

The Melting Pot of Eveleth

Of the millions who thronged to America's shores -
Norwegian and Irish, Slovenian and Finn,
Italian, Croatian, the Swedes and the English -
A good many settled in Eveleth, Minn.

There were:

Finnegan, Mulligan, Donovan, Sullivan,
Shea, McDermott, McCormick, Malloy;
Donnelly, Scully, Linnehan, Kelly,
O'Hara, O'Connell, O'Leary, Gilroy;

Helps and Gleason, Fitzgerald, Moriarity,
Kiley and Riley, McCann and O'Brien;
Farley, McDougall, McFadden, McGuckin,
McKusick, McGuire, Maloney, and Ryan;

Brophy and Driscoll, McDiarmid and Desmond,
Stanaway, Finnegan, Finney, and Flynn;
Casey and Boyle, Murphy and Dugan -
These were the Irish of Eveleth, Minn.

Then there's:

Takala, Hakala, Makela, Kakela,
Pakkala, Maikkula, Aho and Saari;
Honkanen, Takkinen, Huttunen, Makinen,
Walkama, Walkila, Oja, Kolari;

Lehtonen, Leinonen, Leppala, Leppanen,
Wiikus and Wiikinen, Korpi and Salo;
Korpela, Koskela, Sipola, Sikkela,
Pajunen, Salminen, Kauppi and Palo;

Rankila, Rankinen, Heikkila, Heikkinen,
 Juhola, Halunen, Pelto and Suomi;
 Jarvi and Jarvinen, Koski and Koskinen,
 Hokkanen, Karkinen, Heino, and Tuomi;

Kaikkonen, Pyhlvaala, Toivanen, Kauppila,
 Laaksonen, Tamminen, Sillanpaa, Kivi;
 Laukkonen, Ikola, Kaukonen, Taipala,
 Koivisto, Nahkala, Gonsi and Niemi;

Honkala, Huttula, Salmela, Saareia,
 Tongue-twisters? Sure! Each one is a Finn.
 Hannula, Hautala, Holkko, and Ollila
 All in the phone book of Eveleth, Minn.

If you think those are hard, we have:

Gregorich, Babich, Verkovich, Fabich,
 Kochevar, Koroshek, Horoshak, Zgonc;
 Palkovich, Oberstar, Arnovich, Begich,
 Primozech, Muhich, Volcansek, Skerjance;

Kvaternik, Vuchovich, Pauchnik, and Agnich,
 Yurkovich, Malkovich, Kotnik, and Mohar;
 Pavlovich, Kovich, Bratulich, Droblich,
 Bruzenak, Lenich, and Tonica Sprohar;

Bayavich, Bonich, Mitrovich, Proznik,
 Rozinka, Kovacovich, Rozak, and Ferkul;
 Gerbich and Glavich, Skofich and Devich,
 Martinovich, Jagunich, Bombich, and Erchul;

Zupancik, Zupanich, Zbosnik, Zganjar,
 Brozich, Ambrozich, Vizanko and Virshek;
 Jugovich, Jankovich, Petrovich, Rebrovich,
 Petrich, Pogachnick, Potocnick, Perushek;

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Servatka, Mihelich, Vrohovnik and Strle;

Who are all these peoples whose names are so strange?

Strlekar, Vertachnik, Karosich and Meglich -

Slovenians and Serbs from the old Iron Range.

And we can't omit:

Bellucci, Brascugli, Marasco, LoPresti,

Merandi, DeSanto, Colombo and Zini;

Viventi, Cossalter, Pettinari, DeLuca,

Parlanti, Bazzoni, Frillici, Santini;

Belcastro, Mancini, Giambetti, Paciotti,

Vecchi and Vito, Marcaccini, Moroni;

Olivanti, DeYoannes, Feretti and Rossi,

Varani, Bianchi, Tassoni, Fraboni;

Figliola, Ramponi, Roderigo, Rosati,

Gentilini, Colosimo, Baldi, Gambucci;

Scipioni, Santelli, Sabetti, Zattoni,

Mordini, Angerelli, DeRubis, Mariucci;

Ferroni and Trenti, Palazzari and Rossi,

Simonetti, Domiano, Dimberio, Menelli;

Mordini, Belfiore, Bianconi and Tassi,

Mensorio, LaZella, Cuppoletti, Pazzelli;

Bonicatto, Bostinelli, Visovatti and Verdi,

Marchetti and Brida, DePaul and Renzaglia,

Gingerelli Santi - they all made their way

To cold Minnesota from sunny Italia.

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Modesto, California Formerly from Eveleth, Minnesota