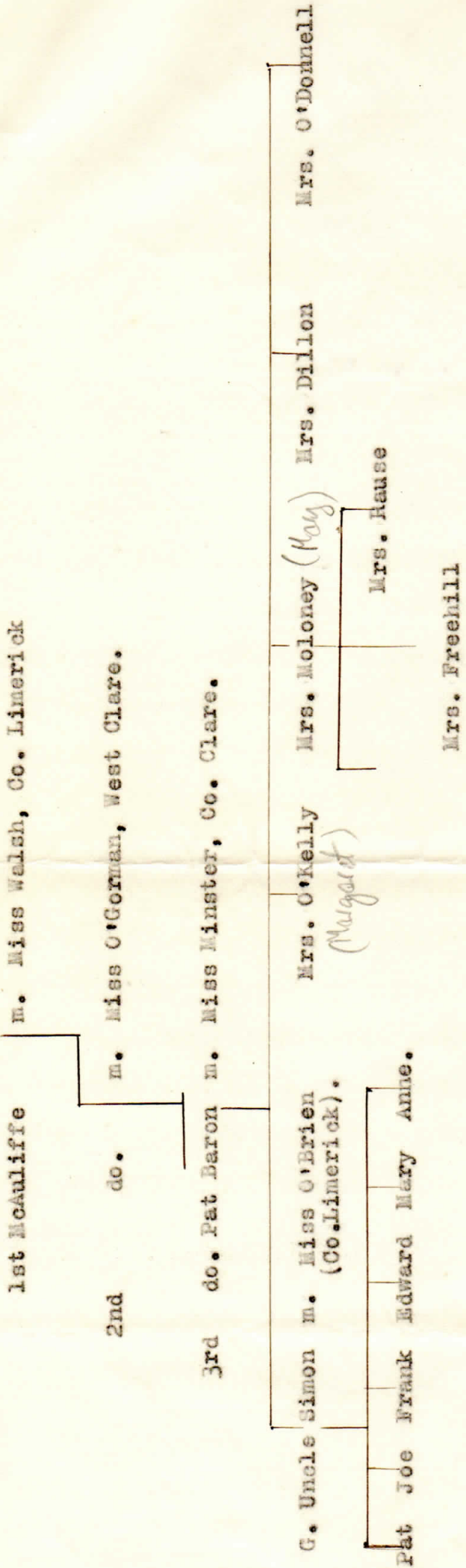


Father's brother's family history, etc.

McAULIFFES OF WEST CLARE

About 200 years ago the first of the family arrived in Colmanstown, Co. Clare (This town land is on the Shannon, directly apposite Glin, Co. Limerick). He had been studying for the Priesthood and then gave it up and possibly fled from the wrath of his clan. He came from N.W. Cork - and the clan was a small and hardy one which spent most of its time fighting. He took to farming in West Clare and his son did likewise. Pat, surnamed Baron (the Fairhaired) next of the line, apparently was a man of great business ability. He developed the salmon industry of West Clare and made a great deal of money at it. His son Simon carried on in like manner. His sons, Pat and Edward, continued the fishing industry - but times changed etc. and I believe neither had the ability of their predecessors - and now this is not nearly the business that it was. Simon had four sisters - one married Mr. O'Kelly Knocknaha; one married Dr. Moloney West Clare and later Australia; one married Martin Dillon, Ennis; and the fourth married R. O'Donnell of Co. Limerick - but lived in West Clare. Mr. O'Kelly, Knocknaha was your grandfather; Dr. Moloney was Mrs. Freehill's father; M. Dillon was my Grandfather G. Aunt Ellen O'Donnell had no children.

(If there is any more information on the subject which you would wish to know I shall be glad to get it for you, if I can).



Extract from Letter John Kelly to
his brother Thomas Kelly of Clapping Water
Oman

Papa felt indignant to
dert for his delay & shuffling
him a pretty stiff letter
to agree at all to what
ted in copy sent but to
Studdert & Father let agreed on
e the longest who would live
ve all, & Studdert took offence
wrote a sharp and very offensive
reply & made some uncalled for allusions
but I sent his letter back to his sister
taking a copy of same & also in a mild
or form I penned a letter & gave Mr.
Studdert a pedigree of the O Kelly
Mc Auliffes for you know I am well
up in family tracings back to the
time of James 2 & of Mary & William & Anne
I told him the O Kelly's sprung from the
great families of O Kelly & Dillens Earls of Bee of Connaught
directly & at no remote period either & so
they did, for your great grand Father, his Brothers
Mother &c. were hiding in the Kinvara
Mountains after Charles Edward being

defeated in Culloden
Your ancestor fell fighting
Young Prince in Scotland
Your Fathers Great grand N
sister to Col. Dillon who
Fontenoy in 1745. The old p
not wish to have many know
were at the time because the
of exile officers suffered dreadf
in this country: and I told him the
had Mother's Great grand Father, Thomas
Henry Eugene McAuliffe become a
renegade like his 1st cousin the
Earl of Clare John FitzGibbon Uncle Synan would
now be the Earl of Duhallo Cork
and be owner of the estates of the
barony of Duhallo: and they the Mac Auliffe's claimed close
kinship to the Mc.Carthy more &
O Connells of Kerry O Connell the
Liberator being a 2nd cousin of Mamas
Father & the present lady Louise FitzGibbon
recognizes the relationship & so do all
the O Connell family. My letter had
the effect I so desired Miss Studdert &

I am still corresponding regularly
and we are more attached than
ever and we expect it will please God
come all right again. We have
appointed to meet at Doughmore
races on Monday next for Father
imagines that it is ended & wants
to have his own way but after next
Monday I will know for certain how
it may be. Old Mrs. Studdert is
just the same amiable old lady
and the daughter is like the Mother
and I am certain I would be very happy
if that girl were my wife she is so
sensible & no nonsense in any way

Old Mrs. Studdert was the daughter
of Capt. John Heroncy 17th Lancers
her Mother was daughter of Sir J. Bourke
Bart. of Marblehill & Grand daughter
of the Marquis of Clanrickarde and
1st cousin of the Earl of Mayo Bourke
who was killed in Dublin with Lord
F. Cavendish was Mrs. Studderts 1st cousin

and Lady Colin Campbell
the wife of General Sir Colin
Campbell was her Aunt her
Mother's sister and three of her
Aunts were Members of religious
Orders one was Rev. Mother of
Dominicans I believe.

Old Mc.Enight was here on
yesterday the same as usual
he is one hundred & one years & $\frac{1}{2}$.

I hope you are all well & happy
and joined by all here in sending
you Nellie & Milleen our best love
and wishing you all a Very happy

Yours

I remain dear Tom

Your ever attached brother

JOHN.