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26/8/38.

Mydearbousin,

Don't be alarmed: this is not are quest for a loan.

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intrest you. Yours affectionately, Edmend Fox

John A. Cusack & sq.











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Litreacha (1938) ó Edmund Fox (col seisir le Micheál Cíosóg) chuig John Cusack

As a garsún óg (I left in '86) I heard a great deal about Michael Cusack of G.A.A. fame, but then more as a noted scholar. His relatives, then numerous, were very proud of him.

Your great grandmother and my grandmother were sisters, daughters of John Dowling who had a farm under the O'Briens near Leimaneigh Castle; John was referred to as a dispossessed country gentleman. Of his children, all daughters, one married Cusack, another Meagher (my mother's father), another Culliny, another Lahiff, another Mc Guanne, another O'Connor.

As my grandmothers were Dowlings, second cousins, of this stock, you and I are doubly related.

Your granduncle, Dennis Cusack, and my people lived within ½ mile of each other until '78 when Dennis removed to Burren; his brother John and his family had gone to Australia many years earlier. Dennis was a jovial soul, usually spoke Irish, but to children a mixture of Bearla and Gaelic; he was often at our house late at night, and then he and my parents had the Rosary in Irish; one son has a farm near Leimaneigh Castle, another is a teacher; and others went to Australia.

Two Cusack sisters live close to my old home; their grandfather Cusack was a first cousin of your grandfather, Matthew Cusack; although one of these girls was close to you on the occasion of the opening of Cusack Park, Ennis she was too bashful to speak to you; at the time Mrs. O'Keefe who keeps a shop in Ennis, and whose grandmother was of our Dowlings, could not have been far away.

Of your other relatives, all on the Dowling side, there remain -

Ellie Culliny, Kilfenora (well over 80) Reidys, Kilmaley, near Ennis Lahiff, near Leimaneigh Castle

Except my mother, all the Meaghers emigrated; I heard last year from on in N.S. Wales; has done well.

I think Cusack has always been rare in Clare; there used to be a prosperous farmer of the name in Kilmaley, 4 miles from Ennis, about 1877.

According to D'Arcy Mc Gee, Cusack appears in Meath in the 13th century.

Your Cusacks were originally settled in Rath; this parish is bounded by the Fergus at Corofin. The foxes have for generations been buried in Rath.

My mother often spoke of your father; they were about the same age. On this occasion your father had passed the houses of three relatives – Fox, Cusack and Crowe.

Following your footprints:-

Martin Flannery sounds familiar; opposite Ballycoree racecourse on the far side of the river there resided a Flannery who played a part in '67; about '83, I recollect a blind poet reciting his own stuff which was of a highly inflammatory nature: the hero was Martin Flannery. Drumcliff burial ground suggests local kinship.

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Kilnaboy: my eldest sister, an uncle (Fox), my grandmothers (their graves side by side), two aunts (Foxes) etc. buried there.

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A few years ago Cú Uladh told me he had heard your father was puzzled about his surname. Woulfe (1923) gives Cusack, De Cíomhsóg, Cíosóg, Mac Íosóg, de Cusack, Cusack, etc. Which form is the earlier? Has Cíosóg been turned into Cusack or Cusack into Cíosóg. Óg looks Irish enough; seems some phonetic resemblance between the various forms. According to Wright of Trin. Coll. Even such scholars as O'Donovan, Petrie, etc. stumbled over Tarc, re S. Patrick's Hymn.

Of seven of us only a sister and I are left; she has the farm my grandfather Fox took in '46 when he came from Kilnaboy; married, no family, age 67: I am nearly 74. My only surviving child, Mildred, is ... the last to bear the surname.

Some more of our relations on the Doolin side – my father classed all these as Muintear Doolin – Hynes, Clancy, Crowe, O'Malley, Lynes, Sweeney, O'Brien, Kelly, Divanney, Brooks, Casey, Keane. On the Fox side – my great grandmother was O'Loughlin of the Burren O'Loughlin, my great-grandmother was O'Kelly from Gort (the Kelly and O'Kelly know of no kinship).

I met your father about '83; in the morning he was passing from Ruan to Corofin in company of Hugh Brady (a great 'coach') and Jonas Studdert B.L., with whom he was very friendly in his Trinity days; the three were disappearing round a corner as I came on to the road; I did not recognise any of them, but later in the day father had heard of them. I could then fix up your father's identity; he was in the middle; I remember the stocky build to this day. Hugh and your father corresponded.

About June '02 your father left a message to the Corofin station-master for my people; my father had been buried a few days before.

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