

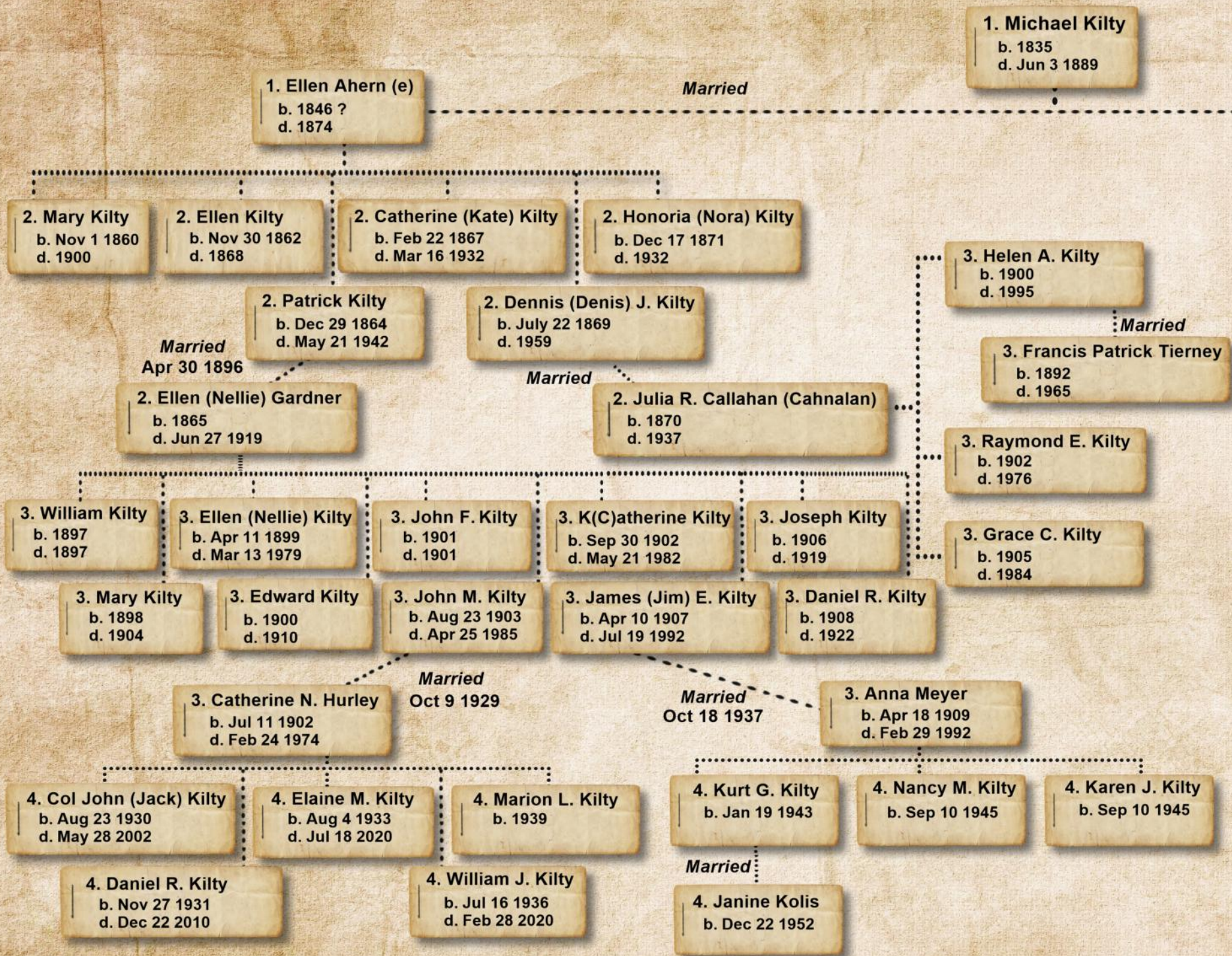
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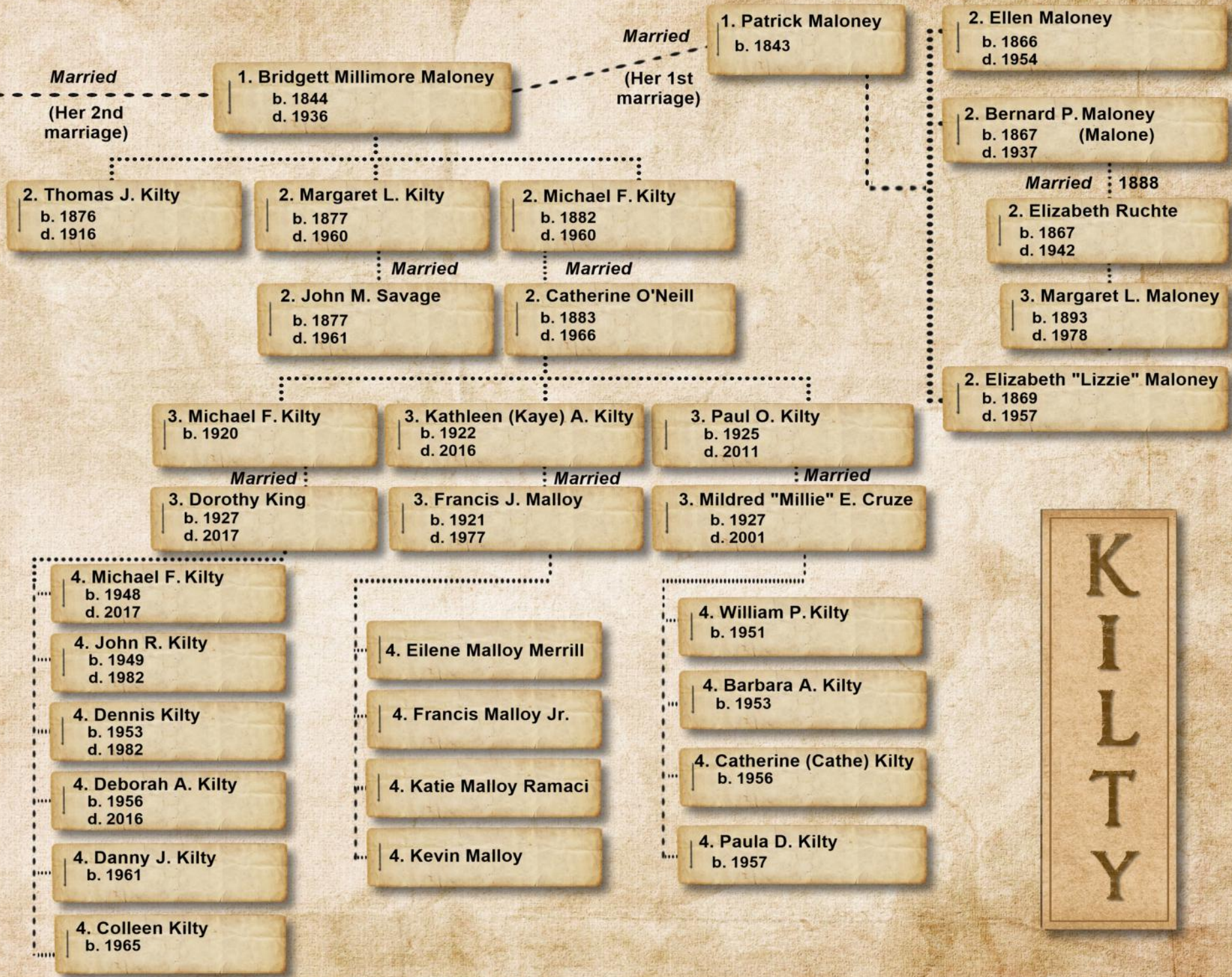
A Story of Three Generations

1873-2020



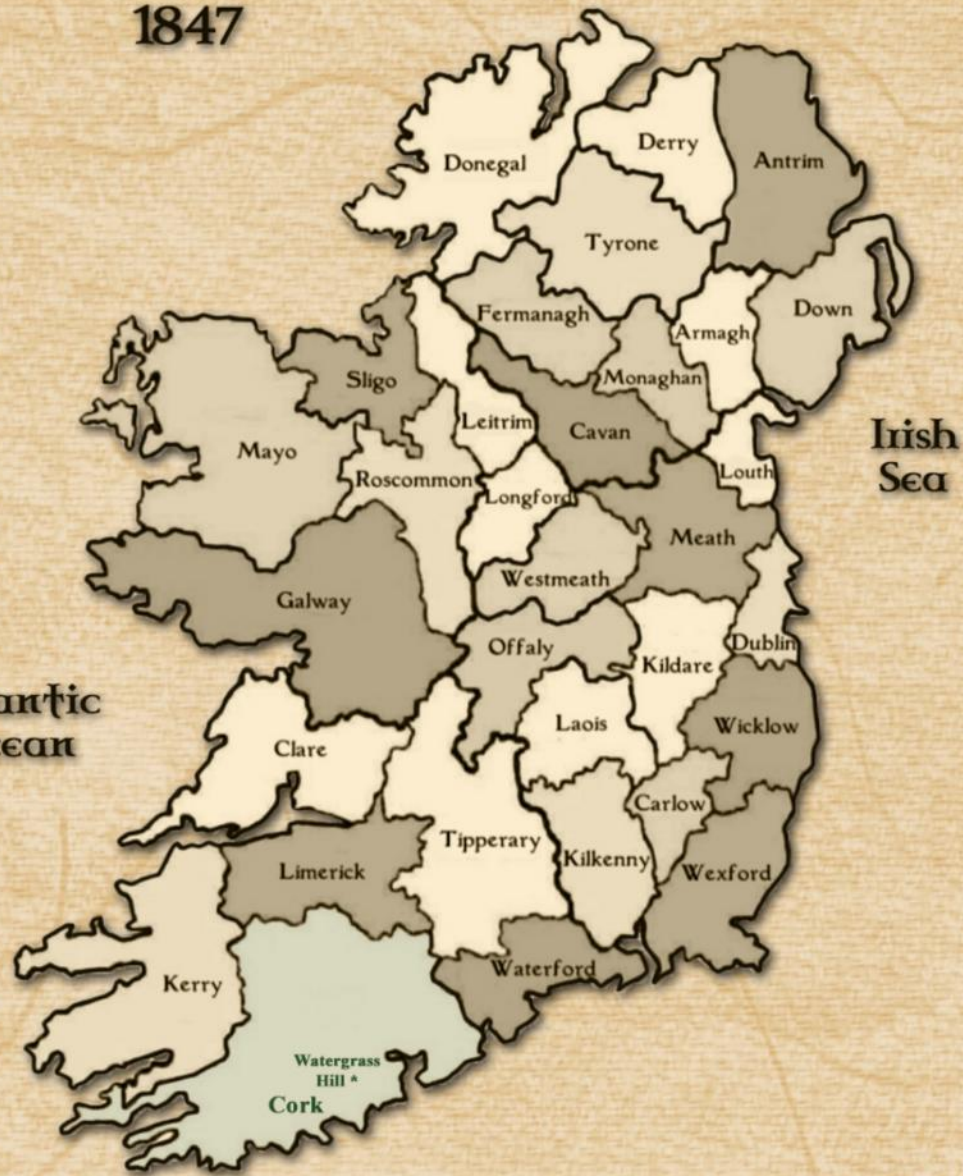
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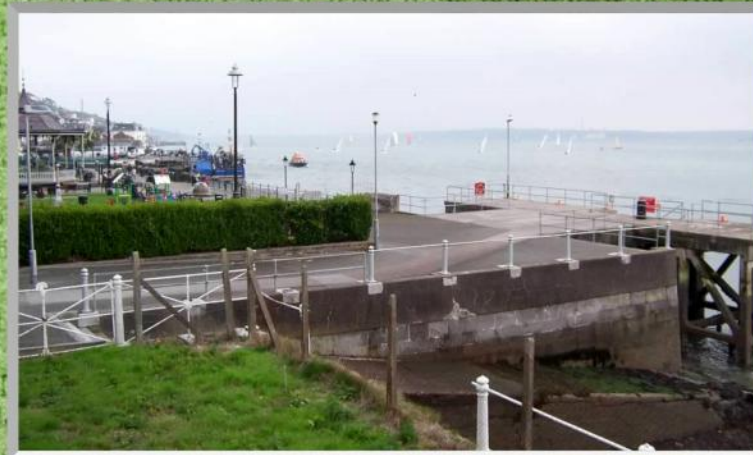
Counties of Ireland 1847



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CORK HARBOR



WATERGRASS HILL



MICHAEL KILTY AND FAMILY

*..emigrated from
Cork County,
Ireland
May of 1873.*

List or Manifest of all the Passengers taken on board the

NAME	AGE		SEX	OCCUPATION	The Country to which they usually belong	The Country of which they intend to become inhabitants	DIED OF THE VOYAGE
	Years	Months					
Joe Stoherty	26		man	lab	Ireland	U.S.	
Mary Barry	28		w				
April Long	10		man				
Wm	5		w				
John Bliffed	16		"				
Elyja O'Brien	26		"				
Pat Bottigen	24		"				
Tom Marti	21		man	mission			
Mary Ann	22		w				
Ann Lanson	24		"				
Leath Kingin	21		"				
Pat Connell	25		"				
William Harlow	22		"				
Joe Wyley	24		man	carpenter			
Mary Beale	20		w				
Joe Moran	20		man	mission			
Joe McLaugh	40		"				
Miss "	20		w				
Miss "	16		"				
Pat "	10		man				
Joe "	8		"				
Ann Shanon	40		w	farmer			
John "	38		w				
Mari Killy	30		man	farmer			
John "	27		w				
Mary "	11		"				
Pat "	5		man				
Matt "	6		w				
Ann "	4		man				
Joe Waffy	26		"	mission			
Pat O'Sullivan	21		w				
John O'Brien	22		"				
John O'Brien	26		"				
John O'Brien	24		man	lab			
David Tubery	27		"				
Pat O'Leary	26		"				
Mary O'Leary	5		w				
Mary O'Leary	11		"				
John "	17		man	farmer			
Mary "	15		w				
Ann "	22		man	mission			

Michael Kilty

b. 1835
d. Jun 3 1889

& Ellen Ahern (e) Kilty

b. 1846?
d. 1874

Mary Kilty

b. Nov 1 1860
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Patrick Kilty

b. Dec 29 1864
d. May 21 1942

Catherine (Kate) Kilty

b. Feb 22 1867
d. Mar 16 1932

Dennis (Denis) J. Kilty

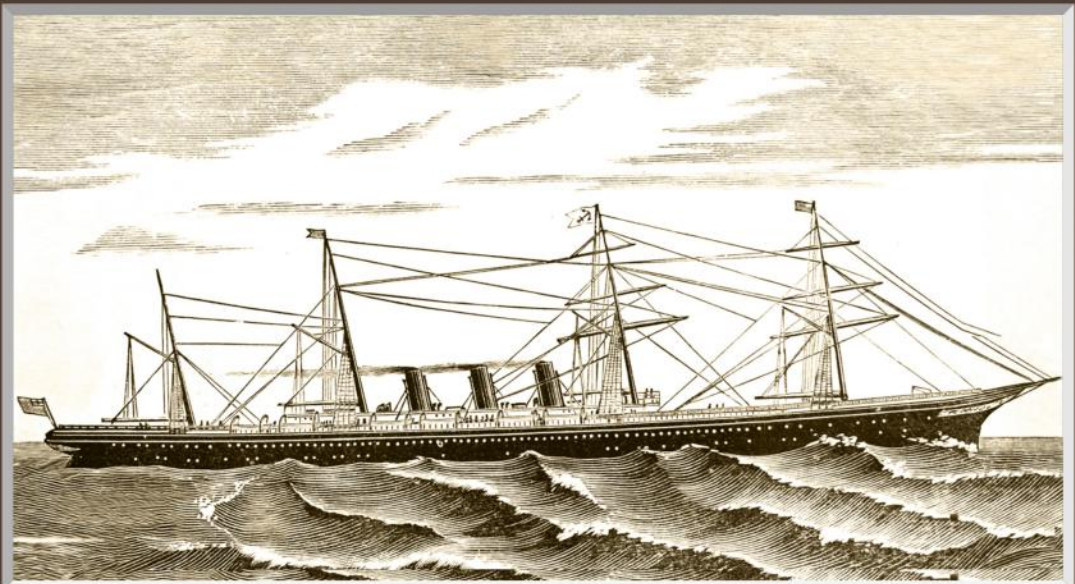
b. July 24 1869
d. 1959

Honorina (Nora) Kilty

b. Dec 17 1871
d. 1932

Michael Kilty, his wife Ellen Ahern (e) Kilty and their five children, Mary, Patrick, Kate, Denis, Hanora (Nora) emigrated in May of 1873 on the steamship the "City of Bristol" from Liverpool, England to Castle Gardens, New York.

All five children had been baptized in the Parish Church of Watergrasshill in the area of Cork and Ross, Cork County, Ireland.

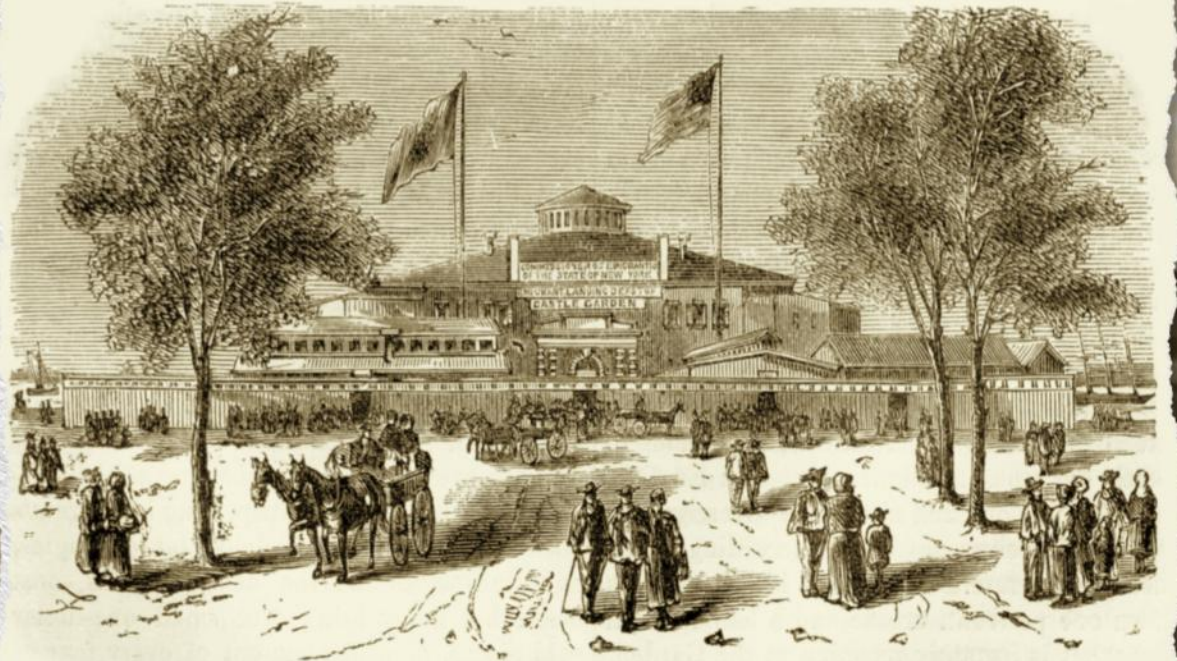


Castle Garden

History of Castle Garden

Castle Clinton began its interesting life as a fort built to defend New York Harbor from the British during the War of 1812.

Twelve years after the war, it was ceded to New York City by the United States Army. The former fort reopened in 1824 as Castle Garden, a public cultural center and theatre.



CASTLE GARDEN.—EXTERIOR VIEW FROM THE BATTERY.

Originally Published in "Harper's New Monthly Magazine" March 1871

Following the passage of the Passenger Act of March 3, 1855 designed to safeguard the health and welfare of immigrant passengers to the United States, New York passed its own legislation to establish a receiving station for immigrants. Castle Garden was chosen for the site, becoming America's first immigrant receiving center and welcoming more than eight million immigrants before it was closed on April 18, 1890. Castle Garden was succeeded by Ellis Island in 1892.

Ellis Island

When Annie Moore, 17, and her brothers arrived from Ireland on January 7, 1982, she became the first person to enter the United States through the Ellis Island facility.

This statue commemorates this event both in Cobh (cove) of Cork Harbor, Ireland and on Ellis Island, New York.



The family likely settled in South Windsor, Connecticut. Ellen Kitty died between 1873 and 1875. There are no death records. After Ellen's death, Michael married Bridgett Millimore Maloney who already had three children.

Michael and Bridgett's first child, Thomas, was born in 1876. Michael, Bridgett and their children are registered in the 1880 Census in District Two of South Windsor in the County of Hartford, Connecticut.



Michael was a farmer and likely a major crop at that time was tobacco. Michael and family later lived in the village of Warehouse Point in East Windsor. Prior to his death in 1889, he bought twelve acres of land in 1887 in the area of Warehouse Point of East Windsor.

*Michael is buried in
St. Mary's cemetery on
Spring St. in Windsor Locks.*



AHERN

Relatives of Ellen Ahern (e) Kitty had already migrated to South Windsor, Connecticut prior to 1873. A Patrick Ahern (e) (1834-1912.) either a brother or cousin, arrived earlier from Ireland. He married Eliza Loyce (1840-1887). Patrick, Eliza and five of their six children are noted in the 1880 Census of South Windsor, Connecticut.

A cemetery monument for Patrick, Eliza and their children resides in St. Mary's cemetery in East Hartford - not far from the Kitty gravestone for Jim and John Kitty. Jim Kitty has stated that the Kitty's were related to this Ahern family.



RELATIVES



A Francis Ahern in 2010 confirmed he is a descendent of Patrick Ahern who is from the Watergrasshill Parish in County Cork, Ireland. Francis currently runs the family Ahern Funeral home in Hartford, Connecticut. Per their web site, the Ahern Funeral Home, Inc. was founded in 1886 by L.I. Ahern and Francis Ahern in the city of Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1934 the Ahern Funeral Home moved to its current location at 180 Farmington Avenue, where the business was operated by the nephews of the two founders, brothers Francis R. Ahern and Albert J. Ahern. Today, Francis R. Ahern's son Francis, and daughter, Sarah Ahern - Jordan manage this funeral business.

PATRICK KILTY AND FAMILY

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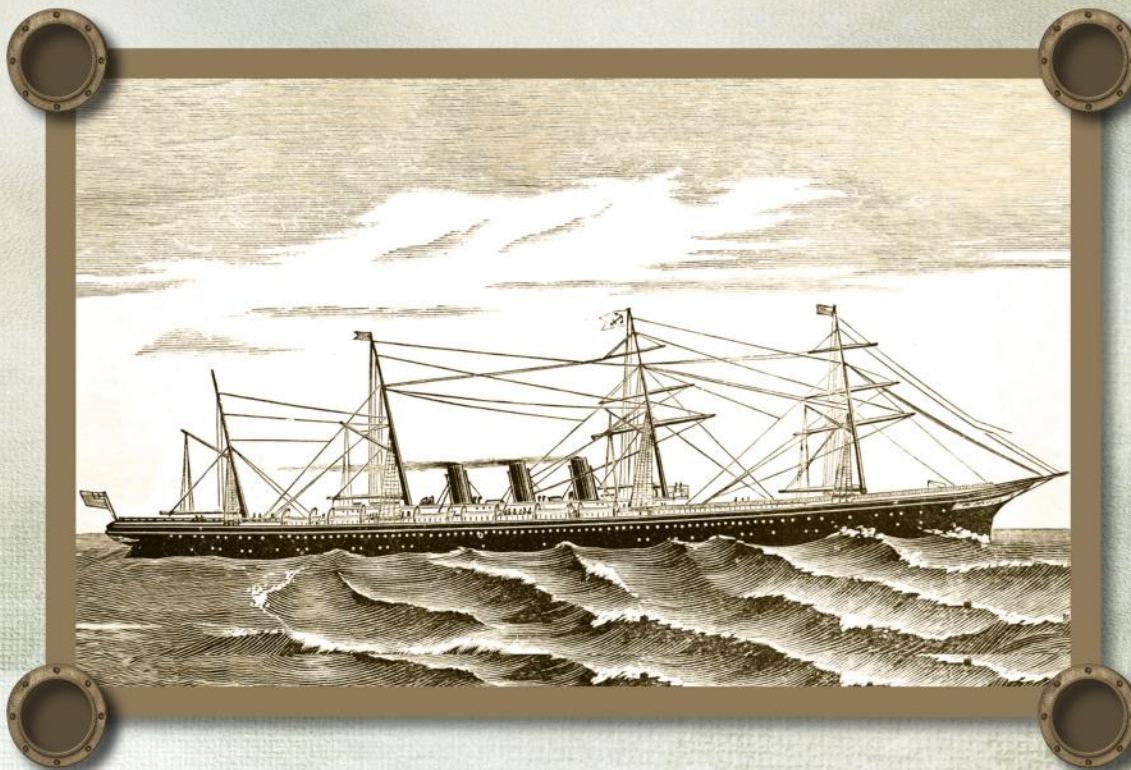
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Patrick Kilty, born December 29, 1864, emigrated with his parents and four siblings from Cork Ireland to Castle Gardens, New York, on the ship the "City of Bristol" out of Liverpool, England in May of 1873.



Patrick was a farmer and like his father, became a tobacco grower. In 1887 he became a naturalized citizen.



Patrick married Ellen Gardner in April of 1896 in East Hartford, Connecticut and they resided in a house on King Street.



Ellen was born in December, 1865 in Hartford, Connecticut to parents George and Margaret Gardner (Gardiner).

George Gardner, born November 19, 1829 in England, was a store clerk in the city of Hartford, Connecticut and his wife, Margaret Hines Gardner, born August 7, 1837 in Ireland, kept house. The family boarded at 34 Windsor Street in Hartford, Connecticut.



George Gardner died July 2, 1872 and Margaret Gardner died May 12, 1875 and are buried in St. Patrick's cemetery in Hartford, Connecticut.



*By the age of 15,
with both parents
deceased, Ellen lived
with an uncle and
aunt, James and
Elizabeth Pillion
in Hartford.*



In 1882, at the age of 17, Ellen (Nellie) Gardner started an Autograph Album. This album includes salutations, poems, and autographs hand written by family and friends.

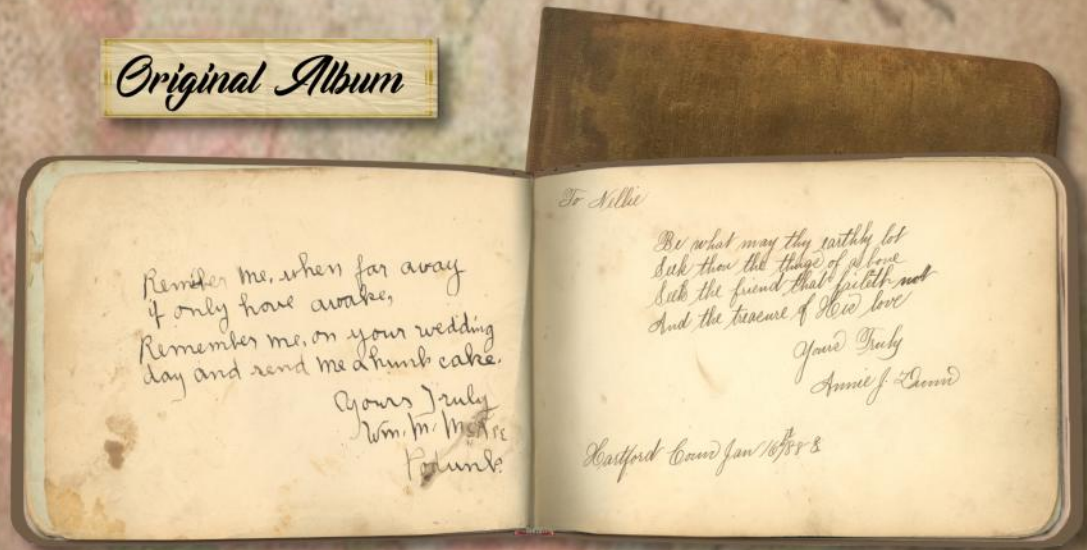
As of 2019, this original album and a copy of the restored album now reside in the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library in Connecticut.



The entire restored Autograph book of Ellen (Nellie) Gardner Kitty can be viewed at:

https://issuu.com/mollie4memories/docs/kilty_autograph_album

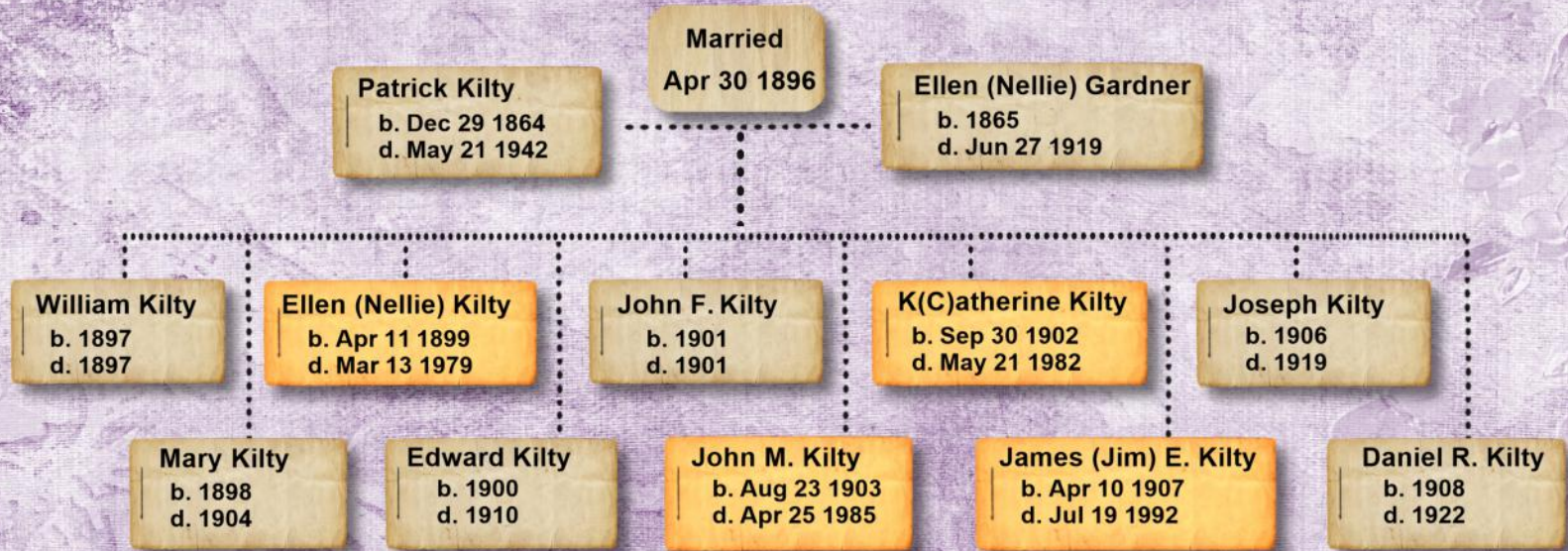
Original Album



Restored Album



Patrick and Nellie had ten children but only four, Ellen (Nellie), Katherine, John, and Jim, lived to adulthood.



The Hartford Directory noted that Patrick Kilty was the Chairman of the District 7 North King St. School Committee for 1901, 1911 and 1913.

Nellie passed away in June of 1919 and is buried in St. Patrick's cemetery in Hartford, Connecticut with her deceased children. Patrick died May 21, 1942 and is also buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery.





Work Projects Administration (WPA)



Nellie was known for her knitting.



Nellie & Katherine in the 1960's

Nellie and Katherine, the two oldest children, remained unmarried. After their mother died, they lived for several years with their aunt, Nora Kitty, on Goodwin Street in East Hartford before later re joining their father on King Street.

Katherine kept house and Nellie did clerical work for an insurance company and also with the Work Projects Administration (WPA) in the 1940's.

Nellie was known for her knitting and many nephews and nieces were recipients of her knitted sweaters.

John Kilty enlisted early in the Marines and achieved the rank of Corporal. He was a veteran of World War I. He married Catherine N. Hurley, a nurse, in October of 1929.

John M. Kilty
b. Aug 23 1903
d. Apr 25 1985

Catherine N. Hurley
b. Jul 11 1902
d. Feb 24 1974

Married
Oct 9 1929



John M. Kilty and Catherine Hurley Kilty

John later became the Postmaster for the U.S. Post Office in East Hartford. They had five children: John (Jack), Daniel, Elaine, William (Bill) and Marion.

Col John (Jack) Kilty
b. Aug 23 1930
d. May 28 2002

Daniel R. Kilty
b. Nov 27 1931
d. Dec 22 2010

Elaine M. Kilty
b. Aug 4 1933
d. Jul 18 2020

William J. Kilty
b. Jul 16 1936
d. Feb 28 2020

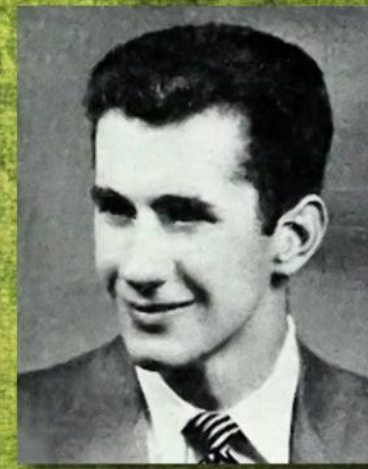
Marion L. Kilty
b. 1939



*Elaine, Bill and Marion
in 1940.*



*John (Jack) from his
Trinity College yearbook.*



*Dan from his
Beloit College yearbook.*

Jim Kilty initially trained as a carpenter as a young man. He later built and operated a service station in 1932 on family land which bordered Route 5. This service station was rebuilt several times over the years. Although drafted for World War 2, Jim did not serve.

HARTFORD TIMES

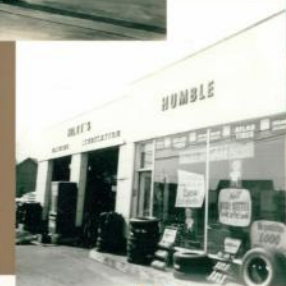
Connecticut JUN 2 1962



JAMES KILTY notes the same location for all 30 years, active in all phases of automobile services and tire merchandising. Kilty's has been in

Kilty's Service Station

Kilty Ownership: 1930's to 2007



*Jim Kilty
First Owner, Builder, Operator*

58 Ellington Road, East Hartford, CT



Jim married Anna Tresia Meyer, a nurse, in October of 1937. They had three children, Kurt, Nancy and Karen.

Married
Oct 18 1937

James (Jim) E. Kilty
b. Apr 10 1907
d. Jul 19 1992

Anna Tresia Meyer
b. Apr 18 1909
d. Feb 29 1992



Kurt G. Kilty
b. Jan 19 1943

Nancy M. Kilty
b. Sep 10 1945

Karen J. Kilty
b. Sep 10 1945

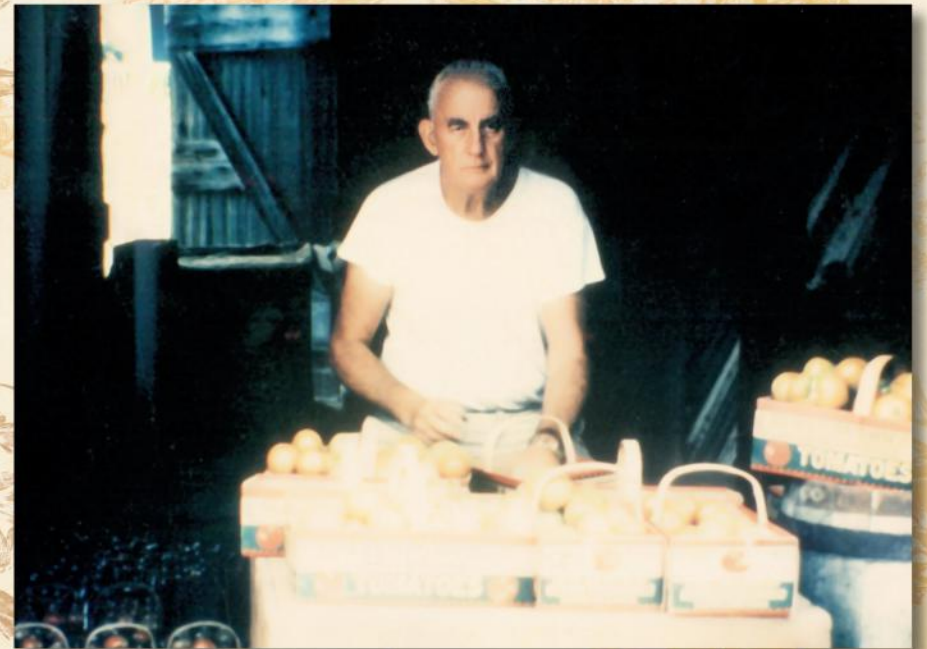
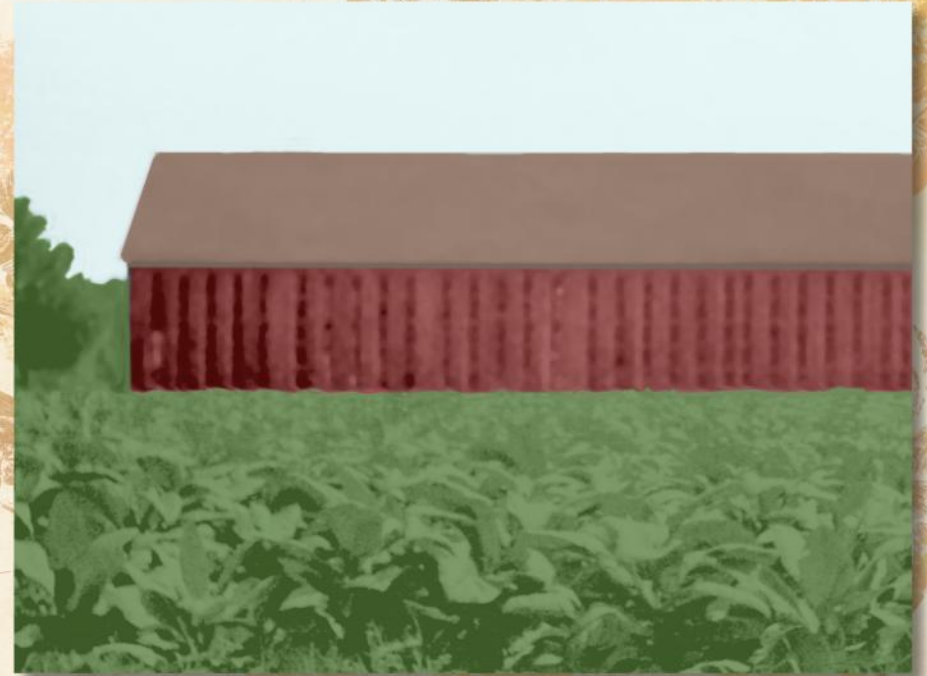
John and Jim, as young men, hunted pheasants and deer, and had several hunting dogs.



John and Jim were active in the town of East Hartford. Both men were volunteer firemen and even served as Captains of the Hose Co #2. Both were devoted to family and community.

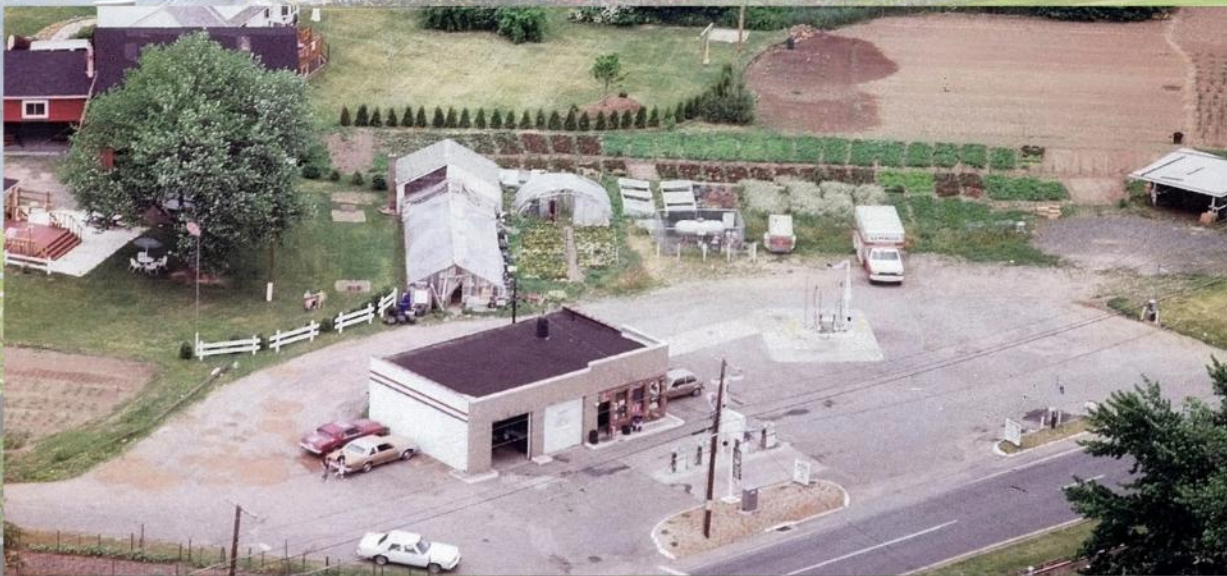


They continued farming locally, built a greenhouse and expanded their crops to include, not only tobacco, but vegetables. Tomatoes and other vegetable were grown from seeds, planted, harvested and sold to the local stores.





Kitty greenhouse in Winter.



*Overview shot of Kitty
gas station and farm land.*

Additional farm land, about ten acres, was purchased nearby. All their children worked on "Kilty Farms" which included selling produce on a local stand on Route 5. The "Kilty Farms" land was sold to the Town of East Hartford in 2010 for open space.



*Nell (1979) Catherine (1982)
John (1985) and Jim (1992)
are buried in St. Mary's cemetery in
East Hartford, Connecticut.*





Michael Kitty, grandson of the original Michael Kitty who emigrated from Ireland and half cousin of Patrick Kitty's children, in August of 2020 on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

*The three generation Kitty legacy lasted more
than 100 years in Hartford County.*

Let's Celebrate this Heritage.

May your heart be light and happy.
May your smile be big and wide.
And may your pockets
Always have a coin or two inside!





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