

MARY JANE PATRICK

Mary Jane Patrick was born to James Patrick and Jane Elliott on 12 August 1835 in Ballymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Her parents were married 5 Feb 1825 in Ballymoney Presbyterian Church by Reverend Robert Park, Minister. She probably had older brothers and sisters but we do not know their names. She had younger siblings by the names of: James Patrick born 25 Feb 1837 of Smallquarter, Ellen Patrick christened 26 July 1841 of Top which is located near Kilraughts Parish in the Ballymoney area and Jane Patrick born about 1846.

Mary Jane Patrick married James Mills about 1860 somewhere in the eastern part of the United States, probably Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her first child, Jane "Jennie" Mills, was born 4 February 1861 in Iowa. Mary Jane died on 19 November 1908 near San Pablo, Contra Costa County and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland on 21 November 1908.

The following is how this information was determined.

State of California Death Certificate Contra Costa County records Mary Jane Patrick Mills' date of death as 19 November 1908 and her birth on 12 August being 73 years, 3 months and 7 days old. She was widowed, female and white, living 46 years in California at the place of her death. Her birthplace was recorded as Ireland and her father, James Patrick, born in Ireland and her mother, Jane Elliot, also born in Ireland. This death certificate information was provided by her daughter, Mae E. Mills of Contra Costa County, California. It also records that her doctor, C. L. Abbott of Richmond attended to her from January 1, 1906 to November 19, 1908 and saw her alive on November 5, 1908 and that the cause of her death was chronic endocarditis which she had for 5 years. The record states that the place of her burial was Mt. View Cemetery on November 21, 1908, the undertaker being James Taylor Company, 15th and Jefferson in Oakland, California.

A birth certificate has not been found for Mary Jane Patrick but the marriage certificate for her parents, as stated in her death certificate, was found at the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI CR/3/1A/2) in the Marriages of the Presbyterian Church at Ballymoney, recorded by Rev. Robert Park, Minister on 5 February 1825 or 1835: James Patrick, Kilraughts, and Jane Elliott, Kilraughts, witnessed by Daniel Park and John Davison. Birth records of two of her siblings are as follows: James Patrick's birth was found at the General Records Office (GRO) in Belfast in the Kilraughts Presbyterian Church baptism records stating that he was born 25 Feb 1837 and baptised 28 Jul 1837 the son of James Patrick and Jane Elliott of Smallquarter. Ellen Patrick's birth was also found at the GRO in Belfast stating that she was born to Mr. Patrick and Jane Elliot of Top in July 1841 and baptized 26 Jul 1841.

Death certificates were found in Ireland for both of Mary Jane Patrick's parents. In the District of Castlequarter, Superintendent's District of Ballymoney in the County of Antrim, certificate #239 on 6 December 1889 in Lavin, James Patrick, male, married, age 87 years, farmer, died of old age and debility which he suffered for two years. The informant was

Ellen Michael (her mark) who was present at death in Lavin. (I received a copy of this on the 8th of September of 1981 but I did not know that it was actually Mary Jane's father, James Patrick.) The death information for Jane Elliott Patrick was found at the General Records Office in Belfast and records that she was 96 years of age at death on 13 November 1903. She was the widow of a farmer and died of bronchitis which she had for 7 days. The informant was Sarah McMichael. At the time of death Jane lived on Ann Street in Ballycastle but she was from Lavin. (The informants of these two deaths were the daughters of Jane Patrick who married Denis McMichael, therefore, they were granddaughters of James and Jane Elliot Patrick.)

A will was found for James Patrick, the brother of Mary Jane Patrick, at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, MIC 15C/2/37 Vol 2 page 33 by our genealogist, Marie Wilson, who has been marvelous in helping to find this County Antrim information. The will does not mention Mary Jane Patrick Mills by name. The will written on 23 September 1891 and probated on 21 January 1893 does mention sisters Ellen McAleese and Jane McMichael plus sons William Carson Patrick and James Patrick. The will speaks of caring for his mother, and in case the sons die, the money is to be divided equally between his brothers and sisters. I cannot determine who these additional brothers and sisters are.

Further research found that James Patrick married Jane McLernon on 31 October 1871 and had a son Robert James Patrick on 27 Oct 1874. His wife died on 17 Nov 1874 in Lavin, Ballymoney, County Antrim and his son died in 1874 also. Their gravestone was found in the Old Graveyard in Kilraughts, Ballymoney, right next to the grave of Ellen McAleese's husband, John McAleese. I assume that the grave for mother, Jane Elliott Patrick, was in that very spot but no stone was found although there was vacant land around the two stones mentioned above. On 11 March 1885 James Patrick married Martha Douglass and had William Carson Patrick, mentioned above in the will, on 7 July 1886. Martha died on 15 July 1887 in Belfast at age 44. James Patrick married again on 20 September 1889 Jessie Valentine of Lagmore, Derryaghy, County Antrim and had James Patrick, also mentioned in his will stated above, on 4 December 1890. Since William Carson Patrick died on 20 January 1905 in Lavin, this James Patrick was the only child to live to maturity. He married Anne McNeilly on 28 Jun 1934 and had Sheila Margaret Patrick in 1935 in Ballymena, County Antrim and Michael James Craig Patrick about 1937. Sheila Margaret Patrick married James R. Holland on 23 October 1959 in Killead, County Antrim. They had Angela Holland and Jacqueline Holland who are both alive. Michael James Craig Patrick came to the United States and became a radiologist.