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For My Sons and Daughters

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Michèle Sharon Frommer Waid
Matthew Burns Waid
Mark Robert Waid
Adam Luke Waid
Kimberly Beth Dineen Waid

And my granddaughter
Isabella Priscilla Waid

With Love and Respect
The project to create this family history started in the Spring of 2000. Lynne Kershaw Waid, Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid and Drusilla Catherine O'Connor began compiling information on the family of Simon Patrick O'Connor, and Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor. An O'Connor cousin, William Shorter of Fredericksburg, Virginia provided extensive family information as well as official records of family genealogy and history. Local historians also contributed to this history through publication of local family history in the Hinton News in 1980 and the Goldenseal Magazine, a 1991 publication of the Mountain Arts Foundation for The State of WVA. Additional research came from the Archives of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia and the National Archives in Washington, D.C.
North
Down The New River

The New River rises in the Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina. Running through Virginia, it crosses into West Virginia, continuing north all the way to Gauley Bridge and the Kanawha River. One of the most beautiful and formidable sections of this river is the New River Gorge, a National Park area, which runs north from Hinton, WVA, to Fayetteville, WVA. Deep within the gorge, Irish Mountain rises up, causing the New River to detour around its base at Sandstone. This is "Irish Corner," where the ridges drained by Farley’s Creek, Sewell Branch, Lick Creek, Laurel Creek, Panther Branch, and Meadow Creek all meet. This is the stronghold of Irish Mountain, Plumley Mountain, Green Sulphur Mountain, Smith Mountain, Hump Mountain, and Backus Mountain where early settlers enjoyed more than a century of self-reliance and peace.

At the end of the 17th Century, the Blue Ridge Mountains were the western frontier of the Virginia colony. In 1716, Lieutenant Governor Alexander Spotswood (term 1710-1722) approved the settlement of the Shenandoah Valley as a defensive outpost of the Virginia Colony, and as a destination for the growing influx of immigrants to Virginia who were of non-Anglican ("dissenting" from the Church of England) faiths. Spotswood, and later Lieutenant Governor William Gooch, encouraged land speculation to populate the region. English settlers moved west from Tidewater Virginia. German and Scots-Irish settlers moved down from the major east-coast port of Philadelphia. These immigrants were thought to be an ideal populace for the Valley, as the Scots-Irish were known as tenacious and effective fighters and the Germans were known as highly productive farmers. Contemporary surveys took note of a previously unknown river, which was named the "New River."

By the Revolutionary War, families were moving farther west, across the Appalachian and Allegheny Mountains, where land was plentiful and available for a "corn title" (felling timber and planting corn on a land tract entitled the claimant to a registered deed). These families grew and hunted their own food, made most of what they needed, and brewed whiskey or sold timber for cash.

By the early 19th Century, these same families were expanding down the Greenbriar and New Rivers, to settle deep into the rugged mountains of the New River Gorge. This remote confluence of river, stream, and mountain is where the ancestors of Simon Patrick O’Connor came together in the mid-19th Century. The 22-mile stretch of New River between Hinton and Meadow Creek is where the Gwinn, Fox, and O’Connor families became neighbors and "family."

On 26 September 1866, Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn (of Richmond Falls, later called Sandstone Falls) married James Simon (known as Simon) O’Connor at St. John the Baptist Catholic Chapel at Sweet Springs, WVA (about 20 miles south south-east of White Sulphur Springs on the Virginia border). Rebecca was the great-great granddaughter of Robert Gwinn, immigrant to the Shenandoah Valley in 1742. Simon O’Connor emigrated from County Clare,
Ireland in 1854 at the age of 18. They settled on Gwinn land on Irish Mountain that Simon had purchased in 1865. Here, on the banks of Farley's Creek, they raised a family of eleven children. It was here on Irish Mountain that Rebecca and Simon's fourth son, Simon Patrick O'Connor married Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon on 26 November 1897 at St. Colman's Catholic Church. Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" was a widow of Jeremiah Dillon (of Irish Mountain) and a daughter of Samuel Henry Fox and Amanda Lewis Fox of Hinton, WVA.

In the 1860's and 1870's, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway was expanding westward down the Greenbrier River and north down the New River Gorge from Hinton. In September 1873, the first railroad shipment of coal mined in the New River Gorge was shipped out of Quinnimont, WVA. This coal came out of the Fire Creek seam owned by Joseph L. Buery (a transplant from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania who founded the now deserted town of Buery, WVA). This event marked the end of the many years of peace and tranquility in the mountains surrounding the New River Gorge. The mining business was a boon to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, which spanned from Ohio to the tidewaters of the Chesapeake Bay. It contributed to the development of New River settlements into lively family towns of the industrial age. The mining business burgeoned due to the railway access for shipping coal out of the mountains.

Simon Patrick O'Connor was the first member of the O'Connor family to move off Irish Mountain. He and his wife, Lizzie, moved to Hinton, where the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway had established a major railroad yard. Simon Patrick worked in this yard until he was 70 years old. His five daughters were all born in Hinton. It was this generation that started the migration away from the New River Gorge.

References: 1, 15, 18, 20, 25, 26, 44, 53, 55, 56, 67, 68
Calf Pasture
to
The Greenbriar
to
Green Sulphur Springs

Robert Gwinn migrated to the Shenandoah Valley in 1742. He bought land along the Great River of the Calf Pasture Valley on 17 July 1745. One of his neighbors on the river was James Lockridge. The other neighbor was John Graham.

These settlers were all part of the efforts of the Virginia Colony to populate the Shenandoah Valley frontier. The origins of these families is not specifically known. There are two versions of the origins of Robert Gwinn. One version (from the History of Monroe County, WVA) states that he came to the Calf Pasture from North Carolina. The name was originally Welsh: Gwyn. Another version (History of Douglas County, Illinois) states that the family originated in Scotland and migrated to Virginia from Maryland.

Robert Gwinn had six sons: two moved to Highland County, Virginia, two moved to Kentucky, and two moved to Greenbriar Country, Virginia. His son, Samuel, married Elizabeth Lockridge Graham, the daughter of Major Andrew and Jane Lockridge. Elizabeth was the widow of Robert Graham who died in the winter of 1774. In 1775, Samuel, Elizabeth, and their two young children (Moses and Jane) moved west over the Allegheny Mountains to land on the southeast side of the Greenbriar River (present-day site of Lowell, near Pence Springs, WVA).

In 1799, Samuel and Elizabeth moved onto land that they had obtained on Lick Creek near Green Sulphur Mountain. From 1799, they purchased four tracts of land here, one of which comprised 28,000 acres. Here they established what became known as Green Sulphur Springs. When they moved west, they left behind three of their nine children: Moses, Andrew, and Samuel Gwinn, Jr. Andrew served in the War of 1812. When Andrew returned home, he built a brick home with twelve-inch-thick walls located a few hundred yards from his father's homestead cabin. Samuel, Jr. resided in this cabin and expanded it. He then bought-out brother Andrew and moved into the brick house. When the cabin was dismantled in 1965, the logs were used in the Savannah Inn in Lewisburg. Moses Gwinn gained a "corn title" to 220 acres of land on the Greenbriar River. When he and his wife sold the land on 2 August 1820, they purchased 175 acres of land on the New River at the mouth of Meadow Creek. Moses moved his wife, Elizabeth, and their ten children to Meadow Creek in 1821.

References: 18, 71
Meadow Creek
to
Irish Mountain

Moses Gwinn married Elizabeth Wilson and had eleven children. He moved his family from the Greenbriar River to the New River in 1821. His brother John Gwinn also bought land across the New River, in the mountains of the New River Gorge. He bought a lot of acreage on the mountain that later became known as Irish Mountain.

Moses died at Meadow Creek on Christmas Day, 1822. Son Moses Gwinn was the only child born to Moses and Elizabeth at Meadow Creek. He drowned in the New River in 1897. Two sons migrated to Illinois (John and Andrew), and the other eight children became landowners north and south on the New River.

The fifth son of Moses and Elizabeth was Enos Gwinn. He married Jane Frances Higginbotham and lived in Richmond Falls (later renamed Sandstone Falls). So many of his nephews, sons, and grandsons became railroad workers that the family became known as the "Railroad Gwinn." Many of them married into Irish families. This was locally recognized as the merger of the "Railroad Gwinn" and the "Railroad Irish."

The youngest daughter of Enos and Jane was Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn. She married an Irishman who had been working as a laborer in Greenbriar County for over six years. His name was James Simon O'Connor, who had emigrated from County Clare, Ireland in 1854. He used the name "Simon." Simon owned 100 acres of original John Gwinn land on Irish Mountain, sold to him by Maurice Sullivan 5 December 1865. Simon and Rebecca were married at St. John the Baptist's Catholic Chapel at Sweet Springs, WVA on 27 September 1866. They were married by the resident priest, Reverend J.H. Walters, in the chapel built by slaves on the plantation of William Lynn Lewis and his wife Letitia Preston Floyd Lewis (daughter of Governor of Virginia, John Floyd). Reverend Walters was the closest priest to the New River Gorge (St. Colman’s on Irish Mountain and St. Patrick’s in Hinton were not yet built). For the Catholic Simon, this was probably important. For the Protestant Rebecca, six months away from the birth of her first child, a round-trip of 70 miles on horseback for this marriage ceremony was probably more expedient than waiting for a circuit-riding minister.

References: 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 46, 53, 55, 67, 68, 71
Irish Mountain to Hinton

The first Irish Catholic immigrants to settle on the mountain that was later named Irish Mountain, were Maurice and Margaret Sullivan and their children from County Kerry, Ireland. On 13 October 1855, they purchased a tract of 483 acres for $800 from John and Sarah Gwinn (great-uncle and great-aunt of Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn). In 1856, John Gwinn sold 175 acres on the mountain to John and Margaret Quinlan of County Kerry. The Sullivans and the Quinlans were the only Irish on the mountain in the 1860 United States Census. Thereafter, Thomas J. McCarthy (County Clare) purchased 571 acres from John Gwinn; William Dillon (County Kerry) bought 288 acres from John Gwinn; Martin Nee (County Clare) bought 216 acres on Farley's Creek from Jackson Bragg. Tom Cullina and his family also joined the settlement. On 5 December 1865, Maurice Sullivan sold 100 acres of the original Gwinn land to Simon O'Connor (from County Clare, Ireland via Greenbriar County, Virginia). All these settlers probably emigrated from Ireland after two great potato famines.

The construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Railroad in the late 1860's and early 1870's brought many more Irish Catholic immigrants to the New River Valley and, in particular, Irish Mountain. By the 1880 United States Census, there were eight families with a total of eighty-two people residing there. By 1915, the United States Geological Survey showed the mountain named "Irish Mountain."

In 1874, the Reverend David P. Walsh, a native of Ireland who attended St. Vincent's Seminary in Wheeling, WVA, established St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Hinton, WVA. He served the Catholic population in Fort Spring, Talcott, Quinimont, New Richmond (Irish Mountain), Sewell, Nuttalburg, and Hawk's Nest, all along the C&O Railroad. He also served at Raleigh Courthouse (Beckley) and Little Meadows (Spring Dale). On 14 August 1876, Maurice and Margaret Sullivan donated one acre of land to the Catholic Church. This was on Sullivan's Knob, near the top of Irish Mountain. On this land, Father Walsh built St. Colman's Church in 1877. It was built from logs hewn on parishioner's farms on the mountain. The entire community helped to maintain this church. For a long time, it was the only church in the vicinity. The monthly services were attended by Catholic as well as Protestant members of the community. Simon Patrick O'Connor, fourth son of Simon and Rebecca Gwinn O'Connor, reported that when batten board was put up to cover the original logs in 1887-88, he was sent upriver into Hinton to buy more nails for the job. This church was where generations of Irish Mountain residents were baptized, married, and buried.

Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn was not the only one of Enos Gwinn's children to marry an Irish Catholic living on Irish Mountain. Her brother Charles E. Gwinn married Ellen O'Leary, whose Irish parents had come to the mountain in the 1870's to the "Hurley Tract" at Spring Dale. Her brother Thornton S. Gwinn married Mary Dillon, a descendant of the original immigrant, William Dillon from County Kerry, Ireland.
Thomas J. McCarthy, from County Clare, Ireland, was a teacher. He and his wife Catherine and four children moved onto the property he bought from John Gwinn in the 1860’s. He founded the first Irish Mountain school on his property, two miles from St. Colman’s Church. It was at this "Irish School" that the children of the O’Connors, Gwinn, and other families were educated in school years that ran from the end of September through the beginning of April. All of the children of Simon and Rebecca Gwinn O’Connor attended the Irish School, which expanded to three locations and remained in operation until 1962. A number of these children remained on the mountain, had children, and were buried there.

The first O’Connor to leave Irish Mountain was fourth son, Simon Patrick "Pat". In 1897, he married the widow, Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Fox Dillon. Lizzie had been born in Brooks, WVA, on the New River. She moved with her parents to Hinton prior to 1880. She lived on Irish Mountain at the time of her marriage to Patrick, because she had originally been married to Jeremiah Dillon of the Irish Mountain Dillon family. As a young widow, she had remained there with her young son Jerry, Jr., living with Jeremiah’s brother at the "bottom" of Irish Mountain. She wanted to return to Hinton, and circa 1900, she persuaded Simon Patrick to do so. Others in the O’Connor family followed them to Hinton.

The first Hinton residence of Simon Patrick and Lizzie was an apartment at 518 Summers Street. This was a four-apartment building where two of Simon Patrick’s sisters eventually came to live: Johanna Elizabeth O’Connor and husband William Eli Mullens, and Mary Anastasia "Mannie" O’Connor and husband William Joseph Kerr. Pat and Lizzie eventually moved to Ninth Avenue in Hinton, where Johanna and William Mullens also settled next door. Mannie and William Kerr moved to Fourth Avenue in Hinton. These families raised their children and remained in Hinton for the rest of their lives. Occasionally, they would drive down-river, north to Sandstone, where a ferry would carry them over the New River to Irish Mountain for family visits.

Simon Patrick and Mary Fox O’Connor had five daughters. Their first-born, Florence, died in infancy. The surviving daughters (Mary, Lorena, Vera, and Drusilla) all lived within driving distance from the family home on Ninth Avenue in Hinton. The Rogers (E.K. "Toots" and Veronica "Vera" O’Connor Rogers) and the Waid (John B. and Lorena O’Connor Waid) grandchildren regularly visited their grandparents. Every Sunday the Wais would drive over the mountains from Raleigh, WVA to Hinton. They would all go down to Temple Street to Grandpa and Grandma Waid’s house for noon-time Sunday dinner. Then they returned to Ninth Avenue, where the men (Malcolm Lilly, Fuzzy Purvis, John B. Waid, and Grandpa O’Connor) would play "Set Back" (a card game). Occasionally, "Toots" Rogers would play. If the game was short a hand, Grandma O’Connor would play. Lorena, Vera, Mary, and Drusilla would cook Sunday supper in the kitchen while the grandchildren played all afternoon. John R. Waid remembers playing baseball and football with cousins "K" and Jack Rogers in the alley beside the house. After supper, the Wais would bundle into the car for the long drive back to Raleigh. John B. Waid drove very, very slowly. Once the Waid boys, Dick and John, had their driver's licenses, they were allowed to drive the family home, a little faster. The drive was always dark and winding and very treacherous in the winter. Sometimes, the roads were so icy that the car couldn't make it up the mountain roads. They would have to stop to push the car, or to put chains on the tires to get over the mountain, safely home.

References: 6, 8, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 44, 53, 56, 67, 72, 73
The O'Connor Family History
James Simon O’Connor  
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James Simon O'Connor

- Born circa 1835, County Clare, Ireland
- Family belief is that he is the son of James O'Connor of Ireland
- Was known as Simon O'Connor, probably to differentiate himself from his father, and due to Catholic custom of not using one's Christian (baptismal) name in public
- According to the information he gave in the 1900 United States Census, he emigrated from Ireland in 1854 at the age of 18 years. This occurred after the two great potato famines which devastated Ireland, County Clare in particular, in the late 1840's and early 1850's
- First recorded presence in America is 1860 United States Census record for District 1 of Greenbriar County, Virginia (Greenbriar County did not become "West" Virginia until 1863). He was living in a boarding-house with seven other day-laborers, one of whom was named John Conner. Simon was listed as 25-years-old; John was 28-years-old. They may have been related (brothers? cousins?)
- In the records, there were three different spellings in use for the O'Connor family: Connor, Conner, and O'Connor. Note that, of James Simon's eleven children, only Simon Patrick kept using the original spelling of "O'Connor." His siblings dropped the "O" in everyday usage.
- According to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the archives at the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia, Simon did not serve in the U.S. Army or in the Confederate States Army (CSA) during the Civil War of 1861-1865. Many men used the rugged isolation of Appalachia to avoid the conscriptions of the CSA. Simon's great grandson, William Shorter, has discovered the name of Simon O'Connor on a list of Raleigh County, WVA residents who served in the Civil War. This listing is not accurate.
- There is an immigration record of four O'Connors as passengers on the ship "Austria" from Great Britain, arriving in the port of New Orleans on 21 March 1850: Henry, age 33; Pat, age 44; John and Simon, ages unspecified. These passengers, particularly Simon, are probably not related to James Simon. Records in the archive of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia indicate that the
CSA had three soldiers from Louisiana: John O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, and Simon C. O'Connor. These may have been the ship passengers who arrived in 1850. In 1860, one year prior to the start of the War, Simon O'Connor was in Virginia.

- Purchased 100 acres of land on Irish Mountain, Raleigh County, WVA from Maurice and Margaret Sullivan, 5 December 1865. This land was sold to the Sullivans in 1855 by John Gwinn (brother of Moses Gwinn, uncle of Enos Gwinn, great-uncle of Rebecca E. Gwinn who wed Simon in 1866).
- Married Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn, daughter of Enos and Jane Frances Higginbotham Gwinn on 26 September 1866 in St. John the Baptist Catholic Chapel in Sweet Springs, Summers County, WVA. Marriage was performed by Reverend J.H. Walters (the resident priest since 1859). Rebecca was three months pregnant with their first child, James.
- 1870 United States Census shows Rebecca at her parents home in Sewell, Fayette County, WVA. James Simon and their two sons James and Enos are not listed.
- 1880 United States Census, Raleigh County, WVA: Simon (age 45), Rebecca, and seven children: James, age 13; Enos, age 11; Maggie, age 7, John, age 5; Mary, age 4; Patrick, age 2; Charles, age 2 months
- In January 1885, James Simon placed his property in trust for his wife Rebecca for her sole use as long as she remained a widow after his death. Trustee was John Carson, Jr.
- Wife Rebecca died in childbirth on 10 November 1886. Her eleventh child, Louisa Elizabeth was born on this day. This child, known as Eliza (and Ellen) was sent to her maternal uncle and aunt, Thornton and Mary Dillon Gwinn, to be raised.
- 1900 United States Census, Raleigh County, WVA shows James Simon living with John, age 24; Mary, age 23; Charles, age 18; Catherine, age 16; Johanna, age 15, and Rebecca, age 14. This same census shows "Eliza" O'Connor still living with the Gwinns at the age of 13
- In January 1908, James Simon (at age 73) sold two tracts of land (110 acres and 112 acres) to five of his children in exchange for their support of him for the remainder of his life. [John D., Charles S., Mary A., Johanna E., and Rebecca F.] This transfer was consummated for $200.
- Children: (all born on Irish Mountain, Raleigh County, WVA)
  1. James Andrew O'Connor, b. 3/27/1867, d. 2/27/1891 (he was a farmer who died of an accident on the railroad); buried St. Colman's Church, Irish Mountain
  2. Enos Joseph O'Connor, b. 4/3/1868, d. 3/9/1952, cerebral hemorrhage, m. 7/6/1892, Mary Bryant (b. 3/22/1875, Montgomery County, Virginia, d. 3/17/1938); both buried St. Colman's Church, Irish Mountain

Eight children:
- Lawrence O'Connor
- Elizabeth (Lizzie) O'Connor m. Mr. Wright, d. in childbirth
- James O'Connor, (died young)
- Grace O'Connor m. Mr. Kisner
- Agnes O'Connor m. Mr. McDaniel
- Pearl O'Connor m. Mr. Agnew
• Alice O'Connor m. Mr. Beck
• Dale O'Connor

3. Margaret (Maggie) Angeline O'Connor, b. 2/16/1873, m. 5/30/1893
Abraham Andrew Sloan at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Hinton, WVA (he was born 7/10/1867, Pike County, Kentucky, d. 2/24/1948, cerebral thrombosis, buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Charleston, WVA); she died 9/24/1950 from myocarditis, buried at Mt. Olivet in Charleston. They lived in Charleston where he worked for Kanawha Manufacturing Company

Ten children:
• Lucy Sloan, m. F. J. Staud, South Charleston, WVA
• Rebecca Elizabeth Sloan, m. C.H. Taylor, Charleston, WVA
• Mary Alice Sloan, m. W. F. Blake, Charleston, WVA
• Eula Ann Sloan, m. G. A. Haid, Charleston, WVA
• Leta Agnes Sloan, Charleston, WVA
• John Charles Sloan, Charleston, WVA
• Frederick Joseph Sloan, Charleston, WVA
• Henry Herbert Sloan, Charleston, WVA
• Hugh Otis Sloan, Dunbar, WVA
• Lawrence Leo Sloan, Wilmington, North Carolina

4. John Douglas O'Connor, b. 8/4/1874, m. Fannie E. Radford (b. 2/15/1892, d. 6/13/1955); John died 5/29/1958. Requiem Mass for John was one of the last celebrated in St. Colman’s Church. Altar servers for Mass were two great-nephews: William Shorter and Charles Garten. Both John and Fannie are buried at St. Colman’s Church on Irish Mountain.

Five children:
• Charles W. O'Connor, b. 3/2/1919, d. 7/25/1944
• Audrie O'Connor
• Edward O'Connor
• James Simon O'Connor, b. 9/6/1917, d. 9/5/1975
• Myrtle M. O'Connor, b. 7/6/1913, m. Mr. Bragg, d. 7/13/1976

5. Mary Anastasia (Mannie) O'Connor, b. 12/8/1875, d. 12/11/1955, m. William Joseph Kerr (son of James W. Kerr and Mary Agnes Burgoon Kerr) on 11/13/1912. He was a conductor on C&O Railroad. They lived on Fourth Avenue, Hinton, WVA. He was a well-known “fiddle-player” and maker of violins. Both buried at St. Colman’s Church, Irish Mountain.

Four children:
• James Kerr, m. Lucille
• Edward (Sodie) Kerr, m. Dorothy
• Charles (Pos) Kerr
• Aileen Mary Kerr, died in infancy (1919-1920)

6. Simon Patrick (Pat) O'Connor, b. 11/15/1877, m. (a widow) Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Fox Dillon 11/26/1897 at St. Colman’s Catholic Church, Irish Mountain (b. Brooks, WVA 10/11/1868, d. 3/23/1960, daughter of Samuel Henry and Amanda Lewis Fox (Brooks, WVA is on the New River between
Hinton and Irish Mountain)); he died 6/3/1964; both buried Restwood Cemetery, Hinton
(see page 17)

7. Catherine (Kate/Katie) O'Conner, b. 10/23/1881, d. 8/25/1973, cerebral hemorrhage, m. 2/7/1907 George Milroy Gillian, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Hinton, WVA (he died 12/7/1943 of peritonitis at Sandstone); both buried Cooper Cemetery, Sandstone, WVA. They lived in Sandstone where he purchased property 11/8/1918 and where he worked as a merchant. 

Seven children:
- Eula Gillian m. Mr. Bibler
- Ralph Gillian
- Evelyn Gillian, m. Mr. Morris
- Lucy Gillian, m. Mr. Thorn
- Nellie Gillian, m. Mr. Ball
- Macel Gillian, m. Richard Cobb
- George Alfred Gillian

8. Charles Steven O'Connor, b. 3/23/1880, d. 6/12/1945 (stomach cancer) Hinton, WVA, m. Ethel Agnes Hall 3/2/1908 St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Hinton, WVA (b. 1887, daughter of Benjamin and Minerva Shelar Hall, d. 11/2/1954, cerebral hemorrhage). In 1907, Charles purchased the Maurice Sullivan home and 101 acres on Irish Mountain from Maurice's son. This was across the farm and down the hill from St. Colman's Church. He was a farmer, blacksmith and carpenter. He played banjo and fiddle at local square dances. Brothers John and Enos lived with their families on adjoining farms. In September 1909, Charles purchased 100 acres from his siblings (John, Rebecca, Mary, Johanna) which was part of the original land owned by James Simon O'Connor on Farley's Creek. He worked for the C&O Railway Co.

Seven children:
- Joseph B. O'Connor
- Cecil P. O'Connor
- Clifford C. O'Connor
- Leo O'Connor, b. 2/1915, m. Lela Meadows 1939, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Hinton, WVA
- Paul O'Connor
- Dorothy O'Connor, m. Harold D. Keaton
- Frederick O'Connor, died young


Three children:
- Virginia Margaret Mullens, b. 3/10/1917, d. 1/16/1919 during influenza epidemic, buried St. Colman's Cemetery
- Mary Eva Mullens, b. 7/22/1915, d. 4/1/2001, m. Charles Russell Garten, lived in Charleston, WVA
• Children:
  • Charles Garten
  • Helen Elizabeth Mullens, b. 7/11/1918, d. 8/5/1998 buried in Restwood Cemetery, Hinton, m. Russell Kenner Shorter

• Children:
  • William J. Shorter

10. Rebecca Frances (Becky) O’Connor, b. 9/18/1884, d. 11/19/1935 of cancer, Beckley, WVA (buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Beckley), m. John Emmett King 4/16/1917 (b. 5/18/1886, Bealton, Fauquier County, Virginia, son of William Andrew and Sara Jane Bolling King, d. 8/3/1961, San Leandro, Alameda, California)

Six children:
  • Emmett Edward King
  • Julia King
  • William King
  • Jackie King (d. of scarlet fever)
  • John Thomas King, died young (twin)
  • Anna Marie King, died young (twin)

11. Louisa Elizabeth (Eliza/Ellen) Holland O’Connor, b. 11/10/1886, d. 10/23/1937 in McKendree, Raleigh County, buried in St. Colman’s Cemetery, m. 11/16/1912 Theodore Givens Kincaid (b. 5/9/1879, son of Lewis Crawford and Mary Martha Eary Kincaid in Hinton, WVA, d. 5/6/1935, cancer, Kathryn, Fayette County, WVA)

Note that her mother, Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn O’Connor, died giving birth to Louisa Elizabeth. Louisa was sent to live with Rebecca’s brother Thornton Gwinn and his wife Mary Dillon Gwinn, who raised her (she was still with them at age thirteen, as shown by the 1900 United States Census).

Eight children:
  • Thelma Kincaid, b. 2/13/1914
  • Virgil Edward (Bud) Kincaid, b. 6/22/1917, Kathryn, Fayette County, WVA, d. 5/17/1979, m. Emma Charlene Fitzwater
  • (baby boy) Kincaid, d. Greenbrier County, WVA
  • Virginia Evelyn Kincaid, b. 6/27/1917
  • James Leslie Kincaid, b. 6/6/1919, d. 1/1966
  • Kenneth Kertney (Kenny) Kincaid, b. 1/29/1922
  • Elizabeth Irene (Reny) Kincaid, b. 1/29/1926
  • Leo Givens Kincaid, b. 9/19/1930, d. 1930, buried in St. Colman’s Cemetery next to his mother

James Simon O’Connor died in 1913, in Hinton, WVA.

Simon Patrick O’Connor
  • Born 11/15/1877, Irish Mountain, Raleigh, Co., WVA, son of James Simon and Rebecca Gwinn O’Connor
  • name on Raleigh County birth register is "Simon Conner"
  • was known as "Pat" by friends and family
married Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Fox Dillon, a widow, 11/26/1897 at St. Colman’s Catholic Church, Irish Mountain, Raleigh Co., WVA; daughter of Samuel Henry and Amanda Lewis Fox; (b. 10/11/1868, Brooks, WVA, d. 3/23/1960, Hinton, WVA)
- name on Raleigh County marriage license record is "Simon Patrick O'Connor". The same name is used in his obituary 6/4/1964 in the Beckley Post-Herald.
- died 6/3/1964, Hinton, WVA; buried Restwood Cemetery
- Mary Elizabeth Fox was first married to Jeremiah Dillon (b. 5/12/1838) on Irish Mountain. Jeremiah died of pneumonia on 3/20/1893, before their son Jeremiah J. Dillon was born on 4/15/1893. Mary Elizabeth and son Jerry went to live with Jeremiah’s brother in "the Bottom" at the river base of Irish Mountain. While living there, she met and married her second husband, Simon Patrick O’Connor (his name on the marriage registry). Jerry Dillon is fondly remembered by his half-sisters Lorena Elizabeth O’Connor Waid and Drusilla Catherine O’Connor. He ran away from home at a young age and is said to have joined a traveling carnival for twenty years. He later lived in Chicago and died there 12/26/1964. His wife was Alta Dillon.
- Pat and Mary (Lizzie) moved from Irish Mountain to Hinton, WVA circa 1900, where they first lived in an apartment building at 519 Summers Street along with the families of two of Patrick’s sisters: Johanna Elizabeth O’Connor Mullens and Mary Anastasia (Mannie) O’Connor Kerr. They eventually moved to Ninth Avenue in Hinton, where Johanna and family also settled. This was the house where Pat and Lizzie’s children and grandchildren would gather for Sunday dinner and card games of "set back". Lizzie would play “set back” with all the men in the family.
- Pat worked for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. as an engine and car man. He repaired and maintained both engines and cars at the C&O railyard roundhouse in Hinton, WVA.
- Children (Five daughters all born in Hinton, WVA):
  - Florence O’Connor, b. circa 1901, died in infancy
  - Veronica Margaret “Vera” O’Connor, b. 5/28/1903, d. 10/11/1955, m. Ellsworth Kent "Toots" Rogers, Jr. (b. 8/14/1902, d. 7/21/1974)
    - Children:
      - Ellsworth Kent "K" Rogers, III of Asheville, North Carolina, b. 12/12/1929, m. 1st 9/1/1956 Shirley Mellote (b. 4/11/1937, d.1998), m. 2nd Gail Falls Howard 3/12/1994 (b. 7/29/1935, Kings Mountain, Cleveland Co., NC)
        - Children:
          - Cheryl Lyn Rogers, b. 4/10/1958, m. David Pope.
            - Children:
              - Samuel Farrington Pope, b.3/4/1990
              - Roxanne Margaret Pope, b. 7/24/1992
              - Isabel Fayth Pope, b. 7/26/1998
          - Donna Rene Rogers, b. 3/24/1959, m. William Cavanaugh
            - Children:
              - Brianna Nicole Cavanaugh, b. 10/25/1989
              - Kara Elise Cavanaugh, b. 9/17/1992
          - Steven Rogers, b. 4/12/1960, m. Darnell
• David Wayne Rogers, b. 8/21/1962
• Patricia Jean Rogers, b. 11/8/1963, m. John Richardson
  • Children:
    • Joseph Kennan Richardson, b. 11/28/1991
    • Anna Glenn Richardson, b. 4/30/1995
  • Step-children:
    • Patrick Howard
    • Wendell Howard
    • Kelly Howard Beasley
• Mary Lu Rogers, b. 1/18/1939, m. Daniel Crawford (b. 1937, d. 1988)
  • Diana Lu Crawford, b. 1962, St. Louis, MO
• Lt. Col. Jack Linn Rogers, b. 12/17/1931, d. 2/5/2001; highly
  decorated U.S. Army veteran, m. Ingrid (b. 5/23/1934, Germany)
• Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor, b. 9/1/1906, d. 9/12/2000 Richmond, Virginia, m.
  12/25/1927 (eloped) John Barksdale Waid (b. 4/10/1905, Hinton, WVA, d.
  6/28/1968, Charleston, WVA)
  • Children (all born Raleigh, WVA):
    (see page 20)
• Mary Virginia O'Connor, b. 9/13/1908, d. 2/25/1961, m. Harold "Fuzzy"
  Purvis (b. 7/20/1902, d. 10/23/1980), no children
• Drusilla Catherine "Dooky" O'Connor, b. 9/16/1910, m. Thomas Turner
  (divorced), no children, d. 12/10/2002, Richmond, VA
Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor

- Born 9/1/1906, Hinton, WVA, daughter of Simon Patrick and Mary Fox O'Connor
- ON 5/3/1925, John B. Waid (age 20) was driving his Studebaker Coupe across a C & O Railway Co. grade-crossing in East Raleigh, WVA. His car was hit without warning by a train (9 coal cars being pushed by an engine: no lights, no whistle). He was severely injured when he was thrown onto the track, under the train cars: severed left foot, mashed right leg, arm, and head. He retained Attorney-at-Law Ashton File of File, Goldsmith, & Sherer to sue the C & O Railway Co. The suit took three years and multiple trials and appeals before it was settled during the 1928 October term of the U.S. Supreme Court (docket #339) in Washington, D.C.
  During the appeals process, John and Lorena eloped. Lorena reported that after the case was over, John received $7,500. They named their first-born son, Richard File Waid, after Ashton File, Esquire.
- Known amongst family and friends as “Rena”
- At the age of 17, Rena attended Marshall University in Huntingdon, WVA. She completed a teacher certification course over the course of the summer months. She became an elementary school teacher in Quinimont, WVA.
- When her youngest child, John Robert Waid, left home to attend college at the University of Virginia in the autumn of 1932, she enrolled in Concord College in Athens, WVA to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Education. She also took courses at Beckley College in Beckley, WVA. Rena and son John Robert both were graduated with Bachelor degrees in the Spring of 1956. She then taught elementary school in Beckley, West Virginia. She retired from teaching in 1971 at the age of 65 years.
- Died 9/12/2000, Richmond, VA.
- Children: (all born Raleigh, WVA)
  - Richard File "Dick" Waid, b. 11/14/1928, m. Mary Lane (b. 9/27/1929) (div.; m. Carlo Martini), m. Pamela McLain (b. 4/1961) 12/1996
    - Children (with Mary Lane)
      - Richard Lane Waid, b. 4/3/1954, m. Leslie Bartlett, b. 9/24/1954
      - children:
        - Mary Courtney Waid, b. 9/7/1979
      - John Thomas Waid, b. 7/26/1965
    - Children (with Pamela McLain):
      - Nathalie Elizabeth Waid, b. 1/30/2001
  - Ellen Joyce Waid, b. 2/2/1932, m. Sidney Ellis Bonner (b. 5/1932)
    - children:
      - Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Bonner, b. 4/9/1958, m. Dr. Mark Young (b. 1/17/1954)
      - children:
        - Nathaniel Bonner Young, b. 2/14/1995
      - Scott Hudson Bonner, b. 11/6/1959
John Robert Waid, b. 7/16/1934, m. Priscilla Anne Burns (b. 4/2/1938, d. 4/17/1978), m. Lynne Baldwin Kershaw 9/12/1988 (b. 10/16/1950)


- John Patrick Waid, b. 6/23/1965, Mexico City, D.F., m. 5/24/1997 Michèle Sharon Frommer (b. 4/15/1964)
  - Children:
    - Isabella Priscilla Waid, b. 7/9/2002, Atlanta, GA
  - Matthew Burns Waid, b. 12/26/1966, Mexico City, D.F.
  - Mark Robert Waid, b. 8/23/1968, Mexico City, D.F.

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The Fox Family History
Samuel Henry Fox (b. 1838)

m. 1st Amanda Lewis
- Janett Ellen Fox
- Virginia Susan Fox
- Mary Elizabeth Fox (10/31/1863 - 3/23/1960)
  m. 1st Jeremiah Dillon (5/12/1838 - 3/20/1893)
    - Jeremiah J. Dillon (4/15/1893 - 12/26/1964)
      m. Alta

m. 2nd Simon Patrick O’Connor 11/27/1897 (11/15/1877 - 6/3/1964)
- Florence O’Connor (circa 1900-1901)
  - Veronica Margaret O’Connor (5/28/1903-10/11/1955)
    m. Elsworth Kent Rogers, Jr. (8/14/1902-7/21/1974)
      - Lorena Elizabeth O’Connor (9/1/1906-9/12/2000)

- Mary Virginia O’Connor (9/13/1908-2/25/1961)
    - Drusilla Catherine O’Connor (9/16/1910-12/10/2002)
      m. Thomas Turner (div.)
Samuel Henry Fox

- Born 1838
- Records for the Confederate States Army (CSA) at the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia, indicate that on 6/10/1861 at Meadows Bluff, Virginia, three men were enlisted by Captain Alexis M. Buster into Company C, 46th Virginia Infantry (1st Regiment of Infantry in Wise Legion, 2nd Regiment of Wise Brigade, CSA), Confederate States Army. They may be brothers.
  - Benjamin Fox, Private, age 22
  - Jonathan W. Fox, Private, age 26
  - Samuel H. Fox, Private, age 23
- At Gauley Bridge, Virginia, on 7/1/1861, the 46th Virginia Infantry reorganized into the 60th Virginia Infantry (3rd Regiment of Infantry, Wise Legion, CSA). Benjamin Fox, Jonathan Fox, and Samuel Fox were re-enlisted into Company B, 60th Virginia Infantry by Captain George W. Carr for twelve months service. Additionally, Andrew H. Fox, age 24, enlisted into Company C at Gauley Bridge. He may be a brother of Samuel.
- Confederate States Army (CSA) records at National Archives, Washington, D.C. and the United Daughters of the Confederacy archives in Richmond, Virginia indicate the following:
  - Samuel Henry Fox was sick 7/1861, but present at muster 8/1861 through 10/25/1861 when he went AWOL and deserted the CSA
  - Jonathan H. Fox deserted the CSA 7/27/1861
  - Benjamin F. Fox was sick 7/1861, but was present at muster 8/1861 through 12/1861 when he deserted the CSA
  - Andrew H. Fox was present at muster until he was sick at the Salem muster 12/1861. He deserted 2/1862.
- 1880 United States Census shows Samuel living in Hinton, WVA. He is also listed by the United States Government National Archives as a resident there in 1906 (he probably applied for Confederate soldier's pension which was made available by an Act of Congress in that year).
- Married 1st Amanda Lewis (possibly a descendant of the Lewis family who received the Sweet Springs Valley, WVA as a land grant from King George III of England).
  - children:
    - Janett Ellen Fox
    - Virginia Susan Fox
Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Fox, b. 10/11/1868, Brooks, WVA, d. 3/23/1960, Hinton, WVA, m. 1st Jeremiah Dillon (b. 5/12/1838), descendant of William Dillon from County Kerry, Ireland who purchased land on Irish Mountain from John Gwinn in the 1860's). He died 3/20/1893, before birth of son Jerry, Jr.

- children:
  - Jeremiah Dillon, Jr., b. 4/15/1893, d. 12/26/1964 (who was raised by Lizzie and second husband S.P. O'Connor)
  - Lizzie and son Jerry, Jr. lived with Jeremiah's brother at the "bottom" of Irish Mountain until her second marriage
  - Married 2nd Simon Patrick O'Connor 11/26/1897, St. Colman's Catholic Church, Irish Mountain, Raleigh Co., WVA (see O'Connor family section, page 17, for children)

- Married 2nd, Sarah

  - John Henry Fox, b. 1874
  - Sarah Francis Fox, b. 1876, m. Mr. Grimett
  - Cora Jane Fox, b. 1880

Mary Elizabeth Fox
- Born 10/11/1868, Brooks (on the New River), WVA, daughter of Amanda Lewis and Samuel Henry Fox
- (see O'Connor family section, page 17)

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The
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Family History
Gwinn, Lockridge, & Graham
Families

Robert Gwinn (b. circa 1710)

Robert Simon Gwinn (to KY) (to KY)
David Gwinn m. Jane Carlisle

Joseph Gwinn

James Gwinn * Samuel Gwinn
m. Elizabeth Lockridge m. Elizabeth

13 children: 7 children: 4 children: 9 children:
James Gwinn John Gwinn James Gwinn Samuel Gwinn (Jr.)
Robert Gwinn Jehu Gwinn Joseph Gwinn Jane Gwinn
Mary Gwinn Moses Gwinn Samuel Gwinn Ruth Gwinn
John Gwinn Mary Gwinn Robert Gwinn John Gwinn

Elizabeth Gwinn Wm. K. Gwinn
Jane Gwinn Elizabeth Gwinn
Nancy Gwinn Jane Gwinn
Sarah Gwinn
Isabella Gwinn
Margaret Gwinn
Rachel Gwinn
Susan Gwinn
David Gwinn

Sarah Lockridge m. John Gay

*Maj. Andrew Lockridge m. Jane Graham

13 children:
Margaret Lockridge m. Mr. Henderson
Eleanor Lockridge m. Mr. Dinwiddy

Elizabeth Lockridge m. 1st Robert Graham

13 children:
Rebecca Graham (d. 1774)
Sarah Graham m. John Cooper 9/12/1793
Jane Graham m. Samuel Neal 1/16/1793

* Served in Revolutionary War  ** Served in War of 1812
Robert Gwinn
- Born circa 1710, Wales, a Protestant
- Immigrant to America before 1742
- Married Jean Kincaid
- In 1745, Robert moved to Virginia. On 7/17/1745, he purchased land on the "Great River of the CalfPasture" in the CalfPasture Valley in the Appalachian Mountains on the western border of the Shenandoah Valley. Deep in these mountains there were four valleys with rivers running north to south: the BullPasture, the CowPasture, the CalfPasture, and the Little CalfPasture. Robert's land was on the part of the CalfPasture River that became incorporated into Rockbridge County when it split-off from Augusta County; it is near Goshen, Virginia, north of Lexington, Virginia. Robert's neighbors were John and Elizabeth Graham. In 1746, John Graham sold some of his land on the CalfPasture to James Lockridge. James sold the land on 21 August 1764 to his son Major Andrew Lockridge, where he built a mill on the river. The Gwinn, Graham, and Lockridge families became related through the marriages of their children.
- children:
  - David Gwinn, m. 1st Jane Carlisle, and 2nd Viola Crawford, moved to live in Highland County, Virginia.
  - Children (with Jane):
    - James Gwinn
    - Robert Gwinn
    - Mary Gwinn
    - John Gwinn
    - Elizabeth Gwinn
    - Jane Gwinn
    - Nancy Gwinn
    - Isabella Gwinn
    - Sarah Gwinn
    - Margaret Gwinn
    - Rachel Gwinn
• Susan Gwinn
• David Gwinn

• Joseph Gwinn, moved to Highland County, Virginia
  • children:
    • John Gwinn
    • Jehu Gwinn
    • Moses Gwinn
    • Mary Gwinn
    • William K. Gwinn
    • Elizabeth Gwinn
    • Jane Gwinn

• Robert Gwinn, moved to Kentucky

• Simon Gwinn, moved to Kentucky

• James Gwinn, moved to Greenbriar County, Virginia circa 1770
  children:
    • James Gwinn
    • Joseph Gwinn
    • Robert Gwinn, m. Sallie Thompson, served in War of 1812 (descendant Addison
      Gwinn wrote in 1908 that it was said that Robert "could outrun any man in the
      Army")
      children: (all went to live with Robert's Uncle Samuel)
        • Alexander Gwinn
        • Salathiel Gwinn
        • Robert Gwinn
        • Thompson Gwinn
        • Margaret Gwinn
        • James Gwinn
        • Both Margaret and James married children of great-uncle Samuel
          Gwinn, Sr.

• Samuel Gwinn, Sr., b. 1751 Augusta County, Virginia, d. 3/25/1839, Greenbriar County,
  moved to Greenbriar County, Virginia, m. (widow of Robert Graham) Elizabeth
  Lockridge Graham, circa 1775 (b.1760, d. 1/25/1832) daughter of Major Andrew and
  Jane Graham Lockridge of the CalfPasture River.
  children:
    • Moses Gwinn
    • Samuel Gwinn, Jr.
    • Jane Gwinn
    • Ruth Gwinn
    • John Gwinn
    • Isabella Gwinn
    • Ephraim Gwinn
    • Andrew Gwinn
    • Betsey Gwinn
Samuel Gwinn, Senior

- Born 1751, Calfpasture River, Augusta County, Virginia, son of Robert Gwinn
- Enlisted in local Militia under Captain Gwinn. He was a guard on the frontier against the Indians at various times between 1771 and 1774. Served in the Indian Wars, 1774, posted at Point Pleasant, Virginia
- Served under Captain Lockridge, Colonel Charles Lewis, and General Andrew Lewis during the Battle of Point Pleasant
- From 1776-1783, he served as a scout and spy (he was a skilled huntsman and marksman) on the frontier under Captain Glass in the Virginia Troops of the Revolutionary War. He was a Private.
- Filed for a federal War Service pension 3/12/1834. Certificate #23706 for $60 per annum was issued 3/22/1834. This pension was rescinded 3/9/1835 when a federal re-examination revealed that he did not serve in "an embodied military corps."
- In the pension application he states that he moved with his wife and children to Monroe County. Then, due to hostile Indians, they moved to a blockhouse. When he returned to his cabin to resume hunting, his neighbors in the settlement took their families to James Jarrett's fort on Wolf Creek.

Married 1st Elizabeth Speece

Married 2nd Elizabeth Lockridge Graham, 1774-75, daughter of Major Andrew and Jane Graham Lockridge

- Major Andrew and Jane Graham Lockridge purchased 280 acres of land on the Great River of the Calfpasture on 8/21/1764 from Andrew's father, James Lockridge. This land had been purchased by James from John Graham in 1746. The other neighbor on the River was Robert Gwinn, who purchased land 7/17/1745. Andrew Lockridge built a mill on the River.
- Elizabeth Lockridge's first husband was Robert Graham (b. 1731, d. February or March 1774). They had three daughters: Sarah, Rebecca, and Jane. On 4/30/1774, Rebecca Graham died. On 6/20/1775, Elizabeth's father, Major Andrew Lockridge gave bond as guardian for granddaughters Sarah and Jane Graham. They stayed with Andrew when their mother and her new husband, Samuel Gwinn moved west over the Appalachian and Allegheny Mountains to property on the Greenbriar River.
- She died 1/25/1832, age 73

1775, Samuel, Elizabeth, and their two children (Moses and Jane) moved from the Calfpasture in Augusta County (present day Rockbridge County) to 100 acres of land on the southeast side of the Greenbriar River at the foot of Loops Knobbs (site of present-day Lowell near Pence Springs, WVA)

Between 1799 and 1816, Samuel purchased four tracts of land on Lick Creek, deep in the mountains surrounding the New River Gorge, about five miles east of present-day Sandstone, WVA. Samuel and two slaves cleared enough land to build a log cabin. Samuel moved his family and slaves there when son Ephraim was just an infant (he was born 6/14/1799).

On this property, at the junction of Mill Creek Fork and Lick Creek, there was a low damp place called a "deer lick." This was thought to be a source of salt because the deer would come to lick the ground there on a regular basis. In 1818, Mr. Shrewsberry (a salt merchant on the Kanawha River) engaged Mr. Rinston Reason of Cincinnati, Ohio to drill for salt. After months of drilling slowly through bedrock, they struck sulphur water sixty-five feet below the surface. A hollow sycamore tree (3 feet in diameter) was stuck
into the hole and a stone basin was erected over it. This place was named Green Sulphur Springs. In the late 1830's, plans were made to sell this Gwinn property to a Mr. Davis, who was to build a resort hotel there. This never occurred, as Mr. Davis could not sell the company stock that would pay to buy the land.

* Note that so many of Samuel Gwinn's descendants became Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. employees, that they became known as the "Railroad Gwinns."

* Children of Samuel Gwinn, Sr.:
  - Jane Gwinn, b. circa 1774, Augusta County, Virginia, m. Mr. Winthrow
  - Moses Gwinn, b. circa 1775, Augusta County, Virginia, d. before 1827 (possibly 12/25/1822) Meadow Creek, Virginia (now WVA), m. 7/4/1803 Elizabeth Wilson
  - Ruth Gwinn, m. James Jarrett, Jr. 1/11/1830 (possibly descendant of James Jarrett with the fort on Wolf Creek)
  - Isabella Gwinn, m. 3/13/1812 Thomas Busby, moved to Madison County, Indiana
  - John Gwinn, m. Sarah George 2/11/1812, owned tracts of land on Irish Mountain that he sold to Irish immigrants in the 1850's and 1860's.
  - Betsey Gwinn, b. 2/22/1791, d. 7/3/1849, m. 4/30/1812 Robert Newsome (b. 10/6/1789, d/ 6/23/1855), both are buried in Calloway County, MO. The family story is that Robert Newsome was killed and burned by a Negro woman in Indiana. As a result, at least one Negro was hanged.
  - Ephraim Gwinn, b. 6/14/1799 on family farm near Lowell, WVA
  - Samuel Gwinn, Jr., b. 10/22/1777, d. 9/8/1863, m. Elizabeth Taylor in Monroe Co. (she was b. 7/12/1785, daughter of Notliff and Elizabeth Taylor of Wolf Creek, d. 2/20/1872, Greenbriar County, WVA)
    - When Samuel Gwinn, Sr. moved to Lick Creek, Samuel, Jr. remained at the family cabin by Kelly's Creek on the Greenbriar River. (This cabin was erected 1775; dismantled 1965, the logs were used to build the Savannah Inn Lewisburg).
    - 10/26/1807, Samuel, Sr. gave 150 acres on the Greenbriar to Samuel, Jr. On 1/4/1814, Samuel, Sr. gave the remaining 150 acres on the Greenbriar to son Andrew. Andrew built a large brick house there after his service in the War of 1812. Several years later, Samuel, Jr. bought all of Andrew's property and moved into the brick house.
    - During the Civil War, Samuel, Jr. divided his land amongst his children and moved in with his son Laban Gwinn. He later lived with his son Andrew "Long Andy" Gwinn.
    - Died 9/8/1863, buried on the farm at Lowell, near Pence Springs, WVA
  - Children of Samuel Gwinn, Jr. (all born in Gwinn cabin in Lowell):
    - Jesse Gwinn, moved to Indiana
    - James Gwinn, moved to Indiana
    - Nancy Gwinn, moved to Indiana
    - Ruth Gwinn, m. 1st John Roach, and 2nd Mr. Lindsay (mother Elizabeth Taylor Gwinn was living with Ruth when she died in 1872)
    - Mary Gwinn, m. 1st James Freel, and 2nd, Alexander Gwinn (grandson of James Gwinn, a brother of Samuel Gwinn, Sr.)
    - Samuel Gwinn m. Sally Gwinn (granddaughter of James Gwinn, a brother of Samuel Gwinn, Sr.)
    - Laban Gwinn, m. 1st Malinda Ellis, and 2nd Malinda Bonham Taylor (widow of Mr. Taylor, daughter of Nehemiah and Regina Bonham)
Andrew "Long Andy" Gwinn, b. 12/3/1821, d. 10/6/1913, m. 10/18/1857 Eliza Keller (daughter of David and Mary Milburn Keller)

- children:
  - James Gwinn
  - A farmer who lived on Kelley's Creek, he sold the Gwinn property (where his parents were buried) between the Greenbriar River and the new tracks of the C&O Railroad because he thought it worthless. Mr. Silas R. Matson bought the land and built a water-powered sawmill on it. He felled the timber and sold it as railroad ties to the C&O.
  - He accumulated a great deal of Confederate paper money (several thousand dollars) because he thought it would be valuable after the Civil War. When it was worthless, he then only dealt in gold or silver.
  - With the railway, Lowell boomed and in 1875, cattle stockyards were built at "The Stockyard," and later known as Pence Springs. With 2,000 acres of land, Andrew became the wealthiest farmer in Summers County, dealing in cattle. In 1900, the stockyards moved to Hinton.
  - Elizabeth Gwinn, d. 1830
  - Plus four more children

- Andrew Gwinn, b. 8/27/1788, Greenbriar River Log cabin, m. 4/30/1812 Mary "Polly" Newsome, daughter of William and Margaret Speece Newsome (Margaret was daughter of Conrad Speece, a baker for the Emperor of Austria)
  - Member of the 2nd Regiment of Virginia Militia serving in the War of 1812 (at the time, this was known as the "Madison War" or the "Second War of Independence")
  - On Saturday, 8/20/1814 at 9:00 a.m., the 2nd Regiment assembled on the Capitol grounds in Washington under Brigadier General Walter Smith. The Regiment marched down Pennsylvania Avenue to the eastern branch of the Potomac River, crossing into Maryland. On 8/22/1814, they advanced toward Nottingham, Maryland, saw the enemy and retreated (1,800 militia troops were outnumbered by 12,000 British troops.) By 8/23/1814, they had retreated to Washington. By 8/25/1814 the British had burned Washington, including the White House.

- Samuel Gwinn, Sr. died 3/25/1839, age 94. He is buried at Green Sulphur Springs. His will, filed in Greenbriar County Courthouse in Lewisburg, was written 6/4/1832. All of his children, except Moses (who died before 1827), were still alive when he wrote the will.
  - Along with the disposition of substantial amounts of cash and real estate, he bequeathed the following:
    "To my Grandson Samuel (son of Samuel Graham) I give a Negro Boy named Tecumsey
    To my Grandson Samuel (son of Moses) a Negro Boy named Hiram
    To my Grandson Samuel (son of Andrew) a Negro Boy named Jingo
    To my Grandson Samuel (son of John Gwinn) a Negro Boy named David
    To my Grandson Samuel (son of Ephraim Gwinn) a Negro Boy named Liews aged about twelve years
    To my Daughter Ruth Jarrett a Negro Girl named Lisey Ann
    To my Grandson Samuel Jarrett a Negro Boy named Grisby"
To my Daughter Betsey Newsome a Negro Boy names Lewis aged about ten years.

- Prior to his death, Samuel is reported by David Graham to have divided $12,000 in silver amongst his sons, each portion filling half of a bushel grain sack.

Moses Gwinn

- Eldest son of Samuel, Sr. and Elizabeth Lockridge Graham Gwinn, born Augusta County, Virginia circa 1774.
- Settled on 200 acres of bottom land on the south side of Greenbriar River near Lowell, WVA
- Married 1st Mary Sargent
- Married 2nd Elizabeth Wilson 7/4/1803, (d. 9/10/1867)
- Sold Greenbriar River land to Archibald Armstrong 8/2/1820 for $1900
- 8/1821 bought 175 acres on New River at mouth of Meadow Creek
- Died before 1827 (Maybe 12/25/1822). 3/21/1827, William and Catherine Graham sold 200 acres adjoining the Moses Gwinn tract to Elizabeth Gwinn, widow, and children of Moses Gwinn, deceased.

- children:
  - Samuel Gwinn, b. 4/1806, d. 1-4/1844, not married. When he died his estate included the Negro Hiram willed to Samuel by his grandfather, Samuel, Sr.
  - Nancy Gwinn, b. 3/21/1807, d. 9/26/1890, m. Richard Allen Flanagan
    - Son Robert R. Flanagan, was one of the wealthiest men in Hinton and the largest holder of real estate in Hinton.
  - Avis Gwinn, b. 10/21/1809, d. 1/22/1901, m. 1st Rheuben Nickols, and 2nd John Hinton 7/4/1843. She was the owner of the land where the city of Avis, WVA was built.
  - John Wilson Gwinn, b. 5/12/1810, d. 9/16/1866, m. Lucinda Nickols (b. 2/2/1807, d. 3/27/1900); moved to Robertson, Illinois
  - William Gwinn, b. 10/31/1812, d.8/10/1910, m. 1st Sarah Hedrick 3/19/1846, and 2nd 12/1/1853 Mary Richmond (b. 1/19/1836, d. 2/3/1899)
    - Children (with Sarah Hedrick):
      - Louisa Gwinn, b. 1/14/1847, m. Mr. Garten
      - Jenneta Gwinn, b.1851, m. Thomas McClannihan
      - Harvey Gwinn, b. 1849, m. Mary E. Fox
    - Children (with Mary Richmond):
      - Margaret Gwinn, b. 10/18/1854
      - Esta Gwinn, b. 1857, m. Mr. Spencer
      - Kate Gwinn, b. 1862, m. Mr. Morris
      - Minnie Gwinn, b. 1872, m. Mr. Quinn
      - William Abraham Gwinn, b. 5/9/1860, d. 7/16/1938, m. 10/5/1898 Fannie Alice Richmond
        - Children:
          - William J. Bryan Gwinn, b. 7/30/1897
          - Virgil F.C. Gwinn, b. 10/3/1901
          - Herbert R. Gwinn, b. 6/13/1903
• Phyllis M.P. Gwinn, b. 12/4/1905
• Edna Mary Gwinn, b. 6/12/1908
• Donald K. Gwinn, b. 8/8/1911
• Vera Alice Rebecca Gwinn, b. 1/18/1913
• Roy Gwinn, b. 6/13/1914, d. 8/13/1917
• Louisa Rebecca Gwinn, b. 5/14/1916
• Clinton R. Gwinn, b. 4/16/1919
• Hazel Ruth Gwinn, b. 5/25/1921
• Opal Grace Gwinn, b. 6/29/1922
• Homer S. Gwinn, b. 2/24/1925

- Samuel H. Gwinn, b. 1865, d. 1936
- John M. Gwinn, b. 1868, d. 1936
- J. Everett Gwinn, b. 1875, d. 1963
- Virginia “Jennie” Bleau Gwinn, b. 1856

- Elizabeth Gwinn, b. 1814, d. 12/22/1902, m. Samuel Coffman 1831. Died at Charles Stuart Mansion in Frankford, Greenbriar County, (Charles Stuart was son of John Stuart, founder of Greenbriar County).
- Enos Gwinn, b. 6/19/1817, d. 9/6/1903, m. Jane Frances Higginbotham 7/8/1847 (b. 3/28/1829, d. 11/26/1899). (See below)
- Rebecca Gwinn, m. George W. Higginbotham 10/23/1853
- Lewis W. Gwinn, b. 1/1/1821, d. 3/17/1910, m. Elizabeth Kaylor (b. 8/31/1845, d. 10/11/1937)

  Lewis once put up this notice:
  "To whom it may concern: Don't anyone do any trading with Henry Atkins. Bring him to me in person and I'll give you 5 cents reward."

  Henry Atkins drowned in Laurel Creek. He had L.M. Alderson's wedding suit on at the time.
• Moses Gwinn, b. 1823, d. 8/15/1897, not married; Drowned in the New River; Civil War: Confederate States Army, Company E, 46th Battalion of Virginia Calvary (rank: Private)

Enos Gwinn
- Born 6/19/1817, on Greenbriar River, (Lowell, WVA, near Pence Springs), son of Moses and Elizabeth Wilson Gwinn
- Married Jane Frances Higginbotham 7/8/1847 (b. 3/28/1829, d. 11/16/1899)
- 1860 United States Census, living in New River Gorge at Richmond Falls, Fayette County (later renamed Sandstone Falls, Summers County). He later lived in Sewell Township, Fayette County, WVA
- Children (Eight total):
  - James Gwinn, d. 1928
  - Three Unknown children
  - Andrew Gwinn

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Thornton S. "Thorny" Gwinn (b. 4/4/1866, d. 8/17/1934), m. Mary E. Dillon (b. 12/26/1861, d. 6/30/1937). He raised his sister Rebecca's youngest child Louisa "Eliza," when Rebecca died giving birth to this child (her eleventh child).

- Children: (all born on Irish Mountain)
  - Margaret Gwinn, b. 3/27/1896, d. 1/16/1897
  - Thornton S. Gwinn, Jr., b. 11/11/1899, d. 1/27/1900
  - Mary Katherine Gwinn, m. Joseph L. Hurley [son of Michael E. Hurley (b. 7/1/1856, d. 12/28/1931) and Catherine T. McCarthy Hurley (b. 10/15/1860, d. 9/29/1932) m. in 1887, grandson of Thomas Joseph McCarthy (b. 12/18/1812, County Clare, Ireland, d. 1/14/1889, Irish Mountain) and Catherine McCarthy (b. 11/1821, County Clare, Ireland, d. 8/19/1906, Irish Mountain), original settlers and school-teachers on Irish Mountain in the 1860’s]
  - Children:
    - Joseph L. Hurley, Jr.
    - Thomas Hurley

- Charles E. Gwinn, b. 9/3/1863, d. 4/20/1948, m. Ellen O’Leary (b. 8/18/1860, d. 2/28/1936, Irish Mountain), daughter of James O’Leary of Irish Mountain, Ellen had three siblings: James (a C&O engineer), Dan (moved to Pittsburgh), and Annie (m. J. Richmond, Beckley)
  - Charles traded his farm near Meadow Creek for a farm across the New River that he inherited from his uncle Lewis Gwinn
  - children:
    - James Gwinn (C&O and Virginian Railroads)
    - Dan Gwinn (C&O conductor)
    - John Gwinn (C&O employee)
    - Robert Gwinn (C&O brakeman)
    - Charles Gwinn
    - Annie Gwinn, bpt. St. Colman’s Church, Irish Mountain

- Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn, b. 1/9/1849, m. 9/26/1866 James Simon O’Connor at St. John the Baptist Chapel, Sweet Springs, WVA. Marriage performed by resident priest (there from 1859) Reverend J.H. Walters. Rebecca was three months pregnant with her first child. She rode over 70 miles roundtrip on horseback to the Sweet Springs Chapel.
  - Died 11/10/1866 at the birth of her eleventh child, Louisa Elizabeth O’Connor, on Irish Mountain.
  - See O’Connor family section, page 13

In addition to the children of his brothers and sisters, three of Enos’ children married into Irish families. This was recognized locally as a merger of the "Railroad Gwinn's" and the "Railroad Irish."

Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn
- Daughter of Enos and Jane Frances Higginbotham Gwinn
- Married 9/26/1866, James Simon O’Connor at St. John the Baptist Chapel, Sweet Springs, WVA. Reverend J. H. Walters (resident priest from 1859) officiating.
- See O’Connor family section, page 13

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Where
The River
Runs North

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33. Raleigh County, WV. Deed Book 41, p.26, line 22. Land ownership transfer (101 acres and 112 acres) Simon O'Connor, age 73, to 5 of his children (John, Charles, Mary, Johanna, Rebecca).

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35. Raleigh County, WV. Deed Book 43. p.427. October 1909, John Conner bought 112 acres from brothers and sisters.


39. Raleigh County, WV. Marriage License Record. NO. 2, p. 308 Mary Fox Dillon and Simon Patrick O'Connor.


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Baptism: Catherine O'Connor, 10/21/1881.
Baptism: Johanna O'Connor 10/14/1883 by Rev. D.P. Walsh. Sponsors: Jerry Dillon and Kate McCarthy.
Birth: Rebecca Frances O'Connor 7/18/1884.


Gwinn,
Fox,
and O'Connor
Family Photographs
Topographical Map of Augusta County, Virginia
By Jedidiah Hotchkiss, Staunton, Virginia
on left: Big Calf-Pasture River (Great River of the Calf Pasture)
Site of Robert Gwinn, John Graham, and James Lockridge properties in 1745
"Sacred to the memory of Samuel Gwinn who died March 25 1839 in the 94 year of his age"

Tombstone of Samuel Gwinn, Sr. at Green Sulphur Springs
Son of Robert Gwinn of the Great River of the CalfPasture, Augusta County, Virginia
Husband of Elizabeth Lockridge Graham Gwinn
Great-grandfather of Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn O'Connor
3rd great-grandfather of Lorena O'Connor Waid
"Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Gwinn who died January the 25 1832 in the 73rd year of her age"

Tombstone of Elizabeth Lockridge Graham Gwinn at Green Sulphur Springs
Daughter of Major Andrew Lockridge and Jane Graham Lockridge of the Great River of the Calfpasture, Augusta County, Virginia
Wife of Samuel Gwinn, Sr.
Great-grandmother of Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn O'Connor
3rd great-grandmother of Lorena O'Connor Waid
Brick home built by Andrew Gwinn at Lowell, Virginia after the War of 1812. Purchased by his brother Samuel Gwinn, Jr. (circa 1817)


Original Log Cabin built by Samuel Gwinn, Sr. at Lowell, Virginia in 1775. Cabin dismantled in 1965 (logs used in Savannah Inn, Lewisburg, WVA).

Homestead of Moses Gwinn and Elizabeth Wilson Gwinn
Meadow Creek, Virginia
Built in 1821 on the New River at the mouth of Meadow Creek
Grandparents of Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn O'Connor
2nd great-grandparents of Lorena O'Connor Waid
Rebecca E.
wife of
Simon O'Connor
Born Jan. 9, 1849
Died Nov. 10, 1886
"Pray for the soul of her who sleeps
Beneath this tranquil [sic] sod,
That she may find with those she loved
A home on high with God,
May she rest in peace. Amen."

Tombstone of Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn O'Connor, Irish Mountain
Daughter of Enos Gwinn and Jane Frances Higginbotham Gwinn
of Richmond Falls, The New River
Wife of James Simon O'Connor
Mother of Simon Patrick O'Connor
Grandmother of Lorena O'Connor Waid
St. John the Baptist Chapel (1834)  
Sweet Springs, WVA

James Simon O'Connor and  
Rebecca Elizabeth Gwinn  
Were married here  
26th September 1866

St. Colman’s Church (1877)  
Sullivan's Knob  
Irish Mountain  
Raleigh County, WVA

Several generations of O’Connors were baptised,  
wed, and buried at St. Colman’s Church. Built on land  
originally owned by John Gwinn.

Simon Patrick O’Connor and  
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon  
were married here  
26 November 1897.
The Irish School
Irish Mountain, Raleigh County, WVA
Students and Teachers circa 1910
[reference: 20 p. 47]
St. Colman's Catholic Church
Sullivan's Knob, Irish Mountain
Raleigh County, WVA
On National Register of Historic Places
Built 1877
Outhouse

St. Colman Church & Cemetery
Irish Mountain

Row:
Nee* 1
Sullivan 2
Fitzpatrick 3
O'Leary 4
O'Connor 5
Dillon 6
Quinlan 7
McCarthy 8

Empty Row
Gwinn 10
Dillon 11

Empty Row
Ward 13
Kincaid 14

Empty Row
Fitzpatrick 16

* Names listed beside Row numbers are those on the first tombstone in the row.

Area with several graves marked only with stones.

Distance to rear fence is approx. 145.2'
Distance to front fence is approx. 46'

Fence
Approx. 102' across back

Spaces

Missing headstone

Unmarked

Church dimensions:
30.5' x 18.5'

Spaces
Graves in St. Colman's Cemetery
Irish Mountain

Row 1
Mary Nee
d. 2/27/1881
Age: 68
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland

Martin Nee
d. 3/1/1908
Age: 82
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland

Row 2
John B. Sullivan
b. 10/20/1852
d. 9/21/1884
Age: 4 yrs, 2 days
Son of T. Fitzpatrick
Born: Co. Clare
Kerry, Ireland
Age: 60 years

Wm J. Sullivan
b. 1/13/1856
d. 2/22/1885
Age: 29 yrs
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland

Margaret J. Sullivan
b. 4/22/1859
d. 4/10/1887
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland

James J. Sullivan
b. 2/28/1887
Age: 66 yrs

Maurice Sullivan
b. 1/14/1887
Age: 9 yrs
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland

Margaret E. Sullivan
Headstone
b. 11/17/1864
d. 2/11/1889
Age: 22 yrs

Simon J. Sullivan
b. 5/2/1892
Age: 1 yr, 11 mos

Patrick A. Sullivan
b. 1/1/1908
Age: 82 yrs

Row 3
John B. Fitzpatrick
b. 6/25/1888
d. 11/18/1922

Catherine A. Sullivan
b. 6/25/1888
d. 2/24/1934

Ellen I. Sullivan
b. 9/13/1862
d. 4/18/1907

Maurice Sullivan
b. 2/25/1872
Age: 48 yrs

Ellen M. Sullivan
B. 8/26/1906
d. 12/23/1906

Virginia Sullivan
b. 3/10/1917
d. 1/16/1919

Spencer Sullivan
b. 2/25/1889
d. 5/8/1925

Row 4
James A. O'Leary
b. 10/11/1868
d. 10/7/1928

Ellen O'Leary
b. 10/11/1868
d. 8/28/1960

Timothy Sullivan
b. 4/5/1857
Age: 70 yrs

Catherine A. Sullivan
b. 10/4/1857
d. 5/18/1925

Ellen Sullivan
b. 6/25/1888
d. 2/28/1936

C. E. Gwinn
b. 9/3/1863
Age: 72 yrs

Row 5
Rebecca E. O'Connor
b. 1/9/1849
d. 11/10/1886

Simon James A. O'Connor
b. 3/22/1867
Age: 79 yrs

(unknown headstone)
d. 2/27/1891
d. 1925

O'Connor
b. 3/2/1875

James A. O'Connor
b. 2/15/1892
Age: 8 yrs

Bertha &
Bessie

Fannie E. & John D.

Charles W.

O'Connor
b. 2/3/1819
Age: 73 yrs

O'Connor
b. 8/4/1874
Age: 7 yrs

O'Connor
b. 9/6/1817
Age: 7 yrs

O'Connor
b. 7/5/1913
Age: 7 yrs

O'Connor
b. 11/17/1908
Age: 80 yrs

O'Connor
b. 12/18/1856
Age: 60 yrs

James Simon
b. 5/29/1958
Age: 7 yrs

Myrtle M. Space
b. 1/13/1955
Age: 7 yrs

Mary Conner
b. 9/13/1922
Age: 7 yrs

Enos Joseph Conner
b. 4/15/1892
Age: 7 yrs

James P. Conner
b. 1/17/1907
Age: 7 yrs

Row 6
William Dillon
b. 12/15/1815
d. 2/22/1887
Age: 72 yrs

Mary Dillon
b. 4/28/1899
d. 3/20/1993
Age: 96 yrs

Jerry D. Dillon
b. 5/12/1838
d. 6/10/1860
Age: 25 yrs

Unmarked
b. 6/17/1856
Age: 70 yrs

Simon J. Dillon
b. 6/30/1899
Age: 82 yrs

James W. Dillon
b. 6/17/1925
Age: 98 yrs

Row 7
John Quinlan
b. 4/15/1817
d. 2/7/1876
Age: 60 yrs

Susan Quinlan
b. 7/3/1903
Age: 73 yrs

Wife of
John Quinlan
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland

Row 7
John Quinlan
b. 4/15/1817
d. 2/7/1876
Age: 60 yrs

Susan Quinlan
b. 7/3/1903
Age: 73 yrs

Wife of
John Quinlan
Born: Co. Clare
Ireland
Row 8
Thomas McCarthy  
Wife of Thomas  
b. 12/18/1812  
d. 1/14/1889  
Born: Co. Clare  
Age: 77  

Row 9 (empty)

Row 10
Margaret  
Gwinn  
b. 3/27/1896  
d. 1/16/1897  

Row 11
John A  
Myrtle E.  
Dillon  
b. 4/17/1888  
d. 8/9/1941  
b. 4/14/1888  
d. 5/11/1913  

Row 12 (empty)

Row 13
Maggie Ward  
Wife of John S. Ward  
b. 10/27/1878  
d. 6/11/1902  

Row 14
Leo Givens  
Eliza H. O'Conner  
Infant Son of Kincaid  
b. 1930  
d. 1930  

Row 15 (empty)

Row 16
Anna M.  
Fitzpatrick  
b. 10/19/1868  
d. 5/11/1911  

Michael  
Fitzpatrick  
b. 10/8/1858  
d. 5/26/1936  

Church  
(Approximate position relative to graves)
Maurice Sullivan Home on Irish Mountain
Built circa 1855
Purchased by Charles O'Connor in 1907 (brother of Simon Patrick O'Connor)
Adjacent to farms of brothers John and Enos O'Connor
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Joined for duty and enrolled:

When       June 10, 1861
Where       Meadow Bluff
By whom    Knoll Brander
Period       Terminal
Remarks:

This company subsequently became (1st) Company C, 40th Regiment Virginia Infantry. It was transferred to the 60th Regiment Virginia Infantry in August, 1861, and became Company B of that organization.

The 60th Regiment Virginia Infantry (also known as the 2nd Regiment of Infantry, Wise Legion, and as the 26th Wise Brigade) was organized about August 20, 1861, with ten companies, A to K. Many changes were made in the companies, but the regiment was finally reorganized May 24, 1862.

Book mark:

Private Samuel Henry Fox
Confederate States Army
Muster Roll 30 June 1861
Gauley Bridge, Virginia
Private Samuel Henry Fox
Confederate States Army
Muster Roll 31 December 1861
Notice of Desertion 25 October 1861
Left to Right: Mary Elizabeth Fox  
Virginia Susan Fox  
Janett Ellen Fox

Daughters of Samuel Henry Fox and Amanda Lewis Fox  
Hinton, Summers County, WVA  
(photo circa 1888)
Simon Patrick O'Connôr
and Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connôr

Wedding Photograph, Hinton, WVA
26 November 1897
Simon Patrick O'Connor  
Son of James Simon O'Connor and Rebecca Gwinn O'Connor  
Born 15 November 1877, Irish Mountain  
Died 3 June 1964, Hinton, WVA  

(large charcoal portrait from Wedding Photograph of 1897)
The O'Connor Sisters
circa 1907

L, to R: Frances Kincaid (cousin), Louisa Elizabeth "Eliza" O'Connor, Johanna Elizabeth O'Connor, Catherine O'Connor, Rebecca Frances O'Connor
William Eli Mullens and Johanna Elizabeth O'Connor Mullens
married 7/28/1912

Son-in-Law and Daughter of James Simon O'Connor
and Rebecca Gwinn O'Connor
Brother-in-Law and Sister of Simon Patrick O'Connor
Grandparents of William Shorter of Fredericksburg, Virginia
Uncle and Aunt of Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid
John Douglass O’Connor (1874 - 1958)
And wife Fannie O’Connor (1892 - 1955)
[photo circa 1910; reference: 20, p.52]
son of James Simon O’Connor and Rebecca Gwinn O’Connor
brother of Simon Patrick O’Connor
uncle of Lorena Elizabeth O’Connor Waid
Florence O'Connor (circa 1899-1901)
Hinton, WVA
First daughter of Simon Patrick O'Connor and
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor
Sister of Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid
Veronica Margaret O'Connor
Hinton, WVA
(portrait circa 1904)

Daughter of Simon Patrick O'Connor and
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor
Sister of Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid
Drusilla Catherine O'Connor
Hinton, WVA
(portrait circa 1915)
Daughter of Simon Patrick O'Connor
and Mary Elizabeth Fox O'Connor
Sister of Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid
Drusilla Catherine O'Connor (b. 1910)
Daughter of Simon Patrick O'Connor and
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor
Hinton, WVA
Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor
Circa 1920
Daughter of Simon Patrick and Mary Fox O'Connor
Simon Patrick O'Connor circa 1930
at Ninth Avenue home, Hinton, WVA

Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor circa 1930
Hinton, WVA
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. Roundhouse Crew
Chesapeake and Ohio Railyard
Hinton, WVA

Simon Patrick O'Connor at center of photo
circa 1940
Left to Right: Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor
Drusilla Catherine O'Connor

Daughters of Simon Patrick O'Connor and
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor

(photo circa 1913)
The Generations of O'Connor

The sons-in-law (circa 1942)
Left to Right: E.K. Rogers, Jr., Harold Purvis, S. Patrick O'Connor, and John B. Waid

The daughters (circa 1942)
Left to Right: Mary O'Connor Purvis, Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor, Veronica O'Connor Rogers, Mary Lu Rogers (front), Lorena O'Connor Waid

The grandchildren (1954)

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Easter 1939 at Grandpa O'Connor's house
Front: John R. Waid

Easter 1939
Simon Patrick O'Connor with grandchildren
L to R: John R. Waid, E.K. Rogers III, Grandpa with
Mary Lu Rogers, E. Joyce Waid
O'Connor Family Christmas.
1954

L to R: Top Row: Alta Dillon, Malcolm Lilly, E.K. "Toots" Rogers, Jr.,
   Veronica "Vera" O'Connor Rogers, Jerry Dillon.
   Sidney E. Bonner, Joyce Waid Bonner,
Middle Row: Mary O'Connor Purvis, E.K. Rogers III, Lorena O'Connor
   Waid, Simon Patrick O'Connor (Grandpa), Mary
   Fox Dillon O'Connor (Grandma), Richard Lane Waid,
   Richard File Waid
Front Row: Mary Lu Crawford, Mary Lane Waid, Drusilla C. O'Connor
   Harold "Fuzzy" Purvis
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor
and Simon Patrick O'Connor
Christmas 1954
at Ninth Avenue home
Hinton, WVA
Children of Veronica Margaret O'Connor Rogers and Ellsworth Kent Rogers, Jr.

Jack L. Rogers
(1931-2001)

Mary Lu Rogers
Crawford
(b.1939)

Ellsworth Kent Rogers III
(b.1929)
Children of Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid
and John Barksdale Waid
Richard F. Waid, E. Joyce Waid, John R. Waid
Family of Ellsworth Kent Rogers III, (grandson of Simon Patrick O'Connor and Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor) and Shirley Mellote Rogers

Left to Right: Cheryl Lyn Rogers, E.K. Rogers III, David Wayne Rogers, Patricia Jean Rogers, Donna Rene Rogers, Shirley Mellote Rogers, Steven Rogers (circa 1965)
John Robert Waid and Lynne Kershaw Waid
And sons:
L to R: Mark B. Waid, John P. Waid,
A. Luke Waid, Matthew B. Waid
Kingsley
Shiplake
Henley-on-Thames
Oxfordshire, England
1 January 1990
Mexico City, D.F. – November 1978

Boston, Massachusetts – May 1997
Isabella Priscilla Waid
with parents John P. Waid and Michèle F. Waid
Born 7/9/2002, Atlanta, Georgia
Granddaughter of John Robert Waid and Lynne Kershaw Waid
Great-granddaughter of Lorena O’Connor Waid and John Barksdale Waid
7th great-granddaughter of Robert Gwinn and Jean Kincaid Gwinn
December 1996 – Atlanta, Georgia

Richard Lane Waid and son
Matthew Bartlett Waid
Grandson and Great-grandson of
Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid and John Barksdale Waid
Mary Courtney Waid
daughter of Richard Lane Waid and Leslie Bartlett Waid
granddaughter of Richard File Waid and Mary Lane Waid Martini
great-granddaughter of Lorena O'Connore Waid and John Barksdale Waid

Pamela McLamon Waid
Nathalie Elizabeth Waid
Richard File Waid
April 2002
L to R: Mr. Young, Mrs. Young, Mark Young, Sarah Elizabeth Bonner Young, E. Joyce Waid Bonner, Sydney Ellis Bonner (June 1989)

L to R: Scott Hudson Bonner, E. Joyce Waid Bonner, Sidney Ellis Bonner (June 1989)
December 2001 – California
Mark Young and Sarah Elizabeth Bonner Young
Nathaniel Bonner Young
Son-in-Law and Daughter and Grandson of E. Joyce Waid Bonner
and Sidney E. Bonner
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor
90th Birthday Celebration, 11 October 1958
Ninth Avenue home in Hinton, WVA
September 1986
80th Birthday Celebration – Beckley, WVA
Lorena Elizabeth O’Connor Waid
L to R: Richard File Waid, John Robert Waid, Lorena, E. Joyce Waid Bonner
September 1996
90th Birthday Celebration - Richmond, Virginia
of Lorena Elizabeth O'Connor Waid
daughter of Simon Patrick O'Connor and
Mary Elizabeth Fox Dillon O'Connor

Drusilla C. O'Connor, Scott H. Bonner, Richard L. Waid, John P. Waid,
Richard F. Waid, Lorena O'Connor Waid, Mark R. Waid,
J. Thomas Waid, Matthew B. Waid, John R. Waid
Where The River Runs North
The O'Connor, Gwinn, and Fox Families
Of The New River Gorge

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