

THE END

This adventure into the genealogy of "White Oak" Patrick's began in 1996 with the help of my mother, Jacqueline Wienges Patrick. She had accumulated much of Thomas Gilfillan Patrick's material on my father's (Joseph H. Patrick) family. T G Patrick, one of the sons of John Robert Patrick, had the heart to gather, preserve and share his family's historical information. He knew they were from Ireland, a man named John Blair had helped them get to America, and our ancestor, Thomas Patrick had been married to Mary Gilfillan.

Carl Gilfillan had done wonderful work to find the home place of the Gilfillans at Ballynamore, which is near Londonderry. Bruce Whitten, the husband of Sarah Frances Patrick, had done some good work researching our Patricks in Ireland, but had not found our "roots".

Standing on the shoulders of all those that had worked before, a new effort was started in 1997 to find the home-place of our Irish ancestors. The results are shown in the book - "The Search for Thomas Patrick's Ireland Home". A second follow-up book - "Update 1999 to The Search for Thomas Patrick's Ireland Home" concluded the work on our Northern Ireland, Scot-Irish, ancestors. Four trips to Northern Ireland, new found friends, new found cousins (Rebecca Drake and family) and a fun Reunion at White Oak, all made for a wonderful celebration of the effort at gathering ancestral knowledge.

Robert Mackintosh was hired to do the research for the York County book in 2009 and then for the William Minter book about 2010. The William Minter book took over as top priority as enthusiasm grew among the grandchildren after we had agreed to write a book on our grandparents. "The Family of William Minter and Jane Thompson Patrick" was completed in 2011.

90 % of the work had been done on the York County era and it was calling to be finished. The last 10% was accomplished and this typing is being done on March 20, 2013. This York effort will complete my work on our Patrick family. Like the Sunday School teacher that gets more out of the lesson than anyone else, I have benefitted the most. I enjoy each new fact or record. Each tidbit is precious and reveals an event or a moment in time connected to people I now know a lot better.

All of the work has been to collect our family lore, our hidden tidbits, and knock on our memories to gather all we could get our hands on and put that collection in a written document for easy access by anyone interested in our past. It is poorly done in a lot of ways and that has to do with my limited skills. I have made some assumptions that could easily be proved wrong in the future. I am sorry about those mistakes. I called them like I saw them - trying to make a picture out of puzzle pieces.

This book completes my work on our Patrick family. I hope it inspires others to look for new facts and records and make this work better than it is. Just as the work of others inspired me and benefitted me, my hope is that this does the same for others. Jody