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## **PATRICK JAMES KEEFE (1864-19xx) AND FAMILY**

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The paternal grandparents of **PATRICK JAMES KEEFE**, who is engaged in the produce business in Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, were **MICHAEL KEEFE** and \_\_\_\_\_ (Nunan) Keefe, who lived and died in Ireland, the former a farmer, and they had children: Cornelius Keefe, see forward; Patrick Keefe, who emigrated to America and made his home in New York City. Upon the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the Sixty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteers, and fell in the battle of the Wilderness; he was unmarried.

**CORNELIUS KEEFE**, son of Michael Keefe and \_\_\_\_\_ (Nunan) Keefe, was born in county Limerick, Ireland, 1833, and died about 1873. He was a cooper by trade, having learned this trade from his father, and took his family to Australia about 1861. In 1867 he returned to Ireland, from whence he went to England for a time, then emigrated to America in 1870 and died in the state of Minnesota. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church. He married Margaret Dudey, the only one of her family to emigrate to America. She was the daughter of Patrick Dudey and Johanna Dudey, the former a carpenter, and she had one sister, Mary. She was born in county Limerick, Ireland, in 1834, and died in the United States, in February, 1874. They had children:

1. Cornelius Keefe, died at the age of four years;
2. Johanna Keefe, married James Ryan and now lives in Ireland;
3. Patrick James Keefe, see forward;
4. & 5. Mary Keefe and John Keefe, both died young.

**PATRICK JAMES KEEFE** was born near Sidney, Australia, June 15, 1864. He was about three years of age when his parents returned with their family to Ireland, and there he attended the national schools until he had attained the age of ten years. After the death of his parents he worked on farms until he was twenty-two years old, then came to Ardmore, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, in 1886. For the period of one year he worked for a Mr. Shay, and then had various other positions until 1889, when he established himself as a produce dealer. By his excellent methods of conducting his business it has increased to such an extent that he now finds it necessary to have two wagons in constant use. In 1894 he built a house for himself on Loraine street, in Ardmore Park, Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. This he still occupies, and in the course of time many improvements have been made to the original structure. Mr. Keefe gives his strong support to the principles of the Democratic party, and his religious affiliations are with the Catholic church. He possesses great energy, strong determination, and above all, that most essential factor, good common sense, and from small beginnings he has developed a business which is of very satisfactory extent.

Mr. Keefe married, November 24, 1895, Hannah L. Alligan, born in Tipperary county, Ireland, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Alligan. Children:

1. Margaret Keefe,
2. Johanna Keefe,
3. Thomas Keefe,
4. Cornelius Keefe,
5. Mark Keefe.

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