

APPENDICES: HISTORICAL RECORDS and SOURCES

Master Appendix: Historical Records and Sources

This master appendix compiles the primary document references, archival records, and family artifacts that substantiate the historical narrative of Denis Keohane, Catherine Sullivan and their descendants across Ireland and the United States.

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

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

- **1881 Death Record (Denis Keohane):** General Registry Office (GRO), Ireland. Registered November 10, 1881, Glengarriff/Bantry District (Reg. 1881/90). Confirms age at death as 73, marital status as married, occupation as farmer, and cause of death as "old age, uncertified, no medical attendant." Identifies daughter Catherine Keohane as the informant present at death. Used to calculate his birth year as approximately 1808.
- **1871 Death Record (Ellen Keohane):** General Registry Office (GRO), Ireland. Registered April 1871, Bantry District. Confirms infant daughter of Denis and Catherine passed away from a severe cough at age 9 months. Identifies mother Catherine Keohane as present at death.
- **1874 Marriage Certificate (Jeremiah Keohane & Mary McCarthy):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: February 3, 1874. Witnesses officially recorded as Patrick McCarthy of Derryduff and Timothy Harrington of Carran.
- **1888 Marriage Certificate (John Keohane & Mary Ryan):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: January 31, 1888. Confirms groom's age as 32 and bride's age as 19.
- **1888 Marriage Certificate (Catherine "Kate" Keohane & Michael Harrington):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: January 24, 1888. Confirms ages of both bride and groom as 22.
- **1889 Marriage Certificate (Bridget Keohane & Daniel Minehane):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of marriage: February 26, 1889. Identifies groom's home townland as Derrynakilla.
- **1884 Marriage Certificate (Julia Keohane & Patrick Dineen):** Vital Statistics, Steuben County, New York. Date of marriage: September 30, 1884, Corning, New York.
- **1907 Death Record (Catherine Sullivan Keohane):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Registered April 1907. Confirms age at death as 81, establishing a birth year of approximately 1826. Identifies granddaughter Mary Keohane as the informant present at death.
- **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.
- **1915 Death Record (Patrick Keohane / Patsy):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: June 16, 1915. Confirms age as 36 and cause of death as tuberculosis. Identifies brother John Keohane 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 attendant.
- **1919 Death Record (John Sullivan):** St. Lawrence County Clerk, New York. Date of death: April 3, 1919, Canton, New York. Confirms age as 73.
- **1923 Death Record (Mary Ryan Keohane):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: February 15, 1923. Confirms cause of death as a cerebral embolism following a 14-day languishment from a fractured femur. Identifies husband John Keohane as present at death.
- **1929 Death Record (Mary Sullivan / Mary Keohane Sullivan):** St. Lawrence County Clerk, New York. Date of death: June 16, 1928, Ogdensburg, New York (at the home of her daughter Mary Sullivan Ross). Confirms age as 77.
- **1943 Death Record (John Keohane):** Civil Registration, Bantry District, Co. Cork. Date of death: February 15, 1943. Confirms cause of death as old age. Identifies daughter Kitty Keohane Connolly as present at death.
- **1947 Subway Accident Ledger / Death Record (Dennis Keohane):** New York City Department of Health. Date of death: December 27, 1947. Corroborated by a Manhattan blizzard casualty list, noting a man "tentatively identified as Dennis Keohane" following a fatal fall down the 51st Street subway station stairs.

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):

- **Baptismal Record (Jeremiah Keohane, 1850):** Confirms baptism within 24 hours of birth. Sponsors: Jeremiah Keohane and Mary Sullivan.
- **Marriage Record (Denis Keohane & Catherine Sullivan, 1849):** Date of sacrament: January 27, 1849, Bantry Parish. Sponsors: Jeremiah Keohane and Ellen Lynch.
- **Marriage Record (Margaret Keohane & Andrew Dineen, 1879/1880):** Bantry Parish. Sponsors/Witnesses: Patrick Dineen and Julia Keohane.
- **Confirmation Registry (John Harrington, 1906):** Date of sacrament: April 29, 1906, Bantry Parish, age 14. Lists first cousin John Minehane confirmed on the same day.

Dominican Convent Archives (Sparkill, New York):

- **Religious Life Ledger (Honora Cecelia Keohane / Sister Marie Honora):** Entrance date: February 18, 1932. First Vows: January 16, 1934. Perpetual Vows: August 15, 1939. Academic record: BA in English, Manhattan College. Ministry placement records include Rosary Villa (Sparkill), St. Anthony's (Nanuet), and St. Catherine of Siena (Manhattan).

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany Archives (Allegany, New York):

- **Religious Life Ledger (Catherine Harrington / Sister Maura):** Confirms acceptance of holy orders. Ministry records document extensive missionary deployments to Kingston, Jamaica (under Mother Alacoque, 76 Duke Street) in 1935, 1937, and 1940.

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Sacramental Registries:

- **Funeral Registry, Dennis Thomas Sullivan (1919):** St. James Catholic Church, Gouverneur, New York.
 - **Burial Records, Bridget Keohane Minehane (1959):** St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry, Co. Cork.
 - **Burial Records, Sister Maura Harrington (1988):** Saint Bonaventure Cemetery, Allegany, New York.
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3. Land Valuation & Property Records (Ireland)

These records track property sizes, values, and the historic transition of the family from tenant laborers to independent landowners.

Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland (1853 Land Assessments):

- **Parish of Kilmocomogue, West County Cork (Bantry Area):**
 - **Derryduff More:** Denis Keohane listed as occupier of 955 acres, leasing from the lessor, the Earl of Kenmare. Total rateable annual valuation of holdings: £42.
 - **Inchinagoum:** Denis Keohane listed as occupier of 22 acres, leasing a house, farm offices (outbuildings), and land from the lessor, Robert White. Total rateable annual valuation: £5.
 - **Irish Land Commission Purchase Archives (Post-Land War Era):**
 - **1905 Purchase Grant (Jeremiah Keohane):** Documents the legal purchase of family acreage at Carran from the former estate of Richard White (Glengarriff Castle), funded via a Land Commission agricultural loan.
 - **1905 Purchase Grant (John Keohane):** Documents the legal purchase of 110 acres at Carran from the former estate of Robert White (Glengarriff Castle), funded via a £70 loan from the Land Commission.
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4. Population Censuses (Ireland, U.S., UK)

Census data maps out household groupings, geographical movements, literacy levels, and the adoption of the alternate family surname.

- **1880 U.S. Federal Census (Canton, St. Lawrence County, NY):** Documents John and Mary (Keohane) Sullivan established with daughters Anna (age 9, student) and Katie (age 8, student). John's occupation: Farmer/laborer.
- **1901 Census of Wales (Cardiff, Glamorganshire):** Lists Michael J. Keohane residing in Wales and employed as a city lamplighter under the alternate surname Michael Crowley.
- **1901 Census of Ireland (Carran & Ahil Beg Townlands, West Cork):**
 - **Keohane Household (Carran):** Lists patriarch Jeremiah Keohane, wife Mary (McCarthy), and eldest son John ("Jack"). Documents Jeremiah's complete literacy in both English and Irish.
 - **Dineen Household (Ahil Beg):** Lists Andrew Dineen, wife Margaret (Keohane), their son Denis (age 17), and a niece, Mary Keohane (age 9, daughter of Jeremiah). Andrew and Margaret are recorded as speaking Irish and English but unable to read or write.
- **1911 Census of Ireland (Carran, Inchagau, & Dunmanway, Co. Cork):**

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- **Harrington Household (Carran):** Lists Michael and Catherine "Kate" (Keohane) Harrington with their children (including 15-year-old Timothy). Records Catherine as fully literate in both languages.
 - **Minehane Household (High Street, Dunmanway):** Lists Bridget (Keohane) Minehane. Formally records that she had given birth to 6 children, with only 3 surviving to adulthood.
 - **1915 New York State Census (Buffalo, Erie County, NY):** Documents Mary Frances Keohane listed as a live-in hospital attendant at the Buffalo State Hospital.
 - **1920 U.S. Federal Census (Providence, Rhode Island):** Documents sisters Mary Frances Harrington and Margaret "Maggie" Harrington residing together at 170 Angell Street, serving as a live-in second maid and chief cook for prominent bank president Michael Dooley.
 - **1925 New York State Census (New York City, NY):** Documents a unique, single-sibling household consisting of five of John and Mary Keohane's children living together: Stephen (working as a mechanic), Josephine, Michael, Francis, and Anna.
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5. Immigration, Passenger Manifests, & Naturalization Records

These records trace the exact ships, dates, and ports used by the family during their trans-Atlantic migrations, as well as their legal name changes in America.

- **1904 Ship Passenger Manifest (Peter Keohane):** SS New York/Caronia. Arrived Ellis Island, May 13, 1904, age 20. Formally identifies his intended destination as his paternal aunt, Mrs. John Sullivan (Mary Keohane) of Canton, New York.
- **1907 Ship Passenger Manifest (Stephen & Mary Frances Keohane):** SS Caronia. Arrived Port of New York, May 29, 1907. Documents the paired migration of the eldest children of John and Mary Keohane.
- **1907 Ship Passenger Manifest (Bridget Keohane / Florence Crowley):** SS Westernland. Arrived Port of Philadelphia, May 5, 1907, age 20.
- **1909 Ship Passenger Manifest (Dennis Keohane):** SS Adriatic. Arrived Port of New York, October 7, 1909, age 17.
- **1910 Ship Passenger Manifest (Michael J. Keohane / Crowley):** SS Cedric. Departed Liverpool, England; arrived Port of New York, June 19, 1910. Lists last foreign residence as Monmouthshire, Wales.
- **1911 Ship Passenger Manifest (Jeremiah "Jerry" Keohane):** SS Campania. Arrived Ellis Island, August 12, 1911, age 18. Bound for Buffalo, New York.
- **1912 Ship Passenger Manifest (Mary Frances Harrington):** SS Arabic. Arrived Port of Boston, May 2, 1912. Lists destination as her sister Maggie Harrington in Providence, Rhode Island.
- **1913 Ship Passenger Manifest (Margaret Frances Keohane):** SS Cedric. Arrived Ellis Island, September 20, 1913, age 20. Bound for her brother Michael Crowley in Elmira, New York.
- **1923 Canadian Border Crossing Ledger (Denis Harrington):** SS Baltic. Arrived Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 6, 1923. Officially recorded crossing the U.S. border at Vanceboro, Maine, on November 30, 1923, bound for sister Nora Crowley in Providence.
- **1929 U.S. Naturalization Petition & Name Change (Jeremiah Joseph Keohane):** U.S. District Court, New York City. Documents the official, legal petition changing his name from Jeremiah Joseph Keohane to Jeremiah Joseph Crowley, listing his occupation as a streetcar motorman.

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- **1931 Canadian Immigration Service Manifest (Peace Bridge Crossing):** Dated July 3, 1931. Records a border crossing from Buffalo, New York, to the Crystal Beach Amusement Park in Ontario, Canada, by Jerry Keohane, his sisters Hanora and Helen Keohane, and Jerry's immediate family.
- **1933 Ship Passenger Manifest (Frances Deneen):** TSS Queen of Bermuda. Dated June 1933. Documents a recreational cruise itinerary from the Port of New York to Hamilton, Bermuda, aboard the Furness Bermuda Line.

6. Military Service Archives (United States)

Military records detail the wartime contributions of the family during the 20th century.

- **World War I Army Nurse Corps Deployment Ledger (Mary Frances Keohane):** United States Army, active service induction date: April 12, 1918, age 27. Assigned to US Army Base Hospital No. 37 (Dartford, England) and later to Base Hospital No. 113 (Savenay, France). Honorably discharged June 18, 1919.
- **World War I Enlistment & Service Record (John Walter "Jack" Deneen):** United States Navy, active service induction date: June 23, 1917, age 30. Served as a Seaman Second Class aboard the armored cruiser USS North Carolina, performing Atlantic convoy escort duties.
- **World War I Military Discharge & Citizenship Grant (Jeremiah "Jerry" Keohane):** United States Army, active induction date: June 24, 1918, age 25. Served six months on active duty. Granted fast-tracked U.S. citizenship as a direct result of military enlistment.
- **World War II Casualty Archives (Terence Crowley):** United States Army Air Forces. Son of Peter Keohane/Crowley. Officially recorded as Killed in Action (KIA) during active aerial combat operations over Germany, 1944.

7. Preserved Family Correspondence & Letters

These primary private sources provide the internal emotional texture, health updates, and specific names used to verify links in the family tree.

- **The 1902 Jeremiah Keohane Letter:** Sent September 22, 1902, from Carran, Ireland, to his sister Julia Keohane Deneen in Corning, New York. Key genealogical extractions include:
 - Updates on aging mother Kate Sullivan Keohane: "Mother is staying with John. She is quite old and helpless."
 - Updates on sister Margaret: "Andy Denny are well... She is not in health."
 - Updates on sister Bridget: "Bridget was here on 15 August... She is in Dunmanway. She has 3 in family."
 - Reflections on early modernization: "People here do not live like the old time. It is like America in clothes and food."
- **The 1913 Mary Ryan Keohane Letter:** Sent April 19, 1913, from Carran, Ireland, to her sister-in-law Julia Keohane Deneen in Corning. Key genealogical extractions include:
 - Explicit listing of her children: "well now I must tell you the names of the lads..."
 - Details on sibling twins passing away: "...you see the two little twins died an then we called the 2 youngest John an Katie again."

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- Details on remittances and chain migration: "Mary is gone to Buffalo... the children sends us a good deal of money so now they are taking out each other."
 - **The 1913 & 1918 Catherine "Kate" Keohane Harrington Letters:** Sent from Carran to sister Julia Deneen in New York. Key extractions include:
 - August 1913 update on sister Margaret's health: "I was to see Mag in Aug and she is no good or never will."
 - December 1918 update on cattle farming at the Kenmare Fair: "Dennis was here on the 16th... buying a beef himself Johnny & Mike they bought 3 beefs."
 - December 1918 update on sister Bridget: "She wanted some potatoes. She want lots of things... her 3 children are working so she can't be badly off."
 - **The 1928 Mary Sullivan Ross Letter:** Sent July 30, 1928, from Ogdensburg, New York, to her maternal aunt Julia Keohane Deneen, detailing her isolated grief following the death of her mother: "I am not feeling any better; I feel like crying all the time."
 - **The 1937 Johanna "Jo" Deneen Letter:** Sent June 1937 to her cousin Mickey Wren and his wife Edna, detailing her retirement from contagious disease nursing: "I haven't been at the hospital since Jan. 1936—thought it was time—I took a rest—EH!"
 - **The 1953 John Walter "Jack" Deneen Letter:** An eight-page genealogical travelogue written December 26, 1953, to his sister Frances Deneen Taylor while touring County Cork. Officially documents the double-first cousin discovery ("Dennis Andy Dinneen... his father was our uncle Andy Dineen & his Mother was Mother's Sister") and details visiting the physical ruins of the stone cabin where their mother was born in Carran.
 - **The 1961 Anna Julia Deneen Letters:** Written in pencil on yellow lined tablet paper using carbon paper duplicates while awaiting cancer surgery at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, documenting her sisters' support network, her Philco radio, and her stash of gift beer shared with the hospital chaplain.
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8. Ephemeral Records & Oral Traditions

- **The 1902 Newspaper Blotter (The Corning Journal):** Edition dated Wednesday, October 1, 1902. Formally documents an on-the-job industrial accident where railroad section man Patrick Deneen had his foot accidentally transfixed by a comrade's pickaxe.
 - **The 1993 Kitchen Table Notes:** Handwritten genealogical family tree compiled in West Cork during a trans-Atlantic visit by American relatives Jack, Dorothy, and Julia Kelly, hosted and recorded by Dan and Bridie Keohane at the Carran homestead.
 - **The Generational Seanfhocail (Oral Rhyme):** Traditional Irish-American moral ditty passed down verbally from Catherine Sullivan Keohane (Carran) to Julia Keohane Deneen (Corning), to Catherine Deneen Kelly, and ultimately recorded by her grandchildren in Batavia, New York ("One two three four five six seven...").
 - **The 1960s Roadside Photo Anecdote:** Oral history preserved by Lora Keohane Wimsatt, detailing the moment John Keohane (visiting from Buffalo) instantly recognized his brother Michael walking along a West Cork country road after decades apart, due to the local custom of always stopping to offer travelers a ride.
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