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### **The Dugan, Harkins, and Rogers Family Founders of St. John the Evangelist Church, Zanesville**

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Part III

(Continued, from Vol. XXXIII, No. 3)

#### **IV. Elizabeth Dugan Harkins**

Elizabeth Dugan was born in Ireland about 1776. She was the wife of Robert Harkins and lived on a small farm in the Buffalo Creek settlement in Donegal Township, Butler County, Pa. Robert was born in Ireland.\* His name in Irish was O'hEarcain and the family were erenaghs (hereditary lay tenants of church lands) in the parish of Clonca, Inishowen, Co. Donegal. The 1659 poll tax found five of their households in Kilmacrennan Barony, which borders on Templecrone Parish. Their daughter Bridget "traced her descent from the Tyrconnells, a family whose deeds are given much detail in the history of noble families of Ireland." This means that somewhere in the ancestry of either the Dugan or the Harkins family, it was remembered, there was an ancestress who came from the family of the O'Donnells, lords of Tír Chonail.

The census-taker found them a young married couple in Donegal Township with no children in 1800. Robert was taxed for 200 acres of land in 1803 and became a U.S. citizen in 1805. He served as a sergeant in Captain Thompson's Company, Purviance's Regiment, in the War of 1812, which was composed primarily of men from Butler County. The regiment was raised shortly after war was declared in June, 1812, and the men re-enlisted to go to the assistance of Commodore Perry's fleet in

the harbor at Erie, Pa., in the summer of 1813. Robert died on the way home from this service.

Elizabeth and her children moved to Zanesville in response to a request from her brother John to help him operate his inn. They left Butler County in February, 1818 and travelled to Ohio by sled.

In 1850 Elizabeth was living with her daughter Catherine Orndorff in Zanesville. She lived long enough to see her son and grandsons and a great-grandson fighting on both sides in the War Between the States, Robert Harkins, Charles Cochran, and the Barretts for the Union and the Hedges brothers for the Confederacy. She died on September 30, 1870, aged 94 years, and was buried from St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

According to family traditions, the Harkins family included three sons and six daughters. No record of the names of all these children seems ever to have been made. The following list has been assembled largely from records of St. John the Evangelist Church in Zanesville and other miscellaneous records that indicate relationships.

\* Birthplace reported by his son Robert J. J. Harkins in the 1880 census. Robert's daughter Mary Taggart reported him born in Pennsylvania, but the son Robert was the better historian; Mary's own age was incorrect in that census.

A. Catherine Harkins, born in 1801 or 1802, was baptized at Buffalo Creek on October 22, 1803. She married "Colonel" Henry Orndorff of Zanesville on Sept. 11, 1827 before Rev. S. H. Montgomery, O.P. Henry ran the tavern that previously had been owned by John S. Dugan. He later ran a stage coach office in Zanesville. After 1870 they moved to San Francisco, where he died in 1877. Catherine died there on March 4, 1879; her funeral was at St. Mary's Cathedral. (*San Francisco Moring Call*, March 5, 1879) Their graves are in Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, Cal. Lee Shackelton of Mariposa, California, a grandson of a step-daughter of their son James Orndorff, provided much interesting information on this family from James's scrapbooks, which is included below.

1. David H. Orndorff, born about 1829, married Bernice Florence Bloor in Belmont County, Ohio on April 24, 1851. By 1889 David had died and Bernice was living in Indianapolis; she died there in 1901. They had three children.
2. John S. Orndorff, born in May and baptized on July 16, 1830 at St. John the Evangelist; sponsors were Robert Harkins and B. C. Dugan. In 1880 he was living in Virginia City, Nevada, with his three children. By 1900 he had moved to San Diego, Cal., and was living with his daughter Alice and her family. At the age of 80 he was living alone, a farmer in Lemon Grove Township, San Diego County. He had three children.
3. Louisiana Orndorff was baptized on August 6, 1832 at St. John. She was educated at St. Mary's Academy in Somerset. She married Erastus Paul Ream at St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, on Oct. 10, 1854. (Paul had joined the Church that March.) Thomas Monz and Sarah French were witnesses. (Monz or Muntz is said to have been husband of Mary Cassilly, below, and Sarah probably was daughter of Elizabeth and William French, below.) (Information on Louisiana's daughter can be found at [www.huntington.tierranet.com](http://www.huntington.tierranet.com))
4. James William Orndorff, baptized April 13, 1834. According to Lee Shackelton, James was known as Gentleman Jim Orndorff and also as Colonel Orndorff, a rank given to him by the Governor of Nevada when appointing him Chief Engineer in 1879. He left Zanesville at age 18 and went to California in search of gold. After ten years in the California gold fields, he moved to Virginia City, Nevada, to work in the Comstock Lode silver mines. However, he quickly discerned that better money was to be made by entertaining the miners. About 1863, with partner Jack McGee, he opened the Delta Saloon and Casino. The Delta is still in operation, the oldest, continuously operating saloon in Nevada. Mark Twain and the editor of the *Territorial Enterprise* favored the Delta for the daily writing of their stories and editorials. He married in Virginia City, but his wife died after a short time. About 1880, as the silver mining wound down, James sold the Delta and moved to San Francisco. There he married Nettie Caleb. He opened the Cafe Royale Emporium, a saloon that boasted eighteen competition billiard tables and a long bar that stretched from Market Street to the street behind. In his later years James gardened and worked with poultry; he was considered one of California's leading authorities on anything having to do with chickens. At age 71 James married Gussie Hall. After her death he married Nellie J. McHugh Battis. He died in San Francisco on Feb. 16, 1923. He adopted Nettie Caleb's two sons:
  - a. Harry F. Orndorff performed Irish skits while entertaining at the Bella Union and later was manager of the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. He married Maud Stanley in San Francisco on August 4, 1885.
  - b. Edward Orndorff
5. Mary Elizabeth Orndorff, baptized May 8, 1836; she died on March 20, 1919. She bought a lot in Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, California, and had her parents and her brothers James, Valentine, and Clay moved there and is buried there herself.
6. Valentine Leander "Tip" Orndorff, baptized January 25, 1838; sponsor Ann Rogers. He attended St. Joseph's College near Somerset in 1852/53 and 1853/54. He died of consumption in San Francisco on August 30, 1882.

7. Thomas Corwin Orndorff, baptized September 12, 1840; spon. Peter Rogers. In 1871 he moved to Columbus, where he was a bookkeeper for a coal company. His wife was Elizabeth, born Cassell. By 1887 they moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, where Thomas was a manager for his brother-in-law, a manufacturer of cartridge belts. After his retirement they moved to Redlands, California, where he died in 1905.
    - a. Henry C. Orndorff, born March 14, 1882, baptized at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus on April 16, with Bishop Nicholas A. Gallagher as godfather. He and his wife Catherine were living in Providence, R.I. in 1920.
  8. Charles Henry (Henry Clay) Orndorff, born April 5 and baptized on April 11, 1844 at St. Thomas Church. He attended St. Joseph College near Somerset in 1853/54. He died on March 19, 1874.
- B. "Juy" Harkins, baptized at Buffalo Creek on October 22, 1803
- C. Thomas Harkins, baptized at Buffalo Creek on September 28, 1805
- D. Margaret Harkins, born in Pennsylvania about 1807, married Oliver Barrett on May 6, 1828 before Rev. N. D. Young, O.P. Oliver ran a tavern in a brick house at the northeast corner of Chestnut and Second streets in Coshocton for a short time, but then returned to Zanesville. (Hill, *History of Coshocton County*, 430) They moved to Berrien County, Michigan about 1849 but by 1860 were living in Cincinnati, where Oliver had a carpentry shop. He died on May 29, 1877 and Margaret on February 22, 1883, in Cincinnati.
1. Helen Barrett, baptized April 8, 1831; Bridget Harkins was sponsor. Apparently she was the Anna E. Barrett who married a Johnston; and in October, 1879 married Dr. Paul Reinlein in Christ Church, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. In 1880 they were in Washington and her mother Margaret was living with them.
    - a. Emma Johnston, born about 1856, married J. O. Fishback. They were living with the Reinleins in 1880.
      - ? Miss Ruby Johnston of Washington, D.C., named in the will of Z. T. Hedges.
  2. Oliver Robert Barrett, baptized June 11, 1833; sponsors were Andrew and Margaret Dugan. He was buried on June 12, 1833 from St. John the Evangelist Church.
  3. William Thomas Barrett was baptized on June 7, 1835. He enlisted in Company A, Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry on April 20, 1861, the same day as his younger brother Robert, and was appointed Sergeant. He served in this unit in the Army of the Potomac and then in the Army of the Cumberland until June 20, 1864. He was alive in 1883.
  4. Catherine Ann Barrett, baptized on March 4, 1838; spon. George and Ann Spurck; married Charles E. Grant on December 1, 1880 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati. She had no children.
  5. Robert Harkins Barrett, born in Zanesville, was baptized on November 8, 1840; sponsors were Robert Harkins and his wife Catherine. In 1860 he was a carpenter's apprentice. Like his grandfather and namesake, he died as a result of service to his country. At the commencement of the Civil War he was appointed Second Lieutenant in Company A, Fifth O.V.I. and campaigned in West Virginia. After three months he re-enlisted in the same unit but he resigned his commission on August 16, 1861. Due to the effects of exposure and hardship in the service, it was thought, he contracted pulmonary consumption or tuberculosis. As he suffered with this affliction at his parents' home on Clinton street in Cincinnati, he was frequently visited by Archbishop Purcell, from whom he received Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Extreme Unction, along with the scapular. "He was perfectly resigned to the divine will—and his last words were the invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus." He died on April 15, 1862. (*Catholic Telegraph*, April 23, 1862)
  6. Mary Ellen (Mollie) Barrett, born January 22 and baptized on January 28, 1844 at St. Thomas Church, sponsors Thomas and Ellen Bridget Hughes. She married J. W. Owens at St. Peter

in Chains Cathedral on Nov. 8, 1865. He was a riverboat pilot and in 1880 they were living in Memphis, Tenn. They had three children.

7. Albert or Joseph Barrett, born about 1846 in Ohio; deceased by 1883 without children.

8. Laura D. Barrett, born about 1848 in Ohio, married Edwin C. Weaver on January 1, 1872 in St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati. She was a widowed seamstress in Cincinnati in 1880. About 1883 she married Joseph W. Pfitzer. She had no children.

E. Elizabeth Harkins married William French on January 22, 1824 before Rev. N. D. Young, O.P., in Zanesville.

? Probably the Sarah French who was witness to the wedding of Louisiana Orndorff (above) in 1854.

(The Harkins family will conclude with Ann Cassilly, Mary Taggart, Bridget Hedges, and Robert J. J. Harkins in our November issue.)

## Abstracts from the *Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued, from Vol. XXXIII, No. 6)

Feb. 2, 1856

[Communicated.]

At a meeting of the Catholics of St. Patrick's congregation, Columbus, held on Sunday evening, 20th inst., in the large and beautiful school house attached to the church, the Rev. Mr. Meagher presiding, W. Naghton, Esq., acting as Secretary, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we hail with delight the announcement that a convention of delegates, appointed by the Catholics of these States and the Canadas, will meet in Buffalo on Monday, the 12th of February, having for its object the formation of some organized and systematic plan to enable many of our fellow Catholics to become owners of the soil, where they can exercise their industry and labor for their own benefit, and secure an inheritance for their children.

*Resolved*, That we cheerfully and cordially cooperate with our co-religionists of these States and the provinces in carrying out successfully any plan that may be agreed on by the convention for locating a colony of Irish Catholics in the West.

*Resolved*, That we, in accordance with the preceding resolution, most respectfully and earnestly request our esteemed pastor to attend the convention as delegate from the capitol city of Ohio.

*Resolved*, That we are unqualifiedly in favor of a location in one of the Western States of this republic, and are decidedly of opinion that the Catholics of

this State will never emigrate to any part of the Canadas.

*Resolved*, That a committee of sixteen be appointed whose duty it shall be to find out and report to our Rev. Delegate the number of Catholics in this city that are desirous to emigrate, the business or occupation to which they are, severally, best adapted, the amount of capital they possess, and such other correct information as may be deemed requisite.

*Resolved*, That we hold another general meeting on Sunday next, immediately after Vespers.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Catholic Telegraph*, the *Boston Pilot*, and the *American Celt*.

Parish Statistics for 1855:

St. Mary's Church (German), Portsmouth, 50 baptisms, 5 marriages, 7 deaths

St. Nicholas, Zanesville, 81 baptisms, 17 marriages, 25 deaths

St. Joseph's near Somerset, 25 baptisms, 7 marriages, 11 deaths

St. Patrick's near Somerset, 30 baptisms, 8 marriages, 6 deaths

February 16, 1856

Report of Receipts of Seminary for 1855.

St. Mary's, at the Furnaces \$ 12 00

St. Patrick's, Columbus 117 00

St. Thomas Aquinas', Zanesville 22 00

St. Nicholas', Zanesville	29 00
St. Mary's, Lancaster	70 00
Sacred Heart, Pomeroy	30 00
St. Lawrence, Ironton	30 00
Gallipolis congregation	4 25
St. Mary's, Lancaster (additional)	10 00
St. Joseph's, Canal Dover	12 00
St. Francis Xavier, Lodi	11 89
Immaculate Conception, Marges	11 30
St. Mary's, at the Furnaces (2d col.)	13 00
St. Peter's, Lick Run, Scioto county	6 00
Wilksville congregation	17 00
Nativity, Portsmouth	7 08
St. Vincent's and St. Luke's, Knox Co.	50 00
St. Peter's, Canal Dover Mission	4 65
St. Peter's, Steubenville	50 00
St. Peter's, Chillicothe	35 00
[subtotal	529 17]
Total Archdiocese	\$2,262 58

March 1, 1856

[From the Daily Metropolis, Chillicothe, Feb. 25.]

**Celebration of Washington's Birth Day.**

We had not time on Saturday to notice at length the Celebration of Washington's Birthday, by the students of St. Peter's College. The crowd of intelligent ladies and gentlemen which attended the exercises at Masonic Hall on the evening of the 22d inst., was an evidence of the good feeling entertained by our citizens toward St. Peter's College, and of their charitable disposition.

Taking into consideration the short time for preparation and the youth of the several performers, we can truly say that the parts of the plays were admirably enacted. We have not yet ascertained the amount of money realized by the performance, but suppose from the numbers present, that it will not fall short of \$150—which sum, we doubt not, will be properly distributed by the Ladies' Charity.

It may be invidious to instance particular performers where all acquitted themselves so well—yet we must say that in "Cato"—a tragedy as difficult to perform as any of our more modern plays, the actors showed an appreciation of its beauties, and a just comprehension of their parts. Mr. O'Wesney,

as Cato, looked the patriot stoic; Mr. Conlon acted "Sempronia" well, as did Mr. Kirk his part, "Juba." Mr. E. C. Landry performed "Syphax" excellently. Mr. Thomas Rogers was not a whit behind any of his fellow students; while the two young Carrolls, Downing and our young friend John P. McNally played their several parts with feeling and earnestness.

We cannot help noticing Mr. O'Brien, who ...in the after piece of the "White Horse of the Peppers." We are sure that the laughs of others were as genuine as ours.

The performance was enlivened by the music of the Chillicothe Band, and it discourses good music.

The entire performance reflected credit upon the institution over which Mr. Forde presides.

Students mentioned in "Distinctions Awarded to the Students of St. Peter's College, for the first half Session, ending February 6th, 1856."

Senior Department:

W. A. O'Wesney [Owesney] of Steubenville

Charles C. Landry of Chillicothe

John S. [or J.] Kirk T[imothy?]. Mahony

Charles Conlon Thomas Rogers

Ernest C. Landry

Junior Department:

John Owens Numa Landry, La.

Robert R. Carrel, Cin'ti Charles Carrel

John McNally William Kennedy

Wilfried Kennedy

Department not specified:

James O'Brien Timothy Mahony

John Murphy J. McMahony

WilliamDunn

The text of an address to St. Peter's Benevolent Society of Cincinnati by Thomas Ewing Junior is printed.

March 8, 1856

**A Fine Chance for Catholic Settlers.**

Rev. Mr. D. Kelly writes to us from near Wilksville, Gallia county, that there are 7,000 acres of land for sale not far from his church, at from \$2 1/2 to \$5 an



acre. And probably as much more in Salem and Vinton townships, a few miles from Wilksville—all cheap, and place healthy. The country abounds in iron, coal, limestone, timber, pure water, and, in short, everything to facilitate the success of industrious emigrants or settlers.

The church near Wilksville is being much enlarged, and two Catholic schools are established in the district.

A lot for a church has been obtained in Charleston, twelve miles from Wilksville and twenty-four from Chillicothe. There is a railroad

running through the country—Baltimore, Athens, Chillicothe, Cincinnati Road—not far from the church.

Friends of Catholic settlers please copy.

Parish Statistics for 1855:  
St. Dominick, Harrison Township; St. Pius, Pleasant Township, and stations of New Lexington, Rehoboth, etc., attended by Rev. Mannes D'Arco, O.P.: 357 Easter Communion, 53 baptisms, 9 marriages, 21 deaths.

(To be continued)

### New Straitsville St. Augustine Parish Census, 1888

Continued, from Vol. XXXIII, No. 9

Bridget McDonnough, widow, 55	William 18 James 13 1/2	William 7 John 4
Bridget 33	Thomas 12	Michael 1
Norah 31	Hugh 10	Mrs. Mary Murphy 61
Catherine 29	Robert 8	He does not attend to his religious duties and pays nothing to the church.
Michael 27	Winfreda 6	
Patrick 24		
“Columbus”	Bridget O'Connor, widow, 75	
	Richard 44	William McKearn 60, husband
John Nugent 31	John 34	Catherine 60, wife
Mary Ann 22, parents	Bridget 31	
Mary 4		John McGrath 47
Sarah 6 mons.	Mary Feeney, widow 52	Margaret 43, parents
William Nugent 55	James 24	Margaret 18
Mary McDermot 21	Margaret 26	Maurice 17
“Shawnee”	Johanna 21	Elizabeth 15
	Ann 18	Ann 10
Matland Murday 41		
Catherine 40, parents	Mary Ann Rice, widow, 42	John Rowan 30
Thomas 17	Michael 22	Catherine 29, parents
John 15	Mary 18	Thomas 6
Mary Ann 12	John 13	John 4
Edward 10	Ann 12	James 2
Maria 7	Patrick 11	Robert McGuire 17
Esther 4	George 9	Mary Ann McGuire 15
Catherine 1	“Away”	
		Mary Keller, widow, 45
James O'Donnell 42	John Murphy 37	William 22
Mary Gertrude 40, parents	Sarah 25, parents	John 17

Emma 11 1/2	Thomas Lynch 28	Peter 11
Jerome 9	Mary 31, parents	Mary 8
	Mary 7	Joseph 7
Peter McQuaide, husband	Margaret 7 mons.	Margaret 4
Ann, wife, 21	Michael Barron 14	"Gone"
John Walsh 69	Mary Donaghue, widow, 56	Owen Freel 41
Wifreda 69, parents	Jane 17	Bridget 32, parents
Michael 27	Edward 23	Mary 12
Ellen 25	"Left"	Peter 11
		Margaret 9
John Quinn, widower, 60	Edward Lynch, widower, 60	Fergus 7
Mary 29	Edward 21	Charles 5
John 23	Jane Lynch, aunt 64	Sarah Grace 16 mons.
Joseph 21	"Gone"	
Patrick 19		Edward Coll 40
Ann 17	Terence McCaffrey, husband 24	Dorothea 31, parents
Margaret 13	Mary, wife 23	Albert 13
Elizabeth 9	"Columbus" 9	Charles 13
		Patrick 12
Margaret Callaghan 60	John Cannon 46	Mary 5
Daniel 24	Julia 42, parents	The parents do not go to church
Alice 23	Patrick 18	nor pay any thing to the church.
Nancy Cummins 21	William 16	The children go to the Public
Catherine Cummins 19	John 12	School.
	Michael 8	
Hannah McBride, widow 34	Martin 5	Mary Coll, widow, 62
Francis 10		Denis 28
Margaret 6	Thomas Patrick Padden 22,	John 21
James 2	husband	
	Ann 24, wife	James Sweeney 40
Michael O'Brien 42	Edward Gallagher	Rose 33, parents
Catherine 45, parents	"Gone"	James 14
John Francis 14		Ellen 12
	John Freel 45	John 9
John Holleran 32	Margy 35, parents	Catherine 6
Mary 28, parents	John 12	Elizabeth 3
James Francis 3	Charles 9	
Charles 1	Mary 2	Peter O'Donnell
		Mary 33, parents
Margaret McCaffrey, widow, 50	John Edward Brown 50	James 8
Margaret 20	Catherine 45, parents	Ann 6
William 15	William 18	Jane 3
Mary 13	John 17	John 1
Herman 10	Elizabeth 13	"not"

William McIlhatton 48  
Sarah 51, parents  
Mary 25  
John 22  
Alexander 20  
Sarah 17  
Agnes 15  
Catherine 12

Matthew Hart 46  
Catherine 34, parents  
Peter 12  
James 9  
Matthew 6  
Philip 4  
"Johnnton"?

Peter Duffy, widower  
Ann 4  
Jane 2  
"Dead"

John Manning  
Eleonora, parents  
John 10  
Mary 7  
Ann 3

John Sharp 35  
Ellen 26, parents  
Mary 9  
Elizabeth 4  
James 6 mos.  
"away"

Michael Callaghan 48  
Ann 45, parents  
Patrick 23  
Bridget 21  
Michael 19  
John 13  
Rose 12  
Ann 9  
Mary 7  
Catherine 5  
Francis [or Frances?] 3 mons.  
"Pittsburg"

Bridget O'Brien, widow, 56  
Thomas 33  
Maurice 27  
John 24  
"away"

Nicholas Fuchs 61

Mary Barbara 50, parents  
Eugene 21  
Ann Mary 15  
August 11  
Francis 17  
Leo 9  
The husband does not attend to  
his religious duties.

Patrick Holmes 40  
Mary 32, parents  
Catherine 12  
John 9  
James 7  
Norah 5  
Mary 1  
"Kentucky"

Mary Davis, mother (mixed  
marriage) 29  
Nellie 8  
Ruth 5  
Alice 3  
Edward 6 mons.  
"Crooksville"

(To be continued)