

Bailey – Flynn

It must have been something of a surprise to Hugh Bailey's family that he converted to Catholicism when he married Mary Anne Flynn. Hugh's father, James Charles (Charlie) (1842-1932) had married Sarah Jones (1843-1917) who was the daughter of the local JP and Reeve of Marmora. His obituary was headlined "Prominent Mason". Charlie's father James had been a pioneer settler in North Marmora, a loyal Anglican who had helped build Holy Trinity Anglican church (closed and demolished in 1945). Charlie was an Orangeman.

The Flynns were Irish Catholics. David Flynn (1838-1917) was born in Belleville. His wife Mary Anne McCallum (1842-1929) was born in the USA. They had 12 children, one of whom, Susie (1879-1921), drowned in her mother's house when she fell into the cistern while home alone.

Hugh (b.1867) and Mary Anne (b.1867) married fairly young. Although a marriage record has not turned up for them, they had their first child by 1890. They lived in Marmora and had 7 children, the last in July 1904. Then Mary Anne died in October after an unspecified "illness of 3 weeks".

I can remember being told that the children had been split up, some faring better than others. I was horrified at the time but I can understand now how a farmer would be unable to manage a large family. However, when I learned that Hugh had married again on 1906 02 26 to Mary Ann Dwyer (1863-1937), also a Catholic, I could not believe he did not take his children back. Not much is known about this 2nd Mary Ann she was known as "Pa's wife" and she was a good step dancer. Hugh died in Peterborough in 1934 and is buried with his 2nd wife in St. Peter's Cemetery in Peterborough. Mary Anne Flynn is buried with her parents, sister Susie and daughter Winna in Marmora.

Their 7 children were:

- Mary Gertrude (Gert) – This picture of Gert is the saddest I own. It shows a confident and stylish young woman whose fate was unknown to her family.



Gert was born on 1890 11 09. It was believed she married Edward McGill (per Jack & Bet Condon and Carl Johnston) and moved to Iowa but her family lost contact with her. I recently found her wedding record. She did indeed marry Edward J. McGill (b.1887 in Canada) on 1911 02 25 in Detroit. Why Detroit is unknown as is who fostered her up to that point, if anyone. Ed McGill's census records show him as born in London, ON and immigrating to the USA in 1895. This suggests that Gert met him in Detroit.

Gert did indeed move to Iowa with Ed. She died on 1918 07 05 in Sacred Heart Hospital in Fort Madison, IA. Her death certificate gives the cause of death as "meningitis/gall bladder infection". Ed last appears in the 1930 census as a patient in a Center, IA hospital for inebriates.

- Susan Teresa (Teresa) was born on 1893 03 01. She does not appear in the 1911 Census so I believe that she might have been working at that point. Prior to that it is believed that she and Liz were fostered by Tress Flynn-Warren, their aunt. She was employed at Quaker Oats in Peterborough when she met her husband, Charles Francis (Carl) Condon (b.1892). The Condons had lived in Douro but in 1890 moved to Neillsville WI, whose German immigrant population preferred the German Carl to Charles. The name stuck and appears again as my name as well as Carl Johnson's. My son Sean was not keen on the name, so his son is called Charlie Condon, restoring my grandfather's original name after 125 years. Teresa and Carl married in Frankford on 1916 05 17, I believe because Carl was working on the railroad. Their first child Marg was born in Campbellford in 1917, then Jack in Peterborough in 1918. They moved to Thorold ON by 1920 when Ted was born there, followed by Marian (b.1926) and Bet (b.1928). Carl worked in the Ontario Paper steam plant until his death in 1959. He also served on the town council and ran for mayor. Teresa lived until 1971 10 06. She was not well educated but she had a keen interest in multiple subjects and would endlessly quiz her grandchildren on current events and science. Her house was a second home to us.
- Elizabeth Loretto (Liz) was born on 1895 03 04. The 1911 Census confirms that she lived with Tress Flynn-Warren, supposedly the kindest of the foster parents. She married Frederick Samuel Johnston (b.1894) on 1915 01 12 and they lived in Marmora where they had 7 children – Bunny (b.1916), Burt (b.1918), Leo aka Buff (b.1920), Rita (b.1922), Jean (b.1924), Eva (b.1926) and Carl (b.1932). Fred had been a blacksmith and auctioneer. He also was involved in local politics and

served on the council. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a large party on 1965 01 14. Fred died in 1968. Liz died on 1981 10 13.

- Joseph Edward (Ed) was born 1897 02 10. The 1911 Census shows him as living with his grandmother Mary Anne Flynn. He entered the army on 1918 02 16. There were several months to go in the war but he does not appear to have gone beyond England. In the 1921 Census, he was living in Thorold with Teresa. This is the last census available and I do not know how he passed the next 40 years. Ted told me he had met him in Toronto at some point, early in WWII. I first met him in Marmora at Liz's house in the early 1960s. He was a security guard at the mine. He moved to Thorold to live with Eva not long after and worked as a security guard. His drinking could be a burden on Eva. He died on 1967 09 20.
- Irene Genevieve (Eva) was born on 1898 09 21. (It was pronounced ev.) I have been unable to find her in the 1911 or 1921 censuses. She was only 12 or 13 in 1911 so could not have been living on her own. Who cared for her? She found her way to Thorold where she boarded and worked in the Provincial Paper mill, counting product as I understood it. She was a quiet and kind lady and we enjoyed it when she babysat us so Mom could go to Mass when Dad's shifts demanded it. Later, when I worked in a bakery, I would take a loaf of bread to her every week. Eva took me to my first movie and I was excited to take the bus to get there. She died on 1972 08 01.
- Sarah Hubertine was born on 1902 02 11 and died 4 days later.
- Kathleen Winnifred (Winna) was born on 1904 07 01. Her picture shows a withered left arm. I



have never heard who took her in after her mother died. She does not show up with any of the Flynn's in 1911 but in 1921 she is living with her uncle John Flynn. She died after falling down the stairs at the Warren home on 1934 06 06. The story is that she had been out in the sun and when she came back in lost her balance. However, Fr. Dave Warren believes that she was an epileptic and had had a fit. It was his father that found her dead.

This is the story of the Hugh Bailey – Mary Ann Flynn family as far as I have been able to learn. It is based on facts compiled by my father, oral history mostly from Bet, and official records. I think it is rather sad. Teresa and Liz seem to have survived their mother's early death. I never heard Grandma complain about it. I think Eva being younger was affected by it. My mother told me that some of the children were not treated well. Ed lived an empty

life; perhaps he was unable to overcome his beginning. Gert is the mystery to me – why did she go to Detroit? Was McGill a severe alcoholic then? Did she fall through the gap when her mother died and marry young to fill a need? I get some closure from finding her burial place – Gethsemane Cemetery in Fort Madison.

Carl Condon
2018 05 15

Certificate of Death

Certificate No. 1918N-3-1

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DECEDENT'S NAME Gertrude Mc Gill

DATE OF DEATH July 5, 1918 TIME OF DEATH X AUTOPSY X

SEX Female AGE 26 Under 1 year, mos/days _____ Under 1 day, hrs/min _____ Date of Birth November 9, 1891

PLACE OF DEATH Lec Fort Madison Sacred Heart Hospital
County City, Town or Location Facility or Residence

HISPANIC ORIGIN No RACE White EDUCATION X SOC. SEC. NO. X

BIRTH PLACE Ontario Canada CITIZENSHIP X VETERAN No
City State/Foreign Country Country

MARITAL STATUS Married SURVIVING SPOUSE X

INDUSTRY X OCCUPATION X

RESIDENCE X X X
State County City, Town or Location

FATHER'S NAME Hugh Bailey MOTHER'S NAME Margarett Flynn

INFORMANT Edward Mc Gill

BURIAL X Gethsemania Cemetary X X
Method Place City State

FUNERAL HOME X DIRECTOR X F.D. LICENSE # X

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Carl W. Wahrer CERTIFIER X

MANNER OF DEATH X IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH Meningitis, Gall bladder infection

DUE TO (Consequence of) _____
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DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR December 31, 1918 "X" indicates not shown on record

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