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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.

Patrick O'Connor of Hornell, Steuben County, New York

O'Connor is a very common name that originated in different locations throughout Ireland. It is popular in Connacht, Kerry, Cork, Derry and Munster. In northern Kerry and in Cork, the name comes from an early ruler named Conchobhar (Edward Lysaght, *Irish Families*). Common variants include *O'Conor*, *O'Conner*, *Connors*, etc.

Gorman is of particular interest philologically because although it is (with rare exceptions) really a Mac name it is almost always found today—when not plain Gorman—as O'Gorman. This can be accounted for by the fact that in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, when the native Irish were in complete subjection, the Gaelic prefixes Mac and O were universally allowed to fall into disuse, particularly in the case of some names like Gorman; then, when the spirit of the nation revived, these prefixes were gradually restored, but so completely had the form MacGorman fallen into oblivion that its rightful bearers when resuming a prefix assumed the wrong one and became O'Gorman, with the result that MacGormans are hardly to be found at all in Ireland today except in Co. Monaghan. O'Gormans are found chiefly in Co. Clare, while plain Gorman is more usual in Co. Tipperary. The Irish form is Mac Gormain (derived from gorm, blue). Originally this sept inhabited the barony of Slievemargy in Co. Leix near the town of Carlow, of which their chief was lord, but they were driven out at the Norman invasion and settled in Ibrickan, West Clare, and in Co. Monaghan. In the former they attained considerable influence and the head of the sept became hereditary marshal to O'Brien of Thomond. The MacGormans of Ibrickan were noted especially in the fifteenth century for their wealth, hospitality and for their patronage of the Gaelic poets. There are ten townlands called Gormanstown lying in Counties Kildare, Meath, Westmeath, Wicklow, Limerick and Tipperary and two called Gormanston in Counties Dublin and Meath. Gormanston in the parish Stamullen, Co. Meath, appears as Villa Macgorman in a cartulary of Llanthony of c. 1200. (Edward Lysaght, *Irish Families*)

1. PATRICK¹ O'CONNOR was born, probably in County Cork, Ireland. He was married, probably in County Cork, Ireland to CATHERINE GORMAN. What little is known of Patrick and Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor with certainty comes from records pertaining to their daughter, Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney. According to one of Mary's grandsons, Jack R.³ Mahoney (*John W.*², *Daniel*¹), Mary's husband, Daniel Mahoney, knew her parents and brothers in Ireland, yet the two of them had never met, despite the fact that the Mahoney and O'Connor farms were reportedly next to each other. If there is any truth in this tale, it follows that Patrick and Catherine were natives of County Cork, like Daniel.

In the 1905 New York State Census, Mary Catherine indicated that she had been a resident of the United States for 38 years. The O'Connors must have immigrated about 1867 and they had certainly arrived in Hornell, Steuben County, New York by 19 March 1868:

19 March 1868: *In matrimonium conjunctis Danielene filium Michaelis Mahony + Margarita Carroll et Marium filiane Patrick Connors + Catherina Gorman — Testes evant Dionysius Gorman + Eliza Regan (Liber Matrimoniorum; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam)*

The *Liber Matrimoniorum* is the earliest collection of marriage records for the Roman Catholic congregation that became St. Ann's Church of Hornell, Steuben County, New York. An approximate translation of the original latin text is:

19 March 1868: In matrimony were joined Daniel, son of Michael Mahony and Margaret Carroll, and Mary, daughter of Patrick Connors and Catherine Gorman; witnessed by Dennis Gorman and Eliza[beth] Regan.

Dennis Gorman was probably a brother or nephew of Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor. On 9 June 1870, Elizabeth Gorman was born to "*Dionysios Gorman et Ellena Regan*"; "*Timotheo Collopy et Elizabeth Regan*" served as baptismal sponsors.

Mrs. Daniel Mahoney [Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney]... was born in Ireland, and came to this country when a young girl, with her parents, settling in this city. She leaves to mourn her loss... two brothers, Patrick and Michael O'Connor of this city... (*Evening Tribune-Times* [Hornell, NY; 5 September 1915])

On 23 May 1886, a "Patrick O'Connors" of Ireland and Hornellsville filed a Declaration of Alien status (*Index of Naturalizations and Declarations of Aliens, Declarations Vol. 2 [1862-1891], 157*)

It was thought for a time that the following records from St. Ann's Church pertained to Patrick and Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor. A Patrick O'Connor was born, probably in County Cork, Ireland in 1827 (*tombstone*) and died in Hornell, Steuben County, New York, about 20 September 1877 when "Patrick Connors" purchased a burial lot 3 in Section 39 North of St. Ann's Cemetery in Hornell (*Names of Lot Owners for St. Ann's Cemetery, St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York*); buried St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell, New York in 1877 as "Patrick O'Conner" (*tombstone*). A Catherine (___) O'Connor was born about 1829 and died in Hornell, New York

on 2 February 1884 "*sepelive corpus viduae Catherinae O Connor 55 annos fuit*" [buried widow Catherine O'Connor age 55] (*Liber Mortuorum Hornellsville, St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York*).

Based on the dates cited above, the Patrick and Catherine (___) O'Connor identified in the records of St. Ann's Church must be identical with the Patrick O'Connor who died intestate in Hornellsville on 29 September 1877 leaving a widow Catharine and children John, Mary, Bridget, James, Catherine, Ellen and William (*Steuben County Records, A-8049*). From Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney's obituary, we know that she had brothers named Patrick and Michael. Details on Patrick and Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor continue to elude us.

In the records of St. Ann's Church, there are several men named Michael O'Conner; the eldest one was born in 1813 and died in 1870. Patrick named one of his sons Michael; perhaps some of these other O'Connors named Michael were kinsmen of Patrick's. However, the surname is far too common to yield any credence to this theory beyond mere speculation.

Children, probably all born in County Cork, Ireland, birth order uncertain:

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 - ii. MARY CATHERINE, b. about 1845; d. in Hornell, NY 5 Sep 1915; bur. in St. Ann's Cemetery; m. St. Ann's Church Hornell, NY on 19 March 1868 to DANIEL¹ MAHONEY (Michael^A), b. in County Cork, Ireland about 1839, d. in Hornell, 11 Dec 1913, bur. in St. Ann's Cemetery, son of Michael^A and Margaret (Carroll) Mahoney; direct ancestors of the compiler; see *Daniel Mahoney of Hornell, Steuben County, New York* for more information.
 - iii. PATRICK², d. after 5 Sep 1915; perhaps the same Patrick O'Connor who was a boiler-maker and resided at 58 River Street in Hornell in 1891 (*Directory of Steuben Co., NY*); resided in Hornell in 1915.
 - iv. MICHAEL, d. after 5 Sep 1915; perhaps the Michael F. O'Connor who was a machinist and boarded at 9 Pardee St. in Hornell in 1891 (*Directory of Steuben Co., NY*); resided in Hornell in 1915.

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