

Gunning Ancestry

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

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Timothy Gunning and Margaret Greeley

This couple was named on a document of their son. They are believed not to have immigrated to the USA.

Their relationship to the following has not been verified. But the connection to Horton House and Winterbottom is titillating because of my Clirehugh family connection to Winterbottom (George Harold Winterbottom, who bought Horton House, was the brother of a man who married the first cousin of my great-grandfather).

The earliest-known person in this family is Timothy Gunning, believed to have been born in 1818 in the civil Parish of Moore, County Roscommon, Ireland; his parents are believed to have been Timothy Gunning and Margaret Greeley, both of whom remained in Ireland. There were a number of Gunning families in county Roscommon between 1848 and 1864 (23 were enumerated in Griffith's Valuation). I have found no way to analyze their family relationships.

There was a Gunning family that produced Sir Robert Gunning (1731-1816), who was made Knight Companion of the Order of the Bath (KB) in 1773 and a baronet in 1778. He bought Horton House in 1781, and is thus connected to my Winterbottom family (who acquired the estate in 1899). There is no evidence that this family, which originated in Kent and moved to county Roscommon in the early 1600s, had any male descendants who might have lived in Roscommon in 1818.

Children:

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

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

Timothy Gunning was born August 12, 1818 in the civil Parish of Moore, County Roscommon, Ireland. He immigrated to MA, arriving in New York City on the ship *Garrick* on June 1, 1846, age 25; he was naturalized Jan 1, 1855, when he lived in Roxbury. Also on the *Garrick* was Elizabeth Gunning, age 24, who may have been Timothy's sister.

Margaret was born 1825 Ireland. She and Timothy were likely married in Ireland as their first child was born there. She died April 7, 1897 of La Grippe/pneumonia at 226 Lamartine, Roxbury and was buried April 9, 1897 in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale; her age was cited as 72. She was described as the widow of Timothy "men" Donovan, father was Michael, mother Mary Kelley. This suggests her father was Michael Donovan; the Massachusetts Vital Record Index cites her death as Margaret (Donovan) Gunning. Her son John's marriage record named her as Donnelly.

A handwritten Layman family document names Timothy's wife as Margaret Greeley. This may have been a generational error.

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

Children:

- i. Kearan Gunning (spelling?), male, born abt. 1842 Ireland. This child was cited in the 1850 census as Cain and as Cairn in 1855. I found other spellings in later census, which although I could not tie them to this child definitely, suggested his name was spelled differently. This may be the person who was naturalized on 11-21-1887 with birth year 1843 in Ireland, address in Boston, name spelled "Karen."
- ii. Patrick Gunning, born 1847 in Boston and died Dec 20, 1848 from whooping cough, age 1 year.
- iii. Timothy Joseph Gunning, born April 9, 1849 MA. He married Maria J. Carney and is detailed below.
- iv. John B. Gunning, born Nov 12, 1852 Roxbury, MA. He married Ellen J. Goode on Feb 12, 1877 in Brookline, MA. This couple is detailed below.

Census:

- 1850 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (32, b. Ireland), Margaret (30, b. Ireland), Cain (8, born Ireland), Timothy (1, b. MA).
- 1855 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (40, b. Ireland), Margaret (40, b. Ireland), Cairn (14, b. Ireland), Timothy (6, b. MA), John (3 1/2, b. MA).
- 1860 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (39, b. Ireland), Margaret (38, b. Ireland), Timothy (11, b. MA), John (7, b. MA).
- 1870 Roxbury, MA: Timothy Gunning (50, b. Ireland), Margaret (50, b. Ireland), Kearen (28, b. Ireland, male), John (17, b. MA)
- 1880 Boston, MA on Lamartine Street: Timothy Gunning (60, b. Ireland), Margaret (58, b. Ireland).

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

Timothy Joseph Gunning was born April 9, 1849 MA. Timothy died May 29, 1927 and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale.

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He married Maria J. Carney on Sept 10, 1868 in Boston, MA by Rev. J. Healey; first marriage for both, he a carpenter born Roxbury, she born Ireland. She was born May 1850 Ireland and died 1919, her father was William Carney. She died of endometrial carcinoma. Maria was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Dec 2, 1919; at the time of her death she lived at 4507 Washington Street, Roslindale.

Children, at least 11, 10 alive in 1900:

- i. Maggie M. Gunning, born June 1869 MA; she married David T. Pickett, had two children.
- ii. Mary K. Gunning, born abt. 1871 MA.
- iii. Stephen J. Gunning, born April 1872 MA. Married Sarah J. Morrison. Buried Aug 15, 1907 Mt. Calvary Cemetery.
- iv. Timothy William Gunning, born June 13, 1874 MA; died Oct 5, 1918; bur. Mt. Calvary Cemetery.
- v. Elizabeth Gunning, born abt. 1876 MA.
- vi. Isabella Jane Gunning, born 11-26-1877 MA (or RI). Married George Lynn Layman; d. 10-1-1965 Stoneham, MA; bur. Lindenwood Cemetery, Stoneham, MA. I have separate information on the Layman family.
- vii. Robert M. Gunning, born Nov 1879 MA.
- viii. Joseph J. Gunning, born June 1882 MA; died 4-8-1901 (age 18) at 220 Lamartine; buried Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale
- ix. Florence Gunning, born Nov 1887 MA.
- x. Frank A. Gunning, born July 1888 MA.

Two other children are suspected based on burial records:

- Stephen Gunning, died April 1883 age 1 year.
- Alice M. Gunning, died Nov 1884 age 8 months.

Census:

- 1870 West Roxbury (Jamaica Plain), MA (neighbors to older Timothy): Timothy Gunning (21, b. Ireland), Maria (22, b. Ireland), Margaret (11/12, b. MA).
- 1880 Boston, MA on Lamartine Street: Timothy Gunning (31, b. MA). Maria (30, b. Ireland), Maggie M. (10, b. MA), Mary K. (9, b. MA), Stephen (8, b. MA), Timothy W. (5, b. MA), Elizabeth (4, b. MA), Isabella (2, b. MA), Robert (6/12, b. MA).
- 1900 Boston, MA at 226 Lamartine Street. Timothy J. Gunning (51, b. 4-1849 MA, parents born Ireland, m. 1869, sewer inspector), Maria (50, b. 5-1850 Ireland), Margaret (Gunning) Pickett (30, b. 6-1869 MA, married, 2 children born, 1 living), Florence R. (12, b. 11-1887 MA), Stephen J. (28, b. 4-1872 MA, grocery clerk), Timothy W. (25, b. 6-1874 MA), Robert M. (20, b. 11-1879 MA, bicycle maker), Joseph J. (18, b. 6-1882 MA), Frank (11, b. 7-1888 MA), David T. Pickett (26, b. 5-1874 MA to parents born Ireland, son-in-law, ball-player), Anna Pickett (5/12, b. 1-1900 MA, granddaughter).
- 1900 Boston, MA at 84 Wachusset Street¹: Nathan F. Morrison (49, b. Sept 1850 MA to parents b. NH), Mary L. (45, b. ME), Grace E. (17, b. MA), Geraldine L. (16), Lillian L. (13), Nahum L. (15), Charles C. (11), Levi W. (9), daughter Sarah H. Gunning (26), son in law Stephen J. Gunning (28, b. Apr 1872), grandson Franklin E. Gunning² (2), Harold G. Gunning (b. May 1900).
- 1910 Boston, MA at 4507 Washington Street: Timothy Gunning (61), Maria (60), Robert M. (30), Frank A. (21), Florence R. (23), daughter Margaret Pickett (40), son in law David Pickett (35), granddaughter Margaret Pickett (5), daughter Isabella Layman (32, married 12 years, 2 children),

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

² This was likely Franklin Everett Gunning who was a Boston policeman and the grandfather of James Gunning currently living in Maine.

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son in law George L. Layman (33, b. PA), grandson Arthur Layman (11, b. MA), and grandson Harold E. Layman (10, b. PA).

- 1920 Boston, MA at 4507 Washington Street: Timothy J. Gunning (70, b. MA, widowed, sewer inspector for City of Boston), daughter Margaret F. Pickett (50), son in law David Pickett (45, steel expert in engine factory), and granddaughter Margaret A. Pickett (15).

In 1883–4 Timothy was paid by the City of Boston \$1260.50 for sewer work. The next entry on page 263 of the City's Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures is for J J Dorey paid \$953.56. [That would be my great grandfather John James Dorey.]

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

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

He married Grace Ellen Morrison in 1901 Boston. She was born Aug 7, 1882 Boston, MA. Her parents were Nathan F. and Mary L. (Dutton) Morrison. In 1900 Grace and her parental family lived in Boston on Wachusett Street with a number of Gunnings who were in-laws, sister Sarah Morrison married Stephen J. Gunning.

After Timothy's death Grace remarried at age 42 Edward Condon, a railroad worker, and moved to Hartford, CT. She is buried at Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, MA.

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

Children:

- i. William Joseph Gunning, born Jul 27, 1902 at 9 Conway Street, Boston, MA where parents lived. Died Mar 28, 1986 Miami, FL.

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

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

Census:

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

³ I believe the cemetery is located in Jamaica Plain. Its current mailing address is Roslindale, MA. A number of Gunnings are buried there, some too young to have appeared in a census.

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John B. Gunning (1852–1936) and Ellen Josephine Goode (1849–1932)

John B. Gunning was born Nov 12, 1852 Roxbury, MA. He married Ellen Josephine Goode on Feb 12, 1877 in Brookline, MA at St. Mary's Church by L. J. Morris, she lived in Brookline; the marriage record cited his mother as Margaret Donnelly. There is a second marriage record for this couple recorded at Boston for Dec. 12, 1878, they both lived Roxbury; married by Thomas McGinnis, Boston.

Ellen Goode was born May 1849 Roxbury, MA. Her parents were John and Ellen Goode, both born Ireland. John Gunning died in February 1936 at age 83, Ellen Gunning died in January 1932 at age 82. [These death dates were provided by the cemetery and appear on their tombstone, they need to be confirmed with the civic records.]

John, Ellen, and their daughter Mary are buried in St Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA.

Children (6 children born):

- i. John Robert Benjamin Gunning, born Aug 28, 1877 MA; died July 1923 (age 45), buried St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA.
- ii. Mary Elizabeth Gunning, born Aug 25, 1875 Lamartine, Boston, MA; married John James Dorey; died July 1914; buried St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA.
- iii. Ellen M. Gunning, born Feb 9, 1884 on Lamartine St., Boston, MA; father was teamster, both parents born Boston. She became Ellen Hankey. Her nephew Robert Dorey her when he was a little boy as "Aunt Nellie". She lived with her son Francis "Frank" Hankey in Lincoln, MA. Thinking Aunt Nellie died in the late 1960s.
- iv. Francis William Gunning, born March 31, 1886 Boston, MA; died Sept 9, 1972 in Boston age 86 years old. At death he was a warehouse worker and unmarried. His 1918 draft record named him as Francis Weston Gunning living at 10 Cedar Avenue. Buried St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA.
- v. Agnes Gunning, born Jan 18, 1889 at 226 Lamartine, Roxbury, MA. Married William Paul Cuniff.

Census:

- 1880 Boston, MA at 173 Lamartine Street: John B. Gunning (27, b. Ireland), Ellen J. (28, b.), John R. (2, b. MA), Mary E. (9/12, b. MA).
- 1880 Boston, MA at 173 Lamartine Street: John J. Dorey (34, b. Nova Scotia), Cecelia (28, b. Ireland), John W. (7, b. MA), Daniel (6, b. MA). The Doreys lived next door to the Gunnings.
- 1900 Boston, MA at 226 Lamartine Street. John B. Gunning (46, b. 11-1853 MA, parents born Ireland, sewer contractor⁴, Ellen J. (24, b. 5-1849 MA to parents born Ireland, 6 children born, 5 living), John R. B. (22, b. 8-1877 MA, clerk in fish market), Mary E. (8. b. 8-1879 MA), Ellen M. (16, b. 2-1884 MA), Francis W. (14, b. 3-1886 MA), Agnes (11, b. 1-1889 MA).
- 1910 Boston, MA at 272 Lamartine Street. John B. Gunning (57, married 33 years,, b. MA), Ellen J. (60, b. MA), John R. b. (32, b. MA, railway postal clerk), Ellen W. (26, b. MA), Francis W. (24, b. MA), Agnes B. (21, b. MA), daughter Mary Dorey (30, b. MA, married 4 years), grandson Robert J. Dorey (3, b. MA), granddaughter Louise F. Dorey (2, b. MA).
- 1920 Boston, MA at 10 Cedar Avenue: John B. Gunning (67, b. MA, railroad crossing brakeman), Ellen J. (70, b. MA), John R. (42, b. MA, post office clerk), Francis W. (33, b. MA, house janitor), Agnes V. (30, b. MA). Lived with grandchildren Robert J. Dorey (13, b. MA) and Louise F. Dorey (12, b. MA). Cedar Avenue crossed Lamartine Street.

⁴ Now I know how John James Dorey came to know John Gunning, they were both sewer contractors. In addition they were neighbors in 1880.

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- 1930 Boston, MA at 20 St. John Street: John B. Gunning (77, elevated railroad repair man), Ellen J. (80), Francis W. (44, milk company driver), granddaughter Louise F. Dorey (22, public school leader).

Mary Elizabeth Gunning (1879–1914) and John James Dorey (1844–1923)

Mary Elizabeth Gunning, known as Minnie, was born Aug 25, 1879 in Boston, MA on Lamartine Street. She married John James Dorey on Aug 9, 1905 in Boston when she was 26 and he 60. She died July 1914 (age 34) and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Roxbury, MA.

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

I have found no information on Mary after 1910. I found only Mary in the 1910 census, John was in Arichat visiting family. John married a third time, in November 1914 Elizabeth T. (Reynolds) Beals, that marriage ended in divorce. John married a fourth time, in 1920 Sarah Elizabeth (Hensley) McDonald, a widow who survived him. John died in 1923 at Denver, Colorado and is buried in Fairmount Cemetery there.

Children:

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

Census:

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

Son Robert married (1) Blanche and (2) Rita Donovan, born Mar 4, 1921 Boston, MA, died Nov 13, 2009 Wayland, MA. He had one son, Robert John Dorey [my second cousin]. Their family is also detailed in the family of his grandfather Philip Cyrus Dorey.

Unidentified Gunnings

Census:

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

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

MA Vital Records:

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

- 1848–49 death Patrick Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 41, page 50.
- 1852 birth John Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 64, page 227.
- 1853 birth John P. Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 73, page. 246.
- 1856 marriage Mary Ann Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 100, page 266.
- 1858 marriage Timothy Gunning in Boston; vol. 210, page 109.
- 1858 marriage Rosanna Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 118, page 235.
- 1859 marriage Kiem Gunning in Boston; vol. 128, page 106.
- 1865 marriage John Gunning in Roxbury: vol. 163, page 207.
- 1867 death John Gunning in Roxbury; vol. 203, page 266.
- 1867 death Stephen Gunning in Roxbury; vol 203, page 266.
- 1868 marriage Timothy Gunning in Boston, also Maria Carney; vol. 210, page 109.
- 1869 birth Margaret Gunning in West Roxbury; vol. 215, page 338.
- 1877 marriage John B. Gunning and Ellen J. Goode in Brookline; vol. 290, page 209.
- 1882 birth Grace Ellen Morrison in Boston; vol. 333, page 192.
- 1887 death Timothy Gunning in Boston; vol. 384, page 232.
- 1893 death Timothy Gunning in Boston; vol. 438, page 525.
- 1897 death Margaret (Donovan) Gunning in Boston; vol 474, page 149.
- 1901 death Margaret Gunning in Springfield; vol. 517, page 196.
- 1901 marriage Timothy Gunning and Grace E Morrison in Boston; vol 515, page 295.
- 1906 death Grace Gunning in Boston; vol. 15, page 75.

Cemetery Records

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Burials in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 366 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA (thanks to Kathy Contois and Bob Dorey). Records on and before 6-6-1878 were destroyed by fire. Graves 13 and 14 are in range 83, section 6. Grave 16 is in range 34, section 7. Ages are in years unless otherwise stated.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Grave</i>
4-15-1883	Stephen Gunning [may be son of Timothy Joseph Gunning]		1	14
11-21-1884	Alice M. Gunning [may be daughter of Timothy Joseph Gunning]		8 mos.	13
12-30-1893	Timothy Gunning [the paterfamilias]	226 Lamartine St., Jamaica Plain	68	14
4-9-1897	Margaret Gunning [Margaret Donnelly, wife of Timothy Gunning]	226 Lamartine St., Jamaica Plain	72	14
4-8-1901	Joseph J. Gunning [son of Timothy Joseph Gunning]	220 Lamartine St., Jamaica Plain	18	13
7-10-1903	Harrell E. Rehin	20 Sarsfield St., Roxbury	1 mo.	13

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Grave</i>
8-7-1906	Grave Gunning [Grace, daughter of Stephen J. Gunning and Sarah Morrison, died of infectious diarrhea at age 1 year 20 days]	226 Lamartine St., Jamaica Plain	2 mos.	13
12-5-1906	Sarah M. Gunning [daughter of Stephen J. Gunning and Sarah Morrison at age 1 year 10 months 4 days]	226 Lamartine St., Jamaica Plain	1	13
5-29-1907	Stephen J. Gunning [son of Timothy Joseph and Maria J. Gunning]	226 Lamartine St., Jamaica Plain	35	14
10-5-1918	Timothy W. Gunning [Timothy William Gunning]	57 Germaine St., Jamaica Plain	44	13
12-2-1919	Maria J. Gunning [wife of Timothy Joseph Gunning]	4507 Washington St., Roslindale	70	16
4-26-1923	Margaret A. Pickett [Margaret M. (Gunning) Pickett]	82 Providence St., Hyde Park	18	16
5-29-1927	Timothy Gunning [Timothy Joseph Gunning]	82 Providence St., Hyde Park	78	16

St. Joseph's Cemetery

St. Joseph's Cemetery, 990 La Grange Street, West Roxbury, MA. Thanks to Bob Dorey for the gravestone photos. The stones only have the years; in the table below the months were provided by the cemetery.

<i>Birth</i>	<i>Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
1879	July 1914	Mary E. Dorey [Mary Elizabeth (Gunning) Dorey, daughter of John B. and Ellen J. Gunning]	37
1877	July 1923	John R. B. Gunning [John Robert Benjamin Gunning, son of John B. and Ellen J. Gunning]	45
1849	January 1932	Ellen J. Gunning [wife of John B. Gunning]	82
1852	February 1936	John B. Gunning [husband of Ellen J. Gunning]	83
1886	1972	Francis W. Gunning [Francis William Gunning, son of John B. and Ellen J. Gunning]	

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Jamaica Plain

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

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

Roslindale, which borders the area of Jamaica Plain, was originally part of the town of Roxbury. In 1851 it, like Jamaica Plan, seceded to become West Roxbury. In 1873 it was annexed to Boston.