

## Note from Monica Keogh White – June 2008

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Hi Bernard from Monica Keogh White of New Orleans, Louisiana!

I am excited to finally have an e-mail connection with our Widnes Keogh family!

I visited Widnes a few years back when my husband was in Europe on business and was fortunate to meet up with my father's cousin on his mom's side, but unfortunately no Keoghs did I get to meet.

I am Monica Keogh White, -54 years of age, oldest daughter of Gerald Dennis Keogh who is the grandson of Bernard Joseph Keogh your great grandfather. Daddy is the sole survivor of the 5 children of Thomas Edward Keogh, who is one of the seven sons you speak of, and Catherine Winifred Byrne, also of Widnes. Daddy is 81 years old and with the exception of arthritic knees, is in pretty good health.

Daddy was the youngest child of Thomas Edward Keogh. Daddy had a twin brother also named Thomas Edward like their father. Tom (or Baby as they called each other) sadly passed away years ago along with their sister Monica (also known as TiTi and brothers Joe and Jim 'Biggy').

The Bauman-Keogh wedding notice that you sent from the Widnes paper of 1934 is in fact my Aunt Monica's wedding Announcement. My Dad loved hearing about it and the memories it brought to mind! The details of the dress his mom wore, etc. He was just an 8 year old boy when his sister was married.

I guess from what I gather from information you sent and what we know about Keoghs here, Daddy is the only one left from that generation! His parents (my grandparents - Thomas Edward and Catherine) were the first to come to America in 1912 (1914). They had the one child Monica with them along with some close friends the Rowans of Widnes. They came to America for work and worked for Dupont Chemical in Hopewell, New Jersey at first, then Atlanta, Georgia and finally settled in Nashville, Tennessee.

They never made it back to Widnes to visit but my grandmother wrote frequently to her Widnes family.

My grandfather, Thomas Edward, died when Daddy was only 12 years old. He had been a chemical worker at Dupont but later worked as a travelling salesman with the Sunshine Biscuit Company. My grandmother never remarried. They lived on Second Avenue in Nashville next door to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, (where the Bauman-Keogh wedding took place!) My dad and his brothers and sister went to school there and my grandmother worked for the priest some. The boys all were in the service during World War II - Joe in the Navy, Jim in the Army as well as Tom, and Daddy was a paratrooper in the Airborne division.

Daddy and his brothers had big families and so there are a lot of us cousins!! Although we see each other rarely and most recently at a dear aunt's funeral, we always have a good time when we get together' The Keoghs always know how to have a good time - it must be genetic!!

All together there are 18 of us Keogh first cousins. I hope we can meet you and our other Widnes cousins sometime in the near future.

In the meantime, please keep up that website. I will try to send you whatever I have, Just let me know what - I will send pictures.