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Father Daniel B. Cull (1849-1888) and his Relatives in Religion

There were several Catholic families in Ohio at early dates who contributed many laborers to the Lord's vineyard. Among these, of course were several well known families of Somerset and vicinity. Chillicothe's contribution was the Cull family. Father Daniel B. Cull was a priest of this diocese; but he had an uncle of the same name who apparently entered the seminary from Chillicothe, as well as three sisters in religion and various other relatives in religion who will be mentioned below.

Rev. Daniel B. Cull the Elder (c 1814-1873)

The elder Father Daniel Bartholomew Cull was a priest of the dioceses of Bardstown, New York, and Albany, in succession. He was born in County Down, Ireland, about 1814 and came to this country with his brother, Roger, in 1833. (Roger Cull, age 24, and Daniel Cull, age 18, landed at New York from the ship *Helen* on Nov. 15, 1833.) He arrived carrying with him little of this world's goods, "but possessing a buoyant spirit gifted faculties and an abiding love of truth and virtue." He had been trained as a tailor. The two brothers came to Ohio, where Daniel soon attracted the attention and gained the esteem of the Dominican Fathers. With their encouragement he entered St. Mary College and then St. Thomas Seminary in Bardstown, Kentucky, where he studied the usual courses preparatory to ordination to the priesthood, meanwhile carrying out the manual labor that was common for seminarians at the time. He was ordained a priest by Rt. Rev. Guy Chabrat, coadjutor of Bardstown.

Father Cull worked in the missions only a short time, though in a noble manner and with a stout heart, when it was found that his health was broken and his physician recommended that he take a leave of absence. On November 22, 1844, Bishop Flaget gave him a testimonial letter, with leave to visit Ireland. (The paper was later found among those of his nephew and namesake.) He first visited his family in Chillicothe, Ohio. Daniel and Mary Cull, apparently Father Daniel and a relative, appear as sponsors at a baptism on Jan. 12, 1845; and "D. Cull, priest" administered the same sacrament on Feb. 16, 1845.

After visiting the scenes of his youth in Ireland, Father Cull returned to this country and became attached to the Diocese of New York. Bishop Hughes sent him to Utica, where he assisted the pastor from October, 1845, to June, 1847. In 1847 the Diocese of Albany was erected and Father Cull became attached to it. He then labored in Schenectady and returned to Utica for the first six months of 1850. The bishop then sent him to Saratoga Springs where he took charge in July. A little frame structure, built in 1848, was home of the Blessed Sacrament in Saratoga at that time. Father



Rev. D. B. Cull (c1814-1873)

Cull laid the cornerstone of a new St. Peter's Church in June, 1851. It was dedicated by Archbishop Cajetan Bedini, visiting the U.S. for Pope Pius, and Archbishop Hughes in December, 1853. Late in 1855 the zealous priest saw the need for a Catholic school. By the end of that year he purchased property and had the building enlarged and renovated to house the Sisters of St. Joseph. He then built a rectory and in 1861 saw to the purchase of a cemetery. Meanwhile, he also had charge of a mission at Ballston Spa.

Failing health finally compelled Father Cull to give up the care of the parish, but he continued to reside there. In this retirement he again visited his old home in Ireland, spending a few months on his trip. During all his labors and cares, Father Cull was the kindest and most hospitable of men, noble in mind and in heart, gaining the love of all—Catholics and Protestants, citizens and visitors. He went to his reward on Sunday, March 2, 1873.

Father Patrick B. McNulty (1823-1893)

Father Patrick B. McNulty was a cousin and helper of Father Daniel B. Cull the elder. Like Cull he was a native of County Down, but he was ordained before leaving Ireland about 1850. In this country he worked in St. Louis, Missouri, for two years, then joined his cousin in Saratoga Springs where he

helped get St. Peter's Parish organized and the church built.

He was Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Watertown from 1854 to 1860, where he led the congregation in the construction of a new church. Later assignments were in Baldinsville and Johnstown. After eight years in the latter city he retired, about 1884, moving to a private residence in Saratoga. He lived there until his death, April 8, 1893.

Father McNulty was fluent in English, French, German and Italian, and was accounted to be one of the best Latin scholars in the priesthood.

Rev. Daniel B. Cull the Younger (1848-1888)

Father Daniel Bartholomew Cull the younger was born on January 4, 1848, the eldest of what would be eight children of Charles and Mary (McShane) Cull of Chillicothe. He was baptized on January 6 by Father Francis Xavier D'Hope, S.J.; sponsors were James Boyle and Catherine McShane.

Charles Cull, the father, had been born in County Down. With his mother Catherine and his sister Margaret he had landed at New York from the ship *Kensington* on July 2, 1838. Charles came to Chillicothe where he earned a living as a cooper until 1855. He then opened a hotel or tavern at Water and Hickory streets, which he conducted until retiring in 1861.[1] It is said that his business failed at that time and he took up farming in Jackson County.

Father Cull's mother Mary McShane was from Clayton Township in Perry County, Ohio. She was the eldest child of Edward and Catherine (Mackin) McShane and was born in Creggan Parish, County Armagh, Ireland, in 1826. Edward and Catherine and their three children came to America about the year 1832 and they had eight more children who were born in Perry County. The second youngest of these was John McShane, born in 1847, who became Rev. John Albert McShane, O.P.

One younger brother of Edward McShane was Thomas (c. 1804-1885) who married Alice Creighton. This couple lived in Springfield, Ohio, and then near New Lexington. Among their children was Bridget, who in 1866 became Sister M. Joseph, O.P., of St. Mary's of the Springs. (See the *Bulletin* of November, 1994). Most of their other children lived in Omaha, Nebraska. Among their grandchildren was Madame Catherine McShane, a Sister of the Sacred Heart.

Another sibling of Edward McShane appears to have been Catherine McShane, wife of Edward Keenan of Somerset. Their daughter Ann Keenan, born in 1834, married John McGuirk. The McGuirks' son was Rev. John E. McGuirk of this diocese (1853-1933).

Of the younger Father Daniel Cull's siblings, Charles W. and Edward J. married and raised families; John and Mary were unmarried; and Margaret E., Anna L., and Elizabeth became Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

Daniel Cull attended Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati as a student for that Archdiocese. Archbishop Purcell conferred tonsure and minor orders on him on May 29, 1871.[2] No documentation survives, but it is clear that after receiving minor orders Cull was released by the Archbishop and was adopted by Bishop Rosecrans of Columbus. He was ordained on Oct. 5, 1871, presumably by Rosecrans.[3]

During his short span of only sixteen and one half years as a priest, Father Cull was pastor at St. Mary Parish in Minerton (1871-1873), St. Joseph Parish in Circleville (1873-1874), Holy Redeemer Parish in Portsmouth (1874-1878), and St. John Parish in Bellaire (1878-1888).

He was at Minerton by Oct. 29, 1871 when he signed the baptismal register[4], which is the main reason to conclude that he was ordained by Bishop Rosecrans. He left Minerton about the end of October, 1872 and returned to Columbus, to St. Patrick Parish, but in November Bishop Rosecrans dispatched him to St. Joseph Parish in Circleville.

In March, 1873, Father Cull journeyed to Saratoga, New York, to pray for his deceased reverend uncle and namesake and, apparently, to assist at the parish for a short time. He offered the Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Church on March 30 and on April 1 offered a Requiem Mass for his uncle there.[5] One remarkable fact about Father Cull the

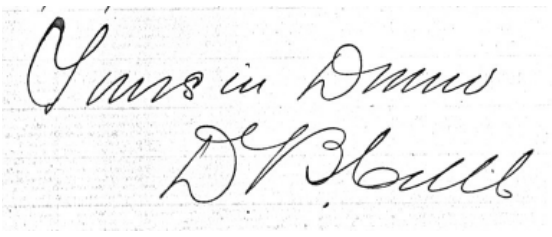
younger was the gratitude he always showed to his uncle and to Bishop Rosecrans who had ordained him by offering Mass for them on the anniveraries of their deaths. The following March he offered Solemn Requiem Mass for his uncle in St. Joseph Church in Circleville. "Very Rev. Father N. D. Young, of St. Joseph's, the oldest Priest in Ohio, and the following Fathers, were present: Rev. Sullivan, of St. Patrick's, Perry county; Rev. Murray, Chillicothe; Revs. Bonner and Fisher, Cincinnati; Rev. Boulger, Mt. Vernon; and also Mr. Hart, Seminarian, of Columbus."[6]

During his short stay of about a year in Circleville, Father Cull directed the building of the parish rectory.[7]

Bishop Rosecrans sent Father Cull to take charge of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portsmouth in April, 1874. He stayed there four years and was able to make his mark. He had a brick school house built on the corner of Sixth and Gay Sts., on ground that had been purchased by Father Walker a few years earlier. Father Cull secured the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., to conduct the school.[8]

In July, 1878, Father Philip Steyle of St. John Parish in Bellaire desiring to move, Bishop Rosecrans had Father Cull exchange places with him. Father Cull would spend the next ten years, the rest of his priestly life, at Bellaire.

On his arrival in Bellaire, Father Cull found the parish school under the charge of lay teachers (Miss Maggie Walsh and Mrs. J. F. Kelly). He at once called upon and obtained four members of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, whose Sisters he had previously brought to Portsmouth, to replace these lay teachers. The school very quickly grew to 239 pupils. In 1879 the parish completed a new school building costing $1,500, "A very fine-looking frame school house, thirty by thirty feet, two stories high, of twelve feet each, with box windows neatly finished and well painted..." Fifty more pupils were expected that fall because of the additional room. A house for the Sisters was to be built in 1880.[9]



This school and its pupils always had the presence and encouraging aid of Father Cull. He was always with the children, and his pleasant and cheerful encouragement, his kind and generous direction, won the hearts of the little ones in such a way as to leave impressions that would not be forgotten.

A few years later Father Cull purchased property in the most desirable part of the city, and his whole heart and soul were wrapped up in the hope of building there a new church and schools. This property was at the head of Guernsey Street, consisting of four lots, two lying on each side of the street, bounded on the north by 37th Street. A large combined church and school building was begun there in 1894 and was completed a few years later during Father Wehrle's pastorate.[10]

On October 20, 1878, Father Cull had the honor and joy of serving as subdeacon at the consecration of St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. The tragedy of the good bishop's departure from this life the next day would not be forgotten by the priest whom he had adopted. Father Cull wrote the first biographical sketch of the beloved bishop, which appeard in the *Ohio State Journal* on October 22. Father Cull offered Mass for the Bishop each year on his anniversary. Bishop Kain of Wheeling often would come to Bellaire for these memorials.

Father Cull seems to have been on the best of terms with Bishop Kain, whose see was much closer than Columbus. He delivered "an able and interesting" lecture for a charitable cause in the Wheeling Cathedral in 1884 on "The Press, Its mighty Influence for good or evil." Bishop Kain and several of his priests were seated in the sanctuary for the event and some of Wheeling's most prominent citizens were in the audience.[11]

In the fall of 1887 Father Cull began suffering from severe rheumatism, which soon became so painful that it affected his brain. On Monday, Jan. 9, 1888 he was attacked by a very violent fever and the next morning paralysis of the heart ensued, which was the cause of his death. He had been conscious

for the reception of the sacraments at the hands of Rev. William McDermott. His funeral took place the following Tuesday morning at St. John's Church. Bishop Kain officiated and Bishop Watterson preached the sermon. Several priests from both dioceses were in attendance.

The people of the parish were inconsolable for his loss; but because he had been a public-spirited citizen, always ready and anxious to aid in doing good and promoting the peace and good order of the community, he was sadly missed by all. "All, without distinction of class or creed, had learned to revere the good, kind, affable and whole-souled Father Cull."[12]

About thirty years after Father Cull had gone to his reward an incident illustrated the love the people still had for him. His nephew, attorney Frank X. Cull, as a junior officer in the World War field artillery was sent on a lecture tour across Ohio that included Bellaire. He had to repeat the program several times there and between programs at eleven o'clock p.m. was met by a committee of three gentlemen who invited him to the Knights of Columbus Hall for a program.

He was not able to get there until nearly one o'clock in the morning. "To my great surprise, I found there a crowd of fifty or seventy-five people assembled for a banquet celebration, and I was told that they had learned that I was a nephew of their Pastor who had died nearly thirty years before and because of their affection for him they wished to do some honor for his nephew on my visit to Bellaire. Needless to say, I was deeply moved to learn that my uncle whom I had never seen was held in such high esteem and affection for so many years by his parishioners, some of whom he had baptized, others of whom had received their First Communin from him and others who had been married by him."[13]

The Cull Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

While the pastors were heads of the parishes, the religious sisters formed the minds and souls of children for the future of the Church and for their salvation, in the Catholic schools. They strove "to embue everything with an evengelical spirit for the



Sister Rosalia Cull, S.C.N.

strengthening and growth of the Body of Christ." They shared in "the Church's evangelizing mission through their personal witness of Christian living, their commitment to ordering termporal affairs according to God's plan, and their cooperation in service of their ecclesiastical community." (See Pope St. John Paul II, *Vita Consecrata,* no. 32)

Three of Father Cull's sisters entered the congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky, the same order that he brought to the schools in Portsmouth and Bellaire. All three sisters seem to have been born in Jackson County.

Margaret Cull, the second oldest of Father Daniel's four sisters, was born in 1864. She joined the congregation at the age of 18 and was given the name Sister Mary Xavier. She was a school teacher for 48 years, from 1884 until 1932. Among her assignments were schools in Massachusetts, Kentucky, and Maryland. She taught at St. Dominic Parish School in Columbus for a few months in 1928. She retired to St. Joseph Infirmary in Louisville in 1932 and after 1946 lived in the infirmary at the motherhouse in Nazareth. She was fondly remembered for many years by the boarders whom she had "mothered" at St. Mary's Academy,

Leonardstown, Maryland. She died at the motherhouse on July 1, 1953.

Anna Laura Cull, the second youngest sibling of Father Cull, was born in 1868. She entered the convent from Raysville in Jackson County and took the name Sister Rosalia. She taught in the order's schools in Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, and Arkansas. In this diocese she taught in the parish schools at Corning from 1894 to 1897 and at Mt. Vernon from 1903 to 1911. She died in Louisvile on May 18, 1928.



Sister James Ignatius Cull, S.C.N.

Elizabeth Cull, youngest sibling of Father Cull, was born in 1871. She became a nurse and worked in Cincinnati and later in New York City. She entered the convent from the latter city in 1910, aged nearly forty, and took the name Sister James Ignatius. She taught in the congregation's schools in Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Virginia, meanwhile earning an A.B. degree from Fordham University in 1928. She died in Louisville on August 24, 1934.

Rev. John Albert McShane, O.P. (1847-1882)

Father John Albert McShane was the second youngest of the eleven children of Edward and Catherine (Mackin) McShane. He was the uncle of Father Daniel Cull but was only two years his senior. Father McShane was born in Clayton Township, Perry County, on February 17, 1847. He was attending Saint Joseph's College near Somerset when it was suspended. He entered the Dominican Order at Saint Joseph's and took his vows on November 9, 1865. After studies in Springfield and Louisville, he was ordained by Bishop Feehan of Nashville on Aug. 15, 1870. He was sent to Saint Rose's in Kentucky where he helped with the parish and church in Springfield and at the same time held the office of procurator. Having been a country boy, he knew how to manage the farm there. He assisted at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Zanesville in the spring of 1876; then moved on to St. Vincent Ferrer in New York and in 1879 to St. Peter's in Memphis.

By 1881 he was suffering from asthma and was sent back in his native Perry County. On June 27, 1882, he went from Saint Joseph's to take charge of Saint John's Church, Bellaire, during the brief absence of the pastor, his nephew. There on June 30 he died of asthmatic congestion of the heart. His funeral at St. Joseph's, Somerset, celebrated by Father Cull, was one of the largest ever held in that place.

Father McShane was a good priest who was widely known and deeply respected. He was an excellent preacher, with a splendid mind stored with a rich fund of information. "He was of a genial, kindly disposition, and his attention to the sick, or to those who were in trouble of any kind, was a prominent and noble trait of his character."

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St. Dominic Parish, Beaver, Noble County
Baptisms 1832-1852

(Continued, from Vol. XXXX No. 11)

1837, continued

April 3

same day Michael Ignatius [Benton] son of the same parents and god parents. J. Reid

Apr. 23 James Reid son of Daniel Wigal (convert) and Matilda Joseph spouses; spons. William and Teresa Gale. J. Reid

same day Susan Eleanor daughter of Henry and Charlotte, Negro servants, sponsors the same as above. J. Reid

Apr. 25 Eleanor Sophia daughter of Louis Kreuzard and Catherine Lambright; spons. John Baptist Oplinger & Catherine Waters. JR

Apr. 27 Mary Lee, wife of Thomas Callaghan, convert, age 40 years. James Reid

same day Samuel, David, Elizabeth, Margaret, Jane, Mary, and Catherine, converts, children of the same Thomas Callaghan and Mary Lee, spouses; spons. — —arey and Mary Sherlock. J. Reid

same day John son of Rowland Pinkerton and Catherine Binson; spons. Martin Sherlock and his wife. J. Reid

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May 4 John Paulton, convert, age 25 years. J. Reid

same day John and Joshua sons of the same John Poulton; sponsors for the first John Butler and Ann Doran alias Butler; and for the latter John Baptist Oplinger and Elizabeth Coyle alias Foster. J. Reid

same day John son of John Robinson and Mary Morgan; spons. John McDaniel and Jane Morgan. J. Reid

May 11 Catherine daughter of George Laux and his wife; spons. Simeon Schel and Catherine Dorr. J. Reid

May 14 Susan Frances daughter of Henry Lowe and Ann Dillaghy; spons. Thomas Dillaghy and his wife. J. Reid

May 17 Andrew Snyder, convert, age 18 years. J. Reid

same day John, Catherine, and Mary, children of [blank] Snyder and his wife; spons. Jane Morgan. J. Reid

May 18 David and Mary Hanna, children of Peter Mulrine and Ann Pollack, spouses; spons. Thomas Dillaghy and Bridget Egan alias Temple. J. Reid

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May 21 James and Eleanor children of Arthur McCune; spons. Simon Dorr and his wife. J. Reid

same day Maryann and Elizabeth children of the same; spons. Theodore Benninghouse and Catherine Dorr. J. Reid

May 24 Dennis son of Hugh McManaman and Susan Horan, spouses; spons. Elisha Leek and Rebecca Horan alias Lyons. J. Reid

May 28 Samuel Schaeman, convert, age 25 years. J. Reid

May 30 Agnes daughter of David Roe and his wife; spons. Simon Archer (of Michael) and Rhoda Archer alias Enachs. J. Reid

same day Daniel son of Simon Archer (of Michael) and his wife; spons David Roe and Hanna Archer. J. Reid

Sept. 14, 1836 Agnes daughter of Peter Cusick and Mary McElroy; spons. Luke Lilly and Martha Burns. J. Reid

same day Martha daughter of Luke Lylly alias Lilly; spons. Peter Cusick and Mary McElroy alias Cusick. J. Reid

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June 11 [1837] Sara Elenor daughter of Michael Creighton and Rachel Condon; spons. Francis Temple and Catherine Brady. J. Reid

same day Christopher son of William DeLong and Catherine Ensly; spons. William Windel and Eva Delong alias Windele. J. Reid

July 1 James son of Philip Harkins and Eleanor Malarky; spons. Terrence McKeown and his wife. J. Reid

same day Eleanor daughter of Joshua Bawr [or Bawn?] and Catherine Harkins; spons. Philip Harkins and his wife J. Reid

July 2 Jane daughter of John McConaghy and his wife; spons. John McDaniel and Sara Cummisky (alias [blank]). J. Reid

July 9 Anna Pollack (alias Mulrine), convert, age 32 years, wife of Peter Mulrine. J. Reid

July 16 Thomas son of Vance Johnston and his wife; spons. Simon Dorr and his wife. J. Reid

July 17 William son of William Dogherty and Ann Drum, spouses; spons. Mathew Dogherty and Sara Drum alias Dogherty. J Reid

July 19 Benjamin son of John Cunningham and his wife; spons. Levi Wilson and Sara Judge alias Wescott. J. Reid

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July 19 Mary daughter of Charles Pool and Margaret Lynn; spons. James Lynn and Elizabeth Lynn alias OHara. J. Reid

same day James son of Richard Pool and Ruth Judge; spons. Hugh Mcmanaman and Sara Judge alias Wescott. J. Reid

July 30 George son of Thomas Delong and Catherine Mehan, spouses; spons. William Windel and his wife. J. Reid

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