

APPENDICES: HISTORICAL RECORDS and SOURCES

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The story of the Deneen-Keohane family is a multi-generational epic of rural self-reliance, profound faith, and an unbreakable devotion to kinship. Spanning from the post-Famine landscapes of County Cork, Ireland, to the industrial hubs of New York and the changing horizons of the American South, the family's journey is beautifully crystallized by a single physical artifact: Patrick Deneen's shillelagh.



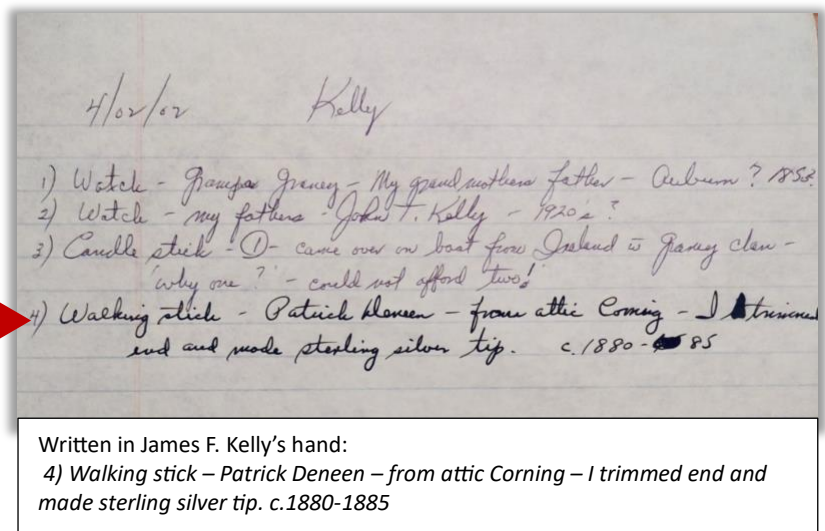
Discovered in the attic of the family's home at 245 W. 2nd Street in Corning, New York, by his grandson Dr. James F. Kelly (Jim) during the final 1970s cleanout after Anna passed, this iconic Irish walking stick serves as both the literal and metaphorical through-line of the entire family archive. Crafted from seasoned blackthorn wood, cured with lard, and rooted in the soil of the Old Country, the shillelagh was historically an emblem of Irish resistance and a rural man's pride in defending his home. It is highly probable that Patrick inherited this heavy stick from his own father, Denis, in Bantry before boarding the SS *Erin* for America in May 1880.

Decades later, Jim trimmed the weathered wood and added a sterling silver tip—bridging the rough-hewn struggles of the

19th-century immigrant with the polished legacy of their 20th-century descendants. When Frances Deneen Taylor passed away in 1986, she closed the door on a foundational chapter. Within a few generations, the Deneen siblings had completely transformed the destiny of their lineage, shattering an eighth-grade educational cutoff to produce advanced doctoral degrees, dental surgeons, public school leaders, and ordained clergy. Yet, for all their outward success, their greatest achievement remained their refusal to let distance, time, or hardship erode their bonds.

This rugged wood remains a treasured keepsake of immigrant survival, serving as a permanent testament to the brilliant, refined legacy of the generations that followed.

As the old Irish proverb reminds us, *Ní thagann ciall roimh aois*—wisdom does not come before age. And along with that wisdom, there is the humor—the element that perhaps best distinguishes this family from a purely sentimental portrait of immigrant hardship. It surfaces in letters, in



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remembered conversations, and in the wry, raised eyebrow behind an earnest retelling. For the Deneens and Keohanes, humor was both a survival tool and a form of grace: proof that no circumstance, however difficult, could entirely claim their spirits.

Together, these qualities form the true inheritance passed from Patrick and Julia to their children, and from their children forward. While a written record preserves the names and the dates, it is these enduring traits—fortitude, faith, unconditional love, and an irrepressible wit—that constitute the living, breathing legacy of the Deneen and Keohane family.

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I. Primary Family Artifacts & Correspondence

1. Central Family Ledger and Notes

- **The Keohane-Deneen Birth Registry Notes:** A primary handwritten registry detailing the exact names, dates, and times of birth for the first six Deneen children (1885–1905), penned by Julia Keohane Deneen. The entries for the final two children (Frances and Teresa) are recorded in a separate, later relative's hand following the tragic loss of infant Thomas Francis. Discovered in an unarchived collection of family photographs by her great-granddaughters.
- **Handwritten Family Notes:** Private records maintained by Julia Keohane Deneen and her granddaughter, Julia "Jule" Mary Kelly (1923–2007), verifying oral histories, exact birth years, and generational relationships of the Deneen/Keohane lines.

2. Transatlantic Correspondence Collection (1900–1918)

- **The Jeremiah Keohane Letter (1902):** Correspondence sent from Jeremiah ("Jerh") Keohane in Bantry, Ireland, to his sister Julia Deneen in Corning, NY. Details the health and state of their aging mother (Catherine "Kate" Sullivan Keohane), regional crop conditions, and family updates.
- **The Mary Ryan Keohane Letter (April 19, 1913):** Correspondence sent from Mary Ryan Keohane (wife of Julia's brother, John Keohane) in Bantry, Ireland, to Julia Deneen in Corning, NY. Documents the names and survival of her children, the devastating loss of twins, and local agricultural distress (the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease).
- **The Ireland-to-Corning Letter (December 30, 1918):** Correspondence sent from transatlantic maternal aunt Kate Keohane Harrington in Carran, County Cork, Ireland, to Julia Deneen in Corning, NY. Directly celebrates the marriage of her namesake niece Catherine "Kate" Deneen to John T. Kelly Sr., inquires about John "Jack" Deneen's return from World War I naval service, and references sibling dynamics with sister Bridget.

3. Domestic American Sibling Letters (1937–1961)

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- **The Deneen-Wren Letter (June 1937):** A personal letter from Johanna "Jo" Deneen to her cousin Mickey Wren and his wife Edna, referencing her 1936 retirement from hospital nursing, her personal travels, and nursing her sick sister, Anna.
- **The John Deneen Pilgrimage Letter (December 26, 1953):** An extraordinary eight-page letter written by John "Jack" Deneen to his sister Frances ("Fran") Taylor from County Cork, Ireland. Maps the ancestral home in Carran, details the stone ruins of mother Julia Keohane's birthplace, identifies "double first cousin" Dennis Andy Dinneen (son of Andy Dinneen and Margaret Keohane), explicitly thanks Fran for a financial check, and confirms sibling use of the nicknames "Pop" and "Mother."
- **The Teresa Walsh Master Coordination Letter (October 3, 1961):** A vital organizational letter from Teresa Walsh in Oswego, NY, to her sister Catherine "Kate" Kelly, managing multi-district family developments (coordinating care for Mary's fall, ordering institutional shoes for Jo, and advising that sister Anna should be shielded from the bad news to protect her upcoming cancer surgery).
- **The Anna Julia Deneen "Roswell Bulletins" (c. October 1961):** Carbon-copied letters written in pencil on yellow lined tablet paper by Anna from her bed at Roswell Park Cancer Center. Sent to multiple sisters (Catherine, Mary, Teresa, Fran, and Jo), the correspondence explicitly thanks Teresa for her care packages (a candy cupboard and a Philco radio) and Fran for financial aid ("thanks for the two bucks, Fran").
- **The Mary A. Deneen Hospitalization Letter (October 12, 1961):** Correspondence written by Mary to her sister Catherine ("Kate") Kelly from Corning Hospital following a severe fall, accurately forecasting the birth of nephew Kevin Deneen Kelly in January 1962.
- **The Julia Kelly Birthday Correspondence:** Letters written by niece Julia Kelly back to her Aunt Fran Taylor, documenting gratitude for birthday cash gifts and tracing Julia's frequent plane trips to Dallas to comfort the widowed Fran following Jack Taylor's passing in 1977.

II. Irish Civil, Ecclesiastical, & Land Records

1. Roman Catholic Parish Registers (Diocese of Cork and Ross)

- **Parish of Kilmocomogue (Bantry) Baptismal Register (1855):** Church baptismal record for Patrick "Dinneen," confirming he was born on January 26, 1855, to Denis Dineen and Johanna Desmond.
- **Parish of Kilmocomogue (Bantry) Baptismal Register (1863):** Church baptismal record for Julia Keohane, confirming she was born on March 16, 1863, to Denis Keohane and Catherine Sullivan.
- **Parish of Kilmocomogue (Bantry) Confirmation Registry (April 1876):** Ecclesiastical data documenting the confirmation of 13-year-old Julia Keohane at St. Joseph's Church (Coomhola) / St. Finbarr's (Bantry).
- **Parish of Kilmocomogue (Bantry) Marriage Registry (April 13, 1880):** Matrimonial record for Margaret Keohane (Julia's sister) and Andrew Dineen (Patrick's brother). Witnesses of record are registered explicitly as Patrick Dineen and Julia Keohane.

2. Property Assessments and Historical Agricultural Briefs

- **Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland (Assessment Year: 1853):**
 - *Geographic Parameters:* County: Cork; Barony: Bantry; Parish: Kilmocomogue; Townland: Achail Bheag (Ahil Beg).

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- *Dineen Entry*: Documents Denis Dinneen (father of Patrick) holding the tenancy of a house, office (farm structurally outbuilt), and land acreage rented from the local lessor, alongside an adjacent entry for John Dinneen (house and garden).
 - *Keohane Entry*: Documents Denis Sullivan / Keohane ancestral connections associated with the land holding lines of Carran where Julia Keohane was raised.
 - **Historical Regional Husbandry Records**: Fawcett, Henry J. *Report of the Practical Instructor on Husbandry for the Bantry District, West Cork, 1849*. Public records documenting post-Famine regional poverty, primitive agricultural implements (wooden pin-ploughs), "pannier track" transit infrastructure, and the shifting economic focus from tillage to livestock.
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III. Immigration, Passenger Manifests, & Maritime Tracking

1. Castle Garden Immigrant Records (1880–1881)

- **SS Erin Passenger Shipping Manifest (May 1880)**: Documents Patrick Dineen, age 25, departing Queenstown (Cobh) and arriving at the Port of New York (Castle Garden Depot) on May 20, 1880. Class: Steerage/Forward Deck; Occupation: Laborer. Includes Lower Manhattan barge landing clearances.
- **SS England Passenger Shipping Manifest (April 1881)**: Documents Julia Keohane, age 17, departing Queenstown (Cobh) and arriving at the Port of New York (Castle Garden Depot) on April 20, 1881. Class: Steerage; Occupation: Servant. Includes Castle Garden Landing Station healthy arrival processing.

2. Subsequent Travel Logs and Shipping Manifests

- **SS Laconia Passenger Shipping Manifest (1932)**: Documents the solitary return voyage of Johanna "Jo" Deneen from Dublin, Ireland (Departure: June 26, 1932) to New York City (Arrival: July 5, 1932).
 - **Furness Bermuda Line Passenger Manifest (June 1933)**: Travel logs recording Frances Deneen boarding the luxury liner *Queen of Bermuda* for an Art Deco cruise during the Great Depression.
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IV. United States Census Records (1900–1950)

1. United States Federal Censuses

- **1900 U.S. Federal Census (Corning, Steuben County, NY)**: Documents Patrick Deneen (Head, Railroad Laborer), Julia Deneen (Wife), and their children residing on East Pulteney Street.
- **1910 U.S. Federal Census (Corning, Steuben County, NY)**: Reflects ongoing family residence, employment tracking, and household demographics. Registers working entries for Johanna (Glass Works inspector), John "Jack" (glass "gatherer"), and Mary (Press Feeder, *The Evening Leader*).
- **1920 U.S. Federal Census (Corning & Rochester, NY)**: Records the family at the West Second Street homestead following Patrick's passing. Records Johanna "Jo" residing on-site as a staff respiratory nurse at the Iola Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Rochester, NY.
- **1930 U.S. Federal Census (Multi-Location)**: Records Mary Deneen as Head of Household at the Corning homestead, providing support for sister Anna (stenographer). Records John "Jack" Deneen and wife Rose owning their home at 131 Bay Street, Sag Harbor, NY. Records Teresa Deneen (24) residing at 171

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Villa Avenue, Buffalo, NY, under the household of sister Catherine (Kate) and brother-in-law John "Jack" Kelly Sr.

- **1940 U.S. Federal Census (Multi-Location):** Confirms Mary Deneen as Head/Linotype Operator in Corning, supporting sister Anna (out of the workforce due to radiation disfigurement). Records the John T. Kelly Sr. family established in Batavia, NY. Records Jack Newton Taylor and Frances (Deneen) Taylor in Queens, NY, listing Jack as a salesman with independent capital resources.
- **1950 U.S. Federal Census (Oswego & Long Island, NY):** Records John and Rose Deneen at 307 Bay Street, Sag Harbor (Village Office employee). Records the monumental relocation of Harry and Teresa Walsh to Oswego, NY; confirms their massive household includes Harry's 88-year-old aunt and **15 female student boarders** (teacher training students) to combat a campus housing crisis [INDEX].

2. New York State Censuses

- **1905 New York State Census (Corning, NY):** Documents John "Jack" Deneen's early employment at age 19 as a glass worker. Records the arrival of infant Teresa.
- **1915 New York State Census (Corning & NYC):** Documents Patrick Deneen's advancement to Railroad Track Foreman supervising section maintenance crews (gandy dancers). Records John "Jack" Deneen boarding at 475 Pearl Street, New York City, working as a streetcar conductor. Records Catherine "Kate" Deneen as a glove maker and future husband John Kelly Sr. as a railroad boilermaker.
- **1925 New York State Census (Corning, NY):** Documents Julia Deneen as a widow (age 57) living at the homestead with her adult daughters Mary, Anna, Frances, and Teresa.

V. Military, Legal, Institutional, & Medical Archives

1. WWI and Korean War Military Records

- **U.S. Navy Muster Rolls & Naval Discharge Registries (1917–1920):** Tracks John "Jack" Deneen's enlistment (June 23, 1917) and service as Seaman Second Class aboard the *U.S.S. Granite State* and *U.S.S. North Carolina* executing troop convoy escort and repatriation duties.
- **U.S. Army WWI Induction & Discharge Files (1917):** Documents John Thomas Kelly Sr. entering Company C, 303rd Engineer Regiment. Details an honorable medical discharge at Fort Dix, NJ, due to an aggravated heart murmur caused by blunt-force trauma sustained during a base military camp football game (allotted a 10% disability rating).
- **U.S. Army WWI Draft Registration Files (Buffalo, NY):** Military files for Jack Newton Taylor (detailing physical markers and overseas service in France) and Harry Joseph Walsh (recording education via Holy Angels Parochial School and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, listing his widowed mother and sister as sole dependents).
- **U.S. Army Service Records (1945–1947 & 1951–1953):** Documents Dr. James F. Kelly's post-WWII enlistment at conclusion of conflict and building peace and Dr. John "Jack" Kelly Jr.'s Korean War deployment as a Special Agent in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps (CIC).
- **U.S. Army WWII Command Files:** Validates the high-ranking contact (a Major) provided by veteran Jack Taylor to his nephew, Private Jim Kelly, while deployed in the Army.

2. Institutional and Medical Files

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- **Willard State Hospital Patient File (Discharge: May 1960):** Official institutional papers for patient #37015 (Anna Julia Deneen). Documents her self-directed discharge, transfer of custody back to family, mandates for the Corning Mental Hygiene Clinic, and strict Motor Vehicle Bureau driving bans.
- **Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Clinical Records (Fall 1961):** Medical intake and surgical scheduling records for Anna Julia Deneen, treating advanced skin carcinoma consistent with early-century unfiltered X-ray acne therapies.
- **Historical Pediatric Diabetes Care Records (c. 1934–1936):** Material documentation and oral history detailing 1930s Type 1 Diabetes pediatric management for John "Jackie" Kelly Jr. under the care of Kate Kelly (manual syringe stove-boiling, needle whetstone sharpening, Benedict's reagent urine boiling, and gram-scale ingredient meal chemistry).
- **Oswego State Teachers College & Fort Ontario Shelter Archives:** Contextual records mapping the post-WWII veteran housing shortage (Quonset hut setups) and Fort Ontario's history as America's lone emergency "Safe Haven" shelter for nearly 1,000 European Jewish Holocaust survivors.

3. Legal and Professional Registries

- **Buffalo Civil Litigation Claims (1939):** Legal petition filed by Johanna Deneen detailing an injury claim against the City of Buffalo.
- **Advanced Higher Education & Licensure Registries (1919–1955):** Certification logs for Our Lady of Victory Hospital Nursing Program (Johanna, c. 1919); Rochester Dental Dispensary / School of Dental Hygiene (Julia Kelly, c. 1945; Teresa Deneen, 1926); Fones School of Dental Hygiene (Frances, c. 1927); University of Buffalo School of Dentistry Doctor of Dental Surgery (Dr. James F. Kelly, 1955); and the Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) conferred upon Dr. John J. Kelly Jr.
- **The Evening Leader Composing Room Registries (1907–1957):** Business logs validating Mary A. Deneen's historic 50-year typographical career spanning roles as press feeder, mechanical Linotype operator, and final proofreader.
- **Ecclesiastical, Civic, and Prison Dental Staff Payrolls:** Documents Dr. James F. Kelly's service on the dental staffs of Attica and Albion NYS Correctional Facilities, and his role as Past President of the Eighth District Dental Society. Documents the 1980 ordination of Dr. John "Jack" Kelly Jr. as a Catholic Deacon, tracking his 40+ year assignment at St. Michael's Church in Warsaw, NY.
- **Genesee & Dallas County Deeds and Mortgages:** Tracks real estate transactions for 39 Prospect Avenue, Batavia, NY (mortgaged via Monsignor Sullivan of Albion), and Jack N. Taylor's professional operations in the post-war Texas real estate boom.

VI. Historic American Journalism & Vital Registries

1. United States Marriage Registries

- **New York State Marriage Index (September 30, 1884):** Holy Matrimony solemnized between Patrick Deneen and Julia Keohane at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Corning, Steuben County, NY.
- **Matrimonial Society Registries:** Tracks the marriages of Catherine "Kate" Deneen to John T. Kelly Sr. (September 16, 1918, St. Mary's Church); John "Jack" Deneen to Rose M. McWilliams (June 21, 1929, Sag Harbor); Teresa Deneen to Harry Joseph Walsh (August 2, 1930, Holy Angels' Church, Buffalo, followed by a Statler Hotel breakfast); and Frances Deneen to Jack Newton Taylor (August 29, Manhattan, NY).

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2. Historical Regional Journalism

- **Rochester Democrat & Chronicle (August 23, 1893):** Local press briefing detailing the catastrophic house fire at the Deneen residence on East Pulteney Street.
- **The Corning Journal (October 1, 1902):** Municipal brief detailing a severe workplace foot injury sustained by railroad section man Patrick Deneen via an accidental pickaxe puncture.
- **The Corning Evening Leader Wedding & Society Pages:** Society columns profiling the local standing of the siblings, including descriptions of Kate's 1918 wedding popularity and the elegant, early-1930s fashion profile of Teresa's wedding party (powder blue chiffon princess gown, matching hat, blue lace mitts, peach chiffon maid-of-honor gown, and a Canadian automobile honeymoon).

3. Vital Statistics & Master Obituary Registry

- **St. Mary's Cemetery Registry (Corning, NY):** Documents consecrated ground burials for infant Thomas Francis Deneen (d. c. 1897), father Patrick Deneen (d. May 1920), mother Julia Keohane Deneen (d. January 1929), and older sister Johanna "Jo" Deneen (d. June 1971; buried alongside the children of Cornelius F. Deneen, indicating a prospective ancestral link).
 - **Master Generation Obituary Index:**
 - *Patrick Deneen (May 1920):* Highlights his career reputation as a highly competent, efficient railroad section foreman and his standing in St. Mary's parish.
 - *Julia Keohane Deneen (January 1929):* Commemorates her immigration journey from County Cork and her legacy as a mother to a large family.
 - *John "Jack" Deneen (July 1956):* Outlines his local residency, military history (including a 1951 press recount of evading a German torpedo in August 1918), and village employment in Sag Harbor.
 - *Mary Angelina Deneen (September 1968):* Details her final seven-week stay at Corning Hospital and her historic 50-year career with *The Leader*. Marks her as the first of the six sisters to pass away.
 - *John T. Kelly Sr. (April 1973):* Outlines his sudden passing from cardiac arrest following the physical strain of window washing, compounded by emergency response delays.
 - *Jack Newton Taylor (1977) & Frances "Fran" Taylor (1986):* Published in Dallas, Texas. Documents Jack's passing from pneumonia and Fran's passing at age 83, commemorating her legacy as an independent woman of the Roaring Twenties and the definitive final survivor of her generation.
 - *Harry Joseph Walsh (January 20, 1978) & Teresa Walsh (August 6, 1979):* Published in Oswego, NY. Commemorates Harry's utility career and Teresa's passing at age 73, matching her lifelong actions to her holy namesake, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.
 - *Catherine "Kate" Kelly (September 17, 1984):* Documents her passing at age 90 in Batavia, NY, outliving her husband by 11 years and leaving an extensive multi-generational legacy.
 - *Multi-Generational Descendant Obits:* Documents the final resting placements of the Kelly siblings: Julia Mary Kelly (d. 2007), Dr. James F. Kelly (d. 2011), and Deacon John "Jack" Kelly Jr. (d. 2024).
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