



## Patrick J O'Dea

1833–1908

2nd great-grandfather



When Patrick J O'Dea was born in January 1833 in Galway, Ireland, his father, John, was 30 and his mother, Mary, was 30. He married Katharine Rafferty 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 came to the United States via 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 oils wells on their farm in Sugar Run. After drilling seven dry holes, Patrick's wife 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.

Patrick died on October 14, 1908, in Littleton, West Virginia, having lived a long life of 75 years.

1833

### Birth

Patrick J O'Dea was born in January 1833 in Galway, Ireland, to Mary Mallowney, age 30, and John O'Dea, age 30.

**Jan 1833 • Galway Co., Ireland**

1857

## Marriage

Patrick J O'Dea married Katharine Rafferty on February 2, 1857, when he was 24 years old.



## Katharine Rafferty

1834–1910

02 Feb 1857 • Ireland

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1865

## Arrival

According to Thomas Michael Clarkson's daughter Mary Catherine (Sister St. Rita) Clarkson, the family of her grandmother, Sarah O'Dea, arrived in Philadelphia the year Lincoln was shot, and they remembered the funeral train passing through the city.

Abt. Apr 1865 • Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania

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1866

## Residence

Patrick J O'Dea lived in Sugar Run, Pennsylvania, in 1866.

According to Patrick's and Sarah's granddaughter, Mary Catherine (Sr. St. Rita), the family moved to Sugar Run after living in Philadelphia for a year. After drilling 7 dry holes on their farm there, the eighth was a gusher, still producing in 1977.

Abt. 1866 • Sugar Run, Bradford, Pennsylvania, USA

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1880

## Residence

Relation to Head: Self

1880 • Center, Wetzel, West Virginia, USA

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1900

## Residence

This photo shows Thomas Michael Clarkson, Sara Clarkson, Annie and Mary O'Dea, Patrick O'Dea, wife Katharine, Katie O'Dea (or maybe Thomas' sister Anna Marie?), Paul, Anna, and Thomas Homer.



1900 • Clay, Wetzel, West Virginia, USA

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1908

## Probate

5 Oct 1908 • Wetzel, West Virginia, USA

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1908

## Death

Patrick J O'Dea died on October 14, 1908, in Littleton, West Virginia, when he was 75 years old.

Source: [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_view.aspx?Id=5912993&Type=Death](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_view.aspx?Id=5912993&Type=Death)

14 Oct 1908 • Littleton, Wetzel, West Virginia, United States

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1910 Katherine O'Dea



1910 • Littleton, Wetzel County, West Virginia, USA

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## Burial



United States