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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

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### Daniel Mahoney of Hornell, Steuben County, New York

All but the eldest living child of my great-grandparents, Michael William<sup>2</sup> and Henrietta Dinah "Nettie" (Page) Mahoney, were adopted upon Nettie's premature death in 1918. Therefore, their descendants have little first-hand information on their ancestry. Unless otherwise noted, all of the information below is based on several interviews with the late Jack R.<sup>3</sup> Mahoney (*John W.*<sup>2</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>1</sup>), life-long resident of Hornell, New York and lover of all things Irish. I always enjoyed Jack's wonderful tales about Daniel Mahoney and his life in Ireland and Hornell.

There are a great many O'Mahonys in Ireland—the name is included, usually without the prefix O, among the hundred commonest surnames. It belongs almost exclusively to West Munster, the great majority of Mahony and O'Mahony births being registered in Co. Cork, particularly in the area associated historically with the O'Mahony sept. Their chieftains were powerful, being often described as princes. Their principal territory comprised the modern barony of Kinelmeaky and extended to the sea, with a fortified castle called Rosbrian off the coast of southwest Cork. The name O Mathghamhna—in modernized spelling O'Mahuna—is derived from their ancestor Mathghamhan, whose mother was a daughter of Brian Boru. Mathghamhan is the Irish word for a bear. He was killed, with many more of the Desmond fighting men, at the Battle of Clontarf in 1014. (Edward Lysaght, *Irish Families*)

Prior to the Gaelic resurgence, at the end of the last century, under the influence of the Gaelic League, and later of the Rising of 1916, a minor result of which was the resumption of the prefixes O and Mac so widely discarded two or three centuries earlier, the simple form Carroll was almost universally used. As MacCarroll, an entirely distinct surname is also often shorn of its prefix Mac, confusion may well arise in the case of the name Carroll. However, undoubtedly, the great majority of people called Carroll are, in fact, O'Carrolls. Before the Anglo-Norman invasion, there were six distinct septs of O'Carroll, the two most important of which were O'Carroll of Ely O'Carroll (Tipperary and Offaly) and O'Carroll of Oriel (Monaghan and Louth). The others disappeared, except as individuals, before the

end of the thirteenth century and need not be considered here - O'Carroll of Oriel lost his status of chief and his sept disintegrated as a result of the Anglo-Norman invasion (they cease to appear in the Annals after 1193), but the clansmen themselves were not dispersed, and a fair number have remained in their territory to this day. The very large and well-known tobacco firm Carrolls of Dundalk, have their factory in this area, though it may be mentioned that, curiously enough, the head of it has substantiated a claim to be descended from the O'Carrolls of Ely O'Carroll. That sept retained its Gaelic way of life and its distinct independence until the end of the sixteenth century, and its activities are frequently recorded throughout the Annals. They derive their name O Cearbhaill from Cearbhal, lord of Ely, who was one of the leaders of the victorious army at Clontarf (1014), and thus descend from King Oilioll Olum. Before the advent of the powerful Norman Butlers they possessed a very extensive territory in Co. Tipperary, but they were later restricted to the district around Birr, Co. Offaly. Carroll has a high position in the list of most numerous surnames in Ireland, taking twenty-second place with an estimated population at the present time of approximately 16,000, the majority of whom belong to the four counties stretching from Cork to Kilkenny.

1. MICHAEL<sup>A</sup> MAHONEY was married, probably in County Cork, Ireland, before 1839 to MARGARET CARROLL; they were both born, probably in County Cork, Ireland, about 1819 or earlier. According to family legend, three of their sons also emigrated from Ireland to America with my great-great-grandfather, Daniel<sup>1</sup> Mahoney of Hornell, Steuben County, New York.

Dan reportedly came to New York City about 1863 with three brothers; they were fleeing from Ireland. Apparently Dan had become politically active in opposing English rule. Dan and his brothers were members of the now-legal branch of the Irish Republican Army, the Sinn Fein. One brother went to Boston, Massachusetts; Dan and the other two headed westward. They went to Elmira in Chemung County, New York to meet their uncle, Colonel John J. Mahoney, who commanded the confederate prisoner of war camp there. One of the three remained in Elmira, Dan and the other brother came on to Hornell, NY. Eventually, this brother moved to the West Coast.

On 19 November 1865, John Mahoney and Sarah Trot were married at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York; John was the son of John and Anna (Sheedy) Mahoney; Sarah was the daughter of Jacob and Ann (Harrison) Trot; the wedding was witnessed by Patrick Duff and Joanna Trot. Perhaps the elder John Mahoney was a brother or other close relative of Michael Mahoney.

Numerous individuals named Carroll are cited in the records of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York. It is important to note that the burial lot for Daniel and Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney in St. Ann's Cemetery is located directly behind that of James Carroll (1847-1913) and Mary Carroll (1862-1917).

Michael was first identified from the death certificate of his son, Daniel; it was not until August 2000 that Daniel's marriage record was discovered and that Margaret's name was revealed:

19 March 1868: *In matrimonium conjunctis Danielene filium Michaelis Mahony + Margarita Carroll et Marium filiane Patrick Connors + Catherina Gorman —*

*Testes evant Dionysius Gorman + Eliza Regan (Liber Matrimonorium; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam)*

The *Liber Matrimonorium* is the earliest collection of marriage records for the Roman Catholic congregation that is now St. Ann's Church of Hornell, Steuben County, New York. An approximate translation of the original latin text is:

19 March 1868: In matrimony were joined Daniel, son of Michael Mahony and Margaret Carroll, and Mary, daughter of Patrick Connors and Catherine Gorman; witnessed by Dennis Gorman and Eliza[beth] Regan.

The surname *O'Mahoney* (and variants) are typically identified with western or southwestern Cork:

...O'Donovan, O'Driscoll and O'Mahony, more widely spread nowadays, were core West Cork Surnames in the nineteenth century (Tim Cadogan, *Surnames of County Cork* [Belgrave Publications; 1994]).

By all sources, except one, Daniel Mahoney originated in County Cork. However, according to his obituary, he was of the neighboring county—Tipperary. A fellow Mahoney researcher, Jan Fortado, pointed out to me that there was a pocket of Mahoneys residing in northeast Cork, around Mitchelstown, where some of her Carroll ancestors resided as well. Kildorrery, Mitchelstown and Kilworth are the only parishes within Cork that border Tipperary. Given his association with both Tipperary and his descent from the Carroll family, this possibility merits further research. In similar fashion, some of the American descendants of my English Streeter ancestors were unaware that the family originated in East Grinstead, Sussex yet they knew of the family's association with the neighboring County of Kent.

As detailed further below, the family of Daniel and Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney was associated with a Lonergan family in Hornell, Steuben County, New York. There are at least 59 surnames in the *Index to Griffith's Valuation 1848-1865* (hereinafter *GV*) that may be construed as variations of *Lonergan*. These households are found in the parishes northeast Cork with ten of them belonging to Brigown Parish. Three of the four households spelled under the variant *Lundrigan* are found in Brigown. Other households within Brigown belonged to families named Carroll, O'Connor, Gorman and Mahony.

The Parish of Brigown includes the Town of Mitchelstown. Daniel and Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney and associated families in Hornell were not farmers—they were city dwellers. It seems reasonable to speculate that they may have been brought up in a similar environment in Ireland. In the northeastern parishes of Cork, the only Michael Mahony found in *GV* was a resident of Upper Cork St. in Mitchelstown; there were 17 other Mahony households in Mitchelstown. Thomas Carroll also resided in Mitchelstown; the only other Carroll in Brigown Parish was James of Carrigane Townland.

Children, there were probably others, surname *Mahoney*:

- i. [MICHAEL, m. MARGARET MCCARTHY, b. ca. 1828, d. Hornell, NY 24 Dec 1879 age 51 years as the "wife of Michael O'Mahony"; bur. St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell, NY (*Grave Marker*).]

Perhaps Michael was the otherwise undocumented brother of Daniel Mahoney that also resided for some period of time in Hornell before moving to the West Coast and perhaps his wife's death was a contributing factor in his decision to leave Hornell. On 24 December 1879, the *Liber Mortuorum Hornelsville* (St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY) cites the death of "Michael Mahoney wife." On the same day, 24 December 1879, the list of *Names of Lot Owners for St. Ann's Cemetery* shows that Michael Mahoney bought burial Lot 4 in Section 17 South. This list corresponds with the cemetery map that I used to locate Margaret's grave marker.

2. ii. DANIEL<sup>1</sup>, b. Cork, Ireland about 1839; m. MARY CATHERINE O'CONNOR.

2. DANIEL<sup>1</sup> MAHONEY (*Michael*<sup>A</sup>) was born in County Cork, Ireland about 1839 and died at his home at 70 Crosby Street in Hornell, Steuben County, New York on Thursday, 11 December 1913 at 5:30 pm and was buried in Lot 129, Section E., St. Ann's Cemetery in Hornell on 13 December 1913. Dan was married in Hornell on 19 March 1868 to MARY CATHERINE O'CONNOR (*Patrick*<sup>1</sup>). She was born in County Cork, Ireland about 1845 and died at home at 70 Crosby Street, Hornell on Sunday, 5 September 1915 at 10:00 am; she was buried without a marker next to Dan in St. Ann's Cemetery on 7 September 1915. Mary was the daughter of Patrick<sup>1</sup> and Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor (*Death Certificate*).

In Ireland, Dan's earl or lord sent him to engineering school where he learned how to drain bogs and cut peat. He also purchased livestock by the boat-load on behalf of his lord in Belgium and France. He spoke gaelic fluently and could read and write it as well.

In Hornell, Dan settled in an Irish boarding house on Canisteo Street, which later became the Florence Electric building. It was there that Dan met his future wife, Mary Catherine O'Connor; she was also a fellow native of the County Cork. Although Dan knew Mary's parents and brothers in Ireland, they had never met, despite the fact that the Mahoney and O'Connor farms were next to each other. Dan found work buying lumber for the railroad from farmers and they settled down at 70 Crosby Street. At one time, the pine tree in their yard was the tallest one standing in Western New York.

Dan was a prominent member of the Irish contingent in Hornell; the men would gather under his gigantic pine tree. They spoke only in the tongue of their motherland and shook their shillelaghs at any kid whose curiosity brought him too close. Afterwards, they would break their clay pipes against the tree's trunk. Dan was a Fenian; he was a member of the Sinn Fein, a nationalistic Irish political group that sought to repeal the 1801 Act of Union which joined Ireland to the United Kingdom and abolished the Irish Parliament. Dan's membership in this rebellious group created a need for caution, newcomers to Hornell from Ireland were carefully scrutinized before they were allowed to meet him.

On 8 March 1870, a "Daniel Mahaney" of Ireland and Hornellsville made his mark in a Declaration of Alien (*Index of Naturalizations and Declarations of Aliens*, Declarations Vol. 2 [1862-1891], 157). On 5 June 1872, "Daniel Mahaney" made his mark again at Hornellsville to become a naturalized citizen of the United States (*Index of Naturalizations and Declarations of*

*Aliens*, Naturalization Papers Vol. 3 [1869-1876], 121). In order for Dan to become a citizen he would have had to have been a resident of the United States for at least five years.

Although Daniel and Mary Catherine were married in Hornell on 18 March 1868; he is not found in the earliest city directory for Hornell available at the Hornell Public Library, 1868-69. 1875 is the next available year and includes: "*Mahaney, Dan'l railroad emp h. Crosby.*" To clarify, Daniel was an employee of the railroad and resided in house on Crosby Street.

On 26 April 1872, "Dennis Gorman and Ellen his wife of Hornellsville" sold 1.25 acres on "Crosby Creek Road" to "Daniel Mahoney," also of Hornellsville (*Steuben County Deeds*, 138:9). This property lay within the village limits and was sold for \$300. Dennis Gorman was probably identical with the Dennis Gorman that witnessed the marriage of Daniel Mahoney and Mary Catherine O'Connor in 1868. Dennis Gorman was presumably a kinsman of Daniel's mother-in-law, Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor.

Also in 1875, "*Danielis Mahoney et Margaretta Keenan*" served as baptismal sponsors for Michael Gorman, son of "*Joanne Gorman et Margaretta Hartnett.*" John Gorman was presumably another kinsman of Daniel's mother-in-law, Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor. In turn, John and Margaret (Hartnett) Gorman served as baptismal sponsors for Daniel's son, Michael William.

On 19 August 1877, "*Danl Mahoney et Teresa McEvoy*" served as baptismal sponsors for William Londregan, son of "*Ed Londragan et Bridget Corchoran.*" In turn, "*Eduardo Lundrigan*" served as a baptismal sponsor for Daniel's son, Patrick.

In 1880, Daniel Mahoney was residing at 46 Crosby Street in Hornell (*1880 Federal Census*); Kate Connors, age 5, was boarding with the family. That same year he was again identified in the city directory: "*Mahaney, Daniel railroad emp h 46 Crosby.*"

In 1891, Daniel Mahoney, laborer, was residing at 46 Crosby Street in Hornell (*Directory of Steuben County, New York*). It appears that 46 Crosby Street was subsequently renumbered as 70 Crosby Street; from Daniel's obituary (see below) his residence remained unchanged. This house is no longer standing.

On 17 December 1881 "Dan Mahoney" paid \$3 towards an unspecified burial plot in St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell, New York (*Names of Lot Owners for St. Ann's Cemetery*).

The 1900 city directory for Hornell includes: "*Mahoney, Daniel, emp Erie coal pockets, h 46 Crosby, Mary.*"

As of 1 June 1905, Daniel (60) and Mary (59) Mahoney, natives of Ireland were residing alone at 46 Crosby Street. Daniel had been in the United States for 35 years and Mary for 38; he was working as a sweeper in the Erie Railroad shops. Daniel and Mary Catherine (O'Connor) Mahoney were married in 1868. Daniel's implied year of immigration, 1870, must have been reported incorrectly.

Perhaps Dan's continuous exposure to coal dust was the reason that he was ill for many years before he died.

Daniel Mahoney of Crosby street passed away at 5:30 Thursday evening. He was born 74 years ago in County Tipperary, Ireland and has lived in this country 50 years, living at his present home 47 years. Deceased is mourned by his wife and six children, two daughters Mrs. C. Lynch and four sons Michael W., Patrick F. and James J. of Olean and John W. of this city. Funeral will be held at

St. Ann's Church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. (obituary, *Evening Tribune-Times* [Hornell, NY; 11 December 1913])

In contrast to Daniel's obituary, all other sources, including his death certificate, indicate that he was born in County Cork, rather than County Tipperary. However, as noted above, the surname of his mother, *Carroll*, was historically associated with Tipperary but later became common in Cork. Perhaps Daniel's mother or maternal grandfather originated in Tipperary and that legend was misapplied to Daniel by some family members at the time of his death.

Lawrence and Margaret (Mahoney) (Monaghan) Lynch reportedly bought the family home directly from Daniel. However, documents from the administration of his estate (*Steuben County, New York Probate Records*, File A-19870), indicate otherwise:

Proceeds of the sale of the real estate of the deceased in an action of partition and paid over to Steuben co. Treasurer under a final judgement granted by the Supreme Court on 27 May 1916.

...deceased left no personal property of any real value... estate of \$573.21 is in the hands of the Steuben Co. Treasurer.

Dan left behind debts for groceries, clothes, and medical treatment. He was apparently fond of Scotch Snuff which he frequently purchased from Pharmacist Hilie D. Walters at \$0.10 per visit.

In the 1914-15 city directory, widowed Mary was identified as the homeowner of 70 Crosby Street, where she remained until her own death.

Mrs. Daniel Mahoney, died at her home 70 Crosby street, yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, 77 years old. She had been in ill health for the past year gradually failing until her death yesterday morning.

Mrs. Mahoney was born in Ireland, and came to this country when a young girl, with her parents, settling in this city. She leaves to mourn her loss four sons and two daughters, Michael and John of this city; Patrick F., of Marion, Ohio, and James of Olean; Mrs. Lawrence Lynch and Katherine of this city, and two brothers, Patrick and Michael O'Connor of this city. Her husband Daniel Mahoney died about two years ago.

This funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the house and 9 o'clock from St. Ann's church. Interment will be in St. Ann's Cemetery. (*Evening Tribune-Times* [Hornell, NY; 5 September 1915])

Daniel Mahoney has a very small grave marker bearing only his name while Mary Catherine has none. The index card in St. Ann's file documenting their burials bears the note, "nobody cares." I suspect that Jack R.<sup>3</sup> Mahoney (*John W.*<sup>2</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>1</sup>) was disappointed that none of Daniel and Mary Catherine's children ever attended to the task of having their parents' graves properly marked and may have expressed that sentiment when discussing the matter with a parish representative.

Children, all born in Hornell, Steuben County, New York:

- i. MARGARET "MAGGIE," b. ca. 1869; named after paternal grandmother, Margaret (Carroll) Mahoney; m. (1) St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY by Father Arthur R. Barklow on 20 Aug 1894 to [MATTHEW] MONAGHAN, son of Jacob and Margaret (Savage) Monaghan (*Liber Matrimoniorium; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam* [St. Ann's Church]); m. (2) St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY by Father Francis J. Naughton on 15 Dec 1903 to LAWRENCE LYNCH, son of John and Mary (Powers) Lynch, witnessed by Phillip Golding and Margaret Quick (*Liber Matrimoniorium; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam* [St. Ann's Church]); resided at 6 Orchard St., Hornell, NY on 16 Jan 1918.  
Children, surname *Monaghan*: 1. Isabel 2. Matt 3. Margaret; surname *Lynch*: 4. Lawrence Jr., d. 30 Dec 1991; m. 22 February 1930 Bettie Ryan. 5. Francis.
3. ii. MICHAEL WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. 22 June 1870; named after paternal grandfather, Michael<sup>A</sup> Mahoney; m. HENRIETTA DINAH "NETTIE" PAGE.
- iii. PATRICK F., b. 3 June 1872, named after maternal grandfather, Patrick<sup>1</sup> O'Connor; bapt. St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY by Father G.J. McNab on 7 July 1872 as "*Patritius*," son of "*Daniele Mahoney et Maria Connors*," sponsors "*Eduardo Lundrigan et Ellena Gorman*"; m. St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY by Father Arthur R. Barklow to ANNA FYFFE, dau. of William and Jane (Johnson) Fyffe (*Liber Matrimoniorium; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam* [St. Ann's Church]); resided at 240 Silver St., Marion, OH on 16 Jan 1918.  
Children, surname *Mahoney*: 1. Anna Virginia, b. 26 Sep 1906; bapt. St. Ann's Church 19 Nov 1906 by Father Francis J. Naughton, sponsors Michael William Mahoney and Helena King.
- iv. CATHERINE "KATIE," b. 1873; named after maternal grandmother, Catherine (Gorman) O'Connor; bapt. St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY on 1 Nov 1873, dau. of "*Daniele Mahoney et Maria Connors*," sponsors "*Patricus Lundrigan et Ellena Walsh*." When her father's estate was probated the report stated: "Catherine Mahoney is confined in Willard State Hospital as an insane person," (*Steuben County, New York Probate Records*, File A-19870).
- v. JAMES J., b. ca. 1878; never married; resided in Olean, NY on 16 Jan 1918.
- vi. JOHN W., b. 1880; d. St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, NY Jan 1931; m. St. Ann's Church 8 Feb 1900 MARY MABEL<sup>3</sup> EICH (*George<sup>2</sup>, Jacob<sup>1</sup>*), b. 22 Feb 1880; bapt. St. Ann's Church on 28 Dec 1880 as "*Maria*," sponsors John Baker and Mary Eich; dau. of *George<sup>2</sup>* and Mary (Delauhry) Eich (*Liber Matrimoniorium; Missionis circa Hornell's-Villam* [St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY]); resided on Rose Ave., Hornell, NY on 16 Jan 1918; employed by Erie Railroad for over 24 years as a Foreman in the carpenter department. (*Evening Tribune-Times* [Hornell, NY; 17 Jan

1931]. Those researching the Eich family should contact Scott Iak of Hornell, NY at iakerofny@dctnet.net.

- Children, surname *Mahoney*: 1. *Jack Raymond*, b. 13 Oct 1901; bapt. 26 Dec 1901 St. Ann's Church on 13 Oct 1901 by Father Francis J. Naughton as "*Daniel Raymundus*", sponsors "*Jacobus K. Mahoney et Maria Kelley*"; d. in Hornell, NY 8 Feb 1992; bur. in St. Ann's Cemetery; m. Anastasia Haddock, d. 1967. 2. *James Lloyd*, b. 14 June 1904; bapt. St. Ann's Church on 14 Nov 1904, sponsors "*Jacobus Baker et Elizabetha Thomas Haverty*"; m. Mary Swift. 3. *Florence*, b. 3 June 1912; bapt. St. Ann's Church 16 June 1912 as *Agnes Floritia*, sponsors "*Mattheus Monaghan et Margareta Monaghan*"; k. 1930s in an automobile accident. 4. *John Walter*, b. 29 Nov 1915; bapt. St. Ann's Church 19 Dec 1915 as *Joannes Gualtious*, sponsors "*Leopold Jacobus Leo et Maria Isabella Monaghan.*" 5. *Geraldine*, b. 3 Oct 1917; bapt. St. Ann's Church 4 Nov 1917 as *Elizabeth Geraldina*, sponsors "*Franciscus Driscoll et Helena Sullivan*"; m. \_\_\_ House; resides in Hornell. 6. *Jean*, m. \_\_\_ Morey.
- vii. *child*; d. 17 Dec 1881 "Daniel Mahany stillborn" (*Liber Mortuorum Hornelsville* [St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY]).

3. MICHAEL WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> MAHONEY (*Daniel*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hornell, Steuben County, New York on 22 June 1870. He was baptized in St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York by Father G.J. McNab on 26 December 1870 as the son of "*Daniele Mahoney et Maria Connors*", the sponsors were "*Joannes Gorman et Margarita Hartnett*" [John and Margaret (Hartnett) Gorman]. Mike died in Buffalo, Erie County, New York on 7 July 1946 and was buried in Grave 38 (unmarked), Line 11, Division P, Area B of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Cheektowaga, Erie County, York. Mike was first married at Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 1 October 1899 to HENRIETTA DINAH<sup>8</sup> "NETTIE" PAGE (*Charles A.*<sup>7</sup>, *Buel Mariner*<sup>6</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Aaron*<sup>4</sup>, *Moses*<sup>3</sup>, *George*<sup>2-1</sup>). Nettie was born in Canisteo on 19 April 1880 and died at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, New York on 17 April 1918 from a severe case of pneumonia exacerbated by the stress of childbirth. She was buried in an unmarked grave near the southwest corner of St. Ann's Cemetery in Hornell, New York on 19 April 1918. Nettie was the daughter of Charles A.<sup>7</sup> and Sarah (Nicholson) Page and was partially named after her maternal grandmother, Dinah (Coddington) Nicholson. Mike was married, second, in St. Ann's Church in Hornell, New York by Father Francis J. Naughton on 23 October 1922 to AGNES IRENE GILBERT; they divorced or permanently separated by 1929.

According to Jack Mahoney, Mike was an excellent cabinet maker; he was highly paid as a glue man at McConnell & Co. in Hornell at one point. Unfortunately, he was also an alcoholic and could be prone to violent episodes. Nettie would lock the children in a room when he was drinking. Nettie's parents, Charles and Sarah, were both of old New England stock and both of their ancestries are full of one tragedy after another. Sarah died when Nettie was only two and Charles committed suicide in 1906 by drinking carbolic acid. These facts do not begin to tell the sad tale of Nettie's ancestry.

In 1888, Michael was first identified in the city directory of Hornell as a resident of his father's household at 46 Crosby Street. At the age of eighteen, he was already working for "McCo. Mill" [McConnell & Co.]. In 1890, his occupation was cited as "clerk" and in 1895, he

was designated as a "Laborer." In 1898, Michael was still living with his parents as an employee of McConnell & Co. Michael and Nettie married in 1899 and he does not appear in his parents' household in the 1900 city directory.

In 1904, Michael W. Mahoney, "carp" [carpenter] was residing at 14 Washington Street. That year, Michael and Nettie lost their two eldest daughters to Scarlet Fever and that is presumably when Nettie became deaf from paralysis of the ear drum as a result of infection.

In the 1906-07 Hornell directory, Mike and Nettie were residing at 42 East Washington Street. In 1907, Nettie was named in the settlement of the estate of her maternal grandfather, Perry Nicholson (*Steuben County, New York Probate Records*, File A-7908).

According to the 1908-09 Hornell directory, Mike and Nettie had moved to 54 East Washington Street. By 1911, Michael the "woodworker" and Nettie were living at 10 Spruce Street.

Mike and Nettie are conspicuously absent from the 1913-14 Hornell directory. This is consistent with the fact that their daughter, Virgil Elizabeth, was born in Wellsville on 18 June 1912.

The Mahoneys soon returned to Hornell. In the 1914-15 city directory, Michael the "carpenter" and Nettie were residing at 3½ West Street. In the 1918-19 directory, they were living at 3 West Street; this may have been the same apartment or a different apartment in the same house.

Mrs. Michael W. Mahoney died shortly after noon at the Saint James Mercy Hospital following an attack of pneumonia. Besides her husband, she is survived by five daughters, Helen, Gladys, Virgil, Margaret and Mary and an infant son, M. William. The funeral arrangements will be announced later. (*Evening Tribune-Times* [Hornell, NY; 17 April 1918])

Nettie died of pneumonia on 17 April 1918 in Hornell, two days after the birth of her last child. In order to be buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, she made a deathbed conversion to Catholicism; "Bap." is noted in the remarks associated with her burial record in the *Record of Internments* (St. Ann's Church, Hornell, New York). Nettie's unmarked grave is located somewhere in the southwest corner of the cemetery.

Except for their eldest surviving child, Mike's and Nettie's children were all adopted. For the short term, Gladys stayed with Nettie's brother, George Page; Margaret stayed with Nettie's sister, Margaret (Page) Amidon; Virgil and Mary were placed in the Children's Home on East Main Street in Hornell. Nettie's sister, Mary (Page) Bates, kept track of them and eventually they were all reunited as adults.

At the time of Nettie's death, they were living at 3 West Street in Hornell, near the Washington Street School and Bridge. The house and the school have both been torn down.

In the 1920-21 Hornell city directory, Michael the "woodworker" was living at 52 Washington Street.

The marriage of Mrs. Agnes Irene Gilbert of No. 53 Hill street and Michael W. Mahoney of No. 52 Washington street was celebrated this morning at Saint Ann's Church, the Rev. Francis J. Naughton officiating. Miss Evelyn Townsend was bridesmaid and Walter Phillipson was best man. Following the ceremony a

delicious wedding breakfast was served at Gibbs restaurant. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney will depart on a wedding trip to New York and Jersey City and upon their return will make their home in Washington street. Mr. Mahoney is an employee of the James Elgar Co., and both are well known. (*Evening Tribune-Times* [Hornell, NY; 23 October 1922])

As evidenced by the 1923 Hornell city directory, Mike and Irene lived in her home at 53½ Hill Street following their marriage. They are last found at this address together in the 1927 directory.

In 1929, Mike is no longer found in the Hornell city directory but Mrs. A. Irene Mahoney was living at 59 Cedar Street. By 1931, Irene had also left Hornell, died or remarried.

Michael left Hornell by 1929 and ended up in Buffalo, Erie County, New York. His daughter Helen lived with him some of the time. He was living at 28 Whitney Place when he died in 1946 and his funeral was held at the Immaculate Conception Church.

In October 2001, I met with another great-grandchild of Michael's and Nettie's, Carol (Ashford) Steuernagel, and her husband, David, to locate Michael's last residence and grave. 28 Whitney Place is now an attractively restored Victorian apartment house, located near downtown. In Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, we could find no marker for Michael's grave. This cemetery was established for Catholics of Italian descent. Michael obviously lacked the funds to finance a proper burial.

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