



A Recent Visit to My Irish Roots

Patti Stotmeister is a descendant of Cornelius McMahon, her great-great grandfather who, at the age of 20, emigrated to America in 1834 from Killanny Parish, straddling the border between Counties Louth and Monaghan, near Carrickmacross, Ireland. His father was Owen McMahon. This area is one of two strongholds of the McMahons, the other being in County Clare. This much she knew before setting out for The Auld Sod in September 2012 to visit the townlands of her Irish ancestors.

I've been interested in my family genealogy for some years and have an on-line subscription to Ancestry.com to aid me in my research. Nonetheless, it was at the Milwaukee Historical Society in 2011 where I obtained a copy of my great-grandfather's emigration papers which stated exactly where he was from. I then discovered that the original Killanny parish church graveyard contains a number of McMahons from the 19th century and that someone had posted all the retrievable tombstone information there on-line. But, no Owen or other McMahon is reportedly buried there that I could prove was a direct ancestor or ancestor's aunt, uncle or sibling.

I did have the good fortune of being referred to Kevin Gartlan, Co-Director of the Carrickmacross Workhouse, with whom I had email contact prior to my trip. Through him, I learned of the website www.osi.ie which includes mapping and documents whereby one can see the locations and information on the tenants from the 1847 survey of valuations. Thus, I knew I would get to see the properties which contained McMahon tenancies during that period (including two Owen McMahons) within the townlands of

Killanny parish: Coolremony, Coolreagh, Coolaha, Tullydrum, and Aghafad, among others. (The Irish Times website also includes information based upon this survey). By entering a surname you're shown the number such families for each of the counties in Ireland.)

With my husband Dan I undertook an Ireland-Poland-Ireland tour to visit these places (as well as the rural town lands near Poznan, Poland where my Winkowski ancestors originate) and to spend some days in Dublin and Krakow for some historic city sites and enjoyment.

Besides the museums, pubs, music and street life of Dublin, not to mention the Irish people themselves, a highlight included a visit to Glasnevin Cemetery, the everlasting repose for many Irish patriots, rebels, soldiers, labor leaders, politicians, literary figures, and Dublin residents since 1832. Daniel O'Connell has the largest monument. The next two most prominent memorials are for Charles Stewart Parnell and Michael Collins. An interesting feature of many tombstones is the inclusion of the street address where the deceased had lived in Dublin. We've never seen this before anywhere.

At the National Library/Archive we discovered that the 1823 Dublin Directory listed a Hugh McMahon, Professor of Dancing, at 82 Stephens Green and an

Owen McMahon, thread manufacturer. Since our daughters were both Irish step dancers, we like to think that Prof. McMahon also taught this performance art and that Owen made the thread for the dance dresses. Why not?

Upon our return from Poland (where we found the Irish pub in Krakow, dontcha' know,) it was time to visit my Irish roots town lands and meet any McMahons thereabout. We arrived in Carrickmacross (a very attractive market town in County Monaghan) a little over an hour after picking up our rental car, and after dinner at the Fiddlers Elbow we drove out to our B&B, the Arradale Farmhouse, operated by Mrs. Christine McMahon. Naturally. It is truly a bucolic setting amidst rolling green hills. And, there are miniature shetland ponies and a couple of donkeys you can feed with leftovers from breakfast.

At the Carrickmacross Workhouse, Kevin Gartlan showed us all around the facility which houses a host of community services including community and economic development, a kindergarten, counseling and job training, etc. There is also an exhibit which shows and explains the Neolithic sites discovered nearby. The stone workhouse, a large building, has been nicely restored outside based on its

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JANUARY 3, 2013 • 7 P.M.

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)



Light Snacks at 6:30

Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share!

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JANUARY

- 3 Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm, Snacks at 6:30 pm
- 4 Celtic Women First Friday Lecture; 5:30-7 p.m.; José Laners "The Irish Travellers: Then and Now"
- 19 Wisconsin Winterfeis; Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
- 20 Dairyland Feis; Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
- 26 Monthly Set Dance; ICHC; Music by Ceol Cairde ; 7 pm

FEBRUARY

- 7 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 16 Daithi Sproule and Laura McKenzie; ICHC; 7.30 pm
- 22-24 12th Annual Midwinter Set Dance Weekend; Music by Maria Terres and Friends, Capitol Ceili Band and Cosmic Otters

MARCH

- 1 John Doyle and Karan Casey; ICHC; 7.30 pm
- 1 Irish Cultural and Heritage Center Ceili; Music by Myserk; 7.30 pm
- 1 Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance; Milwaukee Theatre; 7.30 pm
- 2 13th Annual Green Tie Event; Benefit for the Ward Irish Music Archives; Wisconsin Country Club (North), 6200 West Good Hope Road; 5.30 pm
- 7 Shamrock Club monthly meeting and 53rd Birthday Party; ICHC; 7 pm
- 9 47th Annual St Patrick Day Parade; Downtown Milwaukee; noon
- 17 Gaelic Storm; Pabst Theatre; 8 pm
- 20 Makem and Spain Brothers; Sharon Lynne Wilson Centre, Brookfield; 7.30 pm
- 31 Easter Rising Mass; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; 9:30 am

ON GOING ... Set dancing at the following: Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 P.M. at O'Donoghue's ☘ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghue's Pub, 7 P.M., last Tuesday each month ☘ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 2-8 P.M. ☘ Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Fest Song Circle, O'Donoghue's Pub, second and fourth Tuesday, 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Music Sessions at the following: ☘ Session at Ivanhoe's, Racine, 4 P.M. third Sundays ☘ Session - O'Donoghue's, Sundays 7 P.M.; Thursdays @ Paddy's 7 P.M.; and The Pub in Oconomowoc, 7:30 P.M. ☘ Thursdays: Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 P.M. ☘ Fridays – áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 P.M. ☘ Sundays: áthas; Brocach Milwaukee ☘

Shamrock Club Christmas Caroling

Well our Club went Christmas Caroling at local establishments on the lower east-side and downtown Milwaukee on Dec. 8th and had a good time. As some of the establishments could not let us in due to over capacity, it was great none the less at Halliday's and County Clare. This was a fund raiser supporting a food bank and individual families in the Outreach Ministries at St. John's Cathedral for the holiday season this year and we raised \$500!!!!

Winners of the door prizes were;

1. Celtic Christmas Tie-Lyle at County Clare
2. \$25 O'D's Gift Card - Sue Dushek
3. \$25 O'D's Gift Card - Mary Culver
4. Christmas Tree - Glenn Nowak
5. Free night at County Clare - Patrick Fitzgibbons & Jane Kennedy.

Please see me if for your prizes if you have not already received them.

Next year, we will make a few adjustments with some changes of venue and starting earlier in the afternoon. Thanks to all who came and see you next year !!!!

-Ken & Denis

Celtic Women International

The CWI Book Club is announcing its schedule for the first three months of 2013. All meetings will begin at 1 pm at the ICHC and will include discussion, tea, and treats. New members and guests are always welcome to join us.

On January 15th we will discuss Patricia Monaghan's *The Red-Haired Girl From the Bog*. Hostess will be Sheila Isakson.

Gail McAleese will be hostess to the group discussing *The Legend of the Celtic Stone*, by Michael Phillips on February 19th.

Tim Smit's *The Lost Gardens of Heligan* will be the topic for discussion on March 19th. Maureen Garry will be hostess.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a new and exciting year. I wish all of you good health, happiness and success.

We had a delightful Christmas party. It is always wonderful to share an evening of joy and laughter with our Irish family and friends. Thanks to all who brought a delicious dish to pass.

A group of about 25 glorious singers joined together in an evening of caroling. Even though we were not able to sing in all the places due the Marquette-Wisconsin basketball game, we still had a lot of fun and loads of laughter. We raised over \$400 for the food pantry at St. Johns Cathedral. Look for the winners of the raffle in this month's issue.

A New Year and another St. Patrick's Day Parade is fast approaching. The parade is March 9th and our parade committee headed by Denis Donohoe and Mike Boyle promises a few new surprises. SO STAY TUNED! Don't forget to get your nominations in for this year's Honorees to any board member by our Jan. 31st board meeting.

Patti Hogan has agreed to head our scholarship fundraiser. If you have any contacts or ideas for prizes, please contact Patti.

Speaking of scholarships, Matt Waters, one of our winners from last year will be presenting his video of his trip to Ireland at the general meeting. We are always happy to have our winners to come and thank and share their experiences with us. Hope to see you all there.

God Bless,
- Kathy Donovan, President
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Milwaukee Membership News

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. If you did not go, you certainly missed a wonderful time.

Please welcome our new member Jerry Poborsky. At present, the Milwaukee Chapter as of December 6th has 351 memberships with 145 families, 174 single, and 32 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before January 31 for those who expire on or before then and have not renewed yet.

I hope you are looking forward to an early spring and possibly another warm St Patrick's Day like last year.

- Denis Donohoe
Membership Chair

Stuart Neville at Boswell Books, January 6

Irish author Stuart Neville will be appearing on January 6 at Boswell Books, at 2 pm. Neville is a Northern Irish author known mainly for his novel *The Twelve* or, as it is known in the United States, *The Ghosts of Belfast*. *The Ghosts of Belfast* won the Mystery/Thriller category of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in April, 2010. It also won the New Voice category of the 2010 Spinetinger Awards, and was nominated for the 2010 Silys Award, Anthony Award, Barry Award, and MacCavity Award. His other books are *Collusion* and *Stolen Souls*.



Neville will be reading from his new novel, *Ratlines*.

Boswell Books is located at 2559 N. Downer Ave. Their telephone number is 414-332-1181. Their website is <http://boswellbooks.com>

**DISCOVER IRELAND
WITH JOHN GLEESON**

To celebrate the year of The Gathering, John Gleeson will be leading a special tour to Ireland in 2013. This will be John's first tour for the community in some-time and he is looking forward to taking old and new friends to favorite landscapes in his native land and introducing them to his many auld segotias there—charming characters all!

The itinerary includes the cultural cities of Dublin, Kilkenny, Galway, and Sligo, and the glorious scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Aran Islands. There will be visits to many places of historical interest including Kilkenny Castle, the Rock of Cashel, Gallarus Oratory, and Kilmainham Gaol. Evenings will be filled with Celtic theatre, music and storytelling.

The dates are May 26 - June 4 and the cost is \$2700.

The trip is being run by Hart Park Senior Center in Wauwatosa and a complete itinerary with terms and conditions may be had by calling Merry at the Center at 414-471-8495, email - mjohnson@ymcamke.org.

Ceili Dances

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., for family Irish dancing at its best! Beginners and all ages welcome. Instruction begins at 7:30 P.M. and continues all evening. Music and dancing begin at 8 P.M.

The dances are called, and direction is given, by two of the Midwest's best ceili instructors, Gail McElroy on Fridays and Julie Clark on Saturdays.

Entrance is \$8.00 Adults, and \$5.00 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

Milwaukee Set Dance has monthly dances at the ICHC, as well. Upcoming dances are:

- January 26 - music by Ceol Cárde
- February 22-24 – 12th Annual Midwinter Set Dance Weekend – music by Maria & Friends, Capitol Ceili Band and Cosmic Otters

Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the fifteenth of the month (next deadline: December 15th to appear in the January issue.) Copy received after the fifteenth of the month will not appear. E-mail submissions preferred, send to:

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To become a member of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin contact the membership chair of the chapter you would like to join. MILWAUKEE ONLY: Family membership (includes both parents and all children under eighteen) - \$25.00. Single membership - \$20.00. Membership is renewable annually on the anniversary month of the original membership. Please send all new and renewal Milwaukee club membership dues to Membership Chair, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Be sure to send change of address notification to Membership Chair, also. The post office will NOT forward copies of Reflections.

Celtic Women Lecture

January 4, 2013

Everyone is invited to the January First Friday Lecture for Celtic Women at the ICHC. It is good to be back at our old stamping grounds. Please come and enjoy a few pleasant hours with good company and delicious treats and a Celtic educational experience as well.

Date: Jan. 4, 2013

Topic: "The Irish Travellers:
Then and Now"

Speaker: José Lanter

Travellers (also known formerly as "tinkers") define themselves as a (semi-) nomadic Irish ethnic group who are fully Irish but at the same time have an identity, culture and history that is separate from that of the majority population. Professor Lanter will discuss the lives, cultural practices, and occupations of Travellers and the changes in Irish society that have affected their way of life in the last fifty years—for good and bad.



José Lanter is professor of English at UWM, where she also co-directs the Center for Celtic Studies. She has published widely on Irish fiction and drama. Her latest book is *The Tinkers in Irish Literature* (Irish Academic Press, 2008). All lectures are held from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. Parking lot available from the 23rd Street alley. 2012-2013 is our 16th year of lectures without interruption. The public is invited as always. We offer tea and home-made snacks and promise a delightful couple of hours. \$7 admission.

First Friday Lectures, Celtic Women Worldwide
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Sunshine Report

Mike Malloy has been selected as the Milwaukee County Veteran of the Year. The selection was announced at the Veteran's Day Dinner on Nov. 11th at the War Memorial. The presentation was given by the President of the Veteran's Board of Directors. County Executive Chris Able was there and presented Mike with a Proclamation. Mike was selected by the Milwaukee County Veteran's Board of Directors who received nominations from various Veteran Organizations. The names of the nominees were redacted so the selection committee was unaware of who the nominees were. They considered a person's military service record, military awards, involvement in the Veteran's Community and involvement by a Veteran in their community. Congratulations to Mike!

Sharon Murphy's children, Jared and Kamala, were in New Orleans where they competed in the National Kickball tournament. The winning team received \$10,000. Last year, their team placed 3rd. At the Friday awards ceremony Jared was nominated for an award for his play at home plate at the Phoenix tournament in 2011. The play can be viewed on Youtube, under the listing superdudes superflight.

Kelly Shefchik passed away at Clement Manor on December 18th. Kris Pluskota's Uncle Lee also passed away on the 18th. Tammy Wolfe's father passed away on December 19th shortly after she returned home from her job in Qatar. The Club extends condolences to these families.

Bob Burke needs thoughts and prayers due to his recent illness.

- Maggie Blaha
Sunshine Chair



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original pre-famine construction in the early 1840's. Numbering about 130, the Irish workhouses for the poor first began when a law was passed in the parliament in London in 1838. The law said that the workhouses should be built as places to keep very poor people who applied for help.

Upon arrival at a workhouse, the head of a pauper family would be harshly questioned to prove his family had no other way of surviving. Once admitted, families were immediately split up, had their old clothes removed, were washed down, then given workhouse uniforms. Men and women, boys and girls had their own living quarters and were permanently segregated. Workhouse residents were forbidden to leave the building. The ten-hour workday involved breaking of stones for men and knitting for the women. Little children were drilled in their daily school lessons while older children received factory-style industrial training. A bell tolled throughout the day signaling the start or end of various activities. Strict rules included no use of bad language, no disobedience, no laziness, no talking during mealtime and prohibited any family reunions, except during Sunday church.

The one part of the Carrickmacross Workhouse they pretty much left intact is where the children slept on the top floor. There, a large, open room, is where straw would have been placed on its raised platforms, slightly tilted so the pee would run off onto the floor. Local children's artwork was now being displayed on the whitewashed walls, which took away some of the frightful sadness of this room's history.

One of the bi-lingual (English-Irish) kindergarten teachers there is Veronica (Vera) McMahon, who was thrilled to meet me (a retired bi-lingual kindergarten teacher), and both of us commented on how we have the same coloring, are the same height and wear our hair similarly. Perhaps we're long lost cousins! Like me, Vera loves to travel and enjoys traditional Irish music. Her children play the Irish harp and mine play violin.

Kevin then drove Patti (Dan following behind in the rental car) into the nearby countryside to visit the areas populated by

my great-grandfather and other relatives in the early 1800's. At Killanny place is the old church and graveyard, the latter maintained by farmers Eugene and John Meegan, brothers who live next door with mom. They came over while we were searching the old gravestones for the McMahons buried there (found some) and we had a nice chat. We thanked them for their service also.

Then, up the road to visit John McMahon in Stradeen, a friend of Kevin's in his mid 70's. He had a family tree framed on his living room wall. From that, I believe that John McMahon's great-grandfather, Thomas McMahon, may have been a brother or cousin to my great-great grandfather, Cornelius McMahon. Kevin had to get back to the workhouse, so we drove to nearby Iniskeen, home of Patrick Kavanagh (1904-1967), regarded as one of the foremost poets of the 20th century. He wrote Raglan Road. There, we learned that a huge literary festival was scheduled for the upcoming weekend in his honor.

Iniskeen is pretty small. We needed something to eat. I spotted the Poet's Tearoom next door to the church where Kavanagh is buried. We were served the most excellent toasted sandwiches in front of a nice warm fire and were waited on by none other than Ruth McMahon, age 20, who lives in Killanny. Dan took her photo with me and we shared email addresses. The very first gravestone observed in the churchyard next door was, no surprise, another McMahon.



After bidding farewell to Mrs. McMahon at the B&B, we drove to St. Enda's, the current Killanny parish church since the 1920's and walked through the

parish cemetery across the road, which included a number of McMahons. Lots of Finnegan and Duffy also, two other prominent surnames in the area.

We almost missed our flight home due to a misunderstanding over the vocabulary posted on the departure board. As Oscar Wilde wrote, "Our countries have so much in common except, of course, language".

So, if you haven't yet searched for your Irish roots, I strongly encourage you to do. Even better, go there when you do. You'll be justly rewarded by an unforgettable experience.

- Patti and Dan Stotmeister

Nominations For Irish Honorees

Nominations for the 2013 Irish Rose, Irishman of the Year, and Parade Marshal, must be received by 6 pm January 31, before the start of the Shamrock Club Board Meeting. Nominations must be in writing, or e-mailed, and be made by members in good standing. Nominations can be mailed to Shamrock Club, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233, or e-mailed to Kathy Donovan at kay_dee@live.com.

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- February: Chili Cook-Off!
- March: TBA

-Glenn

The Legacy of Saint Patrick Tour in Ireland October 4 - 13, 2013

The Friends of Saint Patrick is a non profit organization here in Wisconsin which supports the work of the Saint Patrick Centre in Downpatrick, Ireland. The Saint Patrick Centre is the only permanent exhibition of Ireland's Patron Saint in the world and works with community groups and schools in Northern Ireland to promote Patrick's legacy of peace and reconciliation.

This year the Friends of Saint Patrick are organizing a very special trip to Ireland called 'The Legacy of Saint Patrick Tour' from 4th-13th October 2013. The tour will be organized by Globus Cosmos and Group Leader Jane Anderson, former Executive Director of the World's largest Irish Festival in Milwaukee for over 20 years.

The tour is a unique opportunity to visit legendary and hidden sites of Ireland with the experts and be welcomed by leading political and historical figures. Our trip will begin in Dublin with a Welcome Dinner and a visit to Saint Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College before heading to County Down where we stay near Downpatrick in the luxurious Slieve Donard Resort.

The tour spends time with Dr. Tim Campbell, Director of the Saint Patrick Centre exploring Saint Patrick's Country and meeting local people including the Ulster Scots Agency (Scots Irish) and the Magnus Vikings of County Down. We will then enjoy a traditional folk session in the

famous Paddy's Barn before going to Belfast for a behind the scenes tour of Stormont, a trip in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis, a behind the scenes visit to Belfast City Hall and the new Titanic Centre. The tour will meet senior politicians who will talk about the peace process and life in Northern Ireland today before we have a very special private dinner in the Member's Long Gallery at the Stormont Parliament. Then the tour moves to Armagh for a civic reception before touring that famous Cathedral City. After that we travel to the west of Ireland to Galway where we explore the "City of the Tribes" and hold a special reception with elected official Eamon O'Cuiv, member of the Irish Parliament and Grandson of Eamon de Valera, the founder of the Irish Republic. Finally we head to Glendalough to explore the legacy of Saint Kevin and back to Dublin for a trip to the Guinness Storehouse and Farewell Supper.

"We have been bringing graduates to Ireland for many years and now for the first time we have packaged this incredible behind the scenes experience for adults," said Dr Tim Campbell, Director of the Saint Patrick Centre in Downpatrick. "This is not an off-the-peg trip. It's a once in a lifetime journey and we expect places to book up fast." For more information and the brochure visit:

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An Old Gaelic Prayer

May the Road Rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
till the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.

Shamrock Club Mission Statement -

To promote, preserve and participate in Irish Culture of the arts, education and athletics in our community and all that is Irish.



EMERALD REFLECTIONS PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, Co. Down

- Photo by Pam Canon