Margaret Harkins diary - trip to Scotland and Ireland

One of the most amazing things I managed to collect over my years of genealogy is a copy (actually photos of a photocopy) of Margaret Harkins' diary of her trip to Scotland and Ireland.



Figure 1:Margaret Harkins Smith - date unknown.

Margaret was the mother of my mother's mother. Born 1 Jan 1883, she was 21 when she took the trip back to Scotland and Ireland to visit relatives, traveling "steerage" or 3rd class. Her father Neal Harkins was born in Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He and his wife Mary nee Duffy emigrated to the US, arriving in Philadelphia, somewhere between 1859 and 1862. They brought two children with them and had ten more in the US, the last of which was Margaret. I seem to recall Mary Regina (Smith) Daniel telling me that she was a rather quiet woman, so this trip must have been very exciting!

On August 13, 1904 she left Philadelphia by train and by noon was already departing by ship, which she later called the *Ethiopia*. This crossing by ship is an amazing contrast to Neil and Mary's immigration in 1856, nearly 50 years earlier. They took their two infants with them on the ship to Philadelphia, which according to a cousin K. Zieger, have been called "coffin ships". Both babies died and had to be buried at sea – what a horrible trip. Margaret on the other hand enjoys the time on deck, the food, the company, and reports seeing porpoises, whales and much else, surely for the first time in her life. The first passengers landed August 23 in Ireland, and she herself August 24 in Glasgow.

In Scotland she stayed with relatives in Greenock, where her parents had lived, helping harvest potatoes and taking trips as far as Edinburgh. It seems she was invited to all friends and relations in both countries, who made sure she saw all the sights and places important in Scottish and Irish history and literature. This

pride in the poets and authors made me ask myself how literate the people here were, and how things had changed since 1856. The Irish census recorded who could read and write, so this was a concern. I didn't find solid numbers for either place, but a graph of literacy in England shows it at 70% for men and 60% in 1860, rising to close to 100% by 1900. Given the poverty caused by the potato famine, I imagine the rates were much lower in Ireland. Of course, people probably also appreciated their heroes by hearing the poems read aloud. I wondered if Margaret might have been seen as a success story of American immigrants, since she was able to afford to cross the ocean and travel so much. Of course, we don't know who paid for various things, but it seems the relatives she visited weren't poor. I can't imagine her parents ever visited tea hat shows in their Scottish days.

The family was obviously very Catholic at this time (today 16% of Scotland is Catholoic and 42% belongs to the protestant Church of Scotland). Outings are quite often to visit churches, and Margaret attends many services, "benedictions" and enjoys singing with the choir.

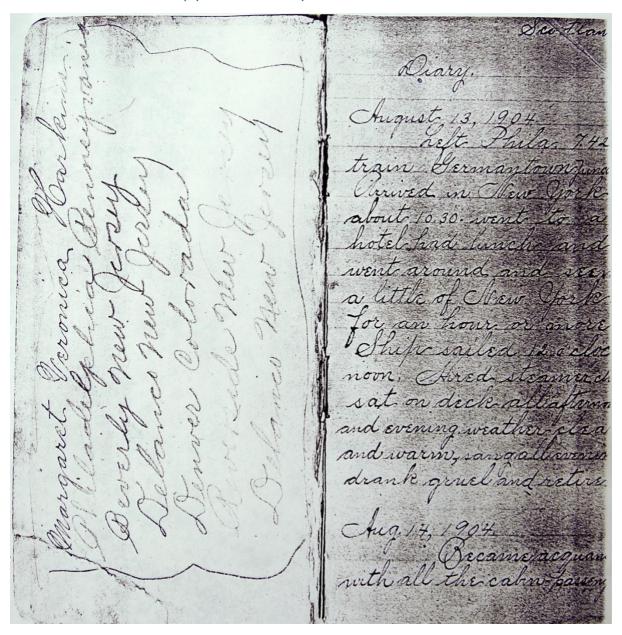
On October 24 after two months, there was a farewell party for Margaret and she travelled to Ireland and soon wrote of being in Letterkenny in county Donegal. Her last dated entry was November 6, so presumably she sailed home soon after that, but didn't record the trip back.

This was an amazing trip and she met two aunts, one uncle, six cousins, two more could-be cousins and a host of "friends" who may also be related. That means there's a lot of work that we genealogists could take on.

At the end of this document, you'll find a transcription of the diary, but try reading her original handwriting to get a feel for the times and this remarkable young woman! There are also lists of names of people and places with some further information

Bill Kelly, 21 September 2023

Photos of a Photocopy of the Diary



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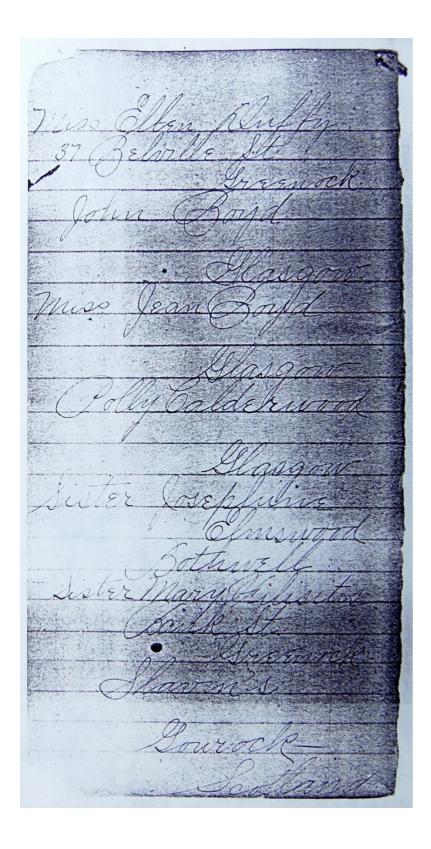
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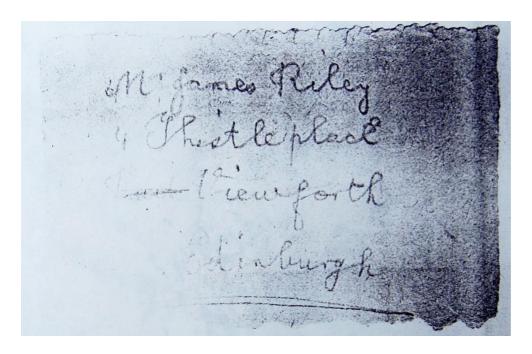
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Oct 23-1904

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Transcription of the diary

I've put my comments in square brackets. Obvious spelling errors are marked [sic]. Words I couldn't decipher reliably I marked with a ?. If I couldn't even guess a word or letters, I used x's or __. My comments are in square brackets.

It may help to know that Wikipedia defines a jaunting car as "a light two-wheeled carriage for a single horse, with a seat in front for the driver. In its most common form with seats for two or four persons placed back to back, with the foot-boards projecting over the wheels and the typical conveyance for persons in Ireland at one time." I numbered the pages here, but there are no numbers in the original.

Inside cover

[This text was presumably added later in a different handwriting with the addresses she lived in her entire life, as there is a photo of the family – she with her first two children – in Denver, Colorado – which it shocked me to learn they had travelled so far, yet ended up back in New Jersey!]

Margaret Veronica Harkins

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Beverly New Jersey

Delanco New Jersey

Denver Colorado

Riverside New Jersey

Delanco New Jersey

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[Some words were cut off in the photocopy, so I end those here with __ if the ending wasn't obvious.]

Scotland

Diary

August 13, 1904

Left Phila 7.42 train to Germantown Juna [?] Arrived in New York about 10.30 went to a hotel had lunch and went around and seen a little of New York. For an hour or more. Ship sailed 12 o'clock noon. Hired streamer ch__ sat on deck all afternoon and evening, weather clear and warm, sang all evening drank gruel and retired.

Aug 14, 1904

Became acquainted with all the cabin passengers.

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[Wikipedia notes: Steerage is a term for the lowest category of passenger accommodation in a ship. Beds were often long rows of large shared bunks with straw mattresses and no bed linens. From their description, steerage could be rather awful, but for Margaret it was quite pleasant.]

Divine service on deck for steerage passengers no minister or priest, just an ordinary woman and man very amusing.

Crew drill 8-30.

Beautiful day on deck just a ripple on the ocean. weather clear and warn no land.

Aug 15 1904

Sat on deck read a story in the morning. Played uchre [sic] in the afternoon. Joined in a little concert in the evening took several walks around the deck and retired. Weather clear and warm. no land.

Aug 16, 1904

Took a walk around the deck, sat down read a letter in the morning.

Played checkers in the afternoon saw a large amount of poroises [sic] fish very large also seal gulls weather rain and fog. evening concert and played uchre. no land.

Aug 17, 1904

Very damp on deck just walked around the deck several times then went down to Dining room and had a delightful time playing games singing and listening.

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to stories & arguments weather foggy. No land.

Aug 18, 1904

Crossed Banks of Newfoundland very cold. Saw more porpoise fishes. Steamship Columbia passed saluted & salute returned sat on deck in the evening and had a joyful time singing Scotch, Irish & American song and recitations weather cold. no land.

Aug 19, 1904

Still very cold on deck, as we are not passed the banks of Newfoundland as yet

Sat watching large waves. Ship rocking very much. Beautiful moon light night walking around deck. Concert & dancing weather cold & clear. no land.

August 20, 1904

Beautfiul day. Sat on deck all day & evening steam ship Anchoria passed, saw a large whale, Ship stopped for a few minutes was met by a small row boat containg [sic] two men who gave our crew a parcel. I think it was all news papers. It was a daring thing for

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those two men in the small out in the middle of ocean for the waves were large and wild. Saw large Cable Boat anchored, weather clear and warm, no land.

Aug 21, 1904

Crew drill 8.30 very exciting. No service pleasant on deck. Reading in the morning. Played checkers in afternoon walked around deck several times, went down to dining room sang hymns with other passengers. A jolly time among ourselves

Weather clear and cool. no land.

Aug 22, 1904

Steerage Passengers dancing on deck and singing. Dances of all kind jigs, reels, waltzs [sic], sets. One of the passengers played violin, very good fun. Sun very strong I am red as Indian Playing uchre oln deck. Recitations and singing. weather clear and warm. no land.

Aug 23, 1904

Sitting on deck watching for landing sea gulls following ship in hundreds large and beautiful. Took a nap after dinner, first sight of land about 4-30 o'clock in afternoon. Hills and

Fine lunch served

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[Here Margaret refers to Torry Island, spelled (at least now) Tory Island, and closest to the town of Falcarragh, where months later she'll visit relatives she never specifically names. There is a lighthouse on the island, but I couldn't identify anything with the name she used. There is an island Ailsa Craig that is also known as Paddys' Milestone, but it's around where the ship would have entered the Firth of Clyde en route to Glasgow. If she meant this, then she'd have seen it after Moville, which is in northern Republic of Ireland, on Lough Foyle, heading towards Derry/Londonderry. The only shipwreck called Slocum that I found went down near New York City.]



Figure 2: Places that Margaret saw from the ship Ethiopia

Mountains of Ireland. Singing irish [sic] songs and reciting to them. Passed inastraught lighthouse looked like a picture. Torry Island and Paddy's mile stone. Reached Moville at 1-30. Irish passengers got off sailed off in a tender as we waved flags and handkerchiefs and sang Auld Lang Syne. I was very touching retired at two in the morning.

Aug 24, 1904

Arose at five in morning. Weather beautiful, clear and warm. Up on deck watching beautiful scenry [sic] of Bonnie Scotland

Saw ruins of Ship Slocum. Passed many ship yards. Arrived in Glasgow at two o'clock [I wonder if they didn't land at Port Glasgow near Greenock, a much more practical place for a ship to land]. Fine dinner before leaving ship. Farewell Ethiopia

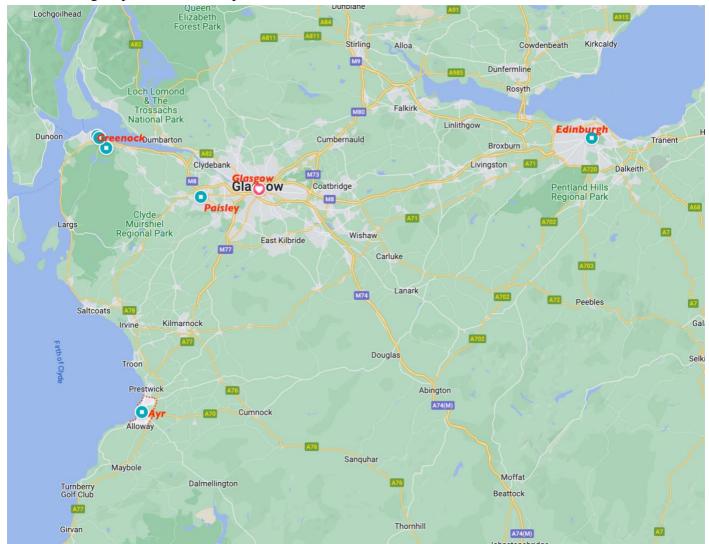


Figure 3: These are the places Margaret saw during her trip to Scotland. She travelled up to 72 miles from her headquarters in Greenock1

Aug 24, 1904

Was on Main street of Glasgow, saw a kiltie soldier. Uniform was a white tight fitting jacket, plaited kilted skirt above the knees, low hose and plaid glengarry bonnet. Very busy city. Electric cars are large with top and bottom car. Fine large stores. Tenement houses. People wearing summer

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dresses and furs.

Aug 25, 1904

Walk to Prince's Pier Greenock. Pleasant watching ships coming in. Evening attended party given for me by cousin John Brennen. –

Greenock Tenement Houses

Aug 26, 1904.

Social tea at uncle Patrick Brennen's.

Aug. 27, 1904

Long walk on Maine [sic] street of Greenock in afternoon. Evening attended party given for me by cousins John & Jean Ward

Aug. 28, 1904

Heard mass at Saint Lawrence's church. Had tea and spent a pleasant afternoon with a Miss Rose Mc Kenzie and several other friends. evening took a long walk and retired.

Aug. 29, 1904

Walk to Auch Mountain Glen Boys Well. Pretty place like a park. Arranged by boys who were idle. They have beautiful flowers planted and a nice hot house for them. Grounds loaned by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart in the year of 1886. There is

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a nice stream of water and four beautiful white swans swiming [sic] in it.

They have two nice wells for drinking purposes on top of one is large design like a cross made of shell and on a brass plate is this inscription.

[apparently intended to be added but never done so]

And on top of the other are three busts one of [Robert] Burns, [Sir Walter] Scott and Walter and on a brass plate inscribed

Aug 30., 1904

Social gathering in cousin Nellie Leak's.

Aug. 31, 1904

Mc Fadyen's tea lovely time large gathering of friends. arrived home three a.m. good fun with conversation lozenges. Chorus singing.

Sept 1, 1904

Dinimng's [?] tea. A lovely and laughable time played a trip to Paris, Housekeeping musical-chairs. Games of Cake Walk. singing, dancing, Chorus Rule Britania [sic] Auld Lang Syne

Miss Maggie & Ellen Dining School teachers.

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Sept. 2, 1904

Flower show and Concert Municipal Buildings enjoyed it immensely

Sept. 3, 1904

Drive to Inverkip with coaching Party

Went to country road saw Lady Alice Stewart sketching and Sir Hugh Stewart fishing on their grounds. [See References to People] They own Greenock. Drove all over their grounds which are beautiful. Remained for one hour in Inverkip. Return by seaside road saw Clock Lighthouse.

Ashton seaside Resort a beautiful place. A row of houses built on a high hill between two rows of trees. looked like a picture

Drove through pretty parts of Greenock

Had tea with Miss Dining. Evening took a walk with aunt & returned

Sept 1, 1904 continued

Visited St. Mary school. One little tot is Miss Dining's room at the age of three years made a large class obey. After school hours the teachers and sister Mary Filicitis aunt Ellen and I had a pleasant afternoon playing a Trip to Paris and singing and playing Piano coon songs sister's favorite.

Sept. 4, 1904

Attended Mass.

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In Saint Mary's Parish [probably this]. Was in the Choir a very nice little Chapel. Evening out visiting nearly drowned in rain and high winds going up Carnation Lane was blew half way down again couldn't hold up an umbrella.

Sept. 5, 1904

As it was rainy heavily remained in house reading & writing during morning. Spent afternoon pleasantly with Dining family. Evening sociable gathering at rose Mc Kenzie's.

Sept 6, 1904

Heavy rains remained in house during day read story evening went out for a long walk and went to visit cousins Brennens.

Sept 7, 1904

Walk through country parts of Greenock a trolley ride to Prince's Pier and a long walk on Main Street.

Sept 8, 1904

Rained heavily during day writing spent a pleasant evening with Rose McKenzie and the Miss Dynan's.

Sept 9, 1904

Still heavy rain and high wind.

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storm during day read a story welsh singer evening had company.

Sept. 10, 1904

Was to Organ Recital in Municipal Building in afternoon. Evening pleasantly spent with Mrs. Ladyen [?] family.

Sept 11, 1904

Was to Mass in St Mary's Chapel in Choir evening to convent to see the sisters. Had a grand time singing, Music through garden and in chapel. Was to priest's house introduced to father's Gibbons & Leary.

Sept 12, 1904

Excursion into Kerry-Croy [A small settlement on Kerrycroy Bay on the east coast of the island of Bute] Beautiful Sail to and a drive to Kerry Croy. Were all through the Marquis of Bute's grounds. Saw exterior of chapel private a Beautiful picture of our Blessed Lady and Holy Child and a sanctuary camp outside

A Highlander's band and Scotch dances on Village green. Sitting in open brake coming home rain pouring down on us.

Sept 13, 1904

Long walk and spent Evening with Mrs. and Mr. Fayden pleasantly.

Sept 14, 1904

Afternoon walk in west of Town.

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Evening at a Tea Party given by Mrs. McKenzie and daughter Rose. Lots of fun with Mr. Kennedy in a Trip to Paris.

Sept. 15, 1904

Nice walk through town.

Sept. 16, 1904

A Trip to Ayr. Left Prince's Pier on train for Paisley. Changed cars at Paisley for Ayr [58 miles away by car today, or a train ride of 1 hour, 50 minutes, still with a transfer in Paisley, a town west of Glasgow]. Arrived in Ayr 10-50. Went to Tam O Shanter Inn and had refreshments viewed relics and sat on Tam O Shanter and Sutter Johnny's chairs [the two men being subject of a Robert Burns poem]. Went by trolley to Burns' Cottages. Very antique kitchen and bedroom in one

Room. One story high. Sitting room chest of drawers & table, 3 chairs Sutter Johnny's Tam O'Shanter's and burns. Open fire grate stone floors Kitchen bed built in wall open fire grate on floor. A small table & dinner set of blue and white porcelain ware on shelves, cooking untensils [sic] x hang around fire place, 2 chairs keep together by wires. Stable stalls for three horses small room next to stable for farming tools. All white washed walls. Roof thatched with straw. Left cottage and viewed farm and sun clock also relics. Next went to Monument of Burns beautiful place. Dancing on Brig O Doon.

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also singing to Music of old Violin Player. also visited grade yard of Burns' parents Ruins of church built in 1516. Went in Monument Hotel had refreshment. Went by trolley to Town arrived different places of Interest had dinner in Ayr hotel went bz brake to Race course. Saw Horse Race very exciting. After race took a walk through town purchased a few presents visited one of Carnegie's Public Liraries. Had Tea in Cafe. Boarded tram for Greenock Stop in McFadyen's and a nice social time

and retired.

Sept. 17, 1904

Was to Organ Recital in Town Halls Greenock. Saw Shanghram? Island. Visit to St. Mary's Chapel walk along town

Sept 18, 1904

A trip to Greenock. Was to Benediction in St. Ninan's? Chapel and had tea with Mrs. Slavin? Sept 20, 1904

Was to theater?? Royal Greenock With Mr Joyce to see the?? Priest of the Temple. Fruit for refreshment. Gents keep caps on.

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in Theatre Have to purchase Programs one penny. Ladies also keep hats on.

Trip to Edinburgh

First on Promenade on Prince's St. Benediction in Sacred Heart Jesuit fathers. A beautiful Church balcony around main alter an altar containing costly jewels of duchess of Bachleuk? she was a convert and left the money to build alto. Sunday heard mass in Sacred Heart Parish Evening attended Benediction in St Margaret's Convent

Chapel. Brandisig?? school for rich children. Retreat Sunday Blessed sacrement exposed Canon Mac Donnell who is stationed in Convert gave Benedictions trains in sister's garbs

Euchre with Mrs? Dylan - Miss Riley and Mrs Riley. Pairs instead of Rose was in E Castle St Margaret's Chapel. Also was in Prison of Castle saw Soldiers drilling Was in St Giles Catchet(ral) saw John Knox's

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House and where he is buried. Also was in House of Parliament. All through Holyrood Palace was in Queen Mary's bed chamber. Was on High Street where all the murders and Robberies were committed.

Sept 30

Mrs. Colligans Tea

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Miss Mc Closkey Tea Hat show -

Oct 4 1904

A trip to xxxxxx in People's Palace. Dinner in Mikado Empire. evening - Mr. Riley

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A drive to Innerkar?? Afternoon Mr Riley Evening Theatre Royal sentenced for Life - Mr. Riley Oct 8 1904

Dinner and tea with Miss Caldorwood. Swell Affair

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Oct 10 1904 Ward [That was her host?]

Cousin Jean Brer Farewell Party

Walk on Hyle Road, Visit St Mary's Boy's School.

Oct 13 1904

Theatre Royal Greenock with Mr Wisdom a Life's Revenge through St Lawrence's school

Oct 12 1904

O'Kane's Tea

Oct 15 1904

Visited Canon O'Reilly Glasgow Canon Vomier? Rutherglynn Sister Josephine

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Oct 19, 1904

Morning went to Greenock Cemetery. Afternoon was all through Service's. Bakery Tea with Dinah family. evening 8.20 left Custom House Quay on boat Mastiff for Ireland. Farewell to Bonnie Scotland.

Very rough crossing Irish channel bad fog boat stop for some time Rough going through the Miles.

Oct 20, 1904

Arrived in Londonderry about 6 a.m. Had lunch in Brown's Eating House. Went by jaunting car to railway Station. Went by train to Fahn by Ferry to Rathmillard 6 by Jaunting car to Milford Town had refreshments then five miles to Cranford 5:30 P.M. Party in Aunt Susan Harkins House.

Oct 21, 1904

Was to Cranford Park and Post Office

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Oct 22 1904

Had dinner and Tea with Mclour family. When I went Home A large gathering of friends had assembled and we had a jolly time.

Oct 22 1904

Went to Milford Fair On the way saw the spot where Lord Latrim was shot. Returned from Fair by Jaunting Car. Had a jolly time singing.

Oct 23' 1904

Had a walk

around Cranford evening a little Social gathering.

Oct 24 - 1904

During day was visiting friends. Evening entertaining Company. Dancing and singing. Walk to well J. Gallagher

Oct 25 - 1904

Was gathering Potatoes in field. Evening had a large Farewell party. I had a delightful time in Irish reels and sets.

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Walk to the well with Barney McCue. Dancing on the lawn

Oct 26-1904

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Had lunch with cousin Sarah McGinley. Went by Jaunting Car over 12 miles to Letterkenny. Went by train to Fralcarragh [Falcarragh?]. Walked over two miles to Old town Donegal. [This can't be the actual town of Donegal, it's not in walking distance! It could be Oldtown, which Wikipedia says is "is a district of Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland, in the parish of Conwal and Leck to the south of the River Swilly."]

Oct 28 1904

Heard mass in St Patrick's Chapel Gartahourck [today Gortahork – one church there is now a hotel, but probably not the chapel she mentions]. Chapel built in shape of cross. Afternoon walk along the river side. Oct 29 1904

Attended Rosary and Benediction in St Ninen's Chapel Gallcarragh [Falcarragh?]. A walk through chased nearly a mile by a young who was having

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fun frightening us.

Nov 5 1904

Had supper with Mr and Mrs McGarvey.

Nov 6 1904

Heard mass in St Patrick's Chapel Gartahourch. [Gortahork]

Evening visited Miss Gallagher and father.

[Here an abrupt end to the diary]

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Mrs. Dynan

37 Belville St

Greenock

Mrs. Mc Fadyen

48 Main St

Greenock

Miss Rose McKenzie

Greenock

Andrew Wisdom

45 Main St.

Greenock

Susie Reiley

45 Thistle Place

Edinburgh

James Riley

45 Thistle P

Edinburgh

William Sherdian

Greenock

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Miss Ellen Duffy

37 Belville St Greenock

John Boyd

Glasgow

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Miss Jean Boyd
Glasgow
Polly Calderwood
Glasgow
Sister Josephine
Elmswood Bothwell
Sister Mary Filisitis
Bank St.
Greenock
Slavin's
Greenock
Scotland

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Scotland

Death__ crepe on door.

A white curtain drawn down on window. Corpse dressed for burial immediately after death laid on a table or in bed till day of funeral. Then put in a coffin and buried very few are taken into Church Those that are take to Church remain in it over night. No women at funeral.

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European Money Farthon farthing $-\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent hawpenny - ½ " " " penny - 1 centthripny piece or three pence -3 cents sixpence – 6 " shilling – 12 " Florin – 24 " halfcrown – 2 shillings 6 pence four shilling piece Crown or 5 shillings half soverign [sic] – half pound Soverign [sic] 1 pound Guineau 1 lb 1 shilling 20 lbs. / hundred dollars Tuppences -2 cents or two pence

[This is the end of the diary]

Further References to Places

Scotland

• Page 9: "Auch Mountain Glen Boys Well" is a place still visited in the area of Greenock and described in the internet here: "It is a place of outstanding natural beauty where the Cartsburn descends the 300ft ravine through a series of spectacular waterfalls. During the Great Depression of 1887, the landowner, Sir Shaw Stewart, gave permission for local unemployed men to create a pathway through the Glen."

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- Page 12: Inverkip: Web site "Travel Scotland" writes: "Inverkip is an ancient coastal village in Inverclyde that has evolved to be a popular seaside resort with shops, bars, restaurants and a range of holiday accommodation. In the Inverkip part of Town of Renfrewshire, you will find a gruesome power-station chimney and large yacht marina.

 This small village is situated at the mouth of the River Kip as it enters the Firth of Clyde 6 miles (9½ km) southwest of Greenock in the old county of Renfrewshire. Its lands were granted to the monks of Paisley Abbey in the 12th Century and they held these until the Reformation; the village was also a centre for fishing, smuggling and in the 17th century, severe witch-hunts. It became a seaside resort with the arrival of the railway in the 1860s and is today a yachting centre. Notable buildings include Inverkip Castle (on the Ardgowan estate), home of the Shaw Stewart family, and Ardgowan House (1748)."
- Kerry- Croy: A small settlement on Kerrycroy Bay on the east coast of the island of Bute, southwest of Greenock.
- Prince's Pier was a train station in Greenock.
- Paisley Wikipedia says "a large town situated in the west <u>central Lowlands</u> of <u>Scotland</u>. Located north of the <u>Gleniffer Braes</u>, the town borders the city of <u>Glasgow</u> to the east, and straddles the banks of the <u>White Cart Water</u>, a tributary of the <u>River Clyde</u>." Today it is home to the Glasgow airport, and you wouldn't notice whether you had left Glasgow in getting there.
- Ayr a town on the Firth of Clyde about 45 miles south of Greenock, where Margaret spent much of her time.
- <u>Saint Mary's Parish</u> the closest name I found today is Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Not sure it matches her description of a "little chapel".
- Edinburgh: is 72 miles away by road! This was a big trip.

Ireland

- Londonderry: arrived by boat about 6 a.m. Went by train to Fahn [Fahan] by Ferry to Rathmillard [Rathmullan] 6 by Jaunting car to Milford Town had refreshments then five miles to Cranford 5:30 P.M.
- Cranford Wikipedia says "is a small village located in the northeast of <u>County Donegal</u>, Ireland. It is situated on the western banks of <u>Mulroy Bay</u> on the road between two larger villages, approximately 7.9 kilometres north of <u>Milford</u> and 7.9 kilometres south of <u>Carrigart</u>."
- Falcarragh is a town near the Atlantic in County Donegal. There aren't many landmarks near there it's about 45 miles to the west and a tad north of Londonderry/Derry.
- Gortahork is another town, near Falcarragh, that Margaret visited. She spells it differently.
- Greenhill is listed in ancestry.com as where Neil Harkins' father was born and lived, and is a township near Letterkenny, a town Margaret visited, both in County Donegal, Ireland.
- Letterkenny a town near Greenhill in County Donegal. (Letterkenny township in Franklin County, Pennsylvania is near where I grew up, and was named after the town in Ireland. It was founded in 1761 or 1762. See info here.)
- Oldtown near Letterkenny, called "Old town Donegal" by Margaret.

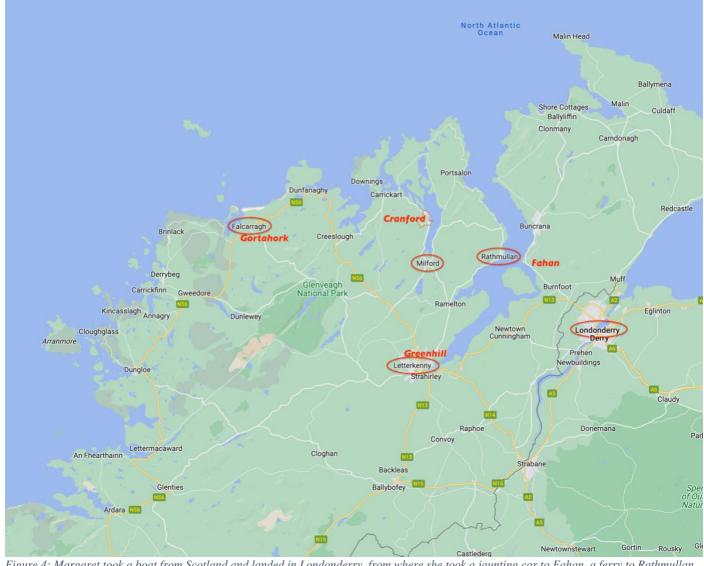


Figure 4: Margaret took a boat from Scotland and landed in Londonderry, from where she took a jaunting car to Fahan, a ferry to Rathmullan, and travelled further by land to Milford and finally Cranford. She visited people in Greenhill, Letterkenny, Fallcarragh.

References to Relatives and Friends

Margaret had a list of names and addresses at the end of the diary, but only for Scotland. Irish names have to come from the diary entries themselves. She moves from Scotland to Ireland on October 19. Names like Ellen Duffy raise the question whether this is a "spinster" sister of Margaret's mother, or the wife of a Duffy uncle.

- Aunt Ellen on page 10. Is she the same as Ellen Dining on page 11? More likely: Miss Ellen Duffy, 37 Belville St Greenock would perhaps be a cousin, i.e. daughter of a brother of Margaret's mother Mary nee Duffy Harkins.
- Mc Fayden or Fadyen: "Sept 13, 1904. Long walk and spent Evening with Mrs. and Mr. Fayden pleasantly." This would be in Greenock. According to my name register, her father Neil Harkins was the child of Hugh Harkins and Rose McFayden.
- Aug 25: Evening attended party given for me by cousin John Brennen.
- Aug 26, 1904.: Social tea at uncle Patrick Brennen's
- Aug. 27, 1904: Long walk on Maine [sic] street of Greenock in afternoon. Evening attended party given for me by cousins John & Jean Ward
- Aug 30., 1904: Social gather in cousin Nellie Leak's.
- Oct 10 1904 Ward [That was her host?] Cousin Jean Brer Farewell Party
- Oct 20: Aunt Susan Harkins, Cranford, Ireland

• Oct 26- 1904: "Had lunch with cousin Sarah McGinley" in Ireland, last place mentioned was Cranford. (Next is Letterkenny.)

References to Friends and Less Likely Relations

- Miss Dynan's sometimes spelled Dinings.
- Miss Rose McKenzie, Greenock
- Andrew Wisdom, 45 Main St, Greenock
- Sept 20: Was to theater in Edinburgh with a Mr Joyce.
- Susie Reiley, 45 Thistle Place, Edinburgh
- James Riley, 45 Thistle P, Edinburgh
- William Sherdian, Greenock
- John Boyd, Glasgow
- Miss Jean Boyd, Glasgow
- Polly Calderwood, Glasgow

In Ireland

- Oct 22 Mclour family
- Oct 24 J. Gallagher. Nov 6: Miss Gallagher and father
- Oct 25: Barney McCue
- Nov 5: Mr and Mrs McGarvey

References to Scottish & Irish History

- "Sept. 3, 1904: Drive to Inverkip with coaching Party. Went to country road saw Lady Alice Stewart sketching and Sir Hugh Stewart fishing on their grounds". Gentry: Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart, 8th Baronet and wife Lady Alice Emma Thynne are described under his Wikipedia page: He was the eldest son of Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, 7th Baronet, and Lady Octavia Grosvenor, daughter of Richard Grosvenor, 2nd Marquess of Westminster. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. [2][3] He was a Captain in the 4th Battalion (Princess Louise's), the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and Honorary Colonel of the 5/6th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. ... In 1883, he married Lady Alice Emma Thynne CBE JP, daughter of John Thynne, 4th Marquess of Bath. There were no surviving children of the marriage.
- Sutter Johnny's Tam O'Shanter from Robert Burns' poem Tam O'Shanter. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tam_o%27_Shanter_(poem)
- Lord Latrim: at historyhub.ie Brian Thomas writes "On the 2nd of April 1878, the infamous Lord Leitrim was murdered. While en route to his Donegal estate traveling through Cratlagh Wood, three conspirators awaited Lord Leitrim's passing coach. Together, they shot his clerk and coachman directly in the head and pursued the fleeing Lord Leitrim. After collapsing on the ground, one of the killers bludgeoned Lord Leitrim to death with the butt end of a gun." Why infamous? "the dashing, young soldier' lost his youth as he grew into an obsessive landlord", "an unforgiving character" dealing with rebellion by "disgruntled tenant farmers." I presume the sympathies of our relatives lay with the farmers.
- Robert Burns, 1759-1796: Seems to me to be *the* hero of Scottish literature for instance, Margaret just refers to Burns, as everyone knows who is meant. He was born south of Ayr, which is presumably why Margaret went there. Wikipedia writes: "He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is in a "light Scots dialect" of English, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland." His work most familiar to me is the song Auld Lang Syne. 559 pieces of his work are online here.
- Sir Walter Scott: Wikipedia writes: "Sir Walter Scott, 1st Baronet FRSE FSAScot (15 August 1771 21 September 1832), was a Scottish historian, novelist, poet, and playwright." Ivanhoe and Rob Roy are some of his best known works today.

Web Links

I didn't put the full links into the text, but made them clickable. If you have this on paper, some of the links are:

- Auch Mountain Glen: https://inverclyderamblers.org.uk/auchmountain-glen/
- Inverkip: https://www.scotland.org.uk/guide/places/inverkip-visitor-guide
- Sir Hugh Stewart: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Hugh_Shaw-Stewart, 8th_Baronet
- Saint Mary's Parish: https://www.stmarysgreenock.org/
- Letterkenny, Franklin County, Pennsylvania:
 http://www.usgenealogyexpress.com/~pa/franklin/franklinco-hist_1887/pa_franklin_history_pg_583
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- Lord Leitrim's story: https://historyhub.ie/brian-thomas-nli-extracts-3rd-earl-of-leitrim
- Works of Robert Burns: https://www.robertburns.org/works/

Random Notes to be Moved Elsewhere

Looking for Mary Duffy born about 1840 in Greenock.

Marriage of Mary Duffy on 8 Feb 1858 to Neil Harkin in Greenock. No image or reference to parents. "Original data: *Scotland, Marriages, 1561-1910*. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013."

Ancestry.com

ScotlandsPeople.com shows a match in the 1851 census, a copy of which can be ordered for 12 GBP: DUFFY, MARY. 1851 F 11 Reference 564/28/1 Greenock Renfrew Shire.