

# *Descendants of Bernard Friel*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Bernard<sup>1</sup> Friel** was born 1834 in Ireland, and died Bet. 1900 - 1910. He married **(1) Joanna (Unknown)**. She was born 1839 in Ireland, and died Bet. 1870 - 1880 in Pennsylvania. He married **(2) Mary** 1882. She was born Abt. 1838 in Ireland, and died Aft. 1910.

Notes for Bernard Friel:

### CENSUS

1860 - Allegheny Co., PA, Temperance ville, W. Pitt, wf. Joanna  
1870 - Allegheny Co., PA, W. Pitts, Temperanceville, wf. Joanna  
1880 - Allegheny Co., PA, W. Carson St., Singer's Row, widower  
1900 - Allegheny Co., PA, 135 Main St. md. 18, 0/0, wf. Mary

Immigration Index: Londonderry, 1847 to St. John, J & J Cooke  
from Dunfanaghy: Freil, Ellan, Ann, Sally, Hannah, Catherine, Isabella, Bernard, Bidy, James, Sally

### RESIDENCE: Pittsburgh City Directories/Census

1861 - Friel, Bernard, lab. N. Singer's Mill, wp  
1871 - Freil, Bernard, puddler, WP  
1872 - Friel, Barney, puddler, Carson; B, boiler, 39 Main, T  
1880 - Freil, Barney, puddler, West Carson St., (Singer's Row) -Census  
1883 - Freil, Bernard, puddler, 722 W. Carson  
1885 - Friel, Bernard, laborer, 722 W. Carson  
1886 - Freil, Bernard, puddler, 39 Singer's Row, W. Carson  
1887 - Freil, Bernard, puddler, 166 Steuben  
1888 - Freil, Brnard, puddler, 39 Singer's Row, W. Carson  
1890 - Friel, Bernard, puddler, 134 S. Main  
1891 - Friel, Bernard, helper, 134 S. Main  
1900 - Friel, Barney, day laborer, 135 Main St. (Census)  
1913 - Friel, Chas., 2 Neptune  
1914 - Friel, Chas. B., 2 Neptune  
1915 - Friel, Mary (wid. Bernard) 2 Neptune  
1917 - Friel, Mary (wid. Bernard) 2 Neptune  
1918 - Friel, Mary (wid. Bernard) 2 Neptune

Mary Friel, widow of Bernard, is living with a daughter Margaret Lyons a son, Dan'l Maddigan and a son Charles Friel in 1910. Mary (via census) was married to one Dennis Mattigan/Maddigan and in 1880 had 5 children living with them. Bernard and Mary were married after 1880 and Charles was born circa 1886.

Edward MacLysaght, *Irish Families*, (1957), p. 152, O'Friel is a Donegal name. In Irish it is O'Frighil (from Feargal); it is pronounced, and often written, O'Frighil, ie in English phonetics, O'Freel. The sept has a distinguished origin, being descended from Eoghan, brother of St. Coluncille, and the leading family were hereditary co-arbs of Kilmacrenan, Co. Donegal. The Chief of the Name possessed the hereditary right of inaugurating O'Donnell as Lord of Tirconnell. Not being a powerful or numerous sept they do not appear very frequently in the national records; whenever they do they are of Tirconnell (Donegal). The records of the Diocese of Raphoe have many references to disctinguished ecclesiastics of the name, both as O'Friel and Friel, including one Bishop Florence or Feargal O'Friel (d. 1299). Awley O'Friel was one of many clergy from Raphoe and Derry who went to Iona - he was elected Abbot of Iona in 1203. Statistics relating to the modern distribution of the population indicate that the name is seldom met with outside Co. Donegal and contiguous areas."

1890 Veterans Census, Allegheny, Pitts., PA pg. 1, ED97 (add 8/05)  
Friel, Barnard, Priv. Co. G., 28th PA Inf., June 1861-1862, 1 yr, 5 mos.

More About Bernard Friel:

Census 1: 1860, Allegheny Co., PA  
Census 2: 1870, Allegheny Co., PA  
Census 3: 1880, Allegheny Co., PA  
Census 4: 1900, Allegheny Co., PA  
Immigration: 1847

Notes for Joanna (Unknown):

Pitts Gazette Death Notice poss.  
Jennie 12 Feb 1880 G. Feb 13

Notes for Mary:  
1910 Miracode, PA, Allegheny, 0551, 0014 Mary (10 b.6 l.) Neptune  
Friel, Mary M, w, 74, enum. with Lyons, Margaret  
Charles Friel, age 24

Children of Bernard Friel and Joanna (Unknown) are:

- 2            i. Margaret<sup>2</sup> Friel, born 1859 in Kentucky.

Notes for Margaret Friel:  
CENSUS (On Elizabeth St. for all three)  
1910 - Allegheny Co, PA  
1920 - Allegheny Co., PA  
1930 - Allegheny Co., PA

Listed as a grocer until retirement

More About Margaret Friel:  
Census 1: 1900, Allegheny Co., PA  
Census 2: 1910, Allegheny Co., PA  
Census 3: 1920, Allegheny Co., PA  
Census 4: 1930, Allegheny Co., PA

- 3            ii. James Friel, born 1861 in Pennsylvania.

Notes for James Friel:  
Pittsburgh City Directories  
1885 - Jas, laborer, 38 W. Carson  
1890 - Friel, James B., rollhand, 134 S. Main

- + 4            iii. Dennis Friel, born 1864 in Pennsylvania.  
5            iv. Michael Friel, born 1868 in Pennsylvania; died Bet. 1870 - 1880 in Pennsylvania.  
+ 6            v. Jeremiah V. Friel, born 04 Sep 1870 in Pitt (ALL) OH; died 03 Mar 1918 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Child of Bernard Friel and Mary is:

- 7            i. Charles Bernard<sup>2</sup> Friel, born Abt. 1886.

Notes for Charles Bernard Friel:  
Poss. WW I Registration in file. b. June 5, 1884. Lived at 2 Neptune.

### *Generation No. 2*

**4. Dennis<sup>2</sup> Friel** (Bernard<sup>1</sup>) was born 1864 in Pennsylvania. He married **Ellen Unknown**.

Notes for Dennis Friel:  
Pittsburgh City Directories  
1883 - Freil, Dennis, puddler, 39 Singer's Row, West Carson  
1886 - Freil, Dennis, puddler, 150 S. Main St.  
1887 - Freil, Dennis, puddler, 166 Steuben  
1888 - Freil, Dennis, helper, 160 Stueben  
1914 - Friel, Dennis (2) 324 Johnstown av.  
1915 - Freil, Dennis J., lab, 5216 Gertrude (and Dennis.)  
1917 - Friel, Dennis, 5216 Gertrude (and Edmond)

1900 C. Possibility, 503 Blair St. (5/3) - 22  
1910 (same family) 5118 Dipler (?) St. (6/4) - 09  
1920 (same family) Gertrude street - motorman, street railway

B. Dec 1862 if this is the right family

Children of Dennis Friel and Ellen Unknown are:

- 8 i. Edmond<sup>3</sup> Friel, born Jan 1891.

Notes for Edmond Friel:  
1920, Clerk, Grocery

- 9 ii. Dennis Friel, born Mar 1893.

Notes for Dennis Friel:  
1920, machinist, railroad

- 10 iii. Margaret Friel, born Feb 1895.

- 11 iv. Regis Friel, born Abt. 1903.

**6. Jeremiah V.<sup>2</sup> Friel** (Bernard<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 Sep 1870 in Pitt (ALL) OH, and died 03 Mar 1918 in Pittsburgh, PA. He married **Matilda Bleichner** 16 Jun 1897 in Pitt (ALL) OH, daughter of Jacob Bleichner and Mary Miller. She was born 01 Aug 1873 in Summit Twp (BUTLER) PA, and died 03 Sep 1955.

Notes for Jeremiah V. Friel:

Pittsburgh Directory - (B = bus. section as well):

1888 - Freil, Jerry, laborer, 1720 Penn Ave.

1890 - Jeremiah Friel, laborer, 134 S. Main, Pittsburgh

1898 - Jeremiah Friel, bartender, 5 Lander

1910 - Friel, Jeremiah, proprietor hotel, 212 Chartiers (Census)

1914 - Friel, Jeremiah, saloon, 212 Chartiers av. (B)

1915 - Friel, Jeremiah, 214 Chartiers av. (B - Mrs. Matilda confr.)

1917 - Friel, Jeremiah, confr., 214 Chariters av. h do (B)

1918 - Friel, Matilda, (wid. Jeremiah) confr. 214 Chartiers av., h. do (B)

1919 - Friel, Matilda, (wid. Jeremiah) confr. 214 Chartiers av., h. do (B)

1917 - Friel, Jeremiah, 214 Chartiers Ave. (John J. Mg. App)

1918 - Friel, Matilda 214 Chartiers (James' WWI Reg.)

1900 Census, Allegheny, PA, (2/2) - Sander St., md. 3

1910 Census, Allegheny, Pa, 20th Ward, Pitts, (2/2) md. 12, 212 Chartiers Ave.

4/16/1915, Pittsburgh Gazette

Friel, Jerry, 214 Chartiers Ave., rt. Mercantile Appraisal List. rt=retail (dealer of goods, wares, mdse, eating house, billiard room, for license) to be paid by 5/1/15.

1919 - Chartiers runs from Amherst, 214 Finch, 300 Marlow, etc. (From Steuben to the city line.)

App. for marriage, Filed June 16, 1897: Jerry, b. Pitts., 4 Sept 1870, 26 years, bartender, resides Main St. West End, Matilda, b. Butler co., 1 day Aug., 1873, 23 years, Main St. West End

Obit, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, 3/5/18, Tues, p. 5

"Jeremiah V. Friel. Jeremiah V. Friel, aged 47, died Sunday in his home, 214 Chartiers avenue, after an illness of three months. He was born in Pittsburgh and lived here his entire life. For many years he conducted a hotel in the West End. He was a member of St. James' Roman catholic Church, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of the Heptosophs. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Matilda Bleichner Friel, and two sons, John and James Friel, all of Pittsburgh."

Buried in St. Martin's Cemetery, only stone says "Friel". James, Marie, and Matilda in same plot.

Guardian Angels Parish now operates St. Martins, St. James and new parish. St. James is in "downtown" Temperanceville.

Dates from Guardian Angel are: Jerry, 3/4/18 ae. 45; Mathilda, 9/7/55 ae 82; James 11/19/75, ae 76; Marie, 1/24/74, ae 73.

All buried in plot 291. Also in cemetery via book are Sarah and Charles, lot 556-4 and 5.

More About Jeremiah V. Friel:

Census 1: 1900, Allegheny Co., PA

Census 2: 1910, Allegheny Co., PA

City Directory: 1890, 134 S. Main, Pittsburgh, PA

Residence: 1917, 214 Chartiers Ave

Notes for Matilda Bleichner:

By brothers' obituaries - 1934 was Mathilda Williams; 1936 was Tillie Hart; 1940 Mathilda Hart

Census Poss:

1930: Charles A. Williams, 67, Truck Farmer, OOO;

Matilda G. Williams, 56, Prec. 72, Dade Co., FLA

Pitts. Dir.

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NOTE: Also a Friel, W.J., 94 S. 12th listed as a confectioner

PPG 9/6/55, p. 18, Tues, Death Notice:

Hart (Friel) - Sat. 9/3, 1955, Mathilda, mother of James B. and John Friel, sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Guest, Louise, Anna, and Anthony Bleichner. Friends received at A. Staab and Sons Funeral Home., 900 Chartiers Ave., W.E., PGH. Requiem High Mass in St. James Church Weds., Sept 7, at 9 a.m.

(Same on 9/5, p. 58 - Mon. - No Sun on film. died Sat. No obit.)

More About Matilda Bleichner:

Name, married 1: 1934, Mathilda Williams, FL

Name, married 2: 1936, Mathilda Hart, FL

Children of Jeremiah Friel and Matilda Bleichner are:

- 12 i. John Jeremiah<sup>3</sup> Friel, born 30 Dec 1897 in Pittsburgh (ALL) PA; died 17 Jun 1967 in Willoughby (CUY) OH. He married Hilda Alma Michener 15 Feb 1917 in Pitt (ALL) OH; born 30 Oct 1895 in Pittsburgh, PA; died 07 Aug 1993 in Willoughby, OH.

Notes for John Jeremiah Friel:

Application filed 2/15, 1917, posted docket no 95, pg. 81

John Jerry Friel, occ. M. P. operator, b. PghPa, residence WE Pgh, Pa, 214 Chariters Ave. age 21, father Jerry, Mother Matilda Bleichner, father in PghPa, mother same; father, hotel prop., mother HK, father b. Pgh, Pa, mother Butler, Pa

Hilda Alma Michener, occ; HW, b. PghPa, res. Sharpsburg, Pa, 1831 Cecil St., age 21 yrs; father (note William written and crossed out) Harry, mother Hilda Lynn, father dead, mother in Sharpsburg, Pa, mother HK, father born PGH,PA, mother same.

Return: I, Lyman E. Davis, hereby certify that on the 18th day of February onethousand nine hundred and seventeen, at Pittsburgh, PA, John Jerry Friel and Hilda Alma Michener were by me united in marriage in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, numbered 5486, Series K. (address of person officiating - 219 Sixth St., Pittsburgh, Pa Lyman Davis was pstor of Grace Meth. Prot. Church in Sharpsburg from 1896-1913. In 1917, the church "was supplied by various men." (Sharpsburg History)

Death Certificate. Died in Lake County, Oh, City of Willoughby, 7 days in hospital, Willowick, Oh, Lake County Hosp., West; lived at 610 Pendley Road (with Aunt Cindy/Uncle Don); died June 17, born 12-30-1897, age 69; occ: stationary engineer, Cleve. Illiminating Co, b. PA, citizen; father, Jerry Friel, mother Matilda Bleichner; no military service, ss# 271-05-6447; informant Hilda A. Friel; cause of death Carcinoma of the lung, metastatic, extensive, carcinoma of the lt. kidney, primary; doctor, Nicholas T. Polecamos, MD; cremation, 6-20-1967; Cleveland Crematory; Monreal Funeral Home #. 320 & Vine Sts., Willowick, O

Cleveland Necrology File: ID #0507428, Cleveland Prss, Reel #110 Date: June 19, 1967

Friel, John J., beloved husband of Hilda, father of John J. Jr., Mrs. Hilda Marsh, Lucinda Conley, Glela Brown, grandfather and great-grandfather, late residence 610 Pendley Rd., Services Tuesday, June 20 at 1 P.M., Family will receive friends at the Monreal Funeral Home, E. 320 St. and Vine St., Willowick, from 2-4 and 7-9 P.M., Monday.

1920 Census, Allegheny, Pa, Sharpsburg,

1930 Census, Lake County, Willoughby, Ohio;

Cuy. Co, OH City Directory:

1931 -Friel, John J. (Hilda A.), laborer, 19512 Mohawk Ave.

1934 - Friel, John J. (Hilda), h 877 e. 72nd

1935 - Friel, John J. (Hilda) fireman Cleve. Elec. Ill. Co. h 1232 Ashbury Ave. (James there, too.)

9/23/1918 WWI Draft Registration; 37-1-16C; Allegheny County, PA; John Jerry Friel, #1654 or 4654, living at Main St. in Sharpsburg.

More About John Jeremiah Friel:

Census 1: 1920, Allegheny Co., PA

Census 2: 1930, Lake Co., Willoughby, OH

City Directory: 1931, 19512 Mohawk Ave, Cuy. Co., OH

Notes for Hilda Alma Michener:

Birth Certificate recorded in "Birth Register, "Vol. 54, pg. 611": October 30, 1895; born at 372 School Alley, 17th Ward, Pitts.; returned January 1, 1896 - physician Charles J. Steinn

Ohio Deaths 1993-98: vol. 29499 Cert # 061570

SSN 300-144-609

30 Oct. 1895, dob; 07 Aug. 1993, dod, 10:40 a.m.

8 yrs. schooling

Orphan's Court Documents, All. Co., Pitts. Vol 117, p. 85; AC Vol, 95, 463; No. 47 Apri. 1904; AC 159, 558, No. 174, Feb. 1917

More About Hilda Alma Michener:

Legal Record: Pittsburgh, PA

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- 13 ii. James B. Friel, born 23 Oct 1899 in Pa; died 17 Nov 1975 in Pitts. Alleg, PA 15220. He married Marie G. Unknown Abt. 1922; died 21 Jan 1974 in Elliott, PA.

Notes for James B. Friel:

WWI Draft Registration Card

Pittsburgh City, Board #16, (image 173 Anc.)

James Bernard Friel, 214 Chartiers Ave., Pgh. PA

Age 18, b. Oct 23, 1899., Driver, National Biscuit Co.

Nearest relative: Matilda Friel (mother), 214 Chartiers Ave.

Medium Height, Medium Build, Blue Eyes, Brown Hair

SSDeath Index:

James Friel, SSN 192-03-7364; b. 23 Oct 1899, d. Nov., 1975, Pitts, PA, 15220

1920 Census - Same block as Bleichner Aunts, etc.

1930 Census (James Friel, brother of John J., lists with him on 1930 Census in Lake Co., OH)(EN 4/17)

1930 Census in Pittsburgh, with wife and kids, 402 Climax Ave.,salesman wholesale biscuits (EN. 4/3)

Cuy Co., Cleveland,

1935 - Friel, James mgr., Marshall Drug Co., r. 12321 Ashbury Av.

Pitts. Dir:

1918 - Jas. B., lab. r. 214 Chartiers av.

PPG 11/18/75 - Tues.

Friel. On Monday, Nov. 17, 1975, Jas. B., husband of the late Marie Friel; father of William, James,

Mrs. Virginia Stubenbort, and the late Robert Friel, 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.  
Friends received 2-4, 7-9 pm at the Conrad Beglinger Funeral Home 1008 Chartiers Av., Elliott. Funeral  
Mass in St. James Church, West End, on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Marie and James both buried in same plot with Jerry and Matilda, St. Martin's Cemetery, plot 291.

More About James B. Friel:

Census 1: 1920, Allegheny Co., PA

Census 2: 1930, Lake Co., OH

Military Registration: 1918, Pittsburgh, PA

Social Security Number: 192-03-7364

Notes for Marie G. Unknown:

PPG - 1/22/74 - Tues.

Friel. On Monday, Jan. 21, 1974, Marie G., of Lessing St., Elliott, w/o Jas. B. Friel; mother of William,  
James, Mrs. Virginia Stubenbort, and the late Robert Friel; 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren;  
sister of Mrs. Lavina Kelly. Friends received 2-4 and 7-9 at the Conrad Begliner Funeral Home 1008  
Chartiers Av, Elliott. Funeral mass in St. James Church, West End, on Thursday at 9:30 a.m.