

Researching Catholic Ancestors

Class 3: Sacramental Records

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Sacramental Records

Baptism • Reconciliation • Eucharist • Confirmation • Matrimony •
Anointing of the Sick • Holy Orders/Ordinations

Infant Baptism

- Pre-date civil registration statutes
 - May be the earliest record noting birth of ancestor
- Baptism registers include the following:
 - Child's name
 - Date of baptism
 - Date of birth
 - Parents' names (sometimes mother's maiden name is noted)
 - Place of residence
 - Names of sponsors/godparents
 - Name of person (usually the priest) who performed ceremony

2 Annus 1917 Registrum Baptizatorum In Ecclesia *Beatae Mariae Virginis de Czestochowa* 2

NUMERUS CURRENS	DATUM BAPTISMI	INFANS		PARENTES		PATRINI	MINISTER	ADNOTATIONES
		NOMEN ET RESIDENTIA	Datum Nativitatis	NOMINA	LOCUS NATIVITATIS			
<i>Edward Sutty Nash St.</i>	<i>Dec 31 1917</i>	<i>Edwardum Petrum</i>	<i>22 Nov.</i>	<i>Franciscus Marius Marionna Petrus</i>	<i>Polonia</i>	<i>Alf. Naproskowski Kosalia Gtacy</i>	<i>J. A. Grazier</i>	
		<i>Matrimonium Contraxit cum</i>		<i>Quando</i>		<i>Ubi</i>	<i>Attestans</i>	
<i>Joseph Lofa Snuff</i>	<i>Dec 30 1917</i>	<i>Josephina Lofa 22 Gates St.</i>	<i>24 Nov.</i>	<i>Joseph Snuff Helena Adamata</i>	<i>Polonia</i>	<i>Joseph Adamata L. Adamata</i>	<i>J. A. Grazier</i>	<i>Matr. conju. contract. cum B. Lofa Oct. 2, 1916 Sant. Mart. Pater, Kobilak Rev. Joseph Lofa</i>
		<i>Matrimonium Contraxit cum</i>		<i>Quando</i>		<i>Ubi</i>	<i>Attestans</i>	
<i>Ed. Mudgin</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>Edward 34 Middle St.</i>	<i>15 Oct.</i>	<i>Anthony Ludzka Cecilia Srebnicka</i>	<i>Polonia</i>	<i>Franciscus Stassencki Franciscus Maciejewski</i>	<i>J. A. Grazier</i>	
		<i>Matrimonium Contraxit cum</i>		<i>Quando</i>		<i>Ubi</i>	<i>Attestans</i>	
<i>Stanis Lacina</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>Stanislas 41 Boston St.</i>	<i>10 Dec.</i>	<i>Stanislas Lacina Joseph Lacina</i>	<i>Polonia</i>	<i>Vincentus Lacina Marianna Logajewska</i>	<i>J. A. Grazier</i>	
		<i>Matrimonium Contraxit cum</i>		<i>Quando</i>		<i>Ubi</i>	<i>Attestans</i>	

Baptism Register, 1917, Our Lady of Czestochowa (South Boston), AmericanAncestors.org

Adult Baptisms

- Abbreviated baptism entries
- May be required by local parish in order to marry in Catholic church
- Do not typically include parents' names
- Records will usually note birth date or age
- May only include one sponsor

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November the seventh in the year of our Lord one thousand Joseph
eight hundred and thirty baptized Joseph, born the Loring
sixth of last September, son of Joseph P. Loring and
Emily his wife Sponsors Mary Magdalen Elizabeth
Gaulds. & P. Byrne

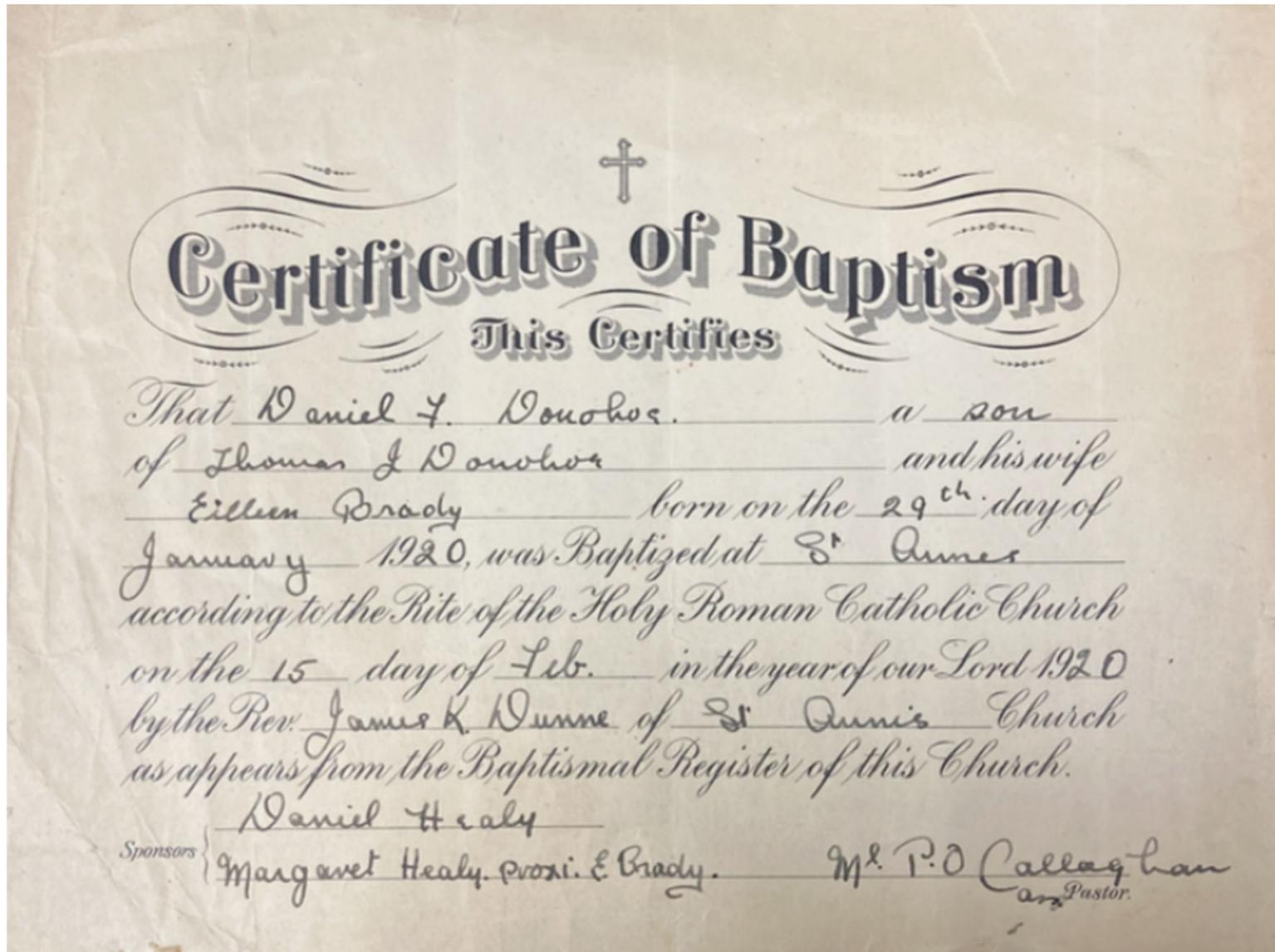
November the seventh in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty, baptized ^{sub conditione} Phelie Phelie
Roach, who was born the twenty third of January in Roach
the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty
five. Sponsor Sarah Murphy. P. Byrne

November the fourteenth in the year of our Lord one thousand Patrice
eight hundred and thirty baptized Patrick, born the ninth Patrice
instant, son of Patrick Byrne and Mary his wife. Byrne
Sponsors Hugh Riley and Maria M. Aher. P. Byrne

Baptisms, 1830, St. Mary (Charlestown),
AmericanAncestors.org

Baptismal Certificates

- Formal document given after a baptism that includes their name, date baptized, and where baptized.
- Sometimes the sponsors/godparents are noted.
- Does NOT usually include any notes left by the clergy
- Immigrants may have brought these over from the "old country" as a birth certificate substitute.
- These certificates may be included with marriage records if priests were verifying baptism status.



Baptismal Certificate, 1920, St. Anne Church,
Seattle, Washington, Ebay.com

DIOCESI DI TREVISO

Parrocchia di Fare Giorgio in Costelucce
Comune di Costelucce (Prov. Treviso)

COPIA INTEGRALE

ESTRATTA DAL REGISTRO DEGLI ATTI DI BATTESIMO

dell'anno 1821

Atto N. 1077 il 30 Giugno 1821

Giuseppe Paolo Neduma
figli o di Severo e di Barbarina Dal Bo

uniti in S. Matrimonio a _____ il _____

nacque il 30 Giugno 1821 a Costelucce alle ore 9 00

e oggi fu battezzato da don Giovanni Pastafa

essendo padrini Paolo Vincenzo Rizzardo
f.to don Giovanni Pastafa

ANNOTAZIONI: Cresimat a _____ il _____

Unit _____ in S. Matrimonio a _____ il _____

con _____

(1) _____

Copia conforme all'atto originale rilasciata per uso (2) _____

Dall'Ufficio Parrocchiale suddetto, il 31 luglio 1825



IL PARROCO (3)

Don Marco Capurin

_____ autografa la presente firma.

_____ vescovile
di TREVISO

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Tassa L. _____

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Baptismal Certificate from Italy, Dated 2015 for 1821
Baptism, Wikimedia Commons

Tip

Review the comments
made by the priest in
the baptism registers

Laffey	25	Ego infrascriptus baptizavi <u>Joseph</u>	31
		nat. <u>hodie</u>	
		ex <u>Bob. Laffey</u>	
		ex loco	
		et <u>Ellen Allen</u>	
		ex loco	
		Patrini fuerunt <u>Edward Leahy</u>	married Aug 191923 to Margaret Loureck at St. Clement's Church St. Somerville, Mass
		<u>Maria Hallon</u>	
		<u>Thomas Power</u>	



Baptism Entry, 1884, St. Stephen (Boston),
AmericanAncestors.org

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Registrum Baptizatorum in Ecclesia *St. Joannis Baptistae*
 in Oppido Quincy *Dioecesis Bostoniensis*

Nomen Familia.	A. D. 1874 Die Mensis.	REGISTRUM BAPTISMORUM.	Observanda.
Miller Quincy	Bap ^t . die 7 ^a Junii 1874	Ego infrascriptus baptizavi <i>Josephum</i> <i>Henricum</i> natum die 18 ^a Septembris 1873 in Oppido Quincy ex <i>S. Miller (Catholico)</i> ex loco Quincy et <i>Maria Anderson (Catholica)</i> ex loco Quincy conjugibus Patrini fuerunt <i>Joannes Connell et</i> <i>Maria Connell</i> <i>Franciscus A. Frignozetti</i>	Iste parvulus adoptatus fuit a <i>Josepho Robert</i> et <i>Maria Conjuge</i> sua a. d. 1873.



Baptism Entry, 1874, St. John the Baptist (Quincy, Massachusetts), AmericanAncestors.org

Reconciliation/Penance

- Received before First Holy Communion
- A list of children may be noted and included in communion records
- Also recorded in sick calls
 - The sick parishioner would confess their sins to the priest who came to their home

Eucharist/Holy Communion

- Usually received at 7 or 8 years old
 - Adults may be included if they converted to Catholicism
 - Prefixes often used with women to denote marital status
- Date and name were recorded
- Separate lists for boys, girls, adult men, and adult women

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1883. Names of Girls who made their First Communion.

1	Burigan, Lizzie			
2	Curran Mary			
3	Cunningham Maggie			
4	Cordon Mary			
5	Curran Oelia			
6	Crowler Alice			
7	Doubau Carrie			
8	Drummond Nellie			
9	Egan Mary			
10	Foley Lizzie			
11	Flavin Annie			

First Communion, Girls, 1883, Gate of Heaven
(South Boston), AmericanAncestors.org

No. of Adults Adults 1st.

Margaret M. Carthy
Catherine Welch
Annie Frey erse
Cora Beckerman
Mrs. Donahue
Mrs. Alice Donahoe
Mr. Martin Wozley
Mrs. Catherine Doley
Mrs. Carrie Webster
" Mary Keady
Miss Katti Turbess
" Kate Grady
Mrs. M. Kamee
Mrs. Bridget Anthony
Total No. Boys & Girls 205.

First Communion, Adult Women, 1887, All
Saints (Roxbury) AmericanAncestors.org

Confirmation

- Usually received between 12 and 16 years old
- Details can include:
 - Date
 - Name (including Confirmation Name)
 - Age
 - Sponsor

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Annus 1897 die 3^{ta} mensis Octobris in Ecclesia S^{tae} Mariae Annuntiationis Melrose Mass^u Joannes Josephus Williams

Nomen Impositum.	Nomen et Cognomen.	Patrius.	Parentes.
1. Josephus	Commis Josephus Michael	Neil Dineen	Josephus & Constantia.
2. Josephus	Joannes Josephus Lyons.	Elizabeth Hoff	Joannes & Catharina.
3. Antonius	Joannes Antonius Gerratt.	"	"
4. Aloysius.	Bernardus Aloysius Conroy.	"	Jacobus & Margarita.
5. Patricius	Joannes Patricius McFah.	"	Patricius & Catharina.
6. Josephus	Mathias Josephus Burns.	"	Michaelis & Catharina.
7. Ambrosius.	Guillelmus Ambrosius Riley	"	Guillelmus & Maria.
8. Franciscus.	Timotheus Franciscus Brown	"	Patricius & Maria.
9. Augustus	Edwardus Augustus Riley.	"	Jacobus & Gratia
10. Edwardus	Colemanus Edwardus Clancy	"	Michaelis & Maria.
11. Josephus	Franciscus Josephus Ebert	"	Franciscus & Maria.
12. Henricus	Henricus Leo Kermic	"	Victor & Anna.
13. Leo	Christopher Leo Kermic	"	"
14. Leo	Thompson Leo Welsh	"	Jacobus & Margarita.
15. Franciscus	Jacobus Franciscus Simlon	"	Patricius & Catharina.
16. Henricus	Guillelmus Henricus Short	"	Joannes & Maria.
17. Henricus	Joannes Henricus Cunningham	"	Guillelmus & Barbara.
18. Michaelis	Jacobus Michaelis Peters.	"	Thomas & Maria.
19. Josephus	Joannes Josephus Blayser	"	Jacobus & Joannes
20. Antonius	Timotheus Antonius Mahony.	"	Michaelis & Maria.
21.	Robertus Lloyel	"	Joannes & Maria.
22. Franciscus	Edwardus Franciscus Casall	"	Jacobus & Maria.
23. Bernardus	Jacobus Bernardus Welsh	"	Jacobus & Margarita.
24. Augustus	Jacobus Augustus Russell	"	Thompson & Isabella

Confirmation Register, 1897, St. Mary of the Annunciation (Melrose),

"Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace"

- Banns were a public notice of an intended marriage. It was a common requirement during the colonial era.
- Typically given over 3 consecutive Sundays in church or in a public place
 - Dispensations may be issued to remove the banns requirement

"Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace" Cont'd

- By the 19th and 20th Century, the practice faded when marriage licenses were used instead.
 - The Catholic church removed the banns requirement in 1983.
- Allows anyone who has an objection to the marriage to state their case
 - One or both parties were too young
 - One or both parties were already married
 - Close cousins

Matrimony

- Weddings would traditionally take place at the bride's parish church
- Details included:
 - Name of couple
 - Date
 - Names of witnesses
 - Priest's name (usually signed on the marriage record)
 - Parents' names
 - Date and place of baptism
 - Dispensation of banns

Pre-Nuptial Investigations

- Some immigrants carried their baptismal certificates with them.
- When there was no baptismal record, priests would often send a letter to the home parish of the person to verify they were baptized Catholic.
- By the early 20th century, many priests would record in the marginal notes for the baptism register the details of the marriage taking place outside of the parish, especially if overseas.

No.	CONTRACTING PARTIES	RESIDENCE	PARENTS	Date of Marriage	WITNESSES	PRIEST	Date and Place of Baptism	Banns Dispensations Remarks
	Antonio J. Silva	44 Charles St	Manuel P. Silva Mary L. Grace	June 25	Francis D. Hayes	Wm B. Fungo	St. Ann's, Cambridge May 16, 1871	
	Catherine Fennan	44 Charles St	Michael Fennan Bridget Delanty	1916	Mary Fennan		Castleton Queens Co Dec. January 27, 1878	
	Denis J. Lincum	Lynn Mass.	Denis J. Lincum Mary Mc Carthy	June 25	Daniel Macloy	Wm. A. Dacey	Parish of Mt. Collins St. Limerick July 1891	
	Gene M. Fitzpatrick	3 Claremont Pl	John Fitzpatrick Mary A. Quinn	1916	Evelyn Fitzpatrick		Cathedral of St. John New Brunswick March 1892	
	Michael D. Moloney	308 Columbia St	Jeremiah Moloney Hannah Mc Carthy	June 25	Charles P. Moloney	Wm. A. Dacey	Parish of Sitting Bone Eng. July 1882	
	Cecilia Tugwell	8 Ferdinand St	Henry F. Tugwell Theresa Hunda	1916	Elizabeth M. Brady		Wickham Eng Dec. 1885	
	Edward Collins	69 E. Brookline	John Collins Mary Bell	June 25	William P. Griffin	Wm. A. Dacey	Cathedral Boston Jan. 24, 1892	Disp. also III
	T. P. ...	20 Troy St	Richard Robinson Mary Delchante	1916	Madeline Corcoran		St. Anthony Padua Brooklyn N.Y. Sept. 4, 1892	Banns ob. Tanta.

Marriage Register, Holy Cross (Boston),
1916, AmericanAncestors.org

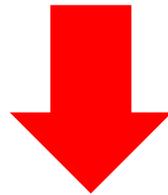


Date of Marriage	WITNESSES	PRIEST	Date and Place of Baptism	Banns Dispensations Remarks
June 25 1916	Francis D. Hayes Mary Krenan	Wm B Finigan	Sacred Heart E Cambridge May 16, 1871 Castletown Queens Co Ire January 27, 1879	
June 25 1916	Daniel Macboy Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Wm. A. Dacey	Parish of Mt. Collins Co. Limerick July 1891 Cathedral of St John New. Bournemouth March 1899	
June 25 1916	Charles P. Mabrey Elizabeth M. Break	Wm. A. Dacey	Parish of Sittingbourne Eng. July 1882 Wiltshire Eng Dec. 1888	

Marriage Register, 1916 Cont'd

Tip

Marriage witnesses
may be close relatives
(siblings, cousins, or in-
laws of the couple)



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Dennis J. Luehau	June M. <u>Fitzpatrick</u>	June 25 1916	Daniel Macloy <u>Evelyn Fitzpatrick</u>	Wm. A. Dacey	Co. Limerick July 1891 Cathedral of St. John New. Bournemouth March 1893	
Michael D. Moloney	Cecelia <u>Tuzwell</u>	June 25 1916	Charles P. <u>Moloney</u> Elizabeth M. Breach	Wm. A. Dacey	Parish of Sittingbourne Eng. July 1882 Wiltshire Eng Dec. 1888	

Marriage Register, 1916 Cont'd

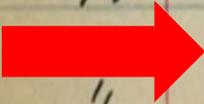
Anointing of the sick

- Last rites administered by priest to sick person (usually on death bed)
- Details included:
 - Date of visit
 - Were last rites administered (Y/N)
 - Location of visit or home address
 - Date of death and cause of death may also be noted

Willow St. Conf.

" Sullivan murria

14 th	Mrs. Holland	14 th Willow St.	Conf. & visit.	"
17.	J. Connors	54 Winter	all except N.	G.
"	Mrs. Sullivan	5 th St.	Conf. (all before)	old, G.
"	Ed. Apter	Spring St.	by Venet.	"
19	Mrs. Sullivan	19, Plymouth St	Conf.	G.
"	Clancy	2 nd St.	Neatman (consumpt.)	G.
"	Mr. Dinan	Spring St.	Conf.	G.
21.	Aunt Beaully	7 th St.	Comm.	Family.



Sick Call Record Example

Holy Orders/Ordinations

- Priests' records located in archdiocese where ordained or the church they served
- For specific orders of priests and nuns, records kept in provincial or national houses of the order
- Class 5 will discuss this in more detail

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1819
P. Byrne
minor. ord.

Ordinationes

Die tertiâ Martii 1819, Patricium Byrne
Clericum Diocesis Ossoriensis ritû dimissum
ad Acolythatum ceterosque minores ordines
ritû Leononicè promovendum Jussu et
promovi:
+ Joannes Episcopus
Bostoniensis.

Ordination Record Example

Where to Find Sacramental Records

Published Records

- American-Canadian Genealogical Society
(<https://acgs.org>)
 - Compiled over 150 volumes of parish vital records (repertoires)
 - Cover New England, Northern and Hudson River Valley New York, Quebec, Maritimes, and Acadian records
 - Index on AmericanAncestors.org

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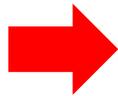
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Local Archdiocese

- Look up the local archdiocese on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops web site
- The sacramental record inventory should be consulted (if available) to see what records survived and if there were any church merges that occurred
- Contact the Archdiocese archives for access to their records – some of the records may still be held at the parish church

Bishops and Dioceses by State

Alabama

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Archdiocese of Mobile

400 Government Street
Mobile, AL 36602
<https://mobarch.org/>

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi

Archbishop of Mobile

Diocese of Birmingham

2121 3rd Avenue North
P.O. Box 12047
Birmingham, AL 35202-2047
<http://www.bhmdiocese.org/>

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Sacramental Record Inventory – Parishes by City, A-G

Key: Parish (Date of Establishment – Date of Closure/Merger) [Ethnic Affiliation]

Record type, date range.

Abington. Saint Bridget (1863)

Baptisms, 1864-1900.

Marriages, 1864-1908.

Confirmations, 1857-1920.

Also includes Confirmation records of Saint Peter (Plymouth), 1874.

Amesbury. Sacred Heart (1903-1998) [French]

Baptisms, 1903-1927.

Amesbury. Saint Joseph (1866-1998)

Baptisms, 1867-1947.

Confirmations, 1867-1951.

Andover. Saint Augustine (1866)

Baptisms, 1862-1950.

First Communion, 1895-1956.

Marriages, 1862-1950.

Confirmations, 1863-1933.

Sick Calls, 1936.

Andover. Saint Augustine - Saint Joseph Mission, Ballardvale (1866)

Baptisms, 1866-1895.

Includes some baptisms for Saint Thomas, Wilmington.

Arlington. Saint Agnes (1872)

Prior to 1900 Saint Agnes was known as Saint Malachi.

Baptisms, 1873-1912

Marriages, 1873-1921

Genealogy Web Sites

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- [FindMyPast](https://www.findmypast.com)
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Washington, U.S., Catholic Diocese of Spokane, 1850-1971	Birth, Marriage & Death	191,029
Illinois, U.S., Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Sacramental Records, 1800-1976	Birth, Marriage & Death	865,988
Western Ukraine, Ukraine, Catholic Church Book Duplicates, 1600-1937 (in Ukrainian)	Birth, Marriage & Death	942,391
Texas, U.S., Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio Sacramental Records, 1700-1996	Birth, Marriage & Death	1,420,314
Styria, Austria, Catholic Church Registers, 1614-1938 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	27,560,671
Carinthia, Austria, Catholic Church Registers, 1614-1940 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	11,153,839

Utah, U.S., Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City Sacramental Records, 1860-1998
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Updated 11/15/2023
This collection contains images of records of baptisms, marriages, and burials created by the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah, between 1860 and 2004.

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Chicago Roman Catholic Cemetery Records, 1864-1989	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Burials	1,920,895
Chicago Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Baptisms	1,564,481
New York Roman Catholic Parish Marriages	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	1,173,953
Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Baptisms	1,071,230
Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Baptisms	550,690
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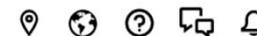
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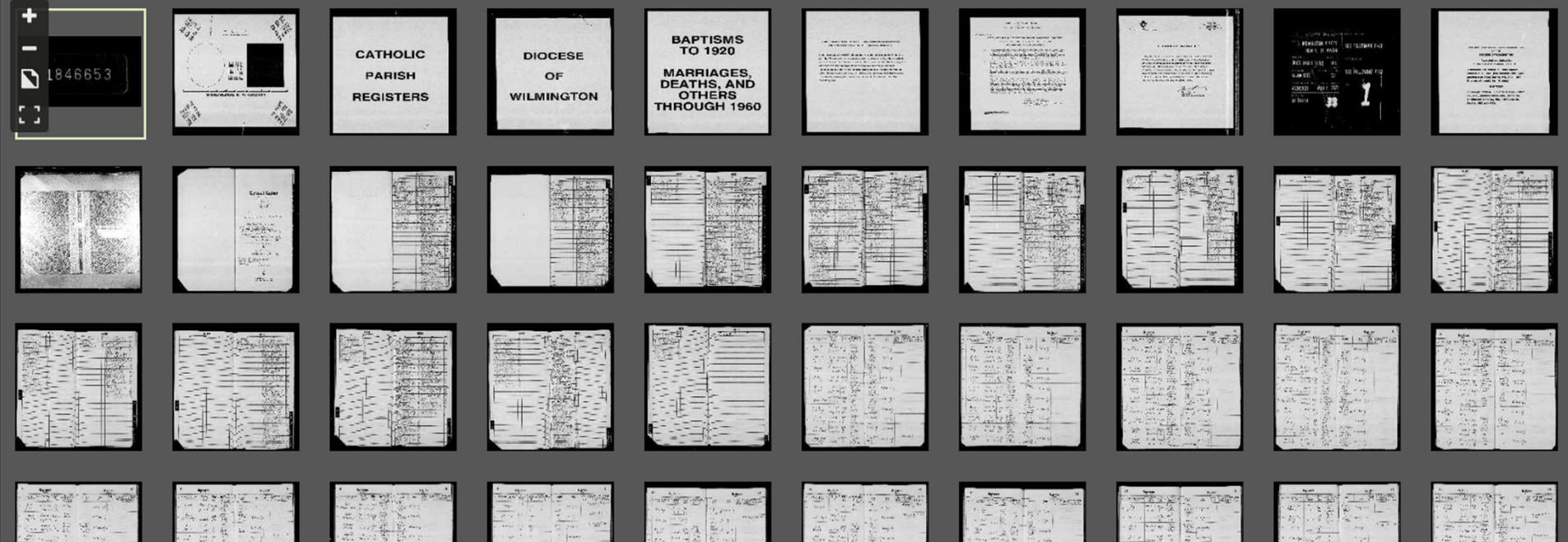
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Case Study: Catherine Doherty

Background

- Catherine Doherty
 - b. 23 Oct. 1863 Prince Edward Island to parents Michael Doherty and Bridget Mullen
 - m. Peter Chaisson (informant on death record)
 - d. 16 Apr. 1907 Quincy, Massachusetts
 - bur. Mount Benedict Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts

Goals

- Locate the marriage record between Catherine Doherty and Peter Chaisson
- Identify any relatives of Catherine Doherty who may have emigrated to the United States from Prince Edward Island

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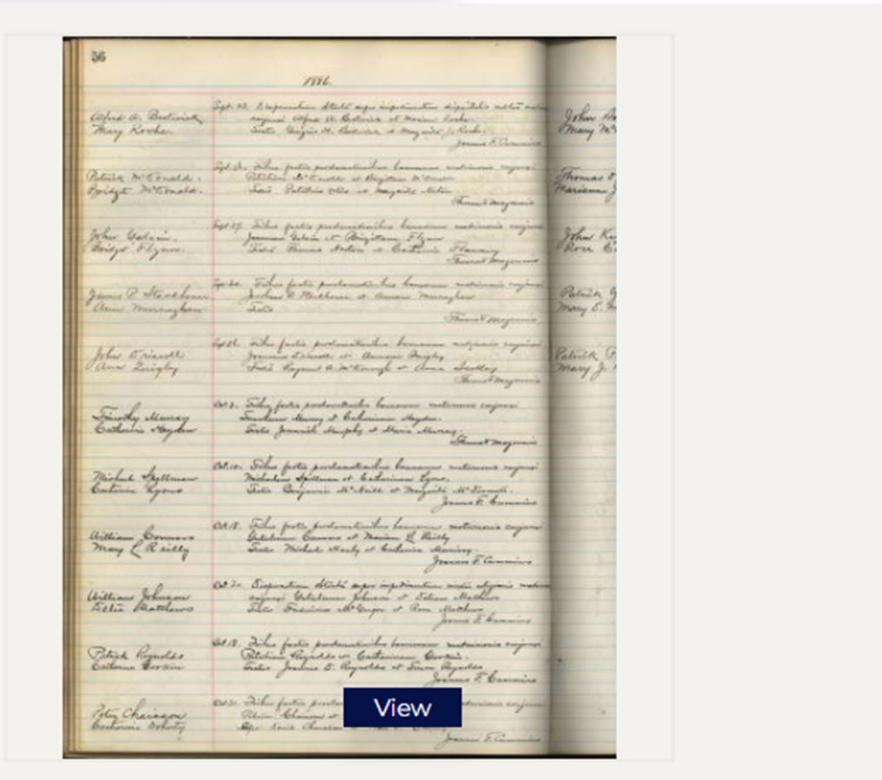
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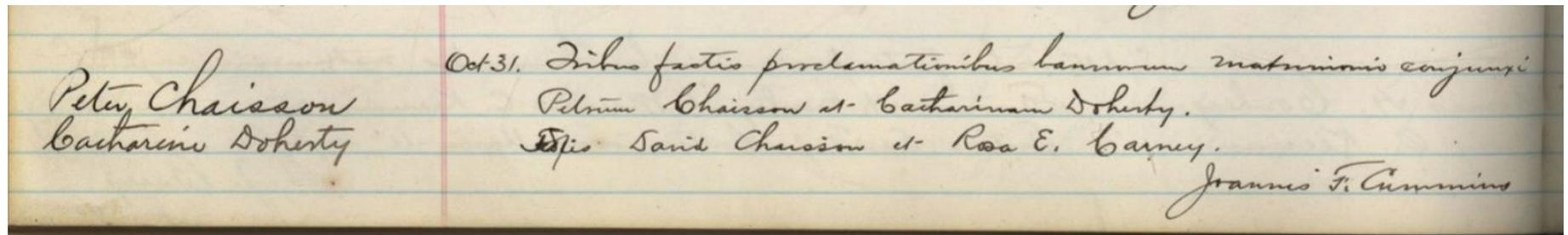
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Marriage 10/31/1886
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Spouse Catharinam, Catharine Doherty
Witness1 David Chaisson
Witness2 Rosa E. Carney
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Catharina Doherty

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Petrum Chaisson et Catharinam Doherty.
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Johannes F. Cummins

Marriage Record, 1886, St. Thomas Aquinas
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Name Mariam Margaritam, Mary M.,
Mary Margaret CHAISSON

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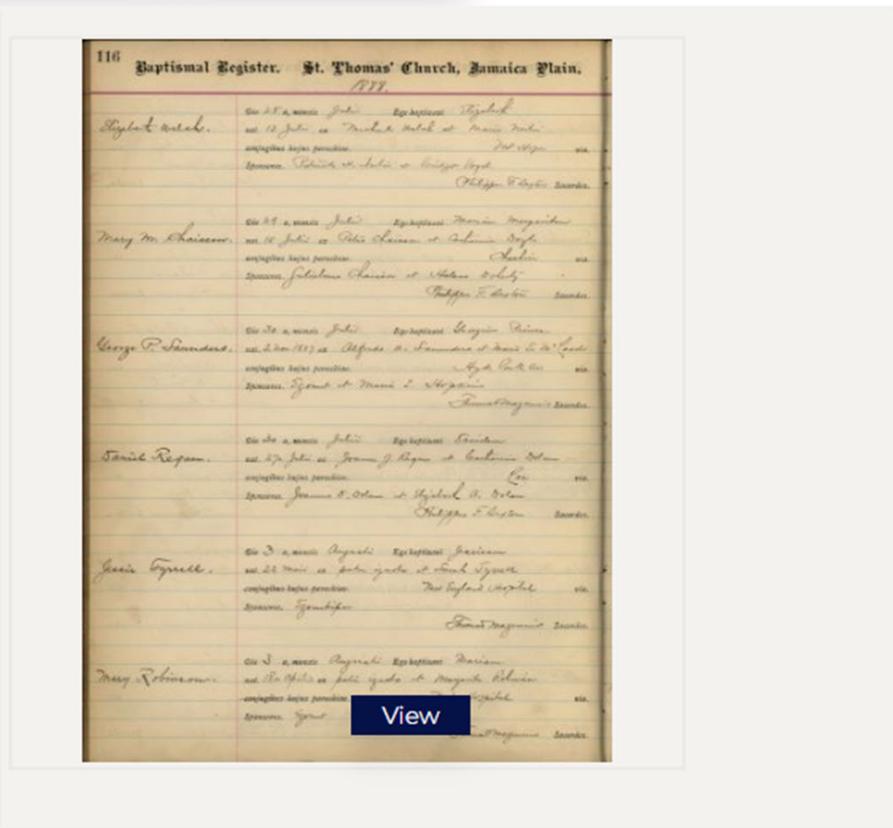
Mother Catharina, Catherine Doyle

Witness1 Gulielmus, William Chaisson

Witness2 Helena, Helen Doherty

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Mary M. Chaisson. Die 29 a, mensis Julii Ego baptizavi Mariam Margaritam
nat. 15 Julii ex Petro Chaisson et Catharina Doyle
conjugibus hujus parochiae. Chesire via.
Sponsores. Julielmus Chaisson et Helena Doherty
Philippus J. Sexton Sacerdos.

Baptism of Mary M. Chaisson, 1888, St. Thomas Aquinas (Jamaica Plain), AmericanAncestors.org

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43	August 7,	"	Joseph Chaisson Ellen Doherty	Boston	21 22	carpenter waitress	Pr. Edw. Isid	Maxim " Mary Michael " Bridget	First	"	H. P. Smyth Boston
44	August 8,	"	Louis Halsband Rebecca Deutch	Boston	24 24	shoemaker Tailoress	Russia	Simon " Sarah Simon " Anna	"	"	S. Goldstein Boston
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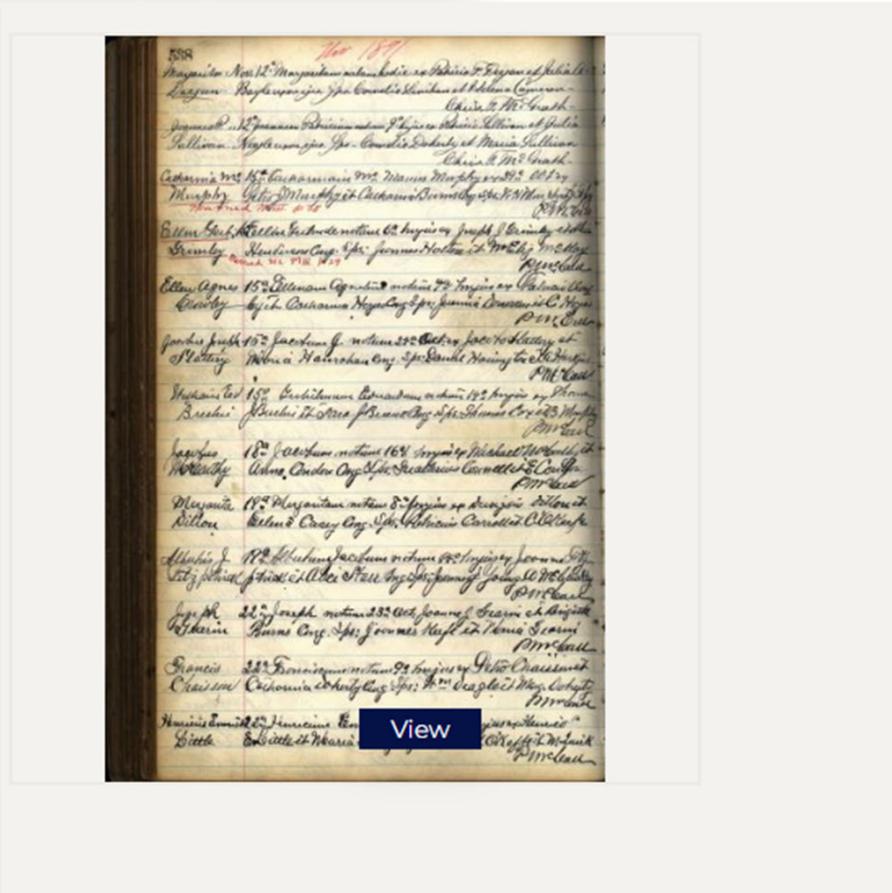
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Father	Petro, Peter Chaisson
Mother	Catharina, Catherine Doherty
Witness1	Wm, William Deagle
Witness2	 Marg., Margaret Doherty
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Francis Chaisson Catholicus Sponsus: Petrus Chaisson et Maria Chaisson

Baptism Record, Francis Chaisson, 1891, St. Joseph (Somerville), AmericanAncestors.org

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43	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Riley A. Lee col. Lucinda Spivey col.	Boston do	26 25	Waiter cook	James City, Md. do	Mr. Philip J. + Edith Robert + Amelia	First do	J. Allen Kirk clergyman Boston
44	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Knut J. Luttröpp Svea C. Nordgren	Boston do	29 17	Dentist -	Sweden do	Edward + Pauline Carl A. + Ida	First do	A. W. Sundetöf clergyman Boston
45	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Francis C. Layter Rosa Cousins	Cambridge Everett.	32 27	clerk at home	Halifax, N.S. Boston	John T. + Mary Leonard + Sarah	First do	W. H. Longridge Minister of the Gospel Boston
46	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	George J. Duarte Ernestina C. Mathews	Boston do	23 26	Propertyman Hairdresser	Boston Winthrop	Manuel + Rita E. David P. + Adeline J.	First do	J. J. McHone clergyman Boston
47	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	John M.rough Margaret Doherty	Boston do	24 24	Boilermaker Domestic	Boston Dr. Edw. Told	Patrick + Annie Michael + Bridget	First do	Louis A. Ginsburg Justice of the Peace Boston

Marriage Register, Boston, 1896,
AmericanAncestors.org

15	Sept. 16	John M. Haugh Margaret Doherty	Boston do	24 24	Boilermaker Boston Domestic Pr. Edw. Isid	Patrick + Annie Michael + Bridget	First do	Louis A. Ginsburg Justice of the Peace Boston
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Marriage Record of Margaret Doherty and John M. Haugh, 1896, Boston, Massachusetts, AmericanAncestors.org

Summary of Findings

- Catherine's sister Margaret emigrated and married in Boston. Her marriage record confirms her parents' names.
- Catherine's sister Ellen also emigrated. She married Peter Chaisson's brother Joseph. Her marriage record confirms her parents' names.

Conclusion

- We can conclude from the marriage register of Catherine "Kate" Doherty and Peter Chaisson that her parents' names were incorrectly recorded.
- We found evidence of two sisters who emigrated who had the correct parents' names listed on their civil marriage records.

Review

1. Researching the sponsors/godparents, and witnesses can lead you to relatives of your ancestor.
2. Search for all of the relevant sacramental records of your ancestors, including their siblings.
3. Many sacramental records are not digitized and may be held locally.



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