



Jannet L. Walsh, of Murdock, Minnesota, USA, stands at the entrance to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Sunday, October 13, 2024. Her Irish born Great-Great Grandparents Michael J. Walsh Sr. and Catherine Summers, married at the cathedral, Nov. 2, 1857. Photo by Rebekah Walsh. Learn more at JannetWalsh.com.

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By Jannet L. Walsh

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Stories related to finding roots in Canada by Jannet L. Walsh

<https://jannetwalsh.com/?s=Irish+Canadian>

Tips for searching for Canadian roots

<https://jannetwalsh.com/2025/07/01/canada-day-search-for-irish-canadian-ancestors-irish-genealogy-tips/>

‘Irish Bard’ finds family roots on Wolfe Island by Brian P. Johnson

<https://jannetwalsh.com/2023/02/11/irish-bard-finds-family-roots-on-wolfe-island-by-brian-johnson/>

Honoring John “Johnny” Francis O’Shea, Prose Poem, Wolfe Island

<https://jannetwalsh.com/2024/08/16/honoring-john-johnny-francis-oshea-may-15-1932-september-11-2023-wolfe-islands-bard-storyteller/>

View poem at Thousands Islands Life

<https://thousandislandslife.com/the-islander-johnny-oshea-bard-of-wolfe-island-1932-2023/>

Searching for Irish Ancestors

Top 10 Tips for searching for Irish roots,

<https://jannetwalsh.com/2022/07/03/featured-story-at-irishcentral-july-3-2022/>

Travel to Ireland, <https://jannetwalsh.com/travel-to-ireland-guide-essentials/>

Book

“Higgledy-Piggledy Stones: Family Stories from Ireland and Minnesota”

<https://jannetwalsh.com/higgledy-piggledy-stones/>



Kingston and Wolfe Island Roots from Ireland, Canada and USA – brief history – This is a portrait of an undated photograph from the late 1890s to early 1900s of Catherine Summers Walsh (1833-1909), and her husband Michael John Walsh Sr. (1812-1901), Irish born great great-grandparents of Jannet L. Walsh of Murdock, Minnesota. The couple married at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 2, 1857, by the Rev. Patrick Dollard. They had eight children born in Kingston or Wolfe Island, and baptized on Wolfe Island, Ontario, at Sacred Heart Parish. Michael married first wife Mary Moran, 1829, and she died in Ireland, 1831. Second wife Bridget Moran died and is buried in an unmarked grave on Wolfe Island, 1857, the Old Catholic Cemetery. First born son of Michael Sr. was Patrick Walsh, born in Ireland about 1842 to 1846. Patrick's mother was likely Bridget Moran, sister or relative of Mary Moran, married likely in County Kilkenny, Ireland. The family lines were separated in 1877 when Michael J. Walsh Sr. and family migrated to Minnesota, joining an Irish Catholic Colony in De Graff, Swift County, started by Bishop John Ireland. Patrick Walsh and his family remained on Wolfe Island farming until the 1890s, and finally migrated to Philadelphia with his family over a period of several years. Patrick and his family appear in the 1900s US Census records as living at 735 Oxford St., Philadelphia. Michael J. Walsh Sr. and his son Patrick "Pat" Walsh both leased farms on Wolfe Island, with their names found on historic Wolfe Island maps. **Learn more about the [Irish Canadian family at Walsh 's blog.](#)**

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Writing Project Underway - Wolfe Islander: Return to the people of the Land and Sea (a collection of new family history stories in Minnesota and Canada, part of the Irish Diaspora <https://jannetwalsh.com/nonfiction-writing-project-irish-diaspora-family-stories-from-minnesota-and-canada/>)

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