



Katharine Rafferty

1834–1910

2nd great-grandmother



When Katharine Rafferty was born in March 1834 in Tuam, Galway, Ireland, her father, Thaddeus, was 45, and her mother, Honora, was 34. She married Patrick J O'Dea on February 2, 1857. They had five children in 13 years.

According to family history related by Mary Catherine (Sister St. Rita) Clarkson, Katharine's granddaughter, to Jim Barclay, husband of Carol Clarkson, in October 1977, the O'Dea family arrived in Philadelphia in 1865, the year Lincoln was assassinated. The family witnessed Lincoln's funeral train passing through the city on its way to Illinois. The older children were born in Ireland, and the last two were born after the family moved to the United States. After a year in Philadelphia, the family moved to Sugar Run near Littleton, WV, then later to Wheeling, WV. The family drilled oil wells on their farm in Sugar Run. After drilling seven dry holes, Katharine threw a Miraculous Medal into the eighth one, which was a gusher, still producing for the South Penn Oil Co. in 1977. Lawrence's daughter Genevieve ("Gen") O'Dea was still living on the farm in Littleton, WV, in the 1970s.

According to Sister St. Rita, Katharine's brother William lived in Weston, WV, working as a farmer, while Katharine lived in Weston, which is about 70 miles away, though Sister St. Rita described it as 150 miles away. For 35 years, they did not see each other. After Katharine died, Mary and Katie went to visit William. He died while they were there.

Katharine died in 1910 in Littleton, West Virginia, having lived a long life of 76 years, and was buried there.

1834

Birth

Katharine Rafferty was born in March 1834 in Tuam, Galway, Ireland, to Honora Cullinan, age 34, and Thaddeus "Timothy" Rafferty, age 34.

Mar 1834 • Tuam, Galway County, Ireland

1857

Marriage

Katharine Rafferty married Patrick J O'Dea on February 2, 1857, when she was 22 years old.



Patrick J O'Dea

1833–1908

02 Feb 1857 • Ireland

1870

Arrival

1870

1880

Residence

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Wife

1880 • Center, Wetzel, West Virginia, USA

1900

Residence

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Wife

1900 • Clay, Wetzel, West Virginia, USA

1900

Patrick ODea and Family

Back row: Thomas Michael Clarkson, Sarah O'Dea Clarkson, Annie and Mary O'Dea Middle row: Patrick O'Dea, Katharine Rafferty O'Dea, Katie O'Dea (or Anna Marie Clarkson Higgs?), Paul Joseph Front row: Anna and Thomas Homer Clarkson



Abt. 1900

1910

Katherine O'Dea

Small stone to the right is for Mary Magdaline O'Dea, who died in 1923.



1910 • Littleton, Wetzel County, West Virginia, USA

1910

Death

Katharine Rafferty died in 1910 in Littleton, West Virginia, when she was 76 years old.

1910 • Littleton, Wetzel, West Virginia, USA

Burial



Littleton, Wetzel County, West Virginia, United States of America