

The Hassett Family

Watertown and Milwaukee, Wisconsin

3 Generations



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Introduction

This book shares the story of my ancestors who moved to and lived in Watertown and Milwaukee in Wisconsin, USA. I started my journey as I was intrigued as to why my 3rd Great Aunt, Mary Anne Hassett, would leave her home, a small rural farm in Knockanean near Ennis, County Clare, Ireland and make the long arduous journey to America and why did she end up in Watertown, Wisconsin.

Through this research, following the tracks left by the six main characters who span three generations of my ancestry, I hope to be able to shed some light on their personal histories:

- First Generation

My 3rd Great Aunt, **❶ Mary Anne Hassett** (1826 to 1899) left a small rural farm in County Clare for the US and found herself in Watertown, Wisconsin. She married **❷ Thomas Sullivan** (abt 1816 to 1882).

The parents of Carroll O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell and Mary Kennedy arrived in Watertown, Wisconsin from Ireland between 1854 and 1857.

- Second Generation

My 2nd Great Aunt, **❸ Mary Hassett** (1860 to 1925) who left County Clare for the US to first join her Aunt in New York and then journeyed to Watertown, Wisconsin to join her Aunt Mary Anne Hassett. She married **❹ Carroll O'Donnell** (1853 to 1932) in Watertown in 1895.

- Third Generation

My Grand Uncle **❺ William Frederick Hassett** (1899 to 1961) who left County Clare for the US to join his Aunt Mary O'Donnell née Hassett in Watertown, Wisconsin. He stayed a short while and worked with Carroll O'Donnell. He then ended up working in Minnesota where he met and married Marie Hughes in 1930 (1893 to 1956).

My 1st Cousin 1 x removed **❻ Mary Matilda Foley** (1893 to 1976) who moved to Watertown, Wisconsin from Bergen, New Jersey to look after her Aunt **❼ Mary Hassett O'Donnell**.

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I would like to thank my Grand Aunt, Kathleen Hassett (born 1897, died 1985) for so meticulously and lovingly writing out the family history. In this book you will find reference to "family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett". These memoirs are lovingly cared for by my 1st cousin 1 x removed Margaret Donohue. I never had the pleasure to meet my Grand Aunt but under the guidance of my dear cousin Margaret, whom I have only known for a few years and yet connected so strongly on our first meeting, I feel by writing up this story I can bring our ancestors to life.

I would like to thank Declan Barron of Newpark House, Ennis for his help with the original baptism records of Mary Hassett. I would like to offer my special thanks to the staff and volunteers at Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society, Watertown Historical Society, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Area Research Center and the Wisconsin Historical Society.

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Finally, I wish to thank my parents, Jenny and Michael Hassett, who started me out on this journey and for their support and encouragement throughout this journey.

I am open and interested to receive any further information or guidance. I hope you enjoy their stories.

Jillian van Turnhout

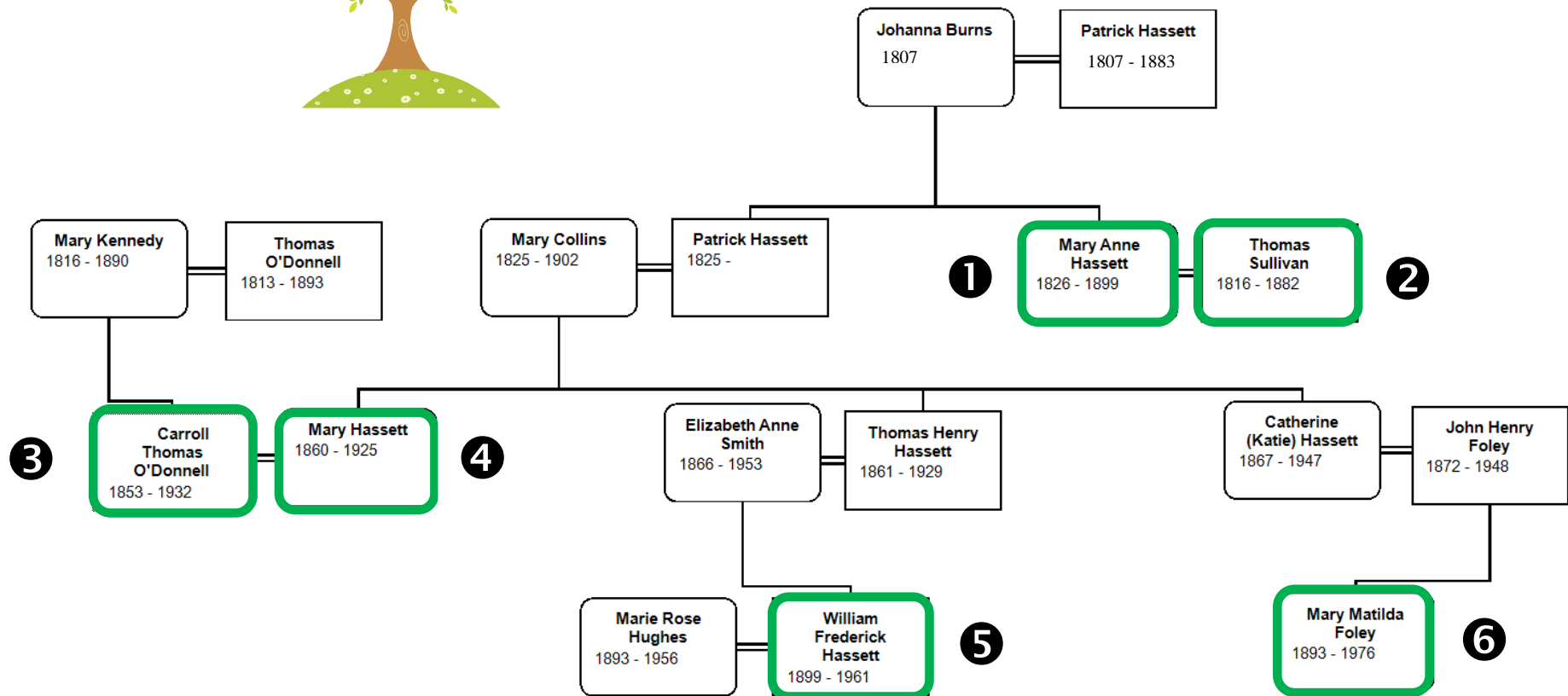
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Overview

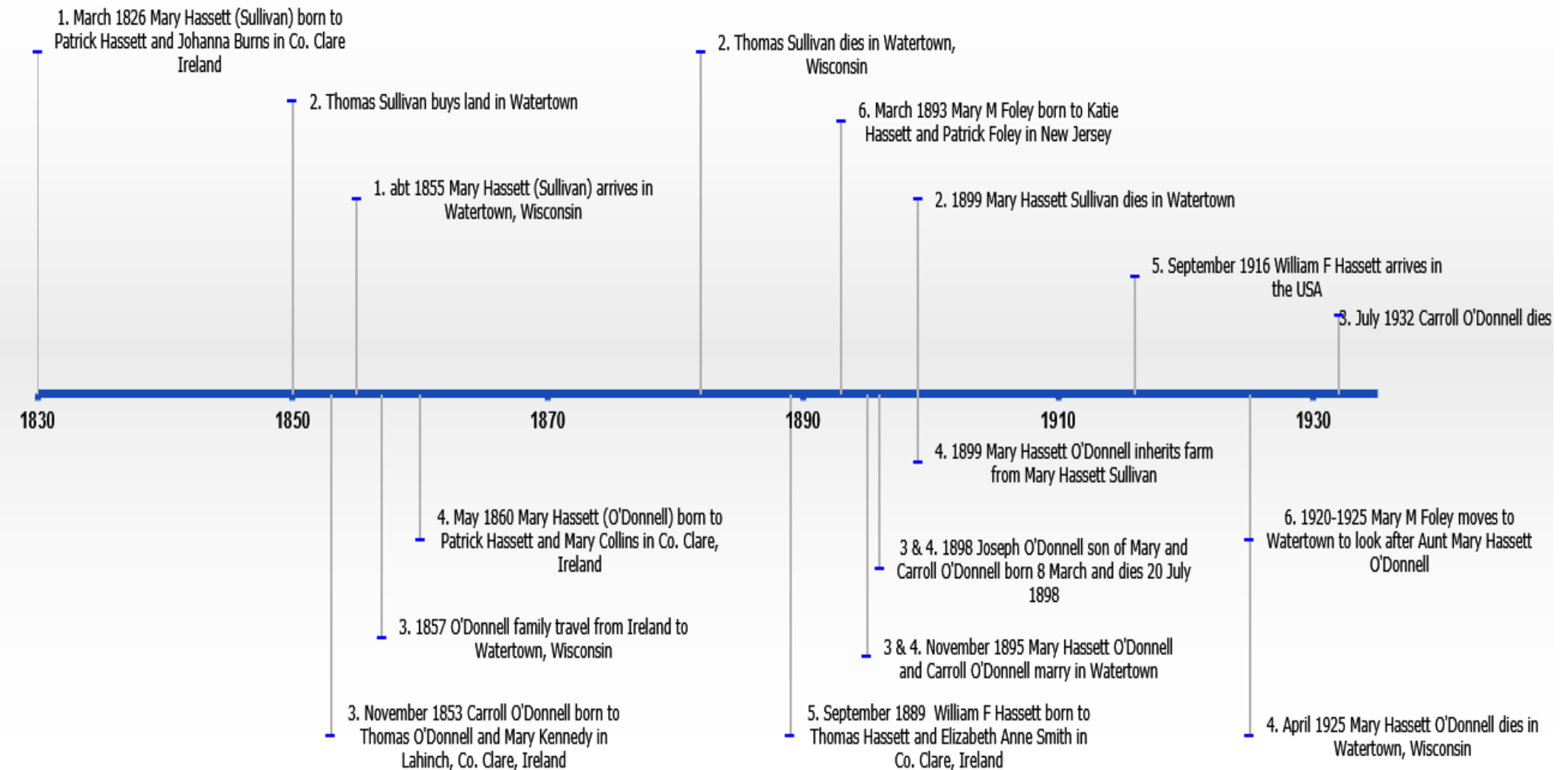
Family Tree – 3 Generations



Timeline of the Hassett Family in Watertown, Wisconsin

* note number before each event is aligned to 'person' number in this book

Hassett Family, Watertown, Wisconsin



Family History Generation 1

① Mary Anne Hassett (Sullivan)

Mary Anne Hassett, (1826 to 1899) is my starting ancestor in this story. She was born on a small rural tenant farm in rural Ireland and left Ireland seeking, I can only assume, a better life in America.

Mary Anne Hassett, daughter of Patrick Hassett and Johanna Burns was born in 1826 in Co. Clare.

Timeline of key events:

Birth:	March 1826 in Co. Clare, Ireland
Baptism:	30 March 1826, Doora Parish, County Clare
1860 Census:	Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
1870 Census:	Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States Occupation: Keeping house
1880 Census:	Montgomery Street, Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States United States; 4th Ward Occupation: Keeping house
1885 Census:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States Living on own
Death:	26 Sep 1899 in Jefferson, Wisconsin, USA

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett¹:

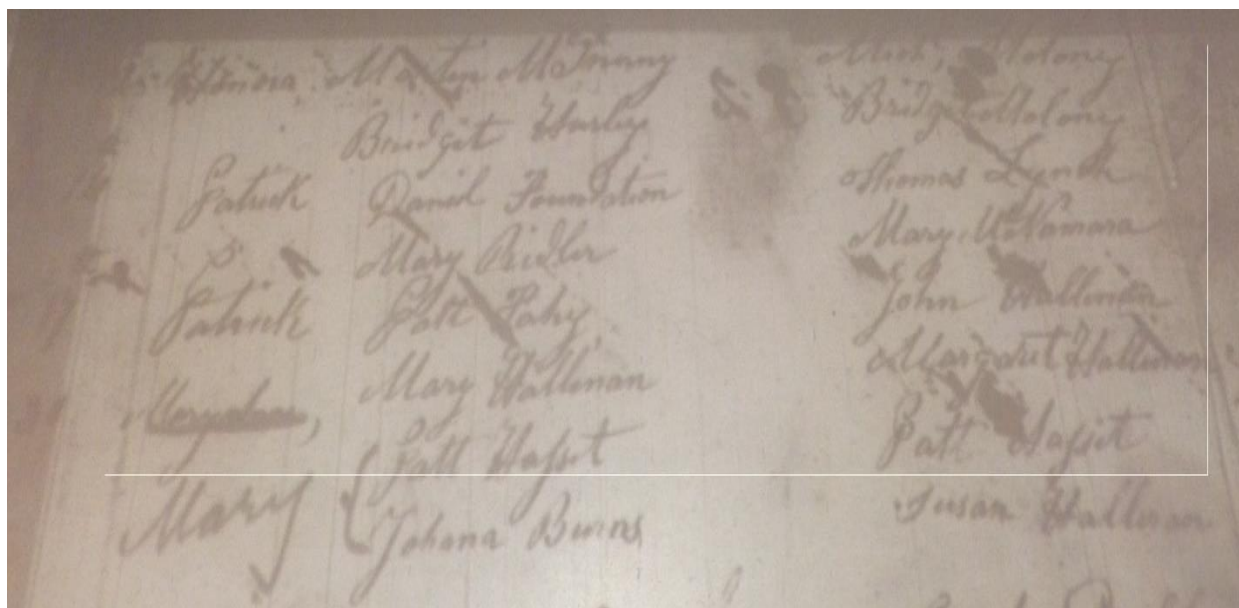
"The sister (Mary Anne Hassett) also went to America, and must have been quite adventurous, as she became the owner of a farm at Watertown, Wisconsin. She became a widow, and, in due course offered her niece and namesake Mary Hassett, a home with her. Mary joined her Aunt, Mrs Mary Sullivan in Watertown and later inherited the property. Mary married Carroll O'Donnell and they had one son, who died about 1904. Mary fell and broke her leg which caused her death in 1938. Carroll died in 1937-8."

In some research records Mary, Ann or Anne are noted as her first name. I am convinced they are all the same person. At her birth she was baptised Mary and seems to have used Ann/Anne when in America. Her mother's name was Johanna and so perhaps she was known to her family as Anne. It is also likely at the time that she was not literate and so it was up to others to record her name.

Mary Anne Hassett was born in 1826 on a small rural farm in the parish of Doora, County Clare. County Clare is North West of the River Shannon. She was one of four known children to Patrick Hassett (1807 to 1883) and Johanna Burns (dates unknown). More details of her family ancestry can be found in Appendix 1.

¹ Throughout this research I reference the family memoirs of my Grand Aunt, Kathleen Hassett (1897 to 1985) who wrote out her family memoirs. This book provides the 'clues' for my research.

As the record below shows Mary Hassett was baptised in Doora Parish² on 30 March 1826 and her Godparents were Patrick Hassett and Susan Halloran.



With the exception of the parish register for her birth there are no known records covering her life in Ireland. I know that the family were tenant farmers on a small holding. Times would have been extremely tough.

Poverty in Clare in 1835 is vividly portrayed in 'Poverty before the Famine, County Clare'.³ The information on which it is based has been extracted from one of the reports of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Conditions of the Poorer Classes in Ireland which was set up in 1833.

"The coming into effect of the New English Poor Law in 1834 increased the pressure for a solution to combat the problem of poverty in Ireland as huge numbers of Irish flooded into English cities. It was estimated that up to 10,000 such Irish were surviving through begging in the city of Liverpool alone. This is hardly surprising, considering that the Commissioners estimated that due to the enormous destitution in Ireland, in excess of 2,000,000 people would need accommodation if the workhouse system were to be adopted in Ireland."⁴

The population of Clare doubled in the fifty years before the Great Famine (1845 to 1852). The great challenge of that time was the provision of food and work for such a teeming population.

² National Library of Ireland (2013) Catholic Parish Registers, Available at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx> (Accessed: 14 March 2013).

³ Maureen Comber (ed.) (1996) Poverty before the Famine, County Clare, 1835, CLASP Press.

⁴ Clare County Library, Clare Local Studies Project CLASP, Available at: <http://bit.ly/Clare1835> (Accessed: 11 April 2015).

The 1841 Census shows 80% of all farms in County Clare were between one and fifteen acres in size, and even with the most intense cultivation could hardly be expected to employ more than a family or two throughout the year.⁵ The effects of the Great Famine and subsequent emigration are clearly seen in the population figures. In 1841, before the onset of the Famine, the county of Clare had a population of 286,000. Ten years later, after the Famine, this had dropped by 74,000, to 212,000.⁶

Picture of house in pre-famine Clare from Clare Library website ⁷



I do not know if the famine was the impetus for her departure or if she left Ireland in the years preceding. Mary Anne Hassett most likely spoke Irish as her mother tongue and was probably not able to read or write.

The journey to the US from Ireland lasted between 4 to 6 weeks. According to Dunbrody Famine Ship and Irish Emigrant experience⁸: *"the Atlantic crossing was a terrible trial for those brave, or desperate, enough to attempt it. Packed cheek by jowl below decks, the steerage passengers barely saw the light of day. Allowed up on deck for no more than one hour a day, in small groups, they would gather around open stoves to cook. When their time was up, it was back down into the dark, dank hold. During the regular storms the hatches were battened down, and the passengers would subsist on hard-tack biscuits. Hygiene was notoriously poor aboard most ships. With nothing more than buckets for toilets, and only sea-water to wash with, disease was rampant. Cholera and Typhus accounted for a great many deaths. Those who died were buried at sea. With death rates commonly reaching 20%, and horror stories of 50% dying, these vessels soon became known as 'Coffin Ships'. After weeks cooped up in these terrible conditions, Irish emigrants arrived in North America. Many were filthy, penniless, and often illiterate; making their subsequent successes all the more remarkable."*

5 Clare County Library, Pre-famine Clare - Society in Crisis by Flan Enright, Available at: <http://bit.ly/ClareHouse> (Accessed: 11 April 2015).

6 Irish Times (2014) Irish Times Ancestors, Available at: <http://bit.ly/1gGeXvM> (Accessed: 22 March 2014).

7 Clare County Library, Pre-famine Clare - Society in Crisis by Flan Enright, Available at: <http://bit.ly/ClareHouse> (Accessed: 11 April 2015).

8 Dunbrody Famine Ship and Irish Emigrant Experience (2014) The Voyage, On board the Dunbrody Famine Ship, Available at: <http://bit.ly/1pipwKG> (Accessed: 22 March 2014).

1846 Mary Anne Hassett sets sail for America

I have searched the transport records from Ireland to America and believe that it is most likely that Mary Anne Hassett travelled on the 'Trident' from Cork to Boston. This ship sailed on 29 May 1846 from Cork, Ireland to Boston, Massachusetts and its Captain was James Spring.⁹

Extract from Ship Passenger List showing a Mary Hassett

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COPY of Report and List of the Passengers taken on board the *Bark Trident* of *James Spring* is Master, burthen 323 tons and $\frac{27}{100}$ ths of a ton, bound from the Port of *Cork* for *Boston*.

NAMES.	AGE.	SEX.	Occupation, Trade or Profession.	Country to which they severally belong.	Country of which they intend to become inhabitants.	Remarks relative to any who may have died or left the vessel during the voyage.
Ellen Donagan	19		Cervants	Ireland	No States	
Margaret Moran	30		"	"	"	
Catharine Mahoney	20		"	"	"	
Frances Burns	23		"	"	"	
Margaret Callahan	20		"	"	"	
Mary Walsh	18		"	"	"	
Catharine Walsh	23		"	"	"	
Ellen Leary	26		"	"	"	
Ellen A'Hern	23		"	"	"	
Mary Hatten	24		"	"	"	
Mary Moon	20		"	"	"	
Johanna Moon	14		"	"	"	
Julia Moon	16		"	"	"	
Catharine Sullivan	22		"	"	"	
Margaret Foley	20		"	"	"	
Margaret Fenton	23		"	"	"	
Mary Barry	19		"	"	"	
Ellen Linchane	22		"	"	"	
Mary Foley	22		"	"	"	
Robert Back	22		"	"	"	
Margaret Curthy	23		"	"	"	
Catharine Dowling	26		"	"	"	
Catharine Burns	18		"	"	"	
Mary Sullivan	22		"	"	"	
Ann Didscoil	20		"	"	"	
Johanna Bassett	32		"	"	"	
Ellen Paulin	28		"	"	"	
Ellen Donagan	19		"	"	"	
Johanna Paulin	20		"	"	"	
Catharine Foley	20		"	"	"	
Margaret DeLany	22		"	"	"	
Mary Lyons	20		"	"	"	
Mary McManara	22		"	"	"	
Mary Schuby	20		"	"	"	
Ellen Doherty	25		"	"	"	
Mary Hassett	19		"	"	"	
Mary Walsh	18		"	"	"	
Mary Cronin	20		"	"	"	
Johanna Cronin	20		"	"	"	
Catharine Mahoney	16		"	"	"	
Margaret Power	10		"	"	"	

⁹ "Massachusetts, Boston Passenger Lists, 1820-1891," FamilySearch (<http://bit.ly/1aAmmol> accessed 2013), Image 741 of 746.

At some point following her arrival in Boston Mary Anne Hassett would have travelled to Watertown, Wisconsin. I do not know the reason for her choosing Watertown but perhaps the attraction of the building of a new railway or the fact that Watertown was an up and coming town brought her on the journey of over 1100 miles from Boston to Watertown.

She would have landed in the emerging town of Watertown, Wisconsin between 1846 and 1860. I cannot imagine what it must of have been like to have made this journey to then help a new town develop and grow whilst facing the harshest of winters that one coming from rural Ireland could imagine. Shortly after her arrival she would have witnessed the American Civil War (1861 to 1865) and then within 20 years she was surrounded by German speakers as a result of the mass exodus from the Franco-Prussian war (also known as the Franco-German war). I can see the German influence from publications, census records and resources of Watertown during this period.

I know from the Census records that by 1860 Mary Anne Hassett has married a Thomas Sullivan who arrived in Watertown, around 1851. One early story I found in an 1853 Watertown newspaper, the Democratic State Register refers to Mrs Sullivan. According to the US Federal Census in 1850 there were no Sullivan's in Watertown. By 1860 there were 4 Mrs Sullivan's and so there is a chance that this Mrs Sullivan is our Mary Anne Hassett.

Article in the Democratic State Register, Watertown on 7 February 1853¹⁰

Assault with attempt to Kill.—A villian entered the house of a Mr. Sullivan living in the south part of this town on Sunday morning, (yesterday) and attacked the wife of Mr. S. who was alone in the house. He took up an axe, standing by the door, and struck her on the back of the head, and also bruised and lacerated her arm and face in a horrid manner. Mrs. S. caught the fellow by the hair and otherwise resisted, to the best of her ability, leaving the marks of her fingers upon the villian's face. Foiled in his designs, he left the house, and was afterwards traced in a northerly direction. The woman describes him as being a young man, with a drab overcoat and cap, with his face scratched up. Persons are in pursuit of the rascal, and it is to be hoped that he will be arrested and punished as he deserves. The woman was alive at the last accounts.

¹⁰ Ancestry.com. Democratic State Register (Watertown, Wisconsin) [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. <http://bit.ly/16knQwM> accessed 2013

② Thomas Sullivan

From census records, it is known that **Thomas Sullivan** was born around 1816 in Ireland. I have not been able to trace any family or relatives of Thomas Sullivan. None of his US records give any clues and due to the popularity of both his first name and last name it is difficult with any accuracy to trace his family history.

Timeline of key events:

Birth:	Between 1816 and 1822 in Ireland
Residence:	1856 in Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin Assessment Roll Block 13 Plot 6 in Section 4
Naturalization:	04 Nov 1856 in Jefferson, Wisconsin
1860 Census:	Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Value of Real Estate: \$150 Personal Estate \$40 Occupation: Carpenter
1870 Census:	Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin Value of Real Estate owned 1200, Personal estate \$300.
Occupation:	Carpenter. US Citizen
1880 Census:	Montgomery Street, Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States 4th Ward. Occupation: Carpenter
Death:	12 May 1882 in Watertown, Wisconsin

From Thomas's naturalisation request, on next page, I can see that he arrived in Boston in April 1847. I have checked the ships that travelled during this time and it is likely that he sailed on the Bark Globe from Cork, Ireland and arriving in Boston, Massachusetts on 28 April 1847. The Master of the ship was Charles Theobald. The Passenger list shows a Thomas Sullivan, age 20, Male, labourer.¹¹

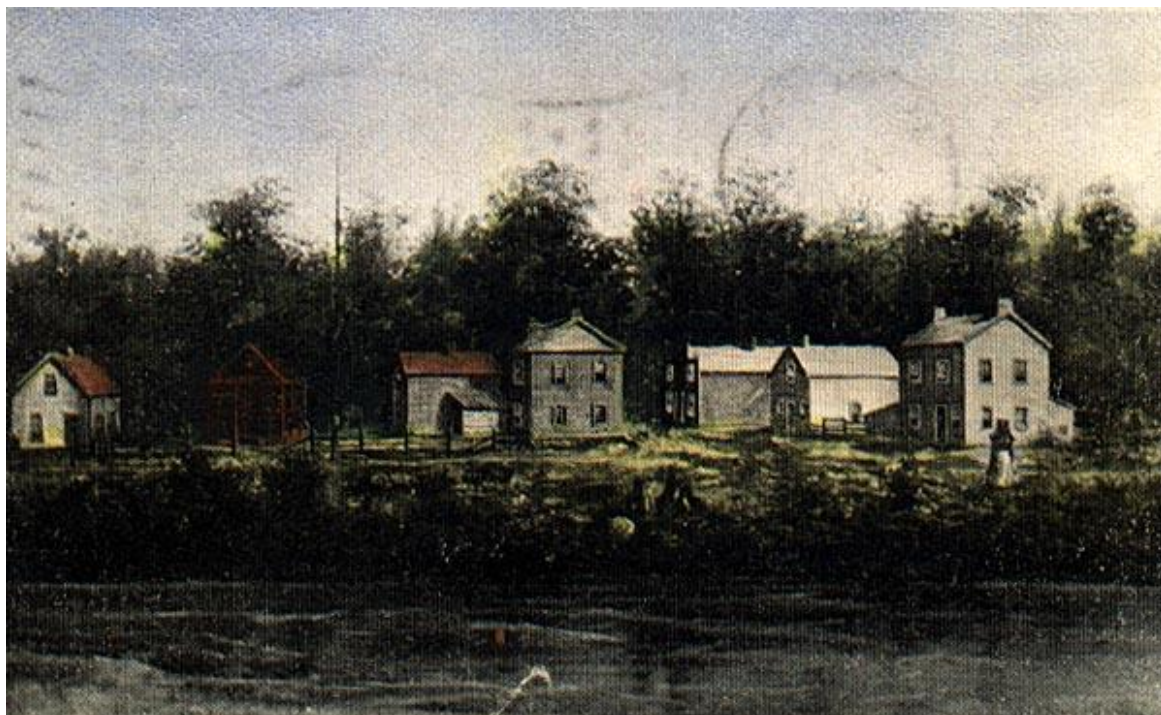
At some point following his arrival to Boston, Thomas Sullivan made the journey of over 1100 miles from Boston to Watertown. From later records we can see that Thomas was a carpenter and his skills would have been an asset to a developing town such as Watertown, Wisconsin.

The picture below is of Watertown Main Street in 1842. There were no brick buildings in Watertown until 1847. The wife of John W. Cole, on her first sight of Watertown, recalled that, "I cannot convey... then mingled feelings of woe and disgust I entertained at my first sight of Johnson's Rapids. What could possess people to ever come to such a place was more than I could ever see...."¹²

11 Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (1999) Bark Globe, Available at: <http://bit.ly/1k9PnkP> (Accessed: 8 June 2014).

12 W.F. Jannke III (1996) Images of America, Watertown, Wisconsin: 1836-1936, United States of America: Arcadia Publishing.

Picture of Main Street, Watertown, Wisconsin in 1842¹³



In the 1840 Census Wisconsin was called the Wisconsin Territory with 5 Townships in Jefferson County: Aztalan; Bark River; Finch; Jefferson and Watertown.

In the 1850 Census there were 1327 adults in Watertown comprising 669 Males, 658 Females. There were 250 families living in 250 dwellings and 40 farms.

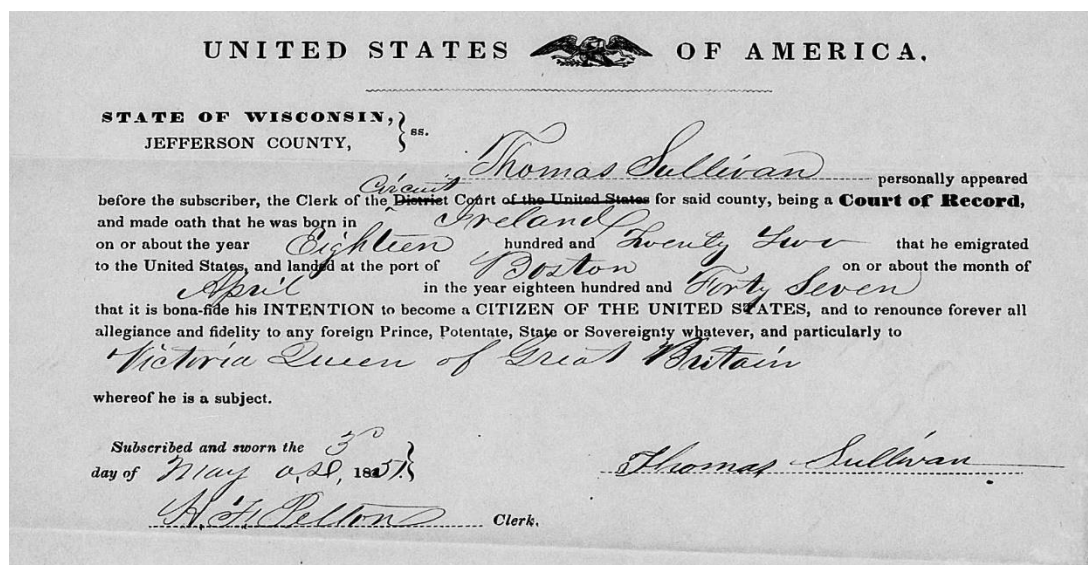
1851 to 1856 Naturalisation of Thomas Sullivan

Thomas Sullivan's naturalisation application in the Declaration Register shows he arrived in Watertown during around 1851¹⁴ following his arrival in Boston from Ireland in April 1847.

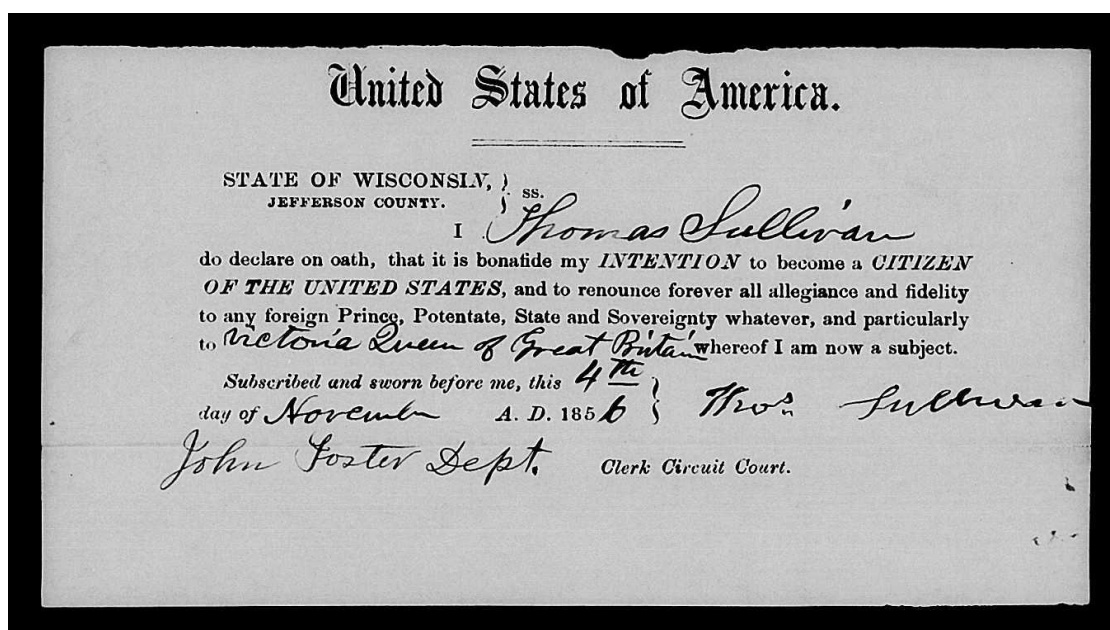
¹³ Wisconsin Electronic Reader, Watertown, Wisconsin, 1842, Available at: <http://bit.ly/1O1E3H7> (Accessed: 11 April 2015).

¹⁴ "Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992." Jefferson, Declaration of intention index 1842-1940 A-Z, Image 81. FamilySearch. <http://bit.ly/HaKo8d> accessed 2013

Thomas Sullivan's made his application for Naturalisation on 3 May 1851.¹⁵



Thomas Sullivan was naturalised on 4 November 1856.¹⁶



1856 Assessment Roll

In 1856 Thomas can be found on the Assessment Roll Block 13 Plot 6 in Section 4 of Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin.¹⁷

¹⁵ "Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992." Jefferson, Declarations of intention 1851, Image 167. FamilySearch. <http://bit.ly/1gysifO> accessed 2013

¹⁶ "Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992." Jefferson, Declarations of intention 1856, Image 703. FamilySearch. <http://bit.ly/1a4Dlly> accessed 2013

¹⁷ University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Area Research Center

① Mary Anne Hassett Sullivan and ② Thomas Sullivan

Prior to 1860, **Mary Anne Hassett** married **Thomas Sullivan**. It cannot be established if they met and married prior to/after their arrival in Watertown. Thomas and Mary Anne did not have any children.

From the Census records we can see that they lived in Watertown Ward 4.

1860 US Federal Census

Thomas Sullivan and Anne Sullivan née Hassett

Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin, Value of Real Estate: \$150, Personal Estate 40

Occupation: Carpenter

1870 US Federal Census

Thomas Sullivan and Anne Sullivan née Hassett

Watertown Ward 4, Jefferson, Wisconsin Value of Real Estate owned 1200, Personal estate \$300.

Occupation: Carpenter. US Citizen

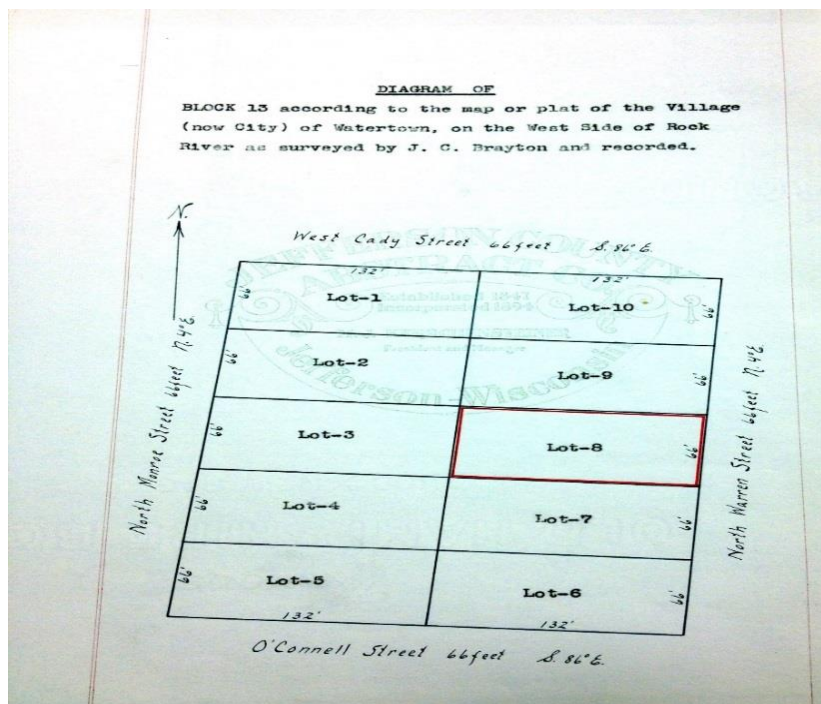
1880 US Federal Census

Thomas Sullivan and Anne Sullivan née Hassett

Watertown Ward 4, Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Occupation: Carpenter

1868 to 1882 Land owned - Warren Street

On February 28, 1868, Thomas Sullivan buys lot 8 and 9 for USD \$ 200 from Daniel and Elizabeth Jones. Thomas was obviously investing his savings in land as he ended up owning a number of lots on this street.





Source: Google maps 2015

The picture¹⁸ below is Block 13 in the Warren Street lands – Lot 6 is encircled where the Sullivan's lived. West Dodge Street is West Cady Street if old map is compared to current map



In August 2012 we visited Watertown, Wisconsin and took a photo of the current house on the site where the Sullivan's lived at 202 North Warren St, Watertown WI. Perhaps their house looked something like this?



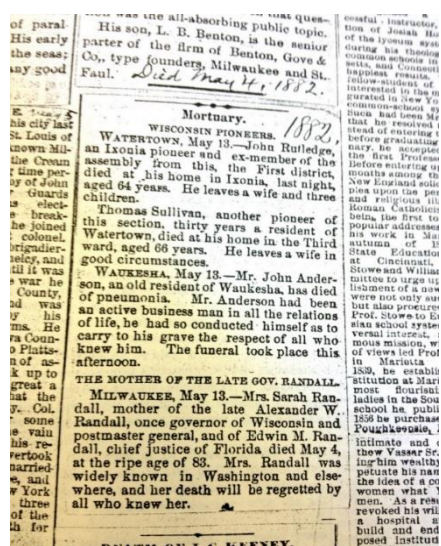
1882 Death of Thomas Sullivan

On 1 August 1882 Thomas Sullivan died.

Entry in book in Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society records

26	Swart, Abel - vs - Gen P Gilbert et al	Prob
27	Suchomiel, Edward	Prob
28	Sydow, Edmund	Prob
29	Swerdferger, Adam - vs - Benken Ten (Buckin)	Prob
30	Sullivan, Thomas (Died May 12, 1882)	Prob
31	Sydow, Ferdinand David	Prob
32	Summers, William (Died June 10, 1890)	Prob
33	Swift, Jane E.	Prob
34	Sydow, Anton	Prob

Thomas Sullivan's Death notice in Watertown Daily Times



"Thomas Sullivan another pioneer of this section, thirty years a resident of Watertown, died at his home in the Third Ward, aged 66 years. He leaves a wife in good circumstances."

When Thomas died in 1882 his Will divided his estate as follows: Reverend Corby and Reverend Condon both get USD \$ 200, Reverend O'Keefe USD \$ 22.50 it being due to the College of the Sacred Heart. The remainder goes to his wife Anne Sullivan, with the wish that after her death the estate will be left to the church. The properties are assessed at USD 1500, annual rent and profit from properties less than USD 10 and debt small/non-existent. Lot 6 (homestead) is assessed at USD 500, Lots 7, 8 and 9 as well as Lot 4 in block 16 at USD 150 each.

When Anne Sullivan née Hassett died she gave a donation to the church, however she left the majority to her niece Mary O'Donnell née Hassett.

Copies of both Wills can be found in Appendix 1 for Anne Sullivan and Appendix 2 for Thomas Sullivan

Gravestone of Thomas Sullivan in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Watertown, Wisconsin

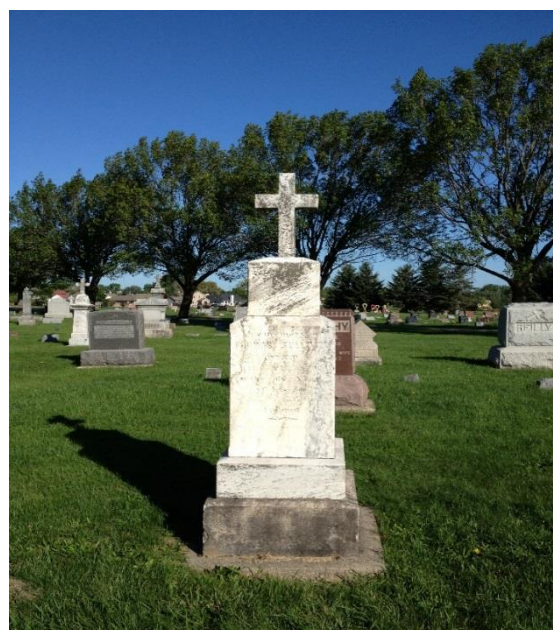
There is no mention of his wife Anne Sullivan née Hassett on the gravestone of her husband yet her death certificate says she is buried in same cemetery. I wonder if this is because she did not follow the wishes of her husband and instead of giving his estate to St Bernard's Catholic Church she gave the majority to her niece Mary Hassett.



In memory of
Thomas Sullivan
Died

May 12 1882
Age 66 Years

Ireland



September 3, 1888: Anne Sullivan sells lots 8 and 9 for USD 700 to Thomas Wallace.

1899 Death of Mary Anne Hassett Sullivan

Mary Anne Sullivan née Hassett dies 26 Sep 1899 of a fractured limb and apoplexy (unconsciousness or incapacity resulting from a cerebral haemorrhage or stroke). When she dies she leaves the majority of her estate to her niece Mary O'Donnell née Hassett. Her Will is in Appendix 2 and you can see that she could not sign her own name.

Family History Generation 2

③ Carroll O'Donnell

Carroll O'Donnell was born on 18 November 1853 in Ireland. He died on 12 July 1932 in Watertown, Wisconsin. He married **Mary Hassett** on 28 November 1895 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, daughter of Patrick Hassett and Mary Collins. She was born in May 1860 in Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 6 April 1925 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Timeline of key events:

Birth:	18 November 1853 in Ireland
Census 1860:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
Census 1880:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States;
Census 1900:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Occupation: RR Labourer
Census 1905:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Occupation: RR Worker
Census 1910:	1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin Occupation: Odd Job Labourer
Census 1920:	1201 Wilder Street, Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Naturalization:	1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin
Census 1930:	1447 Farwell Avenue, Shorewood Village, Wisconsin
Death:	12 July 1932 in Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E

According to Watertown Street Directories they lived in:

- 1911, 1913-14 h. e. s. Breckenridge, 1s ry track
- 1917, 1919 h1119 Breckenridge
- 1924 h1201 Breckenridge

I believe they lived at 1201 Breckenridge during their life together and the difference is only in the recording of the address.

Carroll's family came to Watertown, Wisconsin in 1856. His Father, Mother and 4 sisters can be found in Watertown on the 1870 US Census. I cannot find Carroll (he is not in the household at the time or on any census) but he is recorded again in 1880.

④ Mary Hassett O'Donnell

Mary Hassett O'Donnell:

Mary Hassett was born in May 1860 in Co. Clare, Ireland as the seventh child of Patrick Hassett and Mary Collins. She had nine siblings, namely: two who died in child birth, Bridget (Delia), Patrick, Michael, John (Jack), Thomas Henry, James, and Catherine (Katie). When she was 35, she married Carroll O'Donnell, son of Thomas O'Donnell and Mary Kennedy, on 28 November 1895 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

Timeline of key events:

Birth:	May 1860 in Co. Clare, Ireland
Arrival:	1880
Census 1900:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Census 1905:	Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Census 1910:	1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin
Census 1920:	1201 Wilder Street, Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Death:	06 April 1925 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA; Buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E Watertown, Wisconsin;

She inherited from her Aunt Mary Sullivan née Hassett which allowed her to purchase land in Watertown.

③ Carroll O'Donnell and ④ Mary Hassett O'Donnell

1895 Marriage

On 28 November 1895 **Carroll O'Donnell** married **Mary Hassett** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Carroll was an Iron Worker at the time of his marriage. The witnesses were J Hogan and Aelean. The Catholic priest presiding was J.D. Foley.

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett:

"Mary went first to join her sister Bridget (Delia) in New York, but soon accepted an invitation to join her aunt (Mrs Mary Sullivan) in Watertown, Wisconsin, where her aunt had a farm. Young Mary found work at the local railway station, and it appears that she had a proposal of marriage from a worker who later became head of the mid-West railways, but she turned it down, and later married a Clareman (Lahinch) named Carroll O'Donnell. They had one son who unfortunately died aged about 12." (In a previous part of the memoirs it says - Mary married Carroll O'Donnell and they had one son, who died about 1904.)

"As Mary and Carroll were now childless, they decided that, since Mary owned the farm, and Carroll had his trade as a constructor, they should have equal rights in caring for their respective nieces and nephews. Thus, her nephew William F. Hassett (son of her brother Thomas) was invited to join the Watertown household in 1914, but, owing to an eye-infection, was unable to do so until 8 September 1916. Her niece Mary Foley (daughter of her sister Catherine aka Katie Hassett) later came to join the household.

Mary Hassett O'Donnell was a kind hearted woman – her nephew Bill (William F Hassett) relates that he had seen as many as seventeen hoboes eating dinner in her kitchen at a time – she could never turn a person in need from her door. The pair suffered one disastrous fire, but recovered from it. She broke her hip in a fall in her yard about 1936, and never really recovered from it. She died in 1937. Carroll O'Donnell survived her for some time, selling out and going to live in New York but died in 1938. The property was sold, and developed into marshalling yards for the railway."

In response to Great Aunt Kathleen family memoirs: According to the records that I could find Mary died in 1925 and not 1937. Carroll died in 1932 and not 1937/8. The family memoirs said that they only had one child but there is some evidence that there might have been a second child. I found Joseph through the records but note that he died at age 4 months and perhaps due to the distance between Ireland and Wisconsin they did not inform anyone in Ireland of his birth. I cannot find the child who died aged 12 but in the 1900 Census it says that they had one child with one child still living (<http://bit.ly/ePloQi>). In the 1910 census it says that they have had one child but that no children are still living (<http://bit.ly/gCMT39>).

In the Blumenfeld's Directory, 'Watertown, Wisconsin, City Directory, 1897' Carroll O'Donnell is recorded as a bridge builder residing at 1201 Breckenridge. He is also part of City Government and is listed as an Alderman of the Seventh Ward along with Edward Kehoe.

Carroll O'Donnell and **Mary Hassett** had one known child:

- i. Joseph O'Donnell was born on 8 March 1898 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin. He died on 20 July 1898 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin. (Source: Wisconsin Deaths and Burials, 1835-1968," index, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XLFY-P9Q>: accessed 9 April 2012)

1898 Baptism of Joseph O'Donnell

In March 1898 Joseph O'Donnell is baptised and he parents as registered as Charles and Mary O'Donnell. Baptised by Rev J. M. Toohey C.S.C. ¹⁹

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207	2	O'BRIEN, GEORGE		12-4	80	12-29	80
216		O'BRIEN, MARY		3-29	82	4-21	82
221		O'BRIEN, ISABELLA GERTRUDE		1-3	83	1-17	83
234		O'BRIEN, LOTTIE		3-14	85	3-1	85
237		O'BRIEN, LAURA		8-11	85	8-27	85
245		O'BRIEN, ANDREW		1-18	87	2-13	87
262		O'BYRNE, MARY		1-23	80	1-28	80
292		O'CONNELL, REGINA		11-1	96	11-12	96
300		O'CONNELL, FLORENCE		2-7	99	2-18	99
205		O'CONNOR, MARGARET		6-4	80	7-18	80
215		O'CONNOR, ARTHUR		12-13	81	4-9	82
224		O'CONNOR, CATHERINE		6-1	83	7-22	83
229		O'CONNOR, MATTHEW		3-4	84	3-22	84
235		O'CONNOR, WILLIAM		3-16	85	5-10	85
238		O'CONNOR, ANNA		10-11	85	11-1	85
244		O'CONNOR, CHARLES		12-12	86	1-9	87
363		O'CONNOR, CHRISTOPHER Aloysius		6-3	90	6-22	90
294		O'CONNOR, CHARLES JOSEPH		2-13	97	3-7	97
297		O'DONNELL, JOSEPH		3-8	98	3-12	98
238		O'NEIL, JOHN MICHAEL		10-5	85	10-18	85

1898 Death of Joseph O'Donnell

Joseph Carroll O'Donnell died on 2 July 1898 and is buried in St Bernard's Cemetery, Watertown.

¹⁹ Found in the Library of Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society, August 2012

1900 US Federal Census

Carl O'Donald [sic] and Mary O'Donald [sic] lived at 1201 Wilder Street, Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Carroll was a RR Labourer

Land owned by Carroll and Mary O'Donnell

In 1867 Thomas O'Donnell purchased the land at 1201 Wilder Street. He sold it to Carroll O'Donnell in 1889. In 1892, Wilder is renamed Breckenridge. Carroll O'Donnell and Mary Hassett O'Donnell use this land, as security, and the inheritance from her Aunt Mary Anne Hassett Sullivan to purchase land between Clarke Street and Boomer Street. More details of their land transfers and purchases can be found in Appendix 3

1910 US Federal Census

Carl O'Donnell [sic] and Mary O'Donnell [sic] lived at 1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Carroll was a Labourer doing 'odd jobs'.

1920 US Federal Census

Carroll O'Donnell and Mary O'Donnell [sic] lived at 1920 in 1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Carroll O'Donnell was naturalized on 13 Sep 1920

1925 Death of Mary Hassett O'Donnell

Mary Hassett O'Donnell died on 6 Apr 1925 in Watertown, Wisconsin. She fell on an icy sidewalk and died of myocardial insufficiency (heart failure). It is noted on her death certificate that a contributory factor was Senile dementia – fracture right femur (leg) that had occurred 43 days prior to her death. Mary O'Donnell is buried in St Bernard's Cemetery, Watertown, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, USA (Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E)

Picture of Hospital in 1950²⁰



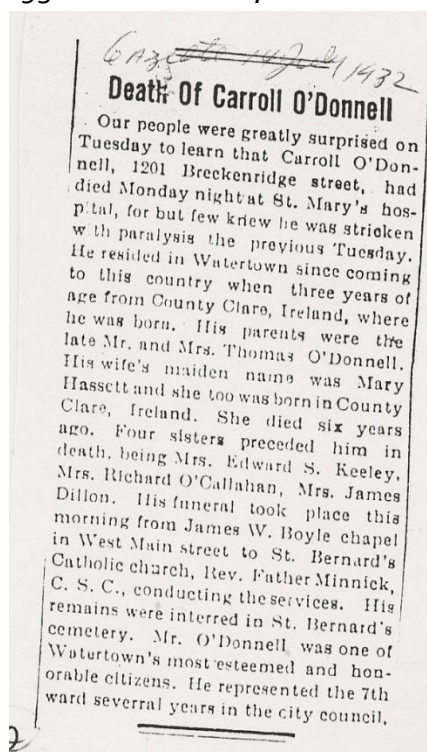
²⁰ Watertown Historical Society, St Mary's Hospital, Available at: <http://www.watertownhistory.org/Images/StMarysHospital1950.jpg> (Accessed: 11 April 2015).

1930 US Federal Census

In 1930 Carroll O'Donnell was recorded on the census as living at 1447 Farwell Avenue, Shorewood, Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the household of his sister Agnes Keeley (age 67) who was now widowed; Agnes's two nieces Irene Keeley (age 33) and Agnes Keely (Age 13). Also in the household were Alice Dillon (Age 40, his niece and daughter of his sister Elizabeth O'Donnell Dillon).

1932 Report of Death of Carroll O'Donnell in newspaper

Carroll O'Donnell died on 12 July 1932 in Watertown, Wisconsin.



The Death Notice for Carroll O'Donnell said: "Our people were greatly surprised on Tuesday to learn that Carroll O'Donnell, 1201 Breckenridge Street, had died Monday night at St. Mary's hospital, for but few knew he was stricken with paralysis the previous Tuesday. He resided in Watertown since coming to this country when three years of age from County Clare, Ireland, where he was born. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell. His wife's maiden name was Mary Hassett and she too was born in County Clare, Ireland. She died six years ago. Four sisters preceded him in death, being Mrs. Edward S. Keeley, Mrs. Richard O'Callaghan, Mrs. James Dillon. His funeral took place this morning from James W. Boyle chapel in West Main Street to St. Bernard's Catholic church, Rev. Father Minnick, C. S. C., conducting the services. His remains were interred in St. Bernard's cemetery. Mr. O'Donnell was one of Watertown's most esteemed and honorable citizens. He represented the 7th ward several years in the city council."

Burial of Carroll O'Donnell

Carroll O'Donnell is buried in St Bernard's Cemetery, Watertown, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, USA (Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E)

Family History Generation 3

5 William Frederick Hassett (Nephew of Mary Hassett O'Donnell)

William Frederick Hassett, son of Thomas Hassett and Elizabeth Anne Smith was born on 06 September 1899 in Limerick. He died on 31 January 1961 in Ramsey, Hennepin, Minnesota. He married **Marie Rose Hughes** in 1930, daughter of Philip Hughes and Ellen Byrne. She was born on 20 August 1893 in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. She died on 12 August 1956 in Hennepin, Minnesota.

Timeline of key events:

Birth:	06 September 1899 in Limerick
Census 1901:	31 March 1901 in Residents of a house 24 in Blackboy (Limerick)
Census 1911:	02 April 1911 in Residents of a house 2 in Knockanean (Doora, Clare)
Arrival:	08 September 1916 in New York, New York, USA; On application for naturalisation record it says 17 September 1916
Military Service:	1917 in 3114 Mt Vernon, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; World War 1 Registration Card FHL Roll Number 1674780
Census 1920:	1920 in 28th Street, Milwaukee Ward 16, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Occupation: Boiler Maker helper at Local Railway
Census 1930:	1930 in 1916 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Hennepin, MN; Occupation: Salesman, Insurance Company
Residence:	1932 in 318 6th Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, MN, United States; Occupation: Agent with John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company
Residence:	1938 in 639 Adams St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413, USA Agent with John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company
Census 1940:	01 Apr 1940 in 115 SE University Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55414, USA Occupation: Machinist helper, Northern Pump
Residence:	1944 in 115 SE University Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55414, USA; Occupation: Assembler, Northern Pump Company
Death:	31 January 1961 in Ramsey, Hennepin, Minnesota; Died of pneumonia and erythroleukemia
Burial:	February 1961 in Blue Earth, Minnesota, USA

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett:

"In 1907 joined his Aunt Mary in Wisconsin. After a time Carroll O'Donnell took him on. It is believed that he was a member of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus"

From records we can see that William travelled to Watertown, Wisconsin via New York to visit his Aunt Mary Hassett O'Donnell. It seems he only stayed a few years before travelling to Minneapolis where he met his wife Marie Hughes.

William was also known as Bill. William was a member of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus & Men's Club of St. Lawrence.

His wife **Marie Rose Hughes** was born in 1895 in Arizona. Her father was **Philip Augustine Hughes**, son of Patrick Hughes and Bridget Mooney, was born in Jul 1858 in Prince Edward Island, Canada. He died before 1910 in Minnesota, USA. Her mother was **Ellen Byrne**, who was born in August 1862 in Canada. Marie Rose had one sister **Gertrude Ramona Hughes**, who was born on 25 October 1896 in Lura, Faribault, Minnesota. She died on 01 Feb 1993 in Hennepin, Minnesota.

Marie Rose Hughes lived in East Chain, Martin, Minnesota in 1900. She lived in Jefferson, Newton, Indiana in 1910. She lived in Long Prairie, Todd, Minnesota in 1920. She lived in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota in 1930. Her Social Security Number was 348-24-2642. She was employed as a Public School Teacher. She died on 12 August 1956 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was buried in Blue Earth, Minnesota, USA.

William died on 31 January 1961 in Ramsey, Hennepin, Minnesota of pneumonia and erythroleukemia. To-date I have not found his burial. He did not leave a Will.

⑥ Mary Matilda Foley (Niece of Mary Hassett O'Donnell)

Mary Matilda Foley, daughter of John H Foley and Catherine (Katie) Hassett was born in March 1893 in New Jersey. She died on 14 January 1976 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

Timeline of key events:

Birth:	1 March 1893 in Bergen, New Jersey, USA
Baptism:	12 March 1893 in Saint Luke-Catholic, Hohokus, Bergen, New Jersey, USA
Census 1900:	Orvil, Bergen, New Jersey
Census 1910:	Waldwick, Bergen, New Jersey
Census 1920:	Waldwick, Bergen, New Jersey; Occupation: Bookkeeper, Tool Manufacturing Co.
Census 1930:	1214 State Street, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Renting with brother John. Occupation: Bookkeeper, Lead Product Co.
Medical Condition:	1937 in Wisconsin, USA; Appendicitis
Census 1940:	6313 W Wells St, Wauwatosa, Milwaukee, WI 53213, USA. Occupation: Bookkeeper, Lead Pipe Co (Income 1500 dollars)
Social Security Number:	1960 ; 387-07-4780
Residence:	Bet. 1961–1976 in 2840 S 58th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219; Letter advising of William Hassett's death in '61. Death Notice 1976 address
Death:	14 January 1976 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Burial:	17 January 1976 in Holy Cross Cemetery, Block 14, Lot 105, Grave 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

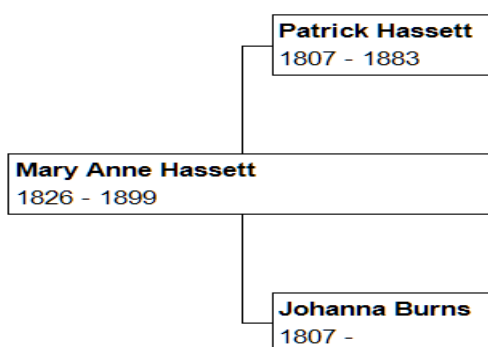
According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett:

"Her niece Mary Foley (daughter of her sister Catherine aka Katie Hassett) later came to join the household.

I have not been able to place Mary Matilda Foley in Watertown, Wisconsin. However, she does buy the land of Carroll and Mary Hassett O'Donnell at 1201 Breckenridge following their deaths.

Appendix 1 ① Mary Anne Hassett (Sullivan)

Family Tree



Patrick Hassett
Born: Abt. 1807 Co. Clare, Ireland
Died: 25 Aug 1883 Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland

Johanna Burns
Born: Bef. 1807 Ireland
Died: Co. Clare, Ireland

Marriage: Abt. 1825; Guesstimate based on children's birth years
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Children:	Sex	Birth	Death
Patrick Hassett	M	Bet. 1825–1830 Co. Clare, Ireland	Bet. 1866–1901 Co. Clare, Ireland
Michael Hassett	M	Bet. 1825–1840 Co Clare, Ireland	
Mary Anne Hassett	F	Mar 1826 Doora, Co. Clare, Ireland	26 Sep 1899 Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, USA
Andrew Hassett	M	Abt. 1829 Co. Clare, Ireland	17 Nov 1892 162 East 84th Street, New York, NY, United States

Parents and Siblings

Parents

Father: Patrick Hassett was born before 1807 based on the birth dates of his children in County Clare, Ireland. He died in 1883 in Knockanean, County Clare. He most likely married Johanna Burns around 1825 (based on the birth dates of their children).

Mother: Johanna Burns was born before 1808 based on the birth dates of her children in County Clare, Ireland. I know she died in County Clare but have found no records to confirm the date of her date.

Patrick Hassett and Johanna Burns had four known children:

- i. **Michael Hassett** was born between 1824-1840 in Co Clare, Ireland.
According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett "*Michael was entrusted with the task of taking a load of wheat to Limerick, 23 miles away, probably because of the larger market there. He set off with a horse and a cart loaded with wheat. It was*

sold, but Michael never returned to Knockanean - instead he took ship in Australia. Presumably he got in touch with the family back home, but the correspondence lapsed." I have not been able to trace Michael Hassett to date.

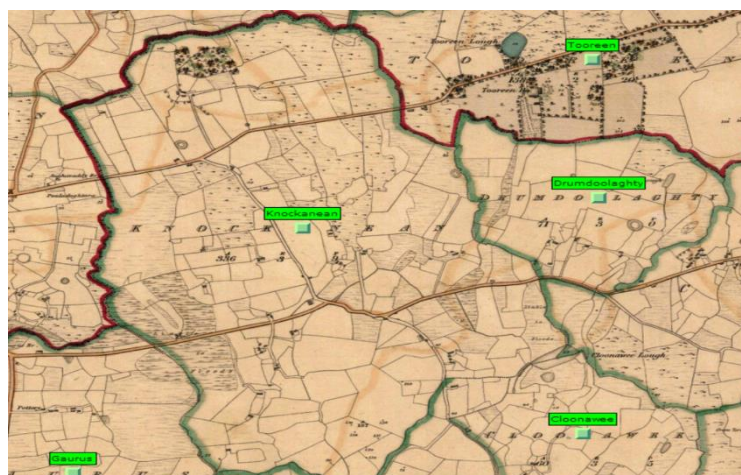
- ii. **Patrick Hassett** was born around 1825 in Co. Clare, Ireland. He died between 1867-1901 in Co. Clare, Ireland and regrettably to date I have not been able to find records to confirm the date of his death. He married Mary Collins after 1843 and it is thought that they first lived in Drumdoolaghty then Knockanean, Co. Clare. She was born about 1825 in Toonagh, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 5 Dec 1902 in Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. She died of senile decay. Mary is buried in the family grave in Doora Abbey, Co. Clare.

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett:

"Patrick and Mary seemed to live in Drumdoolaghty, Co. Clare and were evicted (reason unknown) and then moved to Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Patrick Hassett, like his neighbours, rented his farm which was part of the Gabbett estate (First William Henry Gabbett and then Wyndham Gabbett). His rent was paid semi-annually, to the agent in Limerick, 23 miles away, and, because the rail fare meant a small drain on the family finances. The men met and walked through the night in a body to Limerick. The agent was a kindly man, and, on being paid, returned to each man the rail fare home to Ennis, but again in the interests of economy, the party walked completing the journey (46 miles in all) in 24/36 hours. One particular night was wet and cold, and Patrick reaching home, took no precautions against the weather and its results. He developed rheumatic fever, which incapacitated him for the rest of his life. Patrick Hassett says that his family was from Kilrush, Co. Clare."

Below is an 1842 Ordnance Survey Map of Drumdoolaghty and Knockanean near Ennis, Co. Clare where the Hassett families were tenants.



- iii. **❶ Mary Anne Hassett** was born in March 1826 in Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 26 September 1899 in Watertown, Wisconsin, USA. She married **❷ Thomas Sullivan** from Ireland who was a Carpenter. He was born about 1816 in Ireland. He died on 12 May 1882 in Watertown, Wisconsin, USA. Details on her life are basis of this book as she is the starting point for my journey to Watertown, Wisconsin.


- iv. **Andrew Hassett** was born between 1829-1836 in Co. Clare, Ireland (It is most likely to be about 1829, however his Death Certificate states birth year as 1836). Andrew travelled to New York, America in 1851. Andrew married Catherine Connors and they had five children, Martin, Thomas Patrick, William and Mary Ann and Michael. Andrew died on 17 November 1892 in Manhattan, New York, USA.

I have written a separate history covering the life of Andrew Hassett.

Death Notice of Mary Anne Sullivan née Hassett

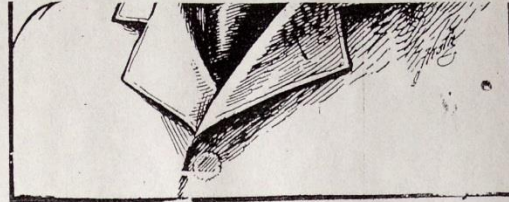
Probate Notice, Watertown Daily Times, November 1900

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Congressman Elect
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Governor Elect ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE.

Nov 8/1900 County Court. Jca

The following matters have been noticed
for hearing at the November terms of the
County Court, 1900:

SPECIAL TERM, NOVEMBER 9th, 1900.
Estate of Belinda Burdick, deceased.
Hearing proofs on contested will at 1:00
o'clock p. m.
SPECIAL TERM, NOVEMBER 13th, 1900.
Estate of Frederick Hein, deceased. Hear-
ing on claims.
Estate of Samuel B. Fuller, deceased.
Hearing on claims.
Estate of Nathan S. Greene, deceased.
Hearing proofs of will &c.
Estate of Richard Hawk, deceased. Hear-
ing on final account and assignment of resi-
due.
Estate of Sheldon Damuth, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
Estate of Ann Sullivan, deceased. Hearing
on final account and assignment of residue.
Estate of Julius Wiesmann, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
Estate of Thomas D. Evans, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
Estate of Susan E. Blake, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
Estate of John Deesh, deceased. Hearing
petition for license to sell real estate.
SPECIAL TERM, NOVEMBER 19, 1900.
Application for the commitment of Lydia
Trotz to an Industrial School. Hearing
proofs.
SPECIAL TERM, NOVEMBER 20th, 1900.
Estate of Caroline Whipple, deceased.
Hearing on claims.
Estate of Angelina Hanson, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
Estate of Mary A. Cook, deceased. Hear-
ing on final account and assignment of resi-
due.
Estate of Herline G. Buchert, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
Estate of R. W. Clark, deceased. Hearing
petition for correction of records.

Estate of Edwin Chapman, deceased.
Hearing proofs of will &c.
Guardianship of William B. Andrews.
Hearing petition for appointment of guar-
dian.
SPECIAL TERM, NOVEMBER 27, 1900.
Estate of John Deesch, deceased. Hear-
ing on claims.
Estate of Hiram Stevens, deceased. Hear-
ing on final account and assignment of resi-
due.



Member of Assembly
LEWIS BENSON

idue.
Estate of Frederick W. Venzke, deceased.
Hearing on final account and assignment of
residue.
The November Term for the trial of civil
causes will convene November 19th at
10:00 o'clock a. m. On that day motions
will be heard, causes set for trial at a day
certain and juries drawn.

The Hassett Family

Will of Mary Anne Sullivan née Hassett

Register of Will showing main beneficiary Mary O'Donnell née Hassett

Number of Instrument	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	RECORDED		NAME OF INSTRUMENT
			Vol.	Page	
171963	Otto Fredericke	Carl Otto	112	321	Marriage Deed
172072a	Owbeck F Wm	Ernest F Ratzlaff & Wife	112	337	"
172423a	O'Brien Hannah	Michael O'Brien	111	432	Certified Copy of Will &c
174080a	" Mary J.	Wm Short & Wife	115	14	Marriage Deed
174704	Ostwig Gottfried	Charles Stuy & Wife	115	100	"
175042	O'Donnell Mary	Ann Sullivan Dec'd	114	86	Certified Copy of Will &c
175069a	Oehler Mary E	Olivia D Oehler	115	136	Marriage Deed
175205a	Olin Jennie P	Brittan Boynton	115	154	"
175373a	Olde Clayton D	Dora Olde	106	635	Quit Claim Deed
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177498a	O'Brien Hannah	Agnes Glasgow & Hub	112	122	Marriage Deed
177908a	Oehler Calvin & Wife	P. Van Loan	114	352	Quit Claim Deed
178187	Olde Clayton D.	County Court Walworth Co. Wis.	114	377	Certified Copy of final Judgment
178428a	Owens Wallace H.	William Ames & Wife	116	40	Marriage Deed
178673	Ostreich Robert	Fredericka Ostreich Et al	116	80	"
178878a	" Carl H.	Wilhelmina Elath	113	160	Quit Claim Deed
179123	Olson J. A.	Ella Harriet Nelson	114	464	Marriage "
179140	Olson F & E.	William E Jones	113	168	Quit Claim "
179313	Ostway William H	Caroline Loomis	116	182	Marriage "
179380	Demond Allen G.	Peter Struter	116	186	"
179612	O'Donnell Mary	County Court of Wis. Et al	114	497	Certified Copy of Judgment

Will of Mary Anne Sullivan née Hassett (Page 1 of 5)

In The Matter of The
Estate of
Ann Sullivan,
deceased.

Certified copy of
Judgment allowing
account and allow-
ing residue
of Estate.

State of Wisconsin,
County Court, Jefferson County.

In Probate

In The Matter of The Estate of
Ann Sullivan,
Deceased.

At a special term of said
Court, held on the 13th. day of
November, 1900

Present:

Hon. George Grimm,

County Judge.

The petition of Mary O'Donnell, executrix of the estate of said deceased, for exam-
ination and allowance of his final account and the assignment of the resi-
due of said estate to such persons as are by law entitled thereto, coming on
to be heard at this term; and it appearing by due proof, filed in this
Court, that due notice of the time and place of hearing said appli-
cation has been given as required by law and by the former order of this
Court; and Exr., having been duly appointed as guardian ad litem and affor-
ing and said petitioner having appeared by her attorney, John K. Conway,
the said account was now here examined by this Court, and it appearing
after a full examination of said account that the same is just and true,
and due proof of same having been made; and no adverse appear-
ances or objections being made:

It is Ordered And Adjudged That said account be, and the same be,
hereby finally settled and allowed, and that the residue of said personal
estate be and the same is hereby assigned as follows, to-wit: the whole
residue of said personal estate, consisting of the household furniture
described in the inventory herein, appraised at \$10.55;

Note and mortgage given by Joseph Storaas and wife, for \$370 and interest; and
Note and mortgage given by Winery Fattreck and wife, for \$1400 and interest;
and \$1134.70 in money, all described in said inventory and all owned by said
deceased at the time of her death, are hereby assigned to Mary O'Donnell, Exec-
utrix and residuary legatee of said Ann Sullivan, deceased, pursuant to the last will
and testament of said Ann Sullivan, deceased, admitted to probate and on file
in this Court.

It is Further Ordered And Adjudged That all the real estate of which
said deceased died seized be and the same is hereby assigned to the
heirs at law of said deceased in common and undivided to-wit, to said
Mary O'Donnell of Watertown, Wisconsin, pursuant to said last will and testament
of said Ann Sullivan, deceased.

And that, inasmuch as the same and heretofore rights of
said deceased, therein, ^(as great estate) ~~and heretofore rights of~~
known being described as follows, to-wit: Lot number 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 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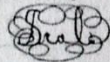
Block numbered thirteen (13) in the fourth ward of the city of Watertown in the county of Jefferson and state of Wisconsin, according to the original plat of said Watertown on the west side of Rock river as surveyed by J. L. Brayton and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said Jefferson County, Dated, Nov. 13th, 1900.

By the Court:

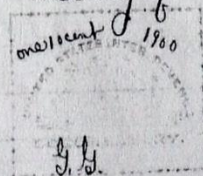
George Grimm
County Judge.

State of Wisconsin,
County Court, Jefferson County. }

I, George Grimm, Judge of the County Court in and for said County of Jefferson, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of Judgment allowing final account and assigning residue of estate, in the matter of the estate of Ann Sullivan, late of the City of Watertown in said Jefferson County, deceased, with the original now on file in said County Court, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole thereof.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the County Court this
13th day of November, A.D. 1900



George Grimm
County Judge.

Recorded November 13th A.D. 1900, at 12 o'clock - M.,
Edward C. Bager Register.

Now Therefore, know ye, that I, the said F. F. G. Jackman Sheriff
aforesaid, by virtue of the said judgment, and of the statute
in such case made and provided, and in consideration
of the said sum of money, as bid den as aforesaid, being
first duly paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold,
aliened and conveyed, and by these presents do grant,
bargain, sell, alien and convey unto the said John George Huber
and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the following described real
estate to wit: the North East quarter of the South East quarter of the
South West quarter of Section Number two (2) in township number
~~14~~ in township number six (6) north of Range number fifteen (15)
East in the County of Jefferson and State of Wisconsin containing ten
acres, more or less.

To Have and to hold, all and singular the premises above
mentioned and described, and hereby conveyed or intended as
to be, unto the said party of the second part, said John George Huber
heirs and assigns, to their only proper use, benefit and behoof, forever.
In Witness Whereof, The said F. F. G. Jackman, Sheriff as aforesaid, hath
hereunto set his hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

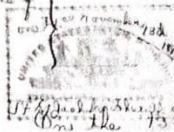
John O. Muenich

George Shinn

State of Wisconsin, } ss.

Jefferson County, }

A.D. 1899, before me came F. F. G. Jackman known to be the individual
and officer described in, and who executed the above conveyance, and
acknowledged that he executed the same as such Sheriff, for the use
and purposes therein set forth.



F. F. G. Jackman, Sheriff
Jefferson Co., Wis.

On the 13th day of November

John O. Muenich,
Notary Public, Wisconsin

Recorded November 13th 1899 at 10 1/4 o'clock A.M.

Edward B. Bager, Register

In the Matter of the
Estate of
Ann Sullivan,
Deceased.

Certified copy of Will And Certifi-
cate of Probate.

I, Ann Sullivan, of the city of Watertown, in the county of
Jefferson and state of Wisconsin, being of sound mind, do hereby
make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, that is
to say:

First. I will, order and direct that my just debts and any funeral expenses be paid as soon as reasonably may be after my decease.

Second. I give, bequeath and devise to Rev. Patrick H. Condon of the city of Watertown, Wisconsin, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), and to Rev. John O'Huffa also of said city of Watertown, Wisconsin, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), and I request that they and each of them pray for the repose of my soul.

Third. All the rest, residue and remainder of all my estate, real, personal and mixed, and wherever situated, I give, bequeath and devise to my niece, Mary O'Donnell, now residing at said city of Watertown, Wisconsin. To have and to hold the same to my said niece, Mary O'Donnell, her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth. I hereby make, appoint and constitute my said niece, Mary O'Donnell, to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. I revoke all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the city of Watertown, Wisconsin, this 1st day of September A.D. 1898.

Ann ^{her} Sullivan (S981)
mark

The foregoing instrument was, here, now, on the day of the date thereof, signed and sealed by Ann Sullivan, the testatrix, in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time published and declared by her to be her last will and testament; and was, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

In the opinion of each of us, the said Ann Sullivan was of sound mind at the time of her said execution of said instrument.

John L. Conway, Watertown, Wis.

Ella Brickell, Watertown, Wis.

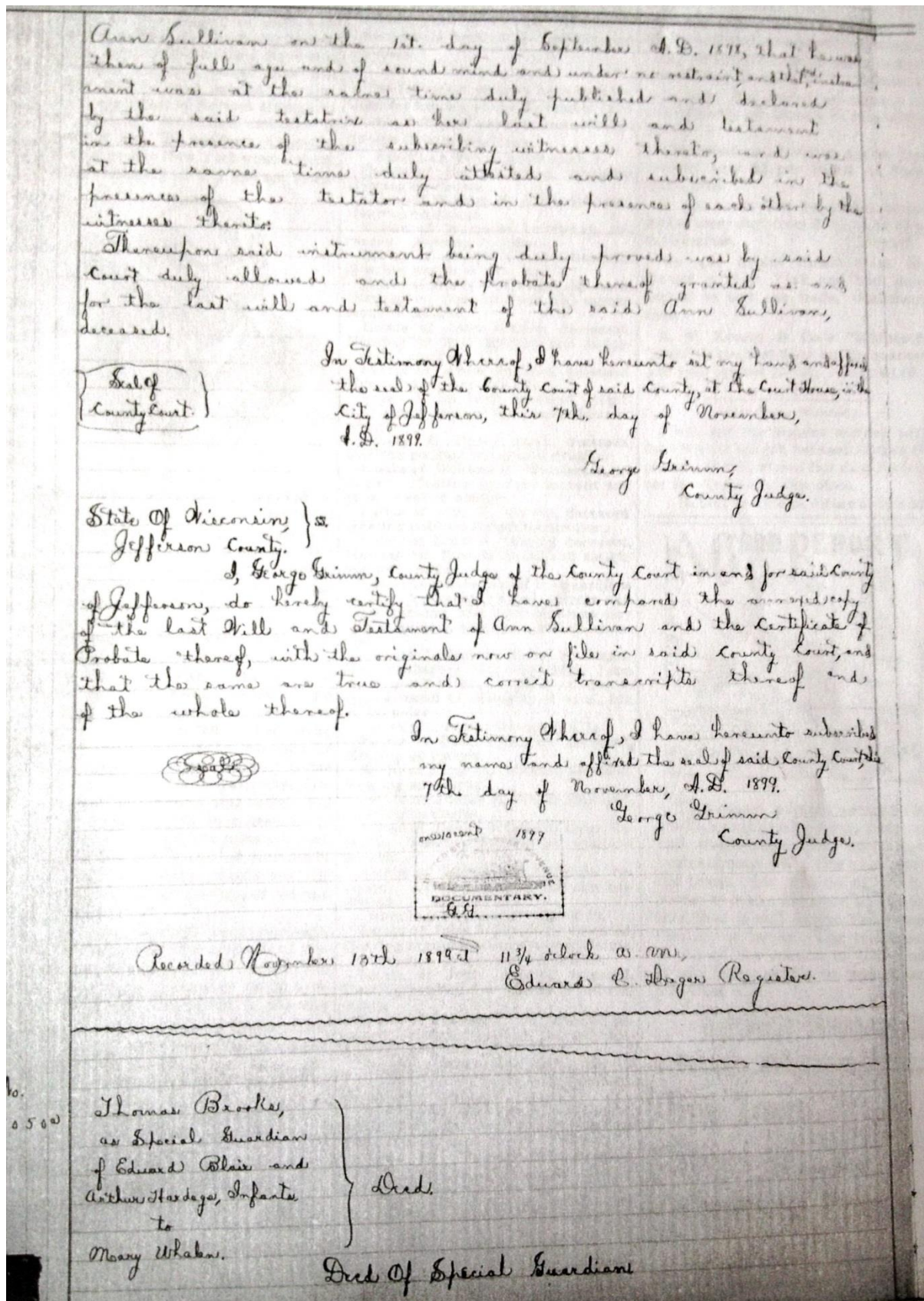
State of Wisconsin, } ss.

Jefferson County,

Be It Remembered, That on the 7th day of November, A.D. 1899, at the Court House, in the city of Jefferson, in said County, pursuant to notice duly given as required by law, at a regular term of the County Court of said County John L. Conway of Watertown, one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Ann Sullivan, late of the city of Watertown, County of Jefferson and State of Wisconsin, deceased, hereto annexed, was produced and duly sworn and examined in open Court; and it appearing that there was no minor and no incompetent person interested in the estate of said deceased; and no adverse appearance or objection having been made;

And the proof having been heard before said Court, and the Court thereupon found that said instrument was in all things duly executed as her last will and testament by the said

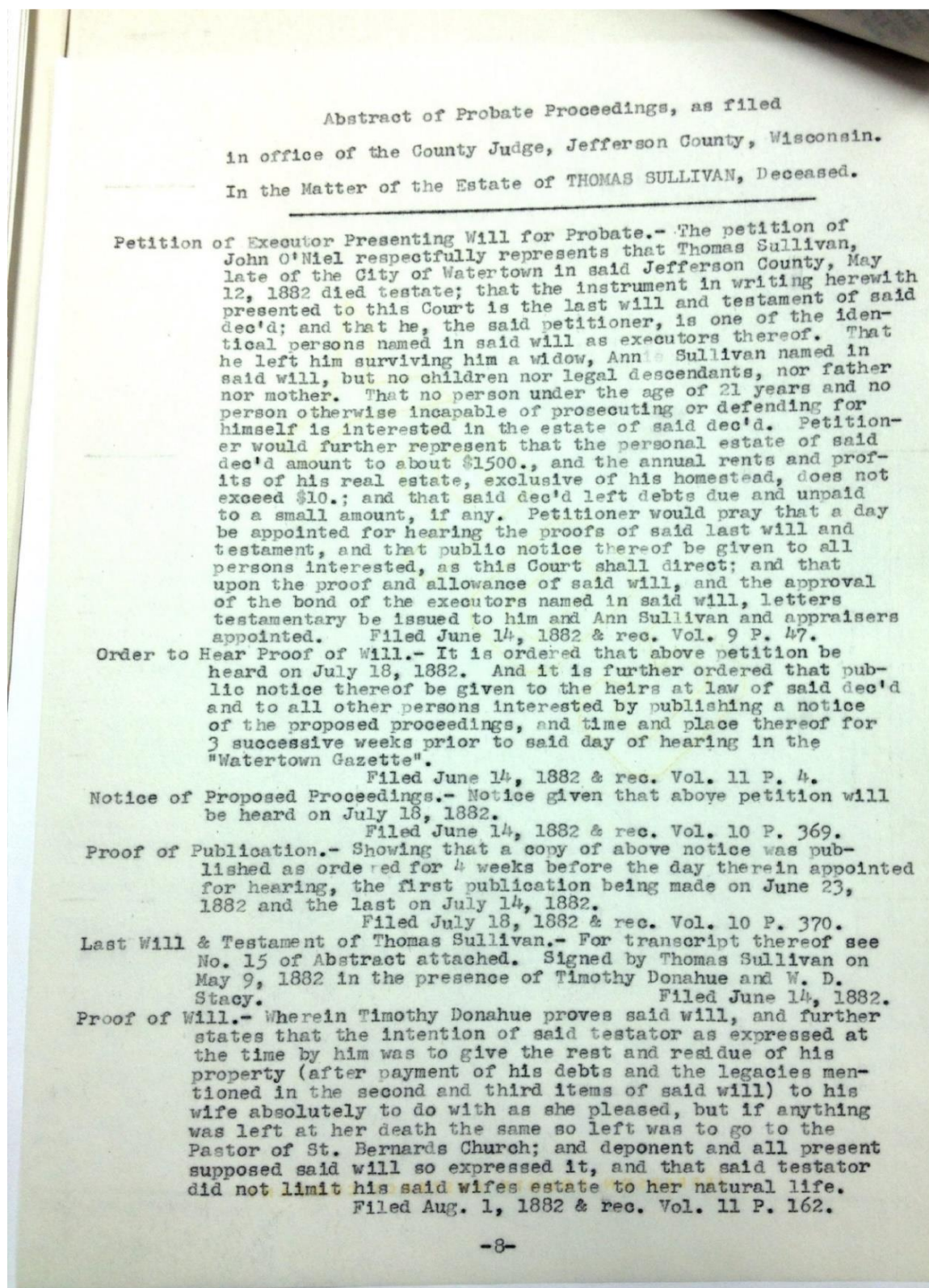
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Appendix 2 ② Thomas Sullivan

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* Note he made the Will three days prior to his death



Proof of Will.- Wherein William D. Stacy proves said will, and further states that he drew up said will, and that in drawing the same a mistake was made by him in inserting in said will the words "during her natural life" in the line of said will being in the Fourth item thereof; that said words were inserted by him by mistake and without the knowledge or direction of said testator; and that they do not express the testators intention as expressed by him in his instructions to deponent for drawing said will. Deponent further says that said testators instructions to him for drawing said will were, after directing the payment of his debts as in the first item of said will, and the legacies given in the Second and Third items of said will, then he said he gave to his wife or wanted his wife, Anne Sullivan to have all the rest of his property of every kind, and that she should be perfectly free and able to dispose of it and do with it as she pleased; and if there was any of it left not used or disposed of by her after her decease, whatever there was so left should go to Rev. William Corby, present pastor of St. Bernards Church at Watertown, Wis., or to his successors in office as such pastor, to be used for the purpose expressed in the last clause of said fourth item. Also he directed that his wife and John O'Niel should be executors of his will. Deponent further says that after said will was drawn and at the time of its execution, said testator asked if said will gave all the residue of his estate (after the legacies mentioned in the 2d and 3d items thereof) to his wife, and left her free to do with it as she chose and to sell and dispose of the same; and deponent and others there present assured him that it did, they supposing such to be the effect of said will.

Filed Aug. 1, 1882 & rec. Vol. 11 P. 163.

Decree Allowing Will.- It is ordered and decreed that said instrument be allowed and probate thereof granted as the last will and testament of said Thomas Sullivan, dec'd, except as to the words "during her natural life" in the 4th item thereof, which words are rejected and refused admission to probate, and constitute no part of the will of said dec'd. And it is further ordered that the execution of said will be committed and the administration of the estate of said dec'd be granted to the executors in said will named, who is ordered to give bond in the penal sum of \$3000. with sufficient sureties, as required by the statute in such case made and provided. And upon the same being duly approved and filed, letters testamentary do issue in the premises.

Filed Aug. 1, 1882 & rec. Vol. 10 P. 370.

Certificate of Probate, filed Aug. 1, 1882 & rec. Vol. 4 P. 148.

Affidavit of Rev. Wm. Corby, filed Aug. 1, 1882 & rec. Vol. 10 P. 370.

Executor's Bond.- Bond of Anne Sullivan and John O'Niel in sum of \$3000., examined, approved & filed Aug. 11, 1882 & rec. Vol. 3 P. 124.

Letters Testamentary.- Wherein letters testamentary are issued to Anne Sullivan and John O'Niel, executors, on Aug. 11, 1882.

Filed Aug. 11, 1882 & rec. Vol. 2 P. 528.

Order Limit Time, Etc.- It is ordered that one year from and after the date hereof be and same is hereby allowed to the said executors for disposing of the estate and paying the debts and legacies of said dec'd. And it is further ordered that William D. Stacy and Stephen Pentony be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of said estate.

Dated & Filed Aug. 11, 1882 & rec. Vol. 2 P. 134.

Warrant, filed Aug. 11, 1882 & rec. Vol. 9 P. 86.

Order for Adjustment of Claims.- It is ordered that 6 months from and after this date be and are hereby allowed for the creditors of said Thomas Sullivan, dec'd, to present their claims for examination and allowance. Ordered further that the claims and demands of all persons against said dec'd be received, examined and adjusted by this Court on the first Tuesdays of January and March, 1883, and that notice thereof be given by publication of such notice for 4 weeks successively in the "Watertown Gazette."

Dated & Filed Aug. 11, 1882 & rec. Vol. 5 P. 66.

Notice to Creditors.- Notice given that the Judge of said Court will on the first Tuesdays of January and March next, being Jan. 2 and March 6, 1883, receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said dec'd.

Filed Aug. 11, 1882 & rec. Vol. 11 P. 164.

Claim of James B. Murphy, President of St. Bernards Temperance Society in sum of \$66.62, filed Aug. 23, 1882. Allowed at \$66.62.

Receipt of J. B. Murphy, Pres. St. Bernards T. & B. Society in sum of \$66.62, filed May 22, 1883.

Warrant, Inventory & Appraisal.- Warrant to appraisers issued Aug. 11, 1882. Oath of appraisers sworn to Aug. 19, 1882. Inventory: Lot 6 in Block 13 in the 4th Ward of the City of Watertown, according to the recorded plat of said City (being the home- stead); Appraised at \$500. Lots 7, 8 & 9 in Block 13 aforesaid, \$150. each; Appraised at \$450. Lot 4 in Block 16 in the aforesaid Ward & City; Appraised at \$150. Also personal property inventoried and appraised.

Filed Aug. 23, 1882 & rec. Vol. 9 P. 453.

Petition & Account.- Final account of Anne Sullivan and John O'Neil, executors, filed and petition filed stating, among other things, that they have fully administered said estate, and pray that a time and place be fixed for the examination and allowance of their account, and the residue thereof be assigned according to law, and the will of said dec'd.

Filed May 22, 1883 & rec. Vol. 4 P. ---.

Order to Hear Final Settlement.- It is ordered that above petition be heard on July 3, 1883. And it is further ordered that notice be given to all persons interested by publishing a notice of the proposed proceeding, and the time and place thereof, for 3 successive weeks prior to said day of examination and hearing in the "Watertown Gazette".

Filed May 22, 1883 & rec. Vol. 5 P. 392.

Notice of Proposed Proceeding.- Notice given that above petition will be heard on July 3, 1883.

Filed May 22, 1883 & rec. Vol. 10 P. 372.

Proof of Publication.- Showing that a copy of above notice was published as ordered for 4 weeks before the day therein appointed for hearing, the first publication being made on June 8, 1883 and the last on June 29, 1883.

Filed July 3, 1883 & rec. Vol. 10 P. 372.

Order Allowing Final Account of Executors & Assigning Residue of Estate.- For transcript thereof see No. 16 of Abstract attached.

Filed July 3, 1883 & rec. Vol. 10 P. 374.

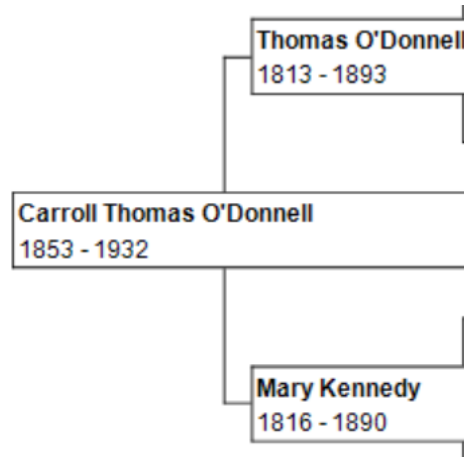
Receipt of W. Corby, Pastor St. Bernards Church in sum of \$200. in full payment and satisfaction of the legacy left and given to him in and by the last will of said dec'd, filed May 22, 1883.

Receipt of P. W. Conden C.S.C. Asst. Pastor St. Bernards in sum of \$200. in full satisfaction and payment of the legacy left to him in and by the will of said dec'd, filed May 22, 1883.

Receipt of Rev. Jno. O'Keefe C.S.C. in sum of \$22.50, the same being in full satisfaction and payment of the legacy given to him in & by the last will of said dec'd & the same being the sum that was due said dec'd from the College of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, filed May 22, 1883.

Appendix 3 ③ Carroll O'Donnell

Family Tree



Carroll Thomas O'Donnell Born: 18 Nov 1853 Ireland Died: 12 Jul 1932 Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin	Mary Hassett Born: May 1860 Co. Clare, Ireland Died: 06 Apr 1925 Watertown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	
Marriage: 28 Nov 1895 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA		
Children:	Sex Birth	Death
Carroll Joseph O'Donnell	M 08 Mar 1898 Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin	20 Jul 1898 Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin

Parents and Siblings

Parents:

Thomas O'Donnell was born about 1813 in Ireland. He died on 03 November 1893 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He married Mary Kennedy before 1853 in Ireland.

Birth:	Abt. 1813 in Ireland
Residence:	1860 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
Residence:	1870 in Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
Residence:	1880 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
Death:	3 November 1893 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E

Mary Kennedy was born between 1816-1824 in Ireland. She died on 28 June 1890 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Birth: Bet. 1816–1824 in Ireland
 Residence: 1860 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
 Residence: 1870 in Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
 Residence: 1880 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, United States
 Death: 28 June 1890 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E

According to the Watertown Street Directories) Thomas and Mary O'Donnell lived in:

- 1880 e. s. Wilder Road, near Hart
- 1887, 1889 reside in South East corner Wilder and C., M & St. P track
- 1892, 1893 reside in 701 12th
- 196-97 1201 Breckenridge
- 1899-1900 reside corner Railroad and Breckenridge

Thomas O'Donnell and Mary Kennedy had the following children:

- i. **③ Carroll O'Donnell** was born on 18 November 1853 in Ireland. He died on 12 July 1932 in Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin. He married **④ Mary Hassett**, daughter of Patrick Hassett and Mary Collins on 28 November 1895 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was born in May 1860 in Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 6 April 1925 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- ii. **Mary O'Donnell** was born in June 1857 in Wisconsin, USA. She died before 1932 (Obituary of her brother Carroll shows she died before him). She married **Richard O'Callahan**. He was born in July 1852 in Ireland. He died after 1920 (US Census 1920).

Richard O'Callahan and Mary O'Donnell had the following children:

- 1) **Cornelius O'Callahan** was born on 03 April 1884 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
- 2) **Mary Rose O'Callahan** was born on 19 September 1888 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
- 3) **Richard O'Callahan** was born on 03 December 1890 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He died in September 1978 in Knoxville, Marion, Iowa, United States of America.
- 4) **Leo O'Callahan** was born in April 1893 in Wisconsin, USA.
- 5) **John O'Callahan** was born on 08 May 1895 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 25 April 1963 in Wauw, Wisconsin, USA.
- 6) **Edward O'Callahan** was born on 10 October 1900 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

- 7) **Josephine O'Callahan** was born on 13 March 1903 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
- iii. **Elizabeth Lizzy O'Donnell** was born on 15 July 1861 in Watertown, Dodge, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 01 November 1901 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. She married James H Dillon, son of Michael F Dillon and Bridget Lee on 24 November 1887 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He was born in December 1862 in Mayo, Ireland. He died after 1900.
- James H Dillon** and **Elizabeth Lizzy O'Donnell** had the following children:
- 1) **John Joseph Dillon** was born on 24 September 1891 in Wisconsin, USA. He married Emma Rozmarynowski, daughter of Mr Miller and Konstancia in 1905. She was born in February 1893 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 04 May 1978 in Shawano, Wisconsin.
 - 2) **Alice Dillon** was born in August 1889 in Wisconsin, USA.
 - 3) **Irene Dillon** was born on 04 December 1896 in Wisconsin, United States.
 - 4) **Carroll P Dillon** was born on 18 June 1894 in Wisconsin, USA. He married Fannie. She was born in 1897.
 - 5) **Agnes Mary Dillon** was born on 21 September 1899 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 24 August 1987 in Grafton, Ozaukee, Wisconsin, United States of America. She married **Arthur Peter Riedel**. He was born on 19 November 1898 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 16 March 1957 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
- iv. **Agnes O'Donnell** was born in July 1860 in Wisconsin, USA. She died between 1930-1932 in Wisconsin, USA (Obituary of her brother Carroll shows she died before him). She married Edward Marlin Keeley, son of John Keeley and Mary Crofton on 21 September 1898 in Chicago, Cook. He was born in November 1857 in Illinois, USA. He died before 1920 (Wife Agnes was widowed in 1920 Census).
- v. **Martha O'Donnell** was born on 26 July 1863 in Watertown, Jefferson, Wisconsin, USA (Baptismal Records of St. Bernard's). She married James Gunning, son of John Gunning and Mary Kelly on 13 June 1895 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He was born in April 1859 in Wisconsin, USA. He died before 1910 in Wisconsin, USA.

I found her wedding record via Wisconsin Marriages, pre-1907
 Name: Martha Odonnell, Marriage Date: 13 June 1895, County: Milwaukee,
 Volume: 27, Page: 0312. I then searched all weddings on that date in Milwaukee

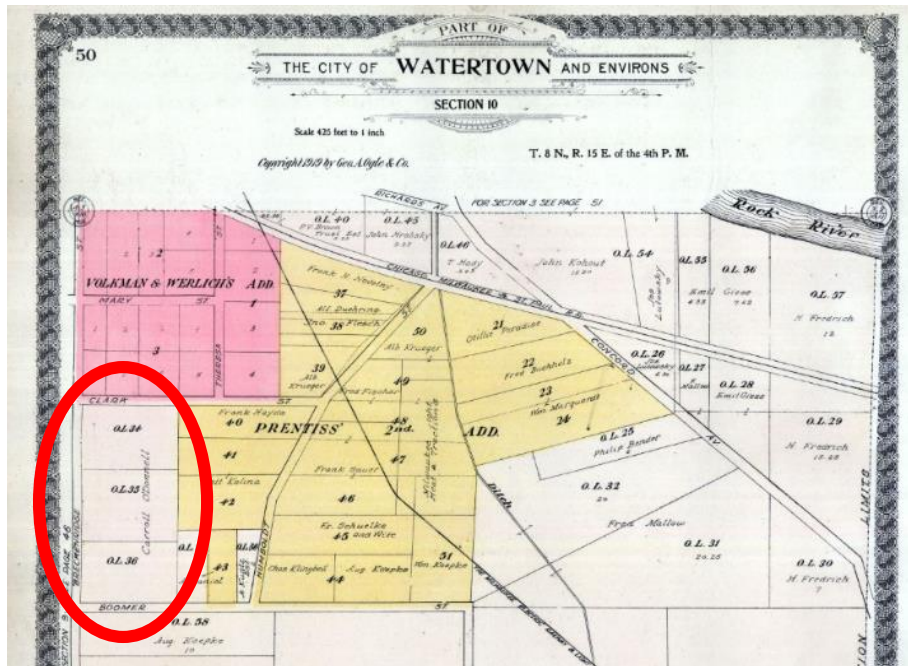
and found James Gunning with identical references.

Details of Land Transfers – 1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown

- March 1, 1867: John and Eliza Richards sell the land to Thomas O'Donnell for USD 160
- October 2, 1867: Linus and Susan Cady sell their land (strip at Twelfth Street) to Thomas O'Donnell for USD 60
- December 9, 1889: Thomas and Mary O'Donnell "sell" the land to Carroll O'Donnell for USD 1, with the conditions that the former will continue to use the land for the rest of their lives.
- January 15, 1897: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell take a loan (mortgage), giving their property as security, from Joseph and Mary Vogel for USD 300
- December 2, 1897: Mortgage has been paid.
- January 14, 1905: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell take a loan, giving their property as security, from Catherine Kelly and George Breckenridge for USD 1,000
- January 14, 1908: Catherine Kelly is been paid back.
- December 15, 1908: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell "sell" for USD 105 the right to run a power line over their land to the Southern Wisconsin Power Company.
- April 1, 1911: Mortgage to George Breckenridge stands at USD 404.22
- January 17, 1913: George Breckenridge is been paid back.
- March 13, 1909: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell give mortgage for USD 600 (recorded as USD 601.35) to George Breckenridge
- January 17, 1913: George Breckenridge is been paid back.
- September 7, 1932: Will of Carroll O'Donnell allowed (dated November 13, 1928). The land is appraised at USD 2,500. A petition to sell the land is made on July 9, 1936 and heard on August 5, 1936.
- August 14, 1936: Auction held to sell land; highest bid received USD 500. It was withdrawn from auction.
- September 29, 1936: Second auction held; highest bid received USD 900.
- October 7, 1936: Permission given to sell land privately.

- December 2, 1936: Mary Matilda Foley (niece of Mary Hassett née O'Donnell) buys land for USD 1,300
- December 8, 1936: Mary M. Foley takes loan from Watertown Building and Loan Association for USD 800.
- December 24, 1936: Mary M. Foley takes action to 'quiet' title; i.e. that nobody else has a claim on the land.
- February 11, 1937: Mary M. Foley wins her action.
- February 17, 1937: Claims on estate of Carroll O'Donnell are paid out. Mary M. Foley gets USD 340.78. At this time Mary M. Foley lives on 2743 West State Street, Milwaukee and is a bookkeeper and stenographer. Further details of this transfer can be found in Appendix 6 of Mary Matilda Foley.

Map and details of land between Clarke Street and Boomer Street, Watertown

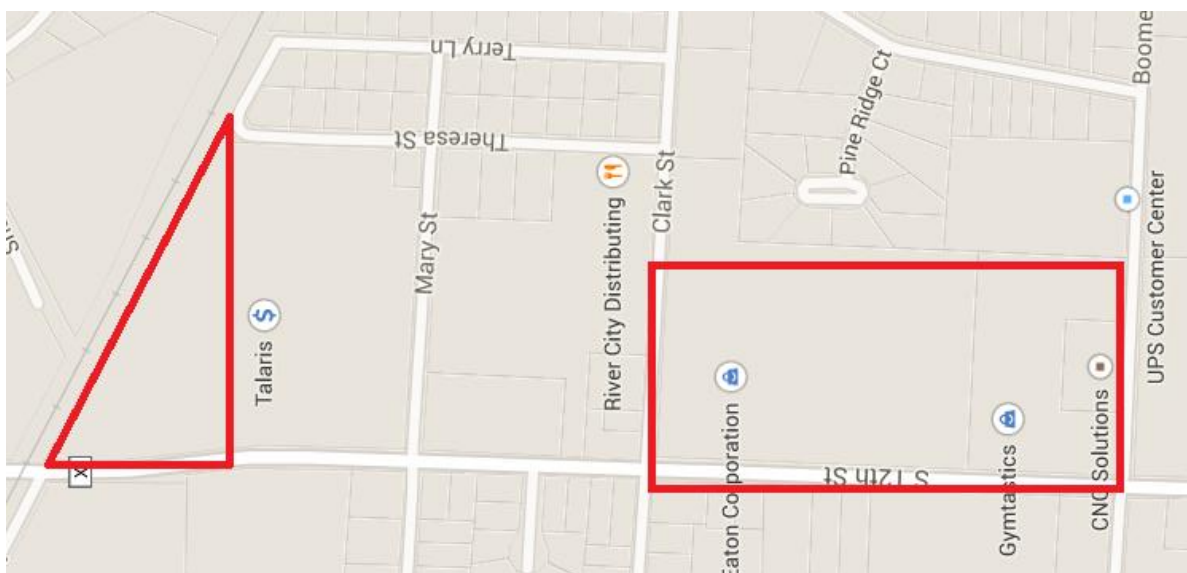


1919 Map by Geo. A. Ogle, Watertown City, Wisconsin - Section 010

Atlas: Jefferson County 1919

Web link: <http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/43604/Watertown+City+++Section+010/>

Red triangle is their original land and the rectangle is the land indicated above



Source: Google Maps

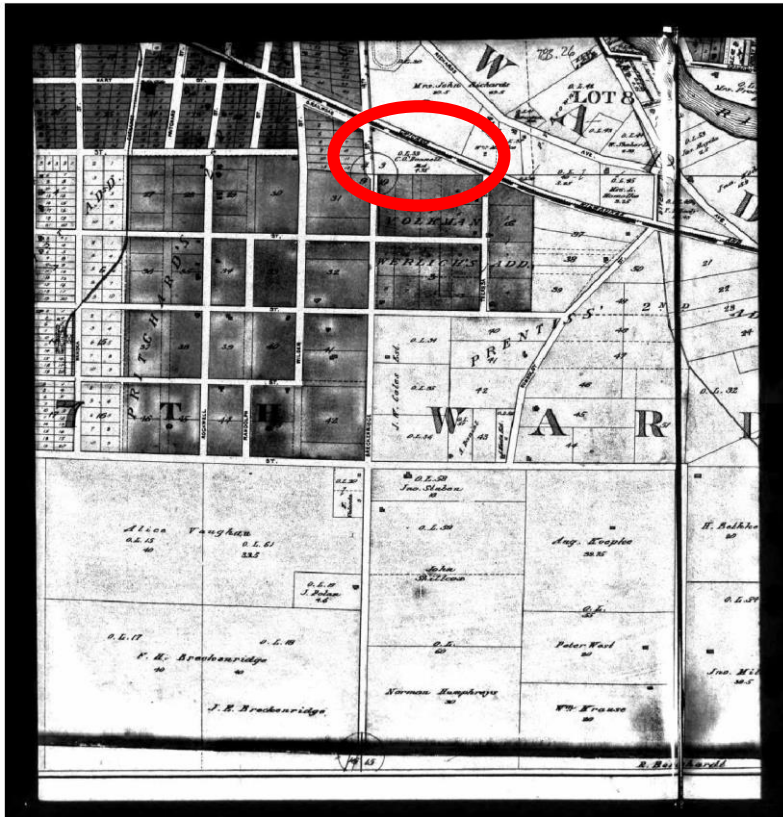
Details of Land Transfers - Land between Clarke Street and Boomer Street

- October 31, 1902: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell become joint tenants of the lands, purchased from Oscar and Martha Cole
- January 20, 1909: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell take a loan, giving their property as security, from John Kelly and George Breakenridge, the latter later transfers his part to Mary Breakenridge
- December 9, 1916: Carroll and Mary O'Donnell take a loan, giving their property as security, from Mary Breakenridge
- April 6, 1925: Mary O'Donnell dies
- April 27, 1926: Carroll O'Donnell sells lands to Arthur Koepke
- January 16, 1929: Mortgages have been paid off
- March 16-18, 1939: Passing and approval of motion by city council to change street name from Breckenridge Street to 12th Street. Recorded in May 24, 1944
- February 21, 1945: Certificate issued to terminate joint tenancy of Carroll and Mary O'Donnell (this was likely to be an administrative action as both were deceased)

Watertown – 1201 Breckenridge Street (by Railroad)

1889 Map showing plot owned by Carroll O'Donnell

Map drawn up in 1889 for Alice Vaughan: <http://bit.ly/dMLshC>



Address:

1920 address was: 1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin

2011 address is: 705 S Twelfth Street, Watertown, WI 53094. More details found here

http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/jclrs/LIO/LIO_Search.php . Parcel No.: 291-08-15-10-22-044



Source: Google Maps

Watertown Street Directory, 1880 to 1924, Thomas to Carroll O'Donnell

1880 Watertown Street Directory res. e. s. Wilder rd, nr. Hart

Carroll O'Donnell's father who in the 1880 Census and lives on Clark Street (which crosses Wilder Street)

O'Conner Bartholomew, lab., res. e. s. River, 3 n. William.
O'Donnell Thomas, farmer, res. e. s. Wilder rd., nr. Hart.
O'Keeffe John Rev. C. S. C. 1st asst. pastor St. Bernard's

1885 Watertown Street Directory father Thomas res s s Wilder, 1 s railroad

Carroll O'Donnell father and Martha is his sister

ington, 2 s. West av.
O'Donnell Martha Miss, res. s. s. Wilder, 1 s. railroad.
O'Donnell Thomas, farmer, res. s. s. Wilder, 1 s. railroad.
O'KEEFE JOHN REV

1887 Watertown Street Directory father Thomas res s e cor Wilder and C., M & St. P track

(C., M. & St P Track = Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad)

Carroll O'Donnell father

O'Donnell Thomas, lab., res. s. e. cor. Wilder rd and C., M. & St. P. track.

1889 Watertown Street Directory father Thomas res s e cor Wilder and C., M & St. P track

Carroll O'Donnell father

O'Conner Mary (wid. Bartholomew), res. s. e. cor. Wilder rd and C., M. & St. P. track.
O'Donnell Thomas, lab, res s e cor Wilder and C., M. & St. P. track.

1892-3 Watertown Street Directory father Thomas res 701 12th

In 1892 Wilder Road is renamed Breckenridge

Carroll O'Donnell father and his sister Martha

O'Conner John T., baker, res 210 N. Warren
O'Donnel Martha Miss, bds Thomas O'Donnel
O'Donnel Thomas, res 701 12th
O'Donnel John T., baker, res 210 N. Warren

1893 Watertown Street Directory, father Thomas res 701 12th

Carroll O'Donnell father and his sister Martha

O'Conner John T., baker, res. 210 N. Warren
O'Donnell Thomas, res. 701 12th.
O'Donnell Martha Miss, res. 701 12th.
O'Donnel John T., baker, res 210 N. Warren

1896-97 Watertown Street Directory res 1201 Breakenridge

O'Donnell Carroll, bridge bldr res 1201 Breakenridge

O'Donnell Carroll, bridge bldr res 1201 Breakenridge.

1899-1900 Watertown Street Directory, res cor Railroad and Breckenridge

O'Donnell Carroll, boilermkr, res cor Railroad and Breckenridge

O'Donnell Carroll, boilermkr, res. cor Railroad & Breckenridge.

1911 Watertown Street Directory, O'Donnell Carol, h. e. s. Breckenridge, 1s ry track

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Odd Fellows Hall, 202 Main.
O'Donnell Carol, iron-wkr. h. e. s. Breckenridge, 1 s. ry. track.
Oerding Alfred, mngr eggs and flour 216 3d. h. 113 College.

1913-14 Watertown Street Directory, O'Donnell Carol, h. e. s. Breckenridge, 1s ry track

<http://bit.ly/SoVM4n>

marble and granite works, 116 N. 4th.
O'Donnell Carol, iron-wkr. h. e. s. Breckenridge, 1 s. ry. track.
Oehlwein Mark, lab. h. 138 College.

1917 Watertown Street Directory, O'Donnell Carol, h. 1119 Breckenridge

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Odgers Frank, pres. Odgers-Block-Woelffer Co. h. 318 Main.
O'Donnell Carol, h. 1119 Breckenridge.
Oerding Alf. H. whol. eggs and flour 214-216 3d. h. 113 College.

1919 Watertown Street Directory, O'Donnell Carol, farmer, h. 1119 Breckenridge

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Odgers Frank pres Odgers-Block-Woelffer Co h 318
O'Donnell Carol farmer h 1119 Breckenridge
Oerding Alf H eggs and flour 114-116 2d h 113 Col

1924 Watertown Street Directory, O'Donnell Carol, h1201 Breckenridge

<http://bit.ly/OLVNLH>

1002 Main
O'Donnell Carol (Mary) farmer h1201 Breckenridge
Oerding Alf H eggs and flour 114-116 2d h 113 Col

Watertown Street Directory by Street, Breckenridge

1919 Watertown Street Directory, Breckenridge

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**BRECKENRIDGE, south from C M &
St P Ry tracks 1st east from
Wilder**
1004 Frank Valenta
1119 Carol O'Donnell

1924 Watertown Street Directory, Breckenridge

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**BRECKENRIDGE—South from C
M & St P Ry tracks, 1st east
from Wilder**
1004 Frank Valenta
1032 Louis P Else
1107 Edward D Gehrke
Mrs Fredericka Gehrke
1201 Carol O'Donnell
ws at limits George Breckenridge
Frank Breckenridge

1924 Watertown Street Directory, Breckenridge

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**WILDER—Continuation of 10th
south to limits**
1120 Henry Kuntz
1126 Catherine Corbett
1321 Fred Auer
Charles Gaulke
Clark
1401 Max H Schloesser
1422 Lavant Pitzner

Will of Carroll O'Donnell

On the next page is Carroll O'Donnell's Will contained the Final Account and Petition.

In the will of Carroll O'Donnell he divides his estate in two halves to acknowledge the role of Mary Hassett O'Donnell for her help in procuring his estate.

From his half Carroll O'Donnell divides his estate equally between the children and grandchildren of his sister Elizabeth Lizzie O'Donnell listed below:

- John Dillon (his nephew)
- Alice Dillon (his niece)
- Carroll O'Donnell (his nephew)
- Children of John Dillon (his nephew): Lucille Dillon (his Grandniece) and Patrick Dillon (his Grandnephew)
- Mrs Cornelius O'Callaghan (his niece)

The second half of his estate he divides to his wife's, Mary Hassett O'Donnell, relatives as follows:

- Sarah McDemott (her niece in New York) is bequeathed \$100
 - Etta McDemott (her niece in New York) is bequeathed \$100
- and the residue of her half to:
- Mrs Pat Hassett (Mary Ann Griffin, Sister in Law in Cork, Ireland)
 - Thomas Hassett (her brother in Ennis, Ireland)
 - Michael Hassett (her brother in Ennis, Ireland)
 - Catherine Foley (her sister in New Jersey)

Mary M. Foley daughter of Catherine Foley and niece of Mary Hassett O'Donnell purchased real estate to the value of \$1300. From details of the land transfer we can see that this is 1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown.

STATE OF WISCONSIN:

COUNTY COURT:

JEFFERSON COUNTY:

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CARROLL O'DONNELL,

Deceased.

Final Account and Petition.

TO THE COUNTY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY:

The petition of Wallace Thauer as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of Carroll O'Donnell, deceased, respectfully represents:

That presented herewith is a statement in detail of his final account of his administration of said estate. That he asks that said account be filed herewith, and that he is now ready to proceed to a final settlement of said estate.

That by his last will and testament, the said decedent left the sum of \$100.00 to the pastor of St. Bernard's Church at the time of his decease, for saying masses for said Carroll O'Donnell, deceased, and also the sum of \$100.00 for saying masses for the repose of the soul of his wife, Mary O'Donnell, thereby intending that the total sum of \$200.00 for such purposes should be paid to the pastor of St. Bernard's Church of the city of Watertown, Wisconsin, which church said decedent attended. That Rev. William F. Minnick was the pastor of said church on the 12th day of July, 1932, on which date said Carroll O'Donnell died.

That after the payment of such legacy of \$200.00 so provided for masses, the residue of said estate remaining is the sum of \$ 122.73, as shown by the final account hereto annexed.

That said decedent provided by his last will and testament, that the residue of his estate should be disposed of as follows, to-wit:

"Secondly: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, I direct shall be divided into two equal parts. One half thereof shall be disposed of as follows:

(a) I give and bequeath to Pat Dillan and to Lucille Dillan,

of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mrs. Cornelius O'Callaghan, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, John Dillan of Milwaukee, and Alice Dillan of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Carroll Dillan, of Chicago, Illinois, the remainder of said one half in equal shares.

The other half, I give, devise and bequeath to the following relatives of my wife, Mary O'Donnell, she having assisted me in procuring my estates, to-wit: to Sarah McDermott, her niece, of New York City, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and to Etta McDermott her niece, of New York City the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and the residue of said half, I give, devise and bequeath to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Pat Hassett, of Cork, Ireland, her brother, Thomas Hassett, of Ennis, Ireland, Michael Hassett of Ennis, Ireland, and to her sister Catherine Foley of New Jersey. Said one half to be divided equally among them."

That the correct spelling of the name of said Pat Dillan above named is Pat Dillon, and that he is a minor now about 17 years of age, and that Edward E. Schultz, of Jefferson, Wisconsin, is his guardian ad litem in said proceedings. That the correct spelling of the name of said Lucille Dillan above referred to was Lucile Dillon, but that she is now married, and that her name is now Lucile Dillon Kraft, and that she is now over 21 years of age, but that at the time of the death of said decedent she was about 16 years of age, and that said Edward E. Schultz was appointed and acted as her guardian ad litem until she became 21 years of age. That said residue remaining is insufficient for the payment of all of said specific legacies so provided, and that accordingly your petitioner believes that said residue should be divided in equal shares between said Pat Dillon, Lucile Dillon Kraft, Sarah McDermott and Etta McDermott, or the sum of \$ 30.73 to each of them.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that a time and place be fixed for the examination and allowance of his final account and the determination of the inheritance tax, if any, and that the residue of said estate be assigned by the order or judgment of the court, to such persons as are by law entitled to the same.

Dated April 21, 1937.

Wallace Thauer

State of Wisconsin (ss.
Jefferson County)

Wallace Thauer, the petitioner above named, being duly sworn, says that the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and the annexed account is true and correct according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and that he does not know of any error or omission therein to the prejudice of any person interested in said estate.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 21st day of April, 1937

Wallace Thauer

3.

Final Account of Wallace Thauer, Administrator de bonis non
with the will annexed of the estate of Carroll O'Donnell, deceased.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance as per final account of James W. Boyle, deceased, former executor of said estate,	\$ 37.07	
Additional rent received,	62.58	
Cash received on sale of real estate to Mary M. Foley,	1300.00	
Cash received for furniture,	2.00	
	<u>\$1401.65</u>	

Credits and Expenses.

Specific legacies to Rev. William F. Minnick, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, for saying masses,	\$ 200.00	
Repairs to premises,	2.35	
Fire and tornado insurance premiums,	3.84	
Publication of notices of sale of real estate and advertising same,	13.19	
Fees of appraisers re-appraisal of real estate,	3.00	
Fees of Paul Schroeder, surveyor for surveying real estate for purposes of sale of same,	3.00	
Fees of J. C. Brandel, clerk of court for order correcting description of real estate, and recording certified copy of same,	3.75	
Revenue stamps on administrator's deed,	1.50	
Postage and registry for mailing notices of hearing on application for sale,	3.11	
Recording affidavits of Paul Schroeder and George Breckenridge to help perfect abstract for purposes of sale,	1.50	
Cost of abstract and continuation in connection with sale of real estate,	64.00	
Clerk's fees in action to quiet title in connection with sale of real estate,	11.00	
Fees of John E. Conway, guardian ad litem in action to quiet title,	5.00	
Recording certified copy of judgment in action to quiet title, and filing notice of <i>vis pendens</i>	1.25	
Publication of summons in action to quiet title,	<u>15.40</u>	
Total carried forward	\$1401.65	331.89

Total brought forward	\$1401.65	331.89
Claims Paid.		
Claim of Reitman and Taylor of \$125.00, together with \$30.90 interest to February 17, 1937, total \$155.90		155.90
Claim of Mary M. Foley of \$340.78, together with \$84.26 interest to Feb. 17, 1937, total \$425.04		425.04
Claim of James D. Casey Company of \$10.78, together with interest \$2.67 to Feb. 17, 1937, total \$13.56		13.56
Court costs in action against Alvin Stock to recover unpaid rent,		6.85
Proportionate share of 1936 taxes on real estate,		50.48
Premium for surety bond of administrator,		20.00
Amount allowed to estate of James W. Boyle, deceased, by court order June 3, 1936, for fees of said James W. Boyle, as executor during his life time,		35.00
Fees of Wallace Thauer, as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed,		35.00
Fees of Skinner & Thauer, attorneys for James W. Boyle, deceased, while acting as executor, and as attorneys for Wallace Thauer, as such administrator,		75.00
Fees of Skinner & Thauer on sale of real estate, including attendance at two public sales, and drafting papers in connection with private sale, together with proceedings to correct description of real estate, and drafting two affidavits to perfect abstract,		50.00
Fees of Skinner & Thauer, attorneys in action to quiet title,		75.00
Publication of notice of final hearing		5.00
Total credits and expenses,		1278.72
Balance on hand,		122.93
Total	\$1401.65	1401.65

((\$26.58 of said balance is in a segregated account in The Wisconsin National Bank of Watertown, Wisconsin, now in receivership, and is represented by receiver's certificate No. 155.)

The fees of Edward E. Schultz, guardian ad litem for Lucile Dillon Kraft during her minority, and for Pat Dillon, now a minor,

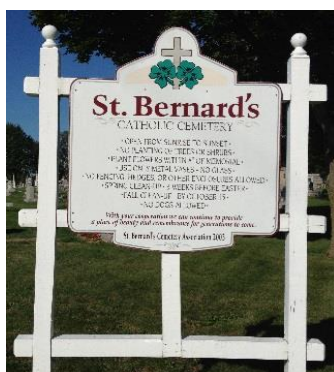
~~are to be allowed and paid from their respective shares of said estate.~~

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Said administrator is also the holder of a judgment against Alvin Stock rendered by Ferd. Schmutzler, Esq., a justice of the peace of the city of Watertown, Wisconsin, dated February 26, 1937, and of which a transcript was docketed February 27, 1937, in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Wisconsin, for the sum of \$82.05, and on which an execution is now in the hands of the sheriff of Jefferson County, but which is believed at present to be uncollectible, and which should be assigned together with the cash residue of the estate. Said administrator also holds two shares of capital stock of Farmers Co-Operative Company Watertown, Wisconsin, which belonged to said decedent, and which are of the par value of \$10.00 each, which were ~~all appraised as of no value, but which are probably of the present fair value of \$5.00 per share.~~

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St Bernard's Cemetery



Buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery Block 5, Row 2, Lot 5E are:

Thomas O'Donnell 1813-1893

Mary *his wife*, 1817-1891

Carroll O'Donnell, 1853-1932

Mary Hassett *his wife* 1858-1925

Carroll J O'Donnell

In August 2012, I visited Watertown and took the following photos of the O'Donnell grave:



The view from Grave is of the Railroad which is very fitting given that they lived with a similar view

According to Doris Friedl whilst it looks like a fairly new monument it was recorded in an early walk-thru at the cemetery around 1945. The information below was provided in November 2011 by Doris (Quinn) Friedl, St Bernard's Cemetery Association Board Member.

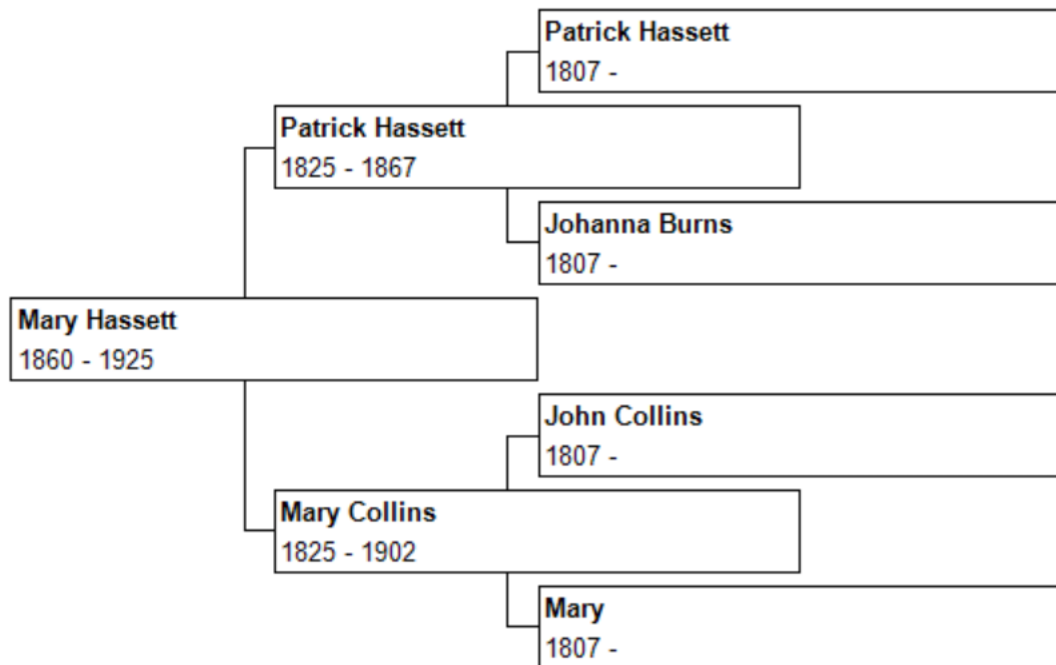
The following O'Donnell's are listed from that early walk-thru in 1945:

William O'Donnell d 14 March 1903 age 32
Mary O'Donnell d 7 February 1899 age 7 wks
Joseph O'Donnell 27 December 1874 – 25 December 1945
Rose O'Donnell wife John d 6 March 1890 age 56
John O'Donnell d 5 October 1906 age 86
Bartholomew d 12 November 1887 age 83 b Co. Clare
Mary his wife d 22 February 1890 age 72 b Co. Clare
Patrick d 16 June 1868 age 32
Mary A his wife 15 August 1855 – 26 December 1925

Doris did not find any stones for this group in 2012.

Appendix 4 ④ Mary Hassett (O'Donnell)

Family Tree



Parents and Siblings

Parents

Father: Patrick Hassett, son of Patrick Hassett and Johanna Burns was born about 1825 in Co. Clare, Ireland. He died between 1867-1901 in Co. Clare, Ireland. He married Mary Collins, daughter of John Collins and Mary after 1843.

Mother: Mary Collins, daughter of John Collins and Mary was born about 1825 in Toonagh, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 05 Dec 1902 in Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. She died of senile decay. It is reported that she is buried in family grave in Doora Abbey, Co. Clare.

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett:

"Patrick Hassett says that his family was from Kilrush, Co. Clare. They seemed to first live in Drumdoolaghty, Co. Clare and were evicted for reason unknown and so then moved to Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Patrick Hassett, like his neighbours, rented his farm which was part of the Gabbett estate. His rent was paid semi-annually, to the agent in Limerick, 23 miles away, and, because the rail fare meant a small drain on the family finances. The men met and walked through the night in a body to Limerick. The agent was a kindly man, and, on being paid, returned to each man the rail

fare home to Ennis, but again in the interests of economy, the party walked completing the journey (46 miles in all) in 24/36 hours. One particular night was wet and cold, and Patrick reaching home, took no precautions against the weather and its results. He developed rheumatic fever, which incapacitated him for the rest of his life."

Patrick Hassett and **Mary Collins** had the following children:

- i. **? Hassett** was born before 1850.
- ii. **? Hassett** was born before 1850.
- iii. **Bridget (Delia) Hassett** was born in December 1850 in Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 11 January 1928 in New York, New York, USA. She married Bernard McDermott, son of Thomas Francis Mc Dermot and Mary Ann in 1878 in New York, USA (Source: 1910 Census). He was born in June 1850 in Aherlow, Co. Limerick, Ireland. He died on 14 May 1933 in New York, New York, USA (Living at 1290 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10128, USA). They had 5 children.
- iv. **Patrick Hassett** was born in April 1851 in Co. Clare, Ireland. He died between January and March 1921 in Cork, Ireland. He married Mary Ann Griffin, daughter of Mr Griffin and Margaret on 13 May 1883. She was born about 1859 in Cork, Ireland. They had 10 children.

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett: *"He took the place of his father after his father had Rheumatic Fever."*

He was employed in the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC). The records show the following: Promoted Acting Sergeant 1/3/1893 and Promoted Sergeant 1/8/1875. Rewards, marks of distinction and favourable records: II H.Y.S. 21/6/1887; Jubilee Record 29/6/1997; II H.Y.S. 27/3/1895; III H.Y.S. 17/9/1896; III H.Y.S. 19/1/1903. He was pensioned 8/6/1906.

- v. **Michael Hassett** was born about 1857 in Co. Clare, Ireland. He died on 25 April 1940 in County Home, Ennis, Co. Clare.

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett:

"Michael took over the farm when Patrick joined the RIC. He went to Knockanean School and had an excellent brain and stayed in school until he was qualified. In the 1901 census Mary Hassett is shown as the head of household in Knockanean Townland. She is 76 (so born 1825-ish), a widow and

a farmer. Michael is with her aged 40 (so born 1861-ish), a farmer's son and not married. Both are RC and can read and write both English and Irish."

Note from H Hassett, 1985: *"He took over the farm at Knockanean and later transferred it to his brother Thomas. I knew Michael (Mick) well. He was one of nature's gentlemen, kind, hardworking and placid. As a result of the farm going out of the hands of the Hassett family Mick died in the County Home in Ennis. Michael or Mick as he was known quoted the remarks of Mrs. Moylan, who lived at the house of Gaurus Mills, that "there was some herb which grew on our land of Knockanean which made the milk and butter produced there superior to those of all our neighbours."*

- vi. **John (Jack) Hassett** was born about 1858 in Ireland. He died on 6 December 1881 in Cork, Ireland (Brain Fever (accident off side car of motor bike RIC)).

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett: *"he joined the RIC at age 19 and after his 6 months training he was appointed to a post in Cork. Arriving at the station he engaged a side car to take him to his barrack. As the side was being lowered it struck him on the head. It is possible that there was a slight fracture that was undetected at the time but which was made worse some months when he received a second blow in the same place from a stone and this proved fatal."*

- vii. **④ Mary Hassett** was born in May 1860 in Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 6th April 1925 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. She married **③ Carroll O'Donnell**, son of Thomas O'Donnell and Mary Kennedy on 28 November 1895 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 18 November 1853 in Ireland. He died on 12 July 1932 in Watertown Ward 7, Jefferson, Wisconsin. See below for more details.

- viii. **Thomas Henry Hassett** was born on 16 April 1861 in Ennis, CLA. He died on 07 April 1929 in Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. He married Elizabeth Anne Smith, daughter of Henry Smith and Susan Hopkins Hemming on 04 March 1889 in Limerick Cathedral, Limerick, Ireland. She was born on 27 December 1866 in 3 Wellington Place, Bath, Somerset, England. She died on 31 March 1953 in Flixton, Manchester, LAN (Chronic myocarditis). They had 8 children.

- ix. **James Hassett** was born in May 1864 in Clare, Ireland. He died about 1872 in died at age 7.

According to family memoirs of Kathleen Hassett: *"he died at about age 7 There is a story to the effect that they elder boys were at work on the Heathy Hill and Jim and his younger brother Tom fell asleep in the shade of an old crab tree. When the older*

boys tried to wake them to return home. Tom woke easily enough but not Jim. Mick tried to carry him home on his back. But as he told the tale years later "Jim got longer and longer and his feet were touching the ground". Jim never awoke from this sleep. It was generally accepted that the fairies had taken him."

- x. **Catherine (Katie) Hassett** was born 21 July 1867 (mother of Mary Matilda Foley – full details are given under person number 6 in this document)


Marriage Certificate of Carroll O'Donnell and Mary O'Donnell

No. 3922 01634 654	
1. Full name of husband.....	Carroll O'Donnell.
2. Full name of father of husband.....	Thomas.
3. Full name of mother of husband before marriage.....	Mary Kennedy.
4. Occupation of husband.....	Iron Worker.
5. Residence of husband.....	Wis.
6. Birthplace of husband.....	Ireland.
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Mary Hassett.
8. Full name of the father of wife.....	Patrick.
9. Full name of mother of wife, before marriage.....	Mary Collins.
10. Birthplace of wife.....	Ireland.
11. Time when marriage was contracted.....	Nov. 28-95.
12. Place or town, and county where marriage was contracted.....	Wis.
13. The color of the parties.....	W.
14. By what ceremony contracted.....	Cath.
15. Names of subscribing witnesses.....	J. Hogan. J. Nelson. J. D. Foley.
16. Name of person pronouncing marriage.....	Min.
17. Residence of person last named.....	28 Nov. 95.
18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage.....	2 Dec. 95.
19. Date of registration.....	
20. Any additional circumstances.....	

Memorial Card for Mary O'Donnell née Hassett

JESUS! MARY! JOSEPH!

"We have loved her in life, let us not forget her until we have conducted her, by our prayers, into the house of the Lord."—St. Ambrose.



In Pious Memory of

Mary O'Donnell,

NÉE HASSETT,

Who died April 6, 1925.

PRAYER.

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant MARY, that, being dead to this world, she may live to Thee, and whatever sins she may have committed in this life through human frailty, do Thou, of Thy most merciful goodness, forgive. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.


Merciful Jesus, grant her eternal rest.
(7 years indulgence.)

My Jesus, Mercy! (300 days indulgence.)

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my love!
(300 days indulgence.)

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!
(300 days indulgence.)

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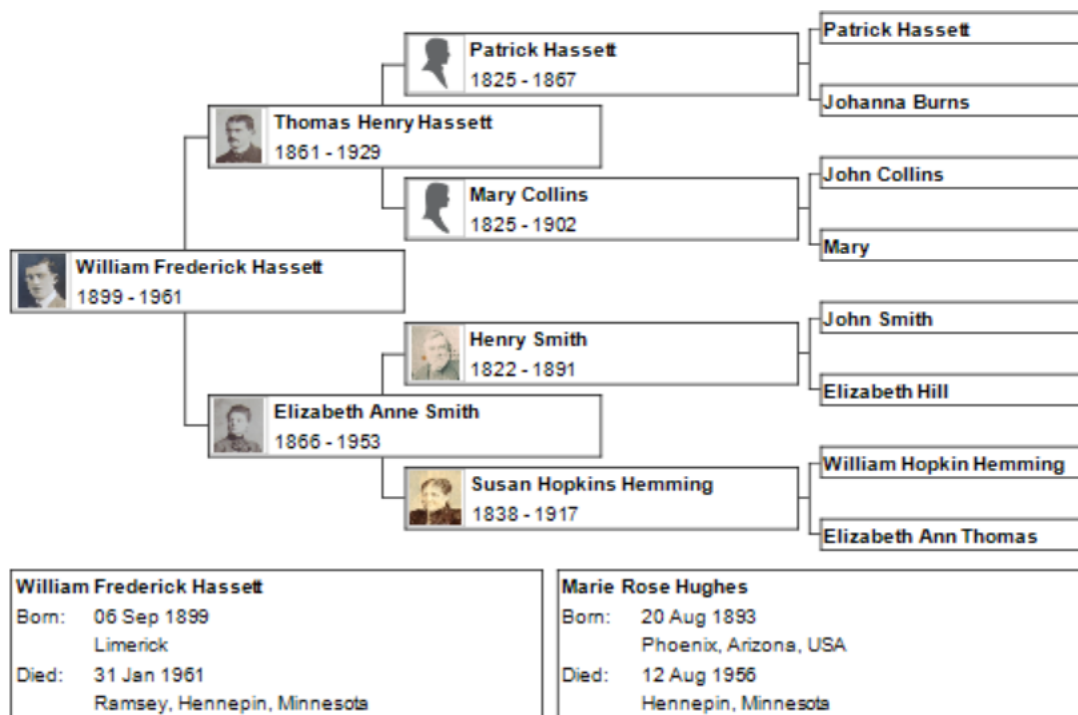


O Mary, grant that like you I may accept the sword of suffering, and that like you, I may be submissive and resigned.

MAISON BOUASSE-LEBEL, LEONARD & C^{ie}, PARIS 1890 MADE IN FRANCE

Appendix 5 ⑤ William Frederick Hassett

Family Tree



Parents and Siblings

Parents

Father: Thomas Henry Hassett, son of Patrick Hassett and Mary Collins was born on 16 Apr 1861 in Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. He died on 7 April 1929 in Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. He married Elizabeth Anne Smith on 4 March 1889 in Limerick Cathedral, Ireland.

Mother: Elizabeth Anne Smith, daughter of Henry Smith and Susan Hopkins Hemming was born on 27 December 1866 in 3 Wellington Place, Bath, Somerset, England. She died on 31 March 1953 in Flixton, Manchester, England.

Thomas Henry Hassett and **Elizabeth Anne Smith** had the following children:

- i. **Thomas Henry (Harry) Hassett** was born on 27 Nov 1889 in Limerick. He died on 12 Sep 1966 in Cork, Ireland. He married Ellen May (Nell) Ryan on 27 Jul 1915 in Cathedral of Killarney, Kerry, Ireland. She was born in Jan 1888 in Co. Kerry, Ireland. She died on 22 Jun 1964 in Cork, Ireland. They had 7 children.

- ii. **Percival (Percy) Victor Hassett** was born about Aug 1892 in Limerick ((Birth Certificate not registered)). He died on 07 Mar 1893 in Wallaces Range, Limerick, Ireland (Died of Bronchitis 7 Days - Thomas Hassett, father was present at death. Percy was aged 1 year 6 months.).
- iii. **Ethel Mary Hassett** was born on 14 Oct 1894 in Limerick. She died on 13 Jul 1956 in 5 Wasdale Avenue, Davyhulme, Manchester, Lancashire, England. She married James Kingston on 15 Jun 1921 in Chorlton, Manchester, England. He was born about 1889 in Clonakilty, Cork, Ireland. He died on 21 Feb 1963 in Davyhulme, Manchester, Lancashire, England. They had 3 children.
- iv. **Kathleen Maud Hassett** was born on 07 Feb 1897 in Limerick. She died on 06 Jul 1985 in Park Hospital, Davyhulme, Manchester, Lancashire (Buried at Urmston Cemetery, Manchester).
- v. **William Frederick Hassett**, son of Thomas Hassett and Elizabeth Anne Smith was born on 06 September 1899 in Limerick. He died on 31 January 1961 in Ramsey, Hennepin, Minnesota (Died of pneumonia and erythroleukemia). He married **Marie Rose Hughes** in 1930, daughter of Philip Hughes and Ellen Byrne. She was born on 20 August 1893 in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. She died on 12 August 1956 in Hennepin, Minnesota. He did not leave a Will.
- vi. **Michael Sidney Hassett** was born on 06 Jan 1903 in Greenhills, Limerick. He died on 06 Feb 1903 in Burried in cemetary across the road.
- vii. **John Francis Hassett** was born on 23 Jun 1904 in 21 Church Street, Glin, Listowel, Co. Limerick. He died on 28 Feb 1945 in Cork, Ireland. He married Mary Catherine Foley on 24 Jun 1930 in St. Andrews Church, Dublin, Ireland. She was born on 15 Aug 1905 in Cromane, Co Kerry, Ireland. She died on 03 Dec 1944 in Beaumont Park, Ballintemple, Cork. They had 6 children.
- viii. **Margaret Elizabeth (Greta) Hassett** was born on 22 Jul 1908 in Knockanean, Co. Clare, Ireland. She died on 26 Aug 1980 in Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, England. She married James J O'Donohue on 10 Jan 1927 in Clare, Ireland. He was born on 09 Apr 1887 in Gortlurkaun, Crusheen, Co. Clare, Ireland. He died on 01 Oct 1972 in Ballinacash, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

Postcards to home from Bill 1920 and 1922





Photograph of William Hassett



Death notice in Newspaper Minneapolis Tribune 2 February 1961

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B. P. Harris, Skowhegan, Maine & Harold Q. Harris, Lincoln, Neb.; daughter, Mrs. Ralph J. Johnson, Edina; 9 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren. Services & interment at Lincoln, Neb. Friends may call at Welander-Quist (Edina mortuary), 5116 Hwy 169 S Thurs. evening.

HASSETT—William F., age 61, of 207 University Ave. SE. Survived by brother, Thomas H., of Ireland; nephew William of New York. Member of Hennepin Council K. of C. and Men's club of St. Lawrence. Employee of Northern Ordinance, Inc. Funeral Fri. 8:30 from Fox-Sullivan Funeral parlors, 2535 Central, 9 o'clock Requiem Mass Church of St. Lawrence. Rosary by K. of C. & Men's club of St. Lawrence Thurs. eve. at 8 p.m. Visitation beginning Wed. at 4 p.m.

HAUSER—Albert, age 70, 2531 Jefferson St. NE. Survived by beloved wife, Cunnie, and daughter, Mrs. Albert (Harriet) Leduc, grandson Jerome, 1 brother, Fred W. of Oak Park, Ill. Services Thurs 9:20 a.m. Billman-Hunt Chapel, 2701 Central; 10 a.m. Requiem Mass St. Boniface Church. Visitation after 7 p.m. Tues. Rosary 8 p.m. Wed.

JAMES—Mabel F., age 70 of 4031 36th Ave. So. Survived by husband John L. Son Donald J. James Mois. Brother Floyd Askerooth, Rutland N.D. Sister Mrs. Dana Kemo Eugene Ore. Services Thurs 2 p.m. at Minnehaha Lutheran Church. Interment Ft. Snelling. Reviewal beginning 4 p.m. Wed. at McDivitt-Hauge Chapel, Lawrence Hauge director, 2825 E. Lake St. Memorials preferred to Minnehaha Lutheran Church bldg. fund.

KAUFMAN—Evelyn Sabourin, age 56, 1629 N. 6th St. Survived by husband, Edward; son, Robert Sabourin, daugh-

Telegram to advise his mother of his death

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By

MISS ELIZABETH HASSETT 2 WIBBERSLEY PARK FLIXTON NORTH MANCHESTER-

BROTHER WILLIAM HASSETT PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY EMMETT SULLIVAN MORTUARY MINNEAPOLIS

E B HANSEN NORTHERN ORDNANCE INCORPORATED

For free at office of delivery. Other enquiries should be accompanied by this form, and, if possible, the envelope.

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b. TOWNSHIP OR		c. TOWNSHIP OR		
c. CITY OR VILLAGE Minneapolis		d. CITY OR VILLAGE Minneapolis		
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4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) Aug 13 1956				
5. SEX Female				
6. COLOR OF RACE White				
7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Married				
8. DATE OF BIRTH Aug 27 1900				
9. AGE IN YEARS (Specify) 55				
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done) (10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR occupation of working life, even if retired) Teacher				
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Phoenix Arizona				
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.				
13. FATHER'S NAME Philip Hughes				
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Elmer O'Brien				
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26. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? While at Work				
27. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from July 20, 1956 to Aug. 12, 1956 , that I last saw the deceased alive on August 11, 1956 , and that death occurred at 1:30 P.M. , from the cause and on the date stated above.				
28. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) Dr. C. J. Smith				
29. ADDRESS 200 University Ave. S.E.				
30. DATE SIGNED 8-13-56				
31. MANNER OF DEATH Natural				
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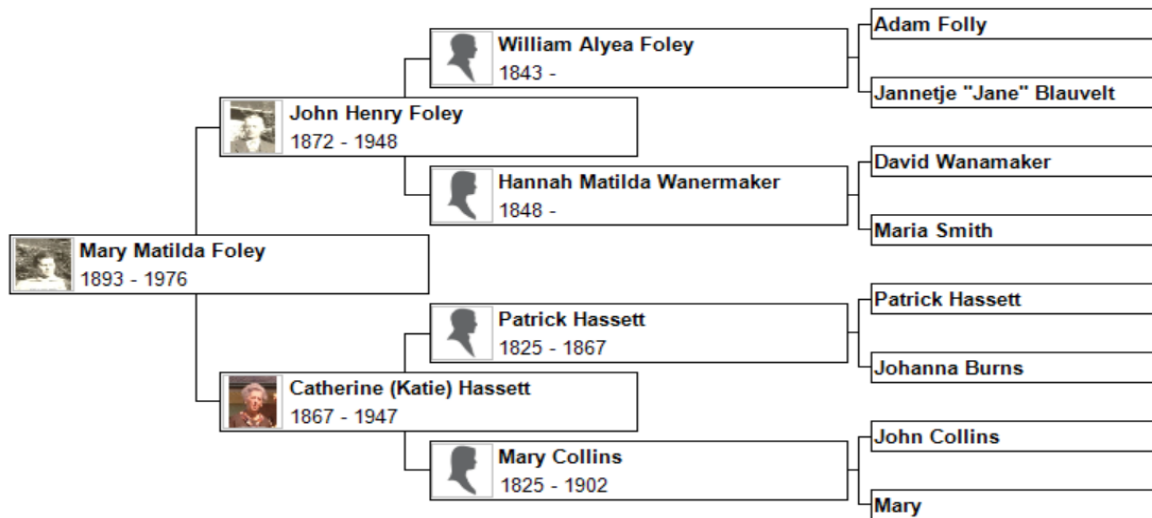
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15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service) No					
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21. I certify I attended the deceased from Jan. 22, 1961 to Jan. 31, 1961 and that I last saw the deceased alive on Jan. 29, 1961 and that death occurred at 3:05 P. on the date stated above and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.					
22. SIGNATURE (Type or Print) Richard S. Selinger MD 22b. DATE SIGNED 2/1/61					
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Appendix 6 ⑥ Mary Matilda Foley

Family Tree



Parents and Siblings

Parents

Father: John Henry Foley, son of William Alyea Foley and Hannah Matilda Wanermaker was born in Jan 1872 in Hudson, New Jersey, USA. He died in 1948 in Milwaukee Co Wisconsin USA (Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Block 14, Lot 105, Grave 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). He married Catherine (Katie) Hassett on 24 January 1892 in Saint Luke-Catholic, Hohokus, Bergen, New Jersey, USA.

Mother: Catherine (Katie) Hassett, daughter of Patrick Hassett and Mary Collins, was born on 21 July 1867 in Knockanean, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. She died in 1947 in Milwaukee Co Wisconsin USA (Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Block 14, Lot 105, Grave 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). In 1889 she and a friend Annie O'Halloran sailed for New York. Thomas saw them off at Queenstown. Later the girls married two brothers named Foley (John Joseph and Alonzo). Katie settled in Jersey City.

John Henry Foley and **Catherine (Katie) Hassett** had the following children:

- i. **⑥ Mary Matilda Foley** was born on 01 March 1893 in Bergen, New Jersey, USA. She died on 14 January 1976 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
- ii. **Josephine A Foley** was born on 30 December 1895 in Saint Luke-Catholic, Hohokus, Bergen, New Jersey, USA. She died in 1969 in USA.
- iii. **Helen A Foley** was born on 19 September 1899 in Bergen, New Jersey, USA. She married Joseph Hurley Foley. He was born on 1 September 1898 in Wisconsin, United States. He died on 11 October 1961 in Wisconsin, United States.
- iv. **John Joseph Foley** was born on 20 March 1906 in Bergen, New Jersey, USA. He died in 1962 in Jersey City, USA.

Photographs



Foley John Joseph born 1906 and Foley Mary Matilda born 1893



Foley Mary Matilda born 1893

Details of Land purchase in Watertown by Mary M Foley

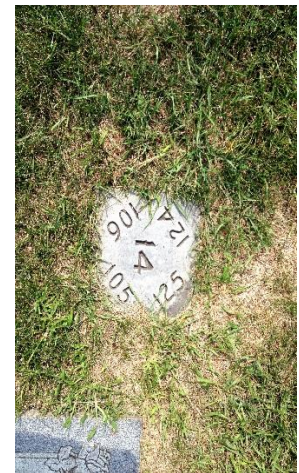
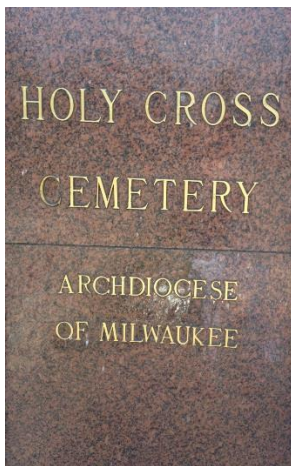
This land was owned by the Carroll O'Donnell prior to his death. Carroll O'Donnell's wife was Mary Hassett who was the Aunt of Mary M Foley.

- October 7, 1936: Permission given to sell land at 1201 Breckenridge Street, Watertown privately.
- December 2, 1936: Mary M. Foley buys land for USD 1,300
- December 8, 1936: Mary M. Foley takes loan from Watertown Building and Loan Association for USD 800.
- December 24, 1936: Mary M. Foley takes action to 'quiet' title; i.e. that nobody else has a claim on the land.
- February 11, 1937: Mary M. Foley wins her action.
- February 17, 1937: Claims on estate of Carroll O'Donnell are paid out. Mary M. Foley gets USD 340.78
- Mary M. Foley lives on 2743 West State Street, Milwaukee and is a bookkeeper and stenographer.
- February 28, 1938: Mary M. Foley pays off mortgage
- March 16-18, 1939: Passing and approval of motion by city council to change street name from Breckenridge Street to 12th Street. Recorded in May 24, 1944
- May 5, 1950: Mary M. Foley gives option to William H. Woodward to sell property for USD 5,000
- June 6, 1950: William H. Woodward sells option for USD 1 to Brandt Automatic Cashier Company
- June 27, 1959: Completion of new Brandt Automatic Cashier Company factory at 705 South Twelfth Street

From the book: Watertown, A History by W.F. Jannke III, page 94

"Local bank teller and inventor Edward J. Brandt founded the Brandt Automatic Cashier company in 1894. This firm made coin counting machines, which eased the lives of bank tellers and other individuals who had to count large numbers of coins. De La Rue industries absorbed the Brandt Company in the 1990s. Though no longer locally owned, it is one of the few industries that has remained relatively unchanged up to the present time."

Photographs of Foley Family gravestones, Milwaukee Cemetery
Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Foley John 1872 to 1948



Foley John J 1906 to 1962



Foley née Hassett Catherine 1871 to 1947



Ford John H 1893 to 1961



Ford née Foley Helen A 1899 to 1983



Foley Mary Matilda 1893 to 1976



Appendix 7 Emigration from Co. Clare

The Catholic Irish who landed in America before the mid-1850's arrived on sailing ships. April and May were the recommended months for the emigrant to take passage. July and August were to be avoided as the prevalence of south-west winds made for a tedious journey.

Those travelling to the US depended almost entirely on their own devices, relations already in America frequently providing passage money. There are records of girls in domestic employment, walking more than 25 miles to New York to send passage money home to Ireland, or make a booking with a shipping agent.

Migrants generally bought tickets at an agency in the nearest town and there could be a delay of weeks waiting to obtain a passage, meanwhile living as best they could in the overcrowded seaports. Each migrant had to have sufficient provisions to last the journey, which usually took from 50 to 70 days. Those early emigrants were much to be pitied. What a traumatic experience it was for people who had not been more than fifteen miles away from home and who could not read nor write, (in 1841, 61% of all Clare people over 5 years were illiterate).

The Irish peasant's knowledge of life ahead of him was often fragmentary and fanciful. Many Irish emigrants availed of cheap passages out of Liverpool on outgoing cotton ships and so I find that New Orleans, in the Cotton Belt, was second to New York in its reception of migrants. Boston, the new home of so many Clare people, held only third place.

Enumeration of emigrants began in 1851. I can only speculate on the extent of emigration before that date. However between 1st May 1851 and 31st March 1881, 100,496 Clare men and women left Ireland for foreign parts and remarkably males led females by exactly only 100 souls. The highest year for emigration was 1851 the figure 9,499 - averaging 180 people per week, leaving the county.

Appendix 8 Watertown History

Early History of Watertown, Watertown Register, 9 February 1852



the interest of Messrs. Cole and Bailey to the water power and real estate, was sold to Ebenezer W. Cole, and during the fall after another fourth to Linus R. Cady.

Since 1843, the village and country adjacent have settled rapidly. The population of the village and town, at different periods, has been as follows:

In 1840	- - - -	218
In 1843, about	- - -	500
In 1847	- - - -	2362
In 1850	- - - -	2776
In 1852, estimated	- -	3500

Subsequently to the census of 1847, and prior to that of 1850, the town of Milford was formed, 9 sections having been taken from Watertown for that purpose. This will account for the comparatively small increase, as indicated by the census of the latter named year.

It may not be generally known, that during the somewhat celebrated Black Hawk war, in 1832 Gen. Dodge crossed the Rock at the head of the rapids, at this point, with his army, a few days previously to the final rout of the enemy.

The dates of the erection of the first saw mill, grist mill and store, in this village, have already been given. The first Church (the Catholic) was erected in 1844; the first woolen factory (Simeon Ford's) and the first iron foundry (Charles C. Hamlin's) in 1845; the first brick building (the dwelling house in the south part of the village, now owned by Elisha M. Brown,) in 1847; the first lawyer (John Richards, who was also first district attorney of the county,) settled here in 1837; the first physician (J. R. Goodnough) in 1838; and the first newspaper (the Watertown Chronicle) was established in 1847.

The first missionary who visited this place, was the Rev. Mr. Pillsbury, of the Methodist denomination. This was upon a sabbath in the fall of 1838. He preached in a log house near the present dwelling of Gen. Gilman. At the close of his discourse, he stated that he had experienced much difficulty and incurred some expense in reaching the place, owing to the absence of roads, and plainly intimated that in the collection which he purposed to have taken up, he expected his hearers would manifest a spirit of becoming liberality. The hat was passed around by Mr. Acker. Some \$75 in bills and three quarters in specie, were contributed. It should be added, however, lest the exhibition of such liberal-

ity, under the circumstances, might justly be a matter of astonishment, that the bills were upon Michigan "wild cat" banks, and of course worthless!

The foregoing reminiscences, meager as they are, will serve to show what Watertown *has been*—what she *now is*, her busy population of 3000, her 60 miles of plank roads, her mills, her woolen and iron manufactures, her mechanic shops and her mercantile houses, plainly enough indicate—what she is *destined to become*, with her inexhaustible water power, the unrivaled section of country tributary to her, the well known enterprise of her citizens, and her contemplated railroads, soon, it is believed, to stretch out their iron arms, giant like, to Lake Superior on the north, the Gulf of Mexico on the south, the Atlantic on the east, and the Mississippi, if not the Pacific on the west, it needs no prophet to foretell.

Watertown Background and History



Watertown is a city in Dodge and Jefferson counties in the U.S. state of Wisconsin. Most of the city's population is in Jefferson County. Division Street, several blocks north of downtown, marks the county line. The population of Watertown was 21,598 at the 2000 census and in 2008 was 23,165.

Origin: Watertown was first settled by Timothy Johnson, who built a cabin on the west side of the Rock River in 1836. A park on the west side of the city is named in his honor. The area was settled to utilize the power of the Rock River, which falls 20 feet (6.1 m) in two miles (two 10-foot (3.0 m) dams). In contrast, the Rock River falls only 34 feet (10 m) 58 miles (93 km) upstream from Watertown. The water power was first used for sawmills, and later prompted the construction of two hydroelectric dams, one downtown (where the river flows south) and one on the eastern edge of the city (where the river flows north).

Milwaukee and Rock River Canal: A canal from Milwaukee to the Watertown area was once planned, but was replaced by railroad before any work had been completed, other than a dam in Milwaukee. The territorial legislature incorporated the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal company in 1836, but the plan was abandoned in 1848. The canal would have provided a waterway between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, but even if completed, it may not have seen much success because railroads had already become the preferred mode of transportation.

19th century growth: In 1853, a plank road was completed from Milwaukee to Watertown. After plank roads were no longer used, the route was replaced by highway (Wisconsin Highway 16) and a railroad. A Street named "Watertown Plank Road" survives in Milwaukee. It is referred to in the "Plank Road Brewery" family of beers, produced by Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee.

The city grew slowly at first, but an influx of German immigrants increased the population to over 10,000 in the late 19th century. The city is the home of the first kindergarten in the United States, started in 1856 by Margaret Meyer Schurz, wife of statesman Carl Schurz; the building that housed this kindergarten is now located on the grounds of the Octagon House Museum in Watertown.

City railroad bond default: Growth of the city was substantially hampered when Watertown issued almost half a million dollars in bonds to support the building of two railroads to town to encourage further growth: the Chicago & Fond du Lac Company and the Milwaukee, Watertown & Madison Road. The success of the plank road convinced residents that a railroad would be even more beneficial, and bonds were issued from 1853 to 1855. The Milwaukee and Watertown Railroad, as it was called before it extended to Madison, was completed in 1855, only the second line in the state.



Soon after, the two railroads went bankrupt in the Panic of 1857. The bonds were sold by the original investors to out-of-town speculators at a small fraction of their face value. Since the railroads were never built and did not produce revenue, the city was unable to pay off the bonds. Moreover, the city did not feel compelled to do so because the creditors (those who held the bonds) were not only from out of town, but weren't even the original holders. Yet the creditors exerted so much pressure on the city to pay off the bonds that Watertown effectively dissolved its government so that there was no legal entity (the government as a whole or officers) that could be served a court order to pay or appear in court. The case was not resolved until 1889, when it had risen all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States, which essentially dismissed the case of the creditors. A small amount remained to be paid, and this was not paid off until 1905, half a century later.

Population of Wisconsin

Census	Pop.	%±
1820	1,444	—
1830	3,635	151.70%
1840	30,945	751.30%
1850	305,391	886.90%
1860	775,881	154.10%
1870	1,054,670	35.90%
1880	1,315,457	24.70%
1890	1,693,330	28.70%
1900	2,069,042	22.20%
1910	2,333,860	12.80%
1920	2,632,067	12.80%
1930	2,939,006	11.70%
1940	3,137,587	6.80%
1950	3,434,575	9.50%
1960	3,951,777	15.10%
1970	4,417,731	11.80%
1980	4,705,767	6.50%
1990	4,891,769	4.00%
2000	5,363,675	9.60%
2010	5,686,986	6.00%

Ancestries: German (56.7%), Irish (9.1%), Polish (5.3%), English (4.8%), Norwegian (4.6%), United States (4.4%). Land area: 10.9 square miles

Appendix 9 Watertown images

C M and St P Railroad Depot Watertown Wisconsin, Postcard from abt 1910



St Bernard's Church, Watertown, Wisconsin (2012)



The Octagon House

The Octagon House, five floors of solid brick construction completed in 1854, was designed and built by John Richards, a pioneer Watertown settler. The House is one of the largest single family residences of the Pre-Civil War Period in Wisconsin

Richards arrived in Watertown, on foot, in the spring of 1837. Once here he became the first lawyer in Jefferson County, as well as the owner of several mills. In 1849 he married his sweetheart, the former Eliza Forbes. He promised to build her the finest home in the Wisconsin Territory if she would marry him.

Its construction includes central heating, running water and ventilating systems. In addition to those "modern conveniences," the house features a central spiral staircase which rises from the first floor to the tower room.

The Richards family and their descendants resided in the home until 1937, when grandson William Thomas passed away. At that time the remaining family members were faced with what to do with the family home, which had become one of Watertown's' most recognizable landmarks.

The Richards family offered to sell it to the city for \$ 1, but opposition from the city council and several citizens prevented that from happening. The fledgling Watertown Historical Society then came forward and arranged to purchase the home from the Richards family on condition that it always be used as a public museum.

Since 1938 the Octagon House has been open to the public.



Photo taken on our visit in 2012

