

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1975

Dear Florence + Jim

I was away for a few days. What a pleasant surprise to find your letter. It sounds like you + Jim are enjoying good health. I hope you continue. I was talking to Ed Jim on the telephone and he said he never received your letter.

I met your Brother Joe <sup>Joseph C. Nichol, 1908 510 Christopher Ave. Chicago</sup> when I was in Phoenix in 1974. He has a nice apartment, looked good and was feeling fine. The weather there agreed with him.

My Brother Bob + his wife sold their Mobile Home in Phoenix and moved out here at Maylak Village in Oak Brook Ill. The Franciscan Fathers built a retirement settlement out here in Oak Brook Ill.

Mary + Ray have an apartment on the floor above me. Anna lives in one of the other Bldgs she has her own apt. Bob + Ann live in an apt in one of the other Bldgs. I wish you and Jim would stop out and see us when you go to Chicago. take Route 83 to 35<sup>th</sup> St. turn West on 35<sup>th</sup> St about 1/2 mile and you will see the Bldgs.

Florence I will tell you what I know about the Nichol Family. Grandfather was born on O'Connell St. in Dublin Ireland June 1<sup>st</sup> 1847 <sup>Died Dec 9-1904</sup> married Ellen Doyle Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865 a son was born Francis George Nichol Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1866, Ellen died Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1866. The boy stayed with his Mother's Parents Doyle's.

Grand Father, was in the Irish Army The English captured him along with other Irish soldiers and put them in prison. Grand Father and another soldier by the name of O'Shea escaped from prison with the help from the Irish Army. They were smuggled on a boat and landed in America in 1867 on arrival they separated never to see or get in touch with each other again. There was a reward for their capture by the English Government. Grand Father

came to Chicago met Grand Mother Ann Mc Sween

~~Sept 22-1868~~ They had 10 children. Married Sept 22-1868

- Mary - May Nichol <sup>St Joseph's Cemetery</sup> Born July 1<sup>st</sup> 1869 Died Nov 1955
- Christopher Buried St Joseph Cemetery, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1871 Died 1941
- Thomas Buried in Mt Carmel Cemetery Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1873 Died May 27-1961
- Gerald <sup>Hillside Ill</sup> " " Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1875 Died Aug 19-1930
- Mr. Patrick Ordained priest Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 1907 " Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878 " Nov 1935
- Joseph Buried in Mt Carmel Cemetery " Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1879 " Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1966
- Robert <sup>Hillside Ill</sup> " " " April 4<sup>th</sup> 1882 " 1902
- Anna - Ryan <sup>Oklahoma Buried</sup> " July 16<sup>th</sup> 1884 " Feb 1968
- Florence <sup>St Marys Cemetery Chicago</sup> " July 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 " Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1955
- James <sup>Calvary Cemetery</sup> " Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1889 " June 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

Grand Mother came from Armah in the north of Ireland. She was born in 1848 Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Died Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 1922 She had 3 brothers and 3 sisters that I know of

One of Grand Mother's Brothers, James Mc Givern was married to a widow, who had one son They had one daughter by there marriage her name was Margaret Mc Givern - She was my God mother. He owned a apartement Bldg. with 15 furnished apts. It was around Grand ave. and ~~the~~ <sup>Deaplains St</sup> ~~North Western~~ RR. He had a grocery store in the Bldg. He would send money to his friends for passage to America when they arrived here he would rent them one of his apt. and sell them groceries on credit till they got a job and paid him back with interest We have a cousin in Duncom Oklahoma, Aunt Annas boy. And your father has a cousin in Dallas Texas F.R. Arthur Hughes.

My father <sup>Thomas</sup> told us they wrote to there step brother Francis George Nichol <sup>b. 1846</sup> in Ireland asking him to come to America and live with them. He refused said he would rather stay in Ireland. Grand Father was raised a Presbyterian I don't know the date he was converted to the Catholic religion. Well Florence that is about all I can remember about the Nichol family. If you think of something write me and I will try and get the answer. say Hello to Christopher <sup>for me</sup> He is a real nice boy. Tell Dr. Jim I am going to a friend of his Dr. Ungers I like him very much ("especially his jokes") Your Cousin Frank ~~(over)~~

I believe this "Uncle Frank" was St. Thomas + Mary Nichol (Francis T. Nichol)