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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.

William McGill of West Union, Steuben County, New York

McGill is a Scottish name that came to Ireland during the Plantation of Ulster. Based on the fact that O'Haragans and McCormicks served as baptismal sponsors for the children of William¹ and Mary Ann (Loughlan) McGill it seems probable that they were also natives of County Antrim in Northern Ireland. These surnames, or variations thereof, are associated with my Brown ancestors in Kilcroagh Townland, Armoy Parish, County Antrim, Northern Ireland and in the Towns of Greenwood and West Union, Steuben County, New York.

1. WILLIAM^A MCGILL was born, almost certainly in County Antrim, (now Northern) Ireland, circa 1814 or earlier; he probably died there as well. He was the father of William¹ McGill of West Union, Steuben County, New York (*Death certificate of William¹ McGill*).

Child, born in County Antrim, (Northern) Ireland:

2. ii. WILLIAM¹, b. ca. 1834; m. MARY ANN LOUGHLAN.

2. WILLIAM¹ MCGILL was born in County Antrim, (now Northern) Ireland (*Obituary*) in November 1831 (*1900 Federal Census, West Union, Steuben County, New York*) or perhaps in 1834 (*Death Certificate*). He died at home in the Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York on Tuesday, 2 June 1914 of "blood poison" and was buried on Thursday, 4 June 1914 in (then St. Mary's Cemetery, now) the Old Catholic Cemetery in Rexville (*Obituary*). William emigrated in 1858 (*1900 Federal Census*) and married MARY ANN LOUGHLAN some time prior to 1860. She was born, probably in County Antrim, (now Northern) Ireland, in 1832 and died in the Town of West Union on 2 September 1894.

In 1803, information was gathered in Ireland to prepare for the possibility of invasion by Napoleon (John Craig and Constable, *Antrim List of Stock 9th Nov 1803: 23 Townlands in the Barony of Cary* [hereinafter *ALS*]; transcription by Harry Doyle). There were 22 McGill households documented in this agricultural census of the County Antrim in the following parishes: Ballintoy (5), Culfeightrin (3) and Loughguile (14). Residing in Culfeightrin Parish, County Antrim were Charles and James (2) McGill of Iskert Townland; Hendry (*sic*) McGill of Cushenden Townland; Thomas McGill and Thos. McGuile of Margey Townland.

When Griffith's Primary Valuation (*GV*) was taken, starting in the late 1840s, the only McGill residing in Culfeightrin was Patrick of Cushleake Mountain South Townland. Other residents of Cushleake Mountain South included John Kane, Duncan and John Laverty; Daniel and Patrick McAlester; Alexander and Donald McBride; Patrick McLoughlin; Charles, Hugh and John McNeill. Many of these surnames are associated with other ancestors from County Antrim and are also found among the early settlers of Greenwood and West Union in Steuben County, New York.

In *ALS*, the only McGill named William was of Faras Townland in Loughguile Parish; Arthur and John also resided in Faras. The other McGills of Loughguile were: Daniel, Neal and Patrick of Coulbaan; Arthur and Marey [*sic*] of Tober; Daniel, Henrey, John (2), Patrick and Patrick "Junr." of Turnagrough.

There were several McGills residing in Loughguile Parish (*GV*): Alexander, Arthur, Daniel and John of Tobernagola [Tober] Townland; Daniel of Culbane [Coulbaan]; and Henry and Patrick of Turnagrove

[Turnagrough] Townland. Tobernagola is adjacent to Faras and not far from Kilcroagh Townland in Armoyn Parish where my Brown ancestors resided. Other residents of Tobernagola included James Hamilton; John Laverty; Robert and William McNeill. There were five McGarry households in Tobernagola (*GV*); eight McGarry households are also found in Tureagh Townland in Armoyn Parish.

There are numerous *McLaughlin*, *McLoughlin* households identified throughout the County Antrim in Griffith's Valuation but there were only two *Loughlan* households in all of the County Antrim: John of Stroan Townland, Armoyn Parish; and John of Legatirrif Townland, Ballinderry Parish. Although we cannot put too much stock in the significance of unusual spellings, it is interesting to note another potential ancestral connection to Armoyn Parish. In 1803, there were only four *Loughan* (rather than *Loughlan*) households identified in all of *ALS* and they were all in Armoyn Parish: Anthoney [*sic*] and John of Stroan Townland; Patrick of Toreagh Townland; and Patrick of Tullychore Townland. James "McGlaughn" and John "McLaughln" of Ballycanver Townland were also residents of Armoyn Parish.

In the Federal Census of 1860 for West Union, the McGill household included William (25), "Marey Ann" (27), and John (6/12). That year, West Union also had a McGlaughlin household comprised of William (50), "Hanna" (55), and William (18).

From the 1880 Federal Census, we know that the McGills were probably residing in New Jersey circa 1864. On 15 April 1867, their daughter, Rosetta, was born in Hokendauqua, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, as she reported in 1917 when returning from County Antrim via Ellis Island.

As of 26 July 1870, William McGill, Farmer, was residing in the Town of West Union; he was not identified as a citizen. His real estate was valued at \$800, along with \$500 in personal estate. All of William's and Mary Ann's children were incorrectly identified as having been born in New York, but this probably indicates that they had settled in the state the first time by 1859. It should be noted that William and Mary Ann were both identified as literate; this fact may give more significance to the specific spelling of *Loughlan* in Irish records. The McGills' immediate neighbors were Arthur and Mary (___) Kelly and [Dorance] and Adaline (___) Austin.

On 3 October 1876, William McGill signed his name at Canisteo to become a naturalized citizen of the United States (*Index of Naturalizations and Declarations of Aliens*, Naturalization Papers Vol. 4 [1876-1880], 29).

In 1891, William McGill was leasing 113 acres of farm land from J. Sweeney (*Directory of Steuben County, New York*).

In the 1900 Federal Census, William Jr., "Farm Labourer" and Rose [Rosetta], "Housekeeper," resided with their father.

By the 1910 Federal Census, William's health had probably failed. William Junior was identified as the head of the household while William Senior was listed simply as "Father." The neighboring properties on McGill Road, were headed by his grandson, Robert McGill, and his son, James McGill.

William McGill.

William McGill died at his home about three miles north of Rexville Tuesday, June 2, of blood poison. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, over 80 years ago and had been a resident of this place for a number of years. He was held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors. He leaves to mourn his loss three sons, John of Hornell, James and William of this place, and one daughter, Rosetta, who returned to Ireland to make her home with relatives, about ten years ago, also a numbr [*sic*] of grandchildren.

The funeral was largely attended, at St. Mary's Church Thursday, Rev. E. O'Hern of Kinney, Pa., officiating. Burial in St. Mary's cemetery.

Children:

- i. JOHN², b. Steuben Co., NY 29 Dec 1859; bapt. 15 Jan 1860, sponsors Thomas and Elizabeth McCormick; d. before 1910; m. ALICIA HAMILTON (*Daniel*), sponsors Bernard ___ and Margaret Hamilton, Alicia was b. ca. 1857, dau. of Daniel and Alicia (McAuley) Hamilton; resided in Hornell, Steuben Co., NY on 2 June 1914.

Children, surname *McGill*: 1. *Robert*, b ca. 1873; m. after 1910 Mary Dempsey; resided on McGill Road as head of household with mother in 1910. 2. *George*, d. Hornell, NY. 3. *Margaret*. 4. *Helen*; m. before 24 March 1924 Joseph Hogan when their son, Thomas A. Hogan was b. Hornell, NY. 5. *William James*, bapt. 8 Oct 1865,

- sponsors John Cain [Kane] and Mary [McCambridge?]. 6. *John F.*, m. 10 Nov 1919 Catherine Coleman, dau. of William and Catharine (McCambridge) Coleman; resided in Harrison Valley, PA.
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 - ii. JAMES J., b. West Union, Steuben Co., NY 5 Aug 1861; m. ROSE ANN HAMILTON.
 - iii. WILLIAM, JR., b. NJ 6 Oct 1865; d. Rexville, NY 3 May 1945; bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville, NY; probably identical with the "W.S. McGill" who owned a 100-acre farm on Saunders Road in the Town of West Union in 1917 (*1917 Farm Journal Rural Directory*).
 - iv. ROSETTA, b. Hokendauqua, Lehigh Co., PA 15 April 1867; d. Hornell, NY 1956; bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville, NY; had been residing in County Antrim, Northern Ireland approximately 10 years as of 2 June 1914; sailed alone from Liverpool, England on 22 August 1917 aboard the *Caduna* and arrived at Ellis Island on 4 September 1917 where she reported her birthplace as "Hokendaugna, PA" and her address as "Rexville N.Y."
 - v. MARGARET ELLEN "MAGGIE", b. 26 June 1870; bapt. 15 Aug 1870; sponsors James McCormick and Mary McCormick; d. before 2 June 1914 and probably before 1880; bur. Greenwood, Steuben County, NY.

3. JAMES J.² MCGILL (*William*¹) was born in the Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York on 5 August 1861 and died there on 29 December 1926. He was baptized at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York on 1 September 1861; sponsors were Cornelius O'Haragan and Rose McCormick. James was married at St. Mary's, Rexville, New York on 10 April 1888 to ROSE ANN HAMILTON (*Dennis*¹) by Rev. Henry Connery; James Campbell and Teresa O'Harrigan served as witnesses. Rose Ann was born in the Town of West Union on 4 September 1863 and died there 8 April 1930; she was the daughter of Dennis¹ and Margaret (McKendry) Hamilton. She was baptized on 4 October 1863; John McCarry and Mary McCarry served as sponsors. James and Rose Ann are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.

After roaming for years, James and Rose Ann settled in Rexville to run a grocery and merchandise store in Rexville where the post office is currently located; they lived upstairs. He had severe hay fever and slept upright in a chair. James spent his last day and night in a swivel chair behind a wood stove in the store.

At one point, they lived in Massachusetts. Rose Ann worked as a seamstress at Mount Holyoke College in the wardrobe department. She also served as a housemother and chaperone. Her sister, Margaret "Mag" (Hamilton) Maroney also worked at the college as a housekeeper or housemother.

In 1891, James McGill was the proprietor of the Canisteo and Rexville stage; his house was on Church Street in the village of Rexville (*Directory of Steuben County, New York*).

In 1917, "James J. McGill" and Rose were tenants on a 104-acre farm north of Rexville on the road towards Greenwood, near the town line. In addition to two horses and 12 cows, they reportedly had one child residing at home. However, their only known daughter married in 1912 so the identity of the child is a mystery. (*1917 Farm Journal Rural Directory*)

After James died, Rose Ann sold the business, but still lived upstairs. One day she fell on the cement steps and injured her shin bone. A "quack healer" by the name of Hattie McCormick put some kind of ointment on it which ate the flesh to the bone. Gangrene set in and Rose Ann's leg had to be amputated. When she got out of the hospital she went to live with her daughter's family until her death.

Child, born in the Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York:

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 - ii. MARY MAGDALENE³, b. 31 Jan 1899; bapt. St. Mary's, Rexville, NY 15 Feb 1889, sponsors Daniel McKinley and Catherine Hamilton, d. 24 Aug 1965; m. St. Mary's, Rexville, NY 10 Jan 1912 LEGOURI MICHAEL³ KIEFF (born MICHAEL LIGOURI³ O'KEEFFE) (*Michael*² *O'Kieff*, *Dennis*¹ *O'Keeffe*), b. probably on Irish Hill, Town of West Union, Steuben Co., NY 23 March 1884; d. Canisteo, Steuben Co., NY 4 February 1961, son of Michael² and Mary (McAuliffe) O'Kieff. They are buried in the cemetery adjacent to St. Mary's Church in Rexville, NY. See *Dennis O'Keefe of West Union, Steuben County, New York* for more information.

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