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

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John Riley

John and Mary (Sheridan) Riley, were in Columbus by 1844, when their daughter Mary was baptized at St. Remigius church. An older child, Margaret, had been born in New Jersey about a year earlier. John and Mary were both natives of Ireland, possibly of County Cavan, where both of their family names originated. John was a Chandler. The family lived on South Public Lane near Third Street in 1845, when John was a member of Hook & Ladder Company No. 1. In 1848 they were at Mound & High and in 1850 were still in that part of the city. John probably worked for John Funston, tallow Chandler, whose residence and store were at South High and First Alley (Brewers). Funston was also Irish-born, but probably not a Catholic. The Rileys subsequently had three more daughters and three sons, all baptized at Holy Cross and St. Patrick's. By 1860 they had moved north of the city limits, just north of North Public Lane or Naghten Street, where they could associate with their own people and would be close to St. Patrick's Church.

John died about 1863. Mary lived on in the same neighborhood, with her unmarried sons, until her death about 1883. Of their children, Margaret married James Burns, a native of County Limerick and a Columbus policeman; among their descendants are the Gleich family of Columbus and Groveport. Matilda married Dennis Clifford, a native of County Kerry; Charles Clifford Ryan, one-time City Manager of Upper Arlington, was their grandson; his children live in Hilliard and Mt. Gilead. None of the other children of John and Mary Riley seem to have married.

Patrick Rogers

Patrick and Emily (Miller) Rogers were living near Franklinton by 1840. Patrick was born in Ireland about 1809 and was a laborer. The couple had five children baptized at St. Remigius and Holy Cross, beginning with a daughter in 1841. Patrick donated \$29.50 toward construction of Holy Cross church and delivered 4,589 bushels of lime for the project, for which he was paid \$224.21. Mrs. Rogers died in 1849 and some of the children died about the same time. Also mentioned as dying in 1849 is Michael Rogers, who had been godfather of the first child of Patrick and Emily in 1841. By 1850, Patrick had only two small daughters living with him, along with another Patrick Rogers, born in Ireland ca 1832. Nothing more is known of them.

### Roger Roney

A few scattered records indicate the presence of this possibly Irish family in Columbus in the year 1833. On April 2, Mary, daughter of Roger "Renny" and Ann, aged ten months, was baptized in Columbus by Father Van Den Broek, the Dominican missionary from Somerset. Godmother of the child was Nancy Roney. That August 14, Mr. Roney died of cholera and in the week ending Sept. 13 a child of Mr. Roney died in the same epidemic. (Ohio State Journal, Aug. 17 and Sept. 14, 1833)

### Timothy Rourke

Timothy "Rorke" was godfather of a McGuire child baptized at St. Remigius in August of 1843.

### Jane Russell

Studer (page 163) mentions among the early Catholics of Columbus the George Russell family. This can only be Mrs. Jane Russell and her daughters, though the only documents available indicate that Mr. Russell's given name was not George but William. (Holy Cross death records at Aug. 7, 1848, Dec. 27, 1875, and Dec. 30, 1875) The family came here in 1833 (Columbian, Jan. 1, 1876) and Mr. Russell apparently had died by 1836, when Mrs. Russell subscribed a payment for construction of St. Remigius church. (Studer, p. 164) Mrs. Russell, born Jane Henry in Ireland about 1777, was one of the leading Catholics of Columbus until her death in 1854. Her daughters were Elizabeth, Jane, Sarah, Mary Anna Joseph, Ellen, and Catherine Wilhelmina or Kate. They earned a living as dressmakers. They lived in a two-story brick house, purchased in 1844, on the south side of the first block of East Town Street. There, they "led a life becoming members of a religious order." Their house was the stopping place of Bishop Purcell and other missionary priests when they visited Columbus in the early days. (Columbian, Jan. 1, 1876 and May 15, 1879) Mrs. Russell pledged \$25 to the subscription for Holy Cross church; paid \$10 toward the lot; and paid \$25 toward the plastering. When the Irish priest came to Columbus to form St. Patrick's Parish, the Russells held themselves aloof from their fellow countrymen and remained members of Holy Cross parish.

Sarah Russell died in 1848, Jane the younger and Ellen in 1875, and Elizabeth in 1879. The remaining two sisters, Mary and Catherine, sold their house to a cousin, for \$500 in gold coin, and moved to live with her in San Francisco. (Deed records 30/41, 131/242, 154/530, 154/532, and 154/533) This cousin was Catherine Russell, known in religion as Mother Mary Baptist of the Sisters of Mercy. She had come from Ireland to San Francisco in 1854 as leader of eight nuns and novices at the request of Bishop Alemany and was superioress of the sisters at the Hospital and Mercy House they founded there. In that Hospital Mary Russell of Columbus died in 1882. (Columbian, March 11, 1882) The only remnant of the family's presence in Columbus is an unmarked lot in the Holy Cross (German) half of Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

The cousin, Kate Russell or Sister Mary Baptist, had been born in Newry, County Down, in 1829 and died in San Francisco in 1898. (Delany, John J., Dictionary of American Catholic Biography, page 498) Her brother was Charles, Baron Russell of Kilowen, who also was born in Newry, in 1832. The father was

Arthur Russell of Newry (1785-1845). (It seems likely, therefore, that the Columbus Russells also came from Newry.) Charles Russell was an attorney who rose in government service and in 1894 was created Baron for life. In that same year, he became the first Catholic lord chief justice of Great Britain since the Protestant revolt. He died in 1900. (Boylan, Henry, A Dictionary of Irish Biography, 2nd ed. (1988), page 344; and Boase, Frederick, Modern English Biography, Vol. VI (1965), cols. 514-515)

Michael Ryan

Jane, daughter of Michael "Riean" and wife Bridget, was baptized at St. Remigius in Columbus in 1843. As for many of the early Irish Catholics, this sacramental record is the only proof of their presence here.

Martin Stafford

The first lot on North Public Lane or Naghten Street or "Irish Broadway" in Columbus that was owned by an Irish Catholic was in the name of Martin Stafford. In 1835 he purchased from Benjamin Murphy part of inlots 509 and 510, on the south side of the street and half way from High to Third Street. (Deed Record 14/344) In 1836 he was a member of the building committee for St. Remigius Church. (Studer, 165) In 1838 he was still in Franklin County but by 1840 he had moved to Marietta. (Census, page 304 and Franklin County Deed Records 18/364 and 30/366) Mr. Stafford married about 1839 and was a grocer on Ohio Street in Marietta. He was involved in an effort to build a Catholic church in Beverly, Ohio before 1850; we hope this story will appear in a future issue of the Bulletin.

Timothy Sullivan

Timothy and Mary Sullivan left Ireland not long after the birth of their first daughter, Ann. Ann was born about 1837; the family came to America that same year and were in Columbus by 1840. The census of 1840 lists them in the First Ward, i.e. somewhere north of State Street; in the September term of the Common Pleas Court, Timothy "O'Sullivan", native of Ireland, declared his intention of becoming a citizen; and on July 5, their five-day old daughter Ellen was baptized at St. Remigius Church. In this and later baptismal records of the children, Mrs. Sullivan's maiden name is given as Nihan, Nigan, Nye, and Nyne. This would seem to be the rare Irish name O'Nyhan, [pronounced O-nee-haan], which originated in the southwest of County Cork, and, together with the Sullivan name, points to the south-southwest of Ireland as their former home. (Edward MacLysaght, Supplement to Irish Families, page 120) The other children baptized here were Catherine, Michael Henry, and John.

Timothy Sullivan was a farmer and family tradition holds that he farmed land that later became part of The Ohio State University. The 1850 census bears this out, for he was then in Clinton Township and is listed next to William Neil, whose property the State of Ohio later purchased for the University. Sullivan did not own the land he farmed, but probably worked a farm for Neil; he had ten laborers living with him at that time. Mr. Sullivan, it was said, "was one of the staunch supporters of the faith in its infancy in this city," and his life "was an exemplary one; his nature generous to a fault. Every thing that tended to advance the interests of the Church found in him an earnest advocate and a willing contributor." When in his seventies, he went

to Fort Wayne, Indiana to live with his son Henry M., where on the 27th of January, 1881, "Strengthened by the last Sacraments he passed away in peaceful slumber, with a smile of hopeful consciousness of the happiness of the life he was entering." (Columbian, Feb. 3, 1881)

The other Sullivan son, John, lived in Indianapolis, but two daughters remained in Columbus. These were Catherine, who married Edward Dundon, and Ann, who married Patrick Smith. Patrick Smith, another Irish immigrant, was one of the hands living with the Sullivan family in 1850. He later was a telegraph repairman for Western Union in Columbus. The Smiths had eight children. One of these was Father Matt Smith of this diocese, whose short career was described in the Bulletin of April, 1993. Another was Anna Mary, the wife of Joseph M. Howard. Through Anna Mary, the Sullivans still have a few descendants living in the greater Columbus area. Joseph Howard's brother was Rt. Rev. Francis W. Howard, priest of this diocese and Bishop of Covington. Joseph and Anna Mary's son was Monsignor Matthew A. Howard of this diocese.

#### Patrick Tobin

Patrick and Bridget Tobin appear in baptismal records of 1833. Their daughter was baptized in Columbus in April by Father Van Den Broeck and on the same day Bridget was a baptismal sponsor. (Somerset Holy Trinity records) The family fell victim to the cholera epidemic of that year. In August, "Mrs. Tobin" died of the disease along with Ann Tobin, aged about nine years. (Ohio State Journal, Aug. 10 and Nov. 2, 1833) Mr. Tobin seems to have remained in the area for a few years. A February, 1838 listing of debts due to P. H. Olmsted lists Patrick Tobin of Franklin County owing \$3.56, while a later list, dated September, 1839, lists that amount as uncollectable, due from Patrick Tobin, address unknown. (Franklin County Chancery Record 4/10 and 4/13)

#### Owen Turney

The Turney family was from Dromiskin, County Louth, Ireland and the name may have been properly spelled Tierney, as it appears in at least three records in Columbus. Owen was born in County Louth in 1806 and his wife Mary A. in 1800. One record of her, as godmother of a McGuire child at Holy Cross in 1846, gives her maiden name as Worth. Family tradition as of 1880 had it that the family came to America and settled in Cleveland in 1832, then moved on to Painesville in 1833 and finally came to Columbus in 1838. (Ohio State Journal, Nov. 10, 1880) However, Owen Turney's name appears on the German subscription list for St. Remigius Church in June of 1836. (Studer, 164) Little more is known of him; he died in December of 1848. Mrs. Turney was left with a daughter Margaret and sons Bernard, James, and Owen. She died on November 9, 1880 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Clarke, at 610 E. Broad St.

Margaret, born in Dromiskin in 1826, married John D. Clarke in 1848 at Holy Cross Church. Mr. Clarke (1815-1886), it would appear but is as yet unverified, was a son of Anthony Clarke (1785-1836), who was a son of the second marriage of the valiant French woman Ann Froissart whose story was told in the October, 1988 Bulletin. The Clarkes, in her story, are called "one of the fine old Catholic families which came over with Sir Charles Calvert". John D. Clarke was the prominent local contractor who was mentioned several times in recent pages of this monthly, and earlier as "boss mechanic" and

treasurer of the St. Patrick's Literary Society (Bulletin, March, 1988). The Clarkes had seven children, of whom the most prominent were Rev. Dennis A. Clarke, pastor of Holy Family parish in Columbus (see the Bulletin of April, 1993) and William J. Clarke (1854-1895), assistant U.S. district attorney for Southern Ohio and later assistant U.S. attorney for Utah.

Bernard Turney married Theresa Gross before Father Meagher in 1854 and with her moved to Chicago. James F. Turney married Ellen A. McNamarra before Father Fitzgerald in 1858. James was a printer for a local newspaper. Owen T. Turney died in 1876, unmarried. It has not been possible to trace any of the James Turney family in Columbus after 1917. The Turneys are now represented here only by William J. Clarke's grandson John A. Clarke and his children and grandchildren.

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O Brigid, so high and holy!  
So strong in womanly grace,  
Look down from the sills of heaven  
To-day on your olden race.  
'Tis over the world we're scattered,  
And your land is a land of woe,  
But we're holding you as a lodestar,  
Whatever the roads we go.  
- from a poem by Teresa Brayton

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#### CHRONICLE OF EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS FOR 1993

Oct. 5 The Vatican released Pope John Paul II's encyclical Veritatis Splendor, regarding the relationship between freedom and truth and the foundations of moral theology.

#### Parishes

Jan. 31 Bishop Griffin offered the last Mass in Roswell St. Elizabeth Church. The church building was sold; the parish cemetery will be maintained.

Jan. 28 It was announced that Notre Dame, St. Stephen the Martyr, and Corpus Christi-St. Ladislaus elementary schools in Columbus would close.

June 28 Bishop Griffin appointed Salesian Father Serges Lamaute as first pastor of the new, non-territorial Santa Cruz Parish for the Spanish speaking.

July 15 The Franciscan Fathers withdrew as pastors of Corpus Christi parish in Columbus after serving there since 1986.

Sept. 12 On the grounds of St. Leonard Parish in Heath, a new statue of St. Giovanni Leonardi was dedicated.

#### Institutions and Agencies

Jan. 23 Fifty acres were consecrated by Bishop Griffin as the new Holy Cross Cemetery, on the National Road in Pataskala.

## Personnel and Vocations

Feb. 14 Sr. Elizabeth Patricia Stenson, S.C.N., died at the Sisters of Charity motherhouse in Nazareth, Kentucky, at the age of 92. Sister was a native of Congo in Perry County.

March 14 Sr. Dorothy Ferrell, O.S.F., aged 69, died at Assisi Heights motherhouse, Rochester, Minn. She was a native of Portsmouth.

March 16 Sr. Mary John Marzluf, O.S.F., aged 68, died at St. Leo Convent, Columbus; she had entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan community from Columbus St. John the Evangelist Parish.

March 24 Rev. Lawrence Belt, S.J., a native of Columbus, died in Cleveland at the age of 63.

May 6 Fr. John V. Mulvey of the Society of African Missions, aged 94, died at Good Samaritan Hospital, in his native city of Zanesville.

May 16 Rev. Monsignor James W. Kulp, aged 71, retired priest of the diocese, died in Dublin, Ohio.

May 29 Richard C. Weyls was ordained to the priesthood and David Getreu and Joseph Nguyen, diocesan seminarians, were ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Griffin at St. Joseph Cathedral.

June 5 Sr. Mary (Muriel) Duffy, O.S.F., died in Joliet, Illinois at the age of 89. She was a native of Columbus and spent some of her career here.

July 8 Fr. Robert Harwick, aged 80, retired priest of the diocese, died at his home in Columbus.

July 13 Rev. Monsignor Robert L. Noon, of St. Bernadette Parish, Lancaster, retired.

July 20 Msgr. John J. Yonk, native of Lancaster, who was ordained for this diocese in 1943 and served as pastor at several parishes in the Diocese of Steubenville, died in Ironton at the age of 76 years.

Aug. 19 Sr. Mary Nugent of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity, a native of Cambridge, died in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 85 years.

Sept. 1 Msgr. Donald C. Schulz, associate pastor of Columbus Holy Spirit Parish, retired.

Sept. 10 Sr. Mary Angelo Horvath of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, who was from Columbus, died in Cincinnati at the age of 81 years.

Sept. 27 Sr. Patricia Ferrell, S.C.N, aged 68, died in Louisville, Ky. She was a native of Portsmouth.

Oct. 5 Died in Manitowoc, Wisconsin: Sr.M. Cordea Hohman, O.S.F., aged 84, a native of Fulda, Ohio.

Oct. 30 Diocesan seminarians Bruce Chuff, Jon Coventry, and Joseph J. Trapp II were installed in the ministry of acolyte at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, by Most Rev. Dale Melczek, Auxiliary Bishop of Gary.

Oct. 30 Msgr. Joseph E. McGlynn, aged 82, retired priest of the diocese, died in Columbus.

Nov. 14 Sr. Joan Albright, O.P. died at St. Mary of the Springs at the age of 91 years; she was a native of Columbus.

Nov. 15 At St. Mary of the Springs, Sr. Brigetta Fitzpatrick, O.P., native of Columbus, went to her Maker at the age of 91 years.

Nov. 26 Rev. Raphael Clouse, O.S.F., died in Cincinnati at the age of 90. He was a native of Junction City.

Nov. 29 Rev. Richard Hoch, retired priest of the Diocese, died at the age of 79. Burial was in his native Lancaster.

Nov. 30 Sr. Angela Wald, O.S.U., died in the Ursuline convent in Alton, Illinois at the age of 95. She was a native of Columbus.

Dec. 19 Sr. M. Simeon Farmer, a native of Ironton, died at Assisi Heights motherhouse, Rochester, Minn., at the age of 93 years.

Dec. 28 Rev. John D. Kempf, aged 75, retired priest of the diocese, died in Cleveland.

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- June 1 Helen, born March 6, daughter of James Lyons and Helen Bonaparte; spons. James Boyle and Mary Canadian. HDJ
- June 26 Mary Ann, born June 19, daughter of Andrew Herman and Elizabeth Meyer; spons. Jerry [Hieronimus] Brown and Francisca Rihle. HDJ
- June 26 Benjamin, born April 18, son of James Scoly and Joanna Dogherty; spons. James Dunn and Elizabeth Dunn. HDJ
- July 1 Mary Ann, born June 14, daughter of William Heahly; spons. John Downy and Margaret Hairy? The mother was Anna Ballys. HDJ
- July 3 Philip, four weeks old, son of John Trisch and Theresa Herrick; spons. Philip Pfeiffer and Francisca Pfeiffer.
- same day John, born June 25, son of Jacob Kellhoffer and Magdalena Biser; spons. Saraphin Heidelsperger and Anna Maria Bauman.
- same day Barbara, born June 21, daughter of Fridolin Berman and Elizabeth Meyer; spons. Martin Rubel and Barbara Meyer. HDJ

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- July 5 William Henry, born Oct. 16, 1841, son of Lamuel (sic) Warren and Elizabeth Wendel; spons. William Wendel and Eva Wendel.
- same day George, born June 1, 1841, son of William Delong and Mary Ann Ridgeway; spons. George Jart and Ann Jart. HDJ

