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Genealogical Research Report

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PREPARED FOR	Client: [LIVING]
SUBJECT	Dewire/Dwyer lineage
OBJECTIVE	Using documentary evidence, locate and identify any pertinent BMD information for the Dewire/Dwyer lineage from Ireland to Canada to Minnesota, United States.
BACKGROUND SUMMARY	“I would also like the Dwyer family researched as it pertains to the O’Mara family, in particular Bridget OMeara 1817 – 1891 married to Michael Dewire 1795 - 1891. ” ¹ Information used in conjunction with <i>Ancestry.ca</i> tree “[PRIVATE]” by [LIVING], and personal genealogy notes provided by [LIVING].
KEY REPOSITORIES CONSULTED	<i>Library and Archives Canada</i> (https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca) <i>Ancestry.ca</i> (https://www.ancestry.ca) <i>FamilySearch (LDS)</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/en) <i>Find a Grave</i> (https://www.findagrave.com) <i>Newspapers.com</i> (https://www.newspapers.com)
SPELLING NOTE	Surname spellings vary: Dewire, Dwyer, Dwyre, Dwier, Dewine, Dewole, Dwire, Duire, Duyre, Duaire, Deurre, Dewer, Dewyer, Dywer Dewire is used here in the first two generations, when it changes to Dwyer as the traditional Irish spelling, and except in citations, where names appear as they do in the sources.

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TIMELINE FOR MICHAEL DWYER (DEWIRE):

Facts	Date	Details	Age
Birth	1798-1810	Ireland *poss* County Kerry	0
Emigration	1800-1840	Ireland to Canada (likeliest is after 1820s) – did he arrive when he was a child and come with his parents or did he come to Canada as an adult?	2-42
Marriage?	Bef 1841	Did he have a first wife?	
Residence	Oct 1841	Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada – which Lot and Concession? Photograph it.. get maps...	43
Marriage	5 Oct 1841	To Bridget O'Meara, at St. Bridget's Church, Perth, Lanark, Ontario, by Fr. John Hugh McDonagh. St. Bridget's pre-dates St. John's Church.	43
Child is born	18 Jan 1844	Son John is born in Ontario, Canada	
Child is born	18 Nov 1845	Son Thomas is born in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada	
Child is born	26 Jan 1847	Daughter Ellen is born in Ramsay, Lanark, Ontario, Canada	
Child is born	26 Nov 1850	Son Michael Jr. is born in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario	
Residence	1850-1866	Michael has tax assessments for Concession 8 Lot 4 for the years 1855-1866 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario. Children were baptised in Blanshard and St. Mary's, both in Perth county.	
Census (fam)	1851	With wife Bridget (34), children: John (8), Tho ^s [Thomas] (7), Ellen (4) and Michael (2) – Blanchard, Perth County, Canada West [Blanshard, Perth, Ontario]. Neighbouring household is John Omara and Margaret.	53
Child is born	29 Sep 1852	Son James is born in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario	
Child is born	1 Jul 1858	Son Peter Patrick is born in St. Mary's, Perth, Ontario	
Census (fam)	1861	As Michael Dewine, With wife Bridget (43) and children John (16), Tho ^s [Thomas] (14), Helen (13), Michael (10), and Peter (3) – Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada	63
Census (fam)	1871	With wife Bridgett (55), children: John (27), Ellen (23), Micheal (18) and Peter (11) – Blanchard, South Perth, Ontario, Canada	73
Immigration	1872-1875	Canada to United States – Le Sueur County, Minn.	
Census (fam)	1 May 1875	As Merchael Denzre / Dwyre (60), with wife Bridget (55), children: John (27), Ellen (22),	77

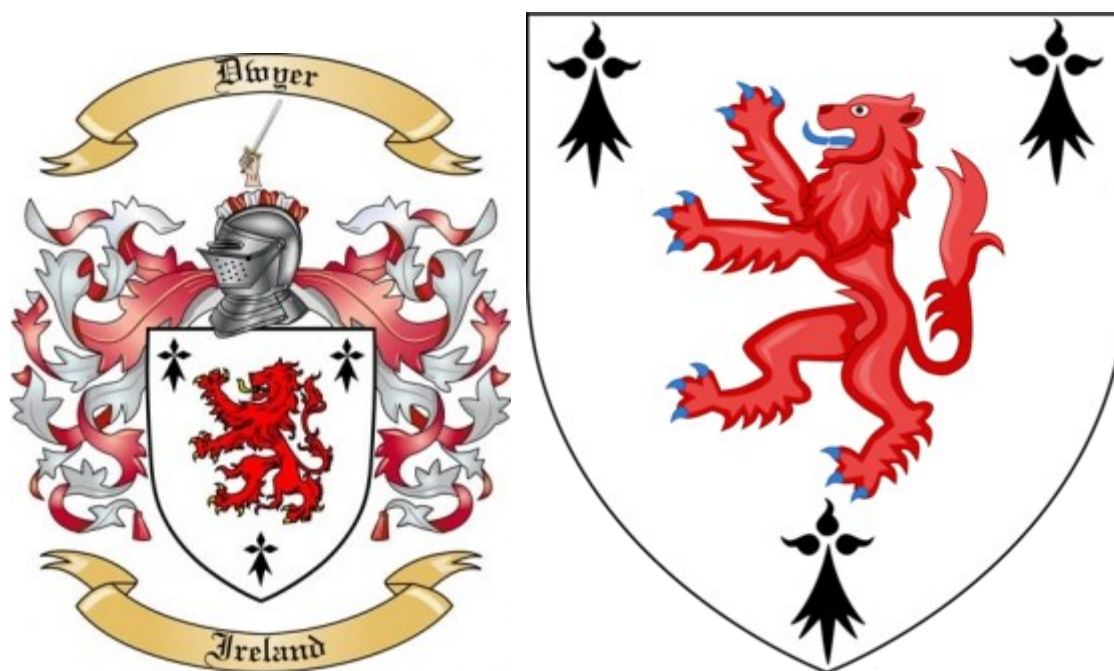
		Mike (20) and Peter (16) – Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.	
Naturalization	2 Nov 1875	Oath of Citizenship, Les Sueur County, Minnesota, United States	77
Census (fam)	1880	As Michole Dewire (60), with wife Bridget (60), children: John (35), Ellen (28) and Michoel [Michael Jr.] (26) – Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States	82
Census (fam)	1885	As Michael Dewire (79), with wife Bridget (70) and children: Ellen (32) and Michael (30) – Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, neighbouring household is Daniel Brady and wife Elizabeth	87
Census	1890	(for researchers: there is no 1890 US census, as it was destroyed)	
Death	11 May 1890	Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States	92
Burial	Aft 11 May 1890	St. Henry Cemetery, Sharon, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States	92
Wife dies	1891	The following year, his wife Bridget (O'Meara) Dwyer dies – Le Sueur County, Minnesota, USA	

Image of Farmer/Yeoman?

Michael Dwyer was a Farmer and Yeoman

IRELAND

DWYER COAT OF ARMS / FAMILY CREST



Dwyer

Dwyer is an Irish surname which is a slightly anglicised variation of O'Dwyer. It is said that people with the surname Dwyer and who come from Ireland all come from the same clan.²

A little history about the surname of Dwyer. O'Dwyer (Irish: Ó Dubhuir), also known as Dwyer, Dyer or Maguire is one of Ireland's oldest Gaelic noble or aristocratic houses, based most prominently in what is today **County Tipperary**. The name means "dark coloured", in reference to their progenitor Dubhuir mac Spealáin's hair colour. A claimed ancestor of the O'Dwyer clan was King Milesius of Spain, who according to legend conquered Ireland for the Gaels.³

² [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwyer_\(name\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwyer_(name))

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clan_O'Dwyer

County Kerry

"*Kerry*, a county of Ireland, province of Munster, 53 m. long and 41 broad; bounded E by Limerick and Cork, W by the Atlantic, N by the Shannon, which separates it from Thomond, and S by Desmond and the ocean, containing 1,040,487 acres, divided into 84 parishes. Chief rivers, the Cashing, Lane, Roughy, and Mang. The S is a plain, and fertile in corn; but the greater part is mountainous, chiefly adapted for grazing. Considerable quantities of beef, butter, hides, and tallow, are exported. It sends 4 members to parliament. Pop 205,037. Chief town, Tralee."

[From *The New London Gazetteer* (1826)]⁴

On Michael Dwyer's 1841 marriage record, it shows his parents names as "John Dwyer and Cather Fenton of Kerry." It can be assumed Michael Dwyer was likely born in County Kerry following his parents marriage, which would have been between 1798-1810.

The following shows households in Kerry for 1852. We know the Dwyer's lived in Canada at this time, however it does show the concentrated areas and parish names, which can help focus in on areas for other researchers.

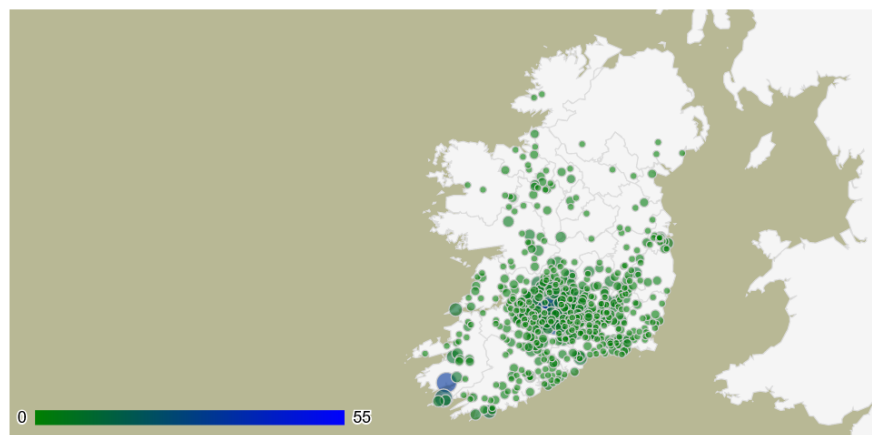
John Grenham's Irish Records website shows the Dwyer households⁵ in mid-nineteenth century Ireland had the most concentration around these counties:

Tipperary, Limerick, Cork, Kilkenny, and Kerry

Within County Kerry, the following parishes had Dwyer households in 1852:

Kilcrohane: 33	Killarney: 3	Kilgobban: 1
Killorglin: 9	Aghadoe: 3	Listowel: 1
Templenoe: 8	Knockane: 2	Tralee: 1
Kilcolman: 5	Galey: 1	Dingle: 1
Finuge: 4	Annagh: 1	O Brennan: 1
Kilbonane: 3	Kenmare: 1	O Dorney: 1

Dwyer households in mid-nineteenth century Ireland



Household numbers by county in Griffith's (1847-64), as on the map

⁴ <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/KER>

⁵ <https://www.johngrenham.com/findasurname.php?surname=Dwyer>

MICHAEL DWYER, SON OF JOHN DWYER AND CATHERINE FENTON OF COUNTY KERRY

Michael is born about 1798-1806 in Ireland, likely County Kerry

1851 census says abt 1811 Ireland
 1859 tax assessment says abt 1799
 1860 tax assessment says abt 1812
 1861 census says abt 1811 Ireland
 1861 tax assessment says abt 1803
 1862 tax assessment says abt 1802

1863 tax assessment says abt 1802
 1865 tax assessment says abt 1865
 1866 tax assessment says abt 1816
 1871 census says abt 1804 Ireland
 1871 tax assessment says abt 1810
 1872 tax assessment says abt 1810

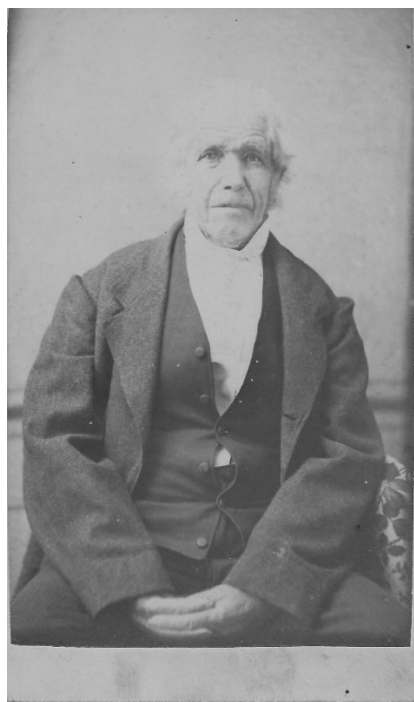
1875 census says abt 1809 Ireland
 1880 census says abt 1810 Ireland
 1885 census says abt 1806 Ireland
 His gravestone says 1798

On the 1841 marriage record for Michael Dwyer, his parentage is listed as “late John Dwyer & Cather Fenton, County Kerry.” This puts Michael’s birthplace *probable* for County Kerry, Ireland.

It is evident, Michael, like many Irish immigrants, didn’t know his birth year and often estimated his age when it came to census reports. The 1871 census shows Michael “cannot read or write” thus he likely didn’t know when he was baptised and where.

Michael was a farmer for all of his life.

Figure 1: Image of Michael Dwyer.⁶



⁶ Shared by Kevin Lind on 15 Aug 2014 <https://www.ancestry.ca/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/28330399/person/12030312446/media/47f7d81a-3da4-403e-9952-eb2c57d51a45>

CANADA

MICHAEL DWYER, continued, part two

UPON ARRIVING IN ONTARIO,

1820-1840

Sometime between 1820 and 1840, Michael Dwyer emigrated from Ireland. Did he come with his parents, or was his family caught in the Great Famine, the Irish potato famine, and pass in Ireland thus he came alone? Did he come with other brothers or sisters? Did Michael have a first wife, or any children, or was he in the military during this time?

1822

In 1822, there is a John Dwyer in the neighbouring County of Goulbourn with a land grant. Was this his father, John Dwyer of County Kerry, Ireland? When did he emigrate?

Perth and Ramsay Townships, Lanark County , Ontario, Canada (1841-1852)

Michael and Bridget are both shown on their marriage record to be residents of Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Ontario at the time of their marriage in 1841. If Michael was born in 1798, he would have been age 43 at the time of his marriage. This is quite old for a first marriage. It may be likely he was widowed in Ireland from a previous marriage or he was in the military.

Figure 2: Image of Bridget O'Meara:⁷



⁷ Shared by Ancestry user kevin lind on 2 Aug 2014: <https://www.ancestry.ca/mediaui-viewer/tree/28330399/person/12030312448/media/e7ed4d4e-81e0-475b-ab0c-216e58666561>

1841

5 Oct 1841, Michael and Bridget marry in Perth, Lanark County, Ontario, Canada, p. 65 (St. John the Baptist records). The church they were likely married in was St. Bridget's as St. John's wasn't built until 1848. There is also the chance they were married in their home.

Figure 3: Marriage record for Michael Dwyer and Bridget O'Meara:

20
 Married On the 5th day of Oct^r 1841 At the undersigned
 Michael priest of this parish have married at Perth
 Dwyer Michael Dwyer of Ramsay son of the late John
 Dwyer & Cather Fenton County Kerry - to Bridget O'Meara
 also of Ramsay daughter of John O'Meara & Johanna Foley
 County Cork In presence of John O'Mara Francis Neil
 J. H. McDonagh

Transcription:

(marriage number) 20 married Michael Dwyer and Brigit O'Meara
 On the 5th day of October 1841 I the undersigned priest of the parish have married at Perth
 Michael Dwyer of Ramsay son of the late John Dwyer & Cather Fenton County Kerry to Brdgit
 O'Meara also of Ramsay daughter of John O'Meara & Johanna Foley County Cork, In the presence
 of John O'Mara Francis Neil. [Priest/Father] J. [John] H. [Hugh] McDonagh.

From the book "The Peter Robinson's Settlers" by Carol Bennett:

"Perth is town located in Drummond Twp – Lanark County –Ontario• Bridget O'Mara to Michael Dwyer - Oct. 5, 1841 According to Carol Bennett's book, Father John MacDonald, the pioneer priest at Perth, married Bridget O'Mara and Michael Dwyer (that's how it was spelled on the marriage record) on Oct. 5, 1841 at St. John the Baptist church in Perth. Their parents are John O'Mara and Johanna Foley; John Dwyer and Catherine Fenton (the latter were not PR Settlers). They are buried behind the church at St. Henry's, Le Sueur County, MN. ...it is entirely possible that the marriage was not performed at Perth, however. Fr. MacDonald was an itinerant missionary priest who often married people in their homes!"

Baptisms and records availability

Index of baptisms for Ramsay Township:⁸

Register #1 is not available on Ancestry yet

Register #2 I've documented all of the found children:

⁸ <https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/952520:61505>

Interesting to note the John Dwire they have is for 1839, and prior to that is Honora Dwyer in 1838. I'm questioning if John and Honora are from a first marriage, prior to the 1841 marriage to Bridget O'Meara?

Various; Corkery, Fitzroy Harbour, Huntley and Ramsay Townships; 1837-1903: (105 pages)

Honora Dwyer:

Page 63/105, first entry

<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/952520:61505>

No. 1: November 26, 1837, Baptized Honora, Legitimate daughter of John Dwyer and Honora Maxwell. Born the 15th November same year. The Sponsors were John and Mary Kelly.

John Dwire:

<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/952520:61505>

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No. 113: The same day. Baptized, John born 30th June same year legitimate son of John Dwire & Honora Maxwell. The Sponsors were Martin Marion and Margaret Leary.

Martin Dwyre:

<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/952520:61505>

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No. 241: Baptized Martin Born 25th December 1842 the legitimate son of Jno Dwyer and Honora Maxwell. Sponsors were Edward & Mary Anne (Maxwell is written on left edge – perhaps it is for the sponsors as well as for clarifying mother's maiden name)

Figure 4: all documented Dwyer/Dewire children for Ramsay area:

Dwyer - Honora - 1838.	"	1	"	1
Dwire - John - 1839.	"	1	"	11
Dwyre - Martin - 1843.	"	1	"	25
Dwire - Thomas - 1845.	"	2	"	10
Dwire - Eleanor - 1848.	"	2	"	23
	Register #		Page #	
Dwyer - James - 1849.	"	2	"	27

The latter is James Dwyer,

Jany 24th 1849, James born on the 6th November 1848, Thos. Dwyer & Mary Shehan, Sps. Wm & Anne Slatery, (priest) Edward Vaughn Priest

Son John is born 18 Jan 1844 and is baptised at ?...

Image:

1845

Son Thomas is born 18 Nov 1845 and is baptised 14 Dec 1845 at Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Ontario [Upper Canada]

Figure 5: Baptism of Thomas Dwire:

Ramsay

Dec: 14 1845	Baptised <u>Thomas Brine</u> 17 Member	same year legitimate son of Michael
	<u>Dwire</u> and <u>Bridget Wadd</u> the sponsors	were <u>Timothy Foley</u> and <u>Eleanor Kennedy</u>
Feb: 20		<u>Timothy</u> <u>Smith</u> <u>ville</u>

1847

Daughter Ellen is born 26 Jan 1847 and is baptised 20 Feb 1848 at Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Ontario, Canada (baptismal name is Elinor):

Figure 6: Baptism of Eleanor (Ellen) Dwire:

Feb: 20 1848 Baptised Elinor born Jan 26 same year legitimate daughter of Michael Dwire & Bridget Wadd both of the Township of Ramsay, the sponsors were James Walsh and Elinor Moran

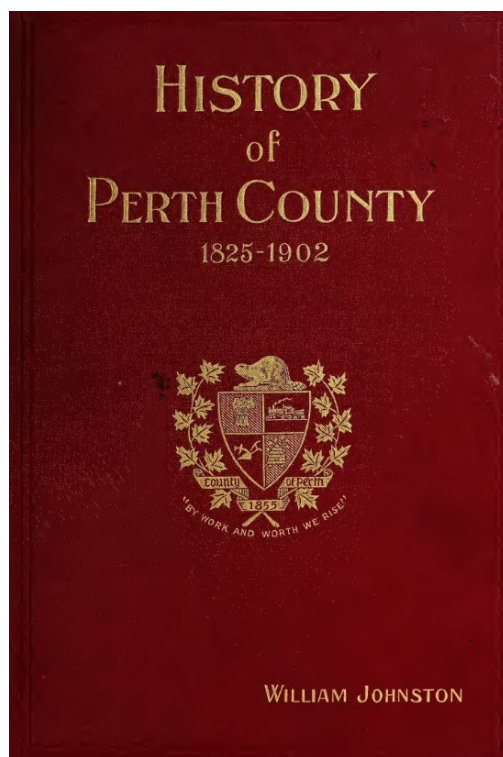
Timothy Smith ville

1848-1849

The Dwyer family migrated to southern Ontario in the Perth County region.

Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada (1850-1872)

Figure 7: Cover of the book, *History of Perth County 1825-1902* by William Johnston:



The following four pages are an excerpt from the book “History of the County of Perth” by William Johnston⁹ for which the surname Dwyer is mentioned, and records show it pertains to Michael Dwyer.

On page 219, 2nd paragraph “**Its soil was uniformly so good, that in a period extending from 1841 to 1848, every acre was claimed by owners, lessees, or “squatters.”**” This could be one of the main reasons they (the Maras, Foleys, and Dwyers) all moved south, was as they were farmers and worked the land – the soil was better here and their farms would flourish. As evidenced by tax assessments, this indeed was the case for Michael Dwyer.

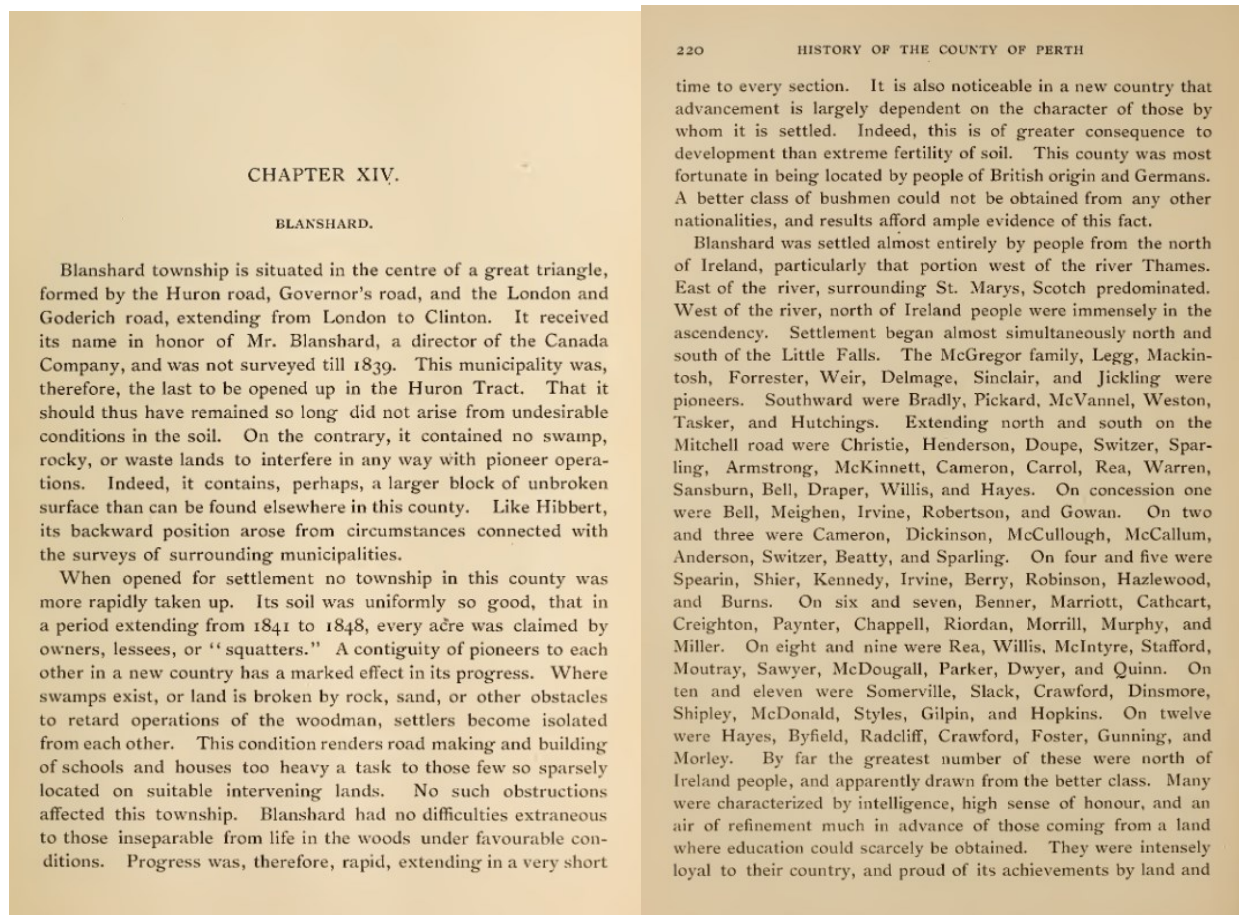
On page 220 2nd paragraph beginning “**Blanshard was settled almost entirely by people from the north of Ireland, particularly that portion west of the river Thames. East of the river, surrounding St. Marys, Scotch predominated. West of the river, north of Ireland people were immensely in the ascendency. Settlement began almost simultaneously north and south of the Little Falls.**” and middle “**On eight and nine were Rea, Willis, McIntyre, Stafford, Moutray, Sawyer, McDougall, Parker, Dwyer, and Quinn.**”

⁹ History of the County of Perth, Johnston, William, Stratford, printed by W.M. O’Beirne, at the Beacon Office, 1903, *Electric Canadian.com* (<https://electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/historyofcountyofperth.pdf>)

On page 221 2nd paragraph at bottom it reads “**the first patents for land were granted in Blanshard as follows:**” (the next page is the relevant concession). On page 222 middle page of the excerpt: “**On concession No. 8 to Neil McLennan, on June 20, 1851.**”

Reading through tax assessment records which also follow, Michael Dwyer took possession of Concession 8 Lot 4 in 1852.

Figure 8: Chapter 14: Blanshard - showing the Dwyer surname:



sea. In those feelings were hid the elements of success. A people who have no pride in former historical records of their country are in the first stage of national decay. An individual who has no pride in his family or ancestral honour has lost the highest incentive to honour in himself, and is on the verge of moral decrepitude. Between 1841 and 1848 the whole township may be said to have been "taken up." During that period, however, comparatively little of it had been patented or "deeded." In fact, as late as 1850 very few titles had been granted in Blanshard. According to the system adopted by the Canada Company in disposing of their lands first by leasehold tenure, it was not till these agreements had expired that a settler applied for his patent. As these indentures covered a period of ten years, all those issued between 1841 and 1848 expired between 1851 and 1858. In this interval, therefore, a large portion of land was patented. In cases where a settler was unable to secure his deed another lease was granted at a slightly increased price, if desired, by adding 2½ per cent. to the original cost. A number adopted this plan of holding their land rather than borrow money to pay for it. At the same time we regret to say that names appear in many of our first title deeds of men who never endured the hardships of pioneer life. Recourse was had to mortgaging for securing their patents by quite a number, at rates of interest from 15 to 25 per cent. per annum. At such prices for money it is not surprising that very few were ever able to redeem themselves. While this occurred in too many instances, it is gratifying to know that a large number were able to discharge all their obligations from their own earnings, and obtain that much coveted, long hoped for, and hard earned piece of parchment, on which were written the magic words "the said lands to have and to hold to him and his heirs for ever."

The Canada Company's records in Toronto show that the first patents for land were granted in Blanshard, as follows:—On concession No. 1 to Gordon Meighen, November 27, 1844, and three days later another on the same concession was granted to William Beatty. On concession No. 2, Donald Cameron, on

Sept. 25th, 1843. On concession No. 3, to Archie McCallum, on October the 7th, 1844. On concession No. 4, to Adam Shier, on June 18, 1844. On concession No. 5, to Gerard Irvine, on Sept. 13, 1846. On concession No. 6, to Alexander Jamieson, on Oct. 3, 1846. On concession No. 7, to David Smith, on August 6, 1846. On concession No. 8 to Neil McLennan, on June 20, 1851. On concession No. 10, to Thomas Dinsmore, on February 26, 1853. On concession No. 11, to Samuel Radcliffe, on February 26, 1847. On concession No. 12, to Peter Watson, on December 27, 1849. On concession No. 13, to Thomas Christie, on March 5, 1844. On concession No. 14, to Thomas Skinner, on August 6, 1853. On concession No. 15, to William Fleetford, on November 1, 1842. This patent granted to William Fleetford appears to be the first issued in the township of Blanshard, and was for lot 15, on concession 15. On concession No. 17, to Adam St. John, on July 18, 1848. On concession No. 18, to Walter Stinson, on May 12, 1848. On concession No. 19, to Robert Patterson, on May 20, 1845. On concession No. 20, to Caleb Richardson, on September, 1848. On the north boundary concession, to Edward Delmage, 1848. On the south boundary concession, to George Jackson, on December 22, 1848. On the east Mitchell road concession, to John Sparling, on June 8, 1844. On the west Mitchell road concession, to Donald Cameron, on August 6, 1845. On the west boundary concession, to Jasper Ward, on August 27, 1852. On the Thames concession to Thomas Ingersoll, on February 19, 1844. To James Ingersoll, on August 13, 1849, was granted a patent for an island below the falls, in the river Thames, containing one acre and seven perches, and for which he is to pay therefor the sum of five shillings. On the 6th day of August, 1845, a patent was granted to the Rev. Ephraim Evans, of London, for part of lot No. 22, concession No. 8, for a place of interment. This grant was made to Mr. Evans, who applied on behalf of the settlers in the district for a plot to bury their dead, and was made by the Canada Company without any consideration.

From the time the first settler erected his solitary shanty by the River Thames, in 1841, every day brought some new adventure to the municipality.

Michael Dwyer is shown on Tax Assessments for Blanshard, Perth, Ontario from 1852-1872 for 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4:

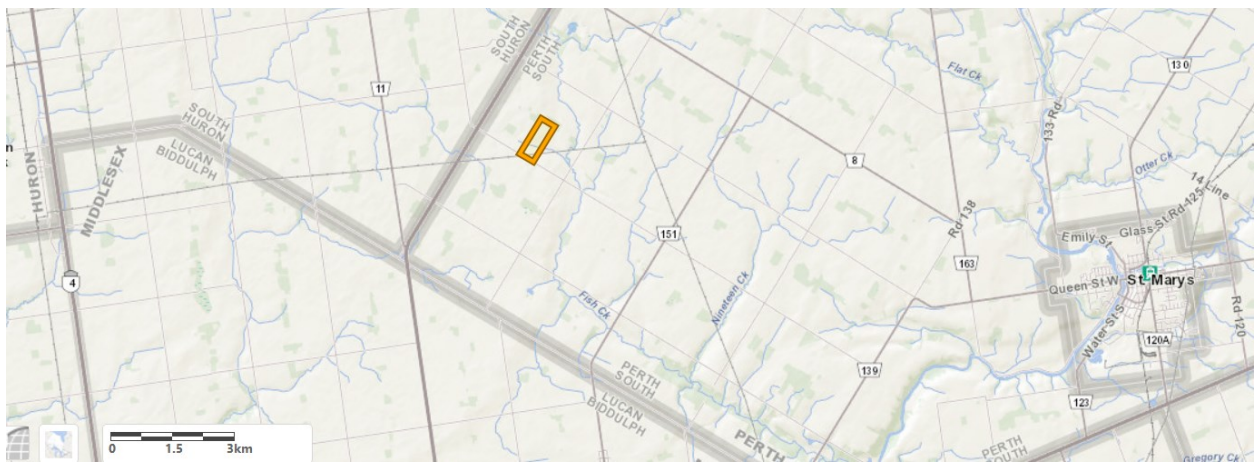
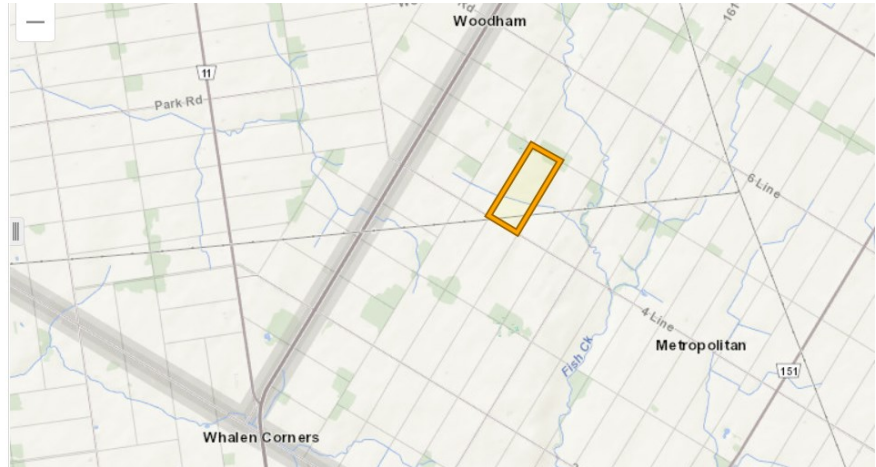
For 20 years, the Dwyer family lived in Blanshard, specifically at Concession 8 Lot 4 on a 100 acre farm just SE of Woodham:¹⁰

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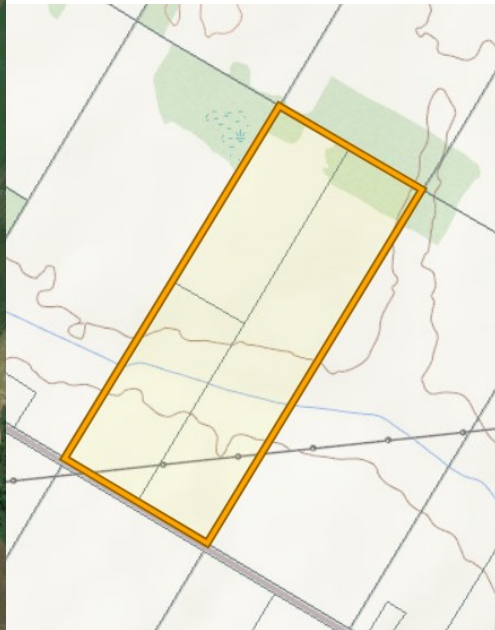
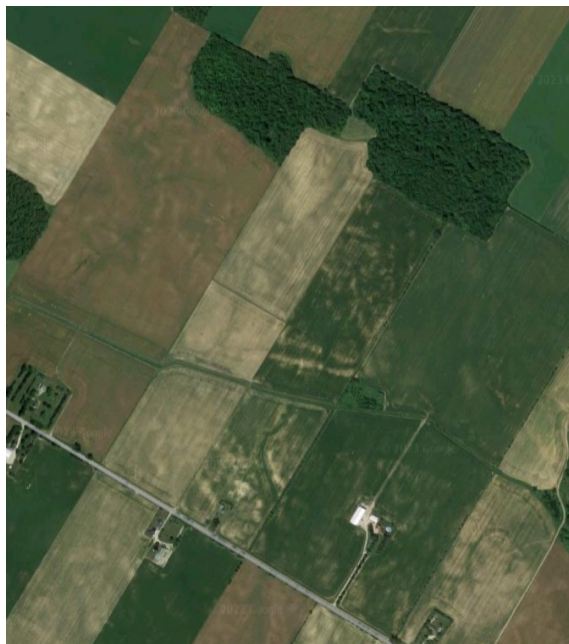
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Township:
BLANSHARD
Concession
CON 8
Lot
LOT 4

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Current view:



The modern address corresponds with 5844 4 Line, Granton, Ontario and its current house (which appears to be late 1800s and is *possible* it was once lived in by the Dwyer family)



1851

Son Michael is born 26 Nov 1850 and is baptised 12 Jan 1851 at St. Peter's Cathedra Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario, by Fr. Kirwan. Witnesses: Lenard Parker and Mary York ...

BAPTISMS CHURCH OF				PLACE						
DATE OF BAPTISM			FAMILY NAME	BAPTISMAL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH			PARENTS	SPONSORS	MINISTER SACRAMENTI
YEAR	MONTH	DAY			MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
1851	Jan	12	Dwyer	Michael	Nov	26	1850	Michael Dwyer Bridget Dwyer	Lenard Parker Mary York	Fr. Kirwan

The 1851 census shows Michael with wife Bridget (34), children: John (8), Thomas (7), Ellen (4) and Michael (2) – Blanchard, Perth County, Canada West [Blanshard, Perth, Ontario]. Neighbouring household is John Omara and Margaret.

Image:

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PERSONAL CENSUS - ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. 2. Townships **114 OF**

Names of Inmates.	Profession, Trade or Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Religion.	Residence if out of limits.	Age next birth day.	Sex.	
						Male.	Female.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

39	Michael Dwyer	Farmer	Ireland	"		1	1
40	Bridget "a	Housewife	"	"	4	10	1
41	John "a	Labourer	Canada	"		8	1
42	John "a	"	"	"		7	1
43	Ellen "a	"	"	"		4	1
44	Agnes "a	"	"	"		3	1
45	John O'Mara	Farmer	Ireland	"	7	38	1
46	Margaret "a	Housewife	"	"	7	20	1
47	Thos. Kehrington	Miner	Scotland	A. Presbyterian	7	38	1
48	Colquhoun "a	Housewife	"	"	7	31	1
49	Elyzabeth "a	Labourer	Canada	"		3	1
50	Anna "a	Labourer	Ireland	"		10	1

1852

Son James is born 29 Sep 1852 and is baptised 28 Oct 1852 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario by J. D. Ryan. Witnesses John O'Mara and Anne O'Mara.

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DATE OF BAPTISM			FAMILY NAME	BAPTISMAL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH			PARENTS	SPONSORS	MINISTER SACRAMENT
YEAR	MONTH	DAY			MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
1852	Oct	28	Dwyer	James	Sep	29	1852	Michael Dwyer Bridget Dwyer	John O'Mara Anne O'Mara	J. D. Ryan

A tax assessment in 1852 shows Michael Dwyer, Farmer, with 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, with value of each lot as £102, total value of real property as £102, and value of all taxable personal property value as £16. He has 4 neat cattle valued at £16. He has no horses or carriages. (to note: the values are listed in British pounds represented by the £ symbol for pound, an "s" for shillings, and "d" for pence). Further tax assessments for later years do not specify currency and it is thought to be Canadian currency or dollars.

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE

REAL PROPERTY, DESIGNATION, EXTENT AND VALUE.

NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTIES.	No. of Concession, Street, Square, or other designation.	No. of Lot, House, &c.	No. of Acres, superficial feet or other measure.	F. H.		Value of each Lot or Parcel. £. s. d.	Value of Real Property. £ s. d.
<i>Michael Dwyer</i>	"	4	100	14	102	102	

TOWNSHIP OF _____, 185 .

PERSONAL PROPERTY, DESCRIPTION AND VALUE.

No. of Horses 3 years or up- wards.	Value of Horses. £ s. d.	No. of Neat Cat- tle, 3 years or upwards.	Value of Neat Cattle. £ s. d.	No. of Plea- sure Car- riages or Carriages kept for hire.	Value of Carriages. £ s. d.	Value of Avera- ge Stock of Merchants, Tra- ders, Dealers Manufacturers, Tradesmen, or Mechanics. £ s. d.	Value of Stock or Shares in Steamers Schooners &c., em- ployed for the con- veyance of Freight or Passengers. £ s. d.	Amount of Taxable Income. £ s. d.	Value of all Tax- able Personal Property. £ s. d.	STATUTE LABOR.	
										No. of Days.	Persons from 21 to 60, not otherwise as- sessed.
4	16									16	

1858

Son Peter Patrick is born 1 Jul 1858 in St. Mary's, and is baptised 8 Aug 1858 at St. Joseph's Church in Stratford, Perth, Ontario by P. J. Grinnon. Sponsors are Thomas Parker and Catherine Parker.

120 BAPTISMS CHURCH OF *St. Joseph's* PLACE *Stratford Ontario.*

DATE OF BAPTISM			FAMILY NAME	BAPTISMAL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH			PARENTS	SPONSORS	MINISTER SACRAMENT
YEAR	MONTH	DAY			MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
1858	"	8	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Peter Patrick</i>	"	1	1858	<i>Michael Bridget Dwyer</i>	<i>Thomas Parker Catherine Parker</i>	<i>P. J. Grinnon</i>

A tax assessment in 1858 shows Michael Dwyer, Farmer, with 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, with value of each lot as \$35, total value of real property as \$155, and personal property value as \$25, with total value of real and personal property as \$180.

1862

A tax assessment in 1862 shows Michael Dwyer, Farmer, with 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario with value of each lot as \$40, total value of real property as \$740, and personal property value as \$100, with total value of real and personal property as \$840 (quite the gain from 4 years ago tax assessment):

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF

NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTIES.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No.	OCCUPANTS.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, &c.	Free-holders.	House-holders.	Age.	OWNERS AND ADDRESS.

3	Michael Dwyer	F.	F.	"	60X	
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VALUE AND DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY.						PERSONAL PROPERTY.				STATUTE LABOUR.			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
School Section.	Concession, Street, Square, or other designation.	No. of Lot or House, &c.	No. of Acres, Feet or other Measurement.	Value of each Lot.	Total Value of Real Property.	Taxable Income.	Total Value of Personal Property.	Total Value of Real and Personal Property.	Qualities, amounts, or numbers.	Persons From 21	No. of		

	Con 8	4	100	30	740	"	"	840	"	"	"	"	"
	8	5	100	40	740	"	100	840	"	"	"	"	"
	8		100	60	850	"			"	"	"	"	"

1863

A tax assessment in 1863 shows Michael Dwyer, age 61, Ward 4, with 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario with value of each lot as \$40, total value of real property as \$750, and personal property value as \$100, with total value of real and personal property as \$850. Listed just below him is "Michael Dwyer" (ditto mark) for Concession 9 Lot W Pt 5, 50 acres under the ownership of Ann O'Marra.

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF

NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTIES.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	OCCUPANTS.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, &c.	Free-holders.	House-holders.	Age.	Ward.	OWNERS AND ADDRESS.

Michael Dwyer x
.do x
61
5 Ann (Mar)

8 *Blanshards* FOR 1863
MACLEAN & CO., Municipal Publishers, 17 & 19 King Street East, Toronto.

VALUE AND DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY.						PERSONAL PROPERTY.		18	19	Statute Labor.		22	23	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	17	20	21	22	23	
Non- resident.	School Section.	No. of Concession, Street, Square or other designation.	No. of Lot or House, &c.	No. of Acres, Feet, or other Measurement.	Value of each Lot.	Total Value of Real Property.	Taxable Income.	Total Value of Personal Property.	Total Value of Real and Personal Property.	Quarters, Months, or Years.	Persons from 21 to 60 years.	No. of Days.	Days.	Months.

<i>Con. 8</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>750</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>850</i>									
<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>7300</i>		<i>300</i>									

1865

A tax assessment in 1865 shows Michael Dwyer, Farmer, with 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario with value of each lot as \$45, total value of real property as \$760, and personal property value as \$100, with total value of real and personal property as \$860. This also shows son John Dwyer in active military service under “Militia Roll: First Class Service”

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF

NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTIES.						VALUE AND DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No.	OCCUPANTS.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, &c.	Rank or Grade.	Age.	OWNERS AND ADDRESS.	No. of Lots.	School Section.	No. of Concession, Street, Square, or other Designation.	No. of Lot, or House, &c.	No. of Acres, Feet, or other Measure- ment.	Value of each Lot.	Total Val- ue of Real Prop- erty.

174 Michael Dwyer x
704 x
Con 8 *4* *100* *45*

Folio 8 *Blanshard* FOR 1865
W. C. CHEWETT & CO., Municipal Printers and Publishers, 17 & 19 King Street East, Toronto.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.		14	17	MILITIA ROLL.			
11	15	Total Value of Real and Personal Property.	18	19	20	21	
Taxable Income.	Total Value of Personal Property.	Total Value of Real and Personal Property.	Statute Labor, or Taxation.	Persons from 21 to 60 years.	No. of Days.	Days.	Months.

760 *100* *860* *6* x *John Dwyer* x

1867

personal property value as \$100, with total value of real and personal property as \$1780! What an incredible jump in just a few years. This is a decent amount for the 100 acres. This also shows they own 2 female dogs and the family is Roman Catholic in religion. Statute Labour shows he has worked 5 days.

“One of the first Acts of Parliament of Upper Canada, in 1793, was the introduction of Statute Labour. This law was essentially a **tax that required male landowners to perform road maintenance in lieu of cash**, which was hard to come by in the new Province.”¹²

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ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONS ASSESSED.						DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	NAME OF OCCUPANT OR OTHER TAXABLE PARTY.	OCCUPATION.	Probable, or actual, value of Taxable.	Age of Occupant.	OWNERS AND ADDRESS.	No. of Household.	No. of Concession, Street, Square or other Designation.	No. of Lot, House, &c.

209	Michael Dwyer						4x 8	4
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FOR 1871

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REAL PROPERTY.				PERSONAL PROPERTY AND INCOME.			AGGREGATE VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY.	STATUTE LABOUR	DOGS.	STATISTICS.									
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
No. of Acres, or other Measurement.	No. of Acres, Cleared.	Value of such Real Property.	Total Value of Real Property.	Value of Personal Property other than Income.	Amount of Taxable Income.	Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income.	Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income.	Value from 1st to 5th years.	No. of Days.	Road Division.	Dogs.	Bitches.	No. of Persons in the Family.	Religion.	No. of Cattle.	No. of Sheep.	No. of Hogs.	No. of Horses.	Date of Delivery of Notice, under Section 43.

100	50	1680	100			1780	54	2						Rom Cath					
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1872

A tax assessment in 1872 shows Michael Dwyer, Farmer, with 100 acres at Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario with value of each lot as \$50, total value of real property as \$1670, and personal property value as \$100, with total value of real and personal property as \$1770, a small decrease from the previous year.

¹² Statute Labour, https://www.georgina.ca/sites/default/files/page_assets/statute_labour.pdf

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONS ASSESSED.						DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	NAME OF OCCUPANT OR OTHER TAXABLE PARTY.	OCCUPATION.	Freeholder, Householder or Tenant.	Age of Occupant.	OWNERS AND ADDRESS.	Non Resident.	No. of Concession, Street, Square or other Designation.	No. of Lot, House, &c.

213	Michael Dwyer	x	x	56	4 x 8	1
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D. B. Blanchard

FOR 1872

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GIPP, CLARK & CO., General Printers and Publishers, 17 & 19 King Street East, Toronto.

REAL PROPERTY.				PERSONAL PROPERTY AND INCOME			AGGREGATE VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY.	STATUTE LABOUR		DOGS.	STATISTICS.						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
No. of Acres, Poles, or other Measurement.	No. of Acres Cultivated, or built on.	Value of such parcel of Real Property.	Total Value of Real Property.	Value of Personal Property other than Income.	Amount of Taxable Income.	Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income.	Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income.	Male from 21 to 40 years.	No. of Days.	Male Dogs.	Female Dogs.	Religion.	No. of Catholics.	No. of Protestants.	No. of Jews.	No. of Others.	Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 48.

100	60	1670	100	1770	5	x	2	206	1
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1873

By 1873, the tax assessment for Concession 8 Lot 4, 100 acres is now owned by James Ritch. This shows that Michael Dwyer and family moved late 1872 to early 1873.

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONS ASSESSED.						DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	NAME OF OCCUPANT OR OTHER TAXABLE PARTY.	OCCUPATION.	Freeholder, Householder or Tenant.	Age of Occupant.	OWNERS AND ADDRESS.	Non Resident.	No. of Concession, Street, Square or other Designation.	No. of Lot, House, &c.

210	James Ritch	T	23	4 x 8	1
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UNITED STATES

MICHAEL DWYER, continued, part three

Map of train routes for Grand Trunk Railway:¹³



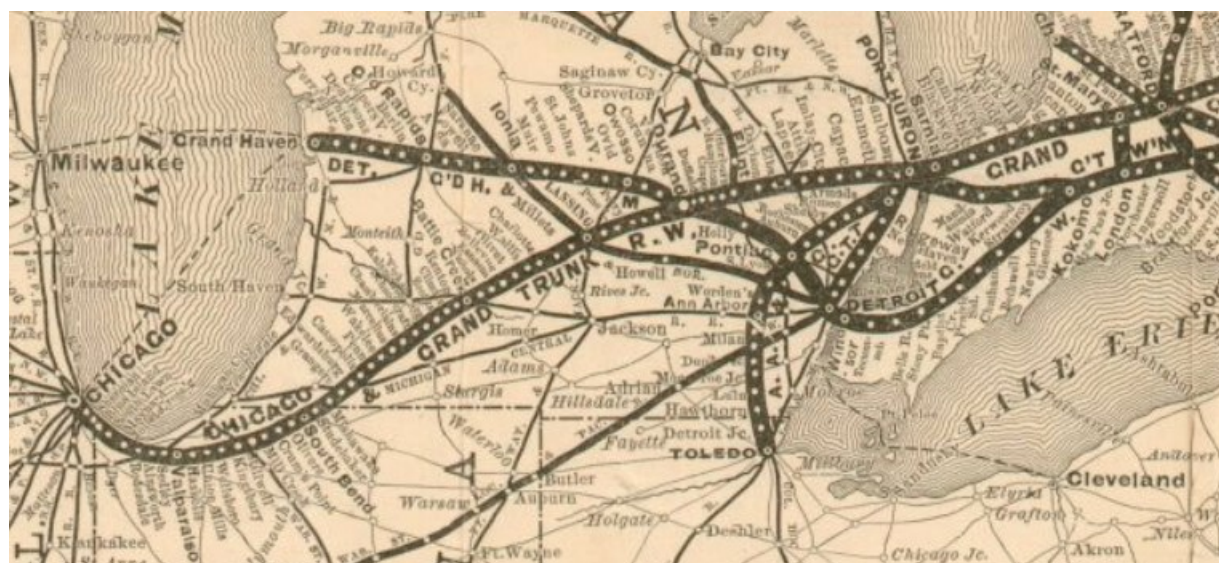
UPON ARRIVING IN THE UNITED STATES FROM CANADA, the Dwyer family would have travelled around 855 miles, or a nearly 14-hour car drive by today's standards. However, this was the late 1800s. This was likely by horse and carriage, or by train, or pullman car, or any variation thereof. The family would have profited quite well from their farm as evidenced by the previous tax assessments, so this type of travel would have been easy to pay for.

By train, they would pass briefly through the remainder of Ontario as they passed the border into Michigan, skirting around Lake Michigan to Chicago. From Chicago, they would have gone north, into Wisconsin and then finally through Minneapolis, Minnesota and down to Cleveland to the southwest. As the weather around the great lakes can be quite formidable, I estimate they emigrated in the summertime.

¹³ <https://www.logodesignlove.com/cn-logo-evolution>

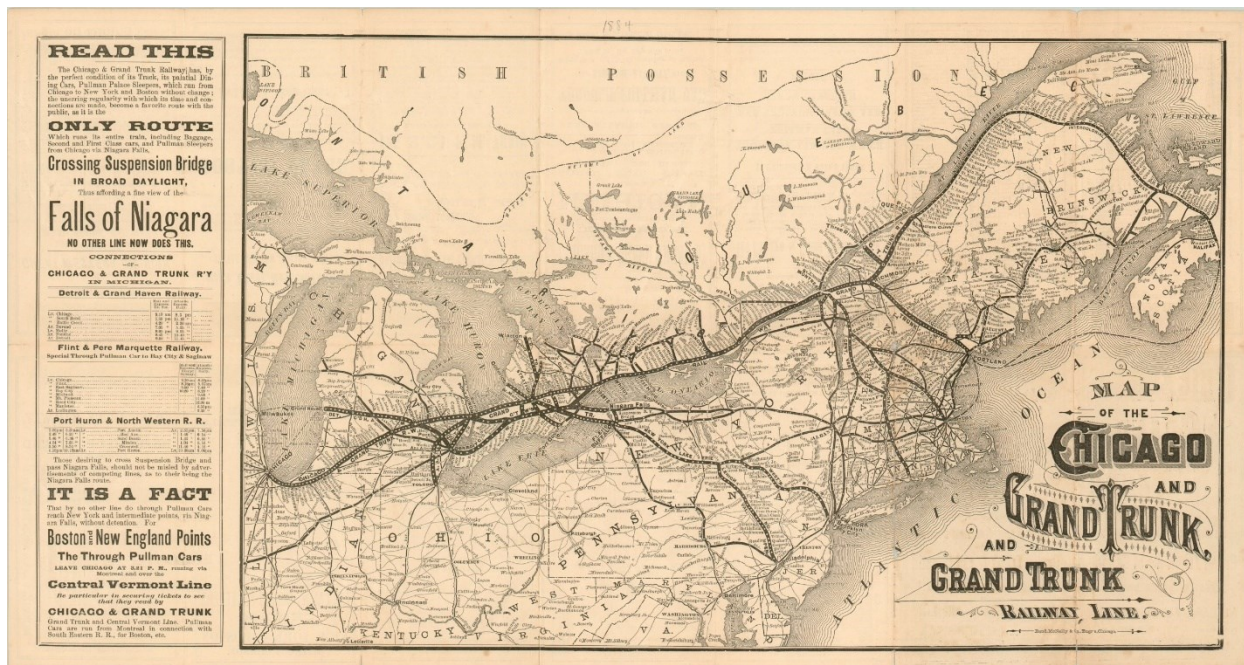
The train which would have taken them west was known as the Grand Trunk Railway, the predecessor to the Canadian National Railway. Grand Trunk Railway (GTR) was built in 1850 between Montreal and Toronto. By the 1860s, it was on both sides of the Canada-US border and heading west. This was the time the Dwyer family emigrated in 1872. Railway trivia: By 1899, the GTR had become the CNR, Canadian Northern Railway, and by 1919 it was Canadian National Railway.

By 1884, the GTR had only reached Chicago. It is likely the Dwyer family might have taken a “Through Pullman Car” for the rest of the travel to Minnesota, or what would be a sleeper coach car a smaller train. The “Through Pullman Cars” left out of Chicago to connect with other lines.



1884 Rand McNally map and timetable of the Grand Trunk Railway System:¹⁴

¹⁴ <https://curtiswrightmaps.com/product/map-of-the-chicago-and-grand-trunk-and-grand-trunk-railway-line/>



Cleveland, Le Sueur county, Minnesota (1873-1875)

1873

By 1873, Concession 8 Lot 4 in Blanchard has changed hands to the next person. The Dwyers have emigrated once more, this time to the United States, likely in search for better farmland.

1875

The 1875 census shows Michael, spelled as Merchael Denzre / Dwyre (60), with wife Bridget (55), children: John (27), Ellen (22), Mike (20) and Peter (16) in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They are family 27.

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Families numbered	Name of every person whose residence was in this family on the 1st of May, 1875.	Sex	Age	Color	PARENT NATIVITY.	
					Country.	Year of arrival in this country.
					Father.	Mother.

5	27	Michael Dwyer	66	M	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
6		Budget Dwyer	57	F	"	"	"
7		John "	27	M	Can	"	"
8		Ellen "	22	F	"	"	"
9		Mike "	20	M	"	"	"
10		Peter "	16	"	"	"	"

Michael places an Oath of Citizenship 2 Nov 1875, Le Sueur County, MN:

United States of America,

STATE OF MINNESOTA, District Court, 6th Judicial District, County of Le Sueur, ss.

I, Michael Dwyer do declare on oath that it is bona fide my intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatever, and especially to the Reigning Sovereign of the Empire of Great Britain of whom I was formerly a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of November A. D. 1875 }
Frank W. Rolars Clerk of the District Court of Minnesota, in and for the County of Le Sueur.
By Frank Barker Deputy

STATE OF MINNESOTA, District Court, Sixth District, County of Le Sueur:

I, Michael Dwyer do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Minnesota; so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn before me: this 2nd day of November A. D. 1875 }
Frank W. Rolars Clerk of District Court.
By Frank Barker Deputy

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
 County of Le Sueur. } ss.

I, Frank W. Rolars Clerk of the District Court of the County of Le Sueur, in the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the declaration of Michael Dwyer an alien, duly made before me, and filed in my office on the 2nd day of November A. D. 1875. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Cleveland in said county, the day and year aforesaid.

Frank W. Rolars Clerk of the District Court.
By Frank Barker Deputy

Cordova, Le Sueur county, Minnesota (1880-1890)

1880

The 1880 census shows Michael, spelled as Michole Dewire (70), a Farmer, with wife Bridget (60), children: John (35), Ellen (28) and Michoel (26) in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States, enumeration district ED 126.

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 Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
 Enumeration Dist. No. 126

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880.
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Cordova Le Sueur, in the County of Le Sueur, State of Minnesota enumerated by me on the 8 day of June, 1880.

B. C. Hughes Enumerator

In Cities		Personal Description	Civil Condition	Occupation	Health	Education	Nativity
Name of Street	House Number						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
18-68		Michole W. Dewire	Wife	Farmer			Ireland
		Bridget W. Dewire	Wife	Farmer			Ireland
		John W. Dewire	Son	Farmer			Ireland
		Ellen W. Dewire	Daughter	Farmer			Ireland
		Michole W. Dewire	Son	Farmer			Ireland

1885

The 1885 census shows

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 Schedule 1 Inhabitants in Cordova in the County of Le Sueur
 State of Minnesota, enumerated by me on the 4 day of June 1885.
 Post Office Cordova Daniel Kiernan Assessor

Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	Name of every person whose residence was in this family on the 1st of May, 1885.	DESCRIPTION.					Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.		CONDITION.	Served in a military or naval service during rebellion.
		Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Education		Father of foreign birth	Mother of foreign birth		
115	Dewire Michael	M	70	W	Farmer	Ireland					

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 Schedule 1 Inhabitants in Cordova in the County of Le Sueur
 State of Minnesota, enumerated by me on the 5th Day of June 1885.
 Post Office Cordova Daniel Kierman Assessor.

Family name and number of relations.	Name of every person whose residence was in this family on the 1st of May, 1885.	DESCRIPTION.					Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.		CONDITION. Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic.	Served as a soldier in Federal Army during rebellion.
		Age of each birthright; if under age give date and place of birth, then sex.	Sex—Male, (M) Female, (F)	Color—White, (W), Black, (B), Mulatto, (M.), Chinese, (C) Indian, (I).	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.					
115	Levin Budgett	40	M	Wh	Ireland						
	Ellen	35	F	Wh	Canada						
	Michael	30	M	Wh	"						

1890

Michael dies 11 May 1890 Le Sueur County, Minnesota.¹⁵ His gravestone is at St. Henry Catholic Cemetery, showing the name Michael and dates of 1798-1890:¹⁶



~ end of Michael Dwyer section ~

¹⁵ To note: Minnesota Death Records only begin in 1904. <https://www.mnhs.org/search/people#>

¹⁶ Images of gravestones shared by Ancestry user cocorich on 3 Aug 2014: <https://www.ancestry.ca/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/28330399/person/12030312446/media/f4cb6b52-8fa8-4c39-9438-1381e61f47f3>

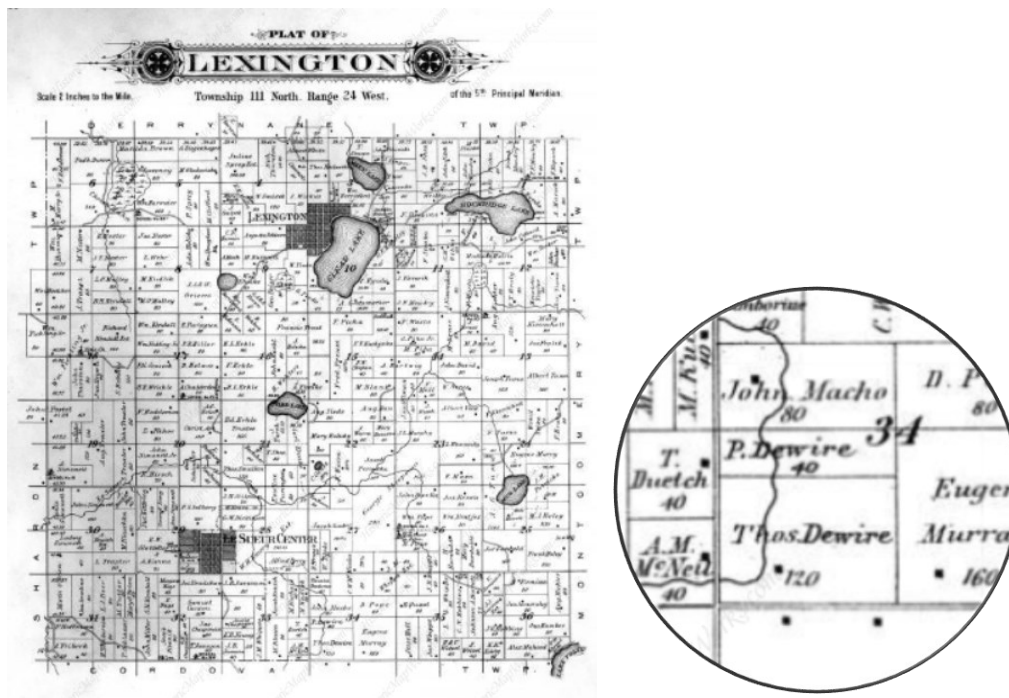
THOMAS DWYER (DEWIRE), Michael's son

Thomas lived with his parents and traveled with them from Ramsay township in Lanark County to Blanshard, Perth County, Ontario. He emigrated in 1868 from Canada to US, and his first papers are 8 Mar 1869 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

He married 1. Catherine Reynolds 20 Nov 1872 and was widowed. He then married 2. Mary Cavanagh 13 May 1879. He and Mary lived in Saint Henry in 1880 and then Lexington, Le Sueur County until 1920, where he moved to LeSueur Center for the last 8 years until his death in 1928 (source: his obit). He and his second wife died only 2 days apart and had a double funeral. They lived at Lot ____ Concession ____ 34 while in Lexington. His name is spelled as Thos. Dewire on several plat maps.

1898

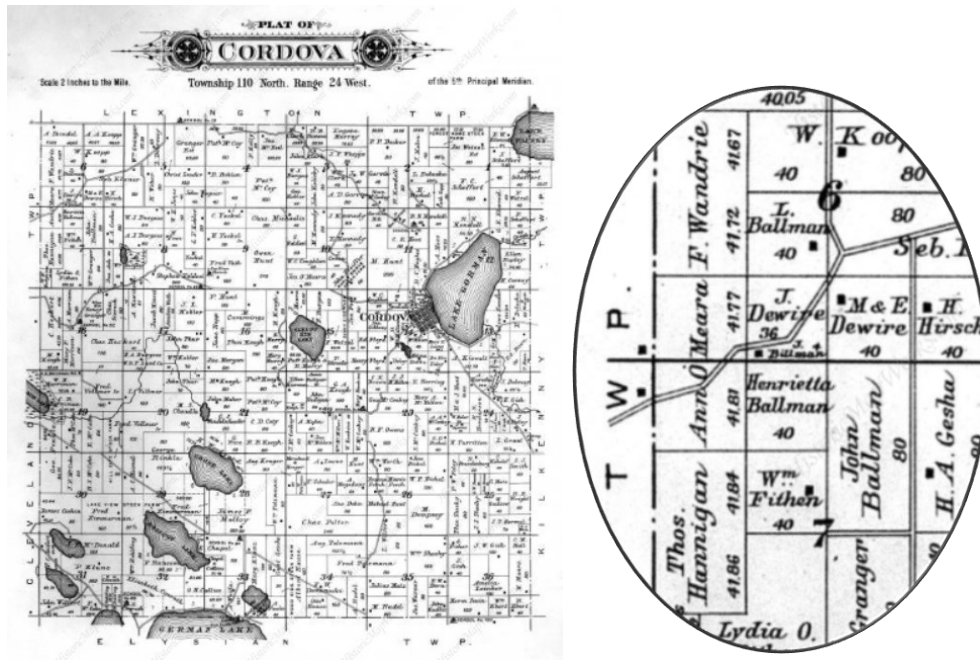
Thomas Dewire on 1898 plat map¹⁷ in Lexington Township, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, owning 120 acres and just below his brother Peter with 40 acres, on the bottom middle edge of map:



¹⁷

<https://historicmapworks.com/Map/US/474381/Lexington+Township++Le+Sueur+Center++Clear+Lake/Le+Sueur+County+1898/Minnesota/>

To note: Thomas' brother, John Dewire is living adjacent to his Aunt, Ann O'Meara in Cordova Township, between Lot/Conc. 6 & 7 on the top left edge of map. Ann has 41.81 acres in Lot/Conc 7 and 41.77 in Lot/Conc 6. Next to "J. Dewire" with 36 acres is "M & E Dewire" with 40:¹⁸



1912

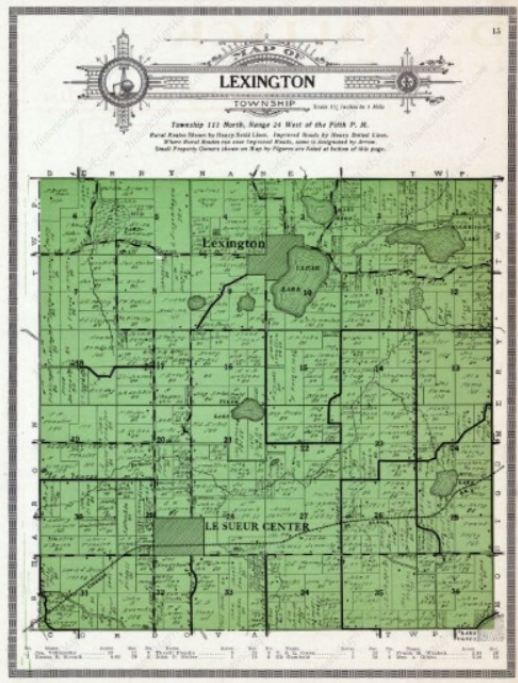
Thomas Dewire on 1912 plat map¹⁹ (shown as Thos. Dewire) in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota with 60 acres, having sold the other 60 acres to Geo[rge] Schmidt Huber (unknown relation if any), and Thomas Deutch has taken over Thomas' brother Peter's 40 acres from the 1898 map.

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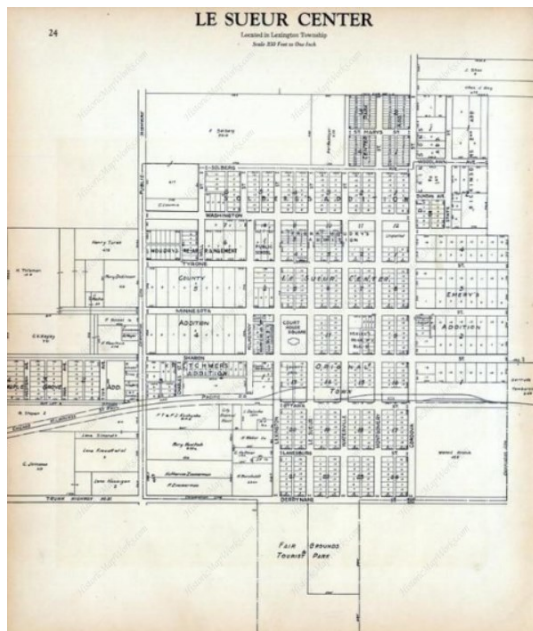
¹⁹

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1928

At the time of death in 1928, Thomas and second wife, Mary lived in Le Sueur Center:²⁰



Thomas and his second wife, Mary, died within 2 days of one another: April 35th & 27th, 1928 respectively. Their double obituary:²¹

²⁰ <https://historicmapworks.com/Map/US/1250361/Le+Sueur+Center/Le+Sueur+County+1928/Minnesota/>

²¹ Newspaper - The Leader Democrat 1907-1924 (Le Sueur County Democrat 1900-1907)(Le Sueur Center Leader 1924-1930)(Center Leader 1930-1931)

May 5th 1928,

Double Funeral For Pioneer Couple Held Here Saturday

Mr. And Mrs. Thomas Dewire Passed Away Few Hours Of Each Other Last Week.

It is not frequent indeed that double funeral services for a man and wife are conducted, especially when their passing was due to advanced age and natural causes, but that was the case at St. Mary's church here last Saturday morning, April 28th, when Rev Father Woods conducted the last rites for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dewire, pioneer residents of the county and this section, who passed away within a few hours of each other. A large number of old friends and acquaintances were present to pay their last respects to the estimable couple. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery here. Mr. Dewire, note of whose illness was made previous issue, passed away at six o'clock Wednesday evening of last week, April 25th, and his estimable wife, who had also been ill for sometime, followed him in death on Friday morning, April 27th, at 8 o'clock, or within thirty-eight hours. Thomas Dewire was born in Ontario, Canada, Nov. 19, 1854, and was 83 years old. With others from his section, he came to this locality in 1868 and located in Lexington township, where he farmed up until eight years ago when he and Mrs. Dewire moved to LeSueur Center to reside. Mr. Dewire was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Reynolds, who passed away many years ago. They were married at St. Peter. Two children survive from this marriage, John W. Dewire and Mrs. Jas. P. Murray, of this village. His second wife, and who passed with him, was Mary Kavanaugh, to whom he was married at St. Henry in 1879. She was also born in Canada and to this country with her family in 1878.

Brothers of Mr. Dewire living are: Peter Dewire, Sr., of Dent, Minn., and John Dewire, west of LeSueur Center. Brothers and sisters of Mrs. Dewire are: Jerry Kavanaugh, Washington; Dan, of Duluth, Minn.; Peter, of Nevis, Minn.; John, Deer Creek Minn.; Joseph, Shevlin, Minn.; Mrs. Annie Reger, Page N.D.; Mrs. Catherine Owens, Missoula, Mont. There are nine grandchildren. One grandson, Walter Hankins, was killed in action in France during the World War. Mr. Dewire, as we knew him and as all his many friends knew him, was a man of excellent character and disposition, and one who attended to his own affairs in a quiet way and ever willing to do his full share. He was one of gentlemanly dignity entirely becoming of him who ever had a pleasant word to say to old friends. His estimable wife was one of the same characteristics and they were very much attached to each other through their long life. They were both active and much interested in church progress and affairs. Mr. Dewire was one of the organizers of the local St. Mary's parish. In the passing of these estimable pioneers, a personal loss is felt, for they were both long time and faithful friends of the local newspaper and its publisher. Relatives from other points here for the funeral were: Miss Josephine Regar, Page N.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dewire, Jr.' Morehead, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dewire, Sr.' Dent, Minn.; Mrs. Peter Owens and daughter Anna Maire, Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. Frank Kogh and daughter Eileen, Minneapolis; Mrs. Jule Lym, Janesville; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mrs. Wood, Waterville; John Smith family, Shieldsville.

~ end of Thomas Dwyer (Dewire), Michael's son, section ~

ANNIE ELLEN DEWIRE, Thomas' daughter

By this generation, the Dwyer name has fully changed to DEWIRE. Annie lived with her parents (including her step-mother Mary) in Lexington, Le Sueur County, Minnesota until she married 28 Jan 1895 to Nathaniel Irwin Hankins. He died soon after leaving her widowed on the 1900 census in Cordova. She remarried 22 Nov 1904 to James Peter Murray in Le Sueur Center, and is shown on the censuses from 1910-1940 in Le Sueur Center and Lexington.

1898

In 1898, she would be widowed, after husband Nathaniel Irwin Hankins passed the year prior. She might be living with her aunt/uncles in Cordova. I did find a J. Dewire (who is John), next to "M & E Dewire" – which is brother/sister Michael and Ellen Dewire in Cordova.

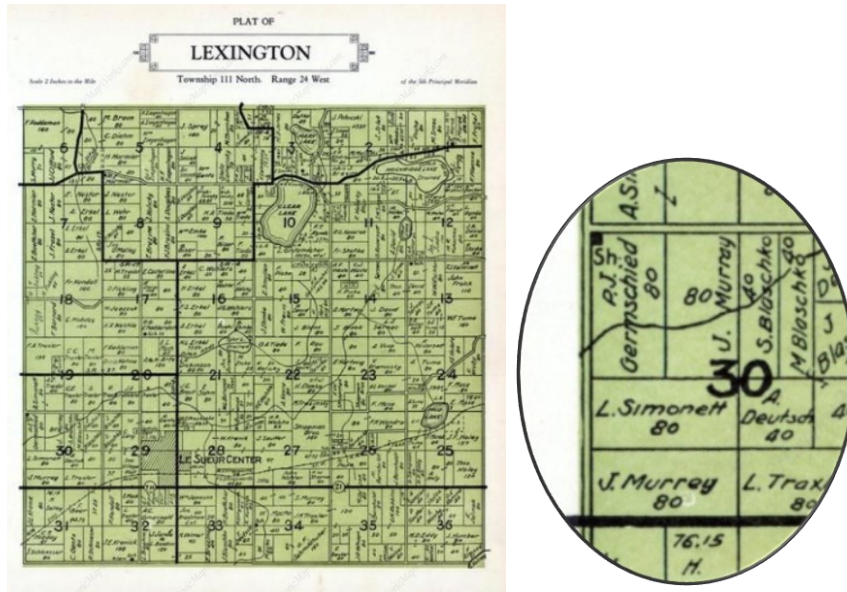
1912

In 1912, she would be with James Peter Murray in Lexington, showing 80 acres in Lot/Con 24:



1928

In 1928, she would be with James Peter Murray in Lexington, “J. Murray” on left bottom edge of map in Lot/Con 30, with two farms each 80 acres (totalling 160 acres):²²



~ end of Annie Ellen Dewire, Thomas' daughter, section ~

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Pedigree of John Dwyer of Ireland

Dwyer from County Kerry, Ireland

PEDIGREE (4 GEN) – DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DWYER

FIRST GENERATION

1. **John DWYER** was born before estimated 1778 in County Kerry, Ireland. He lived *poss* Goulbourn County, Ontario - see notes in 1822. He died on the 5 Oct 1841 marriage for his son Michael, he is listed as the "Late John Dwyre" before 5 Oct 1841 at the age of 63.

John DWYER and Catherine FENTON were married before 1800 in County Kerry, Ireland. **Catherine FENTON** was born before estimated 1778.

John DWYER and Catherine FENTON had the following child:

- 2 i. **Michael DWYER (DEWIRE)**, born 1798, County Kerry, Ireland; married Bridget O'MEARA, 5 Oct 1841, Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; died 11 May 1890, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States.

SECOND GENERATION

2. **Michael DWYER (DEWIRE)** was born in 1798 at 1798-1810 in County Kerry, Ireland.¹ He emigrated in 1800–1840 from Ireland to Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$102 in 1852 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael owned 100 acres, total value \$150 in 1855 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$155 in 1856 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$180 in 1858 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael owned 100 acres, total value \$670 in 1859 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$760 in 1860 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres in 1861 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael owned 100 acres, total value \$840 in 1862 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$850 in 1863 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$860 in 1865 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael owned 100 acres, total value \$860 in 1866 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$1780 in 1871 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He owned 100 acres, total value \$1770 in 1872 at Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael emigrated in 1873–1875 from Canada to USA at to Le Sueur County, Minnesota. He owned Con 8 Lot 4 in Blanshard was sold to James Ritch in 1873. He was naturalized on 2 Nov 1875 at Oath of citizenship in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. Michael was buried in 1890 at St. Henry Cemetery, section N in Sharon, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He died on 11 May 1890 at the age of 92 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. He was Catholic ("Ch. of Rome"). Michael was a Farmer. He was a Yeoman.

Michael DWYER (DEWIRE) and Bridget O'MEARA lived in Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada in 1841. They were married on 5 Oct 1841 at St. Bridget's Church (before St. John the Baptist was built in 1848) in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. They lived in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada in 1850. Michael and Bridget appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada.² They appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada.³ They appeared in the census in 1871 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada.⁴ Michael and Bridget appeared in the census in 1875 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.⁵ They appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.⁶ **Bridget O'MEARA**, daughter of John O'MARA and Johanna FOLEY, was born on 6 Feb 1817 in Ballyogaha, Gortroe, County Cork, Ireland.¹ She was baptized on 6 Feb 1817 in Rathcormack, County Cork, Ireland. She emigrated in 1823 from Ireland to Canada at aboard the ship "Stakesby" with family. Bridget located to the township of Blanshard before 1851 at moved to Perth and Huron Counties in Perth County, Ontario, Canada. She emigrated in 1872–1879 from Canada to USA. She died in 1891 at the age of 74 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. Bridget was buried in 1891 at Saint Henry Catholic Church Cemetery in Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She was also known as Bridget Mara.

Michael DWYER (DEWIRE) and Bridget O'MEARA had the following children:

- i. **John DEWIRE** was born on 18 Jan 1844 in Lanark County, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. John served in the military First Class Service Militia Roll in 1865 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He served in the military First Class Service Militia Roll in 1866 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1871 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. John emigrated in 1872 from Canada to USA. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1885 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. John lived right near the Cleveland Twp. border in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States in 1898. He appeared in the census in 1900 at with aunt Nancy "Ann" O'Meara in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1910 at with aunt Nancy "Ann" O'Meara in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. John appeared in the census in 1920 at with cousin Theresa Dewire in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He lived in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States in 1928. He died on 5 Feb 1930 at the age of 86 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. John was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was a Farmer. He unmarried; no children.
- 3 ii. **Thomas DEWIRE**, born 17 Nov 1845, Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada; married Catherine REYNOLDS, 20 Nov 1872, St. Peter, Nicollet, Minnesota, United States; married Mary CAVANAUGH, 13 May 1879, Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States; died 25 Apr 1928, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- iii. **Elinor "Ellen/Helen" DEWIRE (DWYER)** was born on 26 Jan 1847 in Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She was baptized on 20 Feb 1848 in Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Ellen/Helen appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. She appeared in the census in 1871 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. She emigrated in 1872–1875 from Canada to USA. Ellen/Helen appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1895 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Ellen/Helen appeared in the census in 1900 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1905 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1910 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Ellen/Helen died on 16 Dec 1916 at the age of 69 in Mankato, Blue Earth, Minnesota, United States. She was also known as Helen Dewire. She was also known as Elinor Dwire. Ellen/Helen unmarried; no children.
- iv. **Michael DEWIRE (DWYER) Jr.** was born on 26 Nov 1850 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 12 Jan 1851 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. Michael appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He served

in the military Reserve Militia Roll in 1866 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1871 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Michael emigrated in 1872–1875 from Canada to USA. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1885 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Michael appeared in the census in 1895 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He died on 19 Feb 1897 at the age of 46 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was a Farmer. Michael was buried at Saint Henry Catholic Church Cemetery in Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He unmarried; no children.

- v. **James DWYER** was born on 29 Sep 1852 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 28 Oct 1852 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada. He died in 1853–1861 at the age of 1 at Perth or Middlesex Counties in Ontario, Canada. James was buried at ?.
- 4 vi. **Peter Patrick DEWIRE**, born 1 Jul 1858, St. Mary's, Perth, Ontario, Canada; married Catherine Ann MCNEILL, 25 Jun 1884, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States; died 15 Apr 1931, Fargo, Cass, North Dakota, United States.

THIRD GENERATION

3. **Thomas DEWIRE** was born on 17 Nov 1845 in Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 14 Dec 1845 in Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1851 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada.⁷ Thomas appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada.⁸ He emigrated in 1868 from Canada to USA.⁹ He First papers on 8 Mar 1869 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. Thomas appeared in the census in 1870. He lived in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States in 1898. He died on 25 Apr 1928 at the age of 82 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁰ Thomas was buried on 28 Apr 1928 at Calvary Cemetery in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹¹ He was also known as Tomas Dewire.¹² He was also known as Thomas Dwyer. Thomas was a Farmer.¹

Thomas DEWIRE and Catherine REYNOLDS were married on 20 Nov 1872 in St. Peter, Nicollet, Minnesota, United States.^{9,13} They appeared in the census in 1875 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁴

Catherine REYNOLDS, daughter of Andrew REYNOLDS and Ann MCCABE, was born on 10 May 1853 in Caldeonia, Livingston, New York, United States. She appeared in the census in 1860 in Russell, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, United States. She appeared in the census in 1870 in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Catherine died on 11 Oct 1878 at the age of 25 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. She was also known as Katherine Reynolds.¹⁵

Thomas DEWIRE and Catherine REYNOLDS had the following children:

- 5 i. **Annie Ellen DEWIRE**, born 17 Jan 1875, Minnesota, United States; married Nathaniel Irwin HANKINS, 28 Jan 1895, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States; married James Peter MURRAY, 22 Nov 1904, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States; died 11 Feb 1943, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.
- ii. **John William DEWIRE** was born in 1877 in Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁶ He appeared in the census in 1885 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁷ John appeared in the census in 1895 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 at with father in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He died on 19 Mar 1942 at the age of 65 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

Thomas DEWIRE and Mary CAVANAUGH were married on 13 May 1879 in Saint Henry, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁸ They appeared in the census in 1880 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹ They appeared in the census in 1885 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁹ Thomas and Mary appeared in the census in 1895 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁰ They appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²¹ They appeared in the census in 1905 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²² Thomas and Mary appeared in the census in 1910 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota,

United States.¹² They appeared in the census in 1920 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. **Mary CAVANAUGH**, daughter of CAVANAUGH and Jane , was born in 1853 in Canada. She emigrated in 1878 from Canada to USA. She died on 27 Apr 1928 at the age of 75 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Mary was buried on 28 Apr 1928 at Calvary Cemetery in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.

4. **Peter Patrick DEWIRE** was born on 1 Jul 1858 in St. Mary's, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized on 8 Aug 1858 at Saint Joseph's in Stratford, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He appeared in the census in 1861 in Blanshard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Peter appeared in the census in 1871 in Blanchard, Perth, Ontario, Canada. He emigrated in 1872 from Canada to USA at Minnesota. He appeared in the census in 1880 at in the household of John McNial (wife's father) in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Peter was naturalized in 1896. He in 1898 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appointed as U.S. Postmaster on 8 Dec 1903 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. Peter lived in Dent, Minnesota, United States in 1928. He died on 15 Apr 1931 at the age of 72 at St. John's Hospital in Fargo, Cass, North Dakota, United States. He was a Farmer at General Farm. Peter was buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Dent, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. He was a School Teacher.

Peter Patrick DEWIRE and Catherine Ann MCNEILL were married on 25 Jun 1884 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1895 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Peter and Catherine appeared in the census in 1905 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1910 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. They appeared in the census in 1920 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. Peter and Catherine appeared in the census in 1930 in Glyndon, Clay, Minnesota, United States. **Catherine Ann MCNEILL** was born in 1859 in Iowa. She died in 1949 at the age of 90. She was also known as Catherine Ann McNiell.

Peter Patrick DEWIRE and Catherine Ann MCNEILL had the following children:

- i. **Mary Rosalia DWYER** was born about 1886 in Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1920 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. Mary died in 1970 at the age of 84.
- ii. **Katie B. DEWIRE** was born in Jan 1887 in Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She died in 1977 at the age of 90.
- iii. **John Patrick DWYER** was born on 25 Jul 1889 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. John served in the military WWI - Army, rank PVT on 24 Feb 1918 in Fergus Falls, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Glyndon, Clay, Minnesota, United States. John died on 18 Aug 1968 at the age of 79 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, United States.
- iv. **Peter Vincent DEWIRE** was born in Sep 1891 in Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He died in 1970 at the age of 79.
- 6 v. **Aloysius Benedict DWYER**, born 2 Jul 1894, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States; married Anne Gertrude BROWN.
- vi. **Joseph Michael DWYER** was born in Jun 1897 in Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. Joseph died in 1980 at the age of 83.
- vii. **Rose Anne DWYER** appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She was born on 12 May 1900 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1910 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. Rose appeared in the census in 1920 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. She died in 1989 at the age of 89.

FOURTH GENERATION

5. **Annie Ellen DEWIRE** appeared in the census in 1875 at shown as age 0 (less than a year old) in Cleveland, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She was born on 17 Jan 1875 in Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1880 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²³ Annie appeared in the census in 1885 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁴ She appeared in the census in 1900 at widowed in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁵ She died on 11 Feb 1943 at the age of 68 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.¹⁵ Annie was also known as Annie Ellen Dwyer. She was also known as Anna Murray. She was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁶

Annie Ellen DEWIRE and Nathaniel Irwin HANKINS were married on 28 Jan 1895 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁷ **Nathaniel Irwin HANKINS**, son of William HANKINS and Mary Ann OWENS, was born on 19 Jul 1871 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. He died on 11 Jun 1897 at the age of 25 in Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He was buried at Kilkenny Catholic Cemetery in Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Nathaniel was also known as Nate Haukins.²⁷

Nathaniel Irwin HANKINS and Annie Ellen DEWIRE had the following children:

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 - i. **Kathryne Rose HANKINS**, born 6 Nov 1895, Kilkenny, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States; married Michael Harry O'MEARA, 8 Jun 1920, Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States; died 29 Mar 1977, Belle Plaine, Scott, Minnesota, United States.
 - ii. **Walter John HANKINS** was born on 14 Jan 1897 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Cordova, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Walter died killed in action during WWII about 1945 at the age of 48 in France.

Annie Ellen DEWIRE and James Peter MURRAY were married on 22 Nov 1904 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁸ They appeared in the census in 1910 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.²⁹ They appeared in the census in 1920 in Le Sueur, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Annie and James appeared in the census in 1930 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.³⁰ They appeared in the census in 1940 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.³¹ **James Peter MURRAY** was born in 1868. He died in 1957 at the age of 89.

James Peter MURRAY and Annie Ellen DEWIRE had the following children:

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 - i. **Francis Peter MURRAY** was born on 15 Nov 1905 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States.³² He appeared in the census in 1910 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Le Sueur, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Francis died on 12 Nov 1964 at the age of 58 in Blue Earth, Minnesota, United States.
 - ii. **Margaret Ella MURRAY** was born in 1915 in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1920 in Le Sueur, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. She appeared in the census in 1930 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. Margaret died in 1976 at the age of 61.
 - iii. **Mary Della MURRAY**, born 1916, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, United States; married KEHOE; died 4 Feb 1968, Blue Earth, Minnesota, United States.

6. **Aloysius Benedict DWYER** was born on 2 Jul 1894 in Le Sueur Center, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Lexington, Le Sueur, Minnesota, United States. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Dora, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United States. Aloysius served in the military WWI records about 1940 in Minnesota, United States.

Aloysius Benedict DWYER and Anne Gertrude BROWN were married. **Anne Gertrude BROWN** was born in 1897. She died in 1970 at the age of 73.

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