

Gunning Ancestry

This is the ancestry of Mary Elizabeth Gunning who married John James Dorey, my great grandfather. The Gunnings immigrated from Ireland and settled in the Jamaica Plain area of Boston, MA.

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Timothy Gunning and Margaret Greeley

This couple was named on a document of their son.

Children:

- i. Timothy Gunning, born August 12, 1818 in Roscommon, Ireland.

Timothy Gunning (1818–1893) and Margaret Donnelly (1825–1897)

Timothy Gunning was born August 12, 1818 in the civil Parish of Moore, County Roscommon, Ireland. He immigrated to MA, arriving in New York City on the ship *Gerrick* on June 1, 1846; he was naturalized Jan 1, 1855, when he lived in Roxbury.

Margaret was born 1825 Ireland. She died April 7, 1897 and was buried April 9, 1897 in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Jamaica Plain; her age was cited as 72. Margaret's maiden name is believed to be Donovan (and her parents Michael Donovan and Mary Kelley), but her son John's marriage record named her as Donnelly; there is an 1897 civil death record of a Margaret (Donovan) Gunning in Boston, so perhaps her son was wrong.

He is likely the man who was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Dec 20, 1893; his age is given as 68 which gives a birth year of 1825. He lived at 228 Lamartine Street, Jamaica Plain at time of death.

Children:

- i. Kieran Gunning (spelling?), born abt. 1842 Ireland. This child was cited in the 1850 census as Cain. I found other spellings in later census, which although I could not tie them to this child definitely, suggested his name was spelled differently.
- ii. Patrick Gunning, born 1847 in Boston and died Dec 20, 1848 from whooping cough.
- iii. Timothy Joseph Gunning, born April 9, 1849 MA.

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- iv. John B. Gunning, born Nov 1853 Roxbury, MA.

Census:

- 1850 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (32, b. Ireland), Margaret (30, b. Ireland), Cain (8, born Ireland), Timothy (1, b. MA).
- 1860 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (39, b. Ireland), Margaret (38, b. Ireland), Timothy (11, b. MA), John (7, b. MA).
- 1870 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (50, b. Ireland), Margaret (50, b. Ireland), Kearen (28, b. Ireland, male), John (17, b. MA)
- 1880 Boston, MA on Lamartine Street: Timothy Gunning (60, b. Ireland), Margaret (58, b. Ireland).

Timothy Joseph Gunning (1849–1927) and Maria J. Carney (1850–1919)

Timothy Joseph Gunning was born April 9, 1849 MA. He married Maria J. Carney on Sept 10, 1868 in Boston. She was born May 1850 Ireland and died 1919, her father was William Carney. Maria was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Dec 2, 1919; at the time of her death she lived at 4507 Washington Street, Roslindale. Timothy died May 29, 1927.

Children, at least 11, 10 alive in 1900:

- i. Maggie M. Gunning, born June 1869 MA; she married David T. Pickett, had two children.
- ii. Mary K. Gunning, born abt. 1871 MA.
- iii. Stephen J. Gunning, born April 1872 MA. Married Sarah J. Morrison. Buried Aug 15, 1907 Mt. Calvary Cemetery.
- iv. Timothy William Gunning, born June 13, 1874 MA.
- v. Elizabeth Gunning, born abt. 1876 MA.
- vi. Isabella Gunning, born abt. 1878 MA. Married George L. Layman.
- vii. Robert M. Gunning, born Nov 1879 MA.
- viii. Joseph J. Gunning, born June 1882 MA.
- ix. Florence R. Gunning, born Nov 1887 MA.
- x. Frank A. Gunning, born July 1888 MA.

Census:

- 1870 West Roxbury (Jamaica Plain), MA (neighbors to older Timothy): Timothy Gunning (21, b. Ireland), Maria (22, b. Ireland), Margaret (11/12, b. MA).
- 1880 Boston, MA on Lamartine Street: Timothy Gunning (31, b. MA). Maria (30, b. Ireland), Maggie M. (10, b. MA), Mary K. (9, b. MA), Stephen (8, b. MA), Timothy W. (5, b. MA), Elizabeth (4, b. MA), Isabella (2, b. MA), Robert (6/12, b. MA).
- 1900 Boston, MA at 226 Lamartine Street. Timothy J. Gunning (51, b. 4-1849 MA, parents born Ireland, m. 1869, sewer inspector), Maria (50, b. 5-1850 Ireland), Margaret (Gunning) Pickett (30, b. 6-1869 MA, married, 2 children born, 1 living), Florence R. (12, b. 11-1887 MA), Stephen J. (28, b. 4-1872 MA, grocery clerk), Timothy W. (25, b. 6-1874 MA), Robert M. (20, b. 11-1879 MA, bicycle maker), Joseph J. (18, b. 6-1882 MA), Frank (11, b. 7-1888 MA), David T. Pickett (26, b. 5-1874 MA to parents born Ireland, son-in-law, ballplayer), Anna Pickett (5/12, b. 1-1900 MA, granddaughter).
- 1900 Boston, MA at 84 Wachusset Street¹: Nathan F. Morrison (49, b. Sept 1850 MA to parents b. NH), Mary L. (45, b. ME), Grace E. (17, b. MA), Geraldine L. (16), Lillian L. (13), Nahum L.

¹ This address is currently the location of St Andrew's Catholic Church Rectory. It is in the Jamaica Plain area.

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- (15), Charles C. (11), Levi W. (9), daughter Sarah H. Gunning (26), son in law Stephen J. Gunning (28, b. Apr 1872), grandson Franklin E. Gunning (2), Harold G. Gunning (b. May 1900).
- 1910 Boston, MA at 4507 Washington Street: Timothy Gunning (61), Maria (60), Robert M. (30), Frank A. (21), Florence R. (23), daughter Margaret Pickett (40), son in law David Pickett (35), granddaughter Margaret Pickett (5), daughter Isabella Layman (32, married 12 years, 2 children), son in law George L. Layman (33, b. PA), grandson Arthur Layman (11, b. MA), and grandson Harold E. Layman (10, b. PA).
 - 1920 Boston, MA at 4507 Washington Street: Timothy J. Gunning (70, b. MA, widowed, sewer inspector for City of Boston), daughter Margaret F. Pickett (50), son in law David Pickett (45, steel expert in engine factory), and granddaughter Margaret A. Pickett (15).

In 1883–4 Timothy was paid by the City of Boston \$1260.50 for sewer work. The next entry on page 263 of the City's Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures is for J J Dorey paid \$953.56.

Timothy William Gunning (1874–1918) and Grace Ellen Morrison (1882–)

Timothy William Gunning was born June 13, 1874. He died Oct 3, 1918 MA of influenza, he was buried Oct 5, 1918 in grave 13, range 83, section 6 of Mt. Calvary Cemetery.² At his death he lived 57 Germania Street, Jamaica Plain (Germania is near Washington Street).

He married Grace Ellen Morrison in 1901 Boston. She was born Aug 1882 Boston, MA. Her parents were Nathan F. and Mary L. (Dutton) Morrison. In 1900 Grace and her parental family lived in Boston on Wachusset Street with a number of Gunnings who were in-laws, daughter Sarah Morrison married Stephen J. Gunning.

After Timothy's death Grace remarried at age 42 Edward Condon, a railroad worker, and moved to Hartford, CT.

His 1918 draft card cited him living at 37 Germania, West Roxbury with Grace E. Gunning. He was a school house janitor for the City of Boston. The 1918 Manual of the Public Schools of the City of Boston cited him as janitor at Florence Street School, 163 Bellevue av., Roslindale.

Children:

- i. William J. Gunning, born abt. 1903 MA.

Son William J. Gunning married about 1922 or 1923 and later divorced. He had two children:

- i. Bill Gunning born 1923 in New York City
- ii. Francis Gunning born in 1924 in Boston

Census:

- 1910 Boston at 226 Lamartine Street: Timothy W. Gunning (35, b. MA), Grace E. (27, b. MA to parents born MA and ME), William J. (7, b. MA).
- 1920 Roxbury section of Boston at 35 Dunreath Street: Nellie D. Merrill (57, widow, b. ME), George M. Warren (60, single, b. OH, lodger), and Grace E. Gunning (37, widow, niece, b. MA to parents b. NH and ME). This may or may not be the widow of Timothy.

² I believe the cemetery is located in Jamaica Plain. Its current mailing address is Roslindale, MA. A number of Gunnings are buried there, some too young to have appeared in a census.

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John B. Gunning (1853–1930) and Ellen Josephine Goode (1849–1936)

John B. Gunning was born Nov 1853 Roxbury, MA. He married Ellen Josephine Goode on Feb 12, 1877 in Brookline, MA at St. Mary's Church; the marriage record cited his mother as Margaret Donnelly. Ellen was born May 1849 Roxbury, MA. Her parents were John and Ellen Goode, both born Ireland.

John, Ellen, and their daughter Mary are buried in St Joseph's Cemetery. There is a cemetery of that name at 990 La Grange Street, West Roxbury, MA.

Children (6 children born):

- i. John Robert Benjamin Gunning, born Aug 28, 1877 MA.
- ii. Mary Elizabeth Gunning, born Aug 25, 1875 Lamartine, Boston, MA; married John James Dorey.
- iii. Ellen M. Gunning, born Feb 1884 MA.
- iv. Francis William Gunning, born March 31, 1886 Boston, MA; died Sept 9, 1972 in Boston age 86 years old. At death he was a warehouse worker and unmarried. His 1918 draft record named him as Francis Weston Gunning living at 10 Cedar Avenue.
- v. Agnes Gunning, born Jan 1889 MA.

Census:

- 1880 Boston, MA at 173 Lamartine Street: John B. Gunning (27, b. Ireland), Ellen J. (28, b.), John R. (2, b. MA), Mary E. (9/12, b. MA).
- 1880 Boston, MA at 173 Lamartine Street: John J. Dorey (34, b. Nova Scotia), Ceclia (28, b. Ireland), John W. (7, b. MA), Daniel (6, b. MA). The Doreys lived next door to the Gunnings.
- 1900 Boston, MA at 226 Lamartine Street. John B. Gunning (46, b. 11-1853 MA, parents born Ireland, sewer contractor³, Ellen J. (24, b. 5-1849 MA to parents born Ireland, 6 children born, 5 living), John R. B. (22, b. 8-1877 MA, clerk in fish market), Mary E. (8. b. 8-1879 MA), Ellen M. (16, b. 2-1884 MA), Francis W. (14, b. 3-1886 MA), Agnes (11, b. 1-1889 MA).
- 1910 Boston, MA at 272 Lamartine Street. John B. Gunning (57, married 33 years,, b. MA), Ellen J. (60, b. MA), John R. b. (32, b. MA, railway postal clerk), Ellen W. (26, b. MA), Francis W. (24, b. MA), Agnes B. (21, b. MA), daughter Mary Dorey (30, b. MA, married 4 years), grandson Robert J. Dorey (3, b. MA), granddaughter Louise F. Dorey (2, b. MA).
- 1920 Boston, MA at 10 Cedar Avenue: John B. Gunning (67, b. MA, railroad crossing brakeman), Ellen J. (70, b. MA), John R. (42, b. MA, post office clerk), Francis W. (33, b. MA, house janitor), Agnes V. (30, b. MA). Lived with grandchildren Robert J. Dorey (13, b. MA) and Louise F. Dorey (12, b. MA). Cedar Avenue crossed Lamartine Street.
- 1930 Boston, MA at 20 St. John Street: John B. Gunning (77, elevated railroad repair man), Ellen J. (80), Francis W. (44, milk company driver), granddaughter Louise F. Dorey (22, public school leader).

Mary Elizabeth Gunning (1875–) and John James Dorey (1844–)

Mary Elizabeth Gunning, known as Minnie, was born Aug 25, 1875 in Boston, MA on Lamartine Street. She married John James Dorey on Aug 9, 1905 in Boston when she was 26 and he 60.

John James Dorey was born Jan 1844 Arichat, Nova Scotia. His first wife had died Feb 22, 1905 in Somerville, MA of ptomaine poisoning. John's details and ancestry are detailed in the family of his father Philip Cyrus Dorey.

³ Now I know how John James Dorey came to know John Gunning, they were both sewer contractors. In addition they were neighbors in 1880.

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I have found no information on either Mary or John after 1910. I have found only Mary in the 1910 census, John was in Arichat visiting family.

Children:

- i. Robert James Dorey, born Jul 3, 1906 Boston, MA; died March 4, 1989 Wayland, MA.
- ii. Louise Frances Dorey, born Sep 8, 1907 Boston, MA; died Mar 13, 1997 Palm Beach, FL unmarried.

Census:

- In 1910 children Robert and Louise lived with their mother and Gunning grandparents in Boston, MA.
- In 1920 children Robert and Louise lived with their Gunning grandparents in Boston, MA.

Son Robert married (1) Blanche and (2) Rita Donovan, born Mar 4, 1921 Boston, MA, died Nov 13, 2009 Wayland, MA. Their family is also detailed in the family of his grandfather Philip Cyrus Dorey.

Unidentified Gunnings

Census:

There were other Gunning families in Roxbury in 1850. By their ages and location they may have been siblings of Timothy.

- 1850 Roxbury, MA: John Gunning (35, b. Ireland), Harriet (27, b. Ireland), Charles (3, b. MA), Mary, (1, b. MA).
- 1850 Roxbury, MA: Michael Gunning (42, b. Ireland), Rose (39, b. Ireland), Mary (18, b. Ireland), John (12, b. Ireland), Rose (9, b. Ireland).
- 1880 Boston, MA: Kerian Gunning (43, b. Ireland), Julia (36, b. ME), Annie (20, b. MA), Emma (12, b. MA), Patrick (16, b. MA), Catherine (3, b. MA), Elizabeth (1 6/12, b. MA), *This may be the son of Timothy and Margaret named Cain in the 1850 census. But T&M's son would have been 38, not 43.*

MA Vital Records:

(not all of these people are unknown, but they are listed here in order to aid the obtaining of the actual record)

1848–49 death Patrick Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 41, page 50.

1852 birth John Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 64, page 227.

1853 birth John P. Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 73, page 246.

1856 marriage Mary Ann Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 100, page 266.

1858 marriage Timothy Gunning in Boston; vol 210, page 109.

1858 marriage Rosanna Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 118, page 235.

1859 marriage Kiem Gunning in Boston; vol. 128, page 106.

1865 marriage John Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 163, page 207.

1867 death John Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 203, page 266.

1867 death Stephen Gunning in Roxbury; vol 203, page 266.

1868 marriage Timothy Gunning in Boston, also Maria Carney; vol. 210, page 109.

1869 birth Margaret Gunning in West Roxbury; vol. 215, page 338.

1877 marriage John B. Gunning and Ellen J. Goode in Brookline; vol. 290, page 209.

1882 birth Grace Ellen Morrison in Boston; vol. 333, page 192.

1887 death Timothy Gunning in Boston; vol. 384, page 232.

1893 death Timothy Gunning in Boston; vol. 438, page 525.

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1897 death Margaret (Donovan) Gunning in Boston; vol 474, page 149.

1901 death Margaret Gunning in Springfield; vol. 517, page 196.

1901 marriage Timothy Gunning and Grace E Morrison in Boston; vol 515, page 295.

1906 death Grace Gunning in Boston; vol. 15, page 75.

Burials in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale, MA (thanks to Kathy Contois):

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Age</i>
4-15-1883	Stephen Gunning		1
11-21-1884	Alice M. Gunning		8 mos.
4-8-1901	Joseph J. Gunning	220 Lamartine	18
8-7-1906	Grace Gunning	226 Lamartine	2 mos.
12-5-1906	Sarah M. Gunning	226 Lamartine	1

Jamaica Plain

Jamaica Plain is an historic neighborhood of 4.4 square miles in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded by Boston Puritans seeking farm land to the south, it was originally part of the city of Roxbury. The community seceded from Roxbury as a part of the new town of West Roxbury in 1851, and became part of Boston when West Roxbury was annexed to Boston in 1874. By 1850 20% of the population were Irish-born. There is an 1858 map on Wikipedia:

<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/6/6e/JP1858.jpg>