

## Endnotes

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### Origins of the Foy and McKeon Families

*Note 1.* The house is owned by John Foy, who can be contacted at John Foy, Garryedmond, Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland.

*Note 2. Josephine Mullin (1902-2002)*White (marriage lasted only a few months) became a school teacher in the New York City school system. She also worked for the UN for several years after World War II. She lived in Manhattan NY, moving to Washington Square in 1938 and remaining there until she died.

Margaret "Peg" Mullin (1910 - 2001) graduated from Hunter College, Columbia University and New York University. She taught high school, then at NYU and became Dean at Bronx Community College. She married Matthew Kabriski (1957) and moved to Flushing, Queens until she died.

Mary Mullin (1912 - 1992) married George Gillen (1907 - 2001) in 1937. The couple lived in Irvington NY and owned simple houses in East Chatham NY. Mary had abd from Bryn Mawr and George held law and history degrees. Their children: Thomas (1938 - ), Agnes (1941 - ), Margaret (1943 - 1999), Elizabeth (1944 - ), Edward (1946 - ), Michael (1948 - ) and Walter (1950 - )

*Note 3* Delia and Mike Martin's children: *Beatrice* Martin (1915 - 1977) married Charles Cletus Hartman (1913 -

1999). they had one son Charles Cletus Hartman  
*Catherine* Martin (1917 - 1985) married George Penn (1914 - 1995). The couple had two sons, George and Richard.  
*Mary* Martin (1919 - 1994) married Joseph Kelly (??? - 1975). The couple had three daughters Virginia , Eileen & Kathleen.

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*Note 4 Patrick* Foy (1933 - 2003) married Ann Heffernan (1936 - 2005) and the couple relocated to London UK. The had three children John (1959 - ), Annette Foy King (1967 - ) and Michael (1968 - 1997). All the children live in the UK.  
*Mai* Foy married Brian Gormley (1923 - 2006). Their children: Sheila (1966 = ), Vincent (1967 - ), Brian (1969 - ) and Helen (1971 - )

*John* Foy (1936 - ) married Margaret Cunnane (1938 - ). Their children: John Francis (1965 - 1965); William Joseph "Liam" (1966 - ); John Noel (1967 - ); Mathew Patrick (1973 - ); Cristina Mary (1986 - )

*Margaret "Peggy"* Foy ( ) married Bart Comer (??? - 2001); their children Therese (1975 - ), John (1976 - ) and Barry (1978 - )

*Note 5 Francis* O'Grady (1919 - 1968) married Margaret Wilson (1922 - 1998). The couple had four children: Brian (1946 - ), Bridget (1948 - ), Brenda O'Grady Gall(1953 - ) and Bernadette O'Grady Mansolil(1958 - )

*Robert* O'Grady (1923 - 2005) married Marion Walsh (1922 - 2009). The couple had six children: Robert (??? - ), unknown girl (??? - ???), Mary Beth O'Grady Cook (??? - ), Timothy (??? - ), Kevin (??? - ), and Jane Ellen O'Grady Rubino (???- )

*Thomas* O'Grady(1925 - 2010) married Hedy Holzhauer (1930 - ) in 1954. Their children: Diane Pauline O'Grady Ray (1954); Eugene Francis (1956 - ); Thomas John (1956 - )

twin); Susan Marie (1957 - ) and Kathleen Ann (1959 - ) *Jane Frances* O'Grady (1933 - 1999) married Kevin Flood (1920 - 2007) in 1970. Their children: Andrew (1971 - ); James Flood (1972 - ) and Maura Flood Lentini (1973 - )

*Note 6* Patrick and Susan Foy had five children: Patrick Joseph usually called Joe (1919 - 1999), Peter Aloysius (1922 - 1964) who married Ruth Brown (1922 - 2009), Kathleen (1923 - ), Eileen Foy Zysk (1925 - ) and Monica (1929 - 1999).

*Note 7* Peter Joseph Foy married Virginia McKeon at St. Bartholomew's Church in Elmhurst NY. The reception was held in Virginia's parents' house on Glean Street, after which the couple went on a honeymoon to Atlantic City. They returned to the Bronx home described as at Bolyn Court. The couple had two children Peter Joseph Jr (1917 - ) and Richard Daniel (1929 - )

*Note 8* Mary Patricia Anderson ( 1927 - ) married Jusdon Stokely (1925 - 1980) and afterwards Theodore Klos (1915 - 1993) The Stokely children were:  
Margaret Mary Elizabeth (1949- ); Peter Martin (1950- 1977);  
Anne Marie Stokely Bailey (1951 - ); Joseph Lee (1953 - );  
and David Nicholas (1955 - )

*Note 9* Virginia McKeon (1916 - 1992) may have been a nursing classmate of her aunt Anita McKeon. She was reported to have married an airline pilot and lived on eastern Long Island.

Lawrence McKeon(1919 - ) was divorced by the time of his uncle Thomas McKeon's death in 1960. I lost track of him after 1960.

John McKeon (1924 - 1999) married George Bouchard (1921

- 1995) who maintained an electronics shop. Last known address was Shirley NY.

*Note 10* Eugene McKeon (1922 - 1990) married Alice Thatcher (1917 - 1986). Gene was a tank driver in World War II, was captured and spent about a year in a concentration camp. When he left the service, he took over his father's trucking business. The McKeon's adopted two children: Dorothy McKeon Jacoby (c1957 - ) and Francis (c1959 -)

Arthur McKeon (1925 - 1994) joined the Navy during World War II by fibbing about his age. He remained in the Navy, serving for some time as a medical corpsman on the first atomic submarine.

*Note 11* Arthur McKeon (1926 - 1984) married Lisa (??? - ), producing one daughter Barbara. The couple divorced and Arthur married Carol Wurtz (1923 - 2010). The second marriage produced the following children: Charlene, Arthur, Jeannine, Brendan, Thomas, Kathleen and Sean. No further info available at this writing.

*Note 12* My last contact with Leo's daughter Dolores (1928 - ) was in the late 1930s. Florence McKeon told me she had met Dolores when she was shopping in Flushing; Dolores was a saleslady. William McKeon (1941 - ) became a career Marine, marrying Kazuko Higa in 1974. The couple had three daughters : Ayumi McKeon van Winkle (1969 - ) and Kathryn Ann McKeon Bruno (1975 - ). When I communicated with Leo in early 1980 he was living with a Rose McKeon: whether a second wife or a significant other unknown.

*Note 13* Mary Ellen Morley- (1938 - 2006) grew up in Richmond Hill NY. She taught exceptional children for several years, then attended Catholic University for a bachelor's degree in nursing, beginning at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC.

After marrying Richard Foy, she supervised nursing students at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh and Ulster Community College in Kingston NY. The couple had two children Peter Joseph Foy (1974 - ) and Bridget Morley Foy (1976 - )

*Note 14* Anna McKeon(1949 - ) joined the Air Force immediately after graduation from high school. She met and married Eugene DeRoche. They lived in Houma LA after Anna left the service. Anna obtained her masters degree in social work and works in social service in New Orleans. They have two children: Patricia Ann DeRoche (1973 - ) and Travis William DeRoche (1976 - )

Daniel McKeon ( 1946 - ) served several years in the US Army, then returned to Denver CO. I have no further information on Daniel.

## **Birth and time living in the Bronx**

*Note 99* We considered our neighborhood to be a mix of Irish, German and Jewish families. Italian families had moved across White Plains Road, but their presence was not noticed in the school system until the end of the 1930s. The 1930 census records for 237 street may be viewed at [north side](#) (across the street from our house) and [south side](#) (our side of the street)

The Italian church of Saint Anthony was located on Richardson Avenue north of Nereid Ave (238 st). Our church, St Frances of Rome was originally a branch of St Barnabas, located in Woodlawn, across the Bronx Park. There was an old building called the K of C on Richardson Ave which served as the church until the main church was built on Barnes Avenue across White Plains Road.

*Note 100* Peter applied for Naturalization at the New York County Superior Court on 23 July 1919 [vol # 362, page 204]. His two sisters, Cecelia and Hannah had applied for and received citizenship in 1918 just before they left for France as Army nurses. Peter must have waited for the usual five years period. It was unusual for women to apply for citizenship, as they were not allowed to vote. Their applications may have something to do with their service in France.

*Note 101* The Manhattan directories for 1889 and 1891 show two Andrew Davey stores on the upper East Side. I think Peter Foy became associated with a group of at least seven Andrew Davey stores located in Mount Vernon, North Pelham, and Yonkers in Westchester County. The stores are listed in city directories for 1925.

*Note 102* There were twelve Royal Food Stores. The two I remember most were Morley's Food Market on Yonkers Avenue operated by Jack Morley (1898 - 1975) and later by his nephews and nieces imported from Ireland and Morley's Market near Palisades Avenue operated by Mike Morley (1900 - 1987) and later by his nephew Mike Morley, again an Irish immigrant. The stores struggled. As children Peter and I would go to stores with our mother to take inventory on Sundays. Eventually the company failed. Peter Foy managed to arrange for the purchase of individual stores by their operators in the bankruptcy action. Jack and Mike purchased their stores in this manner and managed them successfully thereafter.

*Note 103* Gus Gieg was a bachelor, very set in his ways and very set in his thinking. He owned a Packard auto which he kept in the garage in back of our house. Every Sunday was the same pattern. Gus would drive his aunt to the Lutheran Church on Nereid Avenue; it was not known if he himself

attended services. Mrs. Wimmer would return home to make delicious chicken soup and give Peter and myself a bowl around 11:00am before noon. Gus's and Mrs. Wimmer's noon dinner would consist of chicken soup followed by a steak. After dinner, Gus would take his Packard for a ride, often bringing Mrs. Wimmer with him.

Mrs. Wimmer had trouble navigating stairs, so she often asked Peter or myself to do some shopping for her. We would help her out, as she gave us a tip of 10 or 15 cents. Mr. Gieg celebrated Christmas in grand fashion. He had a set of tree ornaments from Germany; our dog Echo was not allowed upstairs to view the tree lest her tail engage and perhaps break the precious ornaments. At the beginning of December the heat was turned off the front living room and the outside porch to preserve the tree which was not taken down until the end of January.

Mr Gieg was the only one we knew who took the train to work, probably at Wall Street.

*Note 104* John Dumolo could not read or write. He operated a vegetable truck very successfully. They owned a store and parked their truck alongside as well as sold vegetables and fruits from this permanent stand. They owned their house just behind the store. Millie Dumolo took care of the family finances.

When Peter and I decided to go to Esopus, the Dumolos invited us to a Sunday dinner, Italian style. The food was delicious, served on tables outside the house under the shade of some trees. I learned later that the Dumolos had given the same farewell dinner for James Kinsella when he entered the Juniorate some years later.

I recontacted the Dumolos in the early 1950s. They had sold their house and store and moved to Dunedin, Florida. Millie had invested much of their savings in real estate in Dunedin. I asked her how she managed to purchase a new auto; she

told me she sold off one of her lots. They were good people...

Note 105 The Smiths accross the street spent their summers in Atlantic Highlands NJ. The Weidners (and Mrs. Weidner's sister, Peggy O'Neill) from Richardson Avenue had one son, Henry Jr, who always seemed to have change and later did his PhD in English at Columbia. The Burkes across the street sent their two youngest sons to Fordham Prep, which entailed trainfare and tuition.

*Note105a* My sharpest memory of Robert Wallace was my first great moral conflict. Robert attended the Lutheran church on Barnes Avenue and was scheduled to appear in a play to be held in the church. He invited me and my brother. But the Sisters and our parish priests had taught us not enter churches of different denominations. Given this dilemma, I decided to go to the church, but take a long way around so that I would not be seen by either the priests or the nuns. Instead of walking up 237th street, I detoured to 238th, then to Barnes Ave and back to the church. We sneaked into the church, attended the play, and left for home on the same route. So even early on, I had decided that people were more important then rules. (Hey, remember this was about 1938!)

*-Note 106* Jimmy Saunders' father was an electric engineer. He rigged up a platform which took up Jimmy's entire bedroom, but which could be hoisted to the ceiling when not in use. Before Christmas the Saunders would take all the furniture out of the room, lower the platform and lo! there was a complete train system ready for Christmas. Sometime in January it would be hoisted back to the ceiling and Jimmy's bedroom would return to normal.

*Note 107* Peter Esposito was a butcher with a large family. The Esposito boys were older than us, but the nuns always cited Peter who a scholarship to Regis, the Jesuit high school in Manhattan. Peter was a few years older than us, so we know of him but did not socialize. A few years later Henry Weidner married an Esposito girl. Henry's aunt, Peggy O'Neill disapproved of the marriage and it caused a rift which was not healed before Henry's untimely death shortly after he had taken a position to teach English at Kansas University.

*Note 108* We grew close to the O'Connors. The oldest boy, Thomas was six days older than me (a distinction he never fails to mention when we mention elders), but was two grades behind me, not because of lack of intelligence but because I was young getting into elementary school and skipped second grade. The other boys were Danny and Jimmy. Their father was a banker — he banked garbage into a garbage truck, but he had a steady job, a great asset in those times. They O'Connors lived with the Kiernans. Mrs. Kiernan was their aunt. Mr. Kiernan was connected in some way with my father or the Morley boys. Tommy later went to Esopus with the group which included Gus Nolan. We have remained close ever since. Joan and my wife Mary were exceptionally friendly. When Mary was pregnant with Bridget, we dropped little Peter off at the O'Connors and took a short second honeymoon to Bermuda.

*Note 109* Timmy Smith's father operated a steam shovel during the warm months. Traditionally heavy construction and building construction shut down during the winter months. Tim's father then traveled to Florida where he found employment operating steam shovels.

*Note 110* Henry Weidner senior worked in the Navy Yard. His family, of German descent, can be found in earlier

censuses living on Arthur Avenue. His wife Helen O'Neill was of Irish descent. Her sister Margaret O'Neill lived with them; she had the same birthday as me (17 November but different year). Every for my birthday (probably the weekend before or after the day itself), she would take me on a tour of the 'underground city' of Rockefeller Center, and then to Radio City for the show and movie.

I still have photos of the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Graff Spee which I received from Peggy O'Neill in later years. Either Henry's father or an uncle was in Buenos Aires at the time of the scuttling and took the photos. Young Henry (Hank or Junior to us) went to Columbia for his education, graduating around 1960 with a PhD in English. He moved to Kansas University, but died shortly thereafter, leaving a wife (an Esposito girl) and one or two young children.

*Note 111* We referred to Helen Gallagher as "Bunny", but when she returned from California she insisted we call her Helen. She appeared in many Broadway shows, including Brigadoon, Sweet Charity, No No Nanette, and Finian's Rainbow. But she is best known for her role in the soap opera Ryan's Hope which ran from 1975 through 1989. She also appeared in All My Children and One Life to Live.

## **Marist Preparatory 1942-1945**

## **Novitiate and Scholastic ate 1945-1950**

## **Teaching at Saint Ann's Academy and Cardinal Hayes High School 1950-1958**

## **President of Marist College 1958 –1964**

## **European trips 1964, 1967, 1968**

**President of Marist College 1964-1970**

**President of Marist College 1970-1979**

**COO of Boyden World Corporation 1979-1990**

**COO of Boyden in Hawthorne 1991-1999**

**Retirement 1999 –**

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