

He and the rest of the family landed in the East where he worked for some years on the Pennsylvania R.R. - later journeying to Arkansas, where he and his brother worked at building levies.

When the Civil War broke out he came north to Iowa - so as to avoid getting into it, while his brother Jack staid and fought in the South.

When he came to Wexford, he and the Crosbys bought the Kate & Jim McGuires farms (not owned by McG at that time). They soon found out that it was too small and almost worthless. They sold out and he bought the farm where I live.

The Mooneys and the Priest worked up a match between my mother & dad. You already know that she was 20 and my dad 40 when they were married in 1867.

My mother was truly a saint but I cant say so much for my father. My mother was born in Cincinnatti Ohio - they lived for a time in Galenaand then came to Wexford.

You know Mike & Mary wrote a few lines with her Christmas card reminding me that President Kennedys people came from the South of Ireland and mentioned Wexford Ireland and stated that our dad came from Wexford too and that maybe we were related. She too was all wet and knew nothing about her granddad. My dad could not talk or understand a word of Irish; only the Irish from southern Ireland talked and understood Irish.

Well Kathryn I had better quit before this becomes a book instead of a letter. We had a nice winter and everyone are well.

Althho we buried Tim & Mary Cardine, Ed & Lily Hawes and Albert McGovern. all within a few weeks,

Best of everything to all of you.

Uncle Joe


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