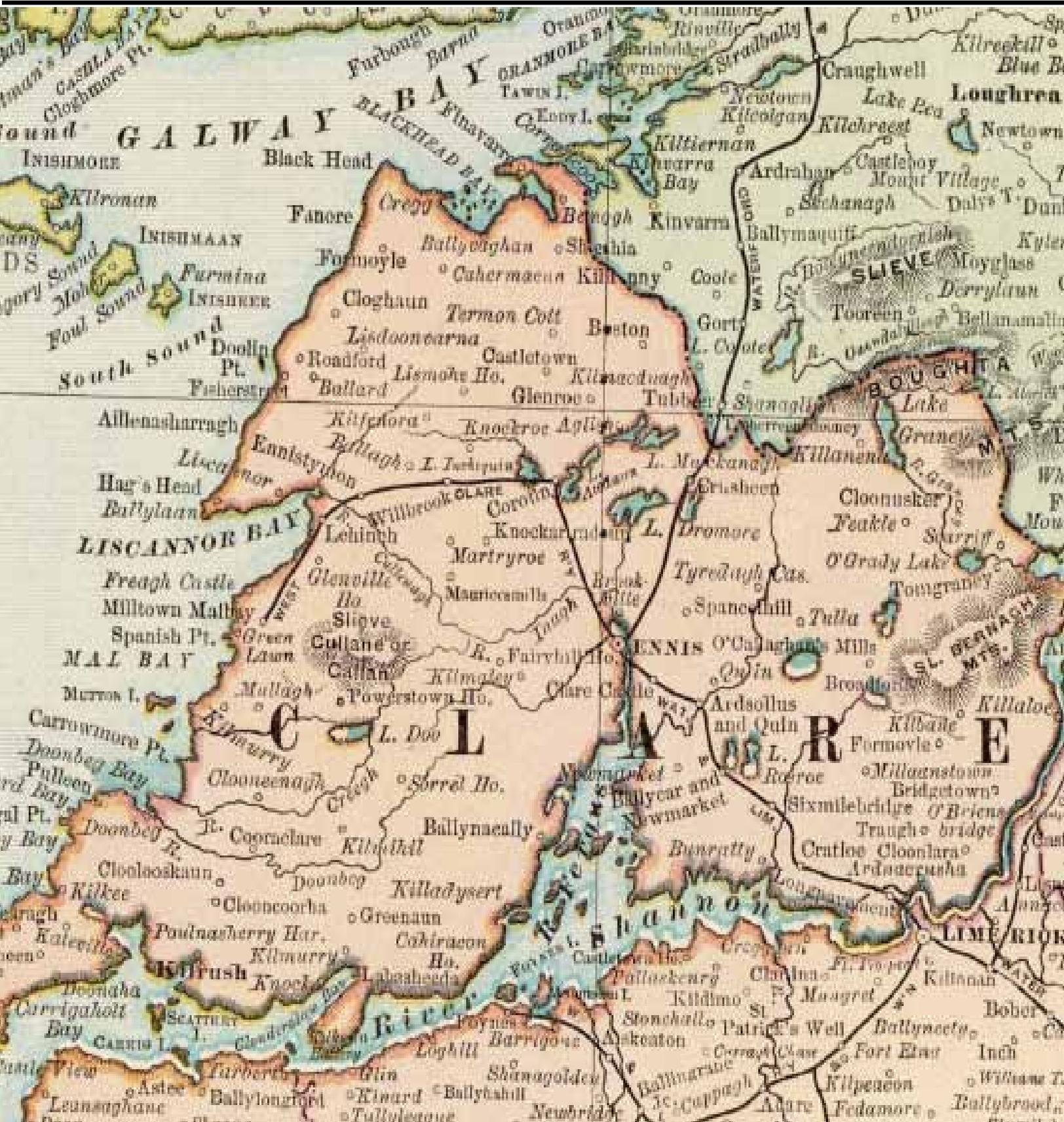


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The Eustace Families Association was formed in 1976 with the objectives of: Preserving for posterity the considerable knowledge now held in the histories of families originating in Flanders and the British Isles who bear the name "Eustace" or spelling variants thereof and of their descendants throughout the world.

Encouraging and assisting namesakes to research the story of their immediate and extended families and to disseminate the knowledge gained to those interested.

Developing and extending friendship and understanding between namesakes and welcoming visitors from overseas.

The Eustace Families Association was formed in the United Kingdom by the late Donald W. Eustace of Chiswick (London), and other family members. Following the death of Donald Eustace in 1993, the Eustace Families Association took a brief hiatus. In 1995, David Eustace of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England and Ronald Eustice of Savage, Minnesota, USA began to correspond via e-mail and the Eustace Families Association was resurrected. Eustace Families Musters (Reunions) have been held in 1979 (Pyrton), 1981 (Bledlow), 1983 (Watlington), 1985 (Lambeth) and 1999 (Watlington). The Great Eustace Gathering was held at Ballymore Eustace, Ireland in 2009. The Eustice family of Waseca County, Minnesota has had well-attended family gatherings on numerous occasions. In 2011 Eustice families of New Jersey held a gathering with over 100 in attendance.

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From The Editor's Desk



Ronald F. Eustice

Today April 21, 2013, would have been our son John Andrew Eustice's 34th birthday. John was born with tremendous potential, intelligence, good looks, motivation, spiritual and moral values. He was also born with depression and mental illness with which he struggled from infancy. We buried our beloved son John on April 17th. It is difficult for me to express the sadness in my heart as I write this. Please read the tributes to John on pages 42-44 of this issue. These words from our pastor and John's closest friends provide us with comfort and healing in this time of great sadness. John's depression and emotional struggles are over and now God has taken him to be with Him in Heaven. May John's Soul Rest In Peace. John: We love you!

Eustaces of County Clare, Ireland:

Thanks to long-time Eustace Families Association member Terry Diebel, Mendota Heights, Minnesota for compiling an extensive article on the Eustaces of Confey, County Kildare and their descendants in County Clare, Ireland. See pages 4-18 to learn more. There will be at least two more articles by Terry which will trace the Clare Eustace families to the present day. The largest concentration of Irish Eustaces (outside of Dublin) are in County Clare.

Last Call: This is a reminder for those who have not sent in their 2013 membership/subscription renewal. See the name and address of the appropriate contact on page 2.

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Coming Home to Ireland:

I have been invited to speak and participate in two family heritage events in Ireland this summer. The first will be the History Festival at Duckett's Grove on 15-16 June 2013.

I have been asked to put together a 30-40 minute talk about the Eustace / FitzEustace family and our genealogical conclusions to date.

The second event will also be at Duckett's Grove about a month later. The "Gathering" is an Irish Government initiative for each community in Ireland to try bring those who have left this country by choice or by means to find employment and prosperity in other countries during very difficult financial times. (www.thegatheringireland.com). The community of Bennekerry, Carlow which incorporates other townlands such as Johnstown, Rutland (Urglin), Palatine, Burton Hall, Brownhill, Friarstown etc are planning a reunion weekend from 19th to 22nd July. This weekend is themed Bennekerry "Past & Present" where everyone remembers and includes those who have passed on or left this island in the past whether

by choice of not and we reunite with them, in spirit or in body over this weekend. While the organisation of the weekend is still being organised, preliminary plans will include voluntary, sports, business, church organisations and groups in the community. Organizers are looking for anyone with any link, direct or indirect, past or present to the community to come along and take part in this reunion weekend. I have been asked to participate in "The Gathering" at Duckett's Grove which has Eustace connections through marriage.

Send us News! We are always in need of announcements and articles for the Eustace Families Post. This issue includes articles on the Eustaces of County Clare written by Terry Diebel and some reflections on Old Acres Farm by Matt Benda. Also included is a tribute from John Eustice's close friend Jason Smith who teaches at Florida State University, Tallahassee and Father Michael Tix, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Savage, MN..



Map of County Clare (1906)

The map shows Cooraclare, Ennis, Kilrush, Kilmihill, Killadysert, Labasheeda and Kilmurphy where Eustace families have lived since the children and grandchildren of James Eustace of Confey were transplanted from Kildare in 1654.

County Clare is located on the western coast of Ireland and is part of the province of Munster. The county name comes from the Irish word Clár, meaning a bridge of planks, and a bridge was used to cross the River Fergus at the town Clare (now Clarecastle town). The county covers 1231 square miles (3188 sq km). Its greatest length is 67 miles from Loop Head to the boundary near Lough Atorick on the northeast corner and the greatest breadth is 37 miles from Black Head to the shore west of Bunratty.

In the old Gaelic system, Clare was part of the Kingdom of Thomond. This area was subject to raids by the Danish Vikings during the ninth to the eleventh centuries. The Vikings were eventually defeated by the O'Briens (a major family in Thomond). The Normans then invaded the area and the land was granted to Thomas de Clare, who never gained control of the area. The English established the county boundaries in the 16th century. Initially, Clare was part of Connaught and it became part of Munster in 1639.

Following the defeat of the 1641 rebellion of the Catholic Confederacy, Clare was set aside to accommodate the "delinquent proprietors", i.e. those proprietors whose land was confiscated because they did not actively oppose the rebellion. The Eustace family of Confey, County Kildare was one of the families that were transplanted. Parts of the lands of the existing Clare landholders were confiscated to accommodate these new landholders.



Map of Ireland showing County Clare in green

The Eustace Family of Confey, County Kildare

The Eustaces of County Clare, Ireland almost certainly descend from the Eustace family of Confey, County Kildare. The castle and lands of Confey in the extreme north-east corner of County Kildare were held for several centuries by a branch of the Eustace family, which seems to have originated from a Nicholas FitzEustace of Dublin.

In 1401, Nicholas Eustace bought the head-rent of Dowdenstown and Tipperkevin near Ballymore Eustace, then part of County Dublin. His son (or grandson) Henry Eustace was the father of James Eustace of Confey who married Elizabeth FitzLeons and died in 1506. His elder son John Eustace married Elizabeth daughter of Christopher Chivers of Macetown, Co. Meath. (*The other son was Sir Robert, a priest.*) He also inherited property in Dublin including an almshouse and a house and grounds in St. Sepulchre parish, which he presented to the Vicar. In 1532, John Eustace still held Dowdenstown. John Eustace died in 1552, and was survived by his wife Joan, daughter of John Peppard of Ballyroan, and a son Nicholas. Nicholas Eustace married Maud, daughter of Sir Thomas Luttrell, and died in 1582 leaving a son John Eustace, who married Mary, daughter of Richard Fagan, an alderman of Dublin. John Eustace died in 1598. Both John and his son Nicholas are included in a list of important men in County Kildare. (James Eustace, the elder son of John Eustace and Mary Fagan, predeceased the father). Nicholas Eustace married Margaret, daughter of John Sarsfield of Lucan, and secondly Margaret Bath. (Nicholas had a daughter, Catherine, who married Thomas Chivers.) His son James Eustace married a daughter of Sir Nicholas Whyte of Leixlip Castle and his wife Lady Ursula Moore, daughter of 1st Viscount Drogheda.

The marriages of Eustaces with families such as Chivers, Luttrell, Sarsfield and Whyte show that the Eustaces were of high social standing.

James Eustace (alive in 1641) was a gentleman farmer who owned 396 acres of land in Confey and Newtowne which included Confey Castle, the ruins of which are still standing today outside the Confey cemetery, plus 21 acres of land in Ballingorne, Larabrine Parish.

James Eustace descended from the noble Eustace family who for several centuries defended the Pale on behalf of England. Members of the Eustace family had large land holdings and castles in County Kildare and Dublin. During the 15th and 16th Centuries, various branches of the Eustace family were the predominant land holders in eastern Kildare and parts of County Dublin. Their lands were almost one continuous estate stretching from Confey in the north into County Carlow in the south and from the Wicklow mountains in the east to Athy in the west.

In 1641, a rebellion broke out in Ulster and was followed by nine years of almost continuous fighting throughout Ireland. James Eustace and many other family members supported the rebellion or at least did not openly oppose it. In the wake of the Irish Uprising of 1641, an Act of Parliament was passed in March 1642 promising land to "Adventurers" who advanced money to finance the reconquest of Ireland. The Uprising escalated into the Confederate War (1642-53) and it was ten years before the English government was in a position to consider the claims of the Adventurers. Oliver Cromwell arrived in Dublin on 15 August 1649 with a fleet of thirty-five ships. At the end of May 1650, Cromwell returned to England in order to deal with the growing threat from the Royalists and Covenanters in Scotland. In February 1652, with the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland virtually complete, Parliament instructed its commissioners in Ireland to begin planning the settlement of Irish land. As well as the claims of the Adventurers, the commissioners were also to grant land to disbanded

Parliamentarian soldiers who had been promised Irish land in lieu of arrears of pay. The Commonwealth government envisaged a large-scale redistribution of land in Ireland, with Catholics and native Irish making way for Protestant settlers and landlords. Catholics suffered greatly during the years of conflict and under the Commonwealth that followed from 1649-60, when large numbers of Protestant Non-Conformists arrived to claim the lands of Catholics, who were called "Papists" by the English.

Both James Eustace of Confey and one of his sons, Nicholas were declared "outlaws" by the British government soon after 1641 and their lands were forfeited a decade later. At the time of the forfeiture James had two sons Nicholas and Thomas, and in 1664, Thomas the survivor regained all the property (which had been entailed) by stating that his father had died before the forfeiture. This was later proved to be false and Thomas Eustace lost all the lands except part of Confey, with Balscott and Eyersland just south of it in Donoghcumpter parish. Of the other lands, Ballycorne (west of Confey in Laraghbryan parish) went to Benedict Arthur and William Fitzgerald, and the property near Clongowes Wood went to Richard Reynolds.

In 1654, the children and grandchildren of James Eustace; Annie and Martha Eustace along with their children John, Francis and Cisily were transplanted to the townland of Drumillehy, Kilmacduane Parish, County Clare as a result of the Cromwellian Transplantation.



Kilmacduane Church Ruins - 1903

The Eustace Family of Confey, County Kildare, Ireland

Showing the connection to the Eustace families of County Clare

Nicholas FitzEustace

(Nicholas Eustace was from Dublin. In 1401, he bought the head-rent of Dowdenstown and Tipperkevin from William Greuett, who had received them as a grant from the Archbishop). The townlands of Dowdenstown and Tipperkevin continued to have strong Eustace connections until the Cromwellian Transplantations.

Henry Eustace

(son or grandson of Nicholas Eustace)

James Eustace

(died in 1506; married to)

Elizabeth FitzLeons

John Eustace

(Died in 1552; He owned property in Dublin including an almshouse and a house and grounds in St. Sepulchre parish, which he presented to the Vicar. In 1532, John Eustace still held Dowdenstown. John Eustace was married twice:)

Richard (Robert) Eustace

(A Catholic Priest)

Elizabeth Chivers

Daughter of Christopher Chivers of Macetown, County Meath

Joan Peppard

(Daughter of John Peppard of Ballyroan)

Nicolas Eustace

(died 1582)

He married to Maude Lutrell (daughter of Sir Thomas Lutrell)

John Eustace

John Eustace, is listed together with his son Nicolas Eustace as an important man in County Kildare. He married Mary Fagan, daughter of Richard Fagan, Dublin Alderman. John Eustace died in 1598.

James Eustace

(Eldest son of John Eustace who pre-deceased his father.)

Nicolas Eustace

Together with his father John Eustace, Nicolas is listed as one of Kildare's most important men. He married twice:

(1) Margaret Sarsfield

(Daughter of John Sarsfield of Lucan)

(2) Margaret Bath

James Eustace

He and his son Nicholas were outlawed soon after the 1641 Rebellion. (He married a daughter of Sir Nicolas Whyte and his wife Lady Ursula Moore, daughter of the 1st Viscount Drogheda. Sir Nicolas Whyte and his family lived at Leixlip Castle.)

Katherine Eustace

*Died: 27 August 1624
(She married Thomas Chivers)*

Nicholas Eustace

Nicholas Eustace was outlawed soon after the Rebellion of 1641 together with his father James. Their lands were declared forfeit by the British government. Nicholas is almost certainly the immediate ancestor of the five members of the Eustace family who were allotted lands at Drumillehy Townland, Kilmacduane Parish, County Clare. Records show that Anne, Cisly, Martha, John and Francis Eustace received a Certificate of Transplant in 1654. Their descendants have lived in the area for the past 375 years and today the Eustaces of County Clare are the most numerous of bearers of the name in Ireland.

Thomas Eustace

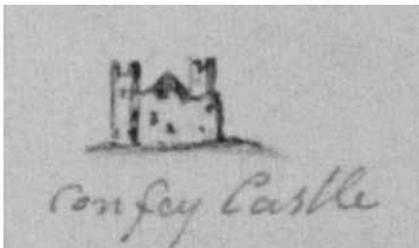
He was outlawed soon after the Rebellion of 1641 together with his father and brother Nicholas. In 1664, Thomas, the surviving son, regained some the forfeited property by stating that his father had died before the forfeiture. Confey was shared by Margaret Plunkett, Sir Edward Sutton and Thomas Eustace. Thomas's claim that his father died before the forfeiture was later proven to be false and Thomas lost all the lands except part of Confey, with Balscott and Eyersland just south of Confey in Donoughcumter Parish. The other lands including Ballycorne (west of Confey in Laraghbryan Parish) went to Benedict Arnold and William FitzGerald. and the lands near Clongoweswood went to Richard Reynolds. Thomas was alive in 1670 and was probably the father of John Eustace of Confey who married Mary Fagan, daughter of Richard, but with no apparent issue.

The Eustace Family of Confey, County Kildare

The Eustace family from County Clare trace their roots to James Eustace of Confey, Kildare, Ireland. In the 1600's, James Eustace was a gentleman farmer who owned 396 acres of land in Confey and Newtowne in Kildare which included Confey Castle, (the ruins of which are still standing today outside the Confey cemetery,) plus 21 acres of land in Ballingorne. James descended from the once noble Eustace family who defended the Pale with their large land holdings and castles in County Kildare and Dublin. However in 1654, his immediate family was transplanted to County Clare as a result of the Cromwellian Transplantation.

The lineage chart on page 6 was created by Ron Eustice. The chart was derived from the research and writings of Major-General Sir Eustace F. Tickell. Tickell, a Eustace descendant himself, wrote the history and genealogies of the Norman Eustace ancestors and their descendants in Ireland and his work was published by the Journal of the Kildare Archaeological Society in the 1950's.

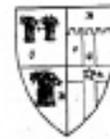
Although not included on the lineage chart on page 6, the earliest ancestor of James Eustace of Confey may have been John FitzEustace of Newland who was born in the late 13th century. This assertion is supported by Tickell's documented Eustace land records and leases.* John FitzEustace of Newland died after 1326. He was probably the John Eustace who held part of Dowdenstown in 1326 (Tickell p. 401). In 1326, John FitzEustace held two carcurates in Dowdenstown. In 1361, the head-rents of Dowdenstown and Tipperkevin were granted by the Archbishop to William Greuett who sold them to Nicholas Eustace of Dublin and Confey in 1401. Because of the connection of the Nicholas Eustace of Dublin and Confey to Barretstown and Dowdenstown, it is possible that John Eustace of Newland was directly related to Godfrey who paid "waxrent, with a note by the Archbishop" perhaps for Barretstown". Tickell includes this Barretstown under the Dowdenstown/ Barretstown section of his research paper titled "The Eustace Family of County Kildare which was published in the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society; Volume XIII, No. 7 (1958) appears to indicate that the families from this area may have descended from "Eustace son of Godfrey." John of Newland founded the Dominican Priory at Naas in 1356 with its church dedicated to St. Eustachius (Tickell p. 273 and footnote #3).



Thumb-nail sketch of the Confey Castle ruin (circa 1800)



Edward Plunket 3rd son of Richard Plunket of Dublin in the County of Wick. died the 10th of November 1623.



John Bennet of Dublin, Alderman and sometime Mayor died the 28th of October 1623. He married the daughter of Richard Russell Alderman and Mayor of Dublin and had issue Christopher, William, Richard and Margaret.



Christopher Evers a son of the House of Kildare died November the 25th 1623 He married Thomas daughter of 1st Robert Dillon Esq. sometime Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.



Katherin daughter of Nicholas Eustace of Confey in the County of Dublin died the 27th of August 1624. She was married to Thomas Chivers of Dublin Esq. and left issue John, Richard, James, Jane, Joane, Ellinor.

Funeral Entry for Katherin Eustace, wife of Thomas Chivers (Chevers) deceased 1624. The arms for Chevers i.e. the three goats and the Eustace arms i.e. saltire are both visible. Katharine Eustace was the daughter of Nicholas Eustace listed as one of the most important men in County Kildare. Katherin's brother James was outlawed by the British following the 1641 Rebellion. Funeral entries such as the above were recorded in the Office of the Ulster King of Arms, while some were recorded in the Athlone Office of Arms to be recorded later in the former Office. Katharin was survived by her children; John, James, Richard, Jane, Joane and Ellinor. Courtesy of Max Cheevers.



Confey Castle Ruins

The castle and lands of Confey in the extreme north-east corner of County Kildare were held for several centuries by a branch of the Eustace family, which seems to have originated from a Nicholas FitzEustace of Dublin.

Old Confey Church, Confey, County Kildare



Old Confey Church, County Kildare

Secluded in a small thicket of trees in the northeastern section of old Confey cemetery stands the ruin of the Church of St. Columba which although believed to have been constructed circa 1200 AD, may actually pre-date the Norman invasion. The area of Confey was the site of a great battle in 917AD where the Norse King Sigtrygg defeated the King of Leinster.

The Confey church would have been built as a single-celled structure but the chancel was added about a hundred years later. The building was in use until the 1700's when due to a lack of funding and poor parishioner attendance, it eventually fell into ruin. In an adjacent field there are the very scant remains of the once heavily fortified Castle of Confey now reduced to a small part of a tower covered in Ivy (*Pictured on page 7*).

In 2000 AD the Kildare County Council conducted some renovation work on the old church and added some paving stones for access and an iron gate. They cleared away the undergrowth and for a time it remained so, but now, as illustrated, the undergrowth is beginning to venture forward again and take hold.

The old graveyard can be accessed by a gate or by a stile. The stile will lead you past a very sad part of the cemetery dedicated to The Holy Angels, the graves young children who have passed away over the years.

In the far northeastern corner is a wooded area and it is within this area that you will find the old ruins. This section of the graveyard contains the more ancient stones and is more secluded. It seems totally distant from the otherwise inhabited district in which it stands. Once you step away from the paving stones the undergrowth is thick and deceiving. The whole area is not too far from the Royal Canal and the Rye Water Valley and some of the land around the ruins is quite marshy with underground streams apt to appear out of nowhere. A strange tract of land it is indeed.

It is possible to walk entirely around the church ruins although loose rocks underfoot and thick vegetation make it necessary for the visitor to tread carefully.

There is one point at the northern side of the church where a deep ditch segregates the church from the fields leading to the remains of the castle. Beyond the ditch, barbed wire, boggy land and streams await those wishing to reach these scant remains. You can enter the church ruins through a gate and see the fine arch work within. Confey church seems very peaceful and undisturbed.



Old Confey Church Co Kildare



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Old Confey Church Ruins, Confey, County Kildare



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Chronology of the Eustace Family of Confey, County Kildare

John Colgan in his online contribution to the Journal of the Kildare Archaeological Society entitled LEIXLIP CHRONOLOGY 1200-1699 A.D., documents the presence of the Eustace family in Confey, County Kildare through the transcription of the Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns during the Reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Philip and Mary and Elizabeth I. The following notations refer to Eustace family members whose descendents were transplanted to Clare:

1474: Parish Church of St. Columba, Confey, application was made by Walter Eustace, proctor [=manager of court business] for the chaplain, Wm White, to the court causing the abbot and convent and John Alleyn, the judge, to be called.

1534: John Ewstace (Eustace) occupies 120 acres of arable and pasture land in the villa of Possewykeston, returning 13s p.a. And the same John Eustace was a freehold tenant in the villa of Donaghysland of 14 acres of arable land returning 15d p.a.

1547: George, archbishop of Dublin, with the consent of the chapter of Holy Trinity church, granted to Edward de St Laurence, alias Houthe [=Howth], John Eustace of Conffé [=Confey], Christopher Luttrell, son and heir of Sir Thomas Luttrell, chief justice of the Common bench, [inter alia].. the advowsons of Ballybought,

1552: Grant to Thomas Luttrell, of Luttrelliston, knt., for £56 8s 1d; of the wardship and marriage of Nicholas Eustace, cousin and heir of John Eustace, late of Confey, Co. Kildare, esq.; also grant of the third part of the manor of Sawntre [Santry], county Dublin, and the lands there, worth by the year £10 11s 8d; for the sustenance of the minor; with demise of messuage and land in Sawntre, for 13 years (unless the minor die sooner), at a rent of 50s. . [Fiants of Edward VI, No 1012, dated 25/5/1552, cited in *The Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns during the Reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Philip & Mary, and Elizabeth I, Vol I, Dublin 1994*].

1563-4: On 4/3/1563-4 Elizabeth I granted Livery to Nicholas, son and heir of James, son and heir of John Eustace, late of Confey, esq. Fine, £59 4s 4d. [Fiants of Elizabeth I, No 593, 1563-4, cited in *The Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns during the Reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Philip & Mary, and Elizabeth I, Vol II, Dublin 1994*].

1565: On 8/11/1565 Elizabeth I provided a certificate for Nicholas Eustace, of Confey, county Kildare, gent; assigning his land of Confey to be free of subsidy under 3 & 4 Philip & Mary, c12. [Fiants of Elizabeth I, No 774, 1565, cited in *The Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns during the Reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Philip & Mary, and Elizabeth I, Vol II, Dublin 1994*].

1588: Livery granted to John, son and heir of Nicholas Ewstace, late of Confynn [sic], co Kildare, gent. Fine £7. [Fiant No 5192, Elizabeth I, dated 18/6/1588, cited in *The Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns during the Reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Philip & Mary, and Elizabeth I, Vol II, Dublin 1994*].

1625: Nicholas and William Eustace signed a Memorandum of the Lords of the Pale in answer to the King's demands for money. They were in an annex of 'gentlemen' who signed it. Nicholas is probably he of Confey and William is of Castlemartin. See c1627. [RP Mahaffy (ed), *Calendar of State papers relating to Ireland, Charles I, 1625-1632, London, 1900, 1625, p70.*]

1641: The Book of Survey and Distribution [part reproduced in JKAS, Vol X, 1922-28, p197-197-199] includes proprietors' names of lands in 1641 after the Civil Survey was carried out, together with the particulars of the lands and persons to whom given on the Cromwellian Settlement c1659. For example, James Eustace of Confey, Irish Papist, had Confey and Newtown, which was given to Margaret Plunkett and Thomas Eustace by Cromwell. 1654: The parish of Confey included Confey and Newtown. James Eustace of Confey had Confey and Newtown, a total of 396 acres, of which 360 were arable and 36 pasture, worth £150 pa "as they were let in 1640." 1660: On 17/11/1660 James Eustace [Confey] petitioned the King, asserting that he was always faithful to the royal cause and during the rebellion contributed to the support of the royal forces. Nevertheless his lands have been siezed and himself exposed to want. He prays for a reference to persons of honour and a remedy. On the same date the Lord Chancellor {Maurice} Eustace [a relative, who lived near Chapelizod] reported that having seen a report signed by Moore, Howth, John Stevens and Da Truswell testifying to the petitioner's loyalty. They recommend that he be restored to such of his lands as are not with adventurers or soldiers. Recommended that he be restored to the town and lands of Confye [co Kildare]. [RP Mahaffy (ed), *Calendar of State papers relating to Ireland, 1660-1662, London, 1905, 17/11/1660, p86.*]

Chronology of the Eustace Family of Confey, County Kildare

1664: King Charles II wrote to the Lord Deputy directing that Thos Eustace, grandson of Nicholas Eustace of Confey, who has been adjudged innocent, be restored to his houses and lands in the city of Dublin and in Drogheda, in accordance with the King's letter of 23/4/1664. [RP Mahaffy (ed), *Calendar of State papers relating to Ireland, 1663-1665*, London, 1907, 20/7/1664, p414.] The King wrote a similar letter on the same date to the Lord Lieutenant for the information of the Commissioners of Settlement [*opus cit*, p389]

1669: On 8/4/1669 Charles II wrote to the Lord Deputy on behalf of Sir Edward Sutton, indicating that Sutton had informed him that James Eustace of Confey, having been adjudged nocent [opposite of innocent] by the commissioners of Settlement, his interest in his estate is therefore forfeited to the King, but that his estate was entailed on his son [left to him on his death], Thos Eustace. He, pretending his father, James, to be dead, afterwards put in his own claim, and being innocent, has thereby obtained a decree and possession of his said father's estate, though the father be still alive. Sir Edward Sutton has also set forth that he has a title to be supplied as a deficient as per the rules of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. The King direct the Lord Deputy, if the alleged facts be true, to cause a grant to the whole of this estate to be made to Sutton and his executors, etc. in part payment of his deficiencies and all the rent arrears due and detained from the King since the said fraud was committed. [RP Mahaffy (ed), *Calendar of State papers relating to Ireland, 1666-1669*, London, 1908, 8/4/1669, p708.]

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Cromwellian Transplantation

James Eustace was declared an outlaw by the British government soon after the 1641 Rebellion. It is likely that his only offense was not openly opposing the Rebellion. The Tudor Sovereign Fiants, as well as the actual Transplant Certificate of Anne and Martha Eustace, certifies that this once noble Norman Eustace family branch from Confey was forcibly removed from Kildare and sent to Clare in 1654.

Records of Transplant show that John and Francis Eustace, the apparent direct male descendants of James Eustace of Confey, along with their female relatives, Martha, Anne and Cisily were all included in the transplantation to County Clare in 1654. These members of the Eustace family of Confey were allotted lands in Drumillehy, Kilmacduane Parish, County Clare. The townland of Drumillehy had been the property of Daniel O’Gorman, Caher O’Gorman and Daniel O’Brien.

To understand how James Eustace from Confey and subsequently how James Eustace’s descendants were affected by this decree, it helps to understand how the English process of determination of guilt and subsequent transplantation was implemented. “The Act for Settling Ireland was passed by the English parliament in August 1652. While the land was being surveyed, the government was determining who should forfeit land. Degrees of guilt were established and penalties defined. The result was that owners of Irish land, whether they were Catholic, Protestant or Old English were to suffer. Some were dispossessed totally; others forfeited one fifth, one third, two thirds or three quarters of their land depending on whether their part in the rebellion was a major or minor one. They were to be recompensed from forfeited land west of the Shannon by an area equal to the proportion they were entitled to retain. Some were dispossessed merely for being Catholic, while many Protestant landowners who were considered to be less of a security risk, were allowed to retain their land on payment of a heavy fine.

The initial step taken by an Irish landowner was to appear before delinquency courts where he was interrogated about his political conduct over the previous ten years thus determining his degree of guilt and the amount of land he was to forfeit. His local revenue commissioner then issued him with a Transplanter’s Certificate, a license to cross the Shannon. The certificate gave a brief description of the transplanter and those travelling with him, the type and number of livestock and other goods he proposed to take with him. He then appeared before commissioners in Loughrea who allotted him land in Clare or Connacht on a temporary basis according to his entitlement. He would have had to appear at court in Athlone a year or two later when he would have been given permanent title to his Connacht or Clare land. This was called his final settlement.

The province of Connacht and the county of Clare were set aside for the habitation of the Irish where they were to transplant themselves, their families, dependents, livestock and goods before 1 May, 1654.’ The penalty for not transplanting was death by hanging. Connacht and Clare were chosen as the area of transplantation because they were surrounded by water, (the sea, the Shannon, the Erne and the bogs of Leitrim) except for a ten mile stretch of land which was to be protected by a series of forts. A one mile strip, called The Mile Line, around the perimeter of Connacht and Clare was reserved for military settlers ‘to confine the transplanted and to cut them off from relief by sea.’ The Irish were forbidden to live in the towns of Connacht. Five hundred acres around Clare castle and lands of ‘a mile compass’ around Carrigaholt and Leamaneh were reserved for the English.

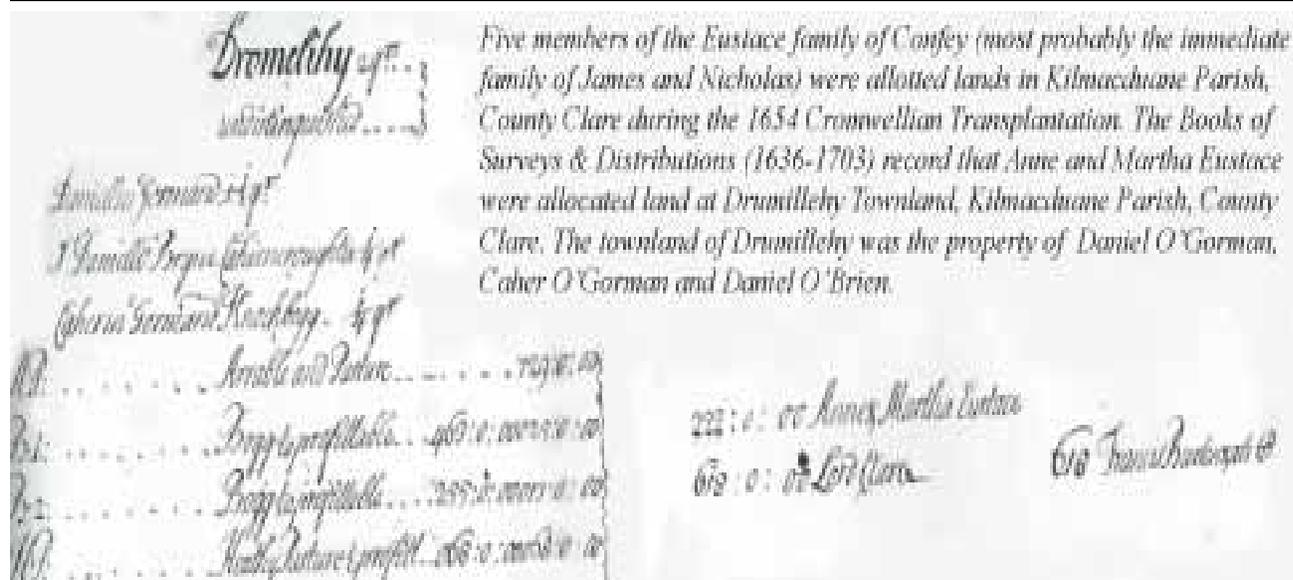
The resident landowners of Connacht and Clare also came within the category of transplanter; There were three categories of transplanter; proprietors, tenants and landless. The first were to have lands assigned to them corresponding in quality to those they had left; the second were to be assigned land as tenants of the state proportionate to the number and kind of livestock they brought with them e.g. for each cow three acres, for each horse four acres, etc.

The landless were to be allowed to settle on state-owned land provided they were not within ten miles of the Shannon, or they could remain where they were to become ‘hewers of wood and drawers of water’ to the Cromwellian settlers. Ploughmen and other skilled workers were excluded from the penalties of the act.

The transplantation proved to be an enormous administrative problem. Acts and orders were constantly being reversed and revised, members of the army sold their debentures (documents entitling them to confiscated land) against orders, the supply of land was insufficient to meet the demands of those entitled to it culminating in what was officially described as ‘frustration, fraud and injustice.’

A new Ireland emerged after the Cromwellian Plantation. Land ownership and political authority passed from the older inhabitants to the new colonists, from Irish and Old English Catholics to a landed ascendancy of English Protestants who were to control the life of Ireland until the twentieth century.” *

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Five members of the Eustace family of Confehy (most probably the immediate family of James and Nicholas) were allotted lands in Kilmacduane Parish, County Clare during the 1654 Cromwellian Transplantation. The Books of Surveys & Distributions (1636-1703) record that Anne and Martha Eustace were allocated land at Drumillehy Townland, Kilmacduane Parish, County Clare. The townland of Drumillehy was the property of Daniel O’Gorman, Caher O’Gorman and Daniel O’Brien. Simington, Robert C. Books of Survey and Distribution, Being Abstracts of Various Surveys and Instruments of Title 1636-1703. Dublin, Ireland : Stationary Office for the Irish Manuscripts Commission, 1949.

According to Irish Landed Gentry: When Cromwell Came to Ireland, by John O’Hart, which was published in 1887, the members of the Eustace family who received Certificates of Transplantation to Connaught between 1653 and 1654 were Anne Eustace, John Eustace, Martha Eustace, Francis Eustace and Cisly Eustace.

In *The History and Topography of the County of Clare* by James Frost, it is noted in the *Book of Forfeitures and Distributions* that Annie and Martha Eustace were transplanted to Drumelihy, Parish of Kilmacduane in the Barony of Moyarta. At this point in time, it is unclear how John, Francis and Cisly Eustace were related to Annie and Martha Eustace.

During the next 150 years the Eustace family in County Clare grew in numbers and expanded into the nearby parishes of Kilmihil, Kilrush and Kilmaley. Based on Y-chromosome DNA evidence gathered from the Eustace Families Association DNA project, it seems highly likely that all Clare namesakes trace back to the same Eustace ancestor and that person was one of the males transplanted in 1654.

The 18th Century was a very difficult time for Irish Catholics and few records exist. Catholics were severely oppressed and subject to what became known as the Penal Laws. In 1695 harsh penal laws were enforced, known as the ‘popery code’. Catholics were prohibited from buying land, bringing their children up as Catholics, and from entering the military forces or practicing law. Catholics could no longer run for elected office, purchase land, or own property (such as horses) valued at more than 5 pounds. In the early years of the 18th century the ruling Protestants in Ireland passed these laws designed to strip the “backwards” Catholic population of remaining land, positions of influence and civil rights.

Officially called the Laws for the Suppression of Popery, the Penal Laws were a series of statutes passed by the Protestant Parliament which regulated Roman Catholics to an inferior status through most of the eighteenth century. The declared purpose of the Irish Penal Laws, was to disenfranchise the native majority from all power, both political and economic. The ideal was to entice the

colonized Irish into wholesale conversion to Protestantism. A Catholic could avoid the oppressive effects of these laws by conversion, although the statutes went to great lengths to ferret out insincere conversions and backsliders. By deliberately defining the haves and the have-nots, the politically powerful and the oppressed, on the basis of religion, these statutes had a profound effect, not only on the eighteenth century, but on the subsequent history of Ireland.

By 1778 Irish Catholics owned a meager 5% of Irish land. Furthermore, the Catholic educational system was outlawed and priests who did not conform to the laws could be branded on the face or castrated. As a result, much of Catholic church services and education and record keeping was forced underground, to operate only under extreme secrecy. The religion and culture were kept alive by secret open-air masses and illegal outdoor schools, known as ‘hedge’ schools. All Irish culture, music and education was banned. By the time of the census of 1841 the Irish were impoverished, landless and leaderless by the eve of the famine.

Bridging the Gap: County Clare Eustace Records from the Cromwellian Transplantation of 1654 to the Freeholder Lists of 1813-1821

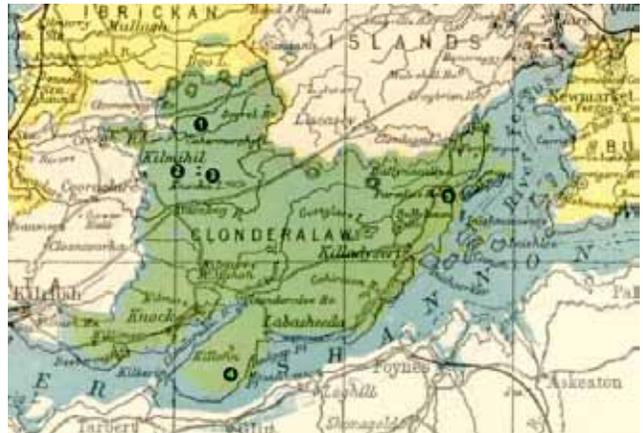
By Terry Diebel in Mendota Heights, Minnesota

The question is how do these Clare Eustace family trees connect? Do they share common ancestors? Can the Clare Eustace family history be filled in between the 1654 Transplantation and the Tithe Applotment records of the 1820s? At this writing, “filling in” this history is a challenge because records are few and far between. However, by using research tools available today, Eustace family descendant patterns are emerging which are helping to determine which families, living in Clare today and their overseas namesakes, may be more closely related than once thought. The Y-Chromosome DNA proves the relationship of each Clare Eustace descendant to one another, but written records help to explain the connections between individual branches of the Eustace family in Clare.

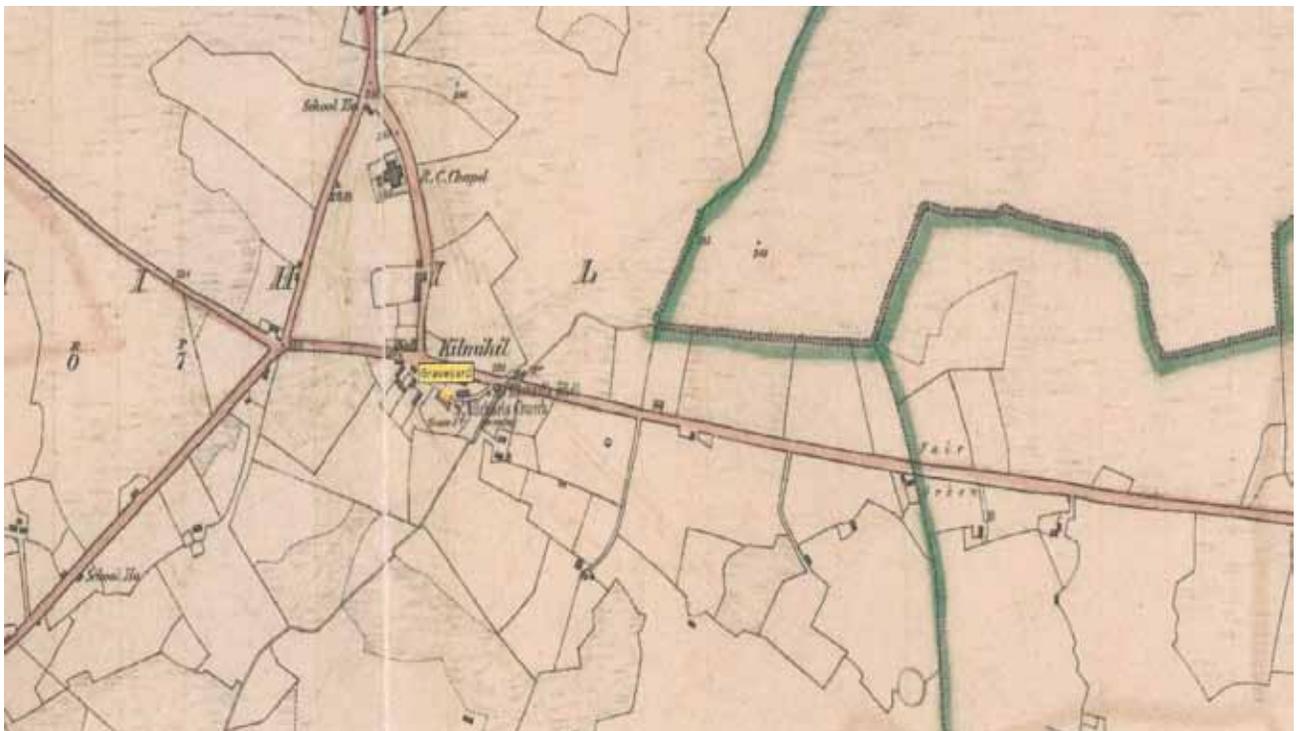
Beginning with the earliest nineteenth century records available to date, the earliest Eustace record discovered thus far (post transplantation from Kildare) is found on a graveyard headstone located in the Old St. Michael's Cemetery in Kilmihil. This transcription states the following:

“INRI This tomb was erected by Simon and John Eustace in memory of their father John Eustace who gave his soul to his creator on 10th of November 1823 aged 77 years May he rest in peace Amen.”

Assuming the birth year of John Eustace was seventy-seven years before his death, his birth would have been in about 1746 which was only ninety-two years after the Eustace family was transplanted from Kildare to Clare. To date, no other records of Eustace births have been found in Clare earlier than 1746. From this graveyard transcription we can see that the next generation of Eustaces included John and Simon Eustace. We can presume that these two sons of John Eustace were born between 1766 and 1786.



Kilmihil, County Clare



Map of the Old St. Michael's Graveyard, Kilmihil, County Clare (1842)

Earliest Eustace record...John Eustace b. 1746-1823 referenced in the above article.

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Map of Molougha Graveyard Killimer, County Clare (1842)

Ellen Eustace nee McNamara buried at Molougha is second earliest Eustace record. She was born about 1784 and died in 1848. Her husband Patrick Eustace erected the headstone on which the inscription reads: IHS INRI Erected by Patrick Eustace in memory of his beloved wife Ellen Eustace alias McNamara who died April 29th 1848 aged 64 yrs - May her soul R.I.P. Amen

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Through the efforts of the Clare Library, a new set of records called the *List of Freeholders of 1821* is available to Clare researchers. These records greatly expand the Clare Eustace record information for the early part of the 1800's. This List of Freeholders contains the names of landholders who were registered to vote in County Clare in 1821.

According to the Clare Library, "a freeholder was a man who owned his land outright (in fee) or who held it by lease which could be for one or more lives (for example, his own life or for the lives of other people named in the lease). A significant percentage of the population was included in freeholders' lists in the time period covered by this list (1796-1820), when both Catholic and Protestant 40 shilling freeholders were qualified to vote. A 40 shilling freeholder held a freehold worth at least 40 shillings per annum above the rent, enabling the inclusion of substantial farmers in the voters' list. In 1829 the franchise level was increased to 10 pounds (there were 20 shillings in a pound), thus barring the 40 shilling freeholders whom Daniel O'Connell had mobilized and consequently confining the vote to landlords."

A pattern begins to emerge in these Freeholders records which shows that the eighteenth century Clare Eustace family had two distinct branches. Of course, today the DNA project has proven, they are definitely directly related.

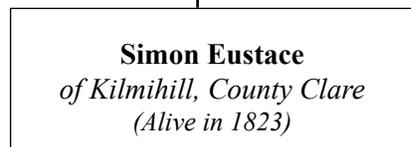
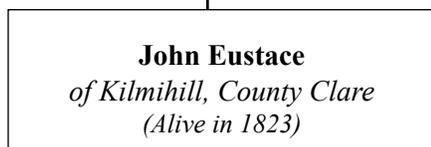
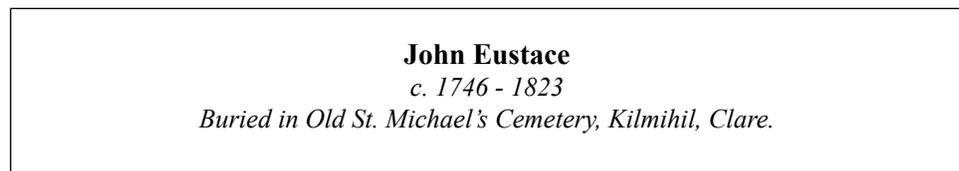
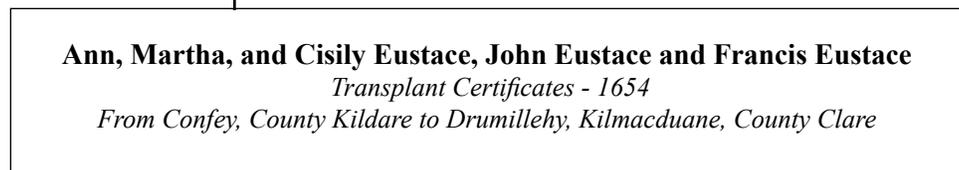
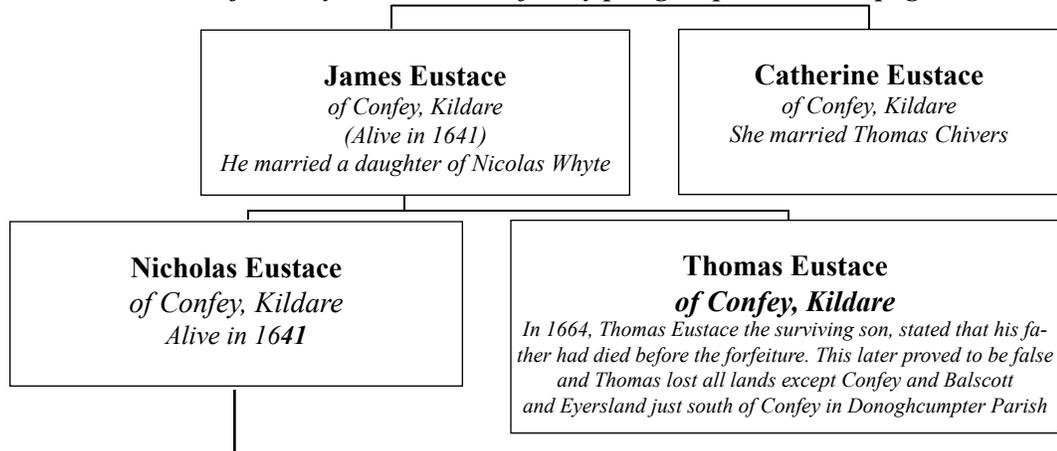
However, based on available records, it appears that all Eustaces living in Clare today and other Eustaces of Clare origin likely descend from one of two branches that emerged over time. And, both of the Clare Eustace branch families originated in Cahermurphy, Parish of Kilmihil, Clare.

From 1813 to 1821, the Clare Eustace Freeholders had the option to designate up to three lives in their lease. "Lives" was a way of designating the time of a lease and usually three lives were designated. A Freeholder would choose young people in the family likely to live the longest and then the lease would be valid until all three of the designated family members died. Consequently, if the Freeholder had young, healthy children, grandchildren, etc., he would name them as tenured lives. If he was still single he would probably name his siblings or cousins. Naming the youngest members of a family could extend a lease to as much as ninety-nine years. Such is the case of the first of the two Eustace branch families.

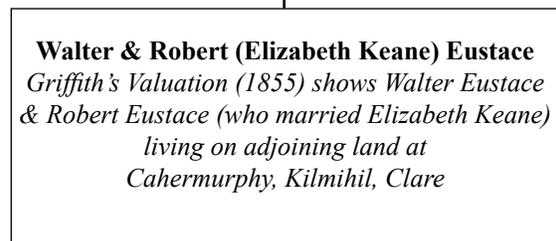
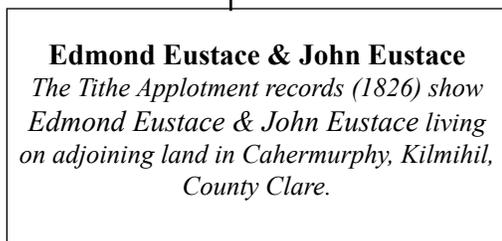
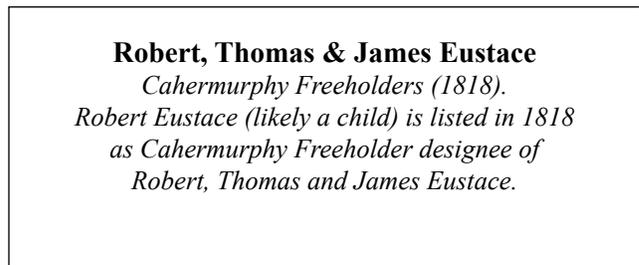
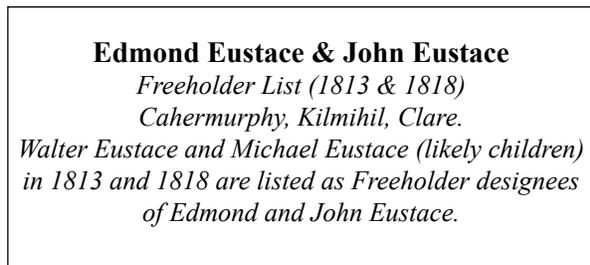
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Continuation of County Clare Eustace family pedigree published on page 6.



The following Eustace men from Cahermurphy, Kilmihil and their descendants are found in land records living on the same land in Cahermurphy, Kilmihil between 1813 and the early 1900's:



Making County Clare Eustace Family Connections

CLARE EUSTACE BRANCH I:

Cahermurphy, Gowerhass, Kilmaley, County Clare; Australia and the USA

In 1813, Branch I of the Clare Eustace family was represented by Edmond and John Eustace who rented adjoining land and were listed as Freeholders in Cahermurphy, Parish of Kilmihil, Clare. Edmond and John Eustace named the same tenured lives on their lease which clearly links the two of them together. They both named Michael Eustace, M. Madigan and Walter Eustace as their tenured life designees. According to death records, there was a Michael Eustace from Kilmaley and Walter Eustace from Cahermurphy born in about 1813 and 1816, respectively.

If these are the individuals named as tenured lives on the lease, Edmond and John Eustace hoped Michael and Walter would live long lives. By naming both Michael and Walter Eustace as tenured lives means they were directly related to Edmond and John Eustace. The fact that John and Edmond were Freeholders in 1813, they likely would have been born between 1760-1780 or earlier.

In 1818, three additional Eustace men – Thomas, Robert and James from Cahermurphy named their tenured life designate as Robert Eustace. This Robert Eustace was born in 1815. From the Freeholder records, it appears that all of these Eustace men – Edmond, John, and Thomas, Robert and James - were all directly related and lived on adjoining land in Cahermurphy.

Also in 1818, the Freeholder List shows a Patrick Eustace who had acreage around a bridge. His tenured life designates were John Halloran, Michael Halloran and Patrick Halloran. A Freeholder named Patrick Cahill is also enumerated in the 1818 List. This Patrick Cahill not only had the same life tenured designates as Patrick Eustace (just mentioned), but he included Robert Eustace as a life designate as well. These life designees appear to link Patrick Eustace, Robert Eustace, the Halloran's and Patrick Cahill together.

Nearly forty years later in the 1850's Griffith's Valuation, Walter and Robert Eustace (the aforementioned life tenured designees) are bracketed together in the valuation record. Together, they farmed 39 Irish acres in Cahermurphy. Walter Eustace died in Cahermurphy in 1881. To date, no known records of Walter's descendants are available. On the other hand, Robert Eustace's family is easily traced. His descendants include the Oil City, Pennsylvania Eustace family.

In the 1813 Freeholder records, a Michael Eustace (along with Walter) is also recorded as a tenured life designate of John and Edmond Eustace's lease. This is very likely the Michael Eustace who was born about 1813. He eventually married Catherine Gleeson from Kilmaley. **When** Michael Eustace married Catherine, he took possession of her father's land in Furroor.

"Given (Christian) names most associated with Branch I of the Eustace family are: Simon, Robert, Walter, James, Edward & Maria. Surnames which are associated with this Eustace line are: Cahill, McNamara, Crotty, Considine, McMahan and Halloran."

The Clare Eustace clan from Gowerhass appears to be more directly related to the Robert Eustace (born 1815) family from Cahermurphy, and the Michael Eustace (born 1813) family from Kilmaley. The members of this Gowerhass clan lived predominately in the Parish of Kilrush; the Freeholder List records do not include this family.

Irish naming patterns and oral history have determined which Eustace families claim the townland of Gowerhass and its surrounds as home. These families are as follows:

1) Simon Eustace Sr. married **Bridget McNamara**. The descendants of their son Simon and his wife Bridget Crotty (until recently) owned the original Gowerhass property that was first recorded in the 1826 Tithe Applotment;

1) John Eustace (*Simon Sr.'s son*), married **Ellen Reidy** in Kilmihil. John Eustace was a farmer and later a pensioner, who eventually made Leitrim his home.

2) John Eustace married **Margaret Price** in 1867 in Kilmihil. John Eustace was a cooper (barrelmaker). John and Margaret's son Patrick was a tailor in Kilrush. John's mother was widowed at an early age and lived in Kiltumper. This Eustace family eventually lived in Cooraclare and today, some members still reside in Clare.

3) John Eustace married **Mary O'Donnell about 1858**. They raised a family of eleven children at Coolmunga. The descendants of this family live in Australia.

4) James Eustace and **Ann McNamara**. Their family included children Edward, Ann Crotty and Simon who immigrated to New York and Chicago.

5) Michael Eustace and **Mary Downes** whose known descendants are:

1) Mary Eustice Shiely and Simon Eustice families from Minnesota USA;

2) James Eustice family of Cheboygan, Michigan;

3) John Eustice family from Niagara, New York.

6) Mary Eustace married **Frank McMahan** of Tullagower and their son, Simon McMahan, immigrated to Indiana.

We know from cemetery records in Old St. Michael's cemetery in Kilmihil that Simon Eustace and his brother, John, erected their father John's headstone in 1823. To have ten Gowerhass Eustace families name their son "Simon" means that Simon was an important and highly respected man in this family's history. Simon or Simon's sons, or possibly Simon's brother, John, may have been the original leaseholder (s) in Gowerhass. In the Tithe Applotment of 1826, the largest Eustace leaseholder in Gowerhass was John Eustace. Next to him with less acreage were Simon and Patrick Eustace.

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Besides naming patterns, oral history plays apart in determining the Eustace connection between Gowerhass and the Robert Eustace family of Cahermurphy. According to the late Sally Eustice from Cheboygan, Michigan, Robert Eustace's descendants, the Oil City Eustace families, were referred to as "cousins" and Bernard Eustace (a Gowerhass Eustace) from Cooraclare remembered the following as a child:

"Tom Eustace [Robert Eustace, Jr.'s son] was from Cahermurphy. [He] came to our house in Cooraclare on horseback." Bernard Eustace's family was also friendly with John and Ellen Thompson Eustace's family from Kilmaley. Ellen's mother was Ellen Eustace who married George Thompson. Ellen Eustace Thompson who was married to George was a Gowerhass Eustace and she was very likely a sister to Bernard's great grandfather, John Eustace, the cooper from Kiltumper.

Given (Christian) names closely associated with this branch include: Richard, Charles, Honor, and Daniel. Surnames associated with this branch include: MacMahon, Murphy and Malone.

CLARE EUSTACE BRANCH II – Cahermurphy: Charles (Honor Killeen) Eustace & Patrick (Mary Galvin) Eustace; Kiladysart Eustace Family; Breaffa Eustace Family

The second branch of the Clare Eustace family in the 1800's is found on leased land a few farms away from the first Eustace branch.

In 1813, a John Eustace whose father is Patrick Eustace is listed as a Freeholder in Cahermurphy. His tenured lives are Michael Eustace, Michael Murphy and Thady Murphy.

In 1817, there is a John Eustace listed as a Freeholder with the same tenured lives.

In 1818, the Freeholder List states that Patrick Eustace, Sr., with his sons John and Thomas are listed as Cahermurphy Freeholders and their life tenured designates were also Michael Eustace, Michael Murphy and Thady Murphy.

In the 1826 Tithe Applotment, John Eustace is listed with "Partners" on this Cahermurphy property. This John Eustace could be the son of Patrick Eustace, Sr.

Thirty years later according to the 1850's Griffith's Valuation, members of this family - John and Patrick Eustace - leased over 60 Irish acres in Cahermurphy. This was twice the land leased by the first branch of the Eustace family. This second branch of the Eustace family subleased much of their land to various Murphy families who appear to be related to the life tenured designates Michael Murphy, Thady Murphy and Tim Murphy mentioned in the previous paragraphs. They also leased land to Honoria Malone who may be related to this branch.

Charles Eustace born in 1843 who married Honor Killeen descends from this second branch of the Clare Eustace family. Charles' father was John Eustace. A Patrick Eustace born about 1821 who married Mary Galvin also descends from this second branch of the Eustaces. Charles Eustace and Patrick Eustace are buried in adjoining plots in the Castlepark Cemetery which suggests a close relationship between them – possibly nephew (Charles) to uncle (Patrick).

Patrick and Mary Galvin Eustace's daughter Honor was married to Michael Eustace from Kilmaley who descends from the first branch; Patrick and Mary Galvin Eustace's son Daniel Eustace married Sarah Meade and they were still living on this land in the 1900's.

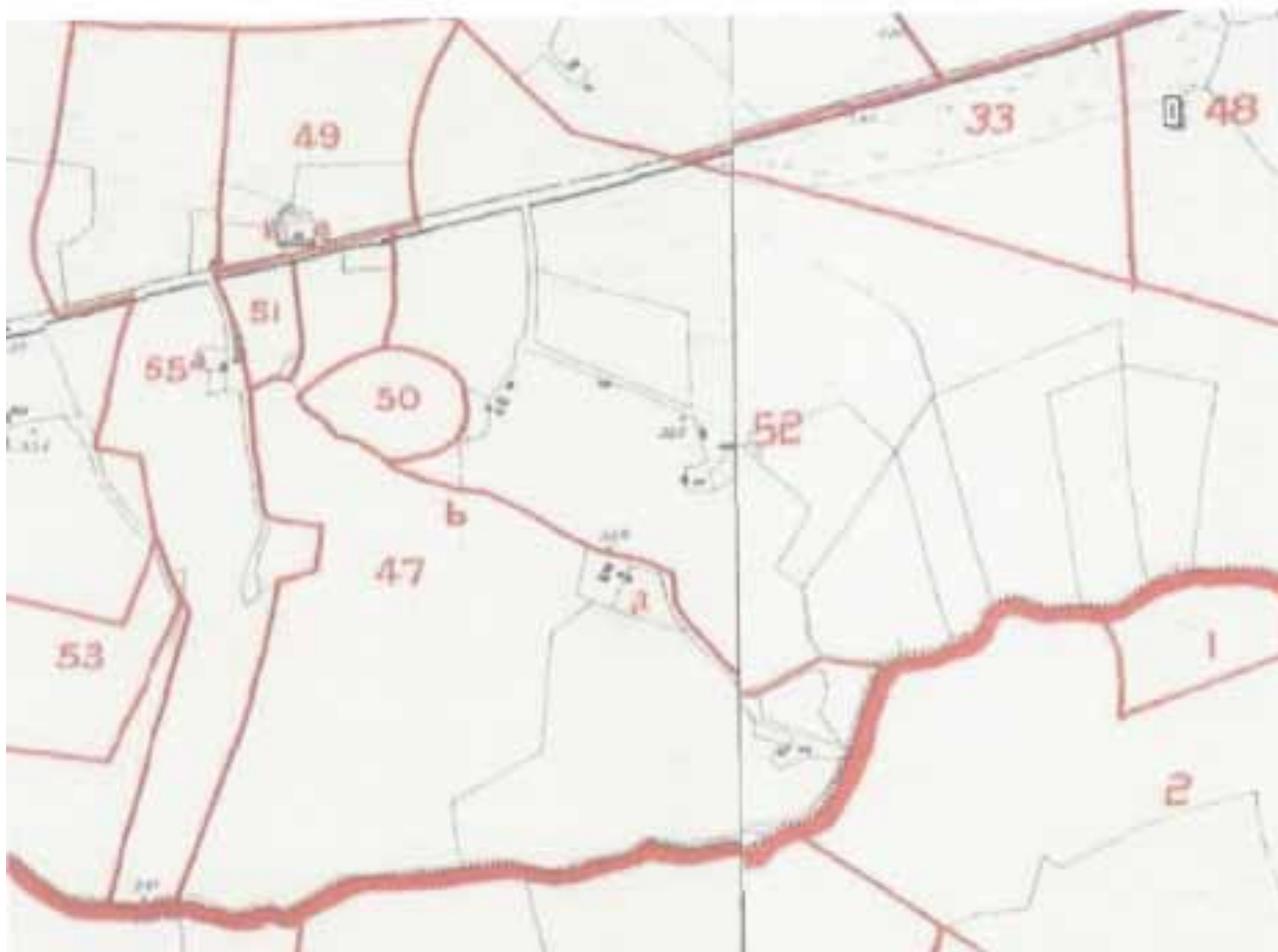
The Breaffa Eustace family originated with Richard and Bridget Eustace. It appears that Richard descended from this branch of the Eustace family as well. Richard Eustace's son Patrick married Maria Eustace daughter of Robert Eustace mentioned in the first branch.

In 1819, there is a Freeholder List record of a John Eustace in Knocknareefa, Kildysart. This John Eustace very likely is the patriarch of the Kiladysart Eustace family. A John MacMahon is also listed as a Freeholder in Knocknareefa. In 1818, there is a John MacMahon living in Cahermurphy whose life tenured designates were Michael Eustace, Michael Murphy and Tim Murphy.

This record ties the John Eustace from Kiladysart to the John Eustace (and Patrick Eustace, Sr.) in Cahermurphy. In fact, the John's may be one in the same person. In the 1826 Tithe Applotment record John Eustace (with his partners) and John MacMahon are living on adjoining land in Cahermurphy.

In the 1901 Ireland Census of Lackyle North (Killofin), John and Agnes Eustace ages 4 and 3 respectively of Kiladysart are living with their great aunt Winifred Malone. Fifty years earlier in the 1855 Griffith's Valuation, along with subletting land to the Murphy families, John and Patrick Eustace subleased land to Honoria Malone.

Note: The history and family trees of the Clare Eustace families will be continued in the next issue of the Eustace Families Post.



Cahermurphy, County Clare Map: Lots 49, 50, 51, 52, 53. The landlord was William Browne Burke

The 1813-1818 Freeholder List shows Patrick Eustace Sr. with his sons, Thomas and John listed as freeholders on this land. In the 1826 Tithe Applotment, John Eustice (Eustace) with his partners is listed as a tenant farmer on this land; and in the 1855 Griffith's Valuation, John and Patrick Eustace are listed as co-tenant farmers on Lots 49, 50, 51, 52, 53. They are co-tenants with Michael Lernas on Lots 49, 50, 51 and 52; and they are co-tenants with Timothy Murphy on Lot 53. In 1855, Honoria Malone sublet Lots 48, 49 and 50 from John and Patrick Eustace and Michael Lernas. John and Patrick Eustace had houses in Lot 52 however they also leased land in Castlepark at this time.



Cornelius Eustace's farm at Cahermurphy, County Clare is pictured at left.

Cornelius Eustace was the son of Charles Eustace and Honor Killeen. Charles Eustace, son of John Eustace, was born about 1843 in Cahermurphy, Co Clare, Ireland. He married Honor Killeen. They were married on 23 Feb 1868 in Mullough, Cragaknock, Kilrush, County Clare. Charles Eustace died on 27 Feb 1920 in Cahermurphy, Clare.

Cornelius Eustace, born on 25 April 1873 in Cahermurphy, Co Clare was one of ten children born to Charles Eustace and Honor Killeen. Cornelius Eustace died on 20 July 1950 in Castlepark, Kilmihil, Co Clare, Ireland.



Eustace land in Gowerhass



The Road to Gowerhass

Lots 56, 57, & 58 of Cahermurphy, County Clare:

Landlord: William Browne Burke

In the 1813-1818 Freeholder List, Edmond, John, Robert, Thomas and James Eustace are listed as freeholders on the land plotted above. In the 1826 Tithe Applotment, Edmond and John are listed as tenant farmers on this same land. Griffith's Valuation (1855), Walter Eustace was a tenant farmer on Lot 56 and Robert Eustace was a tenant farmer on Lots 57 and 58.

Cahermurphy, (*Cathair mhurchu* In Irish), Lough Graney and its environs is sometimes referred to as the "Killarney" of County Clare. It is an unspoilt area of natural beauty.



Map showing the proximity between the Eustace farms of Cahermurphy, County Clare

Branch I: Lots 56, 57, and 58 – Walter and Robert Eustace land in 1855.

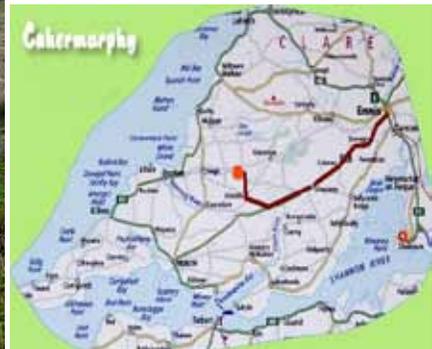
Branch II: Lots 49-53 – John and Patrick Eustace land in 1855.



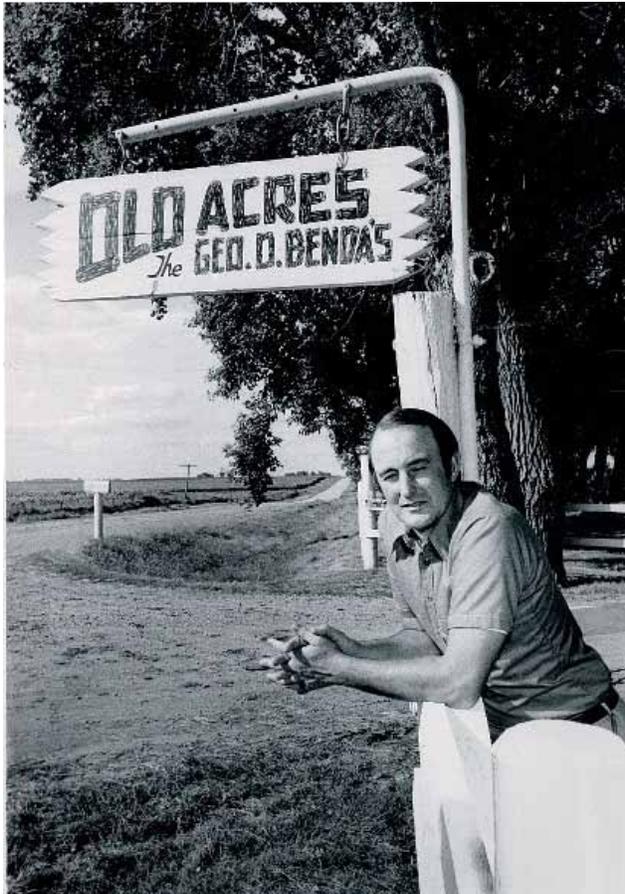
*Scenes from
Cahermurphy,
Kilmihill, Co Clare*



Rough grazing at Cahermurphy
This tufted grass is common in all the rough grazing areas.



George Benda of Old Acres Farm, Alpha, Jackson County, Minnesota



George Benda Jr. at Old Acres Farm, Alpha, Minnesota

George Donatus Benda Jr. was born August 25, 1935 at Jackson, Minnesota. His parents George D. and Evelyn (Eustice) Benda began farming near the village of Alpha in Wisconsin Township, Jackson County following their marriage in 1917.

George D. Benda Sr. was the son of Frank and Catherine (Hayek) Benda. The Bendas were from what is now part of the Czech Republic. They began farming in Enterprise Township, Jackson County during the 1880s. In 1902, Frank and Catherine Benda purchased 160 acres in Wisconsin Township, Jackson County and affectionately called the place Old Acres Farm.

George Benda Sr. married Evelyn Mary Eustice, daughter of William Eustice and Mary Wheelock on August 20, 1918 at Iona, a small village in Murray County, Minnesota. Evelyn Mary Eustice was born at Janesville, Minnesota on October 20, 1900 and went to school in Petersburg Township and Jackson. Evelyn's parents, William Eustice (1876-1952) and Mary Wheelock (1870-1953) lived in small southern Minnesota villages. William Eustice was a buttermaker in the villages of Janesville, Alma City, and Palmer in Waseca County, Petersburg, Jackson County and Iona, Murray County. Mary was the mother of nine children and taught children for many years in one room rural schools which were typical in the early 1900s.

George Benda Jr. was one of five children born to George Benda Sr. and his wife Evelyn Eustice. He grew up on the family farm, and attended St. Wenceslaus Catholic School in Jackson. Following high school graduation from Jackson High School in 1953, George went to the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. His family encouraged him to study Veterinary Medicine. While at the University of Minnesota, George joined the Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Fraternity. After one year at the University of Minnesota, he decided he did not want to become a veterinarian and enrolled at Iowa State University at Ames for the Fall Semester in 1954. He majored in Animal Science and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in May 1957. George was a member of Iowa State's General Livestock Judging Team in 1956/7.

At Iowa State, George met Dorothy Jeanne Hickey of Sanborn, Iowa, daughter of Lawrence and Margaret (Hakeman) Hickey. They were married June 29, 1957 and eventually went to Old Acres Farm, Alpha, Minnesota where they have lived for the past 55 years.

For George and Jeanne Benda, life has been about family, faith and cattle farming. Through the years George has been active in many agricultural and cattle organizations including the Minnesota Livestock Feeders Association (MLFA), Farm Bureau and the Republican Party. He served as president of MLFA in 1970/71 and as a political lobbyist for the organization in the early 1970s. He was elected president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau and was chosen by the local Republican Party to be a candidate for the Minnesota State Senate representing District 27 in southwest Minnesota. He is still active in Farm Bureau, the Republican Party and the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.

An injury caused by a jealous mama cow has forced George to be less active physically however there still are lots of activities going on at Old Acres Farm. The farmland which now includes 310 acres is capably run by George and Jeanne's daughter Ellen and her husband Nick Von Ohlen. Every acre of tillable land is planted with corn (maize) as it has been for about a decade.

George and Jeanne's daughter Meg Freking is keeps the 40 head beef cow herd and owns and manages a 2,000 head swine facility. The beef cows are bred artificially to produce 4-H and FFA show calves. A combination of Angus and Maine Anjou genetics produce fancy, fast growing calves that win blue ribbons and championships throughout the Midwest US and as far away as Texas. For more than 25 years, George has selected a group of about 15 steer calves from his herd and nearby farms, loaded them into a long "gooseneck" trailer and hauled the calves to Texas where they were sold as show prospects. George no longer makes the trip to Texas but he continues to enjoy attending cattle shows and watching his cows and calves graze on the green pastures of Old Acres Farm.

George & Jeanne Benda of Old Acres Farm, Alpha, Minnesota

George and Jeanne Benda are the parents of:

- 1). **Jeanne Benda**, born May 17, 1958 (married to Douglas C. Whitney); Jeanne and Doug live in Sierra Vista, Arizona. The Whitneys have two sons; Chris, 18 and Conrad, 14. Jeanne is a family law attorney in Sierra Vista.
- 2). **George Benda III**, born December 16, 1959, lives in West Lafayette, Indiana and has two daughters; Brandi, a Senior at Purdue University and Jayma, a high school Junior. George III is the Logistics Manager at Schilling Trucking in West Lafayette.
- 3). **Ellen Elizabeth Benda**, born June 14, 1962, attended South Dakota State University one year and married Nick Von Ohlen on August 21, 1981. Nick farms and is a professional wildlife photographer. They have two children; Ariel who will be married this summer and Cole, a senior at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 4). **Margaret Evelyn "Meg" Benda**, born April 2, 1966 (married to Brad Freking); Meg and Brad are both graduates of South Dakota State University, Brookings. Brad also holds a Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota. Meg and Brad Freking are the owners of New Fashion Pork, an integrated swine raising and pork marketing company. They are involved in the planning and construction of modern swine housing facilities and farming among other activities. Meg serves on the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council and the Minnesota Pork Board.
- 5). **Matthew Lawrence Benda**, born February 17, 1970 (married to Heather Pederson). Matt is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and holds an advanced degree in Agricultural Law from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. He practices law in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Heather grew up in Ivanhoe, Minnesota and is a Certified Public Accountant. They have two children; Ashlen and Avery.



George Benda Jr.
(Son of Evelyn Eustice & George Benda)

For George Benda, life has been about family, faith and cattle farming. George has been active in many farm and cattle organizations including the Minnesota Livestock Feeders Association (MLFA), Farm Bureau and the Republican Party.



George & Jeanne Benda Family

The Old Acres Way: Showing Cattle

By Matt Benda in Albert Lea, Minnesota

Growing up, the Benda family vacations consisted primarily of traveling around the United States going to steer shows. My dad was a cattle guy, and we were a cattle family. I vividly remember my mom waking the family up at 4:00 am to drive all day to attend the steer show in Denver, Colorado.

Other kids may stop at tourist sites and stay at hotels and swim. My family, however, had better places to be -- the cattle barns. If we did stay at a hotel, we had to be up and on the road long before any swimming pools would be open.

One day, I asked my dad to retell an old family story about his dad -- George Benda Senior. As the story goes, my grandfather (who passed before I was born) was quite a cattle guy in his time. He would gather up the cattle from around Wisconsin Township (Jackson County) until he had a train car load (about 30 head depending on cattle size). He would then use his horse and dog to drive the cattle from Old Acres to the train station 4 1/2 miles into our town. In town he would load the cattle on the rail car and give his horse a slap on the rear. The horse and dog knew their way home.

With the cattle loaded on the train, George would ride the train to Chicago, find a simple room with board and spend whatever time it took to find buyers for the cattle. That was the life of a cattleman. My family did it's best to carry on the tradition.

Spending time at the county fair, Minnesota State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha, Nebraska and other shows provided a tremendous amount of downtime with not much to do but spend time with other people. For me, it was more about the people than the cattle. Once, early in my showing career, the judge asked me if I liked showing cattle and I honestly answered "kind-of." Well, that answer did not win me any showmanship awards and my family patiently explained that that level of brutal honesty would not win me any awards.

I am proud to say that as a high school senior, I redeemed myself by winning the Champion Showmanship award at the Minnesota State Fair. My steer had been in the ring all day by the time the showmanship class was up. During the first half of the class, my steer would not stand still and I had no chance of getting him set-up to make him look his best. I clearly remember deciding that I was going to walk out of the ring. As I gathered up the courage to do so, the cattle judge started moving my way. Miraculously, my steer, whose name was "Jet" stood still long enough for the judge to ask me a few questions.

I remember answering confidently and gave the longest answer I had ever given in the show ring. The truth is, that as the youngest of five cattle kids, I never really got a chance to learn the ropes on fitting, feeding or judging cattle. In fact, what I knew about rate of gain and carcass grade was generally crammed into my head the five minutes prior to walking into the ring. The fact that I gave an answer more than "yes" "no" or "kind-of" left my family speechless. When the judge selected me as Champion Showman, the only one more surprised than me was probably my dad.

I was fortunate that the judge assumed I knew the answer to the beef production questions, so he asked me an open-ended question, "identify the three largest challenges facing the beef industry." He hit my wheelhouse and my interest in the "politics of everything" paid off.

Important lessons were learned in these 4-H activities such as pride in work (herdsmanship), that kids from other parts of the county and state were pretty interesting, patience, time management, time filling during down time and accepting an occasional failure. No one liked getting a red ribbon, but everyone deserved one at some point -- and you certainly didn't cry about it.



Matt Benda

After law school, I was loitering around trying to decide what to do next to start my career. One day, my dad called me up to talk about my job prospects and declared that he was going to find me a job. In a classic Mark Twain moment, I thought, my dad doesn't have a clue! A few days later, he called me back and explained that he had an interview lined up for me with a steer guy he knew from Albert Lea -- Henry Savelkoul. When I later accepted the job with the law firm, I realized my dad had sure learned a lot in the past few days!

Showing cattle was part of the Old Acres Way and elevated the farm life to the community-wide level. Our days were spent with friendly competition in the ring, while laughing and swapping stories with friends the rest of the time. I hope my kids can learn to appreciate spending hours just sitting on the show box talking about nothing and everything.

Matthew Benda, son of George Benda Jr. and Jeanne Hickey is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and holds an advanced degree in Agricultural Law from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. He practices law in Albert Lea, Minnesota. His wife Heather Pederson grew up in Ivanhoe, Minnesota and is a Certified Public Accountant. They have two children; Ashler and Avery. Matt Benda's grandmother, Evelyn Mary Eustice married George Benda Sr. at Iona, Minnesota on August 20, 1918.

George Benda Sr. & Evelyn Eustice Family of Alpha, Minnesota

Evelyn Mary Eustice was born to William and Mary (Wheelock) Eustice on October 2 1900 in Janesville, Minnesota. Her father was a buttermaker in various rural communities across southern Minnesota. Evelyn went to school in Petersburg Township in rural Jackson County and in the town of Jackson.

On August 20, 1918, she married George D. Benda in Iona, a small village in Murray County, Minnesota. After their marriage, George and Evelyn Mary Benda lived near the village of Alpha in Wisconsin Township, Jackson County before moving to Jackson in 1962.

Evelyn was a homemaker and a member St. Wenceslas Catholic Church (now called the Church of the Good Shepherd). She was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Altar Society.



The Evelyn & George Benda Family at Christmas in 1935

L-R: Evelyn Eustice Benda, Catherine Benda (seated at center), LaVonne "Bonnie" Benda (standing center), Farrell Benda, George Benda Sr. holding George Benda Jr.

Children of Evelyn Mary Eustice and George Benda:

1). LaVonne "Bonnie" Benda was born December 22, 1920 at Alpha. She married Warren W. Vollmar, on June 20, 1945. The Vollmars resided in New Prague, Minnesota where Dr. Vollmar practiced veterinary medicine. Bonnie died June 24, 2010.

2). Farrell Benda was born October 19, 1924 at Alpha. She married Robert Berg, in June 1947 at Jackson. The Bergs resided at Mankato, Minnesota. Robert Berg was a highway engineer. Farrell died July 15, 2008 at Mankato.

3). Catherine Benda was born June 30, 1931 at Jackson and married John Waters at Jackson on October 17, 1953. John Waters is an attorney. They live in Bloomington, Minnesota.

4). George Benda Jr. was born August 28, 1935 at Jackson. He married Dorothy Jeanne Hickey on June 29, 1957 at Sanborn, Iowa. The Bendas live near Alpha, Minnesota where George is a semi-retired farmer and Jeanne owns a gift shop.

5). Barbara Benda was born August 24, 1936 at Jackson. She married Raymond Gantenbein at Jackson on December 26, 1959. Barbara taught school in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

OBITUARY of EVELYN MARY BENDA

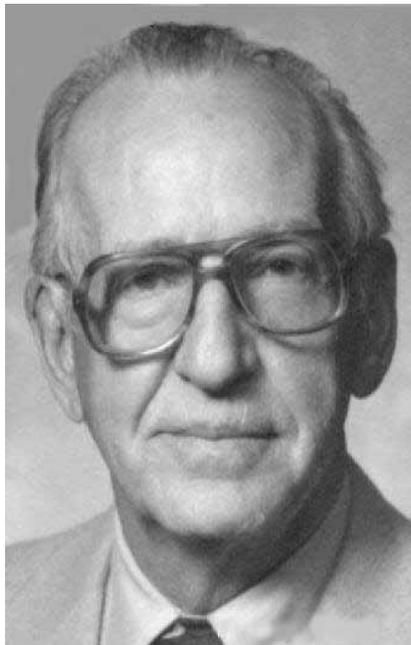
Evelyn Mary (Eustice) Benda of Jackson, Minnesota died October 30, 1984 at the Good Samaritan Home in Jackson at the age of 84.

She was survived by one son, George Benda Jr. of rural Alpha; and four daughters Mrs. Warren (LaVonne) Vollmar of New Prague, Mrs. Robert (Farrell) Berg of Mankato; Mrs. John (Kay) Waters of Bloomington and Mrs. Raymond (Barbara) Gantenbein of Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was also survived by 32 grandchildren, ten great-grand children and two brothers; Joseph Eustice of Waseca and Fred Eustice of Scottsdale, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her husband George Benda Sr. on Sept. 23, 1963; two brothers, John and William, (who died in infancy); and four sisters; Amelda Stearns, Leone Peterson, Ann Durenberger and Ellen Holz.

Funeral services were held on November 2, 1984 at the Church of the Good Shepherd and interment was at Good Shepherd Cemetery. Father Urban Neudecker officiated. Organist was Mary Beth Handevitd and vocalists were grandchildren Laura Waters and Jim Vollmar. Casket bearers were grandchildren Joe Berg, Mark Waters, John Vollmar, George Benda III, Jim Waters, Bill Vollmar, Peter Vollmar and Marty Gantenbein. Ushers were grandchildren Tim Berg, Warren Vollmar, Jr., John Waters, Jr. and Raymond Gantenbein. Lectors were grandchildren Jeanne Benda and Katy Bohnsack. The Tribute was read by grandchild Mazy Vollmar Bailey. The Petitions were read by grandchildren Meg Benda, Mary Pat Gantenbein, Jill Waters, Ellen Vollmar and Barbara Stange. Mass servers were grandchildren Matt Benda, Packey Haberman and Sean Lutterman. Gift bearers were grandchildren Anne Benzell, Paula Vollmar, Ann Gantenbein, Margaret Waters, Eli Bjorkman, Molly Vollmar, Ellen Von Ohlen, Jane Gantenbein, Sally Gantenbein and Terese Waters-McCabe.

Source: Obituary

Who's Was Who: Joseph "Joe" Eustice of Waseca, Minnesota



*Joseph A. (Joe) Eustice
(1911-1995)*

Joseph Alexander (Joe) Eustice, son of William Frederick Eustice and Mary Wheelock was born April 21, 1911 in Janesville, Minnesota. He was baptized in May 1911 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Janesville. His family moved to Mankato about 1916 where he was raised and educated.

He married Marie Martha Bartelt, daughter of William Frederick Bartelt and Amelia Prail on May 5, 1930 at Owatonna, Minnesota.

Joe Eustice had an impressive career in sales and marketing with agricultural companies. During his long career, he held the following positions;

- * Russell Miller Milling Company; served as manager until 1943.
- * Supersweet Feed Company; manager from 1943 until 1949.
- * Pillsbury Mills, area sales manager from 1949 through 1956.
- * Ghostley Poultry Farms, general manager & export manager. The position included overseas travel through Europe, South and Central America and Asia.
- * Peterson Seed Company, district sales manager until his retirement in May of 1978.

Joe Eustice held many leadership positions in civic and professional organizations in Waseca and Southern Minnesota including the following:

- * Waseca Chamber of Commerce (president 1949);
- * LeSueur-Waseca Regional Library Board; president.
- * Waseca Junior Chamber Of Commerce, president.
- * Waseca County Historical Society, president (7 years).
- * Minnesota Agricultural Society; vice chairman.
- * Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center (FarmAmerica); co-founder and vice chairman.

Joe Eustice was a charter member of the Lakeside Golf Club at Waseca in the 1930s and a member of the Waseca Water & Light Board. He also owned a feed mill and a bowling alley which he hired managers to operate.



Joe Eustice was a candidate for Mayor of Waseca, Minnesota in the early 1950s.



Joe & Marie Eustice

Joe Eustice spent his entire working career in sales and marketing with agricultural companies. He was very active in civic and professional organizations in Waseca and Southern Minnesota.

Joseph Eustice died December 29, 1995 at Waseca. He was survived by his wife Marie and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held December 31, 1995 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waseca with burial in the Woodville Cemetery. Joe and Marie Eustice had no children.

Source: Funeral Memorial Card

A day in the life of Bob Eustice: It's all about elite genes

By Ryan Stotts

Day in the Life is a weekly column in the Rochester (Minnesota) Post-Bulletin

I never knew elite geneticists were so darn nice. But, then, I had never met Bob and Diane Eustice. Standing in a local edition of a national pizza chain, watching the cashier battle the till ringing up gluten-free pizza, I just happened to run into the Eustices.

It was a Sunday, but within hours I had been invited to their farmhouse, a triple-tiered wedding cake of a place on 200 acres just north of Byron, Minnesota. The Eustices actually farm 500 acres, through rentals and such, but 200 of those have been in Diane's family for a long time. Her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caulfield homesteaded the property in 1904.

Their real pride has always been their dairy operation, with 90 to 100 head of cows being milked every day. That was until three years ago, Bob said. They couldn't find anyone to take over the dairy operation. But, he sorta fell into a back-up plan.

The story goes like this, in 1992, Bob bought six frozen embryos from an outstanding cow, and out of that, five heifer calves were born. They turned out to be very good cows.

In 2000, Bob had a sale. The 70 lots on the sale all originated from the same cow; one of the original embryos. Then it got even more interesting.

"In 2003, I got involved with my neighbor who had really good genetics; he moved up here from Iowa," he said. Bob agreed to work on "elite genetics," sold worldwide, improving his herd beyond his expectations.

Last summer, Bob sold a heifer at Wrigley Field in Chicago for \$100,000. In fact, his heifer, Hartford Colt-P 315, was the number one red polled heifer (naturally hornless) of the Holstein breed.

He pulled out a glossy magazine about the sale, and pointed to a photo of the famous ball field. "They had the sale there, and then after the sale, you could go up there and watch the game," Bob said. "You could see the whole game."



Rather than running a dairy farm, Bob Eustice of rural Byron, Minnesota now specializes in marketing elite genetics to produce high quality dairy cows.

The folks who bought P315 were from Alberta in Canada "But she never went to Canada; she's in Wisconsin at an embryo transfer flushing facility," Bob said.

Here's the scoop on flushing. At 10 to 12 months, once a heifer starts ovulating, you can "super ovulate" them causing the animal to produce several or many eggs. You give them shots for three days, then they come into heat using a product called lutealase. The procedure is called super ovulation so the animals produce multiple eggs. Hopefully several of those eggs will be fertile.

"After we breed them, we flush the heifers for embryos a week later," he said. Those embryos go into what's called a "recipient." "You don't want call them surrogate mothers," Bob said. "Basically what recipients are, are other heifers set up on the same cycle as the elite heifer, and we take the embryos out of the donor and put them into these recipients." There's a 60 to 70 percent conception rate.

It's partly business, partly science, partly love of farming. "It's striving to make to make the very best even better, to continue improving on what you have. The idea is to have the best elite genetics where you can market them and make a profit."

"I tell everybody I've made good money and I'm ahead financially, not a lot ahead. It's just like anything else."

Day in the Life is a new weekly column by Ryan Stotts, a former Rochester Post Bulletin editor and writer who lives in Rochester, Minnesota. Day in the Life will be a weekly portrait of fascinating people doing interesting jobs and leading interesting lives around the region. Do you know someone perfect for a profile? Send comments and column ideas to Ryan at news@postbulletin.com.

Bob Eustice has a website at <http://www.holsteinworld.com/hartfordholsteins/>. For his **Genomic Extravaganza Sale** held on November 12th, Bob Eustice sent out 400 catalogs around the globe. He gets inquiries for his cattle from such far-flung places as Turkey and Austria.

Hartford Holsteins Genomic Extravaganza Sale Success!



Bob Eustice welcomes the crowd Nov. 12th.

Rochester, Minnesota was the place to be November 12, 2012 for the Hartford Genomic Extravaganza Holstein Sale hosted by Bob Eustice of Hartford Holsteins. Buyers were greeted by a plethora of cattle of high genetic potential at this sale.

Ninety lots sold at the sale averaged \$4,246. Morsan Farms of Canada took home the top seller for \$30,000; the first choice heifer calf from embryos sired by Man-O-Shan out of Sully Planet Manitoba.

The second high seller at \$26,000, a first choice heifer calf from De-Su Alta Jackman x Sully Hart Domain 133-ET. The third high seller was Sullyhartford Hy Sally 389-ET +2064 GTPI which sold for \$21,000.

Other lots of interest were:

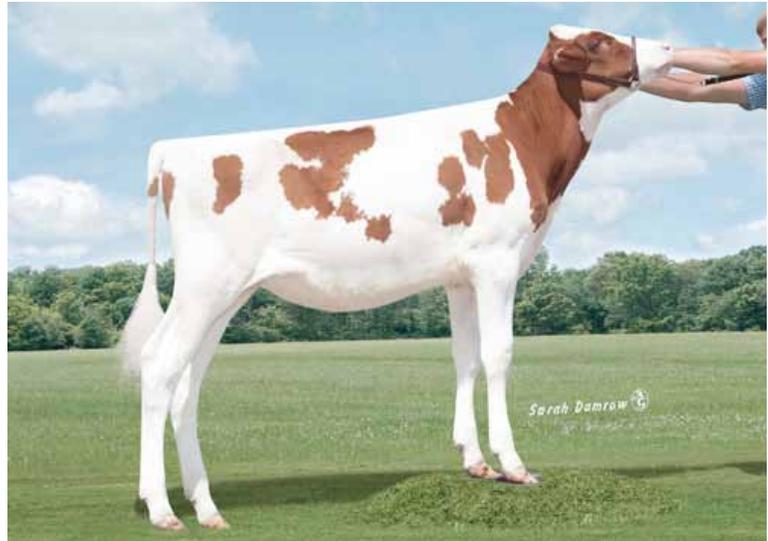
Lot 1: \$12,000 for a yearling Kramer x Sully Planet Manitoba with a GTPI of +2303.

Lot 5: \$10,000 for a February Sudan out of Sully Hart Karsten with a GTPI of +2225.

Lot 21: \$14,700 for a Shamrock daughter out of Schmitz Bojangles Nappy with a GTPI of +2350. with contracts from artificial insemination studs.

Lot 42: \$12,500 for a Shamrock x Miss 652 Deanna-ET VG-85, sold with 3-Alta \$12,000 contracts, CRI has one contract @ \$9,000.

Lot 20: \$11,500 for a January 2012 Jives heifer with GTPI of +2302 and has a \$15,000 contract with Select Sires, CRI will talk with new owner, Alta has two-\$12,000 contracts. The dam is *TV Flush on 10-22 to Ranson (Eight Embryos).



Hartford Colt-P 315

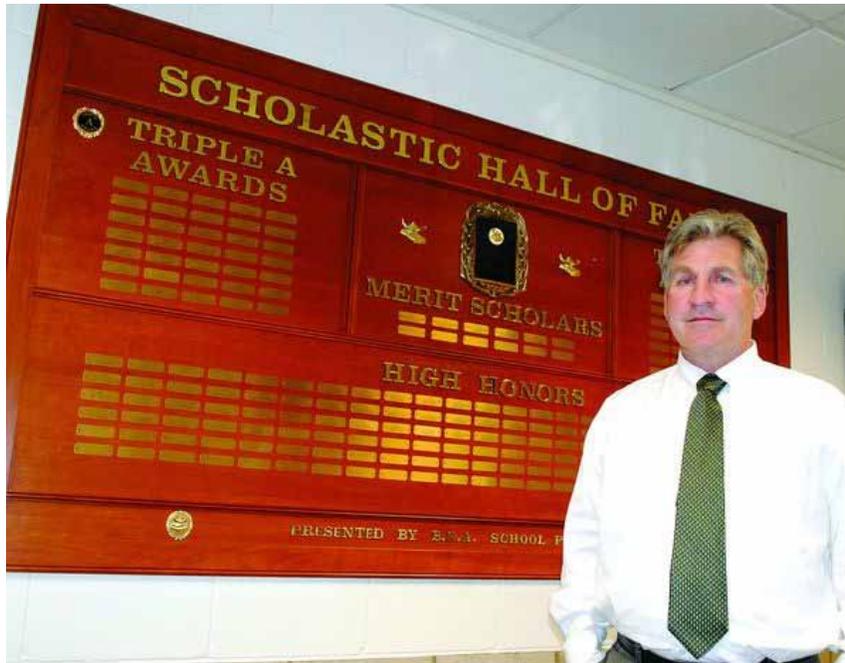
This elite polled (hornless) Red Holstein heifer bred and owned by Bob Eustice of Byron, Minnesota sold at the "Party at the Park" Sale on June 15, 2012 at Wrigley Field in Chicago for \$100,000. She was the number one red naturally polled (hornless) heifer of the entire US Holstein breed based on Genetic Index.



Robert & Diane Eustice Family at Hartford Genomic Extravaganza Holstein cattle sale at Rochester, Minnesota on November 12, 2012

Left to Right: Tony Saker, Malia (Eustice) Saker, Brent Eustice (holding Raya Saker (daughter of Tony & Malia), Mark Eustice, Diane (Caulfield) Eustice with Elijah Saker (son of Tony & Malia), Bob Eustice

Jack Eustice: New Nicollet County School Superintendent



BEA Principal Jack Eustice stands in front of the scholastic Hall of Fame

BLUE EARTH, MINN. (May 20, 2012): It came as a surprise to many in the community to learn Blue Earth Area High School (BEA) principal Jack Eustice had resigned at the May 14th School Board meeting and, that he was taking a position as superintendent in the Nicollet School District. He received his superintendent's licensure in January and began to explore his options. He applied at Nicollet, was interviewed and hired.

"It is invigorating to think of things in a different perspective," Eustice says. "I will be the go-to person with the school board. I think I have some leadership abilities that will fit in well at Nicollet." Eustice and his wife, Mona, who is retiring from teaching first grade at BEA, plan to continue living in the Blue Earth area.

"I signed a flexible contract at Nicollet," Eustice says. "Some weeks I will be working there five days, some weeks only two or three days."

Eustice came to Blue Earth Area in 1978. "After college my goal was to be a wrestling coach and social studies teacher," he says. "Blue Earth's wrestling tradition caught my eye; I applied and was hired."

Eustice says he was going to stay five years to see if he liked it. He must have decided it was OK, since he stayed for 34 years.

Except, he did leave for one year. In 2000 Eustice received his principalship license and was hired at Janesville.

"That was my hometown, where I had graduated," he says. "It was a little strange to be in charge of the teachers I had when I was a student there. I had to prove to them I could be a better principal than I had been as a smart-aleck kid in their classes."

That was not the only strange detail of his year in Janesville. "I was the principal there, but I continued as the wrestling coach at Blue Earth Area," he recalls. "BEA wrestled Janesville, and that was a very strange feeling. I knew everyone on both teams."

Then, in 2001, BEA high school principal John Huisman retired and Eustice was hired to replace him. "So, I was back in Blue Earth as principal with staff I had taught with," Eustice says. "Luckily, 99 percent of my former co-teachers were accepting of that and willing to work with me."

Eustice says that phrase exactly describes his leadership style.

"I like to say that I work 'with' people, from staff to students," he says. "And that is what the School Board should look for in a new principal. If they ask how the candidate would handle the staff and the students, the reply should be, 'I wouldn't 'handle' them, I would work 'with' them.'" Eustice says that philosophy works as his discipline technique as well.

"I try and work out a solution with the student and the parents," he says. "Once in a while you do need to bring out the hammer, but it shouldn't be the first thing you reach for."

Eustice has a lot of praise for the people he has worked with over the years. "I am certainly not leaving BEA because of the staff or the students," he says. "The people here are great to work with. I have been extremely lucky to have worked here all these years." He named the secretaries as being professional and hard working. His praise extended to the teachers and all of the coaches he has worked with over the years.

Eustice remembers the joining of area districts and the building of the new high school as two of the biggest events at BEA while he was here. "The School Board did it right," he says. "Adding things like our Performing Arts Center and naming the commons area Unity Hall were the right things to do. It was a challenge to merge the communities, but it worked out for the good of the students." That, says Eustice is still the number one thing.

"The Blue Earth Area community cares about providing the best quality education for the kids, he says. "So does the staff. That has been our number one thing at all times, in everything we do."

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Wrestling Roots Run Deep in the Eustice Family

By: Ronald F. Eustice

Just mention the words high school wrestling in the State of Minnesota and the name Eustice is likely to enter the conversation. During past decades, more than two dozen young men with Eustice family roots have excelled in this popular winter sport. The following is an update of an article that originally appeared in the November 2000 Eustace Families Post.

The name Eustice has become synonymous with wrestling in the Southern Minnesota towns of Blue Earth, Janesville, Ortonville and Waseca. Since the early 1960's, Eustices have won nearly every Minnesota High School wrestling award or honor and their reputation has spread nationwide. The next generation is now competing on the mat while their fathers and grandfathers proudly stand by as head coaches, school administrators and enthusiastic spectators.

Before we go too much farther, let's differentiate the sport of high school wrestling from the theatrics of professional wrestling. High School wrestling requires skill, endurance and high intellect. Agility and physical strength are important but successful high school wrestlers bring many skills to the mat including discipline, self confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Most of the Eustice wrestlers have done well academically and many went on to earn degrees at leading colleges and universities. Several are now educators, including Jack Eustice who coached wrestling and taught at Blue Earth, Minnesota for 34 years but recently became Superintendent at Nicollet High School. Others have joined the military and proudly served their country in faraway lands. Notable is Joe Eustice who is Command Sergeant Major in the Minnesota National Guard. He also teaches sixth grade at Ortonville, Minnesota, where he coaches wrestling. Joe and his wife Renee have 12 children and all of the boys who are old enough have wrestled or are currently competing.

In 1974, an invitational high school wrestling tournament was started by Donald D. Eustice, Waseca County Sheriff. Following Donald's tragic death in 1976, the event was named the Donald D. Eustice Memorial Wrestling Tournament as a tribute to his commitment to youth.

Six sons of Donald D. and Esther (Clayton) Eustice; Douglas, Gary, Scott, Brad, Todd and Barry, wrestled at Central High School in Waseca between 1966 and 1975. For a full decade, on any given night during the wrestling season, there was at least one and sometimes as many as five of the Eustice boys wrestling in Southern Minnesota. As a group they compiled well over 320 mat victories, three MVP awards, five district championships, two regional championships, three state wrestling tournament appearances and two National Catholic Championship awards.

Between 1975 and 1993, seven sons of Patrick and Patricia Eustice wrestled at Janesville and Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School. During nearly two decades of tough competition, the Janesville Eustices captured one state championship, one state runner-up award, and numerous district and regional wins. The sons of female namesakes have also made major contributions to family wrestling statistics. Three sons of Paula Eustice and Robert Beelow of Janesville; Bob, Mike and John, added laurels to the legacy started by their uncles and cousins.



Luke Eustice at NCAA competition in 2002.

Meanwhile, at St. Peter High School, the Bollum boys have made their mark. Three sons of the late Joan Eustice and her husband Jim Bollum have wrestled at St. Peter High School. Each of the Bollums did well not only in high school competition, but also in their careers. Jim Bollum Jr., was head wrestling coach at Wayzata High School where he also taught Business Education. He is now teaching computer science and business education at Buffalo High School.

The Eustice name also appears in the family tree of Cole Von Ohlen, a Senior at the US Air Force Academy. Cole is originally from Jackson, Minnesota. His mother Ellen Benda Van Ohlen is a granddaughter of Evelyn Eustice Benda. He is a Senior at the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Team captain for the 2012-13 season. He entered his senior season at the Air Force Academy with 112 career victories and .862 career winning percentage.



Ty Eustice, head wrestling coach, Iowa Lakes Community College (2009-2011).



Patrick Eustice (on top) on his way to victory at the Marshall, Minnesota Wrestling Tournament (2007).

Wrestling Roots Run Deep in Southern Minnesota & Iowa

On the following pages we will provide a recap of the many wrestling, academic and military accomplishments of these outstanding Eustice men:

Jack Eustice (Herbert & Eileen {Connor} Eustice)

Jack Eustice wrestled at Janesville High School beginning in 1969 and graduated in 1973. He had an outstanding high school career culminating as Minnesota state champion in the 119-pound division in 1973. He studied at Mankato State University where he was a four-time All-American. He was the 1976 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) champion in the 134 lbs. weight division. That same year he was chosen to be team captain. Jack taught Social Studies and served as head wrestling coach at Blue Earth High School. Later he became school Principal. In 2012, he was hired by the Nicollet, Minnesota school system to direct educational activities as Superintendent. Jack was one of the most successful wrestling coaches in the US. Wrestling squads that he coached compiled a record of 268 victories and 76 defeats. His teams won 15 conference titles, with six teams going to the state tournament. Blue Earth won the Minnesota State Championship in 2001.

In 1994, Jack Eustice was elected to the Mankato State University Hall of Fame and was named Minnesota's wrestling "Coach of the Year" in 1997. He was inducted into the US National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2000 and to the Bartelma-Minnesota Hall of Fame in 2002. (See sidebar).

John Herbert (Jack) Eustice was born October 28, 1954 at Mankato, Minnesota. Jack's parents, Herbert and Eileen (Connor) Eustice lived on a farm near Waseca, Minnesota. His diplomas include a Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies and a Master of Curriculum and Instruction, Administrative degree from Minnesota University Mankato. He holds a Specialist and Superintendent's license from St. Mary's University, Winona, Minnesota which he completed in 2012. Jack began teaching Social Studies at Blue Earth in 1978 and remained there 34 years. In 2012, he became Principal at Nicollet, Minnesota High School. Jack and his wife Mona live in Blue Earth, Minnesota and are the parents of Luke and Ty Eustice, whose stories follow.



*Jack Eustice
Nicollet, Minnesota School Superintendent*

Bartelma & Borlaug:

By Jack Eustice

Dr. David C. Bartelma, born in Jasper County, Iowa, was among the pioneers in promoting amateur wrestling. Barthelma was a high school wrestling coach at Cresco, Iowa who eventually became the head coach at the University of Minnesota. Dr. David Barthelma is considered "The Father of Minnesota Wrestling." One of his students was Norman Borlaug, the Nobel Peace Prize winner of the "Green Revolution" fame. Norman Borlaug came from a small town in Iowa and went to the University of Minnesota. He wrestled at the University of Minnesota without huge success, but, became someone really special. I actually had a personal discussion with Borlaug at a Hall of Fame induction 10-12 years ago. One of my regrets is not having my picture taken with the man. At 90 years of age the guy was amazing! (what was I thinking when I didn't ask for a picture?!) I get excited just writing about Borlaug. I feel pretty good about my career choice, because I know I had a positive influence on quite a few kids. But this guy literally saved or extended the lives of millions, and he was as modest and gracious as they come. He had a great line that I heard. When he asked who his toughest match was against; he said it was with Indira Gandhi, President of India. Borlaug was trying to convince her of the value of his wheat research which greatly increased yield, productivity and quality. Borlaug's research would eventually make India self-sufficient in wheat production and cause it to be a net exporter. Dr. Borlaug said he convinced her to support his work and was sure it impacted countless millions. Some of Borlaug's greatest accomplishments came after he turned 65! He had great comments about the Nobel Peace Prize. Borlaug really didn't want to travel to Stockholm, Sweden to accept the award but his wife convinced him he needed to take time to go. Norman Borlaug gave his wrestling coach David C. Bartelma lots of credit for his success. The Bartelma Wrestling Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding achievement in high school wrestling

Jack Eustice was inducted into Bartelma-Minnesota Hall of Fame in 2002.



Luke Eustice (in blue) versus Henry Cajudo (in red) at the U.S. World Team Trials in 2006. Henry Cajudo became an Olympic gold medalist at just 21 years old and became the youngest American wrestler to win a gold medal.

Luke Eustice (Jack & Mona {Manthe} Eustice)

Luke Eustice was a five time South Central Minnesota High School Conference Champion, and two-time conference “outstanding wrestler”. Luke was a three-time Minnesota State High School Wrestling Champion. His career record was 163 wins and 3 losses with undefeated seasons during his freshman (34-0) and senior (39-0) years. During high school, he won the section tournament four times. During his sophomore year he was 37-0 before losing in state finals. Luke led Blue Earth High School to runner-up and 4th place state finishes. He was a two-time State Christmas Tournament Champion and won 28 individual championships in his high school career. Luke was a Cadet National runner-up in 9th grade, Junior National All-American as a senior and was selected to wrestle in the “Dapper Dan” and the United States Dream team. He was the only Minnesota wrestler ever selected to both teams. At high school graduation in 2004, he was selected as the Blue Earth “athlete of the year.”

At the University of Iowa, Luke was a three-year starter at 125 pounds from 2002-04. He posted an 86-26 career record, placing second at the 2002 NCAA Championships. He was an All-American and also a two-time Big Ten runner-up. He was a University Nationals runner-up, NCAA runner-up and competed for the Hawkeye wrestling club for three seasons after college. He placed in the Midlands wrestling tournament four times, including two runner-up finishes.

Luke Eustice is in his third season as Director of Wrestling Operations at the University of Iowa. He served as the team’s administrative assistant for three seasons (2007-2010), and the strength and conditioning coach in 2005-06.

Luke was born August 26, 1980, and graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1999. He earned his bachelor’s degree in history at the University of Iowa. Luke’s wife Jenny was on a University of Minnesota national championship dance team and is currently the head coach for the University of Iowa’s dance team. Jenny and Luke have a daughter, Peyton.

Wrestling Roots Run Deep

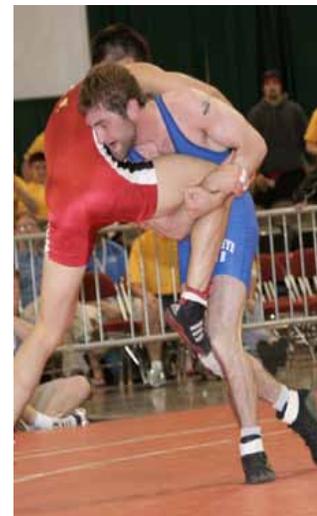


Luke Eustice

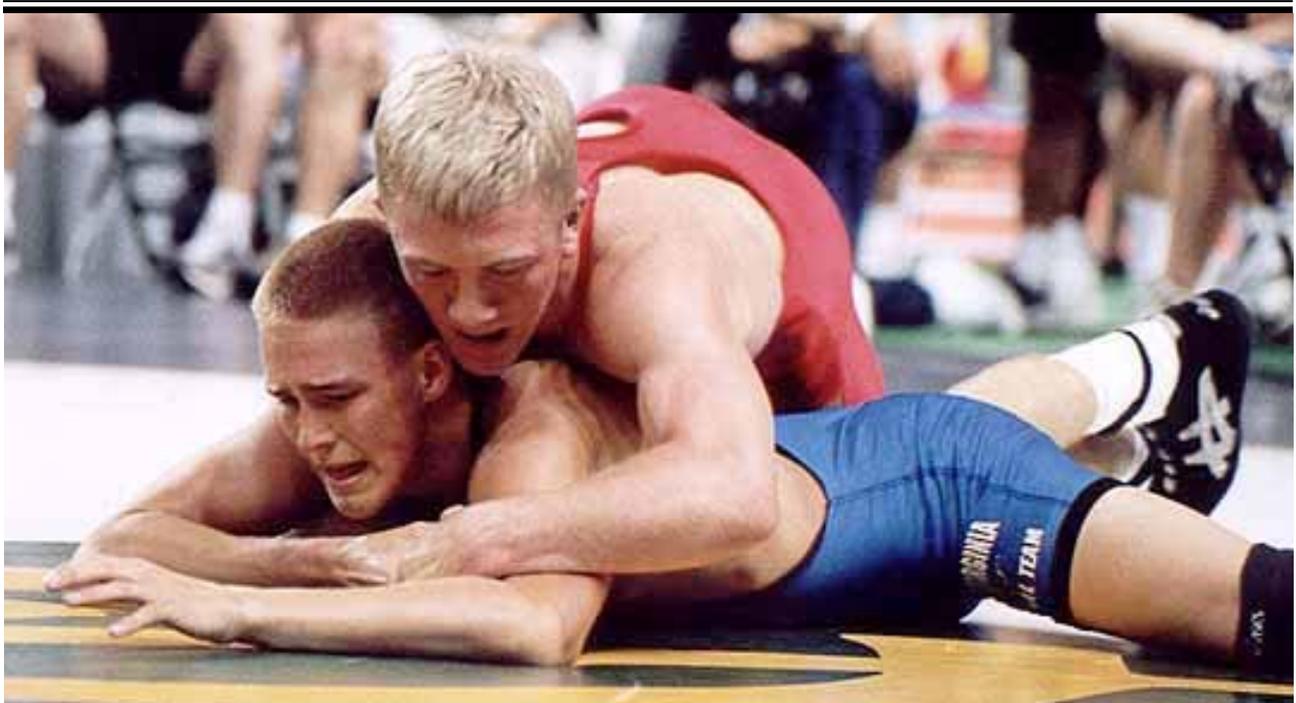
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Luke is a native of Blue Earth, Minnesota and earned his bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Iowa in 2004. He and his wife, Jenny, have a daughter, Peyton.



Luke Eustice



Ty Eustice defeats his opponent at the 2000 Cadet National Junior Championships held in Fargo, North Dakota.

Ty Eustice (Jack & Mona {Manthe} Eustice)

At Blue Earth (Minnesota) High School, Ty was a four-time state and a five-time conference champion. His prep career record of 191 wins and 11 losses included perfect seasons of 39-0 as a sophomore and 45-0 as a senior. He won the American Western National (AWN) third-team All-American title at the 2001 Junior Freestyle Western Regional and placed seventh at the 2001 Junior Freestyle Championships. In high school, he set school records for most wins by an eighth grader (34), most wins by a sophomore (39), most wins by a senior (45), career wins (191) and takedowns in a season (297), and set a Minnesota state record for career takedowns (907). In September 2000, USA Wrestling magazine ranked Ty Eustice as the Number Two wrestler in his weight division. He was a two-time team captain and Most Valuable Wrestler (MVW) at Blue Earth High School. He also was a two-time State Christmas Tournament Champion and won 28 individual championships during his high school career. He helped lead Blue Earth to the Minnesota State Wrestling Team Championship in 2001 after finishing as the state runner-up championship in 1997, and placing 4th in the state tournament in 1998.

Ty Eustice received perfect attendance awards six years and received the Blue Earth Area Outstanding Athlete award as a senior in 2002. He was selected twice to be a Minnesota All-State Academic All Star and in high school lettered in football twice and golf once.

Ty Eustice attended the University of Iowa where he wrestled from 2002 until graduation in 2006. His collegiate record shows 111 wins and 29 losses. During his senior year, 2005-06, he was selected as an All-American, placing second in the 149 pound division at the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships. He placed third at the Big Ten Conference Championships with a season record of 28-3 overall. In collegiate competition, he went 16-1 in dual matches, 6-1 in Big Ten duals and scored 57 team points in dual competition, which led the team. Ty earned many team, Most Valuable Wrestler and All-American awards. In 2006, Ty Eustice was voted Iowa wrestler of the year. At the time, his collegiate wrestling career record stood at 111 victories and 29 defeats. He was twice chosen as an All-American Collegiate Wrestler and was runner up for the award in 2005.

Ty Eustice was born August 12, 1982 at Blue Earth, Minnesota. His academic degrees include a bachelor's degree in art from the University of Iowa in 2006 as well as a master's degree in sports management from Minnesota State Mankato in 2008. Following graduation from the University of Iowa, Ty became assistant wrestling coach at Minnesota State Mankato from 2006-08. He next became assistant coach at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa from 2008-09. In 2009, he became head coach at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville and remained there until 2011. In July 2011, Ty Eustice was hired as Assistant Wrestling Coach at South Dakota State University in Brookings and remained until 2012. Ty is currently Director of Wrestling operations for jRob Wrestling Intensive Training Camps and Grit Training Schools. Ty has a seven-year-old son, Jack.

Wrestling Roots Run Deep in the Eustice Family

Edward Eustice (Herbert & Eileen {Connor} Eustice)

Ed Eustice wrestled at Janesville High School from 1963 until 1965. He was a district champion during each of his three years, wrestling in the 95, 103 and 112 lbs. divisions. Edward John Eustice was born July 8, 1947 at Mankato, Minnesota. He completed a successful career in the foodservice industry. He and his wife Christine Perkins have five children; Renata, Rhea, Rhonda and Edward John (E.J.) and live in Dexter, Iowa.

James Eustice (Herbert & Eileen {Connor} Eustice)

Jim Eustice wrestled at Janesville High School from 1967 until 1970. He was conference champion in 1970. James William Eustice was born August 10, 1952 at Mankato, Minnesota. He married Sharon Cone and lives in Morganton, Georgia

Joe Eustice (Patrick & Patricia {Wolf} Eustice)

Joe Eustice attended Janesville (Minnesota) Elementary School and graduated from Janesville High School in 1981. In high school, Joe was active in wrestling, football and track. He wrestled at Janesville between 1976 and 1981 and was a district champion in 1979. He continued his education at Mankato State University where he competed in wrestling. Joe received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with Minor in Physical Education at Mankato and in 1987, earned a Masters Degree from Southwest State University, Marshall, Minnesota in 1997. Joe spent three years teaching and coaching in Browns Valley, Minnesota from 1990 to 1993. In 1994 he moved to Ortonville to teach sixth grade and coach wrestling, track, and football. In his first year of coaching in Ortonville, they were paired with Chokio-Alberta -Clinton -Graceville. The next season Minnesota went to the three class system and Ortonville started their own wrestling team. Eustice built the team from nothing and has been able to break the school record for wins in a season a number of times. The team made it to the top four in section 7A in 2001. In 2001 Joe was able to coach five wrestlers to the Minnesota State Tournament and was voted Section Coach of the year. Joe has coached 13 state entrants with three state place winners. He has the most career coaching wins in Ortonville Wrestling History. Joe is a Command Sergeant Major in the Minnesota National Guard and has deployed twice in his 31 year career. Joe deployed as a Battery First Sergeant in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003-2004. He just returned from a 12 month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation New Dawn. He and his wife Renee (Klimek) have 12 children. The children include Amber, Patrick (married to Erin Kern), Erin, John, Hannah, Joseph II, Benjamin, Mariana, Thomas, Anthony, Mathew, and Eva. All of the boys in this family have wrestled through elementary and those who are old enough wrestle in high school. Joe and Renee's son, Patrick was a state entrant in 8th grade. Currently Joseph II, age 15 and Benjamin, age 13, have just started their high school wrestling season at Ortonville.

David Eustice (Patrick & Patricia {Wolf} Eustice)

David Eustice was Minnesota state champion in the 119 lbs. weight division in 1988. During his career, he compiled an impressive high school record of 112 wins and only 26 losses. David Max Eustice was born 1 July 1970 in Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. He married Angela Teresa Raveling May 22, 1999 in Inver Grove, Minnesota. They have two children; Zach and Maddy. Dave is a Command Sergeant Major in the Minnesota National Guard.

Patrick Eustice (Patrick & Patricia {Wolf} Eustice)

Patrick Eustice wrestled at Janesville High School from 1975 through 1980 where he had 97 career wins. He was state runner-up 1980 in the 126 lbs. weight division. Patrick wrestled in Europe and he was never pinned in the USA. He spent one season wrestling in college at Bemidji State University. Patrick Eustice was born Nov. 7, 1961 at Mankato, Minnesota. Pat is married to Karla and they have one daughter, Janessa. Patrick served in the Army for three years in the Air Defense Artillery.

Thomas Eustice (Patrick & Patricia {Wolf} Eustice)

Tom wrestled at Janesville High School from 1980 through 1985. He was district champion in 1985 and made the All-Conference Team. Thomas is married to Maureen Kahnke. Thomas joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1985. He is a Master Sergeant in the Joint Force Headquarters located out of Minneapolis. Thomas has deployed three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. On his first deployment to Vinchensa Italy he was a volunteer wrestling coach for the high school team on base. On his second deployment with the 1ST BN 125th FA and as the distinction of serving with the 1st BCT on the longest deployment of any force during the war. Thomas is currently recuperating at Ft. Carson from injuries sustained on his most recent deployment.

Henry(Hank)Eustice(Patrick&Patricia{Wolf}Eustice)

Hank wrestled at Janesville from 1976 until 1979. Henry Eustice was born December 4, 1960 in Waterloo, Iowa and died in a house fire on October 4, 2010 at Elysian, Minnesota. He married Christine Terrell and was the father of Cody, Zach and Nicholas.



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Wrestling Roots Run Deep in the Eustice Family



Renee (Klimek) and Joe Eustice of Ortonville, Minnesota with their daughter Hannah. Hannah Eustice was selected as the 2012 Homecoming Queen at Ortonville High School. Joe Eustice teaches 6th grade and is head wrestling coach at Ortonville High School. Hannah helped her father out as a sophomore filling in at 112 lbs for the first wrestling match of the high school season when Ortonville (population 1916) did not have a wrestler for that weight class. She was 1-1 on the night. Yes, girls wrestle too!

Joseph Thomas Eustice was born January 12, 1963 at Mankato, Minnesota. He was one ten children born to Patrick Henry Eustice and Patricia Josephine (Wolfe) Eustice. He attended Janesville (Minnesota) Elementary School and graduated from Janesville High School in 1979. In high school, Joe was active in wrestling, football and track, and was district wrestling champion in 1979. He attended Mankato State University and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with Minor in Physical Education minor. While at Mankato State University he competed in wrestling. In 1997, he earned a Masters Degree from Southwest State University, Marshall, Minnesota.

Joe Eustice is an educator and first taught 6th grade at Browns Valley, MN from 1991 until 1993. At Browns Valley, he was Head Track Coach in 1991-1992 and Assistant Wrestling Coach from 1991-1994. In the fall of 1993, he began teaching 6th grade at James Knoll Elementary School where he remains. He has been head wrestling coach at Ortonville (MN) High School since 1994. He also serves as Junior High Football Coach since 2002, Elementary Football coach (1994-2001) and Head Boy's Track Coach (1994-2000). He was recognized with the Who's Who in Teaching Award (1996), was nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year Award (1996), received the Favorite Teacher of the Year Award in 2002 (nominated by a 6th grade student) and was also Section 7A Coach of the Year in 2002.

Joe Eustice has been active in the Minnesota Army National Guard since 1982. He currently serves as Command Sergeant Major for 1/125 FA based out of New Ulm, Minnesota. He has been deployed to Korea 1990 and to Norway in 1997 and 1999, and to Kuwait in 2011. He has earned numerous US Army Achievement Medals. Joe is married to Renee B. (Klimek), daughter of Jerome Henry Klimek and Delleen (Adella) Daas. They were married November 14, 1987 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria, Minnesota. Joe and Renee have 12 children; Amber, Patrick, Erin, John, Hannah, Joseph II, Benjamin, Mariana, Thomas, Anthony, Mathew, and Eva. The Eustice family lives in Ortonville Big Stone County, Minnesota.

Bernard Eustice (Patrick & Patricia {Wolf} Eustice)

Bernard was district champion, regional runner-up and state qualifier during his high school wrestling career from 1982 through 1987. Bernard was born 26 Aug 1968 at Mankato, Minnesota. Bern is married to Callie (Karnopp), they have two children, Emma and Jackson and live in Janesville, Minnesota. He served in the United States Army from 1987 to 1990. Bern was a 13B, a cannon crew man, at Fort Stewart Georgia. He attended the Jungle Training Center in Panama in 1989.

Willie Eustice (Patrick & Patricia {Wolf} Eustice)

Willie wrestled from 1990 until 1993, and was region runner-up, a state qualifier and was selected to the All-Conference Team. Willie Eustice serves as a Sergeant First Class in the Minnesota National Guard. He has two children; Jordan and Megan from his first marriage. Willie was married for the second time on Dec. 15, 2012.

Richard Eustice (Richard & Ruth {Torgerson} Eustice)

Richard Eustice wrestled at Janesville High School between 1980 and 1983. He was a district champion and made the All-Conference Team in 1983 and was selected by team mates as the 'Most Improved Player (MIP) on the team. Richard married Kristine Farnsworth. They are the parents of Andrew (deceased), Al, and Olivia.

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Robert Eustice (Donald F. & Alice {Perron} Eustice)

Bob Eustice wrestled at the Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca during the early 1960's and at Owatonna High School where he graduated in 1964. He graduated from Mankato State University in 1968 and together with his wife Diane and family, farms and raises Registered Holstein cattle at Byron in Olmsted County near Rochester, Minnesota. Robert and Diane have four children; Angela, Mark, Malia and Brent.

Douglas Eustice (Donald D. & Esther {Clayton} Eustice)

Douglas Eustice wrestled heavyweight at Waseca High School from 1963 through 1968. One of his more interesting matches was when as an eighth grader he wrestled his cousin Robert Eustice (above) who was then a high school senior. Douglas prefers not to discuss the outcome of that particular match.

Gary Eustice (Donald D. & Esther {Clayton} Eustice)

Gary Eustice participated at the state tournament as a heavyweight during his senior year. He was the captain of the Waseca High School (MN) football, wrestling and track teams that same year. He was selected the student/athlete of the year at Waseca High School in 1969 and set a record for career wins.. At St. John's University (MN), he wrestled heavyweight from his freshman through his junior years. Injuries kept Gary out of competition during his final year of college. Gary was runner-up all three years in the Minnesota Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament and the National Catholic Tournament. During three years, Gary helped St. John's University set a national collegiate record for most consecutive dual meet victories at 54. The longest winning streak started in 1977, when Gary won his first college match with a pin. It ended when Brad Eustice as a high school senior was moved up to heavyweight. The team needed a pin and he won by a major decision but the team was still short on points, so they lost. Gary married Ann Byron on July 16, 1977 at Waseca, Minnesota. They are the parents of Colin and Laura.

Scott Eustice (Donald D. & Esther {Clayton} Eustice)

Scott Eustice wrestled at 154 pounds and "when needed" at 165 pounds. He was co-captain at Waseca High School his senior year and won the MVP award. During his senior year he was given permission to be able to call his own time outs up to 3 minutes per match by the state athletic board because of his asthma. As far as Scott knows, he was the only person allowed to call his own "Time outs" as the next year the ruling was changed.

Brad Eustice (Donald D. & Esther {Clayton} Eustice)

Brad Eustice wrestled in the 175 and 180 lbs. division. His record includes 68 high school victories; three conference

championships, two district championships and one state wrestling tournament appearance. As a senior, Brad was wrestling squad captain and received the MVP award. Brad set a career wins record during his high school career. Brad wrestled at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, during the early 1970's and compiled an impressive record of 65 wins at 190 lbs. and heavyweight.

Todd Eustice (Donald D. & Esther {Clayton} Eustice)

Todd Eustice wrestled varsity from 7th through 12th grades. He set a Waseca High School record with 89 wins, two conference championships, two district championships, one region championship and one state tournament appearance. Todd set a career wins record during his high school career.



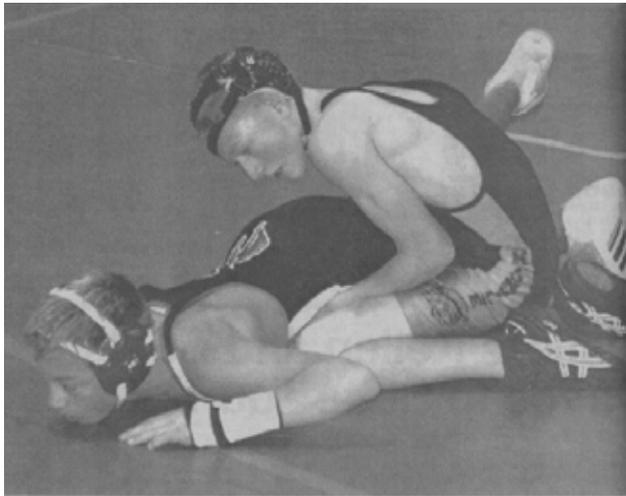
Grant Eustice

Grant Alexander Eustice (Bradley & Mary Kay Sinner Eustice)

Grant Eustice graduated from Saint John's University of Collegeville, Minnesota in 2009. He earned a double-major in Psychology and Spanish and graduated with a 3.52 GPA. He was named a 2008-09 National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Academic All-American. Grant Eustice posted a 24-11 record in 2008-09 and finished fourth in the 174-pound bracket at the North Central Athletic Association (NCAA) Great Lakes Regional. Grant Eustice also earned NWCA Academic All-America honors in 2007.

Grant Alexander Eustice, son of Brad & Mary K. Eustice was born February 25, 1987 at St. Cloud, Minnesota. He graduated from Moundsview, Minnesota High School, received several academic scholarships and graduated from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota with a double major in Psychology and Spanish. On August 11, 2012, he married Brittany Buysse of Minneota, Minnesota.

Wrestling Roots Run Deep in the Eustice Family



On to the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournament: Patrick Eustice of the Ortonville Trojans captures second place in the 103 pound weight class in Section 7A finals as he advances to the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournament as an eighth grade student in 2002.

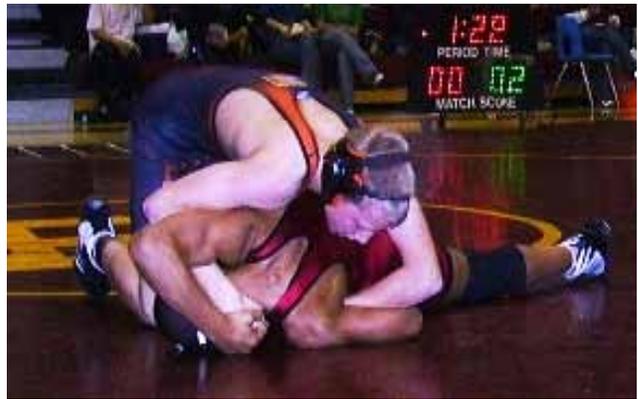
Patrick Eustice (Joseph & Renee {Klimek} Eustice)

Patrick Eustice wrestled at Ortonville High School from 2002 through 2007. Patrick was a state entrant in 8th grade. Patrick won 132 matches for Ortonville and has the distinction of never having had a losing season. Patrick Eustice was born October 2, 1988 in Mankato, Minnesota. He married Erin Kern on February 12, 2011. They are the parents of a daughter, Rylie Nevae Eustice, born September 21, 2010 and expecting another child in March 2013. Patrick graduated from South Central College, Faribault, Minnesota with a degree in Construction Management. Patrick has served in the Minnesota Army National Guard for seven years. He is currently a Staff Sergeant for Battery B, 1ST BN 125 FA in Jackson, Minnesota. Patrick just returned from his first deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation New Dawn.



Patrick Eustice: Standing on Top

***Winner of Morris, Minnesota Wrestling Tournament (2007)
(The smaller boys were also champions in lighter weight categories.)***



John Eustice (on top) pins his opponent at the Benson, Minnesota Wrestling Tournament (2007)

John Eustice (Joseph & Renee {Klimek} Eustice)

John Eustice wrestled at Ortonville High School from 2004-2010. John won 85 matches during his career that was cut short by a knee injury his senior year. John Eustice was born August 24, 1992 in Alexandria, Minnesota. John is a Specialist in the Minnesota Army National Guard and has the distinction of being the youngest soldier to deploy with the 1ST BN 125TH FA on their deployment to Kuwait. John is currently attending Minnesota State Mankato where he is taking up Elementary Education.

Hannah Eustice (Joseph & Renee (Klimek) Eustice)

Hannah helped her father out as a sophomore filling in at 112 lbs for the first match of the season when the team did not have a wrestler for that weight class. She was 1-1 on the night. Hannah is now a senior at Ortonville High School where she has been active in volleyball, and gymnastics. This past fall Hannah was selected Homecoming Queen for Ortonville High School. Hannah is exploring her many options of colleges to attend next year.

Joseph Eustice II (Joseph & Renee {Klimek} Eustice)

Joseph Eustice is currently a high school freshman wrestling for Ortonville High School at 145 lbs. Joseph Eustice was born December 15, 1997 at Ortonville, Minnesota.

Benjamin Eustice (Joseph & Renee {Klimek} Eustice)

Benjamin Eustice is a seventh grader wrestling for Ortonville High School at 106 lbs. Benjamin placed sixth in his first varsity tournament at Melrose, Minnesota. Benjamin Eustice was born February 22, 2000 in Ortonville, Minnesota.

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Eustice wrestling tradition runs deep but not always easy



Barry & Bonnie Eustice Family of St. Ansgar, Iowa

Left to Right: Connor, Clay, Bonnie & Barry. At lower center is Haley Jo

Barry Eustice (Donald D. & Esther {Clayton} Eustice)

Barry Eustice was born June 15, 1964 at Waseca, Minnesota and wrestled at Waseca High School during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Clay Eustice (Barry & Bonnie {Musel} Eustice)

Clay Eustice wrestled through his sophomore year in high school. Clay was undefeated as a freshman, but his season was cut short when he fractured his pelvis.

Connor Eustice (Barry & Bonnie {Musel} Eustice) Connor Eustice is wrestling as a high school Senior at St. Ansgar, Iowa.



Clay Eustice with his parents Barry & Bonnie Eustice



**Andrew Benjamin Eustice
(1989-2011)**

Andrew Eustice (Richard & Kristine {Farnsworth} Eustice)

Andrew Eustice wrestled at Janesville High School from 2004 to 2008 and went to Minnesota State Tournament in 2008 in a much publicized series of wins at the section tournament.

Andrew Benjamin Eustice son of Richard and Kristine Farnsworth Eustice was born December 2, 1989. He attended Janesville, Minnesota elementary schools and Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School. Following high school graduation in 2008, he worked at Janesville Elevator Construction Company as a millwright. He died September 1, 2011 in rural Janesville, Minnesota. He was survived by his parents, a brother, Al and a sister Olivia.

Al Eustice (Richard & Kristine {Farnsworth} Eustice)

Al Eustice wrestled all through grade school. He was a six-time varsity letter winner in wrestling at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. He is now majoring in Engineering at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

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CENTRAL MATMEN ARE ENTERED in the District Four tournament today and Saturday at the senior high school in Faribault. Preliminary action begins this afternoon at 4:30. Saturday's action begins at 1 p.m. Consolation finals are at 7 p.m. with the championship matches set for 8 p.m. Waseca closed its regular season with a 5-8 dual meet record. Members of the varsity squad pictured front row left to right are: Curt Yess, 95 pounds; Chuck Dillon, 103; Paul Oman, 112; Dennis

Peterson, 120; Ray Peterson, 127; and Jerry Hundertmark, 133. Back row left to right: Mark Neidt, 138; Jim O'Neil, 145; Brad Eustice, 154; Terry Quickstead, 165; Tom Miller, 175; and heavyweight Gary Eustice. Ready for anything down in front is a future star, Barry Eustice, team mascot, Gary Eustice carries a 12-1-1 record. Ray Peterson is 13-2, Dillon has a 9-2-1 mark, Dennis Peterson is 10-2-1 and Quickstead is 12-3-1.

Six sons of Donald D. and Esther (Clayton) Eustice; Douglas, Gary, Scott, Brad, Todd and Barry, wrestled at Central High School in Waseca, Minnesota between 1966 and 1975. The newspaper clipping from the February 14, 1969 Waseca Journal shown above includes three of the Eustice boys. For a full decade, on any given night during the wrestling season, there was at least one and sometimes as many as five of the Eustice boys wrestling in Southern Minnesota. As a group they compiled well over 320 mat victories, three MVP awards, five district championships, two regional championships, three state wrestling tournament appearances and two National Catholic Championship awards.

Tony's Tirades on sports; By Tony Sybilrud

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Scott is resting here after the Owatonna match in which he beat his man 2-0.

Wrestling Traditions Runs Deep in the Eustice Family

Three sons of Joan Eustice, (daughter of Henry Eustice and Anastacia Filen of Janesville, Minnesota), and her husband James Bollum made their mark at St. Peter, Minnesota High School.

Mark Bollum (Joan Eustice & James Bollum Sr.)

Mark Bollum was born August 21, 1959 at Mankato, Minnesota. At St. Peter High School he wrestled and played football and baseball. He was elected class president during his senior year in 1978. Mark majored in Business Administration at the University of Wisconsin at Stout where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1982. Mark worked at the Mankato Free Press and now works at Amerprise Financial formerly American Express. He married Connie Wenner in 1985. Mark and Connie Bollum have two children; Casey Ann, a 2008 St. Thomas University graduate who is married to Tim Wusson and Luca Charles, who is currently attending South Central College at Mankato.

James Bollum Jr. (Joan Eustice & James Bollum Sr.)

James Bollum Jr. was born August 30, 1962 at Harvey, North Dakota where his father was teaching. At St. Peter High School he wrestled and played football and baseball. He was captain of the wrestling squad during his senior year. He earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota at Morris in 1986 where he wrestled one year. Following graduation, James worked at West Publishing Company in St. Paul until he was hired by the Wayzata, Minnesota Public School System. He was head wrestling coach at Wayzata for seven years. While at Wayzata, he earned a Masters Degree in School Administration. He left Wayzata when he was hired by the Big Lake, Minnesota school system to be Assistant High School Principal. He has since returned to the Wayzata public school system and is Assistant Principal at West Middle School.

James Bollum Jr. married Susan Mueller of Echo, Minnesota in September 1985. They are the parents of Abbie and Jay. Abbie graduated 13th in a class of 385 students at Buffalo High School. She is currently earning a degree at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. Jay is a student at Buffalo High School and will graduate in 2012.

Thomas Bollum (Joan Eustice & James Bollum Sr.)

Thomas Bollum was born March 3, 1966 at Albert Lea, Minnesota. His father was teaching in the nearby town of Alden. At St. Peter High School he wrestled and played football and baseball. In high school, he wrestled three years until an injury ended his high school wrestling career. Following high school graduation, Tom attended the University of Minnesota at Duluth but transferred to Mankato State University. He joined the Air Force and served eight years in Okinawa which is the largest US mil-

itary base in Asia. While in Okinawa, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Far Eastern Studies and studied the Japanese language. While in Okinawa, he married Tomoko Watanabe of Nagoya, Japan. Following the marriage, Tom and his wife returned to the US and he completed an English as a Second Language (ESL) course. They returned to Japan and lived in Nagoya, Japan. Tom was employed in the Daido School System where he taught English as a second language. Tom has two daughters, Emi (15 years old) and Yume (11 years old). He has returned to the US with his daughters and is teaching English as A Second Language at St. Peter High School.

Three sons of Paula Eustice, daughter of Patrick and Patricia (Wolf) Eustice and her husband Bob Beelow made their mark at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (Minnesota) High School.

Bob Beelow (Paula Eustice & Robert Beelow)

Bob Beelow wrestled for Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (JWP) High School between 1992 and 1997. He compiled a record of 106 victories and 65 defeats. Fifty of his wins were by "pins." Bob was selected all-conference, was a region runner-up and state tournament qualifier.

Mike Beelow (Paula Eustice & Robert Beelow)

Mike wrestled at JWP High School between 1996 and 2000. He wrestled heavyweight as a senior. Recently the Janesville, Minnesota native shared the field with the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 9, 2012 where more than 56,000 people at Mall of America Field in Minneapolis for being the state's top National Guard recruiter loudly applauded him. Sgt. Beelow recruited 31 people in six months, making him the Vikings' "Soldier of the Game".

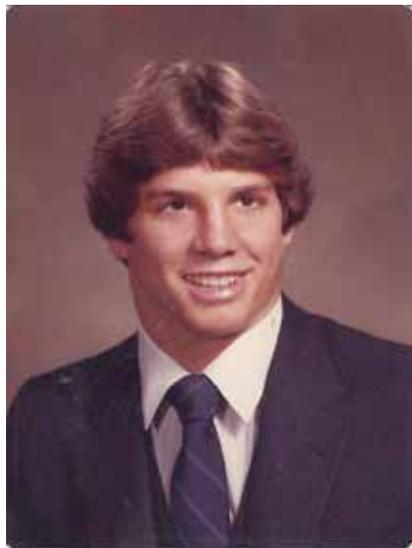
John Beelow (Paula Eustice & Robert Beelow)

John graduated from Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (JWP) High School in 2002. John Beelow has Minnesota state tournament experience having competed in the 112 Lbs. weight category in 2000.



Michael Beelow, son of Paula Eustice and Robert Beelow

Wrestling Roots Run Deep in the Eustice Family



David Dopler

David Dopler (Germaine Eustice and Joseph Dopler)

David Dopler, grandson of James Christopher Eustice, started wrestling in 5th grade. He was an outstanding high school wrestler at GlenOak High School, Stark County, Ohio where graduated in 1983. He was top seeded in Stark County during his senior year. He was inducted into the Stark County High School Wrestling Hall of Fame on April 18, 1994. At GlenOak High School he was Most Valuable Player (MVP) and team captain. He was a three-time county all-star and qualified for three district tournaments, finishing as the runner-up twice. He earned two trips to the Ohio state wrestling tournament and placed third in the state tournament in 1983 at 185 pounds in the Class AAA tournament. He was named to two All-Federal League teams and won individual honors in several tournaments, including the Medina, Revere and Coventry Invitationals. David James Dopler, son of Germaine Eustice and Joseph Dopler was born June 27, 1964 at Canton, Ohio. He attended St. Michael's Catholic Elementary School in Canton and graduated from GlenOak High School in 1983. David Dopler earned a four year Athletic Scholarship and took his 79-21 GlenOak High School record on to Michigan State where he

received a four year scholarship and was a four-year letterman. He graduated from Michigan State with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is employed as a counselor and youth specialist working with incarcerated juvenile felons, ages 12-21 at Indian River School in Massillon, Stark County, Ohio.



David Dopler (on right in green) earned a four year Athletic Scholarship and took his 79-21 GlenOak High School record on to Michigan State where he was a four-year letterman.



David Dopler



Cole Von Ohlen (above) of the US Air Force Academy makes quick work of his opponent Dusty Paulsen from Dakota Wesleyan (ranked 17th in the NAIA) at the Battle for the Planes wrestling meet in Jackson, Minnesota on December 7, 2012. Von Ohlen registered a fall for the Air Force Academy Falcons at 149 pounds. The Falcons posted a 46-0 decision over Dakota Wesleyan. The Falcons defeated the two other teams in the tournament as follows; Air Force 54, Northwestern College (Iowa) 0; Air Force 36, Augustana (S.D.) 0.



Cole Von Ohlen

Cole Von Ohlen, a senior at the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado is the great grandson of Evelyn Eustice Benda of Jackson, Minnesota.

Cole Von Ohlen of Jackson, Minnesota is the great grandson of Evelyn Eustice Benda. He is a senior at the US Air Force Academy. Cole is the US Air Force Academy Team captain for the 2012-13 season. He entered his senior season at the Air Force Academy with 112 career victories and .862 career winning percentage. During the 2011-12 Air Force Academy wrestling season he finished with a 37-4 overall record, including a 35-2 mark in the regular season. He surpassed 100 career victories, becoming the first Air Force athlete to do so since the 2001-02 season.

Jane Davis of Sierra Vista, Arizona; On the Trail of the Virginia Eustaces:



Jane & Bill Davis of Sierra Vista, Arizona at the Bisbee Breakfast Club in January 2013.

Eustace Families Association member **Jane Davis** of Sierra Vista, Arizona has been on an ancestor hunt for decades. She descends from the Virginia Eustace family on her mother's side. Jane has been involved with the Eustace Families Association for many years. Eustace connections are key to her goal of becoming accepted by the Mayflower Society.

Jane became interested in family history at an early age. Her maternal aunt told Jane that a great aunt had been a member of the DAR. Jane is a member of the DAR and has proven seven Patriots up to this point as she continues to work on several others. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently approved her link to Maj. William Eustace (1769-1800) and now she will be able to join the Mayflower Society through Isaac Allerton and William Brewster.

Here is Jane's Eustace line: Jane Chilton Dellinger, daughter of John Huit Dellinger and Ann Eustace Gaujot, daughter of Claude Leon Lafayette Gaujot and Annie Eugenia Flournoy, daughter of John Epps Flournoy and Jane Caroline Embrey, daughter of Thomas Madison Embrey and Ann Gaskins Eustace, daughter of Sarah Susan Martin Mallory and William Eustace, son of Susanna James and Isaac Eustace, son of Ann Gaskins and William



Jane Davis in Eustace, Texas

Eustace, son of William Eustace and Ann Lee, daughter of Hancock Lee and Sarah Elizabeth Allerton, daughter of Isaac Allerton II, son Isaac Allerton and Fear Brewster, daughter of William Brewster. Please note that this Ann Lee who married William Eustace was not the widow of William Armisted.

For many years it was thought that this Ann was the daughter of Hancock Lee and Mary Kendall. However, there were two Ann Lees, the younger one, whose mother was Sarah Allerton, is in this line. The older one married William Armisted. Therefore, this line has a very distant link to Zachary Taylor and George Washington. Also, through Susanna James, Jane is the 6th cousin 6 times removed from the infamous Jesse James!

From this line, we have a connection to the Lee Family Society and the Huguenot Society (Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia.)

Jane is looking for more information on William Eustace and Sarah Susan Martin Mallory. She has two wills, Isaac Eustace and Phillip Mallory, Sr., but she has no other dates for births or deaths. If anyone has more information on these two people or any of the other families named in her line, please contact Jane at jq quilt@cox.net.

Studying genealogy and quilting are Jane's two passions and hobbies. Jane says that leaves very little time for keeping house and cooking! Jane and her husband Bill live in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Bill Davis is retired from the military. Jane taught school for many years before retiring.

Tribute to John Andrew Eustice

By Jason Smith, Florida State University, Gainesville

I am both shocked and saddened by John's passing and pray you will be granted the strength and peace needed to get through this difficult time. In this letter, I want to focus on the happy memories I have of John and our friendship. We first met through a mutual friend (David Zlesak) sometime around 2001-2002, and immediately became good friends. It was clear that we not only shared a strong interest in horticulture, but also had similar interests in antiques, nature and had similar values. John had an appreciation for natural beauty and landscapes and we could talk for hours about places we had been and things that fascinated us – especially plants. During my time in Minnesota, we frequently spent time together going to nurseries, gardens and on hikes during good weather and when it was rainy or cold, he, I and my wife Holly would make trips to places such as Stillwater to look for antiques. I remember it was one of his favorite activities to go to estate sales and it was at one of these we both brought back kittens – one of which we still have. I remember when he lived in the house off of Lake St. in south Minneapolis, he developed a beautiful garden quickly and had many unusual plants. In fact, one of my favorite stories John told me is about when he broke up with a girlfriend.... because, among other reasons, she stepped on one of his favorite ferns in the backyard. It was during this time he was working at Bachmann's on Lyndale Ave. and I would sometimes surprise him by showing up there and we would again, talk about plants. His knowledge of plants was incredible! I know a lot of people who are considered the experts of the day (nationally and internationally) and John's knowledge was truly remarkable. I learned a great deal from him. We not only talked about plants, but we scoured Twin Cities neighborhoods on foot and by car looking for unusual trees and while I drove, he would write down addresses and scientific names (off the top of his head, no doubt) in a little black book that I still have. We

made many trips around the region looking for interesting plants. During these drives, we talked about a wide range of topics, from our parents and family, to his experience living abroad in Indonesia, to religion and politics. John's love of his parents and family was very obvious and he was very proud of both parents' achievements. One thing I really liked about John was his genuine, good-hearted nature. He showed empathy for people who were suffering and seemed to sense when those around him were down or depressed (despite his own depression). His advocacy for the pro-life movement (in a sea of pro-choice peers), was evidence that he placed much more value on preventing suffering in others than appealing to political or social norms. That is a rare and under-appreciated trait in people these days. We spent many evenings and weekends in the "free" greenhouse space at the St. Paul campus of the U. We would work on propagating all of our favorite plants – sometimes until well after midnight in the dead of winter in the greenhouse. I think it was therapeutic for us both and I have many fond memories of that time. When he moved to the house on Danforth, we spent even more time together since we only lived 10 minutes away from each other. He would come over to our house on summer evenings and the three of us would go for walks around Lake Como or hang out at our place and talk plants. During his senior year at the U, he developed a plan for a nursery that would be a partnership between us as part of a class project. I was really impressed and although it did sound like an enticing opportunity, my career led me to move to Florida. I know John was sad to see us leave, but the opportunity to live part-time in Arizona had presented itself and it was exciting to him and something he was really looking forward to. Once we both moved, we called each other frequently – usually once a week. We would talk about all the interesting new plants and landscapes

we were encountering in our new environs. We would frequently exchange photos and call each other when we found something new or exciting. On a couple of my return trips to the Twin Cities, we were able to spend time together again and would go on trips to see some of our favorite gardens and mutual friends. However, for the most part we maintained a long-distance friendship and any time I saw his name pop up on my phone, I was excited to answer and talk to a good friend again. Sometimes we would talk for 45 minutes or more. On several occasions, I would call him and he would seem down, but after a few minutes, we were deeply engaged in discussions about cool cacti he had seen or how the weather was affecting our gardens. I last talked to him on Tuesday, April 9 and we talked for a long time about his most recent articles he was working on and I told him I would likely be coming to the Twin Cities and May and we talked about getting together. I know he was excited about the new house in Tucson and sent me some photos via email the day he first saw it. I will miss John tremendously. I don't have a lot of friends, but the ones I have I value. Losing him was a shock and I can't help but sometimes feel angry that he left us so abruptly. However, I do know he must have been in tremendous pain (for a long time) and was suffering and to him, this was the only way to alleviate that pain. I also know he had become closer to God recently and believe he is now in heaven, no longer suffering. I think we can all take comfort in knowing that and focusing on the good memories and the ways he enriched our lives. I will never forget John and will think of him often. If you ever need to talk or would like me to tell you more about my friendship with John, please feel free to contact me. I wish I could be there for the funeral, but I will focus on ways to honor his memory. One thing I would like to do is to plant a tree in his memory on the St. Paul campus near the horticulture building. I will begin getting this approved and will keep you updated on it.

John Eustice Funeral Memorial Homily

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

By Father Michael Tix, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Savage, Minnesota

On behalf of the entire parish, I want to take this opportunity to extend my sympathies to John's parents – Ron and Margaret; to his brother – Kevin and wife, Alison; and John's sister – AnnMarie. To each of you, and to all of your family, know that you have been, and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

The news of John's death was both a shock and surprise to everyone. John had battled depression for many years, and no one saw that John might take his life. Ron shared with me an email he received from a friend (Gary Eustice of Hibbing, Minnesota) after hearing the news of John's death. The words of the email are good for all of us to consider as we come here today. He writes . . . I have spent the last 25 years of my life dedicated to working with and supporting people with severe mental illness. In that work, suicide is a constant factor and possibility that I try not to avow. My work has taught me to be humbled by the grace and strength it takes to fight a serious mental illness each day of one's life. Great depression robs an individual of their joy and steals their hopes for tomorrow. I have known so many talented, beautiful, caring and intelligent souls who have found peace in the silence of death.

John's death brings out many raw emotions that are found deep inside each of us here. After years of inner anguish and struggle, there is comfort in the thought that John is now at peace. While we may understand that intellectually, there is also real sadness that comes from death, and sometimes even feelings of anger. All of these feelings and others beside leave us torn in many directions. Sadness comes from the realization that we won't see John in a way that has become familiar for us. Relief and comfort come from the fact that John is freed from his illness. Anger is rooted in our thoughts that for any number of reasons, John's death isn't right or fair.

John's death surely raises many questions within us. The death of anyone leaves us asking ourselves at some level or another about the meaning of life itself. The fact that John took his own life raises very specific questions ranging from, "Why?" to whether there was something "I" could have seen, or something "someone" could have done for him that might prevent all of us from being here today. I wish I could give you the answers to these questions, but none of us can, and none of us will ever completely understand it all. At best we find tidbits that help us to heal from our grief. What I would like to share with you, however, are some very true words are also taken from the email I mentioned earlier. This person has worked and supported many over the years with mental health issues.

He writes . . . What I have learned most of all, that as much as I wanted to keep them alive, the choice was never mine. One cannot predict when an individual will be depleted from the struggle and chooses to stop fighting. I have known individuals under twenty four hour watch slip away. What I hope you understand is that John's choice could not have been controlled or stopped by you. In hindsight we want to see the signs we missed and we all have a tendency to blame ourselves and play the "what if" game. This is a natural way of trying to understand the tragedy and possibly have some control over it. Please be kind to yourselves and recognize that John made a choice that may never be understood. Support and love one another, as John did not wish to hurt or injure you, he only wanted his pain to stop.

A question asked in a time like this is also the church's view of depression and suicide. It's a hard topic, but an important and appropriate one for us to talk about today. Much like society, the way the church talks about depression and suicide is very different from 50 years ago. Thankfully we understand mental health issues better than ever before, but at the same time there is much for us to learn. Depression isn't something detected by a blood test or x-ray, but it is very real and in serious cases can lead us to think and act in unnatural ways. A person taking their life is not natural for us, instead we are people who cling to life. Think about a swimmer drowning in a lake. The person will fight for their life and do anything possible to keep their head above water. Depression is much like a cancer within us. The effects of depression cloud and erode that natural sense within us. It's an important to remember that suicide is an outcome of the sickness rather than our free choice, and because it comes from the sickness, God is never going to hold the act against us. What we remember from the gospel is the many times that Jesus reaches out to the sick and brings them to life.

In the gospel reading heard for today, we hear what we have come to know as the Beatitudes. We may describe the Beatitudes in any number of ways, but in their most simple sense, they are lessons for Christian living. As we think about John and his struggles in life, Jesus' words, "Blessed are the persecuted" are important for us to hear. John's persecution wasn't a person, it was his illness, and for those who face pain in their lives, Jesus says, "theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." In these words, we are reminded that Jesus who is kind and merciful promises life. Some of the other Beatitudes speak to the best attributes of John. In the midst of everything we can't lose sight of the fact that John knew about Jesus' words from the Beatitudes about things like being "poor in spirit," or "merciful," or

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“clean of heart.” John was all of these things and more. John was a genius who spoke German, Indonesian, and Spanish beside English. John attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Horticulture. John knew plants, and could name most any plant and as well as tell you about it. John enjoyed traveling, and the opportunity to learn more. The picture on the cover of the memorial booklet you received as you entered the church was appropriately taken on Easter Sunday when John with Ron were out exploring the Spanish missions of Arizona and Sonora.

In thinking about the Beatitudes and our call to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, we remember John’s compassion for others in spite of his own struggles. John was the person to befriend the outcast, the homeless, and forgotten. John knew their struggles in an intimate way, and could relate to them in a ways that validated their respect and dignity. One of John’s quotes that is found in your memorial booklet is so true. John wrote, “True character is loving those who no one else will love.”

John was taught these important lessons of life by his family who loved and cared for him. He learned these lessons because of a deep faith and trust in God who promises to make all things new, and all things right. It’s a known fact that John held a rosary in his hand every night, and he prayed for strength to live each day entrusting himself to Mary. Like Mary the Mother of God, John tried to be a faithful disciple in spite of the cross of mental illness he carried. He tried each day to live the Beatitudes in the faith and hope of a better tomorrow. John tried to live Jesus’ call that is extended to all of us, “Follow me.”



John Andrew Eustice on a mountain top near Caborca, Sonora, Mexico on Easter Sunday March 31, 2013.

On Easter Sunday as John and Ron traveled, Ron shared with me how John saw the cactus that he’s pictured beside on the cover of the memorial booklet. John saw the cactus, and wanted to stop to see it up close. The cactus was on a tall hill, and John climbed it, and after some persuasion by Ron, had his picture taken with it. John climbed many mountains in his life, and today we remember that climbing the mountain of life with depression and mental illness is a difficult journey. John carried on his journey until the sickness overcame him. Today we remember the best parts of John’s life and we keep those memories forever treasured inside. We hold dear the memories of John’s love for languages, plants, and his inner strength to face each day. Everything else we hand over to God who can make sense out of all that is senseless in our lives. We entrust ourselves to the love of God who reminds us that death is not the end. The Easter mystery we celebrate in these 50 days tells us that Jesus promises life and that we are never alone or abandoned in our journey of life. God is with us here and now, and we need to be present to support one another in the sadness that John’s death brings to all of us. God is with us because God loves us. We remember today that God’s loved John in the past, and God loves John today. John climbed a hill on Easter Sunday, and often in the scriptures we find that the top of the hill is a meeting place with God. The top of the hill is heaven. Today our prayer is that John forever shares in the new and eternal life that Jesus promises . . . the new and eternal life that Jesus promises to all of his good and faithful people!

John Andrew Eustice

April 21, 1979 — April 11, 2013

John Andrew Eustice, age 33, of Savage, Minnesota entered eternal life on April 11, 2013. John was born on April 21, 1979, in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of Ronald F. and Margaret (McAndrews) Eustice.

John attended St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, Roseville, Minnesota, Central Java InterMission School, Salatiga, Indonesia and was a graduate of St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Savage, St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights and then the University of Minnesota, where he graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture.

As a child John traveled extensively with his family through Ireland, Germany, Luxembourg, Ontario and Quebec as well as Indonesia where he lived with his family from 1987 until 1989. He was gifted in foreign languages having an excellent command of German and Indonesian. Most recently he had traveled six times to Mexico and was learning Spanish.

John's hobbies included ornamental horticulture and the study of Spanish Missions of Arizona and Sonora. He was a professional horticulture writer published in many nursery and gardening books and magazines including Northern Gardener.



John Andrew Eustice (2012)

John is survived by parents, Ronald F. and Margaret (McAndrews); brother, Kevin (Alison Walker); sister, AnnMarie; niece, Sabine Frances; loving uncles, aunts, and cousins. John Eustice was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Marie (Fox) McAndrews, Donald and Alice Mae (Perron) Eustice.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4625 West 125th Street, Savage. The celebrant was the Reverend Michael Tix. Pallbearers were John's first cousins, Angela Eustice Deutsch, Brent Eustice, Catherine Courteau, Genevieve Courteau, Jason McAndrews, Kimberly McAndrews, Malia Eustice Saker, Mark Eustice, Marsha Eustice, Mary McAndrews Mitchell, Megan Eustice, Michael McAndrews, and Sarah Day. Interment was at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Savage.



The Eustice Family in 1982. Ron, Margaret, John and Kevin. AnnMarie came later.



Kevin, AnnMarie and John Eustice, Dieng Plateau, Central Java (1987)



John Andrew Eustice with pet goat in Central Java (1987)



John Andrew Eustice with pet chicken in Central Java (1988)

Lives Remembered



Joseph W. Eustis
(1935-2012)

JOSEPH W. EUSTIS, 77, of Victory Mills, New York passed away Dec. 30, 2012, at Saratoga. He was born June 2, 1935, in Victory Mills, and was the son of the late Joseph J. and Julia (Stewart) Eustis. Joe was a graduate of Schuylerville Central School and worked in the plumbing, heating and air conditioning with Finch Pruyn and Brian R. Meurs and retired with Congress Oil Company. He married Patricia "Annie" Pharmer, Jan. 24, 1954, and they resided in Smithville, New York the entire 57 years of their marriage. Joe was a lifetime member of David Nevins Fire Department. He was a member of the Green Sabres Drum and Bugle Corps and in many bowling leagues in Schuylerville. He enjoyed spending time with the family, playing poker around the kitchen table, cooking (as in BBQ) and going to restaurants. He was predeceased his parents, his sister, Jean Davis; his in-laws, John and Viola Pharmer; brother-in-law, Thomas Nevins. Survivors include his wife, Annie; children, Leslie (Mark) Dennison, Joseph J. (Allison) Eustis, Kelly G. (Tami) Eustis and Christopher (Pat) Eustis; grandchildren, Danielle and Lauren Dennison, Conor and Mackenzie Eustis and Kelly (Trenna), Kourtney and Shannon Eustis; and a great-grandson, Jack Owen Eustis. He was survived by his siblings, Mary Carmel, Theresa (Rolland) Fontaine, Helen Flood and James (Joann) Eustis; nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Ione Nevins. A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 2, 2013, at Notre Dame-Visitation Church, Schuylerville, New York. Burial took place at Notre Dame Cemetery.



Joanne J. Eustice
(1932-2012)

Joanne EUSTICE; 80, passed away December 6, 2012, in Redlands, California. She was born February 28, 1932, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the eldest child of Joseph and Edith (Bahr) Rammell. Joanne grew up in Tetonia, Idaho, but moved to southern California as a teenager, graduating from San Bernardino High School class of 1950. She married Robert "Bob" Eustice April 2, 1950 and they raised a family of three children in Rialto and Redlands, California. They retired to St. George, Utah, 14 years ago, but had recently returned to California to live in Yucaipa. She was a life-long, active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was an avid family history researcher and genealogist. She was interested in crafts, antiques and collectibles and for many years operated booths in antique malls. Joanne is survived by her husband of 62 years, Robert Eustice, and daughter, Dawna (Ken) Lund, both of Yucaipa, California; son, Steve Eustice of Hesperia, California; daughter-in-law Carol Eustice of Las Vegas, Nevada; Joanne was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Richard Eustice. Visitation Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 12:00 noon and Funeral service at 1:00 PM, both at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12776 6th Street, Yucaipa, California. Interment will follow at Rialto Park Cemetery, 200 N. Willow St, Rialto, California. Published in San Bernardino Sun on December 12, 2012.



Michael Eustis
(1957-2012)

MICHAEL EUSTIS; Michael T. Eustis of Eugene, Oregon died Oct. 1 2012 at age 54.

He was born Nov. 2, 1957, in Chicago to Clarence and Roseanne Agnetti Eustis. He married Nancy Weisel; they later divorced. He married Marya Slowinski on Aug. 10, 1996, in Eugene.

He held a doctorate of medicine from Rush Medical School in Chicago. He was a pediatrician in the Air Force and in civilian life.

Mike began his work at Oregon Medical Group in 1991. His love for his work and respect for the families he felt privileged to serve was abundantly clear.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Roseanne Eustis of Chicago; two sons, Cole and Ryan, both of Eugene; three daughters, Wren Eustis and Sasha Eustis, both of Eugene, and Dana Eustis of Chicago; and three sisters, Mary Jo Braun and Carolyn Toporek, both of Chicago, and Diane Gruba of Des Moines, Iowa. Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/news/obituaries/28839025-41/eugene-eustis-bostick-john-died.html.csp>

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*“I think it’s a present of fish, Sir ---
cuz my Boss did say it was bait to catch a big fish.”*