

1. Ellen Theresa Coughlin (February 4th, 1871 – July 6, 1915)

Ellen Theresa Coughlin married Charles Augustin Meehan on May 28th, 1900. She was 29 years old. Charles was a 34 year-old widower, and had four children, aged between 10 and 4. Charles and Ellen had 10 children of their own over the next fifteen years. Ellen died five weeks after the birth of her 10th child, James Aloysius Meehan. She was buried on July 6th, 1915, aged 44 years old.

Something of her life has been discovered. Ellen was born in St Roch, in the parish of St Patrick, being an English-speaking parish in Quebec City, on February 4th, 1871. She was the daughter of James Coughlin and Mary Carroll (recorded on 1900 Marriage record to Charles A).

Ellen Theresa Coughlin Baptême 1871 Quebec,

B. 31
Ellen Theresa
Coughlin

On the fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, in the undersigned priest have baptized Ellen Theresa born on today of the lawful marriage of James Coughlin below and of Mary Carroll. Sponsors Michael Carroll and Ellen Carroll, who have all signed with the father and us. One undersigned with.

James Coughlin
Michael Carroll
Ellen Carroll

L. Baillargeon Priest

Ellen's parents, James Coughlin and Mary Carroll, had been married in St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier in August, 1865 (Drouin Collection image retained). Ellen was their third child, her two older brothers being called (Laughlin) Henry and William. In the Census two months later, Ellen's family was living very close to St Patrick's Church in the region of St Roch, on the east side of Quebec City. On the baptism, her father, James, was recorded as a labourer. In the 1871 Census, he is recorded as a carter. However, Ellen's father, James, died in March, 1874, when she was just 3 years old. Sadly, by then, Mary had had a fourth child, on 24th February, 1873, who had been named Thomas. On Thomas's birth record, it is recorded that James was now working as a baker.

Ellen's mother, Mary, married again. In 1877, in St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier in the area, where Mary had been born on 23rd April, 1843, she married a **Lawrence O'Connor**, elsewhere recorded as CONNORS, a widower. He had been previously married to a Judith Neville, who had died November 13th, 1871, aged 35. In 1871, **Laurence's** family is

found in Ste Catherine, Portneuf, under the name Connors. Laurence and his first wife, Judith, had 3 boys, aged 11 to 7. However, for quite awhile, the family was not easy to find thereafter. The family's location in 1881 was found quite accidentally, when pursuing another matter. The family was still living in St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier. Surprisingly, the five children present were all Mary's children. Since her marriage to Laurence Connors, Mary had had a daughter, who had been named Mary and was, by 1881, two years old. She had been born on November 24th, 1878. None of Laurence's three older children were living with the family. However, the youngest boy, Martin, would have been 17 years old, so it is possible that they were all working elsewhere, possibly nearby. The family was found again in the 1891 Census, living in St Mary's district of Montreal. In this census, all of the family listed were recorded under the name O'Conner. Mary's oldest son, Loughlin, was not listed. William was 22, but no occupation was given. Laurence was listed as 56 and a "journalier". Ellen, aged 20, was again called Helene. No occupation was indicated for her. Mary's father, Michael Carroll, aged 78, was living with them. He died on 27th March, 1899.

Ellen Theresa Coughlin and her family were therefore in Montreal for, at least, ten years before she married Charles A Meehan in 1900. It is possible that Ellen's immediately older brother, William, may have lived in a close relationship to Charles and Ellen and their family. William, may have introduced them, but it is equally possible that Ellen's marriage to Charles may have led William into his occupation. One assumes that the family stayed in Montreal, but I have found no reference to the O'Connor family in 1901. Charles A Meehan, at this stage, was a bus driver. Later, William was a conductor (on public transport). In 1917, William Coughlin, of St Dominic parish, had a daughter: **Rita Mary Coughlin Baptême (Baptism) 1917 Montréal Saint Dominic**. The sponsors of this baptism were Peter and Agnes Meehan of St Aloysius parish, two of Charles and Ellen's children. William Coughlin had married a Cecilia Flynn, a family recurrently found in Coughlin and St Catherine records. This was the only indication I have found that suggested the family may have retained contact with the Portneuf region.

However, it has turned out that the link between this Flynn family and the Coughlin family needs more investigation. Cecilia was 21 years old in 1901, unmarried, and was living with her family in the western part of Quebec City. She was a book keeper. Her sister, Agnes, was a teacher and it is interesting to note that Agnes Meehan, co-sponsor of Cecilia's daughter, Rita Mary Coughlin, in 1917, had been named Agnes Cecile. Cecilia's parents, Michael and Mary, had both been born in Ireland, had migrated at different times to Quebec, years apart, and married in Canada. No clear link has been found between these Flynns and St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier Coughlins. In fact, this Flynn family had lived in the same area of Champlain, a precinct in west Quebec City, since they were married about 1867. Father, Michael, eventually became a ship's labourer.

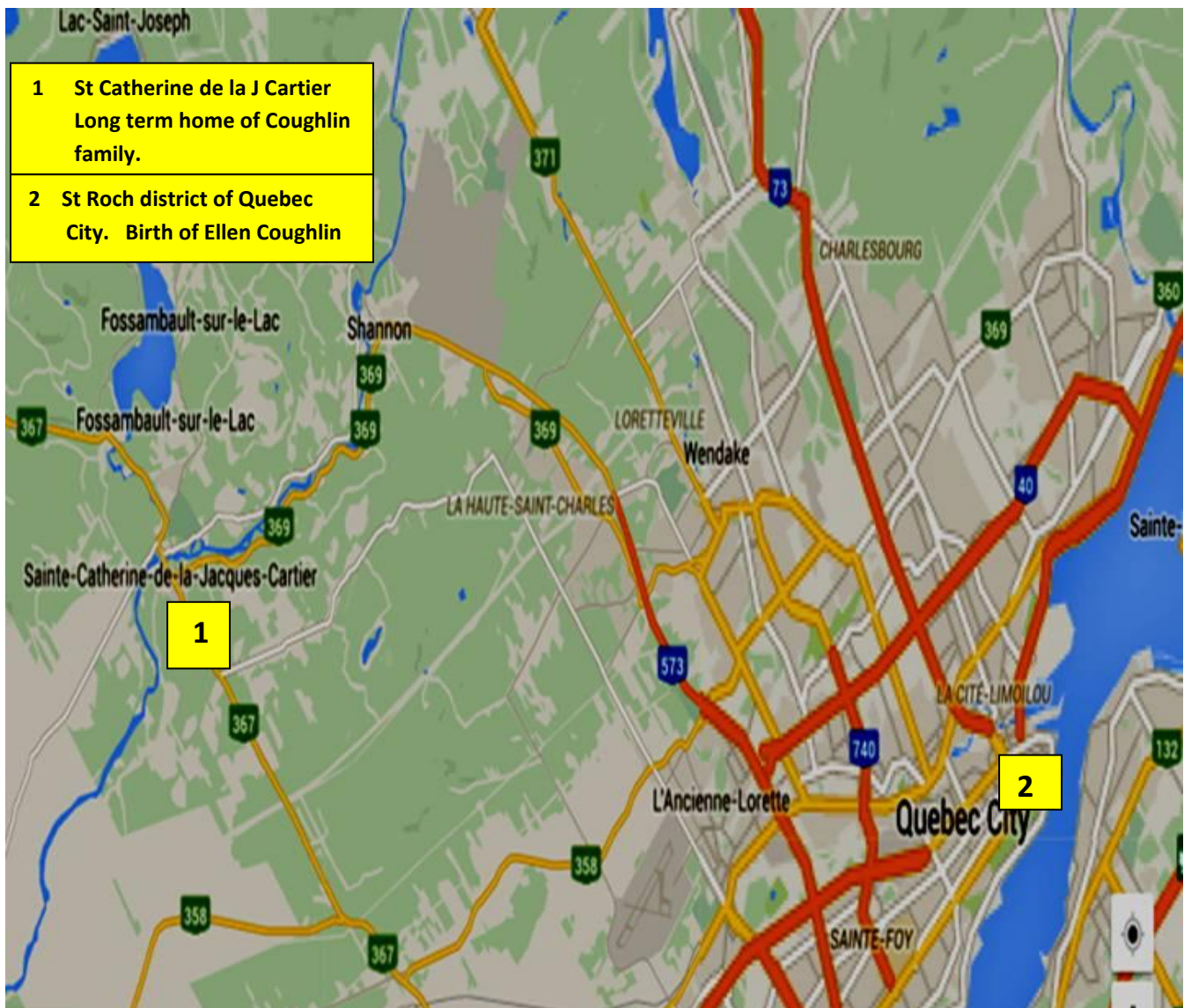
Cecilia Flynn had also witnessed Charles and Ellen's marriage in May, 1900. She appears, therefore, to have been a friend of Ellen Coughlin. This is an even greater enigma. While Ellen Coughlin was born in Quebec City in 1871, she was living in Ste Catherine in 1881, and in Montreal in 1891. Cecile, by all accounts, was living all this time in Quebec City. By 1911, she had married William Coughlin, who was recorded in 1911 and 1921 as a conductor (charrains?) and was living in the Hochelaga/ Maisonneuve district of Montreal. Living with them was William and Ellen's mother, Mary O'Connor, aged 68, a pensioner. Mary died six years later, and was buried on July 17th, 1917.

POSTSCRIPT: William Coughlin married Cecilia Flynn on June 10th, 1910 at St Patrick's Church, Quebec City. William was of the Immaculate Conception parish in Montreal, whereas Cecile Flynn was still of St Patrick's, Quebec City. Those in attendance were Michael Flynn and James Coughlin. James Coughlin is not explained, but could not have been his dead father.

2. James Coughlin (1837 – 1874) and Mary Carroll (1843 – 1917)

Both of Ellen's parents had been born in St. Catherine de la Jacques Cartier, an area west of Quebec City, settled after 1816. The Coughlin family, fathered by Laughlin Coughlin, born about 1767, migrated from Co. Wicklow, Ireland, sometime between 1820 and 1825. The family of twelve was recorded at the new village of St Patrick, Parish of Ste. Catherine de Fossambault in that latter year. It remained an important area for the Coughlin family for the next hundred years. Laughlin Coughlin died in 1832. His wife, Mary Carroll, born in 1774, died 11th September, 1838. Eventually a clear possibility of a relationship has been established between this Mary Carroll and Ellen's mother, also named Mary Carroll. It has been confirmed that, like the Coughlins and the older Mary Carroll, Ellen's father, Michael, had also been born in Co Wicklow and it is possible that his father, also named Michael, may therefore have been the older Mary Carroll's brother.

Ellen Coughlin's father, James, was born at St Catherine (JC) in January, 1837. He was the son of Laughlin Carroll's son, James Coughlin, born about 1799 in Co Wicklow, Ireland, and his wife, Ellen Sweeney, born about 1800 at Emo, Queen's County, Ireland. James and Ellen were married at St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier on July 11th, 1826. It was noted that James was working elsewhere, in the area of L'Ancienne Lorette at the time of the marriage.



Ellen's mother was Mary Carroll, whose parents were Michael Carroll and Eleanor Grant. Michael Carroll was born in Ireland. In the 1851 Census, he is listed as being 39 years old and a migrant from Co. Wicklow, Ireland. Later censuses confirm his birth in 1812 or 1813, although there is some variation. He was listed as being 78 y.o. in the 1891 Census, which also suggests an 1812-13 birth. It is advised on the 1841 Marriage record that Michael Carroll was, in fact, the son of Michael Carroll and Mary Dunn, and was attended by his cousin, James Coughlin. According to the Valcartier Genealogies(VGs), father Michael Carroll died in 1826, possibly not long after arriving in Quebec. The family does not appear on the 1825 Census. In 1831, Mary Dunn and the Carroll family are not returned in that census. However, on the same page as the Coughlin families, living in the 2nd Range of Valcartier, within a space of 14 records, are listed : (1) William Grant, Ellen's family, (2) Michel McGrath (whose daughter, Mary, married Cornelius Coughlin in 1840), the three Coughlin families, and three Dunn families of John, Maurice and Denys. It is possible that Mary Dunn Carroll was there also, as there is a household of 3, headed by a Mary Crall. This appears to be a possibility, because (from VGs), when Mary Dunn died four years later in October 1835, she left her property to her two children still living with her, Michael, who would have been about 22, and his younger sister, Catherine, who married in Ste Catherine in 1839. The 1842 Census for Valcartier has not survived. In the 1851 Census, John Dunn was not registered, but living nearby to Michael Carroll is Maurice Dunn, aged 60, and Jas. Dunn, aged 62, both from Wicklow Co, Ireland. Living nearby in the same community is Dennis Dunn, who is also 60 years old and from Wicklow Co, Ireland. His wife, T Manifold Dunn, aged 50, is also from Wicklow, Ireland. These could have been Mary Dunn's younger brothers, as she was reputed to have been 60 y.o., when she died in 1835.

Ellen Grant was born Hellena (Eleanor) Grant on January 4th, 1823 in St Augustin de Desmaures, Quebec. The marriage between Michael Carroll and Ellen Grant took place at St Catherine de le Jacques Cartier on May 4th, 1841. In the 1861 Census, daughter, Mary Carroll, was 18 and still living at home, with her parents and three siblings, William, Michael and Margaret, all of whom were younger than Mary. Mary was listed as being a teacher.

Ellen Grant died on 9th September, 1867, at 44 years old. While all the details on the record are correct, including her name as Eleanor, the curate, who buried her, has chosen to record her as "Mrs Carroll" in the margin. Surprisingly, he has listed her husband and two sons as being present, and then added " and many others who could not sign.

(Inclusion : (Margo) In 1842, James Moody was still living in the Graves Settlement of Neuville, Cap Sante. This was before the family moved to St. Basile. However, living very close by, in the Graves Settlement, as well as Arthur McClintock, the Seywards, the Loves, whom we discussed last year, was a Patrick Coughlin (with family of 4 (= 2 + 2 ??). However, this could not have been the brother of Ellen's grandfather, as he had had five children, since he had married in 1826. But in the later Census, no Patrick Coughlin of similar age could be identified.

The Background of the Coughlin Family

The Coughlin family background has been investigated extensively and is available on a website *Genealogies of Valcartier, Quebec*, provided by Patricia Balkcom. The following information is provided directly from information on that website, with additional information and reorganisation in RED.

The Coughlin Family of St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier, Quebec

Laughlin COUGHLIN ALIA: Luky /LuKay/

Birth: ABT 1767 in Wicklow, Ireland

Death: 9 JUL 1832 in Ste Catherine de Portneuf, QC

Note: Arrived in Ste Catherine de Portneuf circa 1820.

Married : Mary CARROLL b: 1774 in Wicklow, Ireland •Married: in Ireland (possibly around 1795)

Children

1. Patrick COUGHLIN b: ABT 1791 in Co. Wicklow, Ireland
2. James COUGHLIN b: ABT 1796 in County Wicklow, Ireland
3. **Ellen COUGHLIN b: 1799 in Co Wicklow, Ireland
Married Michael Foley in 1822
d. 9th February, 1880**
4. Andrew COUGHLIN b: ABT 1806
m. 31st July, 1827 Rose Kearnan
m2 25th july 1837 Ann McCullough, daughter of Richard and Cecilia McCullough

United States Census, 1850

Andrew Coughlin birth: 1806 Ireland

residence: 1850 New Vineyard, Franklin, Maine, United States

other: (wife) Ann Coughlin,

Children Alonzo Coughlin, Andrew Coughlin, Joseph Coughlin, Francis Coughlin,
Angelana

Note : Andrew appears to have married twice. First to Rose Kearnan and then, in 1837 (25th July) to Ann McCullough at Quebec Notre Dame

5. John COUGHLIN b: ABT 1807 in Ireland
6. Laughlin COUGHLIN b: ABT 1813
7. Daniel COUGHLIN b: ABT 1815 in Co. Wicklow, Ireland
8. Mary COUGHLIN b: UNKNOWN
9. Cornelius COUGHLIN b: UNKNOWN

Comment

In the 1825 Census, Laughlin Coughlin is recorded in the new settlement of St Patrick, in Parish of Ste. Catherine de Fossambault. He has 12 people living there. With 9 children in the family, there should have been 11. A William Grant, in a household of seven people, is also in this list. Ellen Grant was born in 1823.

As Laughlin's daughter, Ellen Coughlin, married in 1822, she may have been living at home with her husband, Michael Foley, at this time. It is possible that he may have been the twelfth resident. However, Michael Foley was a mason/builder, and lived in Quebec City for many years thereafter. It is possible that Ellen and Michael were living on Rue Richelieu, QC, in 1831, but there were 23 people living at this location. There were three married couples and eleven children, so there were six older, unmarried residents. By 1851, Michael Foley had died. Ellen was living with her son, James, who was a cabinet maker, aged 28, and one of three apprentices, possibly a nephew, named Loughlin Coughlin, aged 17 years.

In the 1831 Census, Laughlin Coughlin is in a household of 6 (in the fourth range { note : the seignury was originally divided in to five "concessions". The next two households are Patrick Coughlin and James Coughlin, Laughlin's married sons. Two houses away, lived William Grant.

The Carroll Family

Michael Carroll b. c 1780, d. 26 Jul 1826 (comment : in light of Mary Dunn's life facts, Michael C's birth likely to be closer to c. 1770)

Marriage* Mary Dunn b. C 1775 d. October 1835,
b. Co Wicklow, Ire m. c 1800, Co Wicklow, as both Michael and Catherine were born there.

Children

1. Mary Carroll + b. c 1802
2. Amelia Carroll + b. c 1807, d. 12 May 1867
3. Andrew Carroll b. c 1810
4. Michael Carroll b. c. 1812 Wicklow Ire ; d. 27th March, 1899
m. 4th May, 1841 Ellen Grant b. 1823 de Desmaures Quebec

Children of Michael Carroll and Ellen Grant

1. Mary Carroll b. 23rd April 1843 d. July, 1917
2. William Carroll b. c. 1845
3. Margaret Carroll b. c. 1847
4. Michael Carroll b. 1850

5. Catherine Carroll b. c. 1814-15; Co. Wicklow, Ire
m. 10th April, 1839 Michael Doyle b. Co Wicklow, Ire c 1815

Children of Catherine Carroll and Michael Doyle

1. Peter Doyle b. 3rd march, 1840
2. Jane Doyle b. 14th August, 1841
3. Mary Doyle b. 9th February, 1843
4. John b. c 1845
5. Michael b. c 1847
6. Emelia b. c 1849
7. Catherine b. c 1850

Genealogical Chart for Ellen Theresa Coughlin (1871 – 1915)

1. Laughlin Coughlin Mary Carroll
 Bn c. 1867 b: 1774 in Wicklow, Ireland
 married Co Wicklow before 1800
 died July, 1832 bur. 11 SEP 1838 Ste Catherine
 de Portneuf QC

2. James Coughlin Ellen Sweeney
 Bn c 1796 - 1799 Co Wicklow Ire. bn. C. 1799 Queen's Co Ire.
 married 11 JUL 1826 in Notre Dame Church de Quebec City
 died May 2nd, 1882 St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier
 died June 6th 1872

Parents of Mary Carroll

Michael Carroll	Ellen Grant
m. 4 th May 1841 St Catherine de la Jac. Cart.	
bn. Co. Wicklow Ireland c. 1812	bn. 4 th January, 1823 St Augustin des Desmaures Quebec
d. Montreal 27 th March, 1899	d. 9 th September, 1867

3. James Coughlin Mary Carroll
 Bn. 6 JAN 1837 in St. Catherine de Portneuf, QC
 md. 14th August 1865 St Catherine de la Jacques Cartier
 d. 28th February, 1874
 bn 1843 in St. Catherine de Portneuf, QC
 died 14th July, 1917 Montreal
 m.2 October 9th 1877 Lawrence O'Connor

Parents of Ellen Sweeney

Michael Sweeney	Bridget Delaney
Bn Ireland	bn Ireland

Parents of Michael Carroll

Michael Carroll	Mary Dunn
Bn prior 1780	bn c. 1775
Co Wicklow Ire	Co Wicklow, Ire
m. c 1800 Co Wicklow Ire	
d. Quebec 1826	d. 21 st October, 1835

Parents of Ellen Grant

William Grant	Honore Fitzgerald
bn. Ireland	bn. c. 1791 Co Kilkenny, Ire
bur. 16 th February, 1851	bur. 31 st April, 1865

Other children of Mary Carroll (Coughlin)

1. Laughlin Henry Coughlin bn October 26th, 1866 Quebec City
2. William Joseph Coughlin bn 17 November, 1868 in Ste Catherine de Portneuf, QC
 md. Cecilie Flynn June 30th, 1910 (bn 19th March, 1880)

<u>Children</u>	
Joseph	bn 1911
Mary	bn 1913*
Michael	bn 1914*
Nora	bn 1915*
Rita	bn 1917

<u>Parents of Cecilia Flynn</u>	
Michael Flynn	Mary Callohan (Callanan)
b. c 1845 Ireland	b. c 1841 Ireland

4. Thomas Coughlin b. 24th February, 1873
5. Mary O'Connor b. November 24th, 1878

4. Ellen Coughlin

bn. 4th February, 1871 St Roch,
(St Patrick) Quebec City
m. 28th May, 1900 Montreal
d. July 6th 1915 Montreal

Charles Augustin Meehan
bn March 11th 1866

Notre Dame du Bon Conseil
d. 30th September, 1940