

Croskery

Brian,

Thanks for updating all the information My Grandfather John Coskery was born 1891 in Ballynahinch County Down Ireland. He immigrated to Montreal Canada in 1912. I can not find the actual immigration paper as Canada due to the fact that Quebec records are not available for this period. I do not believe that he ever became a Canadian citizen as he was considered a British subject. He married a French Canadian named Erane (Irene) Doucet who was actually born in Coos County, Berlin New Hampshire USA.

Children of this marriage are:

Diana Coskery 1924 - 1974
Brian Coskery (My father) 1926 - 2002
Donard Coskery 1927 - 1991

This family was all born in Montreal. Diana is buried in Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal.

Brian Coskery is buried at St. Jude's Cemetery, Oakville, Ontario.

Donard Coskery is buried at Springbank Cemetery, (Clarkson) Mississauga Ontario.

In 2003 for fun I began a genealogy search by typing in my last name on the Internet. I really did not think there would be too many entries but I was astonished to find at least fifty. I found a woman on a message board looking for Coskery family. I wrote to her to see if there was a connection. After receiving her information I decided to do more research on my family name.

I had an advantage I knew from a trip I took to the UK and Europe in 1985 that the names Coskery< Coskrey, Croskery, Crosgrove and Cosgrove were all somehow related.

Through this research, I have found many cousins all over the world. It was through one of my contacts in Oman that led me to name of The Reverend Dr. Hugh Croskery who was also born in Ballynahinch County Down Ireland and of his descendent Hugh Croskery that you are currently in contact with in Kingston Jamaica.

Through the same contact in Oman I found a Robert Croskery born in Ballynahinch but moved to Canada in the 1950's. Upon contacting Robert, I found a whole new lines of Croskerys in Ireland and the United States.

Robert sent me some charts as to how they were all connected. I had the pleasure of meeting him and one of his daughters when he was visiting Toronto this summer. It was a great time.

Other information that I have collected over time was a book " Gravestone Inscriptions Volume 9 County Down" by R.S.J. Clarke and published by the Ulster Historical Foundation.

Another book that I had acquired from my cousins Madge McBride and Irene Coskery - Jennings was "To the folks I like" by Carson Nesbitt Cosgrove. You may not know his name but you will definitely know the name of the company he and his brother built from scratch. Originally it was called Minnesota Valley Canning Company but they changed the name to the Green Giant Company specializing in canned vegetables and frozen foods.

The parents of Carson N. Cosgrove were Robert Coskery 1820 - 1854 and Grace Shaw 1828 - 1907. They changed the name to Cosgrove upon arriving in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York USA. *** it is unknown why they did this ****

I have given Jack Stockman a lot of information on the Coskery / Croskery / Cosgrove family and we can go back to about 1730 and John Coskrey our oldest known ancestor.

See Jack's website listed below:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/s/t/o/John-E-Stockman>

Let me know if you can access it as most of my information is on it.

Do you want any tombstone photos from Ireland?

Talk to you soon,

Brent