

ST PATRICK CEMETERY, KENT, WA

The Seattle Area's Irish Pioneer Cemetery



St. Patrick Cemetery was created when the O'Connell family in 1880 set aside 4½ acres on their farm south of Seattle to be a cemetery for the mainly Irish Catholic families in the area. They named it for St. Patrick, and in 1902, formally transferred title to the cemetery to the local Catholic Church for the sum of \$1. Over the years, the cemetery fell into disrepair due to non-use, a lack of volunteers, and vandalism. Since the 1970s, all records, services and maintenance for St. Patrick have been provided by Gethsemane Cemetery in Federal Way.



The farm where St. Patrick Cemetery was started was owned by the O'Connell Family, shown here around 1904 with Richard and Sarah in the middle, children Richard and Catherine at rear, and Monica in front. Richard O'Connell was born in Co. Limerick in 1839 and Sarah (Mullen) was born in Co. Galway in 1870. After his first wife died, Richard married Sarah in 1887 and they had three children, Catherine (b. 1888), Richard (b. 1890), and Monica (b. 1897). Richard died in 1935 and Sarah died in 1952. Today, their grandson, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren still live on the original O'Connell family farm, located just down the hill from St. Patrick.

St. Patrick Pioneer Cemetery is located 1 mile east of Exit # 152 off I-5, on the corner of [Orillia Rd and 204th Street](#) in Kent, just east of Sea-Tac Airport.



SOME HEADSTONES & THEIR INSCRIPTIONS



The first burials at St. Patrick: *Morgan O'Brien / Born in Tipperary Co. Ireland / Died Dec. 18, 1880 / Aged 65 yrs. / Also His Wife / Catherine, / Born in Co. Claire, Ireland / Died Dec. 3, 1880 / Aged 56 yrs.*



Founders of St. Patrick Cemetery: *O'CONNELL / RICHARD / 1839 - 1935 / SARAH / 1870 - 1952*



COSTELLO: *FATHER / JOHN FRANCIS / NOV. 27 1860 / NOV. 24, 1930 / BORN IN LIMERICK COUNTY IRELAND*

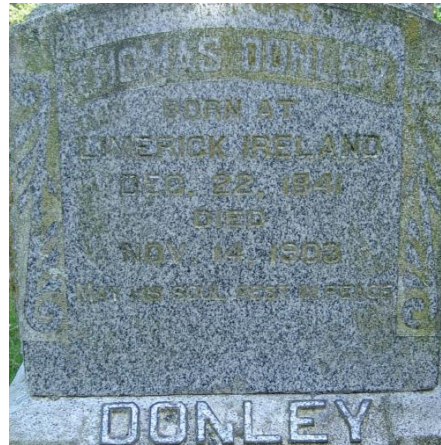


IN MEMORY OF / THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

The Congregation of Christian Brothers, which opened Seattle's O'Dea High School in 1925 and whose members are buried at St. Patrick Cemetery, was founded in 19th-century Ireland



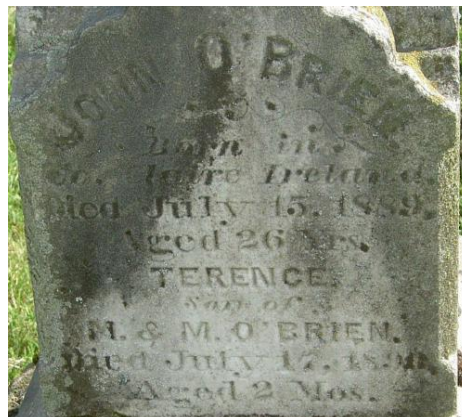
DWYER: JEREMIAH DWYER / BORN TIPARRI IRELAND / 1828-1905 / MARY, WIFE OF JEREMIAH DWYER / 1835 - 1926



DONLEY: THOMAS DONLEY / BORN AT / LIMERICK IRELAND / DEC 22, 1841 / DIED / NOV. 14, 1903 / MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE / DONLEY



DOWNEY: PATRICK DOWNEY / BORN IN IRELAND 1826 / DIED / FEB. 26, 1907



O'BRIEN: JOHN O'BRIEN / Born in / Co. Claire Ireland / Died July 15, 1889 / Aged 26 yrs. / TERENCE / Son of / M. & M. O'Brien / Died July 17, 1890 / Aged 2 mos.



SMITH: JOHN SMITH / BORN IN IRELAND / DIED / AT BRISCOE SCHOOL / DEC 28, 1933 / PRAY FOR HIM



MULLEN: MOTHER / MARGARET MULLEN / COUNTY GALWAY IRE / NOV 5, 1847 - DEC 13, 1914



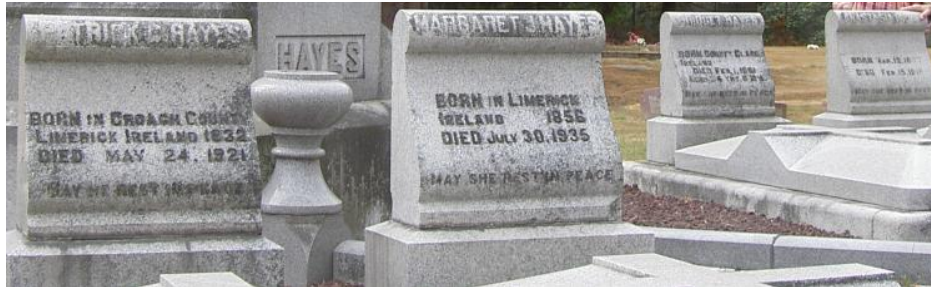
MULLEN: EDWARD MULLEN / BORN IN / COUNTY GALWAY IRELAND / NOV 28, 1886 / DIED SEPT 17, 1910



MULLEN: MULLEN / MOTHER / MARY / 1842 - 1906 / BORN IN GALWAY IRELAND



HOGAN: DAU. OF / JA'S & MARY HOGAN / BORN NOV. 28, 1891 / DIED APR. 10, 1895



HAYES:

PATRICK C HAYES / BORN IN CROAGH COUNTY / LIMERICK IRELAND 1832 / DIED MAY 24, 1921 / MAY HE REST IN PEACE

MARGARET J HAYES / BORN IN LIMERICK / IRELAND 1856 / DIED JULY 30 1935 / MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



CUMMINGS: CATHERINE / CUMMINGS / BORN IN CLARE CO. / IRELAND / DIED / NOV. 4, 1935 / AGED 79 YRS. / MAY HER SOUL / REST IN PEACE

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