

Ancestors of Dorothy Anne ATKINSON

Generation No. 1

1. Dorothy Anne ATKINSON, born Private. She was the daughter of **2. William McMullen ATKINSON** and **3. Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL**. She married **(1) Fred Hunting REYNOLDS** Private. He was born August 01, 1918 in Oak Park, Cook, IL, and died September 21, 1981 in Santa Ana, Orange, CA. He was the son of Fred Hunting REYNOLDS and Cecelia Leona MURRAY.

Generation No. 2

2. William McMullen ATKINSON, born July 22, 1896 in Lansing, Ingham, MI; died March 25, 1970 in Elgin, Kane, IL. He was the son of **4. William Donnelly ATKINSON** and **5. Alice MCMULLEN**. He married **3. Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL** April 22, 1922 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

3. Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL, born May 09, 1899 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died April 05, 1987 in Greenfield, Milwaukee, WI. She was the daughter of **6. Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL** and **7. Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING**.

More About William McMullen ATKINSON:

Fact 1: March 28, 1970, Buried Calvary Cemetery, Evanston IL

Notes for Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL:

Certificate of Baptism

Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica

3121 W Jackson Blvd

Chicago, IL 60612

This is to Certify that

Dorothy Helen O'Connell

Child of Romeo O'Connell

and Catherine Harding

Born on the 9th of May 1899

was Baptized on the 21st of May 1899

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

By Rev. H. Crevier O.S.M.

the Sponsors being Eugene Sullivan and Alice Mahon

Cert issued 28th Day of March 1983

More About Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL:

Cause of Death: Brain Tumor

Fact 1: May 21, 1899, Baptism Our Lady of Sorrows, Chicago IL

Fact 2: April 08, 1987, Buried Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

Children of William ATKINSON and Dorothy O'CONNELL are:

- i. Dorothy Anne ATKINSON, born Private; married Fred Hunting REYNOLDS Private.
- ii. William O'Connell ATKINSON, born Private; married (1) Dorothy Anne Private; born Private; married (2) Kathryn Aileen CRONIN Private; born August 03, 1926 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died June 13, 1999 in Hinsdale, Cook, IL.
- iii. Catherine Alice ATKINSON, born November 08, 1927 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died 1991 in Park Ridge, IL; married John Joseph SHEVLIN Private; born Private.
- iv. Mary Ellen ATKINSON, born Private; married Raymond Paul MCCORMACK Private; born Private.
- v. John Jerome ATKINSON, born Private; married (1) Gloria DelJUDICE Private; born Private; married (2) Elaine Private; born Private.
- vi. Daniel Edward ATKINSON, born Private; married Mary Irene KATTNER Private; born Private.

Generation No. 3

4. William Donnelly ATKINSON, born April 04, 1871 in Port Huron, St Clair, MI; died October 06, 1926 in Indianapolis, Marion, IN. He was the son of **8. William Francis ATKINSON** and **9. Catherine M DONNELLY**. He married **5. Alice MCMULLEN** January 23, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

5. Alice MCMULLEN, born July 13, 1871 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died January 25, 1958 in Chicago, Cook, IL. She was the daughter of **10. James2 MCMULLEN** and **11. Mary Ann YOUNG**.

Notes for William Donnelly ATKINSON:

"Chicago Herald"

MORNING WEDDING AND RECEPTION

Marriage of Miss Alice McMullen and William d. Atkinson, of Detroit

Miss Alice McMullen and William d. Atkinson, of Detroit, Mich., were quietly married at St Patrick's church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock Rev. T. F. Galligan, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony in the presence of fifty relatives and intimate friends. The bride wore ivory satin duchesse with corsage drapery of point lace. Her tulle veil, which was fastened by a diamond pin, the groom's gift fell to the edge of the sweeping train, and she carried an ivory-bound prayer book. Miss Mary McMullen attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore turquoise blue crystal silk, with...sleeves and lace bertha, and carried...Mermet roses. Walter F. Beyer...man, and the ushers were f.William Carroll, Thomas...and William t. McMullen.

...reception followed the ceremony..home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McMullen, 90 Center avenue. The house was prettily decorated with varicolored roses and palms, the dining room being in green and white. Tomaso's mandolin orchestra played behind a screen of palms in the hall. Among the guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames---

W.F. Atkinson M.H. Ducey Thomas Scott

F.W. Young Eugene Keogh W.F. Ives

Mesdames--

James Young R. Henneberry

Misses--

Atkinson Young Henneberry

McLaughlin Donnelly M. McMullen

Messrs--

J. McLaughlin Jas. McMullen

Mr and Mrs Atkinson left on the 3 o'clock train for Detroit, where they will make their home.

Marriage License # 195869

Divorce Decree

State of Illinois, Cook County

December 5, 1913

Alice Atkinson

William Donnelly Atkinson

....were lawfully married on the 23rd day of January A.D. 1893 that subsequent to their intermarriage the Defendant has been guilty of "and has willfully deserted and absented himself from his wife, the above named complainant, Alice Atkinson, without any reasonable cause, for the space of two years....bonds of matrimony are hereby dissolved....And, it is further Ordered...that the sole care and custody and control of the minor children, William McMullen Atkinson, aged seventeen years, and Alice Catherine Atkinson, aged fourteen years, be and the same are hereby awarded to the complainant, Alice Atkinson.

And it is further Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, that the dower, or right, or estate in dower, to which the defendant may be or would at any time succeed or become entitled to in the land or property of the complainant be and the same are hereby released and forever barred.

Death Certificate Indiana State Board of Health

Place of Death: Marion County, Township of Cantre, City of Indianapolis

Methodist Hospital

Date of Death: Oct 6, 1926 7 a.m.

William Donnelly Atkinson

Male, White, Married
 Wife: Alice Atkinson
 Date of Birth: April 4, 1871
 Age 55 years, 6 months, 2 days
 Occupation: Lawyer
 Birthplace: Port Huron, Mich.
 Father: Wm F Atkinson Birthplace: Warwick, Ont.
 Mother: Catherine Donnelly Birthplace: Sarnia, Ont.
 Cause of Death: Abscess Right Lung 3 months Contributory: Gastric Ulcers 3 mos
 Length of residence: 7 days at place of death; former or usual residence 515 E Ohio St.
 Place of Burial: Detroit, Michigan Oct 9, 1926
 Undertaker: Hockrusmith 726 N Illinois St
 Informant: Frank Atkinson, 411 Harmon Ave, Birmingham, Mich.

Sources:

1. Death Certificate
2. Divorce Records, Cook Co IL
3. "Chicago Herald"

More About Alice MCMULLEN:

Burial: 1958, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

Children of William ATKINSON and Alice MCMULLEN are:

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 - i. William McMullen ATKINSON, born July 22, 1896 in Lansing, Ingham, MI; died March 25, 1970 in Elgin, Kane, IL; married Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL April 22, 1922 in Chicago, Cook, IL.
 - ii. Alice ATKINSON, born December 30, 1898 in Detroit, Wayne, MI; died June 25, 1991 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

More About Alice ATKINSON:

Burial: Unknown, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

6. Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL, born September 12, 1864 in Seneca, Lasalle, IL; died December 25, 1936 in Chicago, Cook, IL. He was the son of **12. Jerome O'CONNELL** and **13. Ellen M DORGAN**. He married **7. Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING** August 29, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

7. Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING, born July 19, 1874 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died May 21, 1949 in Oak Park, Cook, IL. She was the daughter of **14. John H HARDING** and **15. Bridget KENNA**.

Notes for Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL:

Was named Daniel when born. Name changed to Jerome about age 2 after death of father.

Banker

Bookkeeper

1900 Census

State Illinois, Town Chicago, County Cook Vol 34 Line 57 Sheet #7, Enum Dist. #381

2034 Harvard Street birth of

father mother occupation

Born married born

O'Connell J. F. W M Sept 1864 35 M 6yrs Illinois Ireland Ireland Bookkeeper

Kate wife July 1874 25 " Illinois Newfoundland (both)

Kate daugh June 1895 5 Illinois

Dorothy daugh May 1899 1 Illinois

Other info parents can read and write and speak English

own house with mortgage

Affidavit of Daniel Francis O'Connell

State of Illinois, County of La Salle

In the Matter of the Title to Lot one (1) of the southwest fractional quarter (SW frl 1/4) of section nineteen (19) in township thirty five (35) north, range three (3) East of the third (3rd) principal meridian, in the County of LaSalle and State of Illinois

Daniel Francis O'Connell, being first duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that he is the Daniel Francis O'Connell (sometimes known as Jerome F. O'Connell) who resides at Number 2034 Harvard Street, in the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, that he is the same Daniel Francis O'Connell named in the last will and testament of Ellen M. O'Connell, deceased, late of the county of Cook and State of Illinois: that he is the same Daniel Francis O'Connell who was one of the administrators of the estate of said Ellen M. O'Connell deceased.

Deponent further avers that he is the brother of John William O'Connell one of the heirs at law of said Ellen M. O'Connell deceased: that said John William O'Connell and deponent were the children and heirs at law, and only heirs at law of said Ellen M. O'Connell, deceased.

Deponent further avers that Ellen O'Connell, named as one of the legatees and devisees in the last will and testament of Catherine O'Connell, duly admitted to probate in the Probate Court of LaSalle County, Illinois on or about the 3rd day of April, 1872 and Ellen M. O'Connell, above named are one and the same person.

Deponent further avers that he is, and for many years has been personally acquainted with Mary Dorgan, now aged ninety three years, who resides at 2034 Harvard Street, in the City of Chicago: that said Mary Dorgan resides with deponent.

Deponent further avers that the said Mary Dorgan was the sister in law of Catherine O'Connell, above named and was intimately acquainted with and knew the family of said Catherine O'Connell.

Deponent further avers that he has learned, from the said Mary Dorgan that William Connell, Junior, to whom United States land patents for the land above described were issued, was the son of said Catherine O'Connell above named. that said William Connell departed this life intestate, and unmarried, leaving him surviving no child or children, and no descendant or descendants of a deceased child or children, and no father: that he left him surviving his said mother, Catherine O'Connell, his heir and only heir at law.

Deponent further avers that John W. O'Connell, who executed the warranty deed to deponent under the name of Daniel F. O'Connell, recorded in book 411 page 150 of records, in the office of the Recorder of LaSalle County, Illinois, is the same person named John William O'Connell, brother of deponent.

Deponent further avers that he was baptized under the name of Daniel Francis O'Connell: that his father's name was Jerome O'Connell: that his father died when he (deponent) about two years old - and the family commenced to call him Jerome - and Jerome Francis, after his father: that when he was confirmed in the Catholic Church, he was confirmed under the name of Jerome Francis O'Connell, but he is the identical person named in the Probate Court records of the County of Cook and State of Illinois, in the matter of the administration of the estate of Ellen M. O'Connell, as Daniel Francis O'Connell.

Deponent further avers that from the date of the death of Catherine O'Connell, in 1871, until the death of Ellen M. O'Connell, on the 22nd day of March, 1899, the said Ellen M. O'Connell and John W. Dorgan, according to their respective interests in said land, under the last will and testament of said Catherine O'Connell, had peaceable possession, claimed to own, and paid the taxes from the date of the death of said Ellen M. O'Connell until September 29, 1899, the said John W. Dorgan and deponent and John W. O'Connell had the peaceable possession of said premises claimed to own the same, and paid the taxes thereon, and that said John W. Dorgan and deponent, and deponent, from September 29, 1899 to the present time have had the peaceable possession of said premises, claimed to own the same, and paid all taxes thereon.

deponent further avers that for a number of years prior to 1871, he knows that Catherine O'Connell herein before named, was in the peaceable possession, claimed to own, and paid the taxes on the premises described in the caption hereto.

Daniel Francis O'Connell

Sworn to 3rd day of October A.D. 1901

Filed October 3rd, 1901 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Omaha, Neb. Mch. 21, 1910

Hon. J. H. Smith,
Fraternity Bldg.,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir:-

We are informed that you are about to employ Mr. J. F. O'Connell, of this City, as Assistant Secretary of your Company.

We wish to say for Mr. O'Connell, that he has been with us about 3 years, as Manager of our Bank, "Hayden Bros. Bankers", and nearly one year as Assistant Cashier of the "Corn Exchange Bank".

We can say for him, that he came to us with the highest recommendations, and that he has proven himself a man of excellent character and habits, a competent and accurate Accountant, unusually rapid in his work, and in short we regard him a very desirable man in all respects. He leaves the Corn Exchange Bank of his own accord, much to our regret.

Very truly yours,
J. Hayden
Pres. Corn Exchange Bank

State of Illinois Certificate of Death

Place of Death, County of Cook Registration dist. #3104, Registration # 37348

Chicago 1419 N Parkside

Length of Residence Where death Occurred: 70 years

Place of Residence (Usual Place of Abode) : State - Illinois

County - Cook, City - Chicago, Street - 5838 Lake St.

Name: Jerome F. O'Connell

Male White Married Husband of Catherine

Date of birth : Sept 12, 1864

Age: 72 years 3 months 13 days

Occupation: Salesman, Candy

Date last worked at this occupation: Dec 1936

Total time spent in this occupation: 4 years

Birthplace: Seneca, Illinois

Father: Jerome O'Connell born Seneca, Illinois

Mother: Ellen (unknown) born New York

Place of burial: Calvary, Evanston, Cook Co Illinois December 28, 1936

Date of death: December 25, 1936

I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Dec 18, 1936 to Dec 25, 1936. I last saw him alive on Dec. 25, 1936, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 3:30 pm.

Principal cause of death: Coronary Thrombosis Onset Dec 25, 1936.

Other contributory causes: Myocardial Degeneration, Generalized arteriosclerosis, Onset 1935

Operation performed? No

Autopsy? No

What confirmed diagnosis? Physical examination

Disease related to occupation? No

Signed: Thomas P Foley M.D., 505 N Menard Ave. , Dec 25, 1936

Informant: Paul C Bowman 1419 Parkside Ave.

Undertaker, Joseph Kauf? 318 W Central

CALVARY CEMETERY IN EVANSTON IL

Lot 27 block 21 Section Y

Owner William J O'Connell Date of Purchase 5/15/99

Date of interment	Name of Deceased
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12/28/36	Jerome O'Connell
5/24/49	Catherine O'Connell
3/31/05	John W. Dorgan
6/18/03	Mary Dorgan
5/27/99	Ellen O'Connell died 3-22-99 (49)
11/4/1967	Paul C. Bowman
3/28/1970	William M. Atkinson
10/20/1973	Kathryn O. Bowman
4/8/1987	Dorothy O. Atkinson

Sources:

1. Dorothy O'Connell Atkinson Interview
2. Calvary Cemetery Records, Evanston IL
3. Death Certificate, Jerome O'Connell
4. 1900 Census, Chicago IL

More About Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL:
Burial: December 28, 1936, buried Calvary Cem Evanston IL
Cause of Death: Coronary Thrombosis

More About Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL:
Cause of Death: Coronary Thrombosis

Notes for Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING:
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Prayer Card
Catherine O'Connell died May 21, 1949

More About Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING:
Burial: May 24, 1949, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

Children of Jerome OCONNELL and Catherine HARDING are:

- i. Kathryn O'CONNELL, born June 01, 1895 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died October 17, 1973 in IL; married Paul Clark BOWMAN June 28, 1919 in Chicago, Cook, IL; born 1895; died November 01, 1967 in Oak Park, Cook, IL.

More About Kathryn O'CONNELL:
Burial: October 20, 1973, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

More About Paul Clark BOWMAN:
Burial: November 02, 1967, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

- 3 ii. Dorothy Ellen O'CONNELL, born May 09, 1899 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died April 05, 1987 in Greenfield, Milwaukee, WI; married William McMullen ATKINSON April 22, 1922 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

Generation No. 4

8. William Francis ATKINSON, born January 08, 1846 in Warwick, Lambton, Ontario, Canada; died May 04, 1907 in Detroit, Wayne, MI. He was the son of James ATKINSON and Elizabeth SHINNERS. He married **9. Catherine M DONNELLY** February 28, 1870 in Kertch, Plympton, Ontario, Canada.

9. Catherine M DONNELLY, born 1844 in Kertch, Plympton, Ontario, Canada; died March 14, 1932 in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. She was the daughter of William B DONNELLY and Eleanor BOLGER/BOULGER.

Notes for William Francis ATKINSON:

Michigan 22nd Infantry Regiment
Date of Organization 29 August 1862
Date of Muster 26 June 1865
Infantry Officers Killed or Mortally Wounded 3
Officers Died of Disease or Accident 4
Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded 86
Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident 306

Regimental History

Battles Fought

Battle at Lexington, Kentucky
Battle at Near Danville, Kentucky on 24 March 1863
Battle at Ringgold, Georgia on 18 September 1863
Battle at Chickamauga, Georgia on 20 September 1863
Battle at Chattanooga, Tennessee on 10 October 1863
Battle at Atlanta, Georgia on 14 October 1864
Battle at Atlanta, Georgia on 17 October 1864
Battle at Nashville, Tennessee on 16 December 1864
Battle on 07 May 1865

List of Soldiers

John Atkinson Michigan 25 July 1862 Captain age 21 Detroit, MI union
Patrick Atkinson Michigan 13 August 1862 Priv age 38 Port Huron, MI union
William F Atkinson Michigan 13 August 1862 Corpl age 18 Port Huron, MI union

William F Atkinson
Claimed Residence in Port Huron
Enlist Date 13 August 1862 Enlist Place Port Huron, MI, Rank Corpl Age Enlist 18
Served Michigan
Last Reported Residence at Detroit, MI
C Co. 22nd Inf Reg. MI
K Co. 3rd Inf Reg. MI
Application Date: 25 August 1866
Relationship: Self
Number: 114301

10 June 1907
Relationship: Widow
Name: Kate M Atkinson
Number: 872094
State: MI

Sarnia Observer, 4 March 1870
MARRIED
At Plympton, Ont. on the 28th (alt.?) at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev Mr Japes, William F.
Atkinson of Port Huron to Miss Kattie M. Donnelly.

"Detroit Tribune" Sunday, August 12, 1893 (could be 1898)
A PRICE UPON HIS HEAD

AN EPISODE IN THE LIFE OF WILLIAM F. ATKINSON

He Was With O'Neil in the Fenian Invasion of Canada

Was Duly commissioned a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Fenian Army and So Distinguished Himself that a Price of
L2000 Was Set Upon His Head.

Few of the people of Detroit who are acquainted with Captain William f. Atkinson are aware of the fact that there is a price on his head of 2,000 plump sovereigns set by the Canadian government. The captain was one of the principal leaders in the movement among the Irish in America twenty-five years ago, which had for its object the conquest of Canada, and the ultimate establishment of a republican form of government in Ireland. When the scheme failed the Canadian government resolved to punish the bold marauders who took part in the raid upon Canadian territory. Five thousand pounds was offered for the capture, dead or alive, of colonel John O'Neil, who was chief in command of the invading array and L2,000 for the capture of the second officer in command. this gentleman was none other than William F. Atkinson. Since Captain Atkinson took part in the Irish revolution movement things have changed considerably. The Irish in America have abandoned the idea of a raid upon

Canada, and have been converted to the belief that Ireland can regain her liberty by bloodless means.

It was different was back in the sixties. After the war between the north and south was ended it was the dream of the Irishmen who had fought in the confederate as well as the union army to band themselves together in a movement for the conquest of the British dominions on the American continent. Canada in the hands of the Irish could be made the basis of operations against England for the purpose of effecting the liberation of the Irish people from British rule.

Early in 1865 the Fenian organization was established in America, with headquarters in New York City. the supreme head of the organization ws Colonel Joh O'Mahony, of New Tork, who had served with considerable distinction in the union army. The Irish of Michigan soon established branches, or, as they were called circles of the organization in this state.

In the fall of 1865 O'Mahony was deposed and General W. R. Roberts, of Boston, wsa elected his successor. Roberts favored an invasion of Canada at the first possible opportunity. Accordingly early in October, 1866, Colonel John O'Niel crossed into Canada and with only 1,000 troops defeated the queen's own and all the available Canadian volunteers, amounting in all to nearly 5,000.

Uncle Sam Nabbed Him

O'Niel was stopped in his daring attempt by the intervention of the United States government. He surrendered to the United States government, but retained the colors which he captured in his successful skirmish with the queen's own. O'Niel's partial success aroused the Irish to action and it resolved to try once more an invasion of Canada. In this second raid Captain Atkinson figured as second in command. He tells the story of the events with which he was prominently identified.

"It is so long since those stormy days," said Captain Atkinson yesterday, :that I cannot recall the proper dates in many cases. Many of the boys who marched side by side with me are dead and gone and very few are left in this vicinity to talk about the hazardous undertaking on which our boyish enthusiasm led us to embark. I may say by way of prface that I enlisted in the union army on Aug 12, 1862. My regiment was the Twenty-second Michigan infantry. I was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga and taken prisoner.

On Jan 19, 186- I was fortunate enough to escape from the Confederate prison at -----? On Feb 10, I and two companions reached the union line after a tramp of -- milesSoon after I rejoined my regiment. I was commissioned ...lieutenant. In August 186- I was on General Sherman's staffofficer and at Al--- I ...celebrated message from Sherman to General Corse...th the fort? I am coming..

"On Nov 8, 1864 I was promoted to be captain of Company K Third Michigan Infantry. I was mustered out on May 25, 1866. Returnin ...to Bay City I settled there but I suppose I had not seen enough shot and shell. I was then only twenty two. I became mixed up in the Fenian movement and went into the scheme for the conquest of Canada with considerable enthusiasm. I was married only a few months when I was commissioned a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Irish revolutionary army."

The Captain produced a time worn document.

"I don't want to lose that old paper," he said. "Even my Canadian wife is anxious to preserve the record of my rank in the army that invaded her country."

Had Stars and Stripes

Over the reading matter of the commission is an engraving of the motto of the visionary Irish Republic. It consists of the papf of Erin surmounted by the American Eagle with the Stars and Stripes and the "Sunburst of Ireland: in the back ground. the wording of the comission is as follows:

"Know ye: That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism , valor, fidelity, and ability of William F. Atkinson he is hereby appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of Infantry in the service of the Irish republic to ..as such from Sept 2, 1867. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of a lieutenant-colonel by doing and performing all manners of things thereunto belonging. And it is hereby strictly enjoined upon all officers and soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as lieutenant-colonel. and he is to observe and follow such orders and directions as he shall receive from the President, Secretary of War and other officers to whom he is subordinate, according to the rules and discipline of war. This commission to remain in force until lawfully revoked.....Patrick J. Meehan, Secretary of War, Joh T adjutant general; John O'Neil, president of F. B."

Continuing his story Captain Atkinson said: "We had promised to furnish over a thousand men form Michigan. This was to be called the Michigan division. The chief officer in command was Colonel John McDermott of Bay City. the Michigan division was originally supposed to cross from Detroit to Windsor while O'Neil crossed into Canada from Vermont.

"I can't remember the dates as I said before, but I am pretty sure it was early in June we were to have crossed to

take Windsor on the same day O'Neil was to move also on the Canadian forces. We had about 100,000 stand of arms stored along the border. The American government gave us lots of time to accomplish our end but the inaction of some of the leaders and the delays and postponements saved Canada for England. When the day for action began to draw near, Colonel McDermott backed out for some unaccountable reason. This wavered several of the rank and file.

Joined O'Neil

"Those of us who were determined to have a slap at Canada in any event resolved to join O'Neil in Vermont with whatever force we could muster. Accordingly a few days before the date for the advance of O'Neil I was appointed in command for the Michigan division and I left Port Huron one Saturday night with a large army ---just fifteen men. Arriving in Detroit my force was augmented to about seventy-five, but that did not encourage us much as we had expected at least five hundred from the city. Old Justice of the Peace John Patton was among the gang who joined us here, also J P McDonegal who is now in Kansas.

"There was another young fellow named Phelan? among the Detroitif I am not mistaken, he is a member of the Montgomery Guards of this city. there are several others whose names I do not know, but they salute me when I meet them on the streets and I recognize them as having belonged to my command. We went in from here to Toledo by way of Lake Shore & Michigan Southern. At Toledo we got another reinforcement of several hundred. That encouraged the invading army and we ..that after all Canada would really be taken. We went on to Buffalo, where we were reinforced by about five hundred more and we were tendered areception the people turning out en mass to welcome us. Next day we moved to Rome, N.Y. where we got the largest reinforcement of all. Among the other companies was one from Louisville, KY, the finest company I ever saw. All of them were .. confederate soldiers and when they reported to me as commanding officer I informed their captain that I was a union soldier myself he shook my hand three times as warmly as he had done before and remarked: 'Well, Colonel, we are fighting now for a common cause. the men overheard the captain's remark, and the lads who were the blue shook the hands of those who were the gray and made the city ring with their merry making all night long. I don't think I will ever forget the impression left on my mind by that simple incident of the meeting of the blue and gray. Most of the men who made up the Michigan and Ohio contingents had been in the thick of the fight to save the union. Most of them had experienced all the horrors of southern prisons. Yet as members of our race who rallied at the call of their motherland to strike a blow at the old enemy of the Celt they forgot for the time being that there had ever been a war between the north and the south. Those from the south forgot that their cherished cause, the cause of the confederacy, had just been wiped out in blood by the army of the north, in which some of those whose hands they shook that night were the federal blue.

They Sang Together

"They sang together. There is a song they used to sing that night through the streets which I remember still, it was not inappropriate to the occasion. I recollect one verse:

'Deep in American woods we've met,
From one bright island flown,
Great is the land we tread, but yet
Our hearts are with our own;
And ere we go to fight the foe,
While dawns the golden day,
We'll toast old Ireland, jolly old Ireland, Ireland, boys, hurrah?'

"We left Rome at daybreak on the following morning for Malone, where several thousand stand of arms were stored. the boys were mad for fight and were craving to get the arms into their hands. I had then fully fifteen hundred men under my command and the anticipation of a scrap with the old enemy of their race put them in excellent fighting humor. We dispatched messengers to O'Neil to inform him that we were ready and giving him all the particulars as to our strenghts and the equipments within our reach. We waited anxiously all day for a reply. the men began to get impatioent and clamored to advance on the Canadian front at once. Our orders from O'Neil were to wait until he had first effected a crossing. We waited until the following mornig and about daybreak we got word that he was preparing to cross. My men began to feel good again at this intelligence, but all their enthusiasm was dispelled by the arrival of a messenger about noon who apprised us of the fact that O'Neil had been arrested by the United States authorities. United States Marshal Foster had trapped the general as he was in the act of stealing over the river to Canada. Men cursed O'Neil for making a bungle as they called it. Several suggested that we advance on the Canadian frontier with our own force. But it was too late. The United States government had taken a decisive step to prevent the move on Canada. We got orders from headquarters to disband and we did so not without bitter feeling of disappointment and anger. I often think no army ever retreated

from battle with a greater feeling of humiliation.

"History of Detroit and Michigan" Farmer

William F., a lawyer at Detroit, served in the Rebellion as Captain of Company K, 3rd Mich. Volunteer Infantry.

1870 CENSUS--UNITED STATES

State of Michigan, County St Clair, City of Port Huron, 3rd Ward

Names	Co	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birth	Birth	Birth	<6/1
Place	Place	Place						

Father	Mother
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Atkinson, Wm F	W	M	24	Insurance Agent	Canada	foreign	foreign
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----- Kate	W	F	22	Keeping House	foreign	foreign
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Married in Census Year Feb Value of R. E. 600

Stapleton, Michael	30	Attorney
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-----Kate	22	At Home
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1880 CENSUS ---UNITED STATES

State of Michigan, County St Clair, Town Port Huron (Supplementary) Call No Vol 25 ED 389 Sheet 32 Line 22

M.C.D. Port Huron City 5th Street House N. R.

Soundex A325

Names	Color	Sex	Age	< 6/1	Rel to HOH	Place of birth
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Atkinson, William F		W	M	34		Canada
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Atkinson, Katie M.			26	W		Canada
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Atkinson, William D			9	S		Michigan
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Atkinson, Elanor		7	D			Michigan
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Atkinson, Katie		4	D			Michigan
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Atkinson, Frank		2	S			Michigan
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and 2 servants

Obituary Detroit Public Library

W.F. ATKINSON PASSES AWAY

Was Civil War Veteran and Attorney of Exceptional Brilliancy

ENLISTED IN THE ARMY WHEN 16 YEARS OLD

Capt. William F. Atkinson, civil war veteran and a member of the Detroit bar, died at his residence, 60 Pitcher street, at 10:15o'clock last night following a long illness. His sickness had been of long duration and the end was not unexpected.

William F. Atkinson was born in Warwick, Lampton county, Ontario, sixty-one years ago. At the age of 8 years he came to Michigan with his parents, who settled in Port Huron.

While Capt. Atkinson has achieved distinction as an attorney of exceptional brilliance and resourcefulness he probably will be remembered more because of his service to the country of his adoption during the war of the rebellion.

When only 16 years of age in the year 1862, he enlisted in the Twenty-second Michigan volunteers and was commissioned as first sergeant in his company. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded by a confederate bullet and captured.

He was made a prisoner of war and incarcerated in the confederate prison at Danville, N.C. In mid-winter he and three others made a daring escape from the prison. By a great effort they made their way to the federal lines in West Virginia, which they reached in an almost exhausted condition.

He was then commissioned as a first lieutenant and during the rest of the war he served on the signal corps of Gen Sherman's staff. He was mustered out with the rank of captain at San Antonio, Tex., in 1866.

After the war, Capt. Atkinson returned to Port Huron, where he achieved considerable distinction as an attorney here. Soon after he removed to Detroit, which has been his home ever since.

Capt Atkinson was a brother of the late Col John Atkinson. Besides the widow, he is survived by two sons, William D. of Chicago, and Frank W., of Detroit; and three daughters, Mrs Norris McWhinney, Katherine and Florence, all of Detroit. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Many pages of Civil War Records

Questionnaire for Bureau of Pensions

In his own hand signed June 8, 1898

Wife: Catherine M. (writes her first name Kate) Donnelly

Where married: By Rev Fr. Japs, Residence of Wm Donnelly Plympton, Ont. Canada Feb 28, 1870

Record of Marriage: Catholic Church record at Wyoming Ontario I presume

Prev married: No

Living Children:

William D. April 4, 1871

Eleanor Nov 25 1872

Katherine M. April 18 1876

Francis W. June 21 1878

Florence G or S May 13 1880

Received disability after service even though he went on to become a lawyer and practiced law the remainder of his life.

Declaration for purpose of obtaining Invalid Pension from United States

....while in the service and in the line of his duty, he became disabled at the time and place....." during the Fall of 1864 and winter and spring following he was greatly exposed to the hardships of the service and the inclemency of the weather, from which his right lung became diseased to so great an extent as to render him entirely unable for any active work and from which he suffers constant and great pain.

That the hardships and exposures mentioned were undergone in the campaigns for the defence of Decatur, Alabama, and Murfreesboro and Nashville Tennessee against Genl. Hood in all of which he participated with his Regiment"

Attorney for him John Atkinson

Affidavit

....sworn say: That they are acquainted with Wm F. Atkinson late Captain of Co K

3rd Regiment of Michigan Vol. Infy. That they were acquainted with him for ten years prior to his enlistment and know him to have been free from all lung diseases at the time of said enlistment: That they know him to have been healthy up to his capture by the confederate troops at Chickamauga. That he was a prisoner of War four months and escaped from Danville, VA. Jan. 19/68: That since his return from the army his lungs have troubled him and have at several times in their presence bled profusely. That they are in no way interested in his claim for pension now pending.

Peter F Sullivan

Th. Baron Janarand

James Donnelly

25th day of April 1868

Widow Pension for Kate M Atkinson

Otto Lang being duly sworn says that he resides in the City of Detroit, Wayne County Michigan and has practised medicine in said City for upwards of twenty years. That he knew William F. Atkinson during his lifetime and attended him during his last illness. That for several years prior to his death he was under his care and was

constantly under treatment for severe attacks cardiac syncope, and during these attacks would fall to the ground unconscious, with labored breathing and very weak heart action, but after resusittion would apparently be well until the next attack. That there was a functional heart weakness, no organic lesion being discernible. The urinalysis showed no evidence of suger nor albumen. That on Saturday the 23rd day of February 1907 he was called to the home of said William F. Atkinson and found him in a state of intense cyanosis with very labored breathing, and in a state of semi-stupor. That later both left and right lungs became consolidated and a diagnosis of pneumonia was made. That owing to his weakened condition prior to the onset of pneumonia his heart continuously demanded stimulation, and sinking spells came on often during his whole illness, and finally a very profuse effusion into the pleural cavity ocured. With the occurance of this complication his exhaustion and heart weakness finally caused him to succomb, and he died on the 4th day of May 1907.

signed Otto Lang M.D.

witness Frank W Atkinson

Death Certificate

Place of Death

County of Wayne, City of Detroit Reg #2469

60 Pitcher St, 2nd Ward

William F. Atkinson

Male, White

Birth January eighth 1846

Death May fourth 1907 10 p.m.

age 61years, 3 months, 26 days

Married

age at marriage..24

parent of 7 children, 5 are living

Birthplace: Canada

Father: James Atkinson Birthplace: Ireland

Mother: Elizabeth Shinnners Birthplace: Ireland

Occupation: Lawyer

Cause of death: Pleuro Pneumonia

Signed Otto Lang M.D

33 Broadway

Undertaker: P. Blake's Sons 15 Abbott

Place of burial: Mt Olivet May 7th 1907

Informant: G.W. Clunis, 166 First St.

Elliott G. STEVENSON, attorney at law, is a native of Canada, and was born in the county of Middlesex May 18,1856. He received his literary education here; came to Port Huron in 1869, and entered the law offices of ATKINSON Brothers, where he studied his profession, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. After his admission, he was associated with ATKINSON Brothers until the fall of 1876, when O'Brien J. ATKINSON retired from the firm on account of ill health, and Mr. STEVENSON was associated with William F. ATKINSON until May, 1877. They then dissolved, and Mr. STEVENSON again formed a copartnership with O'Brein J. ATKINSON, and since then they have been associated with together in the practice of law, and this firm is one of the most prominent into profession in this section of the State. In 1878, Mr. STEVENSON was elected Prosecuting Attorney, overcoming a large opposition majority, and held that office two years. He now holds the office of City Attorney.

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ATKINSON	WILLIAM	35 3 S	8 E	80.0000 02	9343	1835/10/14
ATKINSON	WILLIAM	35 3 S	8 E	40.0000 02	14068	1837/04/10

(3 = Duncan Township)

22nd Michigan Infantry

COMPANY C

OFFICERS RANK NAME HOME AGE

Captain Atkinson, John Port Huron 21
1st. Lieutenant Wilder, Jefferson J. Capac 33
2nd Lieutenant Sackett, John Kimball 29

ENLISTED MEN NAME HOME AGE

Adamson, John Pontiac 32
Aglor, George L. Brockway 27
Allen, Merrett Kenockee 20
Almon, William J. -or- Port Huron 19
Almon, Wilmont J.
Ames, Charles J. -or- Burtchville 28
Annes, Charles J.
Andrews, William F. Port Huron 18
Atkinson, Patrick Kenockee 38
Atkinson, William F. Port Huron 18

Sources:

1. US Census 1870, 1880
2. Civil War Records National Archives
3. "History of St Clair Co" Jenks
4. Obituary Detroit Public Library
5. "History of Detroit" Farmer
6. "City of Detroit" vol 5
7. "History of Detroit, Wayne Co & Early Michigan"
8. "Book of Detroiters" 1914 Albert Marquis
9. "Michigan History" Vol 31
10. "Sarnia Observer" March 4, 1870
11. "Detroit Tribune" August 12, 1898

Notes for Catherine M DONNELLY:

City of Detroit"

son of William Francis and Katherine Mary (Donnelly) Atkinson, the latter a sister of John C. Donnelly, well known in Detroit. Both parents were natives of Canada And of Irish lineage.

Obituary Michigan and Detroit Index Card File, Detroit Public Library
Newspaper clipping dated 3-16-32

ATKINSON, Elizabeth 1844?-1932

Res. of Detroit for nearly 65 years died Monday night in Sarnia, Ontario. Funeral Thursday at 10 AM at St Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. She was widow of Wm F. Atkinson and mother of Frank W. Atkinson Detroit attorney who lives on Riverton Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

She was born 88 yrs ago in Kerch, Ontario, coming to Detroit shortly after her marriage. Leader in social circles until death of her husband. Has lived since then in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, and Sarnia.

Besides her son she leaves 3 daughters, Mrs. T.M. McWhinney of Windsor, and Katherine and Florence Atkinson of Sarnia; two brothers, Albert and Edward Donnelly of Kerch; and two sisters, Miss Sarah D. Donnelly of Kerch and Mrs. George Triziski of Detroit.

Sarnia Observer, 15 March 1932

ATKINSON--- In Sarnia, on Monday, March 14, 1932, Catharine, widow of the late William F. Atkinson, aged 88 years. The funeral will be held from the residence of her son, Frank W. Atkinson, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, on Thursday March 17, at 9:45 a.m., to St Hugo of the Hills R. C. church. Mass at 10 a.m. Interment at Mount Olivet cemetery Detroit. The remains will rest at her late residence, 223 North Vidal Street until Wednesday, March 16, at 10 a.m. Funeral arrangements by Phillips Bros.

Children of William ATKINSON and Catherine DONNELLY are:

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- i. William Donnelly ATKINSON, born April 04, 1871 in Port Huron, St Clair, MI; died October 06, 1926 in Indianapolis, Marion, IN; married Alice MCMULLEN January 23, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL.
 - ii. Eleanor ATKINSON, born November 25, 1872; died Unknown.
 - iii. John ATKINSON, born February 02, 1875 in Port Huron, St Clair Co, MI; died February 17, 1875 in Port Huron, St Clair Co, MI.

Notes for John ATKINSON:

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ATKINSON, JOHN

Date of death :17-Feb-1875 Ledger Page:102 Record Number:1457 Place of death:Port HuronCounty of Death:Saint ClairSex:MaleRace:WhiteMarital Status:Married Age:15 days Cause of Death:Congestion Of LungsBirthplace:Port HuronOccupation:Not Recorded Father's Name:Atkinson, Wm FFather's Residence:Port Huron Mother's Name:Atkinson, CatherineMother's Residence:Not RecordedDate of record:10-Jun-1875

- iv. Katherine M ATKINSON, born April 18, 1876; died Aft. September 24, 1947 in Prob Port Huron, St Clair, MI.

Notes for Katherine M ATKINSON:

Will

Lake Huron Beach
Sept 24th 1947

To my nephews

William M Atkinson, Chicago, IL

Frank W. Atkinson Jr., Cleveland, OH

I have destroyed all wills made by me and am leaving all my real and personal property to my nieces Alice Catherine Atkinson, Chicago, Ill & Nancy I. Atkinson, Moscon, Idaho, & to my nephews William M Atkinson, Chicago, Ill and Frank W Atkinson, Jr., Cleveland, OH reserving the right of my brother Frank w. Atkinson & my Sister Florence Atkinson to live in my house during their lifetime and asking my heirs to look after them in case of need. I would like my sister Mrs. Eleanor McWhinney to be given any piece of furniture or ornament she would care for. I have no debts and after funeral expenses are paid I would like my sister florence to have any monies left in the bank. I would like to be buried in the family lot in Port Huron.

It is my desire that the heirs keep this property intact & try to have the pleasure from it that has been denied? the Grand Children and great-grand Children for so many years. I am trusting to you Mac & Fran to carry out as far as you can these wishes. I have always loved you all very much.

Kate Atkinson

- v. Francis William ATKINSON, born June 21, 1878 in Port Huron, St Clair, MI; died Unknown; married Olivia LANG September 08, 1903 in Detroit?, Wayne, MI; died Unknown.

Notes for Francis William ATKINSON:

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"The Book of Detroiters" 1914 Albert Marquis

ATKINSON, Frank William, lawyer; born Port Huron, Mich., June 21, 1878; son of William Francis and Katherine Mary (Donnelly) Atkinson; A.B., Detroit College (now University of Detroit), 1897, M.A., 1904; LL.B., University of Michigan, 1901; married, Sept. 8, 1903, Olivia Lang, of Detroit; children: Francis William and Nancy Ida. Practiced at Port Huron, Mich., 1901-3, since at Detroit; member firm of Moloney & Atkinson since 1912. Member Lawyers' Club of Detroit. Member Detroit Naval Reserve four years. Republican. Roman Catholic. Member B.P.O. Elks, Knights of Columbus, Delta Chi (University

of Michigan). Clubs: Detroit Tennis, University of Michigan Club. Recreations: tennis and baseball.
Office: 517 Moffat Bldg. Residence: 112 Eliot St.

"City of Detroit"

son of William Francis and Katherine Mary (Donnelly) Atkinson, the latter a sister of John C. Donnelly, well known in Detroit. Both parents were natives of Canada And of Irish lineage.

Sources:

1. "The Book of Detroiters"
2. "City of Detroit" vol 5 p 1131

- vi. Florence ATKINSON, born May 13, 1880; died 1956.

Notes for Florence ATKINSON:

"Detroit Times" February 3, 1956 Obituary (notes)

Florence Atkinson ...daughter of late William Atkinson long time Detroit Lawyer..Miss..at home of sister Mrs T. Norris McWhinney 1616 Ouellette, Windsor....studied piano Detroit Conservatory of Music & Michigan Conservatory of Music...student of world famous Pianist & composer Edward MacDowell...also survived by sister Katherine Atkinson and brother Frank W. ...buried Mt Olivet

10. James2 MCMULLEN, born August 12, 1829 in Ballynahinch, Co Down, Ireland; died February 21, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL. He was the son of James1 MCMULLEN and Alice FITZSIMMONS. He married **11. Mary Ann YOUNG**.

11. Mary Ann YOUNG, born 1837 in Petersborough, Canada; died December 24, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL. She was the daughter of John YOUNG and Johanna IVES.

Notes for James2 MCMULLEN:

Sailed from Newly 13 April 1833

arrived Quebec 31 May 1837

moved to Ogdensburg, NY

Naturalized at Canton June 1843

Lumber Dealer

Residences.. Chicago: 223 Halsted; Jackson & Center; 90 Center

HISTORY OF EARLY CHICAGO

MODERN CHICAGO AND ITS SETTLEMENT

EARLY CHICAGO, AND THE NORTHWEST BY ALBERT D. HAGER

: "Rt. Rev. William Quarter, D. D., First Bishop of Chicago, Consecrated March 10, 1844. Died April 10, 1848. Requiescal in Pace.".....Within the cathedral was erected to his memory a beautiful cenotaph, to defray the expense of which Protestants contributed liberally, as did the Catholics. A young Protestant poetess of rare talents, Miss Mary A. Merritt, gave a volume of her poems. the proceeds from the sale of which was added to the contributions. On Sunday. April 30, 1848, an address was delivered by tile Very Rev. Jeremiah A. Kinsella. on the necessity of transmitting to posterity the memory anti virtues of this distinguished man, whose life lind been so beneficial to society. Rev. Kinsella requested tile gentlemen to ulcer in the afternoon in the basement of tile cathedral to deliberate on the matter. In obedience to this request a large number of citizells assembled. D. Gregg was appointed chairman. T. J. Kinsella secretary, and a committee of five was designated to procure subscriptions.

This committee suggested that a committee be appointed in each block of each ward of St. Mary's parish. The suggestion was acted upon, and John Breen was made treasurer. A central or executive committee was appointed to co-operate with and direct the different committees. and also to communicate with all who might be willing to assist. Tilts executive committee consisted of the following gentlemen: The Very Rev. Jeremiah A. Kinsella. Rev. Mr. McElhearne. Rev. Mr. Scanlan, D. L. Gregg, and Thomas J. Kinsella. Theing were appointed to act as committees in the several blocks the procuring of subscriptions: Michael Byrne, William Flemming. Fitzsimmons, John Serehan, Captain Parker, Jamexxx McMullen, William Corrigan, John Young, John Quinxxx. Mxxx John Bush. Michael Diversy. Dennis Skelly. Peter Turbot, Michael O'Brien, Michael McGnire, William B. Snowhook,

George Brown, Thomas Roche, A. xxx and B. Blasey The monuble manufactory of A. S. Sherman, and a bust was taken after Ills decease. at considerable xxx expense. by R. N. White.

Will of James McMullen

I James McMullen hereby make this my will as follows:

1st

I direct my executors to pay all my just debtlts and funeral expenses.

2nd

I give and devise to my wife Mary A. McMullen my homestead property at the corner of Jackson Boulevard and Center Avenue and also my livery stable property fronting Center Avenue which properties are described as follows namely:

Lots.....

"Burlington Free Press" 1893

James McMullen, one of Chicago's oldest lumbermen, and brother of the late Bishop John McMullen, of Davenport, Iowa, died at his residence in this city on tuesday evening, February 21. He had suffered from liver complaint for some years, indeed, to such an extent that nine years ago he was forced to retire from the business in which he had been active for so many years. Several weeks ago the physicians abandoned hope of saving his life, and his last days were devoted to pious preparation for death. His death bed was an edifying one, and he died surrounded by the members of his family. The funeral took place on Friday at 10 o'clock at St. Patrick's church, Adams and Desplaines streets. the services were simple, in accordance with his wishes. High Mass was said by Dr. Butler assisted by Dr. McGovern and Rev. Father Henneberry. The choir of the church rendered the music. The sermon was delivered by Rev. D.J. Riordan and was a touching eulogy of the life of the deceased. After the services the pall bearere, James McMullen, John T. McLaughlin, William McLaughlin, and John W. Young, who were nephews of the deceased carried the casket to the hearse. The honorary pall bearers, W. J. Amberg, Z.P. Brosseau, Dr. T. A. Lilly, J. Biedler, Joseph Kenny, John Adams, John Coughlin, and R.C. Gannon. The buriel was at Calvary, where a short service was held.

Mr. McMullen was widely known in business and Catholic church circles in this city. A resident of this city for fifty years, he won for himself and enviable reputation for business ability, probity and high Christian character. In church circles he was known as a liberal giver to the poor, a devout Christian and the staunch friend and advisor of the clergy. For a number of years he was president of the Upper Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"Chicago Post" 1893

DEATH OF JAMES MCMULLEN

A Veteran Lumber Dealer and Highly Respected Citizen.

James McMullen, one of Chicago's oldest lumbermen and brother of the late Bishop John McMullen, of Davenport, Iowa, died at his residence , Jackson Boulevard and Center Avenue, last night. For six months past he had suffered greatly from liver and kidney trouble, which had troubled him more or less of late years, and which nine years ago compelled him to retire from active business. Several weeks ago the physicians were forced t admit that there was no longer any hope of saving the veteran lumberman's life, and the last days were devoted to preparing for the sad end that was sure to come. Surrounded by the members of his family and his spiritual adviser, Mr. McMullen breathed his last shortly after 7 o'clock last night. the funeral will not take place until friday at 10 o'clock. the remains will be taken to St. Patrick's Church, where requiem high mass will be celebrated, after which the body will be interred at Calvary.

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Mr. McMullen was born in Ballignshinch, County Down, Ireland, in 1828. In 1833 his parents emigrated to Halifax, removing shortly thereafter to Prescott, Ontario, where they began farming. In 1837, their house was burned down and the family crossed the Canada border to Ogdenburg, N.Y. In 1843 the family came to Chicago

and owned a small grocery store. Young McMullen secured work in a lumber hyard packing shingles. He afterward became a clerk for Alexander Officer. He formed a partnership with John funk and Joseph Beidler under the firm name of McMullen, Funk & Beidler. Shortly after the close of the was the firm was dissolved and the firm of McMullen & Officer was organized. This firm continued until about two years before Mr. McMullen retired from business. Mr McMullen's first lumber yard was located on Canal street, between Randolph and Lake. It was afterward located in the lumber district at Main and Cologne streets. The deceased leaves a widow and six children and a brother, Joseph McMullen, of this city and a sister, Mrs. William Carey, of Florida.

Chicago Herald 1893
Funeral of James McMullen

The funeral of James McMullen took place yesterday morning at St. Patrick's church, West Adams and Desplaines streets. The services were simple in accordance with his wishes. Preceding the ceremony at the church a short service was conducted at the house, Jackson Boulevard and Center avenue, by Rev. Father Henneberry. The remains were then taken to the church, where high mass was said by Dr. Butler, assisted by Dr. McGovern and Rev. Father Henneberry. The sermon was delivered by Rev. D. J. Riordan, and was a touching eulogy of the life of the deceased. After the services the pallbeareres, James McMullen, Joseph McMullen, J. McLaoughlin, william McLaughlin and John W Young, who were nephews of the deceased, carried the casket to the hearse. The honorary pallbearers were: W.J.Amberg, Joseph Kenny, John Coughlin, Dr. R.A.Lilly, Z.P. Brosseau, R. Canon, J Beldier, John Adams.

The burial was at Calvary, where a short service was held.

Chicago News (short obit with same info)

Source: Chicago Tribune, Feb. 22, 1893

McMULLEN, James
abt Feb. 21, 1893
At his residence, No. 90 Center-av., James McMullen, aged 64 years.
Funeral notice hereafter

CALVARY CEMETERY, EVANSTON, IL
PLOTS Lot 10, Block 20, Section Y
Owner of Lot: Mary A McMullen
Date of Purchase 6/20/93 (1893)
Size of Lot: 20 x 16 sq feet

Date of Interment	Name of Deceased	Type Box	Location
1/28/58	Alice Atkinson	29 Perm GB	S of C., front of monument
6/7/60	Mary A. McMullen	#9 Amer	2nd S.E.C
6/29/93 (1893)	James McMullen		
4/2/07	John H. McMullen		
12/27/93 (1893)	Mary McMullen		

Source: Chicago Tribune, Feb. 22, 1893
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Sources:

1. Death Records..Cook Co IL..LDS
2. Will Dated 7 July 1892 Proved 22 Mar 1893
3. Obituary..Chicago Press, Burlington Free Press, Chicago News, Chicago Tribune
4. MCMULLEN Family Bible

5. Calvary Cemetery, Evanston IL Records
6. US Census..Cook Co IL..1850, 1860
7. "The Ducey Story" Agnes Ducey
8. "Chicago's Irish Families 1830-1900" IHA Online

More About James2 MCMULLEN:

Burial: June 21, 1893, buried Calvary Cem, Evanston, IL
Cause of Death: Kidney & Liver Trouble

More About James2 MCMULLEN:

Burial: June 21, 1893, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL
Cause of Death: Kidney & Liver Trouble

Notes for Mary Ann YOUNG:

Notes for Mary Ann YOUNG:

Death Certificate #13098

State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago Board of Health

Mary A. McMullen

Female, White, Age 56

Occupation: Housekeeper

Date of death: December 24, 1893 P.M.

Widow

Irish, Born Chicago

Place of death: 1318 W Washington Blvd. 12 Ward

Case of Death: Congestion of the Brain

Duration of disease: 14 days

Place of burial: Calvary

Thomas A. Lilly M.D.

Undertaker: McLaughlin

More About Mary Ann YOUNG:

Cause of Death: Congestion of the Brain

Children of James2 MCMULLEN and Mary YOUNG are:

- i. Mary Ann McMullen, died June 1960 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

Notes for Mary Ann McMullen:

Burial: June 07, 1960, Evanston, IL

- ii. George McMullen, died Unknown.
- iii. Francis McMullen, died Bef. 1892.
- iv. Johannah McMullen, died Bef. 1892.
- v. Rosemary McMullen, died Bef. 1892.
- vi. John H McMullen, born 1867 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died March 30, 1907 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

Notes for John H McMullen:

Notes for John H McMullen:

Death Certificate

Department of Health : City of Chicago #9166

Name of Deceased: John H. McMullen

Sex: M Color: White Place of Birth: Chicago Father's Birthplace: Ireland Mother's Birthplace: Canada

Age: 40 years

Died on the 30th day of March 1907, at about 3 a.m.
Single Occupation: Invalid for about seven years
Place of Death: 18 Eldridge Cort
Place of Burial: Calvary Date of burial: April 2, 1907 Hour 10 m.
Undertaker: McNally & Duffy 518 Wabash
Cause of Death: Mitral disease of the heart
M.J. McKenna M.D. 159 - 42nd St

Burial: April 02, 1907, buried Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL
Cause of Death: Mitral disease of the heart

More About John H McMullen:
Cause of Death: Mitral disease of the heart

- vii. Walter J McMullen, born November 30, 1869 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died June 13, 1888 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

Notes for Walter J McMullen:
Death Certificate:
Name: Walter J. McMullen
Sex: male Color: White
Age 18 years 7 months, 13 days
Date of death: June 13 1888 a.m.
Single
Nativity and place where born: Chicago
Place of death: 90 Center Ave, Ward 18
Cause of death: Cerebral Hemorrhage
Duration of disease: Ten Hours
Place of burial: Calvary
Name and place of undertaker: McLaughlin
Dated at Chicago, June 13, 1888
Thos. A. Lilly M.D.
190 Sangamond?

More About Walter J McMullen:
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage

- 5 viii. Alice MCMULLEN, born July 13, 1871 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died January 25, 1958 in Chicago, Cook, IL; married William Donnelly ATKINSON January 23, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL.
ix. Agnes E MCMULLEN, born 1873 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died 1963; married Michael H DUCEY June 07, 1892 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died Unknown.
x. William T McMullen, born April 06, 1876 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died March 16, 1913 in Chicago, Cook, IL; married Margaret BOYLAND; died Unknown.

12. Jerome O'CONNELL, born 1837 in Maine; died Abt. 1866 in Illinois. He was the son of John O'CONNELL and Elizabeth MALLOY. He married **13. Ellen M DORGAN**.

13. Ellen M DORGAN, born November 26, 1849 in Ireland or NY; died March 22, 1899 in Chicago, Cook, IL. She was the daughter of DORGAN and Mary.

Notes for Jerome O'CONNELL:
woody58@theramp.net (Paul Woodyer)
I've been trying to make a connection between the O'Connells and Dorgans, but am getting nowhere. I am sure we are researching the same family. Did your Jerome born in Maine, son of John, marry an Ellen Dorgan? And have sons Jerome (Daniel Francis) b. Sept. 12, 1864 d. Dec. 25, 1936 and John William, b. Nov. 20, 1862 d. Oct. 22, 1933.

Paul Woodyer

Streator, IL

Sources:

1. Calvary Cemetery Records, Evanston IL
2. "This is Grundy County - It's History from Beginning to 1968" Helen Stine Ullrich
3. Will of Aunt Catherine O'Connell

Notes for Ellen M DORGAN:

1880 Census, LDS

Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
E. M. O'CONNELL	Self	W	Female	W	35	IRE	School Teacher	IRE	IRE
William O'CONNELL	Son	S	Male	W	18	IL	Errand Boy	ME	IRE
Jerome O'CONNELL	Son	S	Male	W	15	IL	Errand Boy	ME	IRE
Eliza O'CONNELL	Sister	L	Female	W	30	IL	At Home	IRE	ME
Mary DORGAN	Mother	W	Female	W	71	IRE	At Home	IRE	IRE
John DORGAN	Brother	S	Male	W	30	IRE	Painter	IRE	IRE

Source Information:

Census Place Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Family History Library Film 1254191
NA Film Number T9-0191
Page Number 566A

date: 11/16/98 10:56:43 AM Central Standard Time

From: woody58@theramp.net (Paul Woodyer)

One thing I have discovered in my research

is that there seems to be a big difference in ages from one record to another. Oh, my connection is through Timothy Dorgan. His daughter, Annastasia, married Patrick Donovan. I am a descendant Patrick and Annastasia. Somehow Timothy is related to Catherine Dorgan O'Connell. It appears you have gotten your info from some of the same sources I have, but I'll give you what I have come up with just to make sure. I have only done research in LaSalle County and a little in Grundy. Would like to get back to Grundy soon and do further research.

Here's what I have-

Photocopy of page 59, 1850 Grundy Co. Census, Town of Arienna (Erienna), showing John and Elizabeth O'Connell and children- Daniel, William, John, Jerome, Elizabeth, Thomas and Francis. Jerome being Daniel Francis (Jerome Francis) father.

A photocopy from Morris newspaper titled "One of Pioneers In County" about the William O'Connell family. Probably taken from a book you list as a source.

A photocopy of The Petition of Catherine O'Connell , showing her as the aunt of Jeremiah Dorgan, died Sept. 1, 1856, and buried St. Columba Cemetery, Ottawa. Jeremiah's stone reads Jeremiah Dorgan Died Sept.. 1, 1856 Aged 24 yrs Native of Glanmire, County Cork, Ireland.

On the same stone as Jeremiah's is William O,Connell Jr.'s name Died July

6, 1851 Aged 20 yrs 9 months.

A photocopy of (3 pages) Affidavit of Daniel Francis O'Connell, concerning an 80 acres in section 19, Freedom Township that he inherited through wife Ellen M. O'Connell(Dorgan). Ellen got the land, along with brother John W. Dorgan, when aunt Catherine O'Connell died in 1871. Catherine got the land when son William Jr. died unmarried. William Jr. got the land when father William Sr. died. William Sr. got the original land patent from the govt. It also says that Mary Dorgan, mother of Ellen and John W., was Catherine O'Connell's sister in law.

A copy of page 150, 1870 LaSalle County Census, Freedom Township showing Timothy Dorgan (spelled Daragan) living on land that Catherine O'Connell owned. Living with him is a Mary Dorgan (not his wife or daughter) and her children Laurence, Michael, JOHN and ELLEN. All children born in NY. I assume that this is the Ellen that married Jerome O'Connell and the John W. Dorgan who died in Chicago. Both inheriting this piece of land.

Other info- Elizabeth O'Connell, sister of Jerome or daughter of Daniel, is shown on page 272 of LaSalle Co. census, vol. 1, 1870, Manlius Twp., as a servant in the Underhill household, age 25, born IL. Catherine O'Connell is shown on page 126, LaSalle Co. Census 1870, vol. 2, City of Ottawa. Living alone, age 75, born IR.

Daniel O'Connell, brother of Jerome, son of John and Elizabeth, is shown on page 3A of Grundy Co. Census, Erriena Twp. age 38, born Maine, with wife Mary and children Mary, John, William, Ellen, Jerome and Daniel. Daniel is also shown in 1860 census, same twp., additional children- Elizabeth, Thomas, Francis and Ann.

Department of Health: City of Chicago: Bureau of Vital Statistics #6546
Undertaker's Report of Death

Name of Decease: Mrs Ellen M. O'Connell

Sex: Female Color: White Place of Birth: Ireland

Age: 49 years 4 months 26 days

Lived in Illinois : 39 years

Died on the 22 day March 1899 at about 9:45 P.M

Widowed

Place of Death 428 Hermitage Ave Ward 12

Place of Burial: Calvary Cemetery Date: March 24th 1899

Cause of Death:

Chief and Determining: Asthma 1 month

Contributing and Consecutive Cause: Angina Pectoris

Any ideas? My thought is that Catherine Dorgan O'Connell was Timothy Dorgan's sister and that the husband of Mary ? Dorgan was also a brother. Catherine's husband William, was son of William who died in Kentucky and brother to John. The Jeremiah Dorgan shown above was not Timothy's son. It's possible he was Mary Dorgan's son and arrived before the rest of family. Apparently Mary's husband must have died in New York. Have you found Mary's or Ellen's obituaries or death certificates? Would like to know who Mary's husband was. Hope this has helped and not confused you.

Paul Woodyer

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Streator, IL 61364

Burial: March 24, 1899, buried Calvary Cem, Evanston, IL
Cause of Death: Asthma
Medical Information: Contributing cause angina pectoris

Sources:

1. Death Certificate, Cook Co IL

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More About Ellen M DORGAN:

Burial: March 24, 1899, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL
Cause of Death: Asthma
Medical Information: Contributing cause Angina Pectoris

Children of Jerome O'CONNELL and Ellen DORGAN are:

- i. William John O'CONNELL, born November 20, 1862; died October 22, 1933; married Nellie A GARRAGHAN; born 1866; died January 30, 1891 in Chicago IL.

Notes for William John O'CONNELL:

.J William John O'CONNELL, born November 20, 1862; died October 22, 1933; married Nellie A GARRAGHAN; born 1866; died January 30, 1891 in Chicago IL.

Notes for S.J William John O'CONNELL:

Born John William O'Connell

Became a Jesuit Brother after the death of his wife.

Prayer Card

In Memory of William J. O'Connell S.J.

Born November 20, 1862

Entered the Society of Jesus June 3, 1901

Died October 22, 1933

- 6 ii. Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL, born September 12, 1864 in Seneca, LaSalle, IL; died December 25, 1936 in Chicago, Cook, IL; married Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING August 29, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL.

14. John H HARDING, born June 04, 1831 in Newfoundland, or Ireland; died December 25, 1894 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. He was the son of "pop" HARDING and "MOM". He married **15. Bridget KENNA** 1856 in Port Washington, Ozaukee Co, WI.

15. Bridget KENNA, born 1832 in Carbonear, Newfoundland; died December 24, 1896 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. She was the daughter of Patrick KENNA and Elizabeth WHELAN.

Notes for John H HARDING:

1880 Census --- United States

Vol 15 E.D. 183 Sheet 50 Line 10

State Illinois, County Cook, Town Chicago City

Street - 59 Illinois

	Age <6/1		Birthplace
Harding, John	W M	49	Canada
Harding, Bridget		49 wife	Canada
Mary	17	daughter	IL
Catharine	6	daughter	IL
Frank	10 or 13	son	IL
William	8	son	IL

1880 Ill. Soundex for Harding

Harding, John 47 b. Canada.....Cook Co.

Bridget wife 47 b. Canada

Mary dau 17 b. Ill

Catherine dau 16 b. Ill

Frank son 13 b. Ill

William son 8 b. Ill

Living in Chicago in 1885

Death Certificate Cook Co Illinois

John H Harding

Male, white

Age 63 years, 6 mo, 21 days

Occupation: Bookkeeper

Date of death - December 25th at 7 a.m.

Married

Nationality and place where born - Irish, Ireland

How long a resident in this State: 45 years

Place of death: 467 Irving? Ave. 12th Ward

Cause of death: General Debility

Duration of disease: 3 months

Place of burial: Calvary

Name of Undertaker: Howard

Dated at Chicago Dec. 27th 1894 J.E. Reynolds M.D.

State of Illinois, County of Cook

In the Probate Court of Cook County

In the matter of the estate of John Harding, deceased, Frank H. Harding Administrator

Real Estate

Frank H. Harding, Administrator herein, respectfully reports unto your Honor that he finds that the deceased was the owner of certain real estate in Cook County, Illinois, with the improvements thereon, to-wit: Lot thirty-five (35) of H. M. Hookers' Subdivision of Block five (5) of Morris' and others subdivision of the W. one-half (1/2) of the South West quarter (1/4) of Section eighteen (18) Township thirty-nine (39), N.R. fourteen (14), East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County; title to the said property having been conveyed to John Harding, deceased, by a warranty deed dated the thirtieth day of August, A.D. 1886. Improved-Unincumbered

Personal Property

None

I. Frank H. Harding hereby certify that the above and foregoing inventory is a full, true and perfect inventory of all the real estate and personal estate of John Harding, deceased, so far as the same has come to my sight, knowledge and possession, and that I believe the said real estate above described to be worth about four thousand dollars, (\$4,000)

signed Frank H. Harding
Administrator.

A TYPICAL CATHOLIC COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. John Harding - written for "The New World"

"She was the wife of one of the best men that ever lived in the city of Chicago, and like him she has left to her children the best legacy it is possible to leave, the legacy of a pure and stainless character."

The words we quote are the words of a pastor who knew them well. The occasion was the funeral of Mrs. John Harding, who died on Christmas eve and was buried from the Church of St Charles Borromeo, Sunday, December 27, (1896)

We are prone to flatter the friends of the dead, and often laurel wreaths are placed where only withered leaves should be, but even with this tendency so prevalent, such words of praise for man or woman are rare indeed, rarer when we know that if words could be found to express more forcibly the feelings of the speaker, these words would have been used and still have found an echo in the hearts of all who had been privileged to know, to love and revere these two pure souls who had been separated for a little while, now spending a happy, happy Christmas at the foot of God's eternal Throne.

In this age of skepticism and doubt, of selfishness and greed, of mad rushing after place and power, we can ill afford to lose two such beautiful examples of true Catholic Christian womanhood and manhood. They are the beacon lights that lead the way safely through the rocks and shoals, the pitfalls of a too material age, up to the higher plane of the real Christian Catholic life--the life that follows in the footsteps of Him who said: "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart."

How well they knew that voice, and how cheerfully they responded, never faltering, though the path was often rough and thorny. Even in very early life cares and sorrows came to them that fall to the lot of very few. But their thorns have turned to roses, and in their declining years they enjoyed the inestimable privilege of seeing their children safely and securely settled in life, respectable and respected by all who knew them. Their work was done. The thorny path they had trod had led them upward and onward, out into the broad sunshine, where they waited with joy the dread summons that must sooner or later come to all the children of Adam.

For want of proper date we can give but the simplest outlines of their early history. Born near St. Johns, Newfoundland, they were comrades from early childhood, and their parents inseparable friends, so that when one family decided to migrate, the other was ready to go. Therefore it is we find them about the year 1849 embarking together on what was then a long, tedious and dangerous voyage around the "banks" through the Gulf of St. Lawrence and up the St. Lawrence river by way of the Great Lakes, with Port Washington, Wis. as their objective point. Here they arrived after weeks of almost unimaginable suffering, a heart-broken party. Cholera had broken out on board, and John Harding's mother, already weakened by the hardships of the voyage, was its first victim. Under such circumstances death is indeed a bereavement, and John Harding in his first great sorrow was cheered by words of comfort from her who in after years became the angel of his home. Hardly eighteen years of age, he was called on to pass through a fiery ordeal that seldom falls to the lot of man. Landing among strangers they found the land devastated by the plague, and in some cases the dead lying still unburied. Did they turn and fly from this stricken land? No! Like the martyrs has always developed in time of great trial, they remained to comfort the dying and bury the dead.

Only those who have passed through the fearful ordeal can appreciate the heroism of their deeds. Day and night they labored, and often by the dim light of the lantern they knelt to say a prayer over the newly made grave. Going on one occasion to an isolated cabin a horrible experience awaited them. The lonely occupant had died, no one knew whom, and the stench was overpowering. John Harding alone of all the dead man's neighbors had the strength and courage to enter the cabin, in some way place the body in a rough pine box, drag it to the open air, then with the assistance of his father carry it on their shoulders to the cemetery, dig the grave and bury a man they never knew. The next day others were buried, and the following night, though tired and wearied by their hard and heroic labors, they left their beds to dig another grave for a man who was dying. It was nearly daylight when their task was done, and a messenger arrived to tell them they need not come for the body, the man was recovering. Before sundown John Harding's father slept in the grave his own hands had dug.

Doubly bereft, it required all the courage of his superior nature to face the seemingly cruel world, and make for his two sisters and younger brother a home in this new land; but he was equal to the occasion, and a merciful Father in his own mysterious way provided the means, but not without sending other hardships and heart burnings.

Even at this distance we can understand something of the privations of a Wisconsin lumbering camp, and here he was obliged to go and work for the support of those left in his charge. Little by little he improved his opportunities, and at the end of seven years like the brave man he was, he went to the playmate of his childhood days, the girl who spoke to him words of comfort in his first great bereavement. His story was simply and easily told; all he had to offer was two strong hands, a heart unspoiled, unsullied from the world, a conscience clear as the noonday sun. Well she understood and well she appreciated the priceless value of the gift he offered. And the years that followed proved the wisdom of her choice. She was the best of wives to the best of husbands, and the girl who had often bedewed her pillow tears of pity for her hero struggling with adversity and against such odds, remained a girl true to the last, and he seemed to grow fonder of her as years went by.

It was about the year 1864 when he came to Chicago, and was employed by a coal dealer, as bookkeeper, retiring from business Mr. _____ continued his salary for almost a year, thinking all the time of working up in some other city and not wanting to lose the services of a man he knew he could trust so well. It speaks volumes for Mr. Harding, and also for Mr. Silverman. He was then employed by the Stotz & Waltz Furniture Mfg. Co., where he remained twenty-five years, until the firm ceased business about three years before his work was nearly done.

During the years of his residence here he had been an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, and God alone knows the number of poor people he relieved and encouraged to take hope and try again. During all the weeks of all these years, night after night he might be seen going with another member of the society to visit the homes of the wretched poor, and indeed his merry laugh and pleasant smile must have led many a poor person for awhile to forget the misery of their lot.

Only a few months after the firm for which he had worked so long had retired from business, he commenced to complain about his feet; they were giving out. About all he could do was to get from his home to the Church, and finally even that great pleasure was denied him. He wasn't sick and yet he was dying, and knew it. We called often and tried to make light of his ailment, but he would only shake his head and smile sadly when any arrangements were talked of for the future. An inner voice had told him his days were numbered, and he waited calmly for the message.

On Christmas day two years ago his family were all around him, and while there was some anxiety on his account, it was only a little cloud just showing above the horizon that might soon pass away, and beyond it there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the hour.

Theirs indeed was an ideal Catholic home; for them the voices of the angel choir singing "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to men of good will" had a real significance. Without, the snow came softly down and wrapped the earth in a mantle of spotless white; within, all was good cheer. It was the ideal Christmas day, the Christmas of his early youth, and he was going home. The evening shadows had fallen and the festivities of that Christmas day were almost over when the Angel of Death came suddenly down and John Harding went to join that glorious band of saints and martyrs who sing their everlasting praises before the "great white throne." It was a fitting close of a remarkable, an eventful and a saintly life. His whole life had been a preparation, and death found him in the full possession of all his faculties and left him grand and beautiful in his marble whiteness.

With the sadness we all must feel for our loved ones, there was real mourning in that once happy Christian home. Almost in his prime the husband and father was taken, and the ties that bound him so strongly to them were rudely sundered. There was no resistance then, but the blow went home, and the playmate of his early childhood days, the helpmate and the friend in every trial, the patient mother and fond wife, drooped and faded day by day, and when another Christmas came around she seemed indeed to be more of heaven than of earth in her transparent whiteness -- and oh so patient in all her sorrow, so thoughtful of others, so earnest in her petitions for those she loved. Summer came again, and when the leaves had just commenced to turn she paid a last visit to her sisters and her children, took a last look at their home, and returned to her youngest daughter, Mrs Rome O'Connell, to wait for Christmas. It came, but the days must have dragged wearily indeed, and the months seemed years to the patient sufferer. Nearly every day the good priests came and administered to her, sometimes her mind wandered and she would urge them to come surely tomorrow, "because you know it is Christmas." It was while the shepherds on the hillsides of Gallilee listened in silent wonder to the Heavenly choirs, the glad summons came that set her pure spirit free to join her loved ones on the other side. She is gone and her children are sad, but no one mourns why should they? Death came as a glad message and she hailed him with joy and thanksgiving. again she is united with the husband of her youth, and side by side they sleep in Calvary, While the restless waters of Lake Michigan sob and sigh their requiem.

"Farewell ! I go to mourn the dead;

Yet ye have crowned yourselves today,

For they, whose hearts so faithful, love

The lonely grave---the very clay;

They crown themselves with richer gems

Than flash in royal diadems."

J.M.

--It requires greater virtues to support good than bad fortune.

Sources:

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More About John H HARDING:
Burial: Evanston, IL
Cause of Death: General Debility

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Cause of Death: General Debility

Notes for Bridget KENNA:
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baptized 10 June 1832, Newfoundland

City of Chicago Report of Death
Bridget Harding
Female, White
Born in Newfoundland
Age 63 years
Lived in Illinois 35 years
Died on the 24th day of Dec. 1896 at about 6 p.m.
Widowed
Occupation: Housekeeper
Place of death: 1281 W Adams St Ward 12
Place of burial: Calvary
Undertaker: Hursen Bros, 974 W Lake St
Cause of Death: Tuberculosis
Duration: 2 years
Witnessed 26th day of December 1896 J.E. Reynolds M.D. , 514 W Oakley Ave

"She was the wife of one of the best men that ever lived in the city of Chicago, and like him she has left to her children the best legacy it is possible to leave, the legacy of a pure and stainless character."

More About Bridget KENNA:
Baptism: June 10, 1832, Newfoundland
Burial: Unknown, Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL

Children of John HARDING and Bridget KENNA are:

- i. Annie HARDING, died Unknown.
- ii. Ida Ellen HARDING, born 1857 in WI; died 1884.
- iii. Alice HARDING, born September 13, 1859 in Port Washington, Ozaukee Co, WI; died October 21, 1875.
- iv. Mary Frances "Mamie" HARDING, born August 21, 1863 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL; died February 03, 1945 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL; married Thomas P Ryan April 27, 1893 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL; born April 21, 1863; died April 03, 1907.
- v. Frank H HARDING, born 1867 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL; died Abt. 1930; married Agnes L BARRY; died Unknown.
- vi. William HARDING, born 1872 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL; died 1902.
- 7 vii. Catherine Agnes "Kitty" HARDING, born July 19, 1874 in Chicago, Cook, IL; died May 21, 1949 in Oak Park, Cook, IL; married Jerome Daniel Francis OCONNELL August 29, 1893 in Chicago, Cook, IL.