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> priest had married Stephenson's eighteen-year-old daughter Ruth-who had secretly converted to Catholicism three months earlier--to Pedro Gussman, a Puerto Rican migrant and practicing Catholic. Having

all but disappeared from historical memory, the murder of Father Coyle and the trial of Rev. Stephenson that followed are vi