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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

Michael McAuliffe of Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania

My great-great-grandmother, Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff, was born in Sartwell, [then Eldred, now] Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, according to her granddaughter and my maternal grandmother, Mary Rita (Kieff) Brown. Mary's death certificate confirms that she was born in Sartwell on 17 March 1849 but it incorrectly identifies her parents as Dennis and Mary (Driscoll) MacAulliffe. A thorough review of the 1840, 1850, and 1860 Federal Census records revealed no Dennis MacAulliffe (or variant spelling) residing near Sartwell. However, I did find the household of Michael and Bridget (___) McColliff of Ceres Township in 1850 census which included a daughter Mary, born in 1849; Ceres was the parent township of Annin. Michael and Bridget (___) McCauliff served as baptismal sponsors for my great-grandfather, Legouri Michael³ Kieff (born Michael Ligouri³ O'Keefe), son of Michael² and Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York on 4 April 1884.

Based on the primary records cited above, I had concluded that Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff's death certificate was probably incorrect. In 2000, Paul Oliver generously provided much assistance with my McAuliffe research, including conclusive proof that Mary (McAuliffe) Kieff was indeed the daughter of Michael and Bridget (___) McAuliffe. I am also grateful to Father Slocum of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Sartwell, Pennsylvania. He provided baptismal certificates in 2000 that revealed that Bridget's maiden name was Regan; the identification of baptismal sponsors for Michael and Bridget's children also yielded associated surnames for further research. In 2006, Nancy Ann (Lawton) O'Connor, a great-granddaughter of Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe, provided invaluable information on the family's early history.

Whoever provided the information for Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff's death certificate must have confused the names of her parents with those of her husband, Michael² O'Kieff; Michael was the son of Dennis¹ and Mary (Dunne) O'Keefe. Based on the misidentification of Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff's mother's maiden name on her death certificate, it seems probable that the Driscolls were somehow related to the McAuliffes or the Regans.

The name MacAuliffe is almost peculiar to County Cork and is scarcely found outside Munster. The MacAuliffes are a branch of the MacCarthys and their chief resided at Castle MacAuliffe near Newmarket, County Cork. Their territory

in that part of the country is described in a grant of land to a stranger in 1612 as "Clan Auliffe." It should be noted however that the term Clan Auliffe normally refers to a branch of the O'Farrells of County Longford and has no connexion with the sept of MacAuliffe. The last recognized Chief of the name, Michael MacAuliffe, was according to Dalton a colonel in the Spanish army and died in Spain in 1720; O'Donovan however ascribes that position to a minor official at Kenmare in 1840. In Irish the name is Mac Amhlaoigh, i.e., son of Auliffe (anglice Humphrey). The same Gaelic name is also anglicized MacAuley, which is an entirely different sept. The famous French physician Joseph Oliffe (1809-1869) was actually born in cork, his ancestral name being MacAuliffe. (Edward Lysaght, *Irish Families*)

The name Regan, O'Regan, Reagan is derived from its Irish language form *O Riagain* meaning "descendant of Riagan", a first name which is thought to derive from the word "ri" meaning king. The name is listed at number sixty six on the list of most common names in Ireland. It's abundance is due to the fact that the name came not from one ancestor, but from several. One sept had its' origins in the Counties of Meath and Dublin of one of the Four Tribes of Tara. The sept we are concerned with is descended from Donnucuan, brother of the heroic Irish King, Brian Boru. King Brian was the last King of Ireland (as well as the first Christian) and an important historical figure in 1014 when he defeated the Danish and freed Ireland from their domination at the battle of Clontarf. The Regan name is found in the Province of Munster, especially in the County of Cork. Regan's have been found in the north Cork Blackwater valley since the twelfth century and in the south Carbery region since the sixteenth century. There are about 9000 Regans in Ireland with that number increasing 10 fold in areas all over the world due to the number who left their homeland for other parts of the world. (Edward Lysaght, *Irish Families*)

Variants of the McAuliffe name in the census records of the Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York and the church records of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Sartwell, Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rexville, West Union, Steuben County, New York include McAulliffe, McAuliffe, McAuliff, McCauliff, McColliff, etc.; *Mc* is simply an abbreviation for *Mac*.

From old photographs in the possession of my great-aunt, Kathryn Rose (Kieff) O'Brien, we know that my great-grandparents, Legouri Michael³ and Mary Magdalene (McGill) Kieff, had relatives named Mahoney, Brooder, and Sweeney. Ellen Mahoney (1845-1879) is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Sartwell as are numerous members of the Brooder family. Other unidentified relatives of Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe include Aunt and/or Cousin Rose McCauliff; and Cousin Kate McCauliff.

1. MICHAEL¹ MCAULIFFE was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1814 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Naturalization Records*; A:63 and corresponding *M. McCauliff Alien Report* of 7 February 1846 [No. 3] filed 23 February 1846). Michael died, probably in [then Eldred, now] Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, on 26 December 1885 "aged 72 years"

(*gravestone*) and was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Sartwell, Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania as "Michael McAuliff" (*gravestone*). Michael was married, probably at Portage, Livingston County, New York to BRIDGET "BRIGID" REGAN. Bridget was born in Ireland, probably in County Cork, about 1824 and died, probably in [then Eldred, now] Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, sometime after 16 August 1897, when she appeared in McKean County to sell land to her son John. Perhaps she died shortly before a series of deeds were entered on 16 July 1900 to formalize a number of intra-family land transactions. It is possible that, as a widow, Bridget died and was buried elsewhere; her name does not appear with Michael's on his rather large burial monument. From census records and from legal documents in which they both made their marks, it is clear that they were both illiterate. No doubt, this fact contributed to the many variations in the local spelling of the *McAuliffe* surname.

Prothonary R. Chadwick made Michael a naturalized citizen at Smethport, McKean County, Pennsylvania on 25 May 1848:

McKean County, ss.

Michael McCauliff Being Duly Sworn according to law in the court of common pleas of said county at February Term A.D. 1846 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, doth declare that he was born in the year A.D. 1814 in the County of Cork in the Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland whence he migrated in the year A.D. 1836, and has selected the Commonwealth aforesaid as the place of his intended settlement, and he further declares that it is his BONA FIDE intention to become a citizen of the United States, and of the said Commonwealth, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to Victoria Queen of Great Britain &c of whom he now a subject. Sworn and subscribed in open Court this twenty third day of February A.D. 1846.

Michael left Ireland in 1836. Although he may have spent some time in Canada in route, he soon entered the United States as documented in his *Alien Report*:

The petition of Michael McCauliff a native of Ireland. Respectfully showeth that your petitioner arrived in the United States of America, to wit: at the port of Rochester [Monroe County, New York] on the [blank] day of June A.D. 1836... and that he has resided within the limits of, and under the jurisdiction of the United States for five years last past, and for one year last past, within the State of Pennsylvania.

Michael McAuliffe arrived in Rochester, New York in June 1836. He does not appear as a resident of McKean County, Pennsylvania in the 1840 Federal Census so it seemed likely that he probably resided somewhere in New York State. According to Paul Oliver, many of the early settlers of Annin Township had resided in Allegany and Livingston Counties in New York before settling in Pennsylvania. Perhaps they migrated southward to these counties from Rochester through the Genesee River valley. Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties in New York State border McKean County. It is not far from the Genesee River valley to the Allegheny River valley where the McAuliffes, in McKean County, Pennsylvania settled upstream from Olean in Cattaraugus

County, New York. Along the New York-Pennsylvania border, the counties in New York from east to west are Steuben, Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua. This theory was corroborated in 2006 by the following:

My mother [Florence Elizabeth (McAuliffe) Lawton] always kept a diary and after she died, I [Nancy Ann (Lawton) O'Connor] found fourteen of them along with a document she had typed in 1936 containing information her mother, Mary Ann Wheeler McAuliffe (wife of John McAuliffe) [John² (*Michael*¹)] had related to her.

The following is taken from that document—Grandma (Bridget) McAuliffe, maiden name Ryan [*sic*, Regan], County Cork Ireland at Portage then Sartwell. Grandfather McAuliffe (Michael), County Cork Ireland, married in U.S.A. farmer.

Grandfather and Grandmother came to Sartwell from Portage in an ox cart. They lived with people by the name of Crowley (a brother of E— Crowley) until Spring, when they moved into a log cabin which had been built that winter on land that was later the McAuliffe homestead. Later Michael and Bridget built a house. Years later their son John McAuliffe and his wife Mary Ann Wheeler McAuliffe built a home and that is where my mother, Florence Elizabeth McAuliffe, was born and raised. The house that Michael and Bridget built, John used as horse barn.

That Bridget's maiden name was *Regan*, rather than *Ryan*, is probably well established by the baptismal records for her children. Florence may have confused her grandmother's maiden name of *Regan* with the married name of her aunt, Elizabeth (McAuliffe) Ryan.

According to the 1850 Federal Census records, Margaret McAuliffe, eldest child of Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe, was born in Pennsylvania. This indicates that the McAuliffes were residing in McKean County no later than 4 September 1842.

Michael and Bridget had certainly settled in McKean County, Pennsylvania by 25 July 1845 when "Michael M. Cauliff" purchased 50 acres for \$100 from John Keating, Adolphe E. Barie and William V. Keating of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; 113:125). This plot was part of Warrant No. 381 and part of Warrant No. 3456; the transaction was witnessed by Matthew Bennett and Chauncey Buckley. This deed was not entered until 16 July 1900; several other McAuliffe family deeds were entered the same day, long after Michael McAuliffe died in 1885, as documented further below.

In the Year 2000, I discovered the following excerpt which inspired me to renew my quest to prove that Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff was the daughter of Michael McAuliffe:

Newell Creek and neighborhood [Annin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania] were settled about fifty years ago. Among the names of old families are John and William Crawley, Ed. McMahan, Tim. Mullin, Murty and Patrick Driscoll, George Oliver, Patrick Masterson, Con. [Cornelius] Doyle, John O'Connor, Jerry Riley, Michael McAuliffe, Philip Codney, Thomas Dunn, Richard and Dennis Delany, Thomas Bizell, W.M. Londrigan, James Harkin ("Annin Township—Ceres Township," *History of Counties McKean, Elk, Cameron, and Potter, Pennsylvania*, p. 226)

Many of these families were members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Sartwell. The congregation was formed in 1842 and the first church was built in 1847. The following excerpt is from *A History of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sartwell, Annin Township, McKean County; The First 130 Years: 1847-1977* by Joseph A. Plunkett:

Sartwell Parish records supply us with a list of nearly a hundred of its pioneers, in many instances giving the names of wives and children as well. For the sake of brevity we cite here only the names of heads of families and, where possible, the year of their coming to Sartwell...

1842—George Oliver, James Oliver, ... John Connors;
1845—Murtaugh and Patrick Driscoll, Dennis Driscoll, Jeremiah and James Splain, Cornelius and Michael Doyle and Michael Doyle, Jr.; James Lundrigan;
1846—Timothy and Joseph Mullin, Michael and John McAuliffe...
1852—Bernard and Robert McNally, Thomas Dunn (his two nephews were Bishop Thomas and Father James Brennan), Patrick Dunn, Timothy and James Phalin, Thomas Bly...

Aside from these names there is also a record of the following family names in the Sartwell Parish with dates to indicate their settling there between 1853 and 1860: ..., O'Connor, ..., Brooder, ...

I have found no other record of a John McAuliffe settling in McKean County. This reference probably refers to Michael's son John but we cannot eliminate the possibility that Michael may have had brother who resided in the region briefly.

During the early 1990s, a review of the 1850 Federal Census first prompted me to consider the possibility that Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff, born in 1849, was the daughter of Michael and Bridget. As of 4 September 1850, the "McColliff" household in Ceres Township consisted of Michael, Bridget, Margaret, Ellen, Thomas, Michael and last—but not least—Mary, age 1.

In the 1860 Federal Census, the household of Michael "McKauliff" appears as the second-to-last entry for the Township of Eldred. As of 27 June 1860, the following children resided with Michael and Bridget: Ellen, Thomas, Michael, Mary, Catherine, Jane, Rosanna, John, and Eliza. The McAuliffe's real estate was valued at \$1,000 and their personal estate was estimated at \$500. The households of Henry Connolly and R. Larrabee appear next to the McAuliffes. Other neighbors included the families of Cornelius and Helen (___) Doyle; John and Joanna (___) Conners; and Michael and Helen (___) Doyle.

On a plat map of Annin Township lots, the 50-acre farm of "Mich. McCauloff" is illustrated, two lots south of the hamlet of Sartwell. At that time, the farm was bisected by the boundary between Annin and Eldred Townships as well as the road running south out of Sartwell; the majority of the farm lay in Eldred Township. The farm was located midway between Rock Run and Newell Creek, both tributaries of the Allegheny River. This map is thought to have been created about 1890 but it is probably older. The 41-acre lot of "Hen. Connolly" lies immediately north of the McAuliffe property and the 40-acre farm of "J. Lundragin" bounded the McAuliffe farm to the east.

On 16 October 1865, "Michael M. Cauliff" of Eldred Township purchased 50 acres of land in Eldred from Seth A. and Caroline Matilda Backus of New York City for \$300 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; N:102). This plot bordered Michael's existing lot along the Port Allegany Road. W.J. Milliken and A.B. Armstrong witnessed this transaction. The Port Allegany Road is now known as Route 155. This purchase appears to have increased the size of the McAuliffe's farm to 100 acres which they later sold to their children.

As of 8 June 1870, the "McCauliff" household of Eldred Township included Michael, Bridget, Michael, Mary, Jane, Rosie, John, and Eliza. The value of their real estate had risen to \$3,000 while their personal estate remained at the same value it had in 1860—\$500. The next household enumerated in Eldred was that of John and Hannah (___) Crowley. Other neighbors included Edward Bruder [Brooder], William Bruder, and William Doyle whose household included a laborer named James Brooder.

On 9 May 1879, Michael "McAuliff" and Bridget of Eldred Township sold 50 acres in Eldred to their eldest son, Thomas McAuliffe, for \$300 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; 8:246). This was the same land that they had purchased from Seth Backus in 1865. S.W. Smith and P.A. McDonald [Justice of the Peace] witnessed this transaction.

Michael McAuliffe died on 26 December 1885. Shortly before his death, on 17 December 1885, Michael "McAuliff" Sr. and wife, Bridget, of Eldred Township sold 50 acres in Eldred to their son, John "McAuliff," also of Eldred for \$1 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; 113:127). There are no wills on file for Michael or Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe; perhaps his health was failing and they chose to start transferring their real estate to their children in this manner. They also sold to their daughter "Miss Eliza McAuliff," 8 and one-fortieth acres "east of the road leading to Port Allegany [McKean County]" and 40 acres to their son, Thomas "McAuliff." Thomas McAuliff and James Cremin [Justice of the Peace] witnessed this transaction which was not entered into McKean County records until 16 July 1900.

Also on 17 December 1885, Michael "McAuliff" Sr. and his wife sold 50 acres to Eliza "McCauliff" for \$1; this plot was referenced as the same land that they had purchased in 1845 from John Keating et al. Thomas Cremin also witnessed this transaction, entered on 16 July 1900 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; 113:129).

On 18 December 1885, Eliza "McAuliff" sold and one-fortieth acres to Mrs. Bridget McCauliff for \$2 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; 113:131), apparently the same plot that Michael and Bridget had just sold to Eliza the day before. If Michael McAuliffe's health was failing perhaps this was a quick means to transfer a small portion of his real estate into the sole ownership of his wife without employing a will.

On 16 August 1897, Mrs. Bridget "McAuliff" of Eldred Township sold to John "McAuliff," also of Eldred, in a quitclaim deed for \$100, the same 8 and one-fortieth acres plot she had purchased from Eliza in 1885 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; 113-133). This transaction, witnessed by Henry N. Ross, is the last record we have of Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe. The fact that several of the deeds documented above were all entered on 16 July 1900 may indicate that Bridget had died without a will and that the children needed to have these intra-family land transactions finally formally recognized by McKean County.

In 1901, Michael McAuliff [Jr.], John McAuliff, and M. Driscoll were identified as residents along Eldred Rural Postal Route No. 3 which included parts of Annin and Eldred Townships.

Perhaps Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe would be pleased to know that their descendants have remained in contact with each other. The following excerpts are from the diary of Florence Elizabeth (McAuliffe) Lawton and pertain to to my great-grandparents, Legouri Michael and Mary Magdalene (McGill) Kieff; Legouri was the son of Michael and Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff and the grandson of Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe. Thus Florence and Legouri were first cousins.

Sat June 2, 1956—Left at 12:35 pm for Canisteo. Went to see Kath Kieff O'Brien's home between Canisteo and Greenwood. [Kathryn's parents] Mary and Ligouri came and we had supper with them.

Sun July 6, 1956—Left for Canisteo at 12:30 pm to Ligouri's and he was not home. To Kathryn O'Brien's and stayed for supper. Home at 9:00 pm.

Sun Dec 3 1961—To Kieffs' at Canisteo. Home at 6:00 pm. 138 miles.

Sun Oct 13, 1963—To Canisteo to see the Kieffs 66 Maple St. (22 West Academy St).

ASSOCIATED FAMILIES AND THEORIES ON IRISH ORIGINS

Known baptismal sponsors for the children of Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe provide valuable clues towards finding Michael's and Bridget's origins in Ireland. James and Mary (Doyle) Londrigan; Michael and Bridget (Londrigan) Doyle; Cornelius and Margaret (Connors) Regan; and Eugene and Domina (Connors) Mullins all served as baptismal sponsors for children of Michael and Bridget. Cornelius Regan was probably the brother of Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe. It seems reasonable to speculate that Margaret (Connors) Regan and Domina (Connors) Mullins may have been sisters or otherwise closely related. Based on the sequence in which these individuals served as baptismal sponsors it appears that Michael and Bridget may have taken turns in selecting relatives from each of their families. If so, Bridget was connected to the families of Connors, Mullins and certainly Regan while Michael was allied with the Londrigan and Doyle families.

Like nearly all McAuliffe immigrants, Michael was a native of County Cork. Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe named their eldest son Thomas. In the traditional Irish naming pattern, the eldest son was named after his paternal grandfather. Michael McAuliffe was most likely the son of a Thomas McAuliffe. In the *Index to Griffith's Valuation 1848-1865* (hereinafter *GI*), there are only seven men named Thomas McAuliffe identified. Even if Michael's father was deceased, he may well have had a brother that was named Thomas so the following of are interest: Thomas of Ballymonteen, Ballynoe; Thomas of the Village of Cecilstown, Castlemagner; Thomas of Coolnahane, Castlemagner; Thomas of Upper Knockduff, Clonfert; Thomas of Shanavoher, Kilshannig; Thomas of Grange, Castlelyons; and Thomas of North Kilcor, Castlelyons. The only Parish in which men named Thomas and Michael McAuliffe co-existed was Castlelyons, where Michael also resided in the aforementioned North Kilcor Townland.

Associations with the Londrigan and Doyle families of Sartwell, suggest two distinct theories on the origins of Michael McAuliffe within the County Cork. As detailed below, the

Londrigan connection supports the theory that Michael McAuliffe was a native of Castlelyons Parish while the Coyle Connection suggests that Michael may have originated in or near Castlemagner Parish. Castlelyons in northeastern Cork while Castlemagner is found in the northwest part of the county.

James Lundregan, Farmer, died at Turtle Point, Annin Township on 13 January 1907 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Wills*; E:229); from the map of Annin Township lots we note that the 40-acre farm of "J. Lundragin" bordered that of "Michael McCauloff." Landrigan is one of the innumerable variants of the Irish surname, *Lonergan*.

According to Dave Lannigan, James and Mary (Doyle) Landrigan/Londrigan were residing in Castlelyons Parish in County Cork when their daughters Mary and Ellen were baptized in 1820 and 1822 respectively. The Landrigans immigrated in 1826, per an obituary in Dave Lannigan's possession. There are at least 59 surnames in *GV* that may be construed as variations of *Lonergan*. Strangely, none of these households are found in Castlelyons but the vast majority of them do pertain to other parishes found in northeastern Cork. Other surnames common to both Castlelyons Parish and Sartwell, Pennsylvania include Crowley, Regan, Spillane, Sweeny and Walsh. Other residents of Kilcor North Townland included Denis Keeffe, Michael Lenahan, Denis Regan and Edward Sweeny.

Prior to *GV*, during the 1830s, tithes were collected from all householders in Ireland, regardless of their religious affiliation, to support the Church of Ireland. An index to many records from the Diocese of Cloyne is available on-line at the County Cork web page hosted by RootsWeb (<http://www.rootsweb.com>), along with records for some parishes in other dioceses of County Cork. There are more than 5,000 households currently available in the tithes database. In this database, there is only one Lonergan household; John was a resident of Clondulane Parish along with Mr. Regan. Clondulane lies in northeast Cork, near County Tipperary.

In the 1870 Federal Census of Annin Township the following couples were neighbors: James and Ellen (___) Mahony; Michael and Mary (___) O'Conner; John and Margaret (___) Doyle; and William and Margaret (___) Lundragan. Christopher and Mary (___) Gorman resided elsewhere in Annin Township, not far from brothers Murty and Patrick Driscoll.

Variants of *Lonergan* also appear in the records of St. Ann's Church in Hornell, New York. William Londregan was born on 12 August 1877 and baptized on 19 August 1877 as the son of "Ed Londragan et Bridget Corchoran"; "Danl Mahoney" and "Teresa Mcevoy" were the sponsors. "Ed Londragan" is probably identical with the "Eduardo Lundrigan" that served with Maria Mahoney as baptismal sponsors for Elizabeth Gorman, born 21 June 1870 and baptized 27 December 1870, daughter of "Eduardo Gorman et Margarita Hartnett."

My direct ancestors, Daniel and Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney of Hornell, were associated with the Hartnett and Regan families; Mary's parents were Patrick and Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor. "Dionysius Gorman & Eliza Regan" witnessed the marriage of Daniel and Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney. One wonders if the Lonergan, Mahoney/Mahony, Regan and Gorman families of Hornell and Sartwell were connected, like the Driscolls and perhaps the Doyles, as detailed below. It is not known how or if the Mahoney families of Sartwell, Hornell and West Union are connected but it should be noted that Michael O'Kieff's sister, Bridget, married Thomas Mahoney of West Union, son of Joseph and Catherine (Walsh) Mahoney.

Recall that Chauncey Buckley witnessed Michael McAuliffe's first land transaction in McKean County. There were numerous Buckley households in the Townlands of Kilcor North

and Grange of Castleryons Parish (*GV*), where some of the McAuliffes mentioned above also resided. However, there were also Buckleys and Keatings residing in Castlemagner Parish (*GV*).

The McAuliffe-Doyle connection is more tenuous than the McAuliffe-Lonergan connection but offers some evidence that Michael McAuliffe may have originated in or near Castlemagner Parish. There is no evidence to suggest that James Landrigan's wife Mary Doyle was related to Cornelius Doyle of Sartwell. From the following, we know that Cornelius Doyle was a native of Ballyclough Parish in Cork:

25 June 1853—Of John Doyle, parish Ballyclough; came to this country about a year since. Information of him will be thankfully received by his brother, Cornelius Doyle, Sartwell, McKean Co., Pa. (Ruth-Ann Harris, Donald m. Jacobs and B. Emer O'Keeffe, *The Search for Missing Friends* [New England Historic and Genealogical Society], a book of personal advertisements from *The Pilot*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts)

According to *McKean County, Pennsylvania Naturalization Records* (A:61), Cornelius Doyle was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1816 and arrived in the United States via an unspecified port in 1842; it seems reasonable to assume that he had immigrated via Boston, Massachusetts since that is where he advertised for news of his brother, John. Cornelius and John were eventually reunited in McKean County but Cornelius had wasted his money in Boston. According to John Doyle's naturalization record (A:125), he entered New York City on 2 August 1852. John was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1805.

From the 1860 Federal Census, we know that Cornelius Doyle and his wife, Ellen, of Eldred Township, both age 43, were both born in Ireland. From the ages and birthplaces of their children—James (17), Helen (15), William (13), Margaret (11), Mary (10), Joanna (8), and Roxana (6), we can determine that Cornelius moved from New York State to Pennsylvania between 1845 and 1847. In a nearby household, we find Michael Doyle (25), born in Ireland. His wife, Helen (21), was born in New York State and their son, John C. (2/12), was born in Pennsylvania. These census records are consistent with Plunkett's statement that Cornelius and Michael settled at Sartwell in 1845. As with the Plunkett's reference to John McAuliffe it appears that Michael Doyle Jr. must have been a son of a settler rather than a settler himself.

There are only four Doyle households in the tithes database for County Cork. Corn[elius] Doyle resided in Clonmeen Parish, along with numerous McAuliffes and Regans. Daniel Doyle and Denis Regan both resided in Kilbarry Town, Kilbrin Parish; there were other McAuliffes and Regans in Kilbrin, as noted above and below. James and John Doyle resided in Cecilstown, Castlemagner Parish, along with the two men named Thomas McAuliffe.

In the tithes database, only 32 records pertain to McAuliffes. The McAuliffes in the tithes database resided in the contiguous Roman Catholic Parishes of Aghabulloge, Ballyclough & Dromdowney, Castlemagner, Clonmeen, Kilbrin, Kilshannig, all in northwest Cork; and Kilworth Parish, in northeast Cork, near the border with County Tipperary. In the tithes database, there were only three McAuliffes named Thomas—two in Castlemagner and one in the neighboring Parish of Ballyclough & Dromdowney, in Blossomfort Townland. There were no other McAuliffes in Castlemagner but the other McAuliffes residing in Ballyclough & Dromdowney were Michael of Scart & Libanes; John of Ballythomas; and John "McAuliff" of Lisleagh. As documented above, Michael, and perhaps John McAuliffe, settled in Annin Township, McKean County,

Pennsylvania in 1846. As an alternative to the theory that Michael McAuliffe originated in Castlelyons Parish, it seems reasonable to also speculate that he may have been a native of Castlemagner or Ballyclough & Dromdowney.

While Michael's father may well have been named Thomas, we cannot assume that he was still living in the 1830s. Another Michael McAuliffe resided in the Parish of Clonmeen along with "Mr. Denis," Jeremiah, John (2), Owen, and Timothy McAuliffe. Yet another "Michl" McAuliffe was the sole bearer of the name in the Parish of Kilworth. Of course, Michael McAuliffe may have been from a Cork Parish other than those covered in the on-line tithes database.

Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe's daughter, Mary, married Michael² O'Kieff, son of Dennis¹ and Mary (Dunn) O'Keefe of County Cork and West Union, Steuben County, New York; Dennis and Mary also had a daughter named Ellen (O'Keefe) Doyle. One wonders how Michael O'Kieff and Mary McAuliffe became well acquainted enough to marry. Once again, Doyles named Cornelius and Michael provide an interesting clue; in this case, possibly linking Catholic congregations in Sartwell, Pennsylvania and West Union, New York through a third congregation in Hornell, Steuben County, New York.

While researching other Irish Catholic ancestors in the records of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church of Hornell, I made several serendipitous discoveries. "Ellen Keefe," daughter of "Denis Kieff et Maria Deane? [Dunn]," was married at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, Steuben County, New York on 8 May 1857 to Michael Doyle, son of "Cornelis and Elena Doyle," as witnessed by "Mareticus Kieff and Maria Dixon." (*Liber Matrimoniorum; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam* [St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York]). Is this Cornelius Doyle the same Cornelius Doyle who originated in Ballyclough Parish, Cork; married Ellen ___; and settled in Sartwell with two Doyles named Michael? As detailed further below, the Driscoll family of Sartwell definitely had ties to Hornell and, as noted above, it appears likely that the Landrigan family did as well.

Associations between the McAuliffe and Doyle families continued in succeeding generations. Michael Doyle of Eldred Township, farmer, merchant, and proprietor of "M. Doyle & Sons," died on 17 September 1889 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Wills*; C:118; made 16 September 1888; proved 5 October 1889). He left 105 acres in Eldred and Annin Townships "known as the Pat Mullin farm" to his wife, "Hellen." His son, William F. Doyle, received the "Reilly Farm" in Annin Township while sons John C. and Dennis A. received sawmill machinery in Norwich Township. Michael also named "my adopted daughter Catherine Mahoney" in his will; she was unmarried and under the age of 18. Sheridan Gorton and James Doyle witnessed Michael Doyle's will.

From old (and poor!) research notes, I have an undated marriage record for an unconnected Mary McColliff to Thomas Mahoney. Could Catherine Mahoney, born sometime between 1870 and 1888, adopted daughter of Michael Doyle, been the daughter of Thomas and Mary (McAuliffe) Mahoney?

Helen Doyle of Sartwell, Eldred Township died on 19 May 1902 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Wills*; 10:452). However, this Helen Doyle does not appear to have been Michael Doyle's widow for she only identified sons Arthur Raymond and Leonard Alphonso. William Doyle served as Executor; M. McAuliff [Jr.] and E.S. Carpenter [Justice of the Peace] were the witnesses.

Michael McAuliffe Jr. served as Executor to the will of Rose Frances Doyle and Guardian of her children (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Wills*; E:312; made 20 August 1907). Rose

Frances Doyle of Sartwell died on 27 August 1907 leaving Morris, Adrington, May Agnes, and Olive Grace in Michael's care. E.S. Carpenter and Dennis Daley witnessed Rose's will. It is possible that Rose may have been Michael McAuliffe's younger sister Rose who was born in 1855. However, it seems unlikely that she would have had four children who were still minors in 1907.

Other surnames of interest found in the tithes database for Ballyclough Parish and Sartwell, Pennsylvania include Connor, Crowley, and Keeffe.

We know consider the origins of Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe. Cornelius Regan was probably her brother. Recall also that Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff's death certificate incorrectly identifies her mother's maiden name as Driscoll. Although Mary's mother was actually Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe, this error suggests that Bridget, and thus Cornelius Regan, may have been somehow related to the Driscoll family. Several years elapsed between Michael's immigration in 1836 and the birth of Michael and Bridget's first child so it seems more likely that they were married in New York State rather than in Ireland.

According Cornelius Regan's McKean County naturalization record (A:96), he was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1828. He left Cork in April 1839 [*sic*, 1849] arrived in New York City on 10 May 1849. Cornelius signed his own name when he became a citizen on 25 September 1855; John J. Slater was his witness.

Cornelius Regan was "of the County of Chautauqua and State of New York" when he first purchased land in McKean County, Pennsylvania on 14 September 1852 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Deeds*; G:479). For \$150, he purchased 20 acres and 18 perches in Ceres Township from William and John Crawley, as part of Warrant 3457. Cornelius Regan subsequently sold this and other property to Michael McAuliffe Jr.

On 19 May 1874, Cornelius Regan sold land in Eldred and Annin Townships to Michael McAuliffe Jr. For \$2,665, Michael acquired the land that Cornelius had purchased in 1852 as well as another plot of 86.5 acres by "Newell Brook" and the road. This second plot was Lot 264, also part of Warrant 3457. Oscar Carpenter witnessed this transaction. One wonders at the high sale price of this deed, especially if Cornelius was Michael's maternal uncle, as theorized. Note that Warrant 3457 would have been adjacent to Warrant 3456 which encompassed the property of Michael and Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe.

Numerous members of the Driscoll family are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery including Mortimer (85 years old) and Sophia (1820-1886); and Patrick (1820-1898) and Bridget (1829-19_). Mortimer or Murtaugh "Murty" and Patrick "Driscal" were also natives of County Cork, Ireland who immigrated through Rochester, Monroe County, New York according to Mary Beth Olmor (Driscoll GenForum posting [7 September 1998]); Murtaugh is also an Irish surname.

From their naturalization records, we know that Murty Driskall arrived in Rochester, New York during June 1837 (A:77) but Patrick Driscoll did not arrive there until June 1840 (A:219). Cornelius Doyle and Thomas Bissell served as their respective witnesses. From their first land purchase in McKean County, we know that Murty and Patrick Driscoll were formerly residents of Allegany County, New York.

Per the 1850 Census of Ceres Township, "Murty Driskal" was born in Ireland about 1822; Sophia was born in New York about 1825. Mortimer and Sophia (McLoughlin) O'Driscoll had the following children born in Pennsylvania: Jeremiah (note the name of the eldest son), born about 1847; Francis, born about 1848; and Mary born in 1850; as well as the following children baptized at St. Mary's Church, Sartwell: Denis/Dionis on 6 September 1851; John on 6 February

1853; and Elizabeth on 3 May 1857. Mortimer's brother, Patrick, and his wife, Bridget, were also residing in Murty's household; they had a been married within the previous year; both were born in Ireland—he in circa 1826 and she in circa 1827.

I extracted every record from *GV* for anyone named Jeremiah, Mortimer, or Patrick Driscoll; or Cornelius Regan. With the exception of Mortimer, I found all of these names in the Parishes of Aghadown, Creagh, Desertserges, Kilmacabea, Kilmoe, Skull (Schull), and Tullagh, all in southwestern Cork. Skull had total of 19 matches and Tullagh was a distant second with ten matches. The only Mortimer Driscoll found in all of *GV* also resided in Skull! Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe and Cornelius Regan may well have originated in the Parish of Skull. Skull and other parishes on Roaring Water Bay form the ancestral home of the ancient Driscoll clan.

Within Skull Parish, there were three men named Cornelius Regan (*GV*), residing in the Townlands of Ardmanagh, Cooradarrigan and Long Island. John and William Regan resided in Ardmanagh while Mortimer Driscoll resided in the Town of Ardmanagh on Main Street. Jeremiah Driscoll resided on Long Island along with other Driscolls named Cornelius, Daniel, Denis, Florence, Florence Jr., Florence Sr., Johanna, John, John Jr., John Sr., and Michael Sr.; and Regans named Charles, Daniel, Denis, John, and Michael.

In further considering the ancestry and kin of Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe, there are a total of 36 Reagan/Regan households in the tithes database. There is only one Cornelius Regan in the County Cork tithes database; he resided in Desertserges Parish. Cornelius and Timothy Regan of Cashel More were just two of the 15 Regan households in Desertserges. In addition the John Regan cited above, there were several men named John Reagan/Regan who resided in the following Parishes: Aghabulloge (3), Clonmeen, Desertserges (5), and Kilbrin. If Michael McAuliffe Jr. was named after both his father and his maternal grandfather, we should also note that there were only two Regans named Michael—they both resided in Desertserges Parish.

Michael McAuliffe may have originated in Ballyclough & Dromdowney and it is possible that Bridget (Regan) McAuliffe was a native of that Parish as well. Normally, this would honor the maternal grandfather but if Michael was anxious to have his own namesake it may have been the third son, John, that was named after Bridget's father. John and Patrick Regan resided in Ballyclough & Dromdowney; a John McAuliffe also lived in their Town—Ballythomas. It is important to note that in Ireland a Town, or more properly a Townland, is a much smaller unit of land than a Town or Township in the United States. There were only twelve households in Ballythomas and only 211 in all of Ballyclough & Dromdowney.

There were 17 Driscoll households recorded in the tithes database for County Cork; 12 of these were in Desertserges Parish. Two of the Driscolls in Desertserges were named Jerry; Jeremiah Driscoll resided in Barnahealy Parish.

The Driscoll family of St. Mary's Parish in Sartwell also has an interesting connection to the Parish of St. Ann's in Hornell, Steuben County, New York. Jeremiah Driscoll, son of Murty and Sophia (McLoughlin) Driscoll, was married at St. Ann's on 20 September 1871 to Abigail Reilly, daughter of Thomas and Ellena (Sullivan) Reilly (*Liber Matrimoniorum; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam*). Incidentally, there were only 13 Reily/Reyly households in the tithes database; of these, ten were in the Parish of Kilbrin. Thomas Reily was the only bearer of the name in Ballyclough & Dromdowney Parish.

Cornelius Regan was probably married to his co-baptismal sponsor, Margaret Connors. Eugene Mullins and Domina Connors served as baptismal sponsors for another child of Michael and Bridget; perhaps Margaret and Domina were sisters or otherwise closely related. John

Connor, born in Cork, Ireland and immigrated in 1840 (A:71). In the 1860 Federal Census, John Conners (52) resided near the McAuliffes along with his wife, Joanna (38). The Conners were both born in Ireland but all of their children were born in New York: John (18), Mary (14), Ellen (12), Joanna (10), Timothy (8), Catherine (6), and Ann (3). Timothy Mullen was born in Ireland and came to New York City on 20 December 1842 (A:134).

Children, born [(then Eldred, now) Annin Township, McKean County,] Pennsylvania (1850 Federal Census):

- i. MARGARET², b. about 1842; d. before 1926; m. or d. before 1860 when she does not appear in her parents' household.
- ii. ELLEN/HELEN, b. 1843; d. 1917; m. St. Mary's 5 Feb 1866 WILLIAM BROODER/BROUDER as witnessed by Ed. Brooder and Jane "McCouliff," b. 1839, d. 1917.
Children, surname *Brooder*: 1. *Mary*, bapt. St. Mary's Church 18 July 1870, sponsors Michael McAuliffe and Jane McAuliffe.
- iii. THOMAS, b. about 1845; resided in Sparta, WI in 1926. Perhaps he was the father of Thomas J. McAuliffe (b. NY ca. 1875) who resided in Bradford, McKean Co., PA in 1910 as the head of household with his sister Anna (b. NY ca. 1885) and daughter Marion (b. PA ca. 1895) (1910 Federal Census). Thomas J. "T.J." McAuliffe of Bradford, PA d. 16 July 1951 leaving a dau. Marian Murphy of 73 S. Kendall Ave., Bradford, PA; Merel Murphy and Albert A. Griffin were sureties on a bond involved in the settlement of this estate (*McKean County Pennsylvania Wills*; 7:83).
- iv. MICHAEL, b. Sartwell, PA 5 Oct 1847 (*obituary*); d. Eldred Township, McKean Co., PA 9 Oct 1926 (*obituary*) of heart disease; bur. St. Mary's Cemetery 12 Oct 1926; farmer; resided with parents 8 June 1870; m. (1) St. Mary's 19 May 1875 HELEN CROWLEY as witnessed by William Crowley and Jane McAuliffe, b. ca. 1848; d. 5 Jan 1889 "41 years" (tombstone), bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Sartwell, PA; probably identical with Helen Crowley, b. PA ca. 1848, dau. of John and Hannah (___) Crowley, the Crowleys resided next to the McAuliffes in 1870; m. (2) St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church, Eldred, McKean Co., PA 2 Jan 1891 KATHERINE "KATE" (GERRETY) BLY, b. Eldred, McKean Co., PA 1853, d. 6 Dec 1917, bur. 10 Dec 1917, dau. of Laurence and Ellen/Helen (___) Gerrety, housewife, probably m. (1) St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 20 April 1874 John A. Bly, b. Cuba, NY 6 April 1849, d. Annin Township, McKean Co., PA 11 June 1876, bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Sartwell, PA, son of Patrick E. and Anna (Cawley/Cauley) Bly/Blygh (*McKean County Marriage Records*, 3:168), by whom she had two sons, Patrick Henry and John Amideus. Micheal and Kate resided in Eldred Township, McKean Co., PA in 1910.

Michael McAuliffe died.

Michael McAuliffe a pioneer resident of Sartwell died at his home in that place Saturday (Oct. 9, 1926) at 6:30 PM of heart failure. Mr. McAuliffe was 79 years old, having been born at Sartwell Oct. 5, 1847.

Funeral services were held Tuesday (Oct. 12, 1926) at St. Mary's Church at Sartwell. The Rev. Fr. M. E. Dailey of Eldred officiated and internment was made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. McAuliffe spent his life farming and was widely known in this section. He will be missed by many friends.

He is survived by three children: Miss Mary McAuliffe and George McAuliffe at home, and Louis McAuliffe of Albany, NY, two brothers Tom McAuliffe of Sparta, WI, and John of Olean, NY, two sisters Mrs. John Ryan of Coudersport, and Mrs. Mary Kieff of Rexville, NY and one grandson Jack McAuliffe of Albany, NY. (*Port Allegany Reporter* [Thursday, 14 Oct 1926])

Michael's estate was valued at \$2009.11; he named his daughter Mary as the executrix.

Children surname *McAulliffe*, by Ellen Crowley, birth order uncertain: 1. *Abner Giles*, b. Sartwell, PA 21 Sep 1877; bequeathed \$51; probably identical with Giles McAulliffe of Austin, Potter Co., PA who m. 7 Jan 1902 Alice Kelly, dau. of Thomas Kelly. It appears that they divorced prior to 1910; Abner boarded with James F. Vogan in Potter Co. in 1910 while Alice was the head of a household in Potter Co. that included three children (*1910 Federal Census*). 2. *Solomon*, b. 4 April 1881; d. 31 Dec 1881 "Ae 8 M's & 14D's" (tombstone); bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Sartwell, Annin Township, McKean Co., PA next to his mother. 3. *George F.* (maternity uncertain); bequeathed \$100 and half of father's livestock.

Children, surname *McAulliffe* (Donald Bly, *History of the Bly & Murphy Families; 1910 Federal Census*), by Catherine (Gerrety) Bly: 4. *Louis*, b. PA November 1891; resided in Albany, NY in 1926; bequeathed \$50; two sons. 5. *John Ludovic*, b. Sartwell, PA 21 Jan 1893; not found in his parents' household in 1910. 6. *Mary Ellen*, b. Sartwell, PA 15 Feb 1895; m. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 20 Aug 1929 Jeremiah Francis Shea, b. 21 Nov 1893; bequeathed the remainder of her father's estate; three children including Kathryn Jean (Shea) Roemer.

- * v. MARY, b. Sartwell, Eldred Township, McKean Co., PA 17 March 1849 (*Death Certificate*); bapt. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 20 May 1849, sponsors Jeremiah Reilly and Mary Mullens; d. at home on Church Street, Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben Co., NY on _ April 1934 (*Death Certificate*); resided with parents as of 8 June 1870; m. St. Mary's, Sartwell, PA 28 Sep 1870 MICHAEL² O'KIEFF (*Dennis¹ O'Keefe*) as witnessed by "Jeremiah Kellahor" and "Eliza McCauliff," b. St. Lawrence Co., NY 11 March 1843, d. at home on Church Street, Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben Co., NY 18 Oct 1925, son of Dennis¹ and Mary

- (Dunne) O'Keeffe. See *Dennis O'Keeffe of West Union, Steuben County, New York* for more information.
- vi. CATHERINE, b. Nov 1850; bapt. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 11 Nov 1850; sponsors James Londrigan and Mary Doyle (*Baptismal Certificate*); d. young "daughter of M & B McAuliff" (tombstone, St. Mary's Cemetery, Sartwell, PA).
 - vii. JANE, bapt. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 17 Oct 1853; sponsors Cornelius Regan and Margaret Connors (*Baptismal Certificate*); resided with parents 8 June 1870; probably identical with the "Joanna McAuliffe" who was m. at St. Mary's on 20 Oct 1879 to DENNIS PHALEN, witnesses John and Rose McAuliffe.
 - viii. BRIGID, bapt. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 10 Jan 1854 (*Baptismal Certificate*); d. before 1860 when she does not appear in her parents' household.
 - ix. ROSE "ROSIE" "ROSANNA," bapt. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 5 Aug 1855; sponsors Eugene Mullins and Domina Connors (*Baptismal Certificate*); resided with parents 8 June 1870; possibly identical with Rose Frances (___) Doyle of Sartwell who d. 27 Aug 1907 leaving Morris, Adrington, May Agnes, and Olive Grace in the care of Michael McAuliffe Jr.
 - x. JOHN, b. ca. 1857 (*1910 Federal Census*); bapt. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 25 July 1857; sponsors Michael Doyle and Bridget Londrigan (*Baptismal Certificate*); d. Olean, Cattaraugus Co., NY 19 Dec 1930 (*McKean County, Pennsylvania Wills*; P:454-51); m. MARY ANN WHEELER (*Joanne (McAuliffe) Samuelson*; hereinafter *JMS*), b. NY ca. 1867 (*1910 Federal Census*); d. CA (*JMS*) after 19 Dec 1930; resided in McKean Co., PA in 1910 (*1910 Federal Census*); resided in Olean, NY in 1926.

Children, surname *McAuliffe*, born in Sartwell: 1. *Michael*, b. PA ca. 1893; removed to OH (*JMS*). 2. *Florence Elizabeth*, b. 15 Sep 1894; d. 13 Feb 1976; m. Henry H. Lawton; parents of Nancy Ann (Lawton) O'Connor. 3. *William*, b. 2 Sep 1896; d. young; it follows that he was *not* the William McAuliffe who m. Katherine Holly and was father to John W. McAuliffe (b. Olean, NY 20 April 1920; d. Olean, NY 26 Feb 2001; bur. St. Bonaventure Cemetery, Allegany, NY 2 March 2001; m. Jamestown, NY (1) Pearl Hapner, d. 3 April 1966; m. (2) St. Mary of the Angels, Olean, NY 12 Jan 1969 Virginia C. Bucher, d. 7 June 2000; B-17 Gunner in the 100th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, World War II (*Olean Times Herald* [28 March 2001]); no known relation to our family (*JMS*). 4. *Raymond*, b. 20 Nov 1898, d. young. 5. *Raymond*, b. 15 Nov 1899. 6. *John*, b. PA ca. 1901; m. Marcilyn Siddons (*JMS*). 7. *Genevieve*, b. PA 22 Sep 1905; m. ___ Hill; went to CA (*JMS*); parents of Jean Hill of San Francisco. 8. *Victor*, b. PA before 1910; "went West" (*JMS*).
 - xi. ELIZABETH "LIZZIE," b. ca. 1863; m. St. Mary's Church, Sartwell, PA 10 Feb 1891 JOHN RYAN JR. of Coudersport, b. ca. 1863, son of John and Catherine (___) Ryan; resided in Coudersport, Potter Co., PA in 1926;

Elizabeth McAuliff was a baptismal sponsor of Gertrude Kieff, daughter of Michael² and Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff in 1872.

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