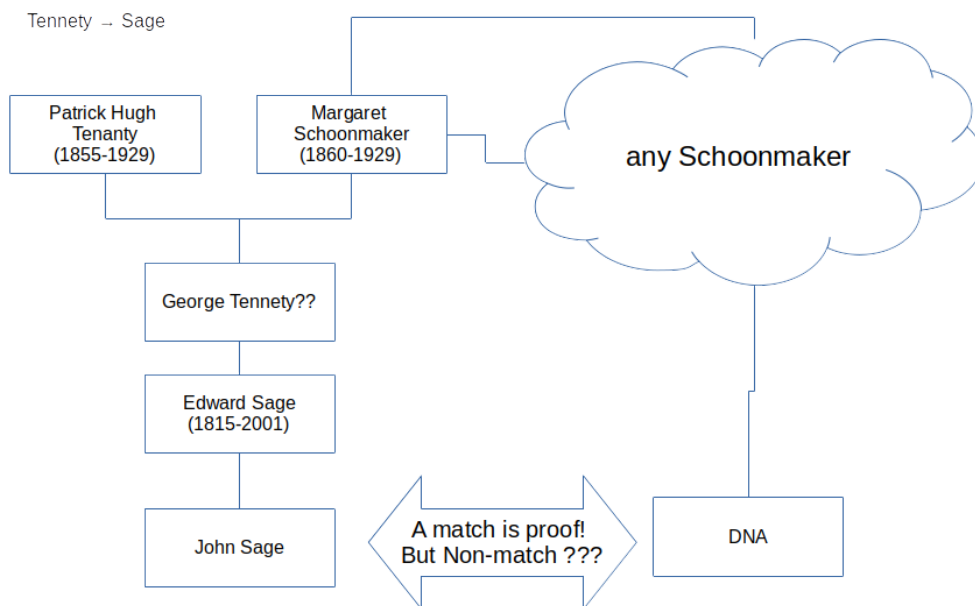


Our father's paternal line

This note describes the Tenity/Tenanty/Teninty/Tennety/Tinity's that were in my father's paternal line. Through Y-Chromosome comparison I have determined, with considerable confidence, that one of Patrick Tenanty's (1813-1896) sons was my father's biological grandfather. I use Ten*ty abbreviation to describe the line of Irish people whose name is spelled differently in genealogical records.

I don't know that I will ever know my paternal grandfather by name but further research may unmask my great grandfather. I believe that I can narrow the paternal search by finding the woman that I share Autosomal DNA with. Let me explain by example. Suppose that George Bernanrd Tennety (our favorite suspect at this time) is dad's father. In that scenario George would pass DNA from Patrick Hugh Tennety and Margaret Schoonmaker to my father and on to me. In that case I would share DNA with Margaret's ancestors. But if my grandfather is the son of Henry Tinity I would not have any Schoonmaker DNA. Finding a Schoonmaker descendent DNA as in the following figure would prove the connection. Because of DNA filtering there could be a false non-match so I can only prove positive results.



Years ago when I discovered my Tennety cousins (3 sisters from one leg of Patrick Hugh Tennety's and one from another leg) I was sure that I had identified my paternal great-grandfather. The amount of shared autosomal DNA gave me a great deal of confidence. Patrick Hugh lived a few short miles from Auburn where my adoptive great-mother was born and raised. After receiving the Y-chromosome results I decided to take another look at the Ten*ty family that I shared DNA with.

Their family started in the United States. Patrick Tenanty (1790-1854) had two sons and a daughter emigrate in the early 1840s to find work. One of those two sons has to be my second great grandfather. Lawrence Tennity started in Cayuga County New York but soon migrated west to Illinois where his descendents continued further west. That left Patrick Tenity (1813-1896) to be my second great grandfather. Patrick Tenity had six sons. The following numbered list gives a short description of the Ten*ty line with possible parents highlighted in yellow and where they were in 1914.

1. Lawrence Teninty (1819-1870) from Ireland to IL USA via Cayuga County NY
 - 1.1. Patrick Teninty b: Auburn, NY 1844 d: Unk
 - 1.2. James Albert Teninty b: Auburn NY 1846 d: Thermopolis WY 1928
 - 1.3. Lawrence Teninty b: 1849 Auburn NY d: Los Angeles CA 1929
 - 1.4. Samson Tennanty b: 1851 NY d: UNK
 - 1.5. Charles Teninty b: 1855 Springport NY d: 1927 Kewanee IL
 - 1.6. John "Edward" Teninty b: 1859 Auburn NY d: 1902 Ten Mile MO
2. Patrick Tenity b: Ireland 1813 d: Union Springs, NY 1896
 - 2.1. James Tenity b: 1851 Springport NY d: 1875 Alpena MI
 - 2.2. John Tennety b: 1852 Springport NY d: 1917 Wallace ID
 - 2.2.1. Thomas James Tennety b: 1881 Springport d:UNK
 - 2.3. Patrick Hugh Tennety b: 1855 Springport NY d: 1929 Auburn NY
 - 2.3.1. Morris Henry Tennety b: 1891 d: 1961; Morris married in 1915, had a still-born child and lost his wife to influenza in 1920
 - 2.3.2. George Bernard Tennety b: 1895 d: 1979; married in 1916 at 21 and spent his life in the Cayuga County area
 - 2.4. Lawrence Tinity b: 1858 Union Springs NY d: 1929; moves to Ithaca, NY and then on to Virginia
 - 2.5. Henry Tenity b: 1860 Springport NY d: 1937 Springport NY
 - 2.5.1. James Owen Tenity b: 1883 Springport d: 1950 Auburn: living in Sprinport with father in 1915 at age 31
 - 2.5.2. John Francis Tenity b: 1889 Springport d: 1964 Auburn; was a barber in Springport in 1910 until draft registry; married in 1913
 - 2.5.2.1. Francis John Tenity b: 1916 Auburn d: 1990 Sennett NY
 - 2.5.2.2. Fredrick Tenity b: 1928 Auburn d: 1994 Auburn
 - 2.5.3. Edward Patrick Tenity b: 1893 Union Springs d: 1985 Auburn; lived with father in 1915
 - 2.6. Thomas Tinity b: 1865 Cayuga Co NY d: 1905 Auburn, NY

- 2.6.1. **William P. Tennety** b: 1889 Union Springs d: after 1956; He was in Auburn in 1914 living at 158 Van Anden with his brothers
- 2.6.2. **Lawrence E. Tennety** b: 1890 Union Springs d: 1956 Rochester NY -- He lives on Van Anden Street, is 24 and single in 1914
- 2.6.3. **Charles L. Tennety** b: 1891 b: 1890 Springport d: 1952 Rochester. Either Lives with mother on Wall Street in 1914 or with brothers on Van Anden and is single
- 2.6.4. **Thomas J Tennity** b: 1893 Springport d: 1950 Rochester -- 1914: Married with daughter and is listed as head of house with his brothers on Van Anden
- 2.6.5. Francis Henry Tennity b: 1894 Union Springs d: 1953 Rochester -- moves to Rochester in 1913
- 2.6.6. John Thomas Tennity b: 1899 Springport d: 1933 Rochester -- I assume that he is living at with his mother at 109 Wall Street since he was 14
3. Micheal Tenanty b: Ireland 1815 or 1822 d: UNK or MA USA
4. James Tenanty b: Ireland 1827 d: Ireland 1857

The men highlighted in yellow are my nine possible great-grandfathers. Thomas Tennity moved to Auburn in 1906 and immediately died. He leaves six young adults (five of them male) and one teenager behind. Of those six sons in 1914, five were living in Auburn and one was just fourteen.

Intersection of fate and families.

My father's adoptive family was also from the Auburn area. While it is unlikely that any of the Jones girls are biologically connected I have mapped them to show the geographical connections. The eight Jones girls in 1914:

- Mary Alletta Robbins: Lived at 4 VandenBosch, Auburn NY 1914
- Carrie Elizabeth Atkins: Passed away in 1909 from Tuberculous
- Catherine Sage: Lived in Towanda, Pa in 1914
- Minnie Wilmarth: Husband was conductor on LVRR and they lived at 234 Hardenburg Avenue, Auburn NY in 1914
- Jessie McClure: Located in KS in 1910; returned to NY and then moved to PA. Not sure of exact location in 1914
- Mable Latimer: 25 Howard Street in 1915 but was the same address as George Jones 1914 death report in newspaper. It appears that they may have all lived together
- Dasiy Darrow: the Darrows went to KS to work on the RR in 1910 but returned by the time of her father's death. Her father's obituary lists her as living on Aurelius Avenue. Not sure where she was earlier in the year

- Mildred (Jones) (Emlaw) Knecht: With an Emlaw brother somewhere in Auburn--long confusing story

Map

I have included a map of where the Ten*ty's and Jones family members lived in 1914 Auburn. The square boxes on bottom are not people in Auburn 1914.



McClure in KS 1910
Back to PA 1913

Daisy (Jones) Darrow
Troopsville 1913

Francis Henry Tennety
moves to Rochester
1913

Cath Sage (PA)
1913

Thoughts

And as an aside my adoptive great-grandfather died just two days before Christmas in 1914. This would have surely put my adoptive grandmother on a train to Auburn from Sayre, PA, just a few hours' direct train ride away, to say goodbye to her father. Is this how she met my father or met his biological mother? As a Catholic, did she go to Christmas Mass and make contact? So many questions that I probably will never know the answer to. But I am willing to bet that one of those nine young Tennity men is my biological great-grandfather. And through the use of DNA Painter or some other current or future technology we will know. And just to make things even more strange, the St. Aloysius Catholic Church, with J.J. McGrath as pastor, was two doors away from the Tennity house on VanAden. Can a name like McGrath be more Irish?