

Finding Bridget Lohan



**My Route to
Ballygar, Galway,
from
Fayetteville, Tennessee**

Pat Abernethy Murphree



1896-1971



1903-1972

B. Fayetteville

My Parents



I was an Oops Baby!

Born in the first 2 weeks of
the Baby Boom

I did all of the DNA tests!



So I had 130,000+ Cousins
but no plan

My Priorities

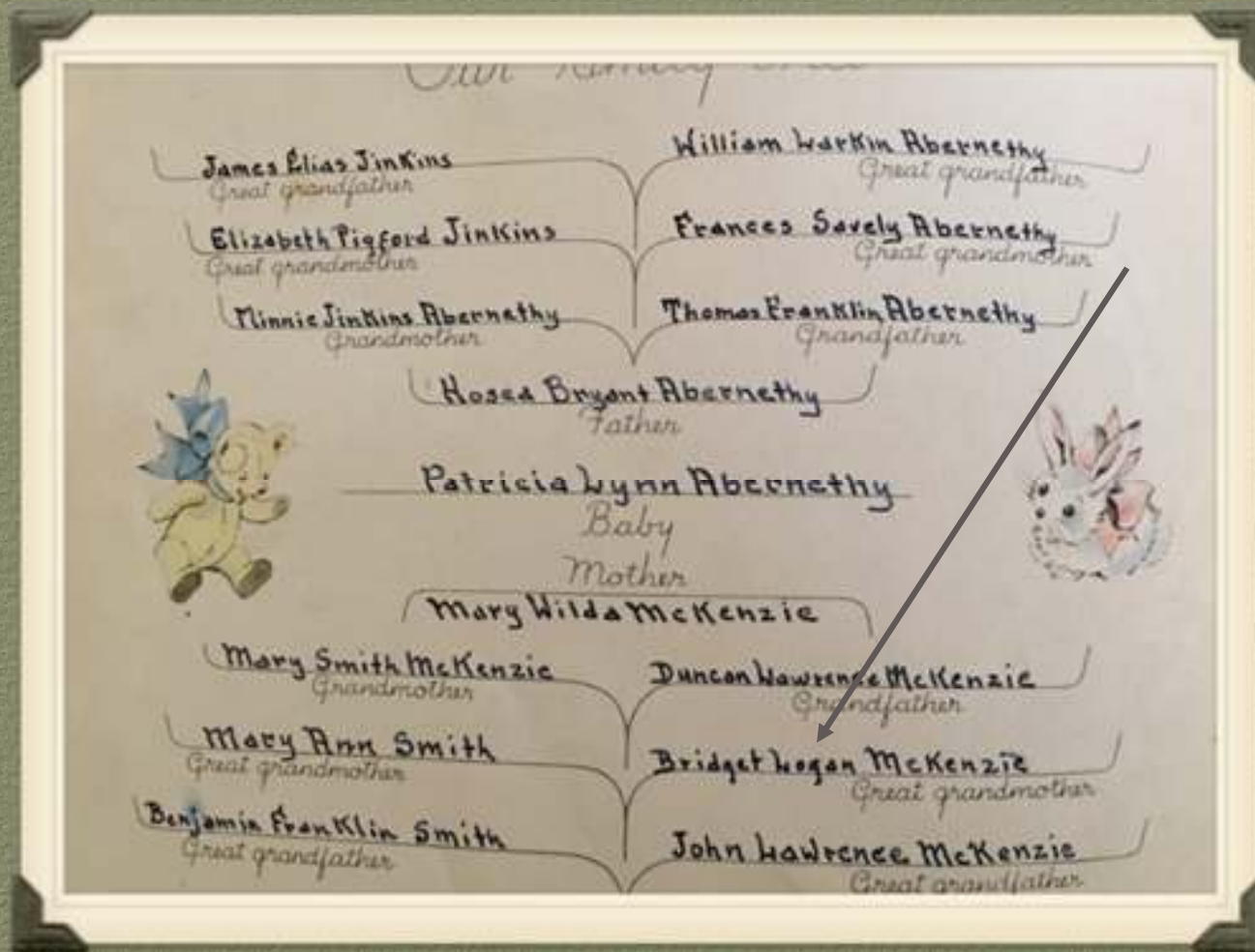
- Maternal great-grandmother, **Bridget Lohan**
- Maternal great-grandfather, **John McKenzie**

The two who settled in Fayetteville
in the 1860s

This Rosary was All I
knew OF MY GREAT-
GRANDMOTHER

It was in the third
drawer in the chest
for my entire
childhood





As I grew Older

I Found her name in my Baby Book—LoGan

20 years ago, My cousin
sent This photo

Landess Tannery in Fayetteville

Lohan





So where
to start?

2014
I JOINED WORLD
ANCESTRY

BUILT A FAMILY TREE
AND SEARCHED for
LOHANS AND LOGANS among my matches

Thanks to Find- A-Grave

I finally located Bridget's headstone in
Rose Hill, and by 2015 had a photo,
thanks to MIKE PITCOCK!

**A big shoutout to the
find-a-Grave Volunteers**



located her 1916 Obituary

- Born in “Lisquell, East Ballygar, Roscommon County, Galway, Ireland.” **COMMAS ARE IMPORTANT** particularly for clueless Americans!
- Began “trying on” families for size—her father was Lawrence Lohan.

Louisiana, Wills and Probate Records, 1756-1984 for Lawrence Lohan

Orleans > Court Cases, No 2950-3262, 1850-1852

Succession
of
Lawrence Lohan } **STATE OF LOUISIANA,**
Fifth District Court of New-Orleans.

All Too Easy...UNTIL I FOUND A NOTE IN AN ADDRESS BOOK

- Aunt wrote that young Bridget was “sent to NY to live with an relative during famine”
- Found a record with a Bidy LoGan who came to NY in 1847 as a 7 yr-old along with a 12 yr-old brother (Luke) and a 17 yr-old sister (Mary) and ‘adopted’ them
- Back to her obituary—“she resided in New York City for a number of years”
- 1860 census shows that she and Mary servants for the Bush family in NY
- Her obituary—“While visiting relatives in Indianapolis, met and married her husband, John McKenzie, in 1866”

Found Marriage Record and Death Record

Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941

[View Record](#)

Name Bridget Logan

Spouse Name John McKenzie

Marriage Date 20 Nov 1866

Marriage County Marion

Household Members
Name
Bridget Logan
John McKenzie

PARENTS	9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country)	<i>Lisquary, Ireland</i>
	10 NAME OF FATHER	<i>Lawrence Logan</i>
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country)	<i>Lisquary, Ireland</i>
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<i>May Logan</i>
	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)	<i>Lisquary, Ireland</i>
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
(Informant)	<i>John E. McKenzie</i>	
(Address)	<i>Fayetteville, Ga.</i>	

First problem—Locate Lisquell

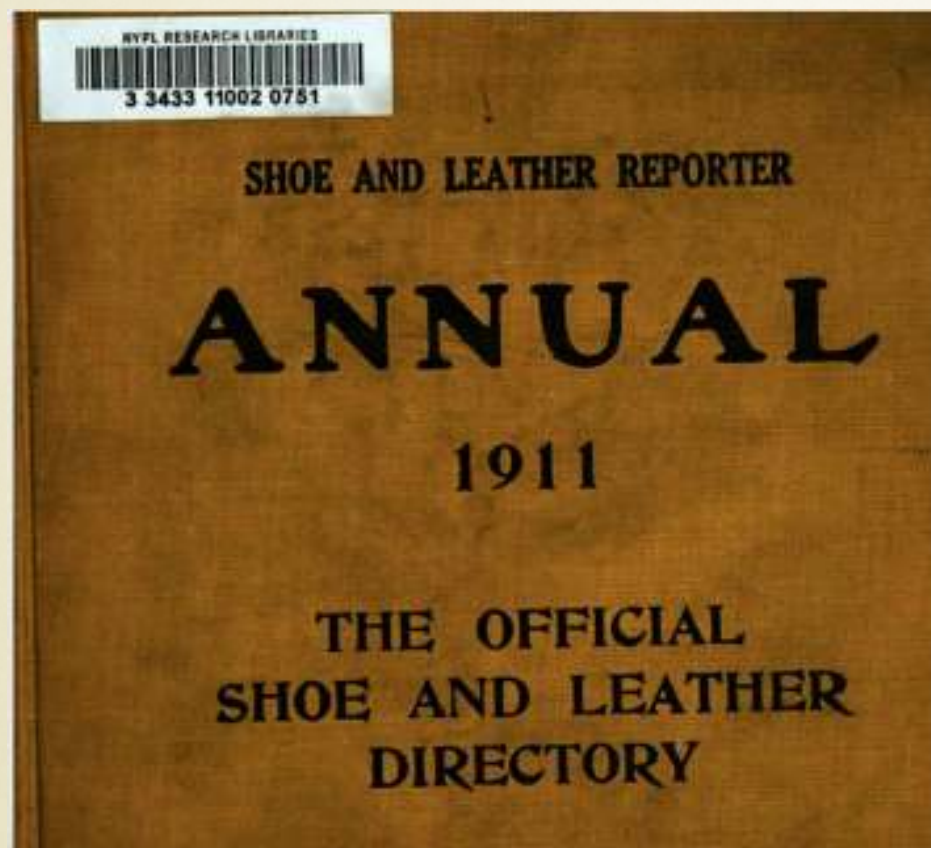
**The Cottage, Lisquelle East, Ballygar, Co.
Roscommon**

€500 Monthly House to Rent | 3 Beds | 1 Bath



**Found NOTHING
Until this Rental Appeared**

Bits of Information Emerged....Widowed in her 40's,
Bridget had to become
the breadwinner to support 5 children



Fayetteville.

2708, Lincoln County.

Landess, W. J. & Co.; members of firm:
W. J. Landess, D. L. McKenzie, J. L.
McKenzie and Bridget McKenzie, finished
sides, sheep, goat, harness and collar.
D. L. McKenzie, buyer. (Fla.) E.



Five Children of the child who was sent to America to survive

- William Duncan McKenzie was elected mayor of Fayetteville in 1900
- Duncan Lawrence McKenzie, my grandfather, moved to Mississippi to purchase hides and pelts for Landess Tannery and was elected to the board of aldermen
- James Alexander McKenzie is a bit of of mystery
- Susan Flora McKenzie became a telephone operator
- John Landess McKenzie moved to Alabama and became a furrier

Now back to **DNA**

Finally 2 Matches on Ancestry,
One Logan and One Lohan
both with Ballygar roots!

Fall, 2015

March 2016

- St. Louis match heading to Ireland with her 2nd cousin, a Mississippi priest—Ballygar was on the itinerary!
- Held back 3 days before writing to ask if she would mind if I asked to go along
- Coincidence? I grew up in Mississippi

Enter this Saint
of a Man
Fr. Michael O'Brien



The Story

- He asked my great-grandmother's name—Bridget Lohan, THE SAME as his mother's
- He volunteered to take an Ancestry test
- I signed up to go to Ireland with his group
- Six weeks later, Fr. Mike was my 1st known Galway-born 5th-8th cousin

Martin's Bar

Found 2 Lohan men—
one volunteers to test



Possibly 1st DNA Swab Collected
in a bar

Hugh volunteered to take a DNA test that night



3rd-4th cousin



Gen. Edward Lawrence Logan

Later in the week,
we met Fr. Louis
Lohan

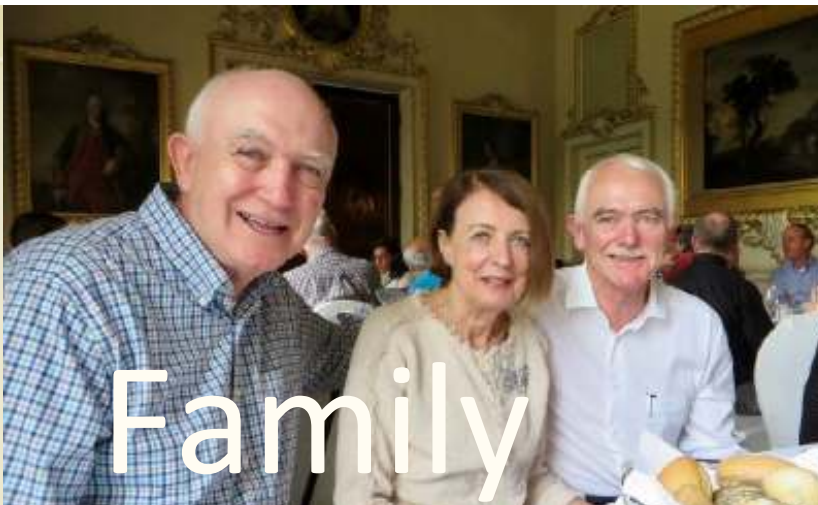
We rounded up his
sheep and he
volunteered to take a
DNA test



4th-6th Cousin

July, 2016





Family



Family



Family



I became officially Obsessed

Fr. Mike became my DNA test
Runner to Ballygar and I
became Ancestry's Best
Customer!



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Lohan, Logan and Allied Families

We don't all share DNA
with Everyone

But we All share DNA with Some

And we are all descended from
Lohans or Logans

Benefits of Facebook Group

- Share family information
- Check Gedmatch numbers
- Encourage more testing
- Look up records for each other
- Goal: A Lohan Family Tree encompassing as many lines as possible

BRICK WALL
my 2x Great-Grandmother'S SURNAME

Lots of family names have appeared

Connelly

Lohan

Coen

Quinn

Crehan

Carr

Martin

Greally/McDermott

Cunningham

How Can I Use My 380 Irish
Connections to Break Down my
Wall?

Genetic Affairs



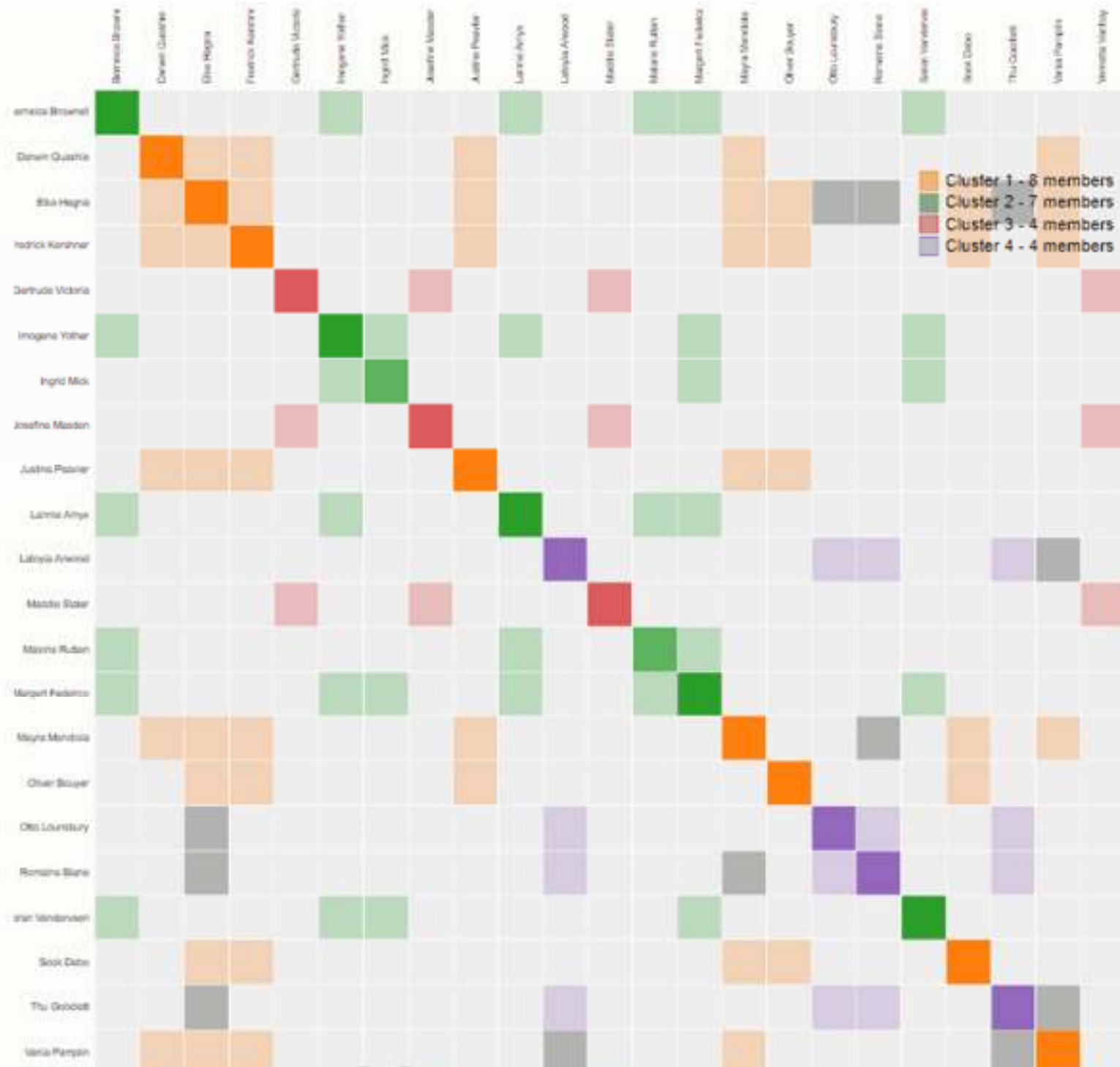
This is EJ BLOM Whom I met on FACEBOOK

IN FEBRUARY MET HIM AT ROOTSTECH
AND THEN BEGAN BADGERING HIM TO CHANGE HIS PROGRAM!



Issues/Solutions

- Goal: Sort Lohan-related people into family groups
- Gold stars on Ancestry for all Irish cousins
- Lohans are 4th-8th cousins, so must go deeply into my 105,000+ matches on Ancestry to extract them



Genetic Affairs - AutoCluster

- Cluster 1
- Cluster 2
- Cluster 3
- Cluster 4
- Cluster 5
- Cluster 6
- Cluster 7
- Cluster 8
- Cluster 9
- Cluster 10

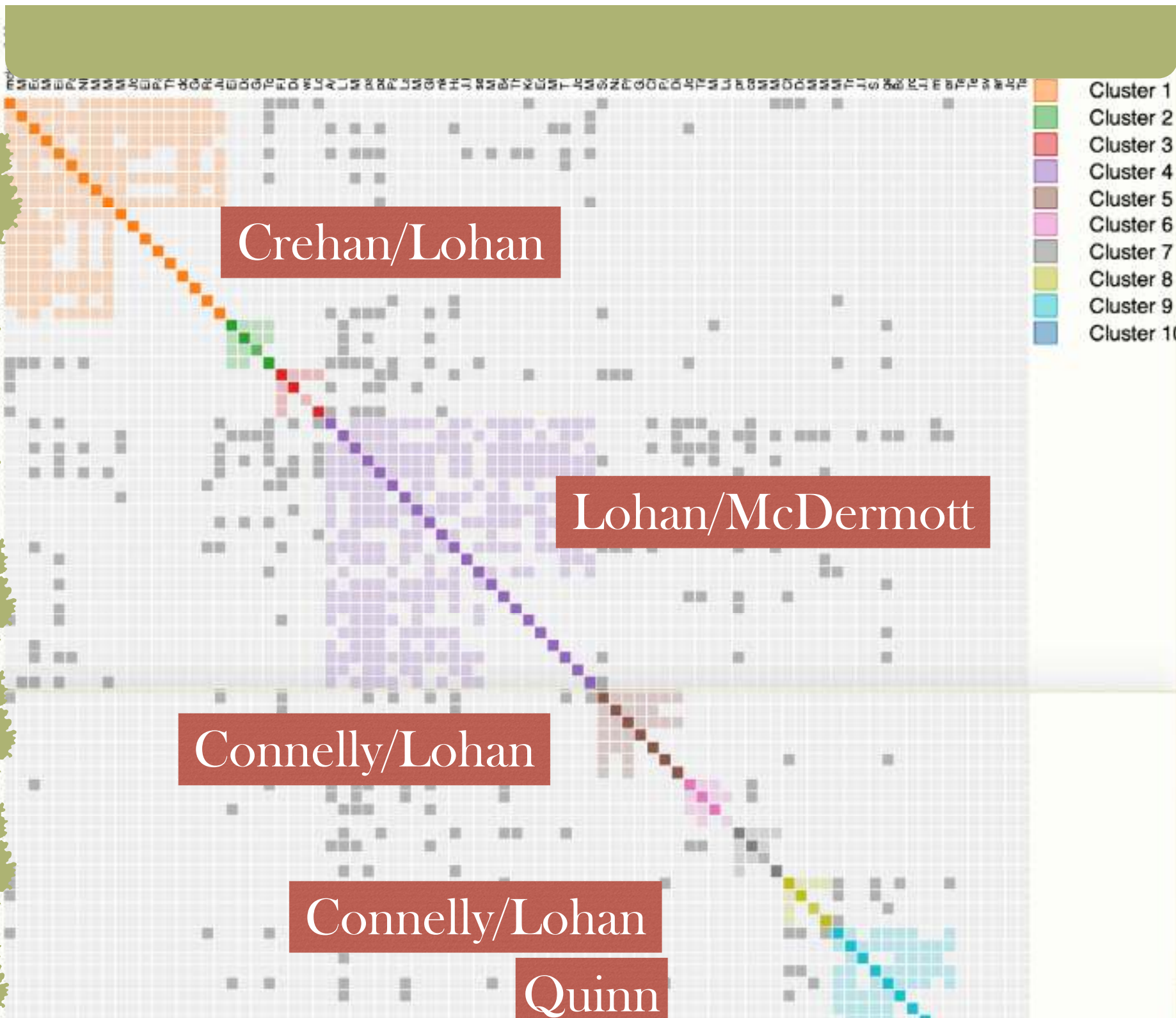
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Lohan/McDermott

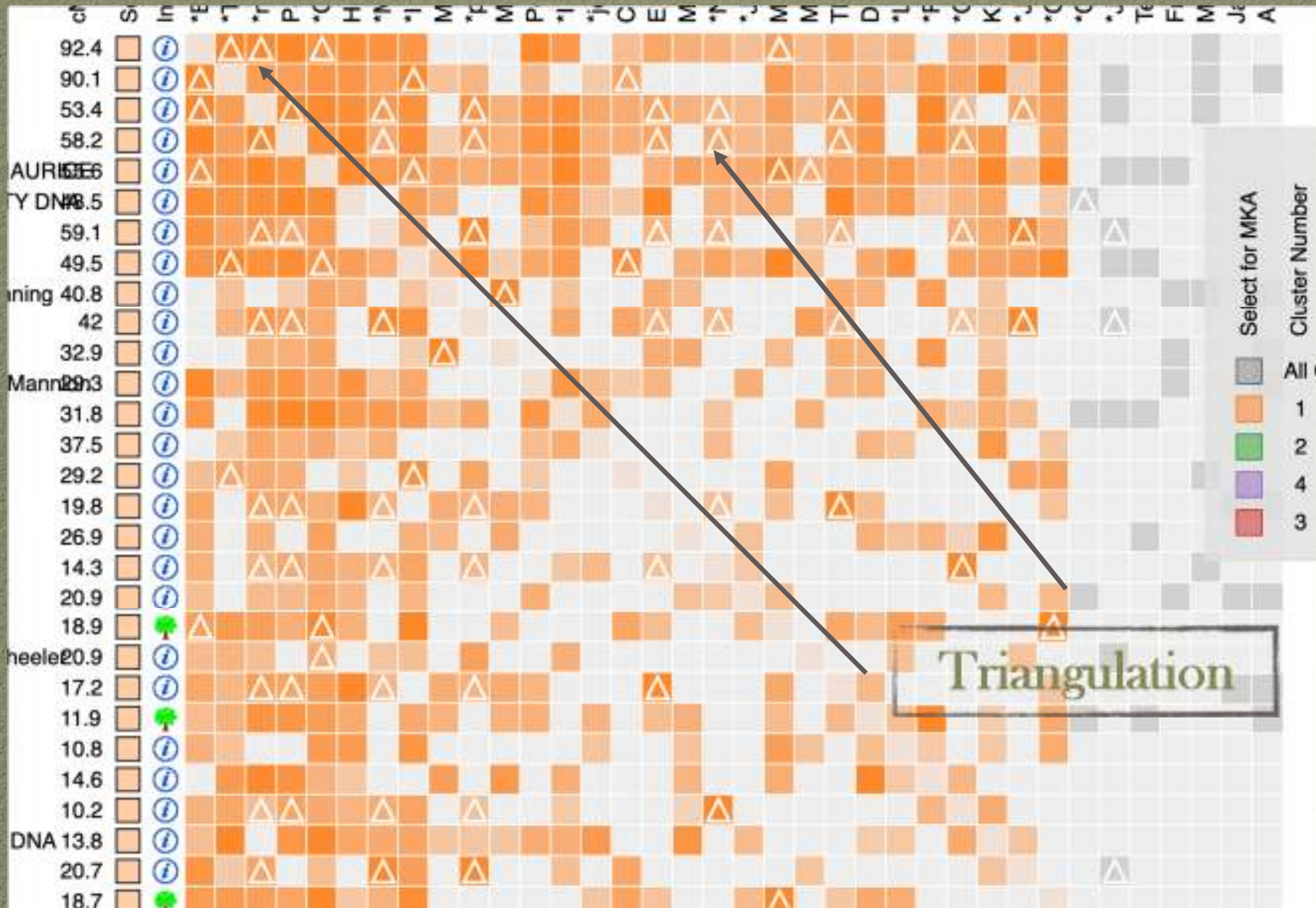
Connelly/Lohan

Connelly/Lohan

Quinn



Auto-cluster also on Gedmatch, FTDNA, 23andme and MyHeritage



Where Am I?

- Still searching for records and matches
- Working to put pieces of the puzzle together
- Most importantly enjoying every day that I have the opportunity to “meet” and “talk” with my Irish relatives



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Spoke at Galway Genetic Genealogy Conference Lohan Mass and Reunion

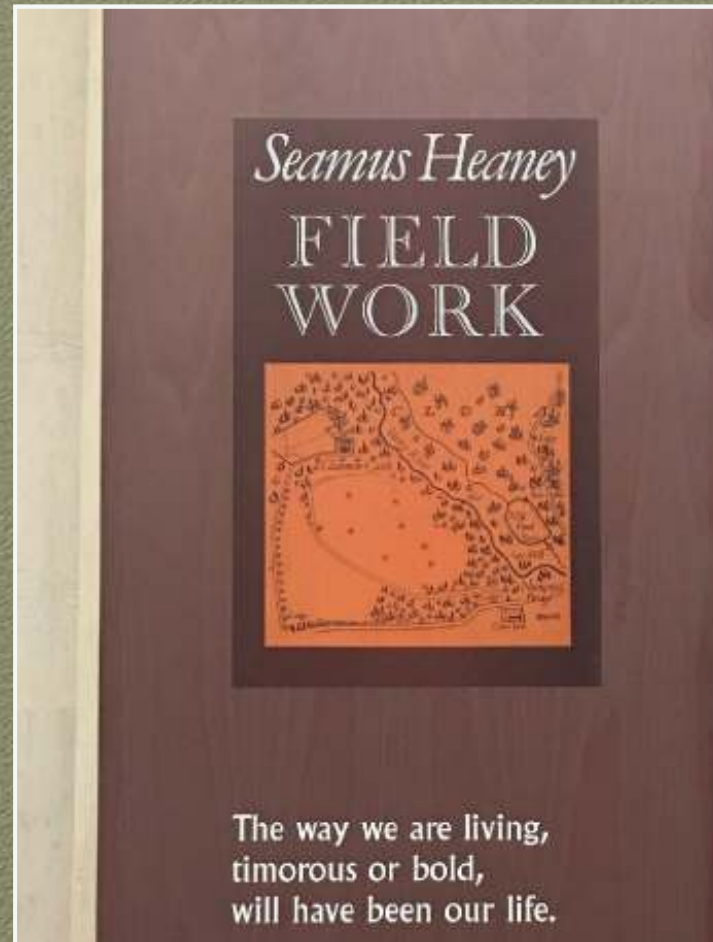




What have I learned?
that I am connected to a lot of wonderful people in
Ireland and Scotland



Reality: we may never know **how**
we are connected and that is just fine!



It is about the Journey
and not the destination!