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Hi Ellen, I am Bill Conlon and manage a number of DNA kits. C.M shows as a 3rd cousin to me and a fourth cousin to my 1C1R Manus Getchell. Manus and I share ancestors from Whitman, Mass: William H. Fogarty (b. 1856 Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary) and Alice Lyons (b. 1862 most likely Co. Galway). C.M. does not match my 2C1R Thomas Fox, who shares Fogarty ancestry with Manus and me. So I think we can conclude that C.M is related to me (and Manus) by the Lyons line. Alice Lyons was the daughter of Patrick Lyons and Mary Lally. I do not see the Lyons and Lally names in your tree, but this may be a fruitful line of inquiry. Also, I have found gedmatch.com to be useful for genetic genealogy. Please let me know if you decide to upload the DNA kit there. Bill bill@wmconlon.com

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Hi Bill, CM is my mother, Catherine Flaherty Murray. Her mother, Margaret OBrien left Ireland at the age of 16, ending up in New Jersey early 1920s. CM's Dad was John Flaherty, who also travelled to NY several times , ultimately meeting/marrying Margaret Obrien. Unfortunately, neither talked much about their childhood, and my mom is the last of the 4 siblings has little to no recollection of many facts that help me on this ancestry journey, hence, she allowed me to send in her DNA sample with the hopes that I could discover more! I am still trying to get my head around all of this (those darn similar Irish names!) would love any help you could give me! Neither Lyons or Lally has appeared in my research....Im excited to see where this leads! Thank you for reaching out! Ellen

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I see that your mother's English/O'Brien line includes a wedding in Ballyporeen, where my great grandfather William H. Fogarty was born in 1856. So our connection is likely there. Breda Nolan has a tree on ancestry called 'Interrelated Families of Ballyporeen.' Unfortunately she does not include sources, so I am always skeptical, but so far she has been accurate. You should take a look at her tree and see if it helps, and maybe shows our connection. Bill bill@wmconlon.com

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so, I've updated my DNA to GEDMatch...I'm slowly trying to understand this tool!

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I will take a look and see how we match. Maybe there can be some clues there.

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did a bit of digging....your Fox family was Residents of a house 57 in Coolagarranroe (Coolagarranroe, Tipperary) My English relatives resided in both houses 29 and 30.... there were several Obrien neighbors, also...but I haven't been able to link them to my Obriens yet....thought you'd get a kick ot of this! ellen

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A possible connection is Mary Fogarty in your tree. My GGgrandrather Patrick Fogarty could have been her sister based on approximate ages. Patrick married Margaret Walsh. One of their kids, William Henry Fogarty was my GGF; another Johanna married Edmond Fox.

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I think you are right! Mary Fogarty would be my GGrandmother, Margaret Obrien Flaherty is my grandmother d.1974. DNA =4th cousin...solved!

Mary Fogarty would be my great great gma...her son, Edmond Obrien is my great grandfather,his daughter, Margaret Obrien Flaherty is my grandmother. Many thanks for helping! Ellen

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GREAT!!!! So now we move on to sources to add some documentation if we can. I have two sources for my Patrick Fogarty, purported brother of your Mary Fogarty. One source is Breda Nolan's Interconnecting Families of Ballyporeen, which I have so far found to be accurate, but which has no sources. I hope to go to Ballyporeen later this year, and will try to meet Breda to see if I can get source documents. The other is from the wedding register of my Patrick's son William (my great grandfather). Ideally we will find either birth certificates for my Patrick and your Mary, of wedding registers showing that they have the same parents. On the genetic side, we want to now search for those who share DNA with your and my Fogarty descendants. This may help us piece together more of the story, and If we are extraordinarily fortunate help us to stumble onto the documentation. By the way, my email for genealogy is bill@conlon.org. I have

a fully documented tree on the web site at conlon.org that shows the Fogarty line descended from my Patrick. I will probably look at your tree and add your Mary as his brother (with anonymous parents). I only update the online tree about once a year, usually around Christmas, so you won't see any changes for a while.

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