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Subject: Re: Ancestry DNA results
Date: August 23, 2016 at 10:57 AM
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From: "William M. Conlon" <bill@wmconlon.com>
Sent: Aug 18, 2016 1:29 PM
To: Thomas Fox <foxybrockton@earthlink.net>
Cc: "Rita (Conlon) Bradley" <ritabradley01@yahoo.com>, Shirley Getchell <Getchshir@aol.com>
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Also of interest is this web page from the Ireland National archives showing the residents of Coongarranroe, Tipperary.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Tipperary/Coolagarranroe/Coolagarranroe/>

These houses had Fox families: 25, 26, 36 and there was a Fogarty family in house number 33.

The Fox residents boarding in house 25 are too young.

In house 26, there is no Ella, and Thomas is 15 years old, born about 1896, which is close to the 1894 birth year of Thomas Fox (especially as he was born in December). Head of household is Johanna Fox, who is might be the Johanna Fogarty that Breda Nolan says is the mother of Thomas and Ella.

House 36 is headed by 72 year old Thomas Fox, married to 46 year old Mary. There is 23 yo Ellen (born circa 1888) and 17 yo Thomas (born circa 1894), so these could possibly be Tom and Ella also.

Tom, can you remember your grandmother's name?

I suspect church records (birth, baptism, marriage) will probably have to be consulted to confirm things.

I think I need to schedule a trip to Ireland. I'll bring my handball gear, as I hear there are courts and players in Ballyporeen

On Aug 14, 2016, at 7:11 PM, William Conlon <bill@wmconlon.com> wrote:

Tom,

I made a mistake below: I should have written:

I have not yet uncovered any immigration documents for your father, and I am trying to piece together snippets about Ella's arrival.

On Aug 14, 2016, at 11:36 AM, William Conlon <bill@wmconlon.com> wrote:

Hi Tom,

I wanted to pass along a few things from the ancestry.com dna test.

First is a report on your ethnicity, which is 95% Irish, with a smattering of DNA from the Iberian peninsula, maybe from the Spanish Armada?

Next, their analysis indicates that you are likely a third cousin to both Manus Getchell and me, which would mean we share great great grandparents.

My research has identified my GGGrandparents as Patrick Fogarty and Margaret (Walsh?). I know their names from the marriage register of my Great Grandfather William H. Fogarty (b. 1856 Ballyporeen, d. 1928 Whitman) who was Manus' grandfather. The name Walsh is from research on Ballyporeen families by Breda Nolan, but Ms. Nolan does not provide any sources, so that name is still speculative.

I believe William H. Fogarty had a sister Margaret (b. 1875, d. 1936 Whitman) but I don't have documentary evidence for that.

Perhaps you are descended from another sibling of William and Margaret, or we could be second cousins twice removed, so you are descended from a sibling of Patrick Fogarty or Margaret? There are a few other possibilities that are described on the attached Match Details.

Perhaps you have some information that will shed some light on this?

I also enclose a copy of your father's draft registration, which shows his birth as 14 Dec 1894 in Skeheenarinky, which is in the same district as Ballyporeen. His signature is also on the attached Citizenship petition for Ella Mary Fox (Rita's grandmother), along with my grandfather Martin J. Conlon, as witnesses.

One thing that is curious however is that Ella Mary Fox recorded her birth date variously as 23 June 1894 and 28 May 1894. It would be hard for Ella Mary and Thomas Joseph to be brother and sister if all of the dates are correct. Perhaps she lied about her age to improve her marriage prospects?

I have also included a few photos, one of Ella from Anne Conlon's scrapbook, and another of Tom and Ella from about 1920.

I have not yet uncovered any immigration documents for your grandfather, and I am trying to piece together snippets about Ella's arrival. The official documents show her arriving aboard the Samara in August 1923.

Finally, going back to the family tree assembled by Breda Nolan (I have found some errors, so I am reluctant to accept this as gospel), Ellen Fox is shown as the daughter of Edmond Fox [1839 — ??] and Johanna Fogarty [1852 —], and Johanna is shown as the brother of William H. Fogarty. This tree is visible at <http://person.ancestry.com/tree/31285623/person/27337091233/facts>.

So this could be our family connection. Please let me know what you think.

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Census of Ireland 1901 form BI57 is the correct one.

My father's correct date of birth is 12 December 1884. The reason is typically old Irish. We had always celebrated on the 14th because he said that is what it was. But on getting a birth certificate for something it said the 12th.

Asking my father about this he said "I was born on the 12th but baptised on the 14th so that's when I was born."

The census of 1901 form B5 contains many of the same names but not my father's family.

I am working to compile what I have on the entire family and will send it out.

Thanks
Tom

