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Dear Mark -

Here goes to finish the family tree. The last one that I'll help with - it is no small task. First off I am 94 years old and living in a rest home among the blind and deaf - not a pleasant life. At age 94 I surely have not much longer to stay.

Your uncle James J. Kernan was a hard worker and a prince of a fellow. Down in Wexford Church there is a big picture of a ship and those who sailed into Wexford- but my dad did (?) come on that ship (that ship landed 1st at New Orleans and went to Little Rock, Ark. and north.

My dad landed in the East. His work was on Pennsylvania R.R. Later he left the Southern levees and as a foreman about \$16,000 in Arkansas Bonds there.

His brother John fought with the South. As was the custom at that indured. My mothers parents prevailed on her at 20 years of age to marry my dad who was 40 years old -which was very rong - too much difference in ages. You seem to be looking for an argument when you ask why she left ohio and came to Harpers Ferrry... to avoid the Civil War. (no stories) I did not know her or dads birthdays.

She was buried early in ?Jan anout 1918 and dad died Oct 30, 1915. The name in Ireland is spelled Kiernan.

This is the last time to help on a family tree.

Those people born in Ireland recon their boirth by so many years before opr after the Big Wind.

Joe

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