

Descendants of Thomas Dowd

Generation No. 1

1. Thomas¹ Dowd was born 1837 in County Cavan, Ireland, and died 19 Feb 1921 in Riverside, New York. He married **Alice Meaghan** in Chicago, Illinois. She was born 1845 in County Monaghan Ireland, and died 18 May 1918 in New Hampton, Iowa.

Notes for Thomas Dowd:

Dowd may also be spelled Dowd, O'Dowd or O'Dowd.

Also known as Thomas Dowd (1880 Iowa census) Thomas Dowd born in Ireland (According to notes taken by Aunt Alice Stark when visiting Margaret Gaffney McGinn – Margaret's mother and Grandma Dowd were 1st cousins – Grandpa Dowd was from Killinkere townland in Co. Cavan , Ireland.. He got his mail in Lacy.)

New Hampton Tribune on Wed. April 6, 1921, pg. 1.

THOS. DOWD SR. DEAD IN NEW YORK CITY PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 1921 OF CANCER AT AGE OF 84 YEARS. WAS BURIED AT RIVERSIDE, NEW YORK

The death of Thomas Dowd, Sr., occurred at Riverside, New York city, on February 19, 1921, of cancer. He was buried there. The deceased was eighty-four years of age. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland and came to this country when twenty years of age and worked in New York City for a few years. He was married in Chicago to Miss Alice Meighan and they came to this County and settled in Dayton Township. Mrs. Dowd died three years ago this coming May. To this union five children were born, three of whom are dead. Those living are Thomas Dowd and Mrs. T.J. Kennedy of this community.

Notes for Alice Meaghan:

The following from the New Hampton newspaper obituary (May 15, 1918)

Mrs. Alice Dowd, age 82, a resident of Dayton Township died as a result of injuries in the cyclone of last Thursday.

Mrs. Dowd was a native of Ireland, coming to America in the early 1860's. She is survived by a son, Thomas, with whom she lived, and by a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Kennedy.

The funeral was held in St. Joseph's church in this city last Saturday. Rev. M.H. Carey and Rev. Ennessey conducting the services. Interment was at St. Joseph's cemetery.

The following excerpts from the New Hampton newspaper regarding the cyclone. Full story is available from ancestry section at New Hampton Library.

The next thing taken was the iron bridge over the Wapsie. The bridge, several rods long, was carried four rods up stream and twisted all out of shape. A little further the cyclone hit the Thomas Dowd home where every building was torn to pieces and Mrs. Dowd was killed. Her son was at the school across the way and he and his sister, Mrs. Thomas Kennedy and her daughter Ruth were hiding under a wooden culvert in front of the school house.

North eighty rods the outbuildings of G.W. Heinmiller and Thomas Kennedy were taken. The Simpson wreckage was made at the same instant.

Notes of the cyclone.

Thirty people, women and school children, miraculously escaped without a scratch in the Simpson cellar near the

Dowd School. In the party were Mrs. Fred D'Ziggel, Mrs. Otto Bartz, Mrs. George Green, Mrs. Emil Bartz, Mrs. J.L. Simpson, Miss Anna Carr, Lydia, Cosette, William and Judson Waltz; Angeline, Clarence, Viola, Cora, Isadore and Virgil Green; Alfred, Alice, Beatrice, Leona and John Roethler; Ray Bartz; Margaret, Evelyn and Clara D'Ziggel; Cleo Bartz; Leland and Millard Simpson; Bernice and Marie Kennedy; and Dale Johnson.

Aged woman victim

About a mile across the field's southwest of the Smith place Mrs. Alice Dowd, an aged woman, had been killed only a minute before. She was alone in the house, which was torn clean from its foundations. Ten rods north of the house, just over the threshold of the bam entrance, she lay, inside the bare foundation wall, clear to the view. No wreckage was near her. In her hands she still grasped the frame that had contained the portrait of her son, Patrick, who died fourteen years ago, aged 27. In that awful maelstrom of death her poor, aged body had received frightful injuries. Her neck and limbs were broken and her life beaten out in those terrible seconds.

More about Alice Meaghan:

Burial: 20 May 1919, New Hampton, Iowa

Children of Thomas Dowd and Alice Meaghan are:

- 2 i. Thomas² Dowd, born 18 Dec 1868 in Chicago, Illinois; died 20 Aug 1940.

Notes for Thomas Dowd:

The following is from the obituary column of the New Hampton, Iowa Newspaper:

Thomas Dowd, 71 dies Tuesday P.M. Funeral Thursday.

Ill for several days following slight stroke. Was Vice President of Second National Bank.

Funeral services for Thomas Dowd who died last Tuesday after church Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. T.J. Dowling was in charge.

Paul bearers were A.A. ushers, J.B. Martinek, Hubert Laures, Ed Schilling, John Schaudenecker and Ben Tiemessen.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery. Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. James Sheppard, Mrs. John Sheppard and Mrs. John Cavanaugh of Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dowd of Dubuque and Mr. and Mrs. F. Kroft of Nashua.

Thomas Dowd was born December 18, 1868 in Chicago, Illinois. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dowd. When six months old the family came to Iowa to live and settle on a farm in Dayton Township where he lived until 1919. His first home in Iowa was in a log cabin. He was educated in the rural school near his home.

Mr. Dowd was thrifty and industrious and soon acquired other land besides the home farm. He never married.

In 1918 (May 9, 1918) a cyclone destroyed the buildings on his land and since that time he has made his home with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kennedy. He was for a number of year's vice-president of the Second National Bank in this city.

Last January, Mr. Dowd suffered an attack of influenza and was a patient at St. Joseph's hospital for a time. He apparently fully recovered and seemed in good health until the Thursday afternoon preceding his death. He suffered a slight stroke and was taken to the hospital where he passed away Tuesday afternoon, August 20 at 4:00 o'clock. At the time of his death he had reached the age of 71 years, eight months and three days.

Mr. Dowd is survived by his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. (Thomas and Sarah) Kennedy and four nieces, Mrs. Callistus Stark (Alice) of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Jack Shaw (Bernice) of New Jersey, Mrs. Donald Leonard (Marie A.) of Lawler and Ruth Kennedy at home. His parents, a sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Because of illness, Mrs. Shaw was unable to attend her uncle's funeral.

More about Thomas Dowd:

Burial: 20 Aug 1940, Calvary Cemetery, New Hampton

- 3 ii. Patrick Dowd, born 25 Sep 1871; died 09 Feb 1904 in West Plains, Missouri.

Notes for Patrick Dowd:

Patrick and Bernard are reported to have died from appendicitis and consumption. It is not known at this time which had what.

The following from the New Hampton newspapers (2/16/1904)

Patrick Dowd, a well known young man of Dayton Township, died at the home of his father, Thomas Dowd, near West Plains, Missouri, on Tuesday, February 9, 1904, of tuberculosis.

Deceased was born in Dayton Township September 25, 1871 and was a resident of this county continuously up to last July, when he went to Colorado with the hope that the climate would improve his health. Not finding the Colorado climate beneficial, he went to Missouri to his father's where he made the last heroic stand in the fight against death, ending there the unequal struggle that had been waged for nearly two years.

He is survived by his father and mother, two sisters and a brother, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral, which was held from the home in Dayton Township and from St. Joseph's church in this city, a requiem mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Slattery. A large number of friends attended the services and followed the remains to their last resting place in the parish cemetery.

More about Patrick Dowd:

Burial: St. Joseph's Cemetery, New Hampton, Iowa

- + 4 iii. Sarah E. Dowd, born 02 Aug 1874 in Clinton, Iowa; died 04 Jan 1959 in New Hampton, Iowa.
5 iv. Bernard Dowd, born 1875; died 13 Nov 1896.

Notes for Bernard Dowd:

Burial: St. Josephs Cemetery, New Hampton, Iowa

- 6 v. Alice B. Dowd, born 14 Feb 1878 in Dayton Township, Iowa; died 06 Jun 1909 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Notes for Alice B. Dowd:

The following from the Nashua or New Hampton Newspapers obituary section (6/10/09):

Death of Miss Alice Dowd.

Miss Alice Dowd, well known in New Hampton, having been reared only a few miles southwest of the city, died in a hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas, Sunday evening, June 6, 1909, of erysipelas, following a period of broken health dating back more than a year.

She first was taken ill with la grippe, from which recovery was slow. Concluding to travel south for her health, she first went to West Plains, Missouri, and spent a considerable time with her father, Mr. John (Thomas is correct name) Dowd. She took a trip to New Orleans and then went to Little Rock. From this city she wrote to her sister, Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, about two weeks ago that she felt better than for some time. The attack of erysipelas supervened and the end came with swiftness. Her father was with her in her last hours and he arrived in New Hampton with the remains yesterday morning. Mrs. Dowd, the mother, has been with her children in Dayton Township the past year.



Miss Dowd was born in Dayton Township February 14, 1878, and passed most of her life at the home of her childhood. She was a vivacious nature of bright intellect. She was ambitious and clever, and life held much of promise for her. In a distant clime, far from old friends and her loved ones the final summons found her-- but not unprepared. Her Christian faith was well grounded and she died in the Christian's hope of a blest-beyond.

Besides the father and mother, she is mourned by one brother, Thomas, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, both residing at the old home in Dayton Township.

The funeral is to held this morning at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in New Hampton and the body will be laid to rest in the parish cemetery.

(6/17/09)

Mr. Thomas Dowd returned to West Plains, Missouri last Friday, having been here to attend the funeral of his daughter, Miss Alice. Mrs. Dowd remained for a longer visit.

More about Alice B. Dowd:

Burial: Jun 1909, St. Joseph Catholic cemetery, New Hampton, Iowa

Generation No. 2

4. Sarah E.² Dowd (Thomas¹) was born 02 Aug 1874 in Clinton, Iowa, and died 04 Jan 1959 in New Hampton, Iowa. She met **Thomas John Kennedy** 15 Jul 1902 in Chicago, Illinois, son of John Kennedy and Mary Lawler. He was born 25 Nov 1870 in Clinton, Iowa, and died 23 Jul 1951 in New Hampton, Iowa.

Notes for Sarah E. Dowd:

Sarah's wedding dress made in Ireland by the Power sisters from County Cavan.

Burial: 06 Jan 1959, New Hampton, Iowa



Notes for Thomas John Kennedy:
The following info is from:

DIRECTORY: 1887
DIRECTORY OF
CLINTON, LYONS
AND CHANCY:
Clinton County, Iowa

Kennedy, Thomas, lab, boards 423 14th avenue

1901 Clinton City Directory
Kennedy Thomas J, Tinner C & N W, b 423 14th Ave.

More about Thomas John Kennedy:

Burial: New Hampton, Iowa



Children of Sarah Dowd and Thomas Kennedy are:

- + 7 i. Alice Marie³ Kennedy, born 28 Feb 1904 in Clinton, Iowa; died Feb 1995 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- + 8 ii. Theresa Bernice Kennedy, born 24 Jul 1906 in Clinton, Iowa; died in New Hampton, Iowa.
- 9 iii. Anna Marie Kennedy, born 02 Jul 1909 in New Hampton, Iowa. [\[Go to the Phillip Henry Leonard Descendents file to see the marriage of Anna Marie Kennedy and their lineage.\]](#)
- 10 iv. Sarah Ruth Kennedy, born 08 Sep 1911 in New Hampton, Iowa; died 29 May 2007 in Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, Iowa. Burial: 04 Jun 2007, New Hampton, Iowa.



Sarah Ruth Kennedy



Generation No. 3

7. **Alice Marie³ Kennedy** (Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 28 Feb 1904 in Clinton, Iowa, and died Feb 1995 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She married **Callistus Hubert Stark**, son of Joseph Stark. He was born 15 Sep 1905, and died 10 Nov 2001.

More about Alice Marie Kennedy:

Baptism: Baptism records show: Alice Mary and sponsors at baptism were Harold Lawlor (Lawler) and Alice Dowd.

Burial: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

More about Callistus Hubert Stark:

Burial: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Children of Alice Kennedy and Callistus Stark are:

- + 11 i. Thomas Edward⁴ Stark, born 19 Feb 1933 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; died 21 Aug 1998 in Iowa.
- 12 ii. Bernice Idelle Stark, born 14 Nov 1935.
- + 13 iii. Richard Stark, born 13 Sep 1940.
- + 14 iv. Harold James Stark, born 18 Aug 1943.



Alice Marie Kennedy



Callistus Stark

8. Theresa Bernice³ Kennedy (Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 24 Jul 1906 in Clinton, Iowa, and died in New Hampton, Iowa. She married **Maurice Jack Shaw** 16 May 1938 in St. Malaky, New York City, New York, son of Claude Sherrill and Eva. He was born 12 Aug 1906, and died 1986.

More About Theresa Bernice Kennedy:

Baptism: Sponsors were Wm. Lawlor (Lawler) and Anna Sheppard

Burial: New Hampton, Iowa

Ethnicity/Relig.: CATHOLIC

Event 1: Baptized St. Mary's Church, Clinton, Iowa

Occupation: HOMEMAKER

Residence: NEW HAMPTON, IOWA

Notes for Maurice Jack Shaw:

Jack changed name from Sherrill to Shaw when adopted by Aunt in Texas. (Notes from Bernice Shaws phone book)

Children of Theresa Kennedy and Maurice Shaw are:

- + 15 i. Maurice Robert⁴ Shaw, born 28 Sep 1940 in Richmond, Virginia.
- 16 ii. Malee Catherine Shaw, born 27 Dec 1941 in New Hampton, Iowa. She married Jerry Rosonke.

More about Malee Catherine Shaw:

Ethnicity/Relig.: Catholic

Residence: RR1 Box 115A Mansfield, South Dakota 57460



Theresa Kennedy



Maurice Shaw

Generation No. 4

11. Thomas Edward⁴ Stark (Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 19 Feb 1933 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and died 21 Aug 1998 in Iowa. He married **(1) Eva Stark**. He married **(2) Lydia Mary Roetlin** 07 Sep 1957. She was born 01 Sep 1934.

More about Thomas Edward Stark:

Burial: Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Children of Thomas Stark and Lydia Roetlin are:

- + 22 i. Cynthia Eileen⁵ Stark, born 11 Aug 1958 in New Orleans, LA.
- + 23 ii. Thomas James Stark, born 08 Jan 1960 in Tacoma, WA.
- + 24 iii. Charles Vincent Stark, born 23 May 1964 in Iowa City, IA.
- 25 iv. Sandra Ann Stark, born 24 Aug 1965 in Cedar Rapids, IA.



Thomas Stark

13. Richard⁴ Stark (Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 13 Sep 1940. He married **Linda Wolfman**.

Child of Richard Stark and Linda Wolfman is:

- 26 i. Rich⁵.

14. Harold James⁴ Stark (Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 18 Aug 1943. He married **Helen Mulligan**.

Children of Harold Stark and Helen Mulligan are:

- + 27 i. Kathleen⁵.
- 28 ii. Brian Patrick Stark. He married Katia Yareri Avila 21 Feb 2004 in Mexico City, Mexico.
- 29 iii. Kristin.

15. Maurice Robert⁴ Shaw (Theresa Bernice³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 28 Sep 1940 in Richmond, Virginia. He married **Margaret Sue Dunleavy**. She was born 27 Oct 1942.

Child of Maurice Shaw and Margaret Dunleavy is:

- 30 i. Michael⁵ Shaw.

Generation No. 5

22. Cynthia Eileen⁵ Stark (Thomas Edward⁴, Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 11 Aug 1958 in New Orleans, LA. She married **Jeffrey Allen Squires**. He was born 13 Nov 1959.

Children of Cynthia Stark and Jeffrey Squires are:

- 44 i. Jeremy Jeffery⁶ Squires, born 30 Jan 1986.
- 45 ii. Andrew Jay Squires, born 14 Oct 1987.

23. Thomas James⁵ Stark (Thomas Edward⁴, Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 08 Jan 1960 in Tacoma, WA. He married **Ann Strickland**. She was born 15 Mar 1959 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Children of Thomas Stark and Ann Strickland are:

- 46 i. Meaghan Marie⁶ Stark, born 06 Nov 1986 in Minneapolis, MN.
- 47 ii. Daniel Stark, born 22 Jul 1989 in Minneapolis, MN.
- 48 iii. Michelle Stark, born 02 Dec 1991 in Minneapolis, MN.

24. Charles Vincent⁵ Stark (Thomas Edward⁴, Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) was born 23 May 1964 in Iowa City, IA. He married **Caylah**.

Child of Charles Stark and Caylah is:

- 49 i. Margo Celeste⁶ Stark, born 25 Apr 1994 in Pittsburg, Penn.

27. Kathleen⁵ (Harold James⁴ Stark, Alice Marie³ Kennedy, Sarah E.² Dowd, Thomas¹) She married **Stan Ueland**.

Children of Kathleen and Stan Ueland are:

- 50 i. Matthew⁶.
- 51 ii. Andrew James, born 04 Mar 2002.