

APPENDICES: HISTORICAL RECORDS and SOURCES

This appendix serves as the evidentiary anchor for the Dineen and Desmond family history project. Sources are categorized by type and chronologically indexed to distinguish verified historical facts from broader regional context.

1. Civil Registration & Vital Statistics (Ireland & U.S.)

Official government certificates and records provide the baseline timeline for births, marriages, and deaths across both sides of the Atlantic.

- **1877 Marriage Record (Joanna Dineen & William Wren):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: February 6, 1877. Groom's surname recorded phonetically as "Ring" (Anglicized from Ó Rinn). Witnessed by Michael Ring and Denis Healy. Formally notes that the bride's father, Denis Dineen, was deceased.
- **1878 Marriage Record (Denis Lawrence Dineen & Ellen McGuire):** Civil Marriage Registry, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Date of marriage: July 3, 1878. Establishes the foundation of the Pennsylvania branch.
- **1880 Marriage Record (Andrew Dineen & Margaret Keohane):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: April 13, 1880. Groom listed from the townland of Ahil; bride from Carran. Official witnesses recorded as Patrick Dineen (groom's brother) and Julia Keohane (bride's sister). Documents that the groom's father, Denis Dineen, was deceased.
- **1881 Death Record (Patrick Dineen):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: December 1883. Confirms the tragic childhood passing of the firstborn son of Andrew Dineen and Margaret Keohane.
- **1884 Marriage Certificate (Julia Keohane & Patrick Dineen):** Vital Statistics, Steuben County, New York. Date of marriage: September 30, 1884, Corning, New York. Completes the double-marriage alliance between the Dineen and Keohane families.
- **1898 Death Record (Thomas Francis Deneen):** Civil Death Register, Corning, Steuben County, New York. Date of death: March 1, 1898. Documents the passing of Patrick and Julia's infant son before his first birthday.
- **1907 Marriage Record (Denis Andy Dinneen & Bridget Wren):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: February 12, 1907. Aligns the next generation of the remaining Irish branch.
- **1910 Accident Ledger / Death Record (Denis Lawrence Dineen):** Elk County Coroner's Investigation, Pennsylvania. Date of death: July 8, 1910, Shawmut, PA. Confirms instantaneous death after collapsing from chronic heart trouble across railroad tracks. Identity verified via a savings bank book found in his coat pocket.
- **1911 Marriage Record (Andrew Joseph Dineen & Clara M. Gregory):** Civil Marriage Registry, Elk County, Pennsylvania. Date of marriage: September 19, 1911.
- **1914 Death Record (Margaret Keohane Dineen):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: April 11, 1914. Confirms age as 56 and cause of death as phthisis pulmonalis (pulmonary tuberculosis). Identifies son Denis Dineen, age 31, as present at death.

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- **1918 Marriage Record (Catherine "Kate" Deneen & John "Jack" Kelly):** Vital Statistics, Corning, New York. Date of marriage: September 16, 1918. Identifies sister Anna Deneen as the primary maid of honor.
- **1918 Death Record (Andrew Dineen):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: 1918. Confirms the passing of the eldest son of Denis Sr. and Johanna, surviving his wife Margaret by four years.
- **1918 Death Record (Margaret Mary Dineen):** Civil Vital Registry, Pennsylvania. Date of death: 1918. Confirms her passing during the global influenza pandemic.
- **1920 Death Record (Patrick Deneen):** Civil Death Register, Corning, Steuben County, New York. Date of death: May 6, 1920. Confirms age as 65. Notes his long career advancing to railroad track foreman.
- **1929 Death Record (Julia Keohane Deneen):** Civil Death Register, Corning, Steuben County, New York. Date of death: January 22, 1929. Notes her active layout in the St. Mary's parochial community.
- **1929 Death Record (Clara Gregory Dineen):** Civil Vital Registry, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Date of death: 1929. Leaves husband Andrew Joseph Dineen to raise four young children alone.
- **1930 Marriage Record (Teresa Dineen & Harry Joseph Walsh):** Civil Marriage Register, Buffalo, Erie County, New York. Date of marriage: August 2, 1930.
- **1936 Marriage Record (Frances Dineen & Jack Newton Taylor):** Civil Marriage Registration, New York City, New York. Date of marriage: August 29, 1936.
- **1956 Death Record (Andrew Joseph Dineen):** Civil Vital Registry, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Date of death: July 6, 1956. Confirms age as 77.
- **1956 Death Record (John Walter "Jack" Deneen):** Civil Vital Registry, New York. Date of death: July 9, 1956. Confirms age as 69.
- **1959 Death Record (Denis Andy Dinneen):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: October 19, 1959. Confirms cause of death as cardiac failure at age 78. Identifies son Denis as the informant present at death.
- **1965 Death Record (Bridget Wren Dinneen):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: 1965. Survives her husband Denis Andy by six years.
- **1968 Death Record (Mary A. Deneen):** Civil Death Register, Corning, Steuben County, New York. Date of death: September 23, 1968. Confirms age as 79, closing a monumental 50-year career at The Evening Leader.
- **1970 Death Record (Dennis Lawrence Dineen):** Civil Vital Registry, New York. Date of death: 1970. Named for his pioneering grandfather; records his career as a professional chemist and New York patent attorney.
- **1971 Death Record (Johanna "Jo" Deneen):** Civil Death Register, New York. Date of death: June 5, 1971. Confirms age as 85.
- **1973 Death Record (John Thomas "Jack" Kelly Sr.):** Civil Death Register, Batavia, Genesee County, New York. Date of death: April 17, 1973. Confirms a fatal heart attack following the physical strain of washing windows.
- **1974 Death Record (Julia Anna "Anna" Deneen):** Civil Death Register, New York. Date of death: September 17, 1974. Confirms age as 82.
- **1978 Death Record (Harry Joseph Walsh):** Civil Death Register, Oswego, New York. Date of death: January 20, 1978.
- **1978 Death Record (Teresa Deneen Walsh):** Civil Death Register, Oswego, New York. Date of death: January 20, 1978. Confirms age as 72.

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- **1984 Death Record (Catherine Cecilia "Kate" Deneen Kelly):** Civil Death Register, Batavia, Genesee County, New York. Date of death: October 7, 1984. Confirms her passing at the venerable age of 90.

2. Catholic Parish Registers & Religious Records

Parish documents serve as our primary source for births, baptisms, marriages, and religious vows when civil records were unavailable or incomplete.

- **Diocese of Cork and Ross Parish Registers (Ireland)**
 - **Marriage Record (Denis Dineen & Julia Desmond, 1844):** Date of sacrament: July 23, 1844, Bantry Parish. The baseline legal and spiritual anchor for the Great-Great-Grandparents. Establishes their estimated birth years as c. 1820 \$\\pm\$ a few years.
 - **Baptismal Record (Andrew Dineen, 1845):** Bantry Parish. Date of sacrament: May 11, 1845. Firstborn child of Denis and Johanna, arriving as the first shadows of the crop failure hit Munster.
 - **Baptismal Record (Denis Dineen, 1847):** Bantry Parish. Date of sacrament: May 16, 1847. Second child of Denis and Johanna, born during the darkest phase of "Black '47."
 - **Baptismal Record (Joanna "Hannah" Dineen, 1850):** Bantry Parish. Date of sacrament: April 29, 1850. Third child and only daughter of Denis and Johanna.
 - **Baptismal Record (Denis Lawrence Dineen, 1852):** Bantry Parish. Date of sacrament: August 1, 1852 (born July 27). Fourth child of Denis and Johanna.
 - **Baptismal Record (Patrick Dineen, 1855):** Bantry Parish. Date of sacrament: January 26, 1855. Youngest child of Denis and Johanna.
 - **Confirmation Registry (Joanna Dinneen, c. 1866):** St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry Parish. Documents the confirmation of Hannah (age 16) alongside her immediate cousin Johanna Dinneen (age 13), highlighting localized kinship network maps.
- **Sacramental & Educational Registries (U.S.)**
 - **Institutional Nursing Register (Johanna Deneen, c. 1910s):** Our Lady of Victory Hospital, Lackawanna, New York. Records her enrollment in the rigorous 3-year nursing track at a cost of \$35 per year (inclusive of room, board, and laundry).
 - **Institutional Graduation Ledger (Julia Mary "Jule" Kelly, 1942):** Rochester Dental Dispensary, New York. Certification of completion for public school dental hygiene tracks.
 - **Institutional Graduation Ledger (Teresa Dineen, 1926):** Rochester School of Dental Hygiene, New York. Records her specialized medical certification.
 - **Institutional Enrollment Log (Frances Dineen, 1927):** Fones School of Dental Hygiene, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Captures her entry into the pioneering preventive health field.
 - **Diocesan Ordination Registry (John Joseph "Jack" Kelly, 1980):** Diocese of Buffalo, New York. Documents his ordination as a permanent Catholic Deacon, preceding 40 years of service at St. Michael's Church in Warsaw, NY.

3. Land Valuation & Property Records (Ireland)

These records track property positions, values, and the rural landscape where the family operated under the nineteenth-century tenant system.

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- **Tithe Applotment Books (Ahil Beg, 1823–1837):** Civil Parish of Kilmocomoge, Barony of Bantry, County Cork. Records agricultural holdings over one acre to determine tax levies for the established Protestant Church of Ireland. Firmly structures the Dineen and Desmond surnames within the townland (An Achail Bheag) during the anchor couple's youth.
- **Estate & Valuation Mapping (Ahil Beg & Ahil More, c. 1830s–1840s):** Maps out the patchwork fields and dense hedgerows leased by the tenant class from the primary regional landlord, the wealthy Earl of Bantry.

4. Population Censuses (Ireland, U.S., UK)

Census data tracks household groupings, literacy markers, bilingualism, geographical movement, and changing industrial occupations across generations.

- **Ireland Census Returns**
 - **1901 Census of Ireland (House 7, Cappaboybeg, Co. Cork):** Lists Andrew Dineen (40) and wife Margaret (40) residing in a modest, 1-room stone cottage with 2 front windows. Outbuildings include a stable, fowl house, and a shelter for 1 cow. Both are recorded as bilingual (English/Gaeilge) but unable to read or write. Includes son Denis (17) and niece Mary Keohane (9).
 - **1911 Census of Ireland (House 5, Cappaboybeg, Co. Cork):** Documents an improved footprint. The family occupies a 2-story, 4-room house with 5 front windows. Outbuildings expand to include a stable, cow house, and pig house. Inhabitants include Andrew, Margaret, son Denis, daughter-in-law Bridget, and toddlers Andrew (3) and Maggie (1).
 - **1926 Census of Ireland (Cappaboybeg, Co. Cork):** Logs Denis Andy Dinneen as the recognized head of household. Inhabitants include children Andrew (18), Margaret (16), Patrick (12), and Denis (11). Documents the absence of daughter Mary (14), who had already left the mountain path to work as a domestic servant in Bantry town.
- **United States Federal Census Returns**
 - **1880 U.S. Federal Census (Towanda, Bradford County, PA):** Logs Denis Lawrence Dineen (recorded as Denis L. Dineen) as an active coal miner living with his wife Ellen and infant son Andrew.
 - **1880 U.S. Federal Census (Danbury, Fairfield County, CT):** Captures William Wren Sr. (listed under the variant "Wren") sharing a roof with his aunt Mary Wren Duane and brother Timothy, explaining his arrival ahead of his wife Hannah.
 - **1900 U.S. Federal Census (Horton, Elk County, PA):** Captures Andrew Joseph Dineen (21) working as a young telegraph operator and boarding within an industrial lodging house.
 - **1910 U.S. Federal Census (Horton, Elk County, PA):** Records Denis Lawrence Dineen working on a coal tipper, while his son Andrew Joseph works as a clerk in the coal office.
 - **1920 U.S. Federal Census (Iola Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Rochester, NY):** Records Johanna "Jo" Deneen living on-site as a professional, frontline institutional nurse in a high-contagion environment.
 - **1930 U.S. Federal Census (Buffalo, Erie County, NY):** Records the unmarried Teresa Dineen practicing as a dental hygienist while sharing a home with her sister Catherine "Kate" Kelly and her family.

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- **1930 U.S. Federal Census (Kittanning, Armstrong County, PA):** Logs the widowed Andrew Joseph Dineen operating as a head salesman for a commercial coal firm, maintaining a household for Francis (16), Dennis L. (12), Helen (10), and Mary (7).
- **1940 & 1950 U.S. Federal Census (245 W. 2nd Street, Corning, NY):** Identifies Mary A. Deneen as the clear head of household, managing the family home and providing safe financial maintenance for her sister Anna (listed with no independent occupation).

5. Immigration, Passenger Manifests, & Naturalization Records

Shipping logs record the precise departure vectors and arrival states of the sibling chain migration from Queenstown (Cobh).

- **1880 Emigration Log (SS Erin):** Port of New York. Documents the arrival of Patrick Dineen (24) on May 20, 1880, after 14 days at sea. Listed as a steerage passenger and laborer processing through the Castle Garden entry depot.
- **1881 Emigration Log (Hannah Dineen Wren):** Port of New York. Documents Hannah making a solo Atlantic crossing with two toddlers under three years of age (Helen and William Jr.) to rejoin her husband William in the hat manufacturing district of Danbury.
- **1932 Outbound Manifest (Johanna Deneen):** Port of New York to Munster Route. Captures a 46-year-old Jo Deneen traveling entirely alone back to Ireland on a solo pilgrimage to her parents' ancestral home.
- **1933 Leisure Manifest (Furness Bermuda Line):** Port of New York to Hamilton, Bermuda. Captures Frances Deneen taking a luxury depression-era vacation aboard the magnificent, Art Deco vessel Queen of Bermuda during its debut season.

6. Personal Letters, Ephemera & Oral Histories

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- **The Unmarked Photo Box Manuscript (c. 1885–1905):** A domestic holograph found by Julia's great-granddaughters in Corning, NY. Features Julia Keohane Deneen's handwritten record of her first six children's names, birth dates, and exact arrival times. The list abruptly closes with *Thomas Francis* (b. July 26, 1897); the final two entries (Frances and Teresa) shift to another hand, marking a period of deep maternal grief following Thomas's infant death in March 1898.
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7. Military, Institutional & Material Culture Records

Government rosters, media prints, and physical heirlooms document the family's involvement in major historical developments.

- **Military & Intelligence Service Logs**
 - **WWI Naval Service Muster Rolls (John Walter Deneen, 1917–1918):** Enlisted June 23, 1917, at age thirty. Served as a Seaman Second Class aboard the armored cruiser **USS North Carolina**, protecting high-stakes Atlantic troop convoys running between Norfolk and New York. Evaded an underwater torpedo attack in August 1918.
 - **WWI Army Enlistment Records (Jack Newton Taylor):** Verifies his overseas deployments to France with the United States Army.
 - **WWII U.S. Army Service Records (James Francis Kelly, 1945–1947):** Documents Dr. James F. Kelly's enlistment at conclusion of conflict and building peace.
 - **US Army Counterintelligence Corps Roster (John Joseph Kelly, 1955–1957):** Records Special Agent Jack Kelly serving in the CIC during the Korean War era, executing specialized investigative security, counter-subversion, and background screenings.
- **Media Print Items & Institutional Files**

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- **The Industrial Injury Report (1902):** *The Corning Journal*, print date: Wednesday, October 1, 1902. Records a severe work accident: *"Patrick Deneen, of East Pulteney Street, a railroad section man, is confined to his home by a wound in his foot. As he was working, a comrade accidentally struck his pickaxe, and the point went through Patrick's foot above the toes."*
 - **Willard State Hospital Case File (Julia Anna Deneen, 1957–1960):** Ovid, New York. Logs Anna as **Patient #37015** following a decline in mental health stemming from severe face disfigurement (caused by experimental, unfiltered acne X-ray treatments in her youth). Records her successful, independent self-discharge in May 1960.
 - **Material Culture and Provenance Documents**
 - **Patrick Deneen's Blackthorn Shillelagh (SR-73):** A traditional fire-cured walking stick harvested from West Cork soil, seasoned for years with coats of lard and oil, featuring a heavy knob formed from the root of a blackthorn bush. Carried across the Atlantic as an heirloom of agrarian pride and family defense.
 - **The 2002 Dr. Kelly Estate Inventory (SR-74):** Private collection inventory written by Dr. James F. Kelly, verifying the discovery of the shillelagh during a 1970s cleanout of the family attic at 245 W. 2nd Street, Corning, New York. Entry number 4 explicitly records: *"4) Walking stick – Patrick Deneen – from attic Corning – I trimmed end and made sterling silver tip. c.1880-1885."*
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