

Michael Plunkett

Hugh's and Isabella's family arrived in Bucks County Pennsylvania in 1720 from Scotland. They owned 500 acres of land. Their son John built - the still standing and used - Fairfield Inn in Adams County Pennsylvania in 1757. His son William was a General in the Revolutionary War with George Washington. He served under Washington in the crossing of the Delaware and the battle of Trenton where he was wounded and sat out rest of the war. In 1798, he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate where he served until 1820. His son Hugh lost the family fortune in the coal business in Pennsylvania in the 1830. His son then served in the Civil War from Illinois on the union side and was in Springfield to view President Lincoln's funeral and internment. His son John Oliver moved the family to Leon, Iowa where they owned 500 acres of rich farm land.

John Oliver's daughter Nellie married and acquired another 200 acres of farm land in the early 1920's in Madison County when Nellie's husband was killed in a plowing accident in 1922. Nellie never re-married and lost the farm. Nellie thereafter moved into the "city" and spent the rest of her life as a sales clerk at JC Penny while raising two kids. One of those kids, Josephine, graduated from high school in 1932 and soon after moved to Hollywood looking for fame when instead in 1943 she met an 18 year old sailor named Richard at a Big Band Dance in Los Angeles.

After Richard saw battle in the Pacific and helped make the world free he came home and married Josephine. During the war Richard had been in Seattle and liked it. One of their children, i.e. Michael, was born in 1952, and moved to Seattle with the family in 1967. He, who like his great,great,great,great,great grandfather William, finds public service an important calling. He is currently fighting for the people of Edmonds against taller buildings on our waterfront. Michael has lived in Edmonds since 1967, has one daughter Megan who works in advertising and several brothers and sisters around the Sound. He is soon to be married to Patty Corbin of Seattle. Michael works at Windermere Real Estate. He has served on the Edmonds City Council for 13 years.