

GENEALOGY SUPPLEMENT
TO THE *FAMILY TREE MAKER*
DATABASE
FOR THE SURNAME
CAHILL

RELATING TO THE ANCESTRY OF
JOHN HANRAHAN

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A separate book based on this same format exists for the Hanrahan ancestry. Hanrahan is the surname of John Hanrahan husband of Maria Cahill.

PREFACE

The intent of this publication is to provide some sense of a formal book of family genealogy. A book would contain text and images. This book does present some images; and combined with the research data, the book will help provide a vision of people and the places they lived along with some additional facts.

People doing genealogy research may have varied goals. Those goals may be very limited, seeking information for some purpose, just a hobby, or for developing an expanding library of family history with some writing books about their findings. Whatever the reason, the type of documentation they maintain may be a few notes on a piece of paper, a pamphlet full of notes, filling in forms, or a computer program with some that expand to include a larger room dedicated to the library of information about the research of their genealogy findings. The objective here is to report the status of research notes known at this point in time in a sample book format dedicated to one paternal line.

However, any research should be supported by proper documentation to show the proof and validation of ones research. That is known as the bibliography information. That information should be part of any final publication to support the information presented in a book. Since this book is an example of research information at this point in time, there is no bibliography section. The data presented in this book is supported by the research in progress and the *Family Tree Maker* data base and document files containing the research detail. All reference to bibliography information and the assignment of that information is contained in the data base reports.

While this book is a visual example to provide some formal layout to some of the information being collected, It is for the enjoyment of the reader and is to compliment the ancestry reports that have been provided to the readers from the data base of *Family Tree Maker*.

For each paternal Cahill ancestor presented in this book, a small paragraph about his spouse is included with that persons information whom is the maternal ancestor of John Hanrahan.

This book is prepared using a desktop publishing program that is harmonious to formatting page layouts with text, graphics, and images. Pages are composed of text and images all relating to the surname and provide a real sense of what a formal book could provide to present the genealogy of John Hanrahan and his ancestry.

Any facts that have been misstated or presented in error are due to the misinformation provided or found by this author (or a typing error). It is hoped those reading this document will provide any corrections to help continued recording of correct facts in the genealogy search of these families.

* An asterisk after a name indicates the paternal ancestor of John Hanrahan

CAHILL



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http://pages.prodigy.net/cahill_ancestors/

Generic History of our Name

The Cahill name is one of the oldest in Europe. The Irish had surnames very early, and O'Cahill was one of the first. The earliest recorded person of our name was a monk, Flan O'Cahill, who died in 938 A.D. It is extremely unlikely that anyone can trace a member of his or her family back to Flan's family.

The O'Cahills have links back to Irish pagan leaders in the 200s and 400s A.D. By 1000 A.D. the O'Cahills controlled much of south Galway, east Clare, and western and northern Tipperary. This predominance was ended in the 1200s by the O'Shaughnessys and the O'Donoghues, perhaps both in alliance with the Norman-English who had recently arrived in Ireland.

Those 13th century defeats may have led to the loss in most lines of their "O," which indicates both descent and predominance. However it happened, by 1659 the name "O'Cahill" had been almost entirely replaced by "Cahill" as a common surname in a listing of workers on the large farms following the English Cromwellian land confiscations.

Today Cahill is the most common surname in Munster, the old southwestern province, which includes the counties of Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork, Waterford, and Tipperary. The Irish there pronounce it with the accent on the first syllable with a short "a" and in the last syllable an almost-swallowed "h". This can be described as pronounced "CA" (accented) as in cattle, and "hill" as hull.



MICHAEL CAHILL, SR.

Born: 1811, Kerry Town, Mayo/Galway, Ireland
 Died: 1893, Washington, Clinton, Iowa
 Buried: Villa Nova, Clinton, Iowa, St. Patrick's Cemetery

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Bridget O'Neil
 Born: Ireland
 Died: Ireland
 Buried: Unknown, Ireland

Catherine ???
 1823, Ireland
 1869, Washington, Clinton, Iowa
 Villa Nova, Clinton, Iowa, St. Patrick's
 Cemetery

Married: Ireland 1836

1852, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Children of Michael Cahill, Sr. and Bridget O'Neil are:

- *Patrick Cahill, Sr.
 - b. 2 February 1839, Kerrytown, Mayo, Ireland
 - d. 13 December 1919, Washington, Clinton, Iowa
 - m. 1859, Philadelphia, Pa, Hannah Quigley (6 Children)
 - 1890, Iowa (1 child — Adopted)
- Margaret Cahill
 - b. abt. 1843, Ireland
 - d. Unknown
- Bridget Cahill
 - b. 24 July 1844, Ireland
 - d. Unknown

Children of Michael Cahill, Sr. and Catherine are:

- Michael Cahill, Jr.
 - b. 1853
 - d. 1940
 - m. Unknown date: Anna 1858-1892 (2 children)
- Sara Cahill
 - b. 1856
 - d. Unknown
 - m. Unknown date: Mr. Laughey

The Cahill family history in this country begins in 1849 when Michael Cahill, born in Ireland in 1811, and his children, Patrick, Margaret and Bridget, joined the exodus from Ireland during the Irish "potato famine". Bridget O'Neil, the first wife of Michael, died in Ireland prior to their move to the United States.

The second wife of Michael Sr. was Catherine (maiden name unknown). Catherine was born in 1823 in Ireland. Two children of this marriage. Michael and Catherine were married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sometime between 1860 & 1863 they moved to Clinton County, Iowa. It appears Michael and son Patrick Sr. moved to Iowa at the same time. Michael lived in Washington Township, Clinton County, Iowa.

In an article titled "History of Clinton County, Iowa", Patrick declares he emigrated to America in 1849 with his father, brothers and sisters, his mother having died in her native country.

>Arrived in America about 1849

>Family members lived in:

Philadelphia, Pa

Villanova, Ia

Center Grove, Ia

Grand Mound, Ia

Wisner, Nebraska

South Dakota in early 1900s

The exact location of this Cahill family origin may possibly be Country Mayo or Galway. Parents of Michael Sr. are unknown at this time.



PATRICK CAHILL, SR.

Born: 2 February 1839, Kerrytown, Mayo, Ireland
 Died: 13 December 1919, Washington, Clinton, Iowa
 Buried: Villa Nova, Clinton, Iowa St. Patrick's Cemetery

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Hannah Quigley	Margaret
Born: 1828, Ireland	Unknown
Died: 18 March 1888, Washington, Clinton, Iowa	Unknown
Buried: Villa Nova, Clinton, Ia St. Mary's Cemetery	Unknown

Married: 1859, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania abt. 1890, Iowa

Children of Patrick Cahill, Sr. and Hannah Quigley are:

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| Sarah Cahill | b. 24 February 1860, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
d. Unknown
m. Henry Loentjes |
| Mary Cahill | b. 25 August 1863, Villa Nova, Clinton, Iowa
d. 1936, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
m. 8 January 1891 Michael J. Hanrahan (5 Children) |
| * Anna Maria Cahill | b. 12 December 1865, Villanova, Clinton, Iowa
d. 7 July 1943, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
m. 28 January 1891, Villa Nova, Clinton, Iowa
Thomas J. Hanrahan (6 Children) |
| Thomas James Cahill | b. 8 November 1867, Center Grove, Clinton, Iowa
d. 27 February 1926, Mitchell, South Dakota
b. Kimball Catholic Cemetery, South Dakota
m. 25 October 1893, Charlotte, Clinton, Iowa
Elizabeth Ann Quirk (6 Children) |
| Patrick Cahill, Jr. | b. 6 July 1870, ??, Clinton, Iowa
d. Unknown |
| Elizabeth Cahill | b. December 1876, ??, Clinton, Iowa
d. Unknown |

Children of Patrick Cahill, Sr. and Margaret are:

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| Frank J. Cahill (Adopted) | b. 25 June 1889, New York
d. 1978, Iowa |
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A Child named Frank is listed on the family information but is an adopted child. "Orphan Trains" traveled the country with orphaned children and at various towns the train stopped, it was hoped someone would adopt

the children. Frank was from such a train that stopped in DeWitt. Frank took on the last name of Cahill and he lived in the area and died in DeWitt in 1978.

BIOGRAPHY OF PATRICK CAHILL, SR.:

Following is an excerpt from "History of Clinton Co.", F.E. Wolfe)

About 1868 Patrick purchased 40 acres in Eden Township near Malone. This 40 acres is a portion of his present farm consisting of 120 acres of choice well-improved land. He received his education in the common schools and always followed farming and succeeded in building up a valuable and very desirable farming property and general farming and stock raising. He has been a man of energy and has been rewarded by a large measure of success. He is highly respected by all who know him, for his life has been that of an upright citizen.

Following from Wolfe's "History of Clinton County, Iowa" 1911. P.B. Wolf, Editor-in-Chief. Vol II. B. F. Boulton & Co. Indianapolis, In 1911.

Patrick Cahill is described as having pure Irish blood, a ready wit, high energy and courage. He is a native of Ireland but has lived many years in this country. He emigrated to America in 1849 with his father, brothers and sisters. His Mother died in Ireland. They first lived in Pennsylvania where he married his wife, Hannah Quigley. They moved to Iowa and in 1868 purchased 40 acres of land in Eden Township. He has added to his holdings 120 acres of well improved, choice land. His father and wife are buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. Patrick has 3 sisters, Margaret, Bridget, and Sarah and one brother Michael. With the exception of Michael they live in Clinton County. Patrick has always followed farming and has been very successful and has valuable land and good comfortable home as well as necessary out-buildings for farming and his stock. Patrick is a Democrat and a faithful member of the Catholic Church. Six children were born to Patrick and his wife Hannah. Sarah, Mary, Mariah, Thomas, Patrick Jr. and Elizabeth. Patrick and Elizabeth are on the farm with their father.

Copied from Clinton County Bios on 11/2000 <http://www.rootsweb.com/~iaclinto/bios/1911/1911cahill.htm>

Although Patrick Cahill, farmer of Eden township, Clinton county, has spent practically all of his successful and useful life in America, he is of pure Irish blood and lived in his native island long enough to imbibe the ready wit, the characteristic energy and courage that make him a well liked and progressive citizen. His birth occurred on February 2, 1840, and he emigrated to America in 1849 with his father, brothers and sisters, his mother having died in her native country. His father first located in Pennsylvania and here he married Hanna Quigley, a native of Ireland. The family came to Iowa, locating in Clinton county, near De Witt. In 1868 Patrick Cahill purchased a farm of forty acres in Eden township, near Malone, the same being a portion of his present farm, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres of choice land which is well improved. His wife died on March 18, 1888, and was buried at St. Mary's cemetery, in Washington township, where the father of the subject had previously been buried.

Patrick Cahill has three sisters and one brother living, his sisters being Mrs. Laughey, Mrs. Haskins and Mrs. Brogen, whose husbands are deceased; these sisters all live in Clinton county. Their brother Michael is not a resident of this county.

Patrick Cahill received his education in the common schools and he has always followed a farming and, being a hard worker and good manager, he has succeeded in building up a valuable and very desirable farming property and he has a good, comfortable home and such outbuildings as are necessary to carry on general farming and stock raising. He has been a man of energy and has been rewarded by a large measure of success. He is highly respected by all who know him, for his life been that of an upright citizen.

Politically, Mr. Cahill is a Democrat, and he is a very faithful member of the Catholic church, as was also his wife. Six children were born to them, all of whom are living, namely: Sarah, born February 24, 1860, is the wife of Henry Laentjes, of Clinton county; Mary, born August 25, 1863, is the wife of M. Hanrahan, of this county; Mariah, born December 12, 1866, is the wife of Thomas Hanrahan and lives in Clinton county; Thomas Cahill lives in South Dakota; Patrick Cahill and Elizabeth Cahill have remained with their father on the home farm.

"The History of Clinton County, Iowa", Chicago: Western Historical Comapny, 1879, Page 475:

Patrick Cahill enlisted 15 August 182 discharged 19 February 1863 disab.

HANNAH QUIGLEY BACKGROUND:

Not much is known about Hannah, but her father was a well respected farmer and businessman in Clinton, County. The following is found on the Internet and is quoted per: PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF CLINTON COUNTY, IOWA - Chicago: Chapman Brothers 1886

"John Quigley, was born in county Tipperary, Ireland, in 1802 where he married Bridget Riordan. About 1832, he left Ireland with his wife and four children and came to America, locating in New York City, where he was employed in the grocery trade for a few years. He then removed to Buffalo, N.Y., thence to Ottawa, where he engaged in the grocery trade and also conducted a hotel till fall. In 1849 he went to Cattaraugus County, N. Y. The New York & Erie Railroad was in process of construction at the time and he undertook contracts to build various portions of the same.

He completed his labors in New York in the fall of 1853, and in December started West, coming as far as Chicago, where he left his family until he could secure a location. Coming to Clinton County he selected a claim and took up land which now lies in Washington Township. He then walked to Iowa City and entered the land, 240 acres, at the Government office. His family came West soon afterward, coming by railroad to Freeport, which was at the time the Western terminus. He built a house on his land and lived there one year, then bought a claim on section 30, Waterford Township. There was a log house on the place and twenty acres broken. The family moved into the log house and the father commenced to improve his land. At this he continued up to the time of his death, March 11, 1882. He had in the meantime brought the land to a good state of cultivation and erected some frame house upon it

Michael Quigley, the youngest son, inherited the farm of his father that comprises 170 acres. Also located on the farm is the village of Quigley on the northwestern Railroad, founded by the family, and the post-office which bears the same name."



MARIA CAHILL

Born: 12 December 1865, Villa Nova, Clinton, Ia,
Died: 7 July 1943, DeWitt, Clinton, Ia
Buried: DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery

Occupation: Housewife

Spouse: Thomas John Hanrahan

Born: 4 July 1865, Kankakee, Kankakee, Illinois
Died: 19 April 1933, DeWitt, Clinton, Ia
Buried: DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery

Occupation: Farmer & Drayage Worker

Married: Villanova, Clinton, Ia, 28 January 1891

Children of Thomas Hanrahan and Maria Cahill:

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| Patrick Hanrahan | b. abt. 24 July 1892, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. abt. 2 August 1892, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
bur. Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska: St. Joseph Cemetery |
| Tessie Hanrahan | b. 25 April 1894, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 17 January 1978, DeWitt, Cuming, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery
m. Not married |
| Thomas John
Hanrahan, Jr. | b. 22 August 1897, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 5 January 1962, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: Elmwood Cemetery
m. 13 September 1922, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa, Mary Frances Clement |
| Agnes Hanrahan | b. 12 August 1898, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 15 February 1931, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery
m. 4 October 1923, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa Winfield Harper |
| *William Francis
Hanrahan, Sr. | b. 21 January 1902, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska
d. 24 June 1988, San Jose, Santa Clara, California
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: Elwood Cemetery
m. 10 June 1925, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa, Helen Frances Kent |
| Margaret (Daisy)
Hanrahan | b. 6 November 1904, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
d. 10 December 1918, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa
bur. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa: St. Josephs Cemetery |

INFORMATION ABOUT MARIA CAHILL:

Maria was a great cook. She told stories to her grandson William about Indians in Nebraska and how they used to hang around the farm house, especially when she was cooking. She gave them food and they were happy and left. The Indians were not a vicious folk, but loved to come and beg for food when the family lived in Nebraska. According to the stories, the Indians would come and just hang out until Maria gave them some food and then the Indians would disappear.

Maria always had cookies and milk.

Maria was the daughter of an Irish emigrant. Her father, Patrick Cahill, emigrated first to Pennsylvania in 1849, then moved to Iowa about 1868 purchasing a large farm in Villa Nova township.

In most documents, the first name of "Maria" is listed and that is the name used here. However, some family members recall her being addressed as Mariah.

Maria's sister Mary Cahill married Michael J. Hanrahan, the brother of Thomas J. Hanrahan. These two families are found living in Wisner, Nebraska in the 1890s with both moving back to DeWitt, Iowa around 1902 and where they resided for the remainder of their lives.

The 1900 census report has the family listed living in Wisner, Nebraska. Thomas is listed as a Farmer renting his home. This census report confirms information listed on the family group sheet for children and birth dates of month and year along with birth locations by State.

An obituary states Thomas lived in DeWitt for 32 years, he died in 1933, this means they moved back to DeWitt about 1902.

See the Hanrahan book for more information on Thomas J. Hanrahan.



Photo taken about 1905 in DeWitt, Iowa
l-r: Thomas, Tessie, Maria, Daisy, William, Agnes



WILLIAM FRANCIS HANRAHAN, Sr.

Born: 21 January 1902, Wisner, Cuming, Nebraska

Died: 24 June 1988, San Jose, Santa Clara, Ca

Occupation: Painter/Decorator

Spouse: Helen Frances Kent

Born: 22 June 1903, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa

Died: 3 October 1988, San Jose, Santa Clara, Ca

Married: 10 June 1925, DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa (Catholic Church)

Helen was a housewife all her life.

Children of William Hanrahan and Helen Kent are:

William F. Hanrahan, Jr. b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa

Robert Kent Hanrahan, Sr. b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa

Elizabeth Ann Hanrahan b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa

John Allen Hanrahan b. DeWitt, Clinton, Iowa