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Following his death, Mrs. Mullen and their son Patrick came to Oregon to join her son Robert. They proceeded down the Mississippi to New Orleans, then to Havana, Cuba, on to Colon. Crossing the isthmus they took a steamer from Panama to San Francisco and there boarded another steamer which brought them to Portland.

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In 1870 Robert left the farm and went to Montana and Idaho, and after that time nothing was heard of him. So Patrick and his mother were left alone upon the one hundred sixty acre farm, which they took complete charge. Within a short time Patrick had increased the farm to, two hundred and forty acres.

Here in St. Paul, on Nov. 10, 1880 Patrick married, Miss Mary Flynn, who was born in Albany, New York.

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