

Descendants of Edward Reardon

Edward and Margaret (Ryan) Reardon were born in Ireland sometime in the early 1830s, and would have been approximately ages 11 and 15 respectively at the beginning of Ireland's potato famine. Certainly they witnessed great suffering in their homeland.

In early January, 1860 the couple's first son, Patrick, was born. Eight months later the family left Ireland to seek a better life in America. Most likely they experienced an emotional goodbye, leaving behind Ireland and the Reardon and Ryan families, the only world they had ever known.

We know from a New York Times September 16, 1860 arrival report that the *New World* departed Liverpool on August 9 with merchandise and passengers. Edward (listed as Edmund), Mary and baby Patrick were in the hands of the same Captain Knight who commanded Charles and Margaret Duffy's ship. In the second cabin section with Edward and family were 113 other adults, 5 children, and 5 other infants. An entry at the bottom of the ships manifest notes that a baby girl was born during the voyage! Their destination stated is Canada. Whether plans to go to Canada changed or the entry is an error is unknown.

About 37 days later, on September 15, 1860, the Reardon family arrived in the Port of New York, Castle Garden on the southern tip of Manhattan, now known as Battery Park. By 1861 the family had moved to their home at 4th and Ida Streets in South Troy, where Edward worked as a Laborer. Except for about three years that they lived in Albany, from 1865 to 1867, Edward and Margaret lived in Troy—their new world—for their entire lives.

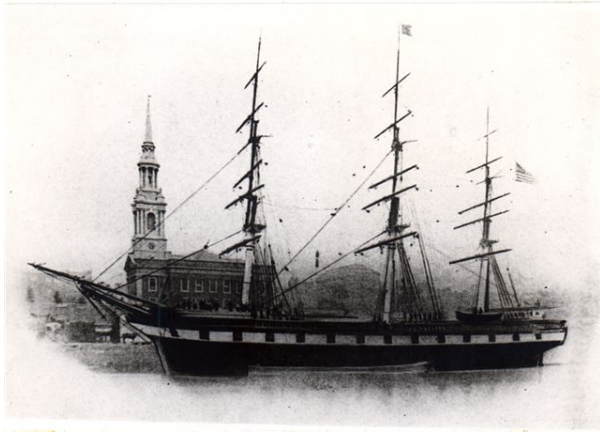
Eleven years after landing on our shores, Edward and Margaret purchased a home on Fourth Street, just south of Monroe, attended St. Joseph's Church, and raised a family. They experienced personal losses as they forged a new life in Troy. Their daughter Mary and their son Patrick both died young, and Margaret herself passed away at just 58 years old.

Edward lived a long life, dying in 1912 at 82 years of age—52 years after stepping onto American soil. A Troy newspaper obituary written after his death states, "Edward Reardon was a very popular man."

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..2 Patrick Reardon b: Abt. January 1860 in Ireland d: September 20, 1900
..... +Mary McAuliffe b: Abt. 1860 in Ireland d: November 1906
..... 3 Margaret B. Reardon b: Abt. 1891 in NY d: Unknown
..2 John E. Reardon b: March 1862 in NY d: September 27, 1936
..... +Margaret T. Hogan b: Abt. 1868 in Ireland d: February 14, 1960

..... 3 Margaret Mary Reardon b: June 05, 1887 in Troy, NY d: May 03, 1992
..... +Edward William Duffy b: January 10, 1887 in Troy, NY d: December 08, 1968
..2 Mary Reardon 1862 - 1863 b: Abt. November 1862 in Troy, NY d: August 21, 1863



The ship *New World* brought Edward and Margaret Ryan to America in 1860.



View on Burden Lake, N. Y.

Undated postcard send to Edward Reardon by “Maggie” that reads:
“This is the place you want to dig potatoes.” Postcard was discovered
After a mantel piece was removed from Edward’s hom