says they didn't get any account of Joe for a bit but that he has not doubt she is doing alright. [sister Josephine Mulcahy Heavysege presumably]
- Asks whether Martin [brother Matt's son, Martin Mulcahy] has been called up for the war.
- Sends love to Matt, the missus [Matt's wife Anastasia] Peg, Betty and Ann [Matt's daughters].
- Says to tell Pat and family [Black Dan's son Pat Mulcahy and Tom's brother who are living near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania].

MR. DAN MULCAHY.

N. The death of Mr. Daniel Mulcahy, 11- Greybridge Meanus, at the fine old 12- ir, age of 92 years, has occasioned 13- he widespread regret and sorrow. The 14- y-deceased took a prominent part in 15- st, the Plan of Campaign and was a 16- ne devoted follower of the "Un- 17- in crowned King." His two sons— 18- y, John and Thomas — were interned 19- by by the British during the Black 20- sh and Tan War. A man of many ster- 21- se ling qualities, the deceased was 22- s, held in affectionate regard, and 23- P. mourners travelled long distances 24- to attend the funeral, which took 25- n, place on Thursday, 25th ult.

26- The chief mourners were:— 27- Michael, Daniel, Denis, John and 28- n- Thomas (sons). Mrs. Grogan 29- d (daughter), Michael, Ed. and 30- y Dan Houlihan, Wm. Treacy 31- e, (nephews). M a d g e Houlihan 32- i- (niece). Mrs. Denis Mulcahy and 33- s, Mrs. Dan Mulcahy (daughters-in- 34- l- law), T. Morey (son-in-law), D. T., 35- i) P. and S. Mulcahy, R. Grogan. 36- r- Bridget, Peggy, Mary and Bridget 37-), Mulcahy. Mrs. Murphy, Nancy, 38- n Breda Cleary and Michael Cleary, 39- n, Wm. Murphy and J. O'Donoghue 40- s. (grandchildren and great-grand- 41- children).

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James and Patrick Mulcahy Emigrate to Philadelphia - 1900

James and Patrick Mulcahy were the first of Black Dan's children to emigrate from Ireland. The brothers sailed from Queenstown (now Cobh) to New York in April 1900.



Cobh (pronounced “cove”) is located on the southern coast of County Cork. Rick Grogan said that the Cathedral of St. Colman (in the background of photo) would have been the last view of Ireland many emigrants who departed from here would have seen as they exited Cork harbor.



A view toward the harbor from the town of Cobh.

Patrick and James set sail on the S.S. Oceanic on April 5, 1900 and arrived at the Port

of New York on April 11, 1900.

S.S. *Oceanic* sailing from *Queensdown* *slashed* 1890

On the manifest, James was listed as 24 years old and Patrick 20 as years old, both single, occupations, farmers.

39	✓	15	James Mulcahy	24	✓			Farmer	✓
40	✓	16	Patrick	20	✓				✓

Their last residence is recorded as Croom. While Croom is actually a village in Limerick, it is likely that Patrick and James were referring to their location by the Poor Law union name of Croom. A look at the Irish census of 1901 for the family describes the particular locality and jurisdictions to which Meanus belonged:

County: Limerick
Parliamentary Division: East Limerick
Poor Law Union: Croom

District Electoral Division: Rathmore
Townland: Meanus
Constabulary District: Bruff
Barony: Small County
Sub-District: Boherard
Parish: Glenogra

The final destination of Patrick and James recorded on the manifest is Philadelphia, where it is noted that they are going to join "Cousin Honlehan" [sic], 1624 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia		20		19		Cousin Honlehan	
						1624 North 15th St	Philadelphia

Houlihan Cousins in Philadelphia

"Cousin Honlehan" was actually a first cousin of James and Patrick's by the last name of Houlihan. The Houlihans were first cousins to the Mulcahy siblings. Their mother was Ellen Mulcahy (m. John Houlihan) who was the sister of Black Dan Mulcahy, one of the

children of James Mulcahy and Johanna Galligan.¹³

A number of Ellen Mulcahy Houlihan's children emigrated to Philadelphia including: Johanna, Mary Anne “Molly” James “Jim” and John “Jack”. It appears that Johanna Houlihan was the first of the family to arrive (1898) and it is said that she came to the U.S. to live with her Uncle Michael Houlihan.¹⁴ Because Johanna Houlihan was the first of the Houlihan cousins to emigrate to the U.S., it is certain that this is the “Cousin Honlehan” to which the ship manifest refers. (there is evidence that Johanna got Pat and Jim Mulcahy a place to stay at a boarding house in Philadelphia in 1900 see below *Residence of Patrick and James Mulcahy during the 1900 Census*).

The arrivals of the Houlihan siblings to the U. S. are: Johanna in circa 1898, Molly in 1902 Jack in 1903 and Jim in 1909.

Mary Ann “Molly” arrived May 3, 1902 to New York, New York. Her last residence as listed on the manifest was Rawleystown (incorrectly on manifest as Rallinstown), Ireland. Rawleystown is where the Houlihans are thought to have moved after departing Ballingoola. Destination: Philadelphia; to sister, Johanna, at 1846 or 1896 Hamilton Street.

John Houlihan arrived 21 Apr 1903 in Philadelphia. Ship Manifest records he is going to join his sister Johanna at 909 N. 47th St or 16th street? (Notation is hard to read). The manifest notes that he was met by Johanna and Mary. John gives last residence as Rawleystown. He is a laborer.

Jim Houlihan arrived in Philadelphia on 17 May 1909. He was joining **Patrick Mulcahy**, cousin, at 4642 Oспен (?) Street, Philadelphia. On the manifest there are notations concerning Jim's brother John Houlihan, who is apparently living at 1904 Sansom street.

¹³When I first saw the manifest with the name “Honlehan” I decided to ask Patrick Mulcahy's daughters, Marie Mulcahy (1917) and Helene Mulcahy Griffin (1921), who agreed that “Honlehan” must really be “Houlihan”, a name with which they were familiar. Marie and Helene said they knew of a “Mr. Houlihan” who was a cousin. They also mentioned a family by the name of Hayes who had lived in Chester, Pennsylvania. As I explored the relationship, I discovered that Marie and Helene were good friends with Helen Hayes, and that Helen Hayes was the daughter of Johanna Houlihan Hayes, whom they knew to be a cousin. At the time, I did not know Johanna's maiden name. My father, Joseph F. Mulcahy, Jr. (1930) said that he recalled going to grade school with his 3rd cousin, Michael Hayes. Michael Hayes, it turned out, was the grandson of Johanna Houlihan Hayes.

In 2001, I contacted one of the Hayes family, Margaret Buckley Shields, the granddaughter of Johanna. She confirmed that the Hayes and Mulcahys in the area were related. She also provided me with details on Johanna's brothers Jim and John Houlihan. From her information, I was able to obtain the death certificate of Johanna. On the death certificate Johanna's parents were listed as Ellen Mulcahy and John Houlihan. Immediately, I knew that Ellen must be the sister of Black Dan Mulcahy, my great-grandfather (calculating from my father's relationship as 3rd cousin to Michael Hayes). I now was very certain that Johanna Houlihan Hayes was first cousin to Patrick and James. Johanna Houlihan married Michael Hayes in 1902 in Philadelphia and later moved to Chester, Pennsylvania.

¹⁴Helen Hayes daughter of Johanna Houlihan Hayes.

Residence of Patrick and James Mulcahy during the 1900 Census

In June of 1900, Patrick and James were living at 1826 Hamilton Street at the home of Catherine Farrell “Mrs. Farrell” and her two daughters, Mary and Catherine both 29 years of age. This residence was known as Farrell's boardinghouse and at the time of the census there were nine boarders, single men from Ireland or of Irish descent living there.

The census taker misspelled the surname Mulcahy as “McCahey”, Patrick was listed as 21 years of age, and James as 25. They were both laborers, but were possibly already working at Baldwin Locomotive Works in the city.



Baldwin Locomotive Works. Building at Broad and Spring Garden Sts.

(King's Views of Philadelphia. Illustrated Monographs. Part 2. Published by Moses King New York. Copyright, 1900 by Moses King)

Patrick and James were located in the census because their cousin Johanna Houlihan had herself previously lived at Mrs. Farrell's boarding house before she went into service. A history of Johanna's life written by her granddaughter, Jacqueline Hayes, provides a lengthy story about Johanna's time at the boardinghouse, examining Johanna's friendship with the Farrell girls, Mary and Kate, and her courtship with her future husband, Michael Hayes. The history recounts how Patrick obtained a job for Michael Hayes at Baldwin, enabling him to move from New York to Philadelphia and marry Johanna.

In this history, the boardinghouse was remembered by Johanna as a place where socializing with other immigrant Irish men and women took place. The boardinghouse had Irish music and dance every Saturday and Sunday night, and Johanna would visit with the women with whom she worked.

Undoubtedly, Patrick and James found their way to the boardinghouse as boarders with Johanna's introduction.

Using this story about “Farrell's boardinghouse”, a search was made for this name in the

census of 1900, with daughters Mary and Kate. Without the information provided by Johanna's granddaughter, Patrick and James would not have been located, and it adds a lot to the early days of the days in the United States to know they were helped by their cousin Johanna and introduced to the Irish community who could help with jobs, living and socializing.

Johanna was not living at Mrs. Farrell's boardinghouse in April of 1900, and was already in service elsewhere in the city as a maid.

Death of James Mulcahy

September 11, 1900, some five months after arriving in the U.S., James Mulcahy died in an accident at Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, where he and Patrick were employed.¹⁵ A Philadelphia City Death Certificate records the cause of death as "Scalds rec'd at Baldwin Loco Wks". James was recorded as 24 years of age.

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RETURN OF A DEATH
IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

CORONER'S CERTIFICATE.

1. Name of deceased, *James Mulcahy*
2. Color, *White*
3. Sex, *male*
4. Age, *24 years*
5. Married or single, *Single*
6. Date of Death, *Sept 11 1900*
7. Cause of Death, *Scalds rec'd at Baldwin Loco Wks.*

Thomas O'Connell Coroner.
Dr. Woodrow

Returned to the Health Office on Saturday
week, before 12 M.

James was buried on September 13, 1900 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia, in a two person grave which was purchased by his brother, Patrick Mulcahy. There is no marker for the grave.¹⁶

It was said that the Mulcahy family in Ireland received compensation for the accident. Rick Grogan believed that the compensation had enabled the family to purchase the farm at

¹⁵Baldwin Locomotive Works was founded in Philadelphia by Matthias Baldwin in the first half of the 19th century. The company was in its time the largest builder of railway locomotives. All three of the Mulcahy boys, James, Patrick and Matthew worked at Baldwin. Some of Patrick's and Matthews's children later worked for the company also. In _____ the company located to Eddystone, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia

¹⁶Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, as per conversation with RGM 2011.

Meanus, but it is uncertain if this is correct, given that the family may already have been in Meanus prior to James's departure from Ireland.

TWO WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED

Baldwin's Works the Scene of an Accident Resulting From
the Explosion of One of the Tubes in
a Boiler

One dead, seven seriously, some perhaps fatally, injured, and a score more with hurts of a trivial nature—these are the results of an explosion of one of the tubes in a boiler yesterday afternoon in the Seventeenth street shop of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. It was an accident so peculiar in its nature that the men in charge of the shop are yet unwilling to hazard an explanation for it.

The list of killed and injured follows:

DEAD.

JAMES MULCACHY, 24 years, 1826 Hamilton street.

DENNIS DELANEY, 38 years, 645 South Sydenham street. Died last night in hospital.

INJURED.

ANDREW BURNS, 48 years, 2004 Kater street.

JAMES KELLY, 52 years, 3717 Sansom street.

HARRY McGUIAN, 29 years, 2011 Silver street.

ADOLPH HOESCHLER, 34 years, 2303 Amber street.

PATRICK McGONAGLE, 36 years, 1715 Webster street.

JAMES SMITH, 25 years, address not known.

WHERE IT HAPPENED.

It was in one of four boilers that compose the battery that operates the Seventeenth street shops in which the explosion occurred. This shop, known as the tender shop, is largely devoted to the manufacture of exterior fittings for locomotives. Recently Burnham, Williams & Co. have been fitting up the boilers, or rather the fire boxes under them, with a device intended to obviate the smoke nuisance, about which there has been much complaint. Most of the injured men were steam fitters, in the employ of the Baldwin Works, who had been putting the finishing touches on the boiler construction. The work was completed and it was announced that the boilers were ready to start up. Before they were fired, however, they were inspected by the agent of a boiler insurance company.

At thirty minutes after 1 o'clock there was a loud explosion in the fire box and the room was filled with scalding steam and hot coals. Some of the men nearest the door escaped with slight injuries. Others were so badly injured that the flesh was fairly scalded from their chests and arms.

Mulcachy was so terribly burned that he died before he could be removed to a hospital. All of those given in the list above with the exception of Hoeschler were scalded by steam or burned by live coals. Hoeschler's injuries were only indirectly due to the explosion. He was working over a circular saw in one of the shops. The explosion caused a stoppage of machinery and a heavy block of wood to fly up and strike him in the face, inflicting severe cuts and bruises.

FIRE ALARM SOUNDED.

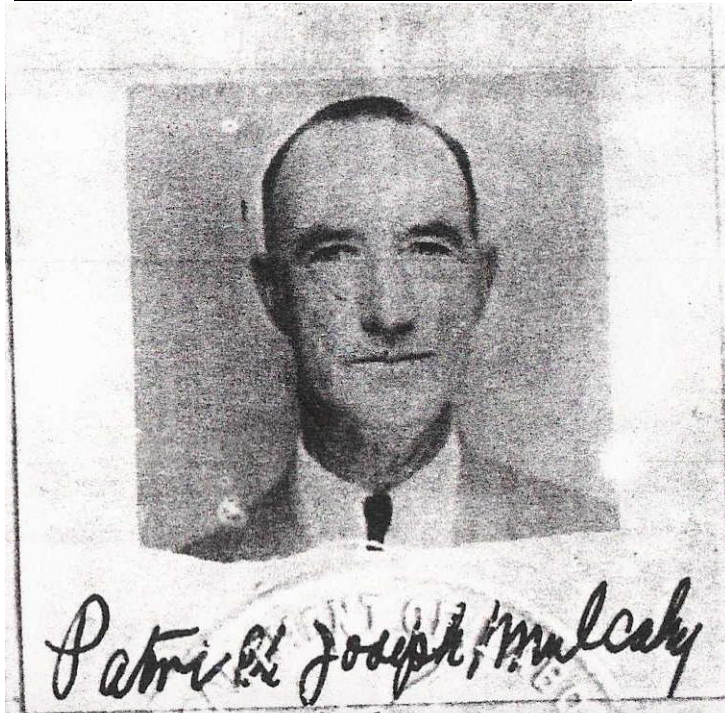
An alarm of fire was turned in when the accident occurred and police patrols from the Wood street sub-station were hurried to the scene. There were so many injured requiring immediate attention that one of Marks Brothers' wagons was pressed into service as an ambulance. All of the injured, with the exception of McGuinn, who was taken to the Hahnemann, were removed to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital.

When the injured had been removed the boiler room was closed and a rigid inquiry was begun by Superintendent Justis Johnson, who was in charge of the tender shops. This had not been completed last night.

Speaking for Burnham, Williams & Co., Allan B. Johnson, a member of the firm, said: "We do not yet know what caused the accident. So far as we can learn, one of the circulating tubes that extend down into the fire box burst. There must have been a flaw in the welding. The tubes were part of a device we are putting in to abate the smoke nuisance. Before the accident the boiler had been inspected by the boiler insurance company that insures our plant and after the usual tests was pronounced safe."

The men employed about the shops where the accident occurred can throw very little light on the accident. At the office of the insurance company that had inspected the boiler a statement was refused.

Patrick's Marriage to Mary Donaghy in 1905



There is no record of Patrick's activities until 1905, aside from the fact that he was likely still working at Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, probably still as a Blacksmith's helper.

A marriage license was filed on June 6, 1905 with the City of Philadelphia. The license notes that Patrick Mulcahy, born March 9, 1879, in County Limerick was living at 1516 North Street, Philadelphia and was a blacksmith's helper. This is the first official document in the U.S. to note Patrick's date of birth. In actuality it was not his birth date, but his date of baptism, which the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly in Ireland has recorded.

Mary Donaghy was recorded on the marriage license as Mary *Donaghue*. Apparently, she went by this name after she arrived in the U.S. according to some of her childrens' recollections. She was recorded as being born on February 11, 1877 in County Tyrone, Ireland and was then a servant by occupation, living in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

The couple married in Mary's parish church, Our Mother of Consolation, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Records at the church indicate that the marriage was June 7, 1905 and was officiated by Reverend Christopher McEvoy, OSA. It does not appear that there were any witness, or at least none were recorded.

Wife of Patrick Mulcahy - Mary Josephine Donaghy



*Mary Josephine Donaghy, undated
from the collection of Marie Mulcahy*

Mary Josephine Donaghy was the daughter of Bernard Donaghy and Susan O'Neill. She was born on the 25 of January 1906, in the townland of Clonavaddy, County Tyrone. Mary, was baptised on the same day at the parish church of St. John's, Galbally, in the parish of Donaghmore, Diocese of Armagh.

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM. FORM 411

PARISH OF DONAGHMORE. DIOCESE OF ARMAGH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Mary Donaghy

was Baptized, according to the form prescribed in the Roman Ritual, in the Church of St. John Parish of Donaghmore

on the 25th day of January year 1876

by J. O'Neill, co

Parents Bernard Donaghy & Susan O'Neill

Sponsors John O'Neill & Hugh O'Neill

Rev. Seamus O'Sullivan Parish Priest
Curate

To _____ Date _____

*Copy of Mary Donaghy's baptismal certificate, undated,
from the collection of Marie Mulcahy*

When Mary was a young girl, her father died, according to my research in 1879 in the town of Dungannon, Tyrone. Her widowed mother, Susan, returned to New York leaving Mary and her sister, Rose, to live with Susan's parents or relations.

Mary wanted to be a tailor in Ireland, but she was only allowed to sew buttons. When she was 16 years of age, she decided to come to America and sailed to New York. She found her mother remarried with children and after overhearing her mother say that Mary could mind the children now that she was in New York, Mary instead made her way to Philadelphia. Why Mary came to Philadelphia is not remembered, but it may be supposed that she came to the city since she already had family there. Her uncle Owen O'Neill was a jeweler in Philadelphia, who had arrived in the U.S in the mid 1880's. Other O'Neill relations were in Philadelphia and New York at various times, and they are discussed more in detail in the *O'Neill History*.

Until her marriage, Mary worked as a domestic servant in either Jenkintown or Chestnut Hill, which is remembered by her daughter, Marie. Her daughter remembers Jenkintown, but Chestnut Hill was noted on Mary's marriage license as her residence where she was by occupation a servant.

Mary did learn to sew very well and made clothes for her children and some of her grandchildren. Mary's sister, Rose, emigrated to the U.S. Also where she worked in New York for a period and later Philadelphia, where she worked for the Strawbridge family as a cook. She did not marry.

Patrick and Mary Mulcahy's first child – 1906

Patrick and Mary's first child, Joseph F. Mulcahy Sr., was born on March 6, 1906, in Philadelphia, where according to his birth certificate, he was born at home which was 4645 Meredith Street. Information concerning Joseph's birth recorded by the City of Philadelphia and held at the City Archives records he was born at 3A.M. at his home. The name of his father is recorded as "Patrick Joseph Mulcahy" and his mother's name is simply "Mary". Patrick was 27 years of age and born in Ireland. Mary was 31 years of age and born in Ireland. Patrick's occupation was noted as "blacksmith". Dr. John P. Mulrenan of 228 S. Broad Street is named as the physician in the space for "physician or midwife".¹⁷

The couple belonged to Our Mother of Sorrows Church in West Philadelphia, where Joseph was baptized on March 29, 1906 by the reverend William O'Donnell.¹⁸ His sponsor's were

¹⁷The birth information was obtained in 1997 from the City Archives by RGM. It is more extensive than a 1957 copy of the birth Certificate, or the State of Pennsylvania certificate of birth obtained in 2010 by RGM. However, the Mary's maiden name appears on the State Certificate as "Donoghue" and does not appear on the other forms.

¹⁸ From Our Mother of Sorrows church records, Philadelphia, 2011. The church has merged with another nearby parish of St. Ignatius.

Michael Hayes and Margaret Furey. Michael Hayes was the husband of Johanna Houlihan Hayes, first cousin to Patrick. It is not known who Margaret Furey was.

It appears that Johanna Houlihan Hayes and her family were parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows too before their move to Chester, Pennsylvania circa 190____.



Joseph Francis Mulcahy, Sr. circa 1906
A copy of this photo was presented to Joseph, Sr's son, Joseph, Jr, by his aunts, Helene Mulcahy Griffin and Marie Mulcahy (sisters of Joseph, Sr.)

The couple's second child, Francis Mulcahy, born 1908, was also baptized at Our Mother of Sorrows, and after this time, the family moved to Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where they were parishioners at St. Rose of Lima parish in Woodlyn.

The couple had ten children, nine of whom lived to adulthood:

- Joseph Francis Mulcahy Sr. 1906 – 1975
- Francis Joseph Mulcahy 1908 – 1983
- Daniel Mulcahy ? – 1909
- Daniel James Mulcahy 1910 – 1992
- Margaret M. Mulcahy 1911 – 2007
- Thomas Matthew Mulcahy 1912 – 1982
- John V. Mulcahy 1914 – 1997
- James Aloysius Mulcahy 1915 – 2004
- Marie Mulcahy 1918 –
- Helene Rita Mulcahy 1921 – 2006

It was no doubt an exciting time for Matthew to arrive, since his new baby nephew, Joseph Mulcahy, was only a few weeks old.



*Matthew Mulcahy (center) and two unknown gentlemen
Philadelphia, undated. Likely taken within a few years after Matt's arrival.
Courtesy of Tom Mulcahy, Waterford, who obtained it from Rick Grogan.*

Josephine Arrives in the U.S. in 1907

Josephine sailed on the SS Westernland from Queenstown on the 25th of April 1907, arriving in Philadelphia May 5, 1907. Josephine was listed by her birth name on the Manifest as “Johanna Mulcahy”, 17 yrs of age, her profession was that of “servant”. Her last residence was listed as “Bruff” and her destination, Philadelphia. She paid her own passage. The manifest recorded that she was going to join her “Brother Patrick Mulcahy” at “4645 Meredith Street Philadelphia”.

Bruff is the Constabulary district in which Meanus was located. It is likely that Josephine was last living in Meanus before she emigrated, but it is also possible that she was living or working in Bruff or that particular locality

It is not known why Josephine called herself by this name rather than her birth name of Johanna.

She apparently joined Matthew at her brother Patrick's home with her one-year old nephew, Joseph Mulcahy.

According to Helene Mulcahy Griffin and Marie Mulcahy, daughters of Patrick, Josephine returned to Ireland a few years after her arrival in the U.S. Around the time of WWI, she joined the Red Cross and went to England (Manchester?) where she met an airman named Charles Heavysege. Rick Grogan also knew this story and recalled that Charles was a man of the protestant faith who converted to Catholicism for Josephine.

U.S. Census of 1910

By the time of the 1910 Census on April 20, 1910, Matt was no longer living with his brother, Patrick, but was now living with his first cousin, James “Jim” Houlihan, in Philadelphia at 1904 Sansom Street. Jim had arrived in 1909. Matthew was listed as a “boarder”, while James was listed as a “lodger” Matt’s occupation was listed as “bartender” “in a saloon”. They, along with two other lodgers, were living with the widow Annie Brennan and her two young girls, probably another Irish lodging situation. By September 29, 1910, James had moved to 2255 Greenwich Street, according to his Declaration of Intention for Citizenship filed that same date.

Jim would again live near Matt when he moved to Bickley Place, Chester, Pennsylvania, some years (date?) later where Matt lived with his family.

By May 1910, Patrick had moved from Philadelphia to a suburb south east of the city. The Baldwin Locomotive Works plant had moved from Philadelphia to Eddystone, and many of those who worked for the company also relocated to the suburbs nearby this new address in Eddystone.

The census recorded that Patrick living with his family at 435 Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Township. The census listed his wife Mary, and their two sons, Joseph, 4, and Francis, 2 years of age. It was noted on the census that three children were born to the marriage, with two living. The couple's second, child, Francis Mulcahy was born in 1908 in Philadelphia and baptized at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.¹⁹ His godfather was his uncle Matt Mulcahy who obviously continued to maintain a close relationship with his brother Patrick. The couple's third child was Daniel Mulcahy born (?) who died in Woodlyn, Pennsylvania in 1909.

Patrick was recorded simply as “laborer”, but under the category “general nature of business or profession...” is listed “Iron”. Presumably, Pat was still a blacksmith or did related work at Baldwin Locomotive Works. The family was renting their home on Swarthmore Avenue.

Other events of 1910

On September 10, 1910, Patrick filed his Declaration of Intention to become a citizen at the Delaware County Court House.

1914

¹⁹Parish records, St. Rose of Lima July 2011.

Patrick submitted his Petition for Naturalization which was granted on 6 Jun 1914. Add description. Also notate Declaration of Intention.

1917 - WWI Draft Registration

Patrick submitted his WWI Draft Registration Card. It indicates that he and his family were living on Fairview Road, Woodlyn. Present Occupation: Blacksmith. Employer: Baldwin Locomotive Works, Eddystone, Pa. Nearest relative: Mary Mulcahy of Fairview Road. Patrick did not serve in WWI.

By 1917, Patrick's family were 9. In addition to Joseph (1906) and Francis (1908) there were now five more children: Daniel James Mulcahy (1910), Margaret Mulcahy (1911), Thomas Matthew Mulcahy (1912), John V. (Jack) Mulcahy (1914), James Aloysius (Jim) Mulcahy (1915).

Matthew submitted his WWI Draft Registration Card. It indicates that he was living at 1313 Green Street, Philadelphia. His Present Occupation was: Machinist. Employer: Eddystone _____ Co. Nearest relative: Patrick Mulcahy of Fairview Road, Del Co. Matthew was single. He did not serve in WWI.

1917 – Matthew's Declaration of Intention

Matthew submitted his Declaration of Intention with the Court of Common Pleas, Delaware County on March 17, 1917. The document records the following:

Matthew Francis Mulcahy, 32 years of age, machinist, fair complexion, 5 feet 10 inches, brown hair and blue eyes, 133 pounds. Was born in Limerick Co., Ireland, 9 March 1885, residing in Woodlyn, Pa., Delaware County. Emigrated on the vessel Teutonic from Queenstown, Ireland; his last foreign residence was Bruff, Ireland.

By 1917, Matt was now godfather to two more of Patrick's sons, Thomas (1912) and James (1915), both of whom were baptised at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Woodlyn, Pennsylvania.²⁰

Census of 1920

At the time of the 1920 census, Matthew was living at 109 Fairview Road in Fairview Precinct, Ridley, Twp. with his brother, Patrick Mulcahy and family. The census records that he is single, 37 years of age and a bartender by occupation. This address in Fairview Precinct was considered to be Woodlyn, Pa.

Patrick and his family were at 109 Fairview Road. Patrick and Mary had another child, Marie Mulcahy (1920) who is listed as 1 ½ yrs of age. Patrick's occupation is blacksmith at a locomotive works. This is presumably, Baldwin Locomotive Works. All nine of the children were living at home. Mary is a homemaker and was _____ of age. The home was rented.

²⁰Parish records, St. Rose of Lima, July 2011.

1920 Petition for Naturalization – Matthew Mulcahy

Matthew was admitted as a citizen on September 20, 1920 by the Common Pleas Court of Delaware County. He had submitted his Petition for Naturalization on Dec 26, 1919. The Petition records that he was born March 9, 1885, arrived from Queenstown in New York on April 29, 1906 on the vessel Teutonic. That he Declared his Intention on March 17, 1917. His current occupation is grocery clerk. The two witnesses on his Petition are John Rafferty, Blacksmith, residing at Woodlyn, Pa and his brother, Patrick Mulcahy, Blacksmith, residing at Woodlyn, Pa.

Marriage of Matthew Mulcahy 1921

Matthew married Anastasia Foley in April 1921. Their marriage details appear in the *Philadelphia Marriage Index* Docket for the year 1921.



Matthew and Anastasia Foley Mulcahy – thought to have been taken on their wedding day

(courtesy of Betty Mulcahy Pendrak, daughter of Matthew Mulcahy)

1924

Matthew and Family were living at 600 Morton Avenue at the time of the birth of their son Martin, June 29, **1924. (Birth Announcement)**

Census of 1930

Matthew Mulcahy

Matthew and his family are living at 426 Bickley Place, Chester, Pennsylvania. Matthew is ____ yrs and Anastasia _____. He owns his home and living there are his wife, Anastasia, and his children: Mary 7 4/12, Martin 5 11/12, Margaret 3 2/12. The census records that Martin arrived 1906 and was a naturalized citizen. Anastasia arrived in 1909 and was naturalized as well (which would have been through marriage). Matthew's occupation is listed as a laborer in a textile mill. The census indicates that he is not a veteran.

Incidentally, cousin Jim Houlihan, was at this time living down the road from Matthew's family at 408 Bickley Place, where he was listed as a boarder living with John and Florence Gallagher. His profession was an "agent" with a "life insurance company". Jim was listed as a veteran of the World War.

Patrick Mulcahy

In 1930, Patrick and his family were living at 709 Prospect Avenue in Moore Town, the former name of Prospect Park Borough. Patrick owned his home and was living there with his wife and children. The census recorded:
Patrick, 51, his wife, Mary, is 53.

The children at home were:

- Francis, 22;
- Daniel, 19;
- Margaret, 18;
- Thomas, 17;
- John 16;
- James 14;
- Marie 11;
- Helene 8.

Patrick and Mary's last child, Helene had been born between the censuses in 192____.

By this time, the eldest child, Joseph, was married to Mary Sweeney and was living in with their first child, Joseph F. Mulcahy, Jr. (1930). This was Patrick's first grandchild.

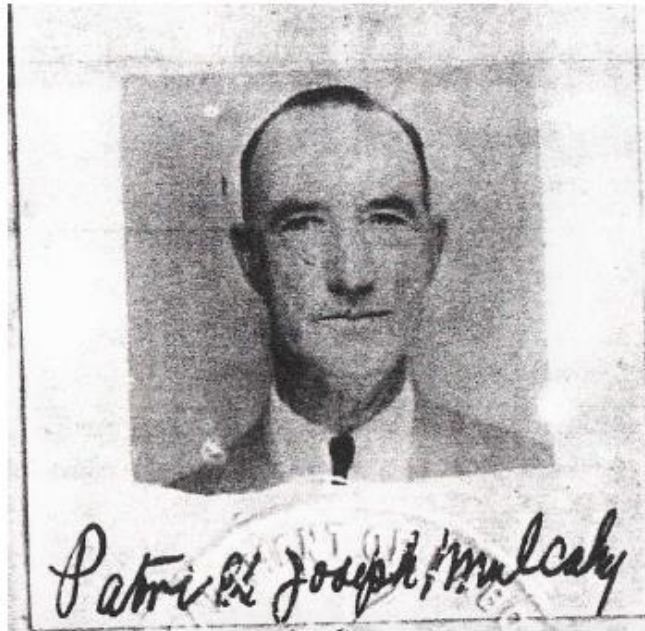
Patrick still worked as a blacksmith for Baldwin Locomotive Works, now in Eddystone, Pennsylvania, and now two sons, Francis, Daniel and John were employed there as well.

Francis was a brakeman, Daniel was a bookkeeper and John was a clerk.

Margaret and Thomas were also employed. Margaret was a clerk in an electrical plant and Thomas was a electrician's helper in an steel company. James, Marie and Helene were presumably still in school.

Family of Daniel Mulcahy "Black Dan"
Mulcahy Children in America

Patrick Mulcahy



*Patrick Mulcahy, 1938.
Cropped photo from his Certificate of Citizenship originally granted in 1914.*



*Joseph Mulcahy, Sr.,
eldest son of Patrick Mulcahy
late 1920's*

Family of Ellen Mulcahy Houlihan –
Houlihan children in America

Jim Houlihan

Nearly a year after his arrival in the U.S., Jim was living with his first cousin, Matthew Mulcahy, in Philadelphia at 1904 Sansom Street at the time of the 1910 Census taken on April 20, 1910. Jim is listed as a “lodger” and is a waiter in a hotel. The cousins lived with two other lodgers, in the household of the widow Annie Brennan and her two young girls. By September 9, 1910, Jim had moved to 2255 Greenwich Street, according to his Declaration of Intention filed the same date.

On the Declaration of Intention filed with the U.S. District Court, Philadelphia, Jim stated he was born in Herbertstown & listed this as his residence. Jim's occupation is "bartender". Witnesses: Patrick Fitzgerald [Fitzgerald], Saloon Keeper, 21 & Market & James Glade, tailor, 262 S. 20 Street, Philadelphia. Patrick Fitzgerald [Fitzgerald] is likely the Saloon Keeper at the establishment Jim worked.

Jim's Petition for Naturalization, which was filed January 15, 1915 with the US District Court in Philadelphia, was admitted April 28, 1915. At this time, Jim was living at 20 South 19th Street in Philadelphia. His two witnesses were the same persons, Patrick Fitzgerald and James McGlade at the same addresses.

On May 21, 1915, shortly after his Petition for Naturalization was granted, Jim applied for a Passport. In the section which stated “*I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:*”, Jim listed “Name of Country” as “England” and “Object of Visit” as “to be married”.

The “Description of Applicant” lists Jim as 27 yrs of age, 5' 8" in height, with a high forehead, blue eyes, straight nose; medium mouth; round chin; brown hair; a medium complexion and oval face. His occupation was a machinist and he lived still at 20 South 19th Street in Philadelphia.

Interestingly, Jim's Passport was amended on June 8, 1915, by the American Consulate in Bristol granting permission for Jim to travel to Ireland. The reason provided on the amendment was “visiting Ireland to be married”.



James Joseph Houlihan - 1915

Reproduced from the original passport held at the National Archives, College Park, Maryland

According to a family story given by the Houlihan relations in Ireland, recounted by Breda Corish, a Houlihan descendant, Jim was a passenger on the SS Arabic, which was torpedoed by a German submarine. Breda said that the story she always heard from her aunt Evelyn Houlihan, which originally was told by her grandmother, Evelyn's mother, Mary Byrne Houlihan, was that the ship was torpedoed off the Old Head of Kinsale off the County Cork coast. Jim arrived at the house (mother's?) wearing only his shirt and trousers. Mary Byrne Houlihan was Jim's sister-in-law, married to his brother, Michael Houlihan (b. 1889)²¹

The incident appeared in the national press, and local newspapers in Philadelphia, which mentioned Jim's name among the missing. A interesting description available on the web of the incident was located in the *Stevens Point Daily Journal*, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Aug. 20, 1915:

*London, Aug. 20 - The big White Star line steamer Arabic, formerly a favorite ship of the Liverpool-Boston service, but which on its present trip was on the way to New York, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine at 9:15 o'clock yesterday morning about forty miles south of the spot where the Lusitania lies, which is 65 miles southeast of Fastnet rock and 55 miles south of Old Head of Kinsale. The steamer, according to a statement of the White Star line, was attacked without warning and went down in 11 minutes.*²²

²¹Breda Corish, *Houlihan History*, 2010.

²²*Stevens Point Daily Journal*, August 20, 1915.

A special article entitled, *James Houlihan is Saved from Arabic*, appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on August 22, 1915, attesting to Jim's survival and being removed from the list of the missing.

Dispatches from Queenstown received here yesterday state that James Houlihan, of 23 South 19th Street, a passenger on the torpedoed steamship Arabic, has been saved...Houlihan's brother been informed that he has safely been landed in Ireland.... Houlihan's name had been reported as both missing and rescued, and not until yesterday's dispatch came to Philadelphia was it positively known that he had gotten ashore.

The article goes on to mention that Jim's brother, John Houlihan, of 8122, Shawnee Avenue, Chestnut Hill had received word of his safety.²³

World War I

According to the Census of 1920, Jim was a veteran of WWI. A search did not produce his World War I Draft Registration card, but a search of the local newspaper, *The Chester Times*, a newspaper providing news of the City of Chester and the surrounding towns in Delaware County, did provide some information concerning Jim's service.

Jim initially went to Fort Slocum, N.Y., where he was to join the Motor Division of the Quartermaster's Department. I have as yet not located any information regarding if he was transferred to Europe.²⁴

Jim returned sometime in 1918.

Other

Jim worked as an insurance agent from Prudential in Chester as his profession. He never married and died in 1961, his last residence was 818 Glen Terrace, Chester, with his sister, Johanna Houlihan Hayes. He is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Chester.

²³*Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 22, 1915.

²⁴ An article of May 6, 1918 in the *Chester Times*

JAMES J. HOULIHAN, 74, son of the late John and Ellen Houlihan, died Thursday at his late residence, 818 Glen Ter., Chester, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Houlihan was born in Limerick, Ireland, and came to America when he was 20 years old to settle in Chester. He has been retired from the Prudential Insurance Co. for eight years. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by four brothers, John of Upper Darby, Michael and Edward of Limerick, Ireland, and Thomas of Coventry, England, a four sisters, Mrs. Michael J. Hayes of Chester, Mrs. James Prendergast, Madge Houlihan and Mrs. Joseph Mulqueen, all of Limerick, Ireland.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Walter J. Clancy funeral home, 19th St. and Providence Ave., Chester. Solemn Mass of Requiem will be sung in St. Robert's Church at 10. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Johanna Houlihan

Johanna (b. 1879) was likely born in Raleighstown. Although she does not appear in the 1901 Irish Census, her family is living in Ballingoola at that time.²⁵ Johanna was already in the United States when her first cousins, Patrick and James Mulcahy arrived in April 1900. Helen Hayes, Johanna's daughter, recalled that Johanna had been sent for by Michael Houlihan, her father's brother. Michael Houlihan was living in Jenkintown, Pa, and had, according to the census _____ been in the United States since 1889.

Arrival

Johanna arrived April 12, 1898 in the Port of Philadelphia. She sailed on the SS Pennland from Queenstown on March 31, 1898. Hayes family history recorded Johanna's month and year of arrival as well as the ship name, Pennland.²⁶ It was fairly easy to locate the ship manifest with this information already known. On line 27 of page ____ of the manifest Johanna is listed as Jhanna Houlihan, 18 year and 9 months of age; her occupation: servant [using abbreviation "Sevt"]. Her last residence is recorded as "Grange". The destination is listed as "Philadelphia". Passage was paid by "Uncle", this would have been her Uncle Michael Houlihan. She is recorded as going to join her Uncle of 417 Maple Street, Philadelphia, but a notation is made further along the manifest "Uncle Michael Houlihan" "425 Cedar Street Jenkintown" "Called for her at landing".

I investigated the 1900 census for evidence of Michael Houlihan of Cedar Street in Jenkintown and did indeed locate Michael and his family living at 417 Maple Street in Jenkintown Borough. The census taker spelled Houlihan as "Hollehan". The census listed the following persons:

Michael Hollehan 38
Ellen Hollehan 33
Mary Hollehan 8
Edward Hollehan 6
Elenorah Hollehan 2

It is uncertain what the notation concerning Cedar Street meant, it seems as though it is part of the notation belonging to Michael Houlihan meeting Joanna at the landing. Cedar Street is very near Maple and in the 1900 census a look among the houses listed on Cedar does not show a 425 between the 423 and 427. It is possible that before Johanna went to work in Philadelphia as a living in servant sometime in 1900, that she bordered with someone on Cedar Street?

The Hayes family history states that Johanna had been sent for by her Uncle Michael Houlihan who was living in Jenkintown to help care for his small children. So the month and year of Johanna's arrival as well as the story of her uncle paying for her passage and his family living in Jenkintown are confirmed by the ship manifest.

²⁵See above on the Civil Birth Registration of Johanna's brother, Thomas, 1892 as being in Ballingoola.

²⁶Helen Hayes.

Mrs. Farrell's Boardinghouse
(see above also under Patrick and James Mulcahy

Johanna marriage

Johanna married Michael Hayes in 1902 in Philadelphia. The couple at some point moved to Chester, where they remained until the end of their lives. Johanna's descendants remembered that she played the concertina.

Johanna and Michael had eight children:

1. Helen N. Hayes 1904
2. John F. Hayes 1905
3. Joseph M. Hayes 1907
4. Anna J. Hayes 1908
5. Thomas A. Hayes 1910
6. Edward P. Hayes 191
7. Daniel L. Hayes 1914
8. James Robert Hayes 1918

The Hayes boys were known for their athletic ability and were written up in the Chester Times a few times for it.

The family lived at 139 E. 23rd Street, Chester and later 818 Glen Terrace in Chester. It appears they were parishioners at St. Michael's church in Chester.

Michael died in 1962 and Johanna in 1963. They are both buried in St. Michael's Cemetery in Chester.

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Johanna's death certificate provides further confirmation of her parentage. Her parents were listed on the certificate as John Houlihan and Ellen Mulcahy.

This is to certify that this is a true copy of the record which is on file in the Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records in accordance with Act 66, P.L. 304, approved by the General Assembly, June 29, 1953.

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PRIMARY DIST NO. 2311-234		STATE OF PA. VITAL STATISTICS		069283-63	
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
1. DEATH OCCURRED IN: a. County <u>Delaware</u> b. City or borough <u>Chester</u>		2. DECEASED'S MAILING ADDRESS: a. Street address, R. D., or Box Number <u>818 Glen Terrace</u> b. Post Office, Zone, and State <u>Chester, Penna.</u>			
3. VETERAN: a. Which War <u>NO</u> b. Serial No. <u>NO</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH: (Month) <u>7</u> (Day) <u>23</u> (Year) <u>63</u>			
5. NAME OF DECEASED: (Type or print) a. (First) <u>Johanna</u> b. (Middle) <u>M.</u> c. (Last) <u>Hayes</u>		6. WHERE DID DECEASED ACTUALLY LIVE: a. State <u>Penna.</u> b. County <u>Delaware</u> c. Did deceased live in a township? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, deceased lived in <u>Chester</u> township. <input type="checkbox"/> No, deceased lived within actual limits of <u>Chester</u> city or borough.			
7. SEX <u>Female</u> 8. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 9. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		10. DATE OF BIRTH <u>6-25-1879</u> 11. AGE (in years last birthday) <u>84</u> 12. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) <u>Housewife</u> 13. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>NONE</u> 14. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Ireland</u> 15. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY <u>USA</u>			
16. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE <u>Michael J. Hayes (d)</u> 17. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Ellen Mulcahy</u>		18. FATHER'S NAME <u>John J. Moulighan</u> 19. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS <u>Helen Hayes, 818 Glen Terrace, Chester, Pa.</u>			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (Items 20 through 23 must be completed by physician only)					
20. CAUSE OF DEATH. Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c). PART I. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Hypertensive-arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease</u> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) during the underlying cause last: DUE TO (b) <u>None</u> DUE TO (c) <u>None</u> PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS contributing to death but not related to the immediate cause given in Part I (a) <u>None</u>				INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>About 10 years</u>	
21. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		22. a. ACCIDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No b. DESCRIBE HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED <u>None</u> c. TIME OF ACCIDENT: Hour <u>None</u> Minute <u>None</u> Day <u>None</u> Year <u>None</u>			
23. d. ACCIDENT OCCURRED: While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. PLACE OF ACCIDENT (e.g., home, farm, street, etc.) <u>None</u> f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP <u>Chester</u> COUNTY <u>Delaware</u> STATE <u>Penn.</u>		24. I hereby certify that I attended the above named deceased and that death occurred from the causes and on the date stated above at <u>Chester, Pa.</u> M. D. <u>7-27-63</u> Signature <u>W. J. Polischuk</u> Address <u>108 E. 9th St. Chester, Pa. 19380</u>			
25. a. BURIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVAL <input type="checkbox"/> b. DATE <u>7-27-63</u> c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>St. Michael's Cemetery</u> d. LOCATION (City, Boro., Twp., & County) <u>Chester, Delaware Co., Penna.</u>		26. SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>St. Michael's Cemetery</u>			

Mary Ann "Molly" Houlihan

Not much is known about Molly (b. about 1885) . Molly is listed as Mary Ann, 17, in the Irish census of 1901, where she is living with her family in Ballingoola and is a seamstress.

Molly arrived in 1902 in New York, and her destination is listed as Philadelphia to see her sister Johanna on Hamilton Street in Philadelphia. It appears that Molly remained in the city and in 1926, she married Thomas Coen.

Her obituary of 1939 stated that she had no children and was last living in Philadelphia before residing with her sister, Johanna, where she died after a lengthy illness.

It was as a result of making inquiries with the Catholic Cemeteries Division into the burial Johanna Houlihan Hayes at St. Michael's Cemetery, that I learned that there was a Mary Coen buried in the plot (Section 40, Lot 16). I had no idea who this Mary Coen was for a long time, but when I found the Chester Times Newspaper was available in searchable, digital form, I ran a search for Mary Coen, and to my surprise I saw that she was Johanna Houlihan's sister. Her name had not come up in any prior examination of ships manifests or family history.

Subsequent to determining that Molly was a sister of Johanna, I received information on the Houlihan family from Breda Corish (as named in sources) confirming her family's remembrance of Molly. So, I in fact discovered that there were four Houlihan siblings rather than three I had thought previously as having immigrated.

MRS. MARY A. COEN

Mrs. Mary A. Coen, wife of Thomas Coen, of 6076 Regent street, Philadelphia, died Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Michael Hayes, 139 East Twenty-third street, this city, after an illness of approximately six months.

Mrs. Coen was born in Ireland, and has been a resident of Philadelphia for the past 37 years. She was a member of the Sodality of the Good Shepherd parish, in Philadelphia. Surviving are her husband; a sister, with whom she was staying at the time of her death, and two brothers, John Houlihan, of Chestnut Hill, and James Houlihan of this city. The couple had no children.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the funeral parlors of John L. Clancy, Broad and Upland streets, followed by the celebration of solemn mass of requiem at St. Robert's Church at 10 o'clock. Interment will follow at St. Michael's cemetery.

John Houlihan

John (b. 1884) was living in Ballingoola in 1901 during the Irish Census. He was listed as “John Junior” and was by occupation a cooper like his father. John emigrated to the US in 1903, arriving in Philadelphia, where he is to join his sister, Johanna.

John remained in the city for much of his life. He was a chauffeur as the Census of 1920 and his draft registration of 1917 record. During this period he was living in the Chestnut Hill or Germantown sections of the city. Houlihan family historians in Ireland recall that John had a son, who apparently died at a young age.

Apparently, he was not a veteran of WWI, as the census of 1930 records.

In 1927, he married Mary O'Brien, which may have been his second marriage. By 1942, he was living in Villanova working for Villanova College. John was predeceased by his wife, and last lived with his sister, Johanna.

He died in 1960, two days after his brother, Jim, who died on October 12, 1960 and there was a double funeral performed.

JOHN J. HOULIHAN, 76, 818
Glen Ter., Chester, died Saturday at Embreeville State Hospital two days after his brother, James J. Houlihan, 74, of the same address, died at their residence.

Both men were born in Limerick, Ireland, and came to this country about 56 years ago.

John Houlihan was the husband of the late Mary O'Brien. He worked in Philadelphia as a waiter.

James Houlihan was retired from Prudential Insurance Co. eight years ago.

Surviving are three brothers, Michael and Edward, Limerick; Thomas, Coventry, England and four sisters, Mrs. Michael J. Hayes, Chester; Madge Houlihan and Mrs. Joseph Mulqueen, all of Limerick.

Double funeral will take place Tuesday at 9 a.m. from the Walter J. Clancy funeral home, 19th St. and Providence Ave., Chester. Solemn requiem mass will be sung in St. Robert's Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. There will not be a viewing.