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This is a partial history of the Wyandotte Cahalans prepared by Marion Cahalan in 1963 at the request of John McInerney. Some of her dates are wrong -- she states that the family came to Wyandotte in 1857. Actually it was in 1853. Also she states that her father (John C.) was born in 1858. Actually it was 1859.

James and Mary Mulfahy Cahalan of Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland had seven children: John, Catherine, Anna, Bridget, James, Richard and John C.

Grandfather Cahalan and his eldest son John came to America in 1849 to get work and earn enough money to bring the rest of the family to America. They worked around Lima, N.Y. Where John died probably in his teens and was buried in Lima. Finally grandfather had enough money and sent for his family and settled in Wyandotte in 1857. Father (John C.) was born in 1858 and named after his eldest brother because of the custom of that period and grandmother's grief.

Catherine (Aunt Kitty) married Michael Norton -- no children  
Anna married Patrick McInerney and had five children: John F., Jimmy (who was deputy sheriff of Wayne County) and May and two small children who died of scarlet fever and your father almost died of it too. Jimmy and May were not married.

Bridget married Patrick Needham and had eleven children. Molly is the only one living.

Dr. James married Anna Melody and had one son: James Emmet

Richard was not married.

John C. married Anna Hogan of Hubbardston, Michigan and had eight children.

