

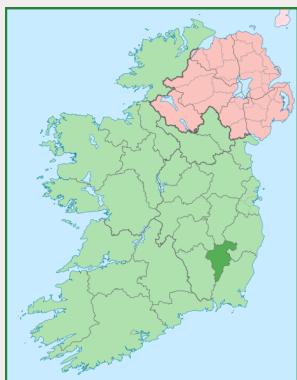
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Irish-born Hoosier Becomes Colorado Senator

The county of Carlow is situated in south-central Ireland. It is known for its dolmens - above ground Neolithic burial tombs, the River Barrow, and the Blackstairs Mountains.



County Carlow, Ireland (wikipedia.com)

County Carlow is where Thomas McDonald Patterson was born on November 4, 1839. Thomas came to the U.S. in 1849, arriving with his parents James (1814-1881) and Margaret (1817-1888), his sister Catherine, and brother James Jr. The family settled first in New York City's 8th Ward, where James Sr. was a watchmaker (U.S. Census 1850). By 1860, they were living in Crawfordsville, Indiana's Ward 1 and James Sr. worked as a jeweler and silversmith. He was quite successful - his personal and real estate wealth that year was \$380,000 in modern day value.

During their childhood in Crawfordsville, Thomas and brother James were known for playing practical jokes and being hard to control. They each joined the Lew Wallace "zouaves" and enlisted with Indiana's 11th Infantry. Sadly, James Jr. was killed while fighting in the third Battle of Winchester, Virginia on September 19, 1864. He'd served for six months (U. S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1965).

Illness ended Thomas' time with the 11th, where he'd served as First Sergeant with Company I. He returned home and attended Wabash, but was expelled after being caught gambling. He then worked for a printer in Greencastle, and attended Asbury College. While in Greencastle, he married Kathleen Grafton. Kathleen was a graduate of Berrien College (The Indianapolis News, Jan 15, 1902, page 9).

Thomas did so well at Asbury that he returned to Wabash and was a charter member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He was known as a fine orator. Of note, he was the first married student to attend the college. Thomas didn't graduate, but went to work as a clerk with the law firm William and Wallace. He was assigned petty cases in the justice and mayor's courts. He was known for never backing down, even when he'd lost! (The Evansville Journal, January 19, 1901.)

While in Crawfordsville, Thomas and Katherine had four children - Jane (who died in infancy), James, Mary, and Margaret. The family moved to Denver, Colorado in 1872 (The Indianapolis Journal, Jul 17, 1902 page 4). Thomas' parents, James Sr. and Margaret moved to Colorado too.

As Thomas had done in Crawfordsville, he continued to practice law in Denver. Hoosier newspapers reported on his success. On March 26, 1886, The Indianapolis Journal talked about his presentation before the U.S. Supreme Court. The Lafayette Sunday Times (March 11, 1888) reported that he, "a lucky hoosier," had acquired a fortune of \$500,000. He served as a U.S. Representative (1877-1879), U.S. Senator (1901-1907), and he was the owner and editor of the Rocky Mountain News and Denver Times (New York, New York Sun 24 July 1916, page 5, courtesy of Indiana Gen Web).

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Passage

JOHN BRODERICK

*Fenian Brotherhood, Crawfordsville, Ind.
To the Editors of the Irish-American*

*Crawfordsville, Indiana, January 27, 1864
Gentleman – Herewith we send you, for publication, the following preamble and resolutions, which were passed at a special meeting of the Fenian Brotherhood, held at their room, January 24th, commemorative of the demise of one of our most worthy members :--*

Whereas, that felt destroyer, death, has stricken down one of our most zealous and favoured [sic] members in the person estimable brother and co-worker in the cause of Ireland's regeneration, John Broderick; and whereas, he was amongst the first who espoused the organization which is to-day felt so forcibly throughout America and Ireland. (Published in the Irish People on Saturday, February 27, 1864, Dublin, Ireland.)

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The man the Fenian Brotherhood so lauded, John Broderick, was born in County Kerry, Ireland in ca. 1819. Although I did extensive online research, I could not confirm when he came to the U.S. The birth of his first child indicates he was here by 1848. I did find John in the 1860 census, living near Waynetown, where he farmed. John's wife, Mary Foley

(b. 1824), was also from County Kerry. John and Mary had eight children – Annie (b. 1848), Margaret (b. 1849), Mary (b. 1850), Catherine (b. 1853), John (b. 1854), Morto (b. 1856), Julia (b. 1859), and Ella (b. 1862).

John passed in 1864 at only 44 years of age. Mary did not remarry. Tragically, in 1868 Morto died at the age of 12. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery. By 1870, Mary, as head of household, was living with her daughters Mary and Ella, and her son John. Anna was living with Henry and Joanna Lane as their domestic servant. Margaret married Michael J. Carroll. Michael was born in Indiana while his parents were from Ireland. Catherine married Thomas Tobin. Thomas' parents were also from Ireland. Julia married John Whalen. His parents were Irish too. Annie married John Lynch, an Irish immigrant. Given who the Broderick daughters wed, it makes me wonder if it was a stipulation that they marry Irish men! Two of the children, John and Mary, never married but lived together throughout their lives. I wasn't able to find anything about Ella's life.

Mary died in 1873 at the age of 48. She was interred next to John in the Calvary Cemetery. The Broderick children stayed in the Montgomery and Fountain County area. Each of them, I'm sure, was proud of their Irish heritage!

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Notables

March 10, 1874

Purdue University admits its first student.

March 17, 1912

Camp Fire Girls organization is founded.

March 27, 1939

First NCAA Men’s Basketball championship held.

Source: *onthistday.org*

Old News

NEW RICHMOND RECORD

March 7, 1901

TOO MUCH CARRIE NATION.

During the past week Mrs. Wm. Holycross, of Hillsboro, was declared of unsound mind and taken to the Indianapolis hospital for treatment. For several days past the woman had shown unmistakable signs of insanity, and it was thought best to take her to the hospital, in the hopes that she might regain her reason. The patient is the wife of Wm. Holycross and is the mother of three bright children. They had a happy and cheerful home in Hillsboro, and now that it is broken by the absence of the mother, their sorrow can better be imagined than described. Mrs. Holycross was an industrious woman, a devout christian and highly esteemed by all who knew her. The cause of her mental derangement is attributed to the fact that she read so much about the Carrie Nation crusade now going on in Kansas that her mind became affected. Her hallucinations are that the whole nation is at war and that people are roaming about armed with hatchets cutting heads off like they do in China.

Source: *Hoosier State Chronicle*

Weather Report

March 18, 1925

The F5 “Tri-State” tornado impacted Missouri, Illinois and Indiana

March 24, 1975

Severe winds overturned planes in Montgomery County.

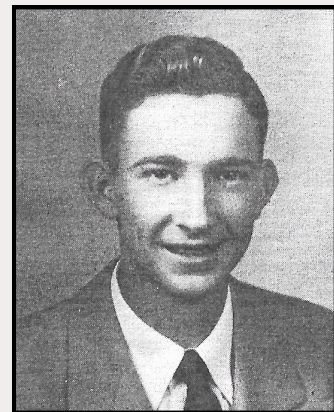
March 31, 2023

One of the largest tornado outbreaks in Indiana.

Sources: *National Weather Service Indianapolis Central Indiana Weather History March and Wikipedia.com*

Butch Dale’s FLASH BACK TRIVIA

Do You Recognize This 1954
Coal Creek Graduate?



HINT: He chose a career in law enforcement and eventually became Crawfordsville police chief.

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Memories

An Irish Grandmother

Written by Mae Mason Thomas (1888-1982), in memory of her husband's grandmother,
Elizabeth Davidson Thomas
March 28, 1834 to January 25, 1925

Aunt Liz, as she was called by so many of her relatives, was my husband's grandmother. To her grandchildren of course she was grandmother. To get a true picture of her, I should tell you about her parents. They came from Ireland, not long before she was born. Her mother was a true Irish girl. Trained to be a good housekeeper, and helper, with no stress on romance, or frivolity. As a rule a girl raised in Ireland does not marry young. If a young man comes to call, or shows interest in a daughter, it is taken for granted that marriage is his object. Aunt Liz told me that she thought her mother frightened many young men away, because she was so blunt in asking about their intentions. Aunt Liz was 26 years old when a widower came to call on her. When he had made a few calls, her mother asked him one day "When are you two going to get married?" Being older, he replied, "When we get good and ready." Aunt Liz's husband had one son by a previous marriage, he was three years old. I have heard her say that he never gave her a cross word in his life, and was very helpful with his half brothers and sisters of which there were five. Aunt Liz liked to cook, to work in a garden, to go to church, and read her Bible. She liked to help her neighbors and relatives. Her husband died of typhoid fever when her youngest son was 17. They lived on a farm and she gave the son (when he was older) her 1/3 interest in the farm, and he was to take care of her while she lived. He married a girl of sixteen, and brought her to live with his mother. As the wife was young, Aunt Liz continued as head of the home. My husband was the only living child of this union, and as his grandmother had a lot of his care, he came to love her very much. When Aunt Liz was seventy-five years old, she moved to a small town to live by herself. When my husband and I had been married a year and a half, his parents said they would give us a lot, in town, if we would build a house for grandmother [Aunt Liz]. We built a nice 5 room bungalow. She was very grateful, and kept it so clean. Aunt Liz loved to have company and I can see the long table, covered with the immaculate tablecloth. Lots of times if she was having company on Sunday she would set her table Saturday evening, covered with another white cloth. Even after living alone she did not quit work, but continued to bake bread and cookies, and always wanting to mend for the family and always had a small garden. If my husband was ill, he always wanted his grandmother to come. At sight of each other, they would commence to cry, I never knew why. Aunt Liz was a cheerful person, I saw her unhappy once. Someone had said something about her looking old, and her skin looking wrinkled. At that time, she was close to ninety years old, and a widowed daughter was living with her. I asked her, "grandmother do you remember the tarnished candle molds? Of course, after they have been used a long time they do show age. But what I see when I look at you is that pure life, like the white candle, that is the real you, and the light of your service, shining on the world."

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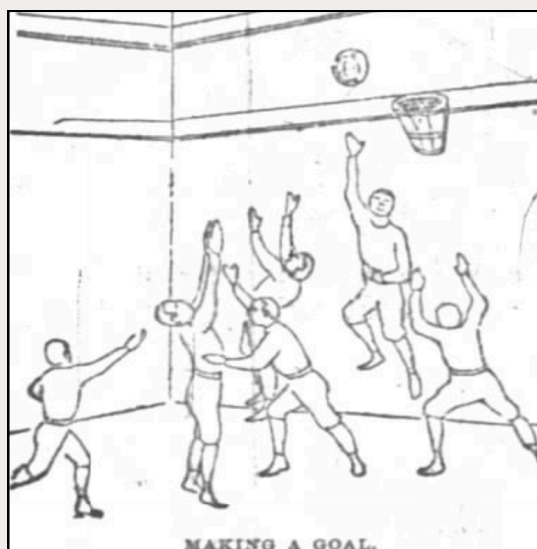
Sports Story

The Indianapolis News introduced its readers to “basket-ball” on April 1, 1893. The article went so far as to describe the rules of the game, and to provide instructive illustrations, including player’s positions on the court. According to the News, the game had been introduced in Indianapolis in late 1892. The first local match was played at the Y.M.C.A. The general rules included that “The game is played by two opposing teams, nine men on each side; a goal keeper, two backs to assist him, a center, a right and left center, two forwards and a home man.”

Women were not to be excluded, in fact, the article indicated that basket-ball “... can be played by girls and women, as there are few games they can play that are not a strain on their nervous systems...” What would those early players think of today’s WNBA?

The game’s benefits were touted for the overall exercise it provided, involving the legs, arms, the trunk of the body as well as the internal organs!

The focus has shifted during the previous 133 years. For some, a quick game of pick up is great exercise. But for many it is about the teams they love and the players they idolize.



Recipe

Potato pancakes are a common staple in many cultures. Polish mothers serve placki ziemniaczane, and in Jewish households they eat latkes. For the Irish, it’s the “boxty.”

INGREDIENTS

- 2 potatoes
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 3/4 c. buttermilk
- 6 tsp. butter
- 6 tsp. vegetable oil

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut one potato into cubes. Add cubed potatoes and salt to a stock pan and cover with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until the potatoes are soft. Drain the potatoes and mash. Grate the second potato and, using a kitchen towel, wring out any moisture. Combine potatoes, flour, baking soda, and pepper in a large bowl. Stir in buttermilk, 1/4 cup at a time. Heat 2 tsp. of butter and 2 tsp. of oil in a large skillet. Drop batter, in 1/4 dollops, into oil and cook until golden brown. Repeat until all batter is cooked. Boxty pancakes can be served with sour cream and diced scallions.



Word Search

Luck of the Irish

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L E P R E C H A U N Z
R Y N S M Y S X Y M K
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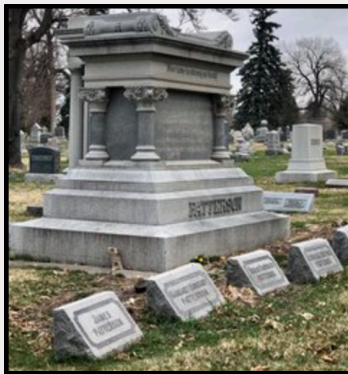
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Two of Thomas and Katherine's children were taken as young adults. James died at the age of 28 in 1892, and Mary died at the age of 27 in 1894. Their daughter Margaret married Richard Campbell, and they made their home in Denver. They had two children who lived to adulthood.

Thomas passed on July 24, 1916. He was interred next to Katherine, who died in 1902. The family plot was in the Denver's Fairmount Cemetery.



Patterson Family Monument
Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Colorado
Source: *T Whitaker via findagrave.com*

Irish Blessing

For the test of the heart is trouble
and it always comes with years.
And the smile that is worth the praises of earth
is the smile that shines through the tears.

Source: *realirish.com*

Poetry



Emerald Isle

The vibrant green of windswept glens,
streams flowing to Pollardstown fen,
Benbuellen hills, seaside Clifden,
the ancient town of northern Antrim,
Galway's shore, the village of Doolin.

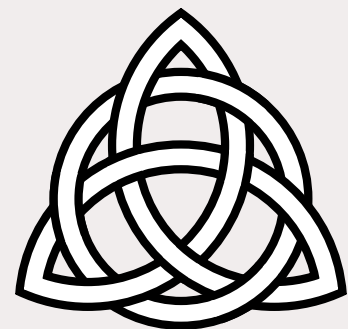
Emerald Isle from which

so many came,

a place of beauty, a place of fame.

They left because they could not stay,
and dreamt of returning to Brittas Bay.

-Joy M. Willett





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Extras

**Butch Dale's
FLASH BACK TRIVIA**

**Answer:
Carlos Goode**

**Word Search
SOLUTION**

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