



Research Results Report

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Summary of Research Results:

Two hours of research time was applied completing a digital collections survey to learn more about the identities of the ancestral couple John Farrell and Mary Doyle. At project start client submitted a naturalization record for a man named John Farrell who was naturalized in Carbondale, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania in September 1860; part of an 1860 Federal population census on the household of Mary Farrell, as well as an 1870 Federal population census on the household of Patrick and Mary Haley where minor Farrell children also resided.

The research survey no new positive results. Genealogist obtained a complete image of the 1860 census on the household of Mary Farrell. It was important to obtain a copy of this record to determine when the 1860 census was taken. Upon review of the record the 1860 census on the household of Mary Farrell was taken during July 1860 in Scranton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The 1860 census did not report marital status, but for whatever reason Mary Farrell was the only adult in her household and she resided with two minor children Peter Farrell born circa 1854 in Pennsylvania and Patrick Farrell born circa 1857 in Pennsylvania.

At project start it was not clear if she was a widow by July 1860 or for whatever reason her husband resided outside the home. After obtaining the 1860 census, and with the date of enumeration is known, there is a slight conflict with the naturalization record from September 1860 on a man named John Farrell. On the naturalization record John Farrell became a citizen during the fall of 1860 and his place of naturalization was the city of Carbondale in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. If John Farrell was living during the fall of 1860 it is not clear why he was not listed with his family. The Civil War did not begin until 1861 so unless he joined one of the armed forces before the onset of the Civil War it is not clear where he may have resided during 1860.

Important negative findings to discuss include the inability to locate information on Mary Haley after 1870 to narrow down her date and place of death. It was also not possible to find information on the man named Patrick Haley born circa 1805 who was the head of the household where Mary resided in 1870. If John Farrell died at one point before 1880 he died prior to the registration of deaths in the State of Pennsylvania, which means a State-issued death record does not exist. Similarly, a state-issued marriage record for John Farrell and Mary Doyle as well as birth records for Peter Farrell and Patrick Farrell do not exist because those vital events occurred before State registration.



Summary of Research Recommendations:

Genealogist recommends applying up a half hour of correspondence time to submit a request to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Genealogical Society to survey copies of original baptismal, marriage and burial registrations from the Dioceses of Scranton to learn more about the identities of John Farrell and Mary Doyle. These religious records are a unique collection only available for survey onsite at the headquarters of the NPGS. The society accepts research requests by mail and will conduct a survey of their church records for a fee of \$25.

Since Peter and Patrick Farrell were born prior to the registration of births with the State of Pennsylvania a baptismal record is the best document to find to prove the identities of their parents. It will be important to inquire the society search for copies of baptismal registrations Peter and Patrick Farrell. Genealogist will also submit an inquiry to search for a marriage registration for John Farrell and Mary Doyle because if they were married in the U.S. they were married before a State issued record would have been created.

Correspondence Time is a term we use to describe research tasks that involve direct contacts with government agencies, historical societies, or other entities to submit requests for documents; often including the completion of formal request forms, emails, or mail correspondence. Correspondence tasks are billed at half our normal research rate.

Itemized List of Research Recommendations:

- 2B. Correspondence**, up to .5-hours correspondence time + \$25 research fees to NPGS
- To submit a request to the NPGS to search for baptismal registration for Peter Farrell and Patrick Farrell as well as a marriage registration for John Farrell and Mary Doyle
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