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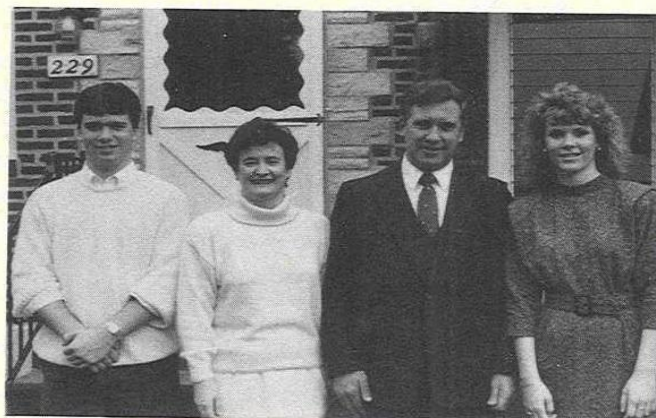


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**The Donegal Association of Philadelphia
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Bill, Nora, Liam and Margie

Liam is the fourth child of the late William F. Campbell of Drimnaherk, Mountcharles and of Margaret (O'Donnell) Campbell of Dysart, Letterbarrow. Liam has six brothers and six sisters. Frank, Kathleen Griffin, Anne McGroary, Josephine McGuire, Dan, Bridget McGuinness, Barney, Peggy Hughes and Colm all make their homes with their own families in Donegal. Tony works and resides in Dublin at present Pat lives with his family in Havertown, PA. and Mary Henry lives with her family in Flourtown, PA.

Liam immigrated to the United States in 1961 and on June 1, 1968 he married Nora Ferry in Holy Cross Church in Mount Airy, Philadelphia. Nora is the daughter of Bernard Ferry of Ardsmore, Gortahork and of Margaret (McFadden) Ferry of Lower Keeldrum, Gortahork. Nora's brother Seamus lives with his family in Lancashire, England, her sister Mary McFadden lives with her family in Gweedore and her brother Manus and his family live in Ardsmore. Nora came to the United States in 1958 and graduated from the John W. Hallahan, Catholic Girls High School in 1961. Liam and Nora live in Delaware County with their children, Billy and Margie. They all make frequent trips to Ireland. Liam and Nora are both members of the Donegal Society, having worked on different committees since joining it in 1982. Nora has served as Recording Secretary of the Society from March 1984 to March 1988.

THE JOURNEY TO AMERICA

The century-long history of the Donegal Association in Philadelphia begins when crossings of the Atlantic were still being made in sailing ships and extends to the time when luxurious jet planes soared across the ocean in the substratosphere. The recollections of Donegal people reach from the days when the journey took six or eight weeks to the present when the flight takes only a few hours.

When Maire Mulhern Curran first came to America she came in a sailing ship, and was required to bring her own bedclothes and enough food for the entire passage.

When Kate Collum Ferry made the journey in 1922 on a ship of the Cameronia Line it took fourteen days to cross from Derry to Boston. Her brother had wired \$10 to the Boston Customs Office for her trainfare to Philadelphia, but when her name was called out to collect it, she was confused and could not believe that anybody in America or Boston knew her name, and hence lost the chance to obtain the money. Travelers' Aid rescued her and a friend, pinned labels on them, and put them on train for the ten-hour trip to Philadelphia.

By 1959 when James McGill of Ardara came over it was on an *Aer Lingus* jetliner, and friends and relatives were only a telephone call away. By the 1960's some Donegal people returned two or three times a year to visit or to attend to businesses in which they were partners or to supervise the construction of homes that they would use for summer holidays.



Kathleen Collum Ferry (circa 1930)



Teach Phobail Naomh Fionáin, An Falcarrach; 1879 – 1980

Charlie McFadden of Ballyboes, Falcarragh and Madge Mulhern of Ballina, Falcarragh were married in St. Finian's Church on September 15, 1940. They are the parents of four children. Their daughters Ellen and Margery were both born in Falcarragh. In 1947, the McFaddens immigrated to Greenock, Scotland where their son Charles, Jr. was born in 1948. In 1958 they moved to Ontario, Canada where Charlie worked in the Gold Mines to support his family. As a result of a visit in 1960 to an aunt Katie McFadden who lived in Philadelphia, the McFadden Family decided that they would move there in 1961. Their youngest son, Kevin, was born in Philadelphia in 1962 and now Charlie and Madge make their home in Drexel Hill, PA. In 1986, Kevin married Anne McLaughlin and they live in Upper Darby. Charles Jr., wife Marianne and their two children Danielle and Lauren live in Montgomeryville, PA. Ellen Dalton and her two children, Billy and Brian live in East Falls in Philadelphia.

Ellen and Margery both enjoy being proud members of the Donegal Society



Standing (left to right) Sharon, Kathy and Jeanette
Seated: Bernadette and Jimmy Meehan

James (Jimmy) Meehan was born in Drimalost, Mountcharles. The third son and sixth child of eleven born to Ann Marie (Nan) Sheerin and James Meehan. Jimmy left Ireland for the first time at the age of sixteen to work in England and Scotland from 1953-1956.

In 1957, he joined the flow of emigrants as the economy at home was in poor state and arrived in the United States on September 26, 1957. His brother Peter travelled on the same voyage with him and later married Anne Taylor to become the proud parents of five children who live at present in Havertown, Pa. His eldest sister, Mary, settled in Newtown Square Pa. after marrying Joe Carlucci. Joe passed away in 1987, as did her only son Jimmy at the age of 24 in 1983. Her daughter, Maria, married Dean Wright and lives in Florida. Two brothers, Kevin and Danny, live in England; Kevin in Sidcup, Kent where he married Margaret Loftus from Roscommon. They had seven children. Their oldest son passed away in 1984. Danny is a well-known figure in the field of traditional Irish music around London. Kathleen also settled in Newtown Square where she married Douglas Corrigan and had one son, Douglas. Four sisters still live in Ireland: Susie married John Gallagher from Dungloe and still lives there with some of her seven children, four girls and three boys; Seamus the eldest was ordained to the priesthood in June 1985; Annie lives in Mountcharles with her husband Tommy Daly from Leitrim. They have two boys and one girl. Carhini moved to the East Coast where she taught at Ballymakenny National School before marrying Harry McArdle. She is now settled in Termonfeckin Co. Louth and is the mother of three boys and four girls: Rosabell married Tom Kerrigan, has six children, four boys and two girls and has made her home near Donegal Town. The youngest of the boys, John, came to New York, married Eileen Kirrane from Mayo, but after a number of years returned to live in Drimalost.

In 1961, Jimmy married Bernadette McGuinn, who was born in Broher, near Charlestown, Co. Sligo, one of six children born to Patrick and Catherine McGuinn. All of her family live in the Philadelphia area. In 1962, their first child Kathy was born, followed in 1964 and 1965 by Jeanette and Sharon who are both presently attending West Chester State University. The Meehans have lived in Edgemont, Pa. for the past twenty years.



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