



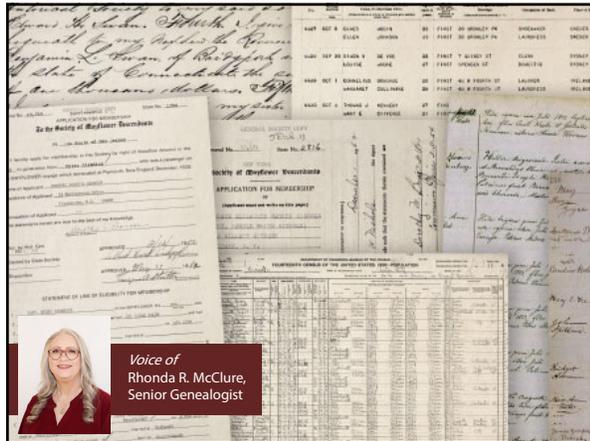
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What is FAN Research?

- A research technique used to learn more about an ancestor by examining records left by the ancestor's community
 - Family and Friends
 - Associates
 - Neighbors

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What is Cluster Research?

- A research technique used to identify potential persons of interest when seeking family, often parents, of an ancestor
- Relies on:
 - Surname
 - Locality
- May also use age of ancestor when seeking persons of interest

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FAN vs Cluster

- Often used interchangeably
- Cluster research more appropriate when needing to cast a wider net
- FAN research more appropriate when digging deeper into an individual
- May offer different focuses to the same research problem

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FAN Research Plan

- A strategy that focuses on researching your ancestors FAN club
- Includes all the principles of research planning and applies them to the FAN concept
- May require separate plans for each of
 - Family
 - Associates
 - Neighbors

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Cluster Research Plan

- Focuses on researching individuals within a selected area
- Includes the principles of research planning, but applies them to the cluster rather than an individual

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Cluster/FAN Research Useful For . . .

- Time periods when records were scarce
- Finding the origin of an immigrant ancestors
- Separating the identities of people with the same name
- Finding a maiden name
- Burned county research

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Research Planning

- Research Plan: A roadmap for research

Game Plan

- Strategies
- Sources

Summary of Known Facts

Research Question and Objectives

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FAN Club Search

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The Case of the Crotty Family of Eastchester, New York

- James Crotty arrived 31 May 1849 on the Ship Fidelia into New York City with his wife Eliza
- James spent a year in NYC and then moved to work at Tuckahoe Marble Quarry in Eastchester
- James and Elizabeth had six children:
 - Marcella (b. 1850)
 - John (b. 1851)
 - James (b. 1854)
 - Mary (b. 1858)
 - Jane (b. 1864)
 - Thomas (b. 1866)

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Question:
Where was James from in Ireland?

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Who Are Family?

- Immediate family: Spouse (s), children, parents, siblings (*FAN research*)
- Extended family: Grandparents, grandchildren, in-laws, aunts, uncles, step-parents, etc. (*FAN research*)
- Others of the same surname who live in the same communities or a nearby community (*Cluster research*)

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Where to Find Family?

- Census
- Probate
- Land
- Vital Records
- Church records
- Cemeteries
- County histories
- City directories
- Naturalization records
- Newspapers
- Town records

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Who Are the Associates?

- Witnesses or informants (marriages, death certificates, deeds)
- Executors and others listed in probate records,
- Signers of affidavits
- Business associates
- Members of the same church

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Where to Find Associates?

- Birth, marriage and death records - witnesses
- Land records – the witnesses
- Probate records – the executor, the people to whom the deceased owed money
- Military pensions – those who swore affidavits
- Census – people of the same occupation in the same community
- Business records – patrons at a store or a blacksmith's shop
- Church records – who else attended the same church?
- County and Local Histories – who else is in the same town at the same time?

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Who are Neighbors?

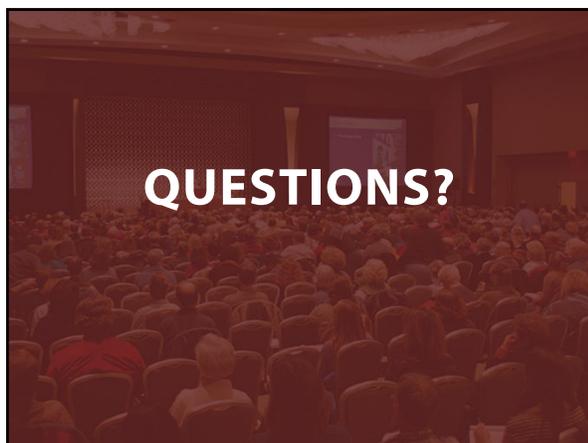
- Household neighbors
- Individuals buried in the same or surrounding cemetery plots
- Pew assignments
- Adjoining land holders
- People who traveled on the same ship

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Where to Find Neighbors?

- Census
- City Directories
- Land records
- Tax lists
- County histories
- Passenger lists

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QUESTIONS?

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Create FAN Lists

- Review all documents of your ancestor
- Make lists of
 - **Family Members** and where you found the information
 - **Associates** and where you found them
 - **Neighbors** and how you found them
- Then create research logs sheets for them

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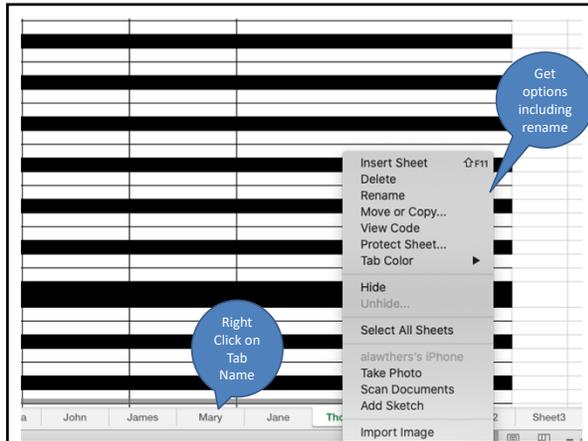
Use different tabs for different people/families

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Research Subject			
Name	Birth date and place	Spouse, marriage, and place	Death date and place
James Crotty	btw. 1824-1828 Ireland	Elizabeth MNU	6 Sept. 1915 New York
Names and birthdates of children: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marcella/Ellen, b. 1850 2. John, b. 1851 3. James, b. 1854 4. Mary, b. 1858 5. Jane, b. 1864 6. Thomas, b. 1866 			
What is the working hypothesis? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Crotty was Catholic. 2. James' probable mother – Ellen Crotty, when did she come to live with him? 3. Could James Crotty have siblings who came to the United States and, if so, did any end up in Eastchester, NY.? 4. Did the other two stone workers on the <i>Fidelio</i> come from the same place as James? 5. Did James learn of stone cutting opportunities in New York state while he was still in Ireland? 			

Family

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Questions/Theories About James Family

- Does James have siblings?
- If he has siblings, did any other come over?
- If yes, did any end up in Eastchester?
- How are we going to find possible siblings?
 - Census
 - Obituary
 - Probate

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Names of Associates:

1. Michael Falon, stone mason (see passenger list below)
2. Patrick Marral, stone mason (see passenger list below)
3. John Kavanaugh, stone cutter (see 1850 census listed below)
4. John Keefe, stone cutter (see 1850 census listed below)
5. Michael Keefe, stone cutter (see 1850 census listed below)
6. James Riley, witness (see naturalization record below)
7. John Crevey, witness (see naturalization record below)

Associates

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Names of Neighbors:

1. Mary Keefe, b. Ireland (see 1850 census below)
2. John Keefe, b. Ireland (see 1850 census below)
3. Michael Keefe, b. Ireland (see 1850 census below)
4. Elizabeth Keefe, b. Ireland (see 1850 census below)
5. Ann Kavanagh, b. Ireland (see 1850 census below)

A photograph of the census entries.

- Eight other families in James Crotty's building in 1850 were from Ireland
- Two of those families were stone cutters (and listed in associates):
 - Keefe
 - Kavanagh
- Over 1,000 residents of Eastchester enumerated in the 1860 census were born in Ireland

Neighbors

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1439	John	Leunholz	42	Pr	Prussia	Germany
	M ^{rs}	Mary	38	Pr		
	John		35	Pr		
1440	M ^{rs}	Mary Keefe	40	Pr		Ireland
	John		38	Pr	Stone Cutter	
	Michael		36	Pr		
	Elizabeth		33	Pr		
1441	James	Crotty	34	Pr	Stone Cutter	
	M ^{rs}	Elyse	32	Pr		
	Ellen		25	Pr		
1442	John	Peter	36	Pr	Chair Maker	Germany
	M ^{rs}	Mary	38	Pr		

1850 U.S. Federal Census

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Questions/Theories About James' Neighbors

- Did James know any of the people in his 1850 building from Ireland?
- Too many people in 1860 to use Eastchester for FAN (*Cluster search, maybe*)
- Could potentially use 1860 near neighbors (same street) (*Cluster search*)

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Have We Considered...?

- Persons living at the same address ✓
- Persons born in the same place, now living together in another place ✓
- Persons with the same occupation ✓
- Neighbors listed on tax records or deeds
- Witnesses to estates, deeds, marriage bonds, or naturalizations

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James' FAN Club

FAMILY			ASSOCIATES		
Name	Relation	Source	Name	Link	Source
Elizabeth MNU	Wife	1880 census Passenger list	Michael Falon	Stone Mason	Passenger List
Marcella	Daughter	1870/80 census 1860/1870 census			
John	Son	1870/80 census	Patrick Marral	Stone Mason	Passenger List
James	Son	1870/80 census	John		
Mary	Daughter	1870/80 census	Kavanaugh	Stone Cutter	1850 Census
Jane	Daughter	1870/80 census	NEIGHBORS		
Thomas	Son	1870/80 census	Name	Link	Source
Ellen	James' Mother?	1860 census	Mary Kiefe	Born Ireland	1850 Census
			John Kiefe	Born Ireland	1850 Census
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Neighbors			
James FAN Club			

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Research Sources & Strategies

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1850 Westchester Co., N.Y.

Only Crotty (or variant spelling in Westchester County in 1850)

SCHEDULE I - Free Inhabitants in the Town of North Salem in the County of Westchester, State of New York, enumerated by me, on the 19th day of October, 1850. A. H. Knapp, Ass't Marshal											
No.	Name	Sex	Color	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Persons over 15 years of age	Place or Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict		Total	Male	Female
							Deaf and dumb	Blind			
1	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
2	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
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4	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
5	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
6	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
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9	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
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11	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					
12	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.					

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1860 Westchester Co., N.Y.

Only Crotty other Crotty in Westchester County in 1870

No.	Name	Sex	Color	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place or Birth	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict
10	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.	
11	John H. H. H.	M	W	20	Farmer	N. Y.	
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Irish in Eastchester

- Abstracted pages 104-114 (James found on p. 109)
- Total adult males born in Ireland: 82 (including James)
- Total adult male stone cutters: 50 (including James)
- Before & after James:
 - Before: 40 b. in Ireland, 28 stone cutters
 - After: 41 b. in Ireland, 21 stone cutters

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Analyze What You Found/Rating System

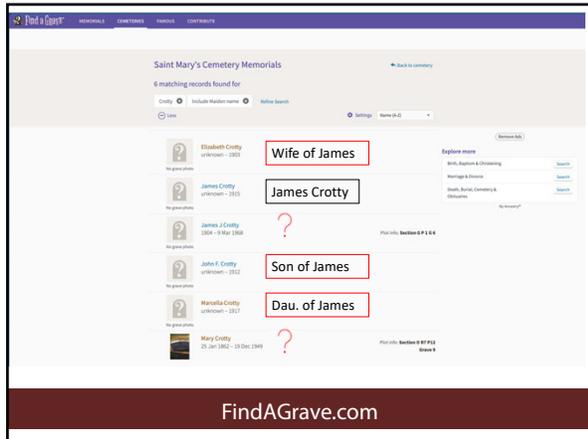
- Original > Copy
- Individual reporting > Someone else reporting
- Record close to the event > Record far removed from date of the event
- Educated clerk > Uneducated clerk
- Reliable source > uncited source

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Burials of Crotty's

- Saint Mary's Cemetery: 6 (four are James, his wife, and 2 children)
- Yonkers: 12 (6 additional outside of St. Mary's; none appear directly connected to James)
- Westchester: 42 (30 additional beyond outside of Yonkers)
 - Need to prioritize Catholic cemeteries
 - Should investigate

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Ireland and the Industrial Revolution

The impact of the industrial revolution on Irish industry, 1801–1922

Andy Bielenberg

Routledge Explorations in Economic History

granite. Dublin builders used the granites of Wicklow most extensively, notably those from Ballynecan Quarry (established in 1824) and the various quarries around Glencullen, Kilgobbin and the Three Rock region.⁹⁹ The dramatic expansion of Dublin in the latter part of the eighteenth century opened up opportunities for those engaged in stone cutting, which engaged about 1,000 operatives, including 41 master contractors, 330 craftsmen and a large group of labourers and polishers. However, the number of master stone cutters was down to 15 by the 1830s, reflecting the stagnation of the building trade in Dublin at the point.¹⁰⁰

Until the 1880s, Belfast builders could resort to the sandstone of Scrabo, which had been established by the builder Robert Corry in 1826. The quarry subsequently supplied builders all over Ulster and was used in a number of prominent buildings in Belfast, including Queen's University, where it was used for rubble work and foundations.¹⁰¹ Of greater significance were the blackstone quarries of north Belfast and the bluestone quarries of Ballygowan and Dundonald, which were used for civil engineering, road building and the production of concrete.¹⁰² Builders in Ulster could also utilise the large granite quarries near Bushbrook, which were more suited for construction than the Mourne granite, which was made into paving blocks and exported to British cities. However, brick ultimately featured more prominently in the expanding streetscape of Belfast in the nineteenth century than in other Irish cities and towns.¹⁰³

Stone Cutting in Ireland

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Reviewing the Steps

1. Organize your previous research into an annotated research log
2. Look for missing information and identify your goal
3. Who's your F.A.N club? OR Is a cluster search better?
4. List the records that will aid in your research and create a Game Plan
5. Research!
6. Analyze and make your conclusions

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QUESTIONS?

Schedule a consultation
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Hire Research Services
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Consultations

Book a one-on-one consultation with a genealogist and receive help with your family history research!

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SCAN ME

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