

Genealogy Basics – Some More on Ancestry.com’s Public Member Trees

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INTRODUCTION

This is my 4th Genealogy Basics article on Ancestry’s Public Member Trees. The others are:

1. How to use Ancestry’s Public Member Trees as a Resource
2. Cautions using Ancestry’s Public Member Trees
3. More on Using Ancestry’s Public Member Trees

This article focuses on two Public Member Trees that should not have been connected to my North Sydney Tobin Family. Specifically, the Klink Family Tree and the Colp Family Tree have Mary Elizabeth Tobin my Grandaunt married and to two different men: Daniel Flahive in Iowa and John J. Cahill in Massachusetts.

My Grandaunt, Mary Elizabeth Tobin never married. She was a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Her religious name was Sister Maria Loretta. Her younger sister Anna Bridget Tobin was in the same order. Her religious name was Sister Joseph Aloysia.

BACKGROUND

Periodically, I review the Public Member Trees for my parents: Petrie and Tobin. Because many of the Public Member Trees authors for Petrie and Tobin Public Member Trees have corresponded with me, I can easily contact them about corrections. Because I use Ancestry Library, I can’t send the authors comments.

Klink Family Tree

The following shows that the Klink Family Tree is the third tree on the list.

The screenshot displays the search results for 'Mary Elizabeth Tobin' on Ancestry.com. The page title is 'All Public Member Trees results for Mary Elizabeth Tobin'. On the left, there are search filters for 'Mary Elizabeth Tobin', 'MARRIED: 1931', and 'SPOUSE(S): Flahive'. The main results table shows the following entries:

Member Tree	Name	Parents
Catherine Comer Family Tree	Mary Elizabeth Tobin	F: Richard R Tobin M: Elizabeth Dora
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Klink Family Tree	Mary Elizabeth Tobin Birth: May 21, 1872 (21 May 1872) - Channel-Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Death: March 29, 1954 (29 Mar 1954) - North Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Marriage: January 26, 1903 (26 Jan 1903) - Monroe, Jasper, Iowa, USA Spouse: Daniel Flahive	F: Richard Francis Tobin M: Honora Catherine Dooley
Hogan Family Tree	Mary Elizabeth Tobin Birth: 21 May 1872 - Channel-Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Death: 29 Mar 1954 - North Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada	F: Richard Francis Tobin M: Honora Catherine 'Nora' Dooley
Family Tree Maker 20130307	Mary Elizabeth Tobin Birth: 21 May 1872 - Channel-Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Death: 29 Mar 1954 - North Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada	F: Richard Francis Tobin M: Honora Catherine Dooley
Gergely Mitchell Keith Family Tree	Mary Tobin Birth: Nov 1871 - Iowa, USA Death: 12 May 1931 - Monroe, Jasper, Iowa, USA Marriage: Before 1906 - Iowa, USA Spouse: Daniel H Flahive	F: Richard Tobin M: Elizabeth "Dora" Heart

The Klink source record is an Iowa Marriage record where Richard Tobin was listed as the bride’s father. The bride’s mother is not listed. Please note that I have not validated the following: 1, 2, and 6.

SUMMARY

Mary Elizabeth Tobin and her younger sister Anna Bridget Tobin were Sisters of Charity of Halifax. The following photo was taken in 1948 in the driveway of our house in Dedham, Massachusetts. My Dad and I are flanked by the two Sisters. My mother was their niece, Loretta Elizabeth Tobin Petrie.



The following is a list of Tobin 1st and 2nd cousins who are named for the two Sisters:

First Cousins

Ellen Aloysia (Allie) Burke, daughter of Thomas Frederick Burke and their sister Margaret Ellen Tobin

Mary Aloysia Tobin, daughter of their brother William Richard Tobin and Mary Ann Camus

Loretta Elizabeth Tobin, daughter of their brother William Richard Tobin and Mary Ann Camus

Loretta Lucille Tobin, daughter of their brother John Francis Tobin and Catherine Agatha MacIsaac

Teresita Aloysia Tobin, daughter of their brother John Francis Tobin and Catherine Agatha MacIsaac

Second Cousins

Joseph Francis Petrie son of Leo Ignatius Petrie and Loretta Elizabeth Tobin

Maria A Ryan daughter of James Fitzgerald Ryan and Teresita Aloysia Tobin

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Membership in Ireland Reaching Out (irelandxo.com) is free. It has an Electronic Magazine named XO Chronicles (irelandxo.com/irelandxo/history-and-genealogy). One of the three XO Chronicles Series is XO People. XO People focus on the Irish Diaspora (people who immigrated and never returned permanently). XO People has seven of my XO People articles about ancestors. My relatives are: John Cummings (Thurles Parish, Tipperary, Newfoundland and Lingan, Cape Breton Island); Patrick Tobin (Gowran Parish, Kilkenny and Newfoundland); and Judith Keeffe (Gowran Parish, Kilkenny and Newfoundland). My wife's relatives are; John McGrath (Ballyphilip, Kilcockan, Kockanore, Waterford); Helena O'Brien (Fermoy, Youghal, Cork, Boston); Peter Connolly (Kilcummin, Galway, Boston) and Mary A (Nee) Connolly (Kilcummin, Galway, Boston).