

Notable Family Reunion and Birthday Party

The eightieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Catherine Corcoran, which was celebrated at her home, 623 East First street, Wednesday, May 27, was the occasion of a family reunion which brought sons, daughters and grandchildren of Mrs. Corcoran to Des Moines from various parts of the country and which was enjoyed by none quite so well as Mrs. Corcoran herself.

The birthday anniversary was also the anniversary of Mrs. Corcoran's landing on American soil. She came to this country sixty years ago May 27 from Balla-yart, County Wexford, Ireland.

Beside the many relatives who were present Wednesday, a dozen friends were guests at the dinner prepared by the daughters of the aged woman. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Corcoran received many of her Des Moines friends, who wished her happy returns of the day and many of whom brought huge bouquets.

The floral tributes paid Mrs. Corcoran were many and beautiful, and the reception room was banked with flowers of all descriptions.

Eleven children were born to Mrs. Corcoran, three of whom died in their infancy, and a fourth thirteen years ago. Six children with their families were present Wednesday to help celebrate the day. They were: Mrs. Libbie Horacek and son Bennie, 713 Lyon street; Mrs. Cornelius Corcoran, daughter Helen and son Charles, 1249 Fifth street; Miss Margaret Corcoran, who resides with her mother at 623 East First; John Corcoran and daughters Helen, Catherine, Luella,



MRS. CATHERINE CORCORAN SURROUNDED BY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

Margaret, and sons John and Matthew sixth street, and two nieces, Misses Anastasia Singleton and Georgia Killeen of Linden, O. Friends who were guests at the dinner included the Rev. Father Nugent, Mr. and Mrs. John S. McMillan and daughter Eleanor of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Sarah Orin and Mrs. Annie Nelson.

Nearly 200 friends called to congratulate Mrs. Corcoran during the afternoon.

Among the beautiful floral offerings was a unique arrangement presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Divine of 623 East First street, in the shape of a huge cake of ice in which was embedded a beautiful bouquet of carnations.

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