

RITA MACKIN FOX

Mackin
Mercer

October 18, 1984

Marion County Library
East Main Street
Lebanon, KY 40033

Dear Sir or Madam:

I received your name and address from Philip Jarboe, Marion County Clerk. I am trying to trace my ancestry, and am told that your library contains genealogical information on Marion County. Since I am not sure what information you have, I will tell you what I have obtained on my Marion County ancestors and ask that you please let me know if you have any records that might be of help to me.

My paternal great-great-grandfather, Michael C. Mackin, (also spelled **McKin**, **Macken**) was born circa 1830 in Ireland. I believe he immigrated to the U.S. prior to 1854. His father, **Thomas Mackin** was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and died in October 1854 in Marion County. I am assuming that Thomas' wife, **Bridget**, and his children immigrated at the same time that he did, probably during the potato famine. It is probable that they entered the U.S. via New York City. Their youngest son, William P. Mackin, who became a priest and was president of St. Joseph's College during the early to mid-1880's, was born in 1849 in Ireland, so they immigrated sometime after that. Do you have any information on the Irish in your area? Most of the Mackin males in Marion and Washington Counties were laborers. Were they recruited by the L&N Railroad to help build the Lebanon stretch of their railroad? When was that project begun and when was it completed? Thomas and Bridget Mackin were tollgate keepers in Marion County. Which Marion County roads, particularly around Lebanon, were toll roads? Do you have any information on the tollgate keepers in your county?

My sister in Lexington recently went to the cemetery of St. Augustine's and found quite a few of our Mackin ancestors buried there. There were also tombstones on Mackins that we haven't discovered a relationship to, yet, including another Michael Mackin (born 1822), who was married to Mary Cannon, both born in Ireland. These other Mackins were buried in the same family plot as my ancestors, and it is my theory that these two Michael's were cousins, but I have yet to prove it. St. Augustine's does not provide information from their records to the public, unfortunately. Does your library have any of the records of St. Augustine's? If so, how much would it cost for me to obtain copies of any information pertaining to Mackins? What are your library hours, in case my sister can do some research at your facility?

I have checked with other Catholic churches in Marion County, but only obtained information from St. Charles. The other churches showed no Mackins in their records. I have yet to find any record of **Michael C. Mackin's** marriage to **Adeline Mercer**, who was born in January 1840 in Kentucky. I believe that they were married in or before early 1859, (at St. Augustine's?), because the 1860 Marion County census shows them living with their 8-month old daughter, **Mary Elizabeth Mackin**.

Do you have any genealogy books or records on the **Mercers** in Marion County? Census information shows that both of her parents were born in Kentucky, but I do not know their names.

It is my desire to put together a genealogy of the Mackins from this area. If I ever complete it, I will gladly donate a copy to your library. I will be in Louisville over the Christmas holidays and plan a trip to your area. Perhaps I will have time to do some research in your library myself.

Thank you in advance for your help. Enclosed is my SASE for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely,

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Family Genealogist

Answered
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My paternal great-great-grandfather, Michael C. Mackin, was born circa 1830 in Ireland. He immigrated to the U.S. prior to 1860. I have information showing a Michael Mackin arriving in New York City in January 1849. This passenger list information shows the following Mackins arriving on the ship Marmion: Charles, 40; Catherine, 38; Michael, 19; John, 15; Ann, 13; Patt, 11, James, 9; Mary, 5; and Charles, 2, who died at sea.

I am currently in the process of trying to find proof that these are my ancestors. I have found a James Mackin, born circa 1840, living in Marion County. He would have been the same age as the above James. Also, the above Michael is the same age as my Michael C. Mackin. I have my sister in Lexington checking census records in and after 1860 to determine if any of these other Mackins are found in Marion County. 1860 is the first year that Michael appears on census records for your county, so he could have emigrated to that area anytime after the summer of 1850 (the time of the census).

I have checked with local churches and have been able to obtain a bit of information. However, I have yet to find any record of Michael C. Mackin's marriage to Adeline (Adaline) Mercer, born January 1840 in Kentucky. As you know, the courthouse burned in 1863, and my information shows that they were married in or before early 1859. The 1860 census shows them living in the Bradfordsville, Kentucky area, with their 8-month old daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Do you have any books or records on the Mercers in Marion County? Census information shows that both of her parents were born in Kentucky, but I don't know where. I am afraid that I don't have much information on her, yet, as I only discovered her maiden name a couple of weeks ago. She was still living at the time of the 1900 census, at the age of 60. I do not know the date of her death.

I received a copy of Michael C. Mackin's last will and testament from Mr. Jarboe. It was signed by Michael on February 9, 1884 and probated in the Marion County Courthouse on August 5, 1884. It mentions that he had brothers living in the area, but does not mention their names. One of the witnesses attesting to the will was Sam Mackin. Does this name appear in any of your records?

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sent. copy of
Mackins from St. Augustine Cemetery list
& Mackins & Mercers listed in ~~Mackins County~~ Total Statistics

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