

Denis McGrath and Catherine Quigley

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Introduction

Denis McGrath supposedly came to the US from Ireland in 1858 at the age of 22. However, the first record of his presence was his marriage to Catherine Quigley in May 1861. According to the 1900 census Catherine came to the US from Ireland in 1860 and there was an 1860 census record of a 25- year-old Catherine Quigley living with a Dobin family in Homer, Cortland County, NY.

Papers related to Denis' military service provide his enlistment date as a private in the 122nd Regiment of N.Y. as August 15, 1862. He received an honorable discharge from the same on June 16, 1865. In May of 1864 Denis was taken as a prisoner of war at the Rapidan River in Virginia during the Battle of the Wilderness and ended up at Andersonville and then Florence, So. Carolina. They moved some of the sickest prisoners to Florence because they feared General Sherman who was well on his way through Atlanta. Denis came home a broken and very sick man and he could never sleep in a bed again and always slept on the floor.

A draft exemption document, dated August 15, 1866, showed that Denis was living in Fabius at that time. Denis has been found in the 1865 and 1870 census for the town of Fabius, Onondaga County, NY. He never fully recovered from the war or his time as a prisoner of war. He ended up at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, where they sent Civil War veterans for treatment. Denis died at the hospital in May of 1871.

After the death of her husband, Catherine was left with three young daughters to care for and support. There was Mary (7), Julia (5) and Margaret, who was born in 1872. It is possible that Catherine might have been pregnant with Margaret when Denis died. In the 1875 census the family was found in the 6th Ward of the city of Syracuse. The three girls were in the St. Vincent's Orphanage in Syracuse from approximately November 1873 to November 1876. Mary (12), Julia (7), and Margaret (4) McGrath were listed as inmates at St. Vincent's in the 1875 census. Also in the 6th Ward at the time was a 38-year-old Ireland born widow by the name of Catherine McGraw, who was residing and doing "house work" in a hotel. By 1880 Catherine and her girls were back together in Homer, NY. Over the next two decades the girls left home, married and started their own families.

Mary Ficarra was the granddaughter of Mary Agatha Nichols. Her mother (Catherine) would talk to her about her Aunt Mag and Aunt Julia. She told her how *she would ride the stagecoach down to Pompey and Cardiff to visit her aunt and uncle*, who was a Blacksmith. She had left a trunk at her Aunt Julia's when she was a young girl. The trunk contained so much information about her family including a picture of her grandfather in his civil war uniform. She (Catherine) was only in her early twenties when her mother (Mary Agatha) died. Her father had died earlier when she was only a very young girl so she just never went back and got that trunk. She regretted it until the day she died. Her whole family history was in it.

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The Story of Denis and Catherine

According to the 1900 Cortland Co. Census, Kate Quigley emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland in 1860. Denis McGrath arrived in the US at the age of 22 according to his g-granddaughter or in about 1857 as determined from his age of 35 in the 1870 census. Kate married Denis McGrath on Nov. 13, 1861 at St. James Church in Cazenovia, Madison Co., NY. Witnesses were John Gorman and Johanna Gorman. The priest Bonaventure Carney performed the ceremony. This marriage record is the earliest record of Denis and Kate's presence in central New York.

On July 22, 1862 authority was given to raise the 122nd Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry. Co. K was recruited principally at Syracuse, Tully, Skaneateles and Cicero. They were mustered in the service of the United States for three years on August 28, 1862. One of the individuals in this unit was Private Denis McGrath.

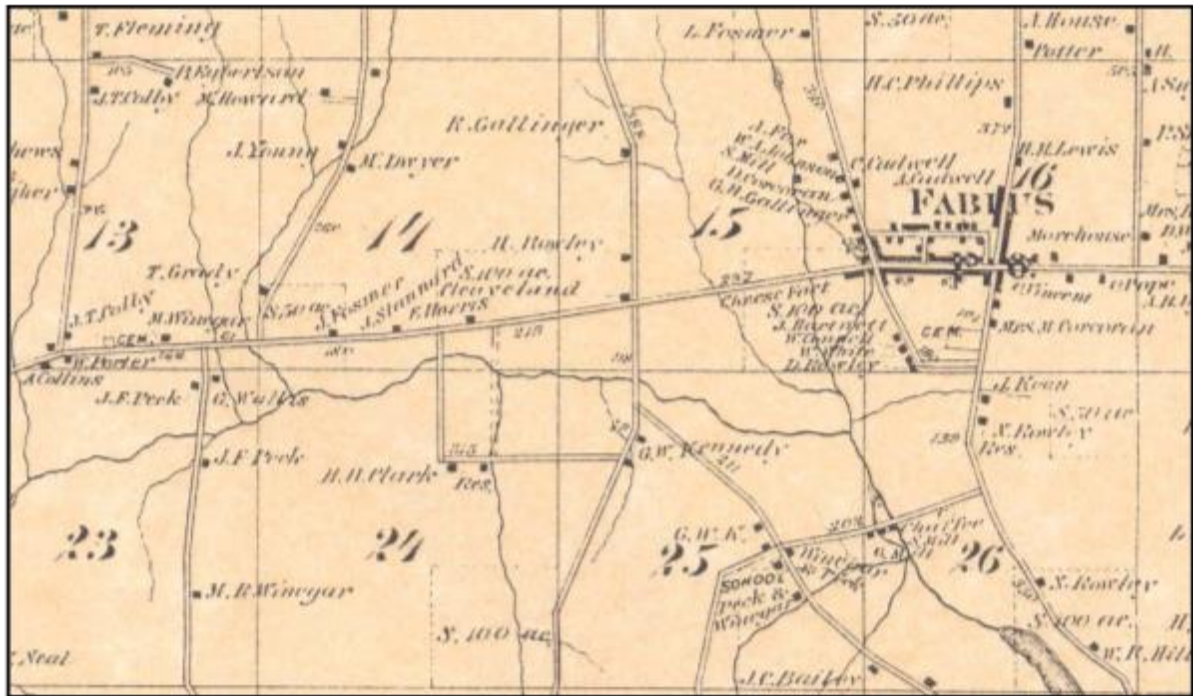
According to Denis' g-granddaughter, Mary Ficarra, in May of 1864 he was taken as a prisoner of war at the Rapidan River in Virginia during the Battle of the Wilderness and ended up at Andersonville and then Florence, So. Carolina. They moved some of the sickest prisoners to Florence because they feared General Sherman who was well on his way through Atlanta. After he received an honorable discharge on June 16, 1865, he came home a broken and very sick man. Mary's mother (Catherine Margaret) also told her children how her mother (Mary Agatha) told them that when Denis returned from the Civil War he could never sleep in a bed again and always slept on the floor. Denis ended up at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, where he died in May of 1871.

Their daughter Mary was born Dec. 25, 1864 and she was baptized on Jan. 16, 1865 at Pompey according to the St. James church records. The sponsors were Patrick and Catherine Hefferon (Heffernan?). The priest was P. C. Brady. There are no baptism records for their other children in the St. James records. At the time of the 1865 census Denis, Catherine and their 6 month old daughter Mary were living with the William Hamlin family in the town of Fabius. The census said that Catherine had given birth to 2 children, one of whom had apparently died in infancy.

At the time of the 1870 census Denis and Kate and their daughters Mary and Julia were residing on the west road out of the village of Fabius. After the death of her husband, Kate placed her three daughters into the St. Vincent's Orphanage in Syracuse from approximately November 1873 to November 1876. This was according to a bill from St. Vincent's to the town of Fabius Overseer of the Poor. Mary (12), Julia (7), and Margaret (4) McGrath were listed as inmates at St. Vincent's in the 1875 census. Also in the 6th Ward at the time of the 1875 census was a 38-year-old Ireland born widow by the name of Catherine McGraw, who was residing and doing "house work" in a hotel.

By 1880 Kate and her daughters were back together again and they were in Homer, NY. The family was living in a home on 2.62 acres of land that Kate had purchased from Orville Haight and his wife for \$550. In April 1885 Kate sold the Homer location and didn't purchase another house until October 1888. Where the family was living during the three years in between is not known. This new house, purchased in 1888, was in the city of Cortland at No. 3 Doubleday Street and cost her \$1,000. In 1891 Kate purchased a 122' x 10' strip of land adjacent to the north side of her Doubleday Street property for \$65, to enlarge her lot.

At the time of the 1892 NYS census Kate was still living at No. 3 Doubleday. Mary and Margaret, her oldest and youngest daughters, respectively, were both living elsewhere. At home was her middle daughter Julia who had married and was identified in the census as “A. S. Barber.” Also living there were Julia’s two children, Carrie (4) and Edward (3). Given the uncertainties in the 1892 census two additional persons might have also been living at No. 3 Doubleday. The census didn’t distinguish separate households and didn’t give any information on relationship and these following two persons were listed right after Kate’s family. Therefore T. Quigley (25) might have been related to the family, especially since Kate’s maiden name had been Quigley. Also J. Dobbins (32) might be the “John Dobbins,” age 2, who was a member of the family where Catherine was boarding in 1860.



1874 Map of the Town of Fabius

In the following paper the story of this family will be told by the paper trail that they left behind. These will include census records, land deeds, newspaper articles, cemetery records and a variety of other records. An attempt will be made to reconcile family lore with the records.

Denis McGrath and Catherine Quigley

Denis McGrath

b. 1835 Ireland
d. May, 1871, Rochester,
NY

1900 - Delaware Valley, NY
1905 - 1301 Grape St
1910 - 711 East Fayette
1914 - 315 S. Crouse Ave
1920 - 315 S Crouse Ave

1892 - At 3 Doubleday St,
Cortland, NY
1910 - 411 South West St
1915 - Unknown
1920 - 240 Gertrude St
1932 - 240 Gertrude St

1932 - Ft. William, Ontario,
Canada (Carrie)

1932 - Ft. William, Ontario,
Canada (Edward)

1905 - Single, living in
Webb, Herkimer Co.
1908 - Living in Cardiff, NY
1910 - Guilford, Chenango
1915 - Butternuts, Otsego
1920 - 317 S. Crouse, Syr
1925 - Manlius, NY
1930 - Manlius, NY

Catherine Quigley

b. Jan 1837 Ireland
Immigrated to US - 1860
mar. Nov. 13, 1861 at Cazenovia, NY
d. Aug 3, 1900, Cortland, NY

Unknown Child

d. prior to 1865

Mary Agatha McGrath

b. Dec. 25, 1864
bap. Jan. 16, 1865, Pompey, NY
mar. 1899
d. Jan. 24, 1924, Syracuse, NY
bur St Mary's Cem, DeWitt, NY

Julia L. McGrath

b. ~1866, NY
mar (1) abt 1887-8
mar (2) 1910
d. Dec 29, 1932, Syracuse, NY
bur St Joseph's Cem, Auburn, NY

Father of George is unknown

Margaret McGrath

b. ~1871, NY
mar (1) bet 1905 - 1908
mar (2) Oct 1909
d. May 21, 1936, Onondaga Co.
bur "No Burial?" at Fayetteville
Cem, Fayetteville, NY

Not in St Mary's Cem, Cortland, NY

Neither Denis nor Catherine were found
in any of the Find-A-Grave listings

Delancey Perry Nichols

b. 1868, NY
d. Mar 2, 1914, Syracuse, NY
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

Clarence Nichols

b. 1901, Newark Valley, NY

Katherine Nichols

b. 1902, Newark Valley, NY

Richard Nichols

b. Feb 17, 1905, Syracuse, NY
d. Mar 3, 1905, Syracuse, NY
bur Oakwood Cem, Syracuse, NY

Harry Nichols

b. 1906, Syracuse, NY

FNU Barber (1)

Might have died prior to 1892

Carrie Barber

b. 1888, NY

Edward Barber

b. 1889, NY

George Barber

b. 1907
d. Jan 27, 1910, Syracuse, NY

Cornelius Rice (2)

b. 1875, NY
mar abt 1910
d. Aug 21, 1934, Syracuse, NY
bur St Joseph's Cem, Auburn, NY

Anton Graff (1)

b. Mar 1866, Germany
To US in 1882
mar bet 1905 - 1908

Frank Hackett (2)

b. 1866, NY
mar Oct 1909
d. Jul 11, 1928, Fayetteville, NY
bur Fayetteville Cem, Fayetteville, NY

Where Are Denis and Catherine Buried?

The newspaper archive at the Fulton History site (over 50,000,000 pages) was searched and an obit for Catherine was found but none for Denis.

<https://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

The Cortland Evening Standard, Cortland, NY,
Saturday, August 4, 1900

—Mrs. Catharine McGrath died of apoplexy at her home, 3 Doubleday-st., last night at 8 o'clock, aged 61 years. The funeral will be held at her late home at 9 o'clock Monday morning and at 9:30 at St. Mary's church.

Since Catherine's funeral was held at St. Mary's Church, one would assume that she had been buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. However I searched the Find A Grave site for St. Mary's and I couldn't find a grave for Catherine or Denis. I contacted the cemetery directly and they informed me that the cemetery had 8000+ graves and they had all been entered into the Find A Grave database. I then spoke with Kate O'Connell of the Cortland Historical Society. It was Kate and her mother who had transcribed the gravestone inscriptions at St. Mary's and then submitted the data to the Find-A Grave folks. She then searched through the society's collection of obits and she couldn't find Catherine. Therefore it is safe to say that neither Catherine nor Denis (he was always a long shot) are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/66070/saint-mary's-cemetery>

The entire Find A Grave site was searched for all cemeteries and for all the spelling variations of the names and no individuals were found that might be this Denis and Catherine McGrath. <https://www.findagrave.com/>

As for Denis you might try the County Clerk for Rochester and see if they have a death "certificate" for him. That's a long shot since Denis died in 1872 and the state didn't start death registrations until 1880. "Starting in June 1880, New York required that village, town, and city registrars to record deaths. Copies of these deaths were then filed with the State Department of Health."

Census Records

Denis McGrath and Kate Quigley

The **1860** census records for the towns of Fabius and Pompey were searched page by page and no McGraws, McGraths or Quigleys were found.

The **1865** census for the town of Fabius is missing from the Ancestry.com collection. All three sections of the **1865** census for the town of Pompey were searched and there were no McGraws, McGraths, or Quigleys.

1865 NY Onondaga Fabius ED01 (from Familysearch.org) - June 1, 1865 was Census Day Res 143, Frame, \$1,000, Fam 143

William J. Hamlin, 33, Scotch-Irish, Mar once, Mar now, Farmer, Native, Formerly in Army

Rosetta S. Hamlin, 22, Wife, Penn, One child, Mar once, Mar now

Hattie E. Hamlin, 5, Child, Penn

Catherin Magrauh, 31, Domestic, Ireland, 2 children, Mar once, Mar now, Alien

Mary Magrauh, 6/12, Border, Onondaga

Denace Magrauh, 28, Border, Ireland, Mar once, Mar now, Farmer, Alien, Formerly in Army.

It appears that Catherine and Denis had a child before Mary who was no longer alive.

From the same 1865 census (on page 16), in reference to Denis McGrath's military record - Unit: 122 NY Regiment, Date first entering service: Aug 20th 1862 at rank of Private. 34 months of service. Discharged in good health, without wounds. "Prisoner of war for 7 months"

1870 NY Onondaga Fabius, M593-1060-207

Residence 122, Family 122

McGraw, Dennis, 35, Farm Laborer, IR

_____, **Kate**, 30, Keeping House, IR

_____, **Mary**, 5, NY

_____, **Julia**, 3, NY

The sequence of names in the 1870 census around Denis McGraw were as follows: Hiram Clark (119), Isaiah Rhodes (120), Angel Nye (121), **Denis McGraw (122)**, Arteus Cleveland (123), George Kennedy (124), Erskine Squares (125). Although Denis was not on the 1874 Fabius map, based on this census sequence, it is probable that in 1870 Denis was occupying the "E. Harris" farm on the west road out of Fabius.

1875 NY Cortland Homer ED03

30	354	Franked	400	367	Wm. Ryan	11 m	son	Onondaga	1		
31					Thos. Ryan	39 m		Ireland	1		Day Laborer
32					Margaret Ryan	35 f	Wife	Ireland	1		Keeping House
33					Stephen Ryan	15 m	son	Cortland	1		
34					Jam. Ryan	12 m	son	Cortland	1		
35					Mary Ryan	11 f	Daugh	Cortland	1		
36					Emma Ryan	10 f	Daugh	Cortland	1		
37					Thos. Ryan	8 m	son	Cortland	1		
38					John Ryan	6 m	son	Cortland	1		
39					Patsy Ryan	4 f	Daugh	Cortland	1		
40	356	Franked	1000	369	Levin Nash	66 m		Columbia	1		Farmer

The residence next to the Thomas Ryan family is vacant in the 1875 census. In 1880, Catherine McGrath and her three daughters were living there next to the Ryan family. All three 1875 Homer ED census districts were searched by hand and there were no McGraws or McGraths found. Even the "Mrs. McGraw" found on the 1876 town of Homer map (Lot 44) was not found.

Both ED's in the **1875** Fabius census were searched and there were no McGraws or McGraths. Catherine and her daughter were found in the 6th Ward of Syracuse in the 1875 census.

1880 Cortland Co., Town of Homer, T9-822-158B.

Kate McGraw, Self, W(idow), Female, W, 44, IRE, Keeping House, IRE, IRE

Mary McGraw, Dau, S, Female, W, 15, NY, IRE, IRE

Johanna McGraw, Dau, S, Female, W, 14, NY, IRE, IRE

Margeret McGraw, Dau, S, Female, W, 8, NY, IRE, IRE

We see that Denis must have died some time before the 1880 census (actually in May 1871). Johanna was probably the same person as the Julia from the 1870 census. At the time of the 1880 census Kate was also widowed and living with her in Homer with three females that were recorded as her daughters: Mary, Johanna and Margeret (sic).

Living next to the McGraw family was the Thomas Ryan family. They were the only other Irish family nearby – perhaps there was some relationship there. I searched Homer in the 1900 census and the Thomas Ryan family was no longer there. So far it hasn't been possible to connect these Ryans to any of the other Upperchurch Ryans in the tri-county area.

Thomas Ryan, Self, M, Male, W, 50, IRE, Laborer, IRE, IRE

Margeret Ryan, Wife, M, Female, W, 51, IRE, Keeping House, IRE, IRE

James Ryan, Son, S, Male, W, 19, NY, Blacksmith, IRE, IRE

Thomas Ryan, Son, S, Male, W, 14, NY, Laborer, IRE, IRE

Johnie Ryan, Son, S, Male, W, 12, NY, IRE, IRE

Patsy Ryan, Son, S, Male, W, 10, NY, IRE, IRE

1892 NY Cortlandville Cortland ED05

Kate McGraw, 55, Ireland, C

A. S. Barber, F, 25, US, C

Carrie Barber, 4, US, C

E. Barber, M, 3, US, C

T. Quigley, M, 27, US, C, Painter

J. Dobbins, M, 32, US, Engineer

Quigley and Dobbins might not be living with Kate McGraw. The 1892 census did not distinguish separate households and did not give relationships.

1900 Cortland Co., City of Cortland T623-1020-84A;

Residence 233, Family 256, 3 Doubleday Street, Rented

McGrath, Kate, Head, W, F, July 1839, 60, Widow, 2 children, 1 alive, IR, IR, IR

Barber, Carrie, granddaughter, W, F, Nov 1888, 11, S, NY, NY, NY

Barber, Edward, grandson, W, M, Dec 1889, 10, S, NY, NY, NY

Kate McGrath was living at 3 Doubleday St. (near Arthur Ave.) in the city of Cortland with her two grandchildren Carrie and Edward Barber. Strangely Kate claimed that she was the mother of two children and that only one of them was still alive at the time of the 1900 census (June 7, 1900). [This is wrong. Kate had three children, all daughters.] All three of her daughters

were still alive when they sold her Doubleday house in 1909. Kate immigrated in 1860 (40 years in U.S.). She spoke English but didn't read or write it. The census said that she rented her house despite the fact she had purchased it in 1888 and it remained in her possession, or that of her three daughters, after her death in August 1900, until it was sold in 1908.

Name		1860	1865	1870	1875	1880	1892	1900
Location			Fabius	Fabius	Syr WD06	Homer	Cortland	Cortland
Denis McGrath			28	35	d. 1871			
Kate McGrath			31	30	38	44	55	63
Children	Married Names							
Mary McGrath, b. 1865	(Nichols)		6/12	5	12	15		
Julia McGrath, b. 1867	(Barber, Rice)			3	7	14	25	
Margaret McGrath, b. 1872	(Graff, Hackett)				4	8		
Grandchildren								
Carrie Barber, b. 1888	granddaughter						4	11
Edward Barber, b. 1889	grandson						3	10

Where Were Denis and Catherine in 1860?

Dennis McGraw

1860 NY Onondaga Fabius

Searched entire town, page by page, and no one that could have been Denis McGrath was found.

1860 NY Onondaga Pompey

Searched entire town, page by page, and no one that could have been Denis McGrath was found.

1860 NY Albany West Troy WD04 - M653-722-202

Res No. 1216, Fam No. 1544

Michael McGraw, 59, Laborer, Ireland, Cannot R or W

Mary McGraw, 54, Ireland, Cannot R or W

Edward McGraw, 26, Laborer, Ireland, Cannot R or W

Dennis McGraw, 24, Carpenter, Ireland

Margaret McGraw, 18, Tailoress, Ireland

Eliza McGraw, 14, Ireland

Name	1860
Location	W. Troy, NY
Michael McGraw	59
Mary McGraw	54
Children	
Edward McGraw, b. 1834	26
Denis McGraw , b. 1836	24
Margaret McGraw, b. 1842	18
Eliza McGraw, b. 1846	14

1865 NY Albany Watervliet ED04

Res. 10, Wood, \$2,000, Fam 16

Michael McGrath, 60, Father, Ireland, Mar once, Mar now, Labor, Emp W. Troy, Naturalized

Mary McGrath, 60, Mother, Ireland, 6 children, Mar once, Mar now

Denis McGrath, 26, Child, Ireland, S, Carpenter, Emp W. Troy, Naturalized

Mary McGrath, 23, Child, Ireland, S, Dress Maker, Emp, W. Troy

Margaret McGrath, 22, Child, Ireland, S, ??, Emp W. Troy

Elizabeth McGrath, 18, Child, Ireland, S

The presence of this family, specifically Denis, still in the Albany area at the time of the 1865 census demonstrates that this Denis is **NOT** the one of interest in this paper.

The Albany County area was searched for this same family in the **1870** census and they were not found with either Michael or Mary as the head of the household. The individual children could not be found either, although the girls could have married which would have rendered them unfindable in the census without knowing their married names. Another Dennis McGrath was found in West Troy, Albany County. This Dennis had also married a woman named Catherine but they had a child who was 9 years old so they would have been married in

1865 when the other Dennis, son of Michael and Mary, was still living with his parents. And of course, neither can be the Denis who is the subject of this story.

1860 NY Ulster Kingston

91	938	Thomas Lebrary	30 M	Brucyman	871	1000	10						
92		Mary	24 F				10						
93		John	3 M				10						
94		Edward	1 M				10						
95		John Larkin	20 M	Laborey			10						
96		Michael Larkin	35 M	do			10						
97		Dennis McGrath	24 M	do			10						

There was a Dennis McGrath in the 1860 census for Kingston in Ulster County, NY. This could be our Denis since the age is right and he was born in Ireland. By traveling alone his family connections can't be used for identification purposes.

1870 NY Ulster Rondout Village

25		Margaret	19 F	Keppingham			do	1					
26		John	25 M	Boatman			do	1					
27		Harris	17 M	do			do	1					
28	482	McGrath Dennis	30 M	do			do	1					
29		Catherine	22 F	Keppingham			do	1					
30		John	12 M				New York	1					

There is still a Dennis McGrath in Ulster County at the time of the 1870 census. If he is the same Dennis from the 1860 census he has only aged 6 years between the censuses. However, census ages are notoriously inaccurate. Since he is in Ulster County in 1870 **he can't be** the Denis of interest in this paper but he did marry a Catherine.

The McGraw Family of Butchers in Albany, NY

1855 NY Albany Albany WD09

Res 526 Frame \$500, Fam 936

- John McGraw**, 26, Ireland, M, 7 yrs, Butcher, Naturalized, Alien?, Owner of land
- Catherine McGraw, 25, Wife, Ireland, M, 7 yrs, Alien
- Michael McGraw, 3, Child, Albany, 3 yrs
- Riter? McGraw, 10/12, Child (Male), Albany, 11/12 yrs
- Mary Hunt, 24, Servant, Ireland, 1 yrs, Alien
- John Sherlock, 27, Servant, Ireland, Alien

Res 527 Frame \$500, Fam 937

- Daniel McGraw**, 54, Ireland, M, 3 yrs, Butcher, Naturalized, Alien?, Owner of land
- Catherine McGraw, 52, Wife, Ireland, M, 3 yrs, Alien
- Daniel McGraw, 21, Child, Ireland, 3 yrs, Butcher, Naturalized, alien?
- Michael McGraw, 18, Child, Ireland, 3 yrs, Butcher, Alien
- Dennis McGraw, 16, Child, Ireland, 3 yrs, Butcher, Alien

1860 NY Albany Albany WD09

18	157	257	Daniel Mc. Gray	57	M	Butchery	800	700	do								18
19			Catherine "	54	F				do								19
20			Dennis "	24	M				do								20

This Denis (b. 1840) was not found in Albany in 1865 or 1870. In 1865 Daniel was still living in the 9th Ward of Albany but his son Dennis was not found in Albany. This family was found in the immigration records and they arrived in NYC in July 1851 (See "Immigration Records" section of this paper). The reason that this is probably not the Fabius Denis McGrath is that the Fabius Denis never demonstrated any butchering skills and his Army enlistment papers listed his parents as Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan.

1860 NY Ulster Kingston

21	938		Thomas Robinson	30	M	Ironman	800	1000	100								21
22			Mary "	24	F				100								22
23			John "	3	M				100								23
24			Edward "	1	M				100								24
25			John Larkin	20	M	Laborer			100								25
26			Michael Curran	35	M	St			100								26
27			Dennis McGraw	24	M	St			100								27

This Dennis McGraw (b. 1836) was not found in Kingston in 1865 or 1870.

Catherine Quigley

1860 NY Cortland Homer

Res 560, Fam 567

Edmond Dobin, 30, Farmer, Real Est \$1000, Per Est \$600, Ireland

Margaret Dobin, 27, Ireland

John Dobin, 2, New York

Edmond Dobin, 7/12, New York

Catharine Quigley, 25, Ireland [born 1835]

This might our Catherine Quigley, since she is of the right age and was born Ireland. Curiously, in 1892, there was a 32-year-old “J. Dobbins” living at Kate’s home at No. 3 Doubleday Street, Cortland, NY. This person would have been born in about 1860. In the 1860 census above, there is a “John Dobbin” who would have been born in 1858 — it could be the same person.

According to the 1900 census Catherine Quigley came to the US in 1860 and here is a possible candidate. How did Denis and Catherine meet? Since they married in 1861 it could be assumed that they met soon after she arrived — also assuming that they hadn’t met previously back in Ireland. Therefore it might be assumed that Denis was residing nearby Catherine’s residence in 1860. The 1860 census for the town of Homer was searched page by page (112 images) and no Denis McGrath was found.

Another Catherine Quigley

1855 NY Onondaga Fabius ED01

Enumerator - Nathan Abbott

Pg 6, Res 43, Framed, \$200, Fam 43

Harrison H. Hamilton, 28, Chenango Co, M, 22 yrs, Farming, Native, Owns land

Eteila(?) Hamilton, 26, Wife, Cortland Co, M, 4 yrs

Denis Carr, 24, Laborer, Ireland, M, 2 yrs, Farming, Alien

Edmond Shea, 19, Laborer, Ireland, 3 yrs, Farming, Alien

Catherine Quigley, 20, Domestic, Ireland, ½ yrs, Alien [born 1835]

Could these two Catherines be the same person?

Irish Records

Denis McGrath

It has been assumed that Denis McGrath had come from Co. Tipperary in Ireland. In the area around Pompey and Fabius in Onondaga County there were many families and individuals who had come from the area around Upperchurch parish, Co. Tipperary.

His first verifiable appearance in the US records was his 1861 marriage to Kate Quigley at St. James Church in Cazenovia, Madison County, NY. At that early time several of the churches around St. James were considered missions and the people went to St. James for baptisms and marriages.

The following baptisms were the only Denis McGraths of the proper age that could be found in the area of Co. Tipperary. Neither of these records contained a place of residence, i.e. a townland. Therefore it isn't possible to trace either of these families in the land records of the time.

Thurles Parish - Baptism Records

John McGrath = Margaret Collins

Denis McGrath - Mar 1, 1835

John McGrath - Mar 1, 1835

Ballycahill and Holycross Parish - Baptism Records

Michael McGrath = Mary Ryan

Denis McGrath - Jun 11, 1835

The parishes of Clonoulty, Drom & Inch, and Upperchurch & Drombane were also searched and there were no other Denis McGraths which fit the profile. There were also no other Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan couples. Michael and Mary either had only one child or left Ireland before having any other children.

The Irish Naming Convention

Not everyone follows this convention but in the 1800 it was followed fairly close. In brief the first son and daughters are named after the paternal grandparents. The second son and daughter are named after the maternal grandparents. Denis and Kate McGrath had sons and three daughters who were named Mary, Julia (Johanna), and Margaret. This naming of the first daughter Mary might be looked upon evidence, although very weak evidence, that Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan were Denis' parents. If this is true then it points to Kate Quigley's mother being Julia or Johanna. Interesting, but not compelling.

**Catherine Quigley
Borrisoleigh Parish - Baptism Record**

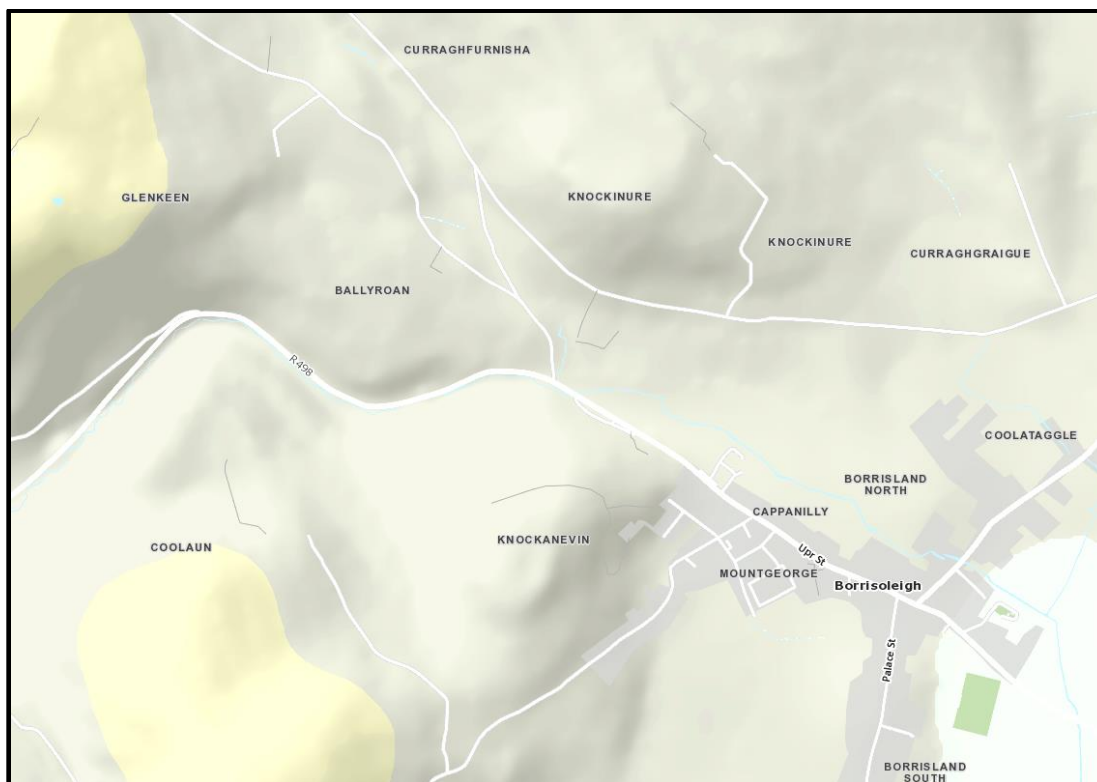
November 1838

1	John of Mick Ryan and Margaret Carroll Opp: Bernaby Ryan and Cath. Kinnedy Glasbrada
4	Thos. of Patk Carroll and Man. Stapleton Opp: Rich Stapleton and Eliza Stapleton Borris
9	Man of John Shea and Anniah Kearns Opp: Stephen Kinnedy and Mary Kearns Currittal
9	Catherin Patk Quigley and Kitty Ryan Opp: Jas. Fitzpatrick and Judy Rinehan Ballisroon

Borrisoleigh RC parish, Co. Tipperary. Catharine was baptized on Nov 9, 1838. Catharine's parents were Patrick Quigley and Kitty Ryan. They were living in the townland of Ballisroon (Ballyraun); in Glenkeen civil parish, just northeast of the village of Borrisoleigh.

It cannot be known with certainty that this Catharine Quigley is the same person who married Denis McGrath in 1861. However, it is possible to find out more about where this Quigley family lived in Ireland. The table below, from Griffith's Valuation, displays the occupiers of the townland Ballyroan in about 1850. There was a Patrick Quigley who occupied a house and a very small garden. Anne Quigley is most likely a relative to Patrick, perhaps his mother. Both Quigley's are leasing from James Ryan who might be related to Patrick's wife, Kitty Ryan.

BALLYROAN. (Ord. S. 34.)								
1 A		William Laffan, . . .	Martin Laffan, . . .	Land,	7 0 33	4 10 0	—	4 10 0
- B	a	William Laffan, . . .	Martin Laffan, . . .	House, offices, and land,	16 3 22	13 10 0	1 10 0	15 0 0
- A	a	Anne Brien, . . .	William Laffan, . . .	House,	—	—	0 10 0	0 10 0
- B	b	Mary Dwyer, . . .	William Laffan, . . .	House and garden,	0 0 27	0 3 0	0 5 0	0 8 0
2		John Laffan, . . .	Martin Laffan, . . .	House, offices, and land,	41 1 29	23 10 0	4 5 0	27 15 0
3 A		Philip Carroll, . . .	Martin Laffan, . . .	Land,	3 2 24	3 0 0	—	3 0 0
- B		Philip Carroll, . . .	Martin Laffan, . . .	Land,	9 2 25	7 0 0	—	7 0 0
- A	a	Patrick Quigley, . . .	James Ryan, . . .	House and garden,	0 0 34	0 8 0	0 5 0	0 8 0
-	b	Anne Quigley, . . .	James Ryan, . . .	House,	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
Total, . . .					79 1 4	51 16 0	7 0 0	58 16 0



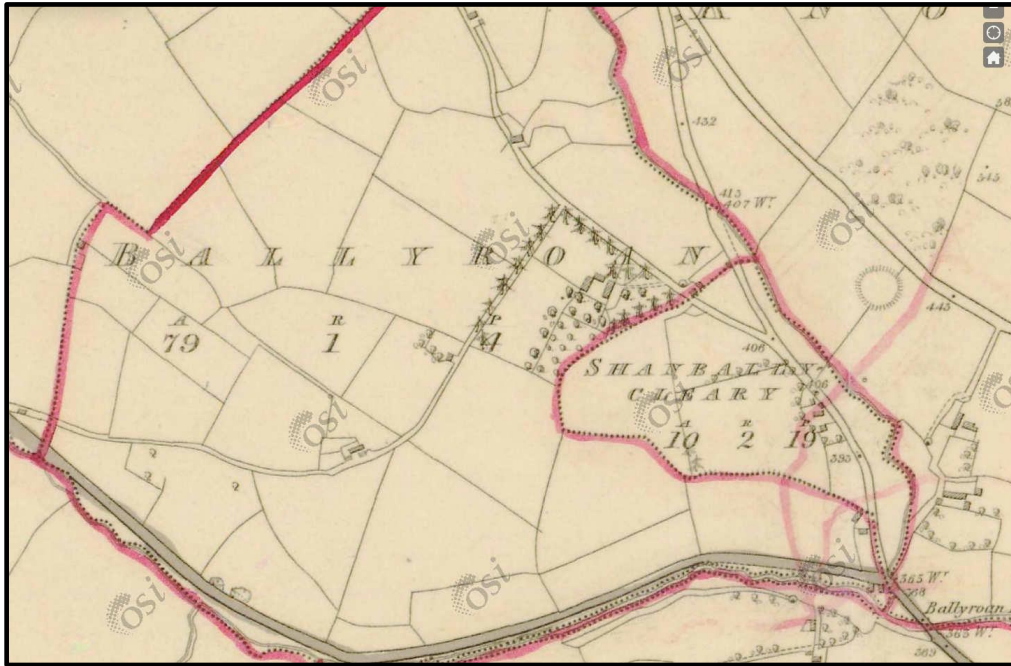
This map shows the location of the townland of Ballyroan, in the civil parish of Glenkeen, relative to the village of Borrisoleigh.

Summary

The original assumption was that Denis and Catherine had both come from the central portion of Co. Tipperary. This was based only on the large number of other Irish immigrants from that area who had already settled in central NY. Denis and Catherine appear to be lone immigrants who are notoriously difficult to trace back to Ireland. What has been shown in this section of the paper has been a demonstration of the methodology for searching the Irish records to determine a point of origin. As the information on the family in the US grows, it is always hoped that a clue will show up that will assist the search back in Ireland.

One such clue showed up in the 1930 census record for Margaret Hackett. In that record Margaret stated that both of her parents had been born in Northern Ireland. This was a distinction that didn't exist until the civil war in Ireland in the early 1920s. Another clue, a rather subtle one, can be found in the 1865 census for the town of Fabius. The census enumerators employed in the mid-19th century were sometimes lacking in handwriting and spelling skills which present a real challenge to the census indexers — not to mention those of us looking for our ancestors. However, in this particular case — 1865 Fabius — Deforest W. Glass might have done us a favor. His hand writing was among the best I've seen in my years of reading census records, but he wrote down the names according to how they sounded to him. For example, Edmond Ryan became "Edman Rion" at the hand of Mr. Glass. For Denis McGrath it became "Denace Magrauh."

In that spelling is a possible clue to Denis' point of origin in Ireland. The sound that Mr. Glass heard is indicative of the harsher Northern Ireland accent — acquired from the Scots who came to Northern Ireland during the plantations of the 1600s. A southern Ireland accent would have caused Mr. Glass to write something such as "Magra."



The map above is an Ordnance Survey map that was constructed in the early 1840s to assist in the Griffith Valuation. The entire townland of Ballyroan is only 79 acres. The cluster of buildings surrounded by trees is probably occupied by the Laffin family who owned (were the “Immediate Lessors”) most of the land in the townland. The other folks most likely occupied the four other structures scattered around the townland.



This modern image (2017) of the townland of Ballyroan shows that many of the field structures appearing in the 1840s OS map above can still be identified today.

Immigration Records

NY Passenger Lists 1820-1891 - from LDS

Birth Years: 1830 - 1842

Date	Name	Age	Born (Est.)	Ship	Comment
Apr 14, 1859	Denis McGrath	22	1837, Ireland	Lucy Thompson	Upper deck
Nov 13, 1854 - Dec 14, 1854	Denis McGrath	20	1834, Ireland	Lockmaten Castle	Male Laborer
	Michael McGrath	7	1847, Ireland		Male Scholar
	Peggy McGrath	4	1850, Ireland		F M Scholar
Jan 24 1853 - Mar 8, 1853	Denis McGrath	19	1834, Ireland	Sailor American	Male Laborer
Oct 17, 1854 - Nov 11, 1854	Dennis McGrath	20	1834, Ireland	Jeremiah Thompson	Laborer
Jan 19, 1854 - Apr 3, 1854	Dennis McGrath	20	1834, Ireland	Queen of the West	Male Laborer
	James McGrath	20	1834, Ireland		Male Laborer
Jun 10 1856 - Jun 30, 1856	David McGrath	19	1837, Ireland	Singapore	Male Laborer
	Dennis McGrath	22	1834, Ireland		Male Laborer
Jun 24, 1855 - Jul 20, 1855	Honora McGrath	20	1835, Ireland	Aurora	Female Domestic
	Dennis McGrath	25	1830, Ireland		Male Laborer
Oct 17, 1854 - Nov 11, 1854	Dennis McGrath	15	1839, Ireland	Columbus	Male Laborer
	Mary McGrath	15	1839, Ireland		Female Len?
Jul 1, 1851 - Jul 16, 1851 (Settled in Albany WD09, NY)	Daniel McGrath	50	1801, Ireland	America	Victualler
	Catharine McGrath	50	1801, Ireland		
	Thomas McGrath	21	1830, Ireland		Butcher
	Daniel McGrath	18	1833, Ireland		Butcher
	Michael McGrath	13	1838, Ireland		
	Dennis McGrath	11	1840, Ireland		
Apr 1, 1852 - Apr 23, 1852	Dennis McGrath	16	1836, Ireland	Siddons	Male Laborer
Jun 1, 1855 - Jun 23, 1855	Dennis McGrath	25	1830, Ireland	Guy Manny	Unreadable
	Winifred McGrath	15	1840, Ireland		Same as above

The list above was assembled from the immigration records for New York City assuming that most of the Irish that settled in the New York area entered the country from this port. The search was limited to birth years 1830-1842. This produced 11 individuals named Dennis McGrath, some of who were lone travelers and others who traveled with similarly surnamed individuals. The Dennis McGrath of interest in this paper was probably a lone traveler since no other siblings or parents have been found in researching him. This lack of associations makes lone travelers the hardest to identify since the immigration lists contain very little information.

Mary McGrath Nichols

Census Records

1892 NY Cortland Cortlandville ED07

Duane E. Call, 39, US, C, Coal Dealer

Mary H. Call, 36, US, C

Lithary M. Call (Female), 17, US, C

George D. Blanchard, 21, US, C, Bookkeeper

Mary A. McGrath, 28, US, C, Servant

Mary McGrath was living on her own in 1892. The census had no addresses. Her mother, Catherine McGrath was living at No. 3 Doubleday Street (Later No. 4 Brown Ave.) in ED05.

1900 NY Tioga Newark Valley Village

Res 238, Fam 239, Rents home

Delancey Nichols, Head, Dec 1868, 31, M, 1 yr, NY, NY, NY, Woodworker

Mary Nichols, Wife, July 1868, 31, M, 1 yr, 0, 0, NY, IR, IR

“I know that when my grandmother Mary Agatha McGrath married Delancey Perry Nichols they moved to Newark Valley where my mother and her brother were born in 1900 and 1901. They then left Newark Valley and moved to Syracuse on Irving Avenue where my grandfather was a carpenter for the Elgin Simons Furniture Factory. He died when my mother was around 12 of Tuberculosis.” - Mary Ficarra

1905 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD18 ED04

Fam 1301 (This is actually the family's address)

Delancy Nichols, Head, 36, US

Mary Nichols, Wife, 37, US

Clarence Nichols, Son, 4, US

Catherine Nichols, Daughter, 3, US

No address for the Nichols was found in the census, but the following obituary shows that the family was living at 1801 Grape Street in Syracuse.

The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY,
Monday, March 6, 1905

Richard Nichols, the 14-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. DeLancy Nichols, died on March 3 at 1801 Grape-st., and was buried in Oakwood cemetery.

Richard Nichols

BIRTH Feb 1905, Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY

DEATH 4 Mar 1905 (aged 0–1 months), Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY

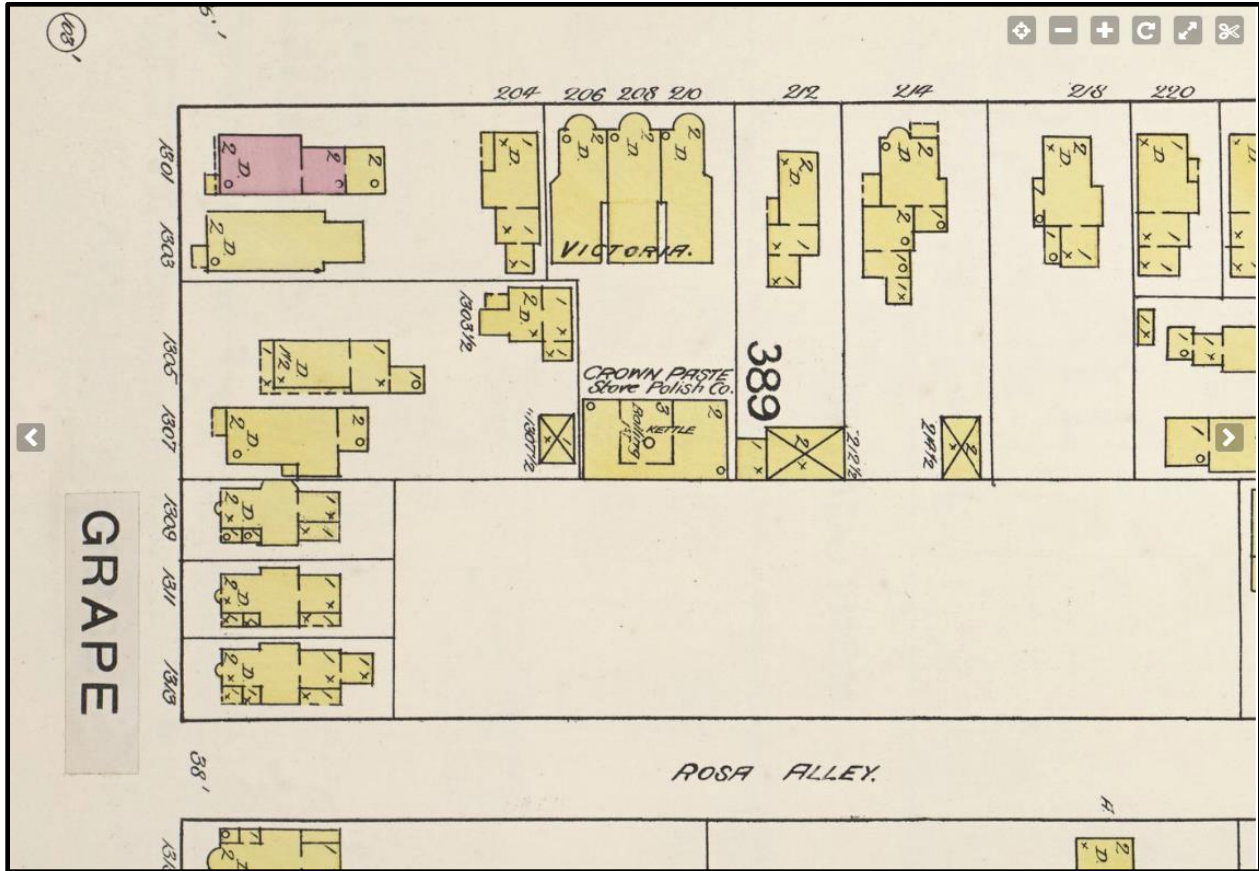
BURIAL Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY

PLOT Section 51, Lot 190

He was a son of Delancy and Mary McG. Nichols.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97861793/richard-nichols>

Nichols Home in 1905



1301 S. Grape St (later S. Townsend and then Oakwood) - 1892 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. North is pointing up and 1301 is on the southeast corner of the intersection of Van Buren St. (running east and west at the top of the map) and Grape St.

1910 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD16

711 East Fayette St, Rents Home Res 45, Fam 67

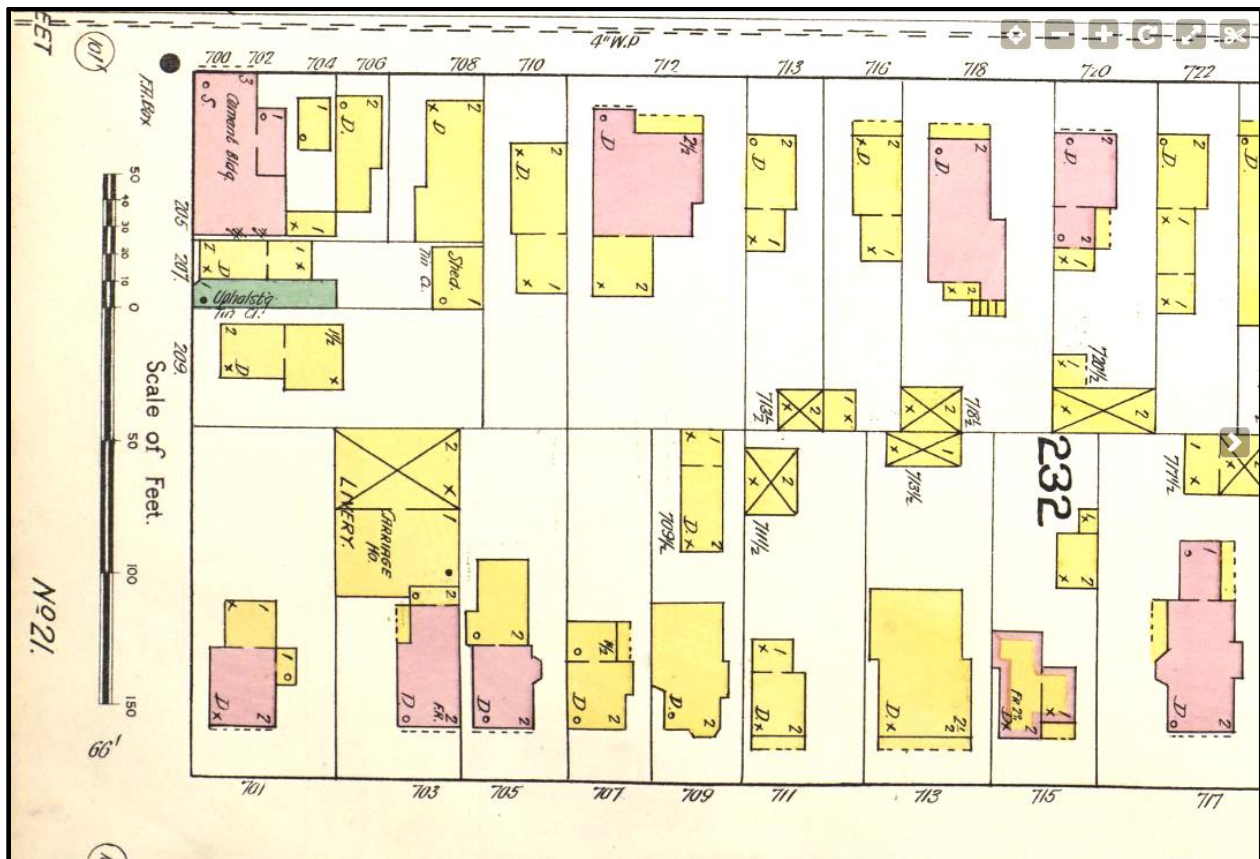
Delancy P. Nichols, Head, 42, M2, M10 yrs, NY, NY, NY, House, House

Mary Nichols, Wife, 43, M1, M10 yrs, 4, 3, NY, IR, IR, House work, Out

Clarence Nichols, Son, 9, S, NY, NY, NY, None, Attended school

Katherine Nichols, Daughter, 8, S, NY, NY, NY, None, Attended school

Harry Nichols, Son, 4, S, NY, NY, NY, None



1892 Sanborn fire Insurance Map - north is pointing up. Almond Street is running north and south (along the distance scale). East Fayette Street is running east and west along the bottom of the map. The Nichols family was living at No. 711.

1914

“Delancy P. Nichols, 47, of 315 South Crouse avenue, died Mar. 2nd. Mr. Nichols was employed as a carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Nichols; by two sons, Clarence and Harry Nichols; by a daughter, Miss Catherine Nichols; by three brothers, Willis, Frank, and Lewis Nichols; and by a sister, Mrs. Hattie M. Reed. Funeral services were at St. Lucy's Church.”

From the Syracuse Herald Mar. 3, 1914

“Note: NY State Census records show he was admitted to the Onondaga County Almshouse on Feb. 1, 1914 as suffering from tuberculosis.” [[in the Death section of the 1915 census???]]

Delancy P. Nichols

BIRTH 1868, Madison County, New York, USA

DEATH 2 Mar 1914 (aged 45–46), Onondaga County, New York, USA

BURIAL Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, USA

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/159748047/delancy-p.-nichols>



Delancy P. Nichols' gravestone in St. Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

1915 census - Mary, Clarence and Katherine Nichols not found. Henry (Harry) Nichols was staying with his aunt Margaret Hackett in Butternuts in Otsego County, NY.

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD16 Dist 0200

315 S. Crouse Ave, Res 172, Fam 281

Mary Nichols, Head, 55, Wd, NY, IR, IR, Inspector, Can Factory

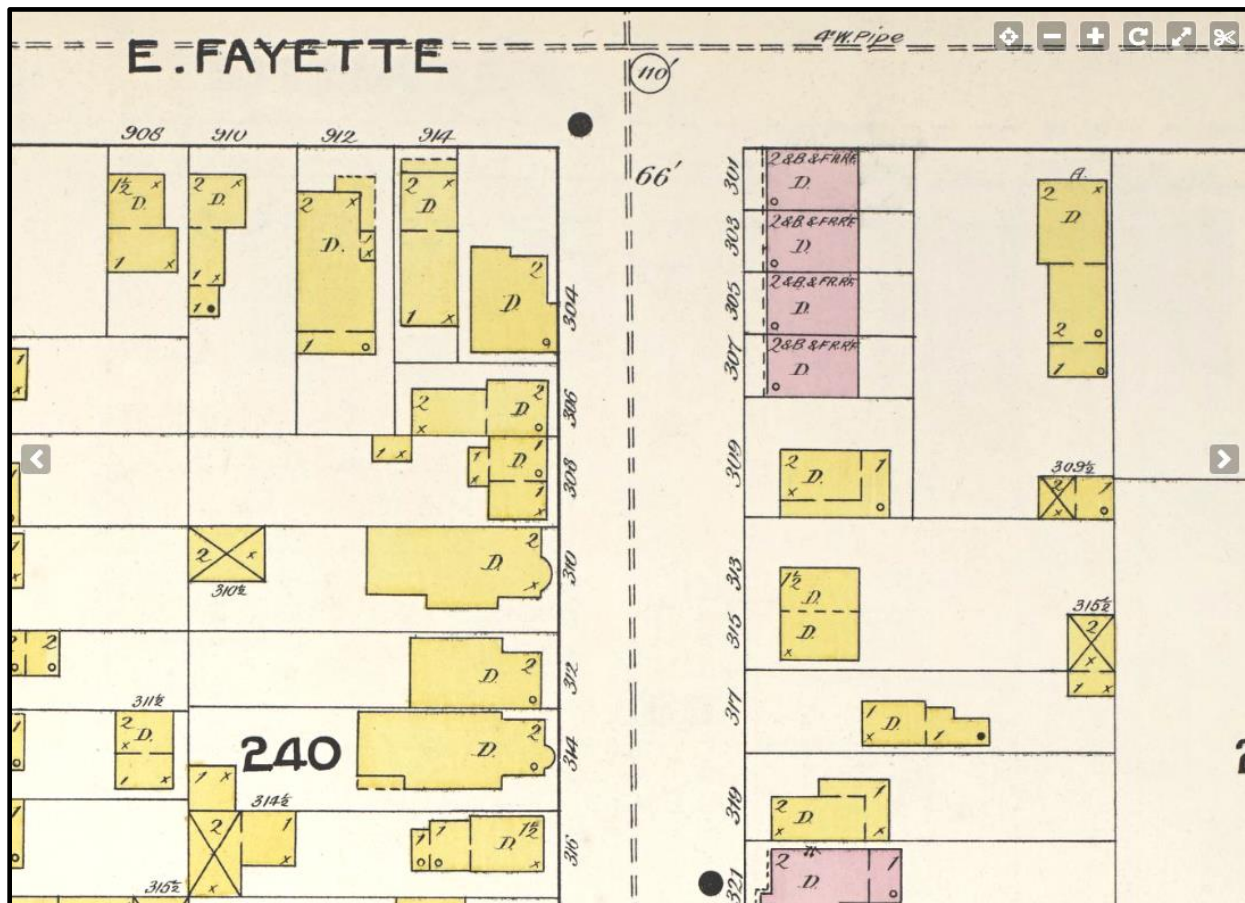
Clarence Nichols, Son, 19, S, NY, NY, NY, Gard Clerk, Steam Railroad

Catherine M. Nichols, Daughter, 18, S, NY, NY, NY, Operator, Telephone

Henry J. Nichols, Son, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Raymond Eggelston, Lodger, 30, Wd, NY, NY, NY, Cook, Restaurant

Living next door to the Nichols family is the Hackett family. Frank and Margaret Hackett. Margaret is Mary Nichol's youngest sister. Mary died on January 24, 1924 and is buried in St Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, NY.



1892 Sanborn map showing 315 South Crouse Ave, where Mary Nichols was living. North is pointing up.

Mary A. Nichols

BIRTH 1866

DEATH 1924 (aged 59–60)

BURIAL Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, Onondaga County, New York, USA

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/20547195/mary-a.-nichols>



Mary A Nichols' gravestone in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, NY

1925 Census

Clarence Nichols was married to 25 year-old Anna (Germany) and they had a daughter Rita Marie (150 days old). They were living at 210 Seneca St in the 11th Ward of Syracuse.

Catherine Nichols was boarding at 222 Coolidge St in the 13th Ward of Syracuse.

Harry J. Nichols was living with his Aunt Julia Rice at 240 Gertrude Street in the 5th Ward.

1930 NY Onondaga Solvay Dist 150

500 Scarborough, Res 134, Fam 186, Rents, \$50/mo, Has a radio

Henry J. Lynch, Head, 31, M @ 29, NY, NY, IR (Free State), Office Clerk, Freight Office

Catherine Lynch, Wife, 28, M @ 26, NY, NY, NY, None

Philip Lynch, Son, 7/12, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Harry J. Nichols, Brother-in-law, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Printer, Newspaper.

By **1940**, Harry Nichols was in the US Army Air Corps at Mitchel field in Hempstead, NY

Julia McGrath Barber Rice

Julia appeared in the 1880 census for the town of Homer in Cortland County with her mother and sisters. By 1892 Julia was married but she appeared in the Cortland census with her mother Catherine and her two children Carrie (4) and Edward (3), but without her husband. Then she disappears from the census records for a while. In 1900 Carrie and Edward Barber were still living with their grandmother at 3 Doubleday Street in Cortland.

Census Records

1892 NY Cortlandville Cortland ED05

Kate McGraw, 55, Ireland, C

A. S. Barber, F, 25, US, C

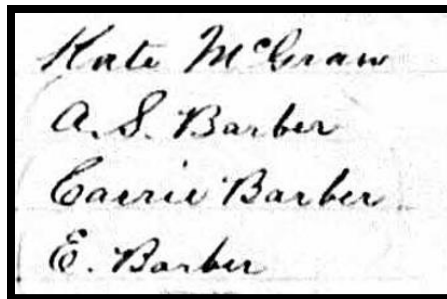
Carrie Barber, 4, US, C

E. Barber, M, 3, US, C

T. Quigley, M, 27, US, C, Painter

J. Dobbins, M, 32, US, Engineer

Quigley and Dobbins might not be living with Kate McGraw. The 1892 census did not distinguish separate households and did not give relationships. It is curious as to why Julia chose to go by the initials "A.S." In another record she was listed as Julia L.



Excerpt from the 1892 NYS census for Cortland.

No record has been found of Julia's marriage, her husband Barber's first name, or what happened to him. She was married to Barber about 1887-8. In the 1911 census she listed her marital status as "widow." A search of the Fulton History newspaper archive did not find an obit for an appropriate Barber candidate — time frame: 1887-1892. The Find-A-Grave database didn't produce an appropriate Barber candidate — time frame was 1885-1895.

1900 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD14 Dist 0136

E. Fayette St, Kingsley Hotel

Fam 289, Rents home

Julia Barber, Head, Apr 1873, 27, M, 6 yrs, 0/0, NY, IR, IR, Table Waiter

Josie Donahue, Roomer, May 1879, 21, S, NY, NY, IR, Table Waiter

This cannot be the correct Julia Barber. The daughter of Dennis and Catherine was born in 1866, she was married in about 1887 and she had two children who later out lived her. In 1910 another "young" Julia Barber was found who did turn out to be the daughter of Denis and Catherine McGrath. Perhaps this 1900 Julia is the same one as the 1910 Julia and she is trying to cover up her past by knocking 8 years off her age, and her marriage and pretending her children don't exist — which from their point of view is the case with their mother.

1900 NY Cayuga Auburn WD03 Dist 0005

45 Clark Street, Res 114, Fam 144

Cornelius Rice, Boarder, Aug No Yr, 27, S, NY, IR, IR, Fireman Safety Engineer

James Rice, Boarder, Oct No Yr, 19, S, NY, IR, IR, Help Machine Shop

1905 census - No Julia Barber found. Not in village of Cortland - searched page by page. No 3 Brown Ave (formerly No. 3 Doubleday Street) was in Ward 1, ED 01 in the 1905 census for the village of Cortland. This residence, the former home of Catherine McGrath, was owned by her three daughters but none of them were occupying the residence at the time of the 1905 census.

1905 NY Cayuga Auburn WD08 ED02

14 South Division Street

Alice Rice, Head, 51, Ireland, 45 years in US, Cit, Housework

Cornelius T. Rice, Son, 30, US, Cit, RR Brakeman [Julia's future husband]

John Rice, Son, 27, US, Cit, RR Brakeman

James Rice, Son, 23, US, Cit, RR Brakeman

William Rice, Son, 21, US, Cit, Machinist

Bella Rice, Daughter, 17, US, Cit, House? painter

James Rice, Jr., Grandson, 3, US, Cit

1910 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD11 Dist 0143 - Census Day April 15, 1910

411 South West Street, Res 17, Fam 32, Rents home

Julia Rice, Head, 34, Wd, NY, IR, IR, No occupation [b. 1876]

Cornelius Rice, Roomer, 35, S, NY, IR, IR, brakeman railroad

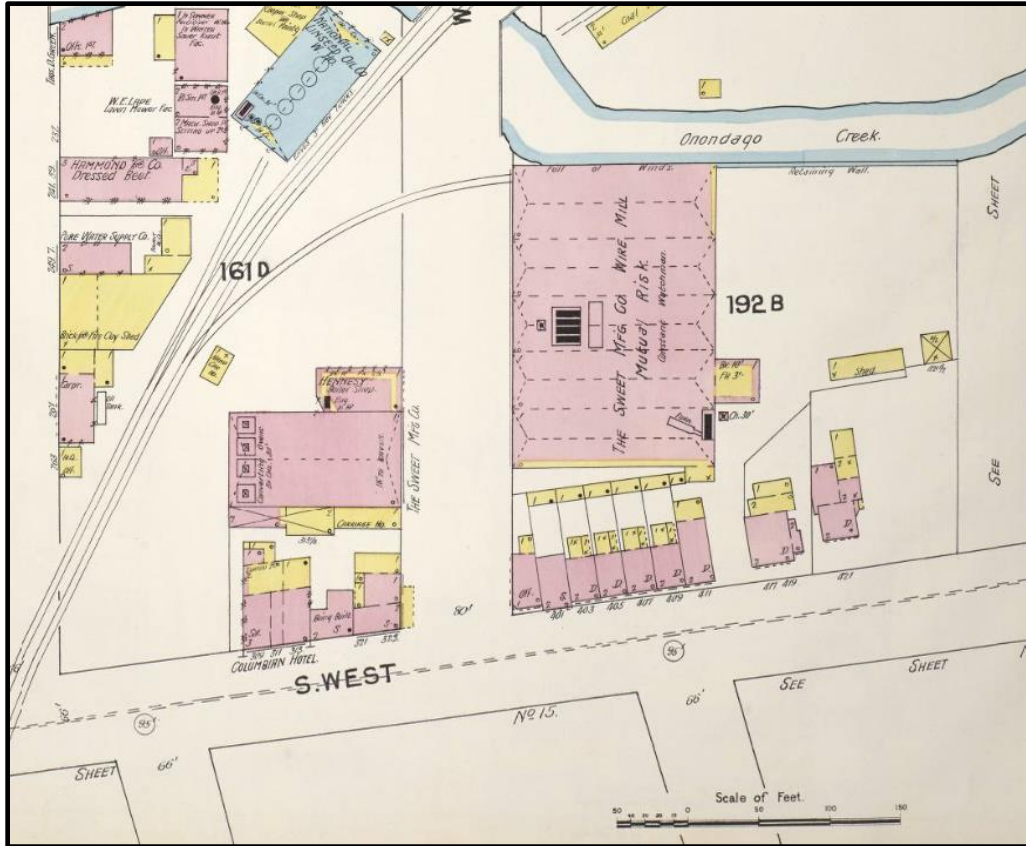
On Thursday, January 28, 1910, George Barber, age 2 years, 3 months, son of Mrs. Julia Barber of No. 411 South West Street died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children as a result, it is claimed of having swallowed a quantity of oil of wintergreen. Less than three month later Julia's last name was listed as Rice by the census enumerator.

Julia McGrath Barber was born in 1866 and in 1910 she would have been 44 years old, as opposed to the age of 34 which appears in the 1910 census. This might bring into question the identification of this Julia as the daughter of Denis and Kate McGrath. However, the following obit removes that doubt.

The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY,
Friday, December 30, 1932

Mrs. Cornelius Rice — Services for Mrs. Julia Barber Rice, wife of Cornelius Rice, 240 Gertrude st., who died yesterday at Crouse- Irving Hospital, where she had been a patient four weeks, will take place at the rooms of Burns & O'Brien Monday at 9 o'clock and half an hour later in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery, Auburn. Surviving are her husband; a son, Edward Barber; a daughter, Miss Cary Barber, both of Fort William, Ont.; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Hackett, and two nieces and two nephews.

Julia's husband, Cornelius Rice, died in 1934 and he was also buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn, NY. The reason for the connection to Auburn is that Cornelius' family is from that area. As for the surviving nieces and nephews, they can all be accounted for with the exception of one niece. By process of elimination this missing niece should be a daughter of Margaret Graff or Hackett. However Margaret had no known children.



This 1892 Sanborn map shows 411 South West Street where Julia Barber/Rice was living. North is pointing to the left.

1915 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD11 AD02 ED01 - includes South West Street
Neither Cornelius nor Julia Rice found at 411 South West Street.

1915 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD05 AD03 ED02 - includes Gertrude Street
Neither Cornelius nor Julia Rice found at 240 Gertrude Street.

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD05 Dist 0134
240 Gertrude St (Rear) Res 49, Fam 59, Rents
Thomas C. Rice, Head, 45, M, NY, IR, IR, Machinist, Gear Co.
Julia Rice, Wife, 42, "W", NY, IR, IR, Machine worker, Can Co.

1925 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD05 AD03 ED02
240 Gertrude St
Cornelius S Rice, Head, 49, US, Cit, Hydrant Mfg
Julia Rice, Wife, 49, US, Cit, Housework
Harry J. Nichols, Nephew, 19, US, Cit, Grocery clerk

1930 NY Onondaga Syracuse Dist 0040

240 Gertrude St, Rents \$16/mo

Cornelius F. Rice, Head, 52, M, Mar @ 32, NY, IR, IR, Construction Worker, Construction Co.

Julia Rice, Wife, 52, M, Mar @ 32, NY, IR, IR, No occupation

This census indicates that Clarence and Julia married in about 1910, which is consistent with the information available in the 1910 census. Julia Rice died on December 29, 1932. Cornelius Rice died on August 21, 1934.

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn, Cayuga County, New York

6020 Lake Ave, Auburn, NY 13021

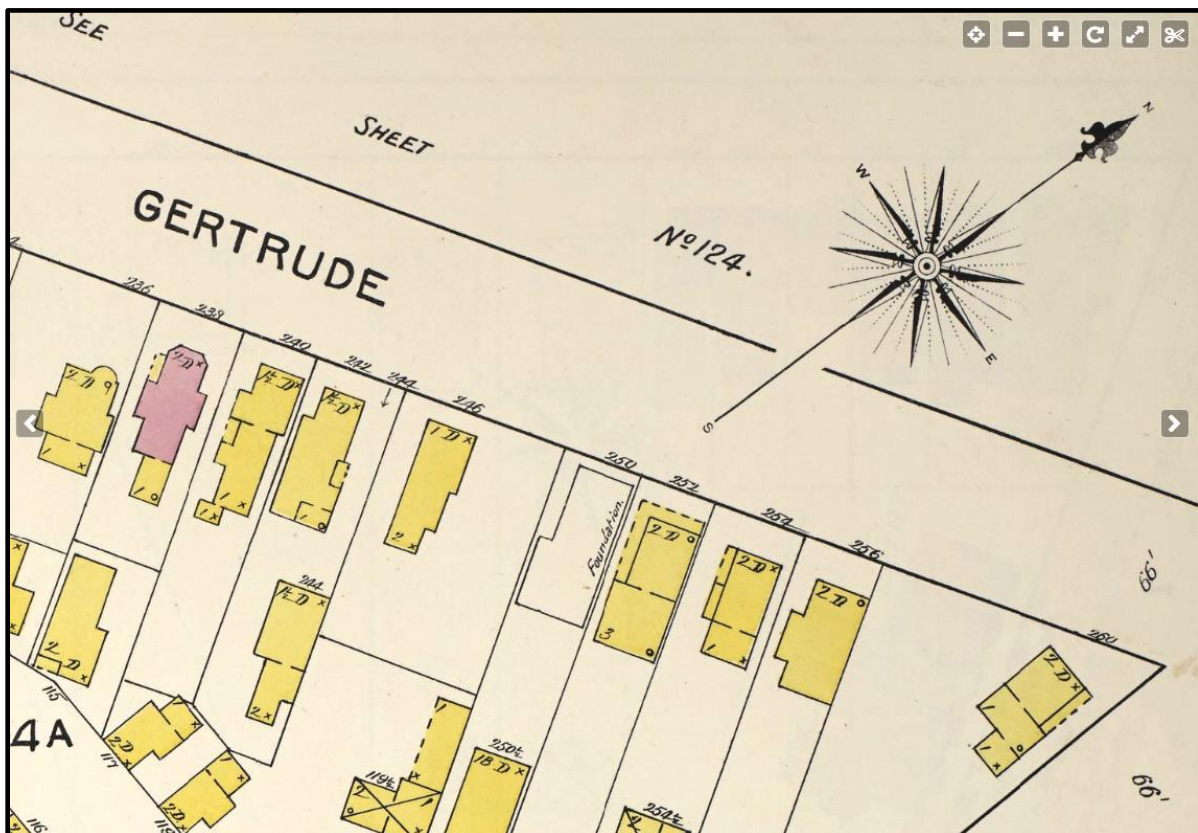
50 Rice interments at St. Joseph's Cemetery including

Rice, Cornelius, bur. 8/24/1934, age 58,

Nativity: Weedsport, NY, Parish: St Michael's, Section: 34, Lot: 76

Rice, Julia, bur. 1/2/1933, age 53,

Nativity: Fabius, NY, Parish: St John Evangel, Section: 34, Lot: 76



1892 Sanborn map showing 240 Gertrude St where Julia and Cornelius Rice were living. This is now the 300 block of Gertrude Street.

Julia's City Directory Listings

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1896	Syracuse	Julia L. Barber , domestic 224 Midland av	
1897	Syracuse	No Julia Barber	No 1897 Cortland Directory
1898	Syracuse	Julia Barber , domestic, 103 Palmer av	
1899	Syracuse	Julia Barber , waitress, Jefferson Hotel	The Clarendon Hotel on the Armory Circle (W Jefferson St) in 1892 might have become the Jefferson Hotel by 1899
1900	Syracuse	Julia Barber , waitress, Kingsley House in the 200 block of E. Fayette St.	The Kingsley House was listed in the 1900 census for Syracuse in Ward 14, Dist 0134. This Julia was found in the 1900 census; born in 1874, married in 1894 and had no children
1901	Syracuse	No Julia Barber	No 1901 Cortland Directory
1902	Syracuse	Julia Barber , waitress, bds. 409 Grape	
1903	Syracuse	No Julia Barber	No 1903 Cortland Directory
1904	Syracuse		Julia Barber the waitress not in Syracuse or Cortland directories.
1905	Syracuse	Julia Barber , domestic, 504 S. West	
1906	Syracuse	Julia Barber , waitress, bds 306 W. Willow	
1907	Syracuse	Mrs Julia Barber , h 609 Orange	
1908	Syracuse	Mrs Julia Barber , rooming house at 303 E. Washington St.	
1909	Syracuse	Mrs. Julia Barber , h 303 E. Washington rm 8	
1910	Syracuse	Julia Barber widow, h 412 E Jefferson	In the 1910 census Julia was living at 411 S. West St and Cornelius Rice was a roomer
1911	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1911 Auburn
1912	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1912 Cortland or Auburn
1913	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1913 Auburn
1914	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , blacksmith, h 938 Grape, suite 12	No Julia Barber or Rice listed
1915	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1915 Auburn
1916	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1916 Auburn
1917	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1917 Auburn
1918	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1918 Auburn
1919	Syracuse	No Julia Barber listed. No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1919 Auburn
1920	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , Gearmaker, h 240 Gertrude	No Julia Barber or Rice listed. In the 1920 census for Syracuse
1921	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , Gearmaker, h 240 Gertrude	No Julia Barber or Rice listed.
1922	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , Gearmaker, h 240 Gertrude	No Julia Barber or Rice listed.
1923	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , laborer, h 240 Gertrude	No Julia Barber or Rice listed.
1924	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , laborer, h 240 Gertrude	No Julia Barber or Rice listed.

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1925	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	In the 1925 census for Syracuse
1926	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	
1927	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	
1928	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	
1929	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	
1930	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	In the 1930 census for Syracuse
1931	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	
1932	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice (Julia L) inspector h 240 Gertrude	Julia died Dec 29, 1932
1933	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice	Not in 1933 Auburn
1934	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice , lab, r 728 E. Water	Cornelius died Aug 21, 1934
1935	Syracuse	Cornelius F. Rice , lab, r 728 E. Water	
No More Syracuse City Directories at Ancestry			

Cornelius' City Directory Listings

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1893	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , brakeman, bds 1010 Burnet av	
1894	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice , brakeman, bds 703 Burnet av	
1895	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1895 Auburn directory
1896	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1897 Auburn directory
1897	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1897 Auburn directory
1898	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1898 Auburn directory
1899	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1899 Auburn directory
1900	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	1900 census - Cornelius in Auburn Not in 1900 Auburn directory
1901	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1901 Auburn
1902	Auburn	Cornelius Rice , laborer, bds 47 Division S	
1903	Auburn	Cornelius Rice , fireman, bds 14 Division S	
1904	Auburn	Cornelius Rice , LVRR, bds 14 S Division	
1905	Auburn	Cornelius Rice , chipper, bds 14 S Division	1905 census - Cornelius in Auburn
1906	Auburn	Cornelius Rice , brakeman, bds 14 S Division	
1907	Auburn	Cornelius Rice , engineer, bds 14 S Division	
1908	Syracuse	Cornelius Rice switchman NYC bds 252 W Fayette	
1909	Syracuse	No Cornelius Rice listed.	Not in 1909 Auburn

Where Were Julia's Children?

Year	Carrie Barber	Eddie Barber	Comment
1892	Cortlandville, Cortland (4)	Cortlandville, Cortland (3)	Both with mother and grandmother
1900	Cortlandville, Cortland (11)	Cortlandville, Cortland (10)	Both with grandmother
1905	Not found - Village of Cortland searched page by page.	Webb, Herkimer (15)	Eddie with Aunt Margaret in the town of Webb, Herkimer Co.
1910	Not found - (21)	Not found - (20)	Not with their mother or the aunts.
1915	Not found - (26)	Not found - (25)	
1920	Not found - (31)	Not found - (30)	
1925	Not found - (36)	Not found - (35)	
1930	Not found - (41)	Not found - (40)	
1932	Fort William, Ontario (44)	Fort William, Ontario (43)	Info came from their mother's obit. (Julia Barber Rice). Carrie was unmarried.

The numbers in parentheses are the approximate ages of Carrie and Eddie in that year.

“Fort William was a city in Ontario, Canada, located on the Kaministiquia River, at its entrance to Lake Superior. It amalgamated with Port Arthur and the townships of Neebing and McIntyre to form the city of Thunder Bay in January 1970. Since then it has been the largest city in Northwestern Ontario.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_William,_Ontario

Thunder Bay is located on the northwestern shore of Lake Superior.

Searched the Fulton Archive 1885-1935. There were only the following four hits.

1900-08-10 Eddie Barber, nine years old, was run into by a lunch wagon. This was just five days after his grandmother had died.

1898-09-07 Carrie Barber at Schermerhorn School.

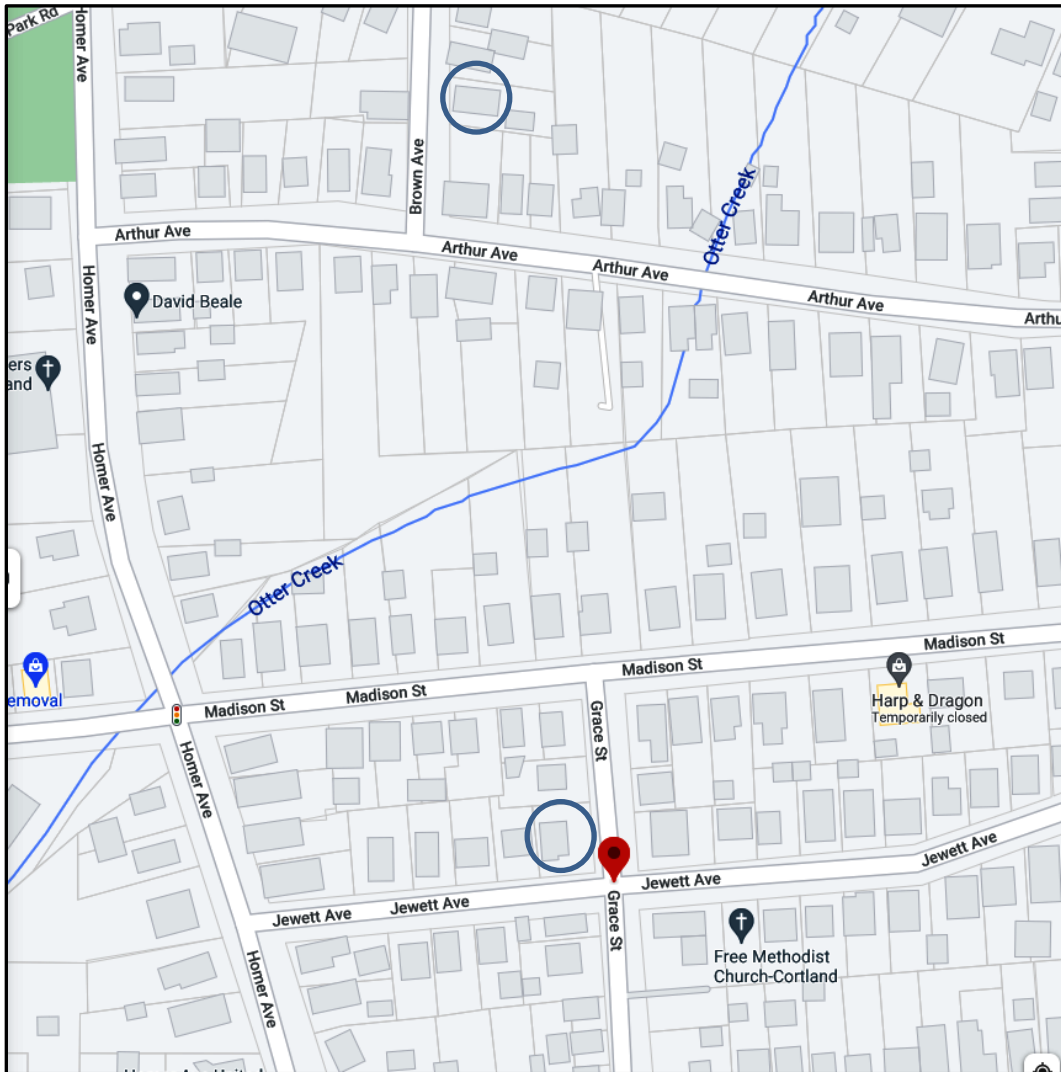
1897-02-20 Eddie Barber at Schermerhorn School.

1896-11-25 Eddie Barber at Schermerhorn School.

“The oldest houses in the district are located along Madison Street. The last section of the district developed was Jewett Avenue east of Grace Street, which was subdivided circa 1910. The district once had a public school, located at what is now the northwest corner of Jewett Avenue and Grace Street, which was on the site until at least the late 1920s, after which houses were built on the former school site. Street names in the district have changed: Grace Street was initially known as Schermerhorn Street, and the west section of Jewett Avenue was originally called Grace Street, acquiring the name of Jewett Avenue when the street was extended east to North Main Street.”

From The City of Cortland Historic Resources Survey

Jewett and Grace Street



The blue circle on Brown Ave. is the residence No.4 which was formerly No. 3 Doubleday Street was the home of Catherine McGrath. The lower blue circle was the location of the former Schermerhorn School which her grandchildren Carrie and Eddie Barber attended.

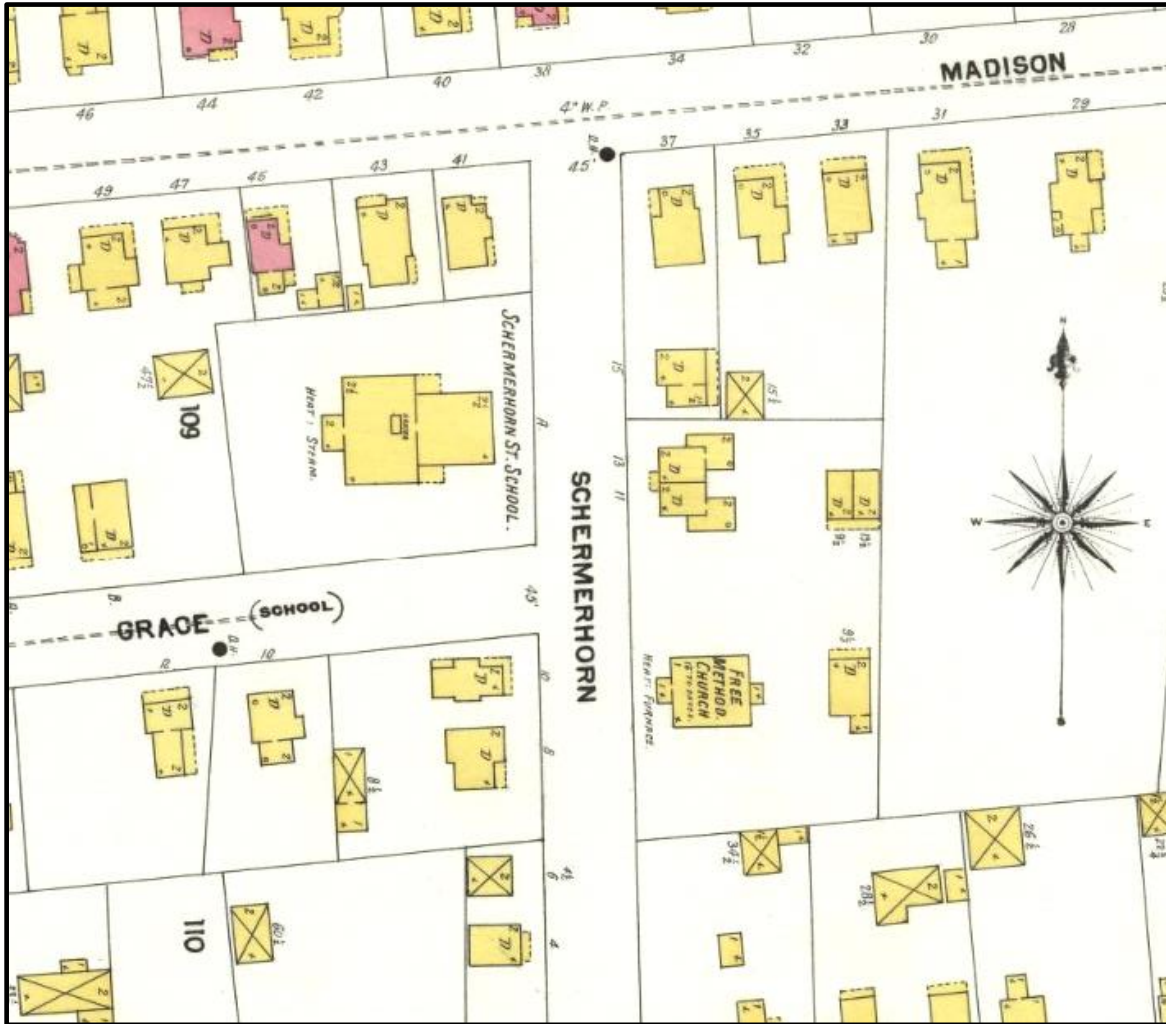
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Teachers Schermerhorn School.

Helen L. Mulligan, Jessamine A. Ellsworth, Mary C. Van Gorden, Grace Meade, Clara H. Benedict, R. Louise Adams, Kindergarten.

Directory of Cortland County, NY, with Map, 1902

Compiled and Published by George Hanford,
406 Realty Bldg., Elmira, NY



1902 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the village of Cortland. Shown on the northwest corner of Schermerhorn Street (later Jewett Street) and Grace Street is Schermerhorn School which was attended by Carrie and Eddie Barber.

There appears to be a problem with the orientation of the Sanborn map above. On the previous page there is a modern map whose orientation has north pointing up the page. This gives Grace Street a north-south orientation. On the Sanborn map Grace Street has an east-west orientation. The following both explains and confuses the situation, at the same time.

“Street names in the district have changed: Grace Street was initially known as Schermerhorn Street, and the west section of Jewett Avenue was originally called Grace Street, acquiring the name of Jewett Avenue when the street was extended east to North Main Street.”

Margaret McGrath Graff Hackett

Margaret McGrath's Many Men

Date	Persons	Status	Residence
1900 June 1	Anton Graff Mary S. Graff	Married 2 children	Otisco, Onondaga
1905 June 1	Frank Hackett Mary Hackett	Married 5 children	Lestershire, Union, Broome (Lestershire, was changed to Johnson City, N.Y., Aug. 13, 1915.)
	Antoino Graff Mary S. Graff	Married 2 children	Otisco, Onondaga
	Maggie McGrath Eddie Barbour (nephew)	Single	Webb, Herkimer
1908 Nov 8	Margaret McGrath Graff	Married name appeared on a land transfer deed.	Cardiff, Lafayette, Onondaga
1910 April 15	Anthony Graff	Married - wife and children not present	Cardiff, Lafayette, Onondaga
	Mary Graff	Married - husband not present 2 children	Butternut St, Syracuse WD03
	Frank Hackett Margaret Hackett	Married Oct 1909 No children	Guiford, Chenango
	Mary Hackett	Married - husband not present 5 children	Lestershire, Union, Broome
	Christopher Parcelles Alyce Parcelles	Married 12 yrs 4 children	DeWitt, Onondaga (C. Parcelles died on June 29, 1913 at his home in Lafayette, NY)
1915 June 1	Anthony Graff Alice Graff	Married Parcelles' widow 4 of Alice's children 1 child of their own	Otisco, Onondaga
	Frank Hackett Margaret Hackett Henry Nichols (nephew)	Married No children	Butternutts (Gilbertsville), Otsego

This is an attempt to determine the sequence of events, described by several census records, which led to the evolution of Margaret McGrath's surname from McGrath to Graff and finally to Hackett. The census records for the Graff, Hackett and Parcelles families are in the appendix. The transition between McGrath and Graff took place between June 1, 1905 and November 8, 1908. By April 15, 1910 Anthony (Anton) Graff and his wife Mary are living apart. Frank Hackett and his new bride (married October, 1909) are living together. Also on the same date Frank's former wife, Mary Hackett and the 5 children were still living at the same location as in 1905 but her husband has moved on. By June 1, 1915 Anthony Graff has remarried to the former Alice Parcelles and her children from her previous marriage are living with them along with a new child of their own. Also on this date in 1915 Frank and Margaret are living in Gilbertsville, Otsego Co. They have no children of their own but Margaret's nephew Harry Nichols (son of Mary Agnes Nichols) is living with them. It would appear that Margaret had broken up two families in a very short period of time, before settling down. Whether Margaret was the cause of the breakup of the Graff and Hackett marriages, or whether she just came along

at the right time, is uncertain. However, the transition from Graff to Hackett was extremely quick.

Census Records

1892 NY Chemung Elmira City WD01 ED02

Samuel Friendley, 49, Germany, C, Boatman

Sarah Friendley, 36, Germany, C

Maggie McGraw, 20, Ireland, A, Domestic

This might or might not be the Margaret McGraw of interest in this paper.

1900 census - No appropriate Margaret/Maggie McGraw/McGrath was found anywhere in New York State.

1905 NY Herkimer Webb ED01 (The northern most town of county - east of Watertown)

34-year-old Maggie McGrath was a “housekeeper” for Burt Darrow in the town of Webb in Herkimer County, NY. Living with her was her 15 year-old nephew Eddie Barbour, who was working as a bell boy at a hotel. This implies that Maggie got married sometime between the 1905 census and 1908 when her married name Graff appeared on the deed for the sale of her mother’s Cortland house on Doubleday Street.

By November 1908 Margaret was supposedly married to a man named Graff and was residing in Cardiff, Onondaga County NY, a small hamlet, located a few miles southwest of LaFayette, on Route 20.

1910 NY Chenango Guilford Dist 0077 (Census Day - April 15, 1910)

Res 264, Fam 286

Frank Hackett, Boarder, 44, M2, Mar 6/12, NY, NY, NY, Blacksmith, General Shop

Margaret F. Hackett, Boarder, 37, M1, Mar 6/12, 0/0, NY, IR, IR, None

Frank and Margaret were married in October 1909 and it was her 1st marriage. Less than a year earlier (November 8, 1908) she had given her name as Margaret Graff, of Cardiff, NY, on the deed that was transferred when she and her two sisters sold their mother’s property at No. 3 Doubleday Street, Cortland, NY.

1915 NY Otsego Butternuts AD01 ED01 (In the southern tip of the county - east of Norwich, Gilbertsville, formerly called Butternuts, is the only village in the township.)

East Bloom Street

Frank Hackett, Head, 51, US, Cit, Blacksmith

Margaret Hackett, Wife, 42, US, Cit, Housework

Henry Nichols, Nephew, 9, US, Cit, School

This nephew is Harry Nichols, youngest son of Margaret’s sister Mary. This was probably just after the death of Mary’s husband Delancey Perry Nichols and one or more of the children were farmed out.

1920 - NY Onondaga Syracuse WD15 Dist 0200

317 S. Crouse Ave, Res 171, Fam 280, Rents

Frank Hackett, Head, 54, NY, NY, NY, Blacksmith, Machine Shop

Margaret Hatckett, Wife, 47, NY, IR, IR, Inspector, Can Factory

The Hacketts were living next to Margaret's widowed sister Mary Nichols and her nephew Henry/Harry was back with his mother.

1925 NY Onondaga Manlius AD03 ED03

Fayetteville RFD 1

Frank Hackett, Head, 60, US, C, Blacksmith

Margaret Hackett, Wife, 53, US, C, Housekeeper

Emma Ladd, Lodger, 65, US, C

1930 NY Onondaga Manlius Dist 0165

Filmore Corners to High Bridge Road, Owns home - \$900

Res 282, Fam 282

Margaret Hackett, Head, 57, Wd, NY, Northern IR, Northern IR, No occupation

Frank Hackett died on July 11, 1928 and was buried in Fayetteville Cemetery, Fayetteville, NY.

Could the reference "Northern IR" mean that Margaret's parents, Denis McGrath and Catherine Quigley had come from Northern Ireland?

1940 census - No Margaret Hackett was found

According to the NYS Death Index Margaret Hackett died on May 21, 1936 in Onondaga County. No obit - searched Post Standard - (Syracuse Herald) May 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

Fayetteville Cemetery, Fayetteville, NY



Source: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/215489866/margaret-hackett>

Margaret F. Hackett

1872 - ?

Frank Hackett

1867 - 1928

Margaret Is Missing

According to the Fayetteville Cemetery records, Margaret purchased the plots (Section 12, Block 34S) and her deceased husband Frank Hackett was interred there. In the records at the Fayetteville Cemetery there is a “No burial?” notation next to Margaret’s name. Frank Hackett’s funeral had been handled by the Eaton-Tubbs Funeral Home (now Schepps Family Funeral Home) and they have records of Frank Hackett’s funeral. However, they have no records of handling the funeral services of Margaret F. Hackett. So, exactly where is Margaret buried?

Sisters’ Location Table

Year	Mary	Julia	Margaret
1880	Homer, Cortland (S)	Homer, Cortland (S)	Homer, Cortland (S)
1892	Cortlandville, Cortland (S)	Cortland City (M1)	Elmira City, Chemung (S)
1900	Newark Valley City, Tioga (M)	Unknown	Unknown
1905	Syracuse WD18 (M) 1301 Grape St., Syracuse	Unknown Village of Cortland searched page by page. All 6 wards.	Webb, Herkimer (S)
1908	—	—	Cardiff, Lafayette, Onondaga - (M1)
1910	Syracuse WD16 (M)	Syracuse WD11 (Wd/M2?)	Guilford, Chenango (M2) - Blacksmith
1915	Unknown	Unknown	Butternuts, Otwego (M2) - Blacksmith
1920	Syracuse WD16 (Wd)	Syracuse WD05 (M2)	Syracuse WD10 (M2) - Blacksmith
1925	Died 1924	Syracuse WD05 (M2)	Manlius, Onondaga (M2) - Blacksmith
1930		Syracuse (M2)	Manlius, Onondaga (Wd)
1940		Died 1932	Died before 1940

The letters “S, M, Wd” refer to the marital status of the sisters during the year in that row. “M1” and “M2” indicate first and second marriages respectively. “Unknown” means that a search was made of the census for those years using all the obvious variations of name spellings and the individual was not found. Grape Street later became South Townsend Street.

The 1905 entry for Mary was from a death notice in the paper for her son Richard. The 1908 entry for Margaret came from a deed for the sale of her mother’s house in Cortland, NY. “My mother would talk to me about her Aunt Mag and Aunt Julia. She told us how *she would ride the stagecoach down to Pompey and Cardiff to visit her aunt and uncle*. Her uncle was a Blacksmith.” - Mary Ficarra

Land Transactions - Cortland County Courthouse, Cortland, NY

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg	Location
1880	Orville Haight & wife	Catherine McGraith	66, 333	44, Homer
1885	Kate McGrath	Addie J. Blaney	74, 369	44, Homer
1888	Randolph Beard & wife	Kate McGrath	81, 128	65, Cortland
1891	Randolph Beard & wife	Kate McGrath	100, 185	65, Cortland
1909	Margaret McGrath (now Graff) & others	Alice M. Ellsworth	116, 14	65, Cortland

1880 - Bought Homer Lot 44

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1880 March 31,	Orville Haight & wife	Catherine McGraith	66, 333	44, Homer - 2.62 acres (\$550)
Date of Indenture:		March 26, 1880		
Grantor:		Orville Haight & Clara Haight of Brownville, Jefferson Co., NY		
Grantee:		Catherine McGraith of town of Truxton, Cortland Co., NY		
Amount:		\$550.		
Description:		<p>All that tract, or parcel of land situate in the town of Homer, Cortland County, State of New York and being a part of lot no. 44 and bounded as follows: Beginning in the center of the highway leading past the cobble stone School House at a point where the west line of lands formerly owned by Franklin Miller will intersect the center of said highway running thence <u>northwesterly</u> in the center of said highway one chain; thence <u>southerly</u> one chain and ninety one links on Hannah Hill's east line; thence <u>westerly</u> one chain and seventy five links on Hannah Hill's south line; thence <u>southerly</u> on J. M. Kelle's (?) east line eighty chains and eighty four links to C. O. Newton's northwest corner; thence <u>easterly</u> on said Newton's north line two chains and seventy five links; thence <u>northerly</u> ten chains and seventy five links to the place of beginning,</p> <p>containing two and 62/100 acres of land more or less and subject to mortgage held by Mrs. Widow Alvord for two hundred dollars which the said part of the second part, assumes and agrees to pay.</p>		
Date Recorded:		March 31, 1880		

1876 - Town of Homer Map - Lot #44



The blue ovals on the above map show O(rville) Haight, C. O. Newton, Mrs. (Hannah) Hill. Haight and his wife Clara were the Grantors in the sale to Catherine McGrath. Newton's and Hill's property bordered the land purchased by McGrath. Interestingly, there is a Mrs. McGraw located on the southeast corner of the intersection of what is now Cayuga Street and South West Street, just across the street from Glenwood Cemetery. In the 1880 purchase of the Haight property Catherine McGrath was described as a resident of the town of Truxton. Could she have already been living on Lot 44 in Homer in 1876?

1885 - Sold Homer Lot 44

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1885	Kate McGrath	Addie J. Blaney	74, 369	44, Homer - 2.62 acres \$800
Date of Indenture:		April 1, 1885		
Grantor:		Kate McGrath of Homer, Cortland Co., NY		
Grantee:		Addie J. Blaney of Homer, Cortland Co., NY		
Amount:		\$800		
Description:		<p>All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the town of Homer, County of Cortland and State of New York bounded and described as follows on lot - 44in Homer aforesaid</p> <p>bounded on the <u>north</u> by the center of Hudson street; on the <u>east</u> by lands owned by James Preston and also Isaac Hotchkiss, on the <u>south</u> by premises owned by Charles O. Newton; on the <u>east</u> by premises owned by James Ellis and also by the premises owned by Margaret Ryan</p> <p>containing about 2 and 62/100 acres of land be the same more or less being the same land and premises described via contract of sale dated the 5 day of August 1884 made by Kate McGrath as party of the first part to Addie J. Blaney as party of the second part.</p>		
Date Recorded:		April 7, 1885		

1888 - Bought Cortland Lot 65

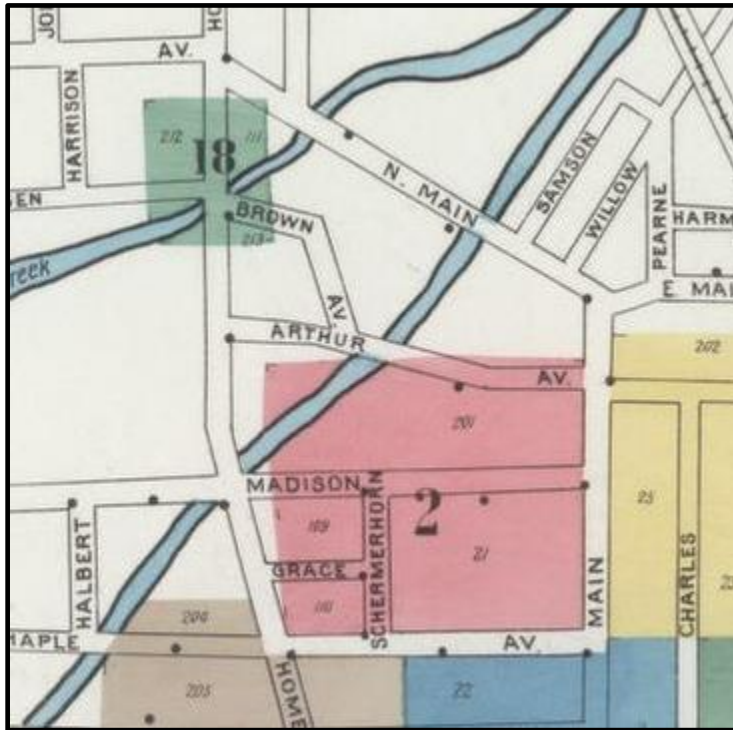
Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1888	Randolph Beard & wife	Kate McGrath	81, 128	65, Cortland
Date of Indenture:		October 12, 1888		
Grantor:		Randolph Beard and his wife Helen A. Beard both of Cortland, Cortland Co., and State of New York		
Grantee:		Kate McGrath of Cortland, Cortland Co., and State of New York		
Amount:		\$1,000		
Description:		<p>All that Tract or Parcel of Land situate in the Village of Cortland, County of Cortland and State of New York on the east side of Doubleday street in said village at No. 3 of said street bounded and described as follows.</p> <p>Beginning at a point on the east line of said Doubleday street at the northwest corner of lands owned by Mary Estey and formerly owned by Lewis Bouton and running thence <u>northerly</u> along the east line of said Doubleday street forty four feet and five tenths of a foot;</p> <p>Thence <u>easterly</u> one hundred and twenty two (122) feet more or less to lands formerly conveyed by Randolph Beard to M. H. Foley.</p> <p>Thence <u>south</u> along said Foley's land forty four and five tenths of a foot to lands of Hattie Cogshall formerly owned by Hannah Jones;</p> <p>Thence <u>westerly</u> along the north lines of said Cogshall's and John Harvey's and Mary Estey's land to the place of beginning</p> <p>being one hundred and twenty two feet more or less. Also the east half of said Doubleday street in front of and adjacent to the premises here to conveyed being more or less of land.</p> <p>Possession to be given said second party on or before November 1, 1888 and the said 2nd party is to pay the town County and State tax to be rated on said premises this fall.</p>		
Date Recorded:		October 12, 1888		

1891 - Bought Land Cortland Lot 65

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1891	Randolph Beard & wife	Kate McGrath	100, 185	65, Cortland
Date of Indenture:		February 13, 1891		
Grantor:		Randolph Beard and Helen A. Beard, his wife, both of Cortland, Cortland County and State of New York		
Grantee:		Kate McGrath of the same place		
Amount:		\$65		
Description:		<p>All that Tract or Parcel of Land situate in the town of Cortland, County of Cortland and State of New York, situate on the east side of Doubleday street in the village of Cortland and bonded and described as follows: Commencing in the center of Doubleday street at the northwest corner of lands now owned by the said Kate McGrath and running thence <u>easterly</u> along the north line of said Kate McGrath's land one hundred and twenty two 122 feet to her north east corner of said land; Thence <u>northerly</u> parallel with said Doubleday street ten feet; Thence <u>westerly</u> parallel with the said Kate McGrath's north line one hundred twenty two (122) feet to the center of Doubleday street; Thence <u>southerly</u> along the center of Doubleday street ten feet to the place of beginning, Containing more less of land.</p>		
Date Recorded:		February 13, 1891		

1908 - Sold Cortland Lot 65

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1909	Margaret McGrath (now Graff)	Alice M. Ellsworth	116, 14	65, Cortland
Date of Indenture:		November 4, 1908		
Grantor:		Mary Nichols and Julia L. Barber of Syracuse and Margaret Graff (formerly Margaret McGrath) of Cardiff, NY		
Grantee:		Alice M. Ellsworth of the town of Cortlandville, NY		
Amount:		\$900		
Description:		<p>All that Tract or Parcel of Land situate in the City of Cortland, County of Cortland and State of New York on the east side of Doubleday Street in said city at No. 3 of said street bounded and described as follows:</p> <p>Beginning at a point on the east line of said Doubleday Street at the northwest corner of lands owned by Mary Estey and formerly owned by Dennis Bouton and running</p> <p>Thence <u>northerly</u> along the east line of said Doubleday street forty four feet and five tenths of a foot;</p> <p>Thence <u>easterly</u> one hundred and twenty two (122) feet more or less to lands formerly conveyed by Randolph Beard to M. H. Foley;</p> <p>Thence <u>south</u> along said Foley's land forty four and five tenths of a foot to lands of Hattie Cogshell formerly owned by Hannah Jones.</p> <p>Thence <u>westerly</u> along the north lines of said Cogshell's and John Harvey's and Mary Estey's lands to the place of beginning being one hundred and twenty two feet more or less</p> <p>Also the east half of said Doubleday street in front of and adjacent to the premises hereby conveyed being more or less of land. Being the same premises conveyed by Randolph Beard and wife to Kate McGrath by deed dated Oct 12, 1888 and recorded in Cortland County Clerk's office Oct 12, 1888 in Liber 81 of Deeds at page 128.</p> <p>Also all that tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Cortland County of Cortland and State of New York, situate on the east side of Doubleday Street in the City of Cortland and bounded and described as follows:</p> <p>Commencing in the center of Doubleday Street at the northwest corner of lands now owned by the said Kate McGrath and running</p> <p>Thence <u>easterly</u> along the north line of said Kate McGrath's land one hundred and twenty two (122) feet to her northeast corner of said land</p> <p>Thence <u>northerly</u> parallel with the said Doubleday Street ten feet</p> <p>Thence <u>westerly</u> parallel with said Kate McGrath's north line one hundred and twenty two (122) feet to the center of Doubleday Street;</p> <p>Thence <u>southerly</u> along the center of Doubleday Street ten feet to the place of beginning</p> <p>Containing more or less land and being the same premises conveyed by Randolph Beard and wife to Kate McGrath by deed dated Feb'y 13, 1891 and recorded in Cortland County Clerk's office Aug 14, 1900 (actual record date is Feb 13, 1891) in Liber 100 of Deeds at page 185. This conveyance is made subject to the City Taxes payable in January or February 1909 which taxes second party shall pay.</p> <p><u>Kate McGrath died in August 1900 (Aug 3rd)</u> owning said above described lands and left the first parties to this deed her surviving as her only heirs at law and next of kin.</p>		
Date Recorded:		November 4, 1908		



The above map is from the index plate of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map for the city of Cortland (December 1902). On the 1897 Sanborn map the name Doubleday Street appeared. By the time of the 1902 Sanborn map, Doubleday Street was renamed Brown Ave.

Alice M. Ellsworth: No positive obit could be found for Alice, nor could she be found in any other newspaper articles.

Owners and Occupants

REPORT of the assessor of the city of Cortland, in the county of Cortland, containing a full and complete List and Statement of all property situated in said city, exempt from taxation under the Laws of this State, June first, one thousand nine hundred one, showing the name of the Owner or Owners, a description of such property, the reason for the exemption and the valuation thereof, In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 689, of the Laws of 1900.

McGrath, Kate, Dwelling, 3 Doubleday street, Pension Money, Exemption \$800
Cortland Evening Standard, Saturday, June 15, 1901

McGrath, Kate, Dwelling, 3 Doubleday street, Pensioner, Exemption \$800, Valuation \$800.
Cortland Evening Standard, Friday, June 13, 1902.

It is assumed that when Doubleday Street was changed to Brown Avenue, sometime between 1897 and 1902, that the house numbers stayed the same. Therefore 3 Doubleday Street would have become 3 Brown Avenue. The following names appeared in the Cortland newspapers in connection with the 3 Brown Ave. address.

3 Brown Avenue - Occupants		
Date	Name	Comment
Mar. 13, 1905	Mrs. A. Withey	Prior to the sale in 1909 of 3 Doubleday Street by the McGrath sisters. Kate McGrath died in August 1900. Her daughters probably rented the house after the death of their mother.
Oct. 28, 1910	Lawrence Ryder (Constable)	
Oct. 23, 1914	Lawrence Ryder	
Oct. 21, 1916	Lawrence Ryder	
Aug. 3, 1917	Harry N. Hitchcock	
Jan. 2, 1920	Mrs. Harry Hitchcock	"she fell on the slippery sidewalk in front of the Second National bank on Wednesday afternoon, had broken two of the bones in her right leg just above the ankle."
Apr. 26, 1922	Mrs. Harry Hitchcock	

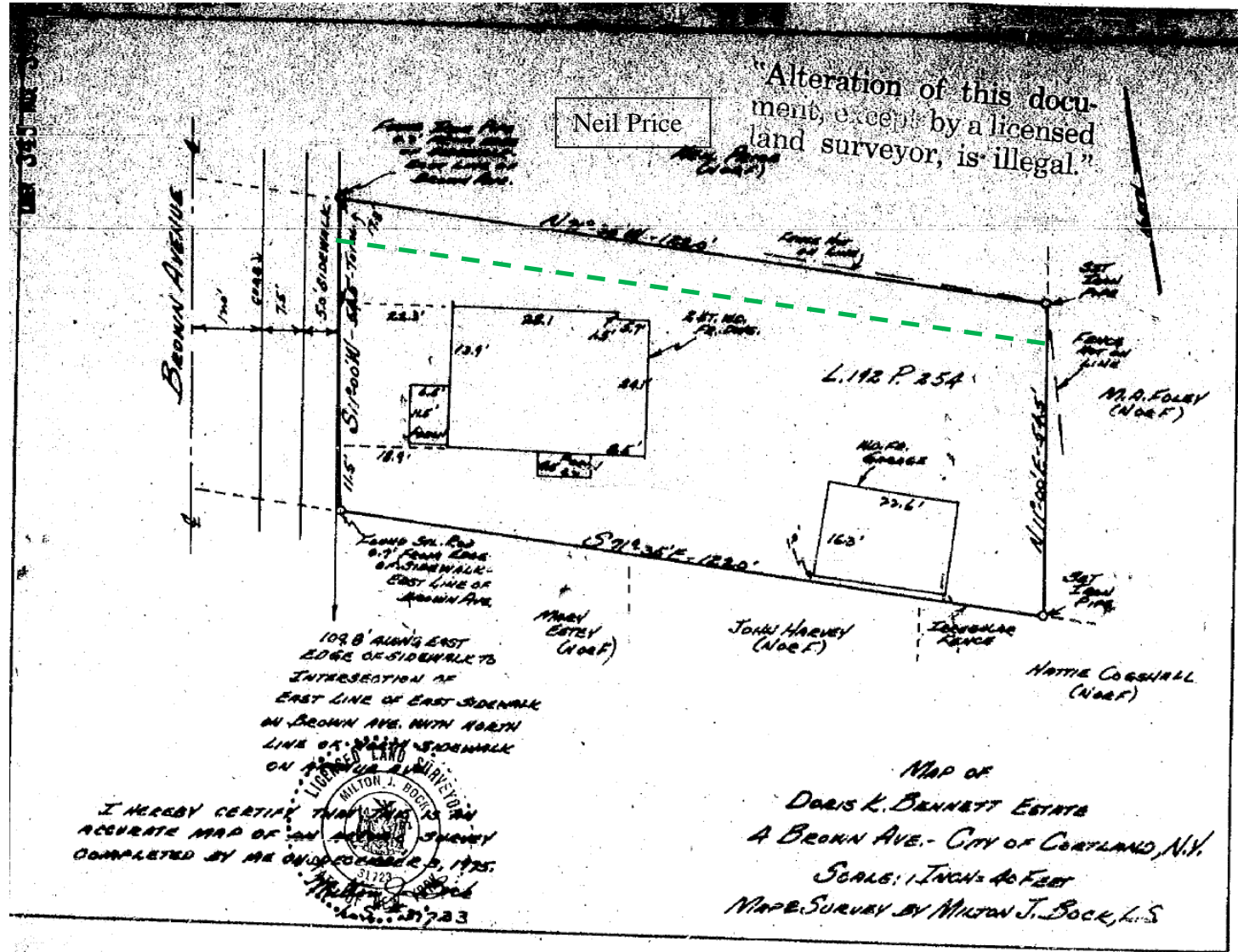
3 Brown Ave and 4 Brown Ave - Owners				
Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg	Location
1915 - Apr 9	Alice M. Ellsworth of DeRuyer formerly Cortlandville, NY	Maud A. Francis, Cortland, NY	128, 284	3 Brown Ave
1933 - Apr 15	William F. Parker, City of Cortland (Husband of the deceased Maud A. Francis)	Neil L. Price, City of Cortland (Deceased by Oct 28, 1955) Wife: Ella M. Price, died May 12, 1945	170, 245	3 Brown Ave
1933 - May 29	Neil L. Price, City of Cortland	Annie Sykes, City of Cortland	165, 161	3 Brown Ave

1943 - Sep 3	Annie Sykes Van Dyke, 613 University Ave, Syracuse, NY	Doris K. Bennett and Helen M. Bennett of <u>No. 4 Brown Ave</u> , Cortland NY	192, 254	3 Brown Ave
1953 - Sep 23	Helen M. Bennett, No. 4 Brown Ave., Cortland	Doris K. Bennett, No. 4 Brown Ave., Cortland	226, 16	3 Brown Ave.
1975 - Dec 24	Doris K. Bennett, Admrx Doris K. Bennett died July 21, 1975	Carl J. Longwell and Patricia K. Longwell, PO Box 29, Cortland, NY	345, 384	Property on the east side of Brown Ave.
The above property was accompanied with a recent surveyor's map. The properties bordering the property in the survey, known as 4 Brown Ave, are the same as those found in the legal description of the property sold in 1909 by the three McGrath sisters to Alice M. Ellsworth. The original 3 Doubleday Street became 3 Brown Ave. and then morphed into 4 Brown Ave.				
1977 - Mar 15	Longwell, Carl & Patricia	Charles R. & Susan J. Fitch	351, 17	4 Brown Ave.
No Fitch as a Grantor up to 1992.				



This house on the lot at 4 Brown Avenue, Cortland, NY was built in 1995 according to a real estate web site. This is the lot that was known as No. 3 Doubleday Street when Kate McGrath and her family lived there in the 1880s and 1890s.

Survey Map of 4 Brown Avenue (formerly 3 Doubleday Street)



The abbreviation "N or F" means "Now or Formerly", referring to owners of adjacent parcels or land.

The dashed green line indicates the south boundary of the 122' by 10' strip of land Kate McGrath purchased in 1891.

Missing Information

Name	Fact or Record	Comment
Denis	Residence in Ireland	Parents and townland unknown. Two Northern Ireland clues found.
	Birth Date	1837 - 1865 census, age 28 1835 - 1870 census, age 35
	Arrival in US	At age 22 - from Mary Ficarra. Implies 1857 with birth year of 1835 (1870 census).
	Location in 1860	Unknown - not found in the Ancestry census index or the Fulton Archives. The 1860 census records for the towns of Fabius, Pompey, and Homer have been searched page by page — no Denis McGrath.
	Date of Death	May 1871, Rochester, NY (?)
	Burial Place	Rochester NY (?)
Catherine	Residence in Ireland	Parents and townland unknown. Two Northern Ireland clues found.
	Birth Date	1835 - 1860 census, age 25 1834 - 1865 census, age 31 1840 - 1870 census, age 30 1837 - 1875 census, age 38 1836 - 1880 census, age 44 1837 - 1892 census, age 55 1840 - 1900 census, age 60
	Arrival in US	1860 according to 1900 census.
	Location in 1860	Homer, NY. (as per 1860 census)
	Burial Place	Not in St Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY. Not in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Pompey, NY. Not in Glenwood Cemetery, Homer, NY. Death certificate needed.
	1915 census	Assume family was still in the 16 th Ward of Syracuse. Ancestry is missing Syracuse wards 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19 for the 1915 census. LDS hands off to its partner for census images: Ancestry, which doesn't have 16 th ward images. See Note 1
Mary Nichols		
Julia Barber/Rice	1900 census	Not found in Ancestry or LDS.
	1905 census	Not found in Ancestry or LDS.
	Marriage records	None found in Fulton Archives. Actual records not searched.
	Husband (1) name	Not found in Fulton Archives.
Margaret Graff/Hackett	1900 census	Not found in Ancestry or LDS.
	Marriage records	No references found in Fulton Archives. Actual records not searched. Anton or Anthony Graff inferred from the census records. See - "Margaret McGrath's Many Men" in this paper.
	Date of death	NYS Death Index - May 21, 1936, Onondaga County, NY No obit found in Fulton Archives, Post Standard or newspapers.com No entry in Social Security Death Index (1935-2014).

	Obituary	No obit - searched Post Standard - (Syracuse Herald) May 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. Death certificate needed.
	Burial place	Husband Frank Hackett buried in Fayetteville Cemetery. There is a gravestone with Margaret's name and a birth year (1872) on it, but no date of death. In the cemetery records, next to Margaret's name is the notation "No burial?"

Ancestry - Ancestry.com - Has NYS census images online but many towns and Syracuse wards missing.
LDS - Familysearch.org - NYS census images only available at Family History Centers and occasionally at its partner Ancestry.

Fulton Archives - Fulton History newspaper archives - fultonhistory.com

Post Standard - poststandard.newspaperarchive.com

Notes

1. Both census sources are indexed and neither found a record for Mary Nichols. The individual might still be listed in the census under a non-obvious misspelling of the name. If the geographical area of interest is small enough it quite often pays off to go through that part of the census page by page. For Mary Nichols it could be reasonably assumed that she was still in the 16th ward of Syracuse at the time of the 1915 census. However, Ancestry was missing the census returns for that ward. The LDS index, which had access to the 16th ward, didn't produce a hit for Mary. Ordinarily the next step would be to go through the images of the census at that source, page by page. However, LDS only had an index to the 1915 census and not the images. Anyone looking for the images was referred to the LDS partner, Ancestry. But Ancestry doesn't have the 16th ward data or images. A possible solution would be to contact the Onondaga County Clerk's Office — they might have a complete hard copy of the 1915 census.

Appendix

Emails From Mary Ficarra

8-11-21

I do not know what happened to Mr. Barber, but later on, in 1910, I find her (Julia Barber) as head of a house, no children listed with a roomer by the name of Cornelius Rice. She eventually marries him and dies on 12/29/32 in Auburn, NY, where she is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Her obit said she was survived by two children, son, Edward and daughter, Cary both of Ft. William, Ontario. So that is a little mystery. Why did they go to live with their grandmother and how did they end up in Canada.

I also know that my other great aunt listed as Margaret Groff on the deed, later became Margaret Hackett.

I did find a Frank and Margaret Hackett in the 1880 census living in Truxton Village, Cortland County. The ages were 24 and 21 which would make sense. How she became Groff???????

[**Comment:** Margaret Hackett, daughter of Denis McGrath and Catherine Quigley was born in 1871. The Truxton Margaret Hackett was born in 1859.]

In the 1930 census there was a Margaret Hackett listed as a widow in the town of Manlius.

5-08-18

I do know that Dennis' s parents were Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan.

I also found out my Great Aunt Julia (JoAnna) remarried and is buried in a cemetery in Auburn NY not too far from me here in Camillus.

2-24-15

I do believe my great aunts Julia and Margaret were temporarily put in St. Vincent's orphanage. Somewhere in my search I came across this information.

I am still struggling with the Irish records. Dennis' parents were Michael McGrath and Mary Ryan and those names are very common.

[**Comment:** What records allowed you to nail down these names?]

My great grandfather, Dennis McGrath has become a dear old friend.

7-05-12

Because of the information you gave me to begin with I was able to research all of Dennis' civil war records and experience.

He came over during the potato blight only to enlist at the age of 22 years.

[**Comment:** Is this Denis' age upon arrival in the US or his age at enlistment? The age is a better fit for his arrival age. Denis arrived in 1857, based on being born in 1835. Denis enlisted on August 28, 1862, at the age of about 27. The potato blight was approximately 1846-1850, when Denis was 11 to 15 years old.]

In May of 1864 he was taken as a prisoner of war at the Rapidan River in Virginia during the Battle of the Wilderness and ended up at Andersonville and then Florence, So. Carolina.

They moved some of the sickest prisoners to Florence because they feared General Sherman who was well on his way through Atlanta. When he was released in 1865, he came home a broken and very sick man.

He ended up at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester where he died in May of 1871 at the age of 31 years.

[**Comment:** This implies Denis was born in 1840. If his ages from his appearances in the 1865 and 1870 are averaged his birth year was 1836, which would have made him 35 at the time of his death.]

I also found out that his father's name was Michael McGrath and his mother was Mary Ryan.

[**Comment:** What was the record that provided this information?]

I have not found Quigley's in Upperchurch but I did find a Catherine Quigley, age 25 living with a Dobin family in Homer, NY. This was on the 1860 Census.

She would have married Dennis in 1861 and after he died she did end up in the Homer, Cortland area.

One thing I did learn that I am fortunate enough to have come from very strong women. My great grandmother was a young widow with children, my grandmother Mary Agatha was left a young widow with children and my own mother Catherine was definitely the center of our family and kept us all together.

5-07-04

I am so excited now about getting started and finding out more information about my g-grandfather, Dennis.

With the information you have given me I can at least have a starting place. I was going to work my way backwards because I know that when my grandmother Mary Agatha McGrath married Delancey Perry Nichols they moved to Newark Valley where my mother and her brother were born in 1900 and 1901. They then left Newark Valley and moved to Syracuse on Irving Avenue where my grandfather was a carpenter for the Elgin Simons Furniture Factory

He died when my mother was around 12 of Tuberculosis.

This will be my first trip over there. Thank you again. It means so much to me to have this information.

5-03-04

I wish I could see you and tell you in person how very grateful I am with the information you sent me. Dennis and Catherine are indeed my great grandparents.

My mother would talk to me about her Aunt Mag and Aunt Julia. She told us how *she would ride the stagecoach down to Pompey and Cardiff to visit her aunt and uncle*. Her uncle was a Blacksmith.

She left a trunk at her Aunt Julia's when she was a young girl. The trunk contained so much information about her family including a picture of her grandfather in his civil war uniform.

She (Mary's mother) was only in her early twenties when her mother (Mary Agatha died) and her father died when she was only a very young girl so she just never went back and got that trunk. She regretted it until the day she died. Her whole family history was in it.

My mother (Catherine Margaret) also told us how her mother told them that when Dennis returned from the Civil War he could never sleep in a bed again and always slept on the floor.

I have been searching for months and as you probably discovered, when there is incorrect information on a document it can send you back for months trying to research. As I said when I

first sent you the email, my grandmother's death certificate listed her father as Jno McGrath, yet my mother had told me her grandfather was Dennis McGraw.

4-29-04

My name is Mary Ficarra and I live in Camillus, NY. I am the retired Assessor in the Town of Camillus and at the time I almost called your relative Mr. Currier. I have enjoyed reading "The Origins of the McGrath Family" on your web site. I just discovered it today. I knew that there was different spellings of the McGrath name and I also knew there was some connection with the McGraws.

My grandmother's maiden name was Mary Agatha McGrath.

I know that she attended Homer Academy as of 1/20/1883 and was born in Cortland, NY December 20th, 1866.

She died before I ever knew her on January 27th, 1924 in Syracuse, NY.

The only name I have on her death certificate [grandmother] was her father's name which was Jno McGrath, born in Ireland. It is my understanding that Jno is a short version of John or Jonathan etc.

My mother said her grandfather was Dennis McGraw and he fought in the Civil War. I can't seem to connect this with Jno.

My mother use to tell us that her mother's cousin was John McGraw, the great NY Giant's manager.

My grandmother married Delancey Perry Nichols sometime around 1898 or 1899.

My grandmother's maiden name was McGrath on her school document.

My mother also said her grandmother's maiden name was Quigley.

Other Census Records

The Beard Family

1860 NY Onondaga Pompey

Res 655, Fam 651

Randolph Beard, 29, Farmer, Real Est \$9,060, Per Est \$2,923, NY

Hellen A. Beard, 29, NY

Gertrude L. Beard, 6, NY

Minetta Beard, 4, NY

Frances A. Beard, Female, NY

Hubbard Fields, 24, Farm Laborer, NY

Mary Kean, 22, Domestic, Ireland

These are the people who sold Kate McGrath her house at No. 3 Doubleday Street in Cortland back in 1888.

The Graff Family

1900 NY Onondaga Otisco Dist 0066

Res 181, Fam 189, Owns home with a mortgage

Anton Graff, Head, Mar 1866, 39, M, 12, Germ, Germ, Germ, 1882, 18, Na Farm Laborer

Mary S. Graff, Wife, July 1860, 39, M, 12, 4/2, Switz, Switz, Switz, 1887, 13

Anton Graff, Son, Apr 1890, 10, S, NY, Germ, Switz, At school

Frederick A. Graff, Son, Jan 1892, S, NY, Germ, Switz, At school

1905 NY Onondaga Otisco (From Familysearch.org - Otisco missing from Ancestry)

Antoino Graff, 1866, Germany

Mary S. Graff, 43, Germany

Anton Graff, 15, US

Fredrick Graff, 13, US

No image was available on line. In the 1910 census Mary was born in Switzerland.

1910 NY Onondaga Lafayette Dist 0060

Res 13, Fam 13, Owns Home w/ Mortgage - Farm schedule #2

Anthony Graff, Head, 43, M1, Ger, Ger, Ger, 1882, Na, Farm Laborer, Fruit Farm

No additional family members were listed with Anthony or in any other part of Lafayette. The Lafayette census was checked page by page. At this time (1910) Anthony's wife found in the 1915 census was still married and living in DeWitt. Also, Margaret McGrath was living in Guilford, Chenango Co and had married Frank Hackett in October 1909 and claimed it was her first marriage while Frank stated that it was his second marriage.

1915 NY Onondaga Otisco AD01 ED01

Anthony Graff, Head, 49, Germany, 32 yrs in US, Cit, Laborer Farm

Alice Graff, Wife, 35, US, Cit, House Work

George Parcels, Son, 15, US, Cit, School

Marguriet Parcels, Daughter, 12, US, Cit, School

Henry C. Parcels, Son, 10, US, Cit, School

Guy A. Parcels, Son, 7, US, Cit, School

Herman Graff, Son, 100 D(ays), US, Cit, No occupation

This census shows Anthony Graff's family. At some point he married an Alice Purcells who already had four children from a previous marriage. No obituary was found for Anthony/Anton Graff in the Fulton History newspaper archive. No grave was found for Anthony/Anton Graff in New York State in the Find-A-Grave database.

The Parcels Family

1910 NY Onondaga DeWitt Dist 0050

Res 365, Fam 395, Rents Farm #155

Cristopher Parcelles, Head, 56, M2, Mar 12 yrs, NY, NY, NY

Alyce Parcelles, Wife, 30, M1, Mar 12 yrs, 4/4, NY, PA, NY, Farmer, General Farm

George Parcelles, Son, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Margaret Parcelles, Daughter, 7, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Henry Parcelles, Son, 5, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Guy Parcelles, Son, 2, S, NY, NY, NY, None

The Auburn Citizen, Auburn, NY,
Monday, June 30, 1913

Death of C. F. Parcelles.

Christopher F. Parcelles, a former well known Auburnian died at his home in LaFayette last evening from cancer of the stomach. He was in his 59th year. He had been feeling rather poorly for some time past but it was only until 10 days ago that he was taken seriously ill and his ailment diagnosed as cancer.

The deceased is survived by four children by his first marriage, Mrs. Harry H. Ferguson of California, Nellie M. Patrick of Cayuga, Hortense A. Barnes of Detroit and William H. Parcelles of this city, and by his widow and four children, George, Henry, Marguerite and Guy Parcelles, all of LaFayette. Three brothers, Charles D. and John D. Parcelles of Auburn, Frank Parcelles of Rochester, and two sisters, Mrs. O. L. Potter of Albany and Mrs. Maud Blagby of New York, also survive.

The remains will be brought to Auburn tomorrow evening and the funeral will be held at the home of his brother, John D. Parcelles, No. 75 Lewis Street, Wednesday at 3 o'clock. The deceased was a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, F. and A. M. and that organization will have charge of the funeral. Burial will be made in Souls Cemetery.

The Hackett Family

1905 NY Broome Union ED05

48 Endicott Avenue

Frank Hackett, Head, 39, United States, Cit, Blacksmith

Mary Hackett, Wife, 35, United States, Cit, Housework

Frank Hackett, Son, 19, United States, Cit, Shoemaker

Ralph Hackett, Son, 17, United States, Cit, Day Laborer

Blanch Hackett, Daughter, 15, United States, Cit, At home

Lewis Hackett, Son, 6, United States, Cit, At home

Teddie Hackett, Son, 4, Unites States, Cit, At Home

This is the Frank Hackett who married Margaret McGrath (Graff?) in October 1909. It would appear, based on subsequent events, that he left his wife and family to marry her.

1910 NY Broome Union Lestershire Dist 0059

62 Endicott Ave, Rents home

Res 151, Fam 216

Mary Hackett, Head, 38, Wd, 5/5, NY, NY, NY, None

Frank Hackett, Son, 22, S, NY, NY, NY, Barber, Shop

Ralph Hackett, Son, 20, S, NY, NY, NY, Foreman, Shoe factory

Blanche Hackett, Daughter, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Lewis Hackett, Son, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Teddie Hackett, Son, 9, S, NY, NY, NY, None

By claiming to be a widow Mary Hackett seemed to be hiding the fact that her husband had left her and the family. When Frank Hackett died in 1928 his obituary listed a son, Frank Hackett, of Binghamton, as one of his survivors. There was no mention of his former wife or any of the other children — it is unlikely that they would have all been deceased by 1928.

Extra Info

McGrath Family

Mary Agatha McGrath was attending Homer Academy as of Jan. 20, 1883.

William Barber

BIRTH 1865

DEATH 1902 (aged 36–37)

BURIAL Scott Union Cemetery, Scott, Cortland County, NY

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/193108725/william-barber>

The Cortland Democrat, Cortland, NY,
Friday, June 10, 1904

The remains of William Barber of Spafford were laid to rest in the Scott Rural cemetery Sunday. Mr. Barber was well known about here, and highly esteemed.

The above person is a possible candidate for the husband of Julia McGrath Barber

Problems with the 1905 NYS Census

Ancestry.com - 1905 NYS census - in addition to missing quite a few Onondaga County towns, it is also missing Syracuse WD13 - WD19

Familysearch.org - 1905 NYS seems to have all the Syracuse Wards, but the search results lack location information and the images can only be viewed at the LDS Family History centers.

Family Papers

Army Records

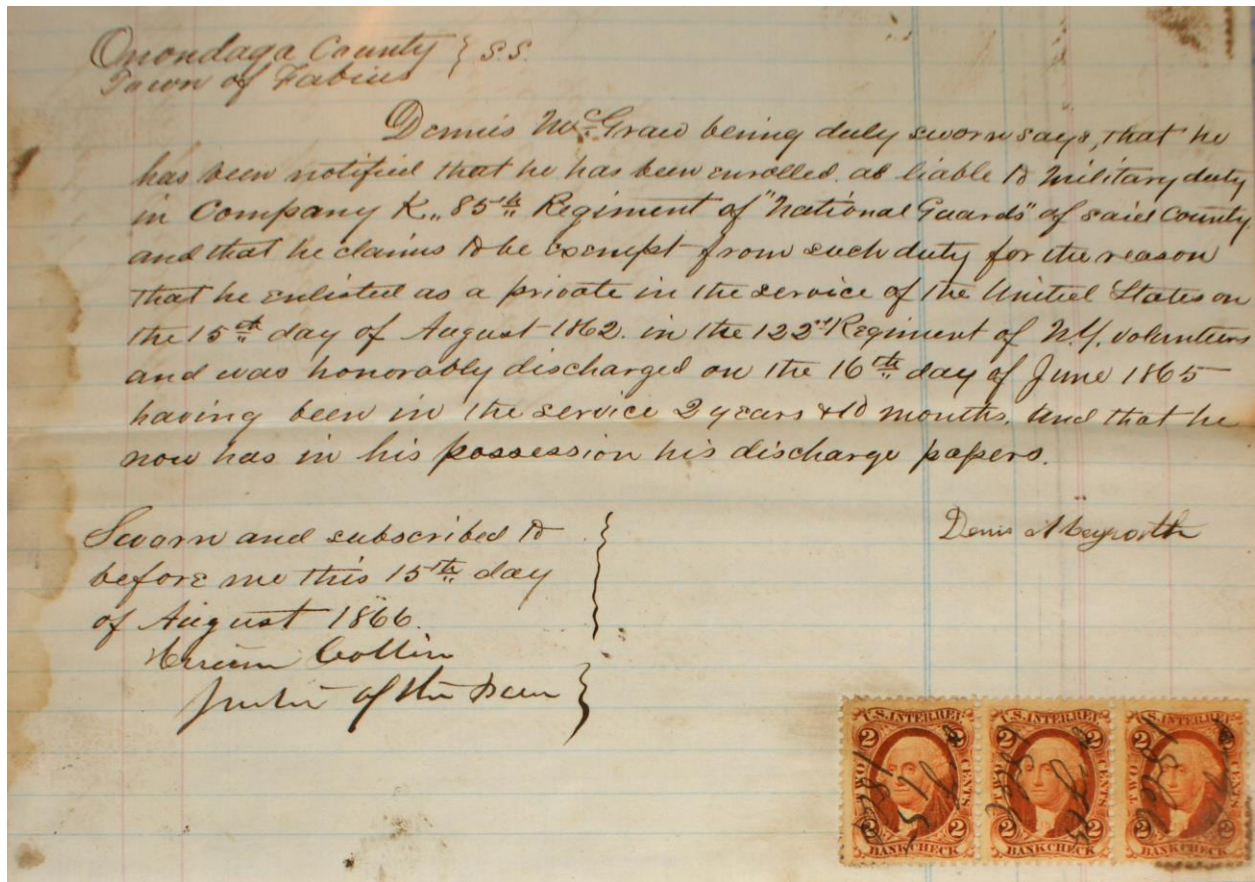
Since Denis was in the Civil War it should be possible to find his records. It is necessary to send for the National Archives Order Form for Copies of Veteran's Records. It is the same form but one is needed for a army record and another for a pension record. Form - OMB Control No. 3095-0032 can be requested at the address below:

National Archives and Records Administration
Textual Reference Branch (NWDT1)
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20408

The army record itself will typically be unimpressive and won't contain anything new. But the pension record – now that is a very different story. A person can serve three years in the army and the record can sometimes be as short as a single page. However, when someone tries to get money out of the government — say for a pension — that will create a huge paper trail. The

amazing thing is that the government has been storing this information for almost 150 years and they will send it to you for all of \$10, or at least it was that much back in 1998.

Denis McGrath Exemption Papers



Orphanage Charges For the McGrath Girls

Town of Fabius
To St. Vincent's F. O. Asylum Dr.
For the maintenance of Mary Julia & Margaret McGrath
at the rate of \$ 1.00 per week —
156 weeks @ 1.00 — \$ 156.00
For teaching Mary & Julia
104 weeks @ .30 — 31.20
\$ 187.20

City of Syracuse, ss.

Sister Tatiana White being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the items of the annexed account are correct, and that the services and disbursements charged therein have been in fact rendered or made, and that the same or any part thereof, has not been paid or satisfied.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, ²⁷⁰
this ~~27~~²⁷ day of Nov 187 } Sister Tatiana White
D. B. Keels
Notary Public

These orphanage papers were discovered by Bill and Joanne Casey while they were doing an inventory of the the papers of Edmond O'Shea of Fabius, NY

Orphanage Charges For the McGrath Girls

Syracuse, June 27th.
Superiorress of St. Vincent's F. O. Socy.
Please to care for & maintain
in your Institution, Mary
Margaret, & Julia Mc^{re} McGrath
and charge the same to the
Town of Habius - from Nov. 1/75
to Nov. 1/76.
B^{ea} Goodrich
Cassero of the Poor
At \$1.00 per week.

St. Vincent's F. O.
Sylburn
Bill
Claimed \$187.20
Allowed 156.00

to enter all the items of
lost or need have been in fact
bottles w
[Faint handwritten notes and a signature are visible on this page.]

The Tragic Death of Young George Barber

The Post Standard, Syracuse, NY, Friday, January 28, 1910

POLICE PROBE THE DEATH OF BARBER CHILD

But Satisfy Themselves It Was an Accident

OIL OF WINTERGREEN FATAL

Baby Taken Deadly Dose in Apartments of William Stacy, in the Agan Block - Lingens Nearly 20 Hours.

George Barber, aged 3 years and 3 months, son of Mrs. Julia Barber of No. 411 South West street, died at 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children as a result, it is claimed of having swallowed a quantity of oil of wintergreen. Circumstances leading to the child's death caused the police to make an investigation. Also Coroner George R. Kinne said he would probably take up the case to-day. The child had been staying at the apartments of William Stacy in the Agan Block, East Washington and Market street, and it was there that he took the fatal dose. Both Mr. Stacy and his house-

keeper, Miss Rose Curtis, were taken to Police Headquarters by Detective Dorner yesterday afternoon, but were released after they had made statements satisfying the police that the child took the medicine from a bottle when no one was looking.

Last night Miss Curtis told practically the same story she had recited to the police. She said:

Found Bottle on Bureau.

"I was preparing dinner for Mr. Stacy Wednesday evening and George was playing on the kitchen floor. Suddenly he came to me and complained of a pain in his stomach, and when questioned admitted that he had climbed on a chair and secured the wintergreen, which was in a small bottle on the bureau. He said he had poured the liquid into a glass.

"He had been accustomed to drinking water from the glass, but drank only a little of the drug. As some of the wintergreen had been spilled on the bureau and some on the floor, and as there was only about a teaspoonful in the bottle in the first place, I did not think he had swallowed enough to make his seriously ill and at first I was not seriously frightened."

Coroner Kinne said last night that a teaspoonful of oil of wintergreen would be sufficient to cause the death of any child. "It is very powerful," said the Coroner, "and acts quickly—more so in the case of a child. No one has notified me of the case, but probably some one will in the morning, and then I shall start an investigation."

Stacy Grief Stricken.

Mr. Stacy, who appears to be about 40 years of age, was nearly heartbroken when told yesterday afternoon that the little boy was dead. He cried like a child and could not be comforted. His said, between sobs: "This is the worst and hardest blow I have ever received. Although the lad was absolutely no relative of mine, I had taken care of him almost entirely for over two years and I loved him better than anything else in the world.—He was always weak and delicate, and two or three times before I came near losing him. It is almost too much to bear."

Mrs. Julia Barber, mother of the boy, was of the opinion that the delay in taking George to the hospital was greatly responsible for his death. "Miss Curtie," she said, "was reluctant of intrusting George to the people at the hospital, and I believe that if my baby had been taken there immediately after the occurrence his life might have been saved."

It has been assumed that Julia Barber's husband had died prior to 1892, the year that she and her children were living with her mother. Therefore the father of her child George is uncertain. At this time (Jan 1910) she was still going by the name Mrs. Julia Barber. In the 1910 census she was living at the same 411 South West St with a "roomer" named Cornelius Rice. She was listed as a Widow and Rice as Single. However, Julia's last name was listed as Rice. This might be the father of George Barber