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Dear McKennas,

Since I last wrote to you I have had one big breakthrough. If you remember, I relayed to you at that time the information that Connie Downey had told me.

Well, I can now confirm that information because I found the entire Thomas Curry

(my great grandfather) family living together in the 1881 British Census. It lists Thomas Curry, 36, and Margaret Curry, 34, living as husband and wife. Thomas's occupation was coal miner. They were living at this address, "Engine Brow." It must have been the name of some building. There were four other grown men listed at the same address.

Their children were listed as follows: Mary, 6; Catherine (my grandmother), 4; Julia, 2; and Patrick, 1. Thomas Curry II had not been born yet. Mary probably died soon after the census because neither Connie nor any of the others ever knew about her.

Thomas and Margaret both listed their place of birth as Ireland. However, all four of the children were born in Pendlebury. Pendlebury is a small town near Manchester, England. It is in Lancashire County.

The next step will be to track the couple back to a place in Ireland. If anyone

has a clue, no matter how insignificant it may seem, please forward it to me.

I'm not going to attempt to do that just yet, because I want to get the Cray side of my family up to "the pond" so that I can do them all at once.

Felix will be the toughest. His name appears nowhere. He came over at about the time of the American 1880 Census and the British 1881 Census, and he may have

either been missed by them or may have avoided them. He never applied for naturalization here, and I couldn't find him in the social security system - not yet anyway. I may have to go through every ship's passenger list in a ten

year period to find him. I hope not! I'm only planning to live another 30-40 years.

That's all for now. If you know of anyone who wants to receive these reports, send me their E-Mail addresses.

Love to you and all of your families.

Bob