

2696 Willowood Dr.
Erie, Pa. 16506
February 6, 1990

Dr. James Ryan
4 Spencer Villas
Glenageary, County Dublin, Ireland

Dr. Ryan

I have been working on my family genealogy for about a year ~~and~~ recently I learned that my Great Grandparents were Richard Conyngham & Mary Hickey Conyngham and they lived (from what I have learned in Youghal, County Cork.

My grandfather John Joseph Conyngham was born in the late 1840's and migrated to the U.S. in 1866.

Could you find out for me, the names and births of all their children?

When my great grandparents were born and when they died & where?

Who my great-great grandparents were?

Please quote me a price for this research.

Sincerely

Richard Conyngham

P.S. My other great grandmother was Ellen Ryan from Cork. She was Married to Nicholas White. Are you related?

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February 9, 1991

Dear Sister Francis

I guess you will think I am becoming a pest, but after I had mailed my last letter I found I had one more problem.

On the 3 x 5 cards you mailed was a note of the marriage, January 17, 1860 of Lawrence Hawkins and Mary McGlynn.

Sister, I can't fit this twig in my family tree. Does your record of the wedding list his parents? This could help me place HIM.

I pray your future will be trouble free and you will have many years of joy in your new situation.

Sincerely

Dick

P.S. I am eagerly awaiting the notes on Anne Hawkins.

2/13/91

Dear Friend,

I've rechecked this information. No parents are listed, I'm sorry to say.

I, too, am eager for the memoirs of "Auntie". I'll keep after the two (brother & sister) who remember her.

Every best wish, and success on your research.

Sincerely,

Sister Francis

3914 Greenway Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
June 7, 1990

Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10024

Laurie

Since I haven't heard from you since January I thought I would write to you and change the information I am seeking

I would like a copy of Michael Conyngham's obituary to see what survivors are listed.

I would also like information on the following:

The Conyngham Family living at 464 West 51st St. on May 31, 1911.

The Family (Possibly Sullivan or O'Sullivan living at 190-192 Tenth Avenue ~~on~~ May 17, 1897

Patrick Conyngham living in New York about 1897-1911.

I have moved since I sent you my check for \$100.00. My new address is 3914 Greenway Drive, Erie, Pa. 16506

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

Dick Conyngham

St Marys Church Record
Conradia

Baptised June 20 1856

Michael Honkers son of Mary
& Timothy

Witness Mary O'Connor Patrick Hurst
Michael & Bridget Honkers

May 8 1856

Baptism of Thomas Honkers son of Hugh
Honkers & Mary Shannon

Sept 17, 1854

Baptism of Anne daughter of Marie
O'Connor & Timothy Honkers

Oct 14, 1852

Baptism of Margaret daughter of Marie
O'Connor & Timothy Honkers

July 12 1850

Baptism of John Honkers son of
Timothy & Marie O'Connor Born July 2, 1850

Jan. 26, 1862

Jan. Mary Ann

Baptism daughter of Michael H & Catherine
Shannon

Abraham Horkins

Baptised Aug 26, 1855

Son of Thomas Horkins an Angel
Rogers

Aug. 22, 1869

(Born Aug 12)

Michael Horkins son of Michael
& Catherine Shannon

Jan 21, 1866

(Born 19 Jan)

Honora Horkins daughter of Michael
& Catherine Shannon

Oct 11, 1863

(Born 6 Oct)

Bridget Horkins daughter of Michael
& Catherine Shannon

Burial

Michael Horkins April 2 1862

Chyten St. Peter Fr. Roach

Shortwell - St. Dominick Church
on Left

Fr. Cosgrove

2696 Willowood Dr.
Erie, Pa. 16506
February 2, 1990

Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10024

Laurie:

Thank for your first report. It answered some of my questions about the family.

Perhaps you noticed on his death certificate (1913) that he lived in New York 40 years, but immigrated to the U.S. in 1866. This means to me that the first 6 years he lived somewhere else and probably did not come in thru the port of N.Y. What do you think?

Could you get a copy of the obituary from the 1913 paper? This may list some brothers and sisters I am trying to locate.

Thanks again

Dick
Dick Conyngham

4 Spencer Villas
Glenageary
Co. Dublin
tel. 806228

Mr Richard Conyngham,
3914 Greenway Drive,
Erie, Pa. 16506,
USA

23 August 1990

Dear Mr Conyngham,

Thank you for your letter of March 17 and for your recent letter of August 13. I apologise for the very long delay in completing your research. I regret that I have not been successful in finding any links with "your" Conynghams and I was chasing up other possibilities in the course of various other projects I have been doing. As a means of locating the couple I first did a search of the death records of Cunnninghams/Conynghams from 1864 to 1894 in the registration district of Youghal and the neighbouring districts of Cork. These are listed below.

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That is all I was able to accomplish in the two hours you requested.

Sorry not to have better news,

Yours sincerely,


James Ryan

2696 Willowood Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
April 10, 1989

Ontario County Historical Society
55 North Main Street
Canadaigua, NY 14075

I am working on my family Genealogy and I looking for
for information from your county.

My Great Grandfather Michael Hawkins and his family came
from Ireland in 1848 and settle in Clifton Springs. He died
in Ontario County in 1862.

Can you tell me where in Ireland he came from?

Can you tell me the exact date of his death?

Are there any of the descendants of his ten children still
living in Ontario County?

I am enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope for your
rely.

Any help you can be to me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours


Richard Conyngham



DATE April 18

Dear Researcher:

Thank you for your recent inquiry for genealogical or historical information. We are pleased that you have research interests in Ontario County, and are anxious to help you gain access to the materials in the Ontario County Historical Society archives.

Research assistance is available by mail at a cost of \$10.00 per hour. You may specify in advance the number of hours you would like to invest in answers to your questions. The usual waiting period for research to be completed is about two months, which allows time for processing, research, xerox copy work if necessary, and drafting of our reply. We ask that you pay one half of the research fee in advance, and the balance upon receipt of the completed inquiry.

I am returning your letter of inquiry, a list of the sources available in our archives, and a form you can use to specify the amount of time you wish our researcher to spend. Upon receipt of your request, we will do our very best to be sure that you receive the information you seek.

Sincerely yours,

Linda M. McIlveen
Linda McIlveen
Public Services Coordinator

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3914 Greenway Dr.
Erie, Penna 16506
Nov. 19, 1990

Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10024

Laurie Thompson

Please refer to your letter of January 5, 1990, in which you suggested I send you \$100.00 for four hours research.

My letter of Jan 12, 1990 stated I was paying for four hours of research for \$100.00.

I have no idea how long some of these things take, but at no time did I authorize you to go beyond the four hours. \$100.00) and now you bill me for an additional \$134.00?

sincerely

Dick Conyngham

2696 Willowood Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
Jan. 12, 1990

Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10024

Laurie:

In response to your quote I am enclosing my check for \$100.00 for four hours research on my Grandfather's brother Michael Conyngham who lived at 611 Mott Ave. Bronx, N.Y. in 1909.

I would like the following information:

Birth Date
Death Date
Where he is buried.
When he arrived in the U.S. from (Youghal ?) Ireland.
What ship--any other Conynghams with him?
Family--Wife, children, brothers & sisters.

Hoping to hear from you without undue delay,

Sincerely

Dick Conyngham

1 January 1990

**GENEALOGIST
RECORD SEARCHER**

MEMBER:

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Daughters of the American Revolution

My rates are \$25 per research hour, payable in advance, plus any out-of-pocket expenses, such as birth, death, or marriage certificates, and copying charges. Transportation costs, and travel time are charged only when the repository is one that I do not ordinarily cover. The time spent in the preparation of the report is included in the research hour.

Research hours may be selected from either of these bases:

OPEN FEE

The researcher is given a project, by the client, with the objective clearly outlined, and the stipulation that the searching is to be continued, until the objective is met. This method is used primarily in cases involving litigation, and where patriotic society papers are being prepared.

RESET FEE

The client sets a prescribed number of research hours, which when reached, will terminate the contract. The client then has the option of having the search continued, or ended.

Prior to my graduation from Hunter College in 1978, I had been employed in the corporate world, as a researcher for twenty-five years. There had been thirty years between my high school graduation, and my college degree. I have been working as a professional genealogist for eight years and I must admit, searching for people is a lot more fun, and much more satisfying, than any of the searching that I did in my first career.

1 January 1986

5 January 1990

Mr. Richard Conyngham
2696 Willowood Drive
Erie, Pennsylvania 16506

Dear Mr. Conyngham:

Thank you for writing to inquire about my genealogical researching services. I am sorry that my answer has been so delayed, especially since your search is the kind that I like the best.

Using the address as given, we should be able to find Michael Conyngham in the 1910 Federal Census. The Census should give us the name of his wife, the number of years married, and the year of his immigration. If he came to the US in 1897 or later, he can be found in the Passenger Ship List, if not, the naturalization records can be searched.

In addition, to the 1910 Federal Census, we have the New York State Census, for the years 1905, 1915 and 1925, which lists all of the family members in the household.

We also have an Index to NYC Births, deaths, and marriages.

I suggest that you consider four hours of research time, or \$100, during which time, I should have found some original material. Do let me know, if I can be of help.

Sincerely,

Laurie Thompson
Laurie Thompson

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2696 Willow Run
Crie, Pa 16506
Jan, 12, 1990

New York City Genealogy Research
Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue
New York N.Y 10024.

Laurie

In response to your quote I am
enclosing my check for \$100.00 to research
my grandfather's brother, Michael Conyngham
who lived at 611 Mott Ave, Bronx NY in 1909

I would like the following information

Birth Date (Where?)

Death Date

Where he is buried

When he arrived in U.S. from (Youghol?) Ireland

What ship

Family - Wife and Childrens names

Brothers + Sisters?

Sincerely

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2696 Willowood Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
November 10, 1989

New York City Genealogy Research
Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10024

Laurie;

Working on my family history I have found that my grandfather had a brother Michael Conyngham living At 611 Mott Ave Bronx, N, Y. in 1909.

I am looking for the following information about him:

Birth Date
Death Date
Where he is buried
When he arrived in the U.S. (From Youghal Ireland)
What ship
Family Wifes name and children

Please quote me a price on the above research.

Sincerely

Richard Conyngham

P.S. I am a member of the Erie County Genealogy Soc. and Erie County Historical Soc. and if I can help you in this area please let me know.

2696 Willowood Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
March 17, 1990

Dr. James Ryan
4 Spencer Villas
Glenside, County Dublin
Ireland

Tim:

I would like you to do the two hour search for the parents of
Richard Conyngham & his wife Mary Hickey. Also the date of birth
and death of Mary and Richard.

How many children did Richard and Mary have? Their names and
dates of birth. My check for \$20.00 is enclosed.

I am sorry I do not have any date of death for you, but I do have
information on my grandfather John (son of Richard & Mary) and two
of his brothers.

John Joseph Conyngham Born June 22, 1848-Died June 26, 1911

Michael Conyngham Born Oct, 19, 1847-Died Dec. 4, 1913

Thomas Cunningham (Hesbelled is this way) Born Oct. 1, 1836 Died
June 26, 1911

There were two more children in this country, but I only have
their names; Richard lived in Detroit, Mich. in 1911 and Mrs. T.
(O) Sullivan in New York City.

I hope this will give you a starting point. My information is
that they came from Youghal in County Cork.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

Chick Conyngham

3914 Greenway Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
August 13, 1990

Dr. James Ryan
4 Spencer Villas
Glenageary, County Dublin
Ireland

Dr. Ryan

On March 17, 1990 I sent you my check for \$40.00 for the two hour research you suggested in your letter.

I have not heard from you, nor has my check been returned to my bank. Did you get my check?

I have moved since I first wrote to you and my new address is; 3914 Greenway Drive. Erie, pa. 16506.

I have learned since I wrote to you that Mary Hickey Conyngham died in New York City in 1883. Perhaps Richard is buried in Youghal. I am still interested in the names and birthdates of their children.

sincerely

Ric hard Conyngham

3914 Greenway Drive
Erie, Pa. 16506
August 13, 1900

HEALTH Department
City of Lakewood
12650 Detroit Avenue
LAKEWOOD, Ohio 44107

I ~~sa~~ trying to locate the grave and date of ~~death~~ of my Aunt Mary. She lived in Lakewood in 1947. This is the last residence I have for her. She died between 1947 and 1953.

Her name was Mary Hawkins Johnson (Mrs. William H.)

Do you have a record of the death of either Mary or William?

I have written to the Cuyahoga county Archives and they refered me to you.

There is a stamped self addressed envelope for your reply.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give me,

I am

Sincerely

Richard Conyngham

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Consultant Laurie Thompson
490 West End Avenue New York 10024 (212) 724-1817

31 January 1990

Mr. Richard Conyngham
2696 Willowood Drive
Erie, Pennsylvania 16506

Dear Mr. Conyngham:

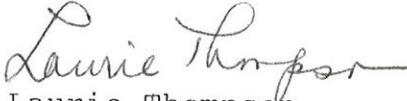
Please find enclosed the following documents:

1910 Federal Census
Michael Conyngham

Michael Conyngham d/c 1913

We will search for his marriage.

Sincerely,


Laurie Thompson

enc: (2)

Research in Ireland

Dr. James Ryan
4 Spencer Villas
Glenageary, County Dublin, Ireland

Irish Surnames

Maureen O'Hara Horkheimer
18980 Glen Kerry Drive
Brookfield, Wis. 53005

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Cunningham
Hankins

4 Spencer Villas
Glenageary
Co. Dublin
tel. 806228

19 Feb. 1990

DEAR Mr Conyngham,

Thank you for your letter of Feb 6 regarding your ancestors of Youghal. I presume that the family were Catholic, in which case it should be possible to search church records for the children of Richard and Mary Conyngham. The Youghal records only start around 1803 so it may also be possible to get their birth dates. Regarding death records, do you have any idea of date of death. If it was after 1864, then civil registers of death should be the best option. These start in that year. Alternatively the gravestones in Youghal churchyards may have been abstracted. I would have to investigate these options for you.

It is difficult to give a definite estimate since the time taken will depend on the condition of the records, the existence of gravestone inscriptions etc. My fee is \$25 per hour and I suggest that a 2-hour search may be the best way to determine

the existence of any information in Youghal R.C. church
and also to do a search for gravestone inscriptions

If you wish to proceed, I look forward to
hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Jim Ryan.

P.S. My correspondence is usually typed and your
reports certainly would be. My typewriter is
currently out of action for which I apologize.

P.P.S. I doubt that I am related to Ellen Ryan.
We are a rather populous family over here!



Mr Richard Conyngham,
2696 Willowood Drive,
Erie
PA 16506
USA.

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4 Spencer Villas
Glenageary
Co. Dublin
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