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13	7	n.d.	Report	"From James to Richard-The Nixon Line" by Raymond Martin Bell, Washington and Jefferson College. 21 pages. Duplicate copy. Not scanned.
13	7	10/29/1972	Newsletter	Newsletter from the St. David's Society of the State of New York, Normal Morris, Hon. Secretary, re: "Our Welsh Heritage." Includes hand written note from Dr. Islyn Thomas, President. 4 pages.
13	7	09/27/1970	Newspaper	"Nixon Tree Has 'Roots' in York Co." by Harry McLaughlin in the Sunday Patriot News, Harrisburg, Pa. Clipping not scanned.
13	7	10/24/1972	Letter	To Hon. Michael Farrel, Special Assistant to the President (Mrs. Humes copied) from Dr. Islyn Thomas re: a possible trip to Washington, DC from Florida. Includes Thomas' contact information in Florida. 2 pages.
13	7	n.d.	Photograph	"Official Photograph" B0001 from the White House. Includes portraits of a male and female. No names given. 1 page.
13	7	03/14/1972	Letter	To Honorable Charles "Chuck" W. Whales, Jr., House of Representatives from William E. Timmons, Assistant to the President re: thank you for sending clipping from The Journal Herald on Henry Milhous family. 1 page.

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13	7	03/08/1972	Letter	From Charles W. Whalen, Jr., Member of Congress to the President re: newspaper clipping from The Journal Herald on the Milhous family in Warrant County, Ohio. 3 pages including newspaper. Newspaper not scanned.
13	7	n.d.	Other Document	Nixon family arms. 1 pages front and back.
13	7	n.d.	Other Document	Irish Heraldic Scroll. Not scanned.
13	7	01/07/1972	Letter	Letter from Jana Hruska (John Ehrlichman's office) to Diane, re: article from Don Nixon's youngest son, Rick, regarding ancestor research. 1 page.
13	7	12/1971	Newspaper	"How Are You Fixed for Blades?" in The Washington Post, re: winter time events and skating venues. Not scanned.
13	7	12/05/1971	Newspaper	Los Angeles Times article "Nixon Uncle -- Bee Expert at 88: Retired in 1950 he works daily at UC Riverside." By Charles Hillinger on Nixon's uncle, Philip H. Timberlake. 2 pages (additional copies of first page and part of 2nd). Not scanned.
13	7	03/21/1969	Letter	Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Hope Urban to Mr. Edward C. Nixon re: Nixon family of Fermanagh, Ireland. References enclosed clippings re: President's recent trip to Europe. 4 pages scanned.

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13	7	02/19/1969	Letter	From Thomas Mullin (Thomas Mullins Exports, Ltd., Suppliers of Coats of Arms) to Mrs. Hope Urban re: researching President Nixon's Irish ancestry and the Irish Heraldic Scroll. 1 page scanned.
13	7	n.d.	Report	Information regarding the Nixon name in Ulster, Ireland on Thomas Mullins Exports Ltd. Letterhead (report cut off). 1 page.
13	7	n.d.	Other Document	"Blazen of Arms" re: Nixon's family coat of arms, crest, and motto from Thomas Mullins Ltd., suppliers of family coats-of-arms. 2 pages.
13	7	n.d.	Other Document	White House note: "our xerox phase done."
13	7	n.d.	Other Document	"P.S." note to unknown individual re: Mr. Mullins' "handsome wooden plaques with coats of arms."
13	7	n.d.	Other Document	"Irish Heraldic Scroll" referencing how to read the Irish scroll illustrating 761 Irish coats of arms. Describes the County Arms, How to Find Your Coat of Arms, and Crests and Mottoes. 1 page.
13	7	02/1969	Newspaper	Numerous newspaper clippings regarding Nixon's trip to Europe from The Cork Examiner, The Irish Press, and the Hibernia Fortnightly Review. 5 clippings. Not scanned.

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13	7	03/12/1969	Newspaper	Newspaper clipping: "Revered in Mexico but unknown in Ireland: Memorial to Battalion of Saint Patrick" in Irish Independent. Clipping includes hand-written notes and markings. Mentions Nixon's forebears. Not scanned.



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This letter was sent
out to over 2800 Welsh families.
Only news paper coverage
regarding my meeting with
President Nixon would get the
message across to over
3 million Americans
not Welsh ancestry
Kisses & regards
Norman Morris
Oct 29 '72*

Subject "Our Welsh Heritage"

Dear Friends:
Over the years the St. David's Society of the State of New York has received many requests for information on Wales and various aspects of Welsh life and culture. These inquiries have come from educators, authors, students, foreign embassies and Welsh-Americans, generations removed from the land of their ancestors.

It was the accumulation of all this loose information that led our president, Dr. Islyn Thomas, into further areas of research on Wales with the idea of a private publication in booklet form as a service to our membership and future members.

The booklet entitled "Our Welsh Heritage" was printed in time for the St. David's Day Banquet on March 1st, 1972 and met with the enthusiastic approval of the guests. Word about the booklet spread through the grapevine and we were soon deluged with requests that, if filled, would quickly exhaust our stock that was designed to last for years. At a special meeting of the directors it was decided that we should make the booklet available to everyone for a donation of \$1.50 postpaid.

Buoyed by letters containing such laudatory phrases as . . . "A Readers' Digest on Wales, Dr. Islyn Thomas has performed a great service for all Welsh Americans" . . . "I became an expert on Wales overnight! . . . This wonderful booklet will have a prominent place in my library." . . . the first printing soon sold out and the second printing with additional information was published. The booklet now contains 60 pages and was recently endorsed by the Library Index with the result that orders are pouring in from libraries and schools all over the country.

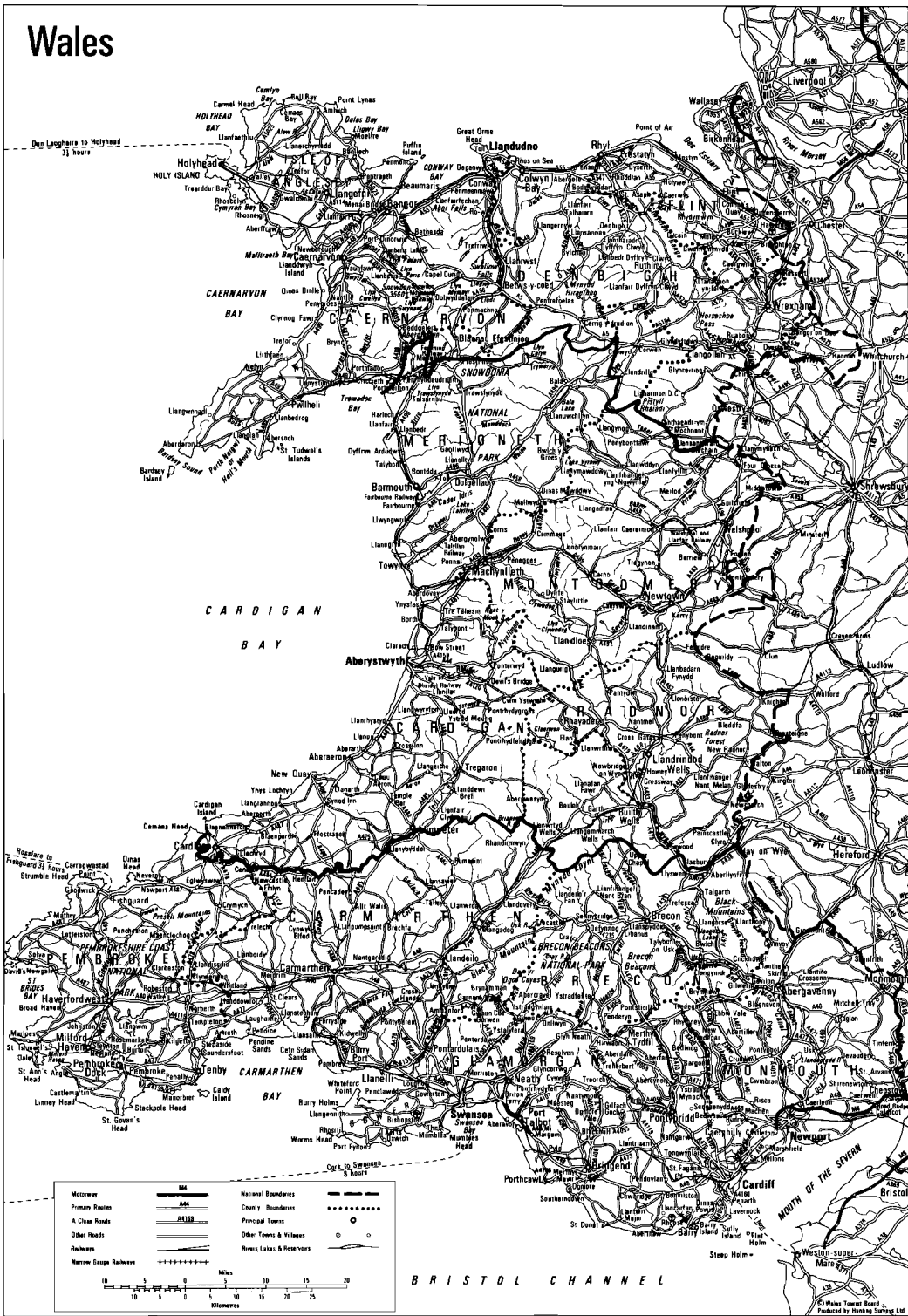
In the booklet you will read the stories of when and how it happened . . . St. David, Prince Madoc, Ddraig Goch, Cwm Rhondda, Gymanfa Ganu, Eisteddfod, etc. Following are two pages indicative of the content and flavor of "Our Welsh Heritage."

We invite you to order your copy now, which will be mailed promptly.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Morris, Hon. Secretary

Wales



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RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON

38th President of the United States

Richard Milhous Nixon, 38th President of the United States and of Welsh ancestry, was born in Yorba Linda, California on January 9, 1913.

He married Patricia Ryan on June 10, 1940 and was then blessed with two children: Patricia and Julie.

During the second World War he volunteered for service in the United States Navy and served in the South Pacific Theater, earning two Battle Stars and two Commendations. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

In 1946 he was elected to the United States House of Representatives and served from the Twelfth District of California in the 80th and 81st Congresses.

He was elected to the United States Senate from California in 1950 and served 1951-53; nominated for Vice President of the United States in 1952 and elected with President Dwight D. Eisenhower; re-elected Vice President in 1956.

Mr. Nixon was elected President of the United States of America on November 5, 1968 and inaugurated on January 20, 1969.

President Richard M. Nixon has many Welsh ancestors who came to Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland between the years 1634 and 1710. Howell Griffiths of Carmarthenshire arrived in Philadelphia in 1690. Hugh Harry (or Harris) arrived in Pennsylvania from Montgomeryshire in 1689. William Griffith arrived in Delaware. Evan Prothero arrived from Narberth, Pembrokeshire and Mary Lew Roberts from Merionethshire.

President Nixon's great grandmother, Elizabeth Price Griffiths Milhous (1827-1923) was a well-known Quaker minister. She died in Whithers, California, when the President was 10 years of age. Her great-great-great-great grandfather, Thomas Price, left Wales and landed in Maryland on March 25, 1634 and in the same year married Elizabeth Phillips, daughter of Robert Phillips, another Welshman.

On the average, President Nixon's ancestors arrived in America around 1680 and all but one of his genealogy lines originate in the British Isles.

Reference:

The Ancestry of Richard Milhous Nixon

By Raymond Martin Bell, Washington, Pennsylvania, 1972.

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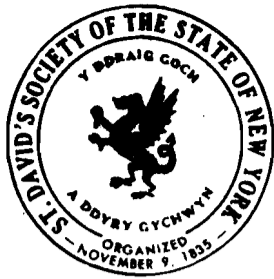
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The Hon. Michael Farrel
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Farrel:

As per our conversation of Monday afternoon, I shall be leaving for Florida late Thursday afternoon and will not return to Madison, New Jersey until late Sunday afternoon, November 5th.

As advised, if President Nixon's schedule opens up I would be happy to fly up to Washington from Florida if you would contact me. The address in Florida will be:

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Anxiously waiting to hear from you. Kindess regards.

Yours very truly

Dr. Islyn Thomas

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Enclosure

P.S.

There are many prominent Welsh, and Americans of Welsh ancestry in the entertainment field such as Richard Burton, Bob Hope and many others who would approve of my meeting with President Nixon at this time. NOW IS THE TIME



W. J. ...

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**ATTENTION: Michael B. Smith
The White House
Washington, D.C.**

March 14, 1972

Dear Chuck:

I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the President the front page story from The Journal Herald regarding the Henry Milhouse family. I will be pleased to present your letter and the clipping to the President at the earliest opportunity.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William A. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Charles W. Whalen, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/inc to Rose Woods ✓

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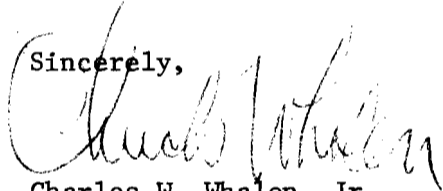
Dear Mr. President:

The Journal Herald, a daily newspaper in my Congressional District, published a front page story on Monday, March 6, which you might find of interest.

The account relates to a branch of your family which apparently resided in Warren County, Ohio, located in the Miami Valley region. Since the information is new and has not appeared elsewhere, to my knowledge, I thought you would like to have the clipping which I am pleased to enclose.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Whalen, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Charles W. Whalen Jr.
M.C.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.





Arms of NIXON, on record in Ulster's Office.

Sable, five bezants, two, two, and one, on a chief enrailed argent, a battleaxe in fesse of the field. *Crest*—A game cock ppr. charged on the breast with a bezant.

ASD
Therese & Nixon families
Arms opposite p 43
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Diane:

The attached article was handed to Mr. Ehrlichman by Don Nixon's youngest son, Rick, during our last stay in San Clemente.

Rose asked that I pass it along to you for the "ancestor" research!!!

Jana Hruska
(John Ehrlichman's
office)

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Elmgrove Guest House
Shournagh Road
Blarney
County Cork
Republic of Ireland
March 21, 1969

Mr. Edward C. Nixon
c/o President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I hope that you received the other letter that I sent you last January containing some data on the Nixon family of Fermanagh, that I found up in Antrim, and also some other information from a Doctor Evelyn K. Nixon, a woman surgeon in Dublin, widow of the late Stuart Nixon, who died in 1966, and was from Loughbrickland, in the Waterford-Jexford area. The information that I passed on to you from Dr. Nixon, however, was not quite correct, and I must correct it now. She told me of a book written by a 'Doctor Dixon' called 'The North and the South,' in which there is mention of a John Nixon who read the Declaration of Independence when it was proclaimed. Dr. Nixon is a very busy person and she could not locate the book, at the time she described it, so this information was a bit inaccurate. Later on she located the book in her home, and sent it to me, and I copied from it what applies to the Nixon family. The book is actually by a Charles Dickson, M.D., and is called 'Revolt in the North: Antrim and Down in 1798'. (Meaning the Irish counties of Antrim and Down, where there was fierce resistance to British rule in 1798.) This book may be obtained, I think, from the Library of Congress and it was published in Dublin by Clonmore and Reynolds, Ltd., 1960. Also in London, by Burns, Oates and Washbourne. You might want to read it, as it gives a very good picture of conditions in Ireland at that time. I will quote from page 59:

'It has been stated that one of the reasons advanced by Government for opposing concession to Catholics was that 16,000 of them had fought for America in the War of Independence. A similar charge, however, could have been brought against Ulster Protestants who had been forced to emigrate as a result of the land war of more than twenty years before.'

The American Declaration of Independence signed on 4 July 1776 was in the handwriting of Charles Thomson from Derry. It was first read to the American people by John Nixon, the son of a Waterford man, and it was first printed and published by John Dunlop, formerly of Strabane, County Tyrone. Of the actual signatories eight were Irishmen, or the sons of Irishmen, and a majority of Irish-Americans at that time were Ulster Presbyterians.'

References given in Footnotes:

16. MacNeven: Pieces of Irish History (1807) Introduction,
17. Hayden and Noonan: A Short History of the Irish People (1921) pp. 70-1.

Written in the margin of page 29 that I have quoted is a note by Stuart Nixon:

"John Nixon was a brother of my great grandfather (William Nixon)."

Written on the back of a commercial envelope in 1960, by Stuart Nixon, is a memo. (This memo was sent to me inside the book, by his widow, and I returned it to her when I returned the book, some weeks ago.)

This is what Stuart Nixon wrote:

Extract from C. Dickson, *Revolt in the North*, p. 29. In the above context it is of interest to note that at one time a family of Nixons were resident in the Waterford-Wexford border, moved to Loughbrickland in County Down. The head of this household, William Nixon, was a brother of the John Nixon who read the Declaration of Independence. William's grandson, William, went to New Zealand in pre-railway days. Richard, son of this later William, went to California about year 1900. The above extract from my own family record may be of interest to the Vice-President."

The date on the commercial envelope (that had held some medical supply item for Dr. Evelyn Nixon) was 1960. At this time, when he wrote, 26 October, 1960, President Nixon was Vice-President).

As you can see, there has been some delay in getting this message to President Nixon from Stuart Nixon, but I did not learn of this until recently, and Dr. Evelyn Nixon in Dublin had not done anything about it, until I happened to meet her in Dublin, and we were talking about the Nixon family, and she decided that it was time to pass on her husband's message to President Nixon.

President Nixon, some time ago, told me that his father came from Cork, and then I believe, to Ohio, and then went out to California. But he may have been of the same family as this Nixon family of the Waterford-Wexford area. He may know something of a Nixon branch that came to California from New Zealand. Dr. Evelyn Nixon told me that there were no relatives of her late husband living now in the Waterford-Wexford area, that she knows of; she says that the Nixon branch that emigrated to Christ Church, New Zealand, became quite wealthy because of railroad building and sheep ranching interests. But this is all that we can tell you about them.

In the packet, I am enclosing some material sent to me by a Mr. Thomas Mullins, who knows Dr. Evelyn Nixon. She had him get in touch with me, and I enclose a copy of his letter to me. I wrote to him promptly, but got no reply, asking him to please elaborate on his statement that the Nixons originated in the Waterford-Wexford area of Ireland, contrary to what Rev. Swanzy says in his history of the Nixons of Fermanagh. After some delay I was told by one of Mr. Mullins' staff in Dublin that Mr. Thomas Mullins had to go on a trade mission to Australia, and would not be back until some time in April, but that as soon as he returns, he will write to me again. I am enclosing in the packet, also, the xerox copy of the coat of arms of the Nixon family of Fermanagh, that I had copied from Rev. Swanzy's book that is held in the library of the Public Record Office in Belfast. Since it was privately published, I doubt if you could obtain a copy of this book from the Library of Congress, but it is worth trying, as it is most interesting. The problem for us, however, is to find the connection between our Nixons of Cork and the Nixons of Waterford-Wexford area and also Fermanagh. I do not know if we Cork Nixons are entitled to use this coat of arms of the Fermanagh Nixons. As you know, each branch of a family has variations in the coat of arms, and also sometimes a variation in the motto. I don't know much about heraldry, myself, and am not a professional genealogist, just a retired librarian interested in family history.

While in Antrim, where I spent over three months in a hospital with a serious leg fracture, I heard of one source of information on the Nixons in this Cork area, but since I have been down here, I have not been able to have access to this source, the journals of the Cork and Kildare Archaeological Societies. I wrote to the Sec. of the Cork Archaeological Society and asked where these journals might be seen, since I had been informed at the Public Library in Cork that there was no office for these learned societies. I presume that the journals may perhaps be seen at the library of University College in Cork, but I have not been able to get in to see them yet. I will, when I can walk a little better; I am still quite lame due to an attack of arthritis in the fractured leg. Due to my physical handicap, I have only been able to do my investigations through correspondence. The Secretary of the Cork Archaeological Society has not replied to my letter, written some time ago. I feel that I have about reached a dead end, in my own investigations, particularly because I have found that the baptismal records of my own Nixon ancestors who lived in Cork City were destroyed, during some of the troubles that racked this part of Ireland, and I feel therefore that a professional should take up this search, someone like Mr. Thomas Mullins of Dublin. He is an expert at heraldic research, and he told me that if he were given a little more information, he would be able to go into a deeper research of the Nixon coat of arms position.

I feel fairly sure that you will wish to have Mr. Mullins "pick up where I have left off," as he will be coming back soon, and he has far more resources for investigating than I have. I am planning on returning to the U.S.A. in July, and am very anxious, at this point, to see my son, Roger Hope Urban, who lives in Norfolk, and works for the Navy at the Suroly Center, in the Naval Base--he is in the Civil Service because he cannot get into any of the armed forces, due to the fact that he unfortunately inherited my physical handicap of fragile bones. He has had twelve fractures, and this is my eleventh! But we manage very well, in spite of the handicap, and I never thought that I would have a break while over here in Ireland; it has slowed me down a bit.

I feel that it has been a great pleasure and a privilege to be able to find out a little for you and the President, at least, and I do hope that Mr. Mullins will be able to find out much more. There is every indication that he can. I am enclosing a newspaper clipping that Mr. Mullins' assistant just sent me, today, with some items marked on it, some not applying to the Nixons. But there is one item that will interest you very much. This is the little article called "Mayor of Timahoe"--and in it there is mention of Timahoe as the place where the Milhouse family came from--in County Kildare. I feel sure that Mr. Mullins should be able to also trace the family of Milhouse, in Kildare. And this no doubt is why he just sent me this article, that I am passing on to you.

As soon as I hear again from Mr. Thomas Mullins, I will tell him to write to you, so you should be hearing from him some time in April.

I hope that eventually, when Mr. Mullins tracks down all our Nixon forbears in this Cork area, that he will also inform me of it, as I feel sure that we are related; I have no doubt that our Cork Nixons came down from the northern part of Ireland to this region, probably very early, in the 17th century. I would be proud indeed to be definitely sure of our relationship. As I wrote to President Nixon some years ago, I believe, my great grandmother was Eliza (Elizabeth) Nixon, born March 3, 1737, in Cork, married 1831 in Dublin, and died 1822 in Rocky Fork, Richland County, Ohio, near Portsmouth, where all my Nixon-Hope family settled. Eliza had a brother, John
(in 1852)

Browne Nixon, and a sister Maria Louisa Nixon (Buchanan) who also emigrated to the United States, but much earlier, in 1839, from Cork. John Browne Nixon settled in Mobile, Alabama, where his descendants still live, though I am not in touch with them. Maria Louisa Nixon Buchanan settled in Newport, Kentucky, and left many descendants, whom I know. And my branch settled in the Portsmouth, Ohio area. So that information may be useful to you later on, when you get more information from Mr. Mullins.

I hope that you will find this material interesting, and that you will think well of my idea of handing over the research job to a professional like Mr. Mullins. I feel that I have done about all that I can, on it, and it has been most interesting. But I honestly feel that I am not qualified to continue, and that you need someone like Mr. Mullins to take it up at this point.

Enclosed also are a few more clippings, that show world opinion. There was great interest over here, in the President's recent trip to Europe, and I was almost holding my breath with apprehension, of course, knowing what security dangers were involved, but he came through it with flying colors, of course. I had no real idea, until I came to spend a year in Ireland, how very much the people over here in Europe depend on our country and its leadership. I had thought of it vaguely, of course, before coming over, but being here, and talking to ordinary people I have met, like the x-ray technician at the hospital in Lisburn, has made me feel both proud and humble, to think how the western world actually looks to us for leadership and protection, no matter how much they may squabble among themselves. It makes one very proud to be an American, to live over here. And from the troubles that I have observed in Ireland, both North and South, with the strikes down here, and the very bitter differences over religion, up in Ulster, I feel that our own troubles at home are simply magnified by our sheer size, and that we have no monopoly on troubles! In fact, they have not yet learned the lesson of religious toleration, over here, yet. There is nothing like living abroad for a year to make an American really appreciate the prospect (corny as it may sound) of seeing that old Statue of Liberty again, in July.

Most sincerely,

Elizabeth Hope Urban

(Mrs.) Elizabeth Hope Urban

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Dear Mrs. Hope Urban:

I have been speaking to our family doctor, Dr. Evelyn Nixon of Dun Laoghaire, and we got talking about family backgrounds. During our conversation Dr. Nixon mentioned that you are researching the family tree of President Richard Milhouse Nixon and his Irish ancestry.

In this connection the question of Coats of Arms arose, and I referred to the fact that on our Irish Heraldic Scroll the Nixon family appears. Dr. Nixon thought you might like to have this information, so I am sending you a copy for your records, together with the Blazon, or technical description for this Coat of Arms, taken from Burke's "General Armory", which has short family summary. I am also sending you an article by Dr. Edward MacLysaght, which is from his book entitled Supplement to Irish Families, page 120. Dr. MacLysaght was, as you probably know, Chief Herald in Ireland at Dublin Castle for many years.

You may of course already have the information about the Fermanagh family. I believe you understand the origin to have been from the Waterford-Wexford area; my own district almost, across the confluence of the Rivers Suir, Barrow and More, in south Kilkenny. Dr. Nixon is kindly lending my sister the book which you had returned to her, written by Dr. Charles Dickson, entitled Revolt in the North: Antrim and Down in 1798.

In passing, I would mention we also have details of Coats of Arms for both Hope (of Mullingar, County Westmeath, dating back to 1611; and also of numerous arms for the surname in England), and for Urban (listed in both Austria and Bohemia).

Trusting the foregoing may be of some interest. If you wish I can instigate a deeper research into the Nixon Coat of Arms position, should some additional data be furnished.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Mullin

Encs.

P.S. The Nixon arms are numbered 556 on our Scroll. I have indicated the position in red ink towards the end of the Scroll.

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N I X O N .

Nixon is numerous in Ulster, especially in Counties Antrim and Fermanagh. The most notable immigrant family of the name settled in Co. Fermanagh in 1609. Fifty years later we find Nixson listed in Petty's "census" as a principal name in two baronies of that county. No doubt more than one Englishman of the name settled in other counties in the seventeenth century: there are, for example three Nixons in the Co. Tipperary hearth money rolls of 1665. Testators of the name are numerous in the Prerogative wills from 1677 to 1811: 27 are Nixon, of which ten were of Co. Fermanagh or neighbouring Ulster counties and nine of Dublin; as Nickson six of the nine are of Co. Wicklow. In Griffith's Valuation (1853) there are five Nixons in Co. Wicklow. Of similar derivation is Nix (i.e. son of Nicholas or Nick) gaelice Mac Niocais, a patronymic adopted by some families of Woulfe in Co. Limerick. The Registrar-General's report of 1909 indicates that at that time Woulfe and Nix were in the Newcastle, Co. Limerick, district used synonymously, while in another case they were combined to make the surname Woulfe-Nix,

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BLAZON OF ARMS

NIXON

Arms : Sable five bezant, two, two, and one, on a chief engrailed argent a battle-axe in fesse of the field.

Crest : A gamecock proper charged on the breast with a bezant.

Motto : 'TOUJOURS PRÊT'
("Always Ready")

(Co. Fermanagh; confirmed to BRINSLEY DE COURCY NIXON, Esq., and the descendants of his grandfather, Rev. BRINSLEY NIXON, Rector of Painstown, Co. Meath).

Ref : Burke's 'GENERAL ARMORY'

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HERALDRY

Heraldry is defined as the art or science of blazoning or describing in appropriate technical terms Coats of Arms and other heraldic and armorial insignia, and is of very ancient origin.

A full Coat of Arms consists of the main Arms with a Crest overhead (above the Helmet as depicted on shields) and a Motto underneath.

These badges of distinction were the reward of personal merit and could be secured by the humblest as well as the highest. They are today the testimonials and warrants of bravery, heroism and meritorious deeds of our ancestors.

SYMBOLS : There is no specific meaning or explanation now available for the various designs and insignia used in Heraldry. The origin of most of these is now obscure. These have been evolved down the centuries by the Heralds when Arms were being granted, their number being added to as more Arms came into use. The principal heraldic devices in use may be taken from Animals, Birds, Reptiles, Insects, Trees, Plants, Flowers, Celestial Objects (Sun, Stars) and Monsters. The latter are bizarre and fantastic creatures drawn from classical and medieval mythology.

CREST AND MOTTO : Variations are often found in the Crest and Motto used by various branches of the one family, and sometimes no record of crest or motto can be traced. They may have been in use in ancient times, but with the passing of the centuries they were omitted and forgotten.

SPELLING OF SURNAMES : Various forms of spellings for the same basic name may be in use. These variations have arisen through changing the original form of spelling for personal or other reasons, or to shorten or simplify a difficult spelling or to render pronunciation easier. This applies particularly to numerous names of Irish and Continental European origin.

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P.S. Although Mr. Mullins does not mention this in his letter, Dr. Nixon told me that he takes very handsome wooden plaques with coat of arms on them, in colors.

IRISH HERALDIC SCROLL

This authentic Irish scroll illustrates 761 coats of arms in full heraldic colours. These illustrations represent the coats of arms of 761 basic Irish names which, with their modern derivations, represent a total of almost 2,000 modern Irish names. It will be appreciated that whilst coats of arms have remained unchanged for the past five or six hundred years names and spellings of names have changed considerably throughout the world.

COUNTY ARMS

The arms illustrated for the thirty two counties of Ireland are the arms recorded. In a few cases where no record of a County arms exist the general practice of using the arms of the principal town has been followed.

HOW TO FIND YOUR COAT OF ARMS

The numbered squares represent, and are a smaller replica of, the coloured shields, therefore it must be remembered that a number will not be beside the arms it represents.

The line of numbers next to coloured shields represents the line of coloured shields next to the celtic border, etc.

Find your name on index (number follows the name i.e. Cunningham 591).

Find your number in numbered squares.

Count the number of squares down from top or up from bottom whichever is the shorter.

Count the number of squares from the nearest side either left or right.

Now repeat the process counting from the same end and same side on the coloured shields border and this will show your coat of arms.

For example, Cunningham 591 is 4 lines from the bottom and 22 across from left hand side viz. a white background with a black shakefork between three black stars. Burke 363 is 27 down and two from the right hand side viz. a yellow background with a red cross and in the top corner a black lion rampant.

CRESTS AND MOTTOES

Although the majority of the coats of arms on this scroll carry with them crests and mottoes it was not possible to illustrate them. Coats of Arms ordered from this scroll to be blazoned on our plaques will automatically bear the relevant crest and motto.