

EDDY and IRELAND Families

Until recently I was using the bare bones given to me from a 1968 Eddy genealogy I found in the Sutro Library in San Francisco ... which said that in 1840 one James Eddy and his wife Dorothy (Ireland) and their four children, in company with Dorothy's family, were traveling from Virginia perhaps to the Toledo area, perhaps to Monroe, Michigan (about 30 miles north). James and his father-in-law were drowned in the Maumee River, and soon after Dorothy died of grief. The four children - James, Sarah Jane, Marion and Mary Ellen, aged 8, 7, 5 and 3 - were taken in by family friends, Orry and Laviah Adams¹ in Monroe, Monroe Co., Michigan. The article gave short biographies of each child.

Over the years I have fleshed out this narrative, and gradually discovered the lives of some of these people...

First, the Eddys and the Irelands had been in Ohio for a number of years; James Eddy and Dorothy Ireland married in 1832 in Logan Co., Ohio. Further, Dorothy's father, William, was enumerated in Ohio in 1820 and 1830, and Dorothy had an older brother and an older sister, each married. Why were the four little orphans not taken in by family? I don't know.

James Eddy was born on 20 Mar 1832; in one census he is said to have been born in Pennsylvania, others in Virginia; Ohio is much more likely. He died on 07 May 1904. He married Adeline Calkins 10 Mar 1857 in Frenchtown, Monroe Co., but they moved about 1865 to Toledo, Ohio - about 30 miles south. They had six children.

Sarah Jane Eddy was born on 30 Sep 1833 and died on 10 Aug 1910 in Detroit. She married James Arnold Reynolds on 02 Sep 1857 in Monroe. Their children were born and raised in Monroe County, and some family members remain there.

Marion Eddy was born about 1835. She is said to have died in California. She married William McClain on 07 May 1866 in Monroe, and that's all I know.

Mary Ellen Eddy was born in Nov 1837 in Maumee, Lucas Co., Ohio but grew up in Monroe. She married first to Oliver Rose in 1855 in Monroe Co.; they had a little girl, Sarah Laviah, who was a year old when her father died about Feb 1859 in Summerfield,

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Orry and Laviah Adams had a hotel in Monroe. Orion (Orry) Adams was born 11 May 1788 in Medfield, MA, and there is some evidence that he was a descendant of John Adams, second president of the US. Orry married in 1809 to Lois Bigelow and they had a daughter Mary Ann. Orry enlisted in the US Army in June of 1814, and resigned a few months later, January of 1815. He never returned to his wife, who went with a brother possibly to North Carolina or Virginia. He married Laviah Hinds about 1825, probably in New York and the two seem to have been in Ohio by 1836. They and daughter Mary were in Monroe in the 1840 Census. Orry Adams died in 1854 Estate of Orry Adams; Monroe Co., MI, Book 44 p 367. refers to "my adopted son James Eddy" and to his adopted daughter Mary Eleanor Eddy.



Mary Ellen Eddy

Monroe Co. Mary Ellen married William Lace on 23 Jun 1860 in Monroe. What happened to him I don't know, but the next year she married Dr Darius Loree and the family moved to Ridgeway, Lenawee Co., Michigan. There she had two more children, Adah Rhoda Loree, in 1862, and Ira Dean Loree in 1869. She died on 08 Feb 1873 in Ridgeway, and is buried there.

The name Laviah - it is an unusual name, but not rare - is found in families descended from these first Eddys. Sarah Laviah was the first, but her granddaughter was also Laviah; a Reynolds daughter named her daughter "Vie."

Laviah grew up with Dr Loree as a father, and was usually called "Vie Loree." She remained close, I think, to her half-brother Ira Dean; my father remembered him as being a rustic country doctor, but he was actually a [highly-respected physician](#) and [professor](#) in Ann Arbor. "Vie" named her second son, my great-uncle, Dean.

Origins

The Eddy and Ireland families – what I have thus-far discovered is that the Irelands came from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, from Frederick County originally, later Botetourt Co. It was a large family (see Ireland Genealogy, and Other Irelands). I have found no clear trace of James or Jacob Eddy, but in Bellefontaine, Logan Co. there was a Morgan Eddy, with a similar migration pattern to the Irelands (who also, as we know, were in Logan Co.). My guess is that James Eddy who married Dorothy Ireland was a brother or possibly a cousin of Morgan Eddy. What is clear is that both families were established in Ohio, first in Logan County, later in Maumee County, beginning in the later 1820's. The distance from Bellefontaine to Toledo is 100 miles, about a four day walk by land.

Another interesting sideline -

When I was at the Sutro Library, , mentioned above, I also found a Frances Eddy, and this was the wife of Dean Lucking, my great-uncle. Frances Eddy's Eddy line was, however, from Vermont.