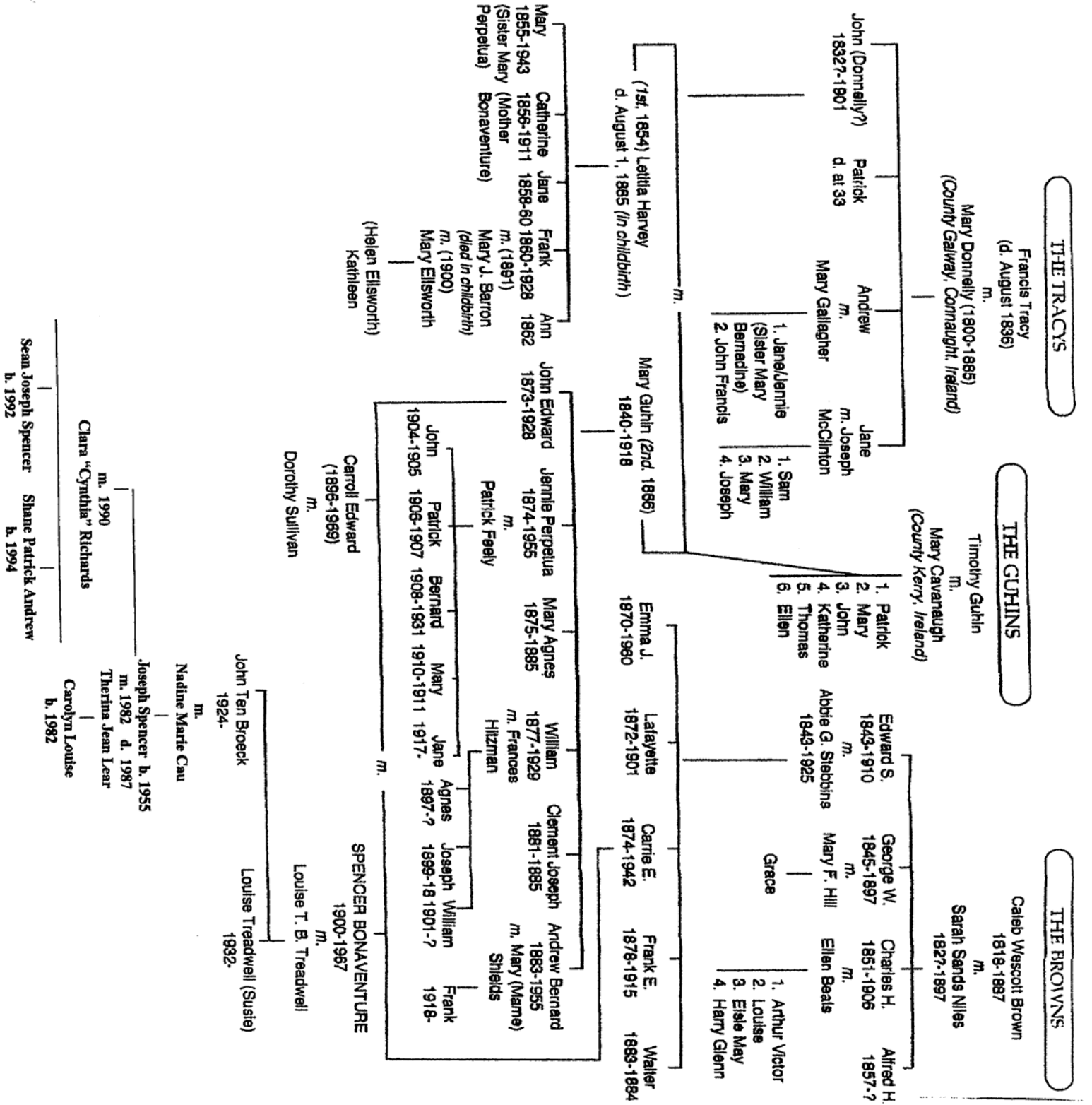


# Tracy Family Beginning



Nancy & Richard,

These are questions that Joe's daughter Carolyn asked about the Family recently... I hope they will be of interest to you. Cyndi

1. Who was the first person in your family to come to the United States? **John Donnelly Tracy (your great-great-great grandfather!)**
2. Which country did your relatives come from? **Galway, Ireland**
3. What year did they arrive in America? **In 1849!**
4. What language did your relatives speak? **English**
5. Tell about at least one food or custom which comes from this country. **Potatoes, soup and the Jig!**
6. Why did they leave that country? **Because Ireland's potato crop failed in 1845, the first repeated crop failures that led to Ireland's Great Famine! A span of a half a dozen years, one million Irish peasants would starve to death and another one and a half a million would flee the ravaged country.**
7. My first relative who came to the United States traveled by: **Ship, and it took six weeks and three days to get to America!**
8. Which city did your relative first arrive in ? **My relative first arrived into Boston's North End.**
9. Why did he choose that city? **He chose that city because of the Vermont Central Railway was hiring Irishmen!**
10. What type of transportation did he use to reach this city? **The Train!**

I will have to send you a copy of the actual draft from the book that is being written about Spencer. We don't know "if" it will ever get published, but its great having the information from it to pass onto the family! Love, Cyndi