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Sugrues on the March



The brisk March air along with a hint of daffodils budding puts a spring in the steps of the Sugrues of Long Island, as they were seen sprightly stepping it out at the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade, in Rockville Centre, New York, on March 21, 2009.



Three lovely lassies Nora, Bridget and Brianna

The Sugrues families from Donegal joined the Sugrues of Cork, as they walked the long green line while the IBEW, Local 25, Pipe Band blared out vibrant tunes as Clann Ó Siochtrú passed the Reviewing Stand at Saint Agnes's Cathedral. The flag bearers were both named Brian Sugrue (2nd cousins), while Tyler and Sean (twin Sugrue boys) were proudly assisted by; wee Brian, wee Nora, wee Kaitlin, Bridget, Alyssa, Brianna and James in helping to carry the Ó Siochtrú banner. US Army Korean War Veteran, Dennis Sugrue (center, right) thoroughly enjoyed marching with the Clann.



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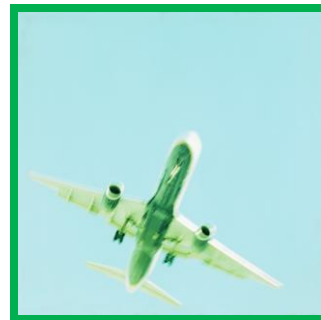
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Dan Sugrue of Brooklyn prepares for the parade along with his daughter, Patricia and grand-daughters Kaitlin and Meghan and family friend Bill Higgins.

Write it down ----- ar fud an baile ----- Around the Town

Some people are asking about a Clann ÓSiochrú trip to Ireland. It is an idea that deserves careful consideration if enough people are interested in taking a trip. The earliest times to consider such an undertaking would be 2010, or more likely, 2011. The best way to go would be to use the services CIE Tours (a service of the Irish Tourist Board). Fly into Shannon Airport and coach-bus the countryside back into the root-lands of the OSiochrú Clann, to the Kingdom County of Kerry. A tour agenda would need to be set up while not forgetting a selection good hotel serving breakfast and dinner every day. If this notion takes hold of you, just let us know and we will jot your name down. We must know how many before we do anything. [Email me the tips to improve on past trips](#). Nothing definite yet.



The Irish Woman

What shall I say about the Irish?
The utterly impractical, never
predictable,
Something irascible, quiet
inexplicable Irish.

Strange blend of shyness, pride and
conceit,
And stubborn refusal to bow in
defeat.

She's spoiling and ready to argue
and fight,
Yet the smile of a child fills her soul
with delight.

Her eyes are the quickest to well up
in tears
Yet her strength is the strongest to
banish your fears.

Her faith is as fierce as her devotion
is grand,
And there is no middle ground on
which she will stand.

She's wild and she's gentle, she's
good and she's bad,
She's proud and she's humble, she's
happy and sad.

She's in love with the ocean, the
earth and the skies,
She's enamored with beauty
wherever it lies.

She's victor and victim, a star and a
clod,
But mostly she's Irish and in love
with her God.

HEAR YE ! ----- HEAR YE!

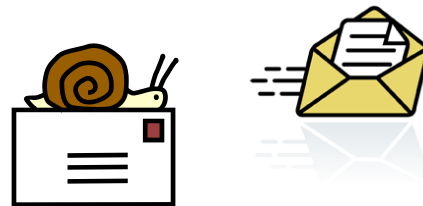
I know we are all in a recession and the cost of everything is going up, up, up and away. (Some days, I think the only thing that coming down is - the rain.) This is especially true of printing and mailing.

Our annual dues are only \$15.00 U.S. (per year.)
It would be very helpful if you could send in a dues check for the year 2009.

The mailing address is;
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Our operating costs would be greatly reduced if we are able to e-mail this newsletter to everyone in the Clann. **Of course we must have your e-mail address in order to do that.** On e-mail the newsletter looks so much nicer, because pictures and everything thing come out in full color and you can save articles and photos on DVDs. You can look at them any time and even share them to family members. Most members now prefer to have us e-mail the NEWS rather than get it by snail-mail. We are also posting the newsletter on the web. So, if you are looking at the web for the first time and would like to get the newsletter on your email, why not give us an electronic shout and we will add you to our expanding email list. Try it, we guarantee --- you will like it.

Snail-mail is swiftly disappearing. We must change with the times.



If you know of a Clann Members who does not have a computer or email send us that information and we will take care of them.

Here's the (new) Plan for the Ó Siochrú Clann

The next Annual meeting of Clann ÓSiochrú will be held **on Saturday, September 26, 2009** at the [New York Irish Center, 10-24 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City, New York](#). For those who never heard of **Long Island City**, it is situated in the Borough of Queens, **in New York City**.

That means that from the [Grand Central Station](#), in NYC it is just one stop on the # 7 train at [Vernon Jackson Station](#).

To be more precise it is; directly above the mouth of the **Midtown Tunnel, (I. 495,)** and a stone's throw from the **59th Street Bridge**. From **I. 95** north or south use **I. 287 to I. 495 West**. Get off at **Van Dam Street exit** (comes up fast) and follow Borden Ave to Vernon Blvd & Jackson Ave.] Check Mapquest for direction from your location.

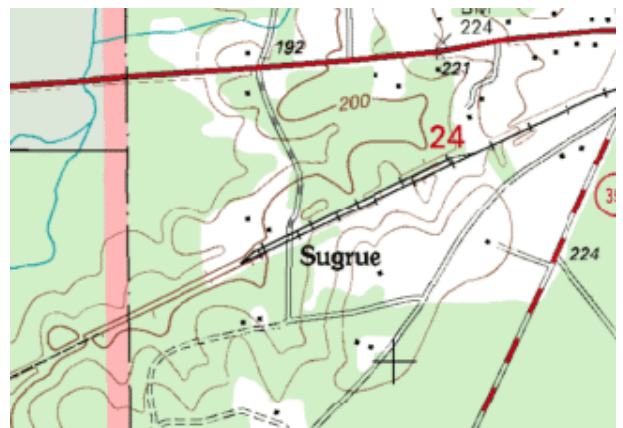
The New York Irish Center is a relatively new facility that is widely used by Irish American groups in NYC and it's just a blink away from the headquarters of **New York City's one and only ---"Sugrue Construction Corporation."** The meeting will begin at 11.00 A.M. Irish Soda bread, scones, coffee, tea will be served.

(Previous plans were not able to be arranged.)

The following obituary was inadvertently omitted from the last newsletter. It was sent to us by Sue Severson (a long time clann member) and cousin to Joe. Joe wrote an article on Sugrue, LA which was published in the Spring 2008 newsletter. The Clann extends condolences to Joe's family.

OBITUARY: Joseph Clayton Shuckrow

Services for Mr. Joseph C. Shuckrow will be held at the chapel of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria, on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 9:30 a.m., with Bob Martinek, pastor, and Mark Kocsis, pastor, officiating. Graveside service at 2 p.m. at Greenoaks Memorial Park in Baton Rouge. Mr. Shuckrow, 57, of Alexandria, passed away Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008, at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria. Joseph was employed by Dresser as a quality assurance manager. Prior to moving to Alexandria in 2004, Mr. Shuckrow and family resided in Kenner for 22 years while working on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for Dyne McDermott and Aerospace Corp. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Shuckrow, who was of Baton Rouge. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Gayle Hutchins Shuckrow; mother, Mary Loe Shuckrow; daughter, Sarah Charpentier and husband Kent, of Cutoff; son, Matthew Shuckrow, of Prairieville; four nieces, Annie, Meredith, Lacey and Amanda; and a nephew, Travis. Visitation was Friday, Nov. 14, at Hixson Brothers, Alexandria, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. To extend online condolences to the Shuckrow family, please visit us at www.hixsonbrothers.com. (Baton Rouge Advocate newspaper; Published in The Advocate on 11/15/2008)





The one and only Denise Sugrue spent thousands of hours gathering information from all around the world on the ÓSiochrú Clann. Today, she is rather ill and deserving of our praise and prayers. With that in mind we would like to dedicate a place to her on the ÓSiochrú Website. We are calling it “Denise’s Library.” We would love to hear from you about what we should put into that segment of the website. Send us your comments at www.clannosiochru.com.

From the *Boston Irish Reporter* of April, 2009

From “Thirty-Two Counties”

“**Kerry:** It has been a recurring theme over the years, a dispute between the jarveys and Killarney Town Council over the ‘deposits’ left on the town’s roads by the horses. From June of this year a new regulation from the National Parks and Wildlife Service means that horse-drawn carriages will be banned from Killarney National Park unless the animals are fitted with an appropriate dung-catcher. While these have been approved by both an equine expert and a veterinary consultant, jarveys insist they are dangerous because of the undulating nature of the park.”

From the *Boston Irish Reporter* of March, 2009

From “Boston Irish Reporter’s Here & There” by Bill O’Donnell

“**Mass Card Scams Curtailed** – A new charity bill passed by Dail Eireann seeks to put an end to one of the longest running scams in Ireland. For years Irish retailers, in shops and petrol stations with no ties to the

Catholic church, were selling bogus Mass Cards to unsuspecting buyers who thought they were buying the real thing but later found the priests signing off on the cards to be dead or non-existent. In most all the sales, churches received no financial gain.”

“**In Case You Missed It** - Ryanair, the low budget but ill-fated suitor of Aer Lingus, has another first to its credit. One can now – since February 19 – chat over one’s cell phone while in mid-flight. Michael O’Leary, in a burst of his now celebrated optimism, said he expected ‘enormous demand’ for in-flight phone calls. A Ryanair passenger who want to use his phone may want to bring an egg timer aboard. Prices range from \$2.5- to \$4 a minute.”

From “News Direct from Ireland”

“**Recession doesn’t keep folks at home** – For the first time in 18 years the number of Irish people taking overseas trips last year exceeded the number of visitors to the country. During July last year a total of 856,000 Irish residents made trips abroad, more than 40,000 more than the highest figure for 2007. While visitors from US and Britain both declined, those from Europe increased by 0.8 percent and visitors from Asia, Australia and Africa saw an 11 percent rise.”
From the *Boston Irish Reporter* of May, 2009

From “Boston Irish Reporter’s Here & There” by Bill O’Donnell

“**Keystone Kops Hijinks at Mountjoy Prison** – Last July Dublin’s Mountjoy Prison, the 159-year-old lockup in Dublin’s city centre originally uses as a holding jail for Australia-bound convicts, had one of the worst riots in its history, reports Dublin’s *Sunday Post*. Not only did the inmates almost overrun the prison but guards had a series of mishaps that would have delighted early filmmaker Mack Sennett. First, prison officers had only a dozen shields while the main supply of riot gear remained in lockers that nobody could find the key to open. When the inmates disconnected the lights the guards had to resort to torches sent from another prison as the supply of batteries at Mountjoy had run out. Finally, fire extinguishers needed to put out the multiple fires set by inmates were unusable because they were old and dried out. A report, likely scathing, is due out soon by the State Prison Inspector.”

Special Thanks to Harold Crowley

Graciously submitted by Jenny Baldwin.....

Although I have yet to find the article in an original issue of the newspaper, the piece is thought to have been published in the Timaru Herald prior to August 1971, recounting 1910's and 1920's St Patrick Day activities in Geraldine. Geraldine is a small town in New Zealand in the South Pacific.

The Denis SUGRUE mentioned was my grandfather. His daughter, my mother, Noeline SUGRUE REES recalls for his Geraldine win Denis was offered a medal or £5. Denis took the money!

St Patrick's Day in Geraldine Fifty Years ago.

By Shamrock

Another St Patrick's Day! I look back over 50 years. St Patrick's Day used to be a great day in Geraldine. I like the Irish. I like their wit, their brogue, their singing hearts, the "laughter" in their eyes and their ability to tell good stories. "There's something about the Irish!" How well I remember the old days and the real old Irishmen, with their wives and families, coming to town. The men had their harp badges up and green ribbons flowing.

Seven in the morning was the time of the church service. The Rev. Father Bowers was always at the church gate to welcome his flock. And what a fine gentleman he was! I used to watch them arrive - not in motor cars, but in traps, dog carts, wagonettes, on horseback, and on bicycles. They were all there - those pioneering families: The Lysaghts, Brophys, Kennedys, Charles's, Buckleys, Earls, Gregans, Greshams, Kalaughers, Sugrue's, Maloney's, the Burkes and the Caseys. They came to town for the day or, rather, they "went to town" for the day. Church service at 7 a.m., breakfast in the church grounds, and afterwards, family gatherings: the sports, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Irish concert, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the St Pat's Ball, with the appropriate Irish music, 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. At 2 o'clock the Irishmen with the singing hearts and delightful brogue adjourned to the Catholic horse-paddock. From then until daybreak could be heard : "The Wearing of the Green," "Kathleen Mavourneen," "Killarney," "The Stone by Dan Murphy's Door." The Irish Jig was popular, too, in the early hours. Chris Gregan and Alec Cooper could certainly play the Irish music! Great days - great nights!

The Sports

I remember the coaches arriving from Orari railway station laden with competitors for the sports. The racing bicycles were piled high on top of each coach. The two policemen we had in those days were in uniform and "on the beat," and Geraldine town was once again "on the way" with its Big Day.

Recently I found an ancient programme which reminded me of the athletic giants of the past: The wrestlers, the Lysaghts, Brophys and "Fat Jack" McKay: the field events men, Miles and George Metcalf, "Bill" Merrin, Jim Connell, Denis Sugrue: the cyclists, the Arnst Bros., Phil O'Shea, Alf Bonis. "Jumbo" Wells and co. An outstanding sprinter, Dave Devon, was killed in World War 1. There was a great disturbance in the early twenties when in the final of the St Pat's Wheel Race, the lap-scorer rang the bell a lap too soon. It needed all the diplomacy and verbosity of the said lap-scorer, now a prominent Geraldine business man, to convince the riders that the mistake was theirs and not his.

I recall that at one of the meetings before World War 1, Holloway, then a crack U.S.A. sprinter, competed, as also did Trembath, who was then the Australia and New Zealand middle and long distance champion. They were certainly flyers. One who competed against them at Geraldine told me recently that they were much "too fly" for the local starter! They watched him start to press the trigger and they were away and "up with the boys" in no time. On another occasion, I remember the then Prime Minister, the Rt Hon W. F. Massey, being present and making a speech during the afternoon.

In about 1920 Lin Lewis (now handicapper for the S.C. Jockey Club), sprinter, and Stewart McClymont, distance runner, competed. They both later represented New Zealand. Further back than that I remember Rita Burns (dancing champion), and the Robertson Bros. (champion pipers).

Competitors

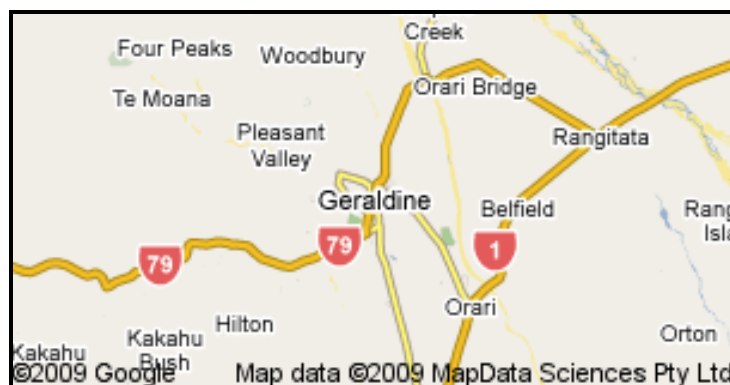
Remembering the sports meetings from 1919 on - I remember, especially, the local lads: Les Coulter, who was at his best over 440 yards and 880 yards. I think Les's best time for the 440 was 50 seconds, and for the 880, 1min 57sec. Good going! Llew Collins, now president of the Waimate Athletic Club, was at his peak as a sprinter. He recorded 10 seconds for the 100 yards and 22 seconds for the 220 yards. Llew was always "trained to the minute." It was at Geraldine in the good old - or shall we say bad old days - that the judges of the sprint events made a worse mistake than the lap-scorer I referred to previously. A local "crack" won the sprint event, but was not sighted by the judges. He could certainly move, and visibility was poor - very poor at 4 p.m. on that particular St Patrick's Day. It so often was! Anyway, it was a day of celebration! M. J. Wilson was a good all rounder and in 1923 won the Dr Patterson championship cup for the most points. I understand that "M. J." is still in South Canterbury, and still takes an interest in athletics.

Dick O'Neill was recording 5ft 8in in the high jump and bettered that later. Con Voss and Bruce Brien were sprinting well. Jack Markham, Bob Hardwick, Charlie McNab and Don Bates were "making them go" in the distance events. Jack Markham had a very fine action and would have gone further but for a weak ankle. Charlie McNab had the "heart of a lion" and recorded good times. In 1920, Hanmer Morrison, who had been Timaru High School athletic champion the year before, could cover the 100 yards in 10 2-5 seconds and the 220 in 23 seconds. Right up til 1923 - they had been competing for years - Miles and George Metcalf, "Bill" Merrin, the Brophys and the Lysaghts were still holding their own in the field events. The quoits events always attracted Jimmy Rae, Albert Stringer and the Metcalfs, who fought it out for pride of place. Sheaf tossing was then popular: Denis Sugrue broke the South Island record when he threw 29 feet. Jim O'Connell, who trained Denis, had to take second place to his pupil. Denis bettered his Geraldine throw when at Temuka he recorded 30 feet when making an exhibition throw. We salute the giants of the past!

For the organising of the sports, credit was freely given to the late Mr John Kennedy; for many years secretary (he was also Mayor of the town for many years), and to Mr James Lysaght, who proved to be a most able and enthusiastic president. Mr Lysaght is still with us and can tell many good stories of the early St Pat's days.

Memorable Concert

Remembering the concerts, I think of one just after World War 1. A friend of mine, an Irish ex-Army lieutenant, then a local bank officer, was so delighted when standing outside the old Geraldine Volunteer Hall, listening to a renowned Timaru singer singing "The Wearing of the Green", he fired three revolver shots into the air just to record his approval and help along the applause. He had been having a real St Pat's Day and night. Looking back has given me enjoyment. Every St Pat's Day I remember the great old days when there was a real celebration. I remember, too, with great respect, the pioneers who "blazed the trail", the Irish families whose names I have previously referred to. It is gratifying that their names have been recorded on brass plates in the new church. We remember with pride the old St Pat's days and regret the prospect of reviving the sports meeting seems remote.



UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION; It's been years since the official Clann ÓSiochrú membership information has been updated. Over the past 30 years people have passed on, changed addresses, changed phone numbers and gotten new e-mail addresses. It is time to update the entire membership list. Won't you please take a few minutes and write or e-mail us. (Thanks we appreciate it.)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Daytime Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____
E-Mail _____

Are there other members of your family whom you would think would like to receive the Clann ÓSiochrú Newsletter?

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Add as **many as you wish**

GREAT OLD IRISH SAYINGS

A trout in the pan is better than a salmon in the sea.

Convince a fool against his will and he'll hold the same opinion still.

Irish Diplomacy...

is the ability to tell a man to go to hell so that he looks forward to making the trip.

Responses to our new website:

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Comments: Thank you for setting up this website. I am interested in any information about my great grand mother, Johanna Sugrue born in 1848 in

Boherbee Tralee Ireland. That's all I know I hope you can assist me. Many thanks

The South Dakota Sugrues by Jeffrey Carvel Sugrue

The Sugrue family first made its way from Ireland to South Dakota by way of Canada, then Maine, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Most of our early Sugrue family history was originally provided by my grandfather, Carvel (Cub) Clifford Sugrue. He was born on December 25th, 1901, in Aitkin, Minnesota, the youngest son of Daniel Lester Sugrue and Clarissa Elizabeth Rackcliff. Gloria (Forbes) Flannery (grand-daughter of Sarah Sugrue, Daniel's sister), of Fort Fairfield, Maine, also provided a number of details for the early period our family lived in Maine. I have since found additional details as more and more information becomes available on the internet.

According to my Grandpa Cub, we are related to Dennis Sughrue who was born in Annascaul, County Kerry, Ireland around 1793-1795. Dennis married his first wife (name unknown) around 1820. They possibly had 3 children: definitely my great great grandfather Daniel (b: 1822), then possibly Dennis (b: 1826) and John (b:1833/34). My novice genealogy has found that Dennis probably immigrated to Canada in 1825 and then to Aroostook County, Maine around 1832-1836. Dennis had a second marriage in 1841 to Sarah Ann Bubar (b: 12 Mar 1806 in Sheffield, Sunbury Co., N.B., Canada). They possibly had three more children: Dennis (b: 1843), G Frederick (b: 1846, d: 25 May 1856), and Catherine (b: 1848). Dennis died 10 February 1874 and rests in the First St. Denis Cemetery on the Caribou-Fort Fairfield Road.

Daniel Sughrue married Lucy Jane Gardner (b: 12 Jan 1831) on 23 July, 1850 had approximately 12 children: William H., Joseph, George, Ellen Mabel (b: 24 May 1848 or 24 May 1851), James M. or H. (b: 1852/54), Daniel Lester (b: 1854) (my great grandfather), Mary (b: 1855), Benjamin (b: 1856), Anne F. (b: 9 Sep 1864), Frank Leslie (b: 1865), Lucy Jane (b: 12 Sep 1867) and John E. (b:1870). Daniel served during the Civil War with the 30th Regiment, Maine Infantry, and then returned to live in Caribou, Maine until his death on 25 March, 1889.

It is noteworthy that three of the Sughrue brothers living near Caribou, Maine married three Rackcliff sisters. William wed Mary Elizabeth (Liza) Rackcliff in 1882, James married Lucinda Rackcliff and my great grandfather, Daniel Lester, married Clarissa Elizabeth Rackcliff (b: 1856) around 1876.

Grandpa Cub said that his father, Daniel, and brothers were in the logging and lumber milling business, originally in northern Maine. At least three of the brothers, James, John and Daniel moved the family logging operation westward. The family moved west and logged near Fifield, Wisconsin (near Park Falls) from 1879 to 1895. Grandpa Cub said that his mother Clarissa told him the Sughrue family dropped the "h" out of their name at some point during the move westward and became Sugrue.

The Sugrues then moved to Aitkin, Minnesota, in 1895 and logged until 1918. Most of the logging operations were near Shevell (Shovel) Lake, Minnesota, about 25 miles north of Aitkin. My Grandpa Cub recalled that his uncle John (Jack) ran a shingle mill and was a really good tenor singer. John married in 1921 to a woman whose first name was Hulda (born in 1899 in Aitkin, Minnesota). Jack died in 1954. Brother James (Jim) also moved with the family to Minnesota. He died in Aitkin, Minnesota in the 1930s.

Daniel and Clarissa had six children. Lester (b: 1877, d: 1918) was married to Ruby Trip. Lester moved away from Aitkin in 1904, settling in Spokane, Washington, and worked for Standard Oil. Vern, born in 1880 in Wisconsin, hunted for game to feed the logging camps. He was married to Minnie Reynolds in 1904 and moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota around 1910-1915. Vern died in 1965 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Roy Sugrue, born 1885, died in 1950. He was married to Inga Arnold in 1918. Millie Sugrue, born in 1893, died in 1917. Viva Sugrue, born in 1895, died in 1958 in Spokane, Washington. She married Richard C. Otto from Tulare, South Dakota. And finally, my grandfather, Carvel Clifford was born 25 December 1901.

In April 1918, just after Cub graduated from high school, he moved with his mother, Clarissa, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His older brother Vern had already settled in Sioux Falls. Cub married Vivian Gardner from Tulare, South Dakota, in 1924. They raised two sons, Douglas and Steven. Cub worked at the Ford Motor Garage until 1933

when he joined the Sioux Falls Fire Department. He retired after 29 years as the Captain of the Sioux Falls Southside Fire Station.

Douglas married Joyce Scarborough in 1955 in Sioux Falls. Both became Registered Nurses, serving in public health in South Dakota and Kansas. They raised two sons, Jeff and Randy. The Doug Sugrue family moved to Brookings in 1966, then to Pierre, South Dakota in 1971. In 1982 Doug & Joyce moved to Topeka, Kansas. Joyce returned to South Dakota in 2003, following Doug's death in 2000. Steve Sugrue became an architect and continues to live in Sioux Falls with a summer cabin in Silver City, South Dakota.

Jeff was commissioned as an officer in the US Army in 1981 and continues to serve on active duty. He married Jodi Smith of Presho in 1988. Randy settled in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1980 and works for the City of Santa Fe. He and his wife Suzie have two children, Joey (16) and Carolyn (15). Jeff & Jodi Sugrue resettled in Silver City, South Dakota in 2002 upon Jeff's Army assignment as the Inspector General for the South Dakota National Guard. Silver City is a small village in the Black Hills (location of Mount Rushmore - aka The Shrine to Democracy). After 27 years of active service in the US Army this final move is allowing their two children, Christian (17) and Hannah (12) to grow their South Dakota roots before beginning their own adventures. The family is active in the Silver City Volunteer Fire Department, Silver City Chapel, and Boy Scouts.

A tip from Jenny Baldwin.....

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml>

388 SUGRUE's recorded in Griffith's Valuation for Kerry. This looks to be a good site - even gives a map of the location of each entry.

And another tip.....Irish song website <http://itu.se/eirinn/ceol>



All the words to some great old Irish songs.

And from Dan Sughrue.....

<http://pipl.com/directory/name/Sugrue/> for Sugrue

<http://pipl.com/directory/name/Sughrue/> for Sughrue

"Cousins"

Thought you may get some fun & enjoyment over the Memorial Weekend from above sites.

Try other family names too.



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