

The Comerford Families of Syracuse, NY

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Introduction

During the final stages of writing *The Comerford Families of Morgan Hill* a final Comerford family was found. This Comerford family settled in Syracuse, NY and so there was no confusion with the other Comerford families in the above paper since they resided in Cortland County. A very detailed obituary for a Thomas Comerford who died in 1906 featured numerous survivors who were all residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota. By following the trail of those survivors it was possible to reassemble all of Thomas' family and to trace them back through the Canadian census records to establish their point of origin in Ontario, Canada.

Thomas Comerford and his wife Catherine Dunnagan were married in Canada where their first two children were born prior to the family immigrating to Syracuse, NY in 1867. Between 1867 and 1876 they had six more children. Prior to 1900 the family resided at several different addresses in the 4th Ward. After that the family relocated to the Village of Geddes. Between 1896 and 1904 nine of Thomas Comerford's children and grandchildren had died. It was thought that it was these family losses and a recent accident that had prevented him from working that led to his suicide in 1906 in the backyard of his daughter Ellen Webster in Split Rock.

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A - Michael Comerford and Bridget Hawkins from Canada



July 7, 1906, Saturday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

This is the small obituary which started the search that resulted in the documentation of the genealogy of the Michael Commerford family which is described in detail in this section. Michael is not related to any of the other Comerford families described in this paper. However, the number of family connections described in this one obituary was just too tempting to resist.

Michael Comerford

b. 1813, IR (Grave)
 d. Mar 3, 1898,
 Minneapolis, NY
 bur St. Mary's Cem,
 Minneapolis, MN

A1**= Bridget Hawkins**

b. 1818, IR, (Grave)
 d. Nov 18, 1889, Hennepin Co, MN
 bur St. Anthony's Cem, Minneapolis, MN

Thomas Comerford

b. Mar 18, 1838, Ontario, Can (Grave)
 d. Jul 6, 1906, Split Rock, Onon Co, NY
 bur St. Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

= Catherine Dunnagan

b. 1838, Can (Grave)
 d. May 11, 1921, Syracuse, NY
 bur St. Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

Anna Comerford

b. Oct 1843, Can (Grave)
 d. Mar 20, 1926, Winnipeg, Can
 bur Calvary Cem, Superior, WI

= James McCafferty

b. 1837, Wolfe Is, Ontario, Can (Grave)
 d. Sep 18, 1911, Ball Bluff, MN
 bur Calvary Cem, Superior, WI

Catherine Comerford

b. Oct 5, 1846, Wolfe Is., Ontario, Can
 d. Oct 9, 1927, St. Paul, MN
 bur Calvary Cem, Superior, WI

= Timothy Burns (1)

b. 1830, IR (1880)

= FNU Conway (2)

b.
 d. bef 1900

Mary A. Comerford

b. May 9, 1848, Can (Grave)
 d. May 25, 1923, St. Paul, MN
 bur Calvary Cem, St. Paul, MN

= John Smith (1)

b.
 mar 1875

= John Hopman (2)

b.

Never married

John Comerford

b. Feb 6, 1848, Can (Grave)
 d. Jul 6, 1936, Swift Co, MN

Susan Comerford

b. 1853, Wolfe Is, Ontario, Can (Grave)
 d. Dec 13, 1931, Minneapolis, MN
 bur St Mary's Catholic Cem, Minneapolis, MN,

= Thomas Bartholomew

b. 1852, Can (Grave)
 d. Jun 9, 1923, Minneapolis, MN
 bur St. Mary's Catholic Cem,
 Minneapolis, MN

Michael James Comerford

b. Sep 7, 1855, Wolfe Is, Ontario, Can
 d. Apr 4, 1922, Dublin Tnsp, Swift Co, MN
 bur St Bridget's Cem, DeGraff, MN

= Mary E. Walsh

b. 1859 (Grave)
 d. Jul 4, 1927, Dublin Tnsp, MN
 bur St. Bridget's Cem, DeGrff. MN

Julia Comerford

b. 1857, Quebec, Can (Grave)
 d. Dec 5, 1939, Minneapolis, MN
 bur St Mary's Catholic Cem, Minneapolis, MN

= John Arthur Burns

b. Sep 14, 1856, Needham, MA (Grave)
 d. May 20, 1919, Minneapolis, MN
 bur St Mary's Catholic Cem, Minneapolis,
 MN

Emma Comerford

b. 1874, Can (1880)

Census Age Table

Name	1851	1861	1865	1870	1875	1880
Location						
Michael Comerford	37	50				60
Bridget Commerford	32	42				60
Children						
Thomas	13	22				
Ann	10	19				
Catherine	6	15				
Mary	3	12				30
John	2	10				28
Susan		8				
Michael		6				23
Julia		3				
Emma						6

Canadian Census Records

1851 Canada West (Ontario) Frontenac Co Wolfe Island, 37

Michall Comerford, Farmer, IR, Catholic, 37
 Bridgett Comerford, Farmer, IR, Catholic, 32
 Thomas Comerford, Farmer, Upper Canada, Catholic, 13
 Ann Comerford, Farmer, Upper Canada, Catholic, 10
 Catherine Comerford, Farmer, Upper Canada, Catholic, 6
 Mary Comerford, Farmer, Upper Canada, Catholic, 3
 John Comerford, Farmer, Upper Canada, Catholic, 2

Note: The ages are the individual's age at their next birthday.

1861 Canada West Frontenac

Log House, 1 story

Michael Comerford, Farmer, Ireland, RC, 50
 Bridget Comerford, Ireland, RC, 42
 Thomas Comerford, Laborer, UC, RC, 22
 Anna Comerford, UC, RC, 19
 Catherine Comerford, UC, RC, 15
 Mary Comerford, UC, RC, 12
 John Comerford, UC, RC, 10
 Susan Comerford, UC, RC, 8
 Michal Comerford, UC, RC, 6
 Julia Comerford, UC, RC, 3

US Census Records - Michael Comerford Family

1880 Minnesota Swift Dublin Dist 030

Res 50 Fam 51

Michael Comerford, 60, M, Farmer, Cannot R or W, IR, IR, IR
Bridget Comerford, 60, Wife, M, Keeping House, Cannot R or W, IR, IR, IR
John Comerford, 28, Son, S, Works on farm, CAN, IR, IR
Michael Comerford, 23, Son, S, Works on farm, CAN, IR, IR
Mary Comerford, 30, Dau, S, At home, CAN, IR, IR
Emma Comerford, 6, Dau, S, At home, CAN, IR, IR
Robert Healy, 38, No relation, S, Boarder, Rheumatism, Indiana, IR, IR

Res 51 Fam 52

Timothy Burns, 50, M, Farmer, IR, IR, IR
Catherine Burns, 45, Wife, M, Keeping House, Cannot W, IR, IR, IR
Mary Burns, 10, Dau, S, At school, MN, IR, **IR**
Ellen Burns, 11, Dau, S, At school, MN, IR, **IR**
Timothy Burns, 9, Son, S, At school, MN, IR, **IR**
Catherine Burns, 7, Dau, S, At school, MN, IR, **IR**
Agnes Burns, 4, Dau, S, At home, MN, IR, **IR**

Note: This is **Catherine's 1st marriage**. She later married a man named **Conway** who had sons born in NY. **Catherine** was also born in Canada and not Ireland.

Res 52 Fam 53

John Burns, 23, M, Farmer, MA, IR, IR
Julia Burns, 22, Wife, M, Keeping House, CAN, IR, IR

1900 Minnesota Hennepin Minneapolis WD07 Dist 0076

2525 17th Avenue South Res 169 Fam 200, Rents home

John A. Burns, Sep 1856, 43, M, 20 yrs, MA, IR, IR, Watchman
Julia C. Burns, Wife, May 1860, 40, M, 20 yrs, Children: 10/7, CAN, IR, IR, No immigration info
James Burns, Son, Feb 1882, 18, S, **MN**, MA, CAN, Mailer, Flour Mill
Frank Burns, Son, Jul 1883, 16, S, MN, MA, CAN, Messenger
John Burns, Son, May 1885, 15, S, MN, MA, CAN, At School
Eugene Burns, Son, Mar 1891, 9, S, MN, MA, CAN, At School
Agnes Burns, Dau, May 1897, 7, S, MN, MA, CAN, At School
Martha Burns, Dau, Jan 1898, 2, S, MN, MA, CAN

1900 Minnesota Hennepin Minneapolis WD11 Dist 0116

2120 18th Avenue South Res 65 Fam 94, Rents home

Catherine Conway, Head, Feb 1848, 52, Wd, Children: 12/6, CAN, IR, IR, **1866**, 34 yrs
Frederick C. Conway, Son, Jun 1869, 30, S, **NY**, IR, CAN, Steam Fitter (Helper)
Edward P. Conway, Son, Nov 1870, 29, S, **NY**, IR, CAN, Teamster
Gilbert C. Conway, Son, Oct 1884, 15, S, **NY**, IR, CAN, Errand Boy (Printing)

1900 Minnesota Swift Dublin Dist 0274

Res 21 Fam 21

Michael Commerford, Head, Aug 1859, 40, M, 19yrs, CAN, IR, IR, **1876**, 24 yrs, Na, Farmer
Mary E. Commerford, Wife, Oct 1862, 37, M, 19 yrs, Children: 5/5, CAN, IR, IR, 1877, 23 yrs
John Commerford, Son, Sep 1882, 17, S, **MN**, CAN, CAN
Katie Commerford, Dau, May 1883, 17, S, MN, CAN, CAN
Eddie Commerford, Son, May 1886, 14, S, MN, CAN, CAN
Thomas Commerford, Son, Nov 1889, 10, S, MN, CAN, CAN
Rose Commerford, Dau, Apr 1894, 6, S, MN, CAN, CAN

1900 MN Hennepin Minneapolis WD05 Dist 0059

1310 Fifth Avenue South Res 188 Fam 306, Rents house

Thomas Bartholomew, Head, Sept 1846, 53, M, 28 yrs, CAN, ENG, ENG, 1870, 30 yrs, Na, Teamster

Susan Bartholomew, Wife, Jun 1854, 45, M, 28 yrs, Children: 9/5, CAN, IR, IR, **1868**, 32 yrs

Eddie J. Bartholomew, Son, Apr 1879, 21, S, NY, CAN, CAN, Telephone Repair

Mary Ann Bartholomew, Dau, Dec 1881, 18, S, NY, CAN, CAN

Jennie E. Bartholomew, Dau, Oct 1883, 16, S, NY, CAN, CAN, At School (9 mos)

Frances B. Bartholomew, Dau, Sept 1885, 14, S, NY, CAN, CAN, At School (9 mos)

John Cumberfaut, Boarding, Feb 1851, 49, S, CAN, IR, IR, **1876**, 24 yrs, Na, Teamster

Note: John Cumberfaut is actually **John Comerford**; he is the brother of **Susan Bartholomew**.

Obituaries

Michael Comerford

"Michael was an Irish immigrant who is shown in the 1861 Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada census with wife, **Bridget (Hawkins)**, and their 10 Canadian-born children. Wolfe Island was called Long Island at that time. The family is listed also in the 1880 Swift, Minnesota census with four children at home. Later, in 1895, 86-year-old **Michael** is shown as residing with son, **Michael Jr.**, and his son's family in Swift, Dublin Township, Minnesota. At the time of his passing, **Michael's** obituary states he was living with daughter, **Julia Comerford Burns** in Minneapolis.

"While Michael's wife, **Bridget Hawkins Comerford** is buried nearby at St. Anthony's, a number of **Michael** and **Bridget's** daughters and grandchildren were laid to rest at St. Mary's. In addition many extended family members (cousins and in-laws) are also buried at St. Mary's.

Note: Comerford is spelled in various ways in different historical records such as **Conerford**, **Cummefor**, **Cornerfort**, etc. - From Find A Grave

Obituary:

"CONERFORD—In this city, March 2, 1898, **Michael Conerford**, aged 85 years. Funeral Friday at residence, 2408 Sixteenth avenue south, at 8:45 a. m. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery."

March 3, 1898, The Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, MN, page 9

Anna Comerford McCafferty

"According to Superior Diocese staff, Anna McCafferty is buried without a headstone in Section A - Block 3 - Lot 11 Anna is in Grave 1 South, **James**, her husband, is in Grave 2 South.

"Mrs. Anna McCafferty died at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. E. Wilkinson** Saturday at the age of 84. She is survived by four sons, **Patrick**, of Bowsman, Man.; **James**, Winnipeg; **William** of Superior, WI; and one daughter, **Mrs. Eugene Wilkinson**, Winnipeg. The body will be taken from Barker's Chapel Tuesday afternoon to Superior for burial.

March 22, 1926, Monday, Free Press Evening Bulletin, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Page 3

"Both Anna and husband, **James**, were second generation Irish immigrants born in Canada, likely Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario. According to US and Canadian census data they had at least 8 children, possibly more. They moved between Canada and the US, primarily in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Several of their children are buried at Calvary Cemetery in Superior, WI, as well as many grandchildren, while the others are buried elsewhere in Minnesota and Canada." - Find A Grave

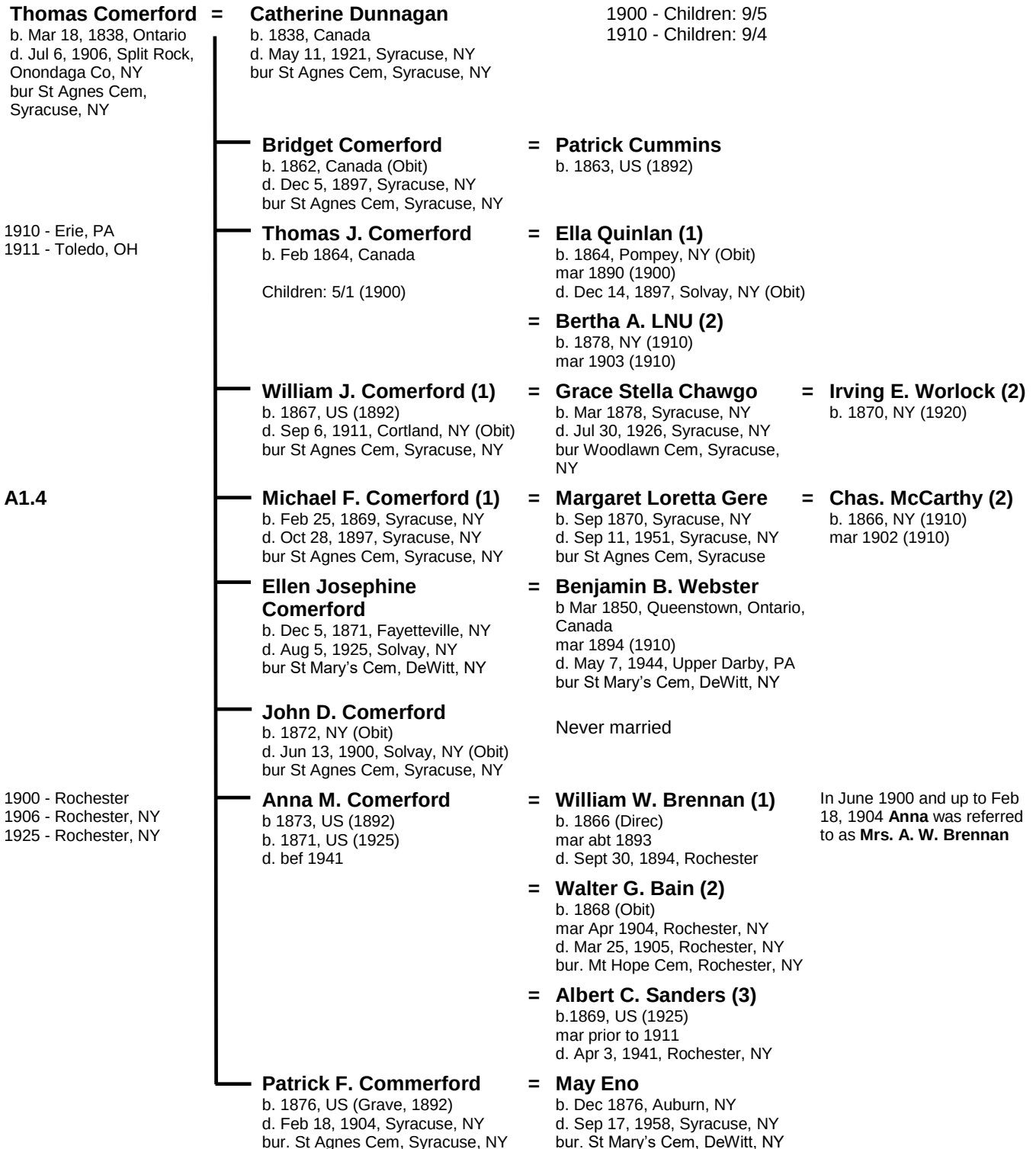
Find A Grave

Father	Mother
Michael Comerford Birth: 1813, Ireland Death: 3 Mar 1898 (aged 84–85), Minneapolis, MN Burial: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN Plot: Section 20, Block 11, Grave 53 Memorial ID: 228285240	Bridget Hawkins Comerford Birth: 1818, Ireland Death: 18 Nov 1889 (aged 70–71), Hennepin County, MN Burial: St. Anthony's Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Plot: Section 27, Lot 2W Memorial ID: 105379835
Children	Spouses
Thomas Commerford Birth: 18 Mar 1838, Ontario, Canada Death: 6 Jul 1906 (aged 68), Split Rock, Onondaga County, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Section 19, Grave 148A Memorial ID: 149890952	Catherine Dunnagan Commerford Birth: 1838, Canada Death: 11 May 1921 (aged 82–83), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Section 6, Lot 43, Grave 99 Memorial ID: 149890940
Anna Comerford McCafferty Birth: Oct 1843, Canada Death: 20 Mar 1926 (aged 82), Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Superior, Douglas County, WI Memorial ID: 269748790	James McCafferty Birth: 1837, Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada Death: 18 Sep 1911 (aged 73–74), Ball Bluff, Aitkin County, MN Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Superior, Douglas County, WI Memorial ID: 269208792
Catherine Comerford Conway Birth: 5 Oct 1846, Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada Death: 9 Oct 1927 (aged 81), Saint Paul, Ramsey County, MN Burial: Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Memorial ID: 281574705	In 1880 Catherine was married to Timothy Burns (b. 1830). They had 5 children between the ages of 11-4. This was her first husband. Her second husband was John Conway and by 1900 she was listed in the census as Conway's widow. Two of the older Conway sons were born in NY while Catherine was married to Burns in MN. John Conway - "They raised six children in NY and in Minnesota." - Find A Grave - This is incorrect.
John Commerford Birth: 6 Feb 1848, Canada Death: 6 Jul 1936 (aged 88), Swift County, MN Burial: Saint Bridgets Cemetery, De Graff, Swift County, MN Memorial ID: 282035911	Never married
Mary A Comerford Hopman Birth: 9 May 1848, Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada Death: 25 May 1923 (aged 75), Saint Paul, Ramsey County, MN Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Saint Paul, Ramsey County, MN Memorial ID: 282263089	John Smith (1), mar 1875 John Hopman (2)
Susan Comerford Cavanaugh Birth: 1853, Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada Death: <u>13 Dec 1931</u> (aged 77–78), Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Burial: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Memorial ID: 281383859	Thomas Bartholomew Birth: 1852, Canada Death: 9 Jun 1923 (aged 70–71), Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Burial: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Memorial ID: 281388777

Michael James “Mike” Commerford Birth: 7 Sep 1855, Wolfe Island, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada Death: 4 Apr 1922 (aged 66), Dublin Township, Swift County, MN Burial: Saint Bridgets Cemetery, De Graff, Swift County, MN Memorial ID: 259591190	Mary Walsh Commerford Birth: 1859 Death: 4 Jul 1927 (aged 67–68), Dublin Township, Swift County, MN Burial: Saint Bridgets Cemetery, De Graff, Swift County, MN Memorial ID: 259591098
Julia Comerford Burns Birth: 1857, Québec, Canada Death: 5 Dec 1939 (aged 81–82), Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Burial: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Memorial ID: 268640306	John Arthur Burns Birth: 14 Sep 1856, Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, USA Death: 20 May 1919 (aged 62), Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Burial: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN Plot: Section 40, Block 7, Lot 5 Memorial ID: 158599980

A1 - Thomas Comerford and Catherine Dunnagan from Canada

(s/o Michael Comerford and Bridget Hawkins)
(d/o Father and Mother)



In the census the surname was spelled Comerford. However, in the city directory and in the cemeteries the surname was spelled Commerford. Thomas Commerford was one of the eight children of Michael Comerford and Bridget Hawkins. In the Find A Grave database 3 of those 8 children chose the surname spelling of Commerford.

US Census Records

1865 - Thomas Comerfort not found

1870 - Thomas Comerfort not found - Town of Geddes searched page by page. Syracuse WD04 was searched page by page. Thomas Comerford was not found.

1875 - Thomas Comerfort not found. Town of Geddes ED01 and ED02 searched page by page. Syracuse WD04 (ED01 and ED02) were searched page by page. Thomas Comerford was not found.

1880 - Thomas Comerfort not found - Town of Geddes, Districts 173 and 174 were searched page by page. Syracuse WD04 (Dist 208, 209 and 210) were searched page by page. Thomas Commerford and family were not found.

1892 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD10 ED02

Thomas Comerfort, 54, Canada, C. Foreman

Catheron Comerfort, 55, Canada, C

William Comerfort, 25, US, C, Tester

Patrick Comerfort, 16, US, Machinist (could this be the husband of the widow Mary Comerford?)

Ellen Comerfort, 22, US, C (married Benjamin Webster in 1894)

1892 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD04 ED05

Thomas Comerford, 28, **US**, C, Clerk

Ella Comerford, 26, **US**, C

Joseph Comerford, 3, US, C

Francis Comerford (Female), 1, US, C,

Note: Thomas was born in Canada.

1892 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD04 ED05

Patrick Cummins, 29, US, C, Clerk

Bridget Cummins, 29, **US**, C

Bridget Cummins, 8, US, C

William Cummins, 1, US, C

Note: Bridget was born in Canada

1892 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD10 ED02

John Camerfort, 20, US, C, Testor

1900 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 Dist 0114

906 Avery Avenue, Res 66, Fam 74, Home(?)

Alice Comerford, Head, Oct 1837, 62, **Wd**, 46 yrs, Children: 4/4, CAN, IR, IR, **1867**, 33 yrs

Bridget Comerford, Dau, Aug 1883, 16, S, NY, CAN, CAN

William Comerford, Son, Feb 1891, 9, S, NY, CAN, CAN, At School (10 mos)

John Comerford, Son, Mar 1883, 17, S, NY, CAN, CAN, Gas Tester

Thomas J. Comerford, Son, Feb 1864, 36, **Wd**, 10 yr, Children: 5/1, **CAN**, CAN, CAN, Unk, Gas Tester

William Comerford, Grandson, Sept 1893, 6, S, NY, CAN, CAN, At School (10 mos)

906 Avery Avenue, Res 66, Fam 75, Rents home

Thomas Comerford, Head, Mar 1838, 62, **M**, 40 yrs, Children: 9/5, CAN, IR, IR, **1867**, 33 yrs, Na, Stone Mason.

Note: This census information is one complicated mess. Despite the name Alice, it is believed that she is actually Catherine Comerford, the wife of Thomas Comerford — their age and immigration information

matches. However Alice claims to be a widow while Thomas claims to be married. Still more confusing Alice claims Children: 4/4 while Thomas claims Children: 9/5. Alice correctly claims Thomas J. Comerford as her son and this Thomas is a widow and has a son of the named William. It is assumed that Alice = Catherine — one problem solved. Now, who were the parents of the Bridget, William and John who were born in NY of Canadian parents? These three children were born between 1883 and 1891 and they seem much too young for “Alice” to be their mother. Oddly Catherine actually had children with these names but they had been born in the 1860s and 1870s. The older Bridget died in 1897 and William and John were married and were living with their own families in 1900. The 1892 and 1905 census records were searched for Alice, Bridget, William and John Comerford however none of these individuals were found. *Their appearance with the Comerford family in 1900 remains a mystery.*

1900 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD01 Dist 0084

1506 Spring Street Res 95 Fam 105, Rents home

Patrick Commerford, Head, Dec 1876, M, 2 yrs, **CAN**, CAN, CAN, **1880**, 20 yrs, Na, Conductor, St. R.R.

May C. Commerford, Wife, Dec 1876, 23, M, Children: 2/2, NY, NY, NY

Mary Commerford, Dau, Mar 1898, 2, S, NY, CAN, NY

(Not named) Commerford, Dau, May 1900, 0/12, S, NY, CAN, NY

Note: According to this census **Patrick** was born in Canada in Dec 1876 and he didn't come to the US until 1880. In this same 1900 census Thomas and “Alice” both indicated that they had come to the US in 1867.

1905 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 ED03

1136 Avery Avenue

Thomas Commerford, Head, 67, Canada (Irish), 40 yrs, Mason (Stone), W

Catherine Commerford, Wife, 67, Canada, **60 yrs**, Housework

Willie Commerford, Son, 37, US, Mason (Stone), W

Grace Commerford, 26, US, Housework (Wife of Willie)

May Commerford, Dau-in-law, 28, US, Knitter (Wool), W

Etta Commerford, G-Dau, 3, US

Mayme Commerford, G-Dau, 7, US, At School

Francis Commerford, G-Son, 3, US

William Cummings, Nephew, 14, US, At School

John Cummings, Niece, Female, 12, US, At School (This is John Francis)

Note: There is a lot going on here. Three grandchildren named **Commerford** were living with the family. Then there were the **Cummings** children (a nephew and a niece?) A sister of **Thomas** must have married a man named **Cummings** and was now presumed deceased. And lastly there is the daughter-in-law, **May Commerford**, the wife of one of **Thomas'** sons — could she be the mother of the grandchildren? In his 1905 obituaries **John Francis Cummings** was also referred to as **John Francis Comerford** and it was reported that he was a grandson of **Thomas** and **Catherine Comerford**.

SOLUTION: The **Cummings** boys were the sons of **Patrick** and **Bridget Comerford Cunnings**. **Bridget** was the eldest child of **Thomas** and **Catherine Comerford** and she died in 1897.

1910 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 Dist 0135

1115 Avery Avenue Res 203 Fam 230, Rents home

Catherine Commerford, Head, 74, Wd, Children: 9/4, CAN, IR, IR, None

Mary Commerford, Dau-in-Law, 34, Wd, Children: 3/2, NY, NY, NY, Knitter, Knitting Mill

Mary Commerford, Grand Dau, 14, S, NY, CAN, NY, None

Francis Commerford, Grand Son, 7, S, NY, CAN, NY, None

William **Cummings**, Grand Son, 19, S, NY, NY, CAN, Laborer, Piano factory

1910 PA Erie Erie WD04 Dist 0091

716 Sassafra Res 92 Fam 108, Rents Home

Thomas J. Commerford, Head, 45, M2, 7 yrs, CAN, CAN, CAN, **1870**, Na, buyer, Dry goods Store
Bertha A. Commerford, Wife, 32, M2, 7 yrs, Children: 1/1, NY, ENG, NY, None
William Comerford, Son, 16, S, NY, CAN, NY, None
Cecil Commerford, Son, 14, S, NY, CAN, NY, None

1915 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD09 AD01 ED03

116 Morgan Avenue

Catherine Comerford, Head, 76, Canada (Irish), 60 yrs, Cit, Housework
Francis Comerford, Grandson, 13, US, School
William Cummings, Grandson, 24, US, Finisher (Piano Factory)
Victoria Pavinski, Cousin, 13, US, Housework

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD14 Dist 0192

114 Jackson Street Res 269 Fam 269, Rents

Mary Comerford, Head, 45, Wd, NY, NY, NY, Weaver, Mill
Mary Comerford, Dau, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Knitter, Tailor Shop
Francis Comerford, Son, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, Potter, Pottery
Catherine Comerford, Mother-in-law, 82, Wd, Immigration: Un, IR, IR, IR, None

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD14 Dist 0192

104 Cortland Avenue Res 175 Fam 175, Rents

Irving E. Worlock, Head, 50, M, NY, NY, NY, Motorman, NY Street RR
Grace E. Worlock, Wife, 42, M, NY, NY, NY, None
Leona M. Worlock, Dau, 12, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Charles W. Worlock, Son, 6, S, NY, NY, NY, None

Note: Leona Worlock was born in 1908. **Grace's** first husband, **Michael Comerford**, died in 1911. Who is **Leona's** father?

1930 NY Onondaga Syracuse Dist 0083

224 Hudson Street Res 307 Fam 509, Rents, \$30

May C. Commerford, Head, 54, Wd, NY, NY, NY, Laundress, At Home
Francis Commerford, Son, 29, S, NY, NY, NY, Assembler, Pressing Machine

1940 - Neither **May** or **Francis Comerford** were found

City Directories

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1867	Syracuse	This is the year the Thomas Commerford and family immigrated to the US	
1868	Syracuse	Thomas Comerford , mason, h. r. 110 Grape	
1869	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1870	Syracuse	Thomas Comerfort , mason, h. 107 Harrison	
1870	Census	Searched Syracuse WD04 pg. by pg.	
1871	Syracuse	Thomas Comeford , mason, h. 7 Delhi	
1872	Syracuse	Thomas Comerford , mason, h. Delhi n. Henderson	
1873	Syracuse	Missing from Ancestry.com	
1874	Syracuse	Thomas Comaford , mason, h. 5 Farmer	
1875	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1875	Census	Searched Syracuse WD04 (ED01 and ED02) pg. by pg.	
1876	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1877	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1878	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1879	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1880	Syracuse	None of Thomas Commerford's family found	
1880	Census	Searched Syracuse WD04 (Dist. 208, 209, 210) pg. by pg.	
1881	Syracuse	Thos. Commerford , mason, h. 70 Elm	
1882	Syracuse	Thomas Commerford , stone cutter, h. 70 Elm Thomas Commerford, jr. , Furrier, bds. 70 Elm	
1883	Syracuse	Thomas Commerford , mason, h. 20 Henderson	
1884	Syracuse	Michael Comerford , clerk, 22 S Salina, bds 20 Henderson Thomas Comerford , mason, h. 20 Henderson	
1885	Syracuse	Michael Commerford , h. 206 Chestnut Thomas Commerford , mason, h. 20 Henderson	
1886	Syracuse	Michael Commerford , clerk, N. Salina, bds. 20 Henderson Thomas Commerford , foreman, h. 20 Henderson Thomas J. Commerford , clerk, 1 1.2 Green, bds. 20 Henderson William J. Commerford , clerk, 98 S. Salina, bds. 20 Henderson	
1887	Syracuse	Michael Commerford , clerk, bds. 20 Henderson Thos. Commerford , stonecutter, h. 20 Henderson Thomas J. Commerford , clerk, 39 Hawley, bds. 20 Henderson William J. Commerford , coachman, bds. 20 Henderson	
1888	Syracuse	Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 60 S. Salina, bds. 20 Henderson Thomas Commerford , mason, h. 20 Henderson Thomas J. Commerford , clerk, 39 Hawley, h. 36 Oak Wm. J. Commerford , clerk, 197 E. Washington, bds. 20 Henderson	

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1889	Syracuse	John B. Commerford , clerk, bds. <u>214 Henderson</u> Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 146 N. Salina, bds. 214 Henderson Thomas Commerford , mason, h. <u>214 Henderson</u> Thomas J. Commerford , 229 Hawley, h. 151 Oak William J. Commerford , , clerk, 107 S. Warren, bds. 214 Henderson	
1890	Syracuse	Catherine Commerford , saloon, <u>309 Fulton</u> , h. do John Commerford , laborer, bds. <u>309 Fulton</u> Michael F. Commerford , bds. 905 Belden av Thomas Commerford , foreman, Solvay Process co, bds. <u>309 Fulton</u> Thomas J. Commerford , clerk, h. 317 Lodi Wm. Commerford , bds. <u>309 Fulton</u>	Mom was running a saloon? That's interesting.
1891	Syracuse	Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 146 N. Salina, h. 102 Hunter av Michael Comerford , h. 102 Hunter av Thomas J. Comerford , clerk, 130 N. Salina, h. 317 Lodi	Thomas Commerford (Sr) missing <u>1891-1895</u>
1892	Syracuse	Missing from Ancestry.com	
1893	Syracuse	Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 146 N. Salina, h. 303 Graves Thomas J. Commerford , clerk, 130 N. Salina, h. 317 Lodi William Commerford , mason, h. <u>1117 Avery av</u>	
1894	Syracuse	Alla Commerford , clerk, bds. <u>1117 Avery av</u> Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 146 N. Salina, h. 600 Belden av Thomas J. Commerford , <u>saloon</u> , 124 Lodi, h. 317 do	Could "Alla" in 1894 be related to "John" in 1895?
1895	Syracuse	John Commerford , clerk, 1861 W. Fayette, h. <u>1117 Avery av</u> Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 130 N. Salina, h. 208 Maltbie Thomas J. Commerford , electrician, b. 412 Center	
1896	Syracuse	Michael F. Commerford , clerk, 125 N. Salina, h. 314 Henderson Thos. Commerford , foreman, h. 923 Willis av Thoms. J. Commerford , lab. h. Charles, nr. Chemung, Sol. Vil Wm. J. Comerford , mason, b. 923 Willis av	
1897	Syracuse	John J. Commerford , lab, b <u>1125 Avery av</u> Michael F Commerford , clk, 125 N Salina, h 314 Henderson Thomas Commerford , foreman, h 923 Willis av Thomas J. Commerford, jr , packer, h 208 Charles av Solv Patrick Commerford , <u>mason</u> , h 126 Lakeview av	Patrick was 21
1898	Syracuse	John J. Commerford , lab, b <u>906 Avery av</u> Thomas Commerford , mason, h <u>906 Willis av</u> Thomas J. Commerford , packer, h 208 Charles av Solvay William Commerford , mason, h 208 Charles av, Solvay Patrick Commerford , <u>mason</u> , h 126 Lakeview av	
1899	Syracuse	John Commerford , tester, b. <u>906 Avery av</u> Thomas Commerford , mason, h <u>906 Avery av</u> Thomas J. Commerford , tested, b <u>906 Avery av</u>	Patrick Commerford missing

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1900	Syracuse	John Commerford , tester, b. <u>906 Avery av</u> Mrs. Margaret L. Commerford , bookkeeper, b. 106 Tracy Thomas Commerford , mason, h. <u>906 Avery av</u> Thomas J. Commerford , tester, b. <u>906 Avery av</u> Patrick Commerford , conductor, h. 1506 Spring	Margaret is Michael Commerford's widow
1901	Syracuse	John B. Commerford , <u>died June 13, 1900, age 27</u> Mrs. Margaret L. Commerford , bookkeeper, bds. 216 Maltbie Patrick Commerford , laborer, bds. 115 Charlotte Thomas Commerford , mason, h. 115 Charlotte Thomas J. Commerford , tester, bds. 115 Charlotte William J. Commerford , Solv. Pro. Co.	Margaret is Michael Commerford's widow
1902	Syracuse	Margaret L. Commerford , widow Michael F. bds. 216 Maltbie Patrick F. Commerford , laborer, bds. 1136 Avery av. Thomas Commerford , mason, h. 1136 Avery av. Thomas Commerford, jr. , conductor, bds. 1136 Avery av.	
1903	Syracuse	Patrick F. Commerford , laborer, b. 1136 Avery av. Thomas Commerford , mason, h. 1136 Avery av. Thomas J. Commerford , motorman, h. 102 Burdick av.. William J. Comerford , laborer, h. 1132 Avery av	
1904	Syracuse	Patrick F. Commerford , <u>died Feb 18, 1904</u> Thomas Commerford , mason, h 1150 Avery av Thomas J. Commerford , clerk, 117 N Salina, h 215 Hawley av William J. Commerford , laborer, bds 1150 Avery av	
1905	Syracuse	Thomas Commerford , mason, h 1150 Avery av Thomas J. Commerford , buyer, 223 S. Salina, h 445 Seymour William J. Commerford , laborer, bds. 1150 Avery av	
1906	Syracuse	Thomas Commerford , mason, h 1150 Avery av Thomas J. Commerford , buyer, 223 S. Salina, h 114 Grace William J. Commerford , mason, bds. 1150 Avery av	
1907	Syracuse	Catherine Commerford , widow Thomas h 1150 Avery av Mary Commerford , widow of Patrick bds. 1150 Avery av Thomas Commerford , <u>died July 6, 1906, age 67</u> Thomas J. Commerford removed to <u>Toledo Ohio</u> William J. Commerford , mason, bds 1150 Avery av	
1908	Syracuse	Catherine Commerford removed to Solvay	

In The Newspapers

COUNTY TAX SALE

FIRST WARD

“**Comerford, Thomas**, salt block 41, south side cut, Oswego canal, 35 kettles. Tax \$21.63

“**Commerford, Thomas**, salt block 45, south side cut, Oswego canal, 52 kettles. Tax \$35.54

“**Commerford, Thomas**, block 169, Liverpool road, salt block 169, 52 kettles, Tax \$40.63”

August 16, 1875, Monday, The Daily Courier, Syracuse, NY

City Tax at 1876

SECOND WARD

“**Comerford, Thomas**, 51 Court st., block 71, lot 3, 6x12 rods, wooden house and barn.

\$25.44” September 8, 1877, Saturday, The Daily Courier, Syracuse, NY

Brought From Syracuse

“**Detective “Eddie” O’Loughlin** returned from Syracuse last night (Sunday) with **Fred S. Belsweger** in custody. The prisoner is wanted in this city on a charge of defrauding **Anna M. Brennan** out of a board bill.”

May 20, 1895, Monday, Rochester Democrat AND Chronicle, Rochester, NY

THE UNHAPPY BELSWEGER

Discharged on one Charge and Then Held on Two

“**Detective O’Loughlin** went to Geddes, a suburb of Syracuse, Sunday, and arrested **Fred S. Belsweger**, a young married man, who resides there, on a warrant charging him with defrauding **Mrs. Brennan**, of No. 21 North street, this city, out of \$12 worth of boarding accommodations. He was examined on the charge yesterday (Monday), it was shown to the satisfaction of the police justice that there had been no intent to defraud, and Belsweger was discharged.

“While his examination was in progress, however, **Chief Cleary** received a message from the Syracuse authorities stating that, as soon as the Rochester police were through with the prisoner, he was wanted in the Salt City on a charge of petit larceny, and asking that he be held to await an officer. **Belsweger** had been discharged in the meantime, and had made his way as far as the Four Corners when **Officer Hines** overtook him and he was once again in the meshes, surrounded by a cloud of trouble. Ever since February 4th a warrant has been held at headquarters for the arrest of ‘John Doe’ on a charge of petit larceny in defrauding **Mrs. R. A. Moe**, of No. 147 West avenue, out of \$2, and it occurred to officials that the unknown man was **Belsweger**. **Mrs. Moe** was sent for and identified **Belsweger** as the individual described in the warrant, and he was locked up on the charge.

“The Syracuse authorities will be compelled to await the outcome of the present case before **Belsweger** is turned over to them. **Mrs. Moe** state that the man was a stranger to her when he called at her house in January last and, after some conversation, induced her to accept the agency for a silver polish which he manufactures. She states that **Belsweger** agreed to furnish her with customers for all the polish she would buy, and she paid him the \$2 for the privilege of becoming an agent. After about three weeks she became convinced that she had been swindled and swore out the warrant. The prisoner is a light-haired young man with a penchant for cigarette smoking.”

May 21, 1895, Tuesday, Rochester Democrat AND Chronicle, Rochester, NY

NEWS OF SYRACUSE SECRET SOCIETIES
FORESTERS OF AMERICA
Court Solvay

"Three candidates were admitted into the mysteries of Forestry, five were elected to membership and four applications for membership were received at the regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

"The Board of Trustees was instructed to execute a lease in behalf of the court for the rental of Kerman's Hall. The first meeting will be held there July 11. The new rooms are located in the Kernan Block, on the corner of Milton and Willis avenues, and are pleasant ones, being directly on the line of the Rapid Transit Railway, and are accessible from any point of the city. **Brother Kernan** will make expensive repairs and alterations, and when completed Court Solvay will have one of the best meeting rooms in the city, it is thought.

"**Thomas J. Commerford** was chosen to act as marshall of Court Solvay at the demonstration parade that is given in Rochester, July 4. Court Solvay expects to be well represented.

"The Board of Trustees has purchased a new flag, and the court now lays just claim of having the handsomest one of any court of Foresters in Syracuse."

June 18, 1899, Sunday Morning, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

PERSONAL MENTION

"**Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Bain** have returned from their wedding journey and are at home at No. 831 Clinton avenue south."

April 24, 1904, Sunday, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY

PERSONAL MENTION

"**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bain**, of No. 831 Clinton avenue south, are visiting **Mrs. Bain's** parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Commerford**, of Syracuse."

April 24, 1904, Sunday, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY

Obituaries

Death of Joseph Comerfort

"**Joseph Commerford**, the only son of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Comerford**, died last evening (Jan 9th) of diphtheria at the family residence, No. 317 Lodi street. About four months ago a four-year-old son died also from the same malady. **Joseph** was four years old and a most promising child. The funeral will be held this afternoon."

January 10, 1894, Wednesday, Syracuse Standard, Syracuse, NY

MORTUARY MATTERS

"— **William W. Brennen** died yesterday (Sept 30th) at his home, No. 21 North avenue, aged 29 years. He leaves a wife, mother and two brothers, **Thomas G.**, of this city, and **Patrick J.**, of Seattle, Washington."

October 1, 1894, Monday, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY

MORTUARY NOTES

"**Bridget Cummins**, aged 35 years, widow of **Patrick Cummins** and daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Comerford**, died at her home, 1125 Avery-ave, yesterday."

December 6, 1897, Monday, The Syracuse Daily Journal, Syracuse, NY

MORTUARY NOTES

"**Ella Quinlan Comerford**, aged 33 years; wife of **Thomas J. Comerford**, died last night at her home, 208 Charles-ave., in Solvay. **Mrs. Comerford** was the daughter of **David**

and **Mary Quinlan** of Pompey Hill. Besides her husband Mrs. Comerford is survived by two small children."

December 15, 1897, Wednesday, The Syracuse Daily Journal, Syracuse, NY

DEATHS

"BRENNAN — In this city, August 25, **Mrs. Ann Brennan**, aged 55 years.

"Funeral from her late residence, 1203 East Fayette street, Monday at 9 a.m. and at St. Vincent de Paul's church at 9:30 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend."

August 26, 1899, Saturday, The Evening Telegram, Syracuse, NY

MORTUARY NOTES

"John D. Comerford, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Comerford** of No. 906 Avery avenue, died last night (Jun 13th). He was 28 years of age. Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, **Mrs. A. W. Brennan** of Rochester and **Mrs. Ellen Webster** of this city, and three brothers, **Thomas J., William J., and Patrick.**"

June 14, 1900, Thursday, The Evening Herald, Syracuse, NY

FUNERAL NOTICES

"The funeral of **Frances Commerford**, the infant daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Commerford**, will be held from the family home at 1506 Spring street tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be made in St. Agnes'."

August 15, 1900, Wednesday, The Evening Telegram, Syracuse, NY

OBITUARY

Patrick F. Commerford

"Patrick F. Commerford, 27 years old, died at 3 a.m. to-day at his home, 1136 Avery-ave. He was the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Comerford**, husband of **Mary Eno Commerford**, father of **Mary** and **Francis Commerford** and brother of **Thomas J.** and **William J. Commerford** of this city and of **Mrs. A. M. Brennan** of Rochester and **Mrs. B. A. Webster** of Split Rock.

"The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the house and 11:30 at St. Patrick's church. Burial in St. Agnes cemetery. Bridge Builders' Union, of which the deceased was a member, are invited to the services."

February 18, 1904, Thursday, The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

MORTUARY NOTES

"The funeral of **Patrick F. Comerford** will be held at 11 a.m. to-morrow from the family home 1136 Avery ave. and at 11:30 at St. Patrick's church. Burial is at Agnes' cemetery."

February 19, 1904, Friday, The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

IRON WORKERS MOURN COMERFORD'S DEATH

"At a regular meeting of the Local No. 60 Bridge and Structural Iron Workers union last evening the following resolutions were adopted

"Whereas. In view of the loss e have sustained by the death of our friend and brother, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him; therefore, be it

"Resolved. That in the death of our brother, **Patrick Comerford**, we have lost one of the links in the chain of brotherly love which spans the earth; one of the defenders of human rights; we grieve to know that he has stepped out of our ranks forever; others will step in to fill up the gaps in the ranks of labor's host and the battle for human rights will go on; he cast his lot with us for justice and humanity; he has gone to reap the reward; god bless his memory; and, be it further

“Resolved. That we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well and regret the loss of a friend and brother. We tender to the bereaved wife and children our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and affliction; and, be it further

“Resolved. That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, published in our official magazine and daily papers of Syracuse and a copy presented to the bereaved family.”

February 19, 1904, Friday, The Telegram, Syracuse, NY

DIED

“**BAIN** — In this city, Saturday evening, March 25, 1905, **Walter Bain**, aged 37 years.

“Funeral services will take place from his residence No. 831 Clinton avenue south, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o’clock.”

March 27, 1905, Monday, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY

John Francis Cummings

“**John Francis Cummings**, aged 12 years, who was drowned Tuesday afternoon while swimming near the Adamant Plaster company’s plant, was an orphan and made his home with his grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Comerford** of 1136 Avery-ave.

“Funeral services will be held on Friday.”

July 12, 1905, Wednesday, The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

THE COMERFORD FUNERAL

“The funeral of **John Francis Comerford** will be held from the home of his Grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Comerford**, 1136 Avery Avenue, at 9 o’clock tomorrow morning and from St. Patrick’s church a half hour later. Burial will be in St. Agnes.”

July 13, 1905, Thursday, The Telegram, Syracuse, NY

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

“The funeral of **John F. Cummings** was held at 9 o’clock from the home of his grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Commerford** of Avery avenue, and a half hour later from St. Patrick’s church. The mass of requiem was celebrated by the **Rev. James P. Magee**. The pall bearers were **Willie Cummings, Holand Clements, Henry Riley, William Commerford, Harold Chenery** and **William Hart**. Burial was made at St. Agnes cemetery.”

July 14, 1905, Friday Evening, The Syracuse Herald, Syracuse, NY

SLASHED THROAT WITH RAZOR

“Despondent over the loss of his children, together with ill health, **Thomas Comerford**, 65, of 1136 Avery avenue, this city, committed suicide this morning (Jul 6th) at Split Rock by cutting his throat in two places with a razor.

“His body was found at 9 a.m. by children in a garden adjoining his daughter’s home. Life apparently had been extinct for some time.

“At 1 a.m. he left his daughter’s home and was not seen again until found dead.

“**Mr. Comerford** was the father of a large family, several of whom died from consumption. For a number of years he was a foreman at the Solvay Process works and later was transferred to the quarries, where he was employed as a stone mason.

“It was said that he was recently injured at the quarries and had been in ill health as a result. A widow and three children survive.”

July 6, 1906, Friday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

WORRY OVER SON'S HEALTH CAUSED FATHER'S SUICIDE

Thomas Comerford Ends Life With a Razor at Split Rock

"Seeking a secluded spot at Split Rock yesterday morning, **Thomas Comerford** of No. 1136 Avery avenue drew a razor from his jacket and committed suicide by cutting his throat. Weary over the illness of his late son, **William Comerford**, it is said, unbalanced the aged man's mind.

"He was visiting his daughter, **Mrs. Benjamin Webster**, No. 15 Quarry place, and arising early as usual, went out for a walk. When he did not return his daughter searched for him and found him lying behind a stone wall. Undertaker **William F. Hart** was called and removed the body to the house.

"**Mr. Comerford** was a highly respected citizen 69 years of age. He was born in Canada, but came to this city when a young man. Until the time of his death he was head mason for the Solvay Process Company. He was a member of the C. B. L. and Masons Union.

"He is survived by his wife, two sons, **William J.** and **Thomas J.**, and two daughters, **Mrs. Benjamin Webster** of Split Rock and **Mrs. Anna Baine** of Rochester. Funeral arrangements have not been made."

July 7, 1906, Saturday Morning, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

DEATHS

"**COMMERFORD** — Suddenly, on the 6th inst., **Thomas Commerford**, aged 65 years. Survived by his widow, **Catherine**; two sons, **Thomas J.** and **William J.** of this city; two daughters, **Mrs. Benjamin Webster** of Split Rock and **Mrs. Anna Pain** of Rochester, N.Y.; two brothers, **John** and **Michael**; four sisters, **Mrs. James Caffrey**, **Mrs. Catherine Conway**, **Mrs. John Burns** and **Miss Mary Commerford**, all of Minneapolis, Minn."

"Funeral from his late home, 1136 Avery avenue. Notice of time hereafter."

July 7, 1906, Saturday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

DEATHS

"**COMMERFORD** — At Cortland, N. Y., Sept 6, 1911, **William J. Commerford**. Besides his widow, **Grace Chawgo Commerford**, he is survived by two daughters; by his mother, **Catherine Commerford**; one brother and two sisters, **Thomas** of Toledo, Ohio; **Mrs. Anna Sanders** of Rochester, N. Y., and **Mrs. Ella Webster** of Split Rock.

"Funeral will be held from the family residence, 1115 Avery avenue. Notice of time later."

September 6, 1911, Wednesday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

Deaths; Funerals

"The funeral of **William J. Commerford** was held from the family home No. 1115 Avery avenue Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and at 9:30 at St. Cecelia church, where a high requiem mass was celebrated by **Rev. Father F. J. O'Shea**. Burial was made at St. Agnes Cemetery."

September 11, 1911, Monday Morning, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

FUNERALS

"Funeral services for **Mrs. Ella Webster**, 112 Stanton st., Solvay, were held Friday morning from the home at 9 o'clock, and from St. Cecelia's Church a half-hour later. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by the **Rev. James McGraw**. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery. The pallbearers were **Amos O'Brien**, **Edward Stapleton**, **John Flynn** and **Arthur Hazey**."

August 7, 1925, Friday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

DEATHS and FUNERALS

“Mrs. Grace S. Worlock — Mrs. Grace S. Worlock, 47, wife of **Irving E. Warlock**, died Friday morning at her home, 637 Oneida st., after a long illness. **Mrs. Worlock** had been a resident of Syracuse all her life. Surviving are her husband, two sons, **Irving** and **Charles**; two daughters, **Mrs. Harry Carver** and **Mrs. Harold Thomas**; a brother, **Charles Chawgo**; and two sisters, **Mrs. Joseph Cramer** of Minoa and **Mrs. Thomas Morgan**. Funeral services will take place from the home, Monday afternoon at 2 o’clock. **Rev. Olin Clark Jones**, pastor of the Furman st. Methodist Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.”

July 30, 1926, Friday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

Find A Grave

Father	Mother
Thomas Commerford Birth: 18 Mar 1838, Ontario, Canada Death: 6 Jul 1906 (aged 68), Split Rock, Onondaga County, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Section 19, Grave 148A Memorial ID: 149890952	Catherine Dunnagan Commerford Birth: 1838, Canada Death: 11 May 1921 (aged 82–83), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Section 6, Lot 43 Memorial ID: 149890940
Children	Spouses
Thomas J. Comerford b.Feb 1864, Canada	Ella LNU b. 1866
Michael F Commerford Birth: 25 Feb 1869, Syracuse, NY Death: 28 Oct 1897 (aged 28), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Section 6, Lot 43 Memorial ID: 149890701	Margaret Loretta Gere McCarthy Birth: Sep 1870, Syracuse, NY Death: 11 Sep 1951 (aged 80–81), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Section 25A, Lot 19, space 7A Memorial ID: 83094348
William J. Commerford Birth: 1869 Death: 1911 (aged 41–42), Cortland, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Memorial ID: 291125232	Grace Stella Chawgo Worlock Birth: Mar 1878, Syracuse, NY Death: 30 Jul 1926 (aged 48), Syracuse, NY Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Plot: Sec 43 lot 341 Memorial ID: 105404600 · View Source
Ellen Josephine Commerford Webster Birth: 5 Dec 1871, Fayetteville, NY Death: 5 Aug 1925 (aged 53), Solvay, NY Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, NY Memorial ID: 199691487	Benjamin Bernard Webster Birth: 15 Mar 1850, Queenstown, Niagara Regional Municipality, Ontario, Canada Death: 7 May 1944 (aged 94), Upper Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, USA Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, NY Memorial ID: 199690779
Anna Comerford b. 1873	Walter Bain Birth: 1867 Death: 1905 (aged 37–38) Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY Memorial ID: 146073388
Patrick F. Commerford Birth: 1876 Death: 18 Feb 1904 (aged 27–28), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY Memorial ID: 112652757	May Eno Commerford Birth: Dec 1876, Auburn, Cayuga County, NY Death: 17 Sep 1958 (aged 81), Syracuse, NY Burial: Saint Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt, NY Memorial ID: 146554779

St. Agnes Cemetery - Lot Card - Commerford

Sec 6, Lot No. 43, Area - 270; Sq. ft. @ 35 cents = Amount \$ 94.50

Date of Purchase - April 22, 1889; Owner - **Thomas Commerford**,

Residence - 20 Henderson St. Certificate No. 1395

Inter. No.	Name	Date of Inter.	Relation
2282	Ellen Danagan (1)	June 16, 1889	Catherine Commerford relative
2704	Thomas Danagan (2)	July 1, 1890	Catherine Commerford relative
3975	D. Francis Commerford	Sept 6, 1893	s/o Michael & Margaret Commerford
4112	T. Joseph Commerford	January 10, 1894	s/o Michael & Margaret Commerford
5149	Mary Commerford	May 5, 1896	Might be a daughter of Michael & Margaret Commerford
5758	Michael Commerford	Oct 30, 1897	Son of Thomas & Catherine
5789	William Danigan	Nov 27, 1897	Catherine Commerford relative
5802	Bridget Cummings	Dec 7, 1897	Daughter of Thomas & Catherine
5809	Ella Commerford	Dec 17, 1897	Wife of Thomas Commerford
6027	Charles E. Commerford	July 6, 1898	No obit found
6875	John B. Commerford (3)	June 16, 1900	Son of Thomas & Catherine
6978	Florence Commerford (4)	Aug 16, 1900	Daughter of Patrick and Mary Commerford
7287	Mellia Webster	May 9, 1901	No obit found. Probably the daughter of Benjamin and Ella Commerford Webster. By 1910 they had lost one child
5878	Patrick Commerford	Feb 20, 1904	Son of Thomas & Catherine
12868	William J. Commerford	Sept 9, 1911	Son of Thomas & Catherine
18194	Catharine Comerford	May 14, 1921	Wife of Thomas

Note (1): Removed from Oakwood Vault

Note (2): Removed from St. Mary's Cemetery

Note (3): Actual middle initial is "D"

Note (4): Florence should be Frances.

Lot Arrangement



all full

In the list of interments above there are the names of 16 individuals. However, the picture to the left that shows the layout of the graves in Lot 43 only has 11 grave sites. It seems obvious that at least five of these individuals would have needed to double up. The order in which the individual graves were used is not known for certain. It might be assumed that the burials proceeded in numerical order but then the doubling up confuses the situation.

Ironically, Thomas Commerford, husband of Catherine, who died by suicide in 1906 is not buried in Lot 43. There would have been room for two more at the time of his death. Instead he is buried in Section 19, Grave 148A at this same cemetery. Section 19 is filled with children who have died in infancy. Due to his suicide the cemetery might not have allowed Thomas to be buried with the rest of his family.

The Search for Anna Comerford's Husbands

Anna Comerford

b 1873, US (1892)
b. 1871, US (1925)
d. bef 1941

= William W. Brennan (1)

b. 1866 (Direc)
mar abt 1893
d. Sept 30, 1894, Rochester

In June 1900 and up to Feb 18, 1904 **Anna** was referred to as **Mrs. A. W. Brennan**

= Walter G. Bain (2)

b. 1868 (Obit)
mar Apr 1904, Rochester, NY
d. Mar 25, 1905, Rochester, NY
bur. Mt Hope Cem, Rochester, NY

= Albert C. Sanders (3)

b.1869, US (1925)
mar 1913
d. Apr 3, 1941, Rochester, NY

Anna Comerford's 1st marriage, to William W. Brennan, lasted about a year when he died on Sept. 30, 1894. She married her 2nd husband, Walter G. Bain, in April 1905. That second marriage only last eleven months when Walter died on March 25, 1905. Unlike her first marriage, that was childless, she and Bain had a daughter Marie. Anna supported herself as a two time widow as a dressmaker. In 1909 Bert C. Sanders show up for the first time. He was in the roofing business and he was boarding with a Mrs. Anna M. Bain at 102 Manhattan. In 1913 Bert and Anna married and they were residing at 108 Hamilton.

Bert Sanders was a widower in the 1940 census (April 1). Anna Sanders could not be found in the NYS Death Index or the Social Security Death Index. No obituary could be found for Ann in the Rochester newspapers.

City Directories

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1889	Rochester		Only 2 Comerfords
1890	Rochester	Mrs. Catharine Brennan house <u>8 Tremont</u> Anna E. Brennan , cashier, boards <u>8 Tremont</u> James H. Brennan clerk, boards <u>8 Tremont</u> Thomas G. Brennan , barber, b. <u>6 Monroe park</u> William W. Brennan , shoemaker, 33 Market, bds <u>6 Monroe park</u>	No Anna Comerford
1891	Rochester	Anna E. Brennan , cashier, boards, 8 Tremont Annie E. Comerford , boards 148 Franklin Thomas G. Brennan , 203 E. Main, bds 6 Monroe park William W. Brennan , shoemaker, b. 6 Monroe pk.	
1892	CENSUS	NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD12 ED02</u> Walter Bain , 24, Canada, A, <u>Gardener</u> Letitia Bain , 24, Canada, A NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD14 ED01</u> Anna Commerford , 22, US, Cit, <u>Dressmaker</u> NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD15 ED01</u> Ella Brennan , 22, US, C, Servant Anna Brennan , 17, US, C, Servant NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD03 ED04</u> Annie E. Brennan , 26, US, C, <u>Clerk</u>	

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1892	Rochester	Walter Bain , nurseryman, h. 98-1/2 Sanford Annie E. Comerford , boards 15 Savanah Anna E. Brennan , <u>cashier</u> , boards 8 Tremont Martin P. Brennan , moulder, house 6 Monroe pk. Thomas G. Brennan , 203 E. Main, bds 6 Monroe park William W. Brennan , shoemaker, 46 Stone, b. 6 Monroe pk.	
1893	Rochester	Ann Brennan , dressmaker, <u>21 North</u> , h. do William W. Brennan , shoemaker, h. <u>21 North</u> Martin P. Brennan , moulder, house 18 Kohlman Thomas G. Brennan , barber, 203 East Main, house 2 Morrill	Anna Commerford married William Brennan and they resided at her home.
1894	Rochester	Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21, North, h. do William W. Brennan , shoemaker, house 21 North	
1895	Rochester	Walter Bain , machinist, b. <u>49 Richmond park</u> Walter Bain , <u>nurseryman</u> , 286 Mt. Hope av. house 78 Englewood avenue Walter H. Bain , helper, 21 N. Water, boards <u>49 Richmond park</u> Martin P. Brennan , d. Jun 1, 1894, age 59 Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21, North, h. do William W. Brennan , d. Sept 30, 1894, age 29	Anna Brennan became a widow for the 1 st time.
1896	Rochester	Mrs. Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21 North, house do Walter Bain , barnman, h. 831 South Clinton	
1897	Rochester	Mrs. Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21 North, house do Walter Bain , coachman, h. 831 S. Clinton Walter H. Bain , removed to Addison	
1898	Rochester	Ann Brennan , rem'd to Syracuse Walter Bain , coachman, h. 831 Clinton av. S.	
1899	Rochester	Walter Bain , coachman, h. 831 Clinton av. S. Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21, North, h. do	
1900	Rochester	Walter Bain , coachman, h. 831 Clinton av. S Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21, North, h. do	
1901	Rochester	Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21, North, h. do	
1902	Rochester	Ann Brennan , dressmaker, 21, North, h. do	
1903	Rochester	Ann Brennan , <u>dressmaker</u> , 21, North, h. do	Last appearance of Ann Brennan , dressmaker
1904	Rochester	Walter Bain , coachman, r. 839 Clinton av. S. h. 831 do	Anna married Walter Bain in <u>Apr 1904</u> . Walter died on <u>Mar 25, 1905</u>
1905	Rochester	Anna M Bain widow Walter house <u>96 Adams</u> Walter Bain , died March 25, 1905, age 37 Anna E. Brennan <u>bookkeeper</u> , 117 Main E bds <u>94 Adams</u>	<u>Both Annas at the same time</u> Not only are they in the same directory but they appear to be next door neighbors. No Bert Sanders
1906	Rochester	Anna M. Bain , widow Walter h <u>96 Adams</u>	No Bert Sanders
1907	Rochester	Anna M. Bain widow Walter h 102 Manhattan	No Bert Sanders
1908	Rochester	Mrs. Anna M. Bain dressmaker 102 Manhattan h do	No Bert Sanders

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1909	Rochester	Mrs. Anna M. Bain dressmaker 102 Manhattan h do Bert Sanders tinsmith bds 102 Manhattan	
1910	Rochester	Mrs. Anna M. Sanders dressmaker 17 Priem h do Bert C. Sanders tinsmith 63 N Water house 20 Doran	No Anna Bain In the 1910 census Bert Sanders was residing at 17 Priem St.
1911	Rochester	Bert C. Sanders tinsmith 295 Monroe av h 103 S Union	No Anna Sanders No Anna Bain
1912	Rochester	Bert C. Sanders foreman 295 Monroe av h 110 Hamilton	No Anna Sanders
1913	Rochester	Mrs. Anna M. Sanders dressmaker 108 Hamilton h do Bert C. Sanders foreman 295 Monroe av h 108 Hamilton	
1914	Rochester	Mrs. Anna M. Sanders dressmaker 108 Hamilton h do Bert C. Sanders foreman 295 Monroe av h 108 Hamilton	
1915	CENSUS	1915 NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD13 AD03 ED02</u> 108 Hamilton Street Bert Sanders , 46, Sheet Metal Worker Anna Sanders , 46 Marie Sanders, Dau, 10	
1919	Rochester	Mrs. Anna Sanders h <u>146 Comfort</u> Bert C. Sanders (see Sanders & Son Inc) 4 Ormond h <u>54 Spruce st</u>	
1920	CENSUS	NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD19 Dist 0218</u> 54 Spruce Avenue Bert Sanders , 51 NY Monroe Rochester <u>WD13 Dist 0151</u> Anna Sanders , 42 Marie Bain, Dau, 14	Bert Sanders was living with his son and his family.
1930	Rochester	Anna M. Sanders widow Edward W h 86 Keeler Bert C Sanders (Anna M) (The Sanders Co) 16 Ward h <u>24 Cayuga</u> The SANDERS CO (Bert C and Walter B Sanders) radiators and fenders made and repaired auto painting 16-20 Ward	A Different Anna - Anna M. Barkhardt Sanders b. Aug 22, 1878 d. Feb 15, 1978

US Census Records

1905 NY Monroe Rochester WD03 ED02

96 Adams Street

Anna Bain, Head, 32, US, Cit, Dressmaker

Note: Where is **Anna's** daughter **Marie**?

1910 NY Monroe Rochester WD12 Dist 0120

17 Priem Street Res 36 Fam 40, Rents home

Bert C. Sanders, Head, 42, M2, NY, NY, IL, Sheet Metal Worker, Roofing Co

Anna M. Sanders, Wife, 40, M2, Children: 1/1, NY, Can, Can, Dressmaker, At home

Marie Sanders, Dau, 8, S, NY, Can, NY, None

Walter B. Sanders, Son, 14, S, NY, Blank, Blank, None

Note: The birthplace of **Marie's** father is listed as Canada. **Marie** might be the 1/1 child that **Anna** mentioned. However, **Marie** was born in about 1902 and in the 1905 census **Anna** was still the widow **Anna Bain**. **Marie** was the daughter of **Anna's** 2nd marriage to **Walter G. Bain**. **Bert Sanders** and his family could not be found in the 1905 census.

1915 NY Monroe Rochester WD13 AD03 ED02

108 Hamilton Street

Bert Sanders, Head, 46, US, 46 yrs, Cit, Sheet Metal Worker, Emp
Anna Sanders, wife, 46, US, 46 yrs, Cit, Dressmaker
Marie Sanders, Dau, 10, US, 10 yrs, Cit, School
Wm Rich, Lodger, 30, US, 30 yrs, Cit, Machinist, W

1920 NY Monroe Rochester WD19 Dist 0218

54 Spruce Avenue Res 279 Fam 333, Owns home with a mortgage

Walter Sanders, Head, 27, M, NY, NY, NY, Metal worker, Auto Co, W
Jennie Sanders, Wife, 27, M, NY, Wales, Holland
Walter Sanders, Son 5, S, NY, NY, NY
Anna Sanders, Dau, 4-1/12, S, NY, NY, NY
Elizabeth Sanders, Dau, 1-6/12, S, NY, NY, NY
Bert Sanders, Father, 51, M, NY, NY, NY, Metal worker, Auto Co, W

Note: Where is **Bert's** wife? See next record

1920 NY Onondaga Rochester WD13 Dist 0151

146 Comfort Street Res 24 Fam 55

Anna Sanders, Head, 42, M, NY, CAN, CAN, Worker, Tailor Shop
Marie Bain, Dau, 14, S, NY, CAN, NY, None

1925 NY Monroe Rochester WD13 AD03 ED03

21 Eckhardt Street

Bert C. Sanders, Head, 56, US, Cit, Machinist, W
Anna M. Sanders, Wife, 54, US, Cit, Dressmaker, OA
Elizabeth M. Bain, Dau, 20, US, Cit, Stenographer

Note: Bain was the name of **Anna's** second husband. This is most likely Anna's daughter from that marriage — **Elizabeth Marie Bain**.

1930 - Neither **Anna** nor **Bert Sanders** could be found.

1940 NY Monroe Rochester Dist 65-87

154 Steko Avenue Res 180 Owns \$4000

John Sanders, Head, 50, M, H-3, NY, Same house, Proprietor, Auto Repair Shop, 52 wks
Florence Sanders, Wife, 44, M, H-1, Canada, AI, Same house
Fred Sanders, Son, 10, S, 3rd, NY, Same house
Bert Sanders, Father, 72, Wd, 8th, NY, Same house

In The Newspapers

FALLS FROM LADDER

"Bert C. Sanders, 62, of Steko Avenue, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg just above the ankle late yesterday afternoon when he fell 14 feet to the ground from a ladder on which he was standing to paint the porch roof of his home. He was taken to the Strong Memorial Hospital."

October 7, 1930, Tuesday, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY

Obituaries

DIED

"SANDERS — Bert C., in this city Thursday, Apr 3, 1941. He is survived by one son, **John F. Saunders**, and six grandchildren.

"Friends may call at the Peters Funeral home, 1511 Dewey Ave., where services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. Interment at the convenience of the family."

April 5, 1941, Saturday Evening, Rochester Times-Union, Rochester, NY

A1.4 - Michael Commerford and Margaret Gere

(d/o James Gere and Elizabeth LNU)

(s/o Thomas Comerford and Catherine Dunnagan) (1)

(s/o Patrick McCarthy (1833-1907) and Rose McCarthy (1833-1901)) (2)

Margaret Loretta Geer

b. Sep 1870, Syracuse, NY
d. Sep 11, 1951, Syracuse, NY
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse

= Michael F. Commerford (1)

b. Feb 25, 1869, Syracuse, NY
d. Oct 28, 1897, Syracuse, NY
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

Clara Commerford

b. Mar 1891, NY (1900)
d. Dec 10, 1969, Syracuse
(Grave)
bur Lakeside Rural Cem,
Bernhards Bay, Oswego Co, NY

= Arthur J. Webb, Jr.

b. Oct 1893, NY (Grave)
d. Jan 2, 1940, Constantia, Oswego
Co, NY
bur Lakeside Rural Cem, Bernhards
Bay, Oswego Co, NY

Edward F. Commerford

b. Jun 1893, NY (1900)
d. Mar 6, 1963, Syracuse, NY
(Grave)
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

Never married

A1.4.3

Nickname - Marlorie
Margaret was John's 2nd wife

Margaret Esther Commerford

b. Jul 1896, NY (1900)
d. Jul 2, 1955 (Grave)
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

= John Daniel Bresnahan

b. Apr 12, 1882, NY (Grave)
b. 1883, NY (1930)
mar 1920 (1930)
d. Feb 16, 1967, Syracuse, NY
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse, NY

= Charles E. McCarthy (2)

b. 1866, NY (1910)
b. Apr 1866, Syracuse (Grave)
mar 1902 (1910)
d. Apr 30, 1924, Syracuse, NY
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse

Charles E. McCarthy

b. 1904, NY (1910)
d. Mar 1, 1948, Knoxville, TN
(Grave)
bur Assumption Cem, Syracuse,
NY

Never married

Rose R. McCarthy

b. 1907, NY, (1910)
b. Jan 29, 1907, Syracuse (Grave)
d. Dec 25, 1990, Syracuse (Grave)
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse

Never married

Mary A. McCarthy

b. Mar 9, 1908, Syracuse (Grave)
d. Dec 28, 1998, Latham, NY
(Grave)
bur Our Lady Queen of Virgins
Cem, Latham , NY

➔ Sister Margaret Loretta C. S. J.

John Joseph McCarthy

b. Nov 2, 1911, Syracuse (Grave))
d. Aug 4, 1992, Syracuse (Grave)
bur St Agnes Cem, Syracuse

Never married

1951 - Single

In Margaret McCarthy's 1951 obituary it said that she was survived by four daughters and two sons. One of those sons was **John J. McCarthy** and there was no mention of a **Charles McCarthy**. **John** was born in 1912 and apparently **Charles** was deceased some time prior to 1951.

US Census Records

1892 NY Onondaga

Searched Town of Geddes and Syracuse WD10 (EDO1 and ED02) page by page and Michael Commerford was NOT found. However he was found in the 1891 and 1893 Syracuse city directories.

1900 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD08 Dist 0110

106 Tracy Street Res 148 Fam 192, Rents home

James Gere, Head, Feb 1844, 56, M, 33 yrs, NY, IR, IR, Laborer, Furniture Factory
Elizabeth Gere, Wife, Mar 1847, 53, M, 33 yrs, Children: 12/9, NY, IR, IR
Ellen Gere, Dau, Oct 1879, 20, S, NY, NY, NY, Operator (Shoe Factory)
Anna Gere, Dau, Jan 1883, 17, S, NY, NY, NY, Beeder (Shoe Factory)
James Gere, Son, Nov 1884, 15, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9 mos)
Francis Gere, Son, Jul 1887, 12, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9 mos)
Joseph Gere, Son, Jul 1890, 9, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9 mos)
Margaret Comford, Dau, Sept 1870, 29, Wd, Children: 3/3, NY, NY, NY
Clara Comford, Grandchild, Mar 1891, 9, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9 mos)
Edward Comford, Grandchild, Jun 1893, 6, S, NY, NY, NY, At School (9 mos)
Margaret Comford, Grandchild, Jul 1896, 3, S, NY, NY, NY

Note: **Margaret** is the widow of **Michael F. Commerford** who died in 1897. She is living with her parents.

1910 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD11 Dist 0143

107 Tully Street Res 23 Fam 38

Chas. E. McCarthy, Head, 44, M1, 8 yrs, NY, IR, IR
Margaret McCarthy, Wife, 39, M2, 8 yrs, Children: 6/6, NY, **IR, IR**
Edw Comerford, Step-Son, 17, S, NY, NY, NY
Margy Comerford, Step-Dau, 14, S, NY, NY, NY
Charles McCarthy, Son, 6, S, NY, NY, NY
Rose McCarthy, Dau, 3, S, NY, NY, NY
Mary A. McCarthy, Dau, 2, S, NY, NY, NY

Note: **Margaret McCarthy's** parents were both born in **NY**. **McCarthy** is **Margaret's** 2nd husband.

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD11 Dist 0164

107 Tully Street Res 231 Fam 349, Owns home free of a mortgage

Charles McCarthy, Head, 53, M, NY, NY, NY, Plumber, Plumbing Shop, W
Margarite McCarthy, Wife, 49, M, NY, NY, NY, None
Charles McCarthy, Son, 15, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Rose McCarthy, Dau, 13, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Mary McCarthy, 11, S, NY, NY, NY, None
John McCarthy, Son, 8, S, NY, NY, NY, None
Edward Comerford, Stepson, 26, S, NY, NY, NY, Laborer, Gas Factory, W

1920 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD14 Dist 0193

107 Oxford Street Res 78 Fam 159, Rents

John Bresnahan, Head, 37, M, NY, **NY, NY**, Mill wright, Typemettters (Typewriters?)
Mayme Bresnahan, Wife, 32, M, NY, IR, IR, None
Clara Comerford, Boarder, 27, S, NY, NY, NY, Assembler, Typemettters
Raymond Tobin, Boarder, 23, S, NY, NY, NY, Nikel Plater, Typemettters

Note: **Mayme** was born in 1888 according to this census and **Margaret Esther Commerford** was born in July 1896. In addition, **Mayme's** parents were both born in Ireland and **Margaret's** parents were both born in Syracuse, NY. This can't be **Clara Comerford's** younger sister Margaret who was 5 years younger than Clara — so why is **Clara** boarding with this family?

1925 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD10 AD02 ED01

310 Avery Avenue

John Beresnahan, Head, 42, US, Cit, Mill wright, Electrical
Marjory Beresnahan, Wife, 29, US, Cit, Housework
Dorothy Beresnahan, 5, US, Cit,
John F. Beresnahan, 2, US, Cit

1930 NY Onondaga Syracuse Dist 0047

310 Avery Avenue, Res 64 Fam 83, Owns home \$5500, Radio

John Bresnahan, Head, 47, M, 1st Mar @ 36, NY, **IR, IR**, Mill wright, Window Sash, W
Margaret E. Bresnahan, Wife, 33, M, 1st mar @ 23, NY, NY, NY
Dorothy E. Bresnahan, Dau, 9, S, NY, NY, NY
John F. Bresnahan, Son, 7, S, NY, NY, NY
Margaret M. Bresnahan, Dau, 3, S, NY, NY, NY
Robert J. Bresnahan, Son, 1, S, NY, NY, NY

Note: In 1920 **John's** parents were both born in NY. Now, in 1930, both of his parents were born in Ireland. Apparently **John** had been married to Mayme (1920 census) less than a year. She must have died in 1920 and then **John** married **Clara's** sister **Margaret** that same year.

Obituaries

DEATHS

“McCARTHY— Margaret L. McCarthy, in this city, Sept. 11, 1951, at 306 Fabius st. She is survived by four daughters, **Mrs. Clara Webb**, **Mrs. John D. Bresnahan**, **Miss Rose R. McCarthy**, **Sister Margaret Loretta, C. S. J.**; two sons, **Edward F. Comerford**, **John J. McCarthy**; two sisters, **Mrs. William Duffy**, **Mrs. George Kauffman** of Rochester; one brother, **Joseph V. Gere**; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral services at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the David R. Mooney Funeral Home, 434 Gifford st., and 9 a.m. at St. Lucy's Church. Burial in St. Agnes Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday and Thursday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.”

September 12, 1951, Wednesday, The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY

Another Syracuse Comerford

The Comerford family described in this section was found while researching the Michael Comerford family. At this time it has not been intensively researched but what information that was found is recorded here for possible future research.

Elizabeth Comerford, Widow of Patrick Comerford

US Census Records

1880 NY Onondaga Syracuse Dist 211

141 Burnet Street Res 273 Fam 308

Patrick Comerford, 32, M, Laborer, **IR**, IR, IR

Lizze Comerford, 26, Wife, M, Keeping House, NY, IR, IR

William Comerford, 9, Son, S, Attended School, NY, **IR**, NY

Margaret Comerford, 7, Dau, S, Hip disease, NY, **IR**, NY

John Comerford, 3, Son, S, NY, **IR**, NY

Old St. Mary's Cemetery, Renwick Avenue, Syracuse, NY

Name	Date of Inter.	Age	Address
Margaret Cumberford	July 4, 1880	6y-1m-20d	141 Burnet St.
Michael Cumberford	July 20, 1880	5 days	141 Burnet St.

Source: St. Mary's Cemetery Burials 1860 -- 1886 (Incomplete), Copied from the Original Records in the Cathedral Office by Grace B. Lodder - 1942.

1892 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD04 ED04

Patrick Comerford, 44, **Ireland**, C, Laborer

Elizabeth Comerford, 42, US, C

John Comerford, 16, US, C

Frances E. Comerford, 10, US, C

Mary E. Comerford, 5, US, C

1900 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD05 Dist 0099

501 Burnet Avenue Res 214 Fam 256

Lizzie Cumberford, Head, Nov 1859, 40, **Wd** 20 yrs, **Children: 2/2**, NY, IR, IR

Frances Cumberford, Dau, Aug 1882, 17, S, NY, **NY**, NY

Mary Cumberford, Dau, Aug 1886, 13, S, NY, **NY**, NY

NOTE: **Lizzie** "Children" count is way off. A truer accounting would include: **William** (1871), **Margaret** (1873, d. 1880), **John** (1877), **Michael** (d. 1880, 5 days), **Frances** (1882) and **Mary** (1887).

1905 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD05 ED03

133 Delhi Street

Elizebeth Comaford, Head, 45, US, Cit, Laundress, OA

Marie E. Comaford, Dau, 17, US, Button hole worker

Francis E. Staub, Dau, 27, US, Housework

City Directory

Year	City	Entry	Comment
1905	Syracuse	Mrs. Elizabeth Commerford , h. 133 Delhi	
1906	Syracuse	Mrs. Elizabeth Commerford , h. 133 Delhi	
1907	Syracuse	Mrs. Elizabeth Commerford <u>died</u>	

Obituaries

DEATHS

“COMERFORD — In This city, on the 7th inst., **Eliza Comerford**, at her home, 133 Delhi street, widow of **Patrick Comerford** and mother of **Mrs. William Staub**, **Mrs. Harry Gilbo** of this city and **John Comerford** of Watertown, N. Y., aged 58 years.

“The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. Monday from the house and at 9:30 a.m. from St. Vincent de Paul’s church, with burial at St. Agnes’ cemetery.”

July 7, 1906, Saturday, Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY

St. Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse, NY

Inter. No.	Name	Date of Inter.	Relation
—	Elizabeth Commerford	July 9, 1906	Sec 7, Lot 13, Grave 2A
—	Patrick Commerford	Sept 1, 1905	Sec 7, Lot 13, Grave 3A
—	Marie Commerford	Nov 9, 1948	Sec 7, Lot 13, Grave 8A
—	Harry Gilbo	June 5, 1976	Sec 7, Lot 13, Grave 6A

In the city directory listings and in the cemetery records Elizabeth went by the Commerford surname spelling. It isn’t currently thought that she or her late husband, Patrick Commerford, are related to Thomas Commerford. The presence of Patrick Commerford in Sec 7, Lot 13 at St. Agnes’ Cemetery is problematic. In the 1900 census Elizabeth was already a widow — Patrick appears to have died between 1892 and 1900. It is possible that Patrick had been buried elsewhere after he died in 1892 and then his body was disinterred and moved to St. Agnes’ Cemetery on Sept 1, 1905.

THE CITY FATHERS

Common Council Meeting

“Patrick Comerford having died, the office of Inspector of election of the Fourth district of the Fourth ward was declared vacant.”

September 20, 1892, Tuesday, The Syracuse Daily Journal, Syracuse, NY

New York State Death Index

Patrick Commerford, died August 30, 1892, Syracuse, NY, No. 39767

Patrick Comorford, died March 8, 1892, Syracuse, NY, No. 14107 (of 522 Madison Street)

Edward P. Comerford, died September 3, 1888, Syracuse, NY, No. 32458