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#### THE ANTE-POTATO FAMINE IRISH-CATHOLICS OF COLUMBUS

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#### Corrections

Two minor points need to be corrected in the portions of this series already published. On page 196 (January), the re-evangelization of Europe should be referred to the sixth to early ninth centuries, not just the ninth century. Near the top and again near the bottom of page 204 (February), two mentions of "Michael" Stafford should say "Martin" Stafford.

#### John Keegan

On July 5, 1840 John Keegan was sponsor at the baptism of a child of Timothy and Mary Sullivan at St. Remigius. Ten years later, March 5, 1850, John Keegan, native of Ireland, declared his intention of becoming a U.S. citizen at the Franklin County Courthouse. No record of him during the intervening years has been found, and the records may be of two different men.

#### Andrew Kelly

The Kellys were in Franklinton for a brief time in 1840. The federal census lists them (page 151), a male and female in their twenties, with no children. On November 26, William, son of Andrew and Kelly and Margaret Ann Dowling, born Sept. 28, was baptized at St. Remigius. Two days later, November 28, Andrew Kelly and Margaret Ann Dowling's marriage was blessed at St. Remigius by Father Josue M. Young. They were related in the second degree and had been married before a Methodist preacher three years previously, in the Diocese of Baltimore; Father Young obtained a dispensation from Bishop Purcell for their marriage in the Church.

#### John Kilroy

John Kilroy was sponsor at the baptism of a child of Joseph Wrae at St. Remigius on Oct. 9, 1844. No other mention of this name has been found. This record may have been an error for John Conroy, mentioned above.



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Patrick McAdam

This man was sponsor at two baptisms at St. Remigius, those of a child of Michael and Bridget McDonald on Sept. 27, 1840 and a child of Timothy and Mary Sullivan on Aug. 1, 1841.

John McCarthy

John McCarthy came to Columbus as an engineer for the Columbus feeder of the Ohio Canal, which was built from Lockbourne to Columbus between April of 1827 and September of 1831. What may be a slightly earlier record of him was made at Somerset St. Joseph, when John McCarthy was sponsor at the baptism of a daughter of Thomas and Mary (O'Hara) Carroll in 1826. (Bulletin, Vol. I, No. 9 (Sept., 1975), page 66) What makes this more likely to be our McCarthy is that ours was closely associated with Thomas O'Hara in Columbus and Newark. On October 12, 1830 Dominican Father N. D. Young supplied baptismal ceremonies for Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth McCarthy, who had been baptized previously. (Somerset Holy Trinity) In 1831 John began to purchase interests in a 201 acre tract of land (Fractional Section 33) lying on both sides of the highway and the canal, just north of Shadeville. He still owned this land at the time of his death.

Mr. McCarthy seems to have lived in Columbus from about 1832 until 1835 or 1836. According to Studer's history (p. 163) in this period Mass was offered at his house, on Friend Street between High and Third. This was on the east one-third of inlot 399, that is, on the south side of Main Street, from 187 1/2 to 208 1/3 feet west of Third Street. (Deed Records 17/283 and 53/471) In May of 1834 John and Mary McCartey were witnesses at a Catholic wedding in Columbus. (Somerset Holy Trinity record) In February of 1835 John was sponsor at the baptism of a child of James Barry, in Columbus. (Somerset St. Joseph record) John declared his intention of becoming a citizen in Columbus on Sept. 29, 1832 and stated that he was a native of Ireland. (Order Book 6, page 136)

By August of 1836 the McCarthys had moved to Newark, where Mass was offered in their residence by Bishop Purcell (or by Father Miles, who accompanied him). (Telegraph, Aug. 18, 1836, p. 200) They were there at the time of the 1840 census and John died there on April 12, 1841 at the age of 48 years. He was survived by his wife Elizabeth, brothers Cornelius and Daniel McCarthy, and a daughter Margaret. In his will, he left to the Catholic Church the Newark lots on which St. Francis de Sales church was built. The family monument at Cedar Hill cemetery lists John, Elizabeth his wife (died 1857 aged 58 years), and children Margaret Wilson (1877, age 50), Mary (1833, age 2), Cornelius (1833, age 9 mos.), and John (1841, age 3).

John's brother Cornelius may have been in Ohio by 1832 (Franklin County deed record 10/374) and was certainly here by the time of John's death in 1841. John's widow Elizabeth was living with him in Newark in the 1850 census, where he was listed as an engineer. (page 20) He never married; he died in Newark on September 8, 1881, aged 83 years. John's brother Daniel McCarthy, a bootmaker, and his wife and oldest son came from Ireland to St. John, New Brunswick about 1838. Two children were born there before they came to Ohio about 1843, and additional children were born here. They were in Newark in 1850. (Federal census, page 25 reverse)

### Andrew McCune

John, son of Andrew and Elizabeth McCune, was baptized at Franklinton on January 12, 1832 by a priest visiting from Somerset Holy Trinity. It is not clear, however, whether the McCunes were either Catholic or Irish. Neither they nor their children were married in the Church. Andrew McCune was married to Eliza Fleming in 1829 by Jacob Grubb, J.P. (Franklin Co. Marriage Record 2/233) The name Fleming was common in Ireland from the twelfth century on, but McCune could be Scottish rather than Irish. The 1850 census lists them as residents of Franklinton, both natives of Ohio, with seven children. Of these, the eldest was John, the child baptized in 1832. The next eldest were Daniel and Samuel, who were married (as McEowens) before justices of the peace in 1858 and 1860. In 1850 their nearest neighbors were Catholics, the Vincent Grate family. The baptism in 1832 might represent an occasion on which a family with some Catholicity in their background, perhaps the wife's, had their child baptized while the priest happened to be conveniently at hand, visiting their neighbors, but then lapsed back into indifference regarding this religion.

### Michael McDonald

The McDonalds were living in Franklinton by 1840. M. McDonnold was there with his wife and family of five children when the census was taken. (page 153) That year, Frances, daughter of Michael McDonald and Bridget Sheil, was baptized at St. Remigius. In 1844 Bridget "McDollan" was sponsor at a baptism and about 1845 Michael donated 25 cents toward the new lot for Holy Cross church. He also donated \$3.12 in the form of four days and a few hours of labor on construction of the church. By 1850 the couple, aged 59 and 49 years, were living in Ward 1 in Columbus (north of Gay Street) and their children were all gone. Michael died October 10, 1852 at the age of 55 years, according to the burial record.

### B. McGinness

B. McGinness signed the August, 1836 subscription list for St. Remigius church, according to Studer. (page 164) No other record of such a person has been found.

### James McGuire

James McGuire and his wife, Margaret Kiernan, came to New York from Ireland by 1832 and moved on to Ohio by about 1841. (Census of 1850, Columbus, Ward 1, page 769) James "McGerry" appears as sponsor at the baptism of a child at St. Remigius on Feb. 7, 1841. Their daughter Catherine was born on June 30 and was baptized at St. Remigius on August 27, 1843, this being the first definite indication of their residence in Columbus. The 1845 directory does not list a residence for James, but lists J. McGuire as a member of the Neptune Hose Company (fire-fighters). By 1848 they were living on North Street, east of Third.

In addition to the immediate family of James, Margaret, and five children, the 1850 census lists Margaret, aged 86 years, and Martin and Peter McGuire, aged seven and three, all born in Ireland. These must have been other relatives who came over during the famine and found hospitality with James. Other relatives probably included Martin and Ellen (Masterson) McGuire, at whose son

Peter's baptism James and Margaret stood as sponsors, May 7, 1848. The family continued to live in the Spring and Third vicinity through the Civil War era. James was always a "laborer", except the 1862 directory was more specific, calling him a wagoner. His son, Frank, in 1866 was a brewer at 34 E. South Street, the old Washington Brewery, then leased by Erhard Stoker. James's daughter Mary Ann apparently was Mrs. James McEvoy of Columbus.

#### Terence McGuire

Terence is the most well-documented of another family of McGuires of Columbus. T. McGuire was living on Rich west of Front Street in 1843, but he was in Ohio by about 1840, according to the 1850 census. "Terenz" and Peter "McQuire" subscribed and paid \$2 toward Holy Cross church on December 10, 1844 and on March 1, 1845 T. & P. McQuire pledged \$20 toward the construction and were given credit for 20 perch of stone valued at \$1 per perch. Studer (page 168) lists "Horace" McGuire as a member of the Holy Cross building committee in 1845, but this must also be Terence. Also in 1845, the directory has T. McGuire, teamster, on the west end of South Street. The designation of "teamster" and the donation of the stone are our first clues of Terence's real occupation, which today would be called "contractor". His wife was Rose or Rosanna FitzSimon, as stated by the baptismal records of their sons Francis and Peter (1846 and 1849) at Holy Cross.

Some time before 1854, Terence purchased lot 100 at the old Catholic Cemetery, but late in 1849 or early in 1850 the family moved to Preston County, (West) Virginia, where Terence or "Lawrence", aged 37, native of Ireland, was a "contractor" for construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. (Federal Census, 1850, Preston Co., page 397) (This was a mammoth construction project, employing 5,000 men and 1,250 horses at a time. The Kingwood Tunnel, 4,100 feet long, was the longest on the continent when completed. It was built by men wielding picks, shovels, drills, and crowbars, who carried away 200,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock in carts and wheelbarrows. It was three years in the making.) Mrs. McGuire died in Preston County on Dec. 19, 1851 and her remains were interred on Terence's lot in the Columbus Catholic Cemetery on January 20, 1852.

Peter McGuire appears to have been Terence's older brother (born in Ireland about 1802). He was connected with Terence in the Holy Cross subscription list, mentioned above. His wife was Ann Riley or Reilly, so named in the records of baptisms of four of their children at Holy Cross (Ann in 1846, Peter in 1848, Elizabeth in 1850, and John in 1852). Peter does not appear in the Columbus directories, either because he was living with Terence, or perhaps because he was living in Franklinton. In 1850 the census-taker found his family in the latter village. The census indicates that Peter and Ann were living in Massachusetts about 1836 and 1837 when their two eldest sons were born, but came to Ohio by 1840, as Terence had done. With them were also living Andrew and Catherine McGuire, aged 69 and 67, possibly the parents of Peter and Terence.

Another probable sibling of Terence and Peter was Patrick McGuire. He was baptismal sponsor for Peter's son Peter in Columbus in 1848. He died of cholera at the age of 43 years, Sept. 7, 1849, two miles west of Columbus on the National Road (i.e. the vicinity of Broad St. and Central Avenue) and was buried at the Catholic Cemetery.

Ellen McGuire, no doubt a sister of the above, was god-mother of Peter's son Peter, baptized at Holy Cross on March 25, 1848. She died in Preston County, Virginia on January 10, 1852 and her remains were brought to Columbus for burial in the Catholic Cemetery on January 20.

#### Charles McKinney

Charles and Mary McKinney or McKenny were sponsors at two baptisms in Franklinton, January 12, 1832. (Holy Trinity records) No further mention of them in local records could be found. Like some others Irish Catholics of Franklinton in that period, Charles may have been a laborer on the National Road.

#### Bernard McNally

Bernard or Barney McNally was born about the year 1810, according to his obituary, in King's County, Ireland. He left that county in 1831, "landed at Quebec, Canada, after a seven weeks' voyage, coming direct to Columbus where, with the exception of a few years, he has since resided." The subscription list for St. Remigius church, dated August of 1836, includes one McNally, who must have been Barney. (Studer, 164) His wife was Margaret Corcoran, presumably a relative of Michael and Dennis Corcoran, mentioned above. Their first child, James, was born in Ohio about 1835 and the second, Mary, was born in Springfield, O. in 1839. A third child was named Ann. The family was back in Columbus by 1845, when Barney and Margaret appeared as sponsors at two baptisms and (blank) McNally donated \$5 toward the lot for Holy Cross church. They resided in various houses on Long Street east of Fourth from the late 1840s on. Barney was always listed as a laborer in the censuses and directories, but was city Street Commissioner from 1863 to 1868. He owned property here as early as 1856 and there was a McNally's Addition to the city.

Mrs. McNally died before 1850. Barney died on April 5, 1894. Some remarks from his obituary concerning his devotion to the Church are given above, on pages 221 and 222. The daughter Mary became Sr. Ann, SNDN, as described above on page 219. The son James moved to Nevada and the daughter Ann died in 1895, so that the family has no representative here now.

#### James and John McNamee

James and John McNamee lived together and appear in other records together, so it seems apparent that they were brothers. James was the elder, born around 1820, and John was two years younger. They were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. Their first records in Columbus are dated 1845, when James paid \$3 toward construction of Holy Cross Church; John paid \$5 toward the new lot for the church and donated \$5 in cash and \$5 in labor toward its construction.

In 1850, James McNamee, native of Ireland, filed his intention of becoming a U.S. citizen. That year he was living with his brother and about that time he married Margaret Moore, who was also an immigrant from Ireland. They made their home in the vicinity of North Grant and Long. He was a "laborer" in every record except one that called him a grinder. He died in the 1860s, leaving Margaret with a family of five daughters and one son (baptized at St. Patrick's). None of the daughters ever married; they continued to live together as adults and were members of the Cathedral Parish; the last of them,

Margaret, died in 1951. The son, John B. McNamee, married Annie Leibold (who has been mentioned in a recent issues of the Bulletin as a student at Sacred Heart Academy). John was an attorney for the Northwestern Railway Co. and moved to Washington, D.C. and later to St. Paul. However, later in life he returned to Columbus and lived with his sisters until his death in 1935.

The only grandchild of James McNamee was his grandson, Graham McNamee, veteran radio announcer and broadcast reporter, whose voice was known to millions across America, and who in his later years was considered dean of the profession. During his nineteen-year career as a radio announcer for the National Broadcasting Company, Graham McNamee was was an expert at description and narration of events that took place before his eyes, using a "live" microphone.

Graham was born in Washington, D.C. in 1888 and was reared in St. Paul. His father had tried to interest him in the law, but his mother (Ann Leibold) wanted him to study music, which he did, and it was voice which gave him his career. He made his debut as a baritone in New York City in 1920 and sang on the concert stage in most of the large cities of the country and also in many churches in New York. He made his radio debut in the field at a boxing match in 1923. As his "pulling power" grew, he branched out from sports to cover political conventions and other major events. His colorful descriptions and vivid narrations won him many accolades. As the radio grew, his popularity continued unabated. Statisticians once calculated that his voice had been heard for more hours by more human ears than any other voice in human history. "His was the most vibrant and vital voice in radio. For nearly twenty years it thrilled those who heard it. Things, places and people became alive in the homes of America when he spoke."

He died in New York City on May 9, 1942, at the age of fifty-three. His funeral service at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Church there was crowded by friends and former associates. Though there was little in the service to remind one of the Faith of his ancestors, a lifelong friend played Schubert's Ave Maria on the organ, fulfilling a promise she had made once in jest. His remains lie in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Columbus. Graham McNamee was a generous, open-hearted man. "His was an insatiable interest in things and people, always flaming. ...he was always talking, moving, laughing; a glowing personality that attracted friends." (New York Times, May 10, 1942, page 43; May 12, 1942, page 19; May 13, 1942, page 19; May 17, 1942, section 8, page 10. Columbus Dispatch, May 10, 1942, page 6A.)

John McNamee, the other immigrant, was a tailor and soon after his arrival here had acquired a partner named Smith and opened a shop on Broad Street between High and Front. In 1848 he married Lelia O'Driscoll, apparently a sister of William (who will be discussed below), before Father Schonat at Holy Cross Church. Their first child was baptized at the same church, and later ones were baptized at St. Patrick's. John died in 1872 at the age of only 49 years. His tombstone at Mt. Calvary cemetery names the place of his nativity, County Tyrone. He and Lelia, who died in 1895, had eight children, of whom only four survived Lelia, namely Rose Jowitt, Margaret Sweeney, John H., and Richard N. Of these, only Margaret and her husband Daniel L. Sweeney are known to have had any children, and none of the family can be traced in Columbus after 1918.

(To be continued)

ORIGINS OF GERMAN CATHOLICS OF COLUMBUS  
FROM THE HOLY CROSS PARISH CENSUS  
(Continued from Vol. XVIII, Number 5)

Scholl, Frank, born 17 May, 1839; died 5 March, 1907. Wife Anna Riecher, born 3 July, 1839, Waldfenster, Kissingen, Aschaffenburg, daughter of Johann Riecher and Cath.; died 3 Oct., 1902. (seven children)

Scholl, Lorenz, born 1818 in Marbach, Fulda. Wife Sophia Wilker, born 1811 in Letzelwich, Homberg, Kurhessen, daughter of Hermann Wilker and Anna Martha Hüber.

Schöringer, Jacob, born 1807 in Rheinpfalz, died 17 June, 1851. Wife Theresia Stephan, born 15 Oct., 1809 in Rust bei Ettenheimminster, Baden, daughter of John Stephan and Magdalena Werl. Married in 1834 in Columbus. (eight children) She married secondly (1852) Peter Ury.

Schwartz, George W., born 2 Jan., 1868 in Bellaire, Ohio, son of George Schwartz and Miranda. Wife Emma A. Siefert, born 6 Aug., 1870 (daughter of John; see below). Married 27 Sept., 1893. (three children)

Schwartz, Joseph, born 9 Aug., 1840 in Columbus, O., son of Peter Schwartz and Elizabeth Zuger from Eberbach, Strassburg, Elsass. Wife Margaretha Spahn, born 10 May, 1849 in Vlckersleyer, Hammelburg, Unterfranken, daughter of Joseph Spahn and Catharina Schneider. (five children)

Schwarz, Peter, born 1819, son of Jacob Schwarz of Baiern; died 1869. Wife Julia Rapp, born 9 Jan., 1827 in Dortfingen, Siegmaringen, daughter of Andreas Rapp and Maria Horn. (two daughters)

Seidensticker, John, born 24 March, 1821 in KleinWenten, Nordhausen, Pruessen; died 28 June, 1905. Wife Maria Magdalena Zettler, born 14 May, 1816 in Zell, Baiern; died 16 Aug., 1901. Married 2 May, 1851. (four children)

Seifert, Christian, born 1847 in Schwarzburg, Rudolstadt; died 15 Aug., 1870. Wife Catharina Rufing, born 26 Feb., 1847 in Columbus, daughter of Peter Rufing and Elizabeth Martin. [See John Siefert.] Catherine married secondly John Roser, who was born in Baden in October of 1842. (four children)

Seipel, Leopold, born 8 July, 1840 in Auenau, Orb., Hessen Darmstadt, son of Wilhelm Seipel and Catharina. Wife Appollonia Rippel, born 8 Feb., 1840 in Auenau, daughter of Willy Rippel and Catharina. Married at Morrow, Cincinnati [Archdiocese?]. "Jessing's Church" (nine children)

Siefert, John, born 17 Sept., 1841 in Baden, son of John Siefert and Theresia. Wife Margaretha Rufing, born 6 May, 1842 in Mittelbirzbach, Rheinpfalz, daughter of Peter Rufing and Elizabeth Martin; died 13 Nov., 1906. Married at Newport Corpus Christi. (seven children)

Sieger, Jacob, born in Baiern. Wife Clara Herner, born 21 March, 1849 in Columbus, daughter of John Herner and Elizabeth. (two children)

Sifferlen, Joseph, born 6 Dec., 1839 in Difmatten, Belfort, Elsass, son of Jacob Sifferlen. Wife Margaretha Larger, born 19 July, 1852 in Felleringen,

St. Maria, Elsass, daughter of Franz Larger and Margaretha Wissang. Married 23 Sept., 1873 at Holy Cross. (two children)

Stang, Georg, born 3 Aug., 1845 in Bischofheim an der Tauber, Baden, son of Michael Stang and Regina. Wife Carolina Maurer, born 13 June, 1848 in Philadelphia, Pa., daughter of Tobias Maurer and Susan Weiss. Married 24 Apr., 1867. (four children)

Stecher, Franz, born 1816, died Jan., 1893. Wife Kunigunda Ziegelmeier, from Baden, born 2 March (or 3 Feb.?) 1821; died 15 Apr., 1908.

Steffens, John Peter, born 15 July, 1827 in Löffesscheit, Blangenrath, Kr. Zell, Coblenz, Prussia, son of Mathias Steffens and Catharina Alard. Wife Magdalena Wingert, born 1827 in Oberamt-Korn, Baden, daughter of Georg Wingert and Magd. Börsch. Married at Lehmann's church. (four children) [under letter "P" in census]

Steif, Aug., born 14 March, 1846 in Herd, Germesheim, Rheinpfalz, son of Franz Steif and Appollonia Ulsass. Wife (1) Friedericka Hollinger, born 15 Feb., 1842 in Auweiler, Rheinpfalz, daughter of Heinrich Hollinger and Friderica Bosch; died 1876. Married at Cincinnati St. Francis. (four children) Wife (2) Sarah Hopf, born Feb., 1854, daughter of Karl Hopf and Josephina Sachsen. (one daughter) "Galloway"

Steinecke -- see Stoner

Steinhoff, Carlton, born 30 June, 1870 in Norfolk County, Canada, son of Abraham Steinhoff and Margaret Smith. Wife Frances Engler, born 2 Nov., 1869 (see Joseph Engler). Married 28 June, 1893. (four children)

Stengel, Nicolaus, born 10 May, 1813 in Reinhardsminster, Mauresminster, Elsass, son of Gabrien Stengel and Salome Kaiser; died 26 Sept., 1896. Wife Elizabeth Schoeb, born 1825 in Gotterwangen, Metz, daughter of John Schoeb and Geneveva Haman. Married in Reinhardsminster. (six children)

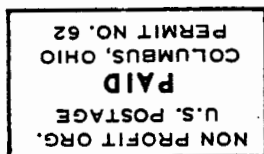
Stein, Philip, born 18 Sept., 1848 in Nassau, son of Franz Stein and Josepha Kolb. Wife Magdalena, daughter of Franz Joseph Saile. (two children)

Stoner (Steinecke), Joseph H., born 1839 in Franklinton, O., son of Hermann Steinecke and Anna Maria Hagedorn. Wife Matilda Rose from Vinte, Neuenkirchen, Hannover. (one daughter)

(To be continued)

Editor's note: In order to complete the series on the origins of the German Catholics of Columbus this year and within the Society's sixth bound volume, the continuation of the Chillicothe St. Mary's baptismal register will be deferred for a few months.

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