

## **Second Generation**

2. Patrick CONNELLY<sup>24</sup>. Was born in 1823. He married Elizabeth Boxquette. They had 10 children together, four of those children were quadruplets who all died shortly after birth. The birth of quadruplets was quite a story at the time and was written up in the newspaper. Nothing much further is known of the family other than in 1868 their farm was put up for sale and they were leaving the area.



Michael Connelly. Photo provided courtesy of Jeanne Netherton.

3. Michael CONNELLY<sup>25</sup>. Was born on September 12, 1824. He came to America in 1847, at the age of 23 and worked in a factory in Providence, Rhode Island. He married Catherine Nesbitt in East Greenwich, Rhode Island in 1849. In 1851 they moved to Chilton where they had a farm. He later built a store in Chilton. Catherine and Michael's 12 year old son John, was killed in an accident in 1864. Catherine died in 1866 at the age of 35, leaving Michael with four children. He later married Julia Tobin in Milwaukee in 1868. A woman who was not well liked by his children or family.

In 1885, he moved from Chilton with Julia and his two sons and their families to Battle Creek, Nebraska. In 1901, he moved back to Chilton where he died a few months later in 1902.

4. Mary CONNELLY<sup>26</sup>. Born in 1829. Married Patrick Harlowe in 1850 Rhode Island. Sometime later they moved to Chilton. Patrick died at 32, leaving Mary with five children. She returned to Rhode Island where two of the children died. She came back to Chilton and married James Callahan. Together they had four children. She died in 1881 and is buried in St. Augustine Cemetery in Chilton. She is remembered for a beautiful sampler she made.

5. Winifred CONNELLY was about 16 years old (having been born circa 1831<sup>27</sup>) when her parents made the decision to move the family to America. Her marriage to fellow Irish born Martin CAIN<sup>28</sup> (see *The Cain Family*) occurred about four years after her arrival in 'the colonies' on April 10, 1852.<sup>29</sup>

Her existence came as a surprise to several Connelly researchers although not an unexpected one. The large age gap in the records between Michael and Bridget made it quite likely that there were some unknown children in between, it was just a matter of finding them.

Winifred's life was most likely a hard one, and definitely a short one. Living in a mill village would have been difficult, but at least some of her siblings stayed in Rhode Island, making the loss of their parents to Wisconsin easier to bear.

Winifred was only 32 when she died in childbirth in Centerville, Rhode Island July 12, 1863.<sup>30</sup> The child she was carrying also died. Two more sad statistics to the poor doctoring of the times.

Children (see *The Cain Family*):

- + John Paul (1852-1918)
- + Sarah (~1854-)
- + Winifred (~1856-)
- + Dennis (~1857-)
- + Julia (~1857-)
- + Amy (Ann) (1859-)
- + James (1861-)

5. Brigid CONNELLY<sup>31</sup>. Is known to have been born in 1833 in Strokestown, Ireland as her baptismal record is found there. It is believed she died in Ireland.

6. Elizabeth CONNELLY<sup>32</sup>. Born in 1834, in County Roscommon, Ireland. She was about 13 when the family came to Rhode Island. She married Owen Wade. Elizabeth and Owen moved to Chilton, Wisconsin, then to Waterloo, Iowa, and then finally to a farm southwest of Norfolk, Nebraska. They had 15 children,

