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October 22, 1989

Dear Dick

Enclosed is a report which I received from a group in Ireland. They will soon be sending a continuation of it. I thought that you would like to see this one. My house is beginning to look like the National Archives.

We are getting closer to finding our ancestors in Ireland , if that is where they are all from.

I will keep you up to date.

Sincerely

*Anne*

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November, 6, 1989

Dear Dick

Thank you for the new information. I am annoyed with the state of Ohio. I asked them to do a search 1940-50. They came up with nothing. I have sent again for the death certificate of Caroline Dickson. Her sister Mary is in the 1900 Census in Glenville, Ohio with husband and children. In 1910 she is in Bratenahl, Ohio. Again with husband and children and mother-in-law. These are suburbs of Cleveland.

I hope that I am not confusing you with the material. You are correct in your assuming that the Mary and Hugh are your great-grandparents.

You and your brother are really troupers to run around the cemeterys but it is a big help to me. I'll send the next report when I get one.

Sincerely

Anne

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November 25, 1989

Dear Dick

In the mail this week, I received Caroline Hawkins Dickson's death certificate. I am enclosing a copy. Grace Norberg is her daughter. The maiden name is incorrect. Sometimes the certificates are unreliable.

I sent to the state twice before for a search. Once was for 1940-50 and 1951-60. She could not be found. Take a lesson from this and be persistent.

I hope that your Thanksgiving was great.

Sincerely  
Anne

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Michael Henry Hankin B-Jan. 31 1853  
Olean, N.Y. Cattaraugus Co. Died June 14  
1909. Conneaut, Ohio. Ashtabula Co Ohio.  
Married May 2, 1881 Mary Liddy Born  
Nov. 26, 1853 - died March 20, 1929.  
Daughter Julia Hankins Born April 7, 1882  
Meadville, Pa died Feb 13, 1960 married  
Cornelius S. Keating Nov. 26, 1902 Conneaut,  
Ohio  
Moynere.

Margaret Maher. died May 9, 1912 Conneaut  
Ohio Ashtabula Co

John Byrnes died June 17, 1887 m. Anna  
Mullen Jan 13, 1869 Richmond, Indiana, Wayne Co.

Michael Mullen Born Littleton, Va. May 22, 1857  
married Barbara Connely. Aug 17, 1880.

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April 22, 1990

Dear Dick

I do not have much to report. The fellow in Salt Lake who is helping me suggests more graveyard searching. He thinks that we will need lots of little clues from now on.

I have been going to the New York G&B. I did look in a book -History of Ontario City- and found Thomas Hawkins. He is number 170 on our charts. He is the son of Thomas and Abigail and Nephew of Hugh and cousin of our Michael and John. The information is: Thomas W. Hawkins, Geneva, son of Thomas and Abigail Rogers Manchester, born 1859- 1881 married Esther T. Smith -Geneva-6 children.

I have joined two Hawkins organizations here and they are sending all past material. Most of them came very early. They told me that the Hawkins came from England and Scotland. My father last week said this again.

I am heading for the library again and hope to visit the New York Public Library.

We are really pulling teeth now. I am not convinced that these people were Catholics and we should look



everywhere.

There are a lot of various Historical societies  
and I am going to write to as many as I can.

I hope to have more material next week.

Sordly  
Anne

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July 12, 1992

Dear Dick

I'm off for the week  
but before I leave I want  
to thank you for the  
names. Some are mine.

She herself is on  
Sally Lake is working at  
the library & very slow.  
I may try someone else.  
The report is now in

September.

I will have more time  
to investigate Canada.  
Daddy sent an article about  
the settlements in Canada  
of Irish people.

Shrubs again

Love



May 25,1992

Dear Dick

Thank you once again for your hard work. We now have so many people looking and so many lines in progress that I am going around in circles.

I have had a bad year. I was busy doing research when my mother fell and was hospitalized in October. I went back and forth for a month. My sister and I were with my father in December to help him clear out his house to sell it. He had lived there for fifty years. My mother was the world's largest pack-rat and you cannot imagine what work we had in the old three story house.

Mother became worse before Christmas and Nancy and I went to Ashtabula. On my way out to dinner on Christmas Day, Daddy had a mild stroke in the car with me. We spent the rest of the day and evening in the emergency room at the hospital.

While he was there for a week, Nancy and I moved him into a retirement apartment. He is very happy there. My son took a truckload of furniture, etc to Connecticut. We cannot walk in my basement. Meanwhile, we had to have the house touched up and call in the real estate brokers. I never want to spend another Christmas like that.

Nancy and I returned in mid-January and she and her husband went home to Arizona. I started back on Genealogy in New York. I got another report from Utah. They are not getting too far and keep suggesting that I go to Erie .

In mid-February, Daddy fell and broke his hip and I was back in Ashtabula organizing his paper work for the long recovery. He was hospitalized and then again in a rehabilitation hospital. He has done so well that he is completely recovered by now. The doctors are amazed because he is eighty-eight.

To make a long story short, I am now back into the swing of things. I went last week-end to South Bend for my son's graduation and gave my update on the Keatings to my cousin. Her grandfather was Cornelius's brother. She was excited to hear about you, even though she has no Hawkins relatives.

Cornelius became a citizen in Erie on January 18, 1854. Going back to your papers of November, You mentioned that you might be able to get additional information from the original Citizenship papers. Could you get copies of the papers of Cornelius, J.J.Keating (5029), Thomas W. (5028) and William (2320). We are certain that Cornelius had a brother William.

I feel certain that if we find the Keatings, we will find the Hawkins's. Cornelius did not just plop down in Erie. So many Irish went to Canada. The people in Salt Lake cannot locate where he came in. I do not think that they looked in Canada.

Another thing that I have found since I wrote to you is that Cornelius had a brother John. They both lived in Erie but were gone by the 1860 Census. They were then in Conneaut. The Genealogists found a number of Mahers from

Tipperary living in Erie in the 1850 Census. My Great-grandmother Margaret was born in Tipperary, according to records. Cornelius was born in County Clare.. She and Cornelius were married in Erie. It would have to be in the early 1850's because their son John was born in Conneaut in 1858. I don't know if you can find anything. The Genealogists only found them listed. I would appreciate anything that you could find in the actual Census. I am wondering if Cornelius went to Erie because someone was already there. I would be interested in any Caton, Keaton or Maher (ar) in the 1840 or 1850 Census. This is a big job . Just give it a try. On your lists in 1850, there are three Mahers in Erie - John, Michael and Philip.

In 1860, in Erie, there are Dennis, Michael, Michel and Thomas Maher. A Thomas was found in Conneaut in 1870 buying land with Cornelius. The only Keaton is John in Erie.

I found that in 1865, Thomas Maher and Michael Maher bought a lot in Conneaut.

I am waiting for a report from Utah on the Hawkins. The agent has been working at the Library and does not have much time. I think that I would like to take a trip there sometime.

I will let you know if I find anything. I am going next week to both the N.Y. Genealogical Society and the N.Y. Public Library. The problem with New York is that the 1920 Census is at Varick Street and it is a Zoo. I'll find another way.

I hope that you are well.

Love

Anne



September 10, 1991

Dear Dick

I received your letter and was about to sit down to write when I got a note from one of our Hawkins relatives. He had received a letter from a lady in Rochester seeking information on Hawkins-Liddy families. Because I have so much information, He wants permission to give her my name. I will pursue this because it has hope. His name is not Hawkins or Liddy, but Mowry. His Mother is my Grandmother Julia's sister. Julia is the daughter of Michael Henry Hawkins- brother of your Grandfather. How did she get his name?

I will send all information. The puzzle is- I wonder how Julia got to Conneaut from Meadville to meet my grandfather. The Keatings had left Erie by the 1870s and settled in Conneaut or Cleveland.

I do not find a connection with the names that you sent. Cornelius Keating married Margaret Maher. She is my Great-Grandmother. All of the Mahers lived in Erie. They were naturalized there.

I did not know that you worked in the research library. If you can, look in old newspaper records and obituaries.

I am waiting for some information from Salt Lake. I will contact this new person and hope for the best.

I will write as soon as I have anything.

Laddy  
Anne

Aug 3 1991

Dear Dick

I was delighted to receive your letter and am sorry not to have written sooner. It was full of information. I have been teaching some courses at New York University and am now finished. I am leaving tomorrow for Aspen for a week. When I get back, I am going after this with a vengeance .

I have someone new doing some research for me in Salt Lake. They have found a lot about the Keatings. I feel sure that we are going to find the Hawkins family close by. They discovered my great-grandfather and some brothers in Erie Pa. I sent for some death listings and found some Keatings in Corry, Pa. Also a Gertrude ?Hawkins in Corry .I would like to send for the obituaries. I intend to put another ad in the Genealogical Helper.

I will enclose some papers which I might not have sent you. Throw out any that you have.

Number 1. Lawrence Hawkins could be ours. I do not have him but Hugh and Michael could have had a ton of brothers that we do not know about. I think that we should consider him.

Number 2. If you read headstones ,be sure to copy any Keatings. In the N. Y. Public Library, I found in the History of Ontario County New York Thomas W. Hawkins, Geneva ,son of Thomas and Abbie Rogers ,Manchester married in 1881 Esther T. Smith of Geneva and that they had 6 children. I do not recall if I sent you this or not.

Number 3. Mary Shannon could certainly have been born in Canada. I hope that I sent you her sheet. Her younger brothers John and Peter were born in Canada. Eleanor and Margaret were born in Olean ,New York.

Number 4. Carrie's birthday could have been either date. They made a lot of mistakes in the old days.

You had sent me the pages from the Crawford county history.

Number 5. Peter would have been only ten in 1892 when his mother died .so it stands to reason that one of his siblings raised him.

Annie must be the daughter of Timothy Hawkins. Her birth and death seem to make sense.

I will write again if I can get to the library and find more.

My son Philip graduated in June from Boston College and is now getting a masters from Notre Dame.

It is too bad that our families were not closer over the years. I now have a computer and am trying to organize everything.

Good luck hunting.

Anne

November 20, 1990

Dear Dick

I was delighted to get your letter. I do not have any new information. I am working with a new genealogist in Salt Lake who wrote the inventory of the collection at Salt Lake. I am expecting a report this week on the Keatings. I am hopeful that these families emigrated together or that a thread will come through. She has done fantastic work for me on my mother's side- to 1604. They were German and I knew where they came from. This is our drawback with the Hawkins family.

You have done a great job. This is real fighting in the streets, as they say. I have found no more at the Library in New York but I will start again. Your information is wonderful and fills in gaps as well as zeros in on the area. I will comment- the photo of the soldier is a co-incidence. You sent photos of graves in St. Peters cemetery. One was the site and stones of William P. and Malinda Shannon. They are the parents of the soldier. William was the son of Peter Shannon, the brother of our Mary Shannon who married Hugh Hawkins.

Carrie certainly could have been a twin. The other could have died soon and never appeared in a census.



Hugh's birthdate is correct according to all of the genealogy sheets.

I will send any more information that I can get. I wish that just one of them would have stated in a record where they came from in Ireland. This genealogist has retrieved material that the Mormons have stored because it is little used.

Have a nice thanksgiving.

Sincerely  
Anne



April 13, 1989

Dear Richard

What a pleasant surprise to hear from a relative whom I have never met. I received your letter yesterday and must rush to answer right away. I got started on this project a few years after a distant relative made a genealogy of the Shannon-Sheehan family. His name is Carl Sheehan. I have been working to add to it and correct any errors that I find. He did not include much of the Hawkins family because they are not directly related to him.

I am Anne Keating and my father is William Francis Keating. I was born in Ashtabula and He in Conneaut, Ohio. He is the son of Mary Julia Hawkins and Cornelius Keating. She was born in Meadville, Pa. She is the daughter of Michael Hawkins and Mary Liddy. She is the grand-daughter of Hugh Hawkins and Mary Shannon and great Grand-daughter of Michael and Mary Hawkins. Thus her father is your grandfather's brother.

I have worked with various census records and land sale records but am having trouble tracing the family migration pattern. I found them on the Ship passage record. I will give you information and hope that you can add to it or correct it.

For Mary Shannon, I have her parents as Thomas Shannon and Mary Haley born in 1797 and 1800 respectively. Her Grandparents were Dennis Shannon and Sarah and Peter Haley and Mary McNamara.

I sent for and received Hugh Hawkins Civil war records.

Please look these charts over and add to them. I hope that you can tell me more about this family.

I found the older Michael and Mary in the 1850 and 1860 census in Canandaigua, Ontario County N.Y.

I found Timothy Hawkins and Mary in Manchester, Ontario County in the 1850, 1860, 1870 Census

I found Michael, Hugh's brother, with their father in 1850, in Manchester in 1870, in Crawford County, Pa in 1880. He lived in Clifton Springs in 1875.

I found Hugh and Mary in the 1860 census in Manchester, Ontario County N.Y. missing in 1870, in 1880 I found them in Spring Twp. Crawford Cty. Pa. Mary lived in Conneaut, Ohio in 1891.

Michael is with his father in the 1860 census. In 1880 he is in Meadville Pa. In 1900 he is in Conneaut, Ohio.

William is in Saxonburg, Pa. in 1909 and Erie County Pa. in 1910.

Please send any information which you have because you may not think it is important but it might just fill in the puzzle. Some of the family went back and forth to Canada. Land was sold back and forth in various counties in New York and Pennsylvania. As you see, some are lost in some censuses.

I look forward to hearing from you and finding out which one is your grandfather.

Sincerely

Anne Keating Burns

If you are interested, the next time I write, I can send more genealogy. I wanted to get this in the mail fast.



May 7, 1989

Dear Dick

I enjoyed receiving the obituaries. I had Michael's but not John's. My father was fascinated with it and so were my sons. I mailed it to him. Daddy lives in Ashtabula, Ohio. I was born and raised there. I am off in a few minutes to Singapore but when I am here after, I will give you a lot of material on my branch. I graduated from Ohio University and taught school in South Euclid, Ohio for seven years. My husband, Ray Groves is Chairman and Chief Executive of Ernst & Whinney, one of the big eight accounting firms. I live in Manhattan all week and here on the weekends. I will be here in summer.

I am enclosing the history of Hugh Hawkins Civil War unit. Since he was constuction and not military, his wife could not receive his pension. Those are the papers that I have (a pile of them).

I do not know yet where the family came from. Hawkins is not an Irish name but English or Scottish. Mary Liddy is from a Scottish family. At least Timothy came here first and married. Nancy on the list is the same as Anne. The ship sailed from Liverpool. The ship list is from a book of the immigrants.

I have been doing this for years and a mormon friend is due to send me more material this week. I will be back next week-ens (quick trip) and will write again.

To answer your next question, The church records are off sometimes. My dad's church has him dead and buried in 1939. I know from Daddy that grandma was born in April. There was also a Michael Liddy and it could be his daughter who was born in March.

I'll keep you posted. Was your grandfather John Hawkin's godfather perhaps?

Sincerely

Anne Groves

June 4, 1989

Dear Dick

You really have caught the genealogy bug. I am doing all of my mother's and my father's sides. I am also doing my in-laws. I now am starting to use my computer. I have been working with the Family History Library people and a genealogist in Salt Lake City. It really helps when more people in the family get involved. I sent your material to Salt Lake and the fellow has very kindly sent a group of sheets that he made for you. I hope that you do not feel overwhelmed with material.

I will comment on your letter. What you sent was very interesting. You have filled in the gap on Thomas Hawkins. His brother Hugh lived in Danville at one time. I have no other information.

Helen Dickson is the daughter of Caroline Hawkins Dickson. I am a little confused. Did she die 8-18-1918 or did her brother John? *John*

Nora Hawkins is indeed Michael's daughter.

I feel certain that your Catherine is William's widow because her daughter Grace married a man named Armbruster.

All of the people list Ireland as their on the various census. An early ancestor must have gone there. I have not found it as an Irish name.

I am also puzzled by Mary's age. It is, I think, the reason I am having trouble finding her exact date of death. I think that He had a few wives named Mary.

Please do not return anything. The papers are for you. I do not remember exactly what I have sent to you. Throw anything away that you do not want.

My Gramma Julia (Jewel) often spoke of visiting Carrie and Kate Hawkins in Erie. Could it be your mother and aunt? I think so.

Mary Julia's sons are William Francis Keating of Ashtabula, Ohio

Born February 26, 1904

John Daniel Keating was born September 12, 1906 and died  
April 19, 1972 in Conneaut

He married Myrtle Cheney . She lives at 425 Monroe Street  
Conneaut. She would probably like to meet you if you are  
in Conneaut. She still lives in Gramma's house.

I look forward to hearing from you again.

*Sincerely  
Anne*

In looking over your letter again- on the census, Peter Shannon is the brother of Mary and Katherine and you will notice that they sell land back and forth.





I thought that I was finished. I do not have information on the girls . Some genealogists do not do the female lines because the number of names gets to be too great. I wish to pursue it, do you? I have no information on the six daughters of Michael and Mary and other wife. If no other wife , then Mary is like the biblical figure (age 68 , I believe).

I am searching for death certificates for a lot of these people.

I will comment on your letter. That you sent me very interesting. You have filled in the gap on Thomas Jackson. His brother John lived in Nashville at one time. I have no other information. Helen Jackson is the daughter of Caroline Jackson. I am a little confused. And she is 84-85 or 86 her brother John. John Jackson is indeed John's daughter. I feel certain that your Katherine is John's widow because her daughter John married a man named William. All of the people that I know as being on the Jackson name. Early ancestors must have come from. I have not found it as an Irish name. I am also puzzled by your name. It is, I think, the name of a man from people that had exact date of death. I think that is not a few years named Mary. Please do not return anything. The name was for you. I do not remember exactly what I have sent to you. Now nothing more and you do not want. I became (old) given name of William Jackson and his father in law. John is your mother and father. John is. Mary John's name and William. I think of William. John Jackson is, 1905. John Jackson was born on October 12, 1901 and died April 19, 1975 in London. I married John's Mary. He lived at 403 Second Street. I am sure. He would probably like to meet you if you are in London. He still lives in London's house. I look forward to hearing from you again.

In looking over your letter I am on the way to a Jackson in the brother of Mary and Katherine and you will notice that I am not sure and last.

July 4, 1989

Dear Dick

I received your letter and decided to enclose some sheets. I do not mean to burden you but these people are all relatives of yours. Carl Sheehan did a family history years ago and there are lots of people in the Erie area. I did some group sheets of the Shannons that you do not have, I feel certain that in your investigations, you will run into some of these folks. I became wacky making them but will get on to later generations soon.

I expect some information this week and will send it on.

I just got the death certificate for Peter Shannon. It is witnessed by his son George.

When you get a chance, study these. There is sure to be something in your area.

Sincerely

Anne