*CHRONOLOGY*

*Of Events relating to family members, ancestry and working life of*

*Rev. John Francis McKearney (b.1871 Crossdall, Tynan, Co. Armagh, Ireland)*

Based on historical record evidence, incorporating all findings from research reports, August 2018 – 15 April 2020

Additions (in orange) Jan.2021 (from 23 Nov.2020 report)

***Arrangement per entry:***

***Date***

*Event*

***Original historic record source***

***Research Report in which found (by date of cover letter)***

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**c.1800-1810:** Birth of Patrick McKearney and wife Mary Hughes (m.1830 Tynan) – parents of Daniel b.1832. Patrick’s year of birth inferred from possibly being similar age to his wife – Mary Hughes born likely c.1810 since her youngest son Patrick McKearney b.c.1850.

**c.1810-1813:** Birth of Bridget McKearney, daughter of Thomas McKearney & Ann Kelly – of Crossdall, Tynan parish, Co. Armagh. (Blood relatives of Daniel McKearny’s father, Patrick (m.1830) – evidenced by later records, below,

when said Bridget, her sons (including Rev. Hugh Rafferty) and daughters, and Daniel McKearney and his family lived at Scipio Center, Cayuga Co. NY.

**1823 March 11**: “Baptisms March 1823: 11[th], B[aptized] Patt.[rick] of Thomas McKerny & Ann Kelly, SS[Sponsors]: Stephen Vallelly & Rose McBennett. Crossdall [residence of parents]” (a brother of Bridget McKearney above b.c.1813. Earliest Tynan Catholic baptism dates from 1822) *(Parish of Tynan Catholic baptisms) [8 July 2019 research report] [National Library of Ireland, Dublin – www.nli.ie]*

**1827 September 24:** “September 1827 Baptisms – 24[th]: Rose of Thomas McKerney & Ann Kelly. SS[sponsors]: Michael \_\_ & [illegible]” *(Parish of Tynan Catholic Baptisms) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1830 October 6**: Marriage of parents of Daniel McKearney: Patrick McKearney and Mary Hughes (Rathcumber townland, adjoining Crossdall), Tynan parish, Co. Armagh. Witnesses: John McNally and Peter Hughes *(Tynan R.C. parish marriages) [18 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1832 March 25**: Daniel McKearney, son of Patrick McKeareny & Mary Hughes, at Crossdall, baptized . Witnesses: Henry McKearney and Margaret McKearney *(Tynan RC parish baptisms) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1840 April 1**: Baptism of Hugh Rafferty, cousin to Daniel McKearney: “1st April 1840 Hugh, of Francis Rafferty & Bridget McKerney, Sp[onsors] Danl [undecipherable], Rose McKerney, Crossdall” *(Roman Catholic register of baptisms, Tynan parish, Co. Armagh) [7 May 2019 research report] [National Lib. Of Ireland www.nli.ie]*

**1841 May 23**: Baptism of John McKearney, brother to Daniel McKearney : John, son of Patrick McKearney & Mary Hughes, Crossdall, Tynan parish, Co. Armagh. Sponsors: John McKearney, Ellen Hughes *(Tynan parish RC baptism register) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1846 Oct 21**: Baptsim of Joseph McKearney, brother of Daniel McKearney Joseph, son of Patrick McKarny [McKearney] & Mary Hughes, Tynan parish. Sponsors: Patrick McKarnan and Rose McKarnan.

*(Tynan RC Baptisms) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

*c.1848: Emigration from Drumgose townland, Tynan (separated from Crossdall by only one other townland – Skerries) of Bridget McNaughton, age about 23 (b.1825 Drumgose), to USA; in Providence by certainly early 1850s; daughter of Thomas MCNaughton & Catherine Dawley/Daly; and sister of Mary McNaughton (Hughes) (b.1827 Drumgose) who emigrated to Providence 1890 and at whose address in Providence c.1901 (26 Baxter St) also lived directly ancestral Ellen McNally (McKearney) (b.c.1840); also sister of Catherine McNaughton (Fitzpatrick ) (b.1839 Drumgose) who emigrated to Providence RI in 1882, her large family of sons and one daughter being cousins to Rev. John F McKearney (b.1871).*

**1849 July 9**: Baptism of John Rafferty, brother to [Rev] Hugh F. Rafferty (b.1840), cousins to Daniel McKearney: “1849 July 9: John of Francis Rafferty & Bridget McKarny. Sps [sponsors] Michael Vallally & Ellen Kelly” *(Roman Catholic register of baptisms, Tynan parish, Co. Armagh) [7 May 2019 research report] [Nat. Lib. Ireland www.nli.ie]*

**1852 January 2:** “On the 2nd instant, Sergeant Dickson of the Constabulary, stationed at Middletown, County Armagh, had information given him by Mr. Nathaniel Grayson, a grocer, that a woman named Jane McKenna, had passed two 4d (pence) pieces in his shop at different hours of the preceding day, one to his mother and another to his wife. After some search the sergeant succeeded in arresting the woman McKenna who after the usual protestations of innocence, admitted that she had received the base 4d pieces from a man named George Hamilton, a rather comfortable farmer with 10 Irish acres of land, cows and horses, living in the townland of Crossdall. On searching through [Hamilton’s] house they found in a cupboard 53 base shillings, two 4d pieces, and a base half-crown and in an old bees-cap they found a quantity of old brass, copper, lead and a hard, white metal which sounded like bell metal, with utensils for casting the metal into when melted; also a crucible etc. The prisoners were taken before the presiding magistrate at the Petty Sessions…and were by them committed to take their trial at the Quarter Sessions in Armagh. It is not much more than three months since sergeant Dickson detected in the same townland, a young man named McGuigan, charged with uttering and having in his possession, base sovereigns and who is now suffering confinement in Armagh Jail” *(‘Newry Telegraph’ as published in ‘The Belfast Newsletter’ 7 Jan. 1852) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchives.co.uk]*

**1853**: At Rutherglen, St. Columbkille's School opened, a refurbishment of stables and outbuildings of a former mansion house which stood in the church grounds *(various sources including 'Old Rutherglen' by Iain Cormack)[Mitchell Library, Glagsow]*

**1857 June 12:** Marriage, Tynan parish, of Patrick Fitzpatrick, age 20 and Catherine McNaughtan, aged 19 – “June 12: Patrick Fitzpatrick & Cathr. McNatten. Wits: Henry Hughes & Thos. McNatten” (This couple would have a large family – 11 sons, 1 daughter; left Ireland to England – see later – c.1864 thence to Providence RI 1881. Recorded as ‘cousins’ to Rev. John F McKearney; at his funeral, May 1922, when one son, Rev. Edward Fitzpatrick, celebrant, other sons bearers) *(Tynan Parish Catholic marriage register) [8 July 2019 research report] [Nat. Lib. Ireland – www.nli.ie]*

**1860 November 30**: Marriage of Daniel McKearney & Ellen McNally at Clontibret Roman Catholic parish, Co Monaghan. *(date recorded on Scottish civil birth records of their children, Bridget 1874, Ellen 1878 and Mary 1881 at Rutherglen) [23 Aug 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1861 July 24:** Baptism of Francis McNally, nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney): Francis McNally, son of James McNally [Ellen’s brother] and Ann Duffy, at Tirmacmoe townland, Clontibret: “Franciscus McNally, [born] 22 July 1861, of Jas. McNally and Ann Duffy, Tirmacmoe; [baptized] 26th…Sponsors: Jas. Sherry and Anne Farrell” *(Parish of Clontibret Catholic baptisms) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1861 October 4**: Baptism of Mary Ann McKearney, eldest child of Daniel McKearney and Ellen McNally: “1861 October 4: Mary Ann of Danl. McKarney & Ellen McNally, Sprs [Sponsors] John McKarney & Mary Ann Hughes” *(Parish of Tynan Catholic baptism register) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [National Lib. of Ireland www.nli.ie]*

**1862 July 3**: “Daniel McKearney of Crann [Tynan parish] defendant did on 20th June 1862 at Lemgar? in said county, Tresspass on complainant’s [James Hughes] bog by cutting turf *(Petty Sessions Order Books) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [www.findmypast.co.uk]*

**1863 June 4**: Baptism of Margaret McKearney, daughter of Daniel McKearney & Ellen McNally: “1863 June 4: Margaret of Daniel McKarnan and Ellen McNally. Spsr [sponsors]: Patrick Greenby & Ann Hughes” *(Tynan parish Catholic baptism register) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1863 June 27:** Business dealings of Patrick Fitzpatrick, :“Insolvents – Petitions to be heard: At Monaghan, on Saturday, 27th June….Patrick Fitzpatrick, late of Dansinare [parish of Monaghan] in the County of Monaghan, miller; previously at Rathrillick [parish of Tynan] in the County of Armagh and formerly of Middletown [parish of Tynan] in said County of Armagh, grocer and publican” (Patrick Fitzpatrick b.c.1837, cousin to the McKearneys – his sons named as such in connection with Rev. John F. McKearney’s May 1922 funeral where one, Rev. Edward Fitzpatrick was celebrant and others bearers. By 1865 he and his wife and children were in England and from there 1881 to Providence RI. Rathrillick townland, Tynan had a ‘miller’s house, cornmill and land – 2 acres’ – 1865 Valuation) *(‘The Belfast Newsletter’ June 11 1863) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1863 September 17:** Birth of James McNally, nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney) at Tullycomiskey townland, Clontibret: James McNally, son of James McNally and Ann Duffy: “James McNally, [born] 17 Sept., [parents] James McNally, Anne Duffy, Tullycomisky, [baptized] 17 Sept; [Sponsors]: Arthur McGeough, Cath. McMahon” (James McNally the father being brother to Ellen McNally (McKearney)) *(Clontibret parish Catholic baptism register: ‘Liber Baptisatorum: Diocese Clogher, parish Clontibret) [8 July 2019 research report] [Nat. Lib. Ireland – www.nli.ie]*

**1864 May:** Daniel McKearney recorded as tenant at Plot 24, Crossdall Townland: “County of Armagh: Barony of Tiranny: Parish of Tynan: John Thomson, Valuator, May 1864: No. and letters of ref. to map: 24; Tenant: Daniel McKearney; 11 acres; Immediate Lessors: Edward Johnstone” (This is manuscript – original – record of valuation. *Note* that the printed version, based on this original, mistakenly gave the name as ‘David McKearney’. Daniel may have been tenant here before 1864 but this is earliest record. Note: The Valuation Revision book spanning 1865-80 (below) notes a change of tenantship in 1871 to another ‘Daniel McKearney’ likely b. 1803 of bordering Crann townland) *(‘General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland’ Co. Armagh 1864) [8 July 2019 research report] [Public Record Office, Northern Ireland – Belfast; Ref. VAL/2/43B]*

**1865 September 15:** Birth of Rose McKearney, daughter of Daniel McKearney & Ellen McNally at Crossdall, Tynan: “Fifteenth September 1865, Crossdall, Rose [daughter of] Daniel McKerney, Crossdall, Farmer; and Ellen McKerney, formerly McNally. Informant: Daniel McKerney x his mark, father, Crossdall; registered eighteenth September 1865” *(Irish civil registration birth cert. ‘Registrar’s District Tynan….Co. of Armagh’) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.irishgenealogy.ie]*

“1865, Septr. 10: Rose of Daniel McKarney & Ellen McNally. Sprs[sponsors]: John Rafferty & Marg. Vallelly” (the baptism date is notably prior to the birth said to have occurred 15th Sep. This is a noted feature sometimes of records – a combination of errors of record keeping/specific dates sometimes not being as ‘important’ then as now/sometimes the civil reg. date is brought closer to date of registration if registered late by family – to avoid possible penalty for late registration) *(Parish of Tynan Catholic baptismal register) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1865 [until 1881]**: Rentals of tenant farmers, - cousin of Daniel McKearney - Bridget McKearney & husband Frank Rafferty “Barony of Tiranny, Parish of Tynan, Co. of Armagh – Crossdall - Reference to map: [plot] 19A, Occupier: Francis Raverty [Rafferty], Immediate Lessor: Edwd. Johnston; [renting] house, office [farm outbuildings] and land, 10 acres, rateable annual valuation – land £9 10s; Buildings: £1” [This is the small tenant farm of Francis Rafferty and his wife Bridget McKearney, parents to Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty at Scipio, NY. The valuation book for 1880-82 records the plot changed hands to a John Graham in 1881. The Raffertys had emigrated to Scipio NY] *(‘General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland’ Valuation Revision Books 1865-80 and 1880-82) [7 May 2019 research report] [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast – www.proni.gov.uk]*

**1865 [until 1880]**: Rentals as above: “Crann [townland], Plot 15, Occupier: Daniel McKearney, 10 acres; Immediate Lessor: Rev. George Tottenham; Annual Valuation: £9 5s for land; £1 5s buildings” (This Daniel McKearney (b.c.1803) held this tenancy until 1887 – see 1887 below – when he died, aged 80; he also apparently held the 11 acre tenancy at Crossdall since 1871 (see 1871) formerly held by direct ancestral Daniel b.1832, until his death in 1887. Possibly a cousin/uncle to Daniel McKearney b.1832) *(source as above: 1865-80 book) [7 May 2019 research report] [PRONI www.proni.gov.uk]*

**1866 May 15:** Birth of Patrick McNally – nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney), son of Ellen’s brother James McNally, at Tullycomiskey townland, Clontibret, separated only from Crossdall by Drumgolat and Cornahoe townlands: “15th May 1866 Tullycumiskey, Patrick, of James McNally, Tullycumiskey and Ann Duffy; Farmer; // “[Born] Patrickius McNally, 13 Maii, [1866] [son of] Jacobi McNally, Annie Duffy, Tullacomusky, [baptized] 15 Maii; [Sponsors]: Michael Boyle, Rose Boyle” *(Irish civil reg. birth cert: District of Castleshane, Co. Monaghan) (Clontibret, Co. Monaghan parish Catholic baptism register: ‘Liber Baptisatorum: Diocese Clogher: Parish Clontibret’] [8 July 2019 research report] [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland – www.proni.gov.uk]*

**1867 December 22**: Birth of Patrick McKearney, son of son of Daniel and Ellen, at Crossdall: “27th December 1867, Crossdall, Patrick [of] Daniel McKerney, Crossdall, Farmer & Ellen McKerney, formerly McNally; [informant] Daniel McKerney, father, Crossdall; Registered: 15th January 1868” *(Irish civil cert. of birth: Registrar’s District of Tynan, Co. of Armagh’) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.irishgenealogy.ie]*

“1867 Dec. 22: Patrick of Danl. McKerney & Ellen McNally. Sprs: Patrick & Ann McKerney” *(Tynan Parish Catholic baptism register) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1867 September**: Hugh Rafferty, cousin to Daniel McKearney, age 27, enters St. Francis de Sales seminary, Milwaukee, USA ; eldest son of Frank Rafferty and Bridget McKearney, who still live at Crossdall (until c.1881) *(e-mail 3 May 2019 from Executive Assistant to the Rector, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary: ‘from the…card catalog…he was born in Rochester and entered seminary in September 1867 which differs from what Shelly found’) //* “Seminary of St. Francis of Sales, Milwaukee, Wis. – Rafferty, Hugh, [born] March 1840, month of their entering: Sept 1 1868” [Hugh appears in this original ledger as entering 1868. The year 1867 given as entry date is from above referred to card catalogue and from a 1910 edition of the seminary magazine *The Salesianum.* He was born at Crossdall, Tynan, not Rochester – the reference to Rochester may be to his posting and ordination there 1873] *(‘Class Book from September 1868 – June 1879’) [7 May 2019 research report] [Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives, Milwaukee]*

**1867**: “The Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty, of the diocese of Rochester, died some months ago [1908] at Scipio NY. He was a student at St. Francis in 1867” *(‘The Salesianum’ Jan. 1910. Magazine of St. Francis de Sales Seminary) [7 May 2019 research report]//*”Diocese of Milwaukee – Ecclesiastical Seminary of St. Francis of Sales, Nojoshing. Rev. M. Heiss, Rector and Professor of Moral Theology……..Number of students 102 of whom 24 are theologians.” [opened 1856] *(‘Sadlier’s Catholic Alamanac…for…1866’) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1871**: Change of tenancy recorded at plot 24 Crossdall from direct ancestral Daniel McKearney to another Daniel McKearney. Direct ancestral Daniel had been recorded here since the earliest valuation book of 1864 and probably before that date: “Crossdall, Ref. to map: 24; Daniel McKearney [scored out replaced by] Daniel McKearney; immediate lessor: Edward Johnstone, house office and land, 11 acres. Observations: 71” (The observation indicates the year 1871 and the corresponding change of tenant that year to the other Daniel McKearney. By c.1873 the direct ancestral family at Rutherglen) *(‘General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland’:Valuation Revision Books 1865-1880; Townland Maps numbered by plot) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [Public Rec. Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast]*

**1871 April:** Patrick Fitzpatrick and wife, cousins of the McKearney family at Crossdall, now living in Leeds town, England, with his growing family, having left Tynan area c.1864: “Cotton Mill Row, Leeds: Patrick Fitzpatrick, Millwright, 36, b. Ireland; Catherine, wife, 34, dressmaker, b. Ireland; Thomas, son, 15, millwright apprentice, b. Ireland; John, son, 14, Messenger – Telegraph, b .Ireland; James, son, 13, Mill Boy – flax, b. Ireland; Daniel, son, 11, scholar, b. Ireland; Patrick, son, 9, scholar, b. Ireland; Joseph, son, 4, scholar, b. Yorkshire, Hartlepool; Francis, son, 9 months, b. Yorkshire, Castleford” *(1871 Census of England) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1871 April:** At 101 High Street, Dumbarton, Scotland: Bernard Hughes, wife Ellen and children: “Bernard Hughes, 35, Labourer, born: Ireland, Armagh; Ellen, wife, 30, born: Ireland, Monaghan; Patrick, son, 14, born: Ireland, Monaghan; John, 6, scholar, born: Dumbarton; Maria, 3, born: Dumbarton” (By 1891 when both parents were deceased, three of the children were living with Daniel McKearney, Ellen McNally and family in Rutherglen – see Apr. 1891; Ellen Hughes’ own name was Fitzpatrick - this couple had married 1857 at Tynan parish one day after the marriage there of Patrick Fitzpatrick and Catherine McNaughtan whose emigrated to Providence 1881 and whose own children are recorded as cousins to Rev. John . McKearney (see May 1922). Patrick and Ellen Fitzpatrick may be brother and sister as both are recorded – their death certs = as children of a Daniel Fitzpatrick, grain miller) *(1871 census of Scotland) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1871 December 8:** Birth of John McKearney (Rev. John Francis McKearney) “Eighth December 1871, Crossdall, John [so of] Daniel McKerney, Crossdall, Farmer & Ellen McKerney formerly McNally; informant: Daniel McKerney x his mark, father, Crossdall, 27th Dec. 1871” *(Irish civil reg. birth cert. ‘Registrar’s District Tynan…Co. of Armagh’) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.irishgenealogy.ie]*

“1871 Decr. 5: John of Daniel McKarney & Ellenor McNally. Sprs [sponsors]: James McKarney & Rose McGloughalen” *(Tynan parish Catholic baptism register) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.nli.ie]*

**1871 December 5**: Baptism of John McKearney (John Francis McKearney) son of Daniel McKearney & Ellen McNally, at Crossdall. Sponsors: James McKearney and Rose McGl..?

**1873 June 7**: Daniel McKearney’s cousin, Hugh Francis Rafferty (b.1840 Crossdall, son of Francis Rafferty & Bridget McKearney) ordained at Troy NY: “At the Provincial Seminary, Troy NY – on 7th June the following named clerics were ordained to the holy priesthood….Diocese of Rochester….Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty…” *(‘Catholic Union and Times’ 19 June 1873) [7 May 2019 research report] //* “Archdiocese of New York – Institutions: St. Joseph’s Theological Seminary of the Province of New York, Troy NY…number of students 124; ecclesiastical students of this diocese in Provincial Seminary 49. In Rome and elsewhere 20” *(‘Catholic Directory…for 1873’) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1873 September**: At Rutherglen, a new street called Bouverie Street laid out on former open fields, for building houses, J.S. Carmichael Architect, Proprietors Baird & Terrier; also adjacent Harriet Street planned at this time *(Architect's drawings 1873; 1877 of front elevation and internal layout - Building Control Plans, Glasgow City) [Glasgow City Archives, Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1873**: “Rafferty, Rev. Hugh F., pastor, St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, b. Ireland. s[ince] 1873; p.o. Scipio Center” *(‘History of Cayuga County, New York’, Elliot G. Storke. 1879) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1873-74:** Daniel McKearney and family leave Crossdall, Tynan to settle at Rutherglen near Glasgow. Possible route, from Newry port: “Dundalk and Newry Steam Packet Company Ltd….From Newry to Glasgow, via Ardrossan and thence per railway. Passengers for Glasgow to leave Ardrossan by the 7am train on Mondays. Fares between Newry and Glasgow, including railway carriage and steward’s fee: cabin and 1st class carriage, 10 shillings, return 15s, Deck and 3rd class carriage, 4s 6d” *(‘Ulster Gazette’ 16 Oct 1875) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive www. Britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

“The steamer ‘Midland’ or ‘Caledonian’ or other steamer sails from Belfast on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30p.m. and from Ardrossan on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11p.m. Passenger fares to and from Belfast : Glasgow, single 1st class, 10 shillings; 3rd class, 4 shillings; …at Ardrossan trains run alongside steamer and passengers’ luggage is transferred free of charge…Henderson & Son, Old Custom House Buildings” *(‘Northern Whig’ 1 May 1874) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

“Ireland and Scotland Royal Mail Line – an additional nightly service between Greenock and Belfast will shortly be established and conducted by the new Screw Steamships ‘Hornet’ and ‘Wasp’. Belfast and Glasgow, daily sailings, average passage, 7 hours. Return tickets available for one calendar month. Passengers booked through from all the principal stations the Irish railways to Greenock, Paisley and Glasgow. Royal Mail steam packets under contract with her Majesty’s Government *Racoon, Buffalo, Llama, Camel, Hornet and Wasp*. These vessels are appointed by Her Majesty’s Postmaster General to sail: from Belfast, every evening, Sundays excepted, punctually at 8 o’clock for Greenock and Glasgow….Passengers from Ireland for Paisley and Glasgow may proceed per Glasgow & South Western Railway Company’s train, leaving Prince’s Pier, Greenock at 5am due at Paisley at 5.23am and at Glasgow at Glasgow, St. Enoch’s Station, Dunlop Street at 5.45am….No cattle or livestock shipped by the steamer on Saturday evenings…Passage money, including Stewart’s Fees: Between Belfast and Greenock or Glasgow – first class and cabin 12s 6d, return 20shillings; Third Class and Steerage, 4 shillings, return [not available]….McCulloch & Son, 26 Donegall Quay, Belfast” *(‘Northern Whig’ 1 May 1874) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1874 September 9**: Birth of Bridget McKearney: “Bridget McKearney, 1874, September 9th, Bouverie Street, Rutherglen; [daughter of] Daniel McKearney, labourer at a steelwork & Ellen McKearney m.s. McNally – married: 1860 November 30th Clontibret, Ireland; Informant: Daniel McKearney, father” *(Scottish civil reg. birth cert. – ‘District of Rutherglen, Co. of Lanark’) [23 May 2019 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

“Bridget, lawful [daughter] of Daniel McCairney & Helen McNally, born 6 Sep, baptized 7 Sept; [sponsors]: James Ward & Mrs? Andrews” *(St. Columbkille’s church, Rutherglen – baptism register] [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1874 September 23**: Death of Patrick McKearney, aged 6 years 9 months: “Patrick McKearney, 1874, September 23rd, Bouverie Street, Rutherglen; 6 years 9 months; [parents] Daniel McKearney, labourer at a steel work & Ellen McKearney m.s. McNally; Cause: Scarlatina 6 days, certified, James Gorman, surgeon; Informant: Daniel McKearney, father” *(Scottish civil death cert.: Distruct Rutherglen, Co. Lanark) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1874:** At Rutherglen, new version of St. Columbkill’s school built. *('Centenary of St* *Columbkille's Church' publication 1953) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1874 October 5**: St. Peter’s Roman Catholic College opened at Partickhill, Glasgow *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’, June 1924 Jubilee (50th) of St. Peter’s College edition – Editorial) [7 Feb 2019 research report][Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1875 March**: “A prolific ewe – a sheep belonging to Mrs. McKearney of Crossdall near Middletwon recently gave birth to five lambs. Last year the same sheep produced four lambs” *(‘Ulster Gazette’ 3 April 1875) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1876**: Daniel McKearney recorded on Burgh of Rutherglen register of electors: “McKerney, Daniel, 37 Bouverie Street; Labourer; tenant of house” *(1876 electoral register for Burgh of Rutherglen) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [Glasgow City Archives, Mitchell Lib., Glasgow]*

**1876:** “Landowners of Ireland – Armagh County; population in 1871: 179, 221; Inhabited houses: 34,429; Names of Owners: Johnston, Edwd, Reps [representatives] of ; Address of Owner: Dublin; Extent: 396 acres; Valuation: £477” (Johnston was owner of several townlands including Crossdall, Tynan) // “Clergy Deceased – June 17 [1860]. In Lower Mount St., Dublin (the residence of his son Edward Johnstone esq.,) aged 66, the Rev. J. Bersford Johnstone, Rector of Jallow, Co. Carlow) *[‘Landowners of Ireland – 1876’][‘The Gentleman’s Magazine’ 1860] [7 May 2019 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1876 February 14:** Marriage of Daniel McKearney’s cousin Mary Rafferty (daughter of Frank Rafferty & Bridget McKearney) of Crossdall, Tynan, to James McGarry: “James McGarry, age 30, Farmer, Groves, Co. Monaghan [a townland in Tyholland parish bordering Tynan], [son of] Peter McGarry, Farmer TO Mary Rafferty, age 25, Crossdall, [daughter of] Francis Rafferty, Farmer….Married…Roman Catholic Chapel of Middleton…by me, John Quinn in the presence of us: Francis Meskein, Rose Vallelly” *(Irish civil registration marriage record: Registrar’s District of Tynan, Co. Armagh) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1878 August 17**: Birth of Ellen McKearney, at Rutherglen : “Ellen McKearney, August 17th 1878, 50 Harriet Street, Rutherglen; [daughter of] Daniel McKearney, labourer at a steel work & Ellen McKearney m.s. McNally – married 1860 November 30th, Clontibret, Ireland; Informant: Daniel McKearney, father, present” *(Scottish civil Reg. birth cert.) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1878 September 17:** At Tynan parish, John McKearney, of Crossdall, son of Peter McKearney and Bridget Morrisey, married Mary Mallon, a returned ‘servant in America’, daughter of Owen Mallon, of Carricklane, a neighbouring townland. By 1880, this couple were farming at Ledyard, Cayuga Co., NY living with John Rafferty and his family, whose brother Rev. Hugh F Rafferty, lived at nearby Scipio Center, both sons of Bridget McKearney and Frank Rafferty, at Crossdall. By 1895, Daniel McKearney, wife Ellen McNally lived alongside those cousins at Scipio, until 1898. By c.1883, John McKearney and Mary Mallon had left Cayuga Co. for Minnesota where they remained (see later below): “Sept 17 1878..John McKearney, age 30, Bachelor, Farmer, Crossdall, [son of] Peter McKearney, Farmer…..Mary Mallon, age 30, Spinster, age 30, Servant in America, Residence at time of marriage: Carricklane, [daughter of] Owen Mallon, Farmer….Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Middleton according to the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, by me John Quinn…in the presence of us: Thomas Carberry, Mary Elizabeth Mallon” *(Irish civil registration marriage record: Registrar’s District of Tynan, Co. Armagh) (Death record: State of Minnesota, Vital Statistics – which provided John’s mother’s name) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.irishgenealogy.ie]*

**1879 July 18**: Marriage of Patrick McKearney (brother of Daniel McKearney) to Annie Hughes: “Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of St. Mary’s, Donagh…Co. Monaghan – Patt. Kearney, Bachelor, servant, Glasgow, [son of] Patt Kearney, dead, Farmer TO Anne Hughes, Spinster, Annarea, [daughter of] James Hughes, living, Farmer…. Jno. McMeel CC [priest] in presence of us: Francis McCluskey, Mary Hughes” *(Irish civil reg. marriage cert: Registrar’s District of Glasslough) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.irishgenealogy.ie]*

**1879 end of December-1880 beginning of January:** “Appalling Railway Disaster: Fall of part of Tay Bridge, an Edinburgh train in the water. Great loss of life. A few minutes after 7 o’clock on Sunday night [28 December 1879] in the midst of a furious gale from the southwest the central arches of the Tay Bridge which numbered 13 immense girders…standing nearly 90 feet above the water fell into the Tay, carrying with them the evening train from Edinburgh….severe though the gale of Sunday night was, the bridge has before now stood a more severe strain…..[long newspaper article] // “The storm – Rutherglen: Quite a list of accidents took place on Sunday through effects of the storm but fortunately no mishap of any extent to life or limb has been reported. The large clock dial, measuring 7 feet in diameter, in the west side of the Town Hall turret was blown in and smashed to atoms. Shortly before this the gable of an old house, in which was situated the entrance door, in Crosshill Road, was blown completely out, the occupants having to make their escape by the window….The old thatched properties throughout the burgh suffered severely……” // “…Glasgow Tramway and Omnibus Company Ltd – Rutherglen Omnibus: an omnibus will run to and from the city at the following hours: from Rutherglen, 9.15, 11.15, 1.15, 2.45, 4.15, 6.15, 7.45, 9.15, 10.45 to Bridgeton. To Rutherglen – 10, 12, 2, 3.30, 5, 7, 8.30, 10. Fares – From Glasgow, 3d Inside, 2d Outside. From Bridgeton Cross 2d Inside, 2d Outside” *(all extracts from ‘The Rutherglen Reformer and Cambuslang Journal, Saturday, January 3 1880’) [3 April 2019 research report]*

*[Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1880 March 2**: “Daniel McKearney and John McKearney, Crann [townland], Defendants, drunk on the public street at Monaghan 21st February 1880 (John), same while in charge of a horse and cart (Daniel), fine one shilling and cost one shilling (John), fine two shillings and sixpence and cost one shilling (Daniel), complainant Sub Constable Francis J McKenna, witnesses Francis J McKenna and Michael Healy (the latter in relation to John)” *(Petty Sessions Order Books) [7 Feb 2019 research report][www.findmypast.co.uk]*

**1880 April 12**: Arrival at New York port of cousin to Daniel McKearney : Mary Rafferty, (daughter of Bridget McKearney & Frank Rafferty, still at Crossdall; sister of Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty, Scipio NY) from Crossdall, Tynan, with husband James McGarry and two children Francis b.1877 and Mary Catherine b.1879 – on ship City of Richmond, from Liverpool via Queenstown, Co. Cork: “Jas. McGarry 32, Mary 32, wife, Francis 2, child, Cath. 1 child; the country to which they severally belong: Ireland; the country of which they intend to become inhabitants: United States”//”Robert Leitch, Master of the City of Richmond….the following manifest….board the City of Richmond at Liverpool and Queenstown…12th day of April” *(Ship’s Manifest – District of New York : Port of New York) [7 May 2019 research report][www.ancestry.com]*

**1880 June**: Cousin of Daniel McKearney, Rev. Hugh Francis Rafferty (b.1840 Crossdall, son of Frank Rafferty and Bridget McKearney) lives at Scipio Center, (since his ordination in 1873) Cayuga Co., rural NY state: “Inhabitants of Scipio in the Co. of Cayuga, State of New York: Rafferty, H. F., age 38 [40], Priest, born: Ireland ; Haughey, Thomas, 17, Servant, born: Ireland” His brother John Rafferty has been at nearby Ledyard, Cayuga Co., since mid 1870s; his sisters Mary Rafferty, wife of James McGarry, Sarah Rafferty, wife of Andrew Brennan and Anna Rafferty, wife of Robert Reilly, and his parents all gravitate to Scipio/Cayugua in the 1880-1890 period (see relevant entries in this chronology) as do his cousin Daniel McKearney’s family 1894-98 period. *(1880 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1880 June:** John Rafferty, cousin of Daniel McKearney (brother of Rev. Hugh Rafferty, Scipio, Cayuga Co., NY) at: “Inhabitants of Ledyard, Co. Cayuga: John Rafferty, Farmer, age 30, born: Ireland [Crossdall, Tynan], wife Elizabeth, age 26, born England; Ella, daughter, age 7, born England; Hugh 5, Francis 4, Anna 2, John 6 months, born NY state” Also on the farm as ‘servants’ are: “John McKerney, age 35, works on farm, born Ireland; Mary McKerney, 33, born Ireland”. This McKearney couple had married Sept. 1878 at the Catholic chapel, Middleton, Tynan – he was of Crossdall, a son of a Peter McKearney, while she had already been in America, recorded as a ‘servant in America’. By early 1880s they had left Cauyuga Co. NY and were at rural Red Lake Co. Minnesota, where they remained] *(1880 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report][www.ancestry.com]*

**1881**: Daniel McKearney (b.c.1803) who took over tenancy of plot 24 Crossdall, Tynan, from direct ancestral Daniel McKearney in 1871 remains as tenant (until 1887) but only of the 11 acres, not of the house: “Crossdall, ref. to map: 24, Daniel McKearney; immediate lessor: Edwd. Johnston; House, off[ice] [scored out] and land (The word ‘down’ is written next to the scored out valuation for the buildings). Observations: 81” (Observation refers to year 1881 corresponding with the ‘down’ house no longer being part of the tenancy, either vacated or demolished?) *(‘General valuation of rateable property in Ireland’ Valuation Revision Book spanning 1880-82) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast]*

**1881 February 27**: Emigration to USA and arrival at Providence RI of Patrick Fitzpatrick, cousin to the family of Daniel McKearney/Ellen McNally: “…born the county of Armagh in Ireland…10th May…1837…that he arrived at Philadelphia PA…on or about 27 Feb…1881…” (He and his family had left Tynan c.1864 and had lived largely at Leeds town, England c.1865-1881 from where he emigrated; his wife and most of his large family of sons were still in Leeds at this point, would emigrate the following year, 1882) *(Naturalization Papers 1887 – ‘U.S. Circuit Court – Providence RI’) [8 July 2019 research report][www.ancestry.com]*

**1881 Apr-May:** Daniel McKearney’s relatives at Crossdall, Bridget McKearney and her husband Frank Rafferty, aged late 60s, give up their tenancy of 10 acres at Crossdall to emigrate to USA, arriving at Scipio Center NY, by Apr-May 1881, where their eldest son Rev. Hugh Rafferty, age 41, has been priest since 1873. *(Valuation Revision Book, Tynan Parish 1880-82 showing Francis Rafferty’s tenancy); (Death Cert July 1886 Cayuga Co. of Bridget (McKearney) Rafferty stating she had been at Scipio NY ‘5 years 2 months’- Cayuga Co. NY Register of Deaths); [7 May 2019 research report][www.proni.gov.uk] [*

**1881** April: Daniel McKearney, steel work labourer, wife Ellen McNally and family at: “11 Greenbank Street, Rutherglen: Daniel McKearney, married, 49, labourer in a steel work, born Ireland; Ellen, wife, 40, born Ireland; Mary Ann, daughter, unmarried, 19, cotton weaver, born Ireland; Margaret, daughter, unmarried, 17, cotton weaver, born Ireland; Rose, daughter, 15, cotton weaver, born Ireland; **John,** son, 9, scholar, born Ireland; Bridget, daughter, 6, born Scotland; Ellen, daughter, 2, born Scotland” *(1881 Census of Scotland) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1881 April:** Living at Rutherglen, siblings Mary, Ann, Rose and Francis McNally, three nieces and one nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney) all children of her brother James McNally at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret: “75 Chapel Street, Rutherglen – Mary McInally [McNally], unmarried, 24, Paper mill worker b. Ireland; Ann McInally, sister, paper mill worker, b. Ireland; Rose McInally, sister, 24, b. Ireland; Francis McInally, brother, 18, Labourer in chemical work, b. Ireland;” (These are the 4 eldest children of Ellen McNally (McKearney)’s brother James McNally – Rose died 1895 Rutherglen (below), two of her sons emigrated to Providence early 1910s; Francis was in Montreal, Quebec by 1891 then to Providence RI by c.1895; Three younger siblings were still at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret at this point, 1881,with their father James McNally - Ellen, 17 who emigrated 1900 from Tullycomiskey with her husband and children to Providence 1900; James 17 and Patrick 14, the youngest – both remained at Tullycomiskey until they died in the 1990s – **and in 1982 both recalled that their great-aunt was Ellen McNally McKearney, who had a son ordained priest and who lived at Providence RI)** *(1881 census of Scotland) [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk] (Letters of Mrs Nellie Moen, Drumgolat, Clontibret, Co. Monaghan)*

**1881 April:** Fitzpatrick cousins of the McKearneys living in Leeds, England (in England since c.1864): “19 Craven Street, Leeds – Catherine Fitzpatrick, wife, 42, b. Ireland, Tynan; John, son, 21, corn miller, b. Ireland, Tynan; James, son, 20, corn miller, b. Ireland, Tynan; Daniel, son, 18, labourer, b. Ireland, Tynan; Patrick, son, 16, labourer, b. Ireland; Joseph, son, 13, scholar, b. Yorkshire, Hartlepool; Francis, son, 11, b. Yorkshire, Leeds; Michael, son, 9, b. Yorkshire, Leeds; Peter, son, 4, b. Yorkshire, Leeds; Edward, son, 2, b. Yorkshire, Leeds; (This record shows father Patrick Fitzpatrick missing as he had emigrated end Feb. 1881 to Providence RI. Eldest son Thomas b.1858 Tynan is also absent from this record; Edward, age 2, became Rev. Edward Fitzpatrick, celebrant at funeral of his ‘cousin’ Rev. John F. McKearney) *(1881 Census of England) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1881 May 21**: Birth of Mary McKearney, at Rutherglen: “Mary McKearney, 1881 May 21st, 11 Greenbank Street, Rutherglen; [daughter of] Daniel McKearney, Steel work labourer & Ellen McKearney m.s. McNally – married 1860 November 30th Clontibret, Ireland; Informant: Daniel McKearney, father” *(Scottish civil reg. birth cert.- ‘District of Rutherglen, Co. of Lanark’) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

“Mary, lawful [daughter of] Daniel McKerney & Helen McNally, [born] 21 May, [baptized] 21 May; [sponsors]: ‘McKerney’; John Shaw [priest]” *(St. Columbkille’s, Rutherglen, Catholic church baptism register) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1881**: “The working of the Irish Land Act – Important decisions: The Dublin correspondent of *The Daily News* telegraphing last night, says – The Land Commissioners continue to receive a vast number of applications to have judicial rents fixed. About 1500 new claims were entered today….Applications were made by Mr. J.D. Parnell, brother of the President of the Land League and on an estate of which Mr. Biggar M.P, is agent. The first case under the Land Act [was] in Castleblayney [Clontibret parish, Co. Monaghan]…resulted in a very substantial reduction in rent. The decision was given this evening at 6 o’clock and the result that the rent of Patrick McAtavey’s holding of 10 acres had been reduced from £6 18s 2d to £6 6s, the landlord to pay half the county cess, the tenant having paid the whole of the cess heretofore…..As soon as the decision was known and in fact while it was yet being delivered, the local band passed the courthouse playing jubilantly” *(‘The Birmingham Daily Mail’ 2 Nov. 1881) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Here we have a test case indeed – as those of our readers who recollect the circumstances of Mr. McAtavey’s claim will at once admit….the tenant in this case was a railway porter in Manchester, who was one of the earliest applicants to the Land Court. His claim was founded mainly on the valuation of a surveyor, who, it was elicited in cross-examination, had valued the same farm five years before at a rent actually higher at a rent which he now came forward to swear was excessive. It further appeared that McAtavey had been offered £150 for the tenant-right of this so-called ‘over-rented’ holding and that he had refused it. Upon this claim, tainted as it was by the strongest suspicion of fraud, if not conspiracy, the court pronounced judgement, reducing McAtavey’s rent by £25 per cent. This is the order which the Chief Commissioners at Belfast have just confirmed…” *[7 May 2019 research report]*

“Mr Gladstone’s speech at the Guildhall…speech of the Premier at the Lord Mayor’s banquet…it was nor at all an easy matter for Mr. Gladstone to speak in the Guildhall…and candidly tell the world whether the Land Act and the Land Court are working out as he expected and desired…or not. Because if he had frankly acknowledged that he never meant the landlords to be robbed wholesale by McAtavey-awards especially when it is decided that the laziest and most improvident cultivators are to be enabled to live and thrive on other people’s land according to their sloth; if in short he had confessed that he never meant his Commissioners to work the Act by simply slicing down rents all round by a third or a fourth he would have pilloried himself he would have pilloried himself as a most erroneous and disappointed legislator. But if, on the other hand, he had avowed satisfaction with the way in which the Act is being interpreted and applied, acknowledging that it answers to his expectations, his case would have been yet worse; for then he would have confessed that his Land Act as it was presented to the Lesgislature, as it was expounded and pressed upon the country by himself and his colleagues, was a fraud…” (An obviously ‘anti’ Land League publication) *(‘Exeter & Plymouth Gazette’ 11 Nov. 1881)[7 May 2019 research report] [all www.bristinewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1882 April 24:** Emigration of Catherine McNaughten (Fitzpatrick) and her family, cousins to Rev. John F. McKearney, to join husband Patrick Fitzpatrick at Providence RI : “District of New York, Port of New York…SS *Nevada* ……taken on board the said SS *Nevada* at Liverpool…arrived April 24 1882……..Cath Fitzpatrick 40, Jas 20, Pat 16, Francis 10, Michl 8, Peter 4, Ed[ward] 2” *(Passenger List, Ship Nevada – Dist New York, Port NY records) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1882 June**: John McKearney's Confirmation, before Archbishop Eyre: “I hereby certify that John McKearney received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of His Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow in June 1882 [signed] T. Fitzgerald) (Note: Canon Shaw, who had been St Columbkille's priest since 1851, had been assisted since 1882 by this young Irish curate, Fitzgerald. Shaw died on 3 Nov 1885, the day after Fitzgerald wrote this letter referring to JM's Confirmation). *(Blairs College student records: Letter dated 2nd Nov. 1885 from St. Columbkille’s, Rutherglen curate Thomas Fitzgerald) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

“Ecclesiastical: Coatridge – Archbishop Eyre of Glasgow administered the sacred right of confirmation on Sunday at Coatbridge to …269 boys and 267 girls” (not known if John McKearney among those) *(‘Glasgow Herald’ 13 June 1882) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1883 January 12:** Marriage at Rutherglen of Rose McNally, niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney) “1883, 12th day of January, at The Catholic Chapel, Rutherglen. After publication according to the forms of the Roman Catholic Church: Rose McNally, age 22, 75 Chapel Street, Rutherglen, [daughter of] James McNally, Farmer and Ann Duffy TO Patrick McArdle, Chemical Work Labourer, 95 New Street, Rutherglen, [son of] Michael McArdle, Chemical work labourer and Mary Clark. [Signed] John Shaw, Cath. Priest…John Boyle, witness and Ann McNally, witness” (Witness Ann McNally is a sister to Rose) *(Scottish civil registration marriage certificate) [8 July 2019 research report][www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1883 July**: William MacMaster (later Canon MacMaster) starts his study at Blairs College – his recollections from 1883 (as an elderly priest in 1951) are relevant to JM’s time there (1887-89); and echo recollections (see 1888) of Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph McHardy, who entered Blairs in 1888 and was there at the same time as JM: “My memory of my going to Blairs College in July 1883 is not blurred by the passage of 68 years. On the 30th of that month….a horse cab conveyed us over the 6 miles to Blairs [from Aberdeen city] where we found the college wrapped in darkness and all within sound asleep. The president Fr. Peter J. Grant received us at the big front door with a brass candlestick and lit candle. We received no food after our long journey – a foretaste of the Spartan mode of life which was to test us for four years. Blairs College opened for the education of boys for the priesthood in 1829, the year of Catholic emancipation; it had been the country residence of John Menzies of Pitfoddels, the owner of a small but valuable estate on the south side of the Dee where the college stands. The mansion house at Blairs had been enlarged by the Vicars Apostolic. About 80 students in my time were accommodated in 4 large dormitories. There was one large study hall, a small chapel, sufficient for the students and the small congregation consisting mostly of house and farm servants together with the families of two or three farmers who held land on the college estate. The establishment, although pretty large, was rambling and cramped, as compared with the spacious buildings erected during the rectorship of Canon Chisholm ……in my time Fr. Grant was rector. The procurator who managed the estate and temporalities generally, was Fr. Fleming, a noted convert, and the senior professor was the Rev. James Augustine Smith. He remained a member of the staff for some 20 years until appointed Bishop of Dunkeld…Fr Smith was a distinguished classical scholar who had a distinguished academic course in Rome, but he was exclusively a man of books….he ought never to have been taken away from his studies. He had a taste for philology. I have read letters of his to [Fr. Allan] expressing an interest in what the young priest was doing in the way of organising his Gaelic studies…He had a bitter tongue, habitually sarcastic……..In the curriculum in Blairs there was then no room made for the study of Gaelic….Indeed the daily horarium was so crowded with Latin and Greek that there was little time left for English, Maths or Scripture – and Highland lads unaccustomed to English as their home language were for sometime handicapped in ordinary classwork……there was little of what may be termed ‘killing with kindness’ in the Blairs system of training….discipline was maintained with a strong hand; penances of a most severe kind, such as loss of breakfast for several consecutive morning, were not entirely unknown. The loss of a single meal was not regarded – by authority – as any severe punishment. In effect it was not. Others denied themselves to share their portion with those under punishment and thus, the visitation effected nothing except to impress the victim with the memory of an ungenerous use of power. The more usual manner of repressing youthful sloth or failure in observance of college rules was the writing out of so many lines of poetry or prose on duly dated and stamped paper…Although it is permissible to say that there was some excess in the use of penances, for faults which never were grievous, the hard living, early rising, plain food – sometimes possibly not over abundant, constant application, and absence of softness and luxuries in a rigorous climate, made for a self-denying character and was therefore excellent preparation for missionaries, whose vocation it should be to make the world a little less worldly…For all the restraints of College, Blairs…was a place of joy, of profit and of lasting love. In neither [he refers to a seminary in Spain] did I feel from home and in neither did I experience good example and kindly care….” *(‘The Innes Review’ Vol. XL. No. 1, Spring 1989. Article submitted by John L. Campbell – based on an interview given to him in 1951 by William MacMaster) [6 December 2018 research report][Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1884 September**: Archbishop Eyre comments about Blairs College – “…the purchase of a new property for Blairs College…..boys to be 14 before being sent to Blairs and a scheme of entrance examination – secular and religious – to be drawn up and commenced in 1885….Charles Eyre, Archbp of Glasgow” *(Letter by Charles Eyre to unknown, 18 Sep 1884) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1885-86**: “Religious denominations and churches : Catholics – Rutherglen, Very Rev. Canon J. Shaw & T. Fitzgerald” [final listing of John Shaw as St. Columbkill’s longtime priest. His assistant Thomas Fitzgerald put JM’s name forward for consideration by the diocesan committee for church students for Blairs in 1886 – below] *(‘Post Office Glasgow Directory for 1885-1886’ (1885) [3 April 2019 research report] [National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh]*

**1885 Oct-Nov:** Two records from this period found in John McKearney’s student record, Blairs College where he would commence Sep. 1887,show that at this stage, when John, aged 13, nearly 14, evidences were being gathered for his application to ecclesiastical study in 1886: “October 26th 1885 Joannes Quinn p.p. [parish priest, Tynan] : Joannes McKearney, filius legitimus Danielis McKearney et Helenae McNally, baptizatus fuisset apud ecclesiam Middletownensis in diocesi Armacani, die vigesima mensis Sept. anno 1871” // “Nov. 2 1885: St. Columkille’s, Rutherglen – I hereby certify that John McKearney received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of His Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow in June 1882 [signed] T. Fitzgerald [priest]” *(Blairs College student records) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives]*

**1886:** “Students for College – Candidates…[12 names including] John McCairney [McKearney], Rutherglen” [4 names including John’s scored out] *(Personal Diary 1886 of Archbishop Eyre, Archdiocese of Glasgow) [3 April 2019 research report][Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1886 March 17 (Wed):** St. Patrick’s Day soiree in the evening at St. Columbkill’s church, Rutherglen: “St. Patrick’s Day, Roman Catholic Soiree at Rutherglen: On Wednesday night St. Patrick’s Day was celebrated by the members of St. Columbkill’s RC congregation by a soiree and concert which took place in the Town Hall. Rev. M. Hughes, PP occupied the chair and there were also on the platform Rev. Mr. McBriarty, Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, Dumbarton; Mr. Owen Burns, Mr. D. McGuigan, Mr. John Givens, Mr. P. McGonagle, Mr. John Lobe, builder; Mr A. Gilchrist, Mr. M. McGonagle, Mr. M. Cairns, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Friel and others. After tea the chairman delivered an appropriate address. In the course of the evening Mr. M. McGonagle in name of the congregation, presented to the Rev. T.J. Fitzgerald, late of Rutherglen and now PP of Dumbarton, with a beautiful illuminated address. Mr. Fitzgerald, in an elaborate speech, replied, thanking the congregation for the handsome gift they had presented him with. The remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, songs etc being rendered by a numerous company of artistes. An assembly followed which was carried on with considerable enthusiasm till an early hour in the morning” *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 20 March 1886) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1886**: “Rutherglen, St. Columbkill, [established] 1853. Sittings 600. Rev. Michael Hughes. Mass on Sunday at 9, 11; on weekdays at 8. Sunday School attendance 400; Day Schools for boys and girls, average 295. Confraternities – Living Rosary, Young Men’s Society” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the clergy and laity in Scotland 1886’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1886 July 13**: “A meeting of the Students’ Committee was held at 158 Renfrew St 13 July 1886, the Archbishop presiding with Provost N--? Canon Caven…..the following applicants are considered…[14 names including] …J. McCairney..[recommended by] Rev. T. Fitzgerald, whilst in Rutherglen…the committee resolved…J. McCairney [McKearney] is ineligible except as a boarder as he was not born in Scotland and Blairs authorities are anxious that the custom of giving burses only to students born in the country should be continued….none? nine? – [illegible] of the \_? in question support this view” (JM did not go to Blairs in 1886 as the annual fee for boarders was £30, paid half yearly in advance, presumably unaffordable for his parents etc. Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald was young Irish curate to the recently deceased long-time Rutherglen Fr. John Shaw. Rev. Michael Hughes, above entry, was Rev. Shaw’s replacement but only for a few months as he became Archbishop Eyre’s secretary) *(Diocesan selection board book – Archdiocese of Glasgow) [3 April 2019 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1886 July 19 (Monday):** St. Columbkill’s church, Rutherglen, annual outing: “Rutherglen St. Columbkill’s Congregation annual excursion – On Monday the members of the St. Columbkill’s RC congregation had their annual trip – this year their rendezvous being the favourite watering place, Largs. The company met at the church early in the morning which dawned most propitiously. The sun shone brightly and everything augured well for a happy day’s outing. The Cambuslang Brass Band accompanied the excursionists to the nation and they took their seats in a special train which was to convey them to Wemyss Bay from whence they were taken to Largs on board one of the river steamers. On their arrival at Largs boating and pic-nic parties were formed and a most enjoyable and pleasant day was spent – the kindly services rendered by the esteemed pastor, Rev. Mr. Hughes, being highly appreciated. In the evening the company arrived safely home, apparently all delighted with their sojourn at the ‘coast’” (Largs, Ayrshire, on the Firth of Clyde, a long-used seaside town) *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 24 July 1886) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1886 July 26**: Daniel McKearney’s close relative Bridget McKearney, wife of Frank Rafferty, (emigrated 1881 from Crossdall) died at Scipio NY: “July 26 1886, Bridget Rafferty, age 82, Housekeeper; How long resident here [Scipio Center] 5 years 2 months; Father: Thomas McKearney; Mother: Ann Kelly; Died Scipio; Heart Disease; Cert by Jonathan Griffin MD. Burial: Scipio NY’ [Parents names also confirmed from early Tynan parish Catholic baptisms] *(Register of Deaths, Cayuga Co., NY) [7 May 2019 research report] [Scipio NY Town Clerk’s office]*

“Father Rafferty’s mother – Mrs. Bridget Rafferty who died in Scipio Centre Thursday night, was the mother of Rev. Father Rafferty of Scipioville. The deceased was 80 years of age and her death was the result of declining powers. Her husband survives her. The funeral will take place from the Catholic church at Scipio Centre at 10am today. Interment in the Catholic cemetery at that place” [This reference places Hugh Rafferty as living at nearby Scipioville] *(‘Auburn Morning Dispatch’) [7 May 2019 research report] [Seymour Library, Auburn NY]*

“Died – Rafferty, July 26th in the town of Scipio, at the residence of the family, Bridget Rafferty, age 80 years” *(‘The Weekly Auburnian’ Aug. 6 1886) [7 May 2019 research report][www.fultonsearch.org]*

1886: At Rutherglen, additions made to St Columbkille's school, to accommodate more pupils *('Centenary' of St Columbkille's 1953 publication)* *[6 Sep. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1886 August**: Letter from Rev. Donald MacIntosh, Benbecula, outer hebridies, regarding the state of Blairs College. He had ordained c.1860: “Benbecula, Aug 14th 1886 – Blairs College: My Lord Bishop [of Argyll and The Isles], …I cannot see how our present college could be abandoned under present circumstances for an establishment to be erected near a large town or elsewhere and even if it could why should it? If it is not quite central, it is quite accessible. It is beautifully situated, the locality healthy, the climate bracing. It has been…associated with the progress of the faith in Scotland for more than half a century. The estate belonged to the church in pre-Reformation times. If the object of the proposed change be to enable the students to avail themselves of a university training, surely no one would propose that ecclesiastical students would attend a protestant university and if a university degree be such a good thing and so necessary, could it not be acquired by the students following a system of university examinations as is done in English colleges…..Of the second proposal I heartily approve….as to the system of management I would venture to recommend that the present rector be replaced; that the number and salaries and professors be increased; that no priest be sent to Blairs as professor against his will and that no priest be sent there as professor merely because he is unfit for a mission; that the decano or prefect of studies be a priest…….That the present notebook system, which must have been introduced within a comparatively recent date – there was none of it in my time – be abolished. That the cruel and irritating punishment …..making poor little boys fast, be ruthlessly suppressed. Indeed the poor fellows need to have enough fasting in the chronic without their being subjected to it in the acute form, sometimes for very trifling impingements of the rules. That catechism, Bible history and church history be taught as thoroughly as any secular subject. That the younger students be well provided in arithmetic and not be pushed on, as I have seen done, to algebra and mathematics, before they have mastered the multiplication table. That the boys be taught the elements of book-keeping…That the superiors make it their business to watch over the health of the boys who are only to apt to conceal what is wrong with them….With regard to accommodation, the first thing I would look into would be overcrowding and defective ventilation in the dormitories. In my time, and I believe very little has been done since to improve matters, the overcrowding was excessive and the provision for ventilation nil. How boys could pass year upon year in the place inhaling poison for eight or nine out of the twenty-four hours ….was always a wonder to me…..yours truly and respectfully, Donald MacIntosh” *(Letter from Rev. Donald MacIntosh ‘Benbecula, Aug. 14th 1886’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1886:** “Advertisement: St. Mary’s College, Blairs – President Very Rev. Peter Joseph Grant. Professors, Rev. James A. Smith, Rev. William Shaw and Rev. Robert Fraser DD…the main object of this College is to educate and train for the Priesthood those who may feel themselves called to dedicate themselves to God and the salvation of souls as Clergymen on the Scottish Mission. To this object all its funds are applied. Students on burses pay board for the first year only. The terms for that year are twenty pounds, payable, in all cases, half-yearly in advance. Young gentlemen not intended for the Church are also received for their education and the strictest intention is paid to their intellectual improvement, their religious instruction and their moral training. The college is beautifully situated on the south bank of the River Dee and at a distance of 6 miles from Aberdeen; the accommodation is ample and the playgrounds are extensive. The course of education comprises all that is usually taught in Catholic Colleges, as Arithmetic, Geography, with the use of the Globes; the English, Latin, Greek and French languages (the Italian and Spanish if required); Poetry, Rhetoric, Mathematics, Philosophy in all its branches and Divinity. The terms for board and education, for boarders, are thirty pounds per annum, paid half-yearly in advance. Clothes etc are extra charges. Pupils are admitted from 12 to 17 years of age. They ought to have acquired, previous to their entrance, a competent knowledge of English and Latin Grammar and of Arithmetic. The time of entry is fixed for the last fortnight of July and parents and others interested in them are requested to send them at that period only. The greatest care is taken of their health, strict attention is paid to their comfort and they are attended by a medical gentleman as often as occasion may arise. Outfit for College: The Student for the Church must, on entering College, be provided by their parents with a sufficient stock of wearing apparel to last during the first year of their residence, being the year of their probation; and any article of clothing in which they are found deficient must be supplied by their parents. The following are the requisite articles of outfit – 1. A new suit of black clothes, consisting of surtout coat, waistcoat and trousers, for Sundays. 2. A new suit of strong, dark coloured clothes, for daily wear; to be repaired or replaced if found necessary at the expense of the parents 3. Two caps of black cloth. 4. Three pairs of stout shoes, either new or in good condition. 5. Six new shirts of strong linen or cotton. 6. Six pairs of new, knitted worsted stockings. 7.Six coloured pocket handkerchiefs 8. Four black neckties. 9. Three night shirts. 10. Three changes of flannels (white flannels only are allowed) 11. Hair and cloth brush, combs and toothbrush. 12. A greatcoat or cloak. 13. A moderately sized trunk. 14. At the expiry of the first year, the students remaining at college must be supplied by their parents with a Choir Habit, consisting of Cassock, Surplice, made in the shape used in the college and berretta, or pay one pound sterling, on which terms they will have the use of the choir habits supplied by the college, exclusive of berretta. 15. Finally the students during their residence at college, will have to provide their own school books and stationery, which will amount to only a very moderate sum annually” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland, 1886’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1887 February 13**: John McKearney again put forward to the Archdiocese of Glasgow as a candidate for ecclesiastical studies : “Rutherglen 13/2/87: Dear Fr. Hughes, I wish to bring under the notice of His Grace the Archbishop the application of John McKearney here, to be received as an ecclesiastical student. His application was sent in last year but consideration of it was delayed I understand until this year. Will you be so good as to bring his name again before the Archbishop? With kindest regards, believe me, yours sincerely, Denis McCarthy” (Fr. Denis McCarthy had become resident priest at St. Columbkill’s by this date. After long-time priest Fr. John Shaw’s death in Nov. 1885. His curate Thomas Fitzgerald had put forward John’s initial application for 1886. Father Hughes tow whom this letter is addressed had been immediate successor to Fr. John Shaw for several months, 1886, leaving to become Archbishop Eyre’s secretary) *(Letter from Rev. Denis McCarthy to Fr. Michael Hughes, secretary to Archbishop Eyre) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1887**: “Candidates for College…[9 names including] …John McCairney [McKearney], 16 in Sept 87” [JM’s date of birth in these diocesan selection records seems to be Sept 1887, based on an earlier input (see above) by the parish priest at Tynan – we know from original sources his birthday lay in December]

[and] “..Jas. Fitzpatrick, Co. Cavan, Provost Munro recommends” [noted due to JM’s Fitzpatrick family connections – but no immediate link found to this James Fitzpatrick] [other side of page, same record, notes as follows]: “Students to Colleges – Blairs – Fred. John Skivington, Angus MacKintosh, Wm. O’Malley, J. Kierney, John McKearney, Jas. Fitzpatrick, J. Duffy, September [presumably intended start date of study at Blairs] *(Personal Diary 1887, of Archbishop Eyre – Archdiocese of Glasgow) [3 April 2019 research report][Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1887 June 28**: “28th June 1887 Students Accepted [list of 7 including] John McCairney [McKearney] …..Seminary 28th June 1887: His Grace [Archbishop Eyre] Canons Maguire, Caven and [illegible] present…..reported by V.G. that McKearney should ..[illegible]…attend the Brothers prior to his acceptance this year [presumably the Marist Brothers – St. Mungo’s College etc] *(Diocesan selection board papers 1887 – Archdiocese of Glasgow) [3 April 2019 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1887**: “Rutherglen – St. Columbkill 1853 Sittings 600. Rev. Denis McCarthy; Rev. Owen McPolin. Mass on Sunday at 8.30, 9.30, 11; on Holidays at 8.10; on week-days at 8. Schools – Sunday School, attendance 400; Day schools, mixed and for infants, average 283. Confraternities – Living Rosary; Young Men’s Society” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland 1887’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1887 March**: Blairs College assessed by architects, with a view to new building. This wouldn’t commence until Sep. 1892. Thus descriptive narrative of the place that John McKearney knew: “Blairs College, Aberdeen – to the archbishops and bishops of Scotland: in accordance with the instructions given at your meeting in Edinburgh on March 1st, I have visited Blairs College and beg to report as follows: the college adjoins, too closely perhaps, the farm buildings. The site is not level, the ground being 4 or 5 feet higher on the south side and slopes down towards the buildings which has a tendency to throw the water into the foundations and cause damp. At first sight the buildings seem fairly substantial but on close examination, especially of the interior, they are found to be considerably dilapidated. They appear to consist of an old mansion house as a nucleus to which additions have been made at various times without any very definite plan involving narrow and tortuous passages – the principal ones being only 4 feet wide – reached by many staircases, all in a very dilapidated state, with steps here and there to meet the exigencies of the different levels. The interior is mostly of lath and plaster which is not suitable for such a building as it will not stand the racket of boys and is apt to harbour rats, mice etc and increases the danger of fire. The dormitories, lavatories and latrines are quite inadequate as is the kitchen department and the accommodation for servants. The library and study place are fairly useful additions but there is a want of a good refectory and more class rooms. I observe that most of the principal rooms have a northern aspect which is not good in such a climate. The system of drainage seems not as it ought to be and will have to be carefully revised. The timber work on the roofs of the main building is good but the floors are very bad and require to be renewed. The heights of the floors of the main building are not sufficient to make good rooms for school purposes, the ground floor being less than 10 feet clear and the first floor only 10 feet….the most satisfactory plan would be to rebuild the college altogether….[recommendations for remodelling]….yours faithfully///O’Hanlon, [architects]…Newcastle-on-Tyne, March 25 1887” *(Architect’s report March 25 1887) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1887:** Daniel McKearney, tenant at plot 24 Crossdall townland, Tynan, is recorded as no longer tenant of that farm: “Crossdall; ref to map: 24; Daniel McKearney (scored out, replaced by ‘John McAtavey’) immediate lessor: Edward Johnstone; 11 acres (land only, no house.)

Observations: 87 (in blue ink) 88 (red ink)” (The observations correspond with the colour coded entries – 1887 John McAtavey took over the tenancy; 1888 he took tenancy of a ‘Ho.” House on the 11 acres, either a newly built one or habitation of a former farmhouse. Later valuations show that John Mctavey held tenancy until 1925 when it changed to James McAtavey and the mechanism for tenant farmers to buy their Irish acreage were in place)) *(‘General Rateable valuation of Ireland’ Valuation Revision Book 1884-1891) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [Public Record Office Northern Ireland www.proni.gov.uk]*

**1887 April 14:** Death of Daniel McKearney, age 80, of Crann Townland, immediately bordering Crossdall townland, Tynan: “1887 14 April [at] Crann, Daniel McKerney, Married, age 80, Farmer; Cause: natural decay, gradual, uncertified, no medical attendant; [informant] Margaret McKerney, x her mark, widow of deceased, present at death, Crann” (This year appears to suggest that this Daniel McKearney held the tenancy at Plot 24, Crossdall, since 1871 (when previous tenant, direct ancestral Daniel McKearney gave it up) which in 1887 passed to John McAtavey, above. His wife Margaret McKearney died 23rd May same year. His 10 acres plot at Crann itself is recorded in the valuation books as changing tenancy 1888 to a John Graham). *(Irish Civil death registration – deaths registered in the ‘Registrar’s District of Tynan’) (‘General Valuation of Rateable property in Ireland’: Valuation Revision Book covering period 1884-91) [7 May 2019 research report][www.irishgenealogy.ie; www.proni.gov.uk]*

**1887 June 10:** Marriage at Rutherglen of Mary McNally, niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney), – daughter of Ellen’s brother James McNally, at Tullycomisky, Clontibret - “1887, 10th June, The Catholic Chapel, Rutherglen. After Publication according to the forms of the Roman Catholic church …Mary McInally [McNally], paper mill worker, of 13 Greenbank Street, Rutherglen, [daughter of] James McInally, Agricultural Labourer and Ann Duffy TO John McGuigan, Steel work labourer, widower, 32, Mill Road, Cambuslang, son of Felix McGuigan, agricultural labourer and Ann Sherry (deceased) [signed] Denis McCarthy (priest); witnesses: Michael Callaghan, Mary Sherry” (Note: The McKearney’s lived at No. 11 Green bank Street at this time, from c.1881-1888 – Rutherglen Valuation Rolls: “Valuation Roll for the Burgh of Rutherglen for the year 1887-87: House [one of 13 at] 11 Greenbank Street, Tenant: Daniel McKearney, Labr [Labourer]; Yearly rent or value: £8 6s; Proprietor (owner): David Warnock, James Baird’s trustee and Robert S. Murray, Bank Agent, Rutherglen” *(Scottish civil registration marriage certificate; Rutherglen Burgh Valuation Rolls 1881-88) [8 July 2019 research report][www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1887 August:**  Likely the month when John McKearney went to Blairs College, although formal study did not begin until late September of the year (weekly attendance registers, below), as evidenced by ordination notices in 1897 (see 1897 below) of several of his classmates, which specify August as the month for first going to Blairs.

“Railways: Caledonian Railway – Aberdeen with Edinburgh and Glasgow via Perth and Stirling, Aberdeen 6.10am, to Glasgow 1.25pm (Buchanan St); Aderdeen 9am, to Glasgow 2pm; 9.45am:4.45pm; 1pm:6pm; 4.40pm:9.25pm;

Glasgow (Buchanan St.) to Aberdeen: 7.15am:12 noon; 9.15am:2.07pm; 2pm:8.30pm; 5pm:10pm; 9.25pm:3.50am; 5.05 (leaves Glasgow Central): 9.55am; Return Tickets available for 6 months…” // “North British Railway Company….Glasgow, Queen St., via Alloa, to Aberdeen: 7am:11.45am; 9.05:1.55pm; 1.15pm:6.20pm; 4.35pm:9.35pm; *(‘Aberdeen Press & Journal’ 1 Sep. 1887)[6 Dec 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1887 September 20**: Blairs College record shows John McKearney as a new student - 'seminarium ingressus' - along with a James Fitzpatrick and James Kearney the same day, the latter would be with him through Issy and St Peter's College, Glasgow until 1893: “Joanees McKearney, filius Danielis McKearney et Helenae McNally, Hibernia natus…..baptizatus 20th September 1871. Confirmatus Junii 1882. Seminarium ingressus 20 Sep. 1887. Ex dom. Glasguae…Lutetiam [Paris] 15 Sep. 1889” (See 1882 for further original record of confirmation; his baptism is given as Sep. 1871 based on a letter, see 1885, from Rev. John Quinn at Tynan – Tynan register shows it to be Dec. 1871 as does his civil reg. Ireland birth cert.) *(Blairs College record of students) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1887 September 25**: John McKearney begins his first term as a student at Blairs College, (until Sep 1889), first appearance in register, the week beginning 25th Sep. 1887. Continual appearance weekly until final appearance week of Sep. 15th-22nd 1889 (see Sep 1889) *(Blairs College weekly attendance register Sep.1887-Sep.1889) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1887-1888**: “Archdiocese of Glasgow, Church Students 1887-88….Blairs - [list includes] John McKearney, Class 3” [other students in class 3 on this list are J.[ames] Kierney [Kearney] also entered 1887; Denis McBrearty entered 1886, James Macdonald and Alexander Macdonald, entered 1885 and Thomas Gallacher, entered 1884] *(Printed list of Church Students at all colleges both home and abroad - Archdiocese of Glasgow) [3 April 2019 research report][Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1887 August 15**: At Providence RI, Naturalization of Patrick Fitzpatrick, age 50, who had emigrated 1881 to Providence with his family, cousins to the McKearneys “….at Providence…on the 15 day of August…1887…Patrick Fitzpatrick of Providence…born in the county of Armagh in Ireland on or about the 10th day of May…1837…that he arrived at Philadelphia PA….on or about the 27 day of February…1881…he has ever since continued to reside within the jurisdiction of the United States and for 6 years last past in the State of Rhode Island….August 15th 1887” *(Naturalization record: ‘U.S. Circuit Court – Providence RI’) [8 July 2019 research report][www.ancestry.com]*

1888: The farmhouse at Crossdall, attached to Plot 24, is once again recorded as being part of a tenancy - John McAtavey holds the lease. (Valuation Revision Books 1884-91).

**1888 July 1**: Bridget McKearney (nearly age 14) begins her 4-year training at St. Columbkille's School, Rutherglen, as a pupil-teacher : “…the school year as regards the religious examination of pupil teachers, is reckoned from the first of July of one year until the first of July of the following year…..the examinations will be held in each year viz: on the 2nd Saturday in October and in the 2nd Saturday of March” *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow, Report of the religious examination of schools, July 1888-July 1889’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1888**: “St. Peter’s seminary, Partickhill, Glasgow – Rector Rev. Wm. Canon Caven; Vice-Rector and Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Rev. John Ritchie; Professor of Philosophy, Rev. John Toner…The students read Moral and Dogmatic Theology, Scripture, Hebrew etc under the charge of three professors. Donations and subscriptions for the purposes of establishing Burses, or towards the maintainance of the Alumni, will be received by the Archbishop, or the Diocesan Treasurer, Rev. Michael Hughes (note Rev Michael Hughes above as brief priest at St Columbkill’s, Rutherglen 1886, following death of Rev Shaw) *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland, 1888’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1888 mid-July:** Blairs College – Monsignor Persico, Papal Nuncio to Ireland/Papal Envoy, at Blairs College: “Mgr. Persico, the Papal Envoy who has been at Fort Augustus, where he ordained Prior Leo Linoe as First Abbot of Scotland, has arrived at Blairs College, Aberdeen, where a conference of all the Roman Catholic bishops in Scotland will be held. After a stay of two or three days the Envoy will leave for Rome” *(‘The Morning Post’ 19 July 1888) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive – www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

“Visit of the Pope’s representative to Blairs – we understand that Monsignor Persico, the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, is to visit Blairs Collage, Deeside….the Archbishops and the Bishops of the four dioceses meet annually at Blairs and the Monsignor’s visit will take place on that occasion. The whole affairs of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland are fully considered at these meetings; and the forthcoming conference, it is understood, will have before it the question of immediately taking steps for increasing the number of educated priests for the wants of the Church in Scotalnd” *(‘Aberdeen Evening Express’ 6 July 1888) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive – www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1888 Autumn**: JM begins his 2nd term at Blairs College, rural Aberdeenshire. A fellow student, newly entered at this time, was Joseph (later Rt. Rev. Mgr.) McHardy who recalled the 1888-89 period in an account of student life at Blairs College: “…I entered Blairs College in the early autumn of 1888, a raw country boy, dressed in a fashion that would now appear ridiculous and comical. For the first time I had been compelled to don long trousers. Jackets were not usually worn. The list supplied to one’s parents demanded the long surtout coats for all students. But the crowning glory of our College dress was the round, hard, flat-topped cap with its glazed-leather skip that came to the bridge of the nose. They were commonly known as German caps and were simply hideous. My father accompanied me….waiting for the two-horse bus that plied between Aberdeen and the College. My father moved on to allow me this distraction [to speak to a local boy – McHardy was relatively local to Aberdeenshire] from the heavy thought of leaving home without thought of returning for the holidays for eleven or twelve years, except perhaps for a few days on our way from Blairs to one of the Colleges abroad…. [The two-horse bus] deposited us at the Smidy o’ Blairs in comfortable time for our appointment with the Rector. The avenue was unpretentious and evidently neglected. It served as the cart road to the home farm immediately behind, as well as the main approach to the college. The building itself was an old manor house, three storeys high and abundant cellarage, half underground. The frontage was severe and plain as suited the granite, but relieved by a half tower to the right of the main entrance. On the north end anew wing had been lately added to serve as a study room, with four classrooms on the second floor and a dormitory for some twenty cubicles above. Access to the classrooms and the dormitory was afforded by the corkscrew stairs of a small bell tower/ Originally the house had been the home of the Menzies of Pitfodels….the last lairs had…left to the Bishops of Scotland the estate and house , for the education of boys destined for the priesthood……Old Margaret…an old Highland woman…who worked both in the house and in the farm….conducted us along a narrow, dark corridor to the sanctum of the Rector of the College, the Rev. Peter Joseph Grant….Of medium height he wore a long grey beard….His eyes were stern and pierced through you. Yet in heart I think he was not unkind. He had schooled himself to severity of treatment towards his students…no one dared offer any criticism. He led a hard, mortified life. He fasted regularly and saw no difficulty in those under him pursuing the like severity. He made no exceptions among the students. He had no favourites. His word was law; his discipline Spartan. His punishments even for slight breakages of rule were heavy. He never, of course, had recourse to corporal punishment by the rod, but practically every day someone had to suffer the loss of a meal for some slight breach of discipline; and often had to kneel in the middle of the refectory whilst the others were feeding. I have seen as many as sixteen at the one time on their knees for what even now seems to me to have been a slight act of disobedience. In winter time when milk was scarce, one side of the refectory, alternately each night, received a tiny cup of syrup with their porridge. Some boys liked the syrup and others preferred the milk. To change one for the other you had to cross the floor and this for a minute caused some disorder. The Rector was informed and ordered this custom to cease. The order was received with a general hissing. The following night the Rector himself walked into the refectory. This was most unusual for the professors joined the students only at mid-day meal. Someone was on the mat. Sixteen boys were courageous enough to admit their fault of hissing. They were made to go on their knees that night; lose their porridge; and worst punishment of all, stay in the study room on half days till they had written one thousand lines of Virgil; but the ordinary punishment was loss of food. And so strong was his [Grant] character that his influence in this respect was stamped upon all the senior boys whom he placed in authority. But this severity of treatment practised by senior boys on freshmen was by no means confined to Blairs. It existed in all Colleges….On parting from me, my father [said] “you’ll write and let us know how you are liking the College”. Mr Grant – the more affectionate term of ‘Father’ was not then in use – immediately answered him “Oh yes of course he will. He is allowed to write one letter every month and two at Christmas”. That was the rule and it was rigorously enforced…..The second Tuesday of each month was …a full holiday..and it was customary to play a football match. The rules of association foot ball, as now played, had just been introduced to Blairs. Before that the player was allowed to catch the ball and run with it three steps. The ball itself that we played with would not pass today’s standard, for it was often made from a pair of old moleskin trousers…they were entirely abandoned shortly after my entering Blairs…[one particular Tuesday] it rained cats and dogs… Mr Shaw, one of the three professors who formed the staff and the only one who took any interest in our games, came to the study room and called us out for our match. Football dress and football boots were unknown. We played in our ordinary clothes and shoes. But still we played in till the water belched from our shoes and our clothes were soaked. Mr Shaw called two of us and asked us to go to the Rector’s room and ask if he would kindly permit us have a change of shirts…. “A change of what?” the Rector [Grant] said “You’ll be asking for refreshments at half-time next. Go down stairs” Down we went to the only fire there was in the students’ part of the establishment, supplied by a small Canadian stove in the study room. There was no system of heating of any kind throughout the whole college except this small stove. For lighting there were paraffin lamps in the study room – two to each side, hung from the roof on a wide bracket, one lamp balancing the other. But one of the lamps was generally broken and a weight tied on to preserve the balance. The light furnished by these lamps was unsufficient to reach the front desks where the youngest students sat and they were provided with the home-made tallow candles, two to each row, which smoked continually and had to be snuffed at short intervals by the pair of beautiful snuffers that lay on the candlestick. The refectory and church were also lit by paraffin lamps but not the corridors. Passing from the church to the refectory was quite a little distance. There were 88 students. The procession was headed by the Sub-decano, furnished with his candlestick and tallow candle, which he held in winter time well over his head “to enlighten them that walked in darkness”. At due intervals along the ranks came the Censors, as they were called, with their candles, whose duty it was to preserve silence and order in the corridors. And last in all his dignity but also bearing aloft his tallow candle, came the Decano. He was Captain of the College. He represented the Rector and apart from the punishment of making one go supperless to bed, wielded almost equal authority…The students governed themselves. They organised their own games and sports. We seldom, out of class, saw or spoke to any of the three professors. The Decanos were to us the embodiment of rectorial power…but in my time the office bearers had too much power. And often they made the utmost use of their powers and were sometimes positively cruel on young boys. Yet our spirits were never crushed, our sports and games never suffered by these severe penances. We were all the merrier and happier outside when free from the hard restraint inside the College. That impressed me from my very first contact with the students. When the Rector on my first day of entry had finished the necessary questions and entered particulars in his register, he handed me over to the tender mercy of the Decano, who led me first to the cubicle allotted to me in the dormitory. This dormitory was named the Zig-Zag…it had been very skilfully built and followed the line of the various rafters, zig-zag, two cubicles here and three there, as exigencies of space demanded. Each cubicle was just sufficiently large to hold a box bed of wooden planks, bottom and sides and a small stool. Your trunk went under the bed, and your towel was hung over the front curtain rod, because there was no room to hang it elsewhere. Iron bedsteads were in use only in the infirmary. There were, in all, five different dormitories in the various wings of the College, three in the main building, one over part of the chapel and the fifth over the new wing. There was no artificial lighting in any of them, save the tallow candle, which the head boy of the dormitory picked up outside the chapel door after night prayers and leading the way upwards, placed it in the middle of the floor or in the case of the Zig-Zag as near the middle as the various angles permitted. The candle was extinguished at ten o’clock and in the morning the Decano came round each dormitory, lighted the candle and called out *Benedicamus Domino.* To which, if you were awake, you answered *Deo Gratias*. On Christmas morning, two came and chanted *Christus natus est,* with the response *Venite adoremus.* All this I learned from the Decano whilst he emptied my trunk most unceremoniously of all my new linen and woollies that my mother had packed so carefully and tenderly the previous night. The list included three nightshirts but what happened to them, nobody ever knew. We never saw them again and guessed they were made into dayshirts. The box bed contained a palliasse filled, not with straw, but with fresh and friendly chaff, which was renewed after each harvest. It was soft and warm but most attractive to rats with which the house was, from the proximity of the farm, simply infested. They raced in the ceiling over your head…they crept into your bed…they were up on the refectory tables when we entered for meals. They snatched any piece of meat you held for them near their holes under the tables. They became so numerous and daring that a professional rat catcher had to be employed. He lived in the cellars and rid the College for a time of this pest. But until the floor of the refectory was lifted and cemented we were never free from their company……Mr Smith, who afterwards became Bishop of Dunkeld and was translated thence as Archbishop to Edinburgh, taught the two highest classes. There were four classes or years and only the three professors, at that time. The professor kept the same class, when possible from the first days of their entrance till they left Blairs for abroad. But their numbers did not admit of that exactly and a compromise had to be effected whereby in certain subjects such as English and Mathematics, we were grouped according to our stage of advancement when we entered the College. Mr Smith was a man of extensive knowledge and prodigious memory. He had a most distinguished career in Rome …But he never succeeded in teaching me anything. In mathematics his class repeated practically the same work every year and I was four years in that class. Others profited by his teaching in Latin and Greek, but they were boys of the highest mental capacity…he [Smith] was sometimes bitingly sarcastic…..My first morning…I was forbidden to rise in the morning before the first stroke of the bell. At the first stroke I jumped into my trousers but half the boys were by then at the double down the stairs, with a thundering racket. When I reached the ‘wash places’ as they were called I found them already filled, the boys standing four deep behind the washers waiting for an empty basin. There were two rooms for our morning ablutions. In one there were twelve tin basins on zinc covered tables along the walls and in the other eight, to serve the whole college. There were four taps in each room where one could draw water. In winter they were generally frozen and had to be thawed by application of the tallow candles; and the ice broken up in the basins. Half an hour was allowed for all morning operations; and if one had his shoes to brush there was only one set of brushes in the shoe room and very little blacking. The room itself was so small that only two students simultaneously could operate on the plank for your feet. Next it t

Was a similar room with one small wash hand basin and towel but only one for use in the whole College during the day. So it was of the utmost importance to make haste in the morning. If you were late in entering church according to your placing in the ranks you were cautioned the first time but for the second offence you lost your breakfast. Smart boys soon learned…and dressed while still in bed before the bell rang…….Mr Smith was determined to put a stop to the scamper [down the stairs] past his door every morning and posted himself near the first landing. Along came the onrush at breakneck speed and passed him before his voice could be heard. Our third professor was Dr. Frazer, a kind and large hearted man of perhaps more limited knowledge than Mr Smith but one who could without effort impart to boys whatever he knew. He was afterwards appointed Rector of the Scots College, Rome and from there succeeded Archbishop Smith as Bishop of Dunkeld. Prayer, as was natural in an ecclesiastical seminary, occupied a primary position in our curriculum. And new boys were immediately caught up by the all pervading atmosphere of prayer. I speak, of course, of vocal prayer. After morning prayers time was allotted t mental prayer and the three points of meditation were read aloud to us. But we had no director to instruct us how mental prayer should be made or what it entailed on our part, so I fear we made little progress in this necessary form of prayer and we young boys regularly fell asleep. On my first visit to the church and many times afterwards…mural paintings on the wall on each side of our choir. They were two of Raphael’s cartoons but on such a large scale that the arms and legs of the men who were in the act of carrying out Ananias, dead at St. Peter’s feet, were simply enormous. They were the work of Russell, the artist better known for his studies in still life. He also painted the lamb on the frontal of the altar and so cunningly were the shadows, caused by the three side windows of the church, wrought in, that in the dark I crawled up to convince myself whether or not they were carved. The liturgy of the church was conducted with as much solemnity as the cramped space of the small altar and sanctuary would allow. Our Sundays would now be considered dismal. Games were not permitted and our recreation consisted of walking round the small garden plots which were kept by the students or in pacing up and down the High Walk between the two small woods. We had much reading of a spiritual nature and Catechism Classes in the afternoon before Vespers. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given once a month. Frequent or daily Communion was not practised and I cannot remember it being strongly encouraged. But all this was changed when the new Rector, Bishop Chisholm succeeded Mr Grant [1890]. Our food consisted of porridge and milk and half a roll or a farl of oatmeal cake for breakfast. If a boy had no liking for porridge, as was the case with boys from towns, there was no alternative. The mid-day meal was substantial and nourishing. The College farm supplied its own mutton and beef and they were of the very best. The daily Scotch broth (abstinence days excepted) was rich with abundance of vegetables and the supply of butcher meat was plentiful. We had no sweets or puddings and tea was confined to the greater church festivals. Our supper was exactly the same as breakfast, porridge and milk. The temporalities of the College were administered by the Rev. Mr. Fleming. He was a convert from Calvinism. He was an outstanding character on Deeside. He attended the markets and made the necessary purchases for the farm. We saw him only at Mass and in the refectory or when he acted as Secretary at the yearly measuring of the students for new outfits. To him you went for redress if your shoes did not fit; but received none. If they were too small he assured you that they would stretch; if too large that your feet would grow. He preached in his turn with the professors but always managed to introduce Adam and Eve and original sin, and the story of Jonah, much to the delight of the students. For he frequently was guilty of spoonerisms….in old Blairs I passed, despite the severity of the regime, four not unpleasant years. But before I left, Bishop Chisholm, of happy memory, had taken charge – and all was changed” *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ June 1949 edition – article ‘Life in the Old College of Blairs’ by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph McHardy) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1888 September:** In contrast to the fabric of Blairs College, held there was a growing amount of Scottish Catholic archival material, including pre-Reformation. Beyond written archive, paintings and objects of art features in the collection: “The Blairs portrait of Queen Mary - ….of the innumerable portraits that now belong to Blairs College, Aberdeen, is probably the best extant, as it is one of the few undoubtedly representations of the Queen which have been traced back almost to her own days. It was in all likelihood taken from a sketch apinted from the life and done by the order of Mary’s maid of honour Elizabeth Curle as a memorial of her mistress immediately after her decease. By her it was bequeathed to the Scots College at Douai. In 1811 it was removed hence to the Scots Benedictine convent in Paris and finally in 1830 it was deposited by Bishop Paterson in the hands of the governors of Blairs College who have sent it to the Exhibition…[International Exhibition, Glasgow 1888]” *(‘Aberdeen Evening Express’ 1 Sep. 1888) [6 Dec 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1888 October 13:**  Bridget McKearney (b. Sep. 1874) sits her 1st year twice-yearly exam as a pupil-teacher *(Archdiocese of Glasgow – Report of the Religious examination of schools July 1888-July 1889’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1888 November 17:** Death of James McNally, at Tullycomaskey, Clontibret, brother of Ellen McNally (McKearney) : “1888, 17th November, Tullycumiskey, James McNally, married, 54, Farmer; Paralysis 7 weeks, no medical attendant; [informant]: Ann McNally, daughter of deceased, present at death, Tullycumaskey” (Informant Ann McNally had been living in Rutherglen – above – in 1881 with her then all unmarried siblings Mary, Rose and Francis McNally. By this time – 1888 – Mary and Rose were married (above 1887 and 1883) and living in the Rutherglen area; Francis was at Montreal, Canada by 1891 when he married; three younger siblings were still at Tullycomiskey – Ellen McNally, who would emigrate 1900 to Providence with her husband; James and Patrick who remained at Tullycomiskey, James becoming father to a family of 6 including Francis and James McNally b.1909 and b.1908, who recalled in 1982 that Ellen McNally (McKearney) was their great-aunt) *(Irish civil death record: ‘Registrar’s District Castleshane…Co. of Monoghan’) (Letters of Mrs. Nellie Moen, Drumgolat 1982) [8 July 2019 research report][www.irishgenealogy.ie]*

**1888 mid-December** (Saturday): Annual City Auction – Christmas Mart Sale, Aberdeen – Blairs College Rev Fleming’s ‘8 superior bullocks made £30 each’ *(Aberdeen Evening Express 17 Dec 1888) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1889 January:** “…St. Columbkill’s church…great credit to the worthy pastor of the flock, Rev. D. McCarthy. Since the advent of this talented clergyman there has been great progress effected. Additions have been made to the church structure and there have also been other improvements visible to the outside world. The rev. gentleman has always taken a great interest in educational matters and his position as a member of the Rutherglen School Board has placed him in a position in which he will be brought into contact with our system and in capacity as member of the board we may expect good results….a worthy successor to Rev. Canon Shaw” *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 5 Jan. 1889) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1889 March 9:** Bridget McKearney sits her closing 1st year exams as a pupil-teacher. Enters 2nd Year in July 1889. *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow, Report of the Religious examination of Schools, July 1888-July 1889’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1889 May 17:** “Buffalo Bill in Paris – has made a semi-triumphal entry into France…opens in Paris on the 18th inst.” *(‘Inverness Courier’ 17 May 1889) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1889 September 15**: Weekly attendance register of Blairs College, shows John McKearney’s final listing (since entering Sept 1887). No longer listed by Sept 22nd 1889. Also listed alongside him and left this week are James Kierney, James McDonald, Michael McElligott, James Urquhart, Michael Joyce. *(Blairs College weekly attendance registers 1887-1889) [3 April 2019 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1889 15 September**: John McKearney bound for Paris as noted in record of Blairs College, which also registers his last appearance there in weekly registers, 15-22 Sep. 1889: “….Lutitiam [Paris] 15 Sep 1889..” *(Blairs College student record; Blairs College weekly attendance registers Sep. 1887-Sep.1889) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1889 latter half of September**: John McKearney, almost age 18, during this period left Blairs College, for Issy, week commencing 15 September (college attendance register) and was at Issy likely by early October 1889 (as immediately below). Possibly returned to his family home at Rutherglen en route as this practise is referred to by Mgr. Joseph McHardy (entered Blairs 1888) in his 1949 memoir (see 1888 above): ‘leaving home without thought of returning home for the holidays for eleven or twelve years, except perhaps for a few days on our way from Blairs to one of the colleges abroad’. The Blairs attendance registers also support the fact that the students appear to have remained living there, with very rare exceptions, recorded as ‘home’, throughout the summer holidays between terms.

“London, Chatham & Dover Railway – Paris, Brussels and the Continent, Royal Mail Route, Shortest and quickest sea passage, via Dover and Calais. Three Mail express services daily including Sundays from Victoria Station at: 8am 11am 8pm. The L.C. & D. Company’s new steamships Empress and Victoria, the fastest and most commodious boats crossing the channel, now running between Dover and Calais in connection with the 11am service” *(‘Maidstone Journal & Kentish Advertiser’ 8 Jan. 1889) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

“The Railways and the Paris exhibition - …trains to Paris for the conveyance of visitors to the exhibition (‘Exposition Universelle’ ran 6 May 1889-31 Oct 1889). Calais, requiring the shortest sea passage, will be the general point of arrival and departure on the French side and the new harbour works are to be so far completed as to provide the accommodation required by the mail and passenger steamers. There are to be at least four or five services each way between Dover and Calais daily, all of them performed by the fastest boats of the London, Chatham & Dover Company which on an average makes the transit in 65 minutes…” *(‘The Scotsman’ 6 March 1889) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1889 Start of October**: John McKearney begins study at seminary, Issy-les-Moulineaux, (la Petite Communaute des clercs de Saint-Sulpice) under a Forbes bursary; the only student of his group, at France on the list under Forbes bursary that year. The beginning of October as time of entry at Issy is taken from ordination notices of several of JM’s fellow students (1897 – below) which specifies this period as the time of going to Issy : “Archdiocese of Glasgow – Church students August 1889-90 : France, Clercs de S. Sulp. [11 names including] John McKearney, F[orbes Bursar] [dated] 1st Oct. 1889”. The other students are: “James Kierney, Denis McBrearty, James MacDonald, Francis McCann, Alexander McCormick, John Lynch, Thomas Murphy, Thomas Burns, Charles Fleming, James Towie” (Archdiocese Glasgow printed list of ‘Church Students August 1889-90. [published] 1st October 1889’) *[6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1889 Sep-Oct**: [useful for this period but from a 1924 account of students going to Issy]: “France: Issy-Les-Moulineaux: Seven weeks of College life, with very little out of the ordinary daily routine, is how we can sum up our existence here since the beginning of October. In the ordinary course of events seven weeks is a long time…it was on Tuesday night, 30th of September, that we met in Victoria Station [London], all looking fresh and healthy after our 3 months’ holiday. From all directions we assembled and when our total was complete we must have been the topic of conversation for the onlookers, who cast questioning if not suspicious glances at this group of similarly clad figures who were preparing to depart from London…..for anyone who passed close enough would have heard that we were from no one special country but were just a proper cosmopolitan group – England, Ireland and Scotland were all represented there. Time slipped on quickly and with almost Sulpician exactitude the train steamed out of the station. Then we waved our *au revoirs* to London and Wembley….London to Newhaven. Newhaven to Dieppe and from thence to Paris was our programme for that night and Wednesday morning found us back in ‘Metroland’…” *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ December 1924 – ‘Notes from sister Colleges’*) *[7 Feb 2019 research report]. [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1889 October 12**: Bridget McKearney, in her 2nd year training as a pupil-teacher at St. Columbkill’s school, Rutherglen, sits the first of her twice yearly exams: “Questions proposed at the General Religious Examination of Catholic Pupil-Teachers, October 12th 1889 – 2 hours are allowed for the two Doctrine papers and 2 hours for the two Scripture papers : Doctrine 2nd Year, Paper No. 1 – 1. Explain the honour given to (a) Statues of B.V.M. (b) The Relic of the True Cross (c) The Crucifix (d) The Angels 2. Against which Commandment can we sin with the tongue? 3. What is meant by *taking God’s name in vain, unnecessary oath, cursing, swearing?* Paper No. 2: 1. Explain what is commanded by the Fourth Commandment of the Church as given in the Catechism? 2. What do you mean by *making restitution?* What sins oblige us to make restitution? Scripture 2nd Year, Paper No. 1: 1. What were the sins of Achab and what was the manner of his death? 2. At what places was the Ark set up before it was placed in the Temple of Solomon? 3. Write the history of Aman. Paper No. 2: 1. Mark on the accompanying map with a small circle before the name, the following places – Mount Carmel, Hebron, Joppe, Jerusalem, Galgal, Sidon, Jericho, Ramoth Galaad 2. In what way was Nebuchodononosor’s fall foretold to him? Who told him the meaning of the message” *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow, Report of the Religious Examination of Schools, July 1889-July 1890’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1890 February 27**: John McKearney has been at the seminary at Issy for nearly 5 months. Givelet, the Superior of the college voices his concerns and complaints over the behaviour of the Scots students at the seminary over the previous 18 months: “We feel it our duty to acknowledge that during the first period of their sojourn in France the Scotch students gave us every reason to be satisfied but within the last 18 months we have encountered unexpected difficulties in the work of their formation to the priesthood. Up to the present moment we have been silent with regard to the Superior authority claiming jurisdiction over them, hoping that time and persevering efforts would overcome the obstacles. Far from this the difficulties in question have been daily aggravated; in fact our young Scotchmen up held and encouraged by their senior fellow countrymen of St. Sulpice and Issy seminaries (the latter especially) finding that complaints indoors found an echo without, have persevered in a path where it is high time they should be stopped. Kindly therefore allow me to make a brief sketch of what we have considered our duty to do towards their comfort happiness in the first place one and all received a warm welcome at our hands….if success has crowned their classical and rhetorical studies it is thanks to the trouble taken to initiate them into the idiomatic science of French language combined with our particular method of teaching. I have myself….been their tutor and private master. As to the diet which several have found fault with, it is certainly as good if not better than what is given in similar establishments. This can easily be verified. Large Colleges demanding 2 or even 3000 franks pension annually can well afford that luxury and comfort, it is not ours to give, besides should our means enable us to make a similar expenditure, we could not in conscience sanction a mode of living unsuited to young men destined to be Apostles and whose Simplicity in form and habits must be in harmony with their vocation. Several are grievances we have to bring against our Scotch students…delicacy as well as gentlemanly bearing have been wanting in many; taking the seminary for a hotel, its organization as a financial enterprise, they have considered themselves free from any demonstration of gratitude, the yearly pension being paid by their bishops. All given them was their due. Did their linen or clothes not correspond to their exigence, they were at once unscrupulously thrown aside. During the first three years we had collected the different pensions to form a whole round sum in order to favour, by a more partial distribution of the revenues, some boys coming from home with next to nothing to wear, whilst others better off had complete and elaborate outfits. This system calling forth recriminations and calculations little in keeping with the lads years, we put an end to their claims by placing our bursars on the same footing as those of St. Sulpice, giving each lad 300 franks per annum to fit himself out at his own costs…it is well nigh impossible to make them practice the French language or mix charitably with the French or foreign students; everything like novelty progress in games, amusements, method if instruction, diets, habits and customs etc are invariably despised and what is worse by them, publicly criticised and condemned. Whenever a Scotch lad deserves a blame or reprimand, all his fellow countrymen are injured and declare themselves wounded in their honour and national pride, giving rise to that united passive and obstinate resistance which they consider dictated by the spirit of patriotism. Under such conditions the master’s task is almost impossible, lads previously prejudiced will no longer be led and we grieve to see our efforts and good will frustrated. Daily we read in letters passing through our hands passages such as these – ‘the house we are in is an awful hole and our governors businessmen, not priests, trying to swindle us out of our money’. This state of things can no longer last and in such a case we should be the first to counsel, yea more, even ask the Scotch Bishops to recall their subjects. If in their wisdom and experience, their Lordships still think us worthy of the confidence and charge of forming their young seminarists, we propose certain reforms tending towards the greater benefit of the subjects in question. We earnestly desire that the boys should come to the Communaute d’Issy at least for the 4 classe, so as to go through 4 years complete study, before commencing their courses of philosophy and theology. We beg they should never exceed the number of 2 or 3 in each respective class. This point admitted and the lads knowing that they have so many years before them in our Community, without the danger to be too numerous, so as to be unable to form an element of resistance to the education given, they would greatly benefit by their sojourn in France, realising the hopes one has a right to expect. Why submit these young fellows to the worries and difficulties of several successive educations, obliging them to go through their Humanities in Paris and their Rhetoric in Rome, transplanting as it were the tender plant from soil to soil without allowing its roots to extend anywhere?....We have one more condition to lay down….that all communications between the students of Issy and the large seminary [Paris] be submitted to the ecclesiastical authority of the respective establishments, the superiors alone being able to permit or prohibit friendships and intercourse between the seminarists….M. Givelet” *(Letter from principal at Issy, M. Givelet, 27 Feb. 1890) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1890 March 8**: Bridget McKearney, age 15, sits her pupil-teacher exams (2nd year): “Archdiocese of Glasgow – Report of the religious examination of schools, July 1889-July 1890: Questions proposed at the General Religious Examination of Catholic Pupil Teachers, March 8th 1890, two hours allowed for the two Doctrine papers and two hours for the two Scripture papers…Doctrine, 2nd Year, Paper No. 1 – 1. When is killing not a violation of the fifth Commandment? 2. Explain what is meant by *Revenge – Hatred – Anger.* Paper No. 2 – 1. What is meant by a *Lie?* Name and explain the various kinds of a lie. How do you determine the amount of sin in a lie? 2. In what does fasting consist? Who are exempt from the obligation to fast? What is a dispensation from fasting? Who can dispense from fasting? 3.What re the two kinds of impediments to Matrimony? Give an example of each kind? Scripture, 2nd Year – Paper No. 1: 1. Who was Solomon’s immediate successor? What great event happened in this great successor’s reign? And what was the cause of it? 2. On what occasion did Elias offer public sacrifice on Mount Carmel? Relate the history of what happened and say who was king at the time. Paper No. 2: 1. Give the history of John 2. What did Esther effect for her people? 3. What did (a) Heliodorus and (b) Antiochus Epiphanes against God’s people?” *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow, Report of the religious examination of schools, July 1889-July 1890’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Arcdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

*1890: Emigration from Skerries townland, Tynan (which runs directly into Crossdall townland, to its south) of Mary McNaughton (Hughes) (b.1827 Drumgose townland, Tynan), to Providence RI, where a sister Bridget McNaughton (Molloy) (b.1825 Drumgose, Tynan) has lived since at least the early 1850s; another sister Catherine McNaughton (Fitzpatrick) (b.1839 Drumgose, Tynan) has also lived there since 1882, her Fitzpatrick children being cousins to John Francis McKearney (b.1871); by c.1901 his mother Ellen McNally (McKearney) was living, for a time, at the same address as above Mary McNaughton (Hughes) – 28 Baxter Street – in Providence RI.*

**1890 July**: New addition to St. Columbkille’s school, Rutherglen, completed, for a large number of children – Main Street, Rutherglen.

**1890 March 16**: “Solemn re-opening of St. Columbkill’s Church, Rutherglen – solemn High Mass was sung in this church by Canon Mackintosh (Kinning Park), assisted by Canon Caven as Deacon and Father Black (Dalbeth) as sub-deacon. At the end of the first gospel Canon Maguire, V.G., ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent discourse. The occasion was the re-opening of the church after being decorated. During the last three years great improvements have been effected. The church itself has been greatly enlarged. A new chancel and presbytery and three new altars, viz a high altar and two side altars (dedicated to Our Lady and the Sacred Heart, have been erected: and now that these are completed the people of Rutherglen may well be proud of their church. The altars have been erected in the best style of Christian art. The decorations of the chancel are in the fourteenth century style. At that time our faith was in its happiest days and the faithful loved to spend their money in making the House of God beautiful and worthy of him. God seems to have endowed those who raised temples to Him with a skill in architecture which has never been surpassed, as the few remaining specimens testify to that fact. The upper portion of the wall of the sanctuary is decorated with the sacred monogram, I.H.S., crowned, showing that Jesus was the king who came to redeem the world. The body of the church is decorated with the dado and the mitre of the Abbot of St. Columba with his monogram. The whole of the decorations were carried out by a well-known Birmingham firm of church decorators” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the clergy and laity in Scotland 1891’ – ‘chronicle of events 1890’) [7 Feb 2019 research report][Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1890 April 22**: “Laying of the foundation stone of St. Peter’s Diocesan College at Kilpatrick, near Glasgow, by the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Glasgow – on Tuesday afternoon his Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow laid the corner stone of St. Peter’s new Diocesan College in course of erection near Bearsden, Glasgow. Leaving Queen Street station [Glasgow city] at half-past twelve by special train, a large number of clergymen and laymen attended to witness the ceremony. The College is pleasantly situated on rising ground, commanding, in a south-eastern direction, a magnificent view of the Clyde valley, about a quarter of a mile from the junction of the roads leading to Milngavie and Duntocher and Drymen. The distance is about 6 miles from Glasgow and 11 from Dumbarton. …and is the munificent gift of his Grace to the Archdiocese. The College is intended to supersede the present diocesan seminary. About twenty students are at present accommodated in the seminary which was opened in 1874. Besides the seminary, a number of foundations on the continent for Scotch students, some of which are available for students intended for the archdiocese of Glasgow, assist in supplying the increasing demand for priests. Among these are Scots College, Rome and the Scots College, Valladolid, in the former of which there are 24 and in the latter 27 students. The Scots College, Paris is not at present occupied by Scotch students, but in other French ecclesiastical establishments there are 24 students [including the seminary at Issy] intended for the priesthood in Scotland. The present block is intended to accommodate 50 students. The style is the domestic Gothic of the fifteenth century. Over the main entrance will be carved the arms of the Archbishop of Glasgow, the founder of the College. The lenth of the main building 176 feet by 54 feet broad. The architects are Messrs Pugin & Pugin of Westminster; and the work is being carried out by Mr John Devlin of Glasgow. A temporary platform has been erected at the main entrance to the building and shortly after two o’clock, his Grace, ascending the platform, accompanied by a number of clergymen and having deposited in the cavity a vessel containing a parchment, on which was written a short history of the college (in Latin) blessed the stone and the building. The Archbishop said that the spot selected for the site of the college was not devoid of interest to the Catholic people of the west of Scotland and particularly of Glasgow. It was a part of the old parish of Kilpatrick; and it was the spot on which there can be no doubt that St. Patrick was born. For 1000 years there was no doubt about the birthplace of St. Patrick and it is only in recent years that it has been called in question. His father was Calphurnius and he was a Roman judge at the western extremity of the barrier that separated the Roman territory from the northern part of the country and which extended from the [River] Forth to the Firth of Clyde; and the spot now called Chapelhill was the spot where the father of St. Patrick lived and where St. Patrick was born.” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland 1891’ – ‘chronicle of events 1890’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1890 July 5:** “The new addition almost completed at St. Columbkill’s school will provide accommodation for a very large number of children…The edifice forms a very prominent place in Main Street and very much improves the place”

“The electric launches forwarded to the Edinburgh Exhibition from the Rutherglen shipbuilding yard are destined to make their mark. I understand they are going to be a great success. I doubt not their birthplace will be remembered by those who require such a type of boat and perhaps an industry may yet be carried on in the burgh that will increase its prosperity and strengthen its influences” *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 5 July 1890) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1890 September 15**: James Paul, on the instruction of Monsignor Stepani of Aberdeen, visits the Petite Communaute at Issy to investigate the complaints of both the Superiors of the college and the students from Scotland. At time of his visit, several students at “St Dizier”, the country house of the Petite Communaute and a large body of Scotch students were vacationing at Sassetot-le-Mouconduit, on the coast. Givelet and other Superiors were at the seminary at Issy. Reference made to: “the seminary being on an elevated site, airy and healthy; the secular priests had been joined by the Peres de Sion who had taken over ‘the second year’ (1887-88 term) when there began to be signs of discontent from the students; Givelet insists that too many students from Scotland not be sent to the Petite Communaute at once to prevent them clubbing together and refusing to mix with other students, that 5-6 students would be enough and that they remain there for a few years, to encourage them to settle in; James Paul writes: ‘the Scotch students have now been living for four years (since c.1886) in the Petite Communaute. The second year the secular priests joined the Peres de Sion…there may be a little more chance of this [setting down] now as the number of [presumably, Scottish] students in the Communaute is not to be so great this year as last…..Your Lordships may see the necessity of removing the students from it entirely and indeed from all French Petits Seminaires and having them prepared at home to enter the Grand Seminaire [presumably the major Saint-Sulpice seminary in Paris]. Petits Seminaires in France are usually conducted in such a manner as to be rather trying to the health of students…Five or six years in France I should consider quite enough…” Also mention of mismanagement of the boys’ funds by the college; unsuitable teachers – ‘the young Professor’ whom they mocked etc. *(‘Report of my visit to the Superiors and Scotch Students of the ‘Petite Communaute’, Issy, Paris’ by James Paul as sent to the Most Rev. Dr. Smith, Edinburgh) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives]*

A further paper, notes made by James Paul around August, prior to his more formal report: “…The Communaute at Issy is the Noviciate for the men of the Order. They live with the boys, following the same rule and the same exercises. Staff: the Superior who is the head of the Order. The Director, Pere Givelet, who governs the house for the last year. He has taught the Troisienne, ie the class before poetry. A prefect of discipline, Pere Corneyre, who superintents the recreations. He also teaches History, Geography, Catecchism to the whole Communaute. An Econome who manages the temporalities. He teaches also Mathematics to the whole house. In his class there is no order. Boys do as they like. The teacher has no command over them. Two seculat clergymen, one a priest, aged 30, teaches the quatrieme class, the other a Deacon attending St. Sulpice. Two novices, one taught for some time the very important class of Troisieme, aged 21. He knew so little that the boys scorned him. Five sisters who have charge of kitchen, laundry, infirmary. Three men servants to do all housework. Students – in all about 60, ages ranging from 11 to 21. Scotch students, 16 in all [we know that 11 were from Archdiocese of Glasgow]. One English boy for the order. There are French, Germans, Arabians (4), Italians (2). For the Classes of Poetry & Rhetoric, boys go to Vaugirard, the Jesuit College [Paris]….The Scotch boys could not agree with the other foreigners, the games were so different. They could not fraternise. Great dissatisfaction with the abilities of the teachers. Up to last Easter when boys made requests for clothes, shoes etc., they were put off, so much so that sometimes they were going about with shoes soleless. The food neither substantial nor sufficient. The accounts of Procurator were badly kept. Articles were frequently charged for that had not been supplied….told they were liars. On appealing to the Superior the boys were refunded. NB The French boys had the same complaints to make against the Procurator. …Scotch boys were overheard saying that the Directors were making a profit out of the Scotch funds….carried by some talebearer to the superior. He publicly and before the whole community, declared that the Scotch paid less than any other boys and that the managers had to keep the Scotch out of their own charity. After this explosion, 5 francs per month were given to 16 or 17 Scotch boys for pocket money. The Procurator loudly proclaimed that this money came out of the Superior’s pocket. Espionage – a vast amount of talebearing is countenanced by the Directors: the boys are constantly watched from behind curtains. No one single boy, Scotch or other, likes the house…..The Communaute de Petit Clercs was in the beginning under the charge and management of the Sulpicians. Then there was order and universal contentment. From the time the Communaute was handed over to the Fathers of N.D. [Notre Dame] de Sion all is ….N.B. Boys were afraid to make any complaint. Vocations are in danger of being stifled” [6 Nov. 2018 research report] *[Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1890 October**: John McKearney begins second year at the seminary at Issy, but no longer on a Forbes bursary: “Archdiocese of Glasgow – Church students, August 1890-91 France, Issy: John McKearney, Denis McBrearty, James MacDonald, Francis McCann, Alexander McCormick, John Lynch, Thomas Murphy, Thomas Burns, Charles Fleming, James Towie [dated] 1st Oct. 1890” *(Published List, ‘Archdiocese of Glasgow, Church Students August 1890-91’) [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1890 October 11**: Bridget McKearney sits her first of twice-yearly pupil-teacher exams, (3rd year) : “Examinations are held in St. John’s School, Warwick Street, Glasgow” *(‘Course of religious instruction for pupil teachers’) [6 Dec 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1890 December 16**: “Resignation of the Presidentship of St. Mary’s College, Blairs, by the Very Rev. P. Jos. Grant and entrance into office of his successor, the Very Rev. A.E. Chisholm……….almost all the clergy who are natives of the country have passed the first years of their lives as ecclesiastical students under St. Mary’s [Blairs College] roof……..old age with its accompanying infirmities gradually crept on and at last compelled him to resign…..presentation at Blairs College (on 16th) a large number of Clergy assembled to meet him among whom were their Lordships the Bishops of Aberdeen and Dunkeld. The Bishop of the Diocese [Aberdeen], the Right Rev. Hugh Macdonald said that all the clergy and the faithful throughout Scotland fully appreciated the work that Father Grant had done during more than the quarter of a century he had been President at Blairs………” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the clergy and laity in Scotland 1892 – chronicle of events 1890-91’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1891 January 1:** At Dumbarton, Scotland, died Ellen [Ellenor] Fitzpatrick, widow of Bernard Hughes, aged 52. She left 4 adult children, 3 of whom – John, Maria and Lizzie Hughes – would appear within three months as ‘visitors’ on the 1891 census, at home home of Daniel McKearney and Ellen McNally, Glasgow Rd., Rutherglen: “Ellen Hughes, widow of Bernard Hughes’ labourer in boiler works; [died] 1891, January 1st, Westonlee Terrace, Dumbarton; age 52; [daughter of] Daniel Fitzpatrick, grain miller, deceased and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, m.s. Conlon, deceased; Pneumonia – certified; Informant: John Hughes, son, present” (The Fitzpatricks in Providence RI at this time, since 1881-2, are known cousins of Rev. John McKearney. Their father, Patrick Fitzpatrick, is aged around 54 at this time and records show his father also as Daniel Fitzpatrick, a grain miller, so he could be a brother to this Ellen [Ellenor] Fitzpatrick (Hughes) which would explain their link to the McKearneys. Also, the 3 siblings on the 1891 census with the McKearneys also emigrated to Providence RI) *(Scottish civil reg. death cert – ‘District of Dumbarton, Co. Dumbarton) [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1891 March 14**: Bridget McKearney sits her pupil-teacher exams (3rd year), held at St. John’s school, Warwick Street……” / “Pupil teachers henceforth will be required to pass four examinations only, corresponding to the four years of their apprenticeship” *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow : Report of the religious examination of schools July 1890-July 1891’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1891 March 29**: John McKearney’s studies graded for the previous semester at Issy, returning to study term **7 April 1891**. “Petite Communaute des Clercs de Saint-Sulpice: Classe d’Humanities compose de 30 eleves. Bulletin de Mr. John MacKearney, 2nd trimester de l’annee – devoirs religieux [religious homework/duty]: tres bien; conduit [conduct]: bien; application: tresque tres bien; ordre et tenue [order and dress]: tres bien; politesse [politeness]: tresque tres bien; sante [health]: tres bien; Cours de lettres – narration latine 11; narration francaise 30; vers latin 11; theme grec 15; version latine 10, 12; version grecque 18; langue anglaise: tres bien; geometrie 5; geographie 17. Rentree le 7 Avril au soir. Issy-sur-Seine, le 29 Mars 1891…Le Directeur [signed] M. Givelet” *[Academic studies results card from Issy, Petite Communaute des clercs de Saint-Sulpice; Class d’Humanities of 30 students] [6 Nov. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1891 April**: Daniel McKearney, wife Ellen McNally & family at: “24 Glasgow Road, Rutherglen: Daniel McKearney, married, 50 [58], General Labourer, born: Ireland; Helen, wife, 42, born Ireland; Maggy, daughter, unmarried, 26, cotton weaver, born Ireland; Rose, daughter, unmarried, silk weaver, born Ireland; Bridget, daughter, 16, pupil teacher, born Lanarkshire, Rutherglen; Helen, daughter, 12, scholar, born Lanarkshire, Rutherglen; Mary, daughter, 9, scholar, born: Lanarkshire, Rutherglen; Patrick McNally, boarder, unmarried, 22, bricklayer’s labourer, born: Ireland; John Hughes, visitor, unmarried, 26, Boilermaker, born: Dumbarton; Maria Hughes, visitor, unmarried 22, upholsteress, born Dumbarton; Lizzie Hughes, 19, Dressmaker” (Note: Interesting entry. The distinction between ‘visitor’ and ‘boarder’ on the census tells us that Patrick McNally was living with the McKearneys whereas the Hughes siblings – see 1871 and 1881 for them at Dumbarton – were fortuitously, as it says, visiting at the time of the census, alerting us to their connection to the McKearneys. Their mother was Ellen (Eleanor) Fitzpatrick, who had died not long before this census was made, at beginning of 1891 at Dumbarton, widow of Bernard Hughes. She had married 1 June 1857 Tynan when a Patrick Fitzpatrick was witness; on 12 June 1857 also at Tynan, Patrick Fitzpatrick married Catherine McNaughten – the couple who are parents to the Fitzpatrick cousins of the McKearneys. All three of the Hughes in this entry – John, Maria and Lizzie – emigrated c.1893, like the McKearneys and were also at Providence RI – John Hughes, the 26 year old boilermaker above, was a ‘minister’ in the USA, attached to gospel halls/Congregationalists. Of the ‘boarder’ Patrick McNally, age 22 – now that it is known that Ellen McNally (McKearney’s) nephew and nieces Francis, Rose, Mary and Ann McNally were all at Rutherglen – at one point in adjacent building to McKearneys – in the c.1880-1890s period (all children of Ellen McNally McKearney’s brother James Mcnally at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret) this Patrick McNally is likely to be their younger brother (b.1866 Tullycomiskey, Clontibret) who returned to Tullycomiskey and remained there with his brother James McNally who was father to the two McNally boys who recalled that Ellen McNally (McKearney) was their great-aunt. With such maintained involvement, this would also explain why at least one of the McKearneys – Mary Ann McKearney (Roy) b.1861 – was writing to the McNally cousins at Clontibret into the 1920s-30s period) *(1891 census of Scotland) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1891 April**: Patrick McKearney, brother to Daniel McKearney, living at Rutherglen: “50 Harriet Street: Patrick McKearney, married, 41, Chemical work labourer, born Ireland; Ann, wife, 35, born Ireland” *(1891 census of Scotland) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1891 April:** Mary McNally, niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney) living at Cambuslang, near to Rutherglen, with her husband John McGuigan and family: “Vicarfield Terrace, Cambuslang village, Cambuslang parish: John McGuigan, 45, Gas Stoker Steelworks, b. Ireland; Mary McGuigan, wife, 35, b. Ireland; Mary, daughter, 10, scholar, b. Ireland; Patrick, son, 6, b. Cambuslang; Ellen 6 months, b. Cambuslang” (Only the youngest is Mary’s child – the other two are from his first marriage. Mary McNally is a daughter of James McNally, d.1888 Tullycomiskey, Clontibret) *(1891 census of Scotland) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1891 April:** Rose McNally, niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney) living at Cambuslang with husband Patrick McArdle: “Patrick McArdle, 31, General labourer, born Ireland; Rose, 32, wife, born Ireland; Patrick, son, 5, born Rutherglen; Mary McArdle, widow, 53, born Ireland” (Rose died 1895 Rutherglen. Son Patrick and a younger brother emigrated to Providence RI in their teens) *(1891 census of Scotland) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1891 April**: At St. Peter’s R.C. College (seminary) Partickhill Road, Glasgow, 27 rooms (included all rooms), three teaching staff, Rector William Cavan, John Ritchie vice rector, Ellis P. Rogan plus 15 students, a housekeeper, cook, two housemaids and a porter-messenger. Several theology students are of age to be shortly ordained (leaving space for arrival by Sep. 1891 of JM and his party from Issy), most of the remainder, listed as follows, are here when JM and his party arrive Aug-Sep 1891 and will go to the new St Peter’s (see 29 March 1892 entry below) – Arthur Towne, Walter Kelly, Andrew Lynch, Robert Paterson, Richard Young, Bernard Lynch, Alphonsus Ooghe – all Philosophy students at this point. *(1891 Census of Scotland) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1891 April 7:** Marriage of Francis McNally (nephew to Ellen McNally (McKearney)) to Ann Morgan at St. Patrick’s Catholic church, Montreal, Quebec: “…One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, after the publication of two banns of marriage….having received the mutual consent of Francis McNally, labourer, domiciled in this parish, son of deceased James McNally [brother to Ellen McNally (McKearney)] and of Ann Duffy of the County of Monaghan, in Ireland, of the one part and of Ann Morgan, domiciled in this parish, daughter of Thomas Morgan, labourer and of Margaret [illegible] of this parish, of the other part….have married them according to the …rites of the Holy Catholic Church, in presence of Catherine Morgan and Edward Connolly…..[signed] Francis McNally, Annie Morgan…Edward Connolly, Katie Morgan….P. Dowd, Priest”

(Note: Witness Edward Connolly likely same who was married to groom Francis McNally’s sister, Ellen McNally – Edward however was in Canada whilst wife Ellen McNally was still at Tullycomasky townland, Clontibret, before he returned to Clontibret and he and his wife emigrated to Providence RI 1900 – see below)

*(Cert. of Marriage, St. Patrick’s church, Monreal) [8 July 2019 research report]*

*[www.ancestry.com]*

**1891 July 20 (Monday)**: St. Columbkille’s church, Rutherglen, annual excursion: “St. Columbkill’s RC congregation excursion – The annual summer trip of the members of the church took place on Monday. The rendezvous chosen was Saltcoats. The weather was favourable and there was an exceeding large turnout. According to the estimate we formed when the excurtionists left the burgh there could not be fewer than 1000, including children. The Rev. D. McCarthy accompanied the excurtionists who behaved themselves throughout the day in a most admirable manner….At the railway station the officials accomplished the work of despatch without the slightest mishap. On the south beach a very pleasant day was spent and in the evening the party returned to the burgh, apparently all highly delighted with the day’s outing” *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 25 July 1891) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1891 Aug-Sep**: John McKearney arrives, from Issy/Paris, at St. Peter’s seminary, Partickhill, west Glasgow: “…after the summer holidays [1891] our numbers were increased by the arrival of some Scots students from Paris and then life went on as before. We were not, however, destined to spend another year in the old seminary” [entry date was likely August 1891 as several ordination notices (see 1897) of JM’s fellow students from Blairs and Issy give August as the month of entering St. Peter’s. *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ June 1924 edition, Jubilee (50th) of the founding of St. Peter’s seminary – recollections by an unnamed student from Partickhill from the 1891-92 period) [7 Feb 2019 research report][Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1891 August-September**: John McKearney has commenced study at St. Peter’s senior seminary, Partickhill, Glasgow *(Archdiocese Glasgow typed lists of students from 1892 to 1893 showing JM in his 2nd year Philosophy) [3 April 2019 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1891 Autumn/early spring 1892**: “occasionally we paid a visit to the country to see how the new building at New Kilpatrick (Bearsden) was progressing; and long before it was opened we had gauged the possibilities and were already debating as to who should have such and such a room” // “..my first happy memory is of my reception by Canon Caven (the rector of St. Peter’s). He broke that evening his rule of custody of the eyes, smiled and let me pass…our third professor, a new appointment, who was destined to introduce us to the domain of natural knowledge, was Dr. Rogan. He had just come back from Rome where he had been a medallist at the Gregorian University…we got all the Roman holidays as well as the feast-days and every day we went out for a walk…we were learning logic in those day // “At Partickhill the community room served many purposes, for in it was the only fire, as far as we were concerned, though the old house always had a comfortable look about it. However this room served also as a library. Here also we used to practise sacred music under the late Father James Mullen. We sang the Mass to our traditional Ratisbon chant” *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ June 1924 Jubilee (50th) of St. Peter’s seminary, edition – recollections of an unnamed Partickhill student from the 1891-92 period) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1891 August 4**: “Inauguration of the ‘Blairs Society’ – A meeting of a very interesting nature took place at Blairs College on the 4th day of August. This was a gathering of the old alumni of the college now serving on the Scotch Missions to inaugurate a ‘Blairs Society’. The object of the society is to promote and keep up a kindly feeling among themselves, and by showing their interest in the students, to encourage them in their college life. The society promises to be a most successful one, judging by the large gathering of the priests from all the dioceses at a season when so many are absent on vacation” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland 1892 – Chronicle of Events 1890-91’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1891 Autumn - 1892:** A note on Rector of St. Peter’s, Canon William Caven, age 67 in 1891 (rector until his death in 1896): “..he was a man of few words, always to the point, especially when he said “no”. It was said of him as of Marshal von Moltke, that he could hold his tongue in seven languages. He was a first rate mathematician…his knowledge of the rubrics of missal and brieviary, then far more complicated than now, was complete and absolutely to be relied upon. But his chief distinction was that he was a man of God who trained the students even more by example than by precept” *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ June 1924 Jubilee (50th) of St. Peter’s seminary edition – ‘some memories of 1881-1899 by the Right Rev. Monsignor John Ritchie) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1891 October 10**: Bridget McKearney sits her pupil-teacher exams for her 4th qualifying year: “Doctrine 4th year, Paper No. 1: 1. What is meant by *Divine Faith?* What are the qualities of Faith? How do we obtain Faith? 2. Explain the answer to the question ‘How is the Church *Catholic?’* 3. Explain the terms ‘the moral law’, ‘positive law’, ‘revealed law’, ‘natural law’ and give examples of each. Paper No. 2: 1. Give the meanings of the petitions “*Hallowed be Thy Name”* and “*Thy Kingdom Come”* 2. What are *Prayer* and *Almsdeeds?* How far are we bound to each? Scripture 4th Year, Paper No. 1: 1. What are the lessons you could teach from the Parables of the *Draw-Net*, the *Leaven* or the *Mustard Seed?* 2. Who were Gamaliel, Barsabas, Dorcas? 3. When and why were Deacons appointed? Write the history of the Deacon Philip. Paper No. 2: 1. What happened to St. Paul at Melita? 2. Write the history of St. Timothy? What is known of Silas?” *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow : Report of the religious examination of schools, July 1891-July 1892’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1891 October 26**: Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show arrives in Glasgow: “Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show arrived in Glasgow yesterday, having travelled by the Midland Railway from London in two special trains. In connection with the show there are over 250 people and 175 heads of stock. During the winter months the company will be encamped at the East End Exhibition buildings in Dennistoun” *(‘The Scotsman’ 27 Oct. 1891) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1891 November 28**: “On Saturday evening, the spacious building in which Buffalo Bill exhibits his Wild West Show was literally packed from floor to ceiling….” *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 28 Nov 1891 – detailed article) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1892 January:**  “The fund raised in connection with the Archbishop Eyre jubilee is said to amount to over £6000, the whole of which will be devoted to the establishment of bursaries in the new seminary at Bearsden” *(‘Glasgow Evening Post’ 7 Jan. 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1892 February 2**: “…last four weeks..Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show….East End Exhibition buildings, Duke Street…….trains to Bellgrove station every few minutes. Trains leave Bellgrove Station at 10.18 P.M. connecting at St. Enoch with suburban towns….” *(‘Glasgow Evening Post’ 2 Feb 1892) [6 Dec. 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 February 19-20 (Fri-Sat):** The children attending St. Columbkille’s school, Rutherglen, gave a grand kinderspiel and display of musical drill in the Town Hall: “Grand kinderspiel at Rutherglen – On Friday and Saturday evenings last week the children attending St. Columbkill’s school gave a grand kinderspiel and display of musical drill in the Town Hall, the platform of which had been elaborately arranged by the stage manager of the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow…On Friday night the hall was crowded in every part by an audience which for enthusiasm has seldom been seen in Rutherglen. The Rev. Dean McCarthy M.R. occupied the chair and was supported by a number of gentlemen interested in the welfare of the school over which Mr. M. McGonagle acts as headmaster….” *(‘Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner’ 27 Feb. 1892) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1892 February 27**: “….this is the last day….Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show….” *(‘Glasgow Evening Post’ 27 Feb 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 February:**  Cousins of Daniel McKearney at Scipio, NY state census showing: “Enumeration of the inhabitants…town of Scipio, Co. of Cayuga…Feb 16 1892 – Rev. H.F. Rafferty, age 51, born Ireland, Clergy”. In a neighbouring house his sister Mary: “James McGarry, age 40, born Ireland, labourer, Mary McGarry, 40, born Ireland, Francis McGarry, age 13, born Ireland, Mary McGarry, age 10, born Ireland”; and in another house there, their ageing father, Francis Rafferty, farmer. *(1892 NY State Census: ‘Enumeration of the Inhabitants of…..Town of Scipio….Co. of Cayuga’)[7 May 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1892 March 5**: “….Departure of Buffalo Bill’s Indians…yesterday afternoon from Mavisbank Quay, Glasgow, of a large number of Indians who took part in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show…The party sailed in the…steamer Corean, bound for New York and are proceeding to their homes in the Far West” *(‘Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette’ 5 March 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [British Newspaper Archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1892 March 11**: The new Catholic College for Glasgow, St. Peter’s near Bearsden, ready to be inhabited … “four storeys in height in domestic Gothic style…12 acres…the east wing will be fitted up as a temporary chapel [chapel built later, completed 1909] …on the first floor, suite of rooms for the archbishop and immediately adjoining are rooms for the Rector …in back portion…handsome classrooms..western wing..for library purposes…and eastern…as students’ rooms…on the 3rd floor, the chemistry classroom and laboratories….here also is the billiard and recreation room….meanwhile the intention is that only advanced students shall receive training…and to each of these a separate room will be given…” *(Glasgow Herald 11 March 1892 – a detailed fuller description of college within article) [6 Dec. 2018 research report]*

*[Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 (Thur-Sat) 10-12 March**: “The new college at Kilpatrick. Circular from the Archbishop: The following letter was read at all the Masses in the various churches throughout the Archdiocese of Glasgow on Sunday last [6th March] …The Archbishop is anxious that before the Diocesan College at New Kilpatrick is occupied by the professors and students, all who may wish to see the building and its internal arrangements, should have an opportunity of doing so. He has therefore given directions that all visitors are to be admitted to the College on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10th, 11th and 12th March. His Grace hopes that many of your congregation will be able to take advantage of this arrangement …at any hour between 10am and 6pm. The College is about a mile distant from Bearsden which can be easily reached by frequent trains from Queen Street [Glasgow] station, Low Level and omnibuses from the car terminus at Maryhill…” *(‘Glasgow Observer’ 12 March 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 March**: “Timetable – Underground Railway…[includes]…..Partick to Bellgrove…” [may have been a route taken from the seminary on Partickhill to visit Wild West Show at Bellgrove/Dennistoun, Nov 1891-Feb 1892] *(‘The Partick Star March 19 1892’ newspaper) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 March 12**: Bridget McKearney sits her final 4th year exam in Glasgow as a pupil teacher at St, Columbkill’s school, Rutherglen: “…Doctrine 4th Year, Paper No. 1: 1. Shew that the mark of *holiness* is applicable to the Catholic Church. 2. What is the virtue of Charity? Explain your definition of it. Paper No. 2: 1. Explain these words of the Council of Trent – “It is good and useful to invoke” the Saints, showing how it is (a) good and (b) useful. 2. Explain the answer to the question “How do you know that Christ appointed St. Peter to be the head of the Church?” 3. What is meant by the terms Inward Grace, Outward Grace, Graces gratuitously bestowed, Habitual Grace? Scripture 4th Year, Paper No. 1: 1. Give the Parables of the *Hidden Treasure* and the *Pearl of great price,*

And say what lessons each parable teaches as to Faith and Grace. 2. What Parables taught the Jews that the Kingdom should be taken from them? Paper No. 2: 1. What events happened at Lystra? 2. ON what occasions and under what pretexts was St. Paul imprisoned? 2. Who were Tabitha, Gamaliel, Timothy, Silas?” (Additional Archdiocese of Glasgow Archive record shows Bridget’s exam marks, by year – 2nd year: 2nd class pass, 133; 3rd year: 2nd class pass, 112; 4th year: 2nd class pass 125) *(‘Archdiocese of Glasgow: Report of the Religious examination of schools July 1891-July 1892’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1892 March 18**: “The students of St. Peter’s College today present Archbishop Eyre with an illuminated address…the 50th year of his priesthood…to thank him for the magnificent new college he has erected for them…” *(‘Glasgow Evening* *Post’ 18 March 1892)* *[6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*// “In the spring of 1892 the superiors and the students of the diocesan College for the archdiocese of Glasgow took possession of their new home at New Kilpatrick. It was the year of the golden jubilee of Archbishop Eyre’s elevation to the priesthood and the last function of importance to take place in the old College at Partickhill was the presentation of an address to His Grace to offer him the warmest congratulations of those whom he delighted to call his children. The address was presented on St. Joseph’s Eve, 11 days prior to their departure. The magnificent pile of new buildings at Bearsden was finished towards the end of 1891, but it was not considered advisable to enter into possession of it until the following spring…he [Archbishop Eyre] gave for it over £40,000 out of his own purse. It is a monument of his devotedness to the archdiocese..” *(‘St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 March 19**: “Today is the jubilee of Archbishop Eyre, the first Roman Catholic prelate of Glasgow since James Beatoun who died 289 years ago. To the people of Glasgow his Grace is better known as a generous citizen constantly associated in the philanthropic schemes of his diocese and sinking his English nationality in the personality of a Glasgow clergyman. Ordained in Rome 50 years ago he commenced his clerical duties at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1843 where his earnest work for the victims of the Irish famine fever is still remembered. It was in 1869 that he was consecrated Archbishop of Anazarba – practically of Glasgow – though he did not hold this position in name until 13 years ago. His crowning work for this city in the Catholic cause has been his generous gifts to Partickhill and Kilpatrick seminaries but among Catholics he is known also as an able literary man and among all classes as an enthusiastic archaeologist. There are rumours of a Cardinal’s hat coming to Glasgow and no where could it be more fittingly bestowed” *(‘Glasgow Evening Post’ 19 March 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 March 29**: John McKearney moves with fellow students from the old seminary building at Partickhill to the newly built St. Peter’s at rural Bearsden : “…then came the day for us to move. It was the Jubilee year of our founder (Archbishop Charles Eyre) and the last public function in Partickhill was the presentation to His Grace of an address and congratulation by the professors and the students…we set about packing…hampers to be filled with crockery and beds to be bundled together and furniture of every description to be hauled out to waiting lorries. Some of this was done the night before…it was completed on the morrow when after a cold lunch consisting of a Melton-Mowbray and a glass of beer we took a last look round and sadly, not to say tearfully, set out on the road to Bearsden. It was 29 March 1892. The sacristan with another student drove out in a cab with the sacred vessels and altar requisites. We, the “house” arrived early in the afternoon. The superiors had arrived before us and were walking up and down in front of the building. Then Archbishop Eyre himself drove up with Mr. P. P. Pugin, and the company gathered on the front steps. Mr. Pugin, the architect, presented the founder of the College (Eyre) with a handsome ceremonial key and the Archbishop, after a few suitable words, opened the door and entered the building, followed by the Rector, the two professors and the students. It was a simple little ceremony but one which has taken firm root in the minds of those who had a part in it…the following are the names of the students who passed from Partickhill to New Kilpatrick: W. Kelly (Walter Kelly), R. Paterson (Robert Paterson), A. Lynch (Andrew Lynch), B. Lynch (Bernard Lynch), A. Ooghe (Alphonsus Ooghe), J. Towie (James Towie), A. McCormick (Alexander McCormick), J. Laveth, J. MacDonald, D. McBrearty (Dennis McBrearty), A. Towne, J. Lynch, J. Kierney (James Kierney) and J. McKearney (John McKearney)….we had a cold reception within; we felt ill at ease in those big, spacious bare whitewashed corridors – we felt lost. But we were practical men and we immediately set about securing rooms. We all had had an eye on certain chambers long before this and I remember the efforts made to secure rooms whose windows were not overlooked by the front central! In due time the contractor’s men appeared…trunks were opened and beds fixed up and it was late in the night before we laid our weary heads on the pillow. We still had to walk out on holidays but on ordinary days we could keep to the spacious grounds…in our new abode it took more time to walk up from the bottom of the front field where most of the students happened to be towards the end of recreation ..the bell was introduced…Father Denis McBrearty had the honour of being our first bellman” *(St. Peter’s College Magazine, ‘Claves Regni’, June 1924 Jubilee (50th) edition for St. Peter’s seminary founding – by an unnamed student from the 1891-92 period) [7 Feb. 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 March 29**: [a further recollection from another edition]: “On 29th March 1892, the staff of the old College travelled by horse-cab to the new one. They were Very Rev. Canon Caven, the Rector, and two Professors, Rev John Ritchie, Vice Rector and Rev Ellis P Rogan. Two of the students also drove out in a cab with the sacred vessels and altar requisites. One other was sick in hospital. The rest, fourteen in number, walked all the way, a distance of five miles. The names of these first residents in the new place are known. They were Walter Kelly, senior student, James Kierney, Andrew Lynch, Bernard Lynch, John Lynch, Alphonsus Ooghe, J. McKearney, James P. Towie, Francis Brogan, Alexander McCormick, J. Fitzpatrick, Joseph Laveth, James MacDonald, Thomas Murphy, Peter Gallagher, Robert Paterson, Denis McBrearty. The last two mentioned are still living…*(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ Golden Jubilee edition of College at Bearsden, June 1942 – article entitled ‘The Story of the College’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 April 21**: An address presented by the Clergy and the Laity to Archbishop Eyre on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his ordination: “We rejoice with Your Grace on the completion and occupation of the new Diocesan College. We regard this as the crowning glory of your Episcopate and pray that it may for generations, realise with ever-increasing success, the design and expectations of its Founder. It stands as a monument of religious zeal and its beauty of design and massive structure will carry down your memory for centuries to come as munificent even among the munificent occupants of the See of Glasgow …we now ask Your Grace to receive this expression of love and homage which we make in the name of the whole Archdiocese; and we beg your acceptance of this Casket enclosing a cheque for £2600 towards the endowment of the New College which with your portrait will be presented to you on an early day, will be a perpetual remembrance of the attachment of your people…” [The Archbishop’s reply]: “We have no words to express to you the depth of our feeling or the warmth of our gratitude. Our best thanks are due and are given to the canons of the chapter, to the clergy of our missions and to all and each of the men, women and children in the Arcdiocese, for the address that has just been presented to us…It would not become us to speak of the completion and occupation of the Diocesan College, beyond saying that a College was indespensible to the wants of the diocese – that in the colleges of Blairs, Rome, Paris and Valladolid, the diocese has but 43 youths. Many of these are young boys, of whom some may not wish to continue their studies for the church and some others may be found not to have the health or strength needed for the missionary life. For the wants of the diocese about six priests will be required every year. If boys go to college at 14 and their college course is one of 9 or 10 years, it will require 60 students at New Kilpatrick to keep up the supply. The college and its 12 acres of ground have been made over to trustees for the purpose of the diocese for ever” *(St. Peter’s College Magazine ‘Claves Regni’ June 1924 edition – article ‘Archbishop Eyre: The last phase’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 April 21**: “Celebration of the Sacerdotal Jubilee of the Most Rev. Charles Eyre, D.D., Archbishop of Glasgow – on Thursday the 21st of April , his Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow received in his Cathedral church of St. Andrew’s, Glasgow, a presentation of an address from the clergy and catholics of the archdiocese…..[this is a long description of his Jubilee events, relevant parts as may relate to JM noted as follows] …the cathedral was crowded with clergy and laity from all parts of the archdiocese. At 11 o’clock solemn High Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Canon Maguire assisted by the Rev. Fr. Ritchie of the Seminary [St. Peter’s] as deacon and Fr. Stewart of the cathedral as sub-deacon. His Grace occupied his throne where he was attended by Canons Caven [Rector of St. Peter’s seminary] and McFarlane. His Grace the Most Rev. Angus Macdonald and their Lordships the Bishops of Aberdeen and Dunkeld were also present, while the provost and canons of the chapter were seated within the sanctuary……..[goes on to narrate part of the address as relates to the new St. Peter’s College, as given in above entry from the college magazine]….The deputation then handed his Grace the address which was engrossed in vellum and the cheque. Both were enclosed in a handsome silver casket of Runic design. On the front panel was a chasing of St. Andrew’s Cathedral and on the reverse side of the new college at New Kilpatrick….[Archbishop Eyre’s speech of reply then narrates over 4 pages, covering some of the history of the archdiocese including]: ‘at the time of the Reformation the population of Glasgow was about 5000 souls; and the old Cathedral sufficed for their need. Even in 1708 after the Union [of Scotland and England] the population of Glasgow was under 13,000; and in the first year of the present century, when a census was taken, it was only 83,000. Today in the city the Catholics are 120,000 and in the diocese 230,000. The only dioceses in the United Kingdom that are larger are Dublin and Liverpool. The see has now attained very large dimensions…’. At the close of his remarks the Archbishop was again applauded. The singing of the *Te Deum* concluded the ceremonial” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland 1893 – Chronicle of Events 1891-2’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892**: Miss Short, possibly from Scotland, takes the Scots boys at Issy out for the ‘day of sortie’. Some sort of complaint as to their/her conduct during these outings has arisen. She ‘did not apply’ to take the boys out 1893 due to being severely rebuked by Hugh MacDonald, Bishop, Aberdeen Cathedral: “Grand Seminaire d’Issy , Seine, Paris 28/4/93 – My Lord, the information you requested on the affair of the sortie of the students of N. Dame is very simple – Miss Short, the lady in question, is not as her name seems at first sight to indicate, at all young. She is at least a little over forty and was in the habit last year of calling on the champisles and bringing them out for the day of sortie. The parents of those students resident at Paris generally took their sons to their homes to pass the day and those from a strange country could also go out but only on condition that they be called for by someone that they knew. The reason why Miss Short ceased to apply for them this year was that during the vacations the Rev bh [Bishop] MacDonald of the Cathedral Aberdeen, called at her house and rebuked her somewhat severely for taking upon herself such a duty. We have always considered him to have been commissioned or at least approved by your Lordships and of course we have seen nothing objectionable in the proceeding. As to their proceedings in the sorties of last year I can assure you that I never heard them mentioning one case in which they abused the liberty granted them nor do I know of any myself. In Paris during the daytime there is very little temptation to do anything outree – the places of amusement are all shut and altogether the city has very little that can distract a seminarist. To visit one building of interest or better still to stroll along the quays in search of cheap books was and is usually the occupation of everyone that goes out on an ordinary day. Besides one has not enough money to afford to spend it uselessly. They dined with Miss Short and then during the whole afternoon they usually visited us at Issy…” *(Letter from John McDaniel, to unknown recipient in Scottish Catholic hierarchy) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Scottish Catholic Archives, Edinburgh]*

**1892 August [until July 1893]**: John McKearney begins his study 2nd year Philosophy at St Peter’s College, Bearsden, financed by a McLaughlin Bursary derived from a trust of Peter McLaughin, Pawnbroker who had died Glasgow 1877: “Archdiocese of Glasgow Church Students 1892-93, College, Glasgow [St. Peter’s] Philosophy – Second Year [7 students]: …John McKearney M’L [McLaughlin bursary], Jas. Kierney M’L; Denis McBrearty M’L; Jas. McDonald M’L; Francis Brogan J[Jubilee Bursary]; Peter Gallagher; Jas. Fitzpatrick..” [a further 19 students are listed at St. Peter’s this term, 1st and 2nd year Theology students and 1st Year Philosophy and Rhetoric students] *(Archdiocese* *Glasgow original typed list of ecclesiastical students 1892-93). [6 December 2018 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives, Glasgow]*

**1892**: “St. Peter’s College, New Kilpatrick – Rector, Very Rev. Wm. Canon Caven; Vice-Rector and Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Rev. John Ritchie; Professor of Philosophy, Rev. Ellis P. Rogan D.D. – on Sunday, Mass at 7.30, 11; Vespers and Benediction at 4.30; On Holidays, Mass at 7, 9. On week days, Mass at 7…..Donations and subscriptions for the purpose of establishing Burses, or towards the maintenance of the alumni, will be received by the Archbishop or the Diocesan Treasurer, 158 Renfrew Street, Glasgow. Or the Rector of the seminary” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland 1892’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 September** : “The New College at Blairs – Cutting the first turf. At the beginning of the week the ceremony of cutting the first turf of the new Catholic College at Blairs was performed by the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh in presence of a large number of clergymen and students…the existing accommodation at Blairs has of late been quite inadequate for the increasing number of students. Originally built to accommodate 50 students, there were, for example, 70 in attendance last year, in the present buildings and an extension or anew building altogether became imperative. The Bishops of Scotland came to the resolution to erect an entirely new edifice and the plans of the building selected make provision for the accommodation of 100 students at a cost of from £15,000 to £20,000…….[long article]” [JM was one of the last of the old buildings and of the final year of long-time Rector Grant. The new Blairs was no doubt encouraged by Archbishop Eyre’s St. Peter’s seminary at Bearsden] *(‘The Tablet, Saturday September 17 1892’ – a Catholic newspaper’) [3 April 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892**: “Rutherglen – St. Columbkill. 1853. Rev. Denis McCarthy M.R., Rev. John Macdonald. Sittings 800. *Missionary Rectory.* On Sunday, Mass at 8.30, 9.30, 11; Evening Service at 7. Mass on Holidays at 8.30, 10; on Week-days at 8. Day schools mixed, average 288, and for infants, average 87. Societies – Holy Family, Children of Mary, League of the Cross, St. Vincent de Paul, Living Rosary, Apostleship of Prayer” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy and Laity in Scotland 1892’) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 November 26 (Saturday)**: Funeral of Monsignor Munro….interred on Saturday in Dalbeth cemetery. At 11 o’clock requiem mass was celebrated in St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Great Clyde Street in presence of a congregation which crowded every part of the building. Many of the worshippers were of the poorer class but there was also a large representation of persons in the higher grades of the community……….Among the other clergy present in the sanctuary were His Grace Archbishop MacDonald of St. Andrew’s and Edinburgh; the Rt. Rev. James Smith, Bishop of Dunkeld……….there was a full choir, the ranks of the usual choristers being augmented by students from St. Peter’s College, Bearsden. After Mass His Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow delivered his panegyric……The service, which was very impressive throughout, terminated with the absolutions being pronounced by the Bishops. There was a large assemblage of people in Great Clyde Street to witness the departure of the funeral cortege…” *(‘The Glasgow Herald’ 28 Nov. 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1892 December 23**: “A very impressive function called, in ecclesiastical language, ‘The Month’s Mind’ took place in St. Andrew’s R.C. Cathedral in Great Clyde Street this morning at 11am in presence of a large congregation gathered from different city parishes. On a raised catafalque in front of the high altar rested the Monsignor’s robes of the late Dr. Munro and round it burned half a dozen lights. The solemn memorial service took the form of a dirge chanted by the members of the Cathedral Chapter, eight of whom were present including…Very Rev. Canon Caven, Bearsden, ….and by almost a dozen students from St. Peter’s seminary, New Kilpatrick, together with two Franciscan priests in their brown habits – all of whom occupied seats in the sanctuary stalls. Some eight priests vested in cottas and cassocks occupied reserved seats in the nave of the church….Then followed the celebration of a solemn Requiem Mass…..the touching music incidental to the occasion was admirably rendered by a choir of students, assisted by clergy, with organ accompaniment, the Dies Ira – Day of Wrath – being especially impressive. The final absolution and prayer were pronounced by Canon Maguire amid great pomp and the ceremony closed with a solemn procession” *(‘Glasgow Evening Post’ 23 Dec. 1892) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1893 Summer**: End of term at St. Peter’s seminary, Bearsden – JM’s 2nd year concluded.

**July 1893**: last known reference to JM in Scottish diocesan records: “Students left College [10 names including] John McKearney, left St. Peter’s, July, was dismissed” (appears to simply mean a formal discharge from the college, because he was emigrating, rather than any other reason as other students on list have specific reasons after their names such as ‘unsuitable’ and ‘gave up wish to be priest’. The only other two with ‘left St. Peter’s, was dismissed’ after their name are Jas. Kearney and P. Gallagher who both left November 1893) *(Personal Diary 1893 of Archbishop Eyre – Archdiocese of Glasgow) [3 April 2019 research report] [Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives – Glasgow]*

**1893 August 9**: Rose McKearney, 27, emigrated - sailed from Glasgow to Boston on the Nestorian : “Allan Line and State Line – Schedule B, Form of Passenger List; Nestorian; master: Alex McDougall; where bound: Boston via Londonderry; total number of adults…ship can legally carry: 152; Rose McKearney, Dom[estic], 26..” // “Port of Boston - Alien immigrants arrived by steamship Nestorian from Glasgow, August 1893, McKearney, Rose, [age] 20; nationality: Irish; last residence: Scotland; Destination: Providence RI; Occupation: Domestic; no. of pieces of baggage: 2” *(Passenger List :‘Allan Line and State Line’) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1893 August 23 (Wed):** John McKearney emigrates, sailing from Glasgow to Boston on *The Prussian*: “’Allan Line’ and ‘State Line’ – From Glasgow to Boston: Prussian, Aug. 23” *(‘Glasgow Herald’ 15 Aug. 1893) [www.britishnewspaperarchive.com]*

“Prussian; Master: James McAdam; where bound: Boston via Moville [n.e. Co. Donegal] and Galway…McKearney, Jno., Student; [age] 21; [destination] Providence RI” *(‘Allan Line & State Line: Form of Passenger List’) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

“Sailed from Glasgow…August 23: Prussian, McDougall [Master], Boston – general” *(‘Glasgow Herald’ 24 Aug. 1893) (6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1893 September 3-4**: John McKearney arrives at Boston on The Prussian. The ship is at Boston by 5 September : “Line Movements: Allan – Prussian, from Glasgow to Boston, September 5” *(‘Glasgow Evening Post’ 7 Sep. 1893) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1893 September 4:** Opening of new theological seminary, St. Bernard’s, Rochester NY: “A students’ retreat opened at St. Bernard’s seminary and lasted five days. Dr. Meehan had charge. There were about 40 students present during the week. The seminary opened for instruction with the number of students mentioned above. Sixty-eight priests of the diocese of Rochester were in retreat at St. Bernard’s last week. Rev. Father Doonan, a Jesuit of Boston, conducted it. The priests expressed great satisfaction with the accommodation at the seminary building” (John McKearney’s arrival in the USA coincided with the opening of the new seminary. He entered 2 years later, Sept. 1895) *(‘The Catholic Journal’ [Rochester], 9 Sept. 1893) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1893 September 12**: The Prussian left Boston again for Glasgow : “Prussian left Boston for Glasgow , Sept. 12” *(‘Glasgow Herald’ 14 Sep. 2018 research report) [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1893 November 27**: John McKearney made declaration on intention to become US citizen *(Common Please Division, Supreme Court, Providence Co RI – 1899 Naturalization Petition)*

**1894 June 7**: Bridget McKearney, age 19, emigrated – sailed on the Circassia to New York : “Anchor Line…..Passenger List – Circassia, Master: Shanklin; bound: New York…Bridget McKearney” *(Passenger List : Anchor Line) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1894 October 17**: Daniel McKearney, Ellen McNally and family – Mary Ann, Maggie, Nellie and Mary, emigrated – sailed from Liverpool to New York on the Majestic , Cunard and White Star Line: “Passenger List…Majestic; bound: New York; Port of embarkation: Liverpool; Mr D. McKearney, Gasmaker, age 51 [62], Mrs. McKearney, wife, 48; Mary A., Weaver, 29 [33], Maggie, Weaver, 26; Nellie, weaver, 15; Mary, child, age 11 [12]” *(Passenger List) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.findmypast.co.uk]*

“Cunard and White Star Line, Royal Mail Steamers from Liverpool to New York in 5 ½ days….SS Majestic, October 17th. Passage rates from £2” *(‘Aberdeen Evening Express’ Mon. 15 Oct. 1894) [18 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

“White Star Line, Royal Mail Steamers – Liverpool to New York via Queenstown, every Wednesday – ‘Majestic’ Oct. 17th…second cabin…Cotton not carried on passenger steamers,,,Steerage passage at low rates, including outfir free of charge, to New York, Boston, Philadelphia or Baltimore. Superior accommodation at moderate fares for saloon and second cabin….Ismay, Imrie & Co., 10 Water Street, Liverpool” *(‘Aberdeen Free Press’ 15 Oct. 1894) [18 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk]*

**1895**: “[at] Welcome Avenue, No. 3: McKearney, Daniel, labourer, h[ouse]; McKearney, John, clerk, b[oarder]” (meaning Daniel is the householder or name on tenancy, unless it was owned; since Daniel and family did not arrive in USA until late Oct. 1894, the advert was possibly pre-booked by John for inclusion in the 1895 edition or published later in the year) *(‘The Providence House Directory for 1895’) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1895 June 7:** John McKearney buys a 5 acre plot of land in Scipio Town $500, from originally local man, George L. Fordyce, of Youngstown, Ohio; recorded 24 Feb. 1896. The plot – “lot no. 23 in said town” is north-west of his relative Rev. Hugh Rafferty’s home at St. Bernard’s church: “Indenture….George L Fordyce of Youngstown, Ohio, only heir at law of Louisa Fordyce and Grace Fordyce, his wife….to John F. McKearney of Scipio…” (Maps show it to be the last or second last property on the road heading north out of town – present day 3478-3486 South Street Road, Scipio Center: it remains largely to be in such a location today, with little after it northwards until the next settlement and the view from the front of the house was then as now, endless open fields. Was this the house where his parents and siblings lived? Daniel McKearney’s death notice Feb. 1898 describe the ‘family home’ as being ‘near Scipio Center’: this location would tie in with that) *(Cayuga County Deed Book 180: Indenture) [15 April 2020 research report] [Cayuga Co. Historian’s Office, Auburn NY]*

**1895 July 27:** “Scipio - Miss Bridget McKearney presides at the organ in St. Bernard’s church during the absence of Miss Lizzie Byrne who is spending her vacation at her home in Weedsport” // “Scipio - P. Hannial McKearney is repairing his house on North Main Street”(both entries are from the same edition of The Catholic Journal. The family were obviously living at Scipio Center within months of arrival in the USA. Whilst Hanniel is a Biblical name, in this instance is likely an 1895 style printer’s error; also finding no such person in basic census, etc records) *(‘The Catholic Journal’ [Rochester], 27 July 1895) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1895 August 9:** “John McKerney sustained serious injury while driving Father Rafferty’s vicious team a few days ago, the team running away and one of the horses legs were broken” *(‘The Catholic Journal’ Aug. 17 1895) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1895 August 9 (Fri):** “No bones were broken – John McKearney, a young farmer from Scipio…drove to the city Friday…with his spirited team of bays…pole of the waggon gave way…he was pulled out of the waggon and dragged twenty feet…able to leave hospital in a few days” (This is very likely John McKearney as the name is not otherwise found in another of the name at Scipio; also the fact that it was his relative’s horses he had charge of – Rev. Hugh Rafferty – strengthens probability that it is he. His description as a young farmer likely due to fact that he did not enter St. Bernard’s, to resume his studies – continuing from progress in Scotland and Paris – until 9 September 1895. What had his intentions been from arrival in USA, Sep.1893-Sep.1895? Two years out of formal ecclesiastical study? Or was he studying elsewhere at least for some part of this 2 year period?) *(‘The Weekly News and Democrat’ 14 Aug. 1895) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1895 August 10:** “Scipio - The choir is progressing finely under the instructions of Miss Bridget McKearney” // “An entertainment will be held at Scipioville August 14th for the benefit of St. Bernard’s church” *(‘The Catholic Journal’ [Rochester] 10 Aug. 1895) [15 May 2020 research report] (*[*www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org*](http://www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org)*)*

**1895 September 9:** John McKearney began his theological studies at St. Bernard’s seminary, Rochester: “John Francis McKearney, baptized 5 Dec 1871 parish of Tynan, Ireland….philosophical studies in Glasgow, Scotland; Theological Studies: St. Bernard’s seminary. Entered 9 Sept. 1895. Ordained priest for Louisville 11 June 1898….original not found, copied by J.J. Hartley” (Hartley was rector of St. Bernard’s) *[Diocese of Rochester Archives]*

**1895 December 10:** Death of niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney) at Rutherglen – Rose McNally, wife of Patrick McArdle, leaving a family of young children: “Rose McArdle, married to Patrick McArdle, Steel works labourer, 1895, December 10th, 21 New Street, Rutherglen, age 40; [daughter of] James McNally, Farmer (deceased) and Ann Duffy; Gastritis 4 days, certified; [Informant]: Patrick McArdle, widower, present” (Two of Rose’s sons – Patrick and John Francis and daughter Ellen - had emigrated to Providence RI by 1906. Another, James b.1887, at 13 Greenbank St, Rutherglen – next door at 13 Greenbank Street were Ellen McNally, husband Daniel McKearney and family) *(Scottish Civil registration death certificate) [8 July 2019 research report][www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

“1895 December 12th, Rose McArdle, age 40, inflammation – common ground [i.e. no purchased lair] *(‘St. Peter’s Cemetery, Dalbeth [Glasgow] – interments in common ground’) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1896 July 18:** “Scipio – John McKearney of St. Bernard’s theological seminary of Rochester is spending his vacation with Rev. H.F. Rafferty” // “Miss B. McKearney presides at the organ in St. Bernard’s church in the absence of Elizabeth Bryne” *(‘The Catholic Journal’ [Rochester] 18 July 1896) [15 April 2020 research report] (www.nyshistoricnewspaperarchive.org)*

**1897 September 2**: “John F. McKearney of Seneca Falls was the guest of friends in town today” (a town north of Scipio Center and west of Auburn but on the west side of Cayuga Lake – there is no immediate record evidence that there was another John F. McKearney in the area at this time) *(‘The Auburn Bulletin’ 2 Sep 1897) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1897**: Ordination notices, Archdiocese of Glasgow, of several classmates of John McKearney, from his time at Blairs, Issy and St. Peter’s College, New Kilpatrick – these usefully give confirmation of the institutions attended and the date of going to Blairs seems to be in the month of August even though study commenced in September. Their period spent at Blairs is also longer than that of JM’s 2 years, suggesting possibly that (see 1886 above) he had done some study for the 1886-87 academic year (when he did not get into Blairs on first attempt) Such pre-Blairs study is certainly advised (see June 28 1887) with the ‘Brothers’, possibly Marist Brothers: “The Rev. Denis McBrearty…born Dumbarton 1872…entered Blairs College, August 1886 and Petite Communaute des Clercs de Saint Sulpice, Issy, Paris, October 1889. He was recalled to the Seminary, Partick, August 1891….Rev. James MacDonald was born in Glasgow…in 1872…went to Blairs College on 18th August 1885 and after doing the usual studies there, passed to the Petit Seminaire de St. Sulpice, Issy. After a two year course in classics he entered St. Peter’s, Partickhill, in August 1891 and finished his studies in St. Peter’s, New Kilpatrick, in June 1896……..Rev. Andrew Lynch was born in Glasgow 1870. He entered Blairs 8th August 1884 and passed to the Petite Communaute des Clercs de St. Sulpice, Paris, 3rd October 1888. He entered St. Peter’s College, Partick, January 1890” *(‘The Catholic Directory for the Clergy & Laity in Scotland – Ordinations 1897’) [3 April 2019 research report][Mitchell Library, Glasgow]*

**1897 November 16:**  Birth of first grandchild of Daniel McKearney & Ellen McNally: Francis Joseph Roy, son of Ludger Roy and Mary Ann McKearney, age 36: “Return of a Birth: Town of Cranston, Nov 15th 1897, Francis Joseph Roy; No. of child of mother: 1st; Place of birth: 5 Cutting Avenue [Cranston]; father: Ludger Roy, age 27 [actually 37], Labourer; father’s birthplace: St. John, Canada; mother’s name: Mary Roy, maiden name McKerny [McKearney], age 27 [actually 37]; mother’s birthplace: Scotland [Ireland]” (Mary Ann is evidently living in the Cranston/Providence area at a time when her parents and siblings are in upstate NY at Scipio Center) *(Return of a Birth: State of Rhode Island) [7 May 2019 research report]* *[www.familysearch.org]*

**1897 December 18 (Saturday)**: “Orders conferred on students at St. Bernard’s seminary – This morning, not evening as some of the secular papers printed it, at 6.30 o’clock in the chapel of St. Bernard’s seminary, Daniel Murphy of Louisville and George F. Hefsler of Syracuse, was ordained deacons of the church. James Mckearney and Aloysius Meyering were ordained as sub-deacons for the diocese of Louisville, Kentucky…” *(‘The Catholic Journal’ Rochester Sat., 18 Dec. 1897) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1898 February 11:** “Scipio: Mr. McKerney is about the same. John McKerney is home from school assisting in the care of his father. Also Bridget McKerney is home from Buffalo” *(‘Moravia Republican’ NY – Fri. Feb 11 1898) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1898 February 22**: Death of “Daniel McKearney, age 65, labourer, birthplace Ireland [at] Scipio Center; pulmonary trouble; place of burial: St. Bernard’s Cemetery [Scipio Center, Cayuga Co., NY]; parentage: Patrick McKearney and Margaret McKearney” (Daniel’s mother’s name – Mary Hughes – erroneously given as Margaret, perhaps suggesting she had died many years before and her name was lost to family memory – informant’s name not recorded. See also his re-interment record 1903 below where it is again given erroneously - as Bridget) *(Death certificate Cayuga Co, NY) [3 April 2019 research report][Town of Scipio local courthouse records]*

**1898 February 22**: “McKearney – in the town of Scipio, Tuesday night, Feb 22 1898, at the family home near Scipio Center, Daniel McKearney. Notice of funeral hereafter” *(‘Auburn Daily Advertiser’ Wednesday, Feb 23 1898) [7 May 2019 research report][www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1898 February 22**: “McKearney – Tuesday night, Feb 22 1898 at the family home near Scipio Center, Daniel McKearney. Funeral from the house Saturday morning at 9.30. Service at St. Bernard’s church, Scipio Center at 10 o’clock. Interment at Scipio Center” *(‘The Auburn Bulletin’ Friday February 25 1898) [7 May 2019 research report] [Seymour Library, Auburn NY]*

**1898**: “Institutions in Secular Charge – Rochester: St. Bernard’s Theological Seminary, opened Sept 4 1893 – Rev. J.J. Hartley, pro rector and professor of moral theology…….” *(‘Hoffmans’ Catholic Directory…for 1898’) [3 April 2019 research report][www.archive.org]*

**1898 May 27**: “Examinations at St. Bernard’s – Changes to be made in the Diocese, Priests to be ordained – Lectures will close in St. Bernard’s seminary today. The yearly examinations will begin tomorrow. Examinations will be conducted in dogmatic, moral theology, Scripture, Hebrew, Canon law, liturgy, logic, metaphysics, German literature, chemistry, botany, astronomy and ecclesiastical history. One entire week will be devoted to examinations. There will follow a spiritual retreat of a week’s duration. After that, at June 11th at 9 o’clock a.m. in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, orders will be conferred….The following reverend deacons will be ordained priests…Rev. M. Murphy, Rev. Mr. Meyering, Rev. Mr. McKearney, Rev. Mr. Straub, Rev. T. Connors, Rev. Mr, Hofshneider, Rev. Mr. Keenan, Rev. Mr. Rawlinson and Rev. A.F. Burns. Only five of the newly ordained priests are destined for the Rochester diocese…..The attendance at St. Bernard’s during the year has ranged between 60 and 70….” *(‘Rochester Democrat and Chronicle’ Fri., May 27 1898) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1898 June 11 (Saturday)**: John McKearney Ordained, for Diocese of Louisville, by Bishop Bernard McQuaid, in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Rochester, New York – “Nine new priests – Ordination ceremonies will be held at the Cathedral this morning. This morning at 9 o’clock at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the following students will be ordained to the priesthood by the Bishop, Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid….Rev. Mr. McKearney….Mr Meyering will say his first mass at St. Michael’s Church at 10.30 o’clock tomorrow morning. He has been assigned to the diocese of Louisville. Rev. Mr McKearney will say his first mass at the same hour and time at St. Bernard’s Seminary and will soon depart for Louisville, where he has been assigned…..” *(‘Rochester Democrat and Chronicle’ Saturday June 11 1898) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1898 June 11**: “Ordination services will be held in the Cathedral this morning at 9 o’clock. Holy orders will be conferred by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid. The following young men will be elevated to the priesthood: Revs. George Burns, James Keenan, Thomas Connors, Edmund Rawlinson and Leopold Hofschneider, for the diocese of Rochester; Revs. Denis Murray, Aloysius Meyering and John McKearney for the diocese of Louisville KY; Rev. George Heisler for the diocese of Syracuse; and Rev. Joseph Straub for the diocese of Alton, Ill.;…..The Rochester seminarians who will be ordained priests are the first to have made the full course of philosophy and theology in St. Bernard’s seminary” *(‘The Catholic Journal’ Rochester, 11 June 1898) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1898 June [until May 1899]**: JM Assistant curate at St. Stephen’s Church, Owensboro, Kentucky.

**1898 June [until May 1899]**: “Owensboro, Daviess Co., St. Stephen’s, Very Rev. A.J. McConnell, pastor, dean; Rev. John F. McKearney, Assistant. Res[idence]: 210 Mulberry St” *(‘Hoffman’s Catholic Directory…for 1899’) [3 April 2019 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1898 September 9:** “Miss Bridgie McKearney of Auburn has been visiting her friend Mrs. Peter Kane, since Wednesday” (This may be Bridget McKearney as there is no McKearney on the 1900 Auburn census; also Margaret McKearney’s death in July 1899, reported in local Cayuga Co. newspapers that the family had formerly been of both Scipio Center and Auburn) *(‘The Daily News’ Batavia NY, 9 Sep. 1898) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1899 [until 1910]:** John McKearney becomes pastor at Stanley, Daviess Co. KY:“Stanley, Daviess Co., St. Peter of Alcantara’s, Rev. John F. McKearney, Pastor. Mission: Reed’s Station, St. Augustine’s” *(‘The Catholic* *Directory….for 1900’ also 1901 edition; 1902 edition;)*  “Stanley, Daviess Co., St. Peter of Alcantara’s, Rev. John F. McKearney, Pastor, P.O. Address Owensboro, Ky RFD No. 4. School 1 lay teacher, boys 15, girls 20. Mission, Reed Ky, St. Augustine’s Church” *(‘Catholic Directory….for 1903’ and 1904* *edition)* “Stanley, Daviess Co., St. Peter of Alacantara’s, Rev. John F. McKearney, administrator. Address: Owensboro, Ky, R.F.D. No.4” [note the change in term from ‘pastor’ to ‘administrator’ 1905-1906. Editions for 1907-1910 return to use of ‘pastor’) *(‘Catholic* *Directory…for 1905’ and 1906 edition;1907-1910 editions) [3 April 2019 research report][www.archive.org]*

**1899**: Bridget McKearney goes to Stanley, Daviess Co, KY to live with her brother Rev John McKearney; she teaches ‘a select school’ at St. Peter’s *(Twice-A-Week Messenger 24 Feb 1903) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1899:** “Potter Av., No. 733, McKearney, Ellen, widow, h[ouse]” *(‘Providence House Directory for 1899’) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1899 June:** Rev. James McKearney, a cousin to Rev. John F. McKearney, ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin : “Fr. James McKearney, son of Patrick and Catherine McKearney, was born at Crossbane, Derrynoose. His father was from Crossdall. Fr. James was ordained at All Hallows College in June 1899, one year after his cousin Fr. J. F. McKearney. Fr. James was an uncle of the late Canon McKearney. He ministered in Stavely, Derbeyshire and died there in 1909……Father John F. McKearney was born in Crossdall 1871 to Daniel and Ellen McKearney. The family moved to Rutherglen, Scotland in 1873. Later in 1894 they went to Rhode Island USA where John was ordained in 1898. He died in South Dakota in 1922” (James McKearney was born 1873 at Keady, son of Patrick McKearney and Kitty (Catherine) Mone. They had married 1859 Derrynoose parish. Keady village was within Derrynoose Catholic parish. Patrick McKearney died 1891, his birthyear placed as c.1824: Tynan baptisms record in 1823 a Patrick McKearney, to Thomas McKearney & Ann Kelly, Crossdall. This would certainly confirm the cousinship to Rev. John F McKearney since this McKearney/Kelly couple were also parents to Bridget McKearney, mother of Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty, of Scipio NY) *(‘Historical Sketches of the parish of Tynan and Middleton’ ed. Seamus Mallon, p.282) [8 July 2019 research report][National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh]*

**1899 July 3**: “Return of a death, City of Providence, July 3, 1899, Margaret McKearney, age 32 [actually 36, born June 1863] place of death: R[ail] R[oad] crossing, Dike St; Residence: 733 Potter Ave; Single; Weaver in Mill; born Ireland; [parents] Daniel McKearney, Ellen; Buried St. Francis Cemetery; Informant: mother. Physician’s Certificate: Date of death July 3rd 1899 8pm; Cause: Crushing of the head R.R. casualty. Dr. Palmer, Physician; John H. Walsh, Undertaker” *(Returns of Deaths, City of Providence RI) [7 May 2019 research report] [Providence City Archives, Providence RI]*

**1899 July 3**: “Instantly killed: Margaret McKearney struck by train at Dike Street Crossing. Shocking fatality witnessed by her sister and others. The two young women were on their way home about 6.30 o’clock. Victim was employed as weaver in Atlantic Mills. With her sister she went under the gates and started to cross the tracks just as an Oakland Beach train came along towards the city. Margaret thought she could cross quickly enough but was struck and her skull was crushed – Another life has been forfeited on the grade crossing at Dike Street near the Weybosset Mills in Olneyville at one end of that part of the railroad which for many years has been known as ‘bloody curve’ because of the number of persons who have been mutilated and killed there. Margaret McKearney, 26 [36] was struck by an Oakland Beach train at 6.40 o’clock last evening. Her skull was crushed and she was killed instantly. The shocking fatality was witnessed by a sister of the victim who was with her at the time. It was witnessed by many others, men, women and children….The young woman who was killed was of an eminently respectable family having a home at 733 Potter’s Avenue. The household comprised a widow mother and six daughters and the family circle includes Rev. John McKearney, a young priest, now stationed in Kentucky. The girls are engaged in various occupations, two of them being skilled operatives employed in the big mills at Olneyville. These two were Margaret, who was killed and her sister Mary. Margaret was employed in one of the Atlantic mills as a weaver. Mary is employed at the Weybosset mill. When labour ceased in the mill in which Margaret was employed at 6.30 last evening, she walked rapidly through Olneyville Square and turned into Dike Street to meet her sister, it being their custom to walk home together through Huntingdon Avenue and thence through Cranston Street to Potter’s Avenue. They walked hurriedly towards the crossing as most people do who use it when there is no train in sight. Trains rush by the narrow street at frequent intervals, so frequently that it is customary at some parts of the day for the gates at the crossing to remain down even when there are no trains in sight as they are likely to appear very suddenly, especially those which are leaving the city and come around the exceptionally sharp curve under the Westminster Street and Broadway bridges. When they reached the gates they went under them, a common practice…because of their being down so much of the time. The flagman was near the opposite side of the four tracks. [The train] seemed a long distance down the road when the two women reached the rails. Margaret thought she could get across….Mary shrank back, too timid to go with her sister….Margaret broke into a run with figure bent forward…struck apparently on the heels by the train…her body was hurled high in the air…descended in the narrow space between the train and the high stone wall…the prostrate figure of Margaret lying in the space between the track and the wall….The grief-stricken sister, horrified…broke down and was led away by a young man who knew both and he escorted her to her home. The train was stopped. The conductor left a brakesman in charge of the body and to flag passing trains at that point. The police of the 6th station were quickly at the scene. The body was covered with a sheet that was quickly procured. Someone telephoned for the ambulance. The police called Medical Examiner Palmer who viewed the body and investigated the circumstances, as he has in similar fatalities on that section of the railroad. Undertaker John H. Walsh removed the remains to his undertaking warerooms and later the body was taken to the home of the family”

*(‘The Providence Daily Journal’ 4 July 1899) [7 May 2019 research report] [Providence City Archives, Providence RI]*

**1899 July 3**: “Miss Margaret McKearney, a young woman who formerly resided in Auburn and in Scipio was struck and instantly killed by an express train at Providence RI on Monday evening. Miss McKearney resided with her parents in Providence and met her death at a railroad crossing. Rev. Father Rafferty of Scipio is a relative of the deceased” *(‘Genoa Tribune’ Fri, July 14 1899) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1899 July 5:** Bridget McKearney purchases a single plot at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, where her sister Margaret is laid to rest, the family plot not yet being purchased (1902) (No one else ever interred here. Margaret re-interred in family lair 1902) *(St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket Lair register) [15 April 2020 research report] [Diocese of Providence: Cemeteries Department]*

**1899 July 14**: John McKearney at Providence R.I., age 27, obtains naturalization:

“July 14 1899…John F. McKearney of Providence…born in County of Armagh in Ireland on 5th day of December 1871 and that he arrived at Boston ….about the 3rd day of September…year 1893 and has ever since resided in this country and for five years past in this state. That he is the identical person…who on 27th November 1893 made declaration of his intention to become citizen of the Unites States……….I, Patrick Fitzpatrick jr. of Providence…have been acquainted with the petitioner for ten years last past…[signed] 12th July 1899; I, Patrick McCarthy of Providence…have been acquainted with the petitioner for over five years…[signed] 12th July 1899…” (Patrick Fitzpatrick junior is more than likely the same who was John McKearney’s cousin who was about 7 years older than him and who was a bearer at his funeral at Providence in May 1922) *(‘Petition for Naturalization’ U.S. Supreme Court, Common Pleas Division, Providence) [23 Aug. 2108 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1899 September 21 (Thursday):** “Miss B. McKearney of Providence RI will arrive today to visit her brother, Rev. J.F. McKearney” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 21 September 1899) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1900 May 22:** Death of Catherine McNaughtan (Fitzpatrick) at Providence RI, wife of Patrick Fitzpatrick, the family being cousins to the McKearneys. “May 22 1900, Catherine Fitzpatrick, age 60, 144 Early Street [Providence]; married; husband: Patrick; housekeeper; born: Ireland; father: Thomas McNaughtan; mother: Catherine; St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket; Informant: Patrick Fitzpatrick. Physician’s certificate: Cerebral Apoplexy – valvular disease of heart” (Family had emigrated 1881 from Leeds, England after about 15 years in England, having gone there from Tynan and district c.1863) *(‘Return of a death: City of Providence’) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.familysearch.org]*

**1900 June 18**: At “Daviess Co, Kentucky, Magisterial District No. 3 (Stanley?), John McKearney, born Dec. 1872 [1871], 27, born Ireland, immigration to USA 1893, Priesthhood; Bridget McKearney, sister, born Sep. 1877 [1874], 22, born Ireland [Scotland], immigration: 1894” *(1900 USA census) [23 Aug. 2018 research report][www.ancestry.com]*

**1900:** “McKearney, Ellen, widow of Daniel; h[ouse] 411 Prairie Ave [Providence RI]” (Ellen McKearney not found on the 1900 USA census at this address; or at her addresses as given in the 1899 Providence directory – 733 Potter’s Ave and 1901 Providence Directory – 26 Baxter. On leaving Scipio/Auburn sometime in mid-late 1898, establishing a permanent home at Providence seems unsettled. The 1900 census largely enumerated in June 1900, her various relatives and 3 of her children – John and Bridget (at KY) and Mary Ann (below, Cranston RI) are recorded in the census that year, above and below, but she herself, daughters Rose, Ellen (Nellie) and Mary are not found) *(‘Providence Directory’ 1900) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.archives.org]*

**1900 June 8:** Mary Ann McKearney (Roy), eldest sister of John McKearney, living at the RI State Almshouse, Cranston, about 7 months pregnant, her son Francis Joseph (b. Nov 1897 above) is also there: “Roy, Mary, inmate, born 1875 [this is wrong – should read 1861] number of years married: 4; number of children born: 1; number of children living: 1; birthplace: Ireland; year of immigration: 1893…..Roy, Joseph, Inmate; born Nov. 1897; age 2; born: Rhode Island; birthplace of – father: Canada, mother: Ireland” [Although Mary Ann’s age is wrong in this census, some further evidence that it is her is that there are no other possible entries on the RI 1900 census for her and her son, but more directly, the birth record of her 2nd son, at the almshouse – below – weeks later, record her as Mary McKearney age 37. There is no trace of her husband Ludger Roy, to date in research 1900 census; or of a record of their marriage c.1896. That he existed is evidenced by his 1914 death, which states he was married to ‘Mary McKearney’, she was informant. They do not appear together on either the 1900 or 1910 census] *(1900 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1900 June:** Francis McNally, nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney) at “24 Hannah Street, Providence RI: Frank McNally, age 38, born Ireland; year of immigration: 1895 [from Canada]; Day labourer; Annie, wife 37, born Ireland; [children] Annie 8 born Canada; Margaret 5 born Canada; Rose 3 b. RI; James 1 b. RI;” (Francis McNally b.1861 Tullycomiskey, Clontibret, son of James McNally – whose sister is Ellen McNally (McKearney)) *(1900 USA census) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1900 June:** The McKearney’s cousins, Fitzpatricks, at “144 Early Street, Providence RI: Patrick Fitzpatrick, 62, b. May 1838 Ireland, widowed, flour miller; James, son, single, 34 [actually 40], b. 1865 Ireland [1860 Tynan], flour miller; Edward, son, 20 Rhode Island [actually b.1879 Leeds, England, family emigrated to RI 1881], at school; Mary, daughter, 16, b.1883 Rhode Island” (Flour milling was Patrick senior’s official trade; he had been a miller, grocer and publican in Ireland, thus the transfer to owning the restaurant chain at Providence) *(1900 USA census) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1900 June**: Census 1900: At Scipio Center, Rev. Hugh Rafferty, cousin of Daniel McKearney: “New York state, Cayuga County, Scipio Town: Hugh Rafferty, Head of Household, born: April 1840, age 60, born: Ireland; Elizabeth Garry, born: Dec. 1877 Ireland, Housekeeper” *(1900 USA Census)* // “Cayuga County Gazetteer – Rafferty, rev. Hugh F., 87 Ledyard; Rafferty, John 138 Ledyard (This is a 1901 reference to land that Rev. Hugh Rafferty owned at Ledyard and his brother John’s land) *(‘Auburn Directory and Real Estate Record ending July 1901’) [7 May 2019 research report] [Seymour Library, Auburn NY]*

**1900 June:** John Rafferty brother to Rev. Hugh Rafferty: at Ledyard, Cayuga Co: “John Rafferty, born Aug 1849 [Crossdall, Tynan], year of immigration: 1874, Farmer & Basket Manufacturer; Lizzie, wife, age 46; 13 children born, 13 living; …..” *(1900 USA census) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1900 June:** Mary Rafferty (McGarry), sister to Rev. Hugh Rafferty – at Scipio: “James McGarry, age 50, born April 1850 Ireland, farm labourer, Mary McGarry, 50, born Mar. 1850 Ireland” *(1900 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1900 June:** Anna Rafferty (Reilly), youngest sister to Rev. Hugh Rafferty – at “Auburn City…New York state…No. 81 Grant Ave., Robert Reilly, age 49, born 1851 New York [state] (earlier census say he was born Ireland), Anna Reilly, wife, born New York [state] 1853, age 47 (actually born Tynan, Co. Armagh 1852 as recorded); married : 20 years; 7 children born, 7 living; Agnes 18, Edward 16, Willie 14, Leo 6, Alice 7, Eugene 4, Hugh 12 [all] born: New York State” *(1900 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1900 August 28:**  Birth of 2nd child of Mary Ann McKearney (Roy), age 39: “Return of a Birth – Town of Cranston: Aug. 28 1900, John Lewis Roy. No. of child of mother: 2nd. Place of birth: State Almshouse; Father’s name: Luigi Roy, age 31 (b.c. 1869 although his death record 1914 states 1860), Labourer, birthplace: Canada; Mother’s name: Mary Roy, maiden name McKearney, age 37, birthplace: Ireland; Remarks: Legitimate” [Some ‘inmates’ of the almshouse were obviously unmarried women. How Mary Ann McKearney came to be there and her two sons at a local orphanage by 1910 not yet established] *(Return of birth: town of Cranston RI) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.familysearch.org]*

**1900 October 7 (Sunday):** “Seneca Falls – Rev. Father McKearney of New York celebrated the 8 o’clock mass, Sunday in St. Patrick’s church” (This is most likely Rev. John F McKearney, of Stanley KY - New York being printed in error – for two reasons: there is no other McKearney in the 1899-1901 Catholic directories; John was associated with this church at Seneca Falls – see his visit there Aug. 1902 when he was back in the Scipio etc area visiting and on business) *(‘The Catholic Journal’ Rochester, 13 Oct. 1900) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1900 October 10**: Marriage of Minnie Alice Smith to (first husband) Claud Wilson at Louisville KY *(Marriage certificate 1900) [7 Feb 2019 research report] [www.familysearch.org]*

**1900 October 11:** Death of cousin of Daniel McKearney – Mary Rafferty (McGarry) daughter of Frank Rafferty & Bridget McKearney, at Scipio Center, NY: “Mary McGarry, age 62 [b.c.1838, however her Tynan marriage and 1892 and 1900 Cayuga Co. Census entries show her to be b.c.1850], housekeeper; born Ireland; how long resident here: 20 years [c.1880]. Father: Francis Rafferty, Mother: Bridget Rafferty [m.s. McKearney]; place of death: Scipio; Cause: Myelitis [inflammation spinal cord]; indirect cause: paraphlegia. Duration: 2 weeks. Burial: St. Bernard’s Cemetery….” *(Cayuga Co. Register of Deaths) [7 May 2019 research report] [Town of Scipio local records]*

“Death of Mrs. McGarry – after a prolonged illness, Mary, wife of James McGarry, of Scipio Center, died at the family home at 3 o’clock this morning, The deceased was an estimable woman and whilst her death was not unexpected it will be none the less deplored. Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter Mamie [Mary Catherine b. Oct. 1879 Crossdall, Tynan] and one son Frank [Francis b. Aug. 1877 Crossdall], two sisters Mrs. Andrew Brennan of Scipio and Mrs. Robert Reilly of this city [Auburn, Cayuga Co.], two brothers, Rev. Hugh Rafferty of Scipio and John Rafferty of Ledyard. The bereaved family will have the sympathy of their many friends in their affliction. The funeral will take place at St. Bernard’s church, Scipio, Monday morning at 10 o’clock. Burial will be at Scipio Center” *(Auburn newspaper Oct. 1900) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

“Buried at Scipio – The last sad rites over the remains of Mrs. Mary McGarry, who died at Scipio Center on Friday last, were said at St. Bernard’s church at Scipio Center this morning and the funeral was one of the largest ever held at that church. The services consisted of a solemn requiem high mass. Rev. Hugh Rafferty, a brother of the deceased, was celebrant; Rev. J.F. Nelligan, of Cayuga, was deacon; Rev. J.J. McGrath of Moravia was sub-deacon; and Rev. J.J. Gibbons of this city [Auburn] was master of ceremonies. Following the mass the usual burial services was read by Fathers Nelligan and McGrath. At the conclusion of the burial services a few remarks were made by Father Nelligan. The remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at Scipio Center. The bearers were Michael Flynn, Peter Welsh, Daniel Mullalley, Dennis Kinsella, Edward Hartnett and Michael Powers” *(‘The Auburn Bulletin’ Mon. Oct. 15 1900) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1901 April:** Patrick McKearney and family, brother of Daniel McKearney, still in Rutherglen, at: “9 High Street, Rutherglen – Patrick McKearney, married, 54, chemical labourer, born Ireland; Ann, wife, 44, born Ireland; Mary Mullin, adopted, 14, power [loom] weaver, born Lanarkshire, Bellshill; John Gallagher, Orphan, 9, scholar, born Glasgow; Catherine Gallagher, orphan, 6, born Glasgow; James Ross, boarder, single, 23, born Glasgow” *(1901 Census of Scotland) [3 April 2019 research report][www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1901 April:** Niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney) – Mary McNally (McGuigan), living at “6 Vicarfield Terrace, Kirkhill, Cambuslang parish – John McGuigan, 56, Steelworker, b. Ireland; Mary, wife, 40, b. Ireland; Patrick, son, 16, Coal miner – hewer, b. Cambuslang; Ellen, daughter, 10, scholar, b. Cambuslang; John McArdle, Relative, age 8, b. Glasgow” (Note: John McArdle the ‘relative’ is John Francis McArdle, son of Mary’s sister Rose McNally (McArdle) who had died 1895; his brother Patrick McArdle (b.1884 Rutherglen) is living (immediately below) at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret at this time with his uncles and grandmother McNally; John Francis died 1922 at Providence RI having emigrated by 1906 with elder brother Patrick) *(1901 census of Scotland) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1901 April:** Ellen McNally (McKearney)’s widowed sister-in-law (widow of James McNally) living at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret: “Anne McNally, Head of family, Roman Catholic, age 78 [she was late 60s-70], Farmer, Widow, b. Co. Monaghan, Can Read (not write); James, son, RC, 32 [38], Farmer’s son, not married, b. Co. Monaghan, Read & Write; Patrick McNally, son, RC, 30 [35], Farmer’s son, not married, b. Co. Monaghan, Read & Write; Patrick McArdle, grandson, RC, 15, scholar, b. Scotland [Rutherglen – son of Rose McNally d.1895 Rutherglen]” *(Census of Ireland 1901) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.nationalarchives.ie]*

**1901**: “McKearney, Ellen, widow of Daniel, house 26 Baxter [Providence RI]” (At this address it appears that Ellen may have been living with or next to friends/relatives from Tynan as the 1900 census shows a family called Hughes at 26 Baxter – Mary Hughes, pre-marriage name McNaughtan, b.c.1840, around the same age as Ellen McKearney and her three daughters, all born in the 1870s at Skerries townland, Tynan – Skerries immediately borders Crann and Crossdall to the south. The McNaughtan name is significant as the Fitzpatrick cousins’ mother was called Catherine McNaughtan) *(‘Providence Directory’) [3 April 2019 research report] [www.archive.org]*

**1901:** The McKearneys’ cousins, Fitzpatricks (originally from Tynan) advertise their restaurant business : “Fitzpatrick Bros, Daniel and Francis, restaurant, 206 Union and 59 Weybosset; Michael and Peter, restaurant, 174 Mathewson; Daniel, of Fitzpatrick Bros., 206 Union, h[ouse] 2 Richardson; Francis of Fitzpatrick Bros., 206 Union, h[ouse] 44 Corinth; James, eating house, 59 Weybosset, h[ouse] 144 Early; John, eating house, 59 Weybosset, h[ouse] 144 Early; Michael of Fitzpatrick Bros, 174 Mathewson, h[ouse] 144 Early; Patrick, h[ouse] 144 Early; Patrick Junior of Fitzpatrick Bros., 174 Mathewson, h[ouse] 172 Colfax” (Shows Patrick Fitzpatrick b.c.1837 and his sons; Patrick jr. was witness 1899 at John McKearney’s petition to naturalization) *(‘Providence Directory’ 1901) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.archive.org]*

**1901 June 1**: “Scipio – Rev. John McKerney [McKearney] of Frankfort, Ky, called on us Saturday. He is on his way to Paterson NJ, to perform the marriage ceremony of his sister, Nellie McKerney, on Wednesday [5th] of this week” (Nellie’s marriage record – below – shows Rev. Thomas P. Grace as officiating pastor. The reference to Paterson is possibly a mistake, meant to read Providence; and John’s residence as Frankfort in KY is also possibly an error as both the *Catholic Directory* and the 1900 census show him at Stanley. However, this entry shows that he was still in touch with friends and family at Scipio although his mother and siblings were now at Providence. Perhaps his real estate ownership had a part in this continued contact too) *(‘The Genoa Tribune’ 7 June 1901) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1901 June 5**: “Marriage registered in Providence, William Henry Arnold, Providence, 24, Tinsmith, born Providence…Helen McKearney, Providence, 21, born Scotland [daughter of] Daniel and Helen; Officiant: Thomas P. Grace, Roman Catholic Pastor” [Rev. Thomas P. Grace was of St. Mary’s Church, Providence. Perhaps Nellie, her siblings and mother attended this church? Which might yet be confirmed] *(Providence Marriage Register; ‘The Catholic Directory for 1901’) [7 May 2019 research report] [Providence City Archives, Providence;* [*www.archive.org*](http://www.archive.org)*]*

**1901 July 2:** “Rev. father McKearney, who has been visiting his parents in Rhode Island for the past month has returned home” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 2 July 1901) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1902 January 6**: Death of Frank Rafferty, widower of Bridget McKearney close relative of Daniel McKearney, they emigrated from Crossdall, Tynan to Scipio NY 1881): “Laid to Rest: The last tribute of respect was paid in St. Bernard’s Church at Scipio Center, Wednesday morning at 11 o’clock, to Francis Rafferty, when Rev. William Mulheron, pastor of St. Mary’s Church of this city, [Auburn NY] officiated at the solemn requiem high mass, assisted by Rev. John J. McGrath, pastor of St. Aloysius church and Rev. Herbert Regenbogen [both Auburn], pastor of St. Alphonsus’ church, Rev. J.W.E. Kelley, assistant at the Holy Family church, assisting as master of ceremonies and Rev. Father O’Connor of Moravia, assisted at the blessing of the remains. Father Mulheron delivered a very effective address. The deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters who are Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty, pastor of St. Bernard’s church of Scipio Centre; John Rafferty of Ledyard; Mrs. Sarah Brennan of Scipio Centre; and Mrs. Anna Reilly of Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reilly wish to extend thanks to friends who remembered them in their hour of sorrow, also to M.J. McGrath and sister Miss Elizabeth for a beautiful floral wreath” *(‘Auburn Weekly Bulletin’ Jan 10 1902) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Frank Rafferty, 85 years old, of Scipio, died Monday afternoon at the home of his daughter Mrs. Robert Reilly, no. 81 Grant Avenue [Auburn]. He was the father of Rev. H.F. Rafferty of Scipio” *(Auburn newspaper) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Died – Rafferty: In Auburn, Monday afternoon, Jan 6 1902, at the residence of his daughter Mrs. Robert Reilly, 81 Grant Ave, Frank Rafferty, father of Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of Scipio, aged 95 years” *(local newspaper)*

“Was 85 years old – Frank Rafferty, 85 years old, of Scipio, Arrangements for the funeral are incomplete” *(‘Auburn Democrat-Argus’ 7 Aug. 1902) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1902 May:** “King Ferry - John Rafferty [brother of Rev. Hugh Rafferty] is building a new house near his basket factory” *(‘The Genoa Tribune’ 23 May 1902) [7 May 2019 research report] [www.fultonsearch.org]*

**1902 June 13:** “The St. Peter’s parochial school which has been so successfully taught by Miss Bridget McKearney at Stanley, has come to a close.The children were given an outing at the Lyddane bridge” *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ [Owensboro KY] 13 June 1902) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1902 August 6:**  “Ovid, Aug 6 – today throngs of people from all over the Ovid parish gathered at this place to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Father Joseph W. Hendricks, the beloved priest of the Holy Cross Church. The visitors included not only a large number of prominent ecclesiastics but many non-Catholics who knew and respected the celebrant…….The guests who began arriving Tuesday night included Rt. Rev. Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid of Rochester, Monsignor Mageanis of Boston, Father Danihy of Boston….[about 40 priests named including] Father Rafferty of Scipio……..Rev. John McKearney of Louisville KY….at 10am the services were held at Holy Cross Church. The handsome edifice beautifully decorated for the occasion, the sanctuary being a bower of flowers, was filled to overflowing……the services at the church consisted of masses and music for these was effectively rendered by an excellent chorus with solos by eminent Rochester musicians….these same musicians gave a sacred concert of great merit at Columbus Hall in the evening…following the services at the church an elaborate banquet was served at the Columbus Hall by the ladies of the parish….[here is an ecclesiastical event at which both John McKearney and his relative Rev Hugh Rafferty are both in attendance] *(‘Rochester Democrat and Chronicle’ August 7 1902) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1902 August 11**: Rev. John F. McKearney sold his 5 acres plot at Scipio Town, Cayuga County NY to local man, Eugene Walsh, a near neighbour (1900 census) of his relative Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty: “Indenture….John F. McKearney to Eugene Walsh….11th day of August 1902………John F McKearney of Stanley, Daviess Co., Kentucky…..Eugene Walsh of Scipio….$800…..lot 23” (It is not yet known who was living on the property at this time of sale. John had paid $500 for it in June 1895, sold for $800. Eugene Walsh, 1900 census of Scipio Town, age 23, farm labourer, b. NY state, of Irish-born parents; wife Mary, 29 and infant daughter. Note that John had been in town for at least a week before this sale as he attended – above – a 25th ordination celebration of a local priest, along with his own relative Rev. Hugh Rafferty of Scipio Center. Below, three days after this transaction, John’s mother, Ellen, purchased what would become the family lair at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket – reinterring her daughter Margaret and husband Daniel over the coming months *(Cayuga Co. NY Deed Book 189) [15 April 2020 research report] [Cayuga Co. NY Historian’s Office, Auburn NY]*

**1902 mid-August:** “Seneca Falls – Rev. Father McKearney of Kentucky was a guest at the rectory last week” // “Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., St. Patrick’s. Rev. James O’Connor; Rev. M.U. Dwyer; *(‘The Catholic Journal’ – Rochester NY – 16 Aug. 1902; ‘The Catholic Directory’ 1902) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org]*

**1902 August 14**: “Mrs Ellen E. McKearney [purchased lair] 189, Section 33, $75.50’ at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, RI. “Grave 1, Margaret McKearney, age 32” first interment (a re-interment from another plot at same cemetery - she had died July 1899) *(Lair register of St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket) [3 April 2019 research report] [Diocese of Providence: Cemeteries Department]*

**1902 September 2:** “Rev. J.F. McKearney who has been to his home in Providence for a little rest, returned Saturday and held services yesterday. His flock was glad to see him again” *(‘The Twice-A-Week Messenger’ [Owensboro Ky] 2 Sep. 1902) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1903 February 19:** Marriage of James McNally at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret - nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney), her brother James McNally’s son, thus cousin to Rev. John F. McKearney: “Marriages Solemnized at the Roman Catholic chapel of St. Patrick’s in the Registrar’s district of Ballybay…Co. Monaghan – 19th February 1903: James McNally, age 35 [actually 39, b.1863], Bachelor, Farmer, Tullycumiskey, [son of] James McNally, dead, a Farmer TO Anne Gormley, age 25, Spinster, Farmer’s daughter, [residence] Corvally, [daughter of] James Gormley, alive, Farmer; [Signed] Patrick McConnon, CC; in the presence of us: John McAdam, Alice McGeough” (Note: James McNally proceeded to have 4 daughters and 2 sons – the sons James b.1908 and Francis b.1909 never married and remained at Tullycomiskey, both being referenced in the 1982 letters of Nellie McKearney (Moen) of nearby Drumgolat, in which they recall that Ellen McNally (McKearney) was their great-aunt and her son ordained a priest in the USA; also they recall their parents coreesponding with ‘Mary Roy, a cousin’ – i.e. Mary Ann McKearney (Roy)) *(Irish civil registration Marriage cert: ‘Registrar’s Dist. Of Ballybay, Co. Monaghan’) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1903 February 24:** Marriage of Bridget McKearney to Alfred McLean Smith: “McKearney-Smith wedding: Mr. A.M. Smith, a well known young farmer of Birk City and Miss Bridget McKearney of Stanley will be married at St. Peter’s church near Stanley at 7.30 o’clock Tuesday night by Rev. J.F. McKearney. Miss McKearney is a sister of Rev. Father McKearney, pastor at St. Peter’s chyrch and has been making her home with him for the past three years. She has been teaching a select school at St. Peter’s and is a brilliant young woman. The couple will leave on the night train Tuesday for an extended visit to Denver and San Francisco. After returning they will reside at Birk City where Mr. Smith owns a fine, large farm on the banks of Green river” *(‘The Twice-a-week Messenger’ 24 Feb. 1903) [23 Aug 2018 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1903 Feb 24 (Tue):** Bridget McKearney (Smith) and her husband leave on the night train for an extended visit to Denver and San Francisco *(Twice-A-Week Messenger 24 Feb 1903)*

**1903 April 20**: Birth of “Mary Ellen Roy, daughter of Ludger [Luigi] Roy and Mary McCarney” [Mary Ann McKearney b.1861, eldest sibling of John McKearney; child died aged 3 months – below – ‘Mary Ellen Roy’ but her burial in the McKearney family plot at St. Francis’, Pawtucket, records her as ‘Grace Roy’] *(Returns of Births, City of Providence) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1903 April 27**: Burial of Daniel McKearney (re-interment from St. Bernard’s, Scipio, Cayuga Co., NY, died Feb 1898) at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI in family lair purchased 1902 by his wife Ellen (McNally) McKearney. *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 Apr 2019 research report]*

**1903 June 1**: “Death registered in Providence [RI]…undertaker reported June 1 1903…Daniel McKearney [reinterment] died February 22 1898, age 65, at Auburn NY, Labourer, born Ireland; parents: Patrick McKearney and Bridget; Pulmonary Trouble” [this is the certificate registering the re-interment at Providence – it places the death at Auburn, but contemporary sources show it to be Scipio Center. His mother’s name – Mary Hughes – erroneously given as Bridget, perhaps suggesting that she had died many years before, as there is no obvious record of her death from 1864 onwards in Irish records, or in Scottish records – the informant here was the undertaker who presumably got the name from one of the family] *(Providence Register of Deaths) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1903 July 30:** Death of infant daughter of Mary Ann McKearney (Roy), eldest sister of JM: “July 30 1903..Mary Ellen Roy…age 3 months 10 days; 108 Clifford Street [Providence] father: Luigi Roy; mother: Mary Roy; Parents’ birthplace – father: Canada, Mother: Ireland; buried: St. Francis’ Cemetery [Pawtucket], Informant: mother; Physician’s Certificate: July 30 1903, Mary Ellen Roy; Cause: Diarrhoea and enteritis due to improper food, G.E. Simpson Physician” *(Return of Death, City of Providence) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1903 July 30**: Burial of ‘Grace Roy’ baby, daughter of Mary Anne McKearney (b.1861), eldest child of Daniel and Ellen McKearney, buried at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket in family lair purchased 1902 by Ellen (McNally) McKearney [the child’s birth and death record – above – record her as Mary Ellen Roy] *(Lair Register of St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1903 September 16:** “Rev. J.F. McKearney having gone to take a rest, there will be no services at St. Peter’s for two weeks” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 16 Sep. 1903) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1903 October 2:**  Rev. John McKearney returns home: “The Rev. J.F. McKearney returned home last Friday from a three weeks vacation. He is much improved in health having spent the time in Colorado” *(‘Twice-A-Week Messenger’ [Owensboro Ky] 6 Oct. 1903) [15 April 2020] [www.newspapers.com]*

“Stanley – Rev. J.F. McKearney has returned from a trip east” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 6 Oct. 1903) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1904 August 14:** “Against night dances – Father McKearney takes a strong stand against the amusement: Rev. J.F. McKearney, pastor of St. Peter’s church near Stanley, has taken a strong position against night dances among members of his congregation. In a sermon last Sunday he alluded to the growing practice of attending dances at night which is contrary to the church law. He gave the names of several guilty persons and said that the custom must cease. He also paid his attention to buggy riding and said that it could not be tolerated” *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ (Owensboro KY) 19 March 1904) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1904 October 8**: Marriage of Mary E. McKearney (youngest child of Daniel and Ellen) to Frank L. Hanley at Fall River, Mass: “Oct. 8: Frank L. Hanley, age 26, 85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence RI, lawyer, born: Providence, father: Luke Hanley, mother: Bridget Connell; TO Mary E. McKearney, 22, Terrace Ave., Providence RI, Weaver, born Scotland, father: Daniel McKearney, mother: Ellen McNally; James E. Cassidy, priest, North Main St” *(‘Marriages registered in the City of Fall River’) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.familysearch.org]*

**1904 November 8:** “Rev. J.F. McKearney is not well, having had an attack of rheumatism and for this reason services were shorter than usual Sunday at St. Peter’s” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 8 Nov. 1904) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1904 November 26:** “Miss Rose McKearney of Providence RI is visiting her sister Mrs. McLean Smith near Birk City” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Nov. 26 1904) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1905 March 17**: “St. Patrick’s Day – will be celebrated at the Catholic church with special services…..festival of St. Patrick, the apostle of the Irish race. Throughout the Catholic church the ecclesiastical calendar requires that the day be kept sacred in honour of this saint. In congregations composed of those largely of Irish birth or extraction, the feast is generally celebrated with ceremonies of a solemn character. At Earlington in the Immaculate Conception solemn high mass will be sung at 9am by the Rev. Bernard Boland of Somerset KY assisted by the visiting Clergy as Deacon and Sub Deacon. In the evening at 7.30 the Lenten devotions will take place and a sermon appropriate to the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. John McKearney, pastor of St. Peter’s church, Stanley KY. The exercises will conclude with solemn benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the hymn to St. Patrick” *(‘The Bee’ 16 March 1905) [6 Dec 2018 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1905 July 29**: “The Rev. J.F. McKearney has gone East to spend his vacation of a few weeks” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 29 July 1905) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1906 Summer [until 7 November]:** “Birk City – Mrs. Elizabeth McKearney who has spent the summer with her daughter Mrs. A.M. Smith of this place, left for Providence RI, her former home Wednesday” [This is Ellen (McNally) McKearney, apparently known as Elizabeth – her purchase of family lair in 1902 at St. Francis, Pawtucket, records her as ‘Mrs. Ellen E. McKearney’] *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Nov. 8 1906) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1906 July 20:** “Guests of Father McKearney: Rev. Joseph Welsh of Hopkinsville and Rev. H. Hasan of Beiyrut, India, arrived in Owensboro yesterday afternoon. They will be the guests of Rev. Father McKearney for several days. Father Hasan has been a priest for several years in India and has been located at Beiyrut for some time. He will probably preach several sermons while here” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ July 20 1906) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 January 27**: “In regard to several greatly exaggerated reports that have been published in regard to suffering at Stanley and the great scarcity of meat and provisions there, Rev. J. F. McKearney, pastor of the Catholic church there, said to the *Inquirer* last night: ‘Those reports are all nonsense and tommyrot. There is no scarcity of provisions and no hunger’ *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Jan. 27 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 July 2:** Cousin to Rev. John F. McKearney – Edward F. Fitzpatrick (b.1879) ordained priest at Providence RI : from his short 1954 autobiography ‘The Trail’ published in ‘Notes on the Congregation of Priests of Saint Basil’, his background up until ordination : “On March 7th 1879, my parents told me that at precisely 3am in the city of Armagh, Ireland, I became a citizen of the Isle of Saints and Sinners (actually born Leeds, England where the family had been since c.1864 but he maintained anything that held up his Irish heritage). In a straight line of ten boys I was the youngest and at the age of 3, along with my parents, landed in Providence RI in the year 1882. Success attended the family soon after establishing their permanent home. The nine boys engaging in the restaurant business under the name ‘Famous Fitzpatrick Brothers Restaurants’. At this late date [1954] mention is made of their Famous Individual Chicken Pies, the then price 10 cents. Now 75 [years old] and like to live in past, things were so cheap. Schooling – at 7 attended public school; at 9 by special permission, allowed to attend parochial school, as none in home parish. Tyler School…Cathedral. At 15 Christian Brothers school. At 20, Holy Cross, Worcester 1899-1900. September 1900-1902, preparatory seminary [St. Andrew’s], Rochester. 1902-1904 Philosophy, St. Bernard’s in Rochester. September 1904, Theology, St. Michael’s College, Toronto, to 1907. Taught junior grade same years as also in commercial class. 1907 July 2nd ordained in Providence. Loaned to Lincoln, Nebraska diocese as Providence was blessed with surplus priests. Loneliness of the prairies got me. Clerical conditions not too inviting. Think it was around Feb 1908 that got permission to return to Toronto to enter Novitiate. There for the year and one day…” / “Transcribed from the original in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers. Letter was written in late March 1954, probably to Father E.J. McCorkell” *(‘Notes on the history of the congregation of priests of Saint Basil – Collected by Robert Joseph Scollard CSB’ Vol. 24 – St. Michael’s College Archives) [9 April 2020 research report]*

Extract from a more formal, later publication: “Edward Fitzpatrick’s parents emigrated in 1882 to Providence, Rhode Island, where he attended Tyler Public School, Sts Peter and Paul parochial school and La Salle Academy [Providence]. After a year at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, 1899-1900, he went to Rochester to study for the priesthood at St. Andrew’s preparatory seminary 1900-1902 and St. Bernard’s seminary 1902-1904. In 1904 he went to St. Michael’s college in Toronto to study theology and was ordained priest on 2 July 1907. The bishop of Providence gave Father Fitzpatrick a missionary appointment to the diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, where he served half a year as assistant at St. Mary’s parish, Wymore until he entered St. Basil’s novitiate, Toronto on 19th March 1908…” *(‘Dictionary of Basilian Biography’ (2003) P. Wallace Platt) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1907 July 9**: “Barbecue and Burgoo – one of the most delightful events of the summer season was the burgoo and barbecue given by the Rev. J. F. McKearney at his home near Stanley on Tuesday….served in the grove near Father McKearney’s home. A number of his friends from Owensboro were in attendance and spent a most enjoyable day. Among those who attended were Rev. E.S. Fitzgerald, the Rev. George M. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Barrows, Mr. and Mrs. George Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wile, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Finn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berry, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Smith, Misses Lillian Clarke, Lottie Barrows, Georgia Slack, Messrs. J.J. Sweeney, J.T. Griffith, Sam Ewing, D.M. Griffith, Will Sweeney and J.H. Hickman” [The 1910 census identifies all but one – Sam Ewing - of these guests: Rev. Edward S. Fitzgerald and Rev. George M. Connor, both of Owensboro at 525 E. 4th St; O.H. Barrows and wife Anna, he is a hotel manager, Louisville KY; George H. Rudy, Coal Dealer at Owensboro; Robert W. Slack, lawyer, Owensboro; James H. Hickman, Waggon Builder, Owensboro; Henry Berry, Daviess Co; Joseph Wile, Clothing Merchant, Owensboro; C.M. Finn, lawyer, Owensboro; J.J. Sweeney, lawyer, Owensboro; Joshua T. Griffith, Owensboro; D.M. Griffith, Physician; William T. Sweeney, Insurance Agent, Owensboro; *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ July 14 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 August 1**: “One of the most delightful events of the season was the barbecue served with burgoo given the Holy Name society of St. Peter’s church Thursday [1st Aug.] in the beautiful grove adjoining the church near Stanley, by Rev. Father J.F. McKearney. The barbecue was attended by over 300 members and friends of the society and a most pleasant day was spent. Father McKearney organized the society of the Holy Name at St. Peter’s two years ago and it has enjoyed a most successful existence. The barbecue and burgoo were prepared by Mr. Henry Berry and there was more than enough to feed the large crowd present” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Aug 2 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 start of September [until late Sep.]**: “Father McKearney ill at Stanley – Father J.F. McKearney, one of the most popular Catholic priests in Daviess County, is ill at his home at Stanley. Father McKearney is pastor of St. Peter’s church. He has been ill for the past two weeks” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Sep. 22 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Father McKearney ill – Rev. J.F. McKearney of Stanley is seriously ill at his home adjoining St. Peter’s church of which he is pastor. He has been ill for several days and his symptoms are said to have alarmed his physicians who have been unable to decide what was the nature of his illness” *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Sep. 22 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Condition improving – The condition of J.F. McKearney, who has been seriously ill for some time at Stanley, was improved yesterday” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Sep. 24 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 September 23 (Monday):** “Rev. E.S. FitzGerald and Rev. G.M. Connor of Owensboro, visited Rev. J.F. McKearney, Monday” and “Rev. J.F. McKearney left Tuesday [24th] for the east where he will spend some time” and “Mr. Max [Mac?] Smith and daughters, Margaret and Mary, returned last Friday [27th presumably] from Rhode Island where they had been guests of Mrs. McKearney” *(all from ‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Tue Oct. 1 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 September 24 (Tuesday):** “Rev. Father J.F. McKearney, pastor of St. Peter’s Catholic church at Stanley, who has been ill for several weeks at his home, left yesterday for Providence RI where he will spend some time with relatives” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ 25 September 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 October 14:** “Priest Absent – Rev. J.F. McKearney who left his parish at Stanley for the east for treatment on account of health, is still absent but news from him is favourable” *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Oct. 14 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1907 December 18:** “Rev. J.F. McKearney went to Reeds [Reed] Ky., Sunday…Several people from here attended church at Reeds, Sunday” *(‘The Twice-A-Week Messenger’ Wed. Dec. 18 1907) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 January 19:**  “Father Lambert at St. Peter’s. Members of Holy Name Society, 100 in number, received Holy Communion – The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus was observed Sunday at St. Peter’s church near Stanley……received holy communion at high mass which was celebrated at 9.30 o’clock by the Rev. Father Lambert Kendrick….It was evident after the services that Father Lambert had captured the good people of St. Peter’s. When he returns there he will not return a stranger. The Holy Name society was established at St. Peter’s by the pastor, the Rev. John F. McKearney, July 8 1903. It began with a membership of 85 and in spite of the fact that this is a congregation whose members are all of the farming class, a great portion of which is more or less migratory, the membership of the society has been added to annually and now numbers about 125 members, fully 85 percent of the male adult portion of the congregation….” *(‘The Twice-A-Week Messenger, Jan. 22 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 February 2 (Sunday):** “Popular priest will leave Monday on long vacation, Rev. John F. McKearney will spend several months in the south and west – The Rev. John F. McKearney, pastor of St. Peter’s church at Stanley will leave Monday on a vacation of several months which he will spend mostly in the south and west. On his way south he will stop off at Roanoke VA where he will be a gust for a few days of Mr. S.Y. Sweeney, going from there to Aiken SC where he will spend most of his time while in the south. He will also spend some time in Savannah GA and New Orleans. Before returning home he will visit Colorado and New Mexico. Father McKearney had a serious spell of sickness last fall, which necessitated him leaving for his home in Rhode Island where he spent two months. He returned completely recovered in health. His physicians, however, deem it wise and insist on his spending the next few months in the south and west. Father McKearney has just completed a handsome ten-room new parochial residence with all modern improvements, at Reed KY. It cost about $2500. The mission at Reed which has for years been attended from St. Peter’s, will probably have a resident priest in the course of the next month or so. During Father McKearney’s absence, Father Lambert Kendrick of Louisville will have charge of St. Peter’s congregation. Services on Sundays will be as usual at 8am and 10am” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Feb. 2 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908:** “Diocese of Charleston - Aiken, Aiken Co.,Our Lady, Help of Christians, Rev. Jno. L. Seidl, rector…..Institutions in charge of religious orders: Aiken, St. Angela’s Winter Home – Conducted by the Sisters of Mercy” [The local Catholic church at Aiken; and a Winter Home – not certain if, as clergymen, John McKearney ad Hugh Rafferty were at this place. That they were both at Aiken at the same time, appears certain – 2nd week of February - mid Feb 1908. John arrived around 2nd week Feb and Hugh had been there since end Dec. 1907, both for their health. Aiken was known as a retreat for – among others – clergymen to recover their health] *(‘Catholic Directory…for…1908’) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 March 1**: Death of Daniel McKearney’s cousin, Rev. Hugh Francis Rafferty “Hugh Francis Rafferty, age 67, Clergyman, born Ireland; how long resident here [i.e. Scipio Center/Cayuga Co]: 35 years; father: Francis Rafferty; mother: Bridget McKerney ; place of death: Scipio Centre; Pneumonia 8 Days; Burial: Scipio Centre, St. Bernard’s” *(Cayuga County Death Record) // “Pray for the Repose of the soul of the Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty, Rector of St. Bernard’s Church, Scipio NY, born March 19th 1840; Ordained June 7 1873. Died at Scipio..March 1st 1908 (Obituary Card for Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty – Diocese of Rochester Archives) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 March 1**: “Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of Scipio Center, one of the best known priests in the diocese of Rochester, died at his home in Scipio Center yesterday morning shortly after 11 o’clock. For some time Father Rafferty had been in poor health and about the middle of December went to Aiken SC in the hope of finding relief. He failed to improve, however, and about two weeks ago, returned home. Father Rafferty was born in Ireland March 19 1840 and therefore almost 68 years old. He was ordained to the priesthood June 7 1873. Shortly after that he was assigned to Scipio Center and there he had been ever since, labouring hard and earnestly and accomplishing much. It was a big mission to which he came because he said masses at Scipio Centre, at Northville, Glen Haven and Moravia. He saw the development of the church in that section and was a powerful factor in it. He was a most amiable man and made friends of everybody wherever he went. There are few priests better known in this section than Father Rafferty and his death, while not unexpected, will cause widespread sorrow. Father Rafferty is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Brennan of Scipio and Mrs. Robert Reilly of Rochester and one brother, John Rafferty of Ledyard. The funeral services will be held at the church at Scipio Centre Thursday morning and it is expected that nearly all the priests in the diocese of Rochester will be in attendance. They will chant the office for the dead at 10.30 and 11 o’clock solemn pontifical high mass will be sung with Bishop Thomas F. Hickey of Rochester as celebrant. Other prominent dignitaries will fill the other offices of the mass and the Gregorian chant will be sung by a choir made up of the vising priests. Burial will be made in the cemetery at Scipio Centre *(‘The Auburn Citizen’ March 2 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 March 5**: Funeral of Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty: “Beloved Pastor Dead – Rev. Father Hugh Rafferty, pastor of the church at Scipio Center, New York, was one of the most popular clergymen in the diocese of Rochester. He was born in Ireland 68 years ago and was ordained in 1863 [1873]. Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, Coadjutor Bishop of Rochester, officiated at the requiem mass held in St. Bernard’s church, Scipio Center, Thursday morning [5th] of this week” *(‘Kentucky Irish American’ (Louisville), 14 March 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Long Ministry ended by death – Rev. Father Hugh F. Rafferty, of Scipio, passes away – word has been received in this city of the death of Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of Scipio who had relatives here [Rochester]. Father Rafferty was for thirty-five years pastor of the mission parish of Scipio and Northville, Cayuga County. He was ordained there and spent his entire life since labouring among the same people. He was never known to take a vacation until a few weeks ago, when he went south in hope of recovering his failing health. Until 1888 he was also in charge of the church at Moravia, when it became an independent parish and Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, now coadjutor Bishop of the Rochester Diocese, was made its rector. Bishop Hickey will officiate at the funeral, to be held tomorrow in the church where Father Rafferty so long ministered and a number of the Rochester clergy will attend” *(‘Democrat and Chronicle’ [Rochester] 4 March 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Auburn – The Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of Scipio Center, one of the best known priests in the diocese of Rochester, died at his home in Scipio Center. For some time Father Rafferty had been in poor health and about the middle of December went to Aikem SC in the hope of finding relief. He failed to improve, however and about two weeks ago returned home” *(‘Star-Gazette’ 4 March 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“The funeral of the late Rev. Hugh Rafferty was held this morning at St. Bernard’s church in Scipio and was one of the largest funerals in the south part of the county in years. Besides the large number of laymen who attended to pay their last respects to a beloved pastor and friend, there were between 30 and 35 priests from various parishes in the diocese of Rochester….mass was sung by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey as celebrant, Rev. William Mulheron of Auburn as assistant [uncertain if John McKearney attended Hugh Rafferty’s funeral or perhaps accompanied him home to Scipio from Aiken SC. He was at Tampa, FL within a week of the funeral] *(‘Auburn Weekly Bulletin’) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 March 8:** “Scholarship at St. Bernard’s: Bequest to seminary under will of Rev. Hugh Rafferty – Auburn March 8th: The will of Rev. Hugh Rafferty of Scipio…executed Feb 28 1908….$300 left for a suitable monument. The sum of $10 is left for Masses for the repose of his soul by the Church Extension Society of Chicago and $50 to priests of small parishes for masses for his intentions. The sum of $50 is left to St. Francis de Sales Seminary at Milwaukee in memory of his student days….library is left to William Rafferty, a nephew [son of his brother John] when he shall be ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church…To St. Bernard’s Seminary, Rochester is left $5000 for the founding of a scholarship for a student…preference was….to be given to a student from his parish or from Cayuga County….The residue divided between a sister Mrs. Annie Reilly of Rochester and the Auburn Orphan Asylum at Auburn [$2,872 each]” *(‘The Democrat and Chronicle’ 9 March 1908)(Will of Hugh F. Rafferty) [7 May 2019 research report]*

Additional detail from his will: “…Bequeath to the Trustees of St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, Scipio, the land owned by me lying just east of my sister’s place, that is my sister Mrs. Sarah Brennan, which land is about two acres and situate in the town of Scipio. To my nephew Francis McGarry (b. 1877 Crossdall, Tynan, son of Mary Rafferty) I give the colt owned by me now in his possession and all my waggons of every name and nature…to my nephew James Rafferty…my tools of every name and nature….$5000 to be used for founding a free scholarship [for St. Bernard’s] …said sum shall be taken from….$4000for insurance on my life and $1000 proceeds from farm at Ledyard….to sell my farm of about 92 acres in town of Ledyard……I appoint my brother John Rafferty and Rev. C.A. Silke and Rev. J.F. Nelligan executors of this my last Will and Testament….28th day of February 1908..” *(Will of Hugh F. Rafferty – Surrogate’s Court, Cayuga County: Cayuga Co. Clerk’s Office) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 March:** “A bequest of $50 to the seminary, recently received from the estate of the Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty, diocese of Rochester, brought to our notice the death of this kind benefactor, who had passed away at Scipio NY some months ago” // “The Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of the diocese of Rochester, died some months ago at Scipio NY. He was a student at St. Francis in 1867” *(‘The Salesianum’ Jan. 1910 edition. College magazine of St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 March 13:** “Hotel Arrivals – At the DeSoto: ……….John F. McKearney, Owensboro KY…” [Note absence of the title ‘Rev’] *(‘The Tampa Tribune’ Fri. March 13 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 April 10 (Friday):** “Father McKearney returns from two months’ trip in the south – Father J.F. McKearney, pastor of St, Peter’s church of Stanley returned yesterday from a two months’ trip in the South. While he was away he visited in Virginia, Florida and Havana, Cuba. Father McKearney is in the best of health and will immediately resume charge of St. Peter’s church” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Sat. 11 Apr 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 July 20:** “Mrs. Elizabeth McKearney of Providence RI is here as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A.M. Smith…” (Ellen (McNally) McKearney – apparently using her ‘middle’ name as also evidenced by 1910 census where she is recorded as Elizabeth, and 1902 lair purchase record, St. Francis, Pawtucket as ‘Mrs Ellen E. McKearney) *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Mon. 20 July 1908) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1908 September 6**: Death of Ann Hughes (McKearney), sister-in-law of Daniel McKearney, at Rutherglen: “Ann McKearney, married to Patrick McKearney, General Labourer; 1908, September 6th, 9 High Street, Rutherglen. Age 51; [daughter of] James Hughes, Farmer, deceased & Ann Hughes m.s. McKenna, deceased; Bronchitis, General Debility – certified; Informant: P. McKearney, widower, present” *(Scottish civil death cert. ‘District of Rutherglen, Co. Lanark’) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1909 March 12:** Death of sister-in-law of Ellen McNally (McKearney) – Ann Duffy (McNally), widow of James McNally, at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret: “1909, 12th March Tullycomisky, Anne McEnally, Widow, age 62 [mid 70s], Farmer’s widow; cerebral apoplexy 30 minutes, no medical attendant; Ann McEnally, present at death, Tullycomisky” *(Irish Civil Reg. Death Cert: ‘Registrar’s District Castleshane…Co. Monaghan’) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1909 August 13:** “A mistake corrected ….in the Inquirer Sunday morning was an editorial under the caption ‘Why Mr. Stanley wants an early Primary’. In stating his efforts to secure it, it spoke of him coming to Stanley station in Daviess Co., in which place it was also stated that he visited his friend Rev. Father McKearney and that after night [time] Mr. Stanley and Father McKearney drove across to West Louisville on a visit to Ernest Howell, the member of the Democratic congressional committee from the country legislative district of Daviess county, whom Mr. Stanley endeavoured to get to vote for an early primary election to nominate a Democratic candidate for congress and that Mr. Stanley and Father McKearney remained in West Louisville from 9 till 11 o’clock and returned to Stanley failing to secure Mr. Howell’s vote. Father McKearney is very indignant over the statement that he accompanied Mr. Stanley to West Louisville and says that he had nothing whatever to do with the matter as his office as a priest in the Catholic church prohibits him from taking any hand in politics…says he did not go to Louisville with Stanley…the writer of the article did not know that a priest was forbidden to take part in politics…” *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ Aug. 17 1909) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1909 August 31:** “Serious accident was avoided – a horse driven by Father McKearney on Main Street collided with a street car on Tuesday night and a serious accident was avoided by the promptness of the motorman in stopping the car. The only damage was a broken shaft of the buggy” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Thur 2 Sep. 1909) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1909 September 20:**  Death of Patrick Fitzpatrick, age 71, at Providence RI, he and his large family being ‘cousins’ to Rev. John F. McKearney: “Sept 20 1909, Patrick Fitzpatrick; Date of birth: 1838; place of death: 34 Pennsylvania Ave., [Providence]; wife: Catherine [deceased]; occupation: Miller; birthplace: Ireland; father: Daniel [Fitzpatrick], mother: don’t know; Buried: St. Francis [Pawtucket]; Informant: son, James. Physician’s Certificate: Patrick Fitzpatrick…lobar pneumonia…” (After leaving his home area, Tynan/Monaghan c.1865, Patrick Fitzpatrick lived in England, largely Leeds town, until 1881; emigrated to Providence 1881 with his wife and 10 sons. Youngest son Edward Francis b.1879 became a priest and in 1922 – see May 1922 below - was celebrant at Rev. John F. McKearney’s funeral while 4 other sons were bearers; John McKearney’s 1899 citizenship application was also witnessed by Patrick Fitzpatrick junior) *(‘Return of a death: City of Providence’) [8 July 2019 research report]*

“Deaths – Fitzpatrick: In this city on the 20th instant, Patrick Fitzpatrick, beloved father of Rev. Edward F. Fitzpatrick of Toronto, Canada. Funeral Wednesday Sept 22 at 8.30am from his late residence, 34 Pennsylvania Avenue. Solemn high mass of requiem at 9am at St. Bernard’s Chapel, Oxford Street. Deceased was a member of Wallace Branch No. 330 C.K. [Catholic Knights] of America. Relatives and friends invited to attend” *(‘The Providence Journal’) [8 July 2019 research report] [www.familysearch.org]*

**1910 January 30:** “St. Peter of Alcantara Church….Pastors, Dates and their respective first and last baptisms at Stanley – John F. McKearney…first baptism May 14 1899, last baptism: January 30 1910” *(Typed list – Diocese of Owensboro Archives) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1910 ‘early spring’**: Rev. John McKearney sent to Passionist Monastery, Baltimore MD to do penance. (Evidence required that he actually went there as he married Minnie Alice Smith mid-June; if he did such record may be revealing) : “…Rev. John Francis McKearney ….Pastor of St. Peter of Alcantara Church, Stanley, in Daviess Co. from May 1899 to early spring 1910 when he got into difficulties with his bishop and was sent to the Passionist monastery, Baltimore, MD to do penance. Later he went to South Dakota and laboured at Marty and Sioux Falls…” (Note: The detail on this typed transcript appears correct, from details of birth, parentage, emigration, ordination date and place, even date of death and removal from Providence for burial. The information about ‘Marty and Sioux Falls’ possibly questionable, yet to be confirmed) *(Source: typescript from Archdiocese of Louisville Archives made from various unidentified original sources. Some original records lost) [6 Sep. 2018 research report]*

**1910**: “Archdiocese of Baltimore: St. Joseph’s Passionist Monastery, Frederick Ave., Station D – Legal Title: St. Joseph’s Passionist Retreat, Baltimore MD. Very Rev. Cornelius Thompson C.P., rector; Rev Boniface Sotter C.P., vice-rector” *(‘The Catholic Directory……for 1910’) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1910 April 5:** “Going West – Father J.F. McKearney resigns at St. Peter’s. Had been in charge of the parish for the past 11 years….one of the most popular priests of Daviess county has resigned his charge at St. Peter’s church at Stanley and will probably leave the last of the week for the West. Father McKearney is going west on account of his health. He has suffered with acute throat trouble for a number of years. Father McKearney went to Louisville last week and tendered his resignation to Bishop O’Donaghue….his first charge was assistant at St. Stephen’s church in this city. While at St. Peter’s he did much for the church in that community” *(‘The Owensboro Messenger’ Apr. 5 1910) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1910 April 30**: At “Daviess Co., KY: Alfred M. Smith, 55, b.Kentucky, Farmer – own farm; Bridget, wife, 37, b. Scotland; married 7 yrs; Elizabeth [Ellen] McKearny, mother-in-law, 65, b. Ireland; Rose McKearny, 40 [44], b. Ireland; Margaret Smith, 6, b. Kentucky; Mary Smith, 5, b. Kentucky; Rose Smith, daughter, 3, b. Kentucky; Alice, daughter, 1, b. Kentucky” *(1910 USA census) [6 Dec. 2018 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1910 April 30**: Minnie Alice Smith living with her divorced mother, Emma D. Smith at South First Street, Louisville KY *(1910 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1910 April 25:** John F. McKearney at the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky: “Arrivals at Hotels – Phoenix Hotel: ….Owensboro – John F. McKearney” *(‘The Lexington Herald’ 25 Apr. 1910) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newsbank.com]*

**1910 April**: At “96 Stirling Avenue, Providence, RI, Helen (Nellie) (McKearney) Arnold, 28, [husband] William H. Arnold, Helper, Machine Shop, [children] John 9, James 5, Francis 3” *(1910 USA Census) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1910 April**: At “85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence RI, Mary E. (McKearney) Hanley, [husband] Frank L. Hanley, lawyer…[children] Mary E. 4, Lucy 2, Margaret 2, Loretta Chase, Servant” // “Providence Business Directory 1912 – 36 Olneyville Sq., Room 2” *(1910 USA Census)(Providence Directory 1912) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1910 April:** At “87 Williams, Providence, RI: Roy, Mary, age 49, servant, born Ireland; immigration 1894” [ eldest sister to JM living in household of Samuel Foster, a 42 year old broker and family. Her two sons or husband Ludger Roy are not here, the boys are recorded at a local orphanage]: “St. Aloysius Asylum, Prairie Avenue, Providence: Roy, Joseph, Inmate, 12, born: Rhode Island; Roy, John, Inmate, 9, born: Rhode Island” *(1910 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1910 April:** Ellen McNally (McKearney’s) nephew Frank McNally at “930 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI: Francis McNally, age 47, born Ireland, year of immigration to USA: 1895 [from Canada], Labourer: Machinery, wife Anna, 45, b. Ireland, [children], Anna 17, b. Canada, Mill hand, worsted mill; Margaret 15, b. Canada, Mill hand, worsted mill; Rose 13, b. Rhode Island; James 11 b. RI, Irene 9, b.RI” (Francis McNally b.1861 Tullycomiskey, Clontibret, son of James McNally, brother of Ellen McNally (McKearney) thus Francis a nephew of Ellen and cousin of Rev. John F. McKearney) *(1910 USA census) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1910 June 13**: At Jeffersonville, Indiana, John McKearney married Minnie Alice Smith : “John F. McKearney, born Ireland, Dec. 5 1871, present residence: Providence RI; occupation: Real estate; father: Daniel McKearney, born Ireland, supt [superintendent] steel works, dead; mother: Ellen McNally, housewife, born Ireland, residence: Providence RI [to] Minnie A. Wilson, born New Haven, KY, May 3 1882, present residence: Lou[isville] KY, present occupation: none; father: Thos. R. Smith, born Manchester KY, occupation: contractor, residence: Lou[isville]KY; mother: Emma J. Lee, born Belmont KY, housewife, residence: Lou[isville] KY; Is this her first marriage?: no, divorced 1905…….” *(Marriage license, Clerk of the clerk circuit court, Jeffersonville, Ind.) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.ancestry.com]*

**1911 April:** Patrick McKearney, brother to Daniel, at : “ 9 High Street, Rutherglen: Patrick McKearney, Head of House, 61, at home, b. Ireland; Mary McKearney, daughter, 23, weaver, cotton mill, b. Glasgow; Kate McKearney, daughter, 17, b. Glasgow” *(1911 census of Scotland) [18 Sep 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1911 May 7**: Death of youngest known brother to Daniel McKearney at Rutherglen: “Patrick McKearney; Chemical work labourer; widower of Annie Hughes; 1911 May 7th, 9 High Street, Rutherglen, age 58 [possibly early 60s], [son of] Patrick McKearney, general labourer, deceased, and Mary McKearney m.s. [maiden surname] Hughes, deceased; Bright’s Disease 1 year, certified; Mary McKearney, daughter, present” (This is very likely Mary Mullin, who appears as their adopted daughter on the 1901 census as no other children are found in Scottish or Irish records born to Patrick McKearney and his wife)//”10 May 1911: Patrick McKearney, age 59, owner [of lair], 5314. No. of lair: 1446; section 15 Division W” *(Scottish civil reg. death Cert : District of Rutherglen, Co. Lanark; ‘Register of Interments, St. Peter’s Cemetery, Dalbeth) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk]*

**1911 September:** John McKearney’s cousin, Rev. Edward Francis Fitzpatrick, arrives, to teach, at St. Thomas High School in Houston, TX (until May 1912): “….he entered St. Basil’s Novitiate, Toronto on 19th March 1908. After profession in 1909 he taught at St. Michael’s college [Toronto] until the summer of 1910 when he was transferred to Assumption College in Windsor. Early in 1911 he obtained a leave of absence and returned to the diocese of Lincoln [Nebraska] where he was given charge of St. Helena’s parish in Grafton. At the end of the summer he returned to the Congregation and was appointed to St. Thomas High School in Houston. In June 1912 Father Fitzpatrick withdrew from the Congregation and was incardinated in the diocese of Portland, Maine where he worked until his death in 1958…” *(‘Dictionary of Basilian Biography’ (2003) P. Wallace Platt) [8 July 2019 research report]*

A more personalized account of this period from his own memory: “…around February 1908 got permission to return to Toronto to enter Novitiate. There for the year and one day. Had the care of the resigned Archbishop O’Connor. Then to St. Mike’s as prefect of discipline and one or two subjects in commercial class. There till September then appointed to Assumption College….Not fully aware of the risings in the Community and disappointed that I was not allowed the promised privilege of a year’s study at Dominion Business College in Toronto, was soon to be more depressed on arrival in Sandwich. Will not go into detail other than to say very coolly received and assigned to the old job of Yard Master. No assignment even to a Catechism Class. Felt that if a policeman’s job was to be my lot, could far better do parochial work anywhere if preference to being just a fringe Basilian, patrolling a college campus. Sat down and wrote to saintly Nick Roche who was ever my confidant and director. Oured out my heart to him. In fact he came to see me. At that time rumours were floating around that Nick might be Archbishop of Toronto. He said ‘Fitz, get a leave of absence from the Community and go out to Nebraska again’ as I did not want to go to Providence. So at Christmas time after corresponding with old Bishop Bonacum who was so delighted that he gave me a nice little parish at a place called Grafton. However, longing for Community life, using the leave of absence privilege and Bonacum having passed on, decided again (contrary to Nick’s wishes) to return (1911) to place I loved best (Community at Toronto). Then around August I reported to Father Marijon in Detroit. Asked me if I would go to Father Semande at Ahmherstburg till September appointments. Told me that Father Pageau at Houston would be glad to have me….(‘Houston, St. Thomas College, Rev. J.E. Pageau, CSB [Congregation of Saint Basil, Basilian Fathers]’ – ‘Catholic Directory for 1912’) …. Yes I would gladly accept. Seems language issue was raging in Providence and in Portland diocese. Providence Bishop had penalized some of the leaders and likewise Bishop Walsh of Portland. Newspapers heralded it far and wide. Likewise learned, for first time, that it was an issue in our Community (the Basilians). Not too sure that my defence of singular good men on both sides added to my welcome in Houston. Had it not been for the companionship of Father Plourde and Louis Bondy, doubt that I would have finished the year. I was deeply attached to both, a noble priest and a worthy candidate. Must not forget the devout boy Marintette……another last farewell. Left early in May or June 1912 for Providence, carrying with me a malarial souvenir and drop from 199 to 161 pounds. Reported in Providence and was advised to take a month’s rest. In about three weeks, Bishop phoned me, saying that Bishop Walsh of Portland was in sad need of summer help and would I be able to help him out. Replied yes, if work was not too heavy because of my malaria. Bishop Walsh assigned me to Lewiston, Maine for a two month stay. Vicar-General persuaded me to stay with him, saying ‘you will get a parish in a very short time, I assure you and in Providence you will have to wait at least 20 years’. Signed up and at end of four years became a pastor in 1916 of the famous Irish colony at Benedicta. Happiest spot in all of my wanderings. Fifty-one families of farmers, woodsmen and trappers and all Irish. Whole township Catholic. Not a Protestant in it…108 miles from a city, 8 miles from railroad station. Not lonely there. Plenty of deep woods, hunting, fishing galore….left Benedicta in 1922 for South Berwick parish. Two years there and though 95% French, with my 18 words in that tongue, got along fine. Next to Peak’s Island outside of Portland for 3 years and in 1927 to Bar Harbour…will have been 27 years here….as the years close in and always with me, mixed memories of joy and sadness that that C.S.B. [Congregation of Basilian Fathers – he withdrew 1912] was not to be on the nameplate. Devoted to all of my day even though differences with but two, forced me to other plans. God love them all, past and present. Substantially good priests and like myself, a few accidentals. Hope this long rambling will not tire you out. If so good, then do come down to B.H. [Bar Harbor] for that much needed rest. Fitz”/”Transcribed from the original in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers. Letter was written in late March 1954 probably to Father E.J. McCorkell” *(‘Notes on the history of the Congregation of Priests of Saint Basil’ Vol 24. ‘Collected by Robert J. Scollard CSB’) [9 April 2020 research report]*

**1912 May 2**: “At the hotels – Kentuckians at the various hotels last night were….Victoria: J.F. McKearney, [of] Beaver Dam” (Presumably Beaver Dam Ky, south of Owensboro) *(‘The Courier-Journal’ [Louisville] 2 May 1912) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1912 May 9**: Death of Ellen McNally (McKearney), widow of Daniel McKearney etc: “May 9 1912, Ellen McKearney, place of death/usual residence: 26 Kelly Street [Providence], Widow [of] Daniel McKearney, Housekeeper, born Ireland; father: Patrick McNally, mother: Margaret McNally; Buried: St. Francis Cemetery; Informant: Mrs. F.L. Hanley, daughter; Physician’s certificate: 10.30pm [died], Bronchitis, asthmatic attended with general debility and anaemia” *(‘Return of a Death : City of Providence) [6 Sep. 2018 research report] [www.familysearch.org]*

**1912:** “McNally, Frank, foreman, h[ouse] 930 Chalkstone Ave, [Providence]” (Nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney)) *(Providence Directory 1912) [15 April 2020 research report] [www.hathitrust.org]*

**1911-1912**: “McKearney, Minnie, cashier, Casino Theater, boarder 645 South 2nd” *(Louisville KY Directory 1912) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1912 May 11**: Burial of Ellen (McNally) McKearney, widow of Daniel McKearney, in family plot she purchased 1902 at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1912-1913**: “McKearney, John F, agent, State Mutual Life Insurance Co, b[oarding] 104 E. Jacob Av [and] McKearney, Minnie A.” *(Louisville KY Directory 1913) [3 April 2019 research report]* and “For rent, by Rothenburger & Turner, 139 S. Fifth Street – Dwellings: 104 E. Jacob, 2-story brick, 12 rooms, bath, furnace etc. $50” *(‘The Courier-Journal’ 3 April 1910 and July 17 1910)*//”Boarding- Bright, attractive front room, 2nd floor; bath, gas, home cooking; $4 per week. 104 E. Jacob” *(‘The Courier-Journal’ 15 Jan. 1911) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1913 August:** “Divorce Suits – Minnie McKearney charges John McKearney with cruel treatment. They were married in Jeffersonville June 13 1910” [Possibly never legally finalized as Minnie’s re-marriage – below - in Apr 1923, 11 months after John’s death, refers to her two previous marriages as ending by ‘divorce 1903’ and ‘death’. She was also married 1923 under the surname McKearney]*(‘The Courier-Journal’ 24 Aug. 1913) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1915:**  Niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney) thus cousin of Rev. John McKearney – Ellen McNally (b.c.1864) and husband Edward Connelly and family: At “14 Ridge Street, Providence RI: Edward Connley, 49, b. Ireland, [work] Brewery; wife Ellen Connley, b. Ireland, age 50, Mary A. Connley, daughter, 21, b. Ireland, Seamstress, Dressmaking; James E. Connley, son, 16, b. Ireland; Patrick J. McArdle, boarder, 28, b. Scotland, Helper – Rubberwork; Edward Daley, boarder, 28 b. Canada, Builder – Waggons; Peter Connley, Boarder, 25, b.Ireland, Dyer – dye works” (Ellen and Edward had still been at Tullycomaskey, Clontibret until 1900 when they emigrated to Providence. The boarder Patrick McArdle is actually eldest child (b.1884 Rutherglen) of Rose McNally and husband Patrick McArdle – Rose McNally being a sister of above Ellen, thus another niece to Ellen McNally (McKearney). Rose McNally died 1895 (see 1895) at Rutherglen).*(1915 Census of Rhode Island State) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1917 Feb 19:**  Death of Sarah Rafferty (Brennan), sister of Rev. Hugh Rafferty: “Mrs. Sarah Brennan, widow, born Feb 19 1838, age 79, Housewife; birthplace: Ireland; father: Frank Rafferty, mother: Bridget McKearney; cause: Recicarditis; Contributary: Gastritis, Old age; Burial: Scipio, St. Bernard’s” (Whilst her siblings’ baptismal records are found in Tynan parish register (Crossdall), Sarah’s baptism not found in said register as a gap exists Aug. 1834-Aug.1838) *(‘Register of Deaths, Town of Scipio, Co. of Cayuga’) [7 May 2019 research report]*

“Mrs. Sarah Brennan – The death of Mrs. Sarah Brennan, widow of Andrew Brennan and sister of the late Father Rafferty occurred at the home of her sister Mrs. Robert Reilly in Scipio on Monday afternoon after an illness of three months of heart failure. She was 79 years of age and previous to the attack which she suffered last fall had enjoyed remarkably good health. She was very highly respected in the community. She is survived by one brother, John Rafferty of King Ferry and one sister Mrs. Robert [Anna] Reilly of Scipio, also several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Thursday morning with services at St. Bernard’s church at 10.30. Father Rafferty of Corning [Rev. William Rafferty, a son of John Rafferty of Ledyard] a nephew, officiated. Burial at Scipio” *(‘Genoa Tribune’) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1917-1918:** “McKearney, Jno [John] F, clk [clerk], G&J Tire Co, r528 e Market” *(Indianapolis City Directory 1918) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1918 January 10:** Marriage of Patrick McNally, nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney), cousin of John F. McKearney, at Tullycomiskey townland, Clontibret: “10th January 1918, Patrick McNally, age 47 [actually 51, b. 1866], Farmer, Tullycomaskey, Castleshane, [son of] James Mcnally, Farmer TO Mary Ann Sherry, 42, widow, Tullycomaskey, Castleshane, [daughter of] Owen Kelly, Farmer. Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of St. Mary’s, Clontibret….Eegene Coyle, C.C; in presence of us: Francis Kerr, Sarah Kelly” *(Irish civil registration marriage certificate: ‘Registrar’s District of Castleshane, Co. Monaghan’) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1918 August 13**: Burial of Frank Hulett, age 55, husband of Rose McKearney, at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI – in family lair purchased by Rose’s mother Ellen (McNally) McKearney in 1902 *(St. Francis Cemetery lair register)* *[3 April* *2019 research report]*

**1918-1919**: “McKearney, Jno F, clerk, h.33 351 ½ Mass Av” *(Indianapolis City Directory 1919) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1919 March 9:** Death of William Henry Arnold, husband of Ellen (Nellie) McKearney : “William Henry Arnold, age 42….9 Moultrie Court [Providence RI]; wife: Ellen; Occupation: Ironworker; birthplace: Providence; father: Joseph Arnold, born Conn., Mother: Marion, born Mass. Buried: St. Francis…[signed] Ellen M. Arnold, wife. Cause: Acute Nephritis; about 3 months” *(Returns of Deaths: City of Providence) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1919 March 10**: Burial of William H. Arnold, age 42, husband of Ellen (Nellie) McKearney, at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI – in family lair purchased 1902 by Nellie’s mother Ellen (McNally) McKearney *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 April 2109 research report]*

**1920, January**: At “85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence RI, Mary E (McKearney) Hanley, [husband] Frank L Hanley, [children] Mary E 15, Lucy 11, Margaret 11, Francis 1year 9 months, Rose 7” *(1920 USA census) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1920 January**: At “58 Barton Street, Providence RI : Rose (McKearney) Hullet, age 48 [actually 54]…..Weaver, Woollen Mill” *(1920 USA Census) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1920 January:** At “44 Brattle Street, Providence RI: Roy, Mary, 51 [58], Widowed, born: Ireland; Joseph F., Son, age 22, born Rhode Island, father born Canada, mother born Ireland, Die Maker, Optical Shop; John L., son, age 19, born Rhode Island, USN [U.S. Navy]” *(1920 USA Census) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1920 January:** At “926 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence RI: Francis McNally [b. 1861 Clontibret, cousin to Rev. John McKearney, Francis’ father James McNally, a brother to Ellen McNally (McKearney)] fireman , woollen mill, wife Anna, daughters Annie, Rose and Irene..” *(1920 USA Census) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1920 January:** At “67 Goddard Street, Providence RI: Edward Conly [Connolly], Labourer Machine Shop, *wife Helen, 57, b. Ireland* (niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney), cousin to Rev. John F. McKearney), Mary A, 25, James E, son 21…+ 4 Irish born boarders…” *(1920 USA Census) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1920 July 24**: “Perpetual care July 24 1920, $100” purchased for family burial plot at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, plot 189 section 33 – purchased by Ellen (McNally) McKearney in 1902 *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1920 July 27:** Death of John Rafferty, brother to Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of Scipio NY. Left 13 of a family: “John Rafferty, age 71, married, Farmer, born : Ireland [Crossdall, Tynan 1849], Father: Francis Rafferty, Mother: Bridget McKearney; Place of Death: Genoa, NY; cerebral haemorrhage 12 days; Burial: King Ferry [Cayuga Co. NY] *(Cayuga Co. NY register of deaths) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1921 January 28:**  “Dr and Mrs Bartholomew have arranged rooms in their home for patients from a distance. Either surgical or confinement cases” *(‘Merriman Maverick’ 28 Jan. 1921) [15 April 2020 research report]*

**1921 early June:** John McKearney “was received back into the Catholic church early last June saying his first mass thereafter on July 4” *(Report of his death in ‘Messenger-Inquirer’ (Owensboro) May 28 1922) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1921 December 3:** Death of John McKearney, age 77, at Red Lake Falls, Red Lake Co.,(immediately borders N. Dakota), Minnesota – in 1878 John, of Crossdall, Tynan, had married Mary Mallon at Tynan, she having returned to Ireland, being a ‘servant in America’. In 1880 they appear at Cayuga Co., NY living with John Rafferty (brother of Rev. Hugh Rafferty, Scipio Center) and his family, he being a son of Frank Rafferty & Bridget McKearney, from Crossdall. By early 1880s John McKearney and Mary Mallon were at Minnesota where they apparently spent the rest of their lives and raised a family: “Red Lake Falls…John McKearney, age 77, birthplace: Ireland; Married; Retired Farmer; Father: Peter McKearney, Mother: Bridget Morissey; Cause: Broncho Pneumonia; 6 days; N.M. Watson MD, Red Lake Falls; Burial: East Cemetery, 6 Dec. 1921” (In July 1840 Tynan parish Catholic baptism register records a baptism of a child to ‘Peter McKerney & Bridget Morrsey, Sp[onsors]: Patk McKerney and Mary McKerney’ Residence of parents was ‘Crossdall’. Possibly this Patrick and Mary McKerney, sponsors, were ancestral Patrick McKearney and Mary Hughes, married 1832) *(State of Minnesota: Division of Vital Statistics – Certificate of Death) (Irish Civil Register of Marriages:District of Tynan, 1878) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1921-1922**: “Diocese of Lead: John J Lawler DD, Bishop of Lead……Martin, Bennett Co, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Rev. John F. McKearney. Missions: Allen; Bear Creek, St. Joseph’s; Lacreek, Our Lady of the Lake; Vetal, Sacred Heart; …” *(‘The Catholic Directory 1922’) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 20**: [notepaper headed]: ‘G. F. Bartholomew, Physician and Surgeon, Merriman, Nebraska’ – “This is my last will and testament. I give and bequeath after all my debts have been paid – all monies at present deposited in Bennett County Bank, Martin, South Dakota and any personal property I may be owning to my beloved sister Mrs. Rose Hulitt, with the exceptions of my gold watch which I bequeath to my nephew John Arnold. Signed this 20th Day of May 1922 at Merriman, Nebr. Signed in the presence of, Witnesses D.W. Coffey, Mrs. Agnes Bartholomew [signed ‘Jno F. McKearney’] [John Arnold, son of Nellie McKearney, was aged about 21 at this time. The Will itself, handwritten, appears to not be John’s own script, probably due to his illness, but that of Agnes Bartholomew, one of the witnesses and (according to census records) Dr. Bartholomew’s wife. This is confirmed by 1924 Probate records (see 1924 below) in which the witness D.W. Coffey is recorded as D. Warfield Coffey (b.c.1886 – census) who recalls ‘at the time of making the said will, deceased was weak, requested the said Agnes Bartholomew to write said’] *(Registers of Wills,* *Bennett County, South Dakota) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 20**: “I knew John McKearney on the 20th May 1922, the date of the instrument now shown to me……the Last Will and Testament of the said John F. McKearney…I am one of the subscribing witnesses. I also knew at the said date of said instrument Mrs. Agnes Bartholomew, the other of said subscribing witnesses. The said instrument was signed by the said John F. McKearney at Merriman in the County of Cherry on the 20th May 1922 in the presence of myself and of said Agnes Bartholomew and John F McKearney…..that at the time of making of said will deceased was weak, requested said Agnes Bartholomew to write said….which deceased dictated to the writer…and that the signature of D.W. Coffey to said will is my signature……….[signed] Warfield Coffey, …30 September 1924” *(‘Testimony of Subscribing witness on Probate of Will’ Office of Clerk of County Court, Bennett County SD - Probate records) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 21 (Sunday)**: John McKearney operated on by Dr. Bartholomew for appendicitis, at the hospital at Merriman, NE *(‘Merriman Maverick’ newspaper, 26 May 1922) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 25**: “The Rev. Father John F. McKearney, 50 years old, of Martin, died in the hospital here yesterday morning, of appendicitis. He was operated on the first of the week [Sunday 21st May] and everything possible done to prolong his life but there was never much hopes from the first. His sister and brother [in-law?] arrived here and was at his death bed. The remains will lay in state at the Catholic church of this place today and will be shipped to Providence RI tonight” *(‘Merriman Maverick’ newspaper, Friday 26 May 1922)* // “Diocese of Grand Island – Nenzel, Cherry Co., St. Mary’s, Rev. Alphonse Steder, O.S.B. Mission – Merriman, Cherry Co., St. Elizabeth’s” *(‘The Catholic Directory for…1922’)* [also, the ‘hospital’ at Merriman was perhaps short-lived, possibly run out of Dr Bartholomew’s house as there is no mention of it in *Polk’s Medical Register* of Hospitals, Doctors etc for 1917-8 or of Bartholomew on the 1920 or 1930 census for Merriman and no history of the town (looked at to date) or living persons from the area seem to recall the hospital. The 1920 Census records Dr. Bartholomew – at Newport Village, Rock Co., NE: George F. Bartholomew, age 47, Druggist & Doctor, wife Agnes Bartholomew, age 46 and son George, age 3, born New Mexico. Also “Dr. G.F. Bartholomew, formerly of Mills but now of Newport, Nebraska, was greeting friends here Monday between trains” *(‘The Spanish American, Dec 20 1919) [all references 7 May 2019 research report]*

“Rev. John F. McKearney dies in South Dakota….for several [one] years assistant pastor of St. Stephen’s church in Owensboro and subsequently pastor of St. Peter’s church at Stanley, died at Martin SD Friday morning following an operation. Details had not been received by Mrs. Mac Smith, a sister living near Stanley, of the character of the operation. Father McKearney was in charge of a large congregation covering a wide territoty in South Dakota in the diocese of Lead. He had in his charge several Indian reservations. He was received back into the Catholic church early last June, saying his first mass thereafter on July 4” *(‘Owensboro Messenger’ 25 May 1922) [23 Aug. 2018 research report] [www.newspapers.com]*

**1922 May 25**: “McKearney, John F. (Lead), Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Martin S.D. – Died May 25 1922” *(‘Catholic Directory’ for USA etc) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 26**: “Death Notice – McKearney: In Martin, South Dakota on the 25th inst., Rev. John Francis McKearney, brother of Mrs. Mary E. Roy, Mrs. M.A. Smith, Mrs. W.H. Arnold, Mrs. Frank A. Hulett and Mrs. Frank L. Hanley. Interment to take place in Providence. Notice of funeral later” *(A Providence newspaper – need to identify) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 28**: “Death Notices – McKearney – in Martin, South Dakota on the 25th inst., Rev. John Francis McKearney, brother of Mrs. Mary E. Roy, Mrs. M.A. Smith, Mrs. W.H. Arnold, Mrs. Frank A. Hulett and Mrs. Frank L. Hanley. Funeral from the residence of his sister Mrs. Frank L. Hanley, 85 Pocasset Avenue, Tuesday, May 30th at 9am. Solemn requiem mass at St. Anthony’s Church, Plainfield Street at 9.30am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend” *(A Providence RI newspaper – need to identify) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 28 (Sunday):** “Deaths and Funerals: Father McKearney dead. Rev. John F. McKearney, for several years assistant pastor of St. Stephen’s church in Owensboro and subsequently pastor of St. Peter’s church at Stanley, died at Martin SD Friday morning following an operation. Details had not been received by Mrs. Mac Smith, a sister living near Stanley, of the character of the operation. Father McKearney was in charge of a congregation covering a wide territory in South Dakota, in the diocese of Lead. He had in his charge several Indian reservations. He was received back into the Catholic church early last June, saying his first mass thereafter on July 4” *(‘Messenger-Inquirer’ 28 May 1922) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922 May 29**: Burial of Rev. John Francis McKearney, age 50, in family plot (purchased by his mother Ellen (McNally) McKearney 1902) at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1922 May c.30th:** “Priest is buried – The funeral of the Rev. John F. [Mc]Kearney, who died in South Dakota, Thursday [25th] was held yesterday morning from the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank L. Hanley, of 85 Pocasset Avenue, followed by a solemn high mass of requiem at St. Anthony’s Church, Plainfield Street. Rev. Edward Fitzpatrick of Benedictum ME, a cousin of the dead priest, was celebrant; Rev. Edward F. Fitzpatrick of this city, also a cousin, was deacon and Rev. Francis McDermott of this city, sub-deacon. Rev. John M. Kelly of St. Anthony’s Church was master of ceremonies. Seated in the sanctuary were Rev. G.W. Brown, pastor of St. Anthony’s Church; Rev. P.J. Malone, pastor of the Church of the Holy Name; Rev. James T. Tiernan of Wickford and Rev. Thomas L. Kelley of Warren, all of whom assisted in the burial service at St. Francis Cemetery. The bearers were Daniel, John, Patrick and Francis Fitzpatrick, cousins of the deceased and Michael McLaughlin and James H. Hanley” (*A Providence RI newspaper – need to identify) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1922**: “Diocese of Portland, Benedicta, Aroostook Co., St. Benedict’s, Rev. Edward Fitzpatrick” *(‘The Catholic Directory for…1922’) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1923 April 14**: Marriage of Minnie A. McKearney to Harry H Jeter. She is recorded as “present residence – Indianapolis, Ind.” and “how often has she been married – twice” and “has such marriages been dissolved, if so how and when: Death 1921; divorce 1903 [this is interesting in that no divorce from JM is noted, only his death, albeit a year ‘off’. This would indicate that she had knowledge of his death and possibly the divorce referred to in a 1913 newspaper as being in progress had never been finalised. His status as a former (at that time) priest and Catholic had possibly barred the proceeding in some way. *(Marriage license, State of Indiana, Clark County) [7 Feb 2019 research report].*

**1924 August 10:** Death of Francis McNally, nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney) at Providence – son of James McNally, from Tullycomasky townland, adjacent to Crossdall: “Aug. 10 1924, Francis McNally, date of birth: 1865, [actually 1861 Clontibret] age 59, residence: 926 Chalkstone Avenue [Providence]; Married; wife: Ann; Occupation: Watchman in factory; birthplace: Ireland; Father: James McNally; Mother: Ann McNally [pre-marriage name not given]; buried: St. Ann’s Cemetery; Informant: James McNally, Son. Physician’s certificate: Cerebral Apoplexy, 3 weeks; arterio sclerosis, about two years…” // “[Letter]: Drumgolet, Castleshane, Co. Monaghan, Sat. 5th Dec…the McNally brothers are sure that your grandmother Ellen [McNally, wife of Daniel McKearney] is their great-aunt…Their uncle Francis [McNally] died in Long [Rhode] Island in 1924’ leaving behind 5 of a family…If you are interested in contacting the McNallys in Ireland their address is – Francis [b.1909] and James McNally [b.1908], Tullycomisky, Castleshane, Co. Monaghan, Castleshane/”Sep 21st 1982….I was recently speaking to two elderly men, neighbours of my own. Their names are McNally and they claim to have had a great-aunt who married a McKearney from Crossdall. They moved to America and what proved interesting was the fact that they had a son ordained priest out there. If this is the family related to you it would explain the marriage [of Ellen McNally to Daniel McKearney 1860] in Clontibret…after their mother’s death [Annie Gormley d. 1945] the correspondence stopped but I will pass on names and an address which they have from memory – Francis McNally, Chalkave [Chalkstone], Providence, Rode [Rhode] Island. They also remember a name Mary Roy whom they say was their cousin but are not sure if it is first or second. They haven’t got her address as it is years since she wrote….God Bless, Yours sincerely, Nellie Moen (formerly McKearney)” (Mary McKearney, wife of Ludger Roy, died Providence 1948, aged 87. Also, Francis McNally, the subject of this entry, did indeed leave 5 children – Annie b.1892 Canada, Margaret b.1894 Canada, Rose b.1896 Providence RI, James Francis b.1898 Providence, Nora Irene b.1900 Providence) *(Return of Deaths: City of Providence) (Letters from Mrs. Nellie Moen, 1982) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1924 August 19**: “In the matter of the estate of John F. McKearney, deceased – Petition for Letters of Administration with the will annexed. To the judge of the county court…..the petition of Frank L. Hanley of Providence RI respectfully represents…that John F. McKearney died on or about May 26th 1923 [1922] in Cherry County, Nebr…..that the said deceased left a last will and testament which is herewith presented to this court for probate and that there was no Executor named in said will…..legatees are as follows: Mrs. Rose Hulitt, sister of deceased, Providence RI age 50 years [actually age 59 in 1924], Mr. John Arnold, nephew of deceased, Providence RI, age 22 years. That the heirs [his siblings] of said deceased are as follows: Mrs. Rose Hulitt, Providence RI age 50; Mary E. Hanley, Providence RI, age not known; Ellen E. Arnold, Providence RI, age not known; Bridget Smith, Owensboro, KY, age not known [note Mary Roy, John’s eldest sister missing from this document]. That the estate consists of about $1000 now on deposit in The Bennett County Bank, Martin SD, together with one gold watch, probable value $50” *(‘Petition for Letters of Admin’ – Office of Clerk of County Court, Bennett County SD: Probate records) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1924 August 19**: “Notice of Hearing – In the matter of the estate of John F. McKearney, deceased. The state of South Dakota sends greetings to Mrs. Rose Hulitt, Providence RI, Mary E. Hanley, Providence RI, Mrs. Ellen E. Arnold, Providence RI, Mrs. Bridget Smith, Owensboro KY, Mr. John Arnold, Providence RI, heirs at law and next of kin of John F. McKearney, deceased and that Saturday the 13th day of September 1924 at the hour of 10am at the office of the County Judge….in Martin, County of Bennett…set as the time and place when…the petition will be heard and any persons interested may appear….” *(‘Notice of Hearing’ Office of the Clerk of the County Court, Bennett County SD – Probate Court) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1924 August 25**: “Affidavit of Mailing – in the matter of the estate of John F. McKearney, deceased. Frank L. Hanley…states, upon the 25th day of August 1924 he as the petitioner herein, made due service of the Notice of Hearing upon the petitioners…by enclosing true copies of said notice…in separate envelopes….to said heirs and legatees….Mrs. Rose Hulitt, 85 Pocasset Avenue, Mrs E. Hanley, 85 Pocasset Avenue, Mrs. Ellen E. Arnold, 50 Pocasset Avenue, Mrs. Bridget Smith, 424 Hill Avenue, Owensboro, Kentucky, Mr. John Arnold, 50 Pocasset Avenue…” *(‘Affidavit of Mailing’ Clerk of County Court, Bennett County SD – Probate records) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1924 September 13:** “In the matter of the estate of John F. McKearney, deceased….hearing on this 13th day of September 1924…..and the witnesses to the Will of John F. McKearney failing to appear, it is therefore ordered that the said hearing be postponed until the 30th day of September” *(Clerk of County* *Court, Bennett County SD – Probate Court) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1924 September 30**: Witness, Warfield Coffey, to Will of John McKearney appears at Bennett County Court. Probate matters appear concluded.

**1930 April**: At “85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence RI, Mary (McKearney) Hanley, [husband] Frank L, lawyer, own office, [children] Lucy 22, Teacher, Margaret 22, Teacher, Rose 18, Francis 12” (1930 USA census) [3 April 2019 research report]

**1930 April**: Minnie Alice Jeter (widow of JM) and husband Harry H Jeter, living at Alford Ave., Louisville city, Jefferson Co., KY *(Census 1930) [7 Feb 2019 research report].*

**1933 October 24:** Death of Patrick McNally at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret, Co. Monaghan, nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney) and cousin of Rev. John F. McKearney: “1933, 24th October, Tullycumiskey, Patrick McNally, Married, age 68 years; Farmer; Cause: Hemiplegia 1 year; Cerebral haemorrhage 4 hours, Certified; [Informant]: Mary Anne McNally, Widow, Tullycumiskey” (He was youngest son of James McNally (d.1888 Tullycomiskey), brother to Ellen McNally (McKerney)) *(Irish Civil Death cert.: ‘Registrar’s District of Castleshane, Co. Monaghan’) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1935 February 17:**  Death of Anna Rafferty, [age 82], last surviving sibling of late Rev. Hugh F Rafferty of Scipio; of the family of Frank Rafferty & Bridget McKearney, who emigrated from Crossdall, Tynan to Scipio, Cayuga Co.: “Mrs, Annie Reilly – after a brief illness, Mrs. Annie Reilly, widow of Robert Reilly, died at the home of her son, William B. Reilly, 472 N. Seward Avenue, at about 8 o’clock Sunday night. Mrs. Reilly was born in Ireland [b.1852 Crossdall, Tynan] and for many years she had lived in Scipio. She was a sister of the late Rev. Hugh Rafferty of Scipio. For 15 years she had lived in Auburn. She is survived by 3 sons, William B, Hugh and Leo Reilly of Auburn; by a daughter Mrs. Louis Basch of Rochester; …..the funeral will take place from the home of her son, Hugh J. Reilly, 152 Franklin St., Thursday morning…services at St. Alphonsus’ church….Burial will be in St. Bernard’s cemetery, Scipio Center” *(‘The Citizen-Advertiser’ Auburn NY : Mon. Feb 18 1935) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1940 January 3:** Death of Ellen McNally (Connolly) niece of Ellen McNally (McKearney), cousin of Rev. John F. McKearney – wife of Edward Connolly: “Pawtucket, Home for the aged, Little Sisters…Ellen Connolly, usual residence: 28 Elmcrest Avenue, Providence; [at the home] 28 days; how long in USA: 40 years; husband: Edward Connolly; birth: 1865; age 75; Housework – own home; Birthplace: Co. Monoghan, Ireland; Father: James McNally [brother to Ellen McNally (McKearney)] Mother: Ann Duffy; Informant: Mary A. Sherman, Daughter, 28 Elmcrest Avenue, Providence; Burial: St. Ann’s, Cranston; Cause: Chronic Myocarditis; arteriosclerosis…” *(Cert. of Death: Rhode Island Dept. of Public Health) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1940 April:** At “85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, Mary E (McKearney) Hanley, [husband] Frank L Hanley, Attorney Private Practise, [children] Margaret 30 Teacher, Lucy 30 Teacher, Rose 27 Nurse, Frank Jr. 21” (1940 USA census) [3 April 2019 research report]

**1944 January 29**: Death of Frank Louis Hanley, age 76, husband of Mary E McKearney, at Providence RI – “Judge, Police Court, Providence RI…85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence….burial St. Ann’s, Cranston…[son of] Luke Hanley, [born] Co. Roscommon, Ireland and Bridget Connell, [born] Co. Roscommon….[cause]: perforated duodenal ulcer; peritonitis; urermia; chronic nephritis; arteriosclerosis; anemia; operation – closure of perforated ulcer 23 Jan” *(Cert. of Death, Rhode Island Dept of Public Health) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1944 February 21:** Death of James McNally, age 80 at Tullycomiskey, Clontibret – nephew to Ellen McNally (McKearney), her brother James McNally’s son. “1944, 21st February Tullycumiskey, James McNally, married, age 80, Farmer, Old age, No medical attendant. [informant]: Francis McNally, son, present at death, Tullycumiskey” (His wife Ann Duffy died the following year; Informant Francis McNally b.1908 and his brother James b.1909 remained at Tullycomaskey until their deaths in the 1990s – both recalled in 1982 (Letters of Nellie McKearney (Moen)) their great-aunt-aunt Ellen McNally (McKearney) and her son who was ordained priest in USA, also their father’s cousin ‘Mary Roy’, Mary Ann McKearney (Roy), who used to write to the family from the USA. Mary Ann McKearney (Roy) was still alive in fact in 1944 – died 1984, aged 87 at Providence RI – so was likely still in touch with the Tullycomiskey McNallys by letter into at least the 1920s-1930s for the sons named above, Francis b.1908 and James b.1909 to recall it) *(Irish Civil Death Cert: ‘District of Castleshane…Co. of Monoghan’) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1944 August 28:** Death of Rev. William Rafferty, nephew to late Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty of Scipio, NY and grandson of Bridget McKearney/Frank Rafferty (originally from Crossdall, Tynan): “Burial services in King Ferry [Cayuga Co. NY] for Father Rafferty – Funeral services for Rev. William A. Rafferty, 58, for 30 years pastor of St. Patrick’s church at Mt. Morris [NY] were held at that church Thursday morning. Burial was in Our Lady of the Lake cemetery, King Ferry. Father Rafferty was born in King Ferry. He died Monday night at Gabriel Sanitorium in the Adirondacks following a brief illness. Father Rafferty was born in King Ferry 1886…he was graduated from St. Bernard’s seminary, Rochester..1914. First assigned as assistant pastor at St. Cecilia’s church, Elmira, 1914, he was sent as assistant pastor to St. Mary’s, Corning [NY] 1915…..appointed pastor of St. Theresa’s church, Stanley [NY] and St. Mary’s, Rushville …1921. His next charge was St. Patrick’s church, Mt. Morris in 1928 where he remained until his death. One of 13 children, Father Rafferty is survived by the following brothers – in King Ferry, Hugh, James, Herbert, Joseph and Leo; in Auburn, Charles; in Throop [NY] Michael; in Aurelius [NY] Ernest; Moravia [NY] John and Thomas; two sisters, Mrs. George Clayton and Mrs. John Colgan and many nieces and nephews….Father Rafferty came of a devout Catholic family. His uncle Rev. Hugh Rafferty was one of the earlier priests of the diocese and long served as pastor of St. Bernard’s church in Scipio” *(‘The Citizen-Advertiser’ Auburn: 31 Aug 1944) [7 May 2109 research report]*

**1948 July 11**: Death of Mary Anne McKearney (Roy) (b.1861) eldest sister of Rev. John F. McKearney: “State Infirmary, Howard, RI, Cranston – length of stay in hospital: 2 years 5 months 11 days; usual residence: 25 Spring Street, Providence; how long in USA: 55 years; Mary Ann Roy, Widow [of] Eugene Roy. Age 80 [87]; birthplace: Ireland; Housewife; Father: Daniel McKearney; Mother: Ellen McNally; Informant: State Infirmary records; Burial: July 13 1948, St. Francis, Pawtucket RI; Funeral Director: Charles A. Quinn; Died July 11 1948; ‘I attended deceased from Jan 30 1946 to July 11 1948…cause: arteriosclerotic heart disease, onset 1938; chronic bronchitis, onset 1938; fracture right hip: 21 June 1948…James J. Flanagan, Medical Examiner’” *(Certificate of Death: Rhode Island State Dept of Health) [7 May 2019 research report]*

**1948 July 12**: Burial of Mary Ann (McKearney) Roy, age 87, at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI – in family lair purchased by her mother Ellen (McNally) McKearney in 1902 *(St. Francis Cemetery lair register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1949 February 13**: Death of “Rose Teresa (McKearney) Hulett [age 83], 85 Pocasset Avenue, Providence, widow of Frank Hullet; occupation: housework, own home [daughter of] Daniel McKearney and Ellen McNally. Informant: Mrs Frank L Hanley, Sister, 85 Pocasset Avenue…Carncinoma of stomach, onset Sept 1948..operation [for condition] Oct 7 1948” *(Cert of Death, Rhode Island State Dept of Health) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1949 Feb 14**: Burial of Rose (McKearney) Hulett, age 83, at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtuckett RI – in family plot purchased by her mother Ellen (McNally) McKearney in 1902 *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1957 June:** Rev. Edward F. Fitzpatrick (b.1879), cousin to the McKearneys, celebrant at 1922 funeral of Rev. John F McKearney, celebrates 50 years as a priest: “Father Fitzpatrick ordained 50 years ago ….Church of Redeemer celebrates Golden Jubilee…Fr. Fitzpatrick loved by generations has served Holy Redeemer church through 30 years’ ministry – ‘a parish of 51 families’ he likes to recall, “and we built a parochial school. The men gave their labor, dug the foundations, logged and carried the lumber from the virgin forest, driving their teams over 6 feet of snow. I accompanied them from dawn till dusk, supervised the labor, encouraging the men as best I could. The total cost, $26,700 a fraction of the school’s real value. The potatoes sold for $10 a barrell that year; the people, all of them, gave half of their receipts. Two years later when I announced from the altar that I was being transferred, the people mortgaged their farms, sold their cattle and potatoes at a loss and the following Sunday handed me the money – I’ll never forget it, wrapped up in oily meat wrapping paper, the sum of eight thousand dollars, enough to pay off the whole debt’ What Father Fitz leaves unmentioned is the enormous devotion that bound the people of Benedicta [Maine, he was priest there 1916-24] to their big Irish priest whom they love and still cherish for his big Irish heart. After Benedicta, Fr. Fitzpatrick was assigned to South Berwick. Again his leadership and hard work bore fruit for his charge, for a mission church was built under his pastorate there. He was priest at South Berwick in the year 1924-26. After one year as priest on Peaks Island, Portland, Father Fitzpatrick was assigned to Bar Harbor. He arrived in this town April 1927 and has now completed 30 years….Parishioners note that when Fr. Fitzpatrick pronounces the word ‘priest’ his tone shows the reverence he holds for the holy priesthood. Perhaps his greatest success has been to maintain a balance between friendliness and dignity….Father Fitz still speaks with a faint Irish brogue which he can’t understand ‘because I left Ireland when only 3 years old’. His birthplace was Armagh, St. Patrick’s own see. Three years were apparently enough to mould character and a way of speech. No one more than he likes to laugh and exchange a good story. Ned Fitzpatrick was the youngest of eleven boys. He was never a sissy. He earned much of his way through college by playing baseball with the old ‘Stars’ of Providence. He was a boxer in school and still loves a hard, clean fight. He was the heir of Pat Fitzpatrick, an Irish patriot, six feet four tall, a man who had been in British jails for his beliefs and who had been flogged and finally exiled from his native, cherished Ireland….” *(‘Bar Harbor Times’ 27 June 1957) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1958 November 15:** Death of “Bridget Marie (McKearney) Smith…5509 Jackson, Houston Texas…[age 84]…immediate cause: general arteriosclerosis…malnutrition and dehydration, 3 months…burial: Garden of Gethsemani, Houston, Texas” *(Cert. of death, State of Texas) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1958 December 3**: Death of Rev. Edward F. Fitzpatrick, age 79, at Bar Harbor, Maine – b. 1879 Leeds, England; emigrated 1881 with parents and siblings to Providence RI; cousins of Rev. John F. McKearney and family and celebrant at said Rev. McKearney’s funeral, May 1922 – “Father Fitz, noted Maine priest expires: Bar Harbor, Maine: Rev. Edward F. Fitzpatrick, 79, pastor of the Holy Redeemer Church here for 31 years, died yesterday after a lengthy illness. ‘Father Fitz’ as he was commonly known at this summer resort, came to this country from his native Ireland at the age of 3. He studied at St. Andrew’s and St. Bernard’s seminaries, Rochester NY and at St. Michael’s in Toronto before being ordained priest in Providence in 1907. Later that year Father Fitz travelled by stage coach to Hastings, Nebraska, to hold a pastorate there for two years. He fondly told his parishioners here how he arrived at a desolate place and asked ‘a wood chopper where he would find the bishop. ‘I am the wood chopper’ the bishop replied. Returning to New England, Father Fitzpatrick was loaned to the diocese of Portland for what was meant to be a period of only two months. He stayed in Maine for 45 years until his death” (actually b.1879 at Leeds, Yorkshire, England as youngest of 11 sons, his parents had left Tynan for England c.1864 but various records show that he maintained the Irish birth tradition) *(‘The Troy Record’ 4 December 1958) [8 July 2019 research report]*

“Community mourns death of Rev. Father Fitzpatrick….Father Fitz was born in Armagh, Ireland, to parents Patrick and Catherine McNaughtan Fitzpatrick. He was the youngest of 11 boys. He has a younger sister Mrs Mary Gorman of Providence RI……Father Fitzpatrick’s first ministry was in Hastings, Nebraska, where he served for two years, from 1907 to 1909. Returning to scholarly pursuits he became a teacher at St. Thomas college, Houston, Texas in 1909 and served in that capacity for two years. In 1912 he returned to Providence. In 1912 Father Fitzpatrick was ‘loaned’ to the diocese of Portland for a period of two months. He has remained to serve the diocese for 46 years. He was assistant at St. Patrick’s church Lewiston from 1912 until 1916 and then became pastor at Benedicta, Maine for eight years. After serving at Benedicta, Father Fitzpatrick was assigned to South Berwick where he was until 1926. After one year as priest at Peak’s Island he was assigned to the Holy Redeemer church at Bar Harbor……Father Fitz is capable at all times of speaking the bold truth. Many a caller at the pastor’s office, many a priest, some bishops and even cardinals have been reminded of the hard facts by him. The parishioners, though all would vouch for his kindness, have never doubted who runs the parish. Father Fitzpatrick was responsible in a large measure for securing the Oblate seminary at Bar Harbor. He was the organizer of the Knights of Columbus council here. Last year – June 30 – he was honoured by a celebration of the golden jubilee of his ordination *(‘Bar Harbor Times’ Dec. 4 1958) [8 July 2019 research report]*

**1959 April 8**: Burial of John Arnold, age 56, son of William Arnold and Ellen (Nellie) McKearney, at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI – in family lair purchased by his maternal grandmother Ellen (McNally) McKearney in 1902 *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1972 October 7**: Burial of Ellen (Nellie) (McKearney) Arnold, age 94, (widow of William Arnold d. 1919) at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket RI – final burial in family lair purchased by her mother Ellen (McNally) McKearney in 1902 *(St. Francis Cemetery Lair Register) [3 April 2019 research report]*

**1993 May:** Francis McNally, age 84, of Tullycomiskey, passed away – a great-nephew of Ellen McNally (McKearney), his father James McNally b.1863 Tullycomiskey and grandfather, also James McNally, b.c.1833, d.1888, brother to Ellen McNally (McKearney). In 1982 Francis and his brother James recalled family knowledge of their great-aunt Ellen McNally (McKearney) b.c.1840 d.1912 and two of her children Rev. John F McKearney (1871-1922) and his eldest sister Mary Ann McKearney (Roy) b.1861 d.1948 - “Deaths: McNally, Tullicumiskey, Castleshane, Co. Monaghan – May 1 1993 at St. Joseph’s Nursing Home, Francis. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing brother James, sisters Nellie and Rose, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends, RIP. Remains will be removed from his residence to St. Mary’s church, Clontibret, this Tuesday evening, arriving at 7 o’clock. Interment after 11 o’clock Mass tomorrow, Wednesday, in adjoining cemetery” *(‘Irish Independent’ Tue May 4 1993) [8 July 2019 research report]*