

in Fond du Lac,¹⁸ he finished his citizenship process in Calumet County in 1858.¹⁹ Eventually Dennis finished the house and Winifred arrived in Wisconsin to settle in her new home in the country. Several of their children and their families joined them later.

The farm in Chilton gave the Connellys a chance to start anew. No landlords, no tithes, no rents and, best of all, no famine. The land was full of rolling hills and an abundance of trees. Very picturesque. Lake Winnebago was just a short distance away and there were many other Irish families in the area with which they could socialize. By 1860 they owned 80 acres and were growing oats, wheat and potatoes and were making maple molasses, a popular endeavor at the time.^{19a}

Dennis and Winifred settled into their new home probably with a great deal of relief. Their son Michael had bought property in the area and settled there with his family. Their daughter Elizabeth and her husband Owen Wade settled in Chilton for a while then eventually moved on to Iowa and Nebraska. Mary, who married Patrick Harlowe, stayed for a short time. James the youngest stayed in Chilton until about 1870, then he moved his family to Nebraska.

Their daughter Winifred who had married Martin Cain in Rhode Island, stayed there until her death in childbirth in 1863. Her children, however, spent much time with their grandparents. They are found in several census records living in the Connelly household.

Winifred, the elder, would go out on many occasions to Rhode Island to check up on her children and their families. It was probably at that time that she would bring her Cain grandchildren back with her to Wisconsin to live for a while. She is even found in the 1860 Federal census twice: once in Rhode Island with her daughter Elizabeth²⁰ and then back in Wisconsin later in the year with her husband and four of the Cain children.²¹

They enjoyed a good thirty years in their new home before Dennis passed away on May 9, 1871²² he was buried at the St. Augustine Cemetery in Chilton.

"At Chilton, on Tuesday the 9th inst., of failure of the digestive powers, Dennis Connelly, aged 77 years.

The deceased was a native of the Parish of Lisanuffy, County Roscommon, Ireland. He came to this country in 1847 and was a resident of East Greenwich, in Rhode Island, for four years but finally moved to this county and settled at Stony Brook.

Since his residence here his course of life has been so upright and honorable that he hasn't an enemy in the world but was regarded as an honest man, a true Christian and genuine friend by all who knew him as well as one of the most accommodating and unselfish men in the community. The close of his long and well spent life was peaceful and happy, his bedside being surrounded by the faithful and untiring wife and other relatives, he willingly allowed the spirit to depart from the earthly tenement and return to the God who gave it. His many kind acts will long be remembered, while the results of his virtuous and truly Christian life and example will never pass away. A good man has fallen and our citizens deeply mourn his departure and sympathize with the bereft family. Over sixty teams were in the funeral procession."

Winifred died about 8 years later at the age of 80/82.²³

"Departed this life, with her peace fully made with her maker, at the residence of Mrs. Mary Callaghan (Callahan), in this city, Mrs. Winifred Connelly, (nee Nolan) relic of Dennis Connelly Esq. at the ripe age of 80 years.

The deceased was born in the parish of Lisanuffy, County Roscommon, Ireland. Emigrated with her husband and family to the United States in 1847, and resided in Rhode Island until 1853 when she became one of Calumet's pioneers at Stony Brook near what is now the City of Chilton,

