

A list of people who lived around the Indian Brook Reservoir in the Irish Enclave in 1840-1850.

Appendix A

Note: Spelling of names in the 19th century was notoriously bad; from maps to census to death records, multiple spellings exist for many names; I've tried a best guess based on interpreting cursive records and simple logic.

1846

Archibald Crosby (born in Scotland), 3 children in school..married Artentia [or Astinia] Day, 1834, born 1811. Artentia was the 6th child of Hezekiah Day, brother of Essex Revolutionary War veteran David Day. Her younger sister Dorothy married Lyman Damon 10/1841[information below]. Archibald was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, died 1860 in Illinois. Archibald's 4 children were: **James Archibald Crosby**, 7/1835-1927, **Mary Crosby**, b. 1838; **Charles Crosby**, b.1841; **William Crosby**, b.1847**The Crosbys lived with or near the Jonathan Day family on Indian Brook Road below the school. Jonathan and Samuel B. Day were also brothers and sons of Hezekiah Day. Archibald Crosby and John Connel (neighbor) were very likely Ulster Scots, Scotch-Irish who lived in Northern Ireland. Many emigrated to America pre-famine and were much more well-off. They were Protestants, not Catholic, but were oppressed in Ireland by the English government.

John Page, 4 children in school. John, b.1791 and Jane, b.1799, lived on Indian Brook Road above school 16. Children: **John Page Jr.**, 1835; **George Page**, 1837; (two other children in school in 1840's may have left the household by 1850 census). Both John and George Page later

enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War and died of disease in New Orleans in 1862. They both enlisted December 18, 1861, in the 7th Regiment, Company A. One died July 21, 1862, the other two months later on September 16. Many more soldiers died from disease than were killed in battle from Essex.

Richard Lee, 1 child in school (Lee house appears on Beers map 1869 as being just east of McGee Road on the Lost Nation Road. His wife was Margaret Lee, b.1790. Richard was born 1797, occupation farmer; both from Ireland. Value of real estate \$1200. On the 1840 census there is one male child between 10 and 15 who would have been the student, but we don't know his name).

Josiah Potter, 1 child in school (1807-1890. Married to Mary Ann Potter, five children: **William Potter, b.1839**; Sophrona Potter, b. 1842; Mary Jane Potter, b.1853; Charles Fremont Potter, b.1856; L F. Potter, b.1860. It appears that Potter left Vermont before the 1850 census; his family appears on the 1860 census living in Hardin, Ohio. Potters lived just above the school on Indian Brook Road. Potter was the first district clerk for district 16, which was created in 1844. There are no records for 1845 or 1847, but he was also clerk in 1846, and again in 1849.

Lois Tubbs, 6 children in school.. There is no record for a Lois Tubbs..we believe this is Louisie Tubbs, a male name. Louisie was born in 1805. But the plot thickens..the children listed were all born to David Tubs (Tubbs) and Laura Hinman. They don't appear on either school or 1850 census records because David (b.1796) died in 1843, and Laura died in 1850, likely soon before the census was taken. Lois or Louisie is unidentified as a Tubbs relative; was he or she a relative brought in to raise the children after both parents had died? Laura's mother Ruth Hinman lived with the family in 1850, age 87. David's death date also does not line up with the younger children's birthdays. There were nine

in all, including two younger daughters recorded but not named in Tubbs family genealogy. More research needed! Children: David Rising Tubbs (1827-1900), **Neisa Tubbs**, b.1832 **Theodore Tubbs**, b.1837, **George Tubbs**, b.1835(or 1830); **Harriet Tubbs**, b.1839; **Celia Tubbs**, b.1841; **Cornelius Tubbs**, b.1845. Dr. Simon Tubbs, whose father was one of General George Washington's elite personal guard during the American Revolution, lived on the western corner of Old Stage Road, but we have not established a link among these two Tubbs families. We believe these Tubbs' lived on Lost Nation Road and accessed school #16 via McGee Road. Louisie appears as the 579th house visited on the 1850 census, somewhere on the western side of Lost Nation Road near McGee Road. George Tubbs enlisted in Civil War Company I, Sixth Regiment, August 30, 1862; mustered out June 19, 1865 after soldering for three years.

Samuel B. Day, **3**

children in school (Samuel is buried in Essex Common cemetery, Row 22, Lot 26. 1807-1891). Samuel was the 4th child of Hezekiah Day 1807-1891. His wife was Mary Day, b.1818. His children were: **Adaline Mary Day Bixby** 1836-1892; **Sarah Day**, b.1839; **Hattie F. Day** 1843-1878; Marsha Day 1847-1918; Lucy Day, b.1849; Charlotte Day 1850-1879; Anna J. Day Sager 1852-1889; Hezekiah Day 1857-1925. Samuel's father was David Day's brother; David fought in the Revolutionary War under the Marquis de Lafayette. The two were re-united in a well-documented exchange when Lafayette visited Burlington in 1825. The Days lived near the south end of the reservoir on Indian Brook Road (house now underwater, but had another house on 1857 map which was in what is now the lower parking lot; appears as Cubat house on 1869 Beers map, a misspelling of William Cubert).

Barney McKinias, **6** children in school (variously spelled as McKeinian in 1848, McKenian in 1849, and likely C. Kermann on 1857 Walling map.

From the 1830 census, spelled McCannon, and McCamron, and in 1870, McKeerman. The family lived on the old McGee Road which intersected Indian Brook Road from the west. Real estate valued at \$600. Barney, b.1805, Ireland, was a farmer. His wife was Ellen, b. 1805 Ireland. Neither could read or write. Their children were Charles, b.1832, also a farmer; **Brigett**, b. 1835; **Thomas**, b. 1838; **Ellen**, b.1840; **Ann**, b.1842; Barney, b.1845; Thomas, b. 1848. There may have been two older children also in school but not in the household in 1850, and not identified by census). We have a clue that this was a relatively successful family as we know that in 1862 first son Charles was living on his own with his wife and was able to buy his way out of Civil War service for \$300., which was a large sum at the time.

Solomon Dixon, **1** child in school (appears on the Walling map 1857 as S. Dickson, house located below the school on Indian Brook Road. Soloman, 1778-1853. Wife, Polly Whitcomb Dixon, 1788-1856. The 1830 census lists 12 members of household, 8 female, so some of the children were already gone from household in 1850 census. Children [from cemetery records]: Sally Dixon Bixby, 1809-1882; Samuel Dixon, 1827-1900, Zilphin Dixon Bates, 1831-1908; **Josephine Silvey Dixon Groves** 1834-1896. Based on ages, likely that Josephine is the one child listed in the school records 1846, 1848. She is buried in the Essex Junction village cemetery. House cellar hole is located off middle parking lot at reservoir.

James O. Scullin, **6** children in school (James was born in Ireland, 1795-1847. Married to Rachael Scullin [spelled Racheal in school records] 1798-1866, born and buried in Colchester, Vt. Scullin children [from cemetery and census records]: Elizabeth Scullin Lord 1823-1899; Sarah Ann Scullin Van Cor 1823-1910; James Carol Scullin 1825-1868; **William Scullin**, 1828; **Hannah Jane Scullin Scriven** 1831-1906; **Soloman Austin Scullin** 1836-1893; **Nathaniel Scullin**, 1838; **Myron Patrick Scullin** 1841-

1906. Myron was a Civil War soldier enlisting from Burlington, fought and lost a foot to amputation at Gettysburg in the 13th regiment in July 1863. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery. The Scullin family lived above the reservoir in northernmost house still in the park above reservoir. Later owned by Sheerans, it's the best preserved house relic, with original walls visible; just off the road on the red trail. Listed as J. Scalling on 1857 Walling map, almost certainly an incorrect spelling of Scullin, which was also spelled Scullen in census records.

Barney Ward, 4 children in school..(born in Ireland in 1810, Barney appears as a farmer on 1850 census with land valued at \$500. Children: **Michael Ward**, 1836; **Margaret Ward**, 1838; **Ellen Ward**, 1840; **Philip Ward**, 1842; Francis, 1844; Barney, Jr., 1846. Angelfire website reports 7 children in all. No record of wife; the family appears to have lived on the Lost Nation Road near McGee Road.

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1847: (no school entries in Town meeting records for that year, without explanation. Towns were required by state law to record family names and number of children for each school district, but not children's names. At it's high, Essex had 17 school districts. The locations are listed prominently on the Beers map 1869, but the numbers do not correspond correctly to current research or the numbering system changed as districts were added or subtracted over the years.

1848:

Archibald Crosby, 3 (see 1846 above)

John Page, 4 (see 1846 above)

Richard Lee, **1** (Richard Lee appears on the 1840 census as a farmer, b.1797, with real estate valued at \$1200. His wife was Margaret Lee, b.1790. Both were born in Ireland, neither could read or write. They had **one son**, not identified by name, who was not living with them in 1850, but is likely the one on the school list. The 1869 Beers Map shows Richard's house on the Lost Nation Road near the McGee Road.

Josiah Potter, **1** (see 1846 above)

Lois Tubbs, **5** (see 1846 above)

Barney Ward (see 1846 above)

Barney McKeinian, **5** (see 1846 above)

Solomon Dixon, **1** (see 1846 above)

Racheal Scullin, **4** (Rachel's name appears due to death of husband James in 1847..it appears she and the children toughed it out in Essex for several years before relocating to Burlington after 1860. James Scullin was one of two listed here (Crosby) who was born in Ireland. Many Irish came to Vermont in the early 1840's to work on the railroads connecting Burlington to points south. Rachel was not Irish, born in Colchester, VT.

1849:

Archibald Crosby, **3** (see 1846 above)

John Page, **3** (see 1846 above)

Levi Cogsioell (Cagswell), **2..** (appears with several spellings, went with 1850 census. Cagswell was a farmer whose land was valued at \$400. Born 1810, wife Louise born 1817. Children: **Reuben Cagswell**, b.1835; **Lucretia Cagswell**, b. 1841. Also a Phillips Reed in household, born in Ireland in 1829. Levi was a farmer, real estate valued at \$400.).

L. Dixon, 1..(could be a similar situation as Scullins with a new head of household, replacing Solomon Dixon).

Lois Tubbs, 6 (see 1846 above)

Lyman Damon, 1..(homesite identified on Walling map 1857 as L. Damon, as J. Day on 1869 Beers map. Lyman was linked to the Day and Crosby families. He married Dorothy "Dollie" Day, who was Arteria Day's younger sister. Lyman was born 8/1818-4/1872, died Wisconsin. Dolly, (listed as Polly on 1850 census), born 1824. Children: **Luther Damon**, 1844; Charles Damon, 1846, Mary Elizabeth Damon (Gruhn) 1850-1919. Lyman was listed as a carpenter and joiner on the census.) He took over from Josiah Potter as school district clerk in 1849. Potter appears as clerk again in 1850, the last year that good records were kept by the Town of Essex.

Samuel B. Day, 4 (see 1846 above)

Barney McKenian, 5 (see 1846 above)

Jonathan Day, 1..(homesite is directly below the school). Jonathan, 1817-1888, was Samuel B. Day's younger brother. His wife was Hannah Day, b.1825. Children: **Jane Day**, b.1844; Ellen Day 1847-1865; Chester Day, b.1849. Jonathan was a farmer, real estate valued at \$500. He owned the land the school was on and it later became known as the "Day School.")

MR Scullin, 5 (James O. Scullin died in 1848, leaving Rachel with the children. She toughed it out until at least 1860 but then moved to Burlington with only Myron left in her household. He enlisted in the Civil War in the 13th Vermont from Burlington. The MR in front of her name is likely a typo that should say MRS. Scullin for 1849.)

Barney Ward, 4 (see 1846 above)

Appendix B

573. James Carty, b. 1777, Ireland. We are fortunate to have an extensive Carty family genealogy. James arrived in Essex in 1822 and bought a farm on the Lost Nation Road near what was once a cranberry bog. The Cartys all appear after 1870 as McCarty; it may have been more acceptable to have an Irish-sounding original name after years of assimilation and acceptance in the community .

574. Patrick Carty, b. 1813, Ireland. He farmed right across the road from his father on Lost nation Road. Wife Mary also born in Ireland.

575. Thomas Carty, b. 1814, Ireland. Wife, Margaret also b. Ireland. Thomas lived and farmed just west of his father and brother on the Lost Nation Road.

576. John Rynes, b. 1808, Ireland. Wife Nancy, b. Ireland. Further on down Lost Nation Road, house not identified.

577. Richard Lee, b. 1797, Ireland. Wife Margaret, b. Ireland. House near entrance to McGee Road on Lost Nation Road.

578. Owen Daley, b. 1788, Ireland. John Hayes, b. 1821, Ireland. Wife Mary, b. 1824, Ireland. Bet Connor, b. 1820, Ireland. Wife Margaret, b. 1821, Ireland. House not identified.

579. Louisie Tubbs. (see 1846 above)

580. Levi Cagswell (see 1849 above). Cagswell was born in Vermont but had a Phillips Reed living in household, b. 1829, Ireland.

581. Barney McCannon, b. 1805, Ireland. Wife, Ellen, b. 1805 Ireland. (see 1846,8,9 above). House appears on McGee Road where that road

dead-ends today. Spelled McKiernan on 1869 Beers map, as Kerrman on 1857 Walling map.

582. Barney Ward, b.1810, Ireland. Michael Ward, b. 1836, Ireland. Lived on Lost Nation Road past McGee Road. House is identified as B. Wood on 1857 map, almost certainly a misspelling (there were many on 1857 map).

583. Michael T. Shanley, b.1815, Ireland. Wife Mary, b.1822, Ireland. Shanley's house is clearly identified on 1857 Walling map further west on Lost Nation Road right next to Wards.

584. Alexander Oliver. b.1802, Ireland. Wife Sarah, b. 1812, Ireland. Oliver appears on the 1869 Beers map as living close to the Colchester town line on Lost Nation Road in a house on the property of James Carty(who was a son of Patrick Carty).

585. William Corbett, b.1805, England. Wife Gilphin, b. 1805, Vt. Not sure of Irish connection, but also lived on Carty land near Colchester on lost Nation Road just above Olivers. On 1857 Walling map as W. Cobett.

The Irish settlers in Essex weren't a one-time migration. The 1870 census shows that many more post-famine Irish immigrants came here and settled mostly in the same area.

The 1870 census and maps from the time reveal that Irish settlers had increased in numbers around Indian Brook and Lost Nation. All household members are listed on this census, as in 1850. Here is a listing of newcomers:

John Hurson, b.1806 in Ireland—farmer. His wife Jane Hurson, b.1827, Canada. This is an important clue to indicate that Hurson's point of entry to the US came from the north. They had five children. House is identified on 1869 Beers map as lower McGee Road.

Mary Kelly, b. 1799, Ireland. Housekeeper

Margarette Hogan, b.1816, Ireland. Housekeeper. David Hogan, b.1847, Vermont. Railroad worker. His wife Bridget Hogan, b.1849, Ireland, housekeeper. David is the only identified railroad worker among the Irish families in Essex. There was lots of work at the time of the census as the Burlington and Lamoille Railroad was beginning to be built from Burlington to Cambridge; it bisected Essex.

William McGiffin, b.1800, Ireland. Bridget McGiffen, b.1800, Ireland. Farmer and housekeeper. Appears on 1857 Walling map on Lost Nation Road near the Old Colchester road.

John Connell, b.1830, Scotland. Farmer. Mary Connell, b.1815, Ireland, housekeeper. Likely that Connell was also an "Ulster Scot", a child of early Scotch-Irish immigrants. House is listed on Beers 1869 map as near the bottom of McGee Road off Lost Nation Road.

Patrick Sheeran, b.1803, Ireland, farmer. Wife, Alice Sheeran, b.1810, housekeeper. One child listed. On Beers map 1869 as living in the house on Indian Brook Road vacated by the Scullins family, directly above school #16 (ruins of homesite still visible and accessible). Likely grandfather of Peter Sheeran, who oversaw Irish laborers on rail crews in Chittenden County late 19th century.

William Cubert, b.1832, Ireland, farm laborer. Wife, Margaret Cubert, b.1820, Ireland, housekeeper. House appears as W. Cubat on 1869 Beers map on Indian Brook Road now in the reservoir lower parking lot.

John Donahue, b.1835, Ireland. Wife, Ellen, four children

Ellen Doyle, b.1805, Ireland. Age 65, housekeeper. Thomas Doyle (son or grandson?) b. 1848, VT. She appears on the 1869 Beers map as living on Brigham Hill Road near Page's Corners.

Patrick Hevein, b.1790, Ireland, farm laborer. Wife Bridgett Havein, b.1792, Ireland, housekeeper

John Quinlan, b.1836, Ireland, farmer

William Lee, JR, b.1844, VT. Farmer. William Lee, b.1783, Ireland. Margaret Lee, b.1807, Ireland

Barney McLaughlin, b.1796, Ireland, farm labor. Catherine McLaughlin, b. 1817, Ireland. Four children

Edward Hanly, b.1795, Ireland. Wife Mary ,b.1810, Ireland. Three children

Thomas Flanagan, b.1790, Ireland, farmer. Wife Kate, b.1800. Frank (son?), b.1831, Ireland. Abbie (dtr?, b.1832, Mass.

Mathew Ennis, b.1810, Ireland. Farm laborer. Wife Bridget Ennis, b. 1820, Ireland, keep house. Three children.

Thomas Casey, born 1835, Ireland, farm laborer. Wife Kate Casey, b.1835, Vt. 5 children plus. Listed as a soldier in service during the Civil War

Michael Casey, b.1797, Ireland; Mary Casey, b.Ireland 1798.

William Handley, b.1805 Ireland, farmer. Wife Susan, b.1806. Three children.

John Handley, b.1794, Ireland, farmer. Wife Margaret Handley, b. 1797, Ireland

Frank Goun, b. 1844, Ireland. Mary Goun, b.1844, Ireland. Two children (one born in Ireland 1867)

John McGoen, b.1843, Ireland. Wife Mary, b. 1844, Ireland

John Cain, b.1820, Ireland. Wife Mary Cain, b.1825, Ireland. Two children.

