

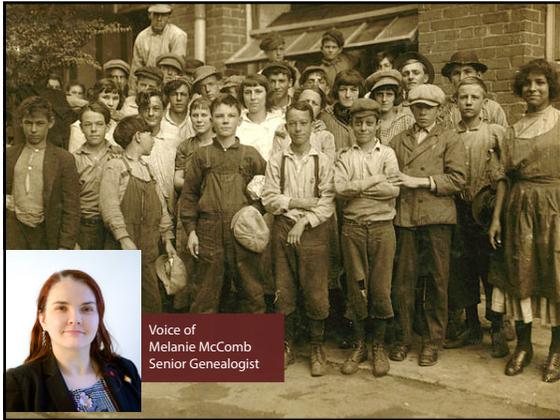
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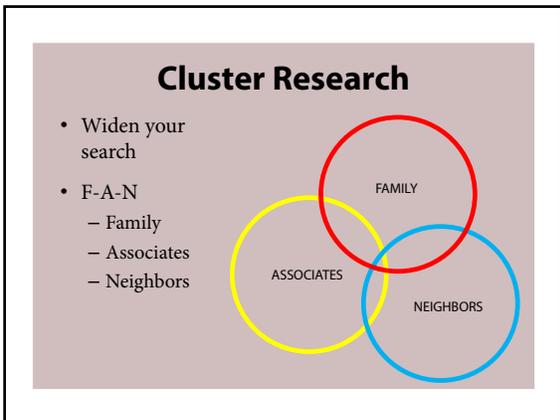
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Family

- Share the same surname
- Consider others:
 - Maiden name of spouse
 - In-laws
 - Cousins (1st and others)
 - Grandparents
 - Great-Grandparents
 - Step-Parents/Siblings

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Reasons to Research Family

- Determine Parentage
- Maiden names
- Discover origin of immigrant ancestors
- Locate information about a parent's birthplace

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Associates

- Associated Persons
 - Politics
 - Occupation
 - Education
 - Religion
- Associated Places
 - Place of Birth
 - Death Details

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Reasons to Research Associates

- Tracing migrations
- Discovering more about military service
- Study of a particular place or event – associated places can be important
- Maternal lines
- Develop a more holistic view of an ancestor

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Neighbors

- Household neighbors on the census
- Individuals buried in the same or surrounding cemetery plots
- Pew assignments
- Look at land records
- Consider town and county records or minutes

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Reasons to Research Neighbors

- Provide clues about migration patterns and earlier origins
- Inform us of our ancestor's immigrant origins
- Supply missing information about our ancestors
- Help us trace women and may reveal maiden names

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Key Resources for Cluster Research

- Cemeteries/Headstones
- Census Records
- Church Records
- City Directories
- County and Local Histories
- Genealogies
- Land and Mortgage Records
- Newspaper Articles/Obituaries
- Pension Records
- Probate Records
- Tax Lists

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Witnesses and Sponsors

Look for members of your ancestor's F.A.N.

- Witnessing a legal document (ex. land deed, will)
- Witness to a wedding
- Godparents at a baptism
- Providing an affidavit for a military file or homesteading claim
- Providing sworn testimony in court (ex. naturalization petition)

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Passport Application – Thomas James Corcoran - 1920

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FAN Club Spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Last Name	First Name	Event	Event Date	Event Relationship	Possible Relationship
2	Smith	John	Land Deed	20 Jan 1845	Witness	Brother of Christopher Smith
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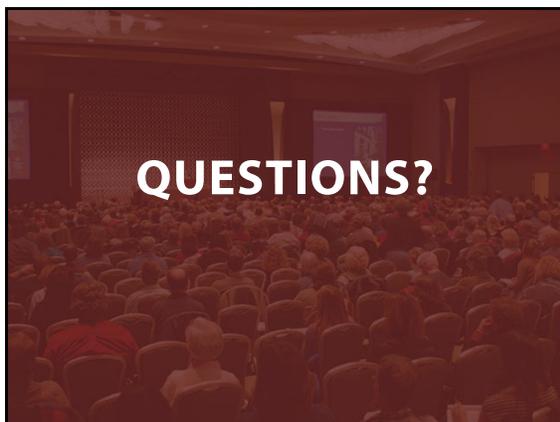
Watch this webinar

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Setting Yourself Up for Success: Organizational Tools and Tips to Break Down Brick Walls

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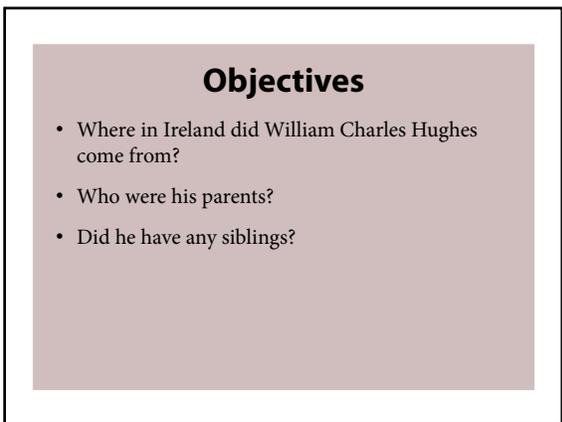
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William Charles Hughes

- b. circa 1880 in Ireland
- Immigrated to United States between 1882 and 1887
- Married Margaret Josephine Duncan in Dickinson County, Kansas
- Occupation: Farmer
- Religion: Likely Roman Catholic
- Died 15 Aug 1958 in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas

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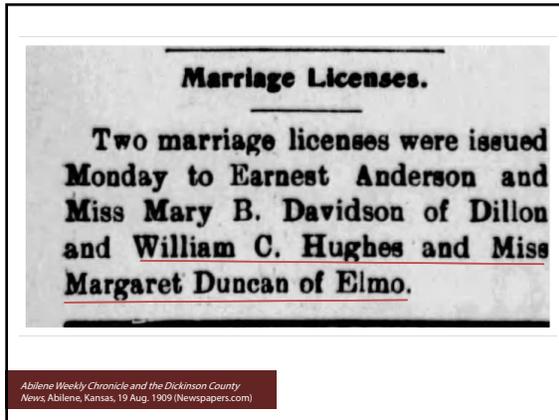
William and Margaret's Children

- 8 children:
 - Mary Alice - b. 1910
 - Anna Catherine - b. 1912
 - Frances Margaret - b. 1914
 - Evelyn C - b. 1916
 - Irene - b. 1918
 - Geraldine F - b. 1920
 - Lucille Wilma - b. 1923
 - Josephine Eleanor - b. 1925

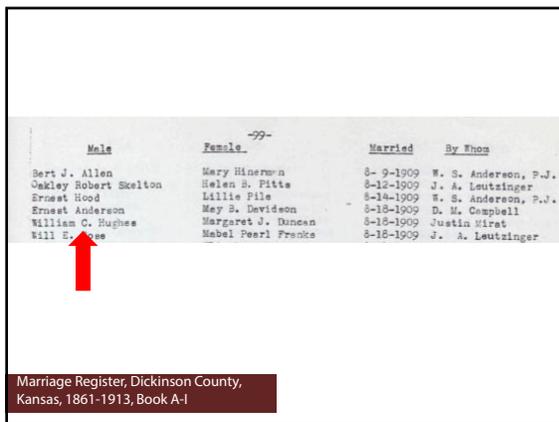
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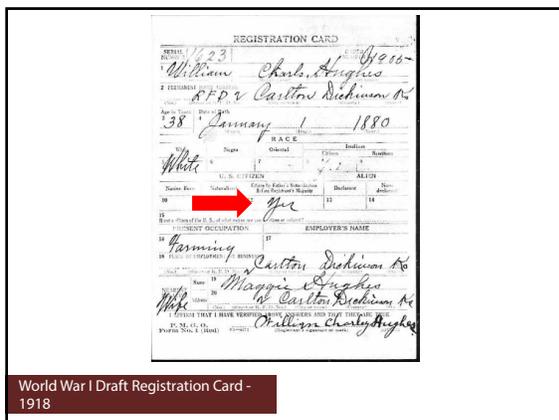
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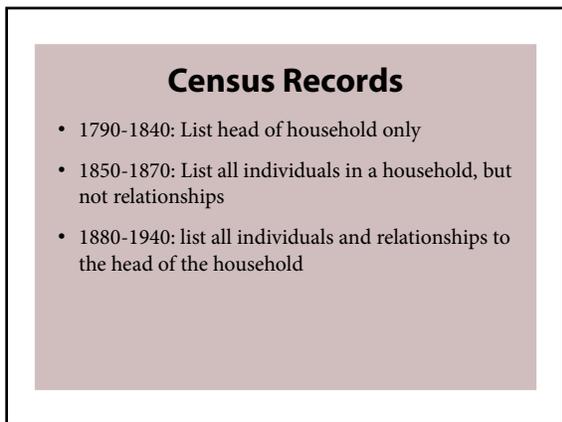
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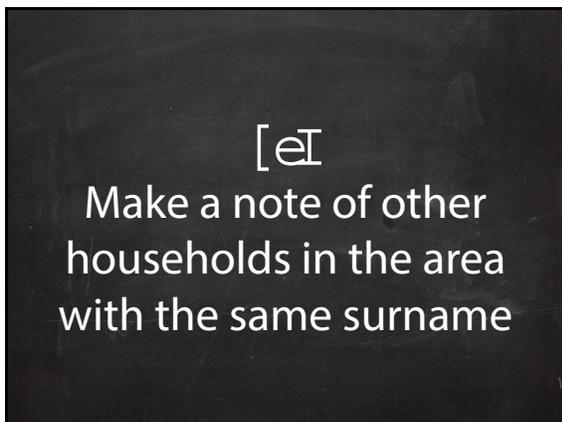
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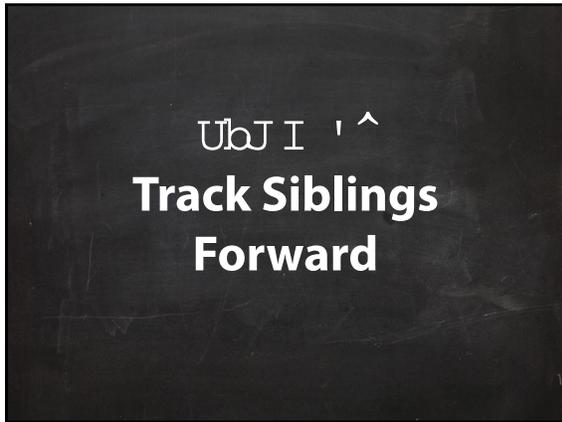
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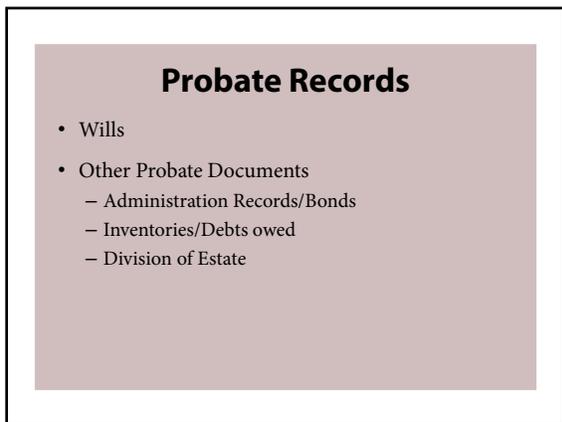
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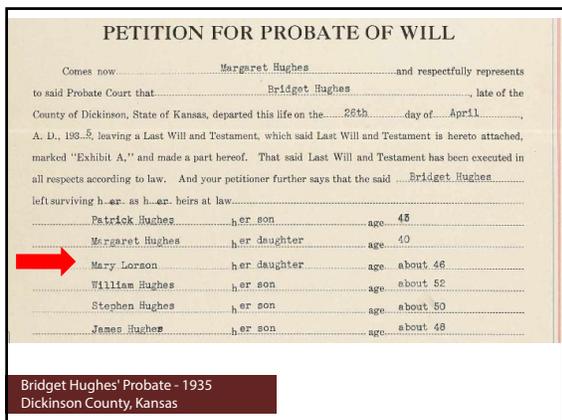
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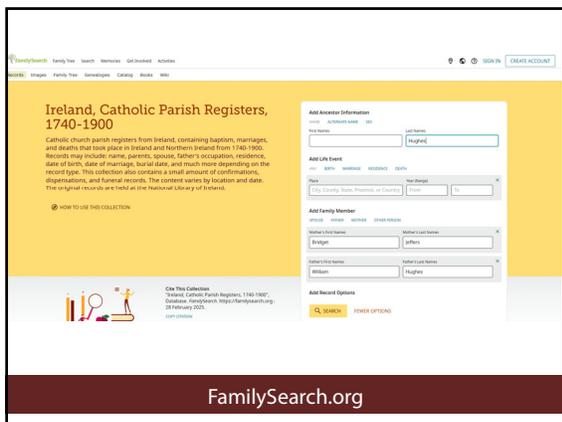
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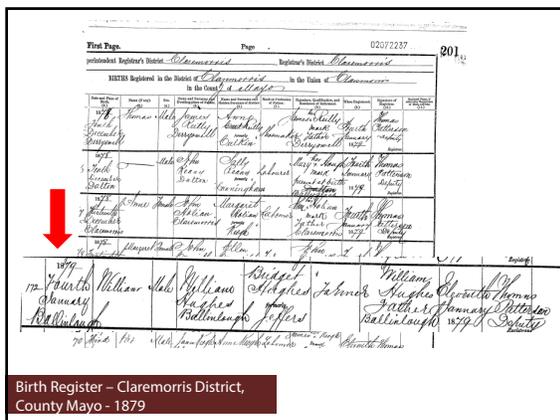
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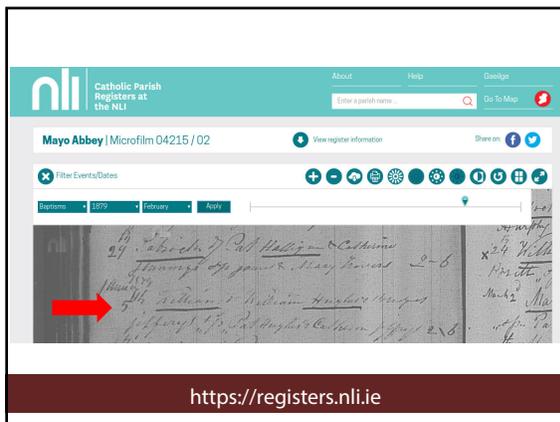


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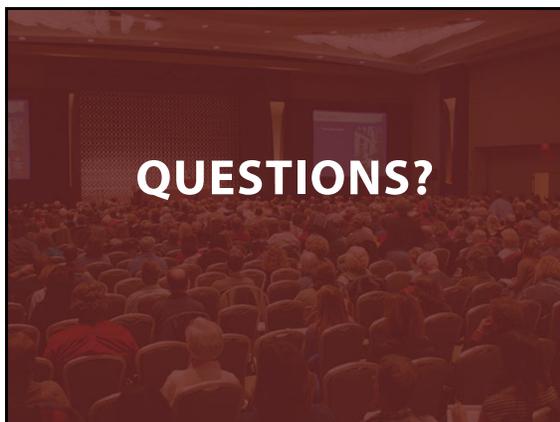




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Identifying Candidate by Surname

- When the paper trail goes cold, identify candidates with same surname living within the same county of your ancestor
- Identify the candidate's family members
- Track their children forward
 - Look for those that emigrated. Where did they end up?
 - Look for marriages on sites like irishgenealogy.ie and rootsireland.ie

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Catherine Clerkin

- Married in Monaghan, Ireland to Francis Dougherty
- 10 children:
 - Owen - b. 1829 Monaghan, Ireland
 - Peter - b. 1832 Monaghan, Ireland
 - Patrick - b. 1833 Monaghan, Ireland
 - Bernard - b. 1836 Monaghan, Ireland
 - Michael - b. 1840 Prince Edward Island, Canada
 - Margaret - b. 1841 Prince Edward Island, Canada
 - Mary - b. 1844 Prince Edward Island, Canada
 - Bridget - b. 1847 Prince Edward Island, Canada (probably died young)
 - Catherine - b. 1849 Prince Edward Island, Canada
 - Bridget - b. 1853 Prince Edward Island, Canada

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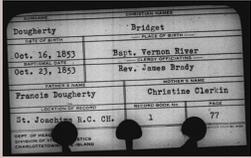
Objectives

- Who are the parents of Catherine Clerkin?
- Did Catherine have any siblings?
- Did her siblings leave any descendants that still live in Ireland?

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Research Summary

- No death record, obituary or gravestone found
- Doesn't appear in any of the Canadian censuses
- Husband Francis was a widow in 1881 Canada census
- Last record she appeared on was baptism record index card for youngest daughter Bridget Dougherty in 1853 (listed as "Christine" Clerkin)



Dougherty		Bridget	
DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF BIRTH	
Oct. 16, 1853		Sept. Vernon River	
Oct. 23, 1853		Rev. James Brady	
FATHER'S NAME		MOTHER'S NAME	
Francis Dougherty		Christine Clerkin	
LOCATION OF BIRTH		AGE	
St. Joseph's R.C. Ch.	1		77

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Use wildcards in your searches

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Marriage Records for Ireland

77 matches for the search criteria: Clerkin (plus variants) 1818-1838

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Date of Marriage: 14-Feb-1828

Parish / District: Tydavnet County: Co. Monaghan

Husband	Wife
Name: Francis Dougherty	Name: Catherine Clerkin
Address: Tydavnet Parish	Address: Tydavnet Parish
Denomination:	Denomination:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Age:	Age:
Status:	Status:
Husband's Father	Wife's Father
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Denomination:	Denomination:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Husband's Mother	Wife's Mother
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Denomination:	Denomination:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Witness 1	Witness 2
Name: Michael Dougherty	Name: Patrick Kennan
Address:	Address:

Notes:
Priests Name: Rev. Arnold Nelson PP
Witness: Thomas Street
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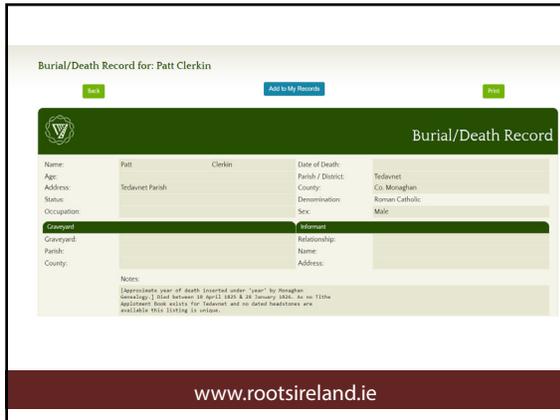
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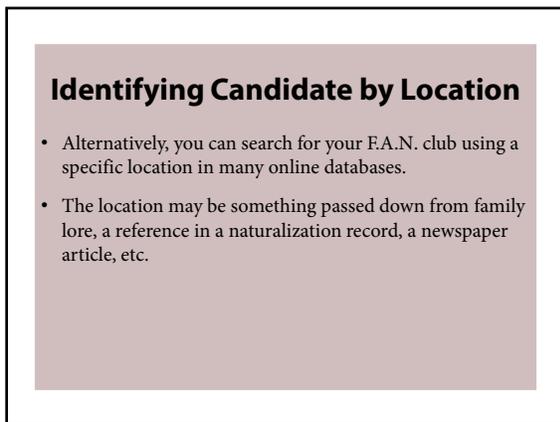
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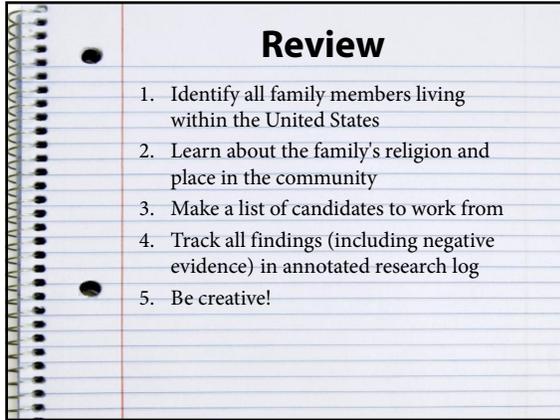
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