

Genealogy Basics –Using Google to Research

By Joe Petrie

Introduction:

I am certain to use Google - when in my research I conclude that something about the individual may be in Google. Frankly, I could use any browser. I prefer Google.

Often, there is nothing of interest. That disappoints me!

I persist. I use Google for every person with a religious vocation. Why? There were a lot of religious in my families in Canada.

In addition, there are lots of my Canadian religious relatives in the United States. One Canadian first cousin, a Benedictine from North Sydney, graduated, was ordained and taught at St Anselm College. He is buried at St. Anselm Abbey's St. Leander Cemetery in Manchester, NH. He never became a US citizen. Before he entered the order, he honored my family by being my older brother's Sponsor at my brother's Christening. I chose to go to St. Anselm College because he was there.

Martin Leo Boutilier:

He is a recent discovery. Martin Leo Boutilier (1872 – 1944), a Xaverian Brother who was born in Cape Breton. Supposedly, he lived in the Dominion section of Bridgeport, NS. His parents were Joseph E. Boutilier and Mary Ann Howley. Joseph and Mary moved their family to Boston about 1880. There were at least 12 children, 10 boys and 2 girls. Martin whose religious name was Brother Matthias died in Peabody, Essex County, Massachusetts and is buried in the Xaverian Cemetery in Danvers, Essex County, Massachusetts.

What did I gather about Brother Matthias Boutilier using Google?

1. Photos of Brother Matthias



Generally in Google, when there are photos it meant that the individual was important. Note that the first photo includes George Herman “Babe” Ruth. Remember that the old Yankee Stadium was the “House that Babe Built.”

2. A Cooperstown NY Newspaper Article

The greatest man that Babe Ruth ever knew was a Canadian

BY COOPERSTOWNERSINCANADA JULY 17, 2010 BABE RUTH BALTIMORE BROTHER MATTHIAS BROTHER MATTHIAS CANADA INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE JACK DUNNOVA SCOTIA ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Without the love and guidance of a hulking, 6-foot-6 father figure from Nova Scotia, Babe Ruth likely wouldn't have evolved into a baseball superstar. Throughout his career, The Bambino often referred to Brother Matthias, the Canadian disciplinarian at the St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore, as the greatest man he ever knew.

No longer able to deal with his incorrigible behaviour, Ruth's parents sent their son to the St. Mary's Industrial School when he was just seven years old. Ruth's parents also signed over their son's custodial rights to the school. The institution boasted 800 boys with similarly sad stories, who would benefit from the guidance of approximately 30 Catholic brothers.

It was there that The Bambino would find a father figure, friend and confidant in Brother Matthias, whose real name was Martin Boutilier. Born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in 1872, Brother Matthias was an intimidating presence at the school, but he was always fair and understanding and the boys grew to respect him. Robert Creamer's famous Ruth biography describes the Nova Scotian as being shaped like a pear, with a slight face and sloping shoulders, descending into a heavy body with thick legs. Brother Matthias had blonde hair and blue eyes and was the school disciplinarian, whose mere presence could quell schoolyard fisticuffs. He was also the assistant athletic director.

Brother Matthias is often credited with introducing Ruth to baseball. Creamer reports that Matthias used to hit long fly balls with one arm to kids in the schoolyard. Likely seeing Ruth's talent, Matthias would devote hours to hitting ground balls to his budding diamond star. Ruth began as a power-hitting, left-handed throwing catcher at St. Mary's, before Brother Matthias caught Ruth laughing at the futility of his team's pitcher one game. A seething Brother Matthias reportedly approached the young Ruth and told him that if he thought he could do better that he should pitch. Feeling the shame of his mentor's scorn, Ruth took the mound and shortly thereafter became the most dominant pitcher at the school.

"It was at St. Marys that I met and learned to love the greatest man I've ever known," wrote Ruth of Brother Matthias in his autobiography. "He was the father I needed. He taught me to read and write, and the difference between right and wrong."

Ruth would spend almost 12 years at St. Mary's under Brother Matthias's watchful eye, before Jack Dunn, the owner of International League's Baltimore Orioles, would sign him to his first professional contract in 1914.

But over the course of his legendary career, Ruth never forgot the hulking Canadian who taught him so much. Each year, Ruth would reportedly buy Brother Matthias a new Cadillac and would often return to the school to visit with the children.

3. A Baltimore Sun Newspaper Article:

A brief meeting with mentor of Babe Ruth

February 06, 1995|By JACQUES KELLY

My father was at the wheel of his car a few weeks ago as we drove out Wilkens Avenue in Southwest Baltimore.

As we approached the granite walls of Cardinal Gibbons High School, he said casually, "Did I ever tell you about the time I went out here to visit Brother Matthias?"

Now Brother Matthias Boutilier, C.F.X., isn't so well known in Baltimore history, except if you read the biographies of George Herman Ruth.

"He was the greatest man I've ever known," the Babe said of his monumental mentor, friend and baseball coach. Brother Matthias was a member of the Xavarian religious order that staffed the old St. Mary's Industrial School at Wilkens and Caton avenues. Today this site is a Catholic high school, but for decades it was the place that straightened out many a tangled young life.

My father's name is Joseph Kelly. Along with his brother Vincent, the two walked up to St. Mary's front door nearly 70 years ago. They had no invitation, no right to call there. But they had read of this remarkable individual, this force in the lives of young men. They knew he was entrusted with a powerful job.

He was enough of a presence in local amateur athletics (the St. Mary's teams were legendary) that the International League Orioles allowed him to control the free tickets for the Knothole Gang -- the young Orioles fans who were given occasional free passes to games, especially those scheduled for weekday afternoons when normal attendance might be light.

Joe and Vin Kelly heard the tickets were being distributed at Riverside Park in South Baltimore. They -- along with half the neighborhood -- turned up, only to find out the supply was exhausted.

"We were heartbroken about not being able to get Knothole Gang passes," my father said of that summer day in the 1920s.

"We decided to get on a streetcar and go out Wilkens Avenue to St. Mary's Industrial School and see Brother Matthias," my father recalled.

The boys, who lived with their parents on Poultney Street in South Baltimore, threaded their way through the small streets so characteristic of this neighborhood. They took the shortest route, over Little Montgomery Street, north along Sharp to the tracks of the No. 3 streetcar.

"It was a hot day and we just walked in the school. We asked to see Brother Matthias and were soon brought into his office.

"I remember him as a big, tall man, who asked why we were there. We said there were no more tickets at Riverside Park. He said, 'You boys came all the way out here for that?' And then he reached in his desk drawer and pulled out a little pad and stamper and gave us seats for some days for the rest the summer season," Joe Kelly recalled.

The boys thanked Brother Matthias and left. They had a great season of baseball, too.

My father never met Brother Matthias again. But the event stayed with him all this time. He wasn't particularly aware that it was this man who had played such a formative role in the career of Babe Ruth. He recalled a kindly person, a person who could size up a situation quickly and act appropriately.

It was a one-instance immersion into that reservoir of the respect that so many men and boys accorded Brother Matthias at St. Mary's Industrial School. The institution was not all fun and baseball games, afternoons with the Knothole Gang at the old Oriole Park.

It was a school for boys in trouble with their families, in trouble with the law. Sometimes poverty sent them to the imposing Port Deposit granite walls and the iron gates. Here they found discipline, education and manual training. There were farm fields where the boys grew much of the produce that went on their tables.

No wonder the alumni of St. Mary's Industrial School whom you meet in Pigtown, Irvington and Arbutus are as proud as any alumnus of Princeton. And why men such as the great Brother Matthias still live on in memory.

His Parent's Register Report

Descendants of Joseph E Boutilier and Mary Ann Howley

1. **Joseph E¹ Boutilier**, born 22 Dec 1828 in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 22 Jun 1830 in St. George's; died 9 Dec 1913 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; buried in Holy Cross RC, Malden, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA, son of James Frederick Boutilier and Susanna Maria Gould. He married on 13 Oct 1858 in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada **Mary Ann Howley**.

Children of Joseph E Boutilier and Mary Ann Howley were as follows:

- + 2 i **Nathaniel² Boutilier**, born 26 Jul 1859; christened in . He married **Mary Savage**.
- + 3 ii **Emma Mary² Boutilier "Eunice"**, born 22 Jun 1860; christened 2 Aug 1860 in St Joseph's, North Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married **John Alexander Kelly Jr.**
- 4 iii **Napoleon² Boutilier**, born 22 Sep 1861; christened 22 Nov 1861 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 5 iv **Thomas F² Boutilier**, born Oct 1864 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 9 Nov 1864 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 6 v **Francis T² Boutilier**, born 30 Aug 1866 in Lingan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 14 Sep 1866 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; died 31 May 1946 in Newton, Middlesex, Massavhusetts, USA. He married on 3 Jun 1896 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA **Ellen G Fairclough**, born 1868 in Liverpool, England.
- 7 vi **Joseph² Boutilier**, born 30 Aug 1866 in Lingan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 14 Sep 1866 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- + 8 vii **Henry J² Boutilier**, born 25 Aug 1868 in Lingan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 2 Sep 1868 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married **Margaret Ellen Moran "Nellie"**.
- 9 viii **Covey² Boutilier**, born 1869 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 10 ix **Alice² Boutilier**, born 19 Apr 1870 in Lingan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 6 May 1870 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 11 x **James² Boutilier**, born 29 May 1870 in Lingan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 6 Sep 1870 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 12 xi **Martin Leo² Boutilier "Brother Matthias"**, born 11 Jul 1872 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; died 16 Oct 1944 in Peabody, Essex, Massachusetts, USA; buried in Xavarian Brothers Cemetery, Danvers, Massachusetts, USA.
- 13 xii **Joseph F² Boutilier**, born 1875 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; died 5 Mar 1912 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; buried in Holy Cross, Malden, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA.
- 14 xiii **Mary M² Boutilier**, born 1878; died 27 Sep 1913 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.

Generation 2

2. **Nathaniel² Boutilier** (Joseph E¹), born 26 Jul 1859; christened in . He married on 16 Sep 1886 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA **Mary Savage**, born 7 Apr 1865 in Abington, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA.

Children of Nathaniel Boutilier and Mary Savage were as follows:

- 15 i **Joseph W³ Boutilier**, born 3 Sep 1886 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 7 Nov 1899 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 16 ii **Annie³ Boutilier**, born Sep 1887 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died Sep 1888 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 17 iii **Mary F³ Boutilier**, born 18 Sep 1888 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 9 Nov 1888 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 18 iv **Henry³ Boutilier**, born 3 Feb 1890 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 16 Aug 1890 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 19 v **Thomas³ Boutilier**, born 12 May 1892 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 19 Oct 1892 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 20 vi **Lawrence³ Boutilier**, born 13 Aug 1893 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 13 Nov 1893 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 21 vii **Edmund Joseph³ Boutilier**, born 9 Dec 1894 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 1944 in Somerville, Middlesex, Massachusetts. He married **Elizabeth Walsh**.
- 22 viii **Henry³ Boutilier**, born 2 Jul 1895 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 23 ix **Thomas³ Boutilier**, born Jul 1896 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died Jul 1896 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 24 x **Leo³ Boutilier**, born 31 Jul 1897 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 6 Sep 1898 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 25 xi **David Leo³ Boutilier**, born 11 Sep 1899 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 3 Oct 1918 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 26 xii **Mary Genevieve³ Boutilier**, born 5 Jan 1901 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA. She married **Louis Joseph Parosa**.
- 27 xiii **Joseph M³ Boutilier**, born 22 Feb 1902 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 9 Jan 1985 in Somerville, Middlesex, Massachusetts.
- 28 xiv **Nathaniel W³ Boutilier**, born 17 Aug 1903 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 11 Nov 1903 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 29 xv **Albert F³ Boutilier**, born 6 Mar 1905 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 1956 in Bridgewater, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA.
- + 30 xvi **Helen Bernadette³ Boutilier**, born 18 Oct 1906 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 9 Jul 1977 in Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. She married **Frederick George Ketchum**.

3. **Emma Mary² Boutilier "Eunice"** (Joseph E¹), born 22 Jun 1860; christened 2 Aug 1860 in St Joseph's, North Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married on 18 Oct 1891 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA **John Alexander Kelly Jr.**, born abt 1864 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.

Children of Emma Mary Boutilier "Eunice" and John Alexander Kelly Jr. were as follows:

- 31 i **Cecilia M³ Kelly "Celia"**, born 23 Aug 1892 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- 32 ii **Thomas Joseph³ Kelly**, born 2 Feb 1894 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
- + 33 iii **John Alexander³ Kelly III**, born 26 Feb 1895 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 24 Apr 1969 in New Hyde Park, Nassau, New York, USA; buried in National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Suffolk, New York, USA. He married **Joanne**

Flaherty.

- 34 iv **Henry J³ Kelly**, born 7 Nov 1896 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
35 v **Elizabeth Mary³ Kelly**, born 23 Apr 1898 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
36 vi **Mary V³ Kelly**, born abt 1902 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 29 Jan 1902 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.

8. **Henry J² Boutilier** (Joseph E¹), born 25 Aug 1868 in Lingan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; christened 2 Sep 1868 in Sacred Heart, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married on 21 Jun 1905 in Chelsea, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA **Margaret Ellen Moran "Nellie"**, born 26 Oct 1878 in Chelsea, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 1951 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.

Children of Henry J Boutilier and Margaret Ellen Moran "Nellie" were as follows:

- 37 i **Mary Agnes³ Boutilier**, born 22 Mar 1906 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.
+ 38 ii **Henry A³ Boutilier**, born 13 Jun 1908 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA. He married **Anne I Kelly "Anna"**.
+ 39 iii **Carmelita Catherine³ Boutilier**, born 13 Feb 1914 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA. She married **James F Colbert**.

Generation 3

30. **Helen Bernadette³ Boutilier** (Nathaniel², Joseph E¹), born 18 Oct 1906 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 9 Jul 1977 in Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. She married in 1932 in Medford, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA **Frederick George Ketchum**, born 8 Dec 1902 in Weston, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA; died 2 Jun 1940 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.

Children of Helen Bernadette Boutilier and Frederick George Ketchum were as follows:

- + 40 i **Kathleen⁴ Ketchum**, born 1936; died 1976. She married **Edward A Duchesneau**.

33. **John Alexander³ Kelly III** (Emma Mary² Boutilier, Joseph E¹), born 26 Feb 1895 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA; died 24 Apr 1969 in New Hyde Park, Nassau, New York, USA; buried in National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Suffolk, New York, USA. He married abt 1924 in New York, USA **Joanne Flaherty**, born abt 1901.

Children of John Alexander Kelly III and Joanne Flaherty were as follows:

- 41 i **Martin D⁴ Kelly**, born 1925 in New York, USA.
42 ii **Joan Anne⁴ Kelly**, born 4 Mar 1926 in Brooklyn, King, New York, USA; died 13 Aug 1992 in New York, USA.
43 iii **John⁴ Kelly**, born 1928.
44 iv **Eunice⁴ Kelly**, born 1933.

38. **Henry A³ Boutilier** (Henry J², Joseph E¹), born 13 Jun 1908 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA. He married in 1934 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA **Anne I Kelly "Anna"**, born abt 1910.

Children of Henry A Boutilier and Anne I Kelly "Anna" were as follows:

- 45 i **Henry A⁴ Boutilier**, born abt 1935.
46 ii **Ann M⁴ Boutilier**, born abt 1935.
47 iii **James J⁴ Boutilier**, born abt 1940.

39. **Carmelita Catherine³ Boutilier** (Henry J², Joseph E¹), born 13 Feb 1914 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA. She married in 1936 **James F Colbert**, born 2 Feb 1913 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA.

Children of Carmelita Catherine Boutilier and James F Colbert were as follows:

48 i **Margaret⁴ Colbert**, born abt 1937.

Source: Ancestry including Public Member Trees. One author is a great grandchild of Joseph and Mary.

Please note that many vitals are from Ancestry Public Member Trees. I haven't validated some of the Vitals. Because only one Public Member Tree has the child named Covey, I have reservations about that individual.

My Spin on why I gather from Google etc.:

I persist. I really believe that have been very lucky in my genealogy gathering. I hope that my luck continues.

My Spin on my gathering Boutilier Relatives, Vitals and History:

Over 30 years ago, very early into my Genealogy hobby, I planned to write a book on each of my families. Both of my parents were Boutiliers. A few years ago, I stopped planning books and settled for Register Reports. Honestly, I'll never be able to improve on the Boutilier work of Kim Stevens, Bob Hegerich and others.

I identify with my Canadian Roots. I often visited Dominion, Glace Bay and North Sydney. Beginning in 1946, every three years, we went to Dominion to visit Dad's family. As we drove through Gardiner Mines, Dad would point out the house that he was born in (originally his great grandparent's house - now the site of St. James Church); the house that his grandfather built for the family that overlooks Lingan Beach; Lingan Beach; and the baseball field in Dominion! I wonder if the baseball field was more special to Dad than we ever knew!

Beginning on the late 1970s, I made many trips to Dominion to visit relatives and to research at the Beaton Institute.

In addition, when I was very young, Dad gave me a document signed by Babe Ruth. We framed it and it hung in my room until I was married. It was not moved to our apartment. I wonder where it is!

Finally, Dad gave me a book on sports pioneers. It included a section on Babe. I gave the book to my grandson. Imagine – it passed through 3 generations to one of my Dad's great grandsons.

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