

John and Julia Rafferty Quinlan

Java Center, NY



John Quinlan
(1831-1911)



Julia Rafferty (Quinlan)
(1839-1919)

James	(1862 – 1931)
John	(1866 – 1932)
Charles	(1867 – 1944)
William Timothy	(1868 – 1930)
Edward	(1869 – 1929)
Mary	(1871 – 1915)
Peter	(1873 – 1904)
Margaret Teresa	(1875 – 1949)
Frank	(1877 – 1900)
Joseph	(1879 – 1901)

JOHAN QUINLAN WAS BORN IN Providence, RI in 1831 and Julia Rafferty was born in Java Center, NY in 1839. They were married in St. Patrick's Church in Java Center on Nov. 29, 1861. They lived at the Quinlan place in Strykersville for a few years, then on the Java townline road and then on a farm one mile west of Java Lake. When they moved from the townline, Julia and the oldest two children stayed at the home of her parents and there Charles was born. A short time later she later

she went to the farm west of Java Lake with Charles in her arms. When the family was grown they moved back to her old home with Charles helping with the move. Late they found that it was forty years to the day since they had moved the other way. The following story is from John McNulty's Quinlin, Kinsella, McGuire Family 1828 to 1976. "Julia was known for her poker face and sense of humor as the following story points out. One time with a friend she consulted a palmist. Julia told the palmist that she was

a widow but had an offer of marriage and wondered if she should accept. John was very much alive at this time. The Palmist looked at her hands and then at her face several times then remarked, "you have about all the old man you want".



Left to Right Joseph, Margaret, Mary, Peter, and Frank; with John and Julia seated.

Timothy and Margaret Kinsella Quinlan

County Cork, Ireland; Providence, RI; Nova Scotia; Massachusetts; Strykersville, NY

Timothy Quinlan
(1805-1858)

Margaret Kinsella Quinlan
(1800/07-1875)

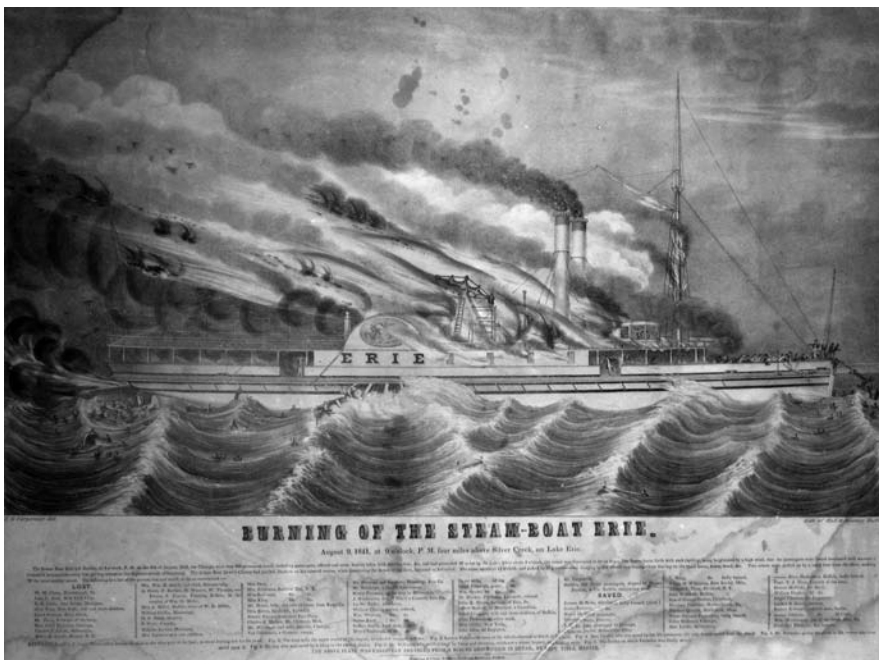
Mary	(1829 – 1858)
John	(1831 – 1911)
Charles	(1836 –)
Edward	(1840 – 1873)
Elizabeth	(1842 – 1917)
Catherine	(1844 – 1874)
James	(1845 –)
Margaret	(1848 – 1932)

Timothy Quinlan was born in 1805 in County Cork, Parish Castle Lyons, Ireland and Margaret Kinsella was born in either 1800 or in 1807, also in County Cork. They lived in Providence, RI where their daughter Mary was born in 1829 and John in 1831. They went to Nova Scotia then to Massachusetts where Charles was born in 1836 and Edward in 1840. The family moved westward and stopped in Buffalo, NY. The family remained there and Tim boarded the steamboat Erie that was destined for

Chicago. Tim was going to purchase land. On the night of August 9, 1841, near Silver Creek, thirty miles south of Buffalo, the ship burned and sank with heavy loss of life. Tim clung to a plank and was rescued and returned to Buffalo. When Tim went into the water he had on two money belts, which contained two thousand dollars worth of gold. The weight being a burden he dropped one belt but retained the other. With what he retained he was able to purchase a good farm in Java area near Strykersville, NY.

The family attended St. Patrick's Church in Java Center with Tim, Margaret, Ed and Kate being buried in the church cemetery.

Tim's estate included 100.5 acres with a residence and a 50-acre timber tract one mile east of the residence. The land had been purchased in 1842.



Burning of the Steamboat Erie
Hall & Mooney Lithograph ca 1841

John and Mary McGuire Rafferty

Patterson, NJ; Java Center, NY

James	(1828 – 1903)
Peter	(1833 –)
Mary	(–)
John Jr.	(1836 – 1856)
Julia	(1839 – 1919)

John Rafferty
(1793-1883)

Mary McGuire (Rafferty)
(1796-1866)

James Rafferty and his wife Mary McGuire along with other members of the McGuire family probably came to America in the 1820s from County Meath, Parish Kilcairn, Ireland. They settled in Patterson, NJ where their oldest son James was born. In 1828 Mary's brother Lawrence bought a square mile of property just east of Java Center. They were the first Irish Catholic family to settle in the area. The land was divided into four farms, which were held by Lawrence McGuire, Richard McGuire, Owen McGuire and John Rafferty.