

## 2011-2020 Joseph Christopher Hart Correspondence with Bill Bowe:

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**From:** wbowel@gmail.com <wbowel@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:20 PM

**To:** 'Joe Hart' <jhartkodiak@icloud.com>

**Subject:** RE: Curraghadooley

Joe—

Thanks for your considered thinking on whether my mother Mary Gwinn Bowe was correct in writing in her 1970 work *The Families* that Anthony Canavan was born in Crossboyne parish in Curraghadooley, near Claremorris in County Mayo, Ireland. You point to your research that shows his birthplace was perhaps more likely to have been in Mayo Abbey, in Mayo parish in County Mayo. You cite these facts in particular:

1. The three oldest sons of Anthony Canavan were all baptized in Mayo parish.
2. His sister Ellen Canavan married Michael McNulty who had a farm "just around the corner" from Mayo Abbey.
3. His other sister Anne married Darby McGrath and they had family and other documented roots in parishes that are closer to Mayo parish than to Crossboyne parish.

My mother's sources were pre-internet and limited to what she must have heard from her mother-in-law, Ellen Canavan Bowe, a daughter of Anthony Canavan and Ann Hughes. Ellen's sons were Augustine Joseph Bowe and my father William John Bowe, Sr. and Ellen lived in the same building with both of their families from 1926 until her death in 1943. So in this close knit family, my mother must have come to cite Curraghadooley based on what she heard directly from Anthony Canavan's daughter Ellen and Ellen's sons over those years.

Much as I would like generally prefer to side with my mother on this as on all things Canavan, in later years it appears she missed in her Canavan research Augusta and Edward as siblings of her mother-in-law Ellen Canavan. She also had Anthony Canavan's birth year as 1819, not the year 1822 cited in his 1890 Kankakee County obituary. So she could be wrong about Crossboyne parish too.

Weighing the evidence, I'll leave it Crossboyne parish in my family tree for now, but publish our exchange on the family website I'm working on in hopes it may lead to a more definitive answer in the future (fat chance).

All the best,

Bill

**From:** Joe Hart <[jhartkodiak@icloud.com](mailto:jhartkodiak@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** BOWE William John <[wbowel@gmail.com](mailto:wbowel@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Curraghdooley

Hi Bill,

After writing earlier today about Anthony CANAVAN, I thought of another comment(s) that I would like to add.

Anthony's birthplace is given as Curraghdooley in family history, but I have not seen any documentation to that effect. So, I have resisted listing Curraghdooley in my family tree information as Anthony's birthplace. If you mother had a source for that information, I would be interested to know what that source is.

When I visited Curraghdooley many years ago, I found lots of HUGHESes living there, but no CANAVANs.

The information that I have collected over the intervening years suggests that Anthony CANAVAN (Sr/Sr) was not a farmer. Therefore, the family may not have been tied to a farm.

This information is all very speculative, but let me give you a sense of it.

Anthony CANAVAN and Anne HUGHES's oldest three sons were baptized at Mayo Abbey in Mayo parish. Curraghdooley is in Crossboyne parish. I did not find a baptism record for Mary, the fourth child, and the last child born in Ireland.

Some family history suggests that the CANAVAN family lived in Ballyglass. There are a number of Ballyglass townlands in County Mayo, including one in Crossboyne parish. And there may be a non-townland district called Ballyglass near Mayo Abbey. I have not confirmed which Ballyglass might have been home to the CANAVANs.

In about 1840, Anthony CANAVAN Sr's sister, Ellen, married Michael McNULTY who owned a farm in Shinganah townland which is "just around the corner" from Mayo Abbey.

Anthony CANAVAN Sr's other sister, Anne, married Darby McGRATH. A concentration of McGRATHs live in Touaghty parish. Baptism records in the early 1840s, for children of Darby and Anne show an address for the family in Stonepark, Burriscarra parish. Touaghty parish is adjacent to Mayo parish, and Burriscarra is adjacent to Touaghty. Both Touaghty parish and Burriscarra parish are closer to Mayo parish than Crossboyne parish.

The research continues.

Yours,

Joe

**From:** [wbowel@gmail.com](mailto:wbowel@gmail.com) <[wbowel@gmail.com](mailto:wbowel@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** 'Joe Hart' <[jhartkodiak@icloud.com](mailto:jhartkodiak@icloud.com)>  
**Subject:** 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 28 Zoom Meeting  
[at:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936324000?pwd=THhJRXFGRGU4Uy9yeElUOTJXQnZjZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936324000?pwd=THhJRXFGRGU4Uy9yeElUOTJXQnZjZz09)

Joe—

Thanks for the follow through. I really appreciate it and your hard earned wisdom regarding Irish genealogy.

I hope you got my invitation to the Thanksgiving Week launch of the Canavan-centric website I will be launching at <https://wbowe.com> .

I'd benefit from you looking at it before 9:30 a.m. (CST), Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and alerting me to any obvious errors you see. I've copied the link and invitation below in case you didn't receive it.

Bill

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Bill Bowe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: **Nov 28, 2020 09:30 AM Central Time**

Join the Zoom Meeting then at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936324000?pwd=THhJRXFgU41Uy9yeE1UOTJXQnZjZz09>

9:30 am to 10:00 am CT – Meet and Greet the Families  
10:00 am to 10:45 am CT – Website Content & Navigation Tour  
10:45 am to 11:30 am CT – Open Conversation

Dear Canavan Descendants and Extended Family,

I hope you and your family are in good health and either doing OK or at least progressing as well as can be expected in a pandemic.

In my case, since March I've been spending my time in lockdown updating and reimagining my mother's genealogy of our extended families. Some of you may remember her 1970 book, *The Families*. By May this spring I had built a rudimentary website with photos, videos, stories and documents, together with 43 family trees for descendants of Anthony Canavan and Ann Hughes and many of those related to them by marriage.

Thinking that I was on to something, but being a neophyte website builder and not quite knowing how to proceed, Tony Bowe fortuitously pointed me in the direction of an expert. The result is that I got good advice on how to take the website to the next level. I am now at the end of a further five month's process of building a bigger, better and more encompassing family website. Only the most technology-challenged folks should have a problem seeing all that's there. It's been designed from the ground up to be easily

navigable by both young and old.

Along the way in this project I've been helped with lots of additional family content and encouragement from Rob and Charley Bowe, Meg Lynch Meyer, Austin Lynch, Beth Hanley Dunn, John Hanley, Owen Thompson, Joe Hart, Elizabeth Hart Zera, Cathy Parish Skura and Paty Parish Pitts. They believe as I do that the website will be a sustaining and useful resource for all the other families not yet involved. Since later expansion was built into its design, the website will easily accommodate any and all additional content uploaded or sent its way.

In normal times, we might celebrate this kind of family event with something I've noticed Canavan descendants are pretty good at --- namely a party. Alas, in keeping with the social distancing dictates of our times, the best option instead seems to be to host a family-wide Zoom meeting to share and celebrate the launch of *The Families: Vol. 2* website. In this strange time, the launch event will give us a rare chance to catch up with both close and far flung relatives. It should also give you a chance to see and learn about the website's navigation and contents. It is already chockfull of multimedia information about our closely related families and it should be great fun for everybody to explore and contribute to later at their leisure.

So save the date in your calendar. The launch will be the morning of Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Week. I'll introduce the website promptly at 10:00 a.m. CST, but the Zoom meeting itself will start one half-hour earlier at 9:30 a.m. with a meet and greet for attendees. So come early and visit with other family members first. In the meantime, don't forget to download the free Zoom meeting app if you don't already have it ( <https://zoom.us/download> ). It's pretty simple to set up as those things go and then you just have to click on the link above to automatically join the meeting.

Between now and then, please send this invitation and its link along to anyone you think I may have missed. If you copy me with your forwarding email I'll be able to send out personal invitations to everyone for what should be a notable event for our immediate and extended families.

Fond regards and I hope to see you on the morning of Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bill

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**From:** Joe Hart <[jhartkodiak@icloud.com](mailto:jhartkodiak@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:46 PM  
**To:** BOWE William John <[wbowel@gmail.com](mailto:wbowel@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** missed e-mail

Hi Bill,

You sent me an e-mail on 22 July 2020 (copied below). It went to my account at "[jhartireland@gmail.com](mailto:jhartireland@gmail.com)." Due to technical difficulties between my gmail accounts and my mac computer, I missed this e-mail. I do not believe that I noticed nor responded to your e-mail. Let me correct that now.

Joe—

My mother's notes and work always showed Anthony Canavan as being born in 1819 in Curraghadooey, near Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland. That's the birth date I see in your [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) Canavan tree as well.

The obituary published at the time of his death I found on Google Books says he was born in 1822. My mother would not have had access to that obituary in the 1960s when she did her research, so I'm inclined to think the obituary is more likely to be correct since it was published contemporaneously with his death and written with the help of those who knew him well.

**Also, she showed him as being born in Curraghadooey, near Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland. Your trees says:**

"Anthony CANAVAN was born in 1819 in Mayo, Leitrim, Ireland, to Catherine KIRBY and Anthony CANAVAN."

You sent me the picture of you and Bill Duffy in Curraghadooey so I wondered how you might reconcile these variance in his date and place of birth.

I keep plugging along on the revisions to my website genealogy and hope to finish by summer's end. We'll see. Maybe it'll be like COVID-19 and the end date will keep drifting into the future.

Hope everything else with you is going well with you and yours,  
Bill

You have probably heard me say that I find Irish genealogy to be fascinating and frustrating. Long ago, I decided that I could reduce the amount of frustration if I gave up the idea that certainty could be achieved in documenting important events in the lives of my Irish ancestors. The inability to achieve certainty notably applies to events that occurred in Ireland, and particularly to dates of birth.

Baptism records are some of the earliest records that come close to confirming dates of birth. At least the year of birth might be easily deduced. With the advent of civil registration of births (starting about 1864), the chance of an accurate date of birth increased dramatically. However, the chance of inaccuracy remained. The system of civil registration relied on informants to report the event at the district registration office within a certain time period. The accuracy of the information was only as good as the reliability of the informant. If the event was not reported within the allotted time, a monetary penalty could be assessed. That system did not do much to improve accuracy. I have seen some civil birth records that give a date of birth that is considerably later than the date of baptism on a church record.

Even Irish censuses have wide differences in ages of family members from one census to another.

My approach with genealogical records is to note my sources for particular events, and pick the source that seems to have the best chance of being most accurate. For date of birth, I like the census entries for household members who are infants with age listed as months rather than years. Then, if the date is within the period of civil registration, I check to see if I can get a civil birth record that confirms the event.

So, how do you resolve the difference in the years of birth for Anthony CANAVAN? You make notes on the sources, and you pick the one that seems more likely to be accurate. Perfect. Welcome to the Buddhist practice of being comfortable with uncertainty.

Thank you for pointing out my information on the birth of Anthony CANAVAN in Mayo, Leitrim, Ireland. I will have to edit that entry. That mistake must be due to the computer program's "helpful" tendency to auto-fill place names. Sometimes it is helpful, and sometimes it is not.

Yours,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: wbowel@gmail.com [mailto:wbowel@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:59 AM

To: 'Joe Hart'

Subject: RE: footnote 62--John CANAVAN and Anna DOYLE

Joe--

On your great grandparents further details, I plan to include them and thanks.

As to the two Thomases, in the biblical sense, I am not a doubting Thomas. I recall reading (perhaps in my mother's "The Families") that Thomas the first died in childbirth, and soon enough Thomas the second came along.

I am a doubting Joseph however and I plan to act ex-cathedra and strike him down as a scrivener's error. If a later Canavan genealogist of greater powers than you or me can resurrect him, so be it.

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Hart <jhartkodiak@icloud.com>

Sent: Sunday, 31 May, 2020 10:35 PM

To: BOWE William John <wbowel@gmail.com>

Subject: footnote 62--John CANAVAN and Anna DOYLE

Hi Bill,

I feel like I should comment on John CANAVAN and Anna DOYLE since they are my Great Grandparents.

John CANAVAN was baptized on 8 Oct 1843 in Mayo Abbey, Mayo, Ireland. He died in Fort Dodge, Webster IA on 7 June 1936.

Anna DOYLE was born 4 Feb 1855 in Lake County IN. Her parents were Patrick DOYLE and Honora CANAVAN. Patrick was born in King's County (Offaly), Ireland. He was an early settler (by 1831) in Lake County near St. John. Honora was the daughter of Anthony CANAVAN and Catherine KIRBY.

John and Anna (first cousins) were married in Crown Point, Lake IN on 11 Feb 1874.

The children of John and Anna:

Their first child, John A. CANAVAN, was born in Illinois on 17 Nov 1874.

Their second child James Aloysius CANAVAN was born in Paton, Greene IA on 15 Oct 1876. He married Geraldine Mary JACK. They had three children.

Anthony J. "Tone" CANAVAN never married.

Mary G. CANAVAN never married. She was born 1881 in Greene County IA. At the time of her death in 1966, she was living on an island in Spirit Lake near Spokane WA. As a young boy, I remember that our family travelled from Portland OR to visit her.

Patrick James CANAVAN married Geraldine Mary JACK following the death of James. They had two children.

Anna Dolores CANAVAN

Ella Mercedes CANAVAN married William John NEESON. They adopted a son, William Jerome NEESON.

Thomas CANAVAN was born 1890 and died 1894.

Joseph Lawrence CANAVAN married Jane Regina NUGENT. They had two daughters.

Elizabeth Josephine CANAVAN never married.

Thomas J. CANAVAN According to Pete HART, Thomas was married a short time before divorcing. No children.

Footnote 62 shows two "Joseph" in the list of children for John and Anna. My list has two "Thomas." Not sure how to reconcile.

I will save some comments on Mary CANAVAN and Anthony McNULTY for next time.

Yours,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Hart [mailto:jhartkodiak@icloud.com]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:44 PM

To: BOWE William John

Subject: footnote 62--Mary CANAVAN

Hi Bill,

Here is some information on Mary CANAVAN and Anthony John McNULTY's children.

Anthony Joseph McNULTY married Mary Estella CAHILL. They had three children.

First, Frances Lucille McNULTY (1930-2012) who married Joseph Martin BADAME.

Then twins--Anne Perion McNULTY (married to Eugene Lewis D'ANGELO) and James Canavan McNULTY (b. 1933).  
James McNULTY (1882-1902) who died of diphtheria, as noted.

Ann Perion McNULTY D'ANGELO reported that there was a daughter Ann McNULTY (1884-1887).



Margaret C. McNULTY (1886-1978) unmarried.

Marie J. McNULTY (1891-1975) unmarried.

John Philip McNULTY (1893-1964) married Helen Elizabeth ROCHEX (1896-1982). They had three children.

Helene Delores McNULTY (1894-1987) married Eugene Timothy FLAHERTY (1901-1987). They had two daughters.

Helene was interviewed by her Grandson, Thomas JOHNSON. Thomas sent me an audio CD of the interview. I made copies and sent them to various cousins. Did I send a copy to you?

On the subject of Austin CANAVAN (1821-1913), did I send a copy of an old photo (with a bad crease) to you of Austin and Mary Jane LEWIS MORSE?

Yours,

Joe

From: Joe Hart [mailto:jhartkodiak@icloud.com]  
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 7:00 PM  
To: BOWE William John  
Subject: Re: footnote 62

Hi Bill,

Families can indeed be a mess, at least from a genealogical point of view. Especially Irish farming families who lived on the same farm for generations and intermarried with their neighbors. The same is true, maybe to a lesser extent with farming families in America.

Before I comment on your interest in the HUGHES families in Kankakee County, let me digress briefly.

In 2010, while attempting to find my HART roots in County Cavan, I knocked on the door of Jimmy HARTE. I introduced myself and explained that I was looking for my HART ancestors who came from County Cavan. His eyes got big, and he smiled from ear to ear. He invited me in. I did not realize until later that he was having an equally frustrating time researching his HARTE family tree, and he thought that I was about to tell him every thing he was hoping to know about his HARTE branch of ancestors. It did not take very long to compare notes and realize that neither of us was going to add much to what we already knew. Jimmy invited his cousin, Norbert, to come over, since Norbert did most of the family research and kept notes. Norbert did not reveal any additional information that was of help to me.

Jimmy and I stayed in contact, and in subsequent discussions, Jimmy, a pig farmer, who was surely familiar with the importance of genetics, suggested that we get out DNA tested. So, we did. We started out with Y chromosome testing, since we were interested in researching our direct male lines. It turned out that we were very distant Y chromosome matches--too distant to have any chance of discovering who our common ancestor was. But, we agreed to call each other "cousin" all the same.

I have been using DNA testing for genealogy ever since with the hope that it would add something to the pitiful lack of clues that traditional genealogy provides for Irish families. Overall, I would have to say that there is no substitute for traditional genealogy, as fascinating and frustrating as it is for Irish research. DNA testing has, for the most part, simply added a layer of complexity to the fascination and frustration. But, DNA testing has added some interesting hints about HUGHESes and other Irish families in Kankakee County.

Due to a lot of research over the years, I have been able to confirm genetic connections with individuals in different branches of the HUGHES family.

I had suspected that your mother was right when she described family connections, but the descriptions did not spell out exactly what the connections were. Even DNA cannot do that, but at least, DNA adds a degree of confirmation to your mother's information. Let me see if I can summarize in a succinct way.

James HUGHES and Mary CARNEY were the parents of Anne HUGHES. I believe that they had other children who included Stephen HUGHES (married to Ellen BROWN) who appears in your list of HUGHES families in the 1870 census. Another child was Bridget HUGHES who married Patrick

McDONAGH/McDONOUGH. Bridget and Patrick may not have immigrated, but three of their children have connections in Kankakee County, Momence, and Chicago.

I am a descendant of Anne HUGHES. I have noted DNA connections with descendants of Bridget HUGHES and Stephen HUGHES. The complicating factor is that the descendants of Stephen HUGHES that I am talking about are also descendants of Bridget HUGHES due to the fact that Stephen's daughter, Mary A. HUGHES married John Joseph McDONOUGH, son of Bridget HUGHES. They would be first cousins if Stephen HUGHES and Bridget HUGHES are brother and sister, as I believe. So, it is difficult to use the DNA evidence to untangle this web, at least at my level of understanding.

The DNA matches in Bridget HUGHES descendants alone include branches for McDONAGH/McDONOUGH, RILEY, NEFF, RICHTER, and HIGGINS. All of these families have connections in Kankakee County, or at least Illinois.

Another interesting DNA match indicates that Catherine KIRBY (spouse of Anthony CANAVAN Sr), also have family connections in Momence. James John KIRBY was born in Momence on 27 Oct 1858. His parents are John KIRBY and Margaret DEVINE. The connection to Catherine is as yet unknown.

Enough for now. Let me know how I might be able to clarify some of this "mess."

Yours,

Joe

On 30 May 2020, at 07:39 AM, wbowel@gmail.com wrote:

Joe—

Very astute observation. My aunt Martha Gwinn Casey once memorably said to me, "Aren't families wonderful!" It's true, but as a more experienced genealogist such as yourself appreciates, it's also true that "families are a mess!"

I've run across this census of Hughes family members in 1870 in Kankakee county. My following note skirts the question of how Ann Hughes born in Ireland and taking the Canavan name at marriage could have had offspring or other family

named Hughes in Kankakee County. I don't remember where I saw this record, so maybe I should discard it as unrelated to the Canavans. Any advice on this one?

## 1870 Records of Hughes Family in Kankakee County IL

Editor's Note: There were a lot of Hughes in Kankakee County in 1870. Anthony Canavan Jr. was born in 1820 in Curraghadooey, near Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland. Ann Hughes was born there in 1818. They were married in 1840 in Ireland. They had eleven children, seven of whom grew up in Kankakee County near Hughes family members.

Bill

From: Joe Hart <jhartkodiak@icloud.com>  
Sent: Friday, 29 May, 2020 10:29 PM  
To: BOWE William John <wbowel@gmail.com>  
Subject: footnote 62

Hi Bill,

Besides the information on the HARTs, I hesitate to "correct" any of the information in Footnote 62. After years of genealogy (especially Irish genealogy), I think that it would be a bit arrogant to suggest that my information is more correct than someone else's research. So, let me offer some of my research, and you can be the arbiter. Let me do this in sections--starting with Anthony CANAVAN and Ann HUGHES.

### Footnote 62

ANTHONY CANAVAN and his wife, Ann Hughes left Ireland for Philadelphia in 1853. They already had four children born in Ireland:

James,

John,

Anthony, and

Mary;

and seven more born on a farm near Sumner , Illinois (Township 32, Section 19 and 20):

Austin Augustine,

Patrick,

Thomas the first and after his death,

Thomas the second,

Ann,

Catherine,

Ellen, and

Margaret.

Anthony CANAVAN and Ann HUGHES were married in Crossboyne parish, County Mayo on 24 May 1840. After having four children in Ireland, Mary, an infant, remained in Ireland when her parents and three brother sailed to America. Lacking any passenger lists or other confirming documentation, I believe that the crossing took place in 1849.

James CANAVAN was baptized in Mayo Abbey on 1 Aug 1841.

John CANAVAN was baptized in Mayo Abbey on 8 Oct 1843.

Anthony CANAVAN was baptized in Mayo Abbey on 12 Dec 1845.

Mary CANAVAN--born 11 Aug 1849, according to gravestone. Corpus Christi Cemetery (Fort Dodge, Webster IA) records list Mary's DOB as 11 Aug 1847. Unable to reconcile.

In the absence of passenger lists, it has been difficult to confirm the time of the family's voyage to Philadelphia. Mary, still an infant, remained in Ireland when her parents and three brothers sailed to America.

Children born in Philadelphia.

The household of Anthony CANAVAN is enumerated in the US census of 1 June 1850. Anthony CANAVAN is the head of the household that includes Ann, James, John, Anthony, and a female, Augusta CANAVAN, who is one month old (born about May 1850 in Pennsylvania). Relationships are not explained in this census. No subsequent record of Augusta has been found.

Augusta CANAVAN

Austin Augustine "Gus" CANAVAN

Patrick Charles CANAVAN

Thomas CANAVAN died at the age of 2 years on 19 April 1856 in Philadelphia.

Thomas CANAVAN

Children born in Kankakee County

Catherine Collette CANAVAN

Edward CANAVAN--appears in 1870 US census (Sumner, Kankakee IL) as a 10 year old (born in Illinois) in the household of Anthony CANAVAN. Relationships are not explained in this census. No subsequent record of Edward has been found.

Ellen Frances CANAVAN

Margaret Elizabeth CANAVAN

I have noted Ann CANAVAN as a child of Anthony CANAVAN and Ann HUGHES in the lists from Mary GWINN BOWE, but I have never been able to find any other reference or record about her.

More later.

Yours,

Joe

From: Michael Meyer [mailto:mmeyerd@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2015 4:47 PM  
To: Joe Hart  
Cc: William John Bowe; Kathleen Elizabeth Higgins; Elizabeth Catherine Dunn;  
Ann Hughes Heffron  
Subject: Re: genealogy--as usual

Hey, Joe:

I've tried to find out everything I can about the Hughes family in Kankakee County. It's interesting that Ann and Stephen are siblings. Here's what I know: Stephen Hughes, born about 1828 in Ireland according to the 1870 and 1880 censuses. He lived in Momence in 1870, 1880, and 1900.

Ellen Hughes, born about 1829 in Ireland according to the 1880 census. She lived in Momence in 1880. As far as I know they have five children:

- Bridget (born 1857 in Missouri, according to the 1880 census);
- John (born 1858 in Indiana, according to the 1870 and 1880 census);
- James (born in 1860 in Indiana, according to the 1870 and 1880 census);
- Mary (born in 1862 in Illinois, according to the 1870 and 1880 census);
- Ellen (born in 1867 in Momence and died in 1944 in Kankakee, Kankakee, Illinois. Ellen married James Hughes and had at least three children, Frank, Yvonne, and Celeste.)

Best regards,

Mike

Editor's Note: Anthony Canavan was born in Curraghadooey, near Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland. Ann Hughes was born there in 1818. They were married in 1840 in Ireland. They had eleven children who survived to adulthood, seven of whom grew up in Kankakee County, Illinois near Hughes family members. But are these Hughes related to Ann Hughes Canavan? Canavan descendant Joseph Hart has a few thoughts on the subject below.

On Sat, May 30, 2015 at 12:50 PM, Joe Hart <jhartkodiak@icloud.com> wrote:

Hi Bill,

I have been doing some HUGHES research recently, but before I forget, I wanted to mention that I also use Family Tree Maker. However, I use the Mac version. So compatibility could be an issue for a Family Tree Maker GEDCOM. No harm giving it a try to find out. I would have some housekeeping to do in my database before I would feel satisfied with sending you something from my files. I hope that I am not repeating myself too much with my comments below.

I have been researching a connection between Bridget McDONOUGH and John Justin McDONOUGH the Rhodes Scholar. Should be aunt and nephew according to your mother's information. I haven't confirmed the connection yet, but I came across one of the fascinating coincidences that pop every once in a while in genealogy.

When I first started name searches on Ancestry, I came across a family tree contributed by Albert STEMWEDEL to a project called One World Tree. Ancestry has since abandoned this program, so unfortunately, I cannot revisit the information. Albert included Anthony CANAVAN and Ann HUGHES in his tree. He may have also listed James HUGHES and Mary CARNEY as the parents of Ann HUGHES. I tried using the e-mail address that was listed for Albert, but I believe that he was dead at that point. I think that I then dismissed some of his information since there was no way of obtaining any sources, especially since One World Tree did not provide the ability to cite sources adequately.

So, I headed off in more productive directions. With this recent interest in the HUGHES branch, I have started to dust-off some of this old information. I started to trace the information that I recently obtained on John Justin McDONOUGH (who died in 1961 while in office as a trustee for the University of Chicago) and some of the information from Albert STEMWEDEL that I had transcribed. Eventually I came across an obituary for Nancy McDONOUGH STEMWEDEL, the daughter of John Justin McDONOUGH and the daughter-in-law of Albert STEMWEDEL. Nancy and her husband Charles STEMWEDEL (an attorney from Chicago, I believe) were living in Northbrook, but they were visiting their daughter, Anne RUDWICK, in Portland OR in April to celebrate the first birthday of their granddaughter. Nancy died in Portland on 18 April 2015.

If the information in Albert's family tree is accurate, Anne STEMWEDEL RUDWICK and I would be 4th cousins through a Stephen HUGHES whom Albert listed as the brother of Ann HUGHES.



I have some confusing information on Stephen. He marries Ellen BROWN in Indiana and then has three children in Maryland before landing in Momence. His daughter, Mary HUGHES, marries John Joseph McDONOUGH, the brother of Bridget McDONOUGH RICHTER (according to your mother's information), and the father of John Justin McDONOUGH, the Rhodes Scholar.

It will take some time to sort out some of these details. My head is still spinning.

Yours,

Joe

**From:** Joe Hart [mailto:joehart@eircom.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 1:37 PM

**To:** Bowe, William

**Subject:**

Hi Bill,

Here are a couple of pictures that I believe are not included in the photos on the web.

One picture shows Ann and John Canavan (my Great Grandparents) outside their home. The other photo shows Ann and John's son, James Aloysious Canvan, on his farm with his children, Colleen (on his right), Geraldine (on his left), and Jimmy (in his arms). Geraldine and Jimmy are still living in Iowa.

If I come across more interesting photos that are not on the webpage, I will send them to you.

Yours,

Joe

**From:** Joe Hart [mailto:joehart@eircom.net]

**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 2:35 PM

**To:** Bowe, William; 'Patrick Kearney McNulty'; 'Barbara McNulty'; 'Rick Rittgers'; 'Andrew Tyler Thompson'  
**Subject:** Family tree

Hi Cousins,

I was listening to Tom Johnson's interview of his Grandmother again. Wanted to attach a family tree to help you sort out the family members that Helene mentions. The family tree comes on 7 pages. Big family = long family tree, even for three generations. I suggest that you print them, and then cut and tape them together. If anyone has trouble opening the file or has questions, please contact me.

The sound is not the best in some segments. I suggest a quiet environment for listening. There are two tracks. The first track is in Helene's kitchen, and she is making an apple pie. Second track includes a second female voice. I think that it is Tom's mother (Helene's daughter), Sheila Ellen Flaherty.

Yours

Joe



Desc tree Anthony  
Canavan.pdf

**From:** Joe Hart [mailto:joehart@eircom.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 10:36 AM  
**To:** Bowe, William  
**Subject:** Old photos

Hi Bill,

You should be able to click on the link below and access the photos.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/113972414879174597249>

Haven't been able to reorganize the photos once we posted them. So there is a mix of Hart (my Grandfather), Canavan (my Grandmother), and West/Gobar (my mom's side) photos. Most of the photos show the family of James Francis Hart and Anna Delores Canavan. The captions should be helpful in sorting out who's who.

Let me know if you have any questions or any problems accessing the site.

I also have a few photos that are not on this site. I will send a few at a time in separate e-mails.

Beginning the return journey to Ireland this afternoon. Probably won't check e-mail until Sunday noon (GMT).

Yours,

Joe

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Hello Family,

Our cousin, Thomas Johnson, recently sent me a copy of a photo of Anthony Canavan (1819-1890) that he had. I have attached a copy for you.

I just went through my contact list and included everyone whom I thought had a kin relationship with Anthony. If I included you in error, I apologize. I have undoubtedly missed some people because I don't have e-mail addresses for everyone. Please pass on to other family members whom you think would be interested.

If you have a question about your relationship to Anthony, please ask me. He is my Great Great Grandfather. He married Ann Hughes in Ireland, and had four children before emigrating. The family spent some years in Philadelphia before moving to farmland in Ganeer, near Momence, Kankakee County, Illinois. If you are interested in more details about our ancestors, I would be glad to send you a family history or attempt to answer any specific questions that you have.

If you have any old photos that you would consider sharing, please let me know.

All the best to everyone.

Love,

Joe