

PART TWO

CHILDREN OF PATRICK AND JULIA SULLIVAN

Daniel Sullivan

Daniel, son of Patrick and Julia Sullivan, and the oldest of a family of eleven children, was born in Wayne county, Illinois, on the 6th of March 1821, and accompanied his parents to Wisconsin in the spring of 1828. In 1833 he came to what is known as the old Sullivan homestead in Seymour, later securing a farm adjoining that of his parents, which he improved and continued to occupy until the time of his death.

On August 29th, 1848, he was married to Ellen Mead, who was also a member of one of the early pioneer families of the Lead Mines, and whose parents are buried in the old Catholic cemetery at Galena, which is now covered by part of the city. To their union four children* were born; Patrick H. Sullivan of Darlington, Mrs. Delia Boyle who resides on the old home farm, and Julia Ann Sullivan and Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Neill, the latter two being now dead.

Daniel Sullivan was a true type of the pioneer; plain, straightforward and unassuming. Few men were more highly esteemed, or had less enemies perhaps, than he. Strictly honest in every transaction whether it involved a few cents or hundreds of dollars; he judged every one else by his own standards, and it has been said that no one in need ever appealed to him for help in vain. No picture of him could be obtained for insertion here, but we may state that he was a man of average height and weight. He was elected to the different school offices in his district but cared little for public honors preferring to devote his entire time to the care of his farm.

Daniel Sullivan died October 26th, 1886, and Ellen Sullivan his wife died December 29th, 1903. Both are buried in the new Catholic cemetery at Shullsburg.

*DANIEL AND ELLEN SULLIVAN HAD FIVE, NOT FOUR, CHILDREN.
THE CHILD NOT MENTIONED ABOVE DIED IN INFANCY. -
(McDONALD)

Ellen Sullivan

Ellen, the second child of Patrick and Julia Sullivan, was born in Wayne County, Illinois, October 18th, 1822, and came with her parents to Wisconsin in the year of 1828. On October 18th, 1842, (her twentyeth birthday) she was united in marriage to Jeremiah Sullivan and settled on a farm in the north part of New Diggings township where she resided until the time of her death.

Ellen Sullivan, like other early pioneer women of La Fayette County knew the dark as well as the bright sides of life - the hardships of toil and self-sacrifice which however in the end were fully compensated for by comforts and pleasures which perhaps seemed all the greater on account of the trials experienced. Remote from neighbors and with the nearest settlement many miles away life in those early days must indeed have held but few pleasures but its battles were bravely fought and conquered.

She was the mother of twelve children, of whom but four are living at the time this work is being prepared, as follows: Jeremiah Sullivan of New Diggings, Mrs. Jane Crowe of Yankton, South Dakota, Mrs. Maria Aurit of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Mrs. Bridget Collins of Independence, Colorado. Those who died were: Mrs. Julia Barth, Mrs. Mary Gille, Mrs. Clara Kilcoyne, Mrs. Ellen Dineen, James W., John A., Patrick and Henry Sullivan.

But little past middle age, in perfect health and surrounded by every comfort that a well earned competence could provide life seemingly still held many of its choicest gifts in store for her but such was not destined to be the case; she was stricken with pneumonia and died on the 29th of January 1882, at the age of 59 years.

After her death her husband moved to Kendalltown and made his home with their daughter Mrs. Kilcoyne where he died August 13th, 1884.

Ellen and Jeremiah Sullivan are both buried in the new Catholic cemetery at Shullsburg where a beautiful monument erected by their children marks their last resting place while the old homestead farm after passing through different hands is now owned by Mrs. Henry Sullivan, and Patrick Curran.

Joseph Sullivan

Joseph Sullivan was born at Shawneetown, Illinois, January 21st, 1824, and came with his parents to what is now LaFayette County in the spring of 1828. Although but four years old at the time, he remembered many incidents of the long tedious journey by ox-team and it is to his records and other writings that we are indebted for many of the facts contained in this work. He was a resident of Wisconsin for eighty years up, spending only a winter, that of 1848-49, outside of its borders during which time he worked along the Mississippi river from St. Louis southward.

Joseph Sullivan lacked the opportunities to secure a thorough education but made up in part for this by home study. He was especially proficient in Arithmetic and no problem in figures was too difficult for him to solve. While quite young he learned the carpenter trade which he followed more or less during his lifetime but his later years were devoted to farming.

On Februrary 4th, 1851, he was united in marriage to Ann Morgan and in 1857 settled upon the farm in Seymour where he resided up to the time of his death and which is still owned by his family. Of this union ten children were born but of these only four are living; Mrs. Julia O'Brien, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien, Thomas J. and Joseph O. Sullivan. One son, John, died in 1859, a daughter Mary Jane died in 1879, and the others in infancy.

Mr. Sullivan was elected Chairman of the town of Seymour in 1873-74 and again in 1879-80, and was treasurer of Elk Grove when Seymour was a part of that township. He died April 21st, 1908, at the age of 84 years 3 months, and is buried in the old Catholic cemetery at Shullsburg.

Mrs. Sullivan, now past 80 years of age is still living and resides on the old home farm in Seymour.

Mrs. Sullivan has died since this was finished- May 4th, 1920. She is buried in the old Catholic cemetery.

John Sullivan

John Sullivan, the subject of this sketch, was born January 30th 1829, at Dublin or old Shullsburg near where the C.M.&St.P. depot now stands. His parents at that time occupied a house just north of the Shullsburg Branch, the main settlement being about half mile north and further west. It has been claimed that he was the first white child born in the settlement, or within the limits of the present township and this probably is true but as the same claim has also been made in behalf of others the reader can settle the question for himself - if he cares to do so. Anyway Mr. Sullivan has now been dead for many years; his family reside in Colorado and on the Pacific Coast and the claim to such honor even though proven would mean but little to him or them now.

John Sullivan during life time was a great sufferer from asthma and this no doubt in the end was the cause of his death. He grew to manhood on the old homestead in Seymour and on June 28th, 1859, was united in marriage to Mary Harrington to which union ten children were born, most of whom now reside in the state of Washington.

Mr. Sullivan spent nearly all his life on the farm but was also at one time interested in mining with his brother William in what is now known as the Hungry Nigger mine which however did not prove to be a very profitable enterprise.

In 1877 he sold his farm in Seymour and moved with his family to Platteville and from there a few years later to LeMars, Iowa where Mrs. Sullivan died June 11th, 1882. Later Mr. Sullivan located at Pipestone, Minnesota and died there October 26, 1890. He is buried at Pipestone, Minn. and his wife is buried at LeMars Iowa. One daughter Julia, who died Feb. 26th 1885, is buried at Pipestone, Minn. The living children are; Lizzie Sullivan of Anaconda, Montana, Mrs. Hannah Adams, Mrs. Maggie Baldwin, Mrs. Ella Vosper, John F. and Kate of Oakville, Washington, Mrs. Lena Glover of Chebalis, Washington, Daniel of Watertown, South Dakota and Patrick of Aspen, Colorado.

Patrick Sullivan

The winter of 1830-31 the Sullivans occupied a house in the west of Dublin or Old Shullsburg near the present Wm. Deppi home. Here, Mar.7th, 1831 Patrick was born.

He grew to man hood on the old home in Seymour attending school at times and working on the farm. On Jan.,28th 1867, he was married to Bridget Patten. They settled in New Diggings and lived there until the death of Mrs. Sullivan on April 17th, 1879. With the advent of the first rail road to Shullsburg he established the first lumber yard there in the fall of 1881 but shortly afterwards sold it to Dodge & Stone and he moved to Nebraska. His death occured April 4th, 1907 at Connie Wash., where he had gone to visit relatives. The body was brought to Shullsburg to be buried near his wife. The following extract from an article published in the Valentine Democrat shows his career in Nebraska. It was written by a close friend - - Attorney A.M. Morrissey.

"On the 4th inst. at the residence of his neice Mrs. Freely Baldwin, of Connie Wash., occured the death of Patrick Sullivan of Merriman, one of the best known men of this County. Mr. Sullivan was born March 7th, 1831 in the town then called Dublin, but now called Shullsburg, Wis. Dublin was then a frontier hamlet without railroads and the country around so wild that the inhabitants had built a sort of fort or stockade to protect themselves ffrom the Indian raids. His parents had driven into the country with an ox-team just a short time before his birth. Educational advantages were not so good.in these trying times as at present but young Sullivan secured what was a good education when the surroundings are considered. He acquired a knowledge of surveying and followed it more or less until the time of his death.

Filled with the same spirit of push and conquest that impelled his parents to leave the "green isle" beyond the sea and push their way into the forests of Wisconsin, he pushed his way across the wild unbroken prairie of the west doing surveying,

engaging in the cattle business and filling the numerous and responsible positions for which his education and natural ability fitted him. He settled on a ranch near Merriman nearly twenty years ago and engaged in breeding thoroughbred stock. While in this business he was elected county commissioner of this county and so good a record did he make in this position that he was re-elected although the county was strongly Republican and he a Democrat. After serving two terms as commissioner he retired from public life, sold his ranch and cattle, and established his home in the village of Merriman. In the fall of 1902 he was nominated by the Democrats for representative, the district comprising two counties - both Republican. Mr. Sullivan was defeated but he was far ahead of his ticket. This was the last time he ever became a candidate for public office but he retained his interest in public affairs.

In the death of Mr. Sullivan Cherry County has lost one of her best citizens, a man who as a private citizen and as a public officer met every requirement of a man. Honest himself, he expected to find honesty in others. Bold and straightforward himself, he had no time for shams and pretences. His only question was; is it right? If answered in the affirmative he went ahead regardless of consequences; he was neither a trimmer nor a time-server, but a brave hearted, liberty loving American.

His wife died many years ago and he never had any children.

By the terms of his will A.M. Morrissey of this city is the executor of his estate which consists of \$30,000 worth of property and it will be divided among his numerous nephews and nieces.

The body was laid to rest with the full rights of the Catholic church of which he had always been a devoted member at the old home in Shullsburg beside his wife who preceeded him a quarter of a century."

William Sullivan

William Sullivan, the subject of this brief sketch, was born August 15th, 1832, in the Fort at Dublin or old Shullsburg, and appears to have been the only person having that distinction. On November 5th, *1857 he was united in marriage to Ann Downs and began life as a farmer which occupation he followed until 1870, when he moved to Leadmine and engaged in business, conducting the same for about a year. Since that time until his death he resided in different places in the county.

To William and Ann Sullivan were born eight children, three of whom are now living, as follows; Mrs. Agnes Hind of Elk Grove; Mrs. Josephine Kenney, and Owen Sullivan of Hazelgreen. One child died in infancy; Patrick in 1859, Elizabeth (Doyle) in 1885, Ellen in 1888, and Daniel in 1899.

During his later years Wm. Sullivan worked at the carpenter trade but at the time of his death was engaged in farming and was at all times interested in mining enterprises having discovered what is known as the "Hungry Nigger" and other ranges.

"Uncle Bill", as he was usually called, was known to nearly every one in southern Wisconsin. Strictly honest and honorable in all his dealings with his fellow men; possessing a ready wit and pleasing personality he was at all times an entertaining and pleasant companion. He died August 1905 at his home in New Diggings township, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery (new) close to the place where he was born. His wife is still living and resides with her daughter Mrs. Kinney at Hazelgreen, Wisconsin.

* THIS IS AN ERROR. WILLIAM SULLIVAN AND ANN DOWNS
WERE MARRIED ON NOVEMBER 3rd, 1857 - McDONALD.

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James Sullivan

James Sullivan, the only member of the old Sullivan family now living, was born in New Diggings township, March 31st, 1835. He was married to Mary Hurley also of New Diggings, July 29th, 1862, and their wedded life was a very happy one until the tie was broken by the death of Mrs. Sullivan, in July 14th, 1884.

A farmer by occupation, Mr. Sullivan has occasionally worked at the carpenter trade and was also at times been interested in mining, but retired from active work some years ago, and has spent much of the intervening time in travel. As a Democrat he was elected Chairman of New Diggings - - a Republican stronghold - - and had always taken an active interest in public affairs.

Great Grandchildren
Mr. Sullivan has eight children living as follows: Mrs. Mray A. Curran, Mrs. Julia McKenna, and Emma Sullivan (Since this was written she has become Mrs. Michael McWilliams.), Charles P. (Died in July 1925, and is buried in the new Catholic cemetery at Shullsburg, Wis.), John, James, and Joseph (Gus) (died in Feb. 1927 and is buried in Detroit, Mich.), Clara Wedige died in October 30th, 1898, and other children died in infancy.

Mr. Sullivan still lives on the farm in New Diggings where as a young man he began life at the time of his marriage. Some years ago he met with an accident resulting in a fracture of one of his lower limbs and having also more recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he has never recovered, it seems now that the curtain must ere long be lowered on the closing scene of this life, and the last chapter in the history of one of the early pioneer families of LaFayette County be written. (Mr. Sullivan died in January 5th, 1913 and is buried in the new Catholic cemetery in Shullsburg, Wis.)

Now well advanced in years, Mr. Sullivan can look back without regrets over a useful and well spent life and as he

journeys on towards the "dark valley" and nearer to the loved ones waiting beyond, surely death can have no terrors for him.

Jeremiah Sullivan

Was born in New Diggings in the year of 1833*, when quite young he went to Galena, Illinois, where he learned the wagon trade, and from there drifted south and finally to Ohio, where he married Esther A. Young.

But few facts concerning his life could be obtained by the writer, while the whereabouts of his children - - three of whom are believed to be living - - are unknown to us. He died October 2nd, 1869, at Franklin, Ohio, and was buried there. His wife is also dead.

* THIS APPEARS TO BE AN ERROR. U.S. CENSUS RETURNS FROM FRANKLIN, WARREN CO., OHIO FROM THE CENSUS OF 1860 SHOW THAT JEREMIAH SULLIVAN WAS BORN IN ILLINOIS, AND INDICATE THAT THE YEAR OF HIS BIRTH WAS MORE LIKE 1828. IT SEEMS LIKELY, THEREFORE THAT JEREMIAH WAS BORN IN ILLINOIS JUST PRIOR TO THE SULLIVAN FAMILY'S DEPARTURE FOR WISCONSIN.

BELOW IS THE INFORMATION FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CENSUS-McDONALD.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>BIRTHPLACE</u>
Jeremiah Sullivan	31	Farmer	Illinois
Ester Sullivan			Ohio
Robert Sullivan	9		Ohio
William Sullivan	6		Ohio
Lizzy Sullivan	3		Ohio
Ralph Sullivan	3 months		Ohio

Elizabeth and Julia Ann Sullivan

Daughters of Patrick and Julia Sullivan, were born on the old homestead in New Diggings, the former in 1834, and the latter in 1838. Their lives were too short to furnish material for even the briefest sketch. Julia Ann died in July 19th, 1853, aged fifteen years, and Elizabeth in December 19th of the same year aged 19 years. Both sleep beside their parents in the old Catholic cemetery at Shullsburg.

Owen Sullivan

Was born in 1840 and was the youngest member of the Sullivan family. He acquired as good an education as available sources could confer, and at the time of his parent's death inheirited most of the homestead farm.

He died March 29th, 1859, at the age of 19 years, and is buried in the family lot in Shullsburg.