

THE GRACE FAMILY

FROM KILKENNY, IRELAND

ANCESTORS OF

RUTH MAY GRACE MORIARITY

AND CHILDREN

MARIBETH GRACE AUGUSTYN

AND CHILDREN

JAMES LEONARD GRACE

AND DAUGHTERS

I was born on September 30, 1930 in Denver Colorado, to Mary Jeannette Baldwin Grace and Leonard Wallace Grace. I have been blessed to be Ruth May Grace Moriarity, wife of William Joseph "O'Muirteagh" Moriarity for over 52 years, mother of Patrick Joseph, Mary Eileen, and William J. Moriarity. Both sons are sadly deceased.

My father, Leonard, spoke very little of his family or early childhood other than to say "Get your education. I had to quit school when I was fifteen years old and go to work". So other than knowing little of his family, it was a goal of mine after I retired to continue the genealogy search for the Graces started by my sister, Maribeth Grace Augustyn.

In about 1996, I looked through the 1860 Iowa census records at the Kansas State Historical Center in Topeka, Kansas. In the Prairie Springs, Jackson County census, I found the name I was looking for – Martin Grace, wife Elizabeth, and eight children, the fifth one of which was Joseph Patrick. I was elated because this was my great grandfather Martin and family. Joseph Patrick would be my father's father. I knew his name only because after we named our first child Patrick Joseph, my mother told me this was the name of my father's father. I had never seen nor known about him.

For no particular reason I looked at the pages following. Two pages later the entry was of Thomas Grace 75, wife Mary 73, son Thomas and wife Ellen and their children James and Mary. Their ages were such that it could possibly be a connection to Martin. Later, the names and ages were found to be compatible with St. Columban, Quebec, 1851 census.

"Go by your gut feelings!" This I learned at a DAR workshop on genealogy and so I chose to consider that Thomas might possibly be the father of Martin, and my g-g-grandfather.

Beginning in 1998, I posted numerous queries on Roots-web, and other message boards. Imagine my great delight when on Oct 2000 I received an e-mail message from "Anne" in St. Columban, Quebec, Canada stating she had information regarding the marriage of Martin and Elizabeth McNally. And so my search came alive once more as I found treasures of information in St. Columban.

The following pages cannot begin to illustrate the elation I felt as I touched the years and met the shadow of my predecessors! My search is not completed and may not be on this earth, but it is a wonderful feeling to be connected through time and space, to the wonders of research and the people I have met through cyberspace! I could never have come this far without the help I have received especially from the people of St. Columban who have preserved the history of this early Irish community and their website!

Thank you to all who have so generously helped me!

*Ruth May Grace Moriarity
June 29, 2010 (3:25pm)*



Grace

The County Kilkenny Ireland Genealogy website, "Summary Histories for selected County Kilkenny Surnames" has much information of various Grace families throughout history from Raymond le Gros, or le Gras, one of the three outstanding figures of the Anglo-Norman invasion in the 12th century to 1690 and beyond. The territory in which the 'la Gras' family acquired shortly after the Anglo-Norman invasion was in what is today County Kilkenny (it was called Grace's country). ¹

Our Grace family, may be descended from the Cambro-Norman, Raymond le Gros, who acquired territory in Kilkenny in the late 12th century or from any of the Grace's described. It is difficult to trace with any accuracy as many Grace family histories are written.

Kilkenny Tartan

There are very few Irish family tartans, unlike Scotland where there are hundreds. Most people of Irish heritage wear the tartan of the county or province where their families lived. ²

Image of Kilkenny Irish County Tartan



¹ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/ksurnam2.htm>

² <http://www.thescottishweaver.com/IrishTartanPlaidFabric/#>

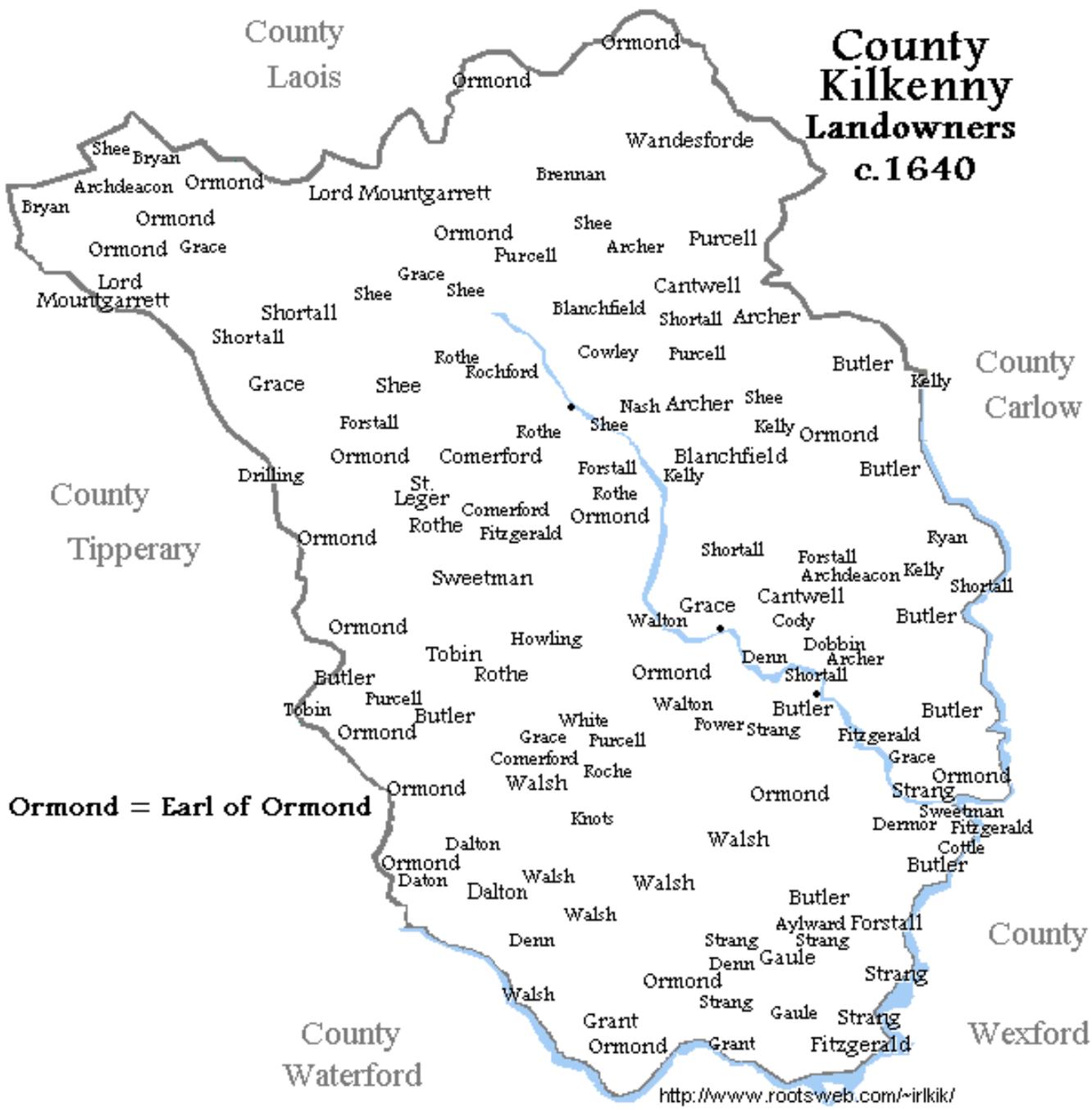
Town Map of County Kilkenny



County Kilkenny is located in southern Leinster Province of the Republic of Ireland. In addition to the cities and towns listed on the map, Kilkenny includes over 1,600 Townlands ³

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/frames.htm>



WHY THE IRISH LEFT THE EMERALD ISLE

4 <http://www.stcolumban-irish.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1223677224>

Persecution in Ireland reigned from the time of Cromwell in 1651. The lands and possessions of the native Irish Catholics were confiscated by their British conquerors who imprisoned, tortured, and exiled to North America or to Australia the Irish people.

For more than two hundred years, the English levied exorbitant taxes which reduced the Irish to barely enough on which to exist. Many demanded unreasonable rents from the former farmers who might be allowed to live on a few acres of their subdivided property yet could be evicted at the will of the landlord. Payment for tending the crops would be a portion of the crop of potatoes for their family. There was little if any incentive to improve conditions as any improvements were considered to be the property of the middleman or landowner. Depression after the Napoleonic Wars, partial famines in 1817 and 1822, unjust and unreasonable rents, tithes, and leases, unemployment from the advent of the machine age from hand labor . . . all these caused increased distress.

The beautiful Emerald Isle of Ireland was an agricultural nation but the people were among the western world's poorest. They married young, had large families with high infant mortality, and male life expectancy was usually no more than forty years. According to a 1835 British survey, half of the rural families lived in single room cabins with dirt floors, slept on straw on the bare ground, and shared their living space with their pig and poultry if they had any. Multiple families dwelt together in dire circumstances . This set the scene for hatred of the British. Those who foresaw the future left for America or Canada long before the major potato famine of 1845-51.

As early as 1817, the Bishop of Montreal had noticed Irish faces at Mass in a French-speaking church.⁵ He realized the need to minister to these first arrivals of Irish immigrants. Patrick Phelan, born in 1795 in County Kilkenny Ireland, had been ordained to the priesthood in Montreal in 1825. He was encouraged by the bishop to join the Sulpician order which had been instrumental in founding Montreal. Our Grace ancestors, who were already in Canada with other Irish families, may have moved to St. Columban from surrounding areas⁶ when they heard of this new settlement which was to become the first Irish parish in Montreal, Those who would come later during the potato famine of 1845-51 also receive Fr. Phelan's encouragement and help.

Family historians of St. Columban noted that travel from Montreal to St. Columban took about six miles an hour on stagecoach. Then horse and wagon would take them to the North River to cross by raft to the "County of Two Mountains" in Quebec. This not yet settled triangle of land with the North River on the south, Counties of D'Argenteuil on the west and Terrebonne on the east would become St. Columban named for the Irish monk who established Irish monastic tradition.⁷

⁵ "The Irish Settlement of St. Columban" , Bro. Jerome Hart, September 30, 1955

⁶ "The Origins of Places and Their Names - The Irish of St. Columban", April 2006 edition of Main Street Published Histories of St. Columban

⁷ "How the Irish Saved Civilization" by Cahill



“Google” earth map

The Canadian government initially supplied the immigrants with tools for farming and for daily household needs. Food raised in their gardens and fuel from the adjacent wooded areas provided for their basic needs.. The soil, rocky and poor, produced enough crops to sustain their family.

In Ireland Catholic worship had resulted in punishment by death by their English invaders. Walking nine miles through the woods to Mass at Ste. Scholastique until 1835 when a chapel would be built was not considered hardship. Most weddings, births, and deaths were registered at the Parish of St. Scholastique, St. Canut, or St. Benoit until 1837 when St. Columban became its own Parish.⁸

It was written that life was not easy in this new land; however, hard work and frugal living had been their way of life. Their first homes were shanties; with some replaced later for more substantial structures. The 1851 Agricultural census of St. Columban lists Thomas Grace's dwelling as ". . . *log house, one story, one family occupying, one vacant . . .*".⁹

Who was Thomas Grace? And how did this Irishman come to St. Columban, Quebec, Canada and eventually to Prairie Springs, Jackson County, Iowa, USA? What is the proof that he was my great-great grandfather? Many letters, many posted queries on message boards did bring information though there is still much to know.

I have no evidence of when the Thomas Grace family left Ireland. They may have come with other Grace families who were relatives or Grace's who shared only a common name and were not related.. They may have arrived as early as 1830 or it may have been later. Thomas Grace's son, Thomas, is 21 years old and "born in Ireland" according to the 1851 St. Columban, QC census. Church records of St. Columban, Montreal, Quebec establish that Thomas Grace and Mary Dwyer are of that parish when Mary Grace, their daughter is married to James Daley on 8 January 1840.¹⁰

The trip to Canada from Ireland would have been across the sea to the mouth of the St. Lawrence River and by ship down to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. They may have settled in the village of Ste. Therese de Bainville for a time or simply passed by. In 1841 this was where Martin Grace, son of Thomas Grace and Mary Dwyer, would marry his first wife, Dorothee Addey Labelle, the widow of Marc Labelle on 27 April 1841.¹¹ From this marriage he will have one son, Thomas William born in St. Rays, Canada.¹²

Thomas Grace according to 1851 St. Columban census data was born in Ireland¹³ and present age was 66 years. His birthdate was about 1785 if his age was correct. This corresponds to later census data. His spouse Mary Dwyer was born in Ireland about 1790 according to 1851 St. Columban

⁸ Information from a booklet called:-Répertoire de Mariages Paroisse: Ste- Scholastique (1825-1981) Produced by Société de Généalogie des Laurentides Série: Les Seigneuries - Volume 2.

⁹ 1851 St. Columban Agricultural census, page 13.

¹⁰ St. Columban's RC Church, Deux Montagnes, Quebec Index 1837- page 5

¹¹ Ste Therese de Bainville Church record

¹² "The Portait and Biographical Album of Gage County, Nebraska" published 1888

¹³ 1851 Census St. Columban , Quebec, Canada

census data, and her death record in Jackson Ct. Iowa, USA.¹⁴ Their marriage was most probably in Ireland. Ages are misleading as they are often inaccurate.

The research on "Family Martin Grace" prepared by French speaking Claude Bourguignon in St. Columban and translated by Anne McLaughlin speaks of Grace relationships.¹⁵

"Patrick Grace acquires the batch 996 (28-32) on March 18, 1848 (I do not have the act of purchase). He belongs then to Thomas Grace (I do not have the document nor the date of the transaction and I am not certain bond linking both Grace). According to genealogical Notes' of the priest Isidore Forget written about 1905, Thomas married with Mary Dwyer would be the brother of Patrick, this last groom with Mary Addey de Kilkeimy.

When Patrick died, it lived the Saint-Anthony parish in Montreal. His/her James son married in Saint-Jerome on February 12, 1838 with Elizabeth Casey. Thomas had a named girl Mary or Marguerite who married in 1840 in James Daly and a Thomas son. This one married on November 11, 1856 with Eleonora McKinley.

Thomas Grace, farmer of the parish of Saint-Colomban sells on May 5, 1852 a small holding of 4 arpents with a house and other buildings out of wooden with very his batch with his son Martin Grace, farmer of the parish of Saint-Colomban. According to any probability, it would live then with his father in the family house.

Martin Grace, farmer of the parish and his wife Elizabeth McNally sell his property with a house and other buildings on November 2, 1853 to William Ransom, farmer of the parish of Holy-Scholastique. The Forget priest raises four children:

Marian, born on January 24, 1847

John, October 1, 1848

Elizabeth 2 or on June 9, 1850

Bridget, on January 20, 1852 and deceased on January 30, 1852.

*Thomas Grace, farmer of the Saint-Colomban parish sells on May 1, 1857 in Fabien Poitras, main carder of the parish of Holy-Scholastique, the remainder of batch 996 having 3 arpents by 50 with a house and other woodens building, less the part belonging to William Ransom and another at the school commission of Saint-Colomban.
No 2834"*

This and other documentation shows that Thomas (Sr.) is the father of Martin and may be related to Patrick as noted above in the genealogical notes by Fr. Forget and the transfer of property. Also, Martin sold his property to his father in 1853 which is probably before he left St. Columban and eventually came to Iowa with wife Elizabeth McNally and family. Thomas Sr. will sell his property in 1857 (as shown above) which is probably right before he and family migrated to Iowa, USA.

¹⁴ 1867 Jackson Ct. Cemeteries WPA project

¹⁵ Research on Family Martin Grace prepared by French speaking Claude Bourguignon in St. Columban and translated by Anne McLaughlin. March 24, 2007 received via e-mail by RM

In St. Columban, other Grace families are noted. There are two Patrick Grace families. The Patrick Grace who is most probably related was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland. He married Mary Addey (or Adday, or Adée) who was born about 1758 in County Kilkenny, Ireland. Patrick died before his spouse Mary Addey who died November 16, 1828 and was buried November 18, 1828, in Ste. Scholastique Parish. Only two children of Patrick and Mary are written of in that history.¹⁶ James Grace was born about 1803 County Kilkenny, Ireland; he died in 1879, Montreal, QC, Canada. Catherine Grace is the other documented off-spring.

Anne McLaughlin of St. Columban wrote:¹⁷

“I am a descendant of William Casey and Mary McCormick – their daughter Elizabeth Casey married James Grace (1838, St-Jerome, Qc - Parents: Patrick Grace & Mary Addey from Kilkenny, Ireland). Elizabeth and James Grace had 11 children, many of whom died at a young age.”

Another family was that of Michael Grace, born about 1763¹⁸ most probably from Kilkenny, Ireland because this was the site recorded for his sons, Patrick and James. This Patrick is a different person than above. I have found no documentation of relationship with Thomas whom I shall call Thomas Sr. as there are numerous Thomas's in this family. Some relationship is certainly possible as names of their children are similar. This occurs in many Irish families.

Thomas and Mary Dwyer were the parents of Mary¹⁹, Martin,²⁰ and Thomas G.²¹ William, 17 years old, is listed as “laborer” and not “son” as is Thomas 21 years old who is listed as “son” of that household. They are all listed as “born in Ireland”. I have found no further information on this William.

Mary Grace, daughter of parents Thomas Grace & Mary Dwyer was married to James Daley, son of Hugh Daley & Mary Hughes on 8 Jan 1840 in St. Columban, Quebec, Ca.²² The Thomas Grace family must have already come to Canada by at least 1840 if not sooner. Our great-grandfather Martin Grace was born in Ireland²³ about 1820 to parents Thomas Grace Sr. &

¹⁶ <http://www.stcolumban-irish.com/Memories-Histories/Grace-McDonald.html>

¹⁷ <http://www.stcolumban-irish.com/Memories-Histories/McLaughlin-Grace.html>

¹⁸ St. Columban Irish history, “McLaughlin/Grace” & e-mail rec'd from Kelley O'Rourke 11-20-07

¹⁹ St. Columban Church records of St. Columban, Montreal, Quebec show that Mary Grace, daughter of Thomas Grace and Mary Dwyer also of that parish, married James Daly on 8 January 1840.

²⁰ On marriage record Notre Dame de Montreal listed as parents of Martin and Elisabeth McNally

²¹ St. Columban listed as parents on marriage records of son Thomas who married Eleanora McKinley widow of John Henderson 11 Nov 1856

²² <http://www.stcolumban-irish.com/Marriages/stcolumbanmarrriages1836-1936.html>

²³ 1851 Census St. Columban, Quebec, Canada

Mary Dwyer.²⁴ Martin's first wife was Dorothee Addy.²⁵ Dorothee Addy (note common surname with spouse of Patrick Grace) had married Paul Marc LaBelle early in the year 1840. He died in 1841, registered as the 3rd death of the year.²⁶

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H. S. Addy
Duchas m. P.

The Convention of marriage for Martin and Dorothee Addy, the widow of Paul Marc Labelle, was written 1841 April 24 and appears to be a legal document regarding property rights.²⁷ Martin then married Dorothee, on 27 April 1841 at Ste-Therese, Quebec.²⁸

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Michel Sappey & Michel Sappey
Martin Grace & John Sappey
Duchas m. P.

²⁴ 1846 marriage Martin Grace & Elisabeth McAnally Page 1-4 . Communication from Canadian archives

²⁵ Communication from Canadian archives file number: 2-38494 & Ste Therese de Bainville church record

²⁶ Ste Therese de Bainville church records

²⁷ Convention of marriage received from Claude B

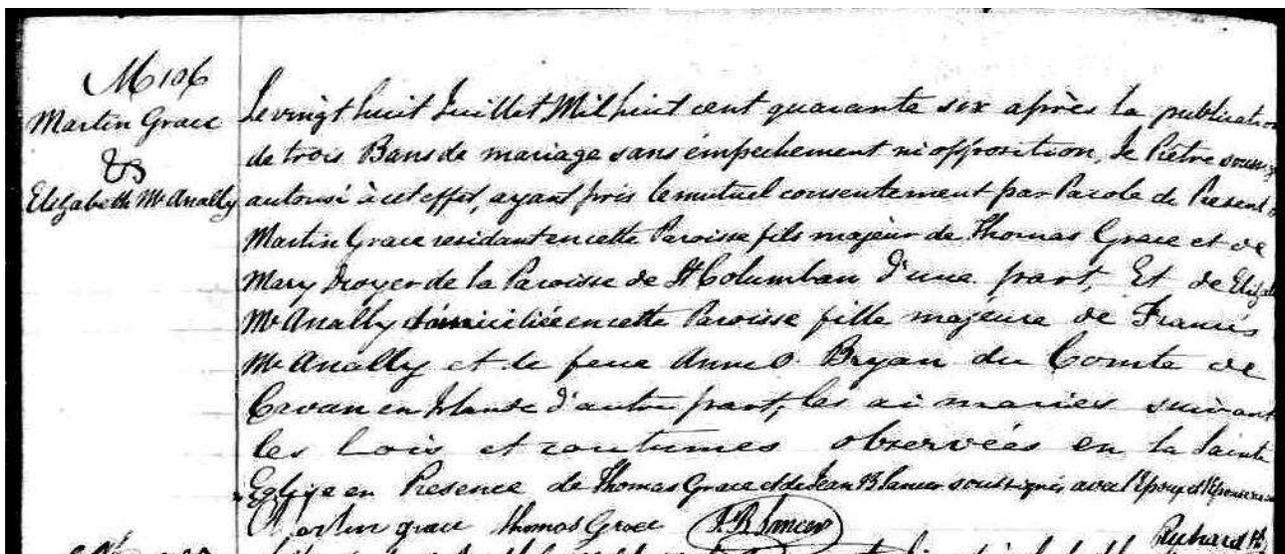
²⁸ Communication from Canadian archives file number: 2-38494 & Ste Therese de Bainville church record

Martin and Dorothee's only child Thomas William Grace was born Feb. 2, 1842 near St. Rays, Canada and baptized Feb. 3rd at Ste-Therese, Quebec. His godfather was John McCaughan and godmother was Caty Slavin. According to the history written by Thomas William ²⁹ his mother died when he was three years old. I have not found the record of Dorothee's death.

Patrick Grace, the relative of Martin's father Thomas is married to Mary Addey who might be Martin's aunt. I have no documentation on any relationship between Dorothee Addy and Mary Addey, only a question that they could be related.

The land transactions researched by French-speaking Claude B wrote that on March 18, 1848, Patrick Grace acquired the batch 996 (28-32). It then belonged to Thomas Grace. The relationship between Patrick and Thomas is uncertain other than the genealogical notes written about 1905 by Father Isidore Forget. Thomas, married to Mary Dwyer, was probably the brother of Patrick who was married to Mary Addey of Kilkenny.³⁰ Father Forget's notes were transcribed from the records of St. Columban. Canadian church records are considered to be very accurate. It is of interest that Martin's deceased spouse was "Addey".

Martin Grace married again in 1846 at Notre Dame de Montreal. His spouse, Elizabeth McNally, our great-grandmother, was born in Ireland about 1825 to parents Francois McNally and Anne O'Bryen of County Cavan Ireland.³¹



²⁹ Grace family- from "The Portait and Biographical Album of Gage County, Nebraska" published 1888.

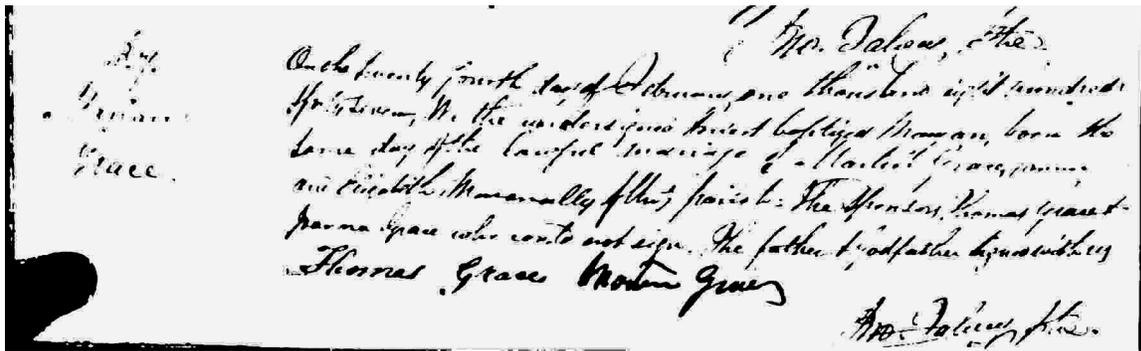
³⁰ Research on Family Martin Grace prepared by French speaking Claude Bourguignon in St. Columban and translated by Anne McLaughlin. March 24, 2007 received via e-mail by RM

³¹ On marriage record Notre Dame de Montreal of Martin and Elisabeth. Name could be McAlley or McAnally but probably not. McNally is common in records of St. Columban and Iowa records.

In 1847 the baptismal record (St. Columban Parish) shows the Marian (Mary Anne), the first child born to Martin Grace and Elisabeth McNally.³²

My interpretation is as follows:

“On the twenty fourth day of February, on thousand eight hundred forty ---, We the undersigned _____ baptized Marian, born the e t _____ day of the lawful marriage of Martin Grace, f _____ and E lizabeth McNally _____; parish the sponsors Thomas Grace who can__ not sign. The father __rodfather _____ Thomas Grace Martin Grace”



In 1848, a son John was born to Martin and Elisabeth..

On June 2, 1850, Elisabeth was born to Martin and Elisabeth.

The 1851 St. Columban census lists their growing family.³³

³² 1847 Baptismal record St. Columban Parish

³³ 1851 Census St. Columban, Quebec, Canada

Name of inmate	Profession, etc.	Place of birth	Religion	Age next bday
#43 Martin Grace	Farmer	Ireland	Roman Catholic	30
Thomas ³⁵	Laborer	Canada	"	10
John		Canada	"	3
Elizabeth McNally		Ireland	"	25
Elizabeth		Canada	"	2

43 Martin Grace	Farmer	Ireland	Roman Catholic	30
44 Thomas Grace	Laborer	Canada	"	10
45 John Grace		"	"	3
46 Elizabeth McNally		Ireland	"	25
47 Elizabeth Grace		Canada	"	2
48 Mary Ann Grace		"	"	4

Mary Ann		Canada	"	4
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Name of inmate	Census 1851 Profession, etc.	St. Columban, Quebec, Ca ³⁶ Place of birth	Religion	Age next bday
#1 Thomas Grace	Farmer	Ireland	Roman Catholic	66
Mary Dwyer		Ireland	Roman Catholic	60
Thomas Grace	Son Laborer	Ireland	Roman Catholic	21

³⁴ 1851 Census St. Columban, Quebec, Ca

³⁵ This Thomas is Martin's son with Dorothee Addey Labelle married in 1841 at St. Therese de Baineville. A Thomas is buried in 1867 at St. Patricks' Cemetery, Jackson Ct. Iowa, USA. There is no birth date noted. The age of 20 appears on one record but this is debatable because there is no birth date noted as in other burials. I believe this is the father, Thomas Sr. Many errors have been noted in the records of cemeteries written by the WPA.

³⁶ 1851 Census St. Columban, Quebec, Ca

On May 5, 1852 Thomas Grace, farmer of the parish of Saint-Colomban sold a small holding of four acres (arpents) with a house and other wooden buildings out of his batch with his son Martin Grace, farmer of the parish of Saint-Columban. According to any probability, it would live then with his father in the family house. On Nov 2, 1853 Martin Grace, also a farmer of the parish and his wife Elizabeth McNally sold their property with a house and other buildings to William Ransom, farmer of the parish of Holy-Scholastique.³⁷

A third daughter, Bridget, was born June 20, 1852 in St. Columban. She died June 30, 1852, nine days later.

In 1852, a Thomas C. Grace received a land grant from the US General Land Office, land in Dubuque County, Iowa, USA. I do not find evidence of relationship with this Thomas C. Grace.³⁸

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PERSONAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. five

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						Male.	Female.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 Thomas Grace	Farmer x	Ireland	Roman Catholic		66	1	
2 Mary Dwyer		"	"		60		1
3 Thomas Grace Jun.	labourer x	"	"		21	1	
4 William Grace	labourer x	"	"		17	1	
					58		1

Nally and family have relocated to the United States and are noted on the 1856 Otter Creek, Jackson County, Iowa, USA census. Martin's age is listed as 40, Elizabeth 28. Martin's age does not equate with the 1851 census but the ages are notably incongruent throughout the censuses.

³⁷ The land transactions researched by French-speaking Claude Bourguignon

³⁸ U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907

James Patrick is born to Thomas and Eleanora McKinley on March 21, 1857 in St. Columban. They will next appear on the 1860 Jackson County, Iowa census with his father Thomas and Mary Dwyer.

Thomas Grace [Sr] farmer of the Saint-Colomban parish on May 1, 1857 “*sells the remainder of batch 996 having 3 arpents by 50 with a house and other woodens building . . .*” ⁴²

It appears the Thomas Grace family is also planning on leaving Canada for the United States of America.

“I have no idea the exact reason to explicate Thomas and Martin move outside St-Colomban. I suppose it's a same of every others peoples of St-Columban: the soil is very poor... I continue to check for you all informations concerning Thomas and Martin.” ⁴³
Good luck Claude”

⁴² The land transactions researched by French-speaking Claude Bourguignon

⁴³ E-mail from Claude Bourguignon

NAME	Age	Place of Birth	School within past year	[Year born]
Martin Grace	50 ⁴⁴	Ireland		1810 ?
Elizabeth	30	Ireland		1830 ?
Mary A	12	Canada	x	1847
John	9	Canada	x	1851
Thomas	18	Canada		1841?
Elizabeth	7	Canada	x	1853
Joseph Patrick	5	Iowa		1855
Sarah	3	Iowa		1857
Agnes	3	Iowa		1857
Bridget	1	Iowa		1859

Page No. 97
 SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Prairie Springs Township in the County of Jackson Sts
 of Iowa enumerated by me, on the 30th day of June 1860. J. P. Foley Ass't. Mars
 Post Office La Motte

Dwelling house— in order of valuation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf dumb, blind, insane, pauper convict.	
			Age.	Sex.	Whether black or mulatto.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
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		John	16	"					"		1		
		Mark	11	"					"		1		
		Beckha A	8	F					"		1		
698	631	Martin Grace	50	Mr		Reut Hammer		250	Belgium				
		Elizabeth	30	F					"			1	
		Mary A	12	"					Massachusetts			1	
		John	9	Mr					"				
		Thomas	18	"					"			1	
		Elizabeth	7	F					"				
		Joseph	5	Mr					Iowa				
		Sarah	3	F					"				
		Agnes	3	"					"				
		Bridget	1	"					"				

44 Ages listed as 50; Thomas will be listed as 75 on page 710. Ages are not consistent in each census of Martin and Elizabeth but are for Thomas.

On page 101 of this 1860 census of Prairie Springs, Jackson County., Iowa, USA, the family of Thomas [Sr.] and spouse Mary Grace, [son] Thomas, his spouse Ellen, and son James are listed. The ages agree with the 1851 census and also the marriage data for Thomas and spouse Ellen.⁴⁵ Son James was born in Canada⁴⁶ and is now three years old. Too many facts agree to be a coincidence. This is our great-great grandfather Thomas, Sr. And Martin's brother Thomas G. Grace.

Census 1860 Prairie Springs Jackson Ct. Iowa page 101 #710

NAME	Age	Sex	Born	Occupation Profession	Land Value	Personal Value
Thomas Grace	75	M	Ireland	Farmer	1900	700
Mary	70	F	Ireland			
Thomas ⁴⁷	27	M	Ireland	Farmer		
Ellen	26		Ireland			
James	3		Canada			
Mary	1		Iowa			
George Gilroy ⁴⁸	9	M	New York			
John Gilroy	7	M	New York			

A handwritten transcription of the census data from the printed table above. The entries are: Thomas Grace (75, M, Ireland, Farmer, 1900, 700), Mary (70, F, Ireland), Thomas (27, M, Ireland, Farmer), Ellen (26, Ireland), James (3, Canada), Mary (1, Iowa), George Gilroy (9, M, New York), and John Gilroy (7, M, New York). The handwriting is in cursive and matches the printed text.

The Gilroy's were two young boys living with Martin Grace family on the Iowa census. There may be a connection between the McNally's in Iowa and St. Columban. and these Gilroy's that I have not yet determined. There were McNally's in the same part of Iowa in the 1860 census and one living with a family that also had a Gilroy as a domestic. Then in New York (wow what a morass to try to get through) also McNally and Gilroy families are listed together.

The Martin and Elisabeth Grace family continues to grow with Della born in 1862, and in 1863,

⁴⁵ St. Columban parish marriage records

⁴⁶ St. Columban Index of church records 1837-page 25

⁴⁷ November 11, 1856, Thomas Grace, son of Thomas and Mary Dwyer, married in St. Columban to Eleanora McKinley, widow of John Henderson . Thomas is listed with Thomas Sr. on 1851 census St .Columban.

⁴⁸ The Gilroys are found in Iowa censuses with McNally's. Relationship is not known.

Thomas G. Grace (Thomas, Sr. and Mary Dwyer's son, & Martin's brother) and his growing family are in Dubuque County, Iowa.

Census 1870 Paola, Dubuque County, Iowa

140	148	Grace Thomas	40	M	W	Day Laborer	✓	188	Ireland	1	1								
		" Ellen	40	F	W	Keeping House	✓		Ireland	1	1								
		" James	13	M	W	At Home	✓		Canada	1	1								
		" Mary	12	F	W	At Home	✓		Iowa	1	1								
		" William	10	M	W	At Home	✓		"	1	1								
		" Thomas	7	M	W	"	✓		"	1	1								
		" Josephine	5	F	W	"	✓		"	1	1								
		" John	2	M	W	"	✓		"	1	1								

Census 1870 Paola, Dubuque Ct. Iowa

NAME	Age	Sex	Born	Occupation
Thomas	40	M	Ireland	Day Laborer
Ellen	40	F	Ireland	Keeping house
James	8		Canada	
Mary	12		Iowa	
William	10		Iowa	
Thomas	7		Iowa	
Josephine	5		Iowa	
John	2		Iowa	

Thomas [Sr.] Grace and Mary Dwyer are not found on 1870 Jackson County, Dubuque County nor Delaware County, Iowa censuses.⁵¹ However, a Thomas Grace was buried March 1, 1867 in St. Patrick's Cemetery North Garry Owen Jackson County Cemetery,. No date of birth was included (as it was in others) and an uncertain age of "20" was recorded. This was a WPA project and is noted to have many errors. I believe the age is incorrect but have not seen the original writing.

I have searched all cemeteries in this and surrounding counties whose records are available and find no evidence of Martin's father, Thomas Sr., death or burial. If this is Thomas, Sr. his age would be about 82. It does not seem logical that at 75 years of age being a farmer in Iowa from Ireland and Canada, and now Jackson County in Iowa, USA, that he would have relocated at this advanced age with either of his sons, Martin or Thomas. No evidence is found of his wife Mary, however there is a Mary buried in the same cemetery of Garry Owen.

On the 1870 Census Dubuque County, Iowa, USA, another Thomas aged 75 and Ellen 72 are found. There are several "Thomas Grace" families in Iowa that do not appear to be related to our

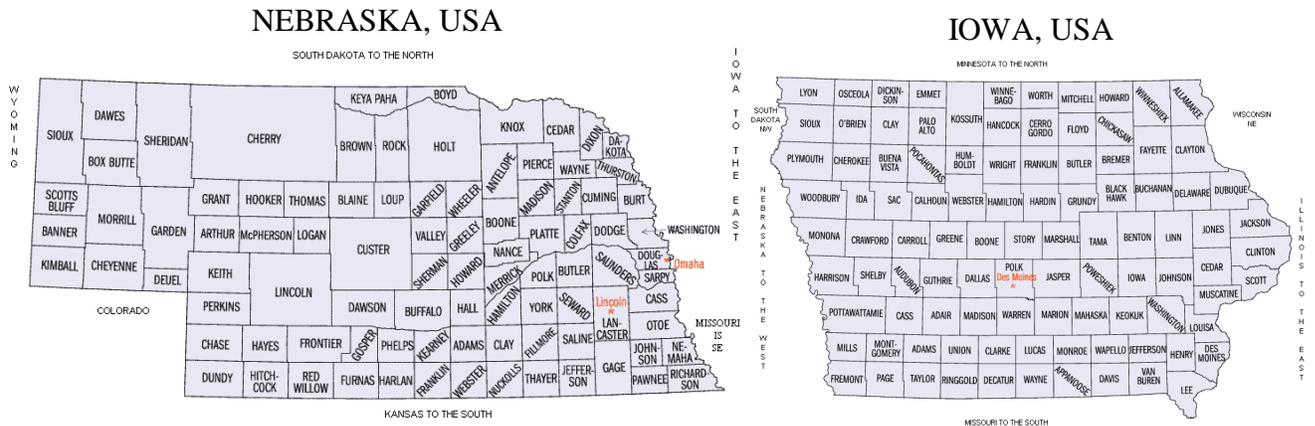
⁵¹ 1867 Jackson Ct. Cemeteries pg 1-12, copied by WPA Graves Registration Project, Vol. 1

Thomas Sr. family.

If I could locate the Land Records for Prairie Springs, Jackson County, Iowa, I might have more information regarding citizenship and other data. This is my next goal. Ken Wright of the National Archives wrote:

“The land records are in the Recorder's office. If you could find an 1860 plat book and find out the location of the land it would not be hard to find the deed. If you don't know when the land was purchased and where the land was located(Section number), it could take some time to find the deed”.

By 1873, the railroads had reached the town of Maquoketa, Iowa. That town's population had increased substantially more than that of Jackson County. The long drawn-out county seat contest ended in Jackson County when Maquoketa (an Indian name given to the Bear River) won out in an election by a majority of 179 votes.



Joseph Patrick Grace 23 years old and Mary Elizabeth Woods 22 years old ⁵⁴ are married November 25, 1880 in Platte County, Nebraska by John J. Higgins, County Judge. Platte County is only about four counties from Omaha.

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MARRIAGE RECORD.

The State of Nebraska, }
 PLATTE COUNTY, }
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in the holy bonds of matrimony, and to celebrate within said county the rites and ceremonies of marriage between Mr. Joseph P. Grace and Miss Mary Wood

The father's name of the said Joseph P. Grace is Martin Grace and the maiden name of his mother is Elizabeth Kelly and the father's name of the said Mary Wood is Jarney Wood and the maiden name of her mother is Ann Martin The said Joseph P. Grace resides in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska is aged 23 years, was born in Iowa and is a white person. The said Mary Wood resides in the county of Platte and State of Nebraska is aged 22 years, was born in Iowa and is also a white person.

And these presents shall be your good and sufficient warrant, and you are required to return this license to me within three months from the celebration of such marriage, with a certificate of the same appended thereto, signed by you, under the penalty of five hundred dollars.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Probate Court of said County of Platte this 25th day of November A. D. 1880

John J. Higgins
County Judge

State of Nebraska, }
 PLATTE COUNTY, }
 Be it remembered that at Nebraska in said County of Platte on the 25 day of November A. D. 1880, Mr. Joseph P. Grace and Miss Mary Wood named in the foregoing license, were legally united in marriage by me in the presence of Annie Higgins residing in the county of Platte and Thomas M. Higgins residing in the county of Platte and State of Nebraska

Witness my hand this 25 day of November A. D. 1880

John J. Higgins
County Judge

Martin's work history from the Omaha City Directory shows that he was a laborer in 1881 at the age of 60. In 1883, he was a watchman at the Omaha National Bank. From 1884-86, he was listed as "laborer" and after that a "non-worker". The 1890 census for Nebraska was destroyed by fire.

In 1891 Elizabeth McNally Grace died at age 70 of "transition cholera". She is buried at Holy Sepulchre, Omaha, NE, USA in Section 2 block 4, lot 3.

89	NAME	AGE			SEX	COLOR	NATIVITY	OCCUPATION	MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWED	RESIDENCE	
		Years	Mo.	Days						No.	Str.
	Garner Luella		7		F	W	U.S.		Single		29th & O
	Grace Elizabeth	56			F	W	Ireland	Housewife	Married		18th Calif
		No.	Day	Yr.	Former Residence		No.	Day	Yr.	Lot	Cemetery
					S.M. P. 11						

1892-94, Martin lived at two different addresses two blocks apart. No family is listed as living with him. On 27 June 1894, Martin died at age 73. Age 63 is on his death record which is also in error as is Elisabeth's certificate. Martin died of Bright's disease after a seven week illness according to his death record⁵⁵. His burial is also in the Holy Sepulchre, Omaha, NE Section 2 block 4, lot 3 with Elizabeth.

FOR THE CITY OF OMAHA, NEB.													
RESIDENCE		CAUSE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH			DURATION OF LAST ILLNESS	FORMER RESIDENCE		DATE OF INTERMENT			PLACE OF INTERMENT	
No.	Street		Month	Day	Year		City	State	Month	Day	Year	Lot	Cemetery
	29th & Oak	Cholera Infantum	July	16	1891				July	17	1891	Level 146	
	18th California	Transition cholera	Aug	12	"				Aug	14	"	Holy Sep	

Elizabeth McNally	70							217	Center				
Grace Martin	63					Ireland		702	A.B.				Bright's

Neither Martin nor Elizabeth's death certificate confirmed any birth date.

⁵⁵ Death records, Omaha, NE.

My grandfather Joseph Patrick Grace, 5th child of Martin and Elizabeth, was born in Iowa in about 1854. He married Mary Elizabeth Woods in Platte County, Nebraska in 1880. My father, Leonard Wallace Grace, was the youngest of their eight children.



Frances, Vincent, Joseph Patrick, Agnes, Clement, Leonard, Emmett, Mary Elizabeth, May, Jennie
GRACE FAMILY PORTRAIT ABOUT 1902

Mary Elizabeth divorced Joseph Patrick about 1914. All family members were listed on the 1910 census but the 1920 census listed only Joseph 58 years old and Leonard 19 years old. Joseph Patrick held numerous jobs and when he died in Omaha, Nebraska May 21, 1929 he remained estranged from his family. The information on his death record is from the county hospital records. His burial site is Holy Sepulchre, Omaha, Nebraska, the same cemetery where his mother and father are buried. Mary Elizabeth Woods lived with her unmarried daughter Frances. Mary Elizabeth died in Long Beach California in 1936.

My father, Leonard, always told us to “get your education” as he had to leave school when he was fifteen years old to help support the family. He did not speak of his father and only after we had named our son Patrick Joseph did I even know his name.

My father had been married and divorced before marrying Mary Jeannette Baldwin in Denver, Colorado in 1928. They were blessed with two daughters: Maribeth, and Ruth and son James Leonard Grace.



1978 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY LEONARD & MARY GRACE

MARIBETH, JIM (JAMES), RUTH

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Emmett who was the eldest of Joseph Patrick's children visited his brother, Leonard, in 1962 in Denver and then visited my husband Bill and I and family in Kansas. I learned from him that Leonard was the only child not baptized Catholic in their family.

My father Leonard died in Mountain View, Colorado in 1982. My mother Mary died in 1999 in Hays, Kansas. They rest in peace in Chapel Hill Memorial Garden, Littleton, Colorado.

Greg Carroll sent me this via e-mail regarding the memories of Thomas William Grace who was the son of Martin and Dorothee:

“Found this fun piece regarding the Grace family- from "The Portait and Biographical Album of Gage County, Nebraska" published 1888.

“Thomas Grace is an energetic farmer and aspiring politician of Rockford Township, where he resides in very comfortable circumstances, with surroundings of wealth and refinement. His father, Martin Grace, was born in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, and his mother Dolly (Eddy) Grace in Canada, near St. Rays, not far from Montreal. The father came to Canada when he was young man, where he made the acquaintance of the mother of our subject, and after their marriage they remained in Canada until 1853, when they removed to Dubuque County, Iowa. There were twelve children in the family, named Thomas, John, Mary A., Elizabeth, Minnie, Agnes, Sarah, Joseph, Frank, Teressa and Bridget, the last-named of whom died when young, and one named Bridget living.

Our subject was born on the 2d of February, 1845, near St. Rays, Canada, and his mother died when he was but three years old. His father was married a second time to Elizabeth McNalley, who is the mother of the above named children, with the exception of our subject. He attended school in his native country, and was eight years old when he came with his parents to Iowa, continuing the pursuit of his education in the common schools of the new locality. He then began to work on the farm, and remained at home until the 3d of October, 1867, when he was married to Miss Anna M. Kurt, a daughter of Michael and Mary Kurt, who were natives of Germany. Mrs. Grace was born on the 20th of August, 1847, in Luxemburg, Germany, and was one year old when she came with her family to America. She had three brothers and sisters and after the death of her father her mother married a second time, and had five children by the last union. She was educated in both the German and English tongues, and is as well acquainted with one as with the other.

Our subject and his wife have seven children, on whom they have bestowed the names of William H., Mary P., Clara F., John B., Thomas P., Anna A., and Emil L. They came to Nebraska on the 10th of May, 1868, and from that year until 1874 they resided in Holt Township, in the fall of the latter year removing to their present farm of 160 acres. Our subject has made a great many improvements, having built a one and a half story house in 1880, and a good horse barn in 1883, the other buildings also being in good condition. He has a fine orchard of 150 trees, and has planted groves of maple, ash, box-elder and catalpa trees, which add much to the appearance and value of the place. He has also taken an interest in public affairs, having been elected Moderator of his school district and sent three or four times as a delegate to the Democratic County Conventions, where he represented his constituents in an able manner. He is a member of the Catholic Church, of Beatrice, and bears a very excellent reputation among his fellowmen.”

Some notes: Thomas Grace was actually born 1842. His mother was Addy not Eddy. He was baptized at Ste. Therese de Blainville- not sure where St. Rays is (maybe our Canadian friends know). ”

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Claude Bourguignon texts March 2007

* Copies of originals in Ruth Moriarity files