

DEVLINS FROM WICKLOW

The Descendants of

Arthur Develin & Margaret Smyth

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A Few Words Of Explanation

This booklet is the second of four planned sections of my family history. Each section traces the forebears and the descendants of one of my four grandparents. A Hanlon (maternal grandmother) section was circulated to relatives a few years ago. Two other sections will follow: Travers (maternal grandfather) and Hickey (paternal grandmother).

The grandparent in my Devlin line is James H. Devlin (1855-1919). When I began this research a dozen years ago I knew little beyond the identities of his children, one of course being my father, and I had known personally his eleven grandchildren, seven of them my siblings. I also knew that Grandfather's sister, Christine, had married Philip Murphy; of their children I was aware only of Arthur who, I understood, had owned an automobile business, and Christine, a teacher. Most critically, however, there was a clear family understanding that James and Christine's parents were Peter Devlin and Christine Glynn and that the Devlin family hailed from Wicklow.

Fortuitously, there had survived and were given me in the late 1980s by my sister Eleanor some notes which our sister Frances identified as being in her hand, although she had no recollection of writing them. El and Fran thought that the notes probably had been among some papers in our mother's effects; being fragile they were copied. Internal evidence indicated that the source of the information was Christine (Devlin) Murphy. These notes are reproduced in Appendix II.

Eleanor was also aware that Great Aunt Christine had kept in touch with Devlin relatives in Providence RI. Armed with this information and with a specific address in the notes, it was relatively straightforward to find Christine's and Grandfather Devlin's uncles, John Devlin and Hugh Develin, "brothers to Peter," and to trace their descendants. Their civil marriage records identified their parents as Arthur and Margaret Devlin. They were, then, uncles of "Rosanna Brown, nee Devlin, daughter of Arthur Devlin, brother of Peter".

Early efforts to find Devlin ancestors in Wicklow didn't produce much, only Christine Devlin's civil birth record. Attention shifted to my two grandmothers' families -- Hanlon in Co. Louth and Hickey in Co. Cork -- with considerable good fortune and success. In June 1998 my wife and I travelled to places in Ireland where my ancestors came from. At Wicklow Heritage (now Family History) Centre, I commissioned a search for baptismal records of Peter, Arthur, John, Hugh, any siblings, their parents' marriage and other relevant information. The Centre found the marriage record of Arthur Develin and Margaret Smyth, baptisms for five children -- Peter, James, John, Hugh, and Harriet, as well as for three daughters of Peter and Christine. At least as important, the Centre researcher, Catherine Wright, recognized that "we have another enquirer who appears to be searching for the

same ancestors” and asked each of us if we would like to be put in contact. An exchange of e-mail in January 1999 established that I and Christopher J. Develin of Sydney NSW, Australia are third cousins, being, respectively, the great grandsons of Peter (1825-1881) and Arthur (c1828-1902), the two oldest known children of Arthur Develin and Margaret Smyth. We met in Sedona a few months later.



The Meeting of the Cousins, 27 April 1999

John Devlin Chris Develin

Through Chris I was put in contact with descendants of Rosanna (Develin) Browne, and of her brother, James, as well as with other Develin cousins in Australia. The number of identified descendants of Arthur and Margaret Develin known to me stood at 60 or so in December 1998. The number is now about 270, of whom over 219 are living. Most of them are in the fifth, sixth, and seventh generations; only one from the fourth remains with us.

Of Arthur and Margaret (Smyth) Develin’s six children, two, John and Hugh, emigrated and settled in Providence RI; their lines have all but died out. A third son, James, may have emigrated and settled in America, but corroborative information is lacking. The two eldest sons, Peter and Arthur, remained in Ireland. Peter’s line is extinct there and, to the best of my knowledge, so is Arthur’s. However, Peter’s youngest son and youngest daughter settled in Boston MA. Two of Arthur’s sons emigrated, one to settle in Philadelphia PA, the other in Australia. His youngest daughter settled in Newark NJ. Her descendants far outnumber those of her brothers and are more numerous than those who bear the Devlin name today.

The aims of this endeavor are two. The first is to trace my family origins as far back as possible. In Ireland, where three of my grandparents and all of my great grandparents were born, this usually means to the early 19th century. Occasionally the records permit a family to be traced into the 18th century, which is the case with the Hanlon ancestors. The second goal is to identify as many descendants of the oldest known ancestors as possible.

I am indebted to many people for helping in this project by supplying information, sharing photographs, correcting errors, and in many other ways. Chris Develin of Sydney and the late Patrick and his widow Barbara Develin of Canberra, Australia, Bernie and Fay DuPlessis of Wilmington DE, John and Kitty DuPlessis of Elizabethtown KY, Jim DuPlessis of Camden SC, Bud and David DuPlessis of Wilmington DE, Gerry Devlin of Collingswood NJ, Peggy McDermott of Haddonfield NJ, Gus Browne of East Hartford CT, the late John T. Browne of Ft. Myers FL, Kitty Browne of Kansas City KS, the late Eleanor (Murphy) Fay of Dedham, Phyllis (Murphy) Bowler and Christine (Bowler) Dragon of Holyoke, Phil Murphy of Scituate (all in MA), Christina Murphy of Wheeling WV, my late sisters Eleanor and Frances and brother Jim and my niece Jane Devlin. None is responsible for any errors of omission or commission.

Two genealogical researchers in Ireland found critical information about first, second and third generation ancestors. Catherine Wright, now Director of the Wicklow Family History Centre, located the marriage of Arthur Develin and Margaret Smyth and the baptisms of five of their children and of three grandchildren. Patricia Moorhead, Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland, located the marriage and death records of Peter Devlin and Christine Glynn, the baptisms of my grandfather and his two brothers and the death record of one of them.

I ask anyone who reads this to send me corrections, additions, even a guess or a rumor about a relative or possible relative. New information will be circulated to all who get a copy of this booklet.

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Sources and Records

Tracing ancestors in Ireland is complicated by the variety of sources that must be used and by the absence of conventional records for the period when many Irish emigrated. Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths began in 1864. Censuses were taken in Ireland every ten years beginning in 1821; those from 1821 to 1891 have been destroyed, save for some fragments. To find relatives, one must rely on church records, tax and lease records, and others such as newspapers, deeds, membership lists for organization, graveyard inscriptions -- Memorials of the Dead in Irish parlance -- and the like. These for the most part pertain to the better-off part of the population, but one can strike gold on occasion.

Warfare and political turmoil from Elizabethan times to the middle of the 18th century have made for additional difficulties. In the course of the 17th century properties belonging to the Catholic Church in Ireland were taken over by the English crown, and the Anglican Church was established in Ireland. Severe Penal Laws against Catholics were enacted in the 1690s, and Catholics for the most part were reduced to worshipping when and as they could, typically at a "mass rock" in rural areas, later in a chapel of sorts. In the latter half of the 18th century conditions gradually improved, but this chaotic situation explains the scarcity of Catholic records prior to 1800.

The established Church of Ireland (Anglican) was supported by tithes imposed on all land occupiers (owners or lessees), irrespective of religion, until 1871, and its parishes administered their collection. Tithes were, needless to say, unpopular with those who were not of the established church -- Catholics, Presbyterians, and Quakers primarily. In the absence of census material and civil registrations, however, tithe records are useful to identify persons and where they lived. Catholic Church records get scarcer the earlier in the 19th century one goes. Protestant records are better but also get thinner as one goes backwards in time.

Ireland is divided into civil parishes, which for the most part are identical to Church of Ireland parishes. Catholic parishes had to be restructured after the debacle of the 17th century. In the 18th and 19th centuries they were much larger than those of the established church.

There are other civil divisions in Ireland, county of course, but also barony, poor law union, registrar's district, for example. But one term requires explanation -- townland. It has nothing to do with towns or cities, but is a rural term and amounts to an address in rural Ireland. Each parish had anywhere from one to 20 or 30, varying in size from a few dozen to many hundred acres. Spellings of these varied widely until names were standardized in the 1840s.

Variation in dates of such events as birth, marriage, and death is met frequently in Ireland and -- to a lesser but significant extent -- in America in the 19th and earlier centuries. Spotty record-keeping and illiteracy are major reasons. The rule of thumb is to allow for variation of up to 10 years before or after a "remembered" date, especially one that ends in a

zero. In similar fashion, spelling of names can vary widely. Clerks often recorded information given orally, resulting in a dozen or more spellings of a single name. For example, my maternal grandmother, Erina J. Hanlon, is recorded as Arena J. Handlon in the births section of .Massachusetts' vital Records.

The record-keeping situation in America is better than it was in Ireland. I am most familiar with those of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Massachusetts centralized its vital records that began in 1840, and has compiled indexes for the 19th and early 20th centuries. The Archdiocese of Boston has most Catholic parish records from the 19th century, and they are available to researchers. Rhode Island civil records are available, and there is a published index to births, marriages and deaths in Providence. The Diocese of Providence does not grant access to its parish records but its Office of Catholic Cemeteries is very helpful in providing interment records. US Censuses are available through 1930, and only one (1890) has been destroyed. There are many other sources such as city directories, probate records, military records and, of course, family keepsakes of all sorts. The Social Security death index is very valuable for the latter two-thirds of the 20th century.

Coming from a household in which little of genealogical interest survived, I especially appreciate two private sources. One is a collection of letters, birth and death records, and other documents saved by descendants of Rose (Develin) Browne. They were copied and assembled in binders by Jim DuPlessis, who made them available to interested persons. The other is a collection of original documents pertaining to Peter Devlin and family that were saved by Christine (Devlin) Murphy and preserved by her granddaughter, Eleanor (Murphy) Fay.

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How the Devlins Came to Wicklow

Devlin/Develin is not a common name in Wicklow, unlike that of O'Byrne. Its earliest appearance there was only about four centuries ago.

The consistent tradition of those Devlins settled in Leinster (the ancient province which occupies the eastern part of Ireland south of Ulster to Kilkenny and Wexford) is that they came originally from Ulster. Speaking of his branch of the family, Dr. Arthur J. Devlin says: "My father and grandfather were both born in Dublin. My great grandfather was born in Co. Wicklow, where our branch had lived for more than two centuries. Our tradition is that we were sent there in the sixteenth century when the O'Neills of the period sent a military force to aid the O'Byrnes against forces from the Pale."

An article in The Wicklow People for Aug. 22, 1936, speaks of this expedition. "About 1598 a number of northern settlers came to Wicklow. It came about in this way. When in 1597 Feagh M'Hugh O'Byrne was slain by the English his son Phelim repaired to Hugh O'Neill in Ulster to seek aid. O'Neill furnished him with a body of troops under O'Moore, a nobleman of Leinster. The northern soldiers fought long and valiantly in Wicklow and the surrounding counties, and many of them married and settled down among the hills, and today such typical northern names as O'Doherty, M'Davett, O'Neill, etc. are plentiful, particularly in the districts of Greenane and Ballinacor." ... (These are) a short distance to the southwest of Glenealy, where the O'Devlins are said to have settled when they came to Wicklow.

... there are in Glenealy Old Churchyard gravestones of Develins, Develyns and Develens, the oldest of which is dated 1726. Dr. Arthur J. Devlin says he believes that the Wicklow branch of the family originated in Glenealy, but he has been informed by residents that there are no Devlins living there now.¹

¹Joseph Chubb Develin, *The Story of an Irish Sept: The O'Develins of Tyrone*, privately printed, 2nd edition 1943, pp. 138-39, and 3rd edition, 1951, pp. 151-52. The quoted material is from Appendix III, "Devlins in Leinster", which is identical in both editions, save for a misprint corrected in the 3rd. Dr. Arthur J. Devlin was a Dublin physician who reviewed the first edition of Joseph Develin's book; the two corresponded thereafter. Dr. Devlin's great grandfather was a first cousin of Arthur Devlin who was exiled to Australia in 1805 and of Anne Devlin, who aided Robert Emmet in his failed rising of 1803. A similar case involving a Wicklow name appearing in Louth is described by Noel Ross, "Surnames of County Louth", *Irish Roots*, Issue 30, 2nd quarter 1999, p. 26. "John O'Byrne of Ballinacor, County Wicklow, brought a force to aid Hugh O'Neill and he and his followers settled at Killanny, a parish which straddles the Louth/Monahan border. There the name still accounts for over 11 percent of the population ..."

My father heard a similar, if less precise, tradition from his father who told him that “the O’Devlins, the O’Donnells and the O’Dohertys came to Wicklow several centuries ago.” Devlin is a north of Ireland name, especially prominent in Co. Tyrone. Traditional Irish genealogy contends that many surnames in the three northwest counties of Ulster – Donegal, Londonderry and Tyrone – trace their descent from Niall of the Nine Hostages (d. 405) through his sons Eoghan and Conall Gulban who conquered that area in the 5th century A.D. They left an extensive progeny known as the Ui Neill (O’Neil). A recent survey conducted by a geneticist at Trinity College, Dublin, “shows that 20% of men in northwestern Ireland carry a distinctive signature on their Y chromosomes, possibly inherited from Niall ... or some other leader in a position to have many descendants.” Men with Ui Neill surnames who were tested were much more likely to have the genetic signature than Irishmen as a whole. Devlin is one of those names. The genetic evidence indicates that, while Niall may be more legendary than real, there may well have been “a common ancestor for at least nine of the branches of the Ui Neill.”(New York *Times*, 1 January 2006; also in *Irish Roots*, 3rd quarter 2005) There is a sporting chance that male descendants of Arthur Develin carry the genetic signature.

Places in County Wicklow where Devlins resided in the late 18th and early 19th centuries that the scarce sources allow us to identify all lie within a radius of some eight miles from Glenealy. In the early 1850s, ten of 13 Devlins named as property occupiers in Griffith's *Valuation of Tenements* lived within the same distance from Glenealy. The other three lived, respectively, in Arklow Town, close to County Wexford, and in the northwest corner of the county.

The best known bearers of the Devlin name in Wicklow came to prominence two centuries ago. Several members of one Devlin family were active in the Rising of 1798 and in Robert Emmet's failed effort of 1803. This family is discussed in greater detail in Appendix I. I had thought that our branch might be related to this family, given the relative scarcity of the Devlin name in Wicklow and the frequency of Arthur as a given name in both lines of descent. However, a comparison of the DNA of **Stanley L. Devlin**, a fifth generation descendant of the **Arthur Devlin** who was exiled to Australia in 1805 and of my third cousin **Chris J. Develin** showed that they did not have a common male ancestor.

The family name is customarily spelled Devlin or Develin according to the preference of the person bearing the name or of the understanding of nineteenth century clerks, clergymen, and others. For example, Arthur Develin married Margareth Smyth; the baptismal records of three of their sons are Devlin, while one son and a daughter are Develin. As adults, two sons preferred the three syllable spelling and two opted for Devlin. In the 20th century, our Australian branch uses the three syllable form and the American branch the two syllable.

The First Generation

As of this writing, our earliest known ancestors are **Arthur Develin** and **Margreth (Margaret) Smyth** who married in Wicklow R.C. parish 19 July 1820. Witnesses were **George Steward** and **Margreth Brady**.² Birth records of the couple have not been located. At that time Wicklow R.C. parish occupied the area of the civil and Church of Ireland (Anglican) parishes of Kilpoole (Wicklow Town), Drumkay and Rathnew. In 1864 the northern part of Wicklow parish was made into the separate R.C. parish of Ashford.

We know from baptismal records of five children that **Arthur** and **Margaret** lived in Wicklow parish from 1825 to 1842 and from land valuation records that **Arthur Devlin** leased four acres, three roods, and five perches of land containing a house and outbuildings in Cronroe townland, civil parish of Rathnew, from **Hugh Eccles** from 1852 to the mid-1860s when the land he leased in Cronroe townland passed to **John Graham**.³ Cronroe townland includes the Great Rock of Cronroe and arable land east of it, some three miles from Wicklow Town. By 1864 Cronroe was in the new Ashford R.C. parish. I had hoped that the Tithe Applotment Books of 1832 would mention **Arthur Develin**. However, the book shows only **Isaac Eccles, Esq.**, holding 301 acres and **Charles Byrne**, holding 47 acres as land occupiers in Cronerow (Cronroe) townland.⁴ An estate the size of **Eccles'** would have needed a fair number of hands working on it; **Arthur** may well have been among them in 1832 and for the next two decades. He was identified in his granddaughter's family as "steward on an estate in Wicklow." The Eccles estate, which included much of the Rock, was of modest size by mid-19th century standards in Ireland. Its steward would not have the power and prestige of one in charge of a great property. Nonetheless, he had responsibility for managing the estate – supervision of tenants and workers, maintenance of walls, ditches and roads, care of animals, and providing food to the household. A leasehold of several acres would go with such a position.⁵

²Report of Wicklow Family History Centre, 9 September 1998 (hereafter Rept. Wicklow FHC).

³Griffith's Valuation of Tenements, Co. Wicklow, 1852, and Land Valuation Books, Glenealy Electoral Division, 1854-1870. The Land Valuation Books, which succeeded Griffith's, record changes of occupancy using colored inks for different years. The colors do not show on microfilm; and the date registered is not necessarily that of the transfer.

⁴Microfilm No. 113 in New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston MA. Isaac Eccles is named as the major land occupier in Cronroe townland in the *Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland*, 1846, Vol. I, p. 545.

⁵*Family and Antecedents of Bernard Louis DuPlessis, Senior (and) Margaret Browne DuPlessis*, compiled by B.L. DuPlessis Sr., 11 February 1972, p. 10. Hereafter cited as DuPlessis Genealogy. *Irish Roots*, No. 38, 2nd Quarter, 2001, pp.30-31, describes the role and duties of a land steward.

Of **Margaret Smyth**, however, no information has so far been discovered save that she was born in Ireland as attested by the 1880 census returns of her sons, **John Devlin** and **Hugh Develin**, in Providence RI. Her birth in Ireland was repeated in **John's** 1900 census return, **Hugh** being then deceased. We may never know more.

It is probable that **Arthur** and **Margaret** spent their entire married lives in Wicklow R.C. parish, much, and perhaps all, of the time at Cronroe. No death record for either has been located; they probably died before 1864, the year Irish civil registration of births, marriages and deaths began, as neither is in that source. Virtually no information about them has survived. **Arthur** was certainly literate; a land steward had to be. Their children had schooling. The four of their sons about whom we have information were also literate. It was a requirement in the professions of two and so stated in the US census records of two others.

Virtually nothing is known of **Arthur** and **Margaret Develin's** relatives. Further digging in the available sources may find some family connections or -- as is all too likely -- fail to discover any additional information. Two **Devlins**, **Andrew** and **Catherine**, are named as baptismal sponsors for **Arthur** and **Margaret's** children; they are probably relatives but whether sibling, cousin, aunt or uncle is unknown. Likewise, **Mary Smyth**, who was sponsor at **Peter Devlin's** baptism in 1825, is probably a relative of Margaret, perhaps a sister.

Andrew Devlin may be identical to a person of that name who married **Anne Hook** at a place and date not located. This couple had two known children, **George** born c1846, who had a prosperous career as a fruiterer in Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, and **Peter Joseph**, born in Rathmines parish, Co. Dublin, 26 January 1850. **Arthur** and **Margaret's** eldest son, **Peter**, lived in Rathmines in the 1850s. This geographic closeness and the fact that George, Peter and Joseph are names that appear in our Devlin family suggest that these Devlins are relatives.

James and **Mary Develin**, who were sponsors for a daughter of **Peter** and **Christine Devlin** in 1859, are probably relatives.

What is clear, however, is that by 1870 at the latest -- and probably in the mid-1860s --our Devlin family had left Wicklow for good. **Peter** was working in County Cork and later moved to Dublin.. **Arthur** joined the Royal Irish Constabulary in 1847 and did not serve in Wicklow. No record plausibly placing **James** in Ireland after 1859 has been located. **John** left for America in the summer of 1853. **Hugh** emigrated and settled in America in 1864. The only daughter, **Harriet**, apparently died young.

Descendants: the Second Generation

A. The Children of Arthur and Margaret (Smyth) Develin

1 - Peter Devlin, baptized in July 1825 in Wicklow R.C. parish; sponsors were **Peter Byrne** and **Mary Smyth**.⁶ **Peter** married **Christine Glynn** in Rathfarnham R.C. parish, Co. Dublin, 18 April 1850. Witnesses were **Peter Dillon** and **Margaret Russin**. The location of the wedding indicates that **Christine Glynn** lived in Rathfarnham, which abuts Rathmines on the south. No information on **Christine's** family has surfaced. Three sons born to **Peter** and **Christine Devlin** were baptized in Rathmines R.C. parish, County Dublin, in 1851, 1853 and 1855.⁷

The Devlin family moved from Rathmines, where **Peter Devlin** was employed as a gardener, to Wicklow at some point between the birth of their third son in December 1855 and that of a daughter born in June 1859. Her baptism and those of two additional daughters place the family in Wicklow R.C. parish in 1859 and 1862 and in the newly established Ashford parish in 1865. It is virtually certain that they were living on or near Peter's father's leasehold in Cronroe in these years, and this is certain for 1865; the civil registration for the birth of their youngest daughter states Cronroe as the townland of birth and identifies her father as "gardiner."⁸ In the late 1850s Peter's father was about 60 and may have needed help in managing the Eccles estate. Peter, with a dozen years of experience as a gardener, was a logical one to provide help.

Whether **Peter Devlin** had hopes of succeeding his father as land steward at Cronroe we do not know. At any rate he did not and probably moved when **John Graham** took over **Arthur Develin's** leasehold. The Devlin family remained in Cronroe at least until August 1865 when the youngest daughter was born. In 1870 **Peter Devlin** is identified as a gardener at Mount Pleasant, some four miles northwest of Bandon in Co. Cork. Mt. Pleasant was an estate of some 3,000 acres, the property of **James Baldwin**, who died in 1873. Change of ownership of Mt. Pleasant apparently caused Peter to move to Dublin, where he worked as a gardener for a Mr. Smith.⁹ Gardener was his lifelong profession, and it was a serious and respectable one in Ireland then as it is now. Moving from one position to another several times was a common practice of gardeners in this period.

By the time **Peter** and **Christine Devlin** moved back to Rathmines in Co. Dublin, perhaps to the same estate that he worked on a decade earlier, their family had changed markedly. Their

⁶Rept. Wicklow FHC 23 June 1999. The day of month not stated.

⁷Marriage: Search Report of Patricia Moorhead, APGI, 30 June 2002, Rathfarnham R.C. parish register, National Library of Ireland microfilm. The spelling of Margaret Russin's name is uncertain. Births: *ibid.*, 24 June 2002, Rathmines R.C. parish register, National Library of Ireland Microfilm (Pos.) 9200.

⁸Register of Births in Ashford District, Superintendent Registrar's District (Hereafter SupRegDist) of Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, 26 August 1865. Copy in my possession.

⁹See Appendix II and note 48.

eldest son had died at age 20 at Mt. Pleasant. Their middle daughter appears to have died at a young age. And the youngest son had emigrated. A seventh child, their fourth daughter, was added to the family at an unknown date. No information concerning this child has surfaced. **James**, the son who had emigrated and settled in Boston, when filling out an application for life insurance from the Catholic Order of Foresters in April 1884, noted that he had two brothers and four sisters, of whom one brother and one sister were then alive. **Christine**, the surviving sister, told her descendants in later years that she had three sisters and three brothers

By the time of **Peter Devlin's** death on 15 March 1881 the family had effectively been reduced to their youngest daughter, **Christine**. Their eldest daughter had died in September 1877 and the remaining son enlisted in the army the same year. **Peter Devlin's** death record lists him as "gardener from "Grove (House?) Rathmines," Co. Dublin, cause of death myelitis (inflammation of bone marrow) 2 months cystitis certified, at Mater Misericordia Hospital, Dublin. His age is stated as 47; he was in fact four months short of 56.¹⁰

The Devlin family was reasonably well off; a land steward would have had decent living accommodations and a salary befitting his position. The youngest daughter of the family, **Christine (Devlin) Murphy**, is said to have told her granddaughters that the Devlin family "was not poor." The photograph reproduced on p. 23 testifies to some extra money for such things as a trip to a photography studio and for the fancy dresses the Devlin girls are wearing.

Christine (Glynn) Devlin outlived her husband by two years, dying on 12 May 1883, age 47, widow of gardener, from chronic bronchitis for two years with no medical attention. She was then living at "The Grove" on Rathmines Road in South Dublin. The informant was **Joseph Devlin**, son, of the same address.¹¹ She was almost certainly older than 47, for that implies that she was 14 or 15 at her marriage, a very young age for that period. Her son might well not have known her age. (The same inaccurate age at death, 47, is used on remembrance cards for his father and his mother.) It speaks well of the proprietor of Grove House that she was living on that property two years after her husband's death.

Of **Christine** herself, little information has survived. We don't know where she was born or where her family came from.. Glynn is a west of Ireland name, however. She was certainly literate; her youngest daughter told her grandchildren that her mother taught her to read and write. A book used for that purpose has survived.¹² Her father may have been a gardener and/or land steward.

¹⁰ Register of Deaths, 1 North City District, SupRegDist of Dublin North, City of Dublin, for 1881, p. 483. The informant was Dominick Grogan, apparently a hospital staff member. Copy in my possession.

¹¹Ibid., Rathmines Dist., SupRegDis of Dublin South, County Dublin for 1883, p. 25. Copy in my possession.

¹² The flyleaf of *The Spelling Book Superseded*, Dublin 1875, is inscribed "Christina Devlin, The Grove, Rathmines."

The picture below, taken in Dublin, dates to the 1880s.¹³ It and the book mentioned above were preserved by **Christine (Devlin) Murphy**, and there is every reason to believe that the picture is of **Christine (Glynn) Devlin**. If so it is additional evidence that this Devlin family had more than adequate means. Moreover, it gives the impression of a dignified, competent woman; she may well have held a responsible position in The Grove's household staff.



¹³ The E. and J. Lauder firm, 22 Westmoreland St., Dublin, was active in the 1880-1890 period, dates approximate. John Duggan, "Origins of Photography and Its Evolution in Ireland," *Irish Roots*, #35, 3rd quarter, 2000, pp. 14-15.

2 - Arthur Develin was 19 at the time he joined the Royal Irish Constabulary, 2 August 1847, i.e., born c1828. A baptismal record has not been located. RIC regulations prohibited a member from serving in his or his wife's native county. **Arthur's** native county being Wicklow, his initial assignment after recruit training was in County Wexford. He married **Catherine Sweeney** of that county 6 February 1860. A few weeks later he was assigned to County Kilkenny where he served until he was pensioned 10 December 1877. In the course of these 30 years he rose through the ranks of the RIC to Constable [equivalent to sergeant] a position that he held for his final six years.¹⁴ **Arthur** served for a time in northeast Kilkenny; his and **Catherine's** third, fourth and fifth sons (and probably the first two as well) were born in Ballyragget, Castlecomer District, Kilkenny in May 1864, March 1866, and May 1868. His assignment was changed to New Ross around the year 1871. "His station during his last years" in the constabulary "was in and around New Ross," a town in Wexford but on the border with Kilkenny.¹⁵

Arthur Develin settled his family in the townland of Brownstown, Kilkenny. This townland (there are five other Brownstowns in Kilkenny) is some three miles west of New Ross on the road to Mullinavat. This town gives its name to the Catholic parish that includes Brownstown, Tullagher where the Develins' last child, **Rosanna**, was baptized in 1883, and Ballyneale where **Arthur**, his wife and their son **Michael** (1870-c1910) are buried. In 2000, **Bernard** and **John Duplessis** located the house where the Develins had lived; it stands about a quarter mile north of the crossroads. The owners call it the "Develin House" and informed the DuPlessis brothers that it was in poor condition – "had a tree growing through the roof" -- when they bought the property circa 1970. They were, however, able to incorporate parts of the walls in the present day building.¹⁶

During her marriage, **Catherine (Sweeney) Develin** bore 15 children. The first six were male, of whom the fourth died very young. The others were born after the Develins moved to Brownstown. Two daughters, **Catherine** and **Rosanna**, lived to be 98 and 89 respectively. The others died as infants or toddlers.

At an undetermined date, **Arthur** and **Catherine Develin** moved to Waterford City, where in 1900 they lived at 48 Manor St., apparently with their daughter, **Catherine** and son **Michael**. **Arthur Develin** died 19 February 1902 in Waterford.¹⁷ His widow survived him by a quarter

¹⁴RIC Service Register Abstract, copy courtesy of Chris Develin.

¹⁵DuPlessis Genealogy, p. 10. Birth dates and places of three sons are from the Mormon International Genealogical Index (IGI).

¹⁶Index of Townlands and Towns of Ireland prepared for the 1871 Census. LDS microfilm. Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Map 76, 1996; notes/e-mails from John J. DuPlessis, 17 December 2000, 15 November 2004, 31 January 2005. Catholic parishes in 19th century Ireland were large and typically had one or more outlying chapels, such as that in Tullagher, to serve their distant parishioners.

¹⁷Death Certificate, Ireland, Extract from official records, issued 6 April 1998. The extract states his age as 75 and his "condition" as widower(sic).

century, passing away in Tramore District, southwest of Waterford City, 19 March 1927, age 88.¹⁸ Of their seven children who reached adulthood, three emigrated – two to America and one to Australia.



Catherine (Develin) Broderick (1876-1974), Catherine (Sweeney) Develin (c1829-1927)
Michael Develin (1870-1910) Arthur Develin (c1827-1902)

¹⁸Ibid., issued 7 April 1998.

. **3 - James Devlin**, baptized 24 July 1832 in Wicklow R.C. parish; sponsors were **Pat Moran** and **Catherine Devlin**.¹⁹ Tradition among **Rosanna (Develin) Browne's** descendants is that he emigrated, came to America and may have served in the Civil War of 1861-1865. His name does not occur in my branch's tradition.

Wicklow FHC has located two marriages of an appropriate time frame in which the groom was **James Develin**. One is in Avoca R.C. parish in 1855; the bride was **Anne Quinn**. The other is of **James Develin** and **Mary Waters** in Wicklow R.C. parish 28 April 1851; witnesses were **Daniel Kelly** and **Ann Cullen**. No baptisms of children of either couple were found. However, the sponsors at the baptism of **Susan Devlin**, daughter of **Peter** and **Christine Devlin**, 12 June 1859, were **James Develin** and **Mary Develin**.²⁰ This suggests that they are the couple married in 1851 and that he is Peter and Arthur's brother, but it isn't proof. A **James Develin** was sponsor at the baptism of **Joseph Develin**, son of the same couple, in 1853.

¹⁹See note 2.

²⁰See note 6.

4 - John Devlin, baptized in Wicklow R.C. parish 24 January 1837; sponsors were **Andrew Devlin** and **Sally Byrne**.²¹ He left Ireland for America at age 16, arriving at New York in July 1853.²² On 14 October 1854 he enlisted at New York in the U.S. Army, being sent first to the Mounted Recruit Depot, Carlisle Barracks PA, and then assigned to Co. H, 2nd Dragoons. He is described as 5' 5", hazel eyes, brown hair, dark complexion, age 21(sic), occupation clerk, born Co. Wicklow, Ireland.²³ The small army of the 1850s was mostly deployed west of the Mississippi River, and that is where **John Devlin** went. He and other recruits joined the regiment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in the spring of 1855. Co. H grew from 24 to 68 enlisted men on their arrival.²⁴

Bye early summer the troops were out of garrison, camped on the North Platte River, Nebraska Territory. The new recruits got their first taste of warfare in short order. Four companies of the 2nd Dragoons were part of a force led by Gen. William S. Harney to retaliate against the Sioux for the killing of 30 soldiers the previous summer. Harney's force exacted retribution on 3 September at Bluewater Creek. Two dragoon companies took part in the fighting, but Cos. H and D were elsewhere in the field. "After Blue Water Harney led his command through the heart of Sioux territory ...daring other Sioux to fight. None did. Wintering at the old fur post of Fort Pierre, he summoned chiefs of all the Teton Sioux tribes to a great council in March 1856 and there dictated a peace."²⁵ Co. H spent the winter at various encampments on the upper Missouri River. Its movements included a 100-mile week-long march in mid-winter. The company maintained its strength through the winter and following

²¹See note 2.

²²Naturalization Application filed 24 August 1885, Court of Common Pleas, Providence RI.

²³Register of Enlistments, U.S. Army 1851-1854. Microfilm National Archives.

²⁴Returns from Regular Army Cavalry Regiments, 1833-1916; 2nd Cavalry 1849-1855, April 1855. Microfilm 744 in Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks PA. "Cavalry (regiments) ... were organized into ten companies each. ... each cavalry and dragoon company was allotted 50 privates (74 if on the frontier)... On the frontier ... 1 or 2 officers and 30 to 40 men per company ... was the usual average. Spread thinly over the West, the regiments rarely found occasion to assemble as such. The company tended to become the basic tactical unit on which individual pride and loyalty focussed." Robert M. Utley, *Frontiersmen in Blue: The United States Army and the Indian 1848-1865*. New York, MacMillan 1967, pp. 22-23. The Army had five cavalry regiments in the late 1850s; 1st and 2nd dragoons, a mounted regiment of infantry, 1st and 2nd cavalry. The latter two were formed in 1855. At the beginning of the Civil War the five were re-numbered. 1st and 2nd dragoons became 1st and 2nd cavalry; the mounted regiment became 3rd cavalry; 1st and 2nd cavalry became 4th and 5th cavalry.

²⁵ Robert M. Utley and Wilcomb E. Washburn, *Indian Wars*. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 2002, p. 186.

spring and summer, but when Co. H got to Fort Kearney in October 1856, one out of every five men promptly deserted.²⁶ The ruggedness of army life on the frontier was not for everyone.

Back in the saddle in late spring 1857, Cos. H and E were sent to Fort Laramie, Nebraska Territory (now in Wyoming) in June. The remaining companies of the regiment were concentrated at Ft. Leavenworth. That summer relations between the United States government and the ten-year old Mormon settlement in Utah, which had long been rocky, reached a breaking point. The Mormon leader, Brigham Young, who had served for several years as territorial governor, refused to accept a new governor appointed by Washington. The federal government found this intolerable and on 28 May ordered that a military force escort the newly appointed governor to Utah.

It took time to assemble the force, expected to number 2,500 men, at Ft. Leavenworth (north of Kansas City) on the Missouri River. Eight companies of the 10th Infantry came by river from Minnesota to St. Louis and thence to Ft. Leavenworth. The 5th Infantry was sent from Florida; 200 of its men deserted en route. These two regiments and an artillery battery, totaling 1250 men, left Ft. Leavenworth on 18, 19 and 22 July. This was late in the season to begin an 1100-mile march to Salt Lake City. And the troops started without the protection that cavalry would have provided against Mormon raids on the army supply trains. Most of the 2nd Dragoon companies at Leavenworth were sent to deal with civil disturbances in Kansas Territory in July and were not back at the fort until September.

The officer originally designated to lead the expedition, William Harney, was moved up to command the army's Department of the West. His replacement was not selected promptly. Col. Albert Sidney Johnston (later to be one of the Confederacy's ablest commanders) was appointed to lead the "Army of Utah" on 28 August. He immediately set out for Ft. Leavenworth where he made sure that the 2nd Dragoon deployment was in progress, picked up an escort of two dozen dragoons and rode west. Reaching Ft. Laramie on 3 October he ordered Cos. E and H, each with a strength of 60 men and adequate mounts, to march immediately to join the infantry and artillery units. The dragoons were up with the foot soldiers by the end of the month. Six more companies of the 2nd Dragoons under Lt. Col. Philip St. L. Cooke left Leavenworth in mid-September and caught up with the main force at Ft. Bridger, Utah Territory, in mid-November. Cooke's force had a terrible time of it; winter came early, half his cavalry horses died from lack of forage (Cooke's dragoons were the last group to pass along the migration trail that season). By the time the force was at Ft. Bridger, forcing the pass on the direct route to Salt Lake was out of the question. Johnston's force, numbering about 1,750 men, spent a miserable winter in the mountains 100 miles east of Salt Lake.

The difficulty between Washington and the Mormons was settled during the winter by an envoy who reached Salt Lake via the Isthmus of Panama, ship to San Pedro, and thence on horseback with a Mormon escort. Johnston's force reached the Mormon area in the summer and, by agreement, peaceful relations prevailed. Johnston established a military post, Camp Floyd, some 30 miles south of Salt Lake, and **John Devlin** -- sometimes on patrol or detached duty -- served out his enlistment there. He was discharged on expiration of service, a sergeant, on 16

²⁶Returns from Regular Army Cavalry Regiments, Ibid. Theo F. Rodenbough and William L. Haskin, eds., *The Army of the United States* ... Maynard Merrill and Co., 1896, pp. 172, 181-84.

October 1859.²⁷

Food was a perennial problem for the army on the frontier. Units assigned soldiers to grow food for garrisons, settlers found selling food to the army profitable, and discharged soldiers and other civilians often looked for opportunities to grow and sell food to local army establishments. John appears to have done this. He "owned a farm in Stockton" according to his great grandson, **William J. Ward**.²⁸ This was probably Stockton near Camp Floyd, rather than the more well-known Stockton, California. After being a civilian for a year, he enlisted in the 1st Dragoons, Co. A, at Fort Churchill, Utah (later Nevada) Territory -- near Virginia City, 450 miles west of Salt Lake City -- on 10 December 1860. He is described as age 26 (sic), grey eyes, brown hair, dark complexion, ht. 5' 6 1/2", born Wicklow, Ireland.²⁹ How and why he came to western Nevada is not known.

John Devlin is recorded as 'deserted' in the monthly return of the 1st Dragoons for May 1861 at Fort Churchill. He surrendered at the regiment's headquarters, Camp Sprague, Washington DC, on 5 January 1862. Another trooper from Co. A surrendered with him. John was restored to duty without trial. Why he became separated from his unit and how he made it from Nevada to Washington are not part of the official record.³⁰ At the outbreak of the Civil War army units on the frontier were ordered back to the theatres of operation east of the Mississippi. With the companies and even squads of a regiment often widely dispersed, men could be separated from their parent unit all too easily. This is probably what happened to **John Devlin**. (My brother-in-law, **William Pollock**, observed, with wisdom born of 30 years in the army, "There's always someone who doesn't get the word.")

The regiment, renamed the 1st Cavalry, participated in the Peninsula Campaign in the spring of 1862; it was in action in the fighting around Williamsburg in early May. On May 16, **John Devlin** was reported absent from his unit, sick in hospital, nature of illness not specified. He remained in hospital for nearly a year until discharged for disability 4 April 1863 at the military hospital in Chester, PA.³¹

²⁷Ibid., regimental returns. Leroy H. Hafen, ed., *The Utah Expedition 1857-1858, a Documentary Account*. Glendale, CA, Arthur H. Clarke Co., 1958, pp. 14, 15, 19-21, 34, 59, 60. *The Utah Expedition 1857-1858*. Letters of Captain Jesse A. Gove, 10th Inf. U.S.A. of Concord N.H. to Mrs. Gove. N.H. Historical Society Collections, Vol. 12, 1928, pp. 90, 94, 123, 147, 150. For John Devlin's discharge, see note 23.

²⁸Telephone conversation, 5 September 1993.

²⁹Register of Enlistments, U.S. Army, 1859-1963. Microfilm National Archives.

³⁰Ibid.; Report of Adjutant General's Office, 18 April 1882, in his pension file, copy in my possession. That the two men made their way across the country to rejoin the regiment indicates that they had not "deserted".

³¹Ibid.

He also was at Lovell General Hospital, Portsmouth Grove (now Melville) RI, a few miles down Narragansett Bay from Providence, during this year. I believe that it was here that he met his future wife, **Joanna Egan**, Irish-born daughter of **Michael** and **Catherine Egan**, whom he married in Providence RI 14 April 1863. The marriage record names his parents as **Arthur** and **Margaret**, his occupation as "officer in Army", and his age 24.³² The timing of these events argues that he arranged for a commission in the Quartermaster Scouts, also known as the 42nd Regiment, Washington Volunteers, during his stay in hospital. He "was detailed to guard wagon trains on the roads leading out of Washington. At one time he fell into the hands of Col. John Mosby, the noted (Confederate) guerilla, but escaped."³³ **John Devlin** is also mentioned in the *Official History of the War of the Rebellion*, as 2nd lieutenant of a unit hastily organized to bolster the defenses of Washington south of the Potomac River against the threat of attack by a Confederate force under Jubal Early in July 1864.³⁴ He remained in the Quartermaster Scouts until the end of hostilities.

As an officer and no longer a frontline soldier, John could arrange to have his wife with him. Their first child was born in Virginia, probably Alexandria, where there were quartermaster installations.³⁵

John and **Joanna Devlin** and their son, **George**, moved to Rhode Island after the war; the exact date has not been determined. Their second child was born in Providence 28 March 1868. The next three children were born in North Providence (a separate jurisdiction) in 1870, November 1871, and December 1872.³⁶ A fifth child, **Harriet**, is recorded in the 1900 census as born in RI in 1874 but is not in the above-cited record. Their last child was born in Providence in 1875. **John Devlin** first appears in Providence City Directories in that year as a watch repairer. Where he learned this skill is not known, but the logical time is in the years immediately following the Civil War.

The family lived at three addresses in Providence over a ten year period before settling on Lockwood St., at number 81 in 1884 and 165 in 1892. The latter house remained in the family for over half a century; **John** and **Joanna Devlin's** daughters, **Emma** and **Margaret**, lived there until 1957. **John Devlin** came to run his own business; his obituary (see above) refers to him as "the well-known Dorrance Street jeweler." Dorrance St. is in the main business district of the city. His military experience stayed with him throughout his life; he was an active member of Prescott Post No. 1 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a northern Civil War veterans' organization.

³²Marriages Registered in the City of Providence for the Year Ending 31 December 1863, p. 51.

³³Obituary, *Providence Evening Bulletin*, 8 March 1910.

³⁴Series Two, Volume 37, p. 262.

³⁵US Census 1880, Rhode Island, E.D. 58, p.32.

³⁶Rhode Island State Archives, Microfilm Roll 2, Births 1853-1878.

John Devlin died 5 March 1910 at his home and was buried in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, RI. His widow died three and a half years later, 28 October 1913, and is buried beside him, as are five of the couple's children.³⁷



5 - Hugh Develin, baptized 17 February 1839 in Wicklow R.C. parish. Sponsors were

³⁷Burials in Section 39, Lot 14, courtesy of Office of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Providence, 12 August 2000.

Mary Smith and **Pat Cullen**.³⁸ Hugh left Ireland when he was 25, arriving in New York in March 1864.³⁹ Joining his brother in Virginia, he took over or helped John run a farm that the latter owned or leased in the area. Like John, he moved to Providence after the war. The date is uncertain but it was before mid-1867. On 3 July 1867, **Hugh Develin** married **Catherine Egan**, New York born daughter of **Michael** and **Catherine Egan** and younger sister of **John Devlin's** wife, **Joanna**. Hugh's parents are recorded as **Arthur** and **Margaret** and his occupation gardener.⁴⁰

The couple lived at various addresses in Providence, moving every few years. He abandoned the occupation of gardener and became a "driver" (probably a teamster) from 1868-1876, next a porter, then a shipping clerk for the last ten years of his life. Midway through that decade, on 7 December 1894, **Hugh** was admitted to citizenship. In many of the city directory entries, **Hugh's** name is spelled **Develin**, which he preferred. **Catherine (Egan) Develin** bore him four daughters of whom two survived infancy. She herself died 29 August 1881, at the young age of 39.⁴¹

Left with two young daughters, aged 13 and seven, **Hugh** remarried half a year later, 23 March 1882. His second wife was **Mary Jeffray Manning**, age 26, born in Illinois.⁴² From 1886 to 1890 Mary M. Devlin ran a florist shop at 125 Chestnut St., Providence. In the 1889 city directory she advertised as a florist "formerly with Manning Greenhouses." On 2 March 1890 she bore a daughter, **Lena M.**, of whom no further record has been located.⁴³ It is probable that she died in infancy.

Hugh Develin died 5 February 1899. His obituary reads, "Develin. In this city, on the 5th inst., Hugh Develin, aged 56 years. Funeral Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence, 215 Rhodes Street. Relatives and friends are invited to attend."⁴⁴ **Hugh** was in fact only a few days short of his sixtieth birthday. He did not enjoy the same prominence as his brother, John.

³⁸See note 2.

³⁹Naturalization Application filed US District Court, Rhode Island, 7 December 1894. Copy in my possession. Farm, see note 28.

⁴⁰Marriages ... Providence RI for ... 1863, pp. 85-86.

⁴¹*Index to Births, Marriages, and Deaths Recorded in Providence RI*, Vol. VI, p. 156 (hereafter BMD in Providence). Vol. I of this series covered 1636-1850; vols. II, III and IV 1851-1870. Subsequent volumes covered ten years. Except for Vol. I, births, marriages and deaths were in separate volumes.

⁴²*Ibid.*, Vol. X, 1891-1900, p. 132.

⁴³*Ibid.*, Vol. VIII, 1881-1890, p. 164.

⁴⁴Providence Evening *Bulletin*, 7 February 1899.

Hugh's widow survived him by at least a dozen years. In 1900 she lived at 43 Bassett St., taking in roomers and boarders. Neither her stepdaughters nor her daughter Lena were living with her.⁴⁵ She moved to 211 Friendship St., then to 184 Clifford, and finally (1909-1912) 306 Pine. The latter is her last mention in the Providence directories.⁴⁶ She either moved, remarried or died about that time. Near the end of her life her name appeared in the city directories as DeVelin. She had, in earlier years of widowhood used Develin, which Hugh had preferred.

6 - Harriet Devlin, baptized 28 April 1842 in Wicklow R.C. parish; sponsors were **Peter Byrne** and **Mary Byrne**.⁴⁷ This is the sole item of biographic data for Harriet. She probably died young. No **Harriet Devlin/Develin** of appropriate age appears in the Irish Civil Registration Indices for Deaths or Marriages 1864-1884.

The surnames of the ten baptismal sponsors of **Arthur** and **Margaret (Smyth) Develin's** children are of interest. Four of the ten are **Byrnes**, suggesting ties of kinship or marriage with some branch of that large clan. Two are **Smith** and two are **Devlin**. There is one **Cullen** and one **Moran**. The records do not indicate relationships, nor whether the females are single or married.

⁴⁵US Census 1900, Providence RI, ED 40, sh. 9.

⁴⁶BMD in Providence, Vol.

⁴⁷See note 2.

Descendants: the Third Generation

A. The Children of **Peter** and **Christine (Glynn) Devlin**

1 - Arthur Devlin, baptized 27 April 1851, Rathmines R.C. parish, County Dublin. Sponsors were **Arthur Devlin** (probably Peter's brother) and **Jane Maria Cullen**. All that is known of him is that he died 4 December 1870, bachelor, age 19, gardiner of Mt. Pleasant, Bandon, Co. Cork. Informant was **Peter Devlin**.⁴⁸

2 - Joseph Devlin, baptized 2 October 1853, Rathmines R.C. parish, Co. Dublin. Sponsors were **James Devlin** (probably Peter's brother) and **Margaret McNamara**. He enlisted in the British Army in 1877, serving as a private until transferring to the Army Reserve 16 January 1883 in Dublin. At the date of transfer he is described as 27 8/12 years, 5' 8 1/3", fresh complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, scar on upper lip. His "Length of Service with the Colours" is stated as 5.308. If this indicates five years, 308 days, he joined in March 1877; if 30% of a year, he joined in October of that year. The former is probably the correct interpretation. His regiment was sent to South Africa in 1879 for a campaign against the Zulus, service for which he was awarded a medal. **Joseph Devlin's** regiment appears to have been stationed in or near Dublin for much of his enlistment. He is named as paying the fee for his father's burial 16 March 1881. At the date of his transfer to the reserves **Joseph** was living at The Grove, Rathmines. He was still living there when his mother died four months later.⁴⁹

Joseph Devlin died 22 April 1885 of phthisis (the pulmonary form of tuberculosis), a bachelor, occupation porter, a patient at the Hospital for Incurables, 53 Lower Dominick St., Dublin, age 30.⁵⁰ He was the last of the family to die in Ireland. **Peter** and **Christine Devlin's** heritage would be carried on in America by their surviving son and daughter.

⁴⁸Baptism 573, Rathmines R.C. parish; see note 7. Death, Civil Records SupRegDist Bandon, Co. Cork, in Report of Ulster Historical Foundation 12 October 1993.

⁴⁹Baptism 1214, *ibid.*, see note 7. Enrolment Certificate in First Class Army Reserves (Army Form D425) 16 January 1883. Copy in my possession.

⁵⁰SupRegDist Dublin South, RegDist Donnybrook, 1885, Vol. 2, p. 512, 2nd Quarter. He was, in fact a year and a half older.

3 - James H(enry) Devlin, baptized 1 December 1855, Rathmines R.C. parish. Sponsors were **Richard Bohan** and **Julia Reed**. He left Ireland at age 16 and entered the US at New York 17 April 1872 according to his 1886 application for citizenship.⁵¹ Grandfather was not consistent about the year of his birth, although the records are consistent that he was born in December. Indeed, the several years of birth that he used are a classic case of the way dates could vary widely in an era when identity documents were rare. His birthdates stated or implied in records range from December 1849 in the 1880 census, which states his age as 30, to December 1856 in his application for citizenship. The record of his marriage on 8 April 1875 states his age as 23, implying birth in 1851.⁵² It is possible that he overstated his age because his bride was 24 and he was 19 in April 1875. By the 1900 census Grandfather had settled on a birthdate of December 1854, age 45. He was 55 in the 1910 census and his obituary of 6 June 1919 stated that he "was in his sixty-fifth year." **James Devlin's** baptismal record was located only in June 2002.

What brought him to Boston is unknown; to the best of my knowledge he had no relatives in the area. He is first named in the city directory of 1874. **James Devlin** worked as a coachman, primarily in the Dorchester district of Boston, in the course of which employment he met **Hannah Hickey**, Irish-born daughter of **Timothy Hickey** and **Ellen Hallahan**. Hannah was a servant in the household of **Daniel Denny, Jr.** The two were married 8 April 1875 in St. Gregory's parish, Dorchester. Witnesses were **Cal Halligan (Hallahan)** and **Ellen Hickey**.⁵³ Both witnesses were from Hannah's side; Ellen was her sister and Cal her maternal uncle. Family tradition is that the Hickey clan, from Mallow District in Co. Cork, which had been in Dorchester since the 1850s, was not overjoyed when this young man from Wicklow and Dublin wooed and won their eldest daughter.

The couple lived in Dorchester for about three years during which time two sons were born. **James Devlin** himself went to work for the Denny family. By April 1879 he had moved his family to the new Denny property in nearby Milton.⁵⁴ The 1880 census records him as "foreman on farm" there.⁵⁵ Dorchester had been annexed by Boston 1 January 1870, and developers flocked to the area to build multi-family or small houses for Boston's working class. Many well-to-do families such as the Dennys moved out of Dorchester to more spacious suburbs. The Milton Directory of 1885 finds **James Devlin** again listed as a coachman for **Daniel Denny** of Canton Street. Grandfather's naturalization application, cited above, states his place of residence in April 1886 as Milton.

⁵¹Baptism, Rathmines R. C. parish, see note 7; Naturalization Application and Acceptance, US District Court Boston MA, 21 April 1886. Copy in my possession.

⁵²Massachusetts Vital Records (hereafter Mass VR) 273:39.

⁵³Archdiocese of Boston Archives, St. Gregory's parish, marriage record of **James Develin** and **Hannagh Hickey**. Copy in my possession.

⁵⁴A daughter was born that month in Milton. Mass VR 305:265.

⁵⁵US Census 1880, Massachusetts, Norfolk County, Town of Milton, ED 500, Sh. 2.

By mid-1888 Grandfather had moved to Dedham, a town adjacent to Milton; there he bought property on Washington St. at Eastern Avenue where he operated a livery stable. His and Hannah's sixth child was born in Dedham in August of 1888. Grandfather ran the livery stable, which was directly across the street from the (since demolished) Old Colony Railroad depot, for several years. (An office of the South Shore bank stood on the site in 1991.) Older siblings recall being told that the stable had one of the first telephones in Dedham, a device so new that people came to watch calls being made. By 1893 the livery stable was owned by **John Scarry**, who had married **Hannah (Hickey) Devlin's** sister, **Nora (Nonie) Hickey**, 22 July 1889. Grandfather had acquired the Reunion Hotel, adjacent to the livery stable, and operated it for several years, although just when he gave it up is unclear. He is not listed in the Dedham directory for 1895, but his son is stated as being of Dedham in the 1895-1896 class list of Boston College.

It seems to me that Grandfather, having tried the livery business and the hotel trade, decided that there wasn't much money to be made from horses nor from providing food and lodging to travellers, but there was potentially a great deal of profit in the drink. 1898 found the Devlin family living at 595 Cambridge St., in the Allston-Brighton section of Boston, and he was employed as manager of the Providence Brewing Co., 27 Farnsworth St., in the city.⁵⁶ The 1900 census records the family of **James** and **Hannah Devlin**, four unmarried children aged 11 to 24, Hannah's younger sister **Mary Hickey**, and **Margaret Buckley**, servant.⁵⁷ In 1903, Grandfather moved his family to 35 Parsons St. close to the center of Brighton. By the time of the 1910 census, his eldest son and his wife were dead. **Hannah (Hickey) Devlin** died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 13 November 1909. His daughter had married, born a child, been widowed and moved back to her parent's home with an infant son. Her two brothers were still at home, the elder practicing law, the younger in college. Grandfather's sister-in-law, **Mary (Minnie) Hickey** and **Agnes McDonald**, 18, a Canadian-born servant rounded out the household..

In the 1900 Boston Directory **James Devlin** continues to be listed as manager of the Providence Brewing Company. The entry adds "Liquors, N. Beacon, corner Market St. Brighton." This was the northeast corner where Grandfather established and operated a saloon. It was positioned to catch business from those involved in the cattle trade. Brighton had been a center of livestock trade for over a century, with more than 40 slaughterhouses within its bounds by 1860 and a large Cattle Fair Hotel in the center of town. Around 1880 the small operations were eliminated and the process of turning cattle into meat was concentrated in one facility, "the abattoir", close to which Grandfather put his place of business.

I grew up in Brighton knowing about the saloon, even though it had closed its doors by 1920. Indeed, there was a pair of chairs from it in our kitchen. In the socially correct Irish Catholic parlance of the time, however, it was usually referred to as "the property." The actual name came to me in a curious way through my late sister, **Frances**, a few years ago. She was for some 20 years a nun teaching in the school system of the Archdiocese of Boston. In one, and only one, of the places

⁵⁶Boston City Directory 1898, pp.445 and 1775.

⁵⁷ US Census 1900, Massachusetts, Suffolk Co. (Boston), ED 1542, sh. 6: Ibid., 1910, ED 1651, sh. 18B, taken 29 April. Hannah Devlin's death, Mass VR 18:725.

to which she was assigned, the superior was of Italian origin and believed that special feasts deserved special treats. So, a few times a year, dinner in the refectory would be accompanied by wine. In this convent there was a nun, several years older than Fran, who had grown up in that part of Brighton close to Grandfather's saloon. At one of these feast day dinners she looked across the table at Fran, raised her glass, and quietly said, "Devlin's Tap!"

One more saloon story; readers must supply their own brogue for the dialogue. During high school I worked at the Public Library in Boston several nights a week. The route of the bus I took home went along North Beacon St. It had stopped one night at the corner of Market St. where Grandfather's saloon had been, when a voice behind me said: "Do you remember old man Devlin's saloon that stood there?"

"Faith, I do," came the reply, "Many's the poor stiff I've seen carried out the back door of that place!"

A cautious look showed that the speakers were two police officers, each in his fifties.

"And do you remember that stiff-necked old bastard, his son, the judge (my father!). Why, he once threw a friend of mine out of his court because he didn't have a necktie on!"

Then the bus moved on.

As he grew older, especially after the deaths of his eldest son and his wife, Grandfather appears to have considered selling "the property" and retiring. His widowed daughter who kept house for him, **Ellen (Nell) Corbett**, prevailed on him not to do so, reportedly because she feared he would "drink up the proceeds," I don't know the truth of this story, but **Aunt Nellie** was a woman of strong opinions, and Grandfather did have a fondness for the drink. Her economic instincts were unsound, however. The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, ratified on 29 January 1919, forbade "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" in the US beginning the following January. This put paid to any idea of selling out, for the property had little value and the license none. Grandfather was, I believe, still operating the saloon when he died on 5 June 1919.⁵⁸

Grandfather was active in spheres outside his businesses. He joined the Charitable Irish Society of Boston in 1892, served as a director of the Society in 1898-99 and remained a member for the rest of his life. He was an early, though not a charter, member of the American Irish Historical Society, which was founded in Boston in 1897. A national organization, this society moved its headquarters to New York City in 1900. Grandfather and my father, who joined in 1905, remained members for the rest of their lives.

James Devlin was by all accounts a generous, open-hearted man. The voyage of his sister, Christine, from Ireland to Boston, which is mentioned below, is an illustration. He provided a level of education well above the norm at the time for his children. My sisters told me that he frequently would send my mother, of whom he was fond, something from the food market, typically

⁵⁸Boston *Globe*, 6 June 1919. NB: the gravestone on the Devlin lot in Calvary Cemetery in Roslindale (Boston) MA incorrectly states the year of death as 1918. The Massachusetts Order of Foresters (see note 107) death certificate states the cause of death as a cerebral hemorrhage.

a whole side of bacon or a crate of strawberries. They recalled him, somewhat vaguely to be sure as they were but six and five at his death, with affection. I wish I had known him, but there is only a picture.



James H. Devlin 1855-1919

4 - **Susan Develin** was baptized 12 June 1859 in Wicklow R.C. parish; sponsors were **James Develin** and **Mary Develin**. As noted in Second Generation above, it is possible that they are her uncle and aunt. Known as Susannah in her family, she died "25 September 1877, aged 18 years," according to a remembrance card in the possession of her grandniece. The place and circumstances of her death are unknown. A search of the Index to Deaths in Ireland 1877-1881 did not find her. Nor did a search of the companion Index for England and Wales 1877. The youngest daughter, **Christine**, "was left alone when her father, mother and sister died".⁵⁹



Susannah
and
Christine Devlin
mid 1870s

⁵⁹E-mail from Patricia Moorhead 13 November 2003. E-mail from Eleanor (Murphy) Fay, 31 July 2000. The card was one of several items that had come down to Ellie from Christine (Devlin) Murphy.

5 - Margaret Develin was baptized 18 October 1862 in Wicklow R.C. parish; sponsors were **Martin Stafford** and **Anne Shannon**. The fact that Margaret is not in the picture with her two sisters is a strong indication that she died young, probably as an infant. There is no record of her death in the relevant Civil Registration index for Ireland 1864-84.

6 - Christine Devlin, born 26 August 1865 in Cronroe townland, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, was baptized 27 August 1865 in Ashford R.C. parish. Sponsors were **Phelan Mull** and **Mary Forrest**. Ashford church was about a mile and a half from Cronroe where **Arthur Develin** had his leasehold. The informant for the civil record was **Mary Doyle** of Ballylusk, a townland adjacent to Cronroe, who possibly was the midwife.⁶⁰

Four months after her mother's death Christine took ship for Boston; she had just turned 18. She was one of 46 people in intermediate class in the after lower cabin of the steamship *Marathon*, sailing from Liverpool and Cork. She travelled with seven pieces of baggage and arrived in Boston 30 September or 1 October 1883. The Passenger Arrivals list, from which the above was taken, indicates that she intended to live in Boston. She did stay for a time with her brother and his family. The fact that Christine travelled in some comfort argues that her brother **James** provided the money so that his young sister would not have to travel steerage. Family lore is that **Hannah** did not like having **Christine** live with the family; she might have been annoyed at the money her husband spent for Christine's trans-Atlantic passage. Indeed, **Christine** told her grandchildren how good it was of her brother James to come to her rescue after her parents and sister all died within the space of a few years, leaving her alone.⁶¹

Christine Devlin married **Philip Jeremiah Murphy**, born 8 December 1862 in Co. Cork to **John** and **Bridget Murphy**, in North Andover MA, where she was employed, on 12 October 1892.⁶² He was a machinist at the time of marriage, later an electrician. In 1920 the Boston city directory lists him as Treasurer of the Boston Armature Company. The couple lived in Boston until moving to the suburb of Brookline around 1916. **Philip Murphy** died 1 October 1935 and his widow ten years later, 10 May 1945.⁶³ Both are interred in St. Paul's cemetery, Arlington MA. They had three sons and a daughter.

⁶⁰Baptisms of Susan, Margaret and Christine, see note 2. Civil record of Christine's birth in Ashford Dist, SupRegDist Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. See note 7.

⁶¹See note 59.

⁶²Marriage, Mass VR 424:470; birth, e-mail from Philip A. Murphy 12 October 2004.

⁶³E-mail from Phyllis M. Bowler, 27 May 2000.

Christine (Devlin) Murphy is an important source on the Devlin family. She told descendants that she was all alone when her mother died. Her brother **Joseph** was alive, but we do not know his circumstances or the relations between sister and brother. She appears to have brought some family papers with her to America, including a small version of the photograph reproduced on page 8. She came into possession of, and preserved, other papers which establish the dates and circumstances of her parents', her older sister's and her brother's deaths. These include **Joseph Devlin's** burial permit and a record of his military service, which probably were sent to her as his nearest known relative upon Joseph's death.

Christine Murphy was, as many women are, good at keeping contact with relatives. These included her nephew and niece, **James H. Devlin** and **Ellen (Devlin) Corbett** in Boston, her first cousins – the descendants of her uncles, **John** and **Hugh Devlin**, in Providence, and two generations of descendants of her first cousin, **Rosanna (Develin) Browne** in New Jersey.

B. The Children of **Arthur and Catherine (Sweeney) Develin**

This couple had "15 children, the majority of whom died in infancy or as children."⁶⁴ The seven who reached adulthood are discussed here. The other eight are listed at the end of the section. Except where noted, birth dates of all 15 children are from a list prepared by **Willie Broderick**, son of **Catherine (Develin) Broderick**, and sent by him to **Margaret (Browne) DuPlessis**.⁶⁵

1 - John (Jack) Develin, born 15 November 1860, possibly in Wexford. He joined the RIC 29 April 1881, served in Cork E.R. (eastern region?), Kilkenny, and Meath, and was promoted to sergeant in 1898. He was pensioned 1 September 1906.⁶⁶ John was married 18 October 1891 to a woman whose native county was Wexford. The marriage took place in Gorey Registration District, Co. Wexford.⁶⁷ This district abuts Arklow district in Co. Wicklow and contains part of Arklow R.C. parish. This location fits with the statement that following police service, "he became a market gardener in Arklow, Wexford."⁶⁸ No further information concerning his life after leaving the RIC or about possible descendants has been discovered. A search by Meath Family History Centre did not locate any children of the marriage.

⁶⁴DuPlessis Genealogy, p. 11.

⁶⁵*Browne-Devlin Families*, p. 41. This is a photo-copied collection of letters, newspaper clippings, civil records, censuses, and other documents assembled by James DuPlessis of Camden SC in 1999. I added page numbers to my copy.

⁶⁶RIC Service Register Abstract. Copy in my possession. A wife's name is not recorded in these abstracts.

⁶⁷Index to Marriages in Ireland, Quarter Ending 31st December 1891.

⁶⁸See note 64.

2 - James Arthur Develin, born 28 October 1861, in Co. Kilkenny, probably in Ballyragget. James had a short but travel- and tragedy-filled life, which included an enlistment in the Royal Navy. He married three times, once in England, twice in Philadelphia PA.

The search for **James Develin's** first wife began with these words of his sister; "while (Jim was) in England he married a handsome girl by her picture at least. She died on the *birth* (emphasis added) of her first child...."⁶⁹ When James married **Annie Emmett** in Philadelphia PA in January 1890, the marriage license records that he had married previously and that the marriage had been dissolved by his wife's death in England in 1884.⁷⁰

The Index to Marriages Registered in England for 1883 does not contain the name of **James Develin** but that for 1884 records that **James Arthur Develin** was married in Birkenhead District in the first quarter of the year and that the full record is in Vol. 8a, p. 627. Birkenhead is across the Mersey River from Liverpool, a logical location for a Royal Navy rating. He is the only Develin/Devlin who married in that district in those three months. A search of the Marriage Index for January-March 1884 located two females with the same volume and page reference as James's. One is **Catherine Ann Ward**. (The other is Bridget Timothy.) The Index to Deaths Registered in England in 1884 contains an entry (Vol. 8a, p. 74) for **Catherine Ann Devlin**, 20, in Birkenhead District for the October-December quarter. The Index to Births for 1884 records that of **Charles Devlin** in Birkenhead District in the July-September quarter (Vol. 8a, p. 303). There are no Devlin births recorded for Birkenhead District in the October-December quarter, nor is there a Devlin infant death recorded there.

These civil registration records are indexed by the quarter in which the event was registered, not that of the event. Therefore, precise dates are not obtainable from the indices. The records themselves are available only in England. It is virtually certain, however, that **Catherine Ann Ward** is **James Arthur Develin's** first wife. And it is likely that **Charles Devlin** is their son.

After the death of his wife, **James** returned to Ireland, then emigrated and came to Philadelphia. There, on 29 January 1890, he married **Annie Emmett**, spinster, born in Ireland, a servant living at 2208 Victoria Lane, Philadelphia. He stated his occupation as steelworker and his residence as Nicetown (a district in the city); his bride also lived in that district.⁷¹ **James's** youngest sister described his life in the two letters quoted below. Her information would have come in part from other members of her family, for she was at most five years old when he left for America, and in part from a visit to Philadelphia in the second decade of the 20th century.

⁶⁹Rose (Develin) Browne to Margaret and Bernard DuPlessis, 3 February 1971. *Browne-Devlin Families*, pp. 82-83.

⁷⁰Marriage License No. 31936, Philadelphia County PA, 23 January 1890. LDS microfilm, copy in my possession. His name is spelled Devlin in this and subsequent records in America.

⁷¹*Ibid.*

This marriage was dissolved by **Annie (Emmett) Devlin's** death on 2 September 1893.⁷² A daughter, **Mary (Sr. Celestino** in later life) was born of this union in 1891 according to the census cited below; a birth record has not been located. On 12 July 1894, **James Devlin** married **Mary O'Brien**, spinster, age 26, born Co. Mayo, Ireland. Both were living at 1709 N. 17th St. Philadelphia. She was employed as a servant, he as an engineer.⁷³ It is likely that **Mary O'Brien** took care of James' baby daughter while he was at work.

Jim's sister, **Rosanna (Develin) Browne**, wrote, "After his wife died, Jim came home and left for America where he married again and his wife died on the birth of their first child, Mary, afterwards Sister Celestine. He raised her in a boarding house where he lived and worked from. She was his idol, she would watch for him every evening for his homecoming and rush into his arms to be picked up. After a few years he married again the wife whom we met when we visited in Philadelphia. There was another family then but all seemed very united and all loved Mary particularly her stepmother."⁷⁴

James Devlin "remarried to **Mary O'Brien**. They had three children in this marriage, **Katie, Rose**, and **James** (my family). Katie died at the age of three - 1899."⁷⁵ **James Sr.** died 11 March 1900 of kidney disease. He was buried in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.⁷⁶

In June 1900 the bereaved family lived at 3127 N. 17th St., Philadelphia. It consisted of:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Devlin, Mary	Head	Dec 1868	31	Ireland
" Mary	Dau.	Nov 1890	9	Penna
" James	Son	Apr 1895	5	"
" Rosana	Dau.	Jul 1899	11/12	"

There were also two Irish-born boarders, **James Burns** and **Patrick Stack**.⁷⁷

⁷²Index to Deaths Registered in Philadelphia 1892-1894, p. 4889. LDS microfilm.

⁷³Marriage License No. 69973, issued to James A. Devlin, Philadelphia County, 9 July 1894 and certificate signed by John G. Carey, priest. LDS microfilm, copy in my possession. In both this and his previous license, James gave his date of birth as 23 October 1864.

⁷⁴See note 69.

⁷⁵*Browne-Devlin Families*, p. 77. Typescript by, or at the direction of, Sr. Celestino.

⁷⁶Deaths in Philadelphia 1900, p. 142.

⁷⁷US Census, taken 5 June 1900, Philadelphia 38th Ward, ED 965, Sh. 5. If Mary Devlin's month and year of birth are stated

Mary O'Brien Devlin married a second time in October 1901. Her new husband was **John R. Garrity**, born in Co. Mayo, Ireland, 24 June 1876. He worked as a machinist. Both lived at 3123 N. 17th St., where he probably was a boarder.⁷⁸ In 1920 the family lived at 1405 Lenox Ave., 38th Ward, Philadelphia. It consisted of **John Garrity**, head, 44, machinist in a steel company; **Mary Garrity**, wife, 57(or 51); **John Garrity**, son, 18, clerk in brush manufacturing company; **Marie Garrity**, daughter, 17, telephone operator; **Mitchell**, son, 13, no occupation; **James Devlin**, stepson, 24, instructor-trolley company; **Rose Devlin**, stepdaughter, 20, winder in a mill. All five younger people were born in Pennsylvania.⁷⁹ **Mary Devlin, Sr. M. Celestino**, is found in the same census, a nun in St. Agatha's Convent, 3837 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia.⁸⁰

From the above information, the widowed **Mary O. Devlin** married **John Garrity** about a year after **James's** death. It is likely that **Marie** is identical to a **Margaret** whom **Gerry Devlin** identified as his grandfather **James Devlin's** sister. Censuses frequently listed only one given name.

The following description of the family apparently dates to a time between 1907 when **Rosanna (Develin) Browne** came to America and 1920. "When he (James) died, his wife married again, a man name of Gerrity or Gerathy – he wouldn't lift the fire off his feet. Anyway in that house there were 3 families of children but all most united. The stepmother was very good to **Mary** then, but **Sr. Celestine** when I saw her. **Jim** was the wild one of the family and when the Rosary was said every night there were always three extra Hail Marys for poor Jim."⁸¹

correctly, her mother did not die in childbirth, as stated above.

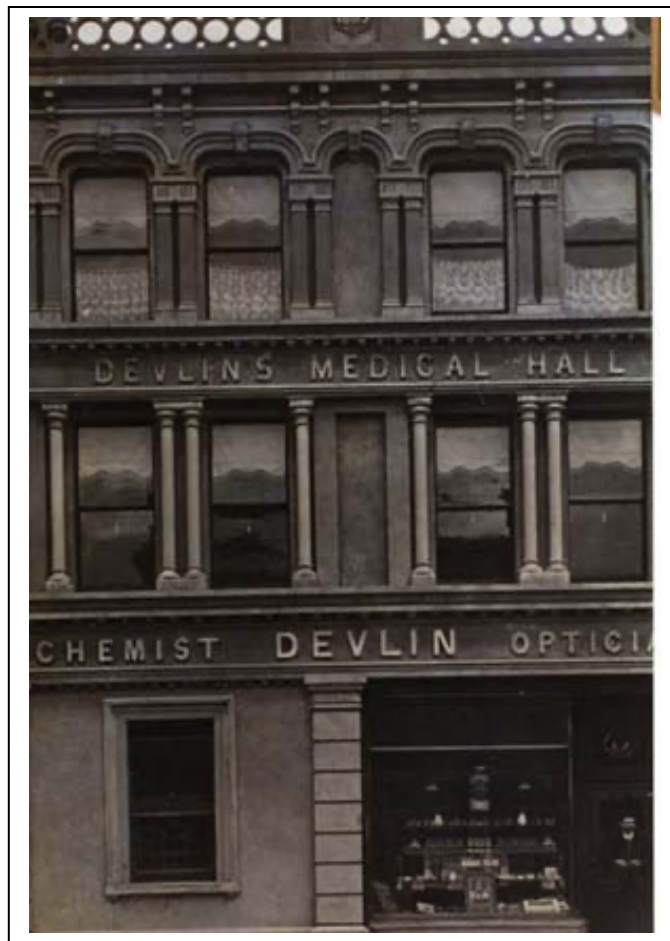
⁷⁸John R. Garrity marriage license No. 140588, issued Philadelphia 1 October 1900.

⁷⁹US Census, Philadelphia 38th Ward, ED 1342, Sh. 7A., taken 14 January 1920. The relationships are to the head of household.

⁸⁰Ibid., 28th Ward, ED 714, Sh. 1.

⁸¹See note 69. Jim is her older brother. The letter does not explain why "poor Jim" was "the wild one".

3 - Peter J. Devlin, born 18 May 1864 in Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny. He became a pharmacist in Thurles, Co. Tipperary. In the fashion of the time, he practiced as a dentist. He also examined eyes and prescribed glasses in "Devlin's Medical Hall," the tallest (three story) building in town in the early 1920s. During the Irish War of Independence, according to his Australian-born grand nephew, **Christopher Develin**, there was a good deal of fighting around Thurles and Tipperary, and the Black and Tans (British auxiliary troops) mounted a Vickers machine gun on the roof of Peter's pharmacy. As a result Peter was very concerned that the IRA might blow up the shop. (They didn't; it still stands and is operated as a pharmacy today.)



Peter Devlin's Pharmacy , Thurles, 1920

Peter did well for himself; he prospered and built a substantial residence, The Villa, at Turtulla, Thurles where he lived for many years. He married in 1889; there were no children, nor is his wife's maiden name known to me; her given name was Mary. His younger sister, Rosanna, wrote in later years that a friend of hers had had hopes of attracting Peter and was "disappointed to find that he was engaged to such a quiet little mouse in comparison. I mean Madge was all life, like Peter...." It would appear that Peter was happy in his marriage, whatever his sister might have thought. **Peter Devlin** died 5 January 1941.⁸²



Peter Devlin

Joseph Develin Catherine (Sweeney) Develin Mrs. Peter Devlin

1920

⁸²Information, photographs, and prayer card with date of death are from Christopher J. Develin of Sydney, Australia. Birth, see note 13; marriage, *Index to Marriages in Ireland, 1889*. Peter's wife's given name is on a photograph given me by John J. DuPlessis in January 2005.

Reproduced below are some examples of nostrums sold in Devlin's Medical Hall during Peter's years as proprietor and pharmacist. They were given by Donal Sammon, the current proprietor, to Patrick Develin and his daughter, Ann, both of Canberra, Australia, who kindly sent them to me through his cousin, Chris, of Sydney. An additional selection is in Annex III.

**COD-LIVER
OIL.**

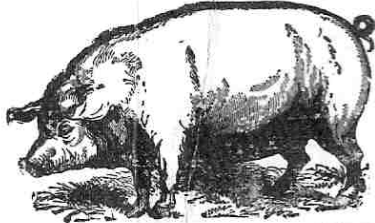
DOSE.

FOR ADULTS.—From a dessert-spoonful to a table-spoonful.

FOR CHILDREN.—From half a tea-spoonful to a tea-spoonful, gradually increased to a dessert-spoonful.

The best time for taking the Oil is immediately after meals.

P. J. DEVLIN,
M.P.S.I.,
THE MEDICAL HALL,
THURLES.

DIRECTIONS. ❧ One tea-spoon- ful to be given twice a week. ::	PIG POWDER  P. J. DEVLIN, Pharmaceutical Chemist, THURLES.	An invaluable remedy for keeping Pigs free from disease, more especially from swine fever.
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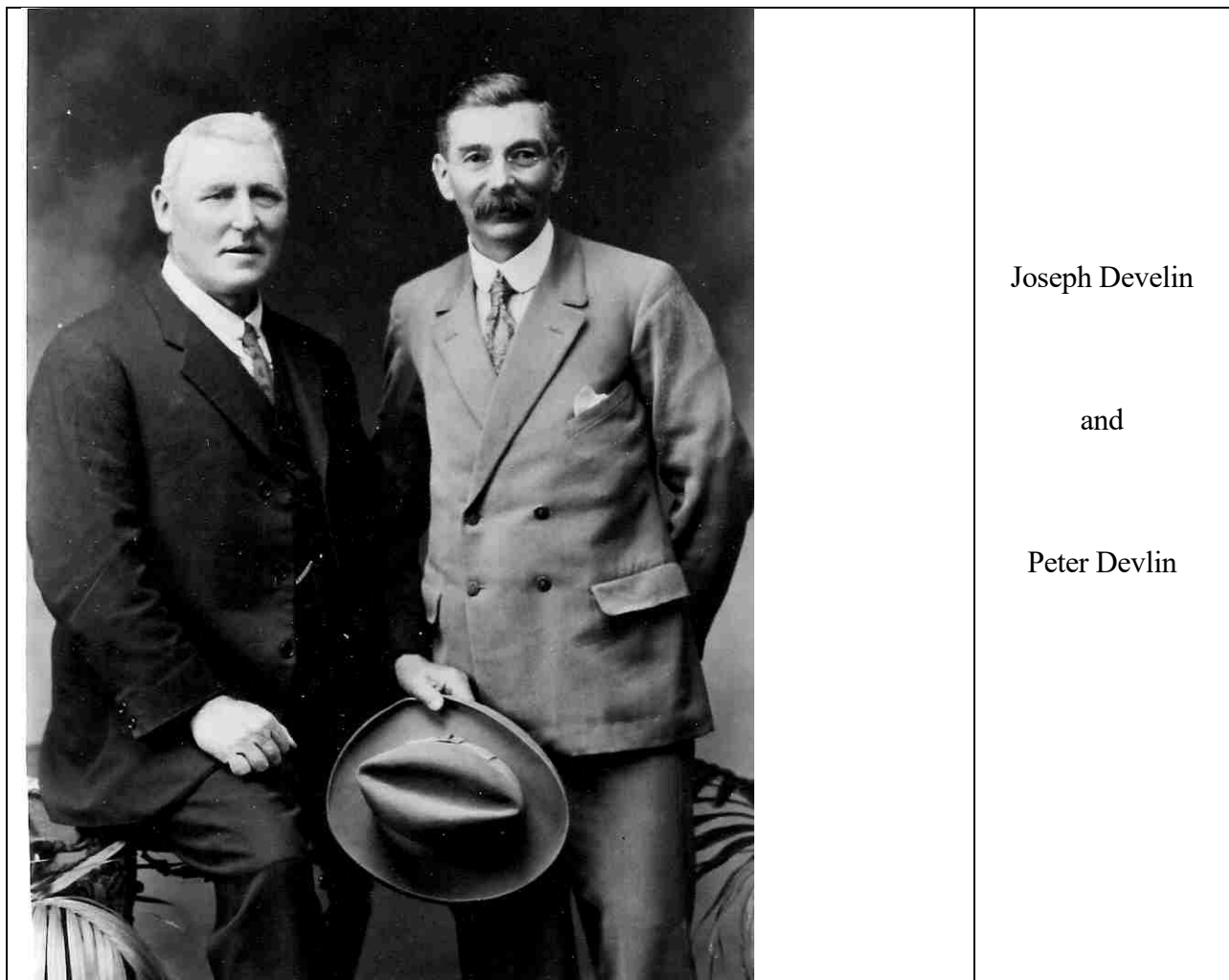
4 - **Arthur Joseph Develin**, born 17 May 1868 at Ballyragget, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny. He joined the RIC 27 April 1886, as **Joseph Develin**, which name he used throughout his life. He was then 17 years 11 months, and served in the constabulary for five years in Kerry and Carlow, resigning 12 May 1891 "to emigrate." Ten weeks later he joined the New South Wales police force, which recruited many of its men from the RIC. The New South Wales Police was modeled on the old Royal Irish Constabulary so **Joseph Develin** would have felt quite at home in the colony as New South Wales was at that time.



Joseph Develin, at Retirement from NSW Police Force

Joseph Develin advanced steadily in the police, rising nine grades to that of Inspector, 1st Class, in 1925. In order to stay with his young family and not interrupt their education he declined transfers to the bush (back-country) which would have meant much more rapid promotion. **Joseph** made two visits back to Ireland, the first in 1920 and the second in 1927, the year before his retirement from the NSW Police, when his elder son, **Christopher**, went with him to enter Maynooth Seminary. He retired from the force 17 May 1928.

Joseph Develin and **Bridget Ellen Moran** married 19 August 1896 in St. Francis Church, Paddington, Sydney. The bride was born c1869 in Co. Westmeath, daughter of **Lawrence Moran** and **Rose Cunningham**. The couple had five children (one died in infancy) of whom two had offspring. **Joseph Develin** died 20 July 1955; his wife having preceded him in 1945.⁸³



⁸³Information courtesy of Joseph Develin's grandson, Chris Develin of Sydney NSW, who also provided copies of his grandfather's birth record, RIC and NSW Police Service records, and marriage certificate.

5 - Michael Develin, born 20 September 1870 in Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, was "an invalid most of his life (asthma) and finally bedridden. He died c1910 in Waterford City."⁸⁴ He did not marry.

6 - Catherine (Kitty) Develin, born 9 March 1876 in Co. Kilkenny. She lived with her parents in Waterford City after they moved from Brownstown, Kilkenny. She married c1906 **William Broderick** who, like his father-in-law, joined the RIC and rose to be a sergeant. She lived with her bachelor son, **Paddy (Patrick) Broderick** at 57 Collins Park, Dublin, apparently for many years in the latter part of her life. When she grew quite old she moved to a retirement/nursing home where she died 19 January 1974, only a few weeks short of her 98th birthday. Her son wrote to his American cousin, "She had a very happy (end) no pain, just went out like a candle." Her sister remembered that "Kitty ... always liked nice clothes and wore them well."⁸⁵

7 - Rosanna Mary Develin, born 3 December 1883 in Brownstown townland, Co. Kilkenny. "She was baptized in Tullagher, Co. Kilkenny. As a girl she was raised in the country at Brownstown, with her older brother **Peter** in Thurles, Co. Tipperary, and at 48 Manor Street in Waterford with her mother, her sister Kitty, her invalid brother Michael and her father. ... As a girl she attended Presentation Convent in Thurles, Co. Tipperary."⁸⁶

Rosanna married **John Oterne Browne** 28 June 1905 at Mount Mellary, a Trappist Abbey near Waterford. Browne was born 3 January 1875 in Waterford, the son of **John** and **Margaret (English) Browne**. "After learning his trade as a carpenter, he went into business for himself as a contractor - per the Waterford News of 10-20-1889 in a suitable premises in Sargent's Lane."

In February 1907 they emigrated to America with their infant daughter, **Margaret**, and with a housekeeper, **Nellie (Ellen Mary Joseph) Buckley**, who stayed with the family until her death on 30 July 1944." The family settled in Newark NJ, where **John** "worked as a contractor and as an estimator of property damages for various insurance companies until his death in 1956."⁸⁷

⁸⁴See note 64.

⁸⁵A marriage date has not been determined, but Catherine Broderick was sponsor on 3 April 1906 for her sister's first child, See p. 58. *Browne-Devlin Families*, p. 116, letter from Paddy Broderick to Margaret M. DuPlessis, 31 January 1974; and p. 217, letter from Rosanna (Devlin) Browne to Margaret M. DuPlessis January 1971.

⁸⁶Duplessis Genealogy, p. 8.

⁸⁷Ibid.

John Browne's "first shop was on Central Avenue, Newark, between Washington St. and Halsey St. In 1916 he moved his family to a new house at 276 Johnson Avenue, Newark, where he erected a shop at the rear of the property."⁸⁸

The **Brownes** had their share of tragedy. On the first anniversary of their arrival in this country, they were burned out. A drape on the mantle was ignited by a fire in the fireplace. An infant, **John**, was burned to death, and all their possessions were lost.⁸⁹ Two other children died very young.



Rose Develin Browne

John Browne died of cancer in Newark 14 November 1956. **Rose**, as she was known in adult life, survived him by a decade and a half; she died 16 March 1972. She was a prolific letter writer in her later years, and the letters show a lively, active person interested in what was going on around her and much devoted to her family. Both are buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hanover NJ.

⁸⁸J. T. Browne, "Recollections," 6 October 1999. Cy in my possession.

⁸⁹See note 64.

Arthur and Catherine Develin's eight children who died as infants or at a very young age are:

Michael born 20 March 1866; died before 1870

Rosanna " 27 June 1872

Hugh " 5 April 1874

Susan " 4 February 1878

Margaret " 11 February 1879

Bridget " 1 April 1880

Eliza " 1 April 1880

Stillborn 1881.

C. The Children of **John** and **Joanna (Egan) Devlin**

There were seven children according to the 1900 US Census, which asked of each married woman how many children had been borne to her and how many were then living. **Joanna Devlin** is recorded as responding seven in each category. Six are positively identified but the seventh is a subject of some confusion.

1 - George H. Devlin, born in Virginia, probably Alexandria, May 1865. In 1880 he was working in a jewelry factory. (Providence was, and still is, a center of jewelry manufacture.) He first appears in Providence city directories in 1884, living at home and earning his living as a fruit peddler, an occupation he followed for much of his life. He remained single and was living in the family home at his death 5 May 1941.⁹⁰

2 - John M. Devlin, born 28 March 1868 in Providence. He was working in a jewelry factory in 1880, age stated as 13. He "removed to Massachusetts" c1905 and lived in that state for three decades, returning in 1934 to live in the family home with his sisters and brother until his death 17 December 1943. He did not prosper and apparently had trouble with alcohol. Single.⁹¹

3 - Emma L. Devlin, born c1869. A birth record has not been located, but she is listed in the 1880 US Census, taken in June, as 11 and born in Rhode Island. As many single women were in that era, she was a seamstress or dressmaker in early years. By 1900 she was a stone setter in jewelry manufacture, in 1910 a stone cutter in the same industry, and in 1920 a saleslady in a jewelry store. Beginning in the 1920s she is listed in the Providence city directories as a clerk -- business not specified -- until 1957 when she was in her 80s. She died in September 1961 and was buried on the 14th of that month. Single.⁹²

4 - An unnamed child was born to John and Joanna Devlin 22 December 1870.⁹³ I have not linked any other data to this child. It is possibly Emma, but she would have been nine, not 11 at the time of the 1880 census. It could be the missing seventh child.

⁹⁰Providence City Directories relevant years; US Censuses, Providence RI: 1880, ED 58, Sh. 33-34, taken 11 June; 1900, ED 46, Sh. 12, taken 12 June; 1910, ED 2004, Pg. 4A, taken 16 April; 1920, ED 235, Sh. 60, taken 10 January. Death, RI VR37: 38.

⁹¹Birth RI VR68:72; 1880 Census cited in note 90; death VR 38:175. Personal details, see note 28.

⁹²Censuses and directories cited in note 85; burial note 37. In the 1900 Census Emma's and Margaret's occupations are jewelry manufacturing.

⁹³RI VR70: 186.

5 - Margaret R. Devlin, born 23 December 1871 in North Providence. She followed much the same life pattern as Emma, in working while living at home. She was a jewelry painter by 1900, a stone cutter in a jewelry factory in 1910, and a saleslady in dry goods in 1920. Single. She died 23 May 1955.⁹⁴

6 - Clara Devlin, born 19 December 1872.⁹⁵ She is not recorded in the 1880 census under that name; no death record has been located. However, **Harriet M. (Hattie) Devlin**, age seven at last birthday, is recorded as a member of **John** and **Joanna's** family in that census. It is virtually certain that **Clara** and **Harriet** are the same person. There is no question of **Harriet's** existence. She married **William J. Ward**, a musician, 25 November 1897. He was born in Providence 13 June 1872, son of **William Ward** and **Rosa Carlin**. In 1900 **William**, **Harriet**, and two sons were recorded as a separate household living in the family home on Lockwood St. A third son and a daughter were born in the first decade of the 20th century. **William J. Ward** died 20 September 1912.⁹⁶ Harriet and her children remained in Providence, living at the family home 165 Lockwood St. Six months after the death of her only daughter, she married **Thomas F. Leonard** on 30 December 1922.⁹⁷ He died in 1938, she on 20 March 1954.⁹⁸ **Harriet (Devlin) Ward** left a married son, his wife, and a 22 year-old grandson, the only 4th and 5th generation descendants of **John** and **Joanna (Egan) Devlin**.

7 - Joseph Devlin, born 1 April 1875 in Providence. Like his brother **George**, **Joseph** worked as a peddler. He died 5 September 1903 and is buried in the lot owned by his maternal aunt, **Margaret Egan**. Single.⁹⁹

⁹⁴Birth RI VR71:240; death BMD in Providence 1951-1955, p. Providence City Record 1398. For the 1900, 1910 and 1920 censuses, see note 90

⁹⁵RI VR 72:238.

⁹⁶BMD in Providence, 1891-1900, Vol. XIV, p. 182; VR18:226. Death Providence City Directory 1913, p. 685.

⁹⁷BMD in Providence 1921-1930, p. 1161.

⁹⁸Ibid. 1951-1955, p. .

⁹⁹BMD in Providence 1871-1880, Vol. IX, p. 123 and 1901-1910, Vol. XV, p. 262. Burials in Lot 3, Section 5, courtesy of Office of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Providence RI.

D. The Children of Hugh and Catherine (Egan) Develin, all born in Providence.

1 - Gertrude Devlin, born 20 September 1868. She is recorded in the 1870 and 1880 censuses, age 11 in the latter, living with her parents. No **Gertrude Devlin** of appropriate age appears in the 1900 census index for Rhode Island. Only one **Gertrude Devlin** appears in the Providence city directories as follows: a rubber worker living/boarding at 195 Ford St. 1903-06, a clerk at the same address 1907-08, a teacher living at 125 Governor in St. 1909, and at 195 Ford in 1910. This was the home of **Margaret Egan**, her mother's unmarried sister, in 1900 and probably until her death in 1910. **Gertrude** may have moved back there to help her aunt, who was then in her mid-70s. **Gertrude Devlin** married **Thomas E. Kane** 26 October 1910. The couple lived at this address with **Thomas Kane**, policeman, as head of household until his death at age 60 on 4 December 1917. **Gertrude Kane** remained at this address until 1942; in the 1920 census she was recorded as working in a jewelry factory. She is not in the city directory after 1942, but the death of **Gertrude Kane**, widow of **Thomas**, on 2 March 1958 is on record.¹⁰⁰ There do not appear to have been any children.

2 - Mary Devlin, born 20 March 1870, died 15 July 1870.¹⁰¹

3 - Helena Devlin. Her birth is not in the Index, but the death of Helena, daughter of **Hugh** and **Catherine**, on 15 October 1875, age three years, is recorded.¹⁰²

4 - Marietta Devlin, born 6 June 1874. She suffers from a confusion of names. She is **Edith Devlin** in the Index to Births in Providence, **Mary E. Devlin** in the 1880 Census, and **May E. Devlin** when she married **John Hamilton** on 3 November 1909.¹⁰³ She was also known as **Etta**.

In 1920 she and her husband were living with his parents at 42 Willow St., Providence. **John**, 47, worked in the shipping department of a machine company; **Marietta**, 45, worked in a jewelry company. **John Hamilton, Jr.** died 23 January 1944 in Providence. **Marietta** died 30 November of the same year. She was then living with her cousins, **Emma** and **Margaret Devlin**, at 165 Lockwood St. Both Hamiltons were buried in the Egan lot (her mother's family) E-3, Section 5, St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI. **Marietta's** interment record identifies her as **Hugh** and **Catherine (Egan) Devlin's** daughter.¹⁰⁴ There do not appear to have been any children.

¹⁰⁰Ibid. Vol. IV 1851-1870, p. 146; vol. XVI 1901-1910, p. 281; Thomas Kane death vol. XIX, p. .; Gertrude Kane death vol. , 1956-1960, p. .

¹⁰¹Ibid, Vol. IV, 1851-1870, p. 146; Vol. III, p. 154.

¹⁰²Ibid., Vol. VI, 1871-1880, p. 113.

¹⁰³BMD in Providence, Vol. IV, 1871-1880, p. 122; US Census 1880 Providence RI, ED 26, Sh. 22, taken 7 June; BMD in Providence, Vol. XVI, 1901-1910, p.281. See Appendix II for statement, "Hugh had two daughters, Gertrude and Etta."

¹⁰⁴US Census 1920, Providence RI, ED 253, Sh. 1, taken 2

Descendants: the Fourth Generation

With this generation, that of the great grandchildren of **Arthur** and **Margaret (Smyth) Develin**, the family story moves definitively overseas. As of this writing we know of only two fourth generation members who remained in Ireland: **Willie** and **Paddy**, sons of **William** and **Catherine (Develin) Broderick**.

The 33 great grandchildren of **Arthur** and **Margaret (Smyth) Develin** were born over a span of forty years. The first, **Timothy J. Devlin**, son of **James H.** and **Hannah (Hickey) Devlin**, arrived in 1876, the last, **A. Philip (Gus) Browne**, son of **John O.** and **Rosanna (Develin) Browne**, in 1916. Of the 33, four lived in Australia, 27 (of which six had very brief lives) in America, and two in Ireland.

January; interment records of John and Marietta Hamilton from Office of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Providence.

Grandchildren of **Peter** and **Christine (Glynn) Devlin**

A -- Children of James H. and Hannah (Hickey) Devlin



Timothy J. Devlin James H. Devlin Jr.
Ellen V. Devlin

James H. Devlin Sr. Hannah (Hickey) Devlin
John J. Devlin
c1890

1 - Timothy J. Devlin, born 2 February 1876 in Boston (Dorchester District). Educated in the public schools of Milton and Dedham, he attended Boston College and completed the secondary level in 1893, but did not go on to study for a degree. Family tradition is that he had poor health from an early age and that the cause probably was epilepsy. This is confirmed by the record of his death, which occurred on 21 July 1907. Boston city directories listed him as a clerk (business unspecified) in the late

1890s; he also worked with his father in the saloon. **Uncle Tim** may have had an interest in music; recollections of my deceased siblings are that a violin one sister used in the 1920s was "family" and probably had been Tim's. Single.¹⁰⁵ He is buried in the Devlin lot, Calvary Cemetery.

2 - James Henry Devlin, born 21 July 1877 in Boston (Dorchester District). Educated in the public schools of Milton and Dedham; he completed the grammar grades in the latter town in 1890. He attended Boston College for secondary and college education, receiving his AB in 1897. Then followed three years at Harvard Law School from which he received an LLB in 1900.

After law school **James Devlin** engaged in the general practice of law and in 1905 became legislative counsel for the city of Boston, serving in that capacity for 12 years. His next position was that of secretary and counsel to Boston Police Commissioners **Stephen O'Meara** and **Edwin Curtis**; the latter was commissioner during the police strike of 1919. In May 1922 Curtis's newly appointed successor announced that he would not retain **Jim Devlin** as secretary. My father promptly resigned. He was immediately appointed an assistant attorney general of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where he served until appointed by then governor **Alvin T. Fuller** to be associate justice of the Boston (Suffolk County) Municipal Court in November 1926. He remained on the bench until his death of a coronary embolism 7 December 1936.¹⁰⁶



Judge J. H. Devlin

¹⁰⁵Birth record not located; date computed from age - 31 yrs, 5 mos., 19 days - stated in death record. US Census 1900, Massachusetts, Boston, ED 1542, Sh. 6, gives birth as February 1876 and occupation as brewer's agent. Death: Mass VR 15:97; occupation wine clerk, primary cause of death acute mania, contributory cause epilepsy 12-15 years.

¹⁰⁶Birth, Mass VR 288:69; marriage and death from family and personal knowledge. I knew the general outlines of my father's career. Specifics are from clippings about her husband that my mother kept. Many have neither dates nor the names of the papers they appeared in. About half the clippings are obituary items on my father's death and funeral; given his prominence the latter drew a large turnout. His appointment as assistant Attorney General is reported in an unnamed newspaper of 23 May 1922. His appointment as judge is in New York Times index for 4 November 1926.

In addition to his professional life, **James Devlin** was active in many aspects of the public life of Boston. He followed his father by joining the Charitable Irish Society in 1898 and the American Irish Historical Society in 1905. He held office in the former Society as a director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Vice-president, and President in the years 1906-1910. He was, naturally, a member of the American and Massachusetts Bar Associations, and also of the Boston City Club, the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, and his college alumni organization.¹⁰⁷

He was on the whole conservative in habits and outlook, although a Democrat politically. He and his wife, **Eleanor Travers**, whom he married 20 September 1910, believed strongly in education; my three oldest sisters received their AB degrees before my father died. The fourth trained to be a nurse at a teaching hospital, as her mother had done. My two oldest brothers were just beginning their post-secondary education in 1936; both had to drop out for financial reasons after his death.

James and Eleanor Devlin lived in the Brighton district of Boston throughout their married life. In the first dozen years they rented, moving three times to larger quarters as their family grew. The birth of the 7th in May 1920 apparently persuaded them that owning had advantages over renting. They bought a large house, with seven bedrooms, conveniently situated near the Faneuil railroad station for access to the city, and moved into it in January 1922.

One doesn't leave a discussion of my father without mentioning his appreciation of the humor to be found in life. He reported at dinner one night of a lawyer in his court who asked for consideration for his client because "he's an aged man your honor, he's fifty." He could barely keep a straight face on the bench, being 58 at the time. His usual observation on leaving for the polls on election day was, "Well, Eleanor, which damn rascal shall we vote for today?" And, when taking the entire brood, say to church, he was wont to observe that he should apply for a parade permit.

Being much the youngest in the family, my own recollections of him are limited. I did not understand until long after his death that he had been in poor health for much of the time after an operation for cancer in 1930. I recall a few family outings, by streetcar, to a park in nearby Waltham, several trips into the city and a day trip with him on the excursion steamer to Provincetown. His practice on the occasions he brought candy home of setting out a soup bowl for

¹⁰⁷Records of the Charitable Irish Society, in Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston MA. The Society, founded in Boston in 1737 by "Gentlemen, Merchants and Others of the Irish Nation ... for the relief of ...their poor and indigent Countrymen" was non-denominational from its inception. A requirement that officers must be Protestant was eliminated in the 1760s. The Society is the oldest Irish organization in the U.S. I was accepted as a member in January 2001. Jane P. Devlin (6th generation) was accepted later that year. Although there was a gap of 64 years following my father's death, four generations of our branch are represented in the Society's membership rolls. The other organizations in which James Devlin held membership speak for themselves, save for the Catholic Foresters which was (and is) a fraternal life insurance society founded in 1879. His father was also a member.

each of us and counting out equal portions left a lifelong impression that squabbling was not a good thing!

3 - Ellen Veronica Devlin, born 22 April 1879, Milton MA, baptized at St. Gregory's in Dorchester 26 April 1879. Sponsors: **P. Hehir** and **N. Hickey**, probably **Nora**, younger sister of **Ellen's** mother. **Aunt Nellie** was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart School in Boston and had a final year at that order's boarding school, Eden Hall, in Philadelphia. She married **Nicholas Desmond Corbett**, a college classmate of her brother **Jim**, 26 June 1901. He worked in his father's real estate and insurance business. **Corbett** died two and a half years after the marriage, leaving his widow with an eight-month old son. She returned to her parents' home in Brighton; after her mother's death she kept house for her father. Her mother's sister, **Mary (Minnie) Hickey**, had lived there for many years; by 1920 another maiden aunt, **Ellen (Nell) Hickey**, had joined the household. I believe that **Aunt Nellie** kept the house on Parsons Street in Brighton until both had passed away. It is my understanding that, on grandfather's death, her brothers agreed that his estate should go to their sister for her support.

Ellen (Devlin) Corbett handled the difficulties that life had handed her quite well. She was, however, very strong-minded. Her son, **Nick**, named for his father, had an interest in and a bent for things electrical and wanted to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His mother wouldn't hear of it; he must go to Boston College (which had no engineering) "because his father had gone there". And so he did. Like many an Irish American mother of the period, no girl "was good enough for her son," and his social life was, in consequence, severely limited. **Aunt Nellie** died in April 1939, probably from cancer.¹⁰⁸ Within a year the son married.

4 - Mary Devlin, born 9 January 1882, Milton MA; died 14 February 1882 of erysipelas, Milton.¹⁰⁹

5 - Arthur Devlin, born 30 May 1883, Milton MA; died 19 July 1884 of whooping cough, Milton.¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁸Birth, Mass VR 305:265; marriage VR 515:169; his death VR 535:84; her death, record of burial 13 April 1939, Calvary Cemetery, Boston Catholic Cemetery Association.

¹⁰⁹Mass VR 332:298 and 338:257.

¹¹⁰ Mass VR 341:298 and 356:257.

6 - John Joseph (Jack) Devlin, born 29 August 1888, Dedham MA. Baptized at St. Mary's Church, Dedham; sponsors were **David Hickey**, his mother's first cousin, and **Christina Devlin**, his father's sister. He probably attended Boston College secondary level after completing grammar school. He then matriculated at MIT. He graduated, probably in 1910, and began his career as an engineer. The Boston city directories of 1910, 1911, and 1914 list him as, respectively, student, rodman – the junior position on a surveying team – and civil engineer. He lived at home, 35 Parsons St., Brighton, in those years until his marriage to **Mary Stanislaus Manton** 14 September 1914 in Roxbury MA. She was the second child of **Margaretta Manton** and was born in Massachusetts in August 1889. In June 1900 Margaretta, a widow born December 1865 in Ireland, her son, **Arthur P.**, born March 1888 in Massachusetts and Mary were living at 727 Parker St. in the Roxbury District of Boston. The widowed **Margaretta Manton** had come to America in 1883 and had been married for six years.¹¹¹ I searched for the birth record of **Mary S. Manton**, but the relevant portion of the microfilm was unreadable. I did not find either the marriage of a woman named Margaretta or Margaret to a Manton or the birth of **Arthur Manton** in the appropriate indices in the Massachusetts state archives.



Uncle Jack and his wife made their home in Boston until sometime in the early to mid-1920s when they moved to New York. There he worked for the firm of Maxwell, Manning and Moore. His grandson, **Justin Devlin**, told me that **Uncle Jack** was a member of the engineering team involved in the construction of the George Washington Bridge. Built in 1927-1931, it is one of the longest in the world and connects the city of New York with New Jersey. The date of his death is uncertain; I did not find an obituary in the New York *Times*.

¹¹¹Mass VR 386:352; Dedham MA Town Reports 1888; baptismal register St. Mary's Church, Archdiocese of Boston Archives; the marriage information is noted in the baptismal register. U.S. Census, Massachusetts, Suffolk Co. (Boston), E.D. 1439, sheet 6, line 10, taken 5 June 1900.

The following undated news item from a Boston newspaper summarizes his life.

John J. Devlin, brother of Judge James H. Devlin of the Municipal Court, died early yesterday at his home in Larchmont, N.Y., according to information received in this city yesterday. Major Devlin was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was a prominent New York engineer. When the war broke out he was a reserve officer of the Army and went overseas as a captain of the 301st Engineers, 76th Division. Soon after his arrival in France he distinguished himself and was promoted to the rank of major. After the war he engaged in engineering in New York. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Mary M. Devlin and the two children returned to Boston after **Uncle Jack's** death. She is listed in the 1933 city directory, which indicates that he probably died in 1932.

B. Children of Philip J. and Christine (Devlin) Murphy



Joseph A. John L.
Christine D. Murphy
Christine M. c 1907 Arthur P.

1 - Joseph Augustus Murphy, born July/August 1893 in Boston MA. He married early in life; family memory is that he was about 18 when he married **Frances Farmer** at a place and date unknown. (An age of about 18 would put the marriage in the years just before WW I.) She "became mentally ill and was institutionalized." Family tradition suggests that the location was in the western states.

Joe Murphy was living with his parents in the late teens, but is not listed there in the 1920 US Census, nor in Brookline directories in the 1920s and 1930s. He lived with his parents in their Brookline apartment "when he was in town." His nieces and nephew do not know what line of business he was in prior to the establishment of the Murphy brothers' car business. Boston directories list him as treasurer of the Murphy Chevrolet Company, 711 Columbia Road, Dorchester, from 1936 to 1940. **Joseph** is listed in Brookline directories as living in the same apartment building as his brother **Arthur** and family in 1944 and 1945.

Joseph A. Murphy travelled frequently, often to the Southwest. It was there that he met the woman who became his second wife. He "married my mother, **Dorothy Ellen von Eichenbaum**, on September 6, 1946 in Reno, Nevada. My mother was born on June 4, 1908 in Kiev, Russia [now in Ukraine]." Her parents brought their family to the U.S. in 1913 – the father emigrating first in 1909 – and settled in Milwaukee. The 1920 federal census lists **Jake** and **Rebecca Eichenbaum** and three daughters – **Eva**, **Bella** and **Dora** living on Wright St. in Milwaukee. After their marriage **Joseph** and **Dorothy** moved to Newton MA, where a daughter was born in 1947.

"My father moved from Boston around 1950 and settled in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he owned a series of motels during a 12-year period. After that, he returned to the car business for another 10 years or so. and then he retired but kept active in trading stocks." He was in his mid eighties when he died on 2 June 1977 in Ft. Lauderdale. His niece remembered her **Uncle Joe** fondly "as a fun-loving playboy who always brought my brother and me expensive presents from his many trips." His widow, in poor health in her last years, passed away 15 November 1991 in Fort Worth TX where their daughter was then on the faculty of Texas Christian University. In her active years she had been a formidable bridge player who won many prizes and trophies. She was justly proud of this skill.¹¹²

¹¹²Birth record Mass VR 432:114; an unreadable portion of the film is the reason for the missing date. His daughter, **Christina Murphy** wrote, "I am absolutely certain his birthdate is August 2, 1893 ... We celebrated his birthday on this day every year, ... my mother was a very secretive person. She was Jewish, and she and her family were exposed to a great deal of prejudice in America and so she kept her Jewishness hidden ..." (E-mail 1 September 2000). She may have added the "von" to her name to help the concealment. Family information is from **Christina** by letter 23 August, e-mail 22 August and 1 September 2000. Quotes in paragraph 1 and in lines 5 and 6 in paragraph 4 are from **Phyllis M. Bowler**, e-mail 27 May 2000.

2 - John L. Murphy, born 15 July 1894, Boston MA. He lived with his parents in Brookline until the early 1920s. **John** "served in WW1 as a naval pilot of an anti-submarine flying boat and was very proud of it." He also saw service in WW2, I believe in the Coast Guard, which would have fitted well with his love of boats and membership in the Scituate Yacht Club, of which he was commodore for many years. He was a partner with his brothers in the automobile business in Dorchester, which they appear to have started around 1930. From 1946 to 1950 he was President of the John L. Murphy Co., a distributor of Lincoln and Mercury cars at 70 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Both his brothers were active in the business. The Murphy Company does not appear in Boston city directories after 1950.

John Murphy married **Mary Constance Kennedy** of Boston in . For much of their married life, **John** and **Mary Murphy** made their home in Milton MA. She died 2 February 1973; he died the following year.¹¹³ There were two children.

3 - Arthur P. Murphy, born 3 January 1899, Boston MA. He married **Irene J. Behr** in New York City 22 May 1930. His daughter wrote, "... Dad served in the Army in World War I in France. He wanted to be a pilot, but wound up as an airplane mechanic. After discharge, he was one of the first in New England to own a Ford Model T. He was working as a bank teller in New York when he met and married my mother. He also played piano in a band for a while." They relocated back to Jamaica Plain MA during depression days and subsequently moved to Brookline.

"We grew up in Brookline. Our grandmother, **Christine**, lived upstairs with my **Aunt Christine**, and **Uncle Joe** when he was in town." **Arthur** was in the automobile business with his brothers for a number of years. The **Arthur Murphys** left Brookline some years after **Christine (Devlin) Murphy** died. "Our family followed brother Joe to Florida during the 1950s, but returned to Boston after a few years. Dad was in poor health and died 27 April 1962. He and my mother are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Arlington. My mother died 10 January 1993."¹¹⁴

¹¹³Birth Mass VR 441:182. E-mails from Eleanor (Murphy) Fay, 14 June 2000, Phyllis M. Bowler, see note 112, and Philip A. Murphy, see note 62. Eleanor M. Fay told me of his war service in conversation, August 2004. Information on the Murphy automobile businesses is from Polk's Boston Directories 1936-1940, 1942-1947, 1950-1952, 1957. John Murphy's death date was determined in a conversation with Eleanor M. Fay, her daughters Deborah Lindhal and Amy Kopfler on July 21, 2005.

¹¹⁴Birth Mass VR 487:54. E-mail from Phyllis M. Bowler, see note 112.

4 - Christine Mary Murphy, born 8 August 1902 in Boston. She studied at Miss Lesley's School in Cambridge and went on to further teacher training. She was "a kindergarten teacher in the Boston schools. She taught for many years in Roxbury. She was quite active in the Boston Teachers' Association, lobbying for better benefits and salaries for Boston teachers. Of the four Murphy children, she was the only one to attend college, graduating from Boston Normal School in 1928. She was also her mother's caretaker, taking a year off from teaching, when her mother was ill with cancer before her death in 1945. **Christine** retired in 1955." After her **Uncle Arthur's** death, she and his widow, **Irene**, lived together for 20 years or so in the Allston section of Boston before spending their last years in St. Patrick's Manor, Framingham MA. "Her date of death is July 28, 1989. She is also buried in the family plot in Arlington."¹¹⁵



Christine M. Murphy
1920

¹¹⁵Birth Mass VR 523:164. Death: obituary, *Boston Globe*, 29 July 1989; quotations: e-mail from Phyllis M. Bowler, 27 May 2000; residence, Boston Directories 1963-1983.

Grandchildren of **Arthur** and **Catherine (Sweeney) Develin**

A. Children of **James Arthur Develin**

By **Anna Emmett**

1 - Mary Develin, born November 1890, according to the US Census of 1900. She entered the Immaculate Heart of Mary order in Philadelphia as a young woman, taking the name of **Sr. Celestino**, and spent her life as a nun. She died in 1985, probably at Immaculata College in the Philadelphia suburbs, where she lived after retiring from active service in the order.¹¹⁶

By **Mary F. O'Brien**

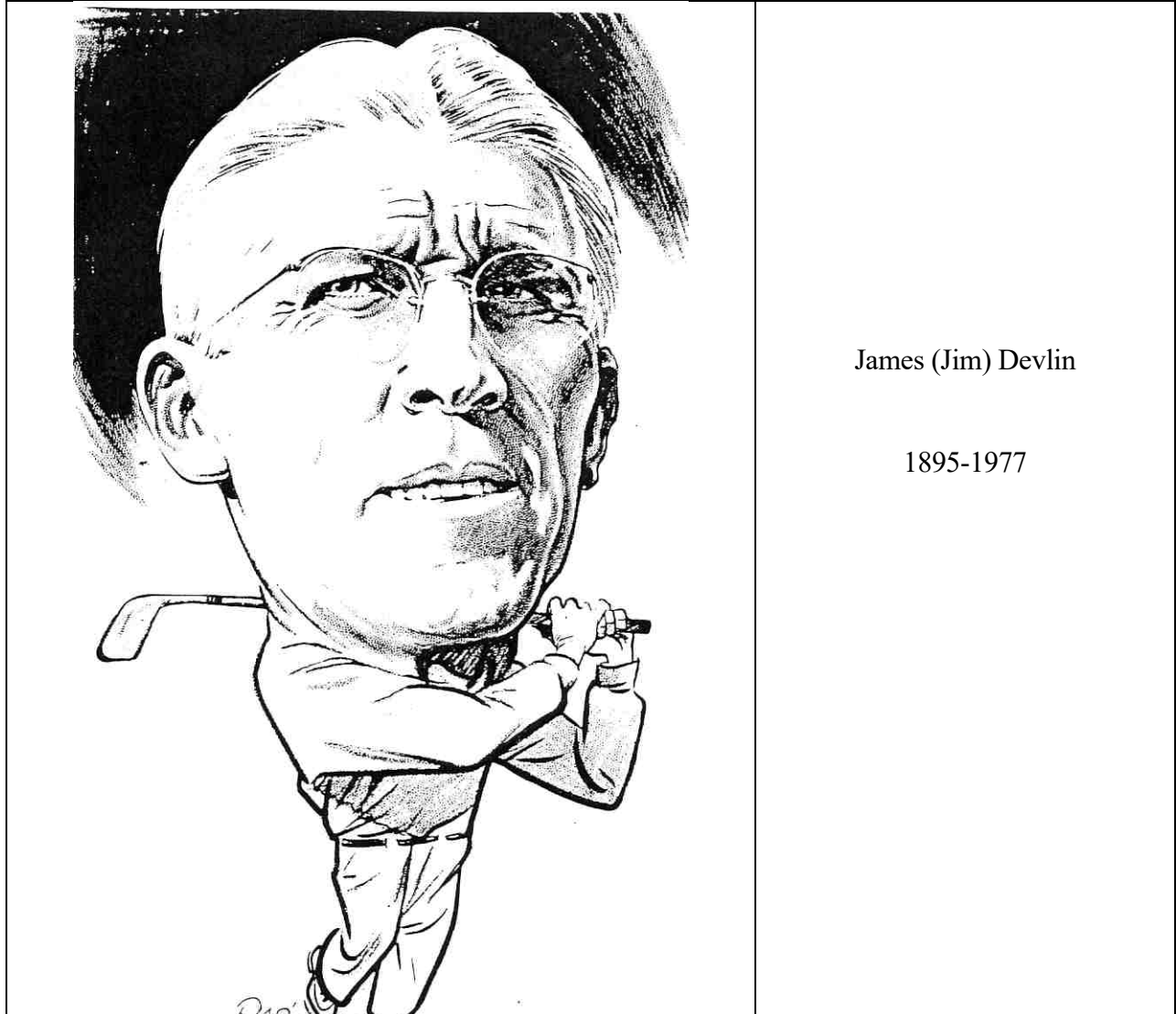
1 - James Devlin, born 4 April 1895, in Philadelphia PA.¹¹⁷ **Jim Devlin** was raised in that city in the home made by his mother and stepfather. He went to work at a young age, as was customary, and took an early interest in golf, joining the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) in 1919 after his discharge from military service. He worked as a golf professional around the Philadelphia area for quite a few years, many of which were spent at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club.

Golf took **Jim Devlin** a long way from the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, however. "He is known as the father of golf in the West Indies where he laid out most of the courses and instructed many of the better players." He married **May Thomas** at a date and place unknown to me. The marriage might have taken place in the West Indies, for their only child was born in Puerto Rico in 1925.

¹¹⁶See notes 70 and 72.

¹¹⁷ Social Security Death Index, which also states that his SS card was issued in Pennsylvania prior to 1951. James Devlin was not located in the Register of Births for Philadelphia, January-June 1895. LDS Microfilm 1289334. However a Francis Devlin, male, is recorded on p. 135 as born 22 March 1895 to James and Mary F. Devlin of 1447 Cadwalader St., father's occupation milkman. Despite the difference in dates and first name, this could be James's birth.

Jim Devlin moved from the Whitemarsh Country Club to the Atlantic City Country Club at a date not determined and continued there until 1946 when he left to join the mutuel staff at Atlantic City NJ racetrack. There he was coordinator for golf tournaments played at racetracks in New Jersey and Florida. At 60, though no longer playing regularly, **Jim Devlin** was "still a topnotch shotmaker. Not long ago, just fooling around, he toured the back nine at Atlantic City in 35."¹¹⁸ He maintained his interest in golf and horse racing until his death 25 March 1977. His last residence was Oaklyn, Camden Co., NJ.



¹¹⁸Golf information from "Golf and Horses Good Mixture at Race Track," by Bob McCurley, *Philadelphia Daily News*, 25 August 1955, which is also the source of the illustration. The article and family data are courtesy of Gerard (Gerry) Devlin, Jim's grandson.

2 - Katie Devlin, born 1896; died 1899.¹¹⁹

3 - Rosanna Devlin, born 2 July 1899 in Philadelphia, PA. Her parents were then living at 3123 North 7th Street in the city. Like her brother, she was raised in her mother and stepfather's home. In 1920 she was working as a winder in a mill, type unspecified. She married **Larry Everling** at a date and place not determined; three children were born to them. She died 27 June 1967; no information on her husband has been located.¹²⁰

¹¹⁹See note 75.

¹²⁰See notes 75 and 77; conversation with Gerry Devlin, 22 May 1999, Wilmington DE.

B. Children of **Joseph and Bridget (Moran) Develin**¹²¹

1 - Josephine Louis Develin, born 1898, NSW Australia, died 1996. Single. She was employed by the NSW Public Service until her retirement in 1958. "**Auntie Lou**", as she was known to her nephews and nieces, travelled to Ireland in 1958 and again in 1972. While in Ireland she met **Aunt Kate (Catherine [Develin] Broderick)** and her sons **Paddy** and **Willie**. **Auntie Lou** often said that her father frequently wrote to his younger sister **Rosanna Browne** in America. She was reluctant to talk about the American Devlins or did not know much more about her American relatives.

2 - Ella Develin, born c1900, NSW Australia. She married **Hubert Murray** c1947. Died c1962; no children.

3 - Christopher Joseph Develin, born 1902 NSW Australia. He was educated by the Christian Brothers at St. Joseph's College, Lewisham, near where his family lived. After he completed high school c1920 he entered the seminary for a time to study for the priesthood. After several years he left the seminary in Sydney and travelled with his father to Ireland to enter Maynooth Seminary. While in Ireland he spent a lot of time with his Irish cousins on both his mother's and father's side. He also went with his father **Joseph** and uncle **Peter** to the wake and funeral of his grandmother, **Catherine (Sweeney) Develin** in 1927, which in later years he described in great detail. He left the seminary before being ordained after his father had returned to Australia. With little or no money, and shunned by some of his Irish relatives, he eventually worked his way back to Australia.

Several years after his return, **Christopher Develin** married **Winifred Tancred** (date unknown). There were three children of the marriage, but one died shortly after birth. **Christopher Develin** lived out his life in Sydney, dying in 1984 at age 82.

4 - Stephen John Develin, born 1904 NSW Australia. **Stephen** was educated at the same school as his older brother and then studied pharmacy at Sydney University. **Stephen** established a pharmacy at Parramatta (a suburb of Sydney) in 1934, which he owned until 1964. He married **Alice Mary Dunne** in 1929. There were three children. .

¹²¹Information on the descendants of Joseph and Bridget Develin has been provided by Christopher J. Develin of Sydney, NSW, Australia.

C. Children of **William and Catherine (Devlin) Broderick**

1 - Patrick (Paddy) Broderick, date of birth unknown. A bachelor, he lived with his mother in Dublin for many years at 57 Collins Park, Donnycurry; his brother described it as a house. **Paddy** was sacristan of Our Lady of Consolation Church at Donnycurry. In his last letter to his cousin, **Margaret B. DuPlessis**, he wrote, "This time last year I had my mishap over which I lost my job and L800 a year not counting my weekly wage." He died a month later, 30 September 1992.¹²²

2 - William (Willie, Bill) Broderick, date of birth unknown. He married **Daisy** (surname unknown; her mother's surname was **Byrne**) at a place and date not determined. There were no children. **Willie** and **Daisy** also lived in Dublin, 5 Ashbrook Terrace, Leeson Park, where his wife died suddenly 12 September 1989. He wrote to his cousin a few months later that life was very lonely. The last communication from him in *Browne-Devlin Families* is an understandably mournful note of 2 October 1992 to her reporting **Paddy's** death. "I am very down at the moment. I have nobody now No need to reply Nothing you can do." He died within the year.¹²³

¹²² *Browne-Devlin Families*, p. 247. Employment information obtained from the Parish Priest by John J. DuPlessis. E-mail 31 January 2005.

¹²³ Ibid. pp. 246 and 249. Death information in above e-mail.

D. Children of **John O. and Rosanna (Devlin) Browne**

1 - Margaret Mary (Peg) Browne, born 3 April 1906 and baptized in St. John's R.C. parish Waterford City, Ireland. Sponsors were **James Browne**, her paternal uncle, and **Catherine Broderick**, her maternal aunt.¹²⁴ She came to America as an infant with her parents and was raised in Newark NJ as were her siblings. She married **Bernard Louis DuPlessis** in that city 15 October 1930.

Bernard L. DuPlessis was born 10 January 1904 and baptized 21 February 1904 in St. Joseph's French church (no longer in existence) in Syracuse NY. His DuPlessis line goes back eight generations to **Nicholas Gatinteau DuPlessis** who married in Quebec in 1670. One of **Bernard DuPlessis's** grandfathers brought the French Canadian name and heritage; the other was of German descent. Both his grandmothers were Irish-born – Counties Armagh and Cork.

Bernard DuPlessis graduated B.C.S. in 1925 from New York University. He was employed for most of his working life in the Mortgage Loan Department of the Prudential Insurance Company. This employment took him and his family to Winston-Salem NC in 1933, where the couple's second and third children were born. He was placed in charge of the Charleston/Charlotte office in 1946. In 1953 he was transferred to Richmond VA where he was successively Supervising Assessor and Assistant Production Manager until his retirement at the end of 1968.¹²⁵

The Browne-DuPlessis family had long maintained close ties with their Murphy cousins in Boston. **Bernard L. DuPlessis Jr.** recalled that the family car gave out not long after the war ended in 1945. His father took the train to Boston and returned driving a bright-red Mercury, bought from Peg's second cousin, **John L. Murphy**, who owned a Lincoln-Mercury automobile business in Boston.¹²⁶

A few years after retirement, **Bernard Sr.** and **Peg** moved to Ft. Myers FL where they lived for nearly two decades. Early in his retirement **Bernard** compiled the *DuPlessis Genealogy* frequently cited in these pages. The couple moved to Elizabethtown KY, near their younger son, in 1990. **Bernard** died 23 April 1992, his wife two years later. By all accounts, **Peg DuPlessis** was a lively, outgoing, sociable person who kept up an active correspondence. Letters she saved have been of great value in this project.¹²⁷

¹²⁴ Ibid. pp. 34-36.

¹²⁵ DuPlessis Genealogy, pp. 2-5, and Jim DuPlessis Ms of 13 December 2000, pp. 28-29.

¹²⁶ Telephone conversation with Bernard L. DuPlessis Jr., early 1999.

¹²⁷ B. L. DuPlessis Jr., personal conversations.

2 - Katherine Veronica Browne, born 4 December 1909 in Newark NJ. Educated in that city, she married **Frank C. Taylor** 11 May 1935. Born in West Springfield MA, he was for many years secretary and treasurer of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark NJ. The couple lived most of their married life in West Caldwell NJ. **Frank Taylor** died 6 September 1982, aged 77, in Camden NJ. His wife survived him for almost a decade. In her last years, she lived in a retirement home in nearby Cherry Hill NJ, close to their daughter's home, passing away 3 September 1991.¹²⁸

3 - Joseph Arthur Browne, born 5 September 1911 in Newark NJ. He graduated from the Newark College of Engineering and began his long meteorological career as a weather forecaster for Trans World Airlines in 1937. Initially stationed in the New York area, he transferred to Kansas City in 1943. There he set up a weather training program for US Air Force pilots. **Joe Browne** was head of TWA's meteorology department from 1948 until his retirement in 1973. In his later years with the airline, he was involved in administration and research on aviation safety. He received the Gorrell Award for the latter work from the Airline Transportation Association in 1974.

Joe Browne married **Catherine Elizabeth McKeown** in Newark on 9 December 1939. She was born in Manchester, England, 30 March 1914, the daughter of **Edmund F. McKeown** and **Theresa Ellicott**. The first of their three children was born in New York City in 1940, the others in Kansas City, where the Brownes lived for their greater part of their married life. **Joseph A. Browne** died 8 July 1975.¹²⁹

4 - Mary Teresa Browne, born 31 August 1913 in Newark NJ, where she lived most of her life. Employed by Kresge's Department Store as a buyer and then as private secretary, her life was cut short at the age of 47. She died 26 January 1961 in open heart surgery. Single.¹³⁰

¹²⁸ *Browne-Devlin Families*, pp 120, 234-38, 241.

¹²⁹ *Ibid.* pp. 102, 227, 256.

¹³⁰ *Ibid.* p. 109.

5 - John Thomas Browne, born 19 March 1915 and educated in Newark. “The Great Depression of the 1930s had wiped out work for John Browne ... and caused him to lose the mortgage on his house at 276 Johnson Ave., Newark NJ. To keep the family afloat, **John T.** (as he is known in Browne-DuPlessis circles), **Joe, Gus,** and **Mary** went to work in Petty’s pharmacy at 833 Broad St. in downtown Newark.” Their parents lost ownership of 276 Johnson Avenue, but continued to live there as renters. The Browne boys worked in the basement stockroom at Petty’s, a huge retail establishment that covered a city block. ... John started at Petty’s at age 14 (1929-1930) as a delivery boy and later a truck driver. Gus later became manager of the stockroom before becoming a steward for Eastern Airlines. ‘He was a crackerjack stockman. He knew everything that was in that place,” **John T.** wrote.

John T. met the young woman he would marry, **Kathryn (Kay) Testa** (19 September 1914-.....), “at a dance at St. Charles Borromeo Church ... on March 18 1937 and (they) have been dancing ever since.” They married 27 April 1940 in that parish. **John T.** joined his father in business in 1937, forming “a partnership of John Browne and Son, General Contractors and Property Damage Appraisers. John T. moved the office to his home in Springfield NJ in 1956 [after his father’s death] and discontinued the company in 1970.”

John T. joined the US Navy in 1945 during World War II, serving at the Naval Training Station, Sampson NY, the Naval Hospital, San Diego CA, and the Training Base, Farragut ID. **Kay** joined **John T.** at the latter two stations. Upon his discharge as Pharmacist’s Mate 2/c, the couple took a memorable 4,825 mile automobile journey home by way of San Francisco, Route 66, Kansas City, and Winston-Salem NC.

“When the business, John Browne and Son, was discontinued in 1970, **Kay** (who had been its secretary) joined Carpenter Technology Tube Division in Union NJ and **John T.** joined Carteret Savings Bank in Newark NJ.”

Following his retirement as a vice- president in March 1980, the couple moved to Florida in 1983, residing in Ft. Myers. **John T.** and **Kay Browne** adopted a son and daughter in the 1950s.¹³¹ **John T. Browne** died 2 November 2004.

¹³¹ “Recollections” and family group sheet by John T. Browne, 6 October 1999. Quotations in the first paragraph above and also Kay Testa’s birth date are from Jim DuPlessis’s December 2000 document, cited in note 125.

6 - Augustine Philip (Gus) Browne, born 27 December 1916 in Newark. He received his grammar and secondary education in that city. In adult business and social life, he has long been known as **A. Philip**, but to family he is “**Gus**” – relatives should make no mistake about that!

Clearly an enterprising lad, young **Gus** worked at a variety of jobs as a youngster, beginning at age ten. These included a three-year, 5:00-7:00 a.m. stint at age 11-13 delivering milk, during which he learned to handle and drive a pair of horses on city streets, as well as to harness, hitch up, feed, and water them. He also sold and delivered newspapers, set pins in a bowling alley, and clerked in a hardware store. From June 1932 to 1939 **Gus** was employed by a large drugstore, Petty’s, in Newark. He worked after school until 9:00 pm daily, all day Saturday, and summers. Starting as a delivery messenger, he progressed to storeroom clerk, delivery driver, storeroom manager, and finally purchasing agent.

During these years, he attended high school and evening college at the University of Newark where he studied business administration and majored in accounting. He also found time to get married to **Mildred Clarine Smith**, born 22 November 1914 in Newark, on 6 June 1936. Eastern Airlines hired **Gus** as a flight steward in November 1939. He worked flights (the aircraft were DC-3s) from New York to Atlanta GA and Miami FL. He found the experience of dealing with the flying travelers of that era most interesting.

In February 1943, **Gus** was hired by the Institute of Living, a private psychiatric hospital in Hartford CT. Beginning as storeroom manager, he advanced to become Chief of Purchasing and Contracts by the time he left the Institute to join the Hartford Hospital in December 1947. There, as Director of Purchasing for a very large general hospital and medical center, he was responsible for the purchasing, inventory, storeroom and copy departments. He retired from this interesting and challenging position in 1977 after three decades of service. **Gus** and **Mildred Browne** lived in East Hartford CT for many decades, moving to a retirement community in Hartford in 2003. She died 15 May 2007.¹³²

Three children of **John** and **Rosanna Browne** died in infancy:

John Browne 23 April 1907-17 February 1908

Arthur Browne 4 April 1908-4 April 1908

Arthur Browne 31 August 1913-8 Aug. 1916

¹³² Curriculum Vitae and family group sheet by Gus Browne, supplemented by conversation 16 November 1999 at the Browne home in E. Hartford CT, and subsequent telephone conversations.

Grandchildren of **John** and **Joanna (Egan) Devlin**

A. Children of William and Harriet (Devlin) Ward

1 - William Marshall Ward, born 12 November 1898, Providence RI. He married **Mary M. O'Malley** 8 November 1928. Employed by the US Postal Service for most of his working life; he died in 1973. The couple had one son.¹³³

2 - Frederic A. Ward, born 28 January 1900, died 3 September 1900, Providence RI.¹³⁴

3 - Herbert Lester Ward, born 9 March 1903, Providence RI. Employed for many years by the Providence *Journal* in its mailroom and as a deliveryman. He died 3 June 1944. Single.¹³⁵

4 - Harriet F. Ward, born 5 April 1908; died 6 July 1922.¹³⁶

¹³³ BMD in Providence, Vols. XIV XV; Providence City directories, relevant years; telephone conversation with William J. Ward, 5 September 1993.

¹³⁴ BMD Ibid., death record St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI, Lot 3, Section 5.

¹³⁵ BMD Vol. XIV; note 133; death record St. Francis Cemetery, Lot 14, Section 39.

¹³⁶ BMD Ibid.; death record note 135.

Descendants: the Fifth Generation

This generation is even more disparate in age than was the fourth. Its 38 members came into this world over a span of half a century, beginning with **Nick Corbett** in 1903 and ending with **Patricia Anne Browne** in 1955.

More than half of the generation's members in the US participated in the migration that has characterized American life since the Depression of the 1930s and, especially, since World War II. Thus, of 11 grandchildren of **James H.** and **Hannah (Hickey) Devlin**, six ended up many miles from Devlin's Tap. An even higher proportion, ten of **John O.** and **Rosanna (Devlin) Browne's** 13 grandchildren, made their homes a long way from 276 Johnson Avenue, Newark. That migration began when **Bernard** and **Peg DuPlessis** and their first child moved to North Carolina in 1933.

In Australia, where there are a smaller number of descendants, the 5th generation is divided between Sydney and the more southerly cities of Melbourne and Canberra.

Great Grandchildren of **Peter** and **Christine (Glynn) Devlin**

A. Grandchildren of **James H.** and **Hannah (Hickey) Devlin**

Children of **James H.** and **Eleanor (Travers) Devlin** All were born in Boston MA.¹³⁷

1. Mary Irene Devlin (5 July 1911 - 21 November 1973). Educated at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT (BA 1934). She taught grade school for a few years. Around 1941 she went to work for the Navy Department in Washington and remained there, save for a few years in private business, until 1971 when poor health (cancer) forced her retirement. Mary was a kind and gentle soul, much devoted to her nieces and nephews. Her favorite recreation was bird-watching. Single.

2. Eleanor Ruth Devlin (23 February 1913 - 12 April 1996). Also educated at Albertus Magnus (BA 1935), she earned a degree in Library Science from Simmons College, Boston, and an MA from the University of Pennsylvania. She went into the library field, where her interests and talents were perfectly matched to her profession of reference librarian. She worked at the Boston Public Library 1938-1946; the University of Pennsylvania Library 1947-1955; and Ohio University Library, Athens, Ohio from 1955-1959. Following four years as a reference librarian at Ohio State, Eleanor was appointed Head of the Reference Department at Temple University, Philadelphia (1963-1968). In August 1968 she returned to the OSU Libraries as Head of the Reference Department, serving there and as Senior Research Consultant until her retirement in 1983. She remained in Columbus to the end of her days. She also was a victim of cancer. Single.

3. Frances Devlin (27 April 1914 - 15 May 1998). Attended Regis College, Weston MA (BA 1936). Social worker at the Catholic Charitable Bureau of Boston for ten years. In 1947 she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph order and taught in Catholic high schools over the next two decades. She left the order in 1967 and found employment with the Kemper Insurance Company, retiring in 1984. She maintained an active interest in music, art, public affairs, and nature even when the infirmities of age confined her to her apartment. She, too, died of cancer. Single.

4. Jane Agnes Devlin (23 December 1915 - 16 June 1995). Graduated from the Mount Auburn Hospital School of Nursing, Cambridge MA, in November 1937. She worked as a private duty nurse until joining the Army Nurse Corps 1 August 1942. From November 1942 until mid-1945 she served in the South Pacific theater (FECOM) primarily in New Caledonia but with several months duty on Guadalcanal Island. Following the war, she was an industrial nurse at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Boston. She was recalled to active duty in February 1951 and served for three and a half years, principally in France, attaining the rank of captain. She married **William R. Pollock** (16 December 1927-) on 9 October 1954 at La Jarne, Department de Charente-

¹³⁷ Information on the eight of us is from personal knowledge, supplemented by diplomas, military service records, birth and death certificates and the like.

Maritime, France. They retired to Falls Church, VA, in 1966. **Jane** and **Bill** adopted two children.

James and Eleanor Devlin and family, c1931, on the steps of the
family residence, 17 Ranelegh Rd., Brighton MA



Joe Eleanor Jim Frances Jane
 Arthur Mary
 Eleanor T. James H.
 John

5. James Henry Devlin Jr. (10 March 1917-24 April 2007). He attended Holy Cross College for three semesters, a matriculation cut short by the death of our father in December 1936. As with many in the depression years, Jim worked at various jobs until drafted into the army in January 1942. He served until January 1946, in the States and in the Pacific theater. Following the war he worked in the retail grocery business until retirement in 1982. Jim remained in Waltham, where he had worked for many years, until declining health required living assistance. Dying a few weeks after his 90th birthday, he was the longest-lived member of his generation of Boston Devlins.

6. Joseph Travers Devlin (21 June 1918 - 11 Jan 1984). He was accepted by the Coast Guard Academy in 1937 but dropped out after a year. Drafted early in the war, he was assigned to the 734th field artillery, fire direction unit. He was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service during the 734th's active service in the European theater of operations from summer 1944 until the German surrender.

After the war, Joe went to work in the civil engineering field, earning a BS in Civil Engineering at Northeastern University, Boston, night school. He gained a reputation in the business for his talent at estimating bids on construction jobs so precisely that his company could win, do an honest job and make a profit. He married **Mary Bernadette McGowan** (9 August 1924 -- 21 March 2001), daughter of Irish-born **Bart** and **Teresa (Foley) McGowan**, 25 October 1946. **Joe** and **Mary** and their growing family lived in Medfield, Millis and Scituate before settling in the West Roxbury district of Boston. **Mary M. Devlin** survived her husband by 15 years. There are seven children.

7. Arthur Timothy Devlin (9 May 1920 - 23 October 1973). Entered the Society of Mary (Marists) in 1938. Ordained 10 June 1945 in Washington DC. Sent to the (then) British Solomon Islands c1948. He had a mission station at Dala on the island of Malaita. After some eight years he was withdrawn from the mission field and returned to the states. He was assigned on a temporary basis to several Marist-staffed parishes in the Boston area. He left the order in 1964 and moved to New York, where he worked as the editor of a trade publication. He was a good writer and an excellent speaker. He married **Ilse Berliner** c1967. Her death five years later (7 April 1972) was a severe blow. He became despondent, went to pieces, and died 18 months later. There were no children of the marriage.

8. John Francis Devlin (13 March 1926 -). US Navy September 1944-June 1946; one year at sea as an electrician on USS Atlas. Attended Boston College (BA 1950; MA 1951, both in history). US Foreign Service in the 1950s, posted to Lebanon, Iraq, and Kuwait. Middle East political analyst in CIA's Offices of National Estimates, Political Research, and Regional and Political Analysis until retirement in 1979. Author of *The Ba'th Party: a History from Its Origins to 1966*, 1976; *Syria: Modern State in an Ancient Land*, 1983; and editor of *The Universe of Oil*, 1999.

Married (1) **Ruth Vogt**, daughter of **Henry** and **Florence (Schoppaul) Vogt** of Summit NJ, 22 January 1955. Born 31 May 1927, she died 29 July 1979 of cancer. There are three children.

(2) **Elizabeth Monk Myers** (5 December 1926), daughter of **Rex** and **Ruth (Dugan) Monk**, 11 August 1981. We retired to Sedona in December 1992.

Child of **Nicholas D.** and **Ellen (Devlin) Corbett**

1 - **Nicholas D. Corbett**, born 25 April 1903, Boston MA. Brought up in his grandfather's home, he attended Boston College, receiving his BA in 1924. As noted above, he had wanted to get involved in radio and electronics, but ended up a salesman working in various businesses over the years.

Nick was an amiable soul, very much a part of our family; he and his mother were regulars at Christmas dinner and other festivities. My father is reported to have considered him as his "first child". The owner of a series of cars with a five-digit license plate I can remember to this day, he was always ready to give his car-less cousins a lift. "Aw, sit down, I'll drive you" was his stock refrain when anyone at a family gathering got up to catch a bus or a trolley car. He married **Ann Madden** in 1940. Childless themselves, they adopted two children. **Nick** died in March 1971; his widow followed him in August of 1972.¹³⁸

¹³⁸ Ibid.; birth Boston MA Record 3760 for 1903. Dates of decease from Social Security Death Index.

Children of **John J. and Mary S. (Manton) Devlin**

1. Marie Devlin born c1916, Boston MA. She worked in the Boston Public Library for an undetermined number of years. Working there part-time in high school, I was much impressed that this very attractive woman was my cousin. Her later life does not appear to have been happy, however. She was much troubled by illness and was institutionalized (reason and dates unknown) for a time. I believe she died c1980.¹³⁹

2. John Joseph Devlin, born 24 September 1920, Boston MA. Educated at Boston College, BA 1945 and MA 1950, and Boston University Ph. D 1956. [For those not familiar with the Boston scene, BU is totally separate from the Jesuit-run BC.] He also spent the years 1948-1949 in the diocesan seminary. Bunny, as he was known in the family for reasons totally unclear to me, began his teaching career at St. Michael's College, Winooski VT, 1953-57. He moved to Fordham University in New York City in the latter year and remained there as professor of Spanish literature until his retirement in 1984. His publications include *Spanish Anti-clericalism: A Study in Modern Alienation*, 1966; *The Celestina: A parody of Courtly Love*, 1971; and a number of translations from European languages.

He married **Patricia Ruth Riley**, born 20 December 1927 in Boston MA, the daughter of **Francis Anthony Riley** and **Ruth Crockett**, 29 August 1953 in Boston MA. **Francis A. Riley** was the eldest son of **John J. Riley** (15 January 1866-7February 1937) and **Mary Elizabeth Powers** (1866-27 January 1919). The federal census of 1920 lists **John J.** Riley, widower and their six daughters and three sons living at 70 Raymond St. in the Allston-Brighton section of Boston. All were single. **Francis Riley** and **Ruth Crockett** were married in the early 1920s.

After moving to New York **John J.** and **Patricia** lived within commuting distance of Fordham; in the later years there, they lived in the same house in Larchmont in which young Bunny had spent his early years. It had stayed in family ownership, though not occupation, for half a century. Bunny was good about keeping up with family. **John J. Devlin** died of cancer 13 June 1985 in White Plains NY while he and **Patricia** were in the process of making their retirement move to Keene NH. His widow followed him four years later, 20 June 1989 in Keene NH.¹⁴⁰ They had four sons.

¹³⁹ Ibid.; conversations with her brother.in the 1970s and 80s.

¹⁴⁰ Ibid.; entry in *Contemporary Authors*, Vol. 37-40, pp. 119-20. Justin F. Devlin provided additional information about his family, including that below, by e-mail 12 February 2005. He states his father's birth as 21 September 1920.

B. Grandchildren of **Philip J. and Christine (Devlin) Murphy**

Child of **Joseph and Dorothy (von Eichenbaum) Murphy**

Christina Maree Murphy born 2 July 1947 in Newton MA. “I now use my confirmation name of Jane for my middle name. I grew up in Florida, and then went to college at Temple University in Philadelphia PA where I earned my B.A. in 1968. I finished my graduate work at the University of Connecticut and received my Ph.D. there in 1971. I took my first job as an English professor at the University of Mississippi, then I moved to Fort Worth, Texas and taught at Texas Christian University, then I was the Chair of the English department at the University of Memphis in Tennessee. I left the University of Memphis in August of 1999 and am now an Assistant Dean and English professor at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey.”¹⁴¹ She is no longer there; her current position is Dean of Liberal Arts at Marshall University, Huntington WV.

Children of **John L. and Mary C. (Kennedy) Murphy**¹⁴²

1. Barbara Murphy, born in 192_. She married **Franklin Stewart** in 1949. Both are deceased. There were two children.

2. Eleanor Christine (Ellie) Murphy, born in 1931. She married **Paul C. Fay** in 1954. He was in my class at Boston College, but in a class of a thousand we never met. They lived in Dedham for many years and raised six children there. Her careful preservation of Devlin family documents inherited from her grandmother was of great help in nailing down facts concerning our great grandparents. She died 4 August 2006.

Children of **Arthur P. and Irene (Behr) Murphy**

1. Phyllis Murphy, born 18 February 1936 in Newton MA. Her family moved to Brookline MA a few years later where they lived in the same apartment building as Phyllis’s grandmother and aunt Christine. She married **Joseph Timothy Bowler** on 23 November 1957. He was one generation closer to Ireland, his parents having emigrated from Co. Kerry. He taught school in Springfield MA where the couple made their home and raised four children. **Joseph Bowler** died some years ago.¹⁴³

2. Philip Arthur Murphy, born 12 September 1937 in Newton MA. After two years in the army, Philip attended Bentley College in Boston and graduated as a finance major. Now retired, most of his working life was spent in the insurance business as a buyer, consultant and broker. He and **Elizabeth (Betsy) Jennings** (born 27 August 1940 in Boston) married 15 October 1960; they have a son and a daughter. In the early years of marriage the couple lived in Dorchester, then Watertown, and in 1963 moved to Scituate MA. They now live in Florida.”¹⁴⁴

¹⁴¹Letter from Christina to me, 23 August 2000.

¹⁴² E-mail from Ellie (Murphy) Fay, 14 June 2000.

¹⁴³ E-mail from Phyllis M. Bowler, 27 May 2000; conversation in Holyoke MA October 2000.

¹⁴⁴ E-mails from Philip A. Murphy, 27 May 2000, 12 October 2004.

Great Grandchildren of **Arthur** and **Catherine (Sweeney) Develin**

A. Grandchildren of **James** and **Mary (O'Brien) Devlin**¹⁴⁵

Child of **James** and **May (Thomas) Devlin**

1. Donald Arthur Devlin, born 11 March 1925 in Puerto Rico. He married **Julie Odell** c1950. There were three children of the marriage. **Donald Devlin** died 9 February 1997; his last residence was Audubon, Camden Co. NJ.

Children of **Larry** and **Rosanna (Devlin) Everling**

1. Larry Joe Everling

2. Daughter, name unknown.

3. Daughter, name unknown.

¹⁴⁵ Conversation with Gerard Devlin (6th Gen), 22 May 1999 in Wilmington DE, and a letter from him 19 December 2000. Birth and death dates and places are from the Social Security Death Index, seen 24 May 2004.

B. Grandchildren of Joseph and Bridget (Moran) Develin

Children of **Christopher and Winifred (Tancred) Develin**¹⁴⁶

1. Christopher Joseph Develin, born 28 November 1939 in Sydney NSW. Educated at the same school as his father and Uncle Stephen, he married **Deirdre Ann Quail** 16 February 1967. There are four children. Electronics engineer.

2. Anna Maria Develin, born September 1941 in Sydney NSW. She lives in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Children of **Stephen and Alice (Dunne) Develin**

1. Patrick John Develin, born 15 August 1931 in Stanmore NSW. Following in the footsteps of his father, **Pat** became a pharmacist, first in Tamworth, then in Temora and lastly in Canberra where he was a prominent for many years in business and public life in that city. He died 28 April 2007. **Pat Develin** married **Barbara Joan McNamara**, born 16 November 1932 in Coonamble NSW, 16 August 1956 in Sydney. There are six children.

2. Ann Mary Develin, born April 1940 in Sydney. She studied nursing. After completing her training she entered the order of nursing sisters called the L.C.M. (Little Company of Mary) at Lewisham Hospital. She left the order after some years due to ill health and now lives near Adelaide, South Australia..

3. Gerard Stephen Develin (twin of **Ann**), born April 1940. **Gerard**, who is partially blind, joined the Blessed Sacrament Fathers as a lay brother soon after leaving school. He lives in Melbourne and spends much of his time working with blind people.

¹⁴⁶ See note 121.

C. Grandchildren of **John O. and Rosanna (Develin) Browne**

Children of **Bernard L. and Margaret (Browne) DuPlessis**

1. Bernard L. DuPlessis Jr., born 5 October 1933 in Newark NJ. He moved south with his parents and grew up in Winston-Salem and Charlotte NC. **Bernie** attended North Carolina State University graduating with a degree in Industrial Engineering (BIE) in 1955. After university he served as an officer in the U.S. Army in Germany during 1956-57. After completing military service he went to work for DuPont and stayed with that firm in Virginia, Tennessee and Delaware until retirement in December 1991. **Bernie** married **Huberta Caryl Dixon** (21 March 1933 - 6 March 1990), daughter of **Hubert Dixon** and **Elizabeth Winter**, 1 September 1956 in Esslingen, West Germany. The first of their five children was born in Germany, the others in Richmond VA. Several months after **Caryl's** death following a long struggle with cancer, **Bernie** met **Faye Harber**. They married in August 1991 and have merged her two children and their spouses and his five children and their spouses into a family unit that now includes 14 grandchildren.¹⁴⁷

2 - John Joseph DuPlessis, born 16 July 1935, Winston-Salem NC. He attended North Carolina State University, earning a BS in nuclear engineering in 1957, a BS in metallurgical engineering in 1958, and a master's degree in the same field in 1961. He was director of technology for the Crucible Magnetic Division of Colt Industries in Elizabethtown KY from 1965 to 1984 and president of this division from 1984 to 1992. He is now a consultant to industry. **John** married **Kitty Sue Berger** (28 June 1938-), daughter of **S. V. Berger** and **Evelyn Early**, on 27 June 1959 in Gretna, Pittsylvania Co., VA. **John DuPlessis** wrote me 21 December 2004 that his wife's family settled in this county in 1735 a few years after immigrating to Lancaster PA from Germany near the French Swiss border and that their original house was still standing (barely). There are five children.

3 - Rosanne Catherine DuPlessis, born 24 August 1937, Winston-Salem NC. She attended Radford College, VA, receiving her A.B. in art education in 1958. She later earned an MA in education from Georgia State University (1970) and a second MA in education with emphasis on reading from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies (1986-87). She met **Robert Edwin Schenck** in Annapolis MD where both were working, he in the state Department of Forests and Parks, she as a teacher, in the fall of 1959. They were married 3 January 1961 in Annapolis. **Bob Schenck**, son of **Edwin Schenck** and **Esther Pettipher**, was born 2 January 1931 on Long Island NY. He graduated from the College of Forestry, Syracuse NY in 1959. For most of his career he was in public service; first for the state of Maryland and then for the federal government where he served for 25 years in the Interior Department's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and National Park Service. On his retirement they moved to Deal Island in the Chesapeake Bay and have enjoyed the many pleasures of sailing there and farther afield.¹⁴⁸

¹⁴⁷ DuPlessis Genealogy, p. 2, and e-mail (date lost) from Bernie.

¹⁴⁸ Jim DuPlessis, Descendants of Arthur Devlin and Margaret Smith, 14 December 2000, pp. 36-37.

Children of **Frank** and **Katherine V. (Browne) Taylor**

1. Frank Charles Taylor, born 4 June 1936 in Newark NJ. He has been in the hotel business for much of his adult life, serving as vice-president of development of Sheraton and Choice Hotels 1964-1997. He has owned and/or operated hotels in St. Louis, Birmingham, Louisville, Lubbock and Memphis. **Frank** married **Mary McGroarty** 18 July 1959 in Mahoney City, near Wilkes-Barre, PA. There are four children.¹⁴⁹

2 - Margaret Joan (Peggy) Taylor, born 28 September 1940 in Newark NJ. She married **Vincent Thomas (Vince) McDermott** 3 November 1962 in Caldwell NJ. He is a physician and surgeon; the McDermotts live in Haddonfield NJ. There are six children.¹⁵⁰

Children of **Joseph A.** and **Catherine (McKeown) Browne**¹⁵¹

1. Patricia Elizabeth “Patty” Browne, born 2 August 1940, Jackson Heights NY. She grew up in Kansas City MO. She married **Thomas J. McGurren** on 8 April 1958. There are three children.

2. Thomas Joseph Browne, born 3 July 1943 in Kansas City MO. He married **Mary C. (Connie) Kissick** 8 August 1964. There are two children.

3. Jon Edmund Browne, born 15 December 1944, Kansas City MO. He married **Angela M. Marlo** 3 August 1968. There are two children.

¹⁴⁹ Information from Frank Taylor, March 2005.

¹⁵⁰ See note 148.

¹⁵¹ Information from Catherine “Kitty” Browne, November 1999.

Children of **John T. and Kathryn (Testa) Browne**¹⁵²

1. **John Patrick Browne**, born 24 April 1953, Teaneck NJ. Adopted. He married in 1980 but has since divorced. He runs a trucking and rigging business in New Jersey.

2. **Patricia Anne (Patty Anne) Browne**, born 8 December 1955, Jersey City NJ. Adopted. Married in 1976 to **Martin Benedetti**, she has since divorced. She lives in New Jersey.

Children of **A. Philip (Gus) and Mildred (Smith) Browne**¹⁵³

1. **Philip John Browne**, born 27 January 1937 in Newark NJ. He married **Gloria Jean Jackson** 21 September 1963. The couple lived for a time in northwest Illinois and Wisconsin. There are two children of the marriage which ended in divorce. **Philip** married **Mali Lee** 16 July 1994. He was for some years based in the Pacific Northwest but recently re-located to Phoenix where his wife's daughter attends college. He spends half of each year in Malaysia.

2. **Dennis Patrick Browne**, born 3 February 1941 in Rockville Center NY. He married **Fern Schneiderman** 30 November 1987.

3. **Bruce Peter Browne**, born 9 September 1944 in Hartford CT. He is registrar of the World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden. He married **Carmen Aguire** (born in Honduras c 1955) in that country on 5 May 1978 and has adopted her daughter. There are two children of the marriage.

Great grandchild of **John and Joanna (Egan) Devlin**

Grandchild of **William J. and Harriet (Devlin) Ward**¹⁵⁴

Child of **William M. and Mary (O'Malley) Ward**

William J. Ward, born 15 July 1931, Providence RI. Single.

¹⁵² See note 131.

¹⁵³ See note 132.

¹⁵⁴ Telephone conversation, Wm. J. Ward, 5 Sept. 1993.

The Sixth and Seventh Generations

At this point in the story of the descendants of **Arthur** and **Margaret (Smyth) Develin**, it seems practical to include the members of the 7th generation along with their parents. The oldest of the 6th generation are past the half-century mark; the youngest was born in 1977. As for the 7th generation, its older members are in the upper twenties.

Moreover, the 6th and 7th generation descendants are the progeny of only two of **Arthur** and **Margaret Develin's** six known children. **Hugh Develin's** line stopped at the 3rd generation, and his brother **John's** line will end at the 5th. We do not yet know whether their brother, **James Develin**, left descendants.

As of this writing, there are 24 identified 6th generation descendants of **Peter** and **Christine (Glynn) Devlin**; 14 bear the Devlin name and 10 (four of whom are adopted) bear other surnames. **Arthur** and **Catherine (Sweeney) Develin's** 6th generation descendants are twice as numerous, with three through their son **James**, 10 through son **Joseph** and 37 through daughter **Rosanna (Devlin) Browne**, for a total of 50 in that line and a combined total of 74.

Current information on the 7th generation identifies 115 members, but this count probably is not complete. And there could be additions.

Information presented here on these two generations is limited to the basics – dates and places of birth, marriage, and death, and name of spouse.

Progeny of Peter and Christine (Glynn) Devlin

Descendants of James H. and Hannah (Hickey) Devlin

I. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of James H. and Eleanor (Travers) Devlin¹⁵⁵

A. Children of William R. and Jane (Devlin) Pollock

- 1. William R. Pollock**, born 11 June 1960 in West Germany. Adopted.
- 2. Gabrielle Pollock**, born 24 February 1963 in West Germany. Adopted.

B. Children of Joseph T. and Mary (McGowan) Devlin

- 1. Jane Patrice Devlin**, born 6 May 1947.
- 2. Joseph Travers (Jay) Devlin**, born 2 April 1948.

Married (1) **Barbara Blair** in 1973; divorced 1983.

(2) **Joann Kay Legge** 1983; divorced 1993.

(3) **Lisa LaBreque** 11 November 2001 in Las Vegas NV.

- 3. Lawrence James (Larry) Devlin**, born 10 February 1950.

Married (1) **Rosalind Hoffman** in 1976; divorced 1985.

(2) **Barbara Wagner** 18 July 1998 in Waitsfield VT.

¹⁵⁵ Personal knowledge. The seven children of Joe and Mary Devlin were born in Boston. The birth dates of the seventh generation have been confirmed by Jane P. Devlin.

4. Philip Henry Devlin, born 8 December 1956.

Married **Ann Skinner** (17 October 1958--) 7 January 1984 in Dorchester MA.

Their children:

- a. Jeffrey Joseph Devlin**, born 9 March 1985.
- b. Christine Mary Devlin**, born 19 March 1986.
- c. Colleen Skinner Devlin**, born 6 April 1988.
- d. Michael Travers Devlin**, born 31 October 1991.

5. Kenneth Foley (Ken) Devlin, born 28 November 1958.

Married **Kathleen Ann (Kate) Cronin** (13 June 1963--) 8 June 1991 in Lynnfield MA.

Their children:

- a. Matthew James Devlin**, 8 November 1996.
- b. Travers Joseph Devlin**, born 9 October 1998.
- c. Maeve Elizabeth Devlin**, born 13 April 2001
- d. Nora Teresa Devlin**, born 2 March 2004.

6. Gerald Francis (Jerry) Devlin, born 26 December 1959.

Married **Elizabeth Helen (Beth) Mannix** (21 May 1961--) 7 March 1992 in Chestnut Hill MA.

Their children:

- a. Connor Francis Devlin**, born 4 October 1992.
- b. Julia Mannix Devlin**, born 6 April 1994.
- c. Margaret Elizabeth (Meg) Devlin**, born 28 December 1996.

7. Andrew David Devlin, born 22 November 1963.

Married **Lydia Jane Shea** (26 October 1965--) 15 September 1990 in
Dorchester MA.

Their children:

a. Timothy Joseph Devlin, born 22 August 1992.

b. Maura Devlin, born 31 December 1993.

c. Hannah Shea Devlin, born 14 February 1995.

d. John Andrew Devlin, born 1 September 1998.

e. Mitchell Devlin, born 5 May 2000.

C. Children of John Francis and Ruth (Vogt) Devlin

1. John Timothy (Tim) Devlin, born 9 July 1956 in Orange NJ.

2. Kathleen Devlin, born 21 July 1960 in Orange NJ.

3. Maureen Devlin, born 21 October 1961 in Orange NJ.

II. Grandchildren of Nicholas D. and Ellen V. (Devlin) Corbett

A. Children of Nicholas D. and Ann (Madden) Corbett

- 1. Timothy Corbett**, date of birth unknown. Adopted.
- 2. Eileen Corbett**, date of birth unknown. Adopted.

III. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of John J. and Mary S. (Manton) Devlin

A. Children of John J. and Patricia (Riley) Devlin¹⁵⁶

- 1. Sean Joseph Devlin**, born 20 June 1954 in Burlington VT.

Married **Tak Mui (Dora) Shum** 13 September 1986 at Fordham, New York NY.

Their children:

- a. Maximilian Shum Devlin**, born 6 August 1990, in Brooklyn NY.
- b. Alexandra Rose Devlin**, born May 1993 in Brooklyn NY.

- 2. Christopher Plunkett Devlin**, born 10 August 1955 in Burlington VT.

Married **Patricia Thieda** 1997 in Charleston SC; divorced 2002.

- 3. Gregory Peter Devlin**, born 29 November 1958 in Yonkers NY.

- 4. Justin Francis Devlin**, born 14 October 1967 in New Rochelle NY.

¹⁵⁶E-mail from Justin F. Devlin 12 February 2005.

Descendants of Philip and Christine (Devlin) Murphy

I. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of John M. and Mary (Kennedy) Murphy¹⁵⁷

A. Children of Franklin and Barbara (Murphy) Stuart

- 1. Franklin Stuart**, born 1950.
- 2. Susannah Proctor Stuart**, born 1953.

Married **Kenneth Slavit**.

B. Children of Paul C. and Eleanor (Murphy) Fay

- 1. Diana Carey Fay**, born 1955.

Married **Andrew Harrison** 1983 in Concord NH.

Their children:

- a. Mark Harrison**, born 1984.
- b. David Harrison**, born 1986.
- c. Peter Harrison**, born 1989.
- d. Rebecca Harrison**, born 1992.

- 2. Paul C. Fay Jr.**, born 1957.

Married **Nonette Royo** c1992 in Bogor, Indonesia.

Their children:

- a. Sandra Fay**, born 1993.
- b. Kyra Fay**, born 1995.
- c. Gabrielle Fay**, born 1999.

¹⁵⁷ E-mail from Eleanor C. (Murphy) Fay, 14 June 2000.

3. Wendy Jane Fay, born 1960.

Married **Jefferson Livesay** 1990.

Their children:

- a. Lucia Livesay**, born 1991.
- b. Ella Livesay**, born 1993.

4. Deborah Hughes Fay, born 1962.

Married **Erik Lindhal** 1992.

Their children:

- a. Meghan Lindhal**, born 1995.
- b. Chloe Lindhal**, born 1998.

5. Judith Lane Fay, born 1962.

Married **Jeffrey Barron** in 1993.

Their children:

- a. John Barron**, born 1995.
- b. Alexandra Barron**, born 1997.

6. Amy Breen Fay, born 1968.

Married **Michael Kopfler** in 1992.

Their children:

- a. Caroline Kopfler**, born 1995.
- b. Taegan Kopfler**,
twins, born 1999.
- c. Haley Kopfler**,
- d. Anna Kopfler**, born 7 May 2002.

II. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of **Arthur P. and Irene (Behr) Murphy**

A. Children of **Joseph T. and Phyllis (Murphy) Bowler**¹⁵⁸

1. **Joseph Timothy Bowler**, born 30 May 1959.

2. **Christine Devlin Bowler**, born 30 July 1960.

Married **Joseph W. Dragon** on 21 June 1986.

Their children:

a. **Patrick Joseph Dragon**, born 27 October 1992.

b. **Alexander Bowler Dragon**, born 3 November 1997.

3. **Irene Joan Bowler**, born 19 October 1961.

Married **Robert Lussier** c1977; since divorced.

Their children:

a. **Stephanie Lussier**, born 3 October 1978.

b. **Brian Lussier**, born 6 April 1983.

4. **Susan Theresa Bowler**, born 6 April 1963.

Married **John Sarage**

Their child:

a. **Serena Sarage**, born 8 April 1997.

¹⁵⁸ E-mail from Christine (Bowler) Dragon 28 March 2000.

C. Children of **Philip A. and Elizabeth (Jennings) Murphy**¹⁵⁹

1. Sean Jennings Murphy, born 24 October 1964 in Scituate MA.

Married **Elizabeth Loring (Liz) Atkinson** 25 July 1987 in Cohasset MA.

Their child:

a. Aidan Trivett Murphy, born 26 May 2000 in Rochester NY. Adopted.

2. Maura Suzanne Murphy, born 19 October 1965 in Scituate MA.

Married **Roy Price Harvey** 20 November 1992 in Scituate MA.

Their children:

a. Griffin Moore Harvey, born 8 August 1994.

b. Fiona Devlin Harvey, born 5 July 1996.

¹⁵⁹ E-mail from Philip A. Murphy, 27 May 2000 and conversation with him and Betsey, 9 September 2003.

Progeny of Arthur and Catherine (Sweeney) Develin

Descendants of James and Mary (O'Brien) Devlin

I. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of James and May (Thomas) Devlin

A. Children of Donald Arthur and Julie (Odell) Devlin¹⁶⁰

1. Gerard (Gerry) Devlin, born 4 September 1952.

2. Julie Marie Devlin, born 29 September 1953.

Married **Barker**

Their children:

a. Patrick Barker, born c1985.

b. Timothy Barker, born c1990.

3. Donald Arthur Devlin Jr., 13 December 1956.

Married

Their children:

a. Colin Devlin, born c1987.

b. Bridget Devlin, born c1992.

¹⁶⁰ See note 145.

Descendants of Joseph and Bridget (Moran) Develin

I. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of Christopher J. and Winifred (Tancred) Develin

A. Children of Christopher J. and Deirdre (Quail) Develin

- 1. Ann Louise Develin**, born 1968, Sydney NSW.

Married **Richard Stewart** June 1992 in Sydney NSW.

Their child:

- a. Angus Develin Stewart**, born 16 March 2004 in Sydney NSW.
- 2. Rebecca Winifred Develin**, born 1970 in Sydney NSW.
- 3. Christopher Owen Develin**, born 1971 in Sydney NSW.
- 4. Elizabeth Deirdre Develin**, born 10 October 1974 in Sydney NSW.

II. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of **Stephen and Alice (Dunne) Develin**¹⁶¹

A. Children of **Patrick J. and Barbara (McNamara) Develin**

1. **Anthony Joseph Develin**, born 29 September 1958 in Tamworth NSW.

Married **Katherine Daly** (29 November 1960.....) 4 April 1987 in Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Divorced

Their child:

a. **Joseph William Develin**, born 29 June 1988 in ACT.

2. **Jane Therese Develin**, born 31 October 1959 in Tamworth NSW.

Married **Andrew Robert Jennings**, born 6 September 1956 in Adelaide South Australia, on 11 April 1981 in ACT

Their children:

a. **Katherine Jane Jennings**, born 4 April 1983 in ACT.

b. **Luke Alexander Robert Jennings**, born 2 October 1985 in ACT.

c. **Sophie Blanche Jennings**, born 24 February 1988 in ACT.

d. **Laura Josephine Jennings**, born 30 April 1992 in ACT.

¹⁶¹ See note 121. Corrections and additions made by Barbara M. Develin, 16 October 2002 in Canberra in conversation with me and from "Develin Family Document", February 2003, by Patrick J. J. Develin.

3. Geoffrey Flynn Develin, born 20 June 1961 in Temora NSW.

Married **Judith Anne Pedley**, born 31 January 1962 in Numarkah, Victoria, on 6 October 1984 in Hay NSW.

Their children:

- a. Michael Flynn Develin**, born 31 December 1998 in ACT.
- b. Emma Frances Develin**, born 16 April 2001 in ACT.

4. Anne Majella Develin, born 21 January 1963 in Temora NSW.

Her child:

- a. Samuel Patrick Brian Develin**, born 16 May 1988 in Canberra ACT.

5. Matthew Louis Develin, born 31 May 1964 in Temora NSW.

Married (1) **Rosemary Catherine Clarke** (27 June 1963) on 6 October 1990 in Barmedman NSW. Divorced.

Their children:

- a. Hannah Rose Develin**, born 2 November 1993 in Perth, Western Australia.
- b. Liam Matthew Develin**, born 4 April 1995 in Perth WA.

Married (2) **Catherine McLean**, born 13 March 1967.

6. Rachel Maree Develin, born 26 October 1967 in Temora NSW.

Married **Darren Murphy** (5 July 1965) in April 1995 in ACT.

Their children:

- a. Benjamin Jack Murphy**, born 16 July 1996 in Canberra ACT.
- b. Grace Matilda Murphy**, born 14 May 1998 in Canberra ACT.

Descendants of John O. and Rosanna (Develin) Browne

I. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of Bernard L. and Margaret (Browne) DuPlessis

A. Children of Bernard L. and Caryl (Dixon) DuPlessis Jr.¹⁶²

1. Bernard L. (Bud) DuPlessis, born 25 May 1957 in West Germany.

Married **Leslie Ann Frank** 20 June 1981 in Wilmington DE.

Their children:

- a. Steven Frank DuPlessis**, born 26 April 1985.
- b. Kathryn Grace DuPlessis**, born 24 April 1988.
- c. Julia Marie DuPlessis**, born 2 March 1992.

2. Anne Elizabeth DuPlessis, born 28 April 1958 in Richmond VA.

Married **Michael Jacques Darrouzet** 5 April 1986 in Dallas TX.

Their children:

- a. Lauren Michelle Darrouzet**, born 20 June 1987.
- b. Elisabeth Caryl Darrouzet**, born 11 March 1989.
- c. Melanie Anne Darrouzet**, born 22 June 1994.

3. James Michael (Jim) DuPlessis, born 22 September 1959 in Richmond VA.

Married **Susan Elaine Waldrep** 7 April 1990 in Greenville SC.

Their child:

James Bernard DuPlessis, born 1 December 2003. Adopted.

¹⁶² B. L. DuPlessis, Jr., "Family Dates," and subsequent updates. Conversation with B. L. DuPlessis, III, James M. DuPlessis, and David B. DuPlessis on 22 May 1999, Wilmington DE.

4. Thomas Edward DuPlessis, born 22 August 1962 in Richmond VA.

Married **Linda Jean Kozar** 26 May 1990 in Pittsburgh PA.

Their children:

a. Matthew Thomas DuPlessis, born 6 October 1991.

b. Michael Lawrence DuPlessis, born 10 March 1994.

c. Lauren Kozar DuPlessis, 13 March 1999.

5. David Bruce DuPlessis, born 9 April 1965 in Richmond VA.

Married **Edith (Edie) Rhee Song** 12 March 1988 in Wilmington DE.

Their children:

a. Allison DuPlessis, born 7 May 1996.

b. Ryan Song DuPlessis, born 26 September 2000.

B. Children of John J. and Kitty Sue (Berger) DuPlessis)¹⁶³

1. John Joseph DuPlessis Jr., born 14 June 1960.

Married **Julia Dickerson** (7 April 1959) 14 August 1982.

Their children:

- a. Elizabeth Anne DuPlessis,** born 1 January 1984.
- b. Sarah Kathryn DuPlessis,** born 8 November 1987.
- c. Emily Caryl DuPlessis,** born 12 June 1990.

2. Mary Kathryn DuPlessis, born 20 May 1961 in Charlotte NC.

Married **Terry D. Hinton** (12 January 1960) 30 July 1983 in Elizabethtown KY

Their children:

- a. Grant Douglas Hinton,** born 21 November 1989.
- b. Clay Joseph Hinton,** 25 March 1992.
- c. Sarah Ann Hinton,** born 4 August 1999.

¹⁶³ List of her children and grandchildren given me by Kitty Sue DuPlessis 22 May 1999. Additional information from Jim DuPlessis's compilation of data "The Descendants of Arthur Devlin and Margaret Smyth" of 7 November 2000. Updates and corrections by John J. DuPlessis, letter 13 November 2004.

3. Margaret Evelyn (Peggy) DuPlessis, born 22 May 1964 in Charlotte NC.

Married **Eric Adams** (31 August 1963) 22 July 1985 in Elizabethtown KY.

Their children:

- a. **Allyson Lane Adams**, born 6 July 1988.
- b. **Samantha Kaye Adams**, born 23 October 1991.
- c. **David Raleigh Adams**, born 17 July 1993.
- d. **Elizabeth Kathryn (Beth) Adams**, born 25 August 1995.
- e. **Mary Grace Adams**, born 5 September 1998.
- f. **Anne Evelyn Adams**, born 14 July 2000.

4. Samuel Vincent (Sam) DuPlessis, born 6 December 1965 in Charlotte NC.

Married **Constance Marie Rogers** (8 February 1967) 10 June 1989 in KY.

Their children:

- a. **Madalyn Suzanne DuPlessis**, born 20 December 1991.
- b. **Caroline Marie DuPlessis**, born 11 August 1994.
- c. **Samuel Joseph DuPlessis**, born 8 November 1996.
- d. **Grace Evelyn DuPlessis**, born 28 December 1998.
- e. **John Joseph DuPlessis II**, born 12 January 2003.

5. James Carme (Jim) DuPlessis, born 19 November 1969 in Elizabethtown KY.

Married **Marcy Jo Duvall** (1 February 1971) in Elizabethtown KY.

Their children:

a. James Carme (Jay) DuPlessis Jr., born 17 April 1996.

b. Kate Evelyn DuPlessis, born 20 October 1997.

c. Victoria Ann DuPlessis, born 17 June 2001.

C. Children and Grandchildren of **Robert** and **Rosanne (DuPlessis) Schenck**¹⁶⁴

1. **Catherine Anne Schenck**, born May 18, 1961; died May 21, 1961.

2. **Peter LeMaster Schenck**, born 27 May 1962

Married (1) **Nancy Jordan** 10 August 1985 in WV. Divorced in 1994.

Their children:

a. **Jacklyn (Jackie) Schenck**, born 1 December 1987.

b. **Katherine Anne (Katie) Schenck**, born 23 August 1991 in Wake Forest NC.

(2) **Barbara Gail Howard** 20 May 1995 in Raleigh NC.

Their children:

a. **Philip LeMaster Schenck**, born 26 May 1999.

b. **Adam Howard Schenck**, born 13 September 2001.

3. **Mary Devlin Schenck**, born 30 October 1963

Married: **Matt Klemp** (8 June 1967) in August 1989.

Their children:

a. **David Matthew Klemp**, born 8 September 1992

b. **Erin Taylor Klemp**, born 17 February 1995.

4. Identical twin daughters, born and died 14 March 1965.

¹⁶⁴ See note 160. Information updated and corrected by B. L. DuPlessis Jr., letter 8 December 2004.

5. Andrew Evans (Drew) Schenck, born 8 June 1967.

Married: **Kelli Kristin Phipps** (22 August 1967) 30 December 1989 in South Point OH.

Their children:

a. Robert Emerson Schenck, born 16 August 1992.

b. Kyla Kristin Schenck, born 27 October 1993.

II. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of **Frank C. and Katherine V. (Browne) Taylor**¹⁶⁵

A. Children of **Frank C. and Mary (McGroarty) Taylor**

1. **Frank Charles (Chet) Taylor III**, born 19 April 1961.

Married **Holly Gilcher** 7 May 1983 in Sioux Falls SD.

Their children:

a. **Johanna Rene (Josie) Taylor**, born 10 January 1990.

b. **Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Taylor**, 10 March 1992.

2. **Kevin Patrick Taylor**, born 12 December 1962.

Married **Angela Arwood** (28 November 1963-) in August 1987. Divorced 1998.

Their children:

a. **Robert Arwood Taylor**, born 3 August 1988.

b. **Victoria (Vickie) Lynn Taylor**, born 14 March 1990.

3. **Sharon Ann Taylor**, born 25 April 1964.

Married **Jacob Courtenay Rudolph III** (31 October 1958-) 23 August 1983 in Memphis TN.

Their children:

a. **Taylor Ann Rudolph**, born 13 December 1989.

b. **Jacob Courtenay Rudolph IV**, born 14 December 1991.

¹⁶⁵ Conversation with A. Philip (Gus) Browne, East Hartford CT, 16 November 1999 and the document cited in note 161. Additions and corrections by Frank C. Taylor, March 2005.

4. Scott Joseph Taylor, born 13 December 1968

Married: **Celia Guadalupe Suvillaga** (23 August 1968-) 25 April

1992 at Barry University, Miami Shores FL.

Their children:

a. Scott Cameron Taylor, born 18 June 1998.

b. Ryan Joseph Taylor, born 2 August 2000.

B. Children of Vincent and Margaret (Taylor) McDermott¹⁶⁶

1. Mary Therese (Merri) McDermott, born 3 January 1964.

Married **Kevin B. Giese** 7 June 1986 in Haddonfield NJ.

Their children:

- a. Meredith Therese Giese**, born 9 March 1990.
- b. Kevin B. Giese Jr.**, born 26 August 1993.
- c. Katherine Maria Giese**, born 15 September 1996.

2. Margaret Joan (Peggy) McDermott, born 10 August 1965.

Married **John Glennon** 2 November 1991 in Haddonfield NJ.

Their children:

- a. Connor Glennon**, born 31 January 1995.
- b. Marina Katherine Glennon**, born 1 May 1997.

3. Katherine Marie McDermott, born 28 August 1966; died 23 December 1970.

4. Vincent Thomas McDermott III, born 3 April 1967.

Married **Monica Lautsenhauser** 26 April 1997 in Moorestown NJ.

5. Maura Ann McDermott, born 28 May 1970.

6. Marlene McDermott, born 12 December 1973.

¹⁶⁶ Conversation with Margaret T. McDermott and her daughter, Mary T. Giese, 21 May 1999, Haddonfield NJ.

III. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of Joseph A. and Catherine (McKeown) Browne¹⁶⁷

A. Children and grandchildren of Thomas J. and Patricia (Browne) McGurren

1. Catherine A. McGurren, born 12 October 1959.

Married **Manly Applegate** 8 May 1993.

2. Christine E. McGurren, born 26 April 1963.

Married **Jeffrey Smith** 14 April 1984.

Their children:

a. Matthew Smith, born 10 May 1990.

b. Kathleen Smith, born 16 February 1994.

3. Thomas J. McGurren, born 2 March 1968.

B. Children of Thomas J. and Mary C. (Kissick) Browne

1. Peter B. Browne, born 19 January 1967.

2. Christopher M. Browne, born 21 October 1969.

C. Children of Jon E. and Angela (Marlo) Browne

1. Ryan J. Browne, born 2 March 1971.

2. Spencer P. Browne, born 29 September 1977.

¹⁶⁷ See note 150.

IV. Grandchildren of John T. and Kathryn (Testa) Browne¹⁶⁸

A. Children of Martin and Patricia Ann (Browne) Benedetti

- 1. Dawn Marie Benedetti**, born 2 May 1977.
- 2. Martin John Benedetti**, born 16 June 1980.

V. Grandchildren of A. Philip and Mildred (Smith) Browne¹⁶⁹

A. Children of Philip J. and Gloria (Jackson) Browne

- 1. Christopher John Browne**, born 5 August 1973 in Palatine IL
- 2. Todd Philip Browne**, born 14 September 1977 in Lake Zurich IL

B. Children of Bruce P. and Carmen (Aguirre) Browne

- 1. Danielle Browne**, born 7 January 1977 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.
She is Carmen's daughter, adopted by Bruce.
- 2. Denise Browne**, born 8 March 1991 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

¹⁶⁸ See note 131.

¹⁶⁹ See note 132.

Appendix I

Rebel Devlins

The 1790s and early 1800s were a time of great unrest in Ireland. For more than two centuries England had tightened its control over the island through military force and confiscations of land. When William of Orange ascended the British throne in 1689, 85% of the land was in the hands of about 10,000 Protestant landlords. Conditions worsened under the Penal Laws of the 1690s. These barred Catholics from voting, being members of Parliament, holding any office of state, practicing law, attending or teaching school, and buying or inheriting land from a Protestant. Indeed, an eldest son, should he turn Protestant, immediately took title to any property his father owned, the father becoming the son's tenant. Edmund Burke (1729-1797), Protestant Irish son of a Protestant father and a Catholic mother, wrote of the "Popery Code" as the Laws were known,

It was a machine of wise and elaborate contrivance and as well fitted for the impoverishment, oppression and degradation of a people and the debasement in them of human nature itself as ever proceeded from the perverted ingenuity of man. (Quoted in SLDevlin, *Multiple Stains*, p. 3)

By 1790 two movements for reform had begun to take shape – one seeking emancipation for Catholics and the other greater power for Irishmen in governing their land. Ireland had a parliament but it was subordinate to the King and to the Parliament in London. Moreover, the executive arm of government in Ireland was appointed and subordinate to the government in London. By this time, men whose families had been in Ireland for generations and considered themselves Irish had come to resent London's domination of Irish affairs and to see the deficiencies of the Ascendancy. They founded the Society of United Irishmen, comprising both Protestants and Catholics, in 1791 to press for political reforms and repeal of the Penal Laws. London, anticipating war with France (it started in 1793), was in no mood to compromise, though it did ease the Laws somewhat. As prospects of reform dimmed, the United Irishmen turned itself into a clandestine organization and prepared for rebellion. It had great support among the Catholic majority, especially in rural Ireland, where the inequities of the Penal Laws and treatment of the peasantry by some great landlords had bred resentment and hostility.

Real or perceived injustice readily turned citizens into rebels. These attitudes culminated in the Rising of 1798, as the rebellion by United Irishmen and their allies came to be known. The date was set for 23 May, but the government had been tipped off by a highly placed informer. The authorities arrested the critically important Leinster province directorate of the United Irishmen and mortally wounded the professional soldier named to direct military operations. Thus disrupted, the Rising sputtered in Dublin and nearby counties and began late in Ulster. Only in the southeast – Counties Wexford, Wicklow and Carlow – was there a serious threat. The rebel forces won a number of battles but were defeated and dispersed at Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. They regrouped only to be beaten again in Co. Dublin, a defeat that ended the major fighting. Diehards took refuge in the mountains and continued to strike at government forces and harass its supporters. In Co. Wicklow, Michael Dwyer was the most prominent of these men.

The “Rebel Devlins” were active participants in the Rising and, like many others, paid a heavy price for doing so. They were a family of four brothers; three of them, Patrick, Harry and Brian, were well-to-do farmers in southeast Wicklow. The fourth probably was a farmer, but all that is known of him is a tradition among Harry’s descendants that “a kinsman, Hugh Devlin, had been shot by the yeomanry” (a government sponsored militia) in 1798. Two sons of the oldest brother, Patrick, had joined the Wicklow guerrilla leader, Michael Dwyer, in the months before the Rising and were active throughout it. Their younger brother, Edward, may have participated. Harry’s eldest son, Arthur, fought in the Rising and another son may have. Brian’s sons were a bit young for soldiering, but his spirited daughter Anne saw to the proper burial of a guerrilla killed in the months before the Rising and otherwise supported the cause.

Both Patrick senior and Brian suffered greatly for refusing under questioning by the Yeomanry to give any information about their sons. Patrick’s house was burned down and Brian was arrested and spent 27 months in Wicklow gaol without being charged, habeas corpus having been suspended. He had, however, given shelter to a pair of men wounded in a battle at Newtownmountkenedy, and a neighbor had informed on him. Anne regularly rode the eight or nine miles from the farm at Crone to Wicklow Town to bring him food, clothing and other necessities. When finally released, Brian sold the livestock to pay arrears of rent (the farm had become run down in his absence, although the landlady kindly allowed the family to stay). He gave up his lease and moved the family to Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, where he leased a small dairy farm.

Arthur and Patrick Devlin stayed for a time with Michael Dwyer in the mountains; Art is known to have attended a christening in December of 1798. Sometime in the first half of 1799 they enlisted in a regiment commanded by Billy Byrne of Ballymanus, who had led Wicklow men in the Rising. It is odd that a known rebel would have been allowed to command a military unit. He may have raised the force with a view to providing a haven for ex-rebels and managed somehow to get official recognition. At any rate he didn’t last long. Byrne was arrested, tried, convicted and hanged in September 1799 on the evidence of three informers. Dwyer and his men killed them in retaliation. The regiment was disbanded and the men sent to England and placed in a British unit.

At a date unknown the Devlin brothers deserted with the aim of crossing to France and joining Irish exiles there, but found that they didn’t have sufficient money. Two young, physically fit Irishmen would be bound to attract unwelcome attention in England, so they rejoined the military by re-enlisting under assumed names, Art in a different regiment and Patrick in the Navy, where he stayed for a number of years.

In the short period after the failure of the Rising, British domination had taken a new form. In 1801 the Irish Parliament was abolished, pursuant to an act passed the previous year under the leadership of Prime Minister William Pitt. This move probably added additional stimulus to Robert Emmet’s desire to free Ireland from London’s domination. He returned from New York, where his brother had moved after the Rising and set about organizing a revolt. When Big Art Devlin, as he was known to distinguish himself from his cousin, Anne Devlin’s brother, heard of Emmet’s plans he deserted again and, with a group of forty men, came back to Ireland to lend a hand.

Once in Dublin, Art Devlin quickly gained Emmet's confidence. The latter came to realize that meeting his associates in Dublin carried great risk of discovery and asked Art to find a place where he could meet with them safely. Art went to his Uncle Brian who, recognizing that his own dairy farm was not isolated enough, arranged to lease a house a half-mile away. His daughter, Anne, would act as housekeeper and her brother, Little Art, would help as a gardener. Emmet and his co-conspirators met there safely, but the comings and goings inevitably aroused curiosity.

Emmet also used Big Art to contact Michael Dwyer, whose support he saw as essential. After a pair of meetings Dwyer, with the approval of his key associates –John Mernagh, Hugh Byrne and Martin Burke – agreed that he would raise the standard of revolt when Dublin was in rebel hands. In the event the Wicklow contingent was not called on. Emmet was a brave man and a patriot, but executing a long-shot coup attempt was not his strong point. And the plot was not a secret. Government Under Secretary Samuel Marsden had known of the preparations for months. A gunpowder explosion at a depot in Dublin caused Emmet to order his forces into action on June 23, 1803. By nightfall, the attempt had failed. Its leaders went into hiding, Emmet in various hospitable houses until his capture on August 25. He was hanged September 20. Big Art made it back to the Wicklow Mountains. His Uncle Brian and his entire family were jailed for complicity on August 29. By the end of the year, some twenty members of the extended Devlin family – including wives and children – were in custody.

For Michael Dwyer the failure of Emmet's attempt to seize Dublin with the aim of inspiring wider rebellion in Ireland was the last straw. He was recognized throughout Wicklow as a patriot and hero, whose deeds and ability to avoid capture had assumed legendary status. But five years had taken their toll, and government forces were getting closer and closer to the group of men who were with him. With government soldiers active in Wicklow, fear of retaliation had greatly reduced the ability of local people to provide help. A Protestant supporter put him in touch with the MP for Wicklow who, out of concern for his standing with the electorate and fear that refusal to help would put his property at risk of arson, persuaded the authorities in Dublin to spare Dwyer from the gallows if he surrendered. He did, and one by one his four closest associates also turned themselves in. Big Art Devlin, who had much cause to worry, having deserted twice from the British army (hanging offences) was the last.

They were jailed in Dublin by the end of 1803 and, after much to-ing and fro-ing among senior government officials, a decision was reached to send them into exile in Australia as free men (not, let it be clear, as convicts). Others who had been active in the Rising had preceded them under the same terms. Dwyer and his four comrades were not happy with this outcome but had little choice. On 28 August 1805 the five and some family members sailed on the convict ship *Tellicherry* from Cork and arrived in Port Jackson (now Sydney Harbor) on 15 February 1806. Arthur Devlin married Priscilla Squire there several months after he arrived. His life and the lives and fortunes of his descendants are splendidly portrayed in *Multiple Stains*, by Stanley L. Devlin, Big Art's great great grandson.

Bryan Devlin and most of his family were released from jail in 1806, after the death of Prime Minister Pitt. Financially ruined by the long imprisonments, the family lapsed into obscurity. Little is known of Anne Devlin's life after she and her brother, Little Art, were released from prison some months after the rest of the family. She married and bore two sons, but was living in dire poverty at her death in Dublin in 1852.

I have written this brief survey of the Rising of '98 and of Emmet's attempt in 1803 because some family members have inquired whether we were related to Anne Devlin, who is remembered to this day as a courageous heroine in the long struggle for Irish independence. As noted on p.3, we aren't. The sources I used are:

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Appendix II

The “Discovered” Notes

These notes were given me by my sister Eleanor in the late 1980s. Our sister Frances recognized the handwriting as hers, although she did not recall writing them. Both sisters thought that they had been copied from fragile papers found among our mother’s effects after her death.

I surmise that the originals were jottings made by my father of conversations with his aunt, Christine (Devlin) Murphy. Internal evidence indicates that she was the source of the information. She is the only relative in the Boston area who could refer to Peter Devlin’s brother John as “hncle.” She is also known to have had a close relationship with descendants of her first cousin, Rosanna (Develin) Browne, and with the family of John Devlin in Providence RI.

The information in the notes about Christine’s uncles, Arthur, John and Hugh, and the four daughters named therein has been confirmed by records I have consulted. Significantly, the notes do not refer to James Devlin, the third of Arthur and Margaret Develin’s five sons, an indication that, if he came to America, he was not in touch with his brothers’ families.

There is one erroneous item, however: – “Susan Fay – Peter Devlin’s mother.” She is not, but she may have been his grandmother, the “grand” having been omitted by the original note taker or by Frances Devlin. Susan is a family name; Peter and Arthur each named a daughter Susan.

^{Anna}
Rose Brown - nee Devlin
daughter of ^{Arthur} ~~James~~ Devlin
brother of Peter

Hughes had 2 daughters,
Gertrude & Etta.

Emma Devlin daughter of ^{uncle John}
165 Lockwood ST

Oswedine
John Devlin's child.

Devlin
Hugh + John Devlin { another to Peter
settled in Virginia. Came
to Providence after Civil War
Peter did not
come over

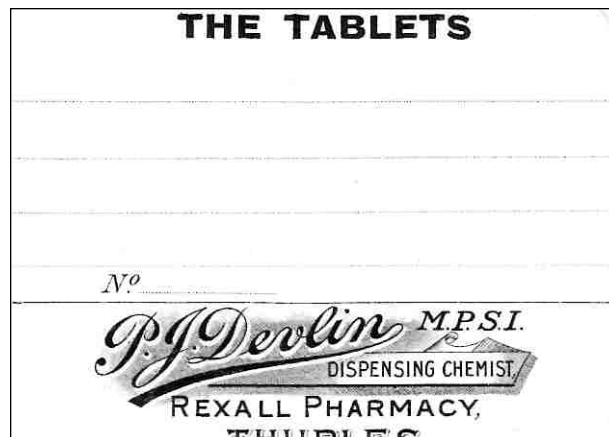
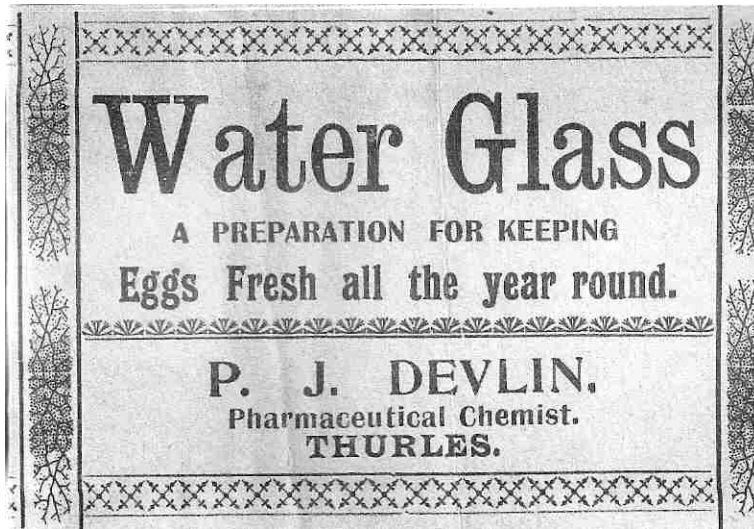
Peter's ~~son~~ son, James H
& daughter Christine (born in
Michigan.) moved to
Cark

Peter was land steward
& gardener for Mr. ^{Reichman}
in Port Pleasant in ^{outside Randam} County
Cark. Went from there to
Dublin - same position
there with Mr Smith

Lusan Fay - Peter Devlin's
sister.
Christina Glynn wife of
Peter Devlin

Appendix III

Additional Samples of Peter Devlin's Nostrums



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