

Research Plan for Edward Noble

Objective

The objective of this research is to trace Edward Noble back to Ireland to find the family's origins and Edward's place of birth.

Known Information

Edward Noble was born in Ireland about 1826 based on data found in the 1861 UK census. The 1870 US census gives his birth date as about 1830 but all other events yield 1826 based on age at time of event. Edward's parents may be John and Mary Noble from an unconfirmed IGI record. Edward's marriage record lists John Noble as his father.

Mary Devine was born in Ireland about 1831 based on data found in the 1861 UK census. This same IGI records listed Mary's parents as a John and Rose Devine of Ireland. John Devine was listed as Mary's father on the GRO marriage record.

Chronology			
Event	Date	Description	Age
Son:	26 Nov 1851	Thomas Noble; 14 Court Paul Street, Liverpool, Lancashire, England from GRO birth record	25
Marriage:	02 Aug 1852	Mary Devine; Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England, witnessed by John Noble and Alice Kane, from IGI record, confirmed by GRO marriage record. The witness, John Noble, could be Edward's father or brother.	26
Son:	12 May 1853	John Noble; 30 Court Oriels Street, Liverpool, Lancaster, England from GRO birth record	27
Daughter:	circa 1855	Mary Noble; Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England	29
Son:	30 Jul 1857	Edward Noble; Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England from GRO birth record	31
Son:	11 Jan 1860	James Noble; Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England from GRO birth record	34
Residence:	1861	Pottery Yard, Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England from 1861 UK census	35
Occupation:	1861	Laborer	35
Death (son):	13 Jan 1862	James Noble died in Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England from copy of GRO death record	36
Daughter:	15 Jul 1862	Catherine Noble; Newbottle, Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England from birth record	36
Daughter:	circa 1866	Rose Noble; Pennsylvania, USA from 1870 US census	36
Son:	circa 1869	William F. Noble; Pennsylvania, USA from 1870 US census	39
Residence:	1870	Northumberland, Pennsylvania, USA from 1870 US census	40

Chronology			
Event	Date	Description	Age
Occupation:	1870	Works breaker (coal mines) based on 1870 US census	40
Citizen:	1870	Yes based on 1870 US census	40
Death:	bef. 1880	Northumberland, Pennsylvania, USA based on the fact that Mary is listed as a widow in the 1880 US census.	

Working Hypothesis

Edward Noble and Mary Devine were born in Ireland and immigrated to England from Ireland dates unknown but prior to 26 Nov 1851 since that is when Thomas is born in Liverpool. They then emigrated from England to the US after Catherine was born in 1862 and likely, no later than the date of Thomas' arrival (25 Oct 1865) at age 14, as stated in his naturalization papers.

Identified Sources and Resources

1. UK census records
2. Naturalization records
3. Death records
4. Cemetery records
5. Newspapers
6. UK Parish Registers/RC Church Records
7. RC church records - First RC cemetery in Mount Carmel Township is St. Mary's established in 1870.
8. UK passenger lists (Ireland to England)
9. Canadian passenger lists
10. US passenger lists
11. Ethnic Societies
12. Research Outline for Finding Immigrant Ancestors from Rootsweb.

Research Strategy

1. Search the 1851 UK Census to see if Edward and/or Mary can be found. This census was taken as of the 30 March 1851. Mary should be pregnant with Thomas at this time.
2. Write to Northumberland County Courthouse to obtain the naturalization papers for Edward Noble. In the 1870 US census there is a tick mark indicating that Edward was a citizen for that census.
3. Thomas baptized several children at Saint Joseph's in Locust Gap starting in 1879. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Mount Carmel was founded in 1866. Death records are still kept at the local church so try to obtain copies of these records from either St. Joseph's or Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Search the 1880 Mortality Schedule for Edward Noble.
4. I have the cemetery records for Saint Edward's Church in Coal Township where Thomas was married and baptized his oldest child but Edward is not buried there. Try to find cemetery records for St. Joseph's or Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If not, I may have to eventually make a trip to search these in person, if the cemeteries exist.
5. The first newspaper in Mount Carmel Township was established in 1877. Check with library to see if they have any of these records on microfiche. Based on experience, I know that these early editions did not have a specific obituary column so must be searched issue by issue page by page. If this is a feasible source, I will wait until I have a firm date or year to request a search.

6. Recheck County Durham web site to see if they have any of the parish registers or church records online. Search FHL catalog to see if these are available on microfilm. If so, go to local FHC and order. See if Lancashire County has a web site with any online records.
7. Write to the Diocese of Harrisburg to see if I can obtain any church records for Edward and his family. Edward had two additional children after arriving in the US and being Catholic must have had them baptized. In addition, this request will usually get me the marriage records for each child of Edward's married in the Diocese.
8. Try to find the passenger list for Edward's trip from Ireland to England. There are no arrival records for the UK prior to 1890 so this source may be a brick wall. Also, insufficient data on date of arrival in England.
9. Search Ancestry.com Canadian passenger lists since many Irish came to the US by way of Canada when they left from England. It was the shortest trip.
10. Search Ancestry.com to try to find the passenger list for Edward's trip to the United States in 1865.
 - 15 Aug 1864 Possible arrival for Edward only based on a copy of a passenger list with nothing to indicate it is my Edward Noble. Edward's naturalization papers may indicate something different (see step 2 above).
 - 28 Nov 1865 Possible arrival to US according to Thomas' Declaration of Intent (no port of entry or ship's name given)
11. Try to determine if Edward belonged to any ethnic, religious or fraternal societies and check their records.
12. Research the witnesses to Edward and Mary's marriage in the US census records.
13. If none of the above provides any clues to Edward's birthplace, revise plan to expand research to Mary Devine and to Edward's children and extend the research to his neighbor's in the 1861 UK Census.
14. Obtain more education on searching for Irish ancestors, since there are no Irish census records for this time period.