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12 March 1996

Mr. Edward Biggins  
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Dear Mr. Biggins,

In the way of introduction, my name is Brian Biggins. I reside in Western Pennsylvania. For some years I have been researching the genealogy of my family.


My great-grand father James Biggins was an immigrant from Ireland and arrived in the Port of New York in 1850. He eventually located in McKean County, Pennsylvania and was a strong farmer and lumberman.

He was age 16 when he came to this country. He had a brother, who lived in Brooklyn, whom he must have gone on arriving. I do not know the brother's first name. I do however know that one of his son's was a John E. Biggins who had a galvanizing business in Brooklyn in the 1920's. Interestingly, this John Biggins, maintained correspondence with my great-uncle, also John Edward Biggins. I'm enclosing a copy of a letter to establish my bona fides.

My Grandfather Dr. Patrick Edward Biggins had maintained ties with the NY cousins. This contact was lost at the time of his death in 1950. My older Uncles and Aunts recall that the NY Biggins had some connection to the Flatbush National Bank and that some of that family had moved to the Boston area.

I am writing to you as a "shot in the dark". In our family, the name Edward is a traditional name, along with James and John. I have been unable to determine where the Edward came from in regard to naming on our family. Great-grandfather James Biggins parents were Patrick Biggins and Mary Maloy of County Mayo.

I would greatly enjoy re-establishing contact with lost relatives and sharing family information. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely, ..  
  
M. Brian Biggins

Biggins in NY - relatives

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Dear John,

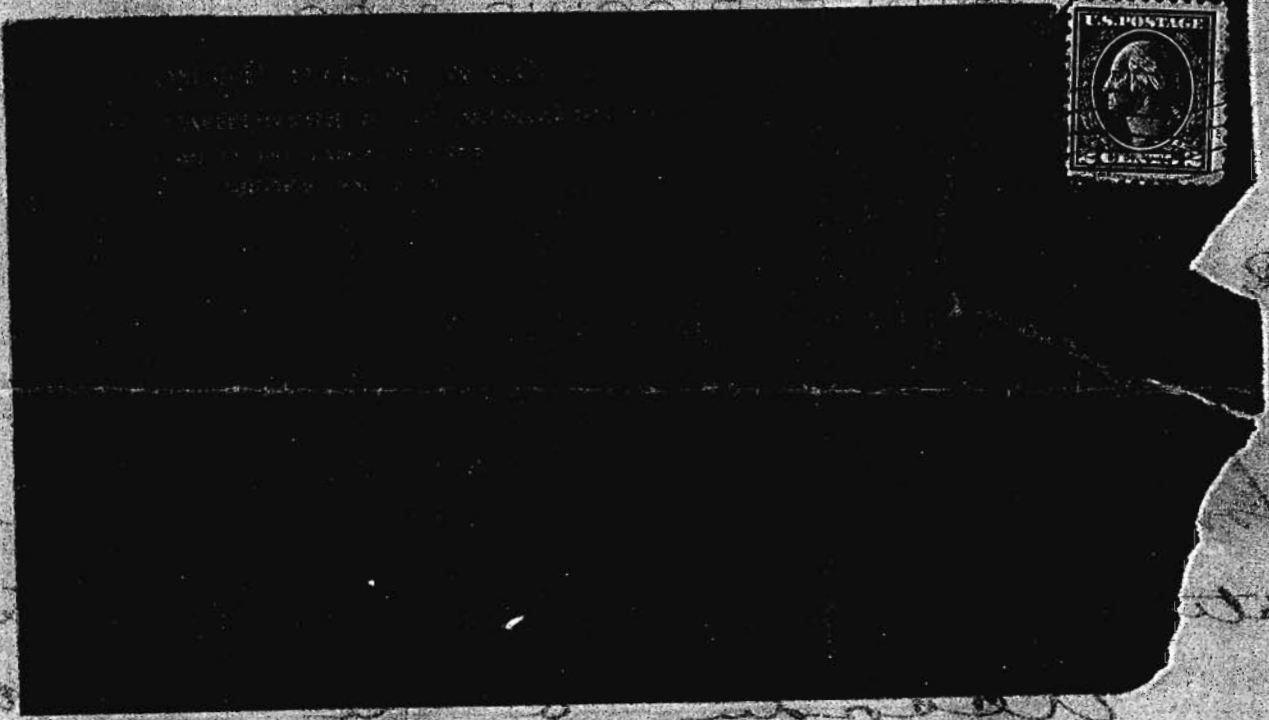
Inclosed please find letter  
from the wife's uncle whose kindly  
letter after you had read same

According to the Wool Market

I have noticed that its value  
studies than for some time and I  
think you will do better by holding  
same for a while and get a better  
price for it.

Hope you and yours are well  
and to hear from you when  
convenient.

Yours  
J. E. Biggins



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*Brooklyn 8/31* 1921

*Dear Cousin*

*I expect to pass through  
Plain Saturday Am. and will  
try and call on you for a  
few minutes. We are going to  
Buffalo*

Yours respectfully,  
*J.E.* JOHN E. BIGGINS & CO.

Edward Biggins

Mom + Dad :

I think the parents  
have to respond to this  
strange letter - ed

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Peter A. Biggins  
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August 15, 1996

Mr. M. Brian Biggins  
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Hermitage, PA 16148

Dear Brian:

Last March you sent a letter to our son Edward in New York. He passed it on to me, thinking I might be able to help. I showed it to my brother James A. Biggins, who gave me copies of some old papers that our grandmother, Emily Foy Biggins, had given to our father, John A. Biggins in 1952. My brother was given the papers because his name is James and there are two relatives named James mentioned in the papers. Copies of the papers are enclosed.

My great great grandfather was Patrick Biggins born in County Mayo. The papers don't mention County Mayo, but I was always told that my grandfather's forbears came from Mayo and my grandmother's (Emily Foy's) from County Cork.

My great grandparents were Philip Biggins (also may have been born in County Mayo) and Sarah Biggins (born McNally in Chicago, her father was James McNally, who owned 160 acres of land in Iowa in the 1850s).

My grandparents, Leslie Biggins (born in Naperville near Chicago, was in the lebinite metallic waterproofing business, waterproofed the foundation Columbus Hospital in Chicago for Mother Cabrini) and Emily Foy Biggins (born Foy in Chicago, a high school graduate, was involved in the founding of Hull House), lived in Chicago. They had five children: Emily, Kathleen, Philip, John (my father, who went by his middle name Alfred), and Richard.

My father was born on Altgeld Street in Chicago in 1910. In 1925, my grandparents took out a mortgage and became owners of the University Court Apartments on Sheffield Avenue near DePaul University. My father married Jane Drueke of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1937. They had five children: Emily, Peter (me), James, Sarah, and William.

I was born in 1939 and lived in the Chicago area most of the time until 1972. In 1964, I married Marilyn Carroll. We have four children. Our son, Edward, was born in Evanston, Illinois, in 1967. He was named after my wife's father. In 1972, we moved to Darien, CT.

In comparing your letter with our papers, there are some coincidences that raise some intriguing questions.

First, you and I both have a great great grandfather named Patrick Biggins born in County

Mayo. Are these Patricks one in the same? Was Mary Maloy my great great grandmother?

Second, our papers show that Patrick Biggins, then a widower, sold 80 acres of farmland in Naperville near Chicago, in 1874 to his son Philip Biggins, who got a mortgage that was cosigned by James A. Biggins, Catharine Biggins, and Rosanna Biggins. The papers don't mention it, but I was told that Philip and James were brothers. Could Philip, my great grandfather, be the brother of James, your great grandfather? Did Philip live in Brooklyn when James arrived at age 16 in 1850 at the Port of New York? Was my grandfather, the metallic waterproofer, the brother of John E. Biggins, the galvanizer and tinner?

The only Biggins I've ever known other than you and my relatives was a John M. Biggins. I caddied for him at Indian Hill Club in Winnetka, Illinois, in the early 1950s. He was president of Elgin Watch Company in Elgin, Illinois, and was playing as a guest of a member. I would guess he was about 60 years old at the time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter A. Biggins', written in a cursive style.

Peter A. Biggins

3950 Windsor Ct.  
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21 August 1996

Mr. Peter Biggins  
230 Old Kings Highway North  
Darien, CT 06820

Dear Peter,

It was a real pleasure to receive your letter and the enclosed documents. You are right, some of the coincidences make you wonder! If, as you say, your Patrick was from Co. Mayo, it is likely that there is a relationship of some sort.

I have been fooling around with family genealogy for over fifteen years with some good results. Both sides of my family are Irish...so I've learned a bit about how to track down relatives. A major problem are that 19th century records in Ireland are not always consistent and or were destroyed. In the late 1700's and early 1800's the infamous Penal Laws were still in effect against the native Irish. They mitigated against record keeping. Irish Catholics were forbidden by law to attend schools, RC churches were suppressed along with the clergy, and property ownership restricted to those of the established church. These eased up in the early/mid 1800's. Along came the "An Gorta Mor" the Great Hunger and there were so many deaths that many went unrecorded and many of the normal bureaucratic records were in chaos. On top of that there was no fool-proof record of those who left the country except the ship manifests.

The surname Biggins comes from the Irish word "beag" which literally means "small" or "little". It is a native Irish name as opposed to being of Norman, Welsh, Scots or English origin. In the 19th century the name was found in Co. Armagh and in Co. Mayo. It is an uncommon name with most of those having it residing in Co. Mayo then and now. In fact it is found in the area immediately around the town of Ballinrobe. An anglicized variant is Little or Littleton. This does not show itself in Mayo.

My Great-great Grandfather Patrick Biggins was from the Parish of Robeen in the country outside of Ballinrobe. We are fairly certain that he lived in a small village called Cloondaver (Daver's meadow) on the east shore of Lough Carra. This was a congregation of 10-12 cabins on land then owned by landlords named Rutledge. I think they in turn were tenants of the famous Moore family of Moore Hall. The Moores' were nationalists and relatively benevolent to their tenants in the Famine years. A death certificate, the only document I have been able to find, shows a Patrick Biggins of Cloondaver dying in 1866 of a "burst artery". I think this is my Patrick. He was about 50. This would be about right. My Great-grandfather James was born in 1834.

Our Patrick Biggins, married to Mary Maloy, did not come to the U.S. Neither did Mary Maloy. I think she may have been Patrick's first wife and re-married after his death, or, been a second wife with a family from a first marriage. The reason I think this is that in the "History of McKean County, PA" she is mentioned as James Biggins mother. It gets complicated here.... James had a sister Bridget who was married to a Martin Welch. James wife Ellen was Martin's sister, so brother and sister married brother and sister. One of Martin and Bridget's sons married a Maria Manning. The "History" states that Maria's parents were a Mary Maloy and Fred Manning of County Mayo. I can't figure that one out and can't prove what the relationship means.

In the "Tithe Apportionment Books" from Ireland it shows a plot of 60 acres tenanted by Patrick Biggins and a couple others at Cloondaver under lease to a Denis Biggins. I suspect Denis may be Patrick's father. There was a Denis Biggins who was a publican in Ballinrobe at that time. There is an oral tradition in my family of Biggins that they were pub keepers/farmers in Ireland. I have been unable to prove the relationship. Patrick's mother was a Sarah Moran. Moran is a very common surname around Ballinrobe. They say Mor-run.

I have no exact information on the names of Patrick's children; my James, Bridget and the brother in Brooklyn, most likely a John are the only ones I can feel sure about. Your Patrick may be another son. Some of the generation before mine said there was a brother who went "West" to Indiana or Illinois with whom contact was lost. If there was, your Patrick may be the man.

James is a common name in our branch. There is one, at minimum, in each generation since Great-grandfather James came over. I have a first cousin James Andrew in L.A. His father was James Andrew Biggins, M.D. My Great-grandfather's children were Edward (died as a child), Maryanne (died in her 20's), Ella, married to John Faragher, John Edward, married to Elizabeth McDonald, Patrick Edward, married to Frances Campbell (my Grand parents) and James John, married to Mabel Brown. Of the next generation only my Dad is left.

Our original James served in the Civil War with the 2nd Regiment of United States Sharpshooters and was wounded in the right hand and wrist. He became a substantial sheep farmer and lumberman, a county commissioner, and was active in the G.A.R. and community. He died in 1916. My Grandfather Dr. Patrick E. Biggins knew the relationships and stories, but died in 1950. He also knew the Brooklyn Biggins. I am attempting to contact descendents of that family, but, haven't had any luck yet.

There are other Biggins in Illinois unrelated as far as I can tell. They too are of Irish/Mayo origin. I will enclose what I have on them. I am also enclosing other information you can evaluate. I'd like to see where we can go together



with this if you are interested.

There are Biggins who own the land at Cloondaver today. I have met and visited them. They can't take the genealogy back more than three or four generations. We can't determine if they are Patrick's descendents too. I feel sure they are. There is another family of Biggins in Ballinrobe who own a pub and a tour bus business. I have yet to meet them. The Cloondaver Biggins have a cousin in Chicago, of Irish birth, who's name is Aidan, I think. He is a doctor. I don't know if it's D.O., M.D., eye, foot or Philosophy. I haven't been able to get his phone to contact him.

I really appreciate that your Edward forwarded my letter. I was more or less trying Biggins with familiar first names to find the Brooklyn family. Your letter was a bonus.

Take a look at this stuff and let me know what you think.

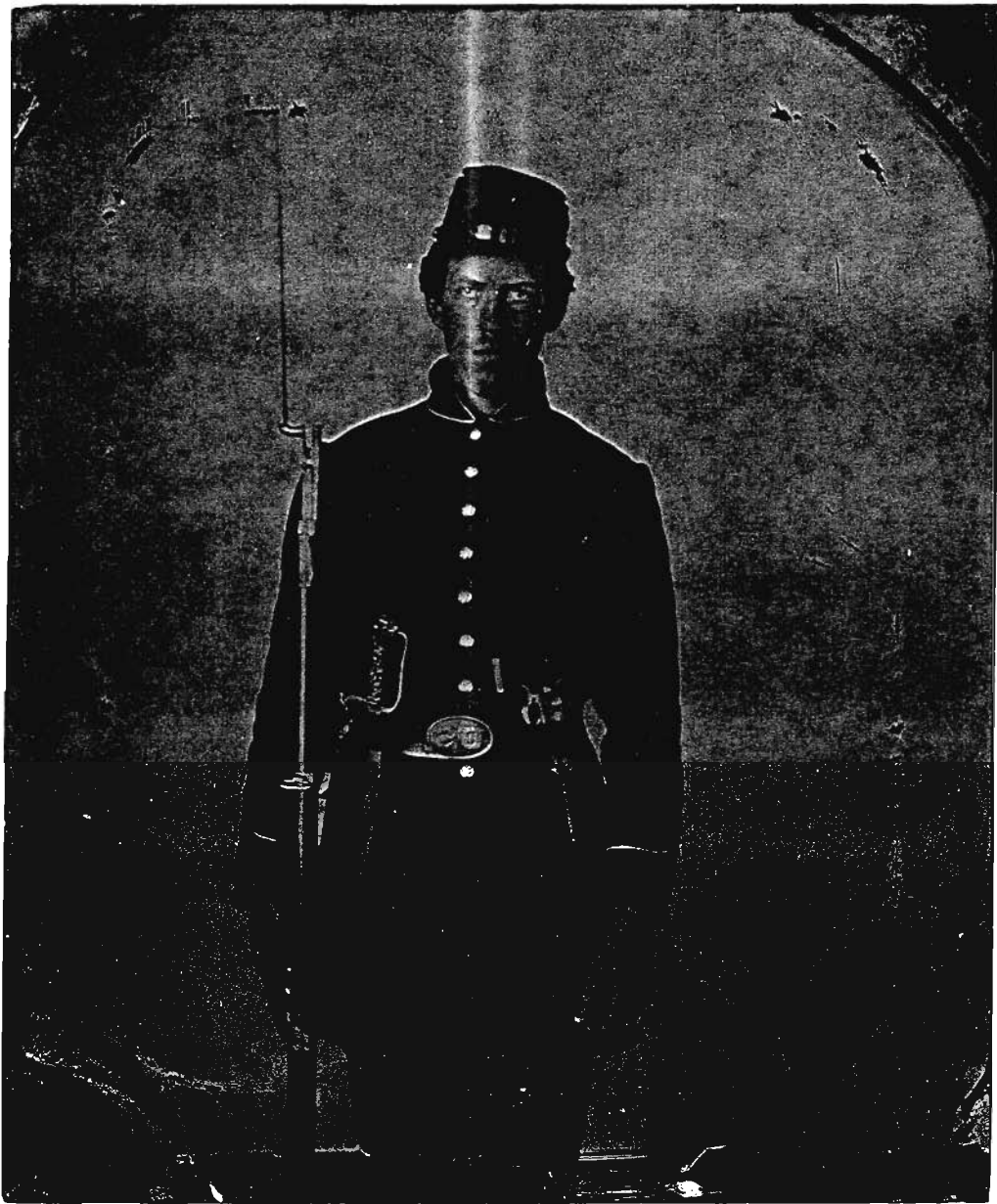
I live in a town about half way between Pittsburgh and Erie, am married and have two sons Rory 14 and Brendan 13. I was born in 1950, my Dad in 1921, and my Grandfather in 1880. My Grandfather came to this part of PA in 1907 to start his medical practice. The original homestead is near Eldred in McKean County PA not far from Bradford, PA and Olean, NY.

An after thought...there was a Pat Biggins naturalized in McKean County in the 1860s or there about. I could not establish a connection. He must have moved away because he doesn't show up on later census. I think I have a copy of his naturalization papers and will send them if I do. The name isn't common so perhaps we all are related some how.

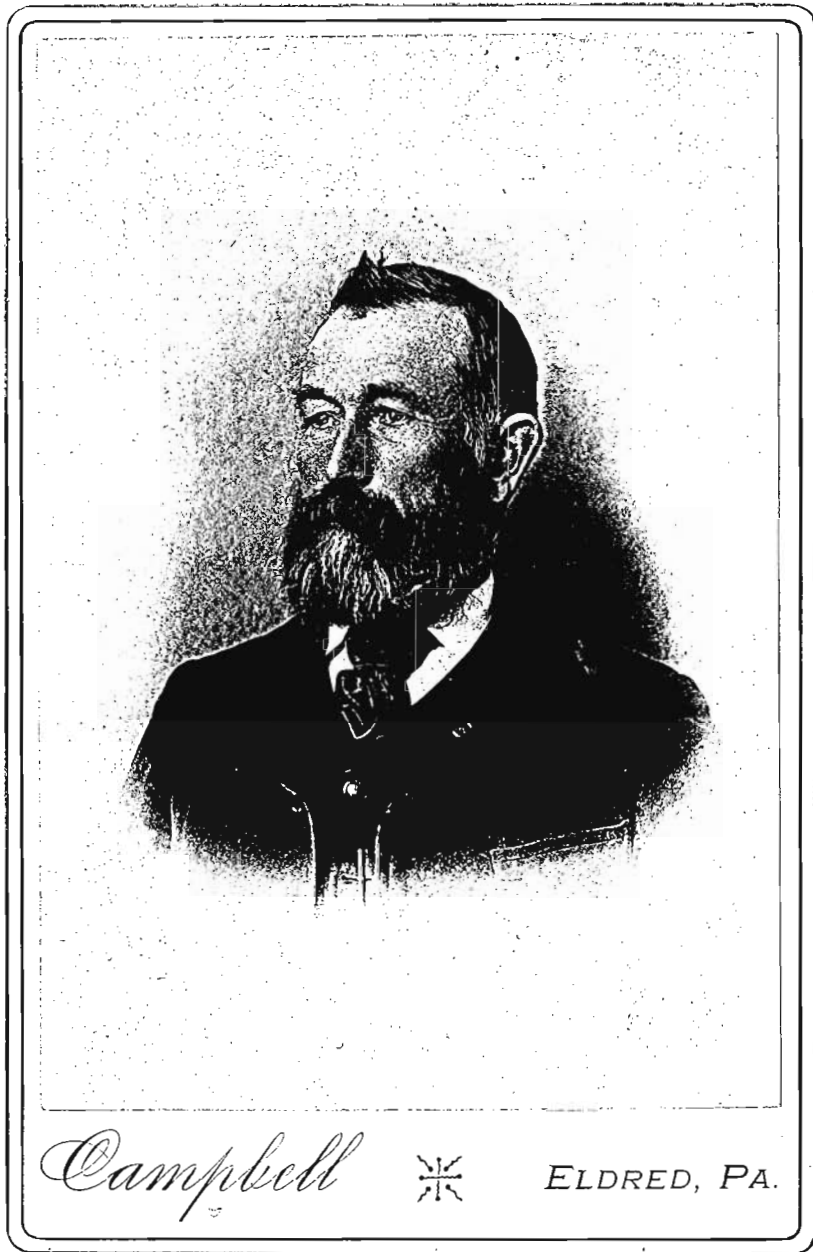
Thanks again for your letter. My regards and also those of the other Western Pa Biggins to you and yours.

Sincerely,

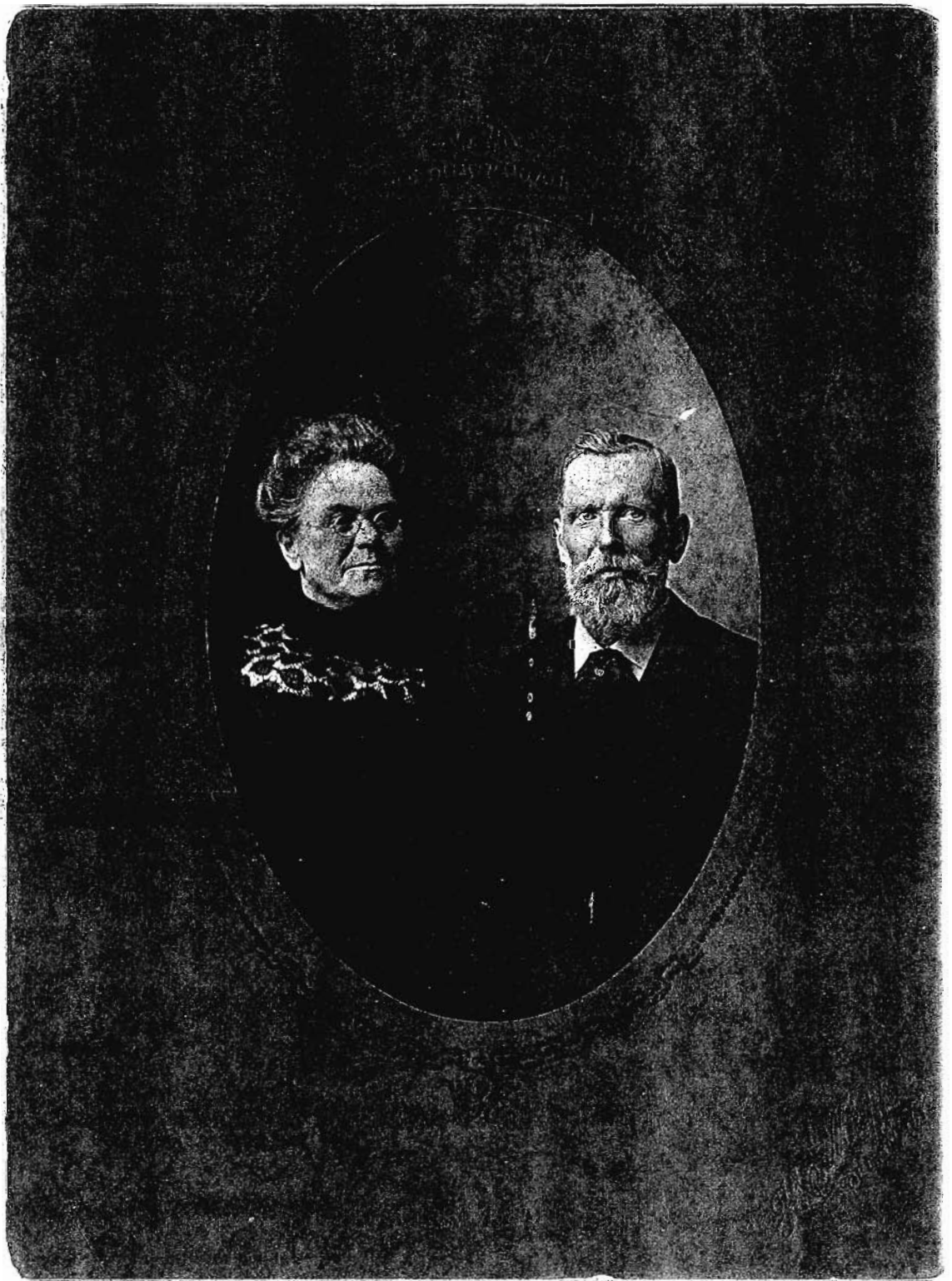
*Brian Biggins*



James Biggins Co. C. 2nd Regt U.S. Sharpshooters



James S. Biggins  
late 1870's



Ellen Welch Biggins + James Biggins  
late 1890s / early 1900's

# JAMES BIGGINS DEAD

## Aged Pioneer and Veteran Passed Away at Olean

James Biggins, aged 82 years, veteran of the Civil War and one of the best known residents of McKean county, died of a complication of diseases Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Farragher of 304 North Clinton street, Olean, where he had been living since May, having been taken ill while on a visit there and his condition not permitting his removal to his home.

News of Mr. Biggins' death was received with regret by a host of friends here, although for a long time there had been no encouraging reports as to his condition. He was a pioneer settler of Barden brook, locating there in the early 50's, where he cleared a farm, which occupies a large tract at the head of the hollow.

When the call came in the civil strife, Mr. Biggins responded, serving in the 2nd U. S. sharpshooters.

Returning to his home after the war, he took a great interest in public affairs, and served in public office in Ceres township, also a term as County Commissioner. He always remained an active member of the local G. A. R. post, and will be greatly missed by his comrades.

Several months ago, he felt the weight of his advanced age, and while visiting his daughter, in Olean, suffered a stroke, from the effects of which he never recovered, although he was around the house, up to within a short time before death came, life slipping peacefully away from the body that had been devoted to many good causes in the interest of his kindred and friends.

He is survived by three sons, J. E. Biggins of Eldred, Dr. P. F. Biggins of Sharpshooter, Pa., and J. J. Biggins of Olean, and one daughter, Mrs. J. J. Farragher, of Olean. The body was brought to the family home here, Wednesday and funeral services were held today at 9 o'clock at St. Raphael's church. Interment was made in the Sartwell cemetery.

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J. J. Biggins  
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one Crow, for which crime the murderer got one year in the State prison. The next was the shooting of Miss Riley by her cousin, for which he was executed; then came the murder of John Yohe by a man named Thompson, in 1886, for which he got twelve years in the State prison, and then, in 1889, came the killing of Henry Robertson or Robinson by Anson or Anderson. Many more interesting events Mr. Taylor could narrate.

Mr. Taylor was married in 1835 to Martha, daughter of John and Jane (Gibson) Rountree, of County Cavan, Ireland, and they have reared eight children—six boys and two girls, viz.: George W., Benjamin, William H., Nathan, Charles, James, Harriet (Mrs. George Helwig) and Mary J. (Mrs. George Campbell). The six sons are model men, using neither whisky nor tobacco, and never allowing profane language to cross their lips. They are well to do, and own farms with good buildings within sight of Turtle Point. George W., the eldest, carries on a dry goods store at Turtle Point, along with his brother Nathan. The parents are yet living—the father in his seventy-fifth year and the mother in her seventy-eighth—both highly respected. In politics Mr. Taylor is a Republican.

CERES TOWNSHIP.

POTTER BENSON, P. O. Ceres, N. Y., was born in Cincinnati, Cortland Co., N. Y., February 18, 1814, a son of Didymus and Elizabeth (Fish) Benson. He settled in Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., in 1832, and for a number of years was engaged in lumbering in Ceres township, and in Sharon, Potter county. He has lived on his present farm in Ceres township for the past twenty-five years. He married June 4, 1836, Henrietta C., daughter of Robert and Mary (Bee) Gilbert, of Ceres, by whom he had the following named children: Statira C. (Mrs. Justus Rice), Gulielma M. (Mrs. F. G. Fuller), Mary (Mrs. G. W. Lewis), John (killed at the battle of Gettysburg), Elizabeth (Mrs. R. R. Bell), Harriet (Mrs. Alvah Hall), Brice B. and Rebecca. Mrs. Benson's maternal grandmother, Mary Law, was born in England and married, for her first husband, Thomas Bee, and for her second husband, John Bell, and with her second husband came to America, about 1800, bringing her five children, Thomas, Mary and John Bee, and William and John Bell, and were among the first settlers of Ceres township. Thomas Bee and his brother John, uncles of Mrs. Benson, and natives of England, were also pioneers of Ceres. John paying for the home-stead and caring for his mother and step-father while they lived.

BRICE B. BENSON, son of Potter and Henrietta C. (Gilbert) Benson, was born in Ceres, June 11, 1851, and resides on the homestead with his parents. In 1883 he married Eva, daughter of David and Ida (Holmes) Finch, of Portage, N. Y., and they have two children: Anna and Glenn.

JAMES BIGGINS, farmer, P. O. Eldred, was born in the Parish of Roscommon, County Mayo, Ireland, in June, 1834, a son of Patrick and Mary (Maloy) Biggins. He was reared in his native county until sixteen years of age. In the spring of 1851 he came to America and located in Livingston county, N. Y., where he worked as a farm hand for three years and eight months. In 1854 he settled in Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., on the farm where he now resides, which he cleared and also made all improvements in buildings, etc. Besides attending to his farm interests, he has to some extent been engaged in lumbering, and has been a successful man. March 29, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Second United States Sharpshooters, and participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold-Harbor and Petersburg; was wounded in the right wrist in the latter en-

agement, and was honorably discharged June 20, 1865. In 1868 he married Ellen, daughter of Patrick Welch, of Ceres township, and they have five children: Mary A., Ella E., John, Patrick and James. Mr. Biggins is a member of the Catholic Church, and of the G. A. R. He has served his township as overseer of poor three years, school director six years, and six years as overseer of roads and tax collector. Politically he is a Republican.

OLIVER P. COON, farmer, of Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., P. O. Ceres, N. Y., was born in Allegany county, N. Y., December 1, 1835, a son of Daniel B. and Nancy (Burdick) Coon. They settled in Ceres township in 1837, where our subject was reared from two years of age, and after attaining his majority, worked as a lumberman for a number of years, but has spent a good share of his life in farming. In 1882 he embarked in the drug business at Ceres, at which he continued six years. He has been married twice. His first wife was Cynthia Adams, of Linden, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., and his second wife, Lucinda, daughter of Dr. Peter and Elizabeth (Woodring) Scholl, of Saegerstown, Penn., by whom he has one daughter, Lizzie. Mr. Coon has held several offices in Ceres township: was constable nine years in succession, served one term as jury commissioner of McKean county, and is at present holding the office of justice of the peace. He is a member of the K. O. T. M. and of the E. A. U. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN H. COON, carpenter, P. O. Ceres, N. Y., was born in Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., June 30, 1842, a son of Daniel B. and Nancy (Burdick) Coon, the former a native of Rhode Island and his wife of Rensselaer county, N. Y. They settled in Ceres township in 1837, and engaged in farming, clearing and improving the farm now occupied by Mrs. A. Austin, and here they died. They reared a family of five children: Oliver P., Lorenzo O., John H., Orson L. and Jennie (Mrs. Prof. S. L. Maxon). John H. Coon was reared in Ceres, where, with the exception of three years that he lived in Wisconsin, he has always resided. He has followed the carpenter's trade twenty-five years, and was proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel at Ceres one and one-half years, and engaged in the livery business two years. In 1874 he married Maria, daughter of Fred and Mary (Maloy) Manning, of County Mayo, Ireland, and they have five children: Fred H., J. Leslie, Lee M., Arthur P. and J. Ralph. Mr. Coon is a leading representative citizen of Ceres; has held the office of justice of the peace fifteen years, and several minor offices; politically he is a Republican.

JAMES R. GROW, farmer, P. O. Myrtle, Penn., was born in Almond, N. Y., February 21, 1827, a son of George W. and Ruth (Cornell) Grow, who settled in Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., in 1837, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by James R. Grow, a part of which they cleared and improved. They had six children who grew to maturity: Martin C., Hannah M. (Mrs. Peter North), Sally (Mrs. N. Lanphere), Angeline (Mrs. Almond Haskins), James R. and Celania T. (Mrs. Charles Fuller.) James R. Grow was reared in Ceres from ten years of age; he purchased the homestead of his father in 1853, cleared a good share of the farm and erected the present buildings. He married, in 1850, Martha A., daughter of Dwelley and Minerva (Fuller) Fuller, of Ceres township, and they have two children: Hattie M. (Mrs. C. B. Roberts) and Jennie A. (Mrs. Alton W. Maxon.) Mr. Grow is a prominent and representative farmer of Ceres. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Sons of Temperance; has held the office of commissioner and supervisor of his township seven years, and school director several years. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE N. HACKETT, farmer, P. O. Glenn, was born in Oxford, Che-

nango Co., N. Y., May. He was reared in his native place and learned the carpenter's trade three years. In 1847 he moved to Ceres, and in 1852 purchased the land on which he now resides, and where he has since lived. His first wife was H. Charlotte, daughter of natives of England and had seven children, two of whom are now living. His second wife was Hannah L. Genesee, N. Y. Mr. Hackett has held the offices of justice of the peace several years, and is at present.

GEORGE W. HACKETT, farmer, P. O. Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., was born in Ceres township, where he has since lived. He was eighteen years old when he moved to Ceres, and at the same time he was clerk in a partnership with C. D. Voorhees, Penn., which partnership was dissolved in 1887, and he married June 16, 1887, the daughter of Odenheimer, of Saegerstown, N. Y. Hackett is a member of the K. O. T. M.

NIMROD LANPHERE, farmer, P. O. Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., was born in New England, who served in the war of 1812, and owned by William Worden until their death. They were (Mrs. John Chapman), N. Y. (Joseph Trumbull). Nimrod was removed to Ceres with his family, and occupies. He was married to (Cornell) Grow, of Ceres township, and they have three children: George, Albert, and Nollie (Mrs. Milo Eckert). He served in the war of the Rebellion, and was wounded at Roanoke, Va., and served one year's service; he returned to Ceres, and served in the war. Albert went out with the 1st Regt. N. Y. Cavalry, and discharged at Gettysburg, and discharged a citizen of Ceres, and has since served as a member of the church and school director of the Baptist Church; in politics he is a Democrat.

THOMAS LYNCH, farmer, P. O. Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and married Mary (Reagan) Lynch, of Washington, D. C., where he has since lived. He has seven children, seven of whom are now living: Thomas, McManis, Bridget (Mrs. John McCarty), Ellen (Mrs. John McCarty), and Mary (Mrs. John McCarty).

received a limited common-school education. October 11, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-eighth P. V. I. and after serving thirteen months in same was transferred to Company D, Fourth United States Light Artillery. After serving two and one-half years in this, he re-enlisted for three years, and was honorably discharged March 28, 1867, after five and one-half years' faithful service; after his return from the army he engaged in farming in Eldred township. Mr. Slack was married October 5, 1867, to Matilda, daughter of Nehemiah and Nancy (Rockwell) Moody, of Broome county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Slack have been blessed with nine children: Mildred M. (Mrs. George Dunbar), Oscar N., Charles W., Hiram W., Ethel A., Stella A., Robert A., David A. and Raymond E. Mr. Slack has served as constable of Eldred, ten years; collector, four years, and is now serving his first term as justice of the peace. He is a member of the G. A. R. and of the Sons of Veterans. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

JOSEPH STULL, farmer, P. O. Larrabee, was born in Eldred township, McKean Co., Penn., April 21, 1826, a son of Joseph and Delinda (Brewer) Stull. Joseph, Sr., was a native of New Jersey, and settled in what is now Eldred township, McKean county, in 1812; cleared and improved the farm now owned by Henry Plummer, and died in the township at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years, ten months and fourteen days. He had eleven children: Alma (Mrs. Lynds Dodge), Abraham B., John, Abigail (Mrs. Joseph Delong), Camilla (Mrs. John L. Daniels), Caleb B., Laurinda H. (Mrs. Arthur Young), Mary D. (Mrs. John Nolan), Jerome K., George R. and Joseph. Joseph Stull, Jr., was reared in Eldred, where he has always resided, and since 1857 has lived on his present farm, most of which he cleared and improved. He married twice. His first wife was Lucinda, daughter of Daniel and Nancy Southard, of Eldred township, and to them were born two children: Favoretta (Mrs. George L. Robinson) and Cameron H. His second wife was Adaline E. Payne, of Eldred. In politics Mr. Stull is a Republican. He is a member of the Free Methodist Church.

THOMAS C. WAINMAN, lumberman, Eldred, is a native of Ossian, Livingston Co., N. Y., and son of Thomas and Hannah (Dent) Wainman, natives of England, who came to America about 1828, and settled in Grove, Allegany (now Livingston) Co., N. Y., and later removed to Ossian, residing there until their death. Our subject was reared in Livingston county, N. Y., where he received a limited education in the common schools. He began life as a farmer in his native county, and afterward followed boating for five years on the Erie and Genesee valley canals. In 1863 he settled in Eldred, where he has since resided and is doing an extensive business in lumbering. In 1859 he married Cordelia L., daughter of Hiram and Cordelia Foster, of Livingston county, N. Y., and by her had eight children who grew to maturity: Mary (Mrs. Ephraim G. Piper), Ella (deceased), Ida (Mrs. E. A. Barden, deceased), Fannie, Horatio (deceased baby), Carrie (deceased), Floyd and Edith. Mrs. Cordelia L. Wainman departed this life July 15, 1885, and in 1887 Mr. Wainman married Emma M., daughter of Ozro and Celestine Carpenter, of Eldred. Mr. Wainman is a prominent citizen and representative business man of Eldred. Politically he was formerly a Republican, but is now a staunch advocate of prohibition.

J. C. WELCH, druggist, Eldred, was born in Ceres township, McKean Co., Penn., February 16, 1857, and is a son of Martin and Bridget (Biggins) Welch, natives of County Mayo, Ireland, and pioneers of Ceres township, where they cleared and improved a farm. The father is now deceased, but the mother survives. His paternal grandfather was Patrick Welch, also a pioneer of Ceres



In Phase II of the Mayo Family Research Society/AnCO Genealogical Training Project Robeen Graveyard on South Mayo was one of the graveyards indexed. Since then another AnCO project, sponsored by the local community has commenced a renovation project at the graveyard which involves the addition of pathways through the burial area and the repair of the remaining portions of the ancient church there. Robeen graveyard is unique among rural burial grounds in the fact that it has been used as a burial place for centuries - and is still in use.

Briefly, the ancient church was a small neat building. Its main item of interest is the low broad doorway on the south wall. It was part of the ancient diocese of Mayo prior to the Reformation but was united with Kilcommon and the small parish of Annies after Emancipation.

#### The Gravestones:

There are 161 readable gravestones, the earliest of which bears the inscription " Here lieth ye body of Anthony Walshe who depd this life ye 22nd Decembr 1750, aged 7 years". There are but a handful of 18th Century inscriptions and indeed only a small percentage of families erected memorials to their dead in Robeen until the 1890's. Elsewhere the size of the memorial reflected the wealth of the family.

#### The Surnames:

The following is a list of the surnames contained on the Society's Index of Memorials at Robeen Graveyard with their frequency in brackets:

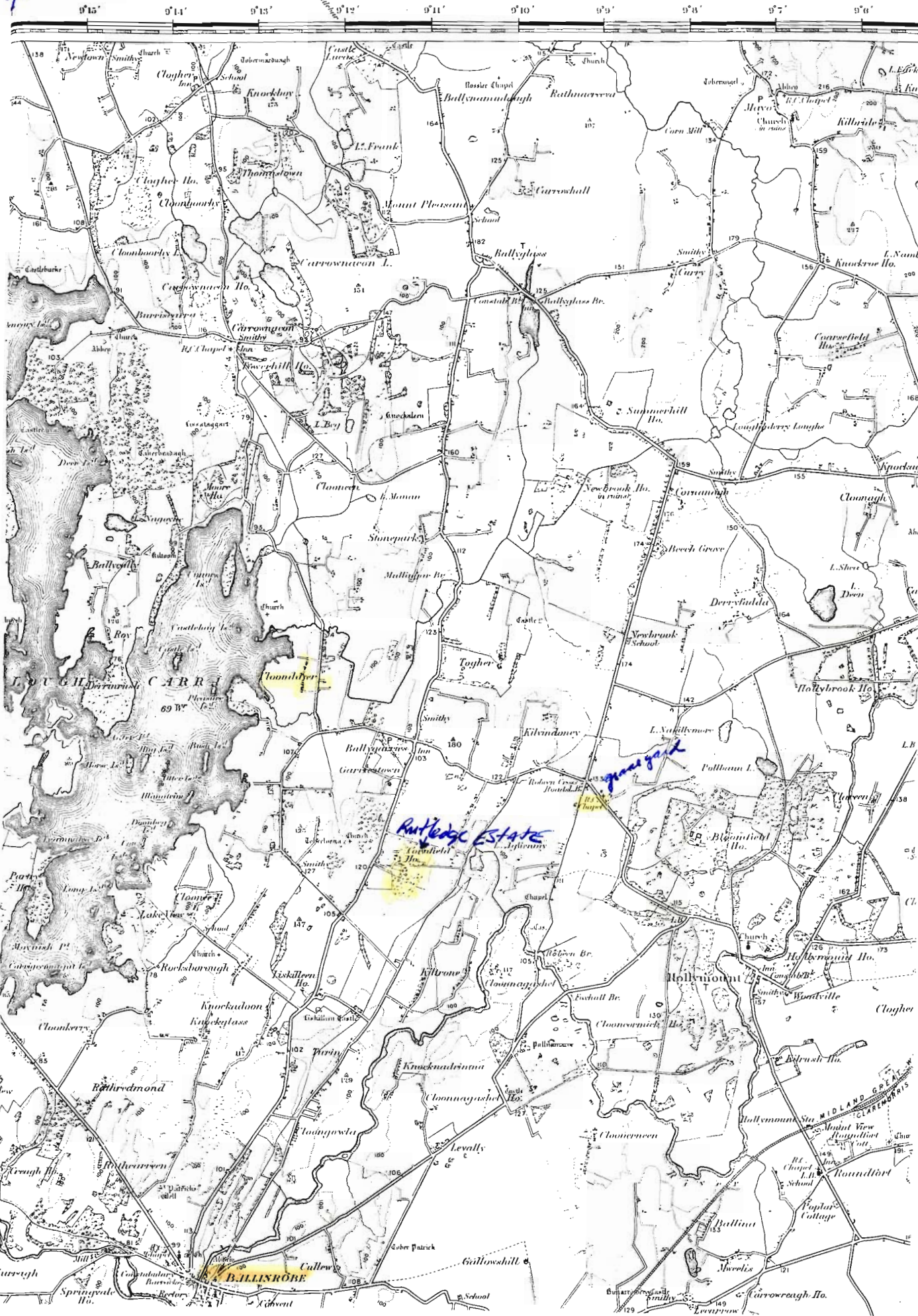
Ansbro (1), Biggins (2), Bourke/Burke (10), Burton (1), Bury (1), Carney (2), Carr (3), Casey (6), Cavanagh (3), Coen (2), Colleran (12), Connor/O'Connor (6), Conoly/Connolly (3), Conroy (16), Corcoran (8), Corless (3), Costello (1), Cresham (2), Deacy (1), Derrig (2), Duffy (2), Dun (1), Fahy/Fahey (11), Farragher (2), Ferrick (5), Fitzpatrick (3), Flanagan (1), Flannery/Flanery (2), Fleming (2), Forde (2), Gravey/Garvey (7), Gauly (1), Gibbons (8), Grady (2), Grimes (2), Heany (4), Heaveran (1), Henaughan (2), Hinnely/Hinley (2), Hogan (9), Hogarty (5), Horoly (1), Hughes (3), Hyland (2), Jennings (4), Joyce (3), Kelly (7), Killeen (7), Laffey (2), Lawton (1), Loftus (3), Looscan (2), Mahony (1), Malley/O'Malley (3), Mannion (3), Merrigan (1), Molloy (3), Moloney (2), Moran (8), Morley (1), Morris (1), Moughan (4), Mullany (1), Mullin (1), Munroe (1), McDermott (7), McDonhough (1), McEveilly (1), McGovern (6), McGurn (3), McHugh (13), McLaughlin/McLoughlin (9), Nevin (1), O'Donnell (4), O'Keefe (4), Reilly/O'Reilly (9), Rattigan (2), Reddington (1), Ruane (4), Ryan (4), Sheridan (18), Size (1), Slatery (1), Solan (2), Stauntin (1), Sweeny (1), Tierney (1), Tohey/Tuohy/Toughey (7), Vahey (6), Walshe/Walsh (35) and Willis (15).

PARISH OF ROBEEN.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.	Rateable Annual Valuation.		Total Annual Valuation of Rateable Property.
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.	
<b>CLOONCAN--</b>							
<i>continued.</i>							
		Thomas Conry, Robert Fair, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Alexander Brewster, Same, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .		0 2 0	—	0 2 0
		Anne Browne, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .		0 2 0	—	0 2 0
			Total, . . . . .	286 0 7	93 0 0	9 0 0	102 0 0
<b>CREGGARVE.</b>							
<i>(Ord. S. 100 &amp; 110.)</i>							
1	a	Thomas Fahey, Lord Clanmorris, . . . . .	Land, house, and offices, . . . . .	34 2 5	9 0 0	1 0 0	10 0 0
2		James Kirwan, Same, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	67 2 9	32 0 0	—	32 0 0
3		Lord Clanmorris, In fee, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	2 1 39	1 2 0	—	2 6 0
4		Lord Clanmorris, In fee, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	3 0 27	1 4 0	—	
5		William Willis, Lord Clanmorris, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	234 1 28	85 0 0	—	85 0 0
			Total, . . . . .	342 0 28	128 6 0	1 0 0	129 6 0
<b>ARDNACALLY.</b>							
<i>(Ord. S. 110 &amp; 100.)</i>							
1		Robert Fair, Lord Clanmorris, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	29 0 13	22 0 0	—	22 0 0
2		Patrick Murphy, Robert Fair, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	1 2 13	1 8 0	—	1 8 0
3	a	William Molloy, Same, . . . . .	Land and house, . . . . .	3 2 8	3 0 0	0 5 0	3 5 0
4	a	Thomas Ansboro, Lord Clanmorris, . . . . .	Land, house, and office, . . . . .	6 3 22	3 0 0	0 10 0	3 10 0
5	a	Patrick Connolly, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, and office, . . . . .	6 3 13	2 10 0	0 10 0	3 0 0
6	a	Thomas Connolly, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, and offices, . . . . .	12 2 11	5 10 0	0 15 0	6 5 0
7		William Willis, Same, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	63 3 28	49 0 0	—	49 0 0
8	a	Thomas Willis, William Willis, . . . . .	Land, house, and offices, . . . . .	15 1 38	14 0 0	1 15 0	15 15 0
9	a	John Willis, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, and offices, . . . . .	11 3 11	10 10 0	1 15 0	12 5 0
10	}	Thomas Willis, Same, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	42 2 6	2 18 0	—	2 18 0
		John Willis, Same, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .				
-	a	Unoccupied, John Willis, . . . . .	House, . . . . .	—	—	0 8 0	0 8 0
11	a	Walter Kelly, Lord Clanmorris, . . . . .	Ld. caretaker's ho., & offs. . . . .	140 0 6	76 0 0	1 0 0	77 0 0
-	b	Edward Walsh, Same, . . . . .	Garden, house, & office, . . . . .	0 3 37	0 5 0	1 0 0	1 5 0
12		Lord Clanmorris, In fee, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	19 2 37	0 10 0	—	0 10 0
			Total, . . . . .	355 0 3	193 8 0	7 18 0	201 6 0
<b>CARROWKILLEEN.</b>							
<i>(Ord. S. 110 &amp; 100.)</i>							
1	a	Thomas Walsh, Robert Rutledge, . . . . .	Land, herd's ho., & offs., . . . . .	268 1 33	169 0 0	1 0 0	170 0 0
2	a	Hubert Bourke, Thomas Walsh, . . . . .	Land and house, . . . . .	9 2 3	2 5 0	0 10 0	2 15 0
3	a	John Clisham, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, and office, . . . . .	4 3 20	1 10 0	0 10 0	2 0 0
4	a	John Grady, Same, . . . . .	Land and house, . . . . .	3 1 8	1 2 0	0 8 0	1 10 0
5	a	Walter Rooney, Same, . . . . .	Land and house, . . . . .	3 0 18	1 10 0	0 5 0	1 15 0
6		Robert Rutledge, In fee, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	2 0 35	0 1 0	—	0 1 0
7	a	Thomas Colloran, Thomas Walsh, . . . . .	Land and house, . . . . .	3 2 24	1 0 0	0 5 0	1 5 0
			Total, . . . . .	295 0 21	176 8 0	2 18 0	179 6 0
<b>CLOONDAVER.</b>							
<i>(Ord. S. 110 &amp; 100.)</i>							
a b c d e f g h		Bartholomew Macken, Robert Rutledge, . . . . .	Land, house, & office, . . . . .	151 0 6	6 5 0	1 0 0	7 5 0
		William McAvaddy, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, & office, . . . . .		6 5 0	0 10 0	6 15 0
		John Hession, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, & offices, . . . . .		6 5 0	1 0 0	7 5 0
		Thomas Biggin, Same, . . . . .	Land and house, . . . . .		6 5 0	0 15 0	7 0 0
		Thomas Barrett, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, & office, . . . . .		8 5 0	0 15 0	9 0 0
		Anthony Feerick, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, & offices, . . . . .		4 5 0	1 0 0	5 5 0
		Patrick Feerick, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, & offices, . . . . .		4 5 0	0 15 0	5 0 0
		Patrick Biggin, Same, . . . . .	Land, house, & offices, . . . . .		8 5 0	1 0 0	9 5 0
	Robert Rutledge, In fee, . . . . .	Office (boat-house), . . . . .	—	—	0 8 0	0 8 0	
			Total, . . . . .	151 0 6	50 0 0	7 3 0	57 3 0
<b>ISLANDS IN LOUGH CARRA.</b>							
<i>(Ord. S. 100, &amp; 110.)</i>							
<i>Nos. 1, 2, &amp; 3.</i>							
		Robert Rutledge, In fee, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	0 2 34	—	—	—
<i>Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, &amp; 12.</i>							
		George Browne, In fee, . . . . .	Land, . . . . .	4 0 15	—	—	—

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Custom Recd 112. Sep. 1866 Bloomington	Patrick Biggin	Paid 50	Hammer	Beating of a Blooded	Information taken from papers for Mayo County James Rutledge	10 <sup>th</sup> You & Co 1266	James 1866
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Dear Sir,

We acquired this entry of Patrick Biggin death, since we wrote to you. We will get a certificate of the entry and send it to you. There is several weeks back of work in the Customs house so don't be surprised if it takes them a month to send it.

Yours sincerely

Edmund W. Reid.