The Conroy Family Story



Gene and Betty together in their convertible.

Pull up a chair. Let Gene tell the story.

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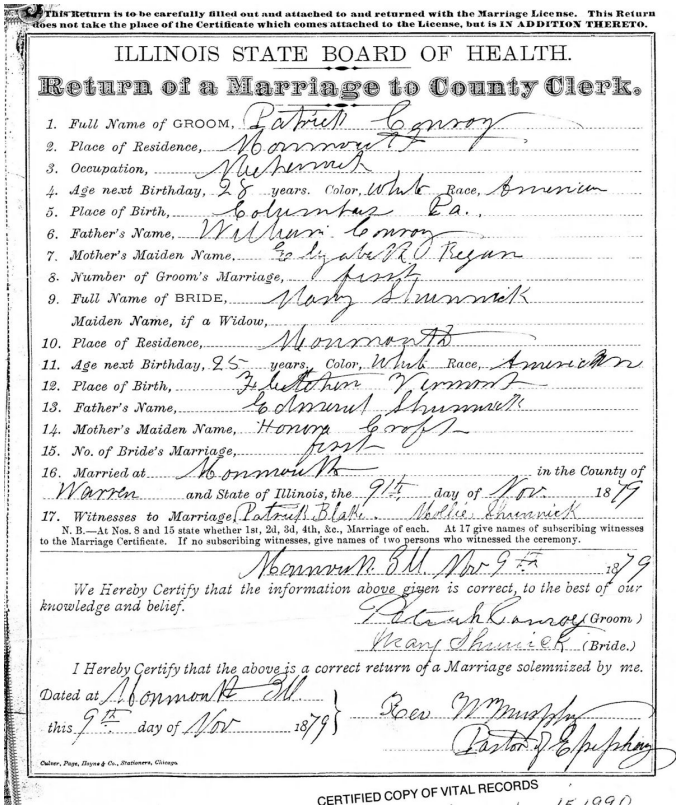
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CHAPTER 01

Patrick & Mary

Gene's grandparents, and the ten children they raised.

Gene knew Patrick and Mary as his grandparents. He remembered P.W. swimming across a lake in his seventies and Mary taking him to an amusement park in Chicago. Before those stories came a wedding in Monmouth, on November 9, 1879.



This Return is to be carefully filled out and attached to and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM, Patrick Conroy
2. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
3. Occupation, Machinist
4. Age next Birthday, 28 years. Color, White Race, American
5. Place of Birth, Columbus Pa.
6. Father's Name, William Conroy
7. Mother's Maiden Name, Elizabeth O'Regan
8. Number of Groom's Marriage, first
9. Full Name of BRIDE, Mary Shunick
   Maiden Name, if a Widow,
10. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
11. Age next Birthday, 25 years. Color, White Race, American
12. Place of Birth, Fletcher Vermont
13. Father's Name, Edmund Shunick
14. Mother's Maiden Name, Honora Croft
15. No. of Bride's Marriage, first
16. Married at Monmouth Ill in the County of Warren and State of Illinois, the 9th day of Nov 1879
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N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., Marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Monmouth Ill. Nov 9th 1879

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Patrick Conroy (Groom.)

Mary Shunick (Bride.)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

Dated at Monmouth Ill. this 9th day of Nov 1879

Rev M Murphy
Pastor R C Church

Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago.

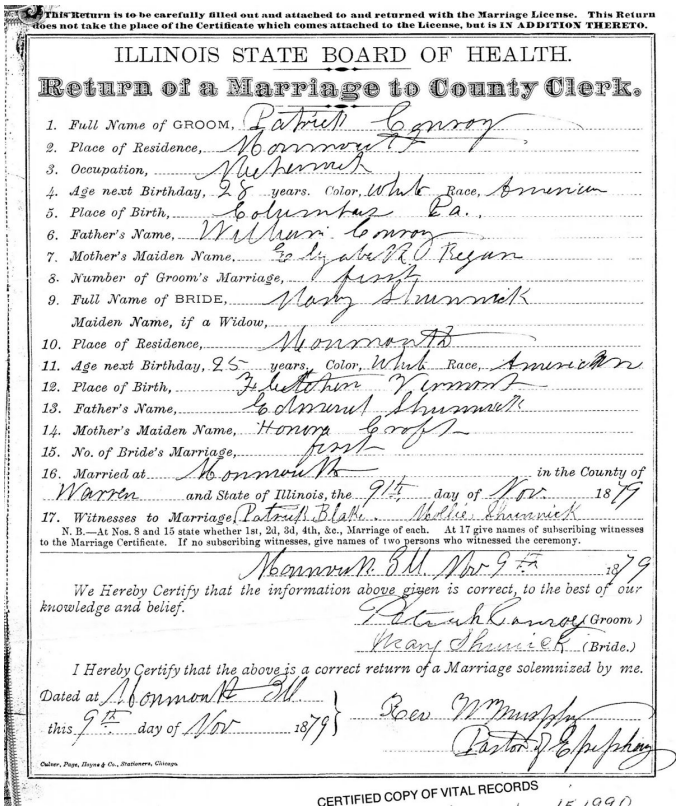
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Patrick and Mary sign their names

Open the marriage return and you can see their signatures. Patrick listed his work as machinist and his birthplace as Columbus, Pennsylvania. Mary gave Fletcher, Vermont, as her birthplace and named her parents, Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft.

Gene remembered Patrick meeting Mary at a church social while she was visiting her sister near Galesburg. The marriage return brings that family story down to a particular day, November 9, 1879, with their names written on the page. It also gives us a starting point for Mary's Shunick family, through the parents she named.



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Read the record

The boilermaker who could swim

To hear Gene tell it, P.W. was quite a swimmer. At Miller Park in Bloomington, he rented a bathing suit, swam across the lake and back, and climbed up for a high dive. He was in his seventies. Gene also tells a separate story about P.W. swimming around Navy Pier at 83.

The two swims belong to different memories. At Miller Park, Gene describes the lake crossing and the dive. At Navy Pier, it's the sight of his grandfather swimming at an age when most people would have been content to watch. The old photographs here help put those places around Gene's account; the recording adds the details in his own voice.



A later view of the Bloomington lake Gene remembered. The museum identifies this as the park's then-segregated bathing beach. McLean County Museum of History.

Find the swimming stories in the interview

Following the railroad

Gene takes P.W.'s story through Kewanee, Bloomington, and Chicago. In Kewanee, steam heating and boiler-making were already substantial businesses. The earlier Haxtun works were part of the industrial history that eventually produced Kewanee Boiler. Later, P.W.'s daughter Mary recorded forty years of work as a boiler inspector in railroad shops.

Work wasn't the only thing that took them to Chicago. As Gene tells it, their daughter Mary was a railroad superintendent's secretary. When the superintendent moved, she went with him, and her parents followed. Gene's memories of visiting his grandmother at White City, the South Side amusement park, belong to that Chicago part of their lives.



G.W. Staples, left, Kewanee, Illinois, ca 1880s. Richard used store for pick-up and drop-off for laundry business.

Photo courtesy Kewanee Historical Society.

Kewanee storefronts, about the 1880s, with G. W. Staples at left. Courtesy of Kewanee Historical Society, reproduced in Dean Karau's account of Richard Carroll.

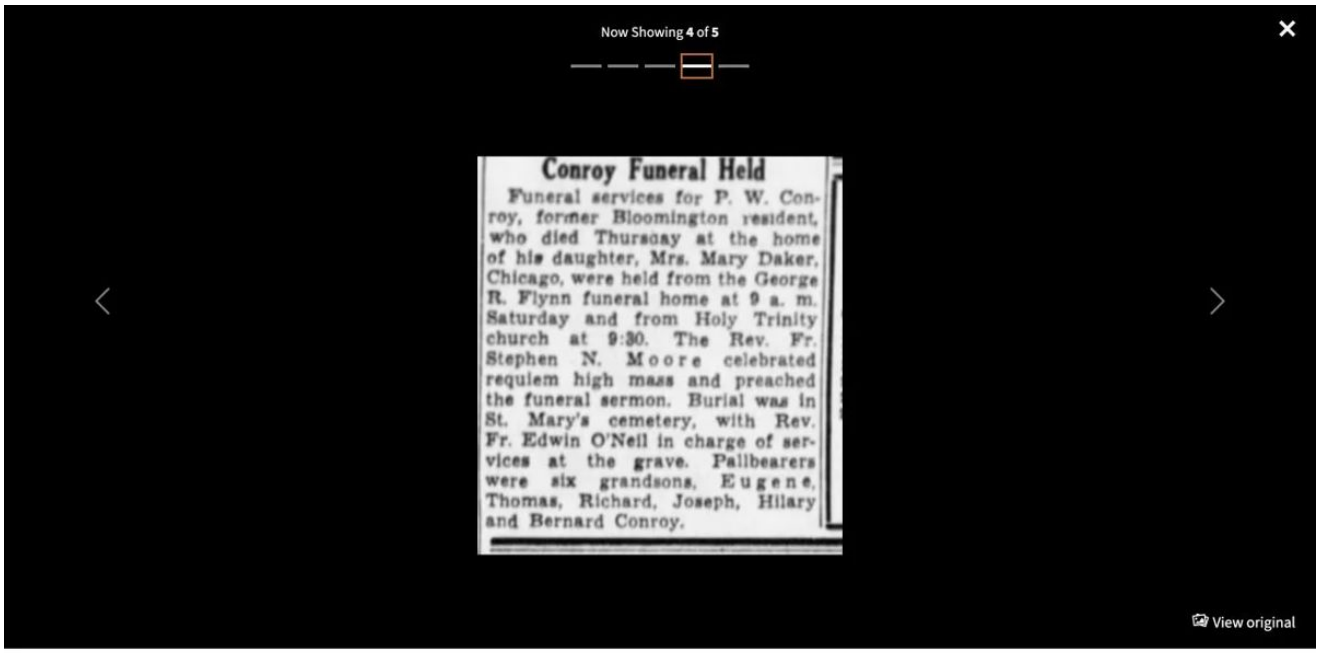
A visit to Mary's relatives

Years later, Gene took his father along on a business trip near Galesburg. In Monmouth, someone directed them to a Shunick cousin who ran a tavern. They went on to visit an elderly aunt and the family graves near Alexis. Gene remembered how much the visit meant to his father.

Visit Mary's Shunick relatives

Ten children, and their families

Gene could still name them: Bob, Ed, Tom, William James, Mary, Francis, Nan, Dave, Dick, and Morris. William James was his father. When P.W. died in 1937, six grandsons served as pallbearers, including Gene. You can read their names in the funeral report.



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Eugene, Thomas, Richard, Joseph, Hilary, and Bernard Conroy are named as pallbearers. The reporter describes P.W. as a former Bloomington resident who died at his daughter Mary Daker's Chicago home.

Read the funeral report

The parrot and the flooded basement

P.W. came home from a railroad job in Mexico with a parrot. Another memory involves a patent tonic, a flooded basement, and a very unhappy Walter. As Gene tells the stories, the others remember them, too.

The tonic story takes a little explaining. P.W. didn't drink, but the medicine contained alcohol, and he took rather more than the recommended dose. Gene remembers the basement and the water pipes, then the flood Walter came home to. The family's laughter is part of the recording, but the story itself has survived in the telling.

More of P.W.'s stories

From North Oak Street to the next generation

Some of the ten children stayed in Illinois; Ed went to Oklahoma. Their children included Gene, a historian who studied Japan, and the relatives who later organized a Bloomington reunion. Follow the branches to meet them.

Follow the ten children

From Gene's conversation, Patrick and Mary's marriage return, and P.W.'s death and funeral records.

CHAPTER 02

Gene in Bloomington

William James, Eleanor, and the boys at Trinity.

Gene sits in the middle of the front row in the 1930 Trinity basketball photograph. His brother Bill is at the far left. Jim kept the picture, and Laura shared it. It's a good place to begin with Gene as a boy in Bloomington.

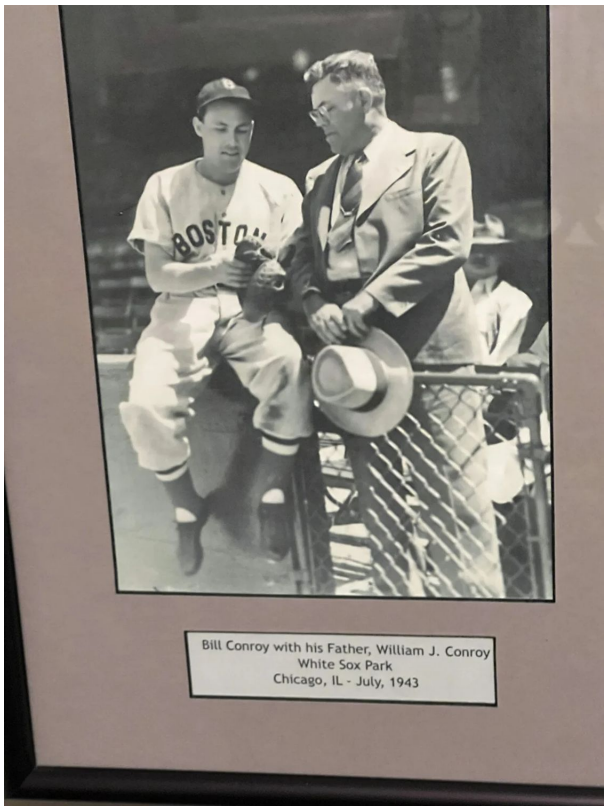


Trinity High School, Bloomington, 1930. The printed caption identifies William Conroy at the far left of the front row and Gene Conroy at its center.

William James and Eleanor

Gene's father worked on the railroad, first shoveling coal into engines and later working as a conductor. He and Eleanor Gordon had Gene, William Gordon, and June. Darb, William James's son from his first marriage, was their older half-brother.

Those railroad jobs shaped Gene's childhood. He was born in Joliet, and remembers the family going back and forth between Joliet and Bloomington. In the interview, he places a later move to Bloomington in 1922. The railway-shop photographs give a sense of the workplaces behind those moves.



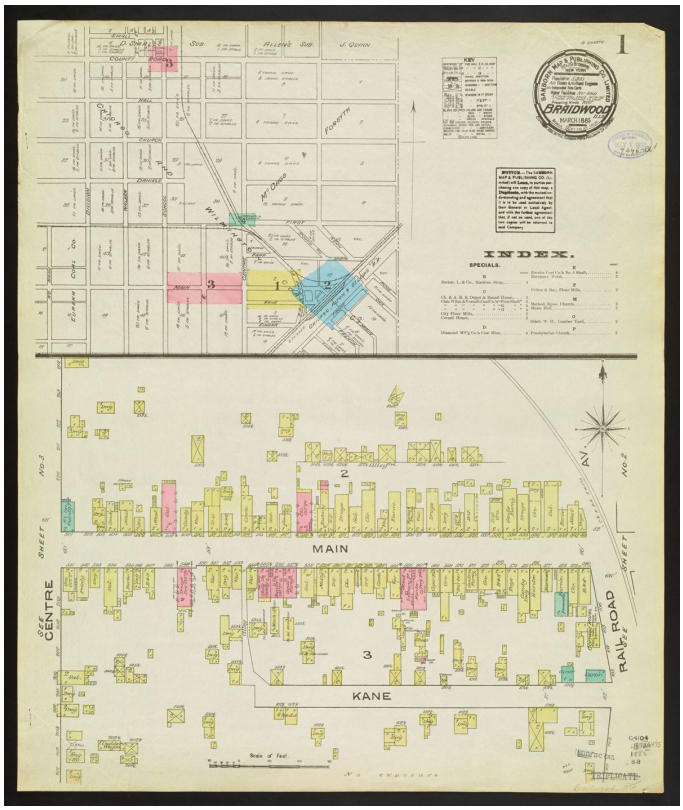
The display identifies the pair as Bill Conroy with his father, William J. Conroy, at White Sox Park in Chicago, July 1943. They are Gene's brother and father, and Bill's uncle and grandfather.

Meet William James

Eleanor's family

Gene remembers Eleanor growing up in Braidwood. Her father, Jimmy Gordon, came from Belfast and worked in Scottish mines before Illinois. He opposed her marriage to a Catholic, but Gene remembers him and William James eventually becoming close friends.

The disagreement over Eleanor's marriage was about religion. Jimmy was a Protestant and an Orangeman; William James was Catholic. Eleanor stayed with her aunt Mary Lauer, whom the family called Biddy. Gene's account follows the family beyond the disagreement to the friendship that came afterwards.

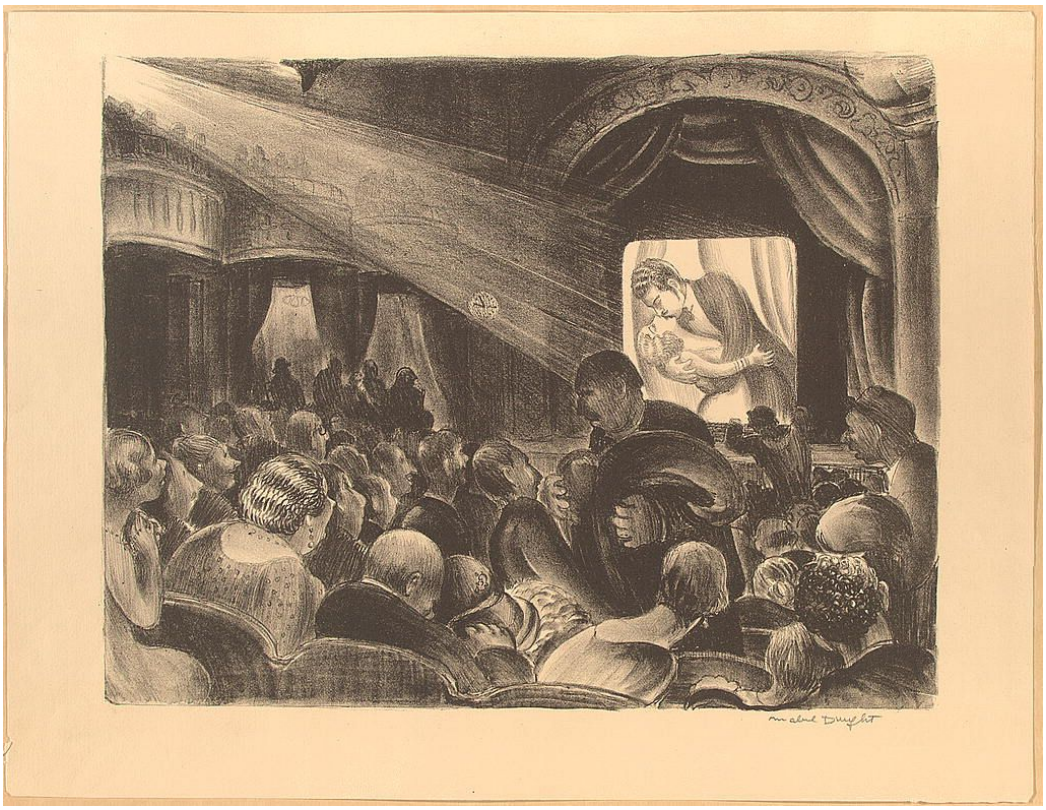


Braidwood in March 1885, sheet 1 of a Sanborn fire-insurance map. The index names coal shafts, hotels, and the Chicago & Alton depot and roundhouse. A detailed view of the town in the Gordon family story. University of Illinois Library.

Eleanor Gordon Conroy

Reading at the silent movies

Gene and his brother went to silent films with their grandmother and read the title cards aloud for her. She hadn’t learned to read. The boys helped her follow the story on the screen.



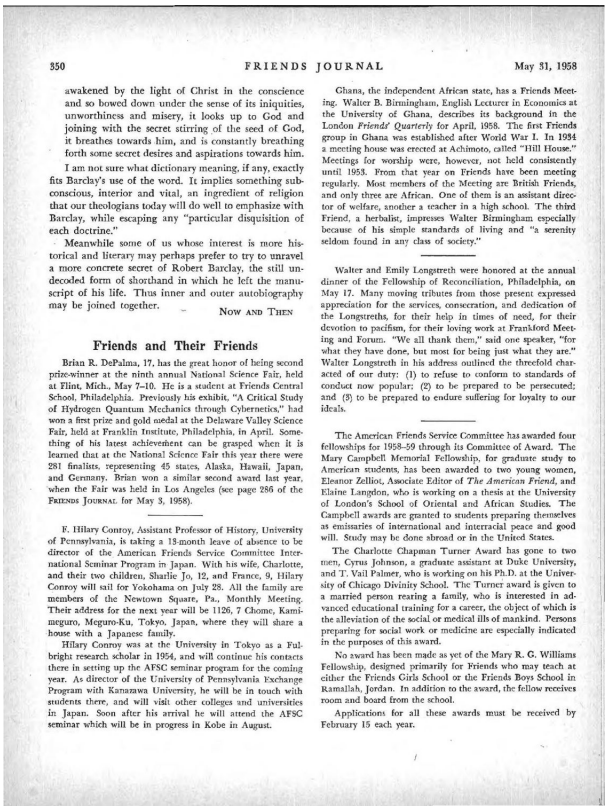
Mabel Dwight's 1928 lithograph, The Clinch, Movie Theatre. A period artist's view of a night at the pictures, alongside Gene's memory of reading the silent-film titles. Library of Congress.

Find the movie memories

Cousin Hilary

Uncle Pete's son Hilary became a historian of East Asia. Gene mentions him in the conversation. In the university archives and a fellow historian's account, you can read about his language training during World War II, work in Japan, and long teaching career.

Hilary was Uncle Pete's son, so he and Gene belonged to the same generation of cousins. His work took him a long way from the Illinois family stories: wartime language training, Japan and a career studying East Asia. The longer account brings his academic life back into the family Gene remembered.



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awakened by the light of Christ in the conscience and so bowed down under the sense of its iniquities, unworthiness and misery, it looks up to God and joining with the secret stirring of the seed of God, it breathes towards him, and is constantly breathing forth some secret desires and aspirations towards him.

I am not sure what dictionary meaning, if any, exactly fits Barclay's use of the word. It implies something subconscious, interior and vital, an ingredient of religion that our theologians today will do well to emphasize with Barclay, while escaping any "particular disquisition of each doctrine."

Meanwhile some of us whose interest is more historical and literary may perhaps prefer to try to unravel a more concrete secret of Robert Barclay, the still undecoded form of shorthand in which he left the manuscript of his life. Thus inner and outer autobiography may be joined together. — Now and Then

Friends and Their Friends

Brian R. DePalma, 17, has the great honor of being second prize-winner at the ninth annual National Science Fair, held at Flint, Mich., May 7–10. He is a student at Friends Central School, Philadelphia. Previously his exhibit, "A Critical Study of Hydrogen Quantum Mechanics through Cybernetics," had won a first prize and gold medal at the Delaware Valley Science Fair, held at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, in April. Something of his latest achievement can be grasped when it is learned that at the National Science Fair this year there were 281 finalists, representing 45 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, and Germany. Brian won a similar second award last year, when the Fair was held in Los Angeles (see page 286 of the Friends Journal for May 3, 1958).

F. Hilary Conroy, Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania, is taking a 18-month leave of absence to be director of the American Friends Service Committee International Seminar Program in Japan. With his wife, Charlotte, and their two children, Sharlie Jo, 12, and France, 9, Hilary Conroy will sail for Yokohama on July 28. All the family are members of the Newtown Square, Pa., Monthly Meeting. Their address for the next year will be 1126, 7 Chome, Kamimeguro, Meguro-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, where they will share a house with a Japanese family.

Hilary Conroy was at the University in Tokyo as a Fulbright research scholar in 1954, and will continue his contacts there in setting up the AFSC seminar program for the coming year. As director of the University of Pennsylvania Exchange Program with Kanazawa University, he will be in touch with students there, and will visit other colleges and universities in Japan. Soon after his arrival he will attend the AFSC seminar which will be in progress in Kobe in August.

Ghana, the independent African state, has a Friends Meeting. Walter B. Birmingham, English Lecturer in Economics at the University of Ghana, describes its background in the London *Friends' Quarterly* for April, 1958. The first Friends group in Ghana was established after World War I. In 1934 a meeting house was erected at Achimoto, called "Hill House." Meetings for worship were, however, not held consistently until 1953. From that year on Friends have been meeting regularly. Most members of the Meeting are British Friends, and only three are African. One of them is an assistant director of welfare, another a teacher in a high school. The third Friend, a herbalist, impresses Walter Birmingham especially because of his simple standards of living and "a serenity seldom found in any class of society."

Walter and Emily Longstreth were honored at the annual dinner of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Philadelphia, on May 17. Many moving tributes from those present expressed appreciation for the services, consecration, and dedication of the Longstreths, for their help in times of need, for their devotion to pacifism, for their loving work at Frankford Meeting and Forum. "We all thank them," said one speaker, "for what they have done, but most for being just what they are." Walter Longstreth in his address outlined the threefold character of our duty: (1) to refuse to conform to standards of conduct now popular; (2) to be prepared to be persecuted; and (3) to be prepared to endure suffering for loyalty to our ideals.

The American Friends Service Committee has awarded four fellowships for 1958–59 through its Committee of Award. The Mary Campbell Memorial Fellowship, for graduate study to American students, has been awarded to two young women, Eleanor Zelliot, Associate Editor of *The American Friend*, and Elaine Langdon, who is working on a thesis at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. The Campbell awards are granted to students preparing themselves as emissaries of international and interracial peace and good will. Study may be done abroad or in the United States.

The Charlotte Chapman Turner Award has gone to two men, Cyrus Johnson, a graduate assistant at Duke University, and T. Vail Palmer, who is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago Divinity School. The Turner award is given to a married person rearing a family, who is interested in advanced educational training for a career, the object of which is the alleviation of the social or medical ills of mankind. Persons preparing for social work or medicine are especially indicated in the purposes of this award.

No award has been made as yet of the Mary R. G. Williams Fellowship, designed primarily for Friends who may teach at either the Friends Girls School or the Friends Boys School in Ramallah, Jordan. In addition to the award, the fellow receives room and board from the school.

Applications for all these awards must be received by February 15 each year.

Friends Journal, May 31, 1958, printed page 350. The family notice is in the lower-left column.

Read about Hilary Conroy

From Trinity to the Red Sox

Look from the Trinity team photograph to the baseball portrait Jim kept. The boy at the end of the front row became the major-league catcher. He signed the portrait to Gene and Betty as “Bro. Bill.”



Trinity High School, Bloomington, 1930. The printed caption identifies William Conroy at the far left of the front row and Gene Conroy at its center.

The work behind the moves

As Gene tells it, his father followed the available work between Joliet and Bloomington. Earlier jobs had taken him to the Southwest and a printing company in Chicago. His life helps explain why the family knew so many places.



An aerial view of the Chicago & Alton shops from the museum article.

Read William James's story

More of the Gordon family

Gene remembers Aunt Biddy's home, Jimmy's hotel and tavern, and his grandfather's funeral. He was a small boy then, but he could still picture the horse-drawn hearse.



Illinois Steel Works in Joliet, photographed between 1880 and 1901. A view of the city's industrial landscape before the accident Gene recalls. Library of Congress.

Follow the Gordons

The teammates Gene remembered

During the interview, Gene talks through the boys in a team photograph. He remembers football as well as basketball, and the knee injury that ended his football days.



Trinity High School, Bloomington, 1930. The printed caption identifies William Conroy at the far left of the front row and Gene Conroy at its center.

Read the Trinity story

From Gene’s conversation and the photographs Jim kept, shared by Laura. Hilary’s career is described in the university and historical sources linked in his story.

CHAPTER 03

Gene, Betty & June

Gene and Betty's household, and June's life in Joliet and South Carolina.

As Gene tells it, he went from school in Bloomington to the University of Illinois and then to Chicago in 1934. He and Betty raised five children. In the interview, you hear about the work trips and family visits that filled those years.



Gene and Betty together in their convertible.

Working in Chicago

Looking through photographs, Gene remembers a gathering in Chicago in September 1944 and changing jobs the following year. His work also took him around Illinois. On one business trip near Galesburg, he brought his father along, and they went looking for the Shunick relatives.

Read the working-life recollection

Betty and the children

Gene and Betty raised B.G., Mike, Bill, Jim and Kathy. Wisconsin became part of their summers while the children were young. Betty stayed up north with them, and Gene took the train to join them after the working week.

Those summers connected several households. Betty and the children had their time up north, Gene joined them around his work, and Darb and Ruth were there with the fishing, meals and trips into town that everyone remembered. Years later, Bill could still describe the train journey in detail.

Betty and the Wagner connection

News from June

Gene's younger sister June worked at the Texas Company and spent years in Joliet with Eleanor. Later she moved to South Carolina. In the video, Gene brings out a photograph of her home and talks about her invitation to the Masters.

June is sometimes easiest to find in the conversation through the photographs Gene is holding. A picture of her house leads him into her later life, while other memories take him back to the years she spent with Eleanor. Her story continues beyond the Bloomington childhood she shared with her brothers.

Read June's story

Around the table

Bill and Sarah ask questions and add memories of their own. By the end, everyone is talking about the dog, friends, and taking Molly to lunch at the Legion. It's a family visit as much as a history lesson.

Read the closing scene

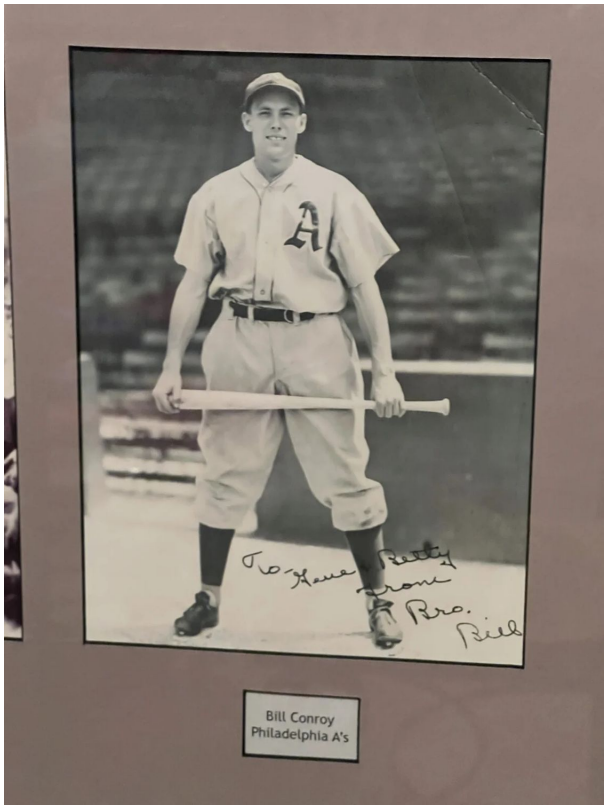
From Gene's conversation, the family photographs, and family information about Betty's parents.

CHAPTER 04

Uncle Bill’s baseball years

Gene’s brother, the catcher the family knew as Bill.

Uncle Bill was William Gordon Conroy, Gene’s brother and the major-league catcher. Jim kept his photographs and a newspaper article about his work with the Red Sox. Thanks to Laura, the family can spend time with those pictures and read the story for themselves.



William Gordon Conroy’s Philadelphia Athletics portrait, inscribed to Gene and Betty and signed “Bro. Bill.”

At the first All-Star Game

Bill caught batting practice at the first All-Star Game in 1933. Jim kept an American League group photograph from the event, along with sheets identifying the people in it. It gives the family a picture of Bill near the beginning of his baseball career.

This was before Bill’s seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox. The group photograph puts him among some of the best-known players of the day. The identification sheets are worth opening alongside it: they let you find Bill in a crowded picture, rather than lose him among the famous faces.



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Read the career background

Joe Cronin’s catcher

Reporter Harry Grayson asked Red Sox manager Joe Cronin who deserved credit for the team’s rise. Cronin named Conroy and praised his work with the pitchers. Open the clipping to read the whole article, or use the text version for an easier read.

That praise makes more sense when you follow the rest of his career. Bill played for the Athletics from 1935 through 1937, spent four seasons with Oakland, then joined Boston in 1942. Grayson’s article lets you see how a reporter and manager described the work of the catcher behind the plate.

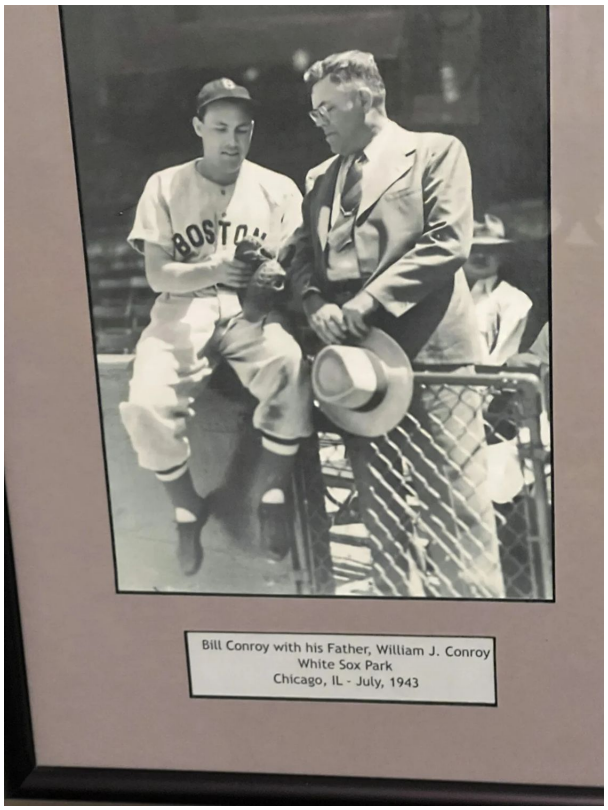


The July 15, 1942 La Grande Evening Observer, page 8. Grayson's article is at lower left.

Read the newspaper article

A visit from his father

The family display dates this photograph at White Sox Park to July 1943. Bill is beside his father, William James, who was also Gene's father. A visit to the ballpark gave the family this picture of the two of them together.



The display identifies the pair as Bill Conroy with his father, William J. Conroy, at White Sox Park in Chicago, July 1943. They are Gene's brother and father, and Bill's uncle and grandfather.

With his Boston teammates

The caption on another photograph identifies a 1942 war-bond event in Boston. It names Dom DiMaggio, Ted Williams, and Bill Conroy. Laura photographed the image with its caption so you can read it alongside the picture.



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What Jim kept

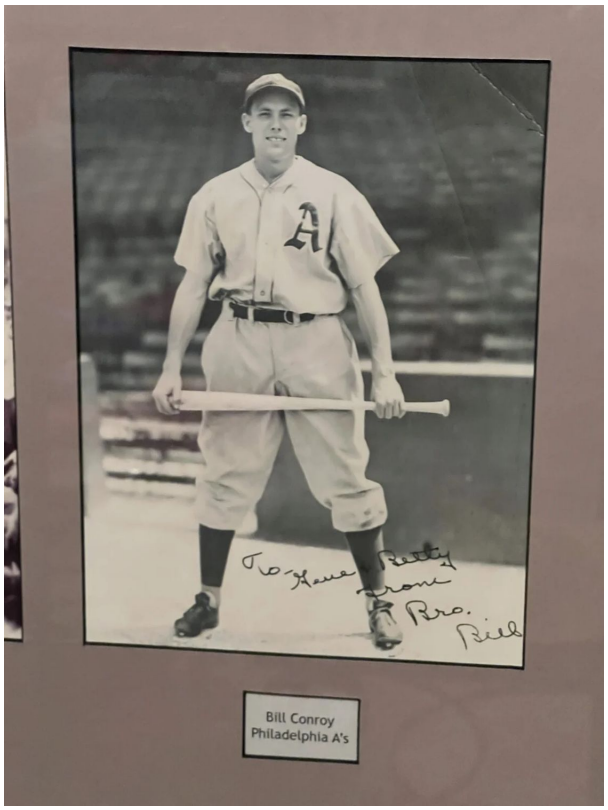
Bill addressed his portrait to Gene and Betty. Jim kept it with the newspaper article, group photograph, and other baseball memorabilia in his basement. Laura photographed the collection after Jim's death and shared it with the family.

Explore Jim's collection

Colleen and Pat in California

Gene talks about Uncle Bill's children, Colleen and Pat, and a visit to Pat's home in Sacramento. Bill remembers Pat from childhood, including a game of blind man's bluff that ended badly at the Elmhurst house.

The family stories pick up where the baseball records leave off. Gene remembers a cookout at Pat's home in Sacramento. Bill remembers playing with cousin Pat much earlier, in Elmhurst, including a game of blind man's bluff that went wrong. They knew Uncle Bill's children as cousins, with visits and stories of their own.



William Gordon Conroy's Philadelphia Athletics portrait, inscribed to Gene and Betty and signed "Bro. Bill."

Meet the California family

From Jim's collection, shared by Laura, and Bill Nowlin's SABR biography.

CHAPTER 05

Summers in Wisconsin

Bill and Jim's train ride, and summers with Darb and Ruth.

Betty packed a large lunch for Bill and Jim's train ride. They ate it before the train left the station. Then, worried about missing their stop, they stayed in their seats for the long trip north. Bill remembers it well.



Roger Puta photographed the Chicago and North Western's Flambeau 400 at Eland in September 1964. An example of passenger travel in northern Wisconsin in a later summer.

Eight hours in their seats

Before Bill and Jim set off, Gene spoke with the conductor and showed him their grandfather's railroad pass. The conductor said the boys would be looked after. Betty supplied the other part of the preparations: a large packed lunch.

The boys finished their lunch before the train even left Chicago. Then, worried about missing their stop, they stayed in their seats. Bill remembers eight hours of sitting there, determined not to miss the station. The train photograph, route map and timetables help trace the trip he's describing.



The advertisement is dated effective June 16, 1916. It names the Fisherman's Special and Northern Lakes Special, with Tomahawk Lake and Woodruff on the route. It predates Bill's journey by several decades.

Read the train recollection

Gene's Friday-night train

Gene made his own trips north after the working week. He remembers leaving Chicago's North Western Station on a Friday night in a Pullman and arriving at Lake Tomahawk the next morning. The 1916 advertisement here gives an earlier view of how the railroad promoted trips to the northern lakes.

For Gene, the overnight trip was a way to join Betty and the children without losing the working week. He describes a sleeping-car journey, with Chicago behind him on Friday night and the lakes ahead the next morning. The photographs and schedules in the gallery span several years, so each is dated: together they show the railway that carried generations of holidaymakers north.



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The trains and the Bearskin Trail

Darb before Wisconsin

Darb was Gene's older half-brother. In Bloomington, his steady fire-department wages helped the family through the Depression. Years later, Gene helped him with a payment on the Wisconsin property. Their closeness started long before the children's summer visits. Molly also remembers his Navy service aboard USS Hopi, a fleet tug equipped for salvage and firefighting.



Bloomington firefighters in 1929. The museum's caption identifies a Bernard Conroy among the men. From the McLean County Museum of History collection.

Darb & Ruth

Then someone had to clean the fish

A fishing trip could turn into a much longer job once everyone was back on shore. On one later outing, the catch was remembered as roughly a hundred panfish. Cleaning them took hours, a detail that gets plenty of attention when the family tells the story.

The meals belong in the story as much as the fishing. Bill remembers Ruth's Sunday fried chicken, fish dinners and trips into town in the back of her pickup for ice cream. In the interview, a fishing story can turn into a memory of dinner or a ride into town, with the others joining in as they remember more.



Henry Lefebvre photograph, Wisconsin Historical Society, W013SYG (formerly WHi 36588).

Read the fishing recollection

The muskie and the plane rides

Bill remembers Darb's big muskie in a glass case. The family also remembers a pilot offering children rides over the water for $2.50. You can read those memories alongside accounts of sightseeing pilots who worked around the lakes.



The photograph is from the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame article. It has not been identified as the plane Bill rode.

Read what we know about the floatplane

How Darb met Ruth

Gene says Ruth was nursing his father in the hospital when she met Darb. They married and lived nearby. In his stories, Gene remembers how often they helped the family.

Read Darb and Ruth's story

Another trip around the lake

On a later visit, Darb took young John around the lake to show him his fishing holes. Getting out of the boat at a steep bank proved more difficult than getting there. Bill tells the story in the interview.

Darb leaned on John's shoulder for help getting out, but John slowly sank under his weight and they both slid down. Bill remembers Darb saying nothing about it. It's a different visit from the boys' early train trips, one of the later memories that kept the family talking about the lake.



Henry Lefebvre photograph, Wisconsin Historical Society, W013SYG (formerly WHi 36588).

Read more lake memories

From Gene and Bill's conversation and later family memories. Railway photograph: Roger Puta, Eland, Wisconsin, September 1964.

CHAPTER 06

Bill & Sarah’s family

Bill and Sarah, their children and grandchildren.

Bill and Sarah raised Jack and Molly, and now have six grandchildren. Their family still spends summers around Minocqua, where Bill first went as a boy more than seventy years ago.

Meet the family

Jack and Michelle have Madeline, Nora, William and Harper. Molly and Ron have Adriana and Regan. The Christmas photograph brings much of the family together in 2025; the picture at the lake includes Adriana and Regan, too. Open the tree to follow each household and see the photographs connected to each person.

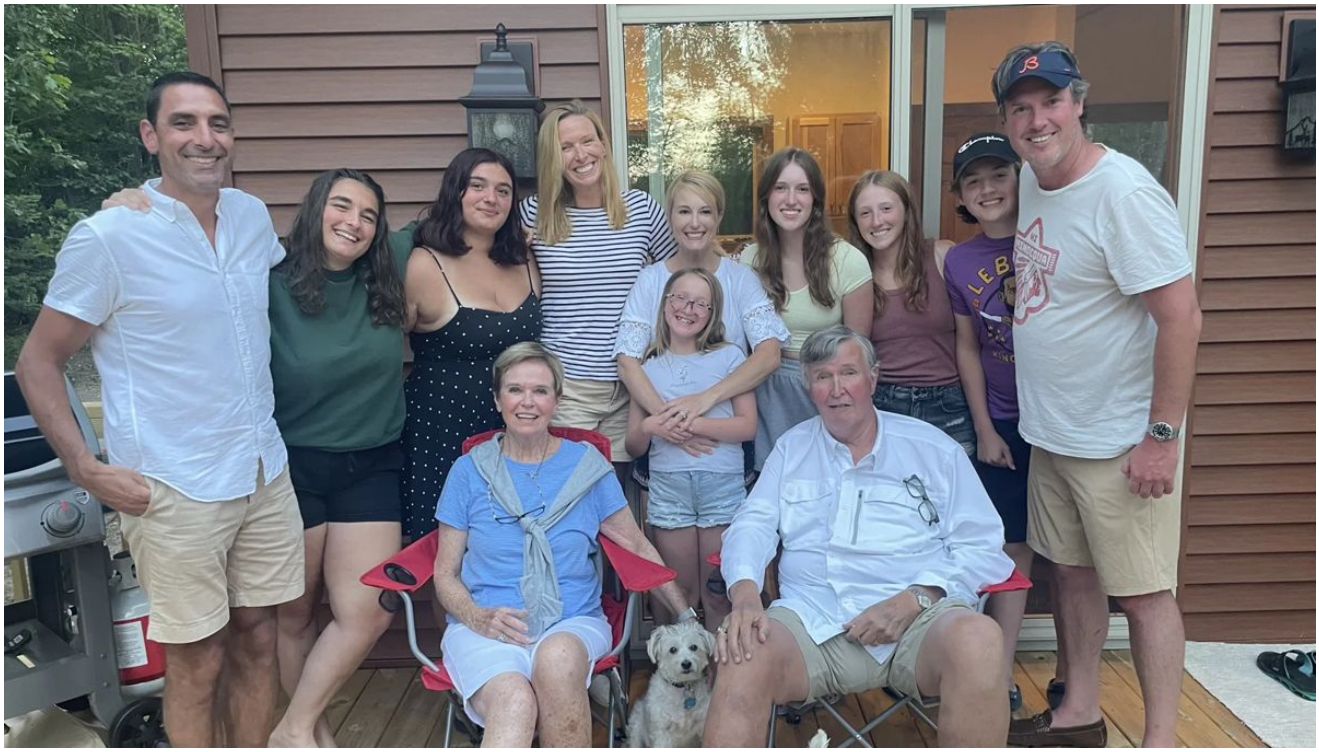


A Christmas gathering with Bill and Sarah’s family in 2025.

Open the family tree

Back at the lake in Minocqua

Bill has been coming to the Minocqua area for more than seventy years. His early summers meant the train north and time with Darb and Ruth. Today, Jack and Michelle have a cottage here, and so do Molly and Ron. The 2022 photograph shows the whole gang together at the lake. The children and grandchildren now have their own time here, in the place that has been part of Bill's life since he was a boy.

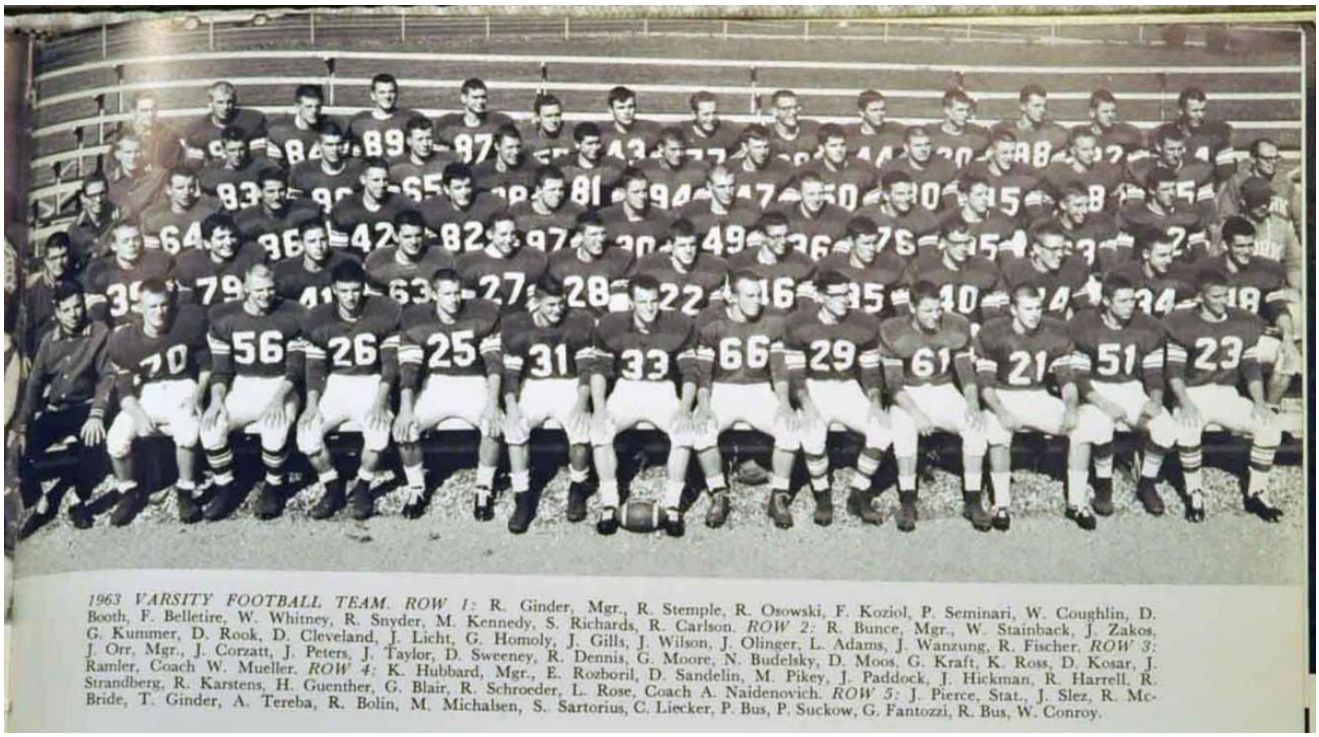


Bill and Sarah with Jack and Michelle's family and Molly and Ron's family at the lake in Minocqua, 2022. Jack and Michelle and Molly and Ron now have cottages in the area Bill has visited for more than seventy years.

Go back to those first summers

Bill's football years

Bill played football at York High School in Elmhurst before going on to Wisconsin. His senior yearbook includes his portrait and team photograph, along with a picture of him throwing the shot. His story follows those school years through law school and his work in banking.



1963 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. ROW 1: R. Ginder, Mgr., R. Stemple, R. Osowski, F. Koziol, P. Seminari, W. Coughlin, D. Booth, F. Belletire, W. Whitney, R. Snyder, M. Kennedy, S. Richards, R. Carlson. *ROW 2:* R. Bunce, Mgr., W. Stainback, J. Zakos, G. Kummer, D. Rook, D. Cleveland, J. Licht, G. Homoly, J. Gills, J. Wilson, J. Olinger, L. Adams, J. Wanzung, R. Fischer. *ROW 3:* J. Orr, Mgr., J. Corzatt, J. Peters, J. Taylor, D. Sweeney, R. Dennis, G. Moore, N. Budelsky, D. Moos, G. Kraft, K. Ross, D. Kosar, J. Ramler, Coach W. Mueller. *ROW 4:* K. Hubbard, Mgr., E. Rozboril, D. Sandelin, M. Pikey, J. Paddock, J. Hickman, R. Harrell, R. Strandberg, R. Karstens, H. Guenther, G. Blair, R. Schroeder, L. Rose, Coach A. Naidenovich. *ROW 5:* J. Pierce, Stat., J. Slez, R. McBride, T. Ginder, A. Tereba, R. Bolin, M. Michalsen, S. Sartorius, C. Liecker, P. Bus, P. Suckow, G. Fantozzi, R. Bus, W. Conroy.

The yearbook caption names W. Conroy last in the fifth row. Open the full yearbook page to read the team's names.

Follow Bill's story

Wisconsin, then Ohio State

Bill went on to Wisconsin, where the 1965 squad list records him as number 53, playing center. He was also a Beta. His next school was Ohio State, where his portrait appears in the law-school class of 1971. Open the photographs and records to spend more time with those years.

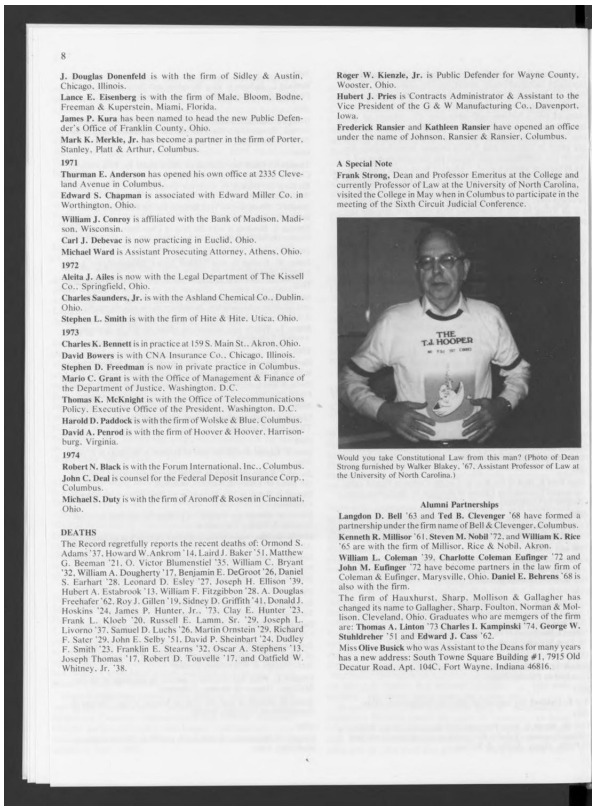


The class composite includes this portrait labeled W. J. Conroy. Open the original to see the whole class; Bill's portrait is fourth from the left in the first full student row below the class title.

Read about his school years

From Madison to Vero Beach

Ohio State's alumni magazine follows Bill into banking. A 1976 note places him at the Bank of Madison. In 2002, it reports his election as managing director of the Trust Department of Marine Bank and Trust in Vero Beach. Both original notices are here to read.



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J. Douglas Donenfeld is with the firm of Sidley & Austin, Chicago, Illinois.
Lance E. Eisenberg is with the firm of Male, Bloom, Bodne, Freeman & Kuperstein, Miami, Florida.
James P. Kura has been named to head the new Public Defender's Office of Franklin County, Ohio.
Mark K. Merkle, Jr. has become a partner in the firm of Porter, Stanley, Platt & Arthur, Columbus.

1971

Thurman E. Anderson has opened his own office at 2335 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus.
Edward S. Chapman is associated with Edward Miller Co. in Worthington, Ohio.
William J. Conroy is affiliated with the Bank of Madison, Madison, Wisconsin.
Carl J. Debevac is now practicing in Euclid, Ohio.
Michael Ward is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Athens, Ohio.

1972

Abita J. Ailes is now with the Legal Department of The Kissell Co., Springfield, Ohio.
Charles Saunders, Jr. is with the Ashland Chemical Co., Dublin, Ohio.
Stephen L. Smith is with the firm of Hite & Hite, Utica, Ohio.

1973

Charles K. Bennett is in practice at 159 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio.
David Bowers is with CNA Insurance Co., Chicago, Illinois.
Stephen D. Freedman is now in private practice in Columbus.
Mario C. Grant is with the Office of Management & Finance of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
Thomas K. McKnight is with the Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
Harold D. Paddock is with the firm of Wolske & Blue, Columbus.
David A. Penrod is with the firm of Hoover & Hoover, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

1974

Robert N. Black is with the Forum International, Inc., Columbus.
John C. Deal is counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Columbus.
Michael S. Duty is with the firm of Aronoff & Rosen in Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEATHS

The Record regretfully reports the recent deaths of: Ormond S. Adams '37, Howard W. Ankrom '14, Laird J. Baker '51, Matthew G. Beeman '21, O. Victor Blumenstiel '35, William C. Bryant '32, William A. Dougherty '17, Benjamin E. DeGroot '26, Daniel S. Earhart '28, Leonard D. Esley '27, Joseph H. Ellison '39, Hubert A. Estabrook '13, William F. Fitzgibbon '28, A. Douglas Freehafer '62, Roy J. Gillen '19, Sidney D. Griffith '41, Donald J. Hoskins '24, James P. Hunter, Jr., '73, Clay E. Hunter '23, Frank L. Kloeb '20, Russell E. Lamm, Sr. '29, Joseph L. Livorno '37, Samuel D. Luchs '26, Martin Ornstein '29, Richard F. Sater '29, John E. Selby '51, David P. Sheinbart '24, Dudley F. Smith '23, Franklin E. Stearns '32, Oscar A. Stephens '13, Joseph Thomas '17, Robert D. Touvelle '17, and Oatfield W. Whitney, Jr. '38.

Roger W. Kienzle, Jr. is Public Defender for Wayne County, Wooster, Ohio.
Hubert J. Pries is Contracts Administrator & Assistant to the Vice President of the G & W Manufacturing Co., Davenport, Iowa.
Frederick Ransier and **Kathleen Ransier** have opened an office under the name of Johnson, Ransier & Ransier, Columbus.

A Special Note

Frank Strong, Dean and Professor Emeritus at the College and currently Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina, visited the College in May when in Columbus to participate in the meeting of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Would you take Constitutional Law from this man? (Photo of Dean Strong furnished by Walker Blakey, '67, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina.)

Alumni Partnerships

Langdon D. Bell '63 and **Ted B. Clevenger** '68 have formed a partnership under the firm name of Bell & Clevenger, Columbus.
Kenneth R. Millisor '61, **Steven M. Nobil** '72, and **William K. Rice** '65 are with the firm of Millisor, Rice & Nobil, Akron.
William L. Coleman '39, **Charlotte Coleman Eufinger** '72 and **John M. Eufinger** '72 have become partners in the law firm of Coleman & Eufinger, Marysville, Ohio. **Daniel E. Behrens** '68 is also with the firm.
The firm of Hauxhurst, Sharp, Mollison & Gallagher has changed its name to Gallagher, Sharp, Foulton, Norman & Mollison, Cleveland, Ohio. Graduates who are memgers of the firm are: **Thomas A. Linton** '73 **Charles I. Kampinski** '74, **George W. Stuhldreher** '51 and **Edward J. Cass** '62.
Miss **Olive Busick** who was Assistant to the Deans for many years has a new address: South Towne Square Building #1, 7915 Old Decatur Road, Apt. 104C, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46816.

Ohio State's alumni notes place William J. Conroy, class of 1971, at the Bank of Madison in Wisconsin.

Read the career story

Jim's family

Jim and his first wife, Bonnie, were the parents of Tim, Jim and John. Jim later married Laura, who shared the photographs of the collection he kept in his basement. Those pictures have given everyone a chance to spend time with Gene and his brother Bill's history. Jim's son Jim is married to Juanita, and John and Jen have three sons. Bonnie, Tim and Jim are remembered by the family.

Jim's family and collection

The Butlers and the other branches

B.G., Gene and Betty's eldest child, married Jim Butler. Tom, Pat, Maureen and Deb are among their children. Mike's and Kathy's families have branches here as well. There's much more to tell about each household. These pages are a beginning, with photographs, memories and more of the family still to be added.

Follow all five branches

From Gene's interview, family photographs and recollections, York's 1964 yearbook, and the university and fraternity records linked with Bill's story.

The longer stories

Patrick and Mary sign their names

The family's Irish connections

Six grandsons at P.W.'s funeral

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Uncle Bill's years in baseball

Taking the train to the lake

A ride over the lake for $2.50

Conroy Big Reason For Red Sox Rise

P.W.'s parrot, the plumbing, and the land

Mary's family, from Monmouth to Chicago

The family on North Oak Street

William James and a working life on the railroad

The Gordons, from Belfast to Illinois

Gene and Bill at Trinity

June's move to South Carolina

Betty and her Wagner family

Uncle Bill's family in California

Darb and Ruth, before the Wisconsin summers

Ruth's pickup and Darb's fishing holes

The cousins and the Bloomington reunion

Lunch at the Legion

P.W. and his brother Thomas

Finding the Shunick relatives

The relatives Gene remembered

Catholic-school basketball in Gene's day

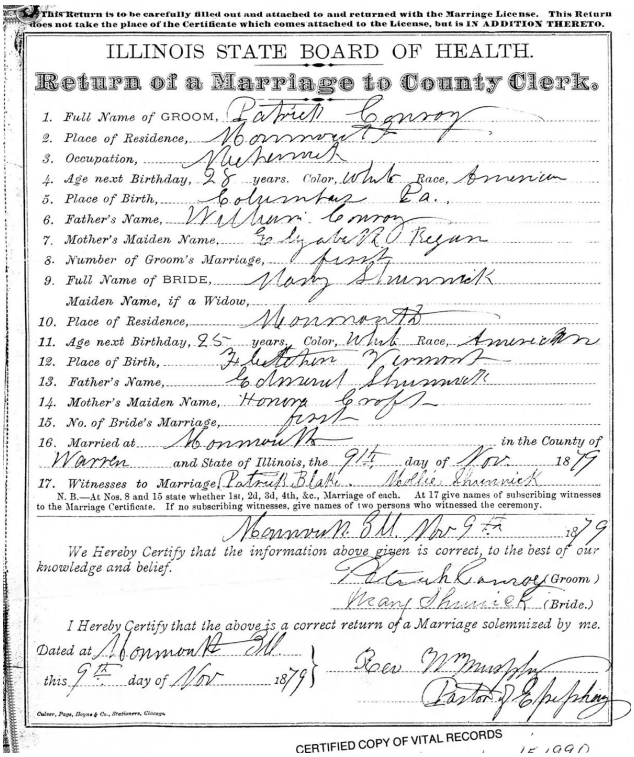
A closer look at Lake Tomahawk

The Conroy name in the Irish archives

Bill, from York to Wisconsin and beyond

Monmouth, Illinois · November 9, 1879

Patrick and Mary sign their names



This Return is to be carefully filled out and attached to and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM, Patrick Conroy
2. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
3. Occupation, Machinist
4. Age next Birthday, 28 years. Color, White Race, American
5. Place of Birth, Columbus Pa.
6. Father's Name, William Conroy
7. Mother's Maiden Name, Elizabeth O Regan
8. Number of Groom's Marriage, first
9. Full Name of BRIDE, Mary Shunnick
   Maiden Name, if a Widow,
10. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
11. Age next Birthday, 25 years Color, White Race, American
12. Place of Birth, Fletcher Vermont
13. Father's Name, Edmund Shunnick
14. Mother's Maiden Name, Honora Croft
15. No. of Bride's Marriage, first
16. Married at Monmouth Ill in the County of Warren and State of Illinois, the 9th day of Nov. 1879
17. Witnesses to Marriage, Patrick Blake, Nellie Shunnick

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., Marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Monmouth Ill. Nov 9th 1879

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Patrick Conroy (Groom.)

Mary Shunick (Bride.)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

Dated at Monmouth Ill. this 9th day of Nov 1879

Rev M Murphy

Pastor St Patricks

Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago.

CERTIFIED COPY OF VITAL RECORDS

The signed marriage return records Patrick Conroy and Mary Shunick marrying in Monmouth, Illinois, on November 9, 1879. Patrick is listed as a machinist. Mary's parents are named as Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft.

On November 9, 1879, Patrick Conroy and Mary Shunick married in Monmouth, Illinois. Here's the marriage return, with their signatures. Gene knew them as his grandparents, and you'll hear him call Patrick P.W. or the Boilermaker.

Patrick listed his work as machinist and his birthplace as Columbus, Pennsylvania. Mary gave Fletcher, Vermont, as her birthplace and named her parents, Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft.

To hear Gene tell it, Patrick met Mary at a church social while she was visiting her sister near Galesburg. By the time he knew them, they had raised a family of ten.

Family researcher Bill Daker shared this scan. Open it to see the handwriting and the details Patrick and Mary supplied themselves.

Sources and related material

Patrick's memorial and contributed records

Patrick and Mary, 1879

The Illinois marriage index

Kewanee storefronts, about the 1880s

Haxtun boilers and the later Kewanee works

Kewanee Boiler Corporation advertisement

From the family papers and historical accounts

The family's Irish connections

Gene talks about more than one Irish side of the family. On his mother's side, he takes the story back to his grandfather Jimmy Gordon in Belfast. Jimmy worked in the Scottish mines before settling in Illinois, as Gene remembers it.

On his father's side, Mary's family name appears as Shunick, Schunick, and Shinnick in the family papers. She was born in Vermont. On her marriage return, she named her parents as Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft. Years later, Gene found relatives still living around Monmouth and Alexis.

P.W.'s daughter Mary supplied another Irish place name when she completed the family information for his death certificate: County Waterford, the birthplace recorded for his parents. That's the source of the Waterford reference in the collection.

These are different parts of Gene's family. You can follow the Gordons through his memories of Eleanor, or begin with Mary's signature and her Shunick relatives in Illinois.

Sources and related material

Edmund Shunick memorial: contributor's marriage lead

National Library of Ireland: Youghal register page

Thomas's pension index

Patrick and Mary's marriage return

Gene's interview

Patrick and Mary, 1879

Thomas Conroy's death certificate, 1919

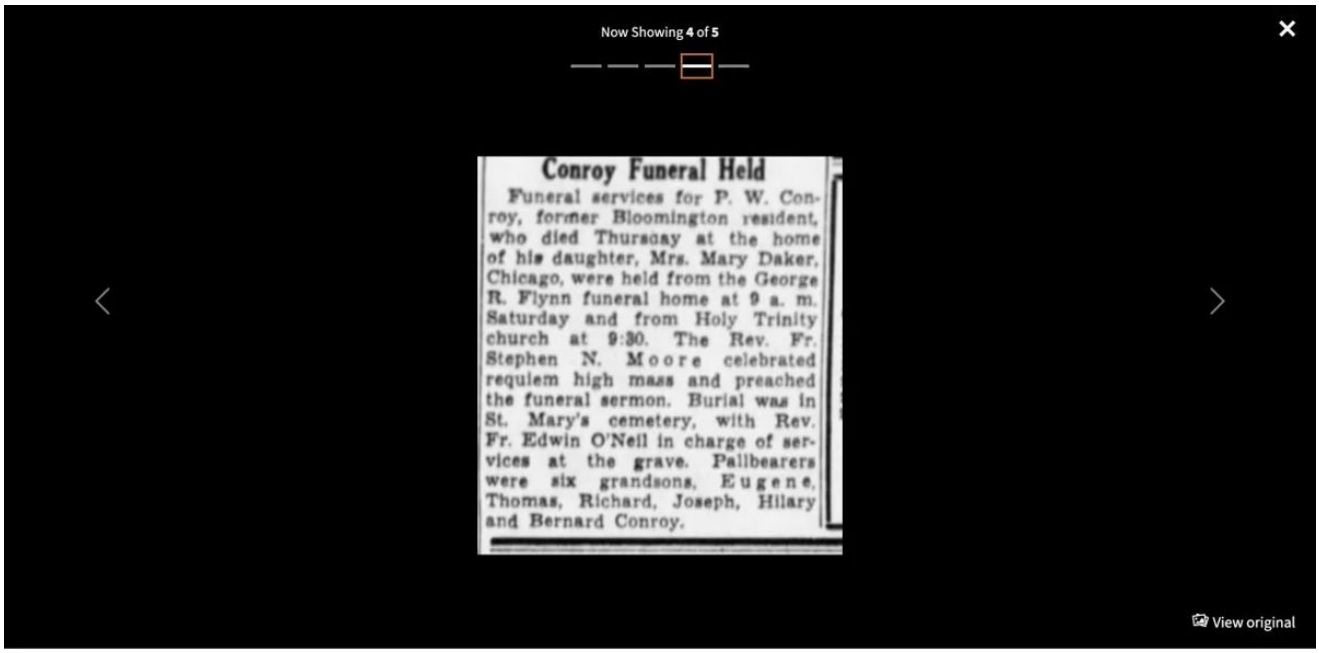
Boston's Ward 12 in the 1850 census

William Glavin's pension index

Massachusetts record references

From the family papers and historical accounts

Six grandsons at P.W.’s funeral



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Eugene, Thomas, Richard, Joseph, Hilary, and Bernard Conroy are named as pallbearers. The reporter describes P.W. as a former Bloomington resident who died at his daughter Mary Daker’s Chicago home.

Gene is named Eugene in this newspaper report. He was one of six grandsons who served as pallbearers for P.W., alongside Thomas, Richard, Joseph, Hilary, and Bernard Conroy.

The reporter described P.W. as a former Bloomington resident who had died at his daughter Mary Daker’s home in Chicago. The family gathered for his funeral in Bloomington, where the service notice also records burial at St. Mary’s.

In the video, Gene talks about these people as uncles and cousins. Here, you can read their names together in the newspaper. The contributor identifies the funeral report as The Pantagraph, March 21, 1937, page 18, and the earlier service notice as March 19, page 3.

Sources and related material

Contributed newspaper clipping and source context

P.W.’s six grandsons

P.W.’s funeral-service notice

P.W.’s death certificate, 1937

From the family papers and historical accounts

Hilary Conroy: from Bloomington to Japan

Gene remembers Hilary as his cousin, Uncle Pete's son. If you only heard that part of the conversation, you might miss how far Hilary's work took him.

Historian Wayne Patterson describes him as Bloomington High School's 1937 valedictorian and a talented tennis player. After graduating from Northwestern in 1941, Hilary studied Japanese at the Naval Language School during World War II. He later worked in military intelligence in occupied Japan.

A life studying East Asia

Hilary helped establish East Asian history at Swarthmore. He joined the University of Pennsylvania's history faculty in 1951 and retired in 1990. His books included The Japanese Seizure of Korea, 1868-1910.

Patterson also remembers his commitment to peace and his Quaker faith. Even at ninety, Hilary took part in a major conference discussion about Japan's annexation of Korea.

Penn keeps his correspondence, teaching materials, and other papers. Those records give us a much fuller account of the cousin Gene mentions in passing.

Sources and related material

Wayne Patterson, "F. Hilary Conroy (1919-2015)," Perspectives on History, September 1, 2015

University of Pennsylvania: F. Hilary Conroy Papers, UPT 50 C754

Hilary in Gene's interview

Charlotte Conroy's obituary portrait

Hilary and Charlotte's Japan plans

Charlotte at the Penn Museum

Hilary and Charlotte Conroy's planned Japan year

F. Hilary Conroy First Book Prize

From the family papers and historical accounts

Uncle Bill’s years in baseball

The ballplayer was William Gordon Conroy, known to teammates and family as Bill. He was Gene’s brother. William James, the older man beside him at White Sox Park, was their father. And the Bill telling childhood stories in Gene’s video is Gene’s son, the next generation.

Sportswriter Bill Nowlin follows Uncle Bill’s career in his biography for the Society for American Baseball Research, or SABR. It’s a good companion to the photographs Jim kept.

Catching for the Athletics and the Red Sox

Bill played for the Philadelphia Athletics from 1935 through 1937, then spent four seasons with the Oakland Oaks. He joined the Boston Red Sox in 1942 and stayed through 1944. In the Grayson newspaper article, manager Joe Cronin gives him much of the credit for improving the pitching staff.

Before those major-league seasons, Bill caught batting practice at the first All-Star Game in 1933. Jim kept the American League group photograph and its identification sheets. Bill was still a young player, working around some of baseball’s best-known names.

Nowlin describes a foul tip off Babe Ruth’s bat that injured Bill’s throwing hand. He also recounts an Oakland game in which Bill and teammate Cecil Dunn each hit for the cycle, getting a single, double, triple, and home run in the same game.

Away from the ballpark

Bill married Gerarda Leyh and worked during the offseason at her father’s bakery in Porterville, California. He served in the Navy in 1945, returned to baseball with Sacramento in 1946, and played for Columbus in 1947 and 1948. After baseball, Nowlin describes work in beverage sales supervision and for a school district.

The family knew another side of those California years. Gene talks about Colleen and Pat, their children, and a cookout at Pat’s place in Sacramento. Bill remembers cousin Pat from a much earlier visit to Elmhurst.

Read the newspaper article Jim kept

Visit the California branch

Sources and related material

Bill Nowlin, “Bill Conroy,” SABR Baseball Biography Project

Original career research and statistical references

William James and his son William Gordon

A photograph for Gene and Betty

Uncle Bill at the first All-Star Game

With the Boston teammates

Bill’s 1946 baseball-card image

Bill Conroy in the sports pages

Headed East (archive catalog)

Bill Conroy big leaguer during wartime (archive catalog)

Dated syndicated Grayson article

Headed East

Bill Conroy big leaguer during wartime

1946 Sunbeam Bread card 4, Bill Conroy

1933 All-Star Game silent newsreel

From the family papers and historical accounts

Taking the train to the lake



The advertisement is dated effective June 16, 1916. It names the Fisherman's Special and Northern Lakes Special, with Tomahawk Lake and Woodruff on the route. It predates Bill's journey by several decades.

Bill remembers eight hours in his seat. Gene remembers a Friday night in a Pullman sleeping car. They're talking about different trips north, each familiar to a family that spent its summers around Lake Tomahawk.

Gene says he left from Chicago's North Western Station after work and arrived the next morning. Betty and the children were already up at the lake. The train let him join them for the weekend.

A long history of summer trains

The 1916 advertisement in the collection names the Fisherman's Special and the Northern Lakes Special, with Tomahawk Lake and Woodruff on the route. Railroads were selling the northern lakes as a summer destination decades before Bill and Jim made their trip.

A reproduced 1950 Flambeau 400 timetable lists a Chicago departure at 11:30 a.m. and arrival at Lake Tomahawk at 7:35 p.m. That gives you a sense of what a daytime trip could involve. The photograph here is Roger Puta's September 1964 view of the Flambeau at Eland.

The gallery brings those pieces together with the North Western terminal, the railroad's 1956 system map, and schedules from 1956 and 1963. Open the schedules and you can find Lake Tomahawk and Woodruff on the northern service. Each has its own date, so you can see the route across different years.

And the Bearskin Trail?

The Bearskin follows a former Milwaukee Road corridor into Minocqua. Gene describes traveling on the Chicago and North Western. Both railroads served the Northwoods, and it helps to keep their routes separate when looking at old maps.

Sources and related material

1916 advertisement reproduced in Chips and Sawdust, Summer 1997

Flambeau 400 history and reproduced timetable

Town of Minocqua: railroad and trail history

Roger Puta's 1964 photograph

A North Western advertisement, 1916

The North Western route map, 1956

Chicago's North Western terminal

The railway's 1956 timetable

The railway's 1963 timetable

Lake Tomahawk in 1955

Midwest Railroad Research Center Timetable Collection (archive catalog)

C&NW passenger terminal, Madison Street entrance

C&NW public timetables in Sheldon Perry Collection

Midwest Railroad Research Center Timetable Collection

From the family papers and historical accounts

A ride over the lake for $2.50

The family remembers a pilot offering children floatplane rides around Lake Tomahawk or Minocqua for $2.50. A plane taking off from the water would have been quite a change from the train ride north.

There's more to read about that kind of flying in the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame's account of Norman "Tony" Werner. In his recorded recollections, Werner describes thirty-two years of sightseeing flights around Minocqua, Rhinelander, and Tomahawk, first in a J-3 Cub on floats and later in a four-seat Aeronca Sedan.

Werner's account is a chance to hear a local pilot describe the work and the aircraft. The family's memory of the $2.50 ride is its own story, told alongside that regional flying history.

Darb's muskie

Another memory from the lake is Darb's large mounted muskie in a glass case. During the family's search for it, someone reported that it had been kept in storage. Bill still remembers the fish. A photograph would make a welcome addition to his lake stories.

Sources and related material

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Gene's interview and later family recollections

Gib Green's Seabee on Lake Minocqua

Aviation magazine, PDF page 2

Aviation magazine, PDF page 8

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Tony Werner's Northwoods flying

Gilbert Green's Flying Days

Harry Grayson · NEA Service Sports Editor

Conroy Big Reason For Red Sox Rise



Conroy Big Reason For Red Sox Rise

Trinity High Grad Steadies Bosox Hurlers

Harry Grayson's syndicated story credits Bill Conroy's catching with helping the Red Sox pitching staff. Laura photographed the clipping Jim kept. A printing of the story appears in the La Grande Evening Observer on July 15, 1942.

Harry Grayson's article, transcribed from the clipping Laura photographed. Uncle Bill is William Gordon Conroy. The original newspaper wording is preserved below.

Trinity High Grad Steadies Bosox Hurlers

BOSTON. Joe Cronin was asked to put his finger on the player most responsible for the rapid rise of the Red Sox.

"Bill Conroy," replied the fighting manager of the Bostons. "He's the first rough Irishman the Red Sox have had since Bill Carrigan and the first big catcher since Carrigan and Forest Cady."

Slashing Player

That's a fine compliment for a recruit, being compared with Carrigan, great catcher-manager of the Hub's matchless pre-World War I world champions.

A tousle haired Mick standing an even six feet and weighing 190 pounds, Conroy is a slashing ball player after Cronin's own heart.

Conroy joined Connie Mack as a batting practice catcher in 1933, was farmed out. Slow to show progress, the Athletics let him go. Landing with the Oakland Coasters in ’38, he found himself there last term, with a total base mark of [figures indistinct] and a [figures indistinct] batting average in [figures indistinct] engagements.

Clutch Hitter

Beantowners moaned when little Frank Pytlak was lost to the service last spring. Johnny Peacock lacked polish behind the log and who was Conroy?

But Conroy has done everything well enough for the Red Sox except hit.

“And he hasn’t been so bad in that department,” observes Strategist Cronin. “He gets a hit when you need it and can blast the big ones. The lad has four home runs.

“The main thing is, however, that Conroy, a remarkable throwing catcher, pulled our pitchers together. They love to pitch to him.

“The result is that we have solid pitching for the first time since I came to Boston.

“We’re strong where a club has to be strong when it is thinking about winning a pennant: straight through the middle. Conroy catching, a capable hand in the box at all times, Johnny Pesky and Bobby Doerr on either side of second base and Dominic DiMaggio in center field.”

Picked Up in Draft

“Ted Williams isn’t hurting us any blasting the ball out of the park and hitting those runners home.

“But Conroy is the steadying influence we needed.”

William James Conroy, 27, and a right hand hitter, is also considerable additional evidence that stars can still be picked up in the draft. That’s how the Tom Yawkeys got the Illinois Wesleyan alumnus, and they didn’t have first choice. Not by a long shot.

It pays baseball people to keep their eyes open.

Sources and related material

Read the July 15, 1942 newspaper page

Harry Grayson’s clipping, kept by Jim and photographed by Laura

Dated syndicated Grayson article

From Gene's conversation

P.W.'s parrot, the plumbing, and the land

To hear Gene tell it, P.W. had plenty to talk about besides the railroad. He worked in Mexico and came home with a parrot. Mention it in the conversation, and the others know the story.

Then there's the patent tonic. P.W. didn't drink, but the tonic contained alcohol, and he took rather more than the recommended dose. Gene remembers P.W. down in the basement, the water pipes, and the flood Walter came home to. You can hear the family laughing as they remember it.

The land out west

Gene also talks about homesteads in Oklahoma, Texas, and near Liberal, Kansas. Uncle Ed stayed in Oklahoma. Years later, Gene was still receiving small oil-royalty checks connected with that family land.

Those checks were an everyday reminder of relatives who had gone west long before. In the interview, Gene moves easily from the land to Ed and then back to the rest of his father's brothers and sisters.

Meet Uncle Ed

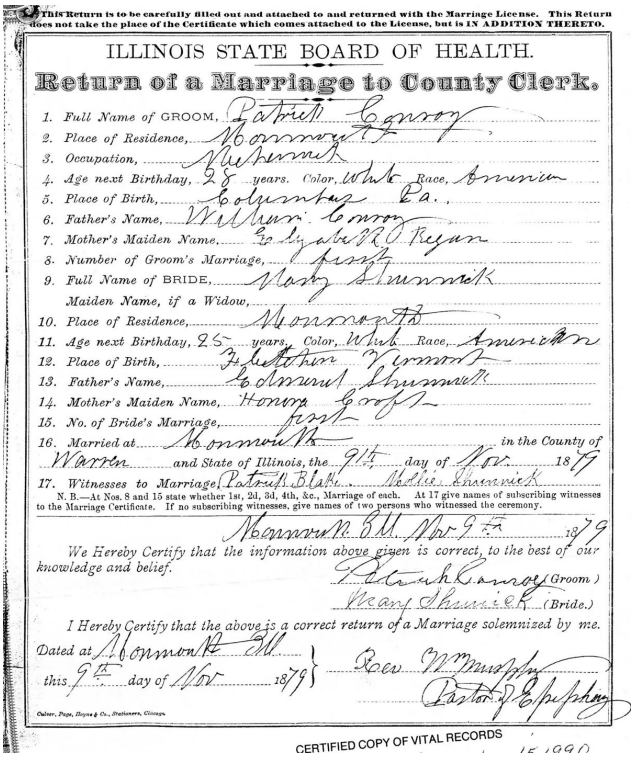
Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

P.W.'s death certificate, 1937

From Gene's conversation

Mary's family, from Monmouth to Chicago



This Return is to be carefully filled out and attached to and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM, Patrick Conroy
2. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
3. Occupation, Machinist
4. Age next Birthday, 28 years. Color, White Race, American
5. Place of Birth, Columbus Pa.
6. Father's Name, William Conroy
7. Mother's Maiden Name, Elizabeth O Regan
8. Number of Groom's Marriage, first
9. Full Name of BRIDE, Mary Shunnick
   Maiden Name, if a Widow,
10. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
11. Age next Birthday, 25 years Color, White Race, American
12. Place of Birth, Galesburg Illinois
13. Father's Name, Edmund Shunnick
14. Mother's Maiden Name, Honora Croft
15. No. of Bride's Marriage, first
16. Married at Monmouth Ill in the County of Warren and State of Illinois, the 9th day of Nov. 1879
17. Witnesses to Marriage Patrick Blake Nellie Shunnick

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., Marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Monmouth Ill Nov 9th 1879

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Patrick Conroy (Groom.)

Mary Shunick (Bride.)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

Dated at Monmouth Ill this 9th day of Nov 1879

Rev M Murphy
Pastor St Patrick

Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago.

CERTIFIED COPY OF VITAL RECORDS

The signed marriage return records Patrick Conroy and Mary Shunick marrying in Monmouth, Illinois, on November 9, 1879. Patrick is listed as a machinist. Mary's parents are named as Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft.

Patrick met Mary at a church social while she was visiting her sister near Galesburg, as Gene tells it. They married in Monmouth on November 9, 1879. Their signed marriage return is here to read.

Mary raised ten children. She also raised her grandson Darb after his mother died, according to Gene. When he talks about the older generation, Grandma Mary is part of the story of both his father and his older half-brother.

Following Aunt Mary to Chicago

Their daughter Mary worked as secretary to a railroad superintendent. When her employer moved to Chicago, she went with him, and her parents followed. Gene remembers his grandmother taking him to White City, the amusement park on the South Side.

He also remembers going to Chicago with his father when she was ill. He thought he was about nine or ten. A trip with his father, and a grandmother he knew well, stayed with him long enough to tell the family about it many years later.

Aunt Mary married Walter Daker, a city electrician in Gene's account. He remembers their home in Beverly. P.W. later lived with them, and the funeral reporter recorded his death at his daughter's Chicago home in 1937.

Follow Mary and Walter's family

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

The signed marriage return

The funeral report

Chicago's lakefront, circa 1900

White City's East Board Walk

White City's electric tower

Patrick and Mary, 1879

White City opens in 1905

White City, Chicago: The Electric Tower

Chicago Postcard Collection, White City views

Panorama of Chicago lake front

White City Opens, The Billboard

From Gene's conversation

The family on North Oak Street

Gene could still name his father's brothers and sisters in order: Bob, Ed, Tom, William James, Mary, Francis, Nan, Dave, Dick, and Morris. Eight boys and two girls, growing up on North Oak Street in Bloomington.

Some names came with nicknames. Francis was Pete, and Morris was Mike. William James was Gene's father. When Gene starts talking about his uncles, it helps to keep that household in mind.

Where they went

Bob lived in Chicago. Ed stayed in Oklahoma. Mary's railroad job took her to Chicago, too. Tom's daughter Teresa was the mother of Bob Shields, whom Gene remembers organizing a family reunion in Bloomington.

Pete was Gene's godfather and the father of Hilary, the historian. And Morris went to business college, became secretary to a railroad president, and traveled in a private car, as Gene remembers it. Railroad work was familiar in this family, though the jobs could be quite different.

Nan and her husband, Doc, come up while Gene is looking through photographs. Dave and Dick are part of the roll call, too. You can open each branch to follow the relatives Gene talks about.

Explore the ten children and their families

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

The railroad library and shops, 1922

Patrick and Mary, 1879

P.W.'s six grandsons

Railshops aerial 1931 article

Railroad library 1922 article

Community fund drive kept C&A Shops in Bloomington

Railroaders' library once west side hub

From Gene's conversation

William James and a working life on the railroad

Gene's father started railroad work young. On a run between Dalhart, Texas, and Tucumcari, New Mexico, he shoveled coal into a steam engine. Gene remembered the amount as twenty tons each way. It was hard physical work, long before the conductor's job his father later held.

In Chicago, William James took a job feeding a printing press. Gene calls the company Butler Printing and says that's where his father met his first wife. She died in childbirth, and their son Darb went to live with Grandma Mary in Bloomington.

William James returned to the railroad, working as a brakeman and then a conductor. Gene explains the moves between Joliet and Bloomington as his father following the work.

Eleanor and the trip to Milwaukee

Gene remembers his father marrying Eleanor Gordon in 1911 and going to Milwaukee for their honeymoon. William James could make friends anywhere, in Gene's telling. That included Eleanor's father, who had opposed the marriage because William James was Catholic.

Years later, Gene went to Kewanee for a church record his father needed for a Social Security application. It's one more trip he remembers taking on his father's behalf.

Meet William James's children

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

Bloomington railroad shops, 1931

The railroad shops, 1917

Inside the shops, April 1936

William James and his son William Gordon

Railshops aerial 1931 article

The Chicago and Alton Shops: A 5-Part Series on WJBC (archive catalog)

Community fund drive kept C&A Shops in Bloomington

The Chicago and Alton Shops: A 5-Part Series on WJBC

Chicago & Alton railway shops, Bloomington, 1917

Chicago and Alton Railroad shops, engines in shop

From Gene's conversation

The Gordons, from Belfast to Illinois

Gene traces his mother's father, James Clark Gordon, back to Belfast. The family called him Jimmy. As Gene tells it, he worked in the Scottish mines before coming to Illinois, where he ran a hotel and tavern in Braidwood. Later, after a financial loss, the family's circumstances changed.

When Eleanor wanted to marry William James Conroy, religion became an issue. Jimmy was a Protestant and an Orangeman. William James was Catholic. Eleanor went to stay with her aunt Mary Lauer, known as Biddy. Gene remembers the two men eventually becoming close friends.

Going to the silent movies

Gene describes his grandmother as a kind, hardworking woman who hadn't learned to read. He and his brother Bill went with her to silent films and read the title cards aloud. It's an easy scene to picture: the boys following the words so she could follow the film.

He says she was born in England to Scottish parents. Her father worked as a mining engineer, with family connections in Illinois and Colorado. Biddy and her daughter Minnie are part of that wider family in his telling.

Gene also passes along his grandmother's memory of seeing the glow of the Chicago Fire from Braidwood. The fire was in October 1871. The print here was published that year and shows how an artist pictured the burning city.

A funeral Gene remembered

Jimmy later worked at the Joliet steel mill. Gene says his grandfather fell into an uncovered excavation while working at night and died. He was a small boy when it happened, but he could still picture the horse-drawn hearse at the funeral.

Follow Eleanor's side of the family

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

The steel works at Joliet

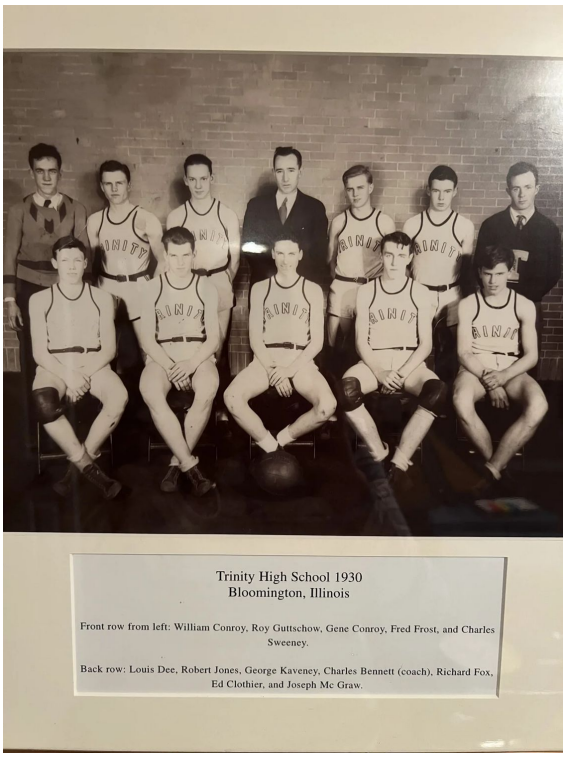
At the movies in 1928

The Chicago Fire, pictured in 1871

Braidwood’s streets, railroads and businesses

From Gene's conversation

Gene and Bill at Trinity



Trinity High School, Bloomington, 1930. The printed caption identifies William Conroy at the far left of the front row and Gene Conroy at its center.

Look at the front row of the 1930 Trinity basketball photograph. Gene is in the middle, and his brother Bill is at the far left. Jim kept this picture with the baseball photographs from Bill's later career.

Gene was born in Joliet. His father's railroad jobs took the family to Bloomington, back to Joliet, and then to Bloomington again. In the video, he remembers his mother taking him to school in Joliet and places the later move in 1922.

By the Trinity years, sports were a large part of his school life. He played football as well as basketball, until a knee injury ended his football days. Looking through a team photograph during the interview, he starts naming the boys he knew.

He's proud of that team. As Gene says in the video, they beat the public-school state champions twice. He also remembers the separate competition for Catholic schools, a part of Illinois sports history you can read about through the tournament archives.

Read about the Catholic-school tournaments

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

The captioned 1930 photograph

Trinity tournament archive targets (archive catalog)

Trinity tournament archive targets

Catholic tournament history

From Gene’s conversation

June’s move to South Carolina

June was the youngest of William James and Eleanor’s three children together. Gene places her birth in Joliet in 1920. She worked at the Texas Company during the war, and the family remembers visiting her and Eleanor in Joliet.

Later in the interview, Gene brings out a photograph of June’s home in South Carolina. Her friend Mary Brick and Mary’s son Ronald were part of the connection that took her there. Gene remembers the house costing $10,000 and calls the area Jasper.

He had recently spoken with her and liked the place she’d found. There was an invitation to the Masters, too. June had access to tickets through that circle and had invited him to visit.

It’s a chance to hear Gene talk about his sister’s life at the time they recorded the conversation, with news of a house, friends, and a trip he could take.

June in the family tree

Sources and related material

Gene’s recorded conversation, original transcript

Possible June Conroy obituary retrieval target

From Gene's conversation

Betty and her Wagner family



Gene and Betty together in their convertible.

Betty is familiar throughout the conversation. She packed Bill and Jim's train lunch, spent summers with the children in Wisconsin, and joined Gene on later visits with Darb and Ruth.

Gene also explains how Bill got his names. William came from Gene's father, William James Conroy. John came from Betty's father, whom Gene calls John Wagner.

Elizabeth Reiser

The family remembers Betty's mother as Elizabeth Reiser, originally from Luxembourg. That gives Betty's side of the family its own European connection alongside Gene's Irish relatives.

For now, you can meet Elizabeth and John in Betty's branch and follow their grandson Bill through the family photographs.

Visit Betty's family

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

Family-supplied Reiser information

The family together, 2022

Gene and Betty

From Gene’s conversation

Uncle Bill’s family in California

After the baseball stories, Gene talks about Uncle Bill’s children, Colleen and Pat. He remembers visiting Pat in Sacramento and having a cookout in the yard. Colleen had two daughters, and Pat had four children. Sean is one of the children Gene mentions by name.

Bill and cousin Pat in Elmhurst

Bill remembers Pat from childhood, long before those California visits. They were playing blind man’s bluff in an upstairs room at the family’s Elmhurst home. The stairs came right up to the doorway.

Blindfolded, Bill followed Pat’s voice toward the door. Pat moved aside, and Bill fell down the stairs. You can hear the family react as he tells it. For Bill, the cousin in the California conversation was also the boy from that upstairs room.

Follow Uncle Bill’s branch

Sources and related material

Gene’s recorded conversation, original transcript

A photograph for Gene and Betty

Bill’s 1946 baseball-card image

From Gene's conversation

Darb and Ruth, before the Wisconsin summers

Before the lake, there was Bloomington. Darb was William James's son from his first marriage. Gene says Darb's mother died in childbirth and Grandma Mary raised him.

Darb spent some time in Chicago, had an early marriage, and returned to the Bloomington household. He met Ruth while she was nursing William James in the hospital, according to Gene. They married and lived nearby.

Helping the family

During the Depression, Darb had steady work with the fire department. Gene remembers his pay as $125 a month and remembers him helping the family with expenses, including shoes.

Aboard USS Hopi

Molly remembers Darb serving aboard USS Hopi, a Navy fleet tug that handled towing, salvage and firefighting. It adds another chapter to the life of the Bloomington fireman the family remembers.

The Navy's history takes Hopi to the Mediterranean during World War II. The ship helped fight fires and recover damaged vessels around the landings, and served as flagship of the Salvage and Fire-fighting Group during the invasion of southern France in August 1944. The photograph here shows her underway in the 1940s.

A place in Wisconsin

Years later, Gene had a chance to help him. Darb had bought the Wisconsin property and called when he couldn't meet a payment. Gene remembers sending him $1,000.

That's part of what's behind the lake stories. By the time Bill and Jim were going north for the summer, Gene and Darb had been helping one another for years.

Spend some time at the lake

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

Bernard Conroy with Bloomington firefighters

Lake Tomahawk in 1955

Bernard firefighters 1929 article

Arthur L. Pillsbury Collection: Bernard J. Conroy residence specification (archive catalog)

Project to mark firefighter graves lesson in history

Arthur L. Pillsbury Collection: Bernard J. Conroy residence specification

USS Hopi, circa 1940s

USS Hopi: official Navy history

From Gene's conversation

Ruth's pickup and Darb's fishing holes

Bill remembers riding into town in the back of Ruth's pickup for ice cream, with everyone hanging on. Ruth wore her cap with the bill turned up. When the conversation turns to her Sunday fried chicken and fish dinners, everyone seems ready to join in.

There were plenty of fishing stories, too. On one visit, Darb took young John around the lake to show him the fishing holes. At a steep bank, Darb leaned on John's shoulder while climbing out of the boat. John slowly sank under the weight, and they both slid down. Bill remembers Darb saying nothing about it.

A hundred fish to clean

On another outing, the catch was remembered as roughly a hundred panfish. Then came the cleaning. The family talks about hours at the table, long after the fun of catching them.

These memories come from different visits over the years. Bill and Jim's childhood summers were one part of the family's time with Darb and Ruth; younger relatives had their own fishing trips later.

Gene and Betty also visited them in Florida. Gene remembers going to collect them for dinner one January and learning that Ruth had died. He talks about her with the same affection you hear in the summer stories.

Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

Lake Tomahawk in 1955

Lake Tomahawk shoreline

From Gene’s conversation

The cousins and the Bloomington reunion

Gene’s Uncle Francis, called Pete, was his godfather and the father of Hilary Conroy. You can read about Hilary’s university career elsewhere in the library. Here, he’s part of a much larger group of cousins.

Published accounts of Hilary’s life name his wife Charlotte and daughter Sharlie Conroy Ushioda. Another branch starts with P.W.’s son Tom, then Tom’s daughter Teresa, and her son Bob Shields. Gene remembers Bob organizing a family reunion in Bloomington.

There was another relative doing family research, too. Gene describes a long phone call with Jim Conroy in Dallas, followed by a box of family-history material. Gene says his son Jim had some of it. Long before this website, relatives were already gathering names and stories to share.

Read about Hilary’s career

Find the cousins in the tree

Sources and related material

Gene’s recorded conversation, original transcript

Charlotte Conroy’s obituary portrait

Hilary and Charlotte’s Japan plans

Charlotte at the Penn Museum

Hilary and Charlotte Conroy's planned Japan year

Charlotte J. Conroy, Penn Museum

Charlotte Conroy, activist

F. Hilary Conroy First Book Prize

Charlotte J. Conroy Dissertation Prize

From Gene's conversation

Lunch at the Legion

After all the family history, someone asks about lunch. The conversation has moved back to friends, the dog checking the property, and whether everyone is hungry. Someone suggests taking Molly to the Legion. Gene is ready to go.

Leave the recording running and you'll hear that everyday talk, too. The family is still together in the room, deciding what to do next.

Read the end of the conversation

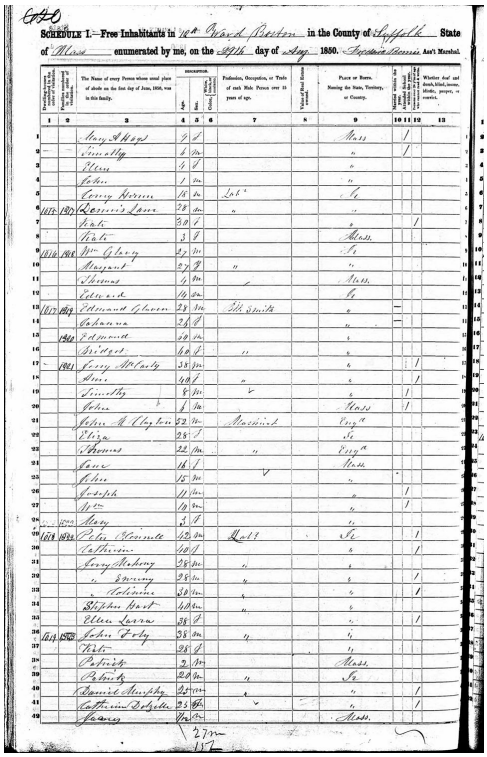
Sources and related material

Gene's recorded conversation, original transcript

Gene and Betty

From the family papers and historical accounts

P.W. and his brother Thomas



SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in 12th Ward Boston in the County of Suffolk State of Mass enumerated by me, on the 29th day of Aug 1850. Jonathan Morris Ass't Marshal.

An 1850 census page listing William, Margaret, Thomas, and Edward Glavin. This page is preserved with the collected family-history papers.

Gene remembers Thomas as P.W.'s brother and a Civil War veteran. His military pension index is one of the more interesting documents in the collection because it links the names Thomas F. Conroy, Conway, and Glavin.

Open the card and you can see those name forms together. His 1919 death certificate is here, too, along with P.W.'s marriage return and death certificate.

The personal details are often the best reason to read these old forms. P.W. described his job as machinist when he married Mary in 1879. In 1937, his daughter Mary Daker supplied the information for a death certificate that records forty years of work as a railroad boiler inspector.

That long working life is familiar from Gene's stories. The documents let you spend a little more time with the names, dates, and handwriting.

Open Thomas's pension card

Open Thomas's death certificate

Read Patrick and Mary’s marriage return

Sources and related material

Signed marriage return

Patrick’s death certificate

Thomas’s pension index

Thomas Conroy’s death certificate, 1919

Boston’s Ward 12 in the 1850 census

William Glavin’s pension index

Massachusetts record references

From the family papers and historical accounts

Finding the Shunick relatives

Gene was visiting customers near Galesburg when he took his father along. In Monmouth, someone directed them to a Shunick cousin who ran a tavern. From there, they visited an elderly aunt and the family graves near Alexis.

To hear Gene tell it, the trip meant a great deal to his father. These were relatives from his mother Mary's side, still living in the area where she had married Patrick.

On her marriage return, Mary named her parents as Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft and gave her birthplace as Fletcher, Vermont. You'll see several spellings of the family name in the papers, including Schunick and Shinnick. Gene spells it out during the conversation.

Begin with the marriage return, then listen to Gene describe the visit. It's a chance to meet Mary's family through the people he and his father went to see.

See Mary's signature

Sources and related material

Mary's signed statement

Youghal parish register

Earlier genealogy source

Original research report

Patrick and Mary, 1879

The Illinois marriage index

From the family papers and historical accounts

The relatives Gene remembered

When Gene talks about the North Oak Street family, he keeps going into the next generation. Bob's sons were Bob and John. Tom's daughter Teresa had Bob Shields. Pete had Hilary. Aunt Mary married Walter Daker, and Rosemary was one of their children.

Some memories are brief. Gene recalls meeting a relative through golf. Others are harder: he remembers Bob's son John dying at Normandy at eighteen.

Those are Gene's memories of his cousins. You can follow the named relatives in the tree, or return to the conversation to hear how he moves from one household to another.

Open the family branches

Sources and related material

Gene's recollection

Original research leads

National Archives: Illinois casualty lists

P.W.'s six grandsons

Patrick and Mary, 1879

From the family papers and historical accounts

Catholic-school basketball in Gene’s day

Gene remembers Trinity playing in a separate Catholic-school competition. The Illinois High School Association’s history of those tournaments gives some background to that part of his school life.

Loyola University’s archive includes a Bloomington Trinity folder covering 1929 through 1933. Those are the years around the team photograph Jim kept. The archive has tournament materials for readers who want to spend more time with the schools and games.

The original family research also followed names Gene remembered from school. Chuck Sweeney’s career took him to Notre Dame football and later officiating. Illinois lists Roy Guttschow among its basketball letterwinners for 1934 and 1935.

Start with Gene naming the boys in the picture, then read the school histories for a wider view of the sports they played.

Sources and related material

Captioned family photograph

IHSA Catholic tournament history

Illinois basketball letterwinners

Loyola tournament archive finding aid

Earlier research and teammate references

Trinity tournament archive targets (archive catalog)

From the family papers and historical accounts

A closer look at Lake Tomahawk

The family talks about Darb's place as a tackle shop or a lodge. Bill remembers the mounted muskie in its glass case, and the visits that made the lake familiar to him as a boy.

There are other ways to look at the town in those years. The Wisconsin Historical Society catalogs a 1955 shoreline photograph of Lake Tomahawk. The 1933 guide Northward Trails in Wisconsin includes an illustrated look at travel in the northern part of the state.

For the flying stories, the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has accounts of Tony Werner's sightseeing work and Gib Green's flying around Lake Minocqua. These local histories are useful companions to the family's own memories of the water, the trains, and the plane rides.

Return to the family's lake stories

Sources and related material

The floatplane account

Wisconsin Historical Society: Lake Tomahawk shoreline, 1955

Northward Trails in Wisconsin, 1933

Gib Green's flying history

Tony Werner interview and photographs

Lake Tomahawk in 1955

Gib Green's Seabee on Lake Minocqua

How Lake Tomahawk got its name

Tony Werner's Northwoods flying

City Directories of the United States: Rhinelander coverage (archive catalog)

How the Town of Lake Tomahawk Got Its Name

City Directories of the United States: Rhinelander coverage

From the family papers and historical accounts

The Conroy name in the Irish archives

Irish archives contain records for several Conroy families. Among them are a confirmation of arms for Sir John Conroy in Balliol College's collection and a Conroy/O'Mulconry pedigree in the National Library of Ireland.

Coats of arms belong to particular family lines. A surname alone doesn't make one a family emblem. For this site, Gene and Betty's photograph is a more personal starting point.

Readers interested in the name can explore the archive catalogs below. The family chapters follow the relatives Gene knew and the records gathered about them.

Sources and related material

Balliol Conroy collection catalogue

NLI pedigree catalogue reference

Bill, from York to Wisconsin and beyond

Bill's school years took him from York High School in Elmhurst to Wisconsin, then to law school at Ohio State. The yearbooks and alumni records give us a look at those years and the banking career that followed.

Bill at York

The 1964 senior portrait gives his full name: William John Conroy. Gene explains the John in the family interview: it came from Betty's father, John Wagner. At York, Bill's senior entry records football captain in his sophomore year, followed by football letters in his junior and senior years.

His grandson Will now plays at York, too, starting on the varsity offensive line as a junior. Bill and Sarah have been at every game since his freshman year.

He also earned letters in track. One yearbook photograph catches him letting the twelve-pound shot fly during warm-ups. In another, he's with the officers of the Lettermen's Club, where he served as secretary.

A December dinner in Chicago

In 1963, Bill was York's nominee for a Rockne Award. The Notre Dame alumni magazine names him in its report of the December dinner at the Conrad Hilton. Nominees and their coaches were guests of the Chicago club. The magazine also printed a photograph of the room, with the students seated on a double dais. You can open both the report and the photograph here.

On to Wisconsin

From York, Bill went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The October 23, 1965 Daily Cardinal squad list puts William Conroy at number 53, playing center. The family remembers a knee injury cutting into his playing days, and a connection to the Badgers that continued long afterward.

Wisconsin also brought the Betas. The Alpha Pi chapter of Beta Theta Pi lists William J. Conroy with the class of 1968 in its alumni newsletter. Decades after his student years, his name was still part of the chapter's record.

Law school, then banking

Bill's next school was Ohio State. His portrait appears in the College of Law's class of 1971 composite, labeled W. J. Conroy. It's a chance to see him at the beginning of his professional life, among the classmates who shared those years.

The alumni notes help follow what came next. In August 1976, they place William J. Conroy at the Bank of Madison. By the spring/summer 2002 issue, the news comes from Florida: he had been elected managing director of the Trust Department of Marine Bank and Trust in Vero Beach.

Back with the family

Bill and Sarah raised Jack and Molly, and their family now includes six grandchildren. Open the family tree to meet his siblings and cousins, and see more of the photographs gathered here.

Sources and related material

Bill, Will and Sarah at York

Bill's York senior portrait, 1964

York's 1963 varsity football team

Bill throwing the shot, 1963

The Lettermen's Club officers

Bill's 1963 Rockne Award nomination

The 1963 Rockne Awards dinner

Bill and the Betas

Ohio State law, class of 1971

Bank of Madison, 1976

A senior banking role in Vero Beach

Gene on Bill's name and Betty's family

People in the family

The relationships and notes recorded in version 15. More of the family can be added over time.

Gene Conroy

Betty's husband · Bill's father

Gene grew up between Joliet and Bloomington as his father followed railroad work. In the video, he remembers Trinity sports, the University of Illinois, and moving to Chicago in 1934. He and Betty raised five children. His memorial card records June 14, 1913, to December 27, 2001.

Watch the conversation

His brother's baseball story

Gene, Betty and June

Gene's school years

Betty Wagner Conroy

Gene's wife · Bill's mother

Betty packed the lunch Bill and Jim ate before their train even left Chicago. She spent summers with the children in Wisconsin while Gene worked during the week. The family remembers her mother, Elizabeth Reiser, as originally from Luxembourg.

The train journey

The Wagner and Reiser family

Patrick William "P.W." Conroy

Gene's grandfather · Bill's great-grandfather

Gene knew his grandfather as P.W. or the Boilermaker, a railroad man who could still swim across a lake in his seventies. Patrick married Mary Shunick in Monmouth in 1879. His death certificate records forty years of work as a railroad boiler inspector.

The boilermaker story

Read the ancestry evidence

Mary Shunick Conroy

Gene's grandmother · Bill's great-grandmother

Mary married Patrick in Monmouth in 1879. She named Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft as her parents and Fletcher, Vermont, as her birthplace. Gene remembers the ten children she raised, and the care she later gave her grandson Darb.

The Shunick family visit

Mary's life and family

Edmund Shunick & Honora Croft

Mary's parents

Mary named Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft as her parents on her marriage return. Their grandson William James later visited Shunick relatives around Monmouth and Alexis with Gene.

Follow the Shunick story

The Irish connections

William James Conroy

Gene's father · Bill's grandfather

As Gene tells it, his father started by shoveling coal into steam engines and later became a conductor. William James and Eleanor had Gene, Bill, and June. His older son Darb was from his first marriage. You can see William James with the ballplayer Bill in the White Sox Park photograph.

The railroad moves

Read his working life

Eleanor Gordon Conroy

Gene's mother · Bill's grandmother

Gene remembers his mother growing up in Braidwood. Her father Jimmy Gordon opposed her marriage to William James because he was Catholic. In Gene's telling, the two men later became close friends.

Read the Gordon memories

The wider Gordon family

William Gordon "Bill" Conroy

Gene's brother · Bill's uncle

Gene's brother Bill became a major-league catcher with the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox. Jim kept the photographs and newspaper article you can read here. Bill signed his

portrait to Gene and Betty as ‘Bro. Bill.’

Follow his baseball career

Bernard “Darb” Conroy

Gene’s half-brother and sister-in-law

Gene remembers Darb’s steady work with the Bloomington fire department and how he helped the family during the Depression. Later, Bill and Jim spent summers with Darb and Ruth at Lake Tomahawk. Those visits get everyone talking in the interview. Molly remembers his service aboard USS Hopi, the Navy tug pictured here.

The fishing stories

The journey north

Darb and Ruth’s life

Thomas Conroy / Glavin

Remembered by Gene as P.W.’s brother

Gene remembers Thomas as P.W.’s brother and a Civil War veteran. His pension index records the names Conroy, Conway, and Glavin. You can open the card and his death certificate here.

Read about Thomas

Bill Conroy

Gene & Betty’s son

William John Conroy is Gene and Betty’s son. He played football at York High School and Wisconsin, went to law school at Ohio State, and built a banking career that took him from Madison to Vero Beach. He and Sarah raised Jack and Molly and have six grandchildren.

Bill’s school years, career and family

Bill’s train memory

The family today

Sarah Cullen Conroy

Bill’s wife · Jack and Molly’s mother

Sarah is part of the recorded family conversation and the family photographs gathered here. She and Bill raised Jack and Molly.

Bill and Sarah’s family

B.G. & Jim Butler

Gene & Betty's eldest child and her husband

B.G., Gene and Betty's eldest child, married Jim Butler. Tom, Pat, Maureen, and Deb are among their children. The Butler family has its own branch to explore and grow as more relatives share their stories.

Mike Conroy

Gene & Betty's son · Bill's older brother

Mike is Gene and Betty's older son and Bill's older brother. His household has a place in the tree, ready for more family photographs and stories.

Jim Conroy

Gene & Betty's son · Bill's younger brother

Jim shared the Wisconsin train journey with Bill. He kept the family photographs and baseball memorabilia that Laura photographed for this collection. Jim and his first wife Bonnie were the parents of Tim, Jim and John. Laura was his later wife.

The train journey with Bill

Browse Jim's collection

Kathy Conroy

Gene & Betty's youngest child

Kathy is Gene and Betty's youngest child. Her household is part of the wider family, with room here for relatives to add photographs and stories over time.

Jack Conroy

Bill and Sarah's son

Jack and Michelle's children are Madeline (Maddie), Nora, William (Will) and Harper. Their family appears in the Christmas 2025 photograph.

Molly Conroy

Bill and Sarah's daughter

Molly's daughters are Adriana and Regan. Their family appears in the 2022 photograph, with further family photographs gathered in the collection.

Robert “Bob” Conroy

P.W. and Mary’s eldest son

Gene remembered Bob living in Chicago and having two sons, Bob and John.

Read the family story

Bob Conroy

Son of Bob Conroy

Gene and Bill remember a meeting connected with golf when they talk about this part of Bob’s family.

Read the family story

John Conroy

Son of Bob, in Gene’s account

As Gene remembers him, John was Bob’s son, a young relative who died at Normandy at eighteen.

Read the family story

Edward “Ed” Conroy

P.W. and Mary’s son

Gene remembers Ed staying on the Oklahoma homestead, marrying, and having a child. He also recalls Ed losing his wife young to appendicitis.

Read the family story

Thomas “Tom” Conroy

P.W. and Mary’s son

Tom was one of P.W. and Mary’s ten children and Teresa’s father. He belongs to the generation after P.W.’s brother Thomas, the Civil War veteran.

Read the family story

Teresa Conroy

Tom’s daughter

Gene identifies Teresa as the mother of Bob Shields, who organized the Bloomington reunion.

Read the family story

Bob Shields

Teresa's son

Remembered in the interview as the organizer of a family reunion in Bloomington.

Read the family story

Mary Conroy Daker

P.W. and Mary's daughter

A railroad secretary's job took Mary to Chicago, as Gene remembers it. She married Walter Daker, and Rosemary was one of their children. P.W. later lived with them in Chicago.

Read the family story

Walter Daker

Mary's husband

Gene described him as a Chicago city electrician. He appears in the flooded-basement story.

Read the family story

Rosemary Daker Scott

Mary and Walter's daughter

Gene remembers Rosemary having thirteen children. She was part of Aunt Mary and Walter Daker's family.

Read the family story

Francis "Pete" Conroy

P.W. and Mary's son · Gene's godfather

Francis, whom the family called Pete, was Gene's godfather and the father of historian Hilary Conroy.

Read the family story

F. Hilary Conroy

Francis/Pete's son · Gene's cousin

Gene's cousin Hilary became a historian of East Asia at the University of Pennsylvania. His university papers and a fellow historian's account describe his work in Japan, his teaching, and his commitment to peace.

Read the family story

Charlotte Conroy

Hilary's wife

Charlotte was Hilary's wife. Published accounts of his life also name their daughter Sharlie Conroy Ushioda.

Read the family story

Sharlie Conroy Ushioda

Hilary and Charlotte's daughter

Sharlie Conroy Ushioda is Hilary and Charlotte's daughter, named in the published accounts of Hilary's life.

Read the family story

Nan Conroy

P.W. and Mary's daughter

Gene discusses Aunt Nan and her husband, called Doc, while looking through family photographs.

Read the family story

"Doc"

Nan's husband

Gene calls Nan's husband Doc while looking through family photographs.

Read the family story

David "Dave" Conroy

P.W. and Mary's son

Dave is one of the brothers Gene names when remembering the ten children on North Oak Street.

Read the family story

Richard "Dick" Conroy

P.W. and Mary's son

Gene remembers Uncle Dick as a character. He was one of William James's brothers in the North Oak Street household.

Read the family story

Morris “Mike” Conroy

P.W. and Mary’s youngest child in Gene’s account

Gene remembers Morris going to business college, becoming secretary to a railroad president, and traveling in a private car. The family called him Mike. He was Gene’s uncle; Gene’s son Mike is in the later generation.

Read the family story

June Conroy

Gene and Uncle Bill’s sister

Gene placed her birth in Joliet in 1920. Her story includes Texas Company work, years with Eleanor and a later home in South Carolina.

Read the family story

Ruth Conroy

Darb’s wife

Gene says Ruth met Darb while nursing William James in the hospital. The family remembers her cooking, trips into town in the pickup, and summers at the lake.

Read the family story

Darb’s mother

William James’s first wife

As Gene tells it, William James met Darb’s mother while working at a printing company in Chicago. She died in childbirth, and Grandma Mary raised Darb.

Read the family story

Gerarda Leyh Conroy

Uncle Bill’s wife

Gerarda Leyh married the ballplayer Bill Conroy. In Bill Nowlin’s biography, her father’s bakery in Porterville was where Bill worked during the offseason.

Read the family story

Colleen Conroy

Uncle Bill’s daughter

Gene remembers Colleen's family in California, including her two daughters and later generations of grandchildren.

Read the family story

Pat Conroy

Uncle Bill's son

Gene remembers visiting Pat in Sacramento for a cookout. Pat had four children. Bill knew him from childhood visits in Elmhurst, including the blind man's bluff game he describes in the video.

Read the family story

Sean Conroy

Pat's son, in Gene's account

Gene mentions Sean while talking about Pat and his four children in California.

Read the family story

James Clark "Jimmy" Gordon

Eleanor's father

Gene's account takes Jimmy from Belfast to mining work in Scotland, then to Braidwood and the Joliet steel mill. Jimmy was Eleanor's father and Gene's grandfather.

Read the family story

Grandma Gordon

Eleanor's mother

Gene remembers his grandmother as English-born to Scottish parents. She hadn't learned to read, so he and his brother read the title cards aloud when they went to silent movies together.

Read the family story

Grandma Gordon's father

Grandma Gordon's father, in Gene's account

Gene remembers his grandmother's father working as a mining engineer, with family connections in Illinois and Colorado.

Read the family story

Mary “Biddy” Lauer

Grandma Gordon’s sister

Gene said Biddy sheltered Eleanor during the disagreement over her marriage. Minnie was Biddy’s daughter.

Read the family story

Minnie

Biddy’s daughter · Eleanor’s cousin

Aunt Minnie is remembered in the conversation, particularly in connection with Darb.

Read the family story

Aunt Clara

Mentioned on the Gordon side

Gene mentions Aunt Clara while remembering the wider family.

Read the family story

John Wagner

Betty’s father in Gene’s account

Gene calls Betty’s father John Wagner. He explains that Bill’s middle name, John, came from this grandfather.

Read the family story

Elizabeth Reiser

Betty’s mother, from family information

The family remembers Elizabeth Reiser, Betty’s mother, as originally from Luxembourg.

Read the family story

Jim Conroy of Dallas

An earlier family researcher

Gene remembers a long phone call with Jim in Dallas and a box of family-history material he sent afterward. Gene says his son Jim had some of those papers.

Read the family story

Tom

B.G. & Jim Butler's family

Tom is part of this branch of the family.

Pat

B.G. & Jim Butler's family

Pat is part of this branch of the family.

Maureen

B.G. & Jim Butler's family

Maureen is part of this branch of the family.

Deb

B.G. & Jim Butler's family

Deb is part of this branch of the family.

Madeline "Maddie" Conroy

Bill and Sarah's grandchild

Madeline (Maddie) is a child of Jack & Michelle, and a grandchild of Bill & Sarah.

Nora Conroy

Bill and Sarah's grandchild

Nora is a child of Jack & Michelle, and a grandchild of Bill & Sarah.

William "Will" Conroy

Bill and Sarah's grandchild

Will is Jack and Michelle's son, and Bill and Sarah's grandson. As a junior at York High School in Elmhurst, he starts on the varsity offensive line. His grandfather Bill played football at York in the 1960s.

Bill and Will at York

Harper Conroy

Bill and Sarah's grandchild

Harper is a child of Jack & Michelle, and a grandchild of Bill & Sarah.

Adriana Guirguis

Bill and Sarah's grandchild

Adriana is Molly's daughter and one of Bill and Sarah's six grandchildren.

Regan Guirguis

Bill and Sarah's grandchild

Regan is Molly's daughter and one of Bill and Sarah's six grandchildren.

Tim

Jim & Bonnie's family

Remembered by the family

Jim & Juanita

Jim & Bonnie's family

Jim and Juanita have no children

John & Jen

Jim & Bonnie's family

John & Jen have three sons.

Three sons

John & Jen's family

John and Jen have three sons.

Michelle Conroy

Jack's wife

Michelle and Jack's children are Madeline (Maddie), Nora, William (Will) and Harper.

Ron Guirguis

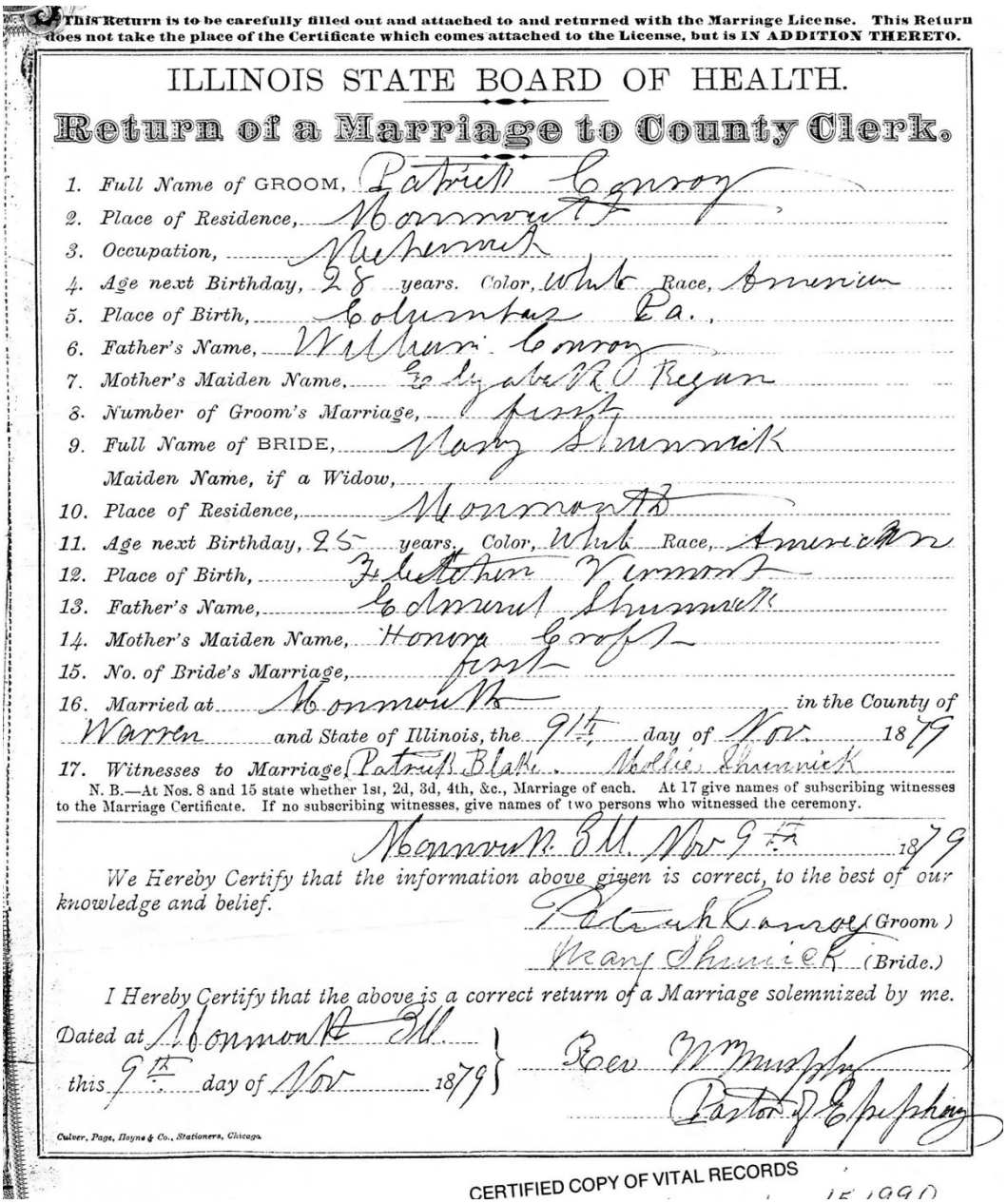
Molly's husband

Ron is part of Molly, Adriana and Regan's household. Their family appears together in the 2022 photograph.

Photographs and records

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Patrick and Mary, 1879



This Return is to be carefully filled out and attached to and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM, Patrick Conroy
2. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
3. Occupation, Machinist
4. Age next Birthday, 28 years. Color, White Race, American
5. Place of Birth, Columbus Pa.
6. Father's Name, William Conroy
7. Mother's Maiden Name, Elizabeth O'Regan
8. Number of Groom's Marriage, first
9. Full Name of BRIDE, Mary Shunnick
   Maiden Name, if a Widow,
10. Place of Residence, Monmouth Ill
11. Age next Birthday, 25 years. Color, White Race, American
12. Place of Birth, Fletcham Vermont
13. Father's Name, Edmund Shunnick
14. Mother's Maiden Name, Honora Croft
15. No. of Bride's Marriage, first
16. Married at Monmouth Ill in the County of Warren and State of Illinois, the 9th day of Nov. 1879
17. Witnesses to Marriage Patrick B. Blake. Mollie Shunnick

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., Marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Monmouth Ill Nov 9th 1879

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Patrick Conroy (Groom)

Mary Shunnick (Bride.)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

Dated at Monmouth Ill
this 9th day of Nov 1879

Rev W Murphy
Pastor of St Patricks

Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago.

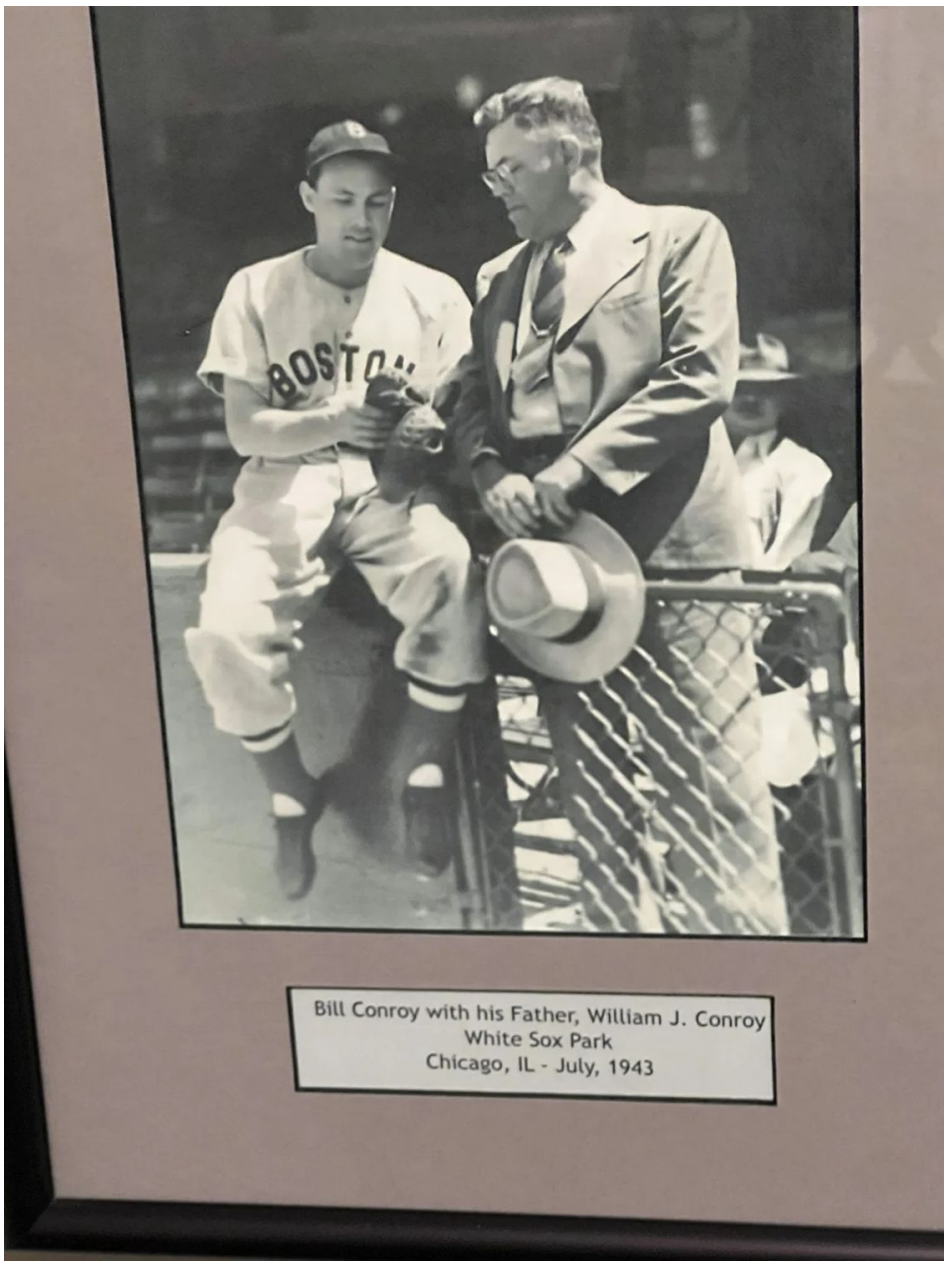
CERTIFIED COPY OF VITAL RECORDS

The signed marriage return records Patrick Conroy and Mary Shunick marrying in Monmouth, Illinois, on November 9, 1879. Patrick is listed as a machinist. Mary's parents are named as Edmund Shunick and Honora Croft.

Marriage return shared by family researcher Bill Daker through Find a Grave.

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William James and his son William Gordon

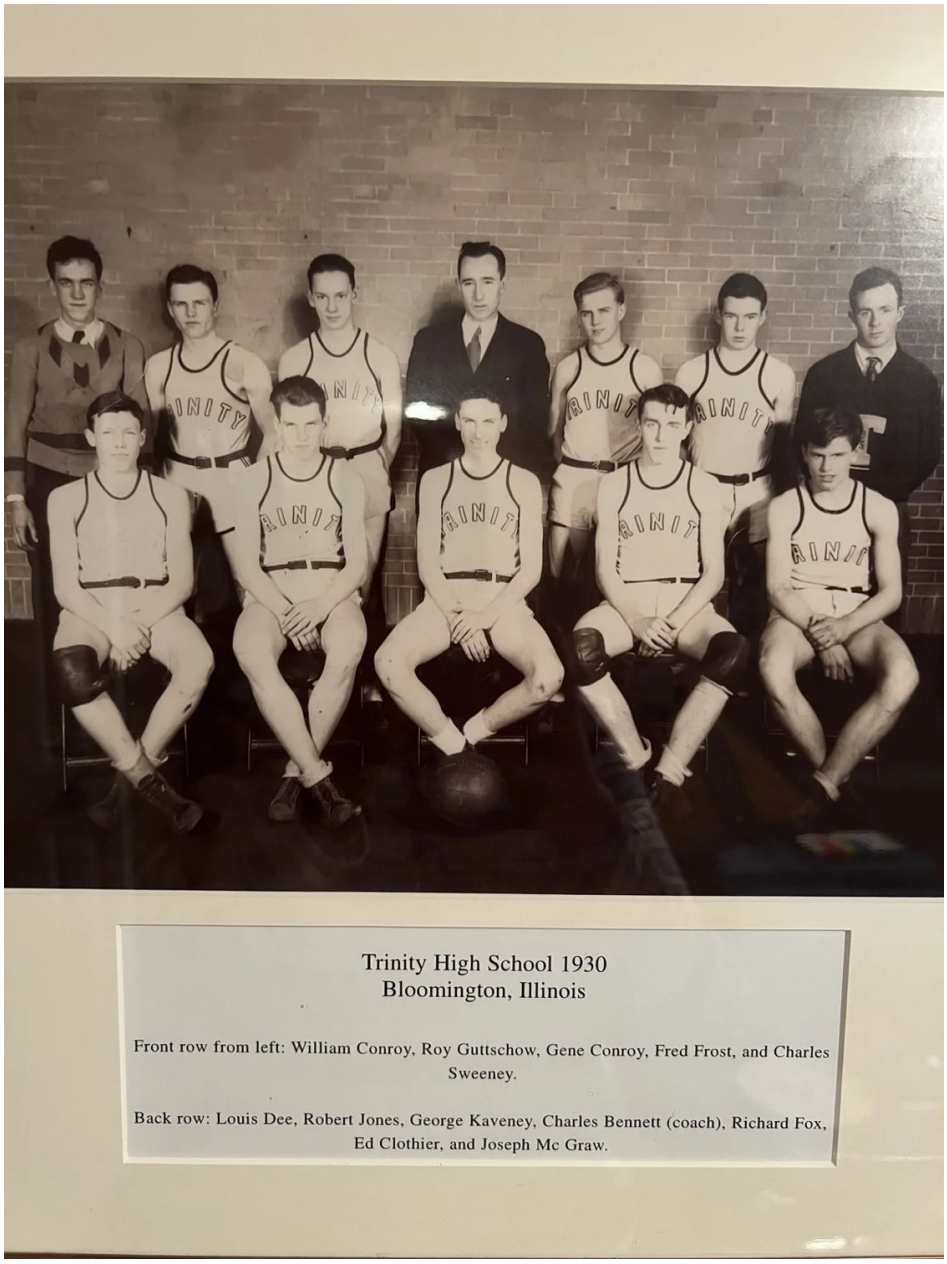


The display identifies the pair as Bill Conroy with his father, William J. Conroy, at White Sox Park in Chicago, July 1943. They are Gene's brother and father, and Bill's uncle and grandfather.

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Gene and William at Trinity

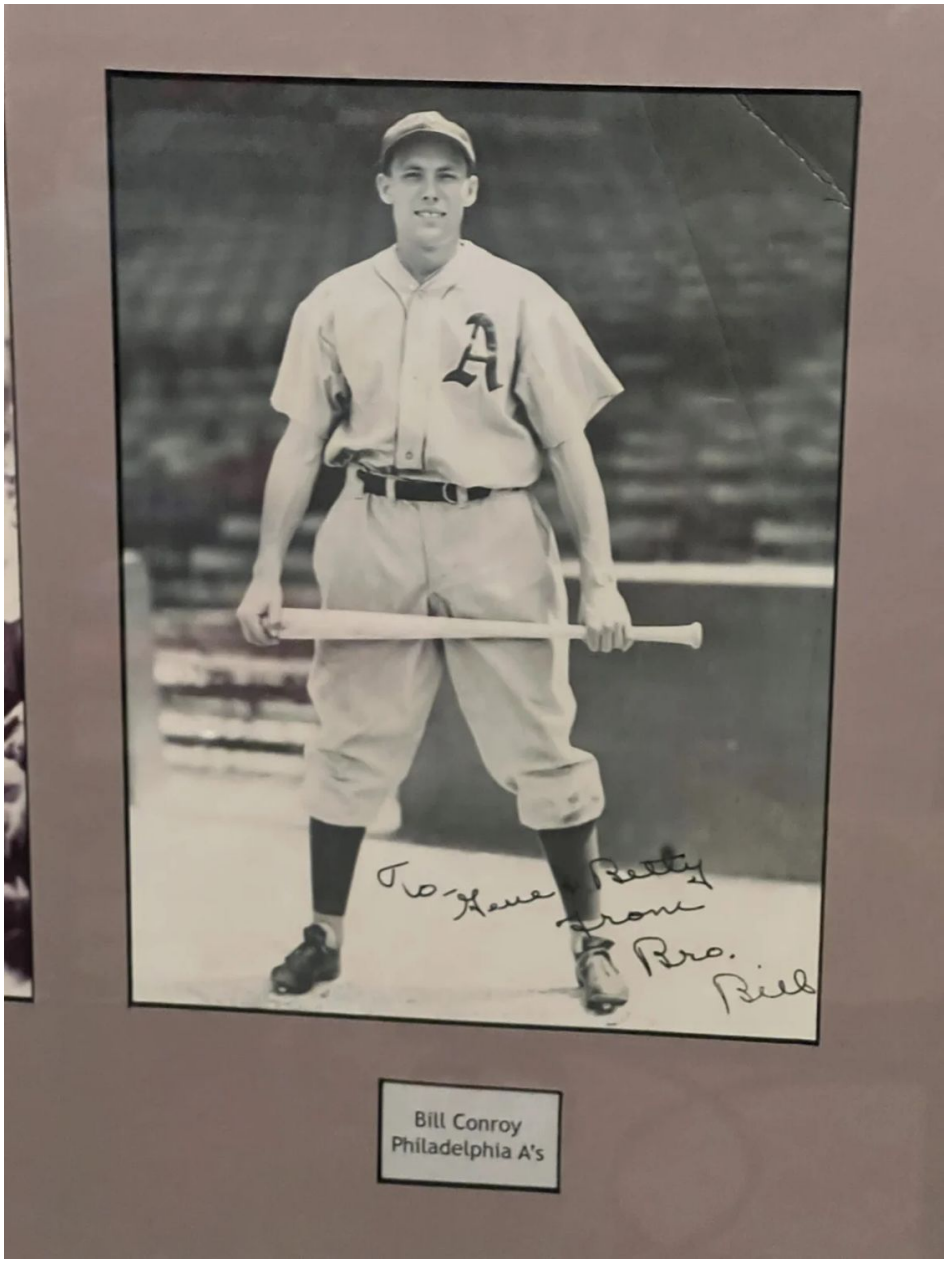


Trinity High School, Bloomington, 1930. The printed caption identifies William Conroy at the far left of the front row and Gene Conroy at its center.

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A photograph for Gene and Betty



William Gordon Conroy's Philadelphia Athletics portrait, inscribed to Gene and Betty and signed "Bro. Bill."

Kept by Jim Conroy; photographed and shared by Laura.

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Uncle Bill at the first All-Star Game



Bill caught batting practice at the first All-Star Game in 1933. Jim kept this American League group photograph and the identification sheets that go with it.

Kept by Jim Conroy; photographed and shared by Laura. Career detail from Bill Nowlin's SABR biography.

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The newspaper article Jim kept



Fred Young, Editor Phone 4500 Edgar Alsene

HITS HOMER—Bill Conroy, former Trinity high all around star, contributed a home run to the Red Sox's losing cause in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Conroy is one of the major reasons for the rise of the Bosox this year.

Conroy Big Reason For Red Sox Rise

Trinity High Grad Steadies Bosox Hurlers

BY HARRY GRAYSON.
NEA Service Sports Editor.

BOSTON. — Joe Cronin was asked to put his finger on the player most responsible for the rapid rise of the Red Sox.

"Bill Conroy," replied the fighting manager of the Bostons. "He's the first rough Irishman the Red Sox have had since Bill Carrigan and the first big catcher since Carrigan and Forest Cady.

Shamboag Player.

That's a fine compliment for a recruit — being compared with Carrigan, great catcher-manager of the Pinky matchless pre-World war I... old champions.

A tousle haired Mick standing an even six feet and weighing 190 pounds, Conroy is a slambang ball player after Cronin's own heart.

Conroy joined Connie Mack as a batting practice catcher in 1933, was farmed out. Slow to show progress, the Athletics let him go. Landing with the Oakland Coasters in '38, he found himself there last term, with a total base mark of 121 and a .393 batting average in 89 engagements.

Clutch Hitter.

Beantowners moaned when lil-Ge Frank Pytlak was lost to the service last spring. Johnny Peacock lacked polish behind the log and who was Conroy?

But Conroy has done everything well enough for the Red Sox except hit.

"And he hasn't been so bad in that department," observes Strategist Cronin. "He gets a hit when you need it and can blast the big ones. The has four home runs.

"The main thing is, however, that Conroy, a remarkable throwing catcher, pulled our pitchers together. They love to pitch to him.

"The result is that we have solid pitching for the first time since I came to Boston.

"We're strong where a club has to be strong when it is thinking about winning a pennant—straight through the middle. Conroy catching, a capable hand in the box at all times, Johnny Pesky and Bobby Doerr on either side of second base and Dominic Dimaggio in center field.

Picked Up in Draft.

"Ted Williams isn't hurting us any blasting the ball out of the park and hitting those runners home.

"But Conroy is the steadying influence we needed."

William James Conroy, 27, and a right hand hitter, is also considerable additional evidence that stars can still be picked up in the draft. That's how the Tom Yawkeys got the Illinois Wesleyan alumnus, and they didn't have first choice. Not by a long shot. It pays baseball people to keep their eyes open.

Harry Grayson's syndicated story credits Bill Conroy's catching with helping the Red Sox pitching staff. Laura photographed the clipping Jim kept. A printing of the story appears in the La Grande Evening Observer on July 15, 1942.

Kept by Jim Conroy and shared by Laura. The separately retrieved newspaper page is from the University of Oregon's Historic Oregon Newspapers collection.

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With the Boston teammates



The family display captions this as a 1942 war-bond event in Boston and identifies Dom DiMaggio, Ted Williams, and Bill Conroy. You can read the caption with the photograph.

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The Flambeau 400 at Eland, 1964



Roger Puta photographed the Chicago and North Western's Flambeau 400 at Eland in September 1964. An example of passenger travel in northern Wisconsin in a later summer.

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A North Western advertisement, 1916

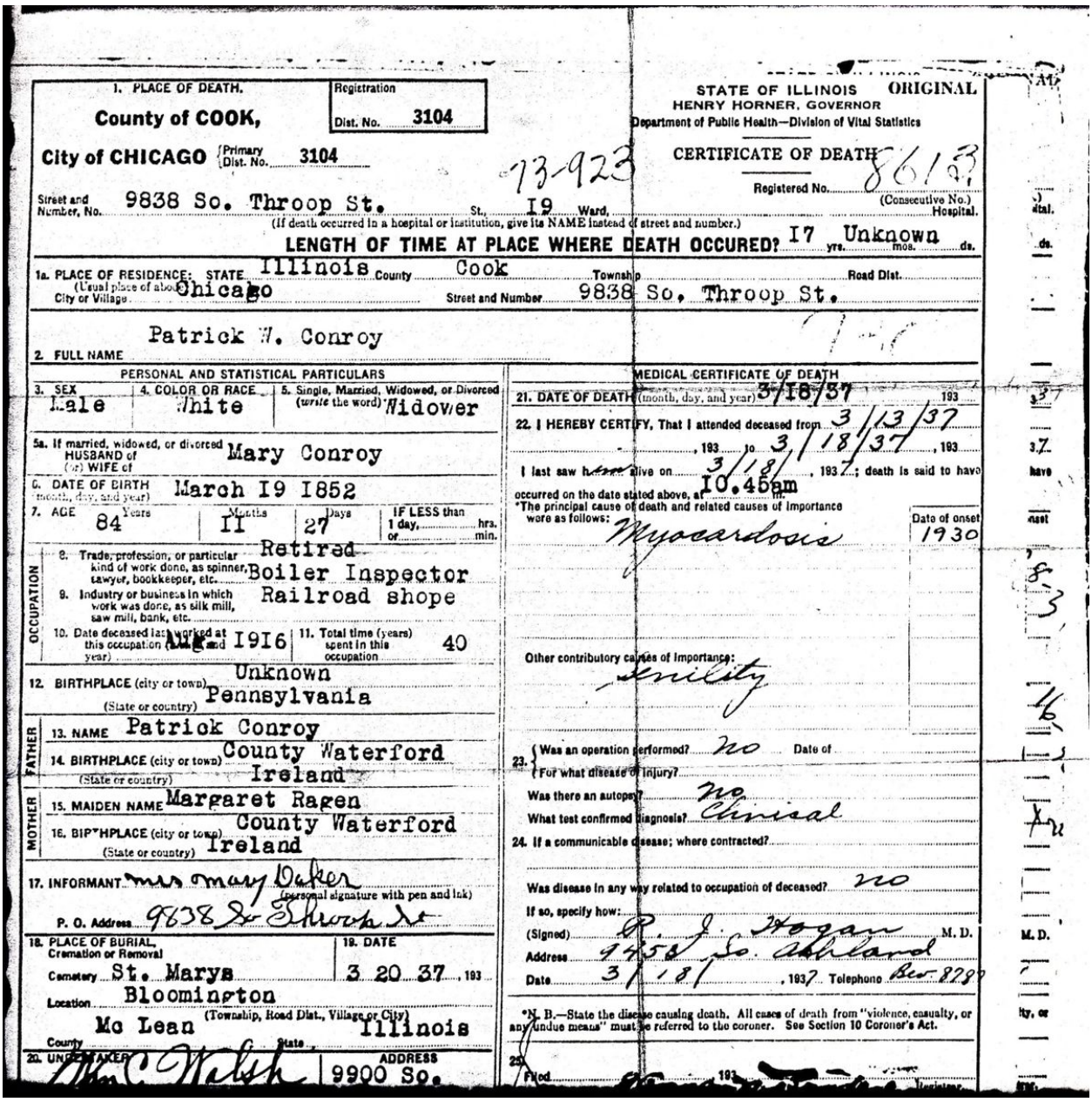


The advertisement is dated effective June 16, 1916. It names the Fisherman's Special and Northern Lakes Special, with Tomahawk Lake and Woodruff on the route. It predates Bill's journey by several decades.

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P.W.’s death certificate, 1937



STATE OF ILLINOIS — ORIGINAL
HENRY HORNER, GOVERNOR
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH. County of COOK, City of CHICAGO. Registration Dist. No. 3104. Primary Dist. No. 3104. Registered No. 8613. (Consecutive No.)
Street and Number, No. 9838 So. Throop St. St., 19 Ward, Hospital.
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
LENGTH OF TIME AT PLACE WHERE DEATH OCCURED? 17 yrs. Unknown mos. ds.

1a. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: STATE Illinois County Cook Township Road Dist.
(Usual place of abode) City or Village Chicago Street and Number 9838 So. Throop St.

2. FULL NAME Patrick W. Conroy

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male
4. COLOR OR RACE White
5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) Widower
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Mary Conroy
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) March 19 1852
7. AGE 84 Years 11 Months 27 Days IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, lawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Retired Boiler Inspector
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. Railroad shope
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (Month and year) 1916
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation 40

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Unknown (State or country) Pennsylvania

FATHER
13. NAME Patrick Conroy
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) County Waterford (State or country) Ireland

MOTHER
15. MAIDEN NAME Margaret Ragen
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) County Waterford (State or country) Ireland

17. INFORMANT Mrs Mary Daker (personal signature with pen and ink)
P. O. Address 9838 So Throop St

18. PLACE OF BURIAL, Cremation or Removal
Cemetery St. Marys
Location Bloomington (Township, Road Dist., Village or City)
County Mc Lean State Illinois
19. DATE 3 20 37, 193
20. UNDERTAKER Mm C Walsh ADDRESS 9900 So.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 3/18/37, 193
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 3/13/37, 193 to 3/18/37, 193
I last saw him alive on 3/18/, 193 7; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 10.45am
*The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: Myocardosis — Date of onset 1930
Other contributory causes of importance: Senility
23. Was an operation performed? no Date of
For what disease or injury?
Was there an autopsy? no
What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical
24. If a communicable disease; where contracted?
Was disease in any way related to occupation of deceased? no
If so, specify how:
(Signed) P. J. Hogan M. D.
Address 9458 So. Ashland
Date 3/18/, 1937 Telephone Bev 8789

*N. B.—State the disease causing death. All cases of death from "violence, casualty, or any undue means" must be referred to the coroner. See Section 10 Coroner's Act.

25. Filed 193

Patrick W. Conroy died in Chicago on March 18, 1937. His daughter Mary Daker supplied the family information. The certificate records forty years of work as a railroad boiler inspector.

Scan shared by Bill Daker on Find a Grave, memorial 104794216, photo 320780439.

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P.W.’s six grandsons



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Added by: Anonymous was a Woman on 22 Nov 2024

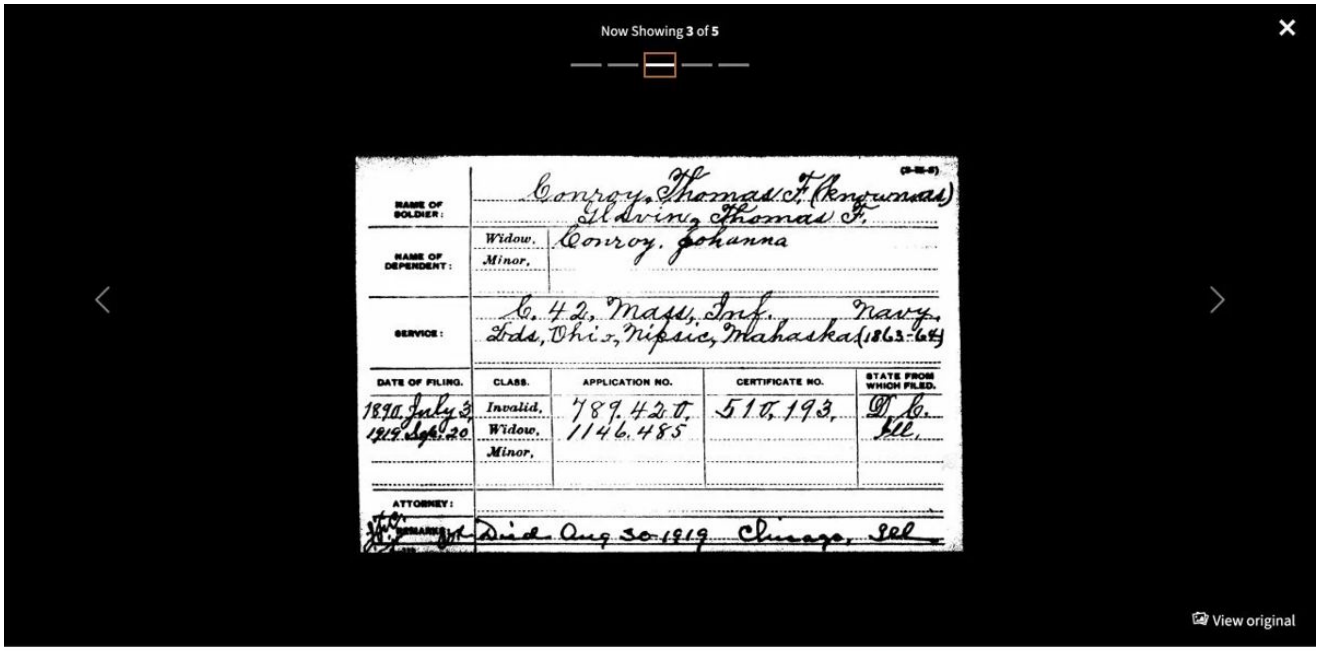
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Eugene, Thomas, Richard, Joseph, Hilary, and Bernard Conroy are named as pallbearers. The reporter describes P.W. as a former Bloomington resident who died at his daughter Mary Daker’s Chicago home.

Shared on Find a Grave by “Anonymous was a Woman,” who identifies the source as The Pantagraph, March 21, 1937, page 18.

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Thomas Conroy’s pension card



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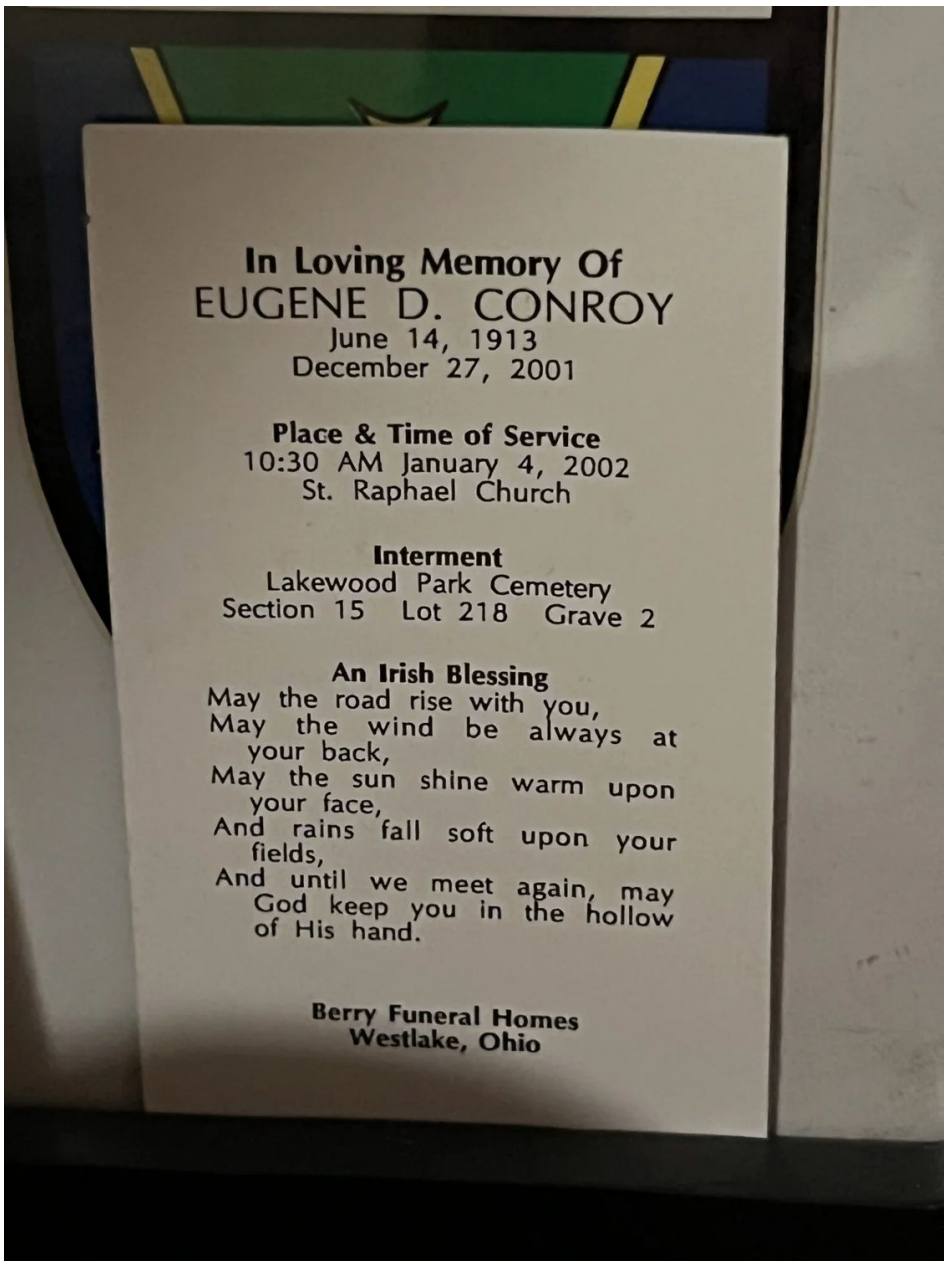
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Gene remembers Thomas as P.W.’s brother and a Civil War veteran. This pension index records Thomas F. Conroy, Conway, and Glavin together.

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Gene’s memorial card

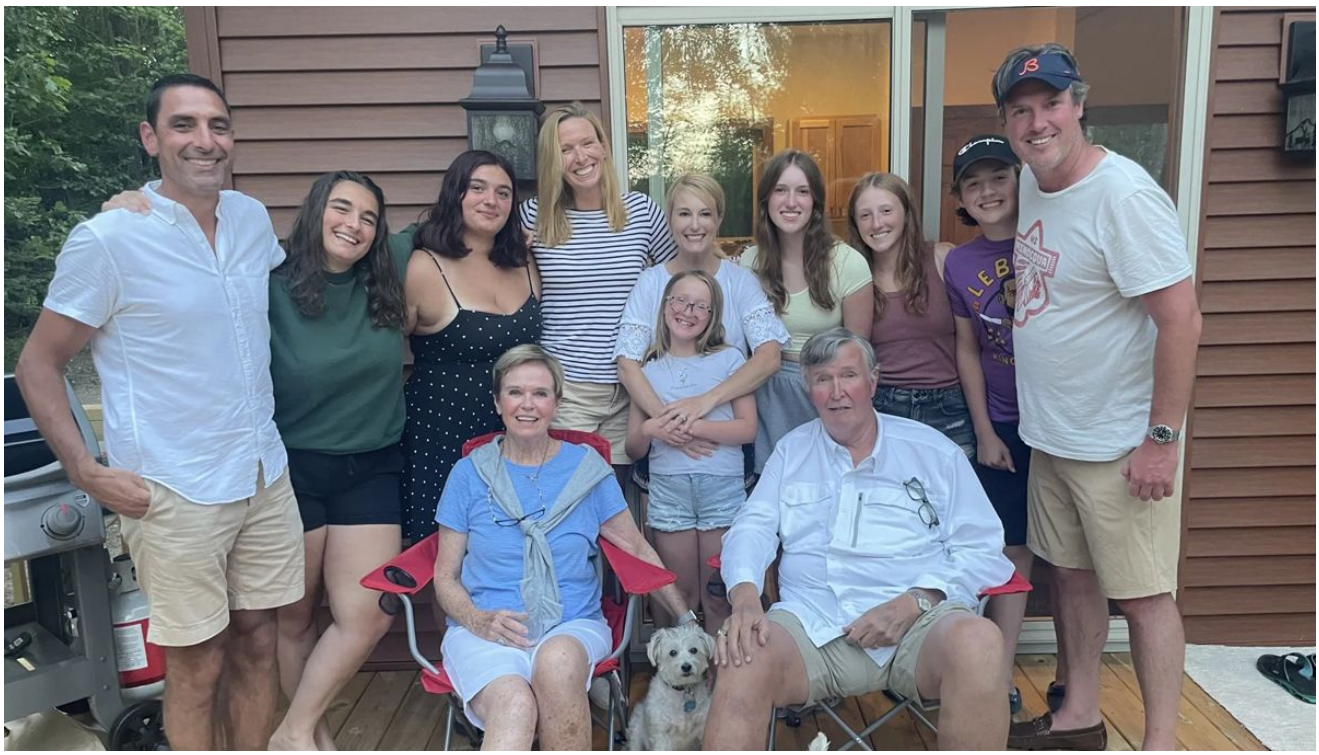


The card records Eugene D. Conroy’s dates as June 14, 1913 to December 27, 2001.

Kept by Jim; photographed and shared by Laura. Dates follow the printed card.

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Together at the lake in Minocqua, 2022



Bill and Sarah with Jack and Michelle's family and Molly and Ron's family at the lake in Minocqua, 2022. Jack and Michelle and Molly and Ron now have cottages in the area Bill has visited for more than seventy years.

Photograph shared and identified by the family.

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Christmas with the family, 2025



A Christmas gathering with Bill and Sarah’s family in 2025.

Photograph shared and identified by the family.

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A family wedding, 2017



A photograph from Molly and Ron's wedding in 2017.

Photograph shared by the family.

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The Moorings, 2018



A family photograph at The Moorings in 2018.

Photograph shared by the family.

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Sarah Conroy



Sarah Cullen Conroy, Bill’s wife and mother of Jack and Molly.

Portrait identified by the family.

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Gene and Betty

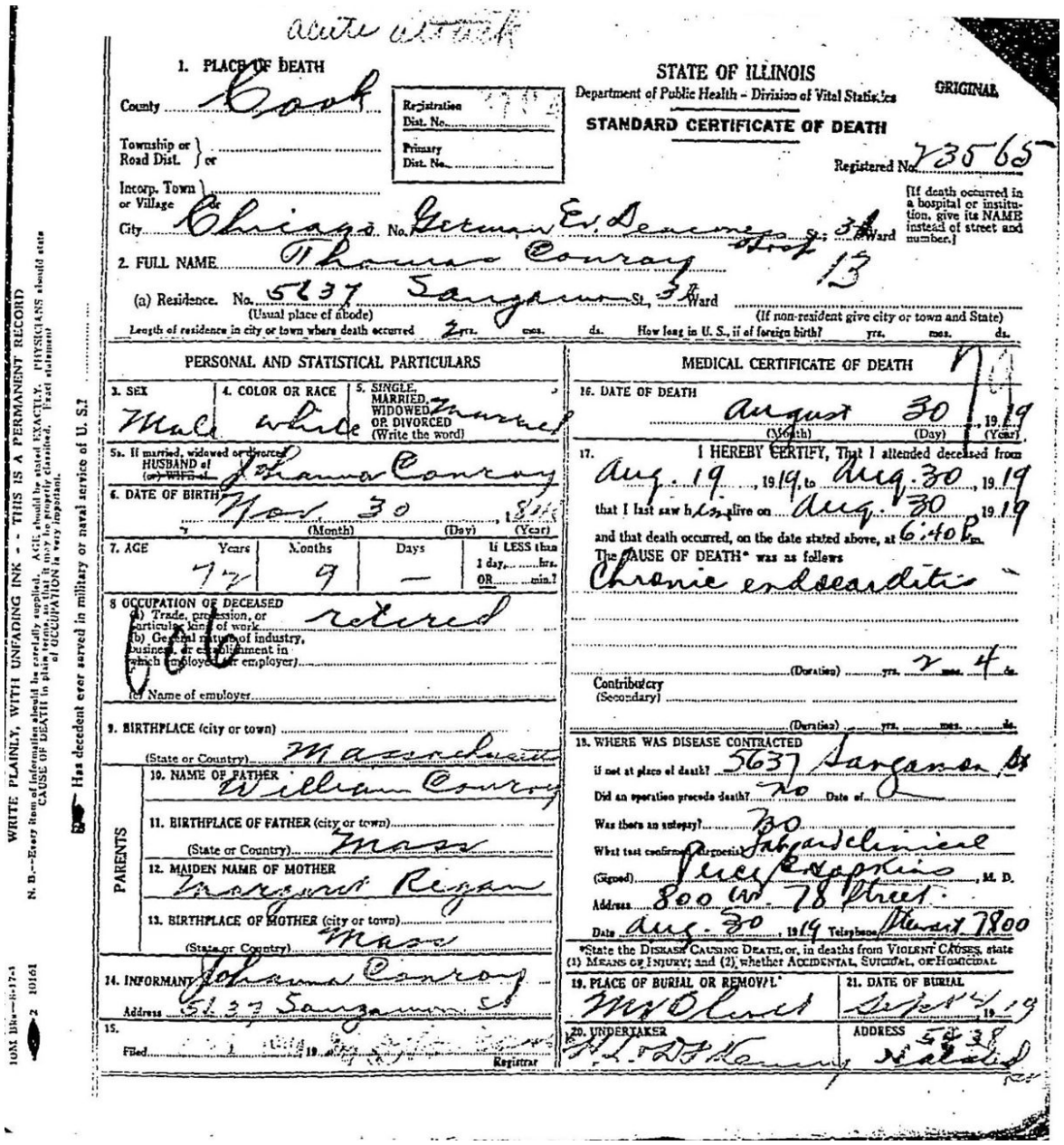


Gene and Betty together in their convertible.

Photograph shared by the family.

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Thomas Conroy's death certificate, 1919



STATE OF ILLINOIS
Department of Public Health – Division of Vital Statistics
ORIGINAL
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Registered No. 73565

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Cook
Township or Road Dist. or
Incorp. Town or Village or
City Chicago No. German Ev. Deaconess Hosp. St. 3rd Ward
[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2. FULL NAME Thomas Conroy
(a) Residence. No. 5637 Sangamon St. 3rd Ward
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 2 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male
4. COLOR OR RACE white
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married
5a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Johanna Conroy
6. DATE OF BIRTH Mar. 30 (Month) (Day) 1842 (Year)
7. AGE Years 77 Months 9 Days — If LESS than 1 day, hrs. OR min.
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work retired (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer
9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) Massachusetts
PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER William Conroy
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or Country) Mass
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Margaret Regan
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or Country) Mass
14. INFORMANT Johanna Conroy Address 5637 Sangamon St
15. Filed 19 Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH August (Month) 30 (Day) 1919 (Year)
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug. 19, 1919, to Aug. 30, 1919 that I last saw h[illegible] alive on Aug. 30, 1919 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6:40 P. m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows
Chronic endocarditis
(Duration) yrs. 7 mos. 4 ds.
Contributory (Secondary)
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED if not at place of death? 5637 Sangamon St
Did an operation precede death? No Date of
Was there an autopsy? No
What test confirmed diagnosis? Subjective clinical
(Signed) Jesse Hopkins, M. D.
Address 800 W. 78 Street
Date Aug. 30, 1919 Telephone Normal 7800
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL
19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mt Olivet
21. DATE OF BURIAL Sept 4, 1919
20. UNDERTAKER H. L. D. Kenny
ADDRESS 5438 Halsted

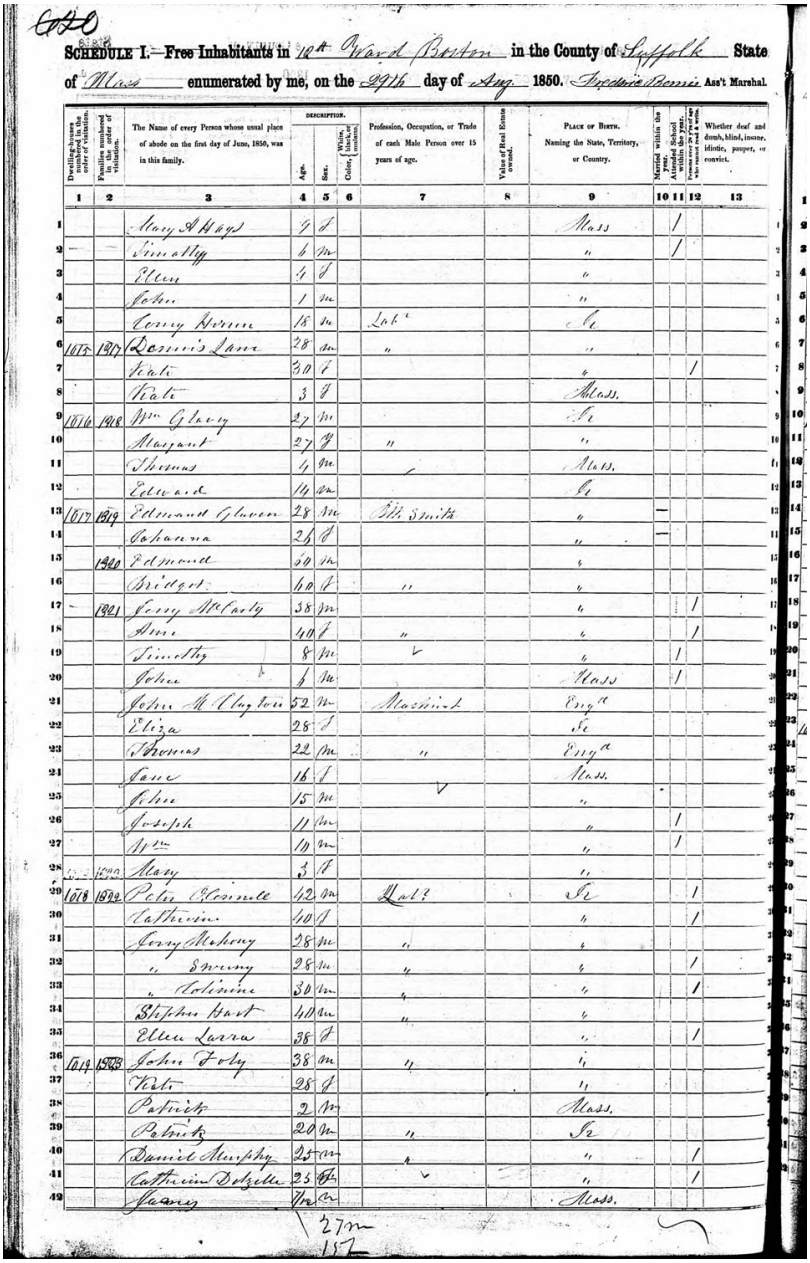
WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK -- THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B.--Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, avoiding technical words. Trade statements of OCCUPATION is very important.
Has deceased ever served in military or naval service of U. S.?
10M Blw—6-17-1 2 10161

Thomas's death certificate, with his parents recorded as William Conroy and Margaret Regan. The image viewer includes a typed copy of the same certificate.

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Boston’s Ward 12 in the 1850 census



SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in 12th Ward Boston in the County of Suffolk State of Mass enumerated by me, on the 29th day of Aug. 1850. Josiah Bonnie Ass't Marshal.

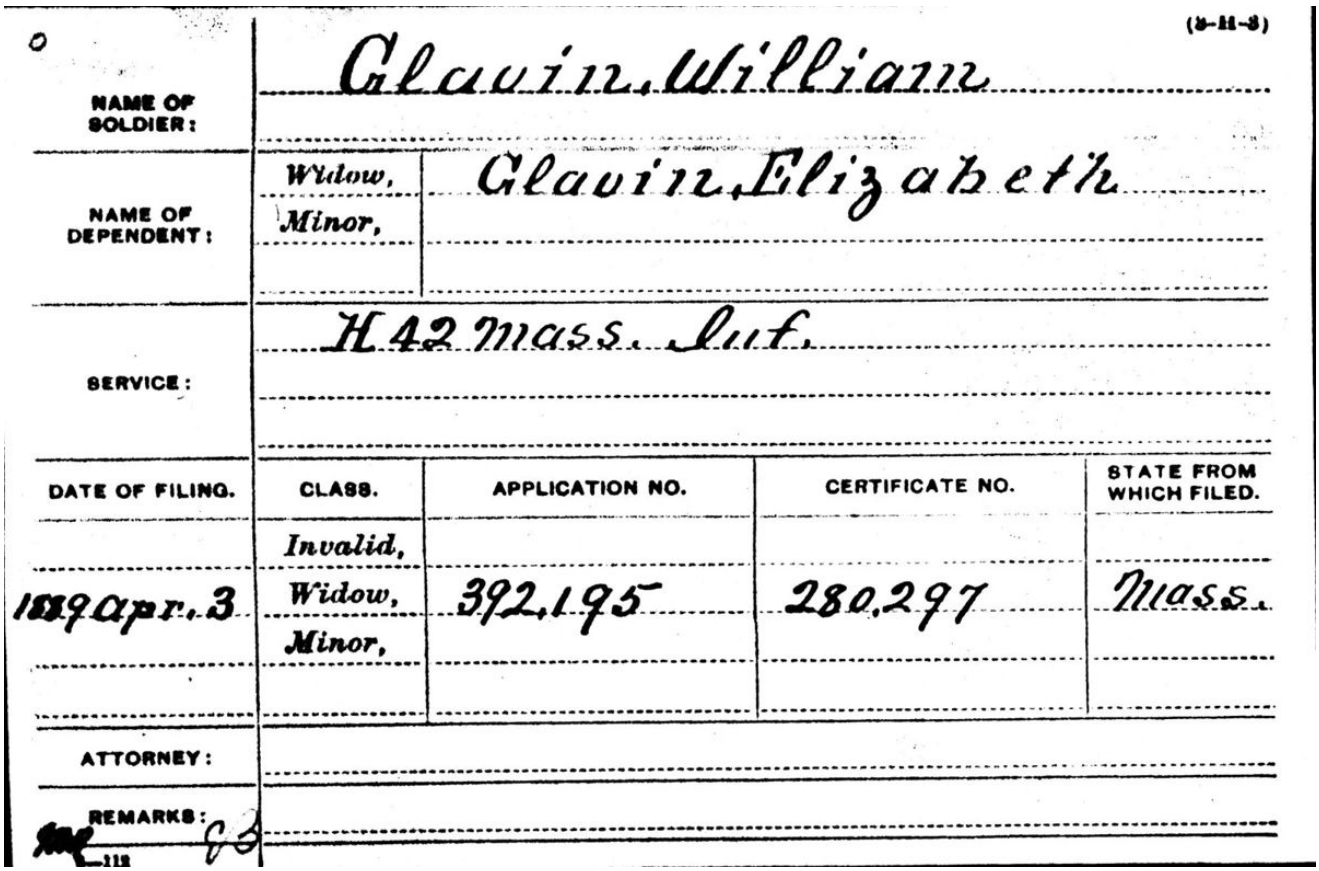
Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 Years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Mary A Hays	9	f				Mass		/		
		Timothy	6	m				"		/		
		Ellen	4	f				"				
		John	1	m				"				
		Corny Dennis	18	m		Lab[r]		Ire				
1615	1817	Dennis Lane	28	m		"		"				
		Kate	30	f				"			/	
		Kate	3	f				Mass.				
1616	1818	Wm Glavy	27	m				Ire				
		Margaret	27	f		"		"				
		Thomas	4	m				Mass.				
		Edward	14	m				Ire				
1617	1819	Edmund Glavin	28	m		Bill Smith		"	—			
		Johanna	25	f				"	—			
	1820	Edmund	50	m				"				
		Bridget	40	f		"		"				
	1821	Corny McCarty	38	m				"			/	
		Ann	40	f		"		"			/	
		Timothy	8	m				"		/		
		John	4	m				Mass		/		
		John A Claytor	52	m		Machinist		Eng[d]				
		Eliza	28	f				Ire				
		Thomas	22	m		"		Eng[d]				
		Jane	16	f				Mass.				
		John	15	m				"				
		Joseph	11	m				"		/		
		Wm	10	m				"		/		
	1822	Mary	3	f				"				
1618	1823	Peter Glennale	42	m		Mal?		Ire			/	
		Catherine	40	f				"			/	
		Corny Mahony	28	m		"		"				
		" Ellen	28	m		"		"			/	
		" Catherine	30	m		"		"			/	
		Stephen Hart	40	m		"		"				
		Ellen Laura	38	f				"			/	
1619	1824	John Foley	38	m		"		"				
		Kate	28	f				"				
		Patrick	2	m				Mass.				
		Patrick	20	m		"		Ire				
		Daniel Murphy	25	m		"		"			/	
		Catherine Doherty	23	f				"			/	
		Jeanie	1/12	m				Mass.				

An 1850 census page listing William, Margaret, Thomas, and Edward Glavin. This page is preserved with the collected family-history papers.

1850 federal census, Boston Ward 12. Image shared by Bill Daker through Find a Grave, August 22, 2025.

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William Glavin’s pension index



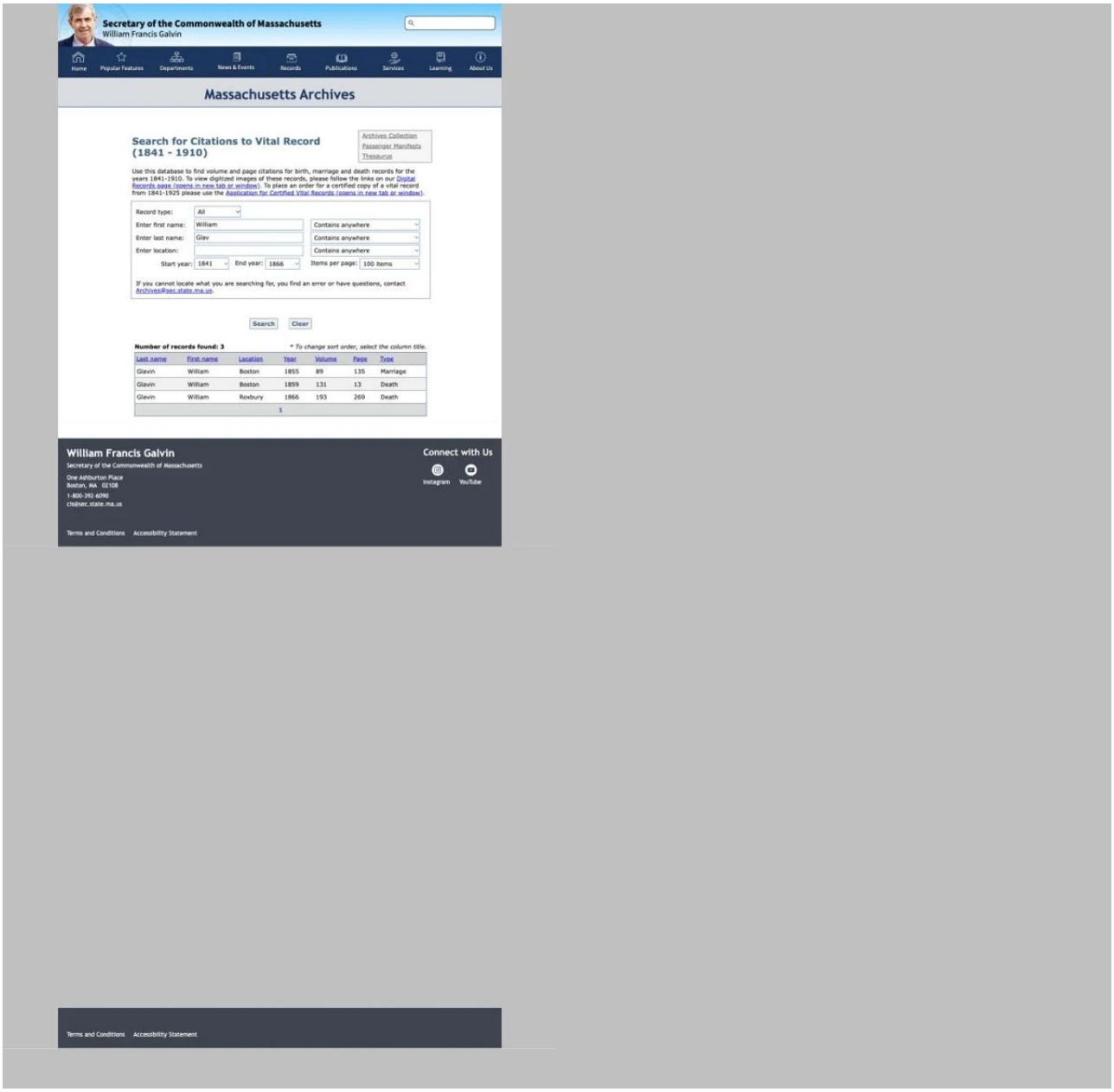
NAME OF SOLDIER:	Glavin, William			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow, Minor,	Glavin, Elizabeth		
SERVICE:	H 42 Mass. Inf.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1889 apr. 3	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	392,195	280,297	Mass.
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

An index card for William Glavin, naming his widow Elizabeth. Preserved with the collected family-history papers.

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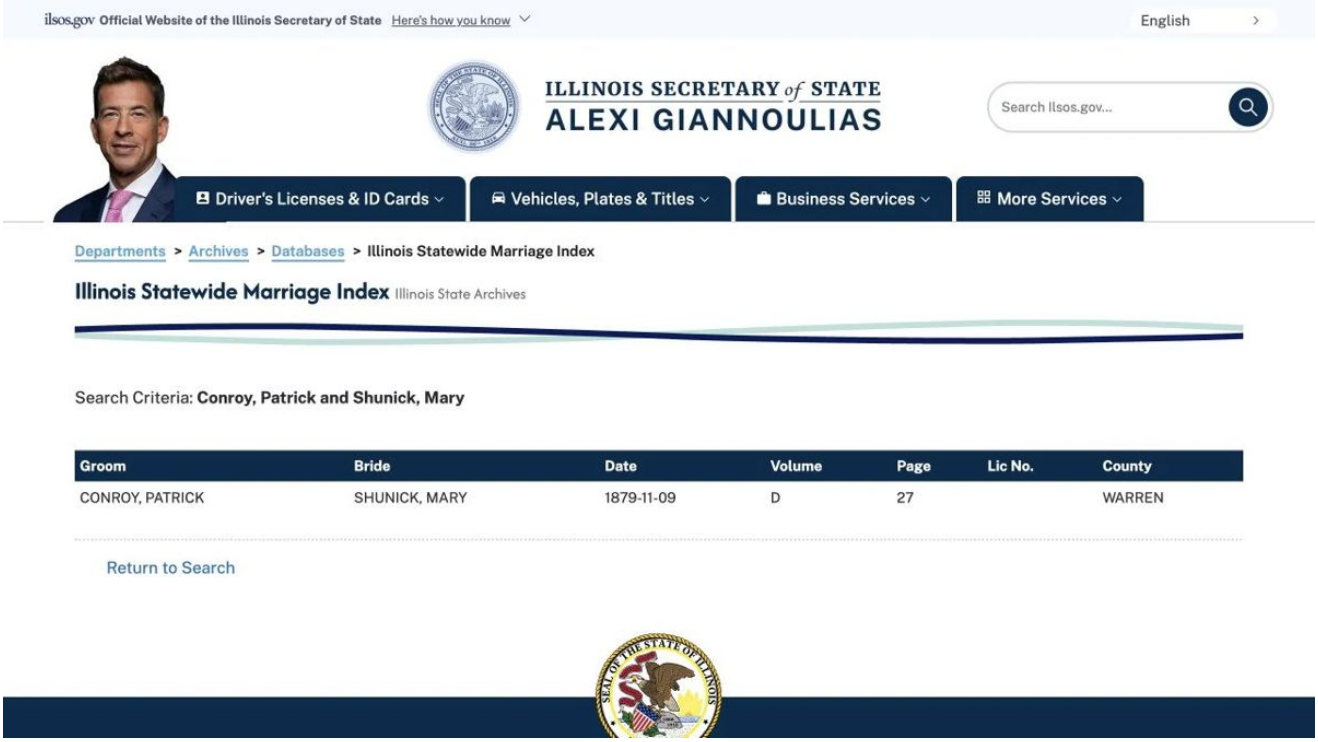


Index entries for William Glavin: a Boston marriage in 1855, volume 89, page 135, and a Roxbury death in 1866, volume 193, page 269.

Massachusetts State Archives index; saved with the family-history papers.

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The Illinois marriage index

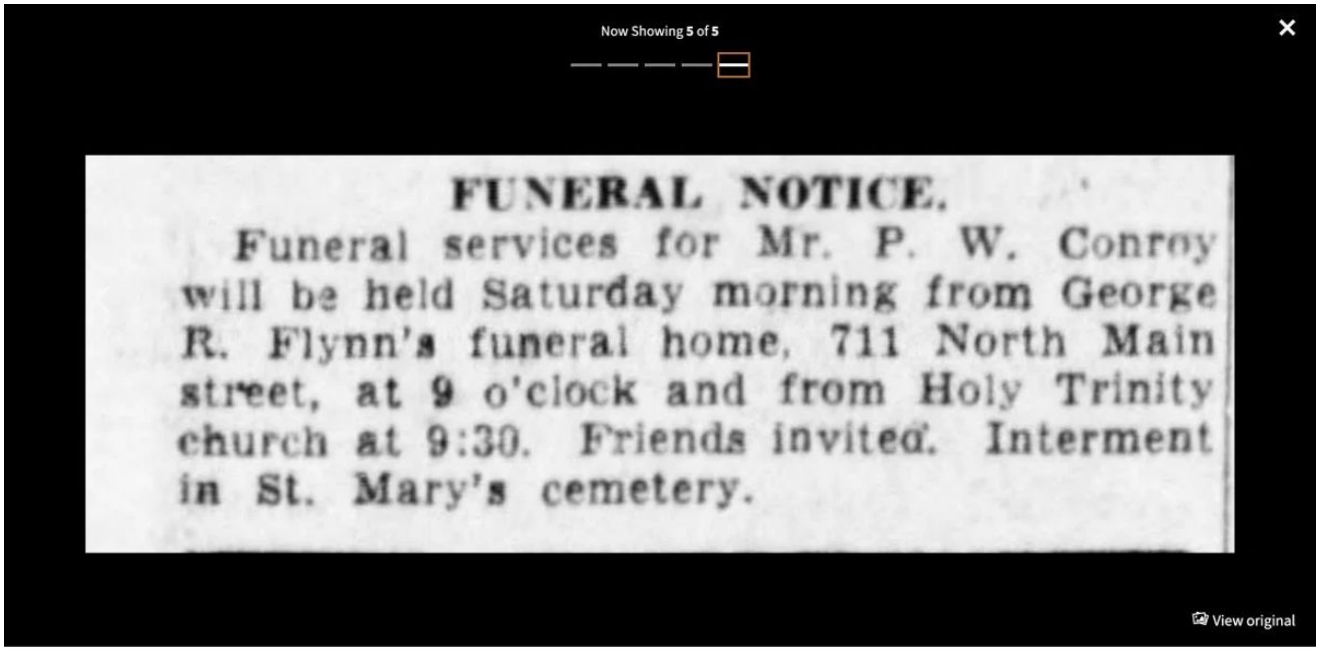


Patrick Conroy and Mary Shunick, Warren County, November 9, 1879, volume D page 27. This indexes the marriage already represented by the signed return.

Preserved research image. Illinois State Archives index. Index supporting the signed return.

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P.W.’s funeral-service notice



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The service notice describes the funeral and burial at St. Mary’s in Bloomington.

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Bill Conroy in the sports pages



Errorless Softball Wins for Sinden's In Tight Game with Mt. Emily Outfit

Rostock Dishes Out 14 Whiffs, Five Hits

La Grande Evening Sports Observer

Page Eight — Wednesday, July 15, 1942

TODAYS SPORT PARADE

(By JACK GUENTHER)

NEW YORK, July 15 (UP)—Big Bill Dickey restlessly tapped his bat on the dugout steps and complained: "This is the dopiest season I ever saw. I'm always getting hurt. Guess I'll be out of way a week or 10 days, now, with this shoulder."

Portland Wins Two More Games In Single Night

By United Press

Cronin Credits Bill Conroy With Rapid Red Sox Rise

Rook Catcher Is Remindful Of Carrigan

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

Draftee Does It

Mr. Snead Regrets, Navy Stern Master

One Falkenburg Is Winner, One Loses

Browns Banging At Door of Top Level As Bosox Defeated

Whirlaway Faces Biggest Obstacle

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By United Press

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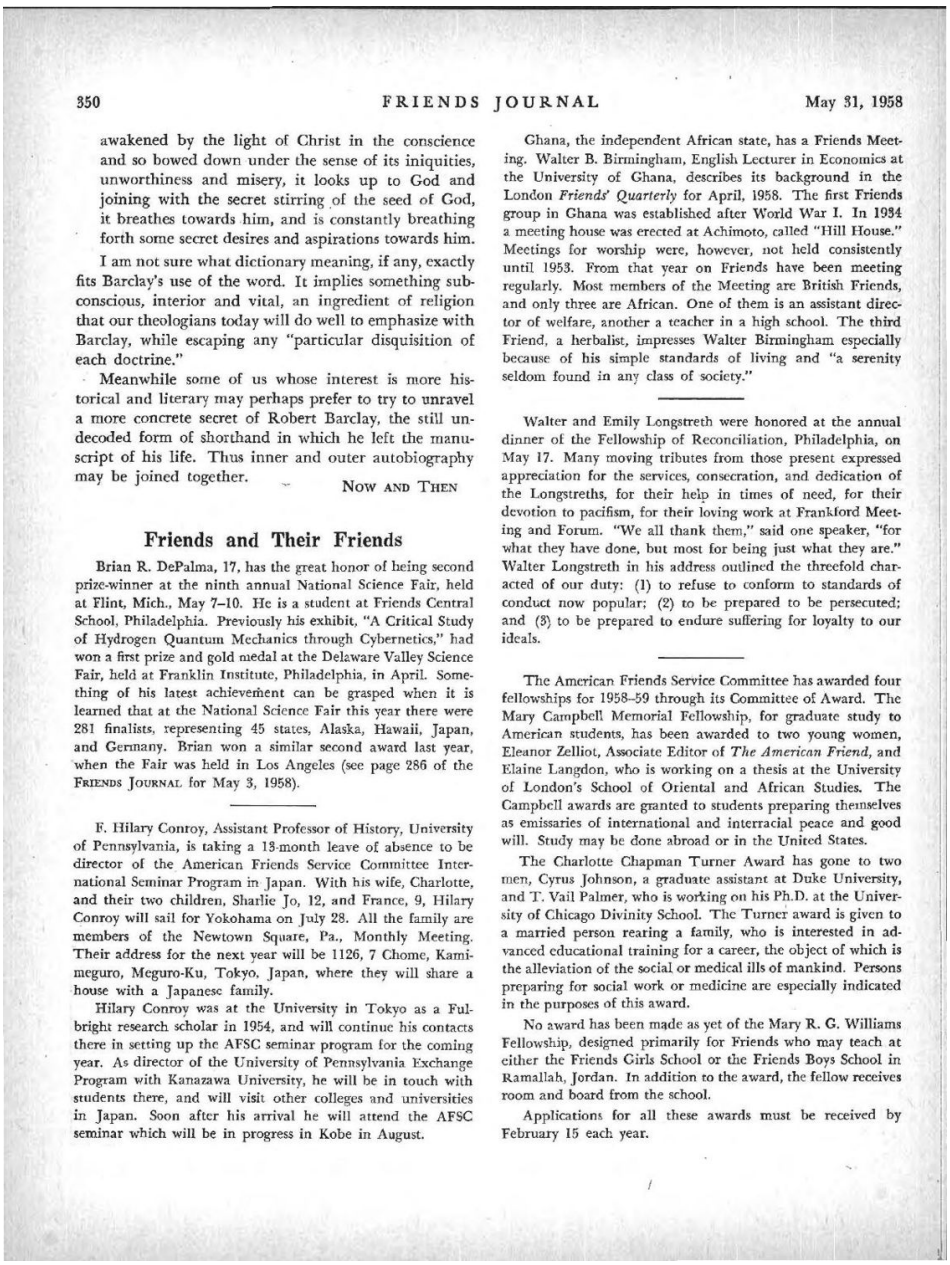
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The July 15, 1942 La Grande Evening Observer, page 8. Grayson's article is at lower left.

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Hilary and Charlotte's Japan plans



awakened by the light of Christ in the conscience and so bowed down under the sense of its iniquities, unworthiness and misery, it looks up to God and joining with the secret stirring of the seed of God, it breathes towards him, and is constantly breathing forth some secret desires and aspirations towards him.

I am not sure what dictionary meaning, if any, exactly fits Barclay's use of the word. It implies something subconscious, interior and vital, an ingredient of religion that our theologians today will do well to emphasize with Barclay, while escaping any "particular disquisition of each doctrine."

Meanwhile some of us whose interest is more historical and literary may perhaps prefer to try to unravel a more concrete secret of Robert Barclay, the still undecoded form of shorthand in which he left the manuscript of his life. Thus inner and outer autobiography may be joined together.

NOW AND THEN

Friends and Their Friends

Brian R. DePalma, 17, has the great honor of being second prize-winner at the ninth annual National Science Fair, held at Flint, Mich., May 7–10. He is a student at Friends Central School, Philadelphia. Previously his exhibit, "A Critical Study of Hydrogen Quantum Mechanics through Cybernetics," had won a first prize and gold medal at the Delaware Valley Science Fair, held at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, in April. Something of his latest achievement can be grasped when it is learned that at the National Science Fair this year there were 281 finalists, representing 45 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, and Germany. Brian won a similar second award last year, when the Fair was held in Los Angeles (see page 286 of the FRIENDS JOURNAL for May 3, 1958).

F. Hilary Conroy, Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania, is taking a 18-month leave of absence to be director of the American Friends Service Committee International Seminar Program in Japan. With his wife, Charlotte, and their two children, Sharlie Jo, 12, and France, 9, Hilary Conroy will sail for Yokohama on July 28. All the family are members of the Newtown Square, Pa., Monthly Meeting. Their address for the next year will be 1126, 7 Chome, Kamimeguro, Meguro-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, where they will share a house with a Japanese family.

Hilary Conroy was at the University in Tokyo as a Fulbright research scholar in 1954, and will continue his contacts there in setting up the AFSC seminar program for the coming year. As director of the University of Pennsylvania Exchange Program with Kanazawa University, he will be in touch with students there, and will visit other colleges and universities in Japan. Soon after his arrival he will attend the AFSC seminar which will be in progress in Kobe in August.

Ghana, the independent African state, has a Friends Meeting. Walter B. Birmingham, English Lecturer in Economics at the University of Ghana, describes its background in the London *Friends' Quarterly* for April, 1958. The first Friends group in Ghana was established after World War I. In 1934 a meeting house was erected at Achimoto, called "Hill House." Meetings for worship were, however, not held consistently until 1953. From that year on Friends have been meeting regularly. Most members of the Meeting are British Friends, and only three are African. One of them is an assistant director of welfare, another a teacher in a high school. The third Friend, a herbalist, impresses Walter Birmingham especially because of his simple standards of living and "a serenity seldom found in any class of society."

Walter and Emily Longstreth were honored at the annual dinner of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Philadelphia, on May 17. Many moving tributes from those present expressed appreciation for the services, consecration, and dedication of the Longstreths, for their help in times of need, for their devotion to pacifism, for their loving work at Frankford Meeting and Forum. "We all thank them," said one speaker, "for what they have done, but most for being just what they are." Walter Longstreth in his address outlined the threefold character of our duty: (1) to refuse to conform to standards of conduct now popular; (2) to be prepared to be persecuted; and (3) to be prepared to endure suffering for loyalty to our ideals.

The American Friends Service Committee has awarded four fellowships for 1958–59 through its Committee of Award. The Mary Campbell Memorial Fellowship, for graduate study to American students, has been awarded to two young women, Eleanor Zelliot, Associate Editor of *The American Friend*, and Elaine Langdon, who is working on a thesis at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. The Campbell awards are granted to students preparing themselves as emissaries of international and interracial peace and good will. Study may be done abroad or in the United States.

The Charlotte Chapman Turner Award has gone to two men, Cyrus Johnson, a graduate assistant at Duke University, and T. Vail Palmer, who is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago Divinity School. The Turner award is given to a married person rearing a family, who is interested in advanced educational training for a career, the object of which is the alleviation of the social or medical ills of mankind. Persons preparing for social work or medicine are especially indicated in the purposes of this award.

No award has been made as yet of the Mary R. G. Williams Fellowship, designed primarily for Friends who may teach at either the Friends Girls School or the Friends Boys School in Ramallah, Jordan. In addition to the award, the fellow receives room and board from the school.

Applications for all these awards must be received by February 15 each year.

Friends Journal, May 31, 1958, printed page 350. The family notice is in the lower-left column.

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Charlotte at the Penn Museum

Deaths

Ms. Bryan, Library

Jane G. Bryan, former administrator at the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library, passed away December 15 from amyloidosis, a rare disease characterized by a buildup of proteins in one's organs; she was 65.

Ms. Bryan's career at Penn spanned nearly 30 years. Initially, she worked as a librarian specializing in social work titles and then became head of reference services at the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library. Before leaving in 2001 for Princeton University, she served as acting director of public services. Ms. Bryan had been a member of the Almanac Advisory Board.

Since 2005, Ms. Bryan served as director of libraries at Drexel University.

Ms. Bryan earned her bachelor's degree in Italian from Wellesley College. She earned her master's degree in library science from Drexel University.

Ms. Bryan is survived by her husband, James; son, Thomas; daughter, Sophie; and a sister.

A memorial service will be held on January 31 at 3 p.m. at Drexel's Anthony J. Drexel Picture Gallery, 3142 Market Street. Memorial donations may be made to the Amyloid Research Fund, 715 Albany St., K503, Boston, MA 02118.

Ms. Conroy, Penn Museum

Charlotte J. Conroy, retired coordinator of the International Classroom program at the Penn Museum, passed away December 9 at age 88.

Ms. Conroy began working at the Penn Museum as a temporary secretary in 1975 but became permanent in 1982. The International Classroom program that Ms. Conroy coordinated is a creative program of the Museum's education department whose mission is to promote intercultural understanding between residents of the Delaware Valley area and people around the world. She continued to volunteer after retiring in 1990.

In addition to her duties at Penn, Ms. Conroy had served as a board member of International House of Philadelphia since the 1960s, often offering her home as an international gathering place for students. She helped coordinate its move to its current location at 37th and Chestnut Streets, which was dedicated in 1970.

Ms. Conroy majored in international relations at the University of California, Berkeley.

Ms. Conroy is survived by her husband, F. Hilary Conroy, professor emeritus of history; son, F.H. Conroy, III; daughter, Sharlie Conroy Ushioda; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Mr. Moukwa, Penn Senior

Kambili (Kam) Andre Joseph Moukwa, a 22-year-old senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, was found dead January 1 in a vacant parking lot near Delaware Avenue by friends who had reported him missing after he hadn't returned home after attending a club for a New Year's Eve celebration. The exact cause of death was not available, but investigators believe that hypothermia could have been the cause.

Born in Quebec, Canada, Mr. Moukwa grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio and moved to Raleigh, NC when he was in high school. At Penn, he was majoring in philosophy, politics and economics (PPE). He had been a member of the United Minorities Council and served as a communications intern in Mayor Michael Nutter's Press Office since last year.

Mr. Moukwa is survived by his parents, Mosongo and Barbara; sisters, Camille and Elali.

Dr. Okereke, Orthopaedic Surgery

Dr. Enyi Okereke, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, died November 25 of a heart attack in Enugu, Nigeria, where he travelled to train physicians. He was 54 years old.

After completing his residency at Penn, Dr. Okereke was appointed to the faculty in 1993 to the department of orthopaedic surgery in the School of Medicine. As an orthopaedic surgeon at HUP, his expertise was in disorders of the foot and ankle with a special interest in diabetes and sports injuries to the foot and ankle.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Okereke was a consultant physician to the Penn Relays, to some of Penn's athletic teams and to professional teams including the Philadelphia 76ers. He held health fairs in the Philadelphia area and mentored inner city high school students. In addition, he frequently traveled to his native country, Nigeria, to conduct health fairs, donate medical equipment, train physicians and treat patients.

He was a member of several medical organizations and was named a "Top Doctor" in orthopaedic surgery by *Philadelphia* magazine in 2008.

Dr. Okereke completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Buffalo (SUNY) in 1977. Six years later he earned a doctorate in pharmacy from Mercer University. He earned his medical degree in 1987 from Howard University.

Dr. Okereke is survived by his wife, Moriam; sons, Karim and Kelechi; daughter, Kalaya; grandson, Karim Joseph; three brothers; and two sisters. For information about an endowment fund in Dr. Okereke's honor, contributors may send an e-mail to *enyitraumafund@gmail.com*.

Dr. Pryor, Surgery and Trauma Center

Dr. John P. Pryor, assistant professor of surgery and director of Penn's Trauma Center, was killed December 25 when a mortar struck near his quarters while he was serving in Iraq as an Army trauma surgeon. He was 42 years old.

Dr. Pryor was appointed to the faculty in the department of surgery in 1999. After serving as an attending surgeon and holding other hospital and administrative appointments, he became the Trauma Program Director in 2006. He was also a clinical associate in the Biobehavioral and Health Science Division in the School of Nursing and an attending surgeon at Reading Hospital.



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John Pryor

Dr. Pryor joined the US Army Reserve in 2004. He had been deployed for the second time to Iraq just three weeks before his death. The Army awarded him a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and a Meritorious Service Medal among a dozen other decorations.

Reflecting on Dr. Pryor, the department of surgery made this statement, "From saving lives in our trauma bays, to fighting violence in West Philadelphia, to garnering the attention of policymakers on important matters, he never waivered in his desire to bring his mighty skills to bear on the most difficult problems of our world."

As a chief medical adviser to the Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Pryor held disaster-relief training for volunteers. As a writer, he contributed opinion articles to the *Inquirer* and the *Washington Post*, one of which compared the deaths of soldiers on the war battlefield to the loss of everyday citizens in Philadelphia's battlefield.

Dr. Pryor's interest in caring for the sick started when he was young. He joined the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Ambulance Corps at age 17 and the next year became a NY State Emergency Medical Technician. On September 11, 2001, Dr. Pryor rushed to Ground Zero to help decipher and fulfill medical requests.

A native of New York, Dr. Pryor received his BS from SUNY at Binghamton in 1988, and his MD from SUNY Buffalo in 1994.

Dr. Pryor is survived by his wife, Dr. Carmela V. Calvo; daughter, Danielle; sons, Francis and John, Jr.; brother, Richard; and his parents, Richard C. and Victoria.

A fund has been established to help his wife and children. Donations may be made to UPHS–Dr. John Pryor Fund, Suite 750, 3535 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-3309.

Penn's Way—Thanks a Million

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Each year Penn's Way calls upon the unified strength of our community to respond to the needs of those less fortunate. For this year's Stronger Together campaign you answered our call and then some! On behalf of the University leadership and our charitable partners from the Center for Responsible Funding, Penn Medicine and The United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania we would like to say *Thanks A Million!* Thanks a million for your commitment to sending a message of hope and support to the vulnerable populations these agencies serve.

Because of your generosity and compassion, in spite of this challenging financial time, the Penn's Way 2009 campaign met and exceeded its goal of $1,200,000—raising $1,300,372 for those in need!

We especially applaud the hard work and enthusiasm of the many individual volunteers who served as Volunteer Coordinators and Captains, and appreciate the support of several Penn departments: *Almanac*, Business Services, Computer Connection, Division of Public Safety, ISC, Mail Services, Payroll, Penn Athletics, Penn Publications Services, the Travel Office, Penn Communications, UPHS Marketing Department and VPUL.

Our deepest thanks to them and to you for making the Penn's Way's 2009 Workplace giving Campaign another remarkable success! Thank You.

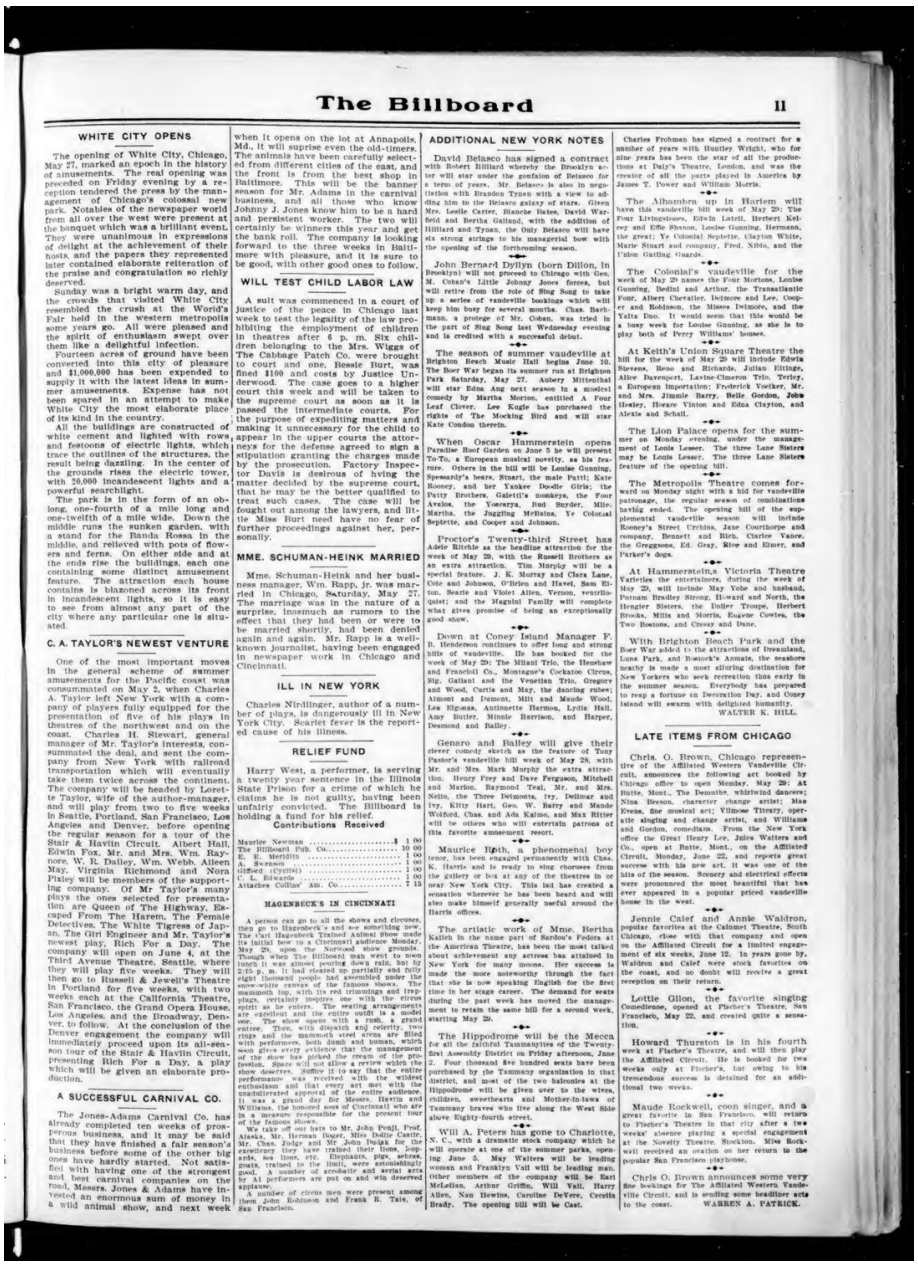
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Penn's Way 2009 Campaign Executive Co-chair
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—Harvey Rubin, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
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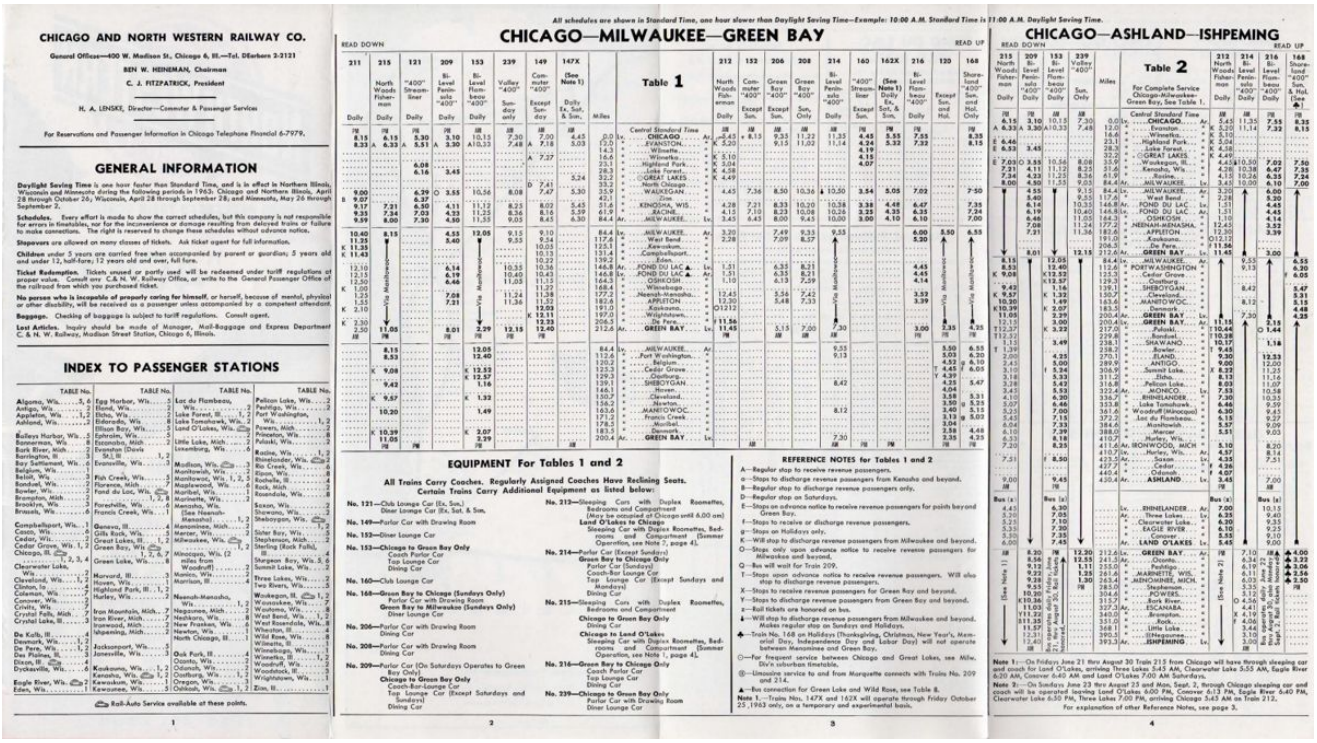


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Cleveland, Wis. ... 1, 2	Harvard, Ill. ... 3	Summit Lake, Wis. ... 2
Clinton, Ia. ... 4	Howes, Wis. ... 1	Three Lakes, Wis. ... 2
Coleman, Wis. ... 7	Highland Park, Ill. ... 1, 2	Two Rivers, Wis. ... 5
Conover, Wis. ... 2	Hurley, Wis. ... 2	Waukegan, Ill. ... 1, 2
Crivitz, Wis. ... 7	Neenah-Menasha, Wis. ... 1, 2	Wauoskee, Wis. ... 7
Crystal Falls, Mich. ... 7	Iron Mountain, Mich. ... 7	Wauzeka, Wis. ... 8
Crystal Lake, Ill. ... 3	Negaunee, Mich. ... 2	West Bend, Wis. ... 1, 2
	Iron River, Mich. ... 7	West Rosendale, Wis. ... 8
	Ironwood, Mich. ... 2	Wheaton, Ill. ... 4
De Kalb, Ill. ... 4	Ishpeming, Mich. ... 2	Wild Rose, Wis. ... 8
Desmark, Wis. ... 1, 2		Wilmette, Ill. ... 1
De Pere, Wis. ... 1, 2	Jacksonport, Wis. ... 5	Winneboujo, Wis. ... 1
Des Plaines, Ill. ... 3	Janesville, Wis. ... 3	Winnetka, Ill. ... 1, 2
Dixon, Ill. ... 4		Woodruff, Wis. ... 2
Dyckesville, Wis. ... 6	Kaukauna, Wis. ... 1, 2	Woodstock, Ill. ... 3
	Kenosha, Wis. ... 1, 2	Wyeville, Wis. ... 1
Eagle River, Wis. ... 2	Kewaunee, Wis. ... 5	
Eden, Wis. ... 1	Kewaunee, Wis. ... 5	Zion, Ill. ... 1

Rail-Auto Service available at these points.

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All schedules are shown in Standard Time, one hour slower than Daylight Saving Time—Example: 10:00 A.M. Standard Time is 11:00 A.M. Daylight Saving Time.

CHICAGO—MILWAUKEE—GREEN BAY

READ DOWN / READ UP

Table 1

211	215	121	209	153	239	149	147X		Table 1	212	152	206	208	214	160	162X	216	120	168
	North Woods Fisherman	"400" Streamliner	Bi-Level Panoramic "400"	Bi-Level Flambeau "400"	Valley "400"	Commuter "400"	(See Note 1)	Miles		North Woods Fisherman	Commuter "400"	Green Bay "400"	Green Bay "400"	Bi-Level Panoramic "400"	"400" Streamliner	(See Note 1)	Bi-Level Flambeau "400"	Except Sun. and Hol.	Shoreland "400" Sun. & Hol. (See ▲)
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Sunday only	Except Sunday	Daily Ex. Sat. & Sun.		Central Standard Time	Except Sun.	Except Sun.	Except Sun.	Sun. Only	Except Sun.	Except Sat. & Sun.	Daily Ex. Sat. & Sun.	Daily		
PM	PM	PM	PM	AM	AM	AM	AM			AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM		PM
8.15	6.15	3.30	3.10	10.15	7.30	7.00	4.45	0.0	Lv. CHICAGO Ar.	8.45	9.35	11.25	11.35	4.45	5.55	7.55			8.35
8.33	6.33	3.51	3.30	A10.33	7.48	7.18	5.03	12.5	EVANSTON	K 8.20	9.15	11.02	11.14	4.24	5.32	7.32			8.15
								14.3	Winnetka					4.24					
						A 7.27		16.6	Winnetka	K 5.10				4.15					
		6.08						28.1	Highland Park	K 5.04				4.07					
		6.16	3.45					29.3	Lake Forest	K 4.58									
							5.24	35.2	GREAT LAKES	K 4.49									
						D 7.41		35.2	North Chicago										
		6.39	O 3.55	10.56	8.08	7.47	5.30	35.9	WAUKEGAN	4.43	7.36	8.50	10.36	A 10.20	3.54	5.05	7.02	7.50	
9.00		6.37						42.1	Zion										
B 9.07		6.50	4.11	11.12	8.25	8.02	5.45	51.4	KENOSHA, WIS.	4.28	7.21	8.33	10.20	10.38	3.38	4.48	6.47	7.35	
9.17	7.21	6.50	4.22	11.25	8.36	8.16	5.59	61.9	RACINE	4.15	7.10	8.23	10.08	10.26	3.25	4.35	6.35	7.24	
9.25	7.34	7.03	4.32	11.35	9.03	8.45	6.30	74.4	MILWAUKEE	3.45	6.45	8.00	9.45	10.00	3.00	4.10	6.10	7.00	
9.59	8.00	7.30	4.50					Ar.											
10.40	8.15		4.55	12.05	9.15	9.10		84.4	Lv. MILWAUKEE Ar.	3.20		7.49	9.33	9.55			6.00	5.50	6.55
11.25			5.40		9.55	9.54		117.6	West Bend	2.28		7.09	8.57				5.20		
K 11.35						10.05		123.1	Kewaskum										
K 11.43						10.13		131.4	Campbellsport										
						10.22		139.2	Eden										
12.10			6.14		10.35	10.36		146.8	Ar. FOND DU LAC Lv.	1.51		6.35	8.21				4.45		
12.15			6.19		10.40	10.43		146.8	Lv. FOND DU LAC Ar.	1.51		6.35	8.21				4.45		
12.50			6.46		11.05	11.13		164.3	OSHKOSH	1.10		6.13	7.59				4.14		
K 1.00						11.27		168.4	Winneboujo										
1.25			7.08		11.24	11.38		177.2	Neenah-Menasha	12.45		5.56	7.42				3.52		
1.35			7.21		11.36	11.52		182.6	APPLETON	12.30		5.48	7.33				3.39		
K 2.10						12.03		191.0	Kaukauna	O1212									
						K 12.11		197.0	Wrightstown										
K 2.30						12.32		206.5	De Pere		11.56								
2.50	11.05		8.01	2.29	12.15	12.40		212.6	Ar. GREEN BAY Lv.		11.45	5.15	7.00	7.30			3.00	2.35	4.25
PM	PM		PM	PM	PM	PM					PM	AM	AM	AM			PM	PM	PM
	8.15			12.05				84.4	Lv. MILWAUKEE Ar.					9.55				5.50	6.55
	8.53			12.40				112.6	Port Washington					9.13				5.03	6.30
								120.2	Belgium									4.52	g 6.10
	9.08			K 12.53				123.5	Cedar Grove									Y 4.45	6.05
				K 12.57				129.3	Oostburg									Y 4.39	
	9.42			1.16				139.1	SHEBOYGAN					8.42				4.25	5.47
								146.1	Haven									4.04	
	9.57			K 1.32				150.2	Cleveland									3.58	5.31
								156.2	Newton									3.50	g 5.25
	10.20			1.49				163.6	MANITOWOC					8.12				3.40	5.15
								171.2	Francis Creek									3.13	g 5.03
								178.2	Maribel									3.04	
	10.39			K 2.07				183.5	Denmark									2.58	4.48
	11.05			2.29				200.4	Ar. GREEN BAY Lv.					7.30				2.35	4.25
	PM			PM			AR							AR	PM	PM		PM	PM

EQUIPMENT For Tables 1 and 2

All Trains Carry Coaches. Regularly Assigned Coaches Have Reclining Seats. Certain Trains Carry Additional Equipment as listed below:

No. 121—Club Lounge Car (Ex. Sun.)
Diner Lounge Car (Ex. Sat. & Sun. to Green Bay)

No. 149—Parlor Car with Drawing Room

No. 152—Diner Lounge Car

No. 153—Chicago to Green Bay Only
Coach Parlor Car
Tap Lounge Car
Dining Car

No. 160—Club Lounge Car

No. 168—Green Bay to Chicago (Sundays Only)
Parlor Car with Drawing Room
Green Bay to Milwaukee (Sundays Only)
Diner Lounge Car

No. 206—Parlor Car with Drawing Room
Dining Car

No. 208—Parlor Car with Drawing Room
Dining Car

No. 209—Parlor Car (On Saturdays Operates to Green Bay Only)
Chicago to Green Bay Only
Coach-Bar-Lounge Car
Tap Lounge Car (Except Saturdays and Sundays)
Dining Car

No. 213—Sleeping Cars with Duplex Roomettes, Bedrooms and Compartment (May be occupied at Chicago until 6.00 am)
Land O'Lakes to Chicago
Sleeping Car with Duplex Roomettes, Bedrooms and Compartment (Summer Operation, see Note 7, page 4).

No. 214—Parlor Car (Except Sundays)
Green Bay to Chicago Only
Parlor Car (Sundays)
Coach-Bar Lounge Car
Tap Lounge Car (Except Sundays and Mondays)
Dining Car

No. 215—Sleeping Cars with Duplex Roomettes, Bedrooms and Compartment
Chicago to Green Bay Only
Dining Car
Chicago to Land O'Lakes
Sleeping Car with Duplex Roomettes, Bedrooms and Compartment (Summer Operation, see Note 1, page 4).

No. 216—Green Bay to Chicago Only
Coach Parlor Car
Tap Lounge Car
Dining Car

No. 239—Chicago to Green Bay Only
Parlor Car with Drawing Room
Diner Lounge Car

REFERENCE NOTES for Tables 1 and 2

A—Regular stop to receive revenue passengers.
a—Stops to discharge revenue passengers from Kenosha and beyond.
B—Regular stop to discharge revenue passengers only.
D—Regular stop on Saturdays.
E—Stops on advance notice to receive revenue passengers for points beyond Green Bay.
f—Stops to receive or discharge revenue passengers.
g—Stops on Holidays only.
K—Will stop to discharge revenue passengers from Milwaukee and beyond.
O—Stops only upon advance notice to receive revenue passengers for Milwaukee and beyond.
Q—Bus will wait for Train 209.
T—Stops upon advance notice to receive revenue passengers. Will also stop to discharge revenue passengers.
X—Stops to receive revenue passengers for Green Bay and beyond.
Y—Stops to discharge revenue passengers from Green Bay and beyond.
z—Rail tickets are honored on bus.
‖—Will stop to discharge revenue passengers from Milwaukee and beyond. Makes regular stop on Sundays and Holidays.
▲—Train No. 168 on Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day) will not operate between Menominee and Green Bay.
⊖—For frequent service between Chicago and Great Lakes, see Milwaukee Div's suburban timetable.
⊜—Limousine service to and from Marquette connects with Trains No. 209 and 214.
▲—Bus connection for Green Lake and Wild Rose, see Table 8.

Note 1.—Trains Nos. 147X and 162X will operate through Friday October 25, 1963 only, on a temporary and experimental basis.

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CHICAGO—ASHLAND—ISHPEMING

READ DOWN / READ UP

Table 2

215	209	153	239		Table 2	212	214	216	168
North Woods Fisherman	Bi-Level Panoramic "400"	Bi-Level Flambeau "400"	Valley "400"	Miles	For Complete Service Chicago-Milwaukee-Green Bay, See Table 1.	North Woods Fisherman	Bi-Level Panoramic "400"	Bi-Level Flambeau "400"	Shoreland "400" Sun. & Hol. (See ▲)
Daily	Daily	Daily	Sun. Only		Central Standard Time	Daily	Daily	Daily	
PM	PM	PM	AM			AM	AM	AM	PM
6.15	3.10	10.15	7.30	0.0	Lv. CHICAGO Ar.	5.45	11.35	7.55	8.35
A 6.33	A 3.30	A10.33	7.48	12.0	Evanston	K 5.30	11.14	7.32	8.15
				16.4	Winnetka	K 5.10			
E 6.46				23.1	Highland Park	K 5.04			
E 6.53	3.45			28.3	Lake Forest	K 4.58			
				32.2	GREAT LAKES	K 4.49			
7.09	O 3.55	10.56	8.08	33.9	Waukegan, Ill.	4.43	10.50	7.02	7.50
7.21	4.11	11.12	8.25	51.6	Kenosha, Wis.	4.28	10.38	6.47	7.35
7.34	4.22	11.25	8.36	61.9	Racine	4.15	10.26	6.35	7.24
8.00	4.50	11.55	9.05	84.4	Ar. MILWAUKEE Lv.	3.45	10.00	6.10	7.00
	4.55		9.15	84.4	Lv. MILWAUKEE Ar.	3.30		6.00	
	5.40		10.35	117.6	West Bend	2.28		5.20	
	6.14		10.55	146.8	Ar. FOND DU LAC Lv.	1.51		4.45	
	6.19		10.40	146.8	Lv. FOND DU LAC Ar.	1.51		4.45	
	6.46		11.05	164.3	OSHKOSH	1.10		4.14	
	7.08		11.24	177.2	NEENAH-MENASHA	12.45		3.52	
	7.21		11.36	182.6	APPLETON	12.30		3.39	
				191.0	Kaukauna	O1212			
				197.0	Wrightstown				
				206.5	De Pere	11.56			
	8.01		12.15	212.6	Ar. GREEN BAY Lv.	11.45		3.00	
				84.4	Lv. MILWAUKEE Ar.		9.55		6.55
				112.6	PORTWASHINGTON		9.13		6.30
				120.2	Cedar Grove				6.05
				123.5	Oostburg				
				129.3	SHEBOYGAN		8.42		5.47
				139.1	Cleveland				5.31
				150.2	Newton				5.25
				156.8	MANITOWOC		8.12		5.15
				163.6	MANITOWOC				5.03
				171.2	Francis Creek				4.48
				178.2	Maribel				4.35
				183.5	Denmark		7.30		
				200.4	Ar. GREEN BAY Lv.		7.15		
				200.4	Lv. GREEN BAY Ar.	11.15		7.10	
				217.0	Pulaski	10.44		O 1.44	
				229.8	Bonduel	10.28			
				238.1	SHAWANO	10.17		1.18	
				258.2	Bowler	9.45			
				270.1	ELAND	9.30		12.53	
				289.9	ANTIGO	9.00		12.00	
				306.9	Summit Lake	X 8.32		11.25	
				311.2	Elcho	8.13		11.16	
				316.8	Pelican Lake	8.03		11.07	
				322.4	Ar. MONICO Lv.	7.53		10.58	
				336.7	RHINELANDER	7.30		10.35	
				353.8	Lake Tomahawk	6.46		9.59	
				361.6	Woodruff (Minocqua)	6.30		9.45	
				372.2	Lac du Flambeau	6.15		9.27	
				384.6	Manitowish	5.57		9.09	
				388.0	Mercer	5.51		9.03	
				410.7	Hurley, Wis.			8.20	
				411.6	Ar. IRONWOOD, MICH Lv.	5.10		8.14	
				410.7	Lv. Hurley, Wis. Ar.	4.57		7.51	
				423.5	Ar. Saxon Lv.	4.35			
				427.7	Cadot	X 4.28			
				440.4	Odanah	Y 4.07			
				450.4	Ar. ASHLAND Lv.	3.45		7.00	
						PM		AR	
Bus (a)		Bus (a)						Bus (a)	
6.45		6.30			Lv. RHINELANDER Ar.	7.00		10.15	
5.30		7.05			Ar. Three Lakes Lv.	6.35		9.40	
5.25		7.10			Clearwater Lake	6.30		9.35	
5.35		7.20			EAGLE RIVER	6.10		9.25	
5.50		7.35			Conover	5.55		9.10	
6.00		7.45			Ar. LAND O'LAKES Lv.	5.45		9.00	
AR	8.20	PM	12.30	212.6	Lv. GREEN BAY Ar.	PM	7.10	PM	▲4.00
8.56	8.56	12.55	12.55	241.0	Ar. Oconto Lv.		6.34		▲3.22
9.12	9.12	1.11	1.11	255.0	Peshtigo		6.19		▲3.06
9.22	9.22	1.21	1.25	261.6	MARINETTE, WIS.		6.11		▲2.56
9.28	9.28	1.27	1.30	263.4	MENOMINEE, MICH.		6.03		▲2.50
9.55	9.55			285.0	Stephenson		5.35		PM
10.00	10.00			304.8	POWERS		5.20		
⊖10.36	⊖10.36			315.7	Bark River		⊖ 4.56		
11.03	11.03			327.3	ESCANABA		4.41		
Y11.22	Y11.22			340.0	Brampton		K 4.19		
11.35	11.35			351.0	Rock		4.06		
11.57	11.57			368.1	Little Lake		3.44		
12.31	12.31			390.4	Negaunee		3.10		
12.40	12.40			393.3	Ar. ISHPEMING Lv.		3.00		
AR	AR						AR		

Note 1:—On Fridays June 21 thru August 30 Train 215 from Chicago will have through sleeping car and coach for Land O'Lakes, arriving Three Lakes 5:45 AM, Clearwater Lake 5:55 AM, Eagle River 6:20 AM, Conover 6:40 AM and Land O'Lakes 7:00 AM Saturdays.

Note 2:—On Sundays June 23 thru August 25 and Mon. Sept. 2, through Chicago sleeping car and coach will be operated leaving Land O'Lakes 6:00 PM, Conover 6:13 PM, Eagle River 6:40 PM, Clearwater Lake 6:50 PM, Three Lakes 7:00 PM, arriving Chicago 5:45 AM on Train 212.

For explanation of other Reference Notes, see page 3.

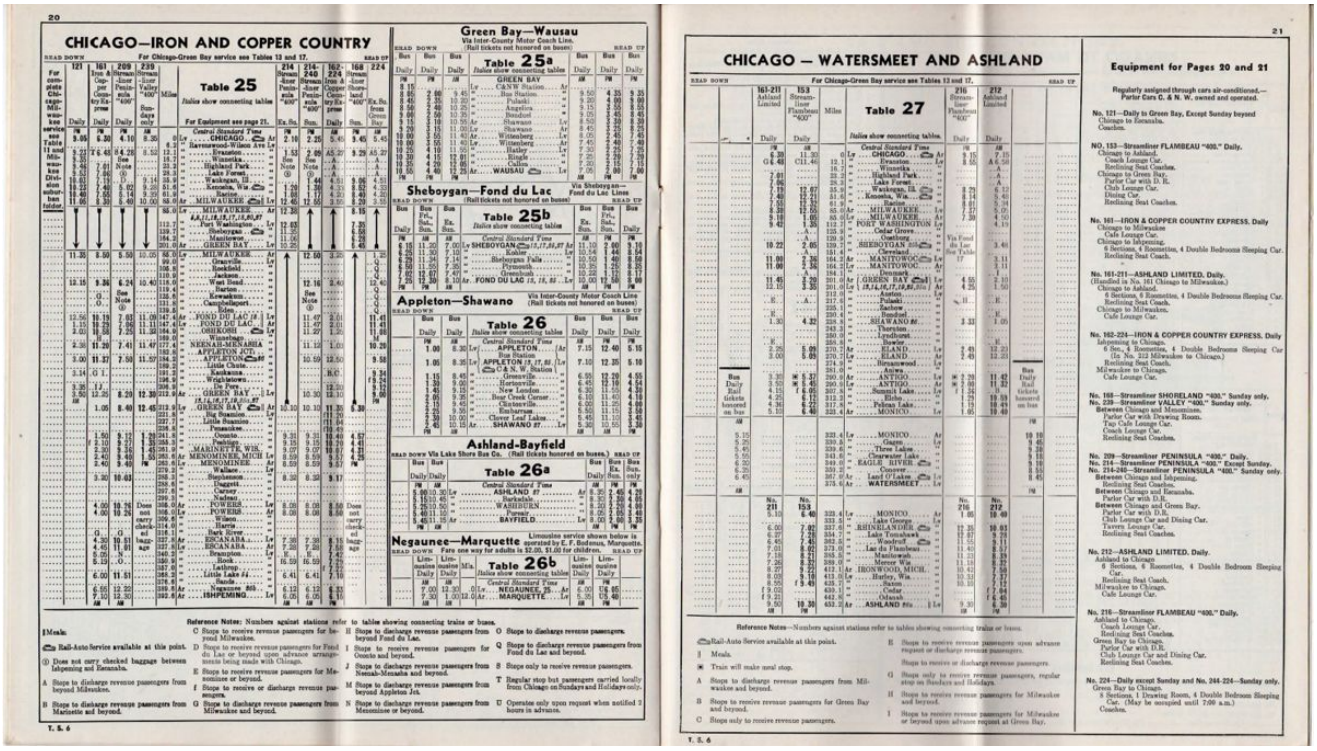
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The North Woods Fisherman appears in the 1963 timetable, with Lake Tomahawk and Woodruff in the right-hand table. Published after Bill and Jim's childhood summers.

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The railway's 1956 timetable



Chicago & North Western, summer 1956. Table 27 on the right-hand page lists Lake Tomahawk and Woodruff. This is a dated view of the service, rather than a record of the family's particular departure.

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Bernard firefighters 1929 article

Project to mark firefighter graves lesson in history

As part of a Memorial Day observance last month, active and retired Twin City firefighters placed flags on the graves of former members of the Bloomington and Normal fire departments.

This annual rite, now organized by Bob Wills, a retired Bloomington firefighter and vice president of the Bloomington and Normal Association of Retired Firefighters, has become even more meaningful as a concerted research effort in the past several years has greatly increased the number of documented gravesites.

So far, Wills and others have expanded the number of located graves from 75 to 232. Evergreen Memorial Cemetery is the final resting place for 90 identified Bloomington and Normal firefighters. There are also 75 such gravesites at Park Hill; 33 at East Lawn Memorial Gardens; 27 at St. Mary's; 5 at St. Joseph's; and 2 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Normal.

The Memorial Day weekend tradition takes on special significance when it comes to firefighters who died in the line of duty. In the history of the Bloomington Fire Department, eight members and one volunteer made the ultimate sacrifice, either combating a fire or from injuries sustained at the scene of one.

The department's first fatality occurred in 1912. On March 7 of that year, Maurice Luby died of a heart attack while carrying a ladder during a house fire on the 1400 block of North Morris Avenue on the city's west side. The 47-year-old had been a Bloomington firefighter for 22 years, making him one of the longer serving members of the department at the time.

Luby's funeral was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and he was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery on the city's far west side. "The sacrifices incident to the life of a fireman for public safety and for public welfare are as worthy the crowning laurel as are those of any who give up their life for their country's good," noted The Daily Bulletin, a Bloomington newspaper, of Luby's death.

"Sorrow-stricken" firemen flanked a stretch of West Washington Street as the funeral cortege headed to St. Mary's Cemetery. The fire department's full complement of horses, wagons, and ancillary equipment—"with which the dead fireman was so familiar"—also lined the street, "while a fire gong toiled a doleful requiem." Engine House No. 5, Luby's last assignment, was draped in black for the week.

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Railshops aerial 1931 article

Community fund drive kept C&A Shops in Bloomington

Local and state governments often offer incentives to keep existing businesses or attract new ones. These inducements—in the form of land giveaways, promised infrastructure improvements, tax rebates and the like—can prove controversial, causing some public officials and voters to recoil at the prospect of spending public dollars on private enterprise.

Controversial or not, local leaders have employed this economic development approach for more than a century to either retain or lure businesses, which were usually manufacturers.

One common method to raise funds was by means of a subscription campaign, either limited to the business community or opened to the wider public. One of the most successful campaigns of this type occurred in 1910 when area residents pledged money to keep the Chicago & Alton (C&A) Railroad Shops in Bloomington.

From the Civil War era into the early 20th century, the largest local employer was the C&A Railroad, which operated a sprawling repair shops and rail yard complex on Bloomington's west side.

It was within this "city-unto-itself" that an army of skilled craftsmen and semi-skilled laborers maintained, repaired, and refurbished steam locomotives and freight and passenger cars. This work required the attention of upwards of 2,000 or more boilermakers, machinists, pattern makers, carpenters, painters, upholsters and others. In addition, the shops served as the home for locomotive engineers, firemen, brakemen and conductors who plied the rails on C&A passenger and freight trains.

Around 1910 word spread that C&A officials were looking to abandon Bloomington and its increasingly cramped west side shops for greener and roomier "pastures" elsewhere. Spurring the need for relocation or expansion were ever larger and more powerful steam locomotives that required more and more space for maintenance work and such. Around 1910 the C&A began upgrading its motive power roster by purchasing 20 state-of-the-art Mikado-type locomotives. Another complement of Mikados and even larger engines would soon follow.

When it came to the C&A Shops, Springfield, Ill. was happy to play the role of jobs "poacher" by offering ample free land as an incentive for relocation.

Bloomington business leaders, obviously, were not willing to stand idly by as the C&A abandoned the city without a fight. Accordingly, they drew up their own incentive package to help facilitate expansion of the existing west side site.

The plan created by the Bloomington Business Men's Association entailed raising $165,000 (the equivalent of more than $4.2 million today, adjusted for inflation) from

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Railroad library 1922 article

Railroaders' library once west side hub

Many longtime Twin City residents will remember long-gone Withers Library, located at the corner of Washington and East streets in downtown Bloomington. Yet all but a handful of folks today—those in their late nineties and older—could recall the Chicago & Alton Railroad Library on the city's west side.

For more than four and a half decades (1879-1926), this library welcomed those who worked at the Chicago & Alton (C&A) Shops, which for many years was the community's largest and most important employer. It was at this sprawling west side complex where upwards of 1,500 or more skilled and semi-skilled "shopmen" repaired, maintained and constructed steam locomotives and rolling stock—everything from boxcars to Pullman sleeping car prototypes—for the mainline railroad running between Chicago and St. Louis. There were also locomotive engineers, firemen, brakemen, switchmen, conductors and others who rode the rails for the C&A.

It's not known when the west side library was first established, but during the Civil War a group calling itself the C&A Railroad Library Association was already accepting donations of books, maps and other items. The association's first and only standalone library building (see accompanying photograph) went up in late 1879. The utilitarian yet handsome wood frame structure was located at 806 N. Catherine St., between Chestnut and Walnut streets, on the eastern edge of the C&A Shops (this stretch of Catherine Street no longer exists, as it was later absorbed by the adjacent rail yard).

Formal incorporation of the C&A Railroad Library came one year later, in the fall of 1880. The founding organizers included Barbara Prince, wife of attorney Ezra Prince; Fleta Stahl, whose husband was a C&A clerk; John Flynn, a C&A dispatcher; Edwin Edmonds, yardmaster with the C&A; and Robert Bell, a C&A storekeeper.

For a modest membership fee, the library was open to C&A employees and their family members. It's not known, however, if other west side residents were welcomed into the reading room to browse the collections, or perhaps, in some instances, enjoy lending privileges.

"A circulation of over 7,000 books last year, with our limited resources, clearly demonstrates the need and importance of having more books, to meet the increasing demand," read the library association's report from September 1883. "To the library reading room has recently been added a good piano, two large reading tables, and several additional games of chess, dominoes, &c." There were also "several prominent daily papers, railroad magazines and pens, ink and writing paper free, for the use and amusement of railroad men, who are cordially invited to spend their leisure time in the rooms of the association."

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Tony Werner's Northwoods flying

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Tony Werner
A Northwoods Flyer

By Michael Goc

On May 20, 1986, WAHF founder Carl Guell "visited", as he used to say, with Norman "Tony" Werner at Werner's home in Tomahawk.

On May 20, 2016, I opened the archive file containing a transcript of that interview. Quite a coincidence, you might say, but true.

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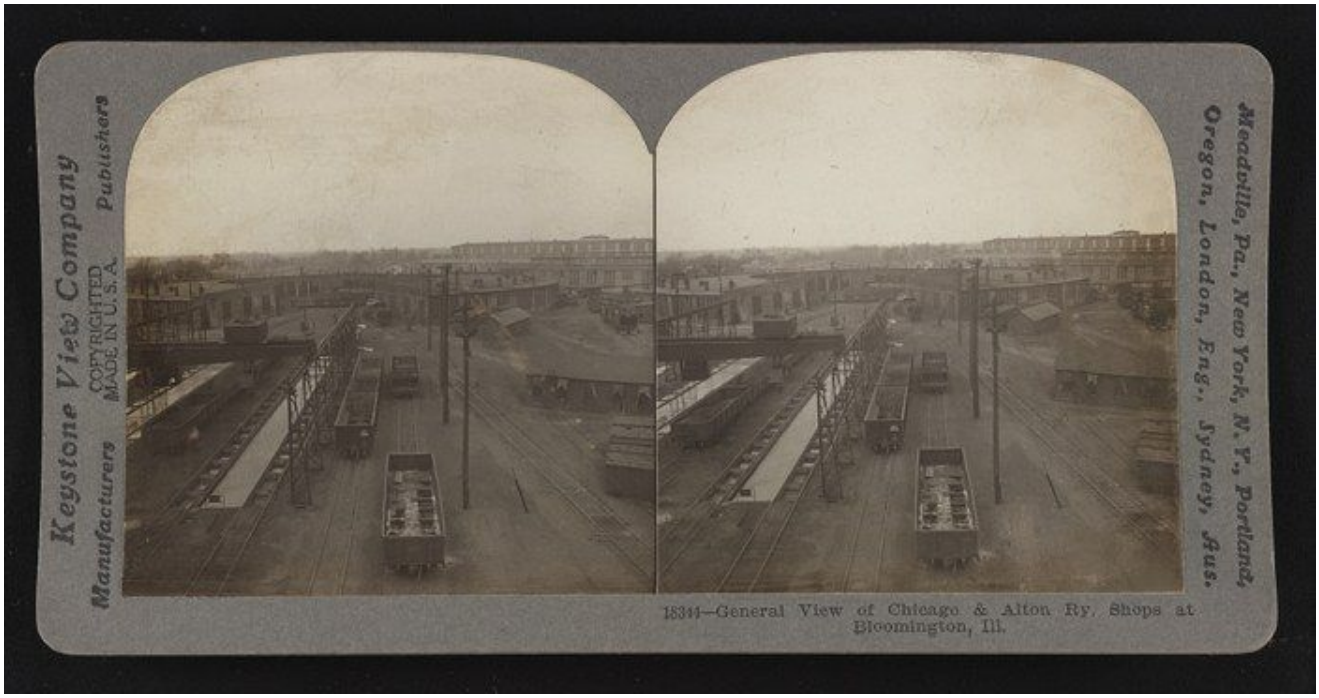


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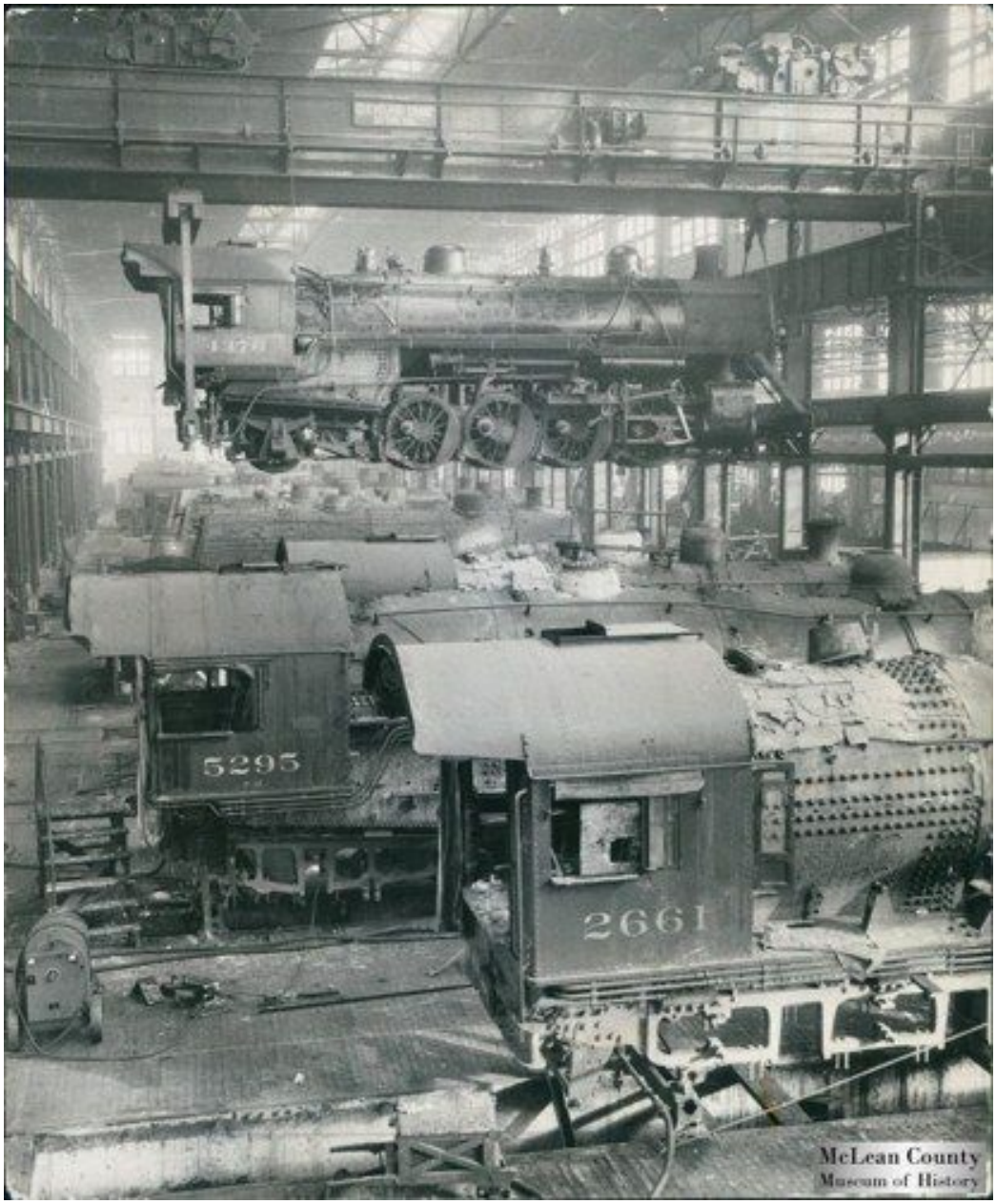


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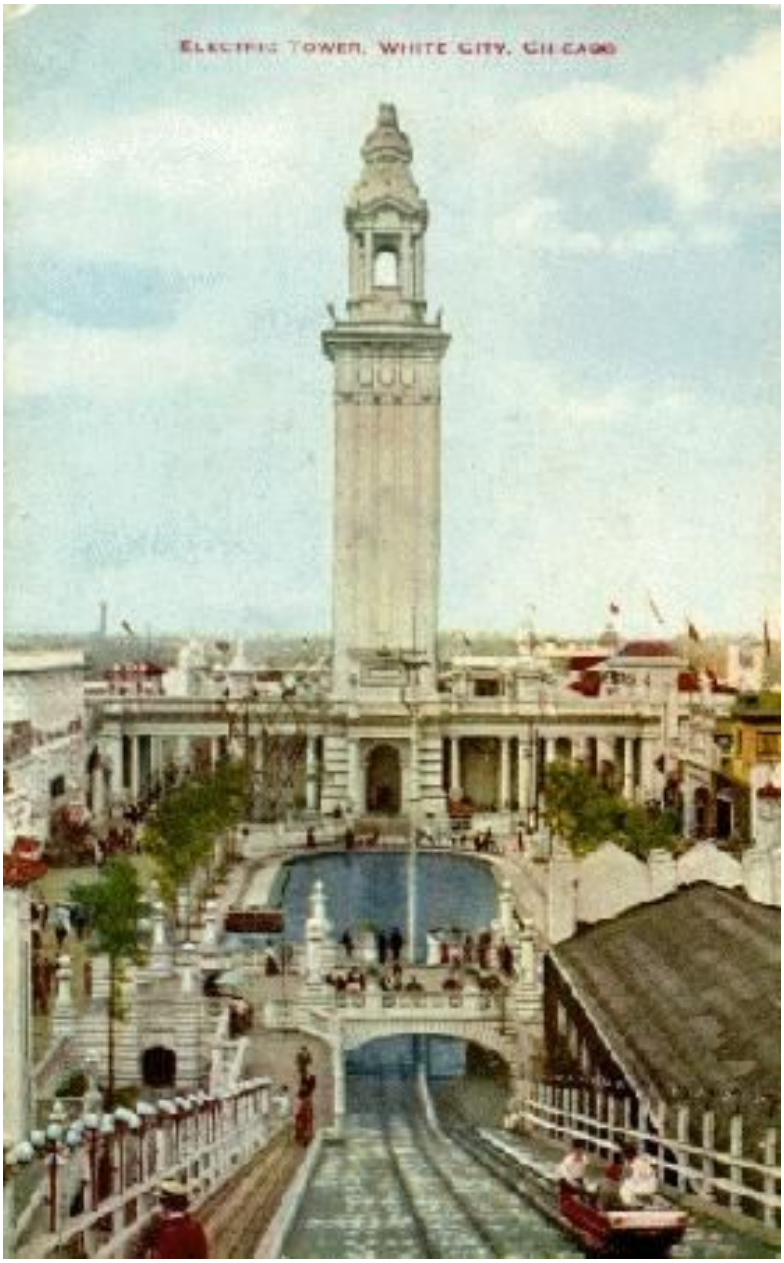


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RIGHT SEAT DIARIES

Winter Driving and Summer Flying

Precautions and preparations are equally important in summer

By Dr. Heather Monthie

Growing up in Wisconsin, I always thought a lot about how to be prepared when an emergency happens during the cold, bitter winter. As a child, I learned the importance of keeping my skin covered from the dry, frigid air. I learned that it was important to keep my feet warm, but not so warm that they would sweat. Wet socks in the middle of winter was never any fun! I grew up in an older home, so I learned all about drafty windows and using a hair dryer to tighten the plastic wrapping used to help stop air leaks. I learned what happens when copper plumbing touches cold concrete. Water flying everywhere in the middle of a cold night makes sure you never forget to check what's between your pipes and the wall.

As I grew up and learned how to drive, I learned from firsthand experience how to be prepared in the winter months. I got stranded on Shawano Lake in northern Wisconsin while ice fishing because the car I was in could not get any traction on the slushy ice. I now knew the reason my dad always said to keep kitty litter or a couple of blankets in the trunk of my car. I learned all about the concept of black ice, that it's completely normal for the tires on my car to need more air in them when it's so cold outside.

My very first car was a great first car, but it was often unreliable. I was stranded a few times while I had that car and they all seemed to be in the middle of a snowstorm in the dead of winter! Through life experience, I learned pretty quickly that I needed to make a decision about whether or not to drive somewhere. If I was going to make the trip, I needed to make sure that I had extra supplies along, like jumper cables, snacks, extra gloves and hats, all that stuff.

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Planning ahead was also a valuable skill I learned from winter driving as a teenager. This was way before cell phones – pay phones were the norm. Well, I think my mother had one of those "car phone" set ups where they install a mount in your car for a phone along with an antenna on top of your car that you had to remember to take off before entering the car wash. Nevertheless, I was a 16 year old kid and did not have any way to contact anyone in an emergency. You would think I would have thought of this when I decided to drive my car on an empty tank of gas. Guess what? I ran out and had to walk about three miles to the nearest gas station. Thankfully, this was during the summer.

Those cotton-ball clouds may indicate a bumpy summer ride.

But what I didn't realize was that we still need to plan ahead and be prepared during the summer months as well.

Flying in the Midwest is fun. The weather in the summer months is fantastic. Although the air is as still as glass in the winter months, conducting a pre-flight inspection is much more enjoyable when it's over 40 degrees. A few years ago, I wrote an article for *Forward in Flight* about being prepared for emergencies in the winter months. Make sure you give your aircraft a good pre-heat, don't fly low over cold, open water, plan for sitting in a cold corn field for a while if someone needs to come get you, and other cold-weather flying items were all things I brought up in that article. Now that I am spending my first summer in the desert with my husband, I am very quickly realizing that we need to do the same preparations during the summer months. I have also realized what it's like for someone to be brand new to the bitter cold of the upper Midwest. There are so many little nuances that you can only learn from life experience (or maybe the advice from our parents that we never took!).

Sure, the Midwest is not nearly as hot as the southwest in August, but it's made me realize that summer flying can be just as hazardous as winter flying, if not more. Here are a few of my own suggestions for summer flying that I have learned over the years.

Turbulence

The very first thing I learned about summer flying is that flying after noon and before about 6 p.m. is the bumpiest time of day. I had my first flying lesson on a hot, June afternoon in 1997. It was so turbulent, I sort of wondered if this was for me. The airplane was not air conditioned. I was a sweaty mess. I was so nauseous and dizzy that I had to hang on to the door, thinking it would make me feel better. As soon as we landed and taxied back to the ramp, I asked, "When can we go again?" In my

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head, I was a stubborn 19-year-old woman who was not going to let a little motion sickness stop me from something I had wanted since I was five.

Turbulence is caused by wind, thunderstorms, jet streams, mountains, other airplanes, and other factors. For the most part, turbulence is just an annoyance and makes the flight a little less enjoyable. Yes, there is some danger associated with turbulence: baggage and other items not secured can pose a safety hazard, passengers spilling drinks, and feeling like you might jump out of your seat. My biggest problem with turbulence in my early flying years was holding a death-grip on the yoke and over-controlling the airplane. How exhausting.

When I was keeping my death-grip on the airplane, after I would land I would be ready for a nice long nap. I was always trying so hard to hold my heading and altitude that I would constantly correct the airplane. I was fighting against it rather than controlling it and being five steps ahead of it. Once my instructor showed me how to trim the airplane and just let go, turbulence became just another pot hole in the sky.



Convective currents cause the bumpy, turbulent air sometimes experienced when flying at lower altitudes during warmer weather. Convective currents close to the ground may affect a pilot's ability to control the aircraft, such as on final approach.

Aircraft Performance

We learn about density altitude when learning how to fly. Density altitude is the pressure altitude corrected for non-standard temperature. It is the altitude at which the airplane "feels" like its flying due to decreased air density. We learn that on hot, humid days the aircraft will take more runway to attain lift and will climb out much more slowly at a shallower angle.

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What this means is when the air is hot and humid, it is less dense. There are fewer air particles in the same sized space than when the air is much cooler and more dense. There is less air for your propeller to grab onto, reducing the amount of lift in the wings, and reducing the power output of the aircraft engine. One or more of these elements will increase the amount of runway your aircraft needs.

While I was learning how to fly in the summer of 1997, I learned all about density altitude, how to perform the necessary calculations, its characteristics and effects on my airplane, and it was something I knew would show up on my written, oral, and practical exams. Since I learned how to fly in Oshkosh, I always had a ridiculous amount of runway and it was something I had only thought about when going to smaller airports.

I am pretty sure everyone remembers their first experience with calculating performance on an aircraft, then double and triple checking to make sure your math is accurate. I certainly remember mine. I had been flying for a while. I think I had my instrument rating and I was building time to get to 250 hours for my commercial certificate. For whatever reason, I had not taken my dad, stepmom, and 10 year old brother flying yet. One warm, sunny summer afternoon I had decided it was time and arranged for my family to meet me at the Shawano airport. I would fly up there from Appleton and take them for a quick flight around Shawano Lake and over their house. We were in a Cessna 172 and not quite to max gross weight as I had burned off some fuel on the flight from Appleton. I double and triple checked my calculations, which verified that I had enough runway to attain lift and would be able to climb out over the trees. I will never ever forget that feeling of accelerating down the runway, seeing the end of the runway approach, climbing out and realizing how incredibly important all of my math instruction has been throughout my entire life.

These are just a few of the things you learn and take with you as valuable experiences in summer flying. I think we plan and prepare a lot in the winter months and the summer months are just as important. I'd love to hear more about your experiences and questions on summer flying!

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many of them that kept up with flying, simply because of the expense of flying nowadays [1986]."

When the G.I. funding stopped, so did the students. The pilots who were going to buy new Piper Cubs and use his airport failed to appear, so Werner had to give up on aviation for a living or adapt.

"Well, a lot of people thought that after the war everybody was going to make a lot of money in aviation. And they all found out they were all wrong. And I found out I had to get into seaplane flying in order to be able to keep my head above water. [No pun intended.] So I put in thirty-two years of seaplane flying, of taking passengers up for sightseeing rides all over the northern part—well, not too far north—but up around Minocqua and over around Rhinelander and around Tomahawk.

"I started with a J-3 Cub on 1320 floats. I did that for about three years and then switched over to an Aeronca Sedan, which is a four-place airplane on 2000 floats and then put over 4,000 hours on that airplane in a period of about 29 years of flying in the summer time, on days when the weather'd be good enough."

He also put bread on the table by completing course work for the teaching degree he was after before detouring into aviation and going on to obtain a master's degree in counseling. He retired as a high school teacher/counselor in 1972.

It was logical for a pilot in northern Wisconsin to fly an airplane on floats and also on skis. "Besides flying on water, skis is one of my favorite ways to fly. Anybody that hasn't had a chance to do it, it's entirely different than flying on wheels. Water flying is very wonderful because the temperatures are pretty nice…and things are so beautiful. But snow flying is another thing that everybody should experience, because it's just a wonderful thing to be able to take off and land on snow. It's so beautiful in the winter time. But, you can run into so many different snow conditions that you can get yourself into more trouble than you want to."

It wasn't on skis, but Werner's first airplane ride took place in the winter. "I can recall it as though it happened yesterday. It was in March of 1932 and the pilot happened to be Dean Crites from Waukesha. He came up here with a Swallow biplane and landed on the river with wheels on the airplane. The ice was solid enough, and there wasn't much snow on the ice. He landed with that Swallow open biplane. I don't know how he flew all the way up from Waukesha without freezing to death, or flew it back again.

"And my father and I went up for a ride. I was not going to go up because I was afraid of airplanes. And a friend of ours was going to take my father up for a ride. He backed out at the last minute because he wanted me to go along. I was so scared I didn't know if I could get in the airplane or not. But as soon as I got airborne, I knew that that's what I wanted to do."

Eventually, he flew a Swallow himself and many other aircraft. "No twin-engine airplanes. That's one thing I haven't had a chance to fly, but quite a few cabin airplanes, with big radial engines, like the Gull Wing Stinson and WACO

Below: CPT trainees from Central State Teachers College, 1940. (front l-r) Instructors Felix Gauthier and Archie Towle; students Neil Brown, Len Abrahamson, Tony Werner, Norbert Ruff, Prof. Ray Rightsell (back) Earle Seibert, Maurice "Red Smith", Alton McCormick, Blair Belonga, and Lyle Grimm.



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It's Tony Werner's Aeronca Sedan, but it's not Tony Werner. The well-dressed gent is Tony's friend, Vesper Holtz.

cabins and straight-wing WACO with a J-5 Wright engine like Dale had down at Waukesha and Cubs and Taylor Crafts and Bonanzas and Porterfields and Aeronca C-3s and most any of the small airplanes that have wings on them.

"I think I have two favorites—well three favorite—airplanes. The J-3 Cub, Aeronca Sedan and the Beechcraft Bonanza…The Cub is really just one wonderful training airplane. For anybody that knows how to fly they seem to be so easy. Of course, when you're teaching somebody, they don't think it's that easy to begin with."

When Carl asked Werner, "what flyer had the greatest impact on you?," he responded, "I've always thought a lot of the Crites brothers down at Waukesha. And of course Bob Huggins, who taught them to fly."

Dean Crites flew north from Waukesha and impressed young Tony Werner, but so did a Tomahawk pilot. "Ed Marquardt and his brother showed up in this area with a C-3 Aeronca, and that's the one of the first airplanes I had a chance to see. To me it looked like an enormous airplane and, of course now we know the C-3 was just a little thing with about 26 horsepower. But I'd ride my bicycle every time I knew they were flying. I'd take my bicycle and, if I had work to do for my mother, my mother would have to wait, 'cause I'd jump on the bicycle and ride out to the field to watch them fly."

It might seem that a pilot who spent his summers taking tourists up for excursions had an uneventful flying career, but anyone who flies small airplanes knows better. Tony Werner certainly did.

"I had the family up, my wife and my son Robin, and I was letting Robin do the flying. I was having him practice and he was practicing landing on the river…part of the river they didn't use very often. I thought that the high line going across to an island had been removed, because I knew the pole in the middle of the river had been taken out, and I didn't think there was any line running across the river anymore.

"We were just coming down for another landing when all of a sudden we saw this cable right in front of us, and I knew we weren't going to miss it, and the only thing I could think of doing was putting on full power, because I knew we were going to need all the power we could get to do something.

"And as it was, we caught the cable just between the fuselage and the floats and it almost—it was about like landing on an aircraft carrier, because it almost stopped us in midair. I couldn't get the airplane to come down on the water. The airplane almost stopped flying. And luckily it just missed the carburetor, so I still had full power. I think if it had caught the carburetor, we probably would have been done.

"But because I still had full power on, I jerked the cable from the pole on the island. I found this out later. The cable started sawing across the float fittings. I jerked off the pole on the island, but I didn't jerk it off the pole on the mainland. I had to fight the airplane down to the water and it was going pretty slow by the time it came down.

"I think we must have flown for a couple hundred feet and the cable was still laying across the floats. I didn't figure the cable would bother me, so I took the cable and unhooked it from the airplane, let it drop in the river and then went to shore and checked the airplane all over to make sure everything was all right.

"Then we were able to fly home. But if we had hit anywhere else, if that cable had hit on the windshield, we probably none of us would be here talking to Carl today."

The incident didn't deter turn the Werners away from aviation. Robin Werner went on to become an A & P mechanic with

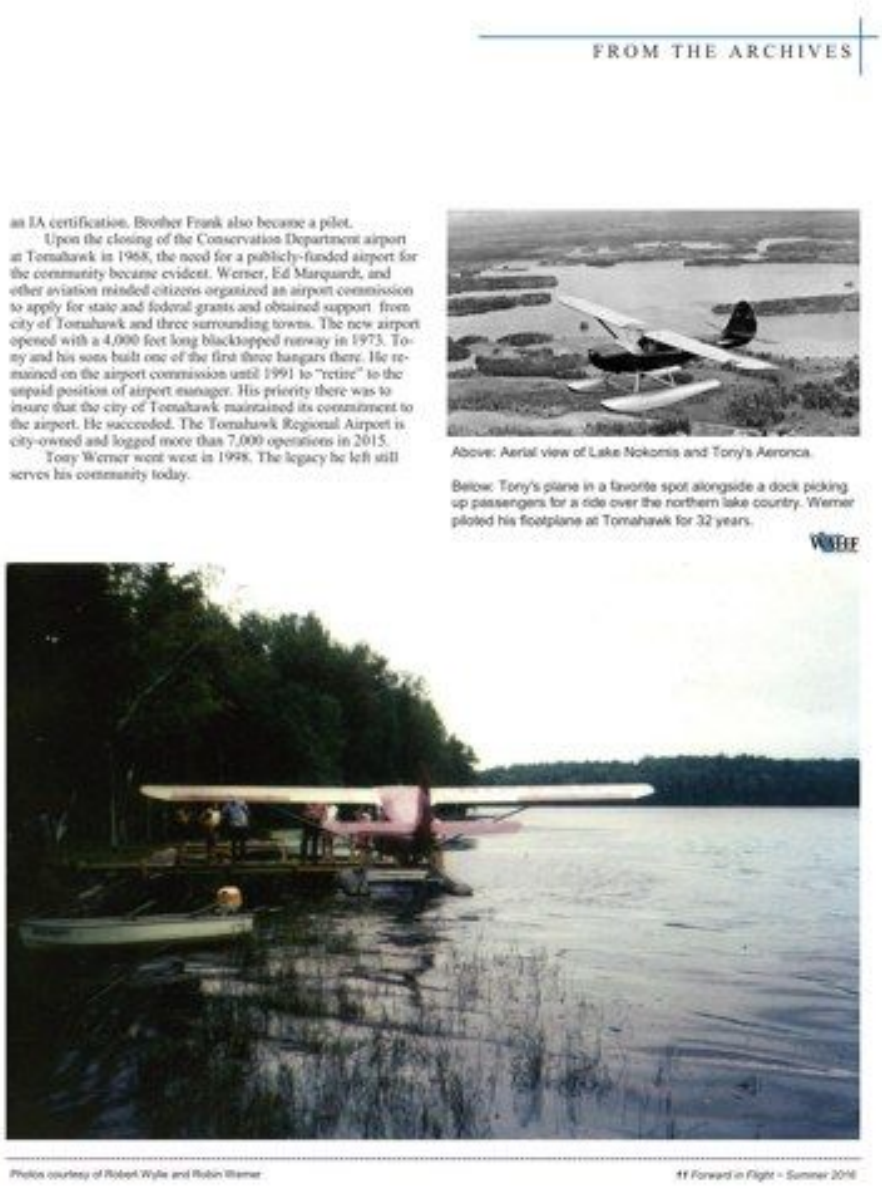
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an IA certification. Brother Frank also became a pilot.

Upon the closing of the Conservation Department airport at Tomahawk in 1968, the need for a publicly-funded airport for the community became evident. Werner, Ed Marquardt, and other aviation minded citizens organized an airport commission to apply for state and federal grants and obtained support from city of Tomahawk and three surrounding towns. The new airport opened with a 4,000 feet long blacktopped runway in 1973. Tony and his sons built one of the first three hangars there. He remained on the airport commission until 1991 to "retire" to the unpaid position of airport manager. His priority there was to insure that the city of Tomahawk maintained its commitment to the airport. He succeeded. The Tomahawk Regional Airport is city-owned and logged more than 7,000 operations in 2015.

Tony Werner went west in 1998. The legacy he left still serves his community today.

Above: Aerial view of Lake Nokomis and Tony's Aeronca.

Below: Tony's plane in a favorite spot alongside a dock picking up passengers for a ride over the northern lake country. Werner piloted his floatplane at Tomahawk for 32 years.

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The National Catholic Interscholastic Basketball Tournament (NCIBT) was held every March from 1924 through 1941 to determine the national basketball championship for Catholic high schools and academies in the United States, under the auspices of Loyola University (LU) from 1924 through 1934 and Loyola Academy from 1935 through 1941, this invitational meet featured competition between 32 outstanding teams representing various sections or states of the United States. The NCIBT was also known

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Arthur L. Pillsbury Collection

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Biographical Sketch



Arthur L. Pillsbury (1869-1925)

Pillsbury was born in Bloomington on November 29, 1869. He grew up in Bloomington and attended schools in Normal. His father, William L. Pillsbury, was principal of the Model School at Illinois State Normal University. In 1880, William Pillsbury became principal of Springfield (Illinois) High School, and it was there that Arthur graduated in 1888.

Pillsbury attended Harvard University, graduating in 1892 with a degree in engineering. He then moved back to Illinois to attend the University of Illinois. He graduated with a degree in architecture in 1895 (five years earlier, the U of I had become the first university in the nation to offer a four-year degree in architecture).

In 1897, Pillsbury became one of the first architects to become licensed in Illinois. The following year, he settled in Bloomington and partnered with Herman Evans, becoming in the process Bloomington's first architect with a university degree. On November 9, 1898, he married Daisy Deane Hill, daughter of Bloomington physician

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Anniston.
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1956-1958
Calhoun County, Blue Mountain, Edmondson Heights, Fairview Heights, Forrest Heights, Hobson City, Oxford, Randolph Park, Saks.
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1959-1960
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Miller Park bathing beach, July 1940



A later view of the Bloomington lake Gene remembered. The museum identifies this as the park's then-segregated bathing beach. McLean County Museum of History.

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A men’s wool bathing suit, about 1920



A Jantzen wool bathing suit from about 1920, belonging to Joseph P. Cain. A period example from the South Carolina State Museum collection.

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Kewanee Boiler Corporation advertisement



An undated advertisement supplied by the family. It uses the Kewanee Boiler Corporation name adopted in 1928, later than P.W.'s early years in Kewanee.

From the family's collected sources.

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Municipal Pier, about 1925



Municipal Pier, about 1925, before its renaming as Navy Pier in 1927. Postcard from Chicago History in Postcards.

Source: chicagopc.info

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The outer harbor and pier, about 1922



The outer harbor and Municipal Pier, about 1922. This postcard gives a view of the water around the pier Gene mentions. Chicago History in Postcards.

Source: chicagopc.info

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Kewanee storefronts, about the 1880s



G.W. Staples, left, Kewanee, Illinois, ca 1880s. Richard used store for pick-up and drop-off for laundry business.

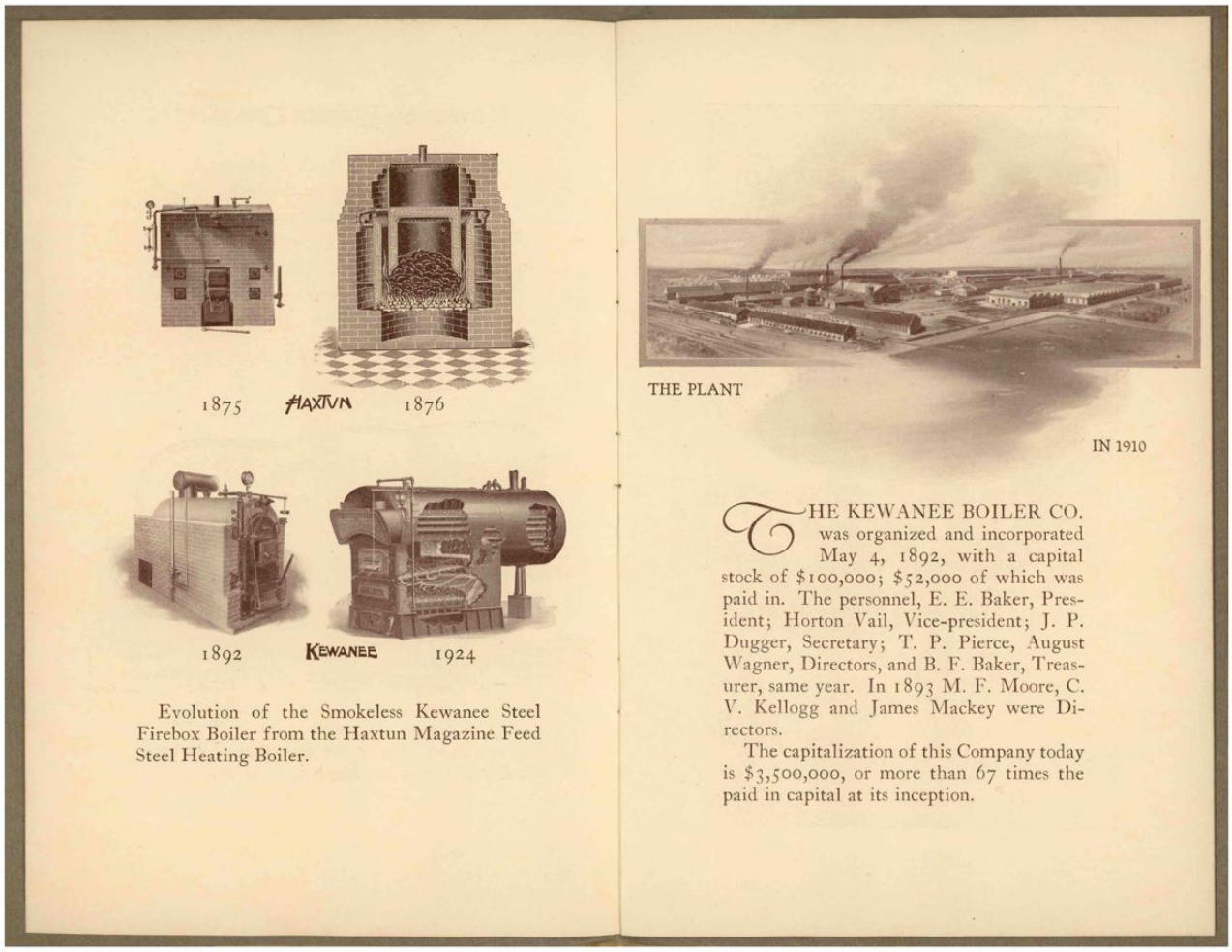
Photo courtesy Kewanee Historical Society.

Kewanee storefronts, about the 1880s, with G. W. Staples at left. Courtesy of Kewanee Historical Society, reproduced in Dean Karau's account of Richard Carroll.

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Haxtun boilers and the later Kewanee works

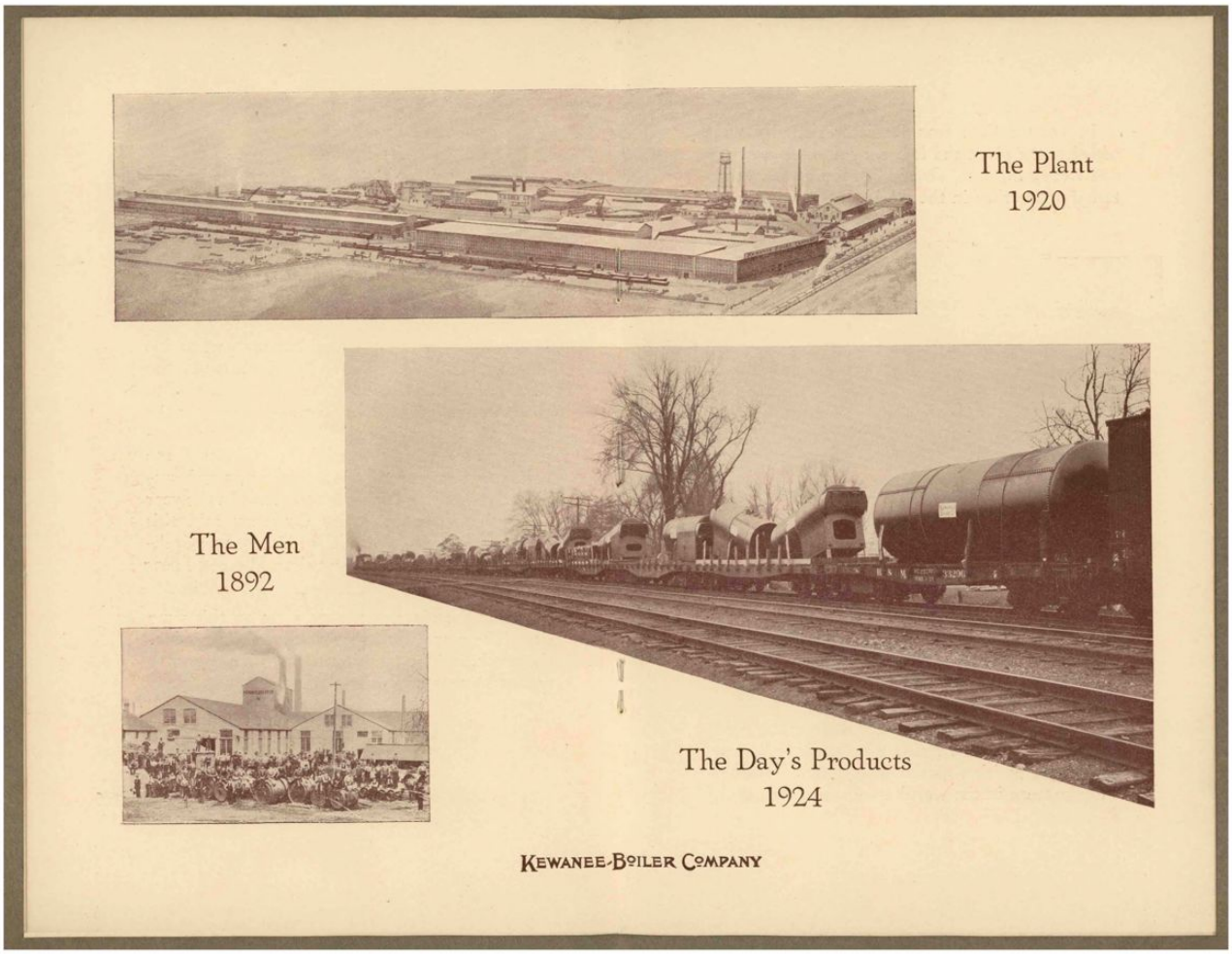


The company's 1924 booklet shows earlier Haxtun boiler designs and the later Kewanee factory. From the Kewanee Historical Society.

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Workers, factory and products



Factory workers, products, and the plant, shown in the company's 1924 booklet. The group photograph is labeled "The Men 1892." Kewanee Historical Society.

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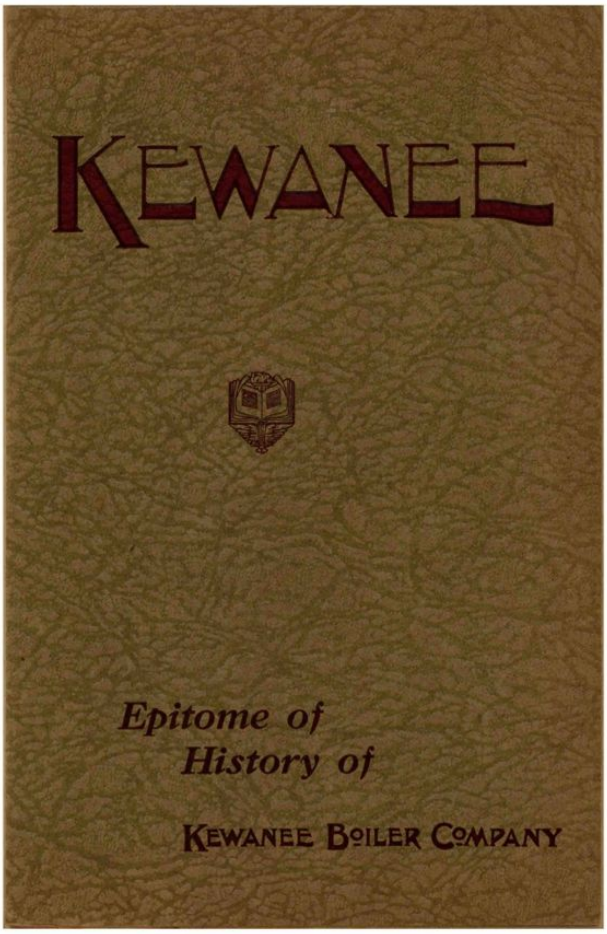
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Kewanee Boiler’s illustrated history, 1924

Kewanee Boiler

History Brochure

From 1924

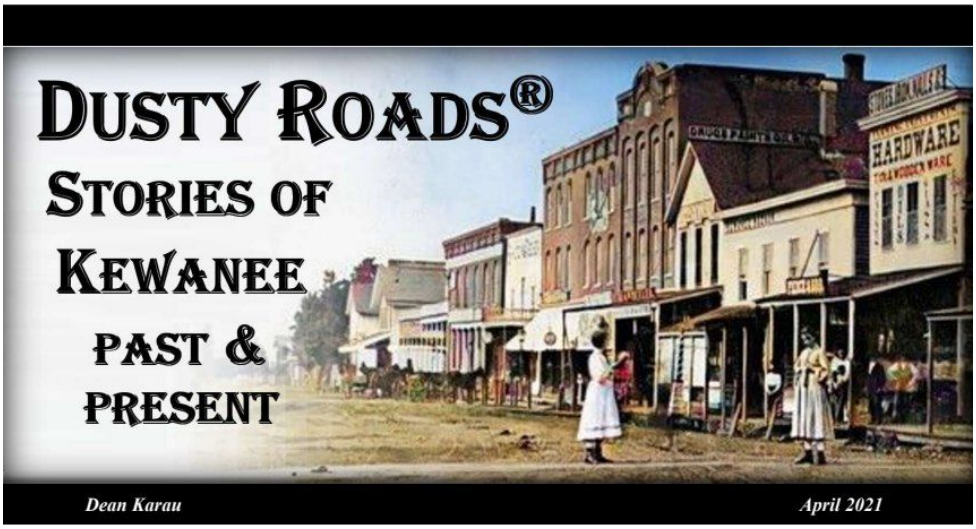


A company booklet published in 1924, with earlier boiler designs, factory views, and workers. Kewanee Historical Society.

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Kewanee streets in Richard Carroll's story



Reprint of

RICHARD E. CARROLL – A BLACK MAN'S JOURNEY TO FREEDOM IN ILLINOIS

by Dean Karau

Kewanee Historical Society member and contributor Dean Karau's article, RICHARD E. CARROLL – A BLACK MAN'S JOURNEY TO FREEDOM IN ILLINOIS, appeared in the March – April 2021 edition of the Illinois Heritage Magazine, published by the Illinois State Historical Society.

After gaining his freedom from slavery, Richard Carroll made his way to Kewanee where he enlisted in the Union Army to fight in the Civil War. After the war, he spent over ten years in and around Kewanee.

The Illinois State Historical Society's Executive Director William Furry described the article as "a fascinating portrait of an African American man's journey up from slavery to post-Civil War Illinois."

Larry Lock, co-curator of the Kewanee Historical Society's museum, assisted Dean in gathering some of the information and photographs for the article.

Here is the article as it appeared in Illinois Heritage.

Dean Karau's account of Richard Carroll includes the circa-1880s street photograph used here. Kewanee Historical Society.

Source: kewanee-history.com

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The companies behind Kewanee Boiler

Evolution and History of Kewanee Boiler

1868 – **Anderson Steam Heater Co**. founded; produces boilers for heating hog feed.

1871 – Anderson installs its first boiler for heating homes.

1875 – William Haxtun buys company; changes name to **Haxtun Steam Heater Co.** Company produces boilers, radiators, valves and fittings.

1880's – Haxtun Co. thrives; **John H. Pierce and Emerit E. Baker** join company. Rolling mill equipment purchased as company adds production of pipe (1883).

1890 – Haxtun Co. **employment reaches 1000**, including first "girls" employed outside offices.

1891 – **National Tube Co**. of McKeesport, PA, having invested in Haxtun Co. earlier, acquires remaining interest of William Haxtun and changes name to **Western Tube Co**.

1892 – **Kewanee Boiler Co**. is formed when Western Tube sells boiler plant to E.E. Baker and associates. Kewanee Boiler occupies the existing boiler plant on Main St. while Western Tube continues to produce pipes (tubes), valves and fittings. **J.H. Pierce** remains with Tube Co. as president and is elected mayor of Kewanee in 1897. Western Tube is sold to Walworth Co. in 1917.

1900 – Kewanee Boiler Co. moves to location it would occupy until its closure in 2002.

1917-1918 – During 19-month period of **World War I** company produces "astounding total of 19,410 boilers, heaters and hot water storage tanks."

1920 – "Million-dollar addition" to plant brings 13 acres under roof on property of 33 acres. During 1920's **peak employment** reaches 1,300.

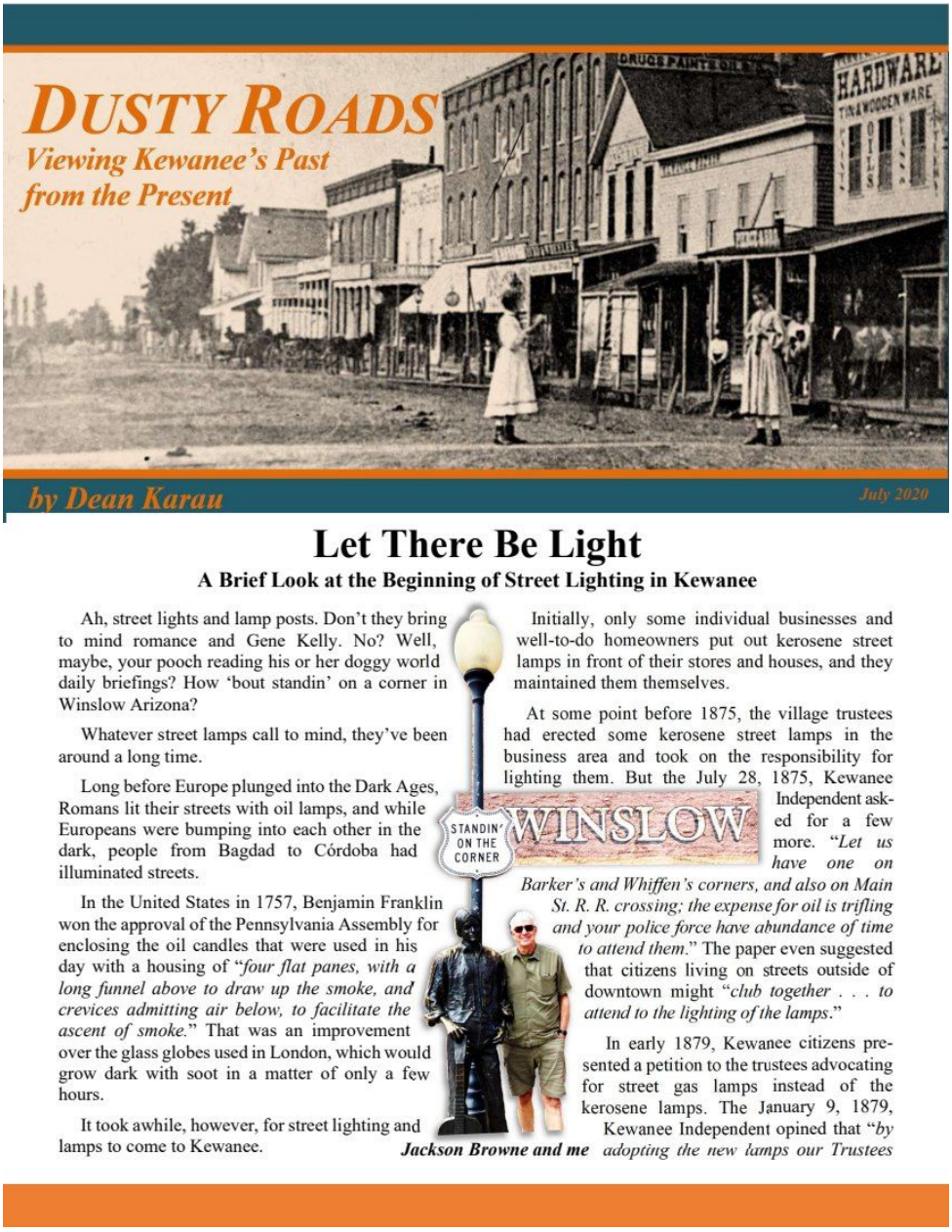
1928 – E.E. Baker and associates sell company to American Radiator Co., later known as American-Standard, and it becomes **Kewanee Boiler Corporation.** Baker, until his death in 1929, and associates continue to manage local operation. **E.E. Baker's legacy** to Kewanee is unsurpassed. Besides the development of Kewanee Boiler, Baker was the founder of Kewanee Park District and major benefactor of the park district and many other causes.

A chronology of the steam-heating and boiler businesses in Kewanee. Kewanee Historical Society.

Source: kewanee-history.com

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Kewanee’s street lights and electric company



DUSTY ROADS

Viewing Kewanee’s Past from the Present

by Dean Karau

July 2020

Let There Be Light

A Brief Look at the Beginning of Street Lighting in Kewanee

Ah, street lights and lamp posts. Don’t they bring to mind romance and Gene Kelly. No? Well, maybe, your pooch reading his or her doggy world daily briefings? How ‘bout standin’ on a corner in Winslow Arizona?

Whatever street lamps call to mind, they’ve been around a long time.

Long before Europe plunged into the Dark Ages, Romans lit their streets with oil lamps, and while Europeans were bumping into each other in the dark, people from Bagdad to Córdoba had illuminated streets.

In the United States in 1757, Benjamin Franklin won the approval of the Pennsylvania Assembly for enclosing the oil candles that were used in his day with a housing of “*four flat panes, with a long funnel above to draw up the smoke, and crevices admitting air below, to facilitate the ascent of smoke.*” That was an improvement over the glass globes used in London, which would grow dark with soot in a matter of only a few hours.

It took awhile, however, for street lighting and lamps to come to Kewanee.

STANDIN’ ON THE CORNER WINSLOW

Jackson Browne and me

Initially, only some individual businesses and well-to-do homeowners put out kerosene street lamps in front of their stores and houses, and they maintained them themselves.

At some point before 1875, the village trustees had erected some kerosene street lamps in the business area and took on the responsibility for lighting them. But the July 28, 1875, Kewanee Independent asked for a few more. “*Let us have one on Barker’s and Whiffen’s corners, and also on Main St. R. R. crossing; the expense for oil is trifling and your police force have abundance of time to attend them.*” The paper even suggested that citizens living on streets outside of downtown might “*club together . . . to attend to the lighting of the lamps.*”

In early 1879, Kewanee citizens presented a petition to the trustees advocating for street gas lamps instead of the kerosene lamps. The January 9, 1879, Kewanee Independent opined that “*by adopting the new lamps our Trustees*

Dean Karau traces the town’s gas and electric lighting, including the Electric Light and Motor Company. Kewanee Historical Society.

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A guide to the museum's Miller Park records and photographs.

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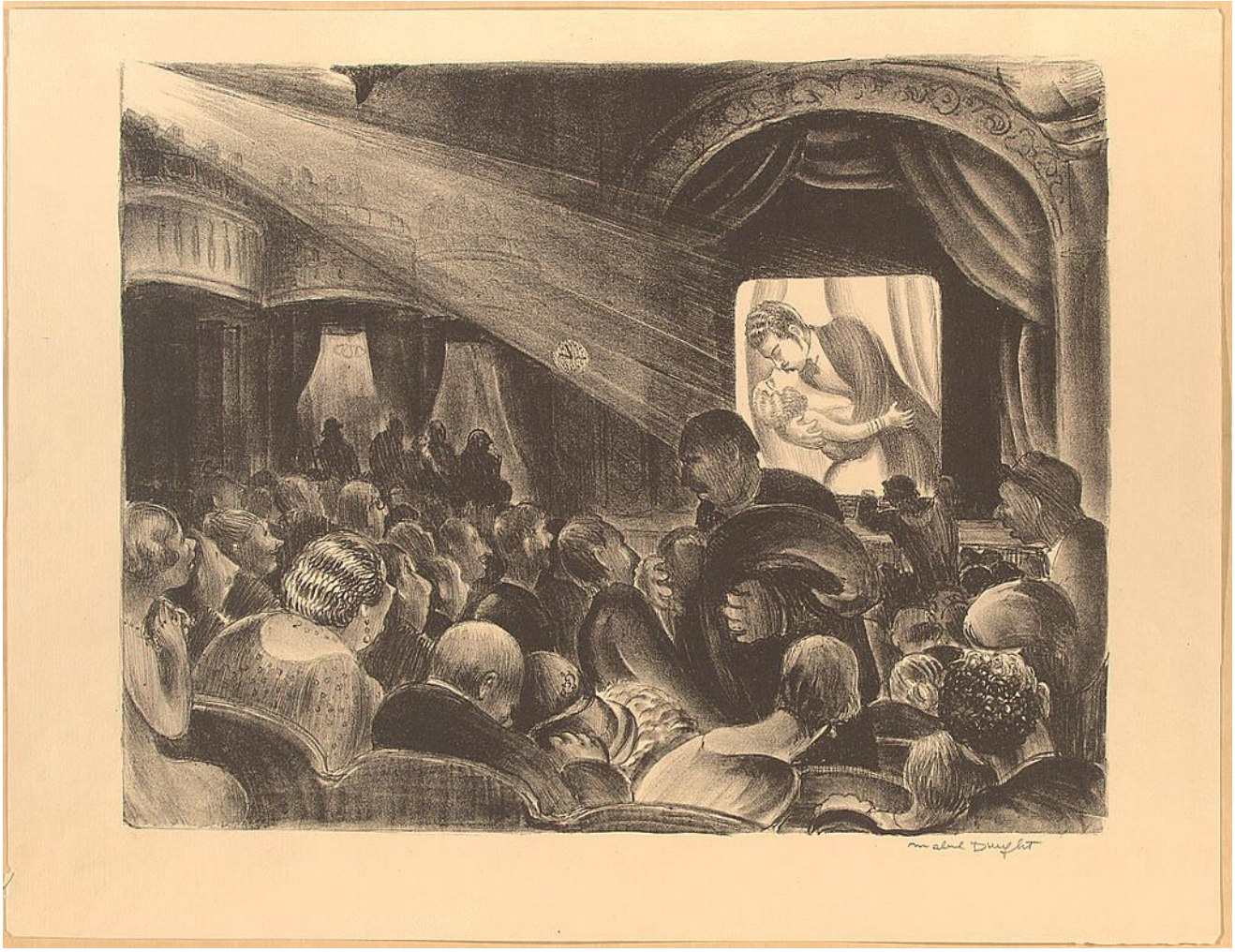


Illinois Steel Works in Joliet, photographed between 1880 and 1901. A view of the city's industrial landscape before the accident Gene recalls. Library of Congress.

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At the movies in 1928



Mabel Dwight's 1928 lithograph, The Clinch, Movie Theatre. A period artist's view of a night at the pictures, alongside Gene's memory of reading the silent-film titles. Library of Congress.

Mabel Dwight, The Clinch, Movie Theatre, 1928. Library of Congress, Ben and Beatrice Goldstein Foundation Collection, LC-DIG-ppmsc-00778.

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The Chicago Fire, pictured in 1871

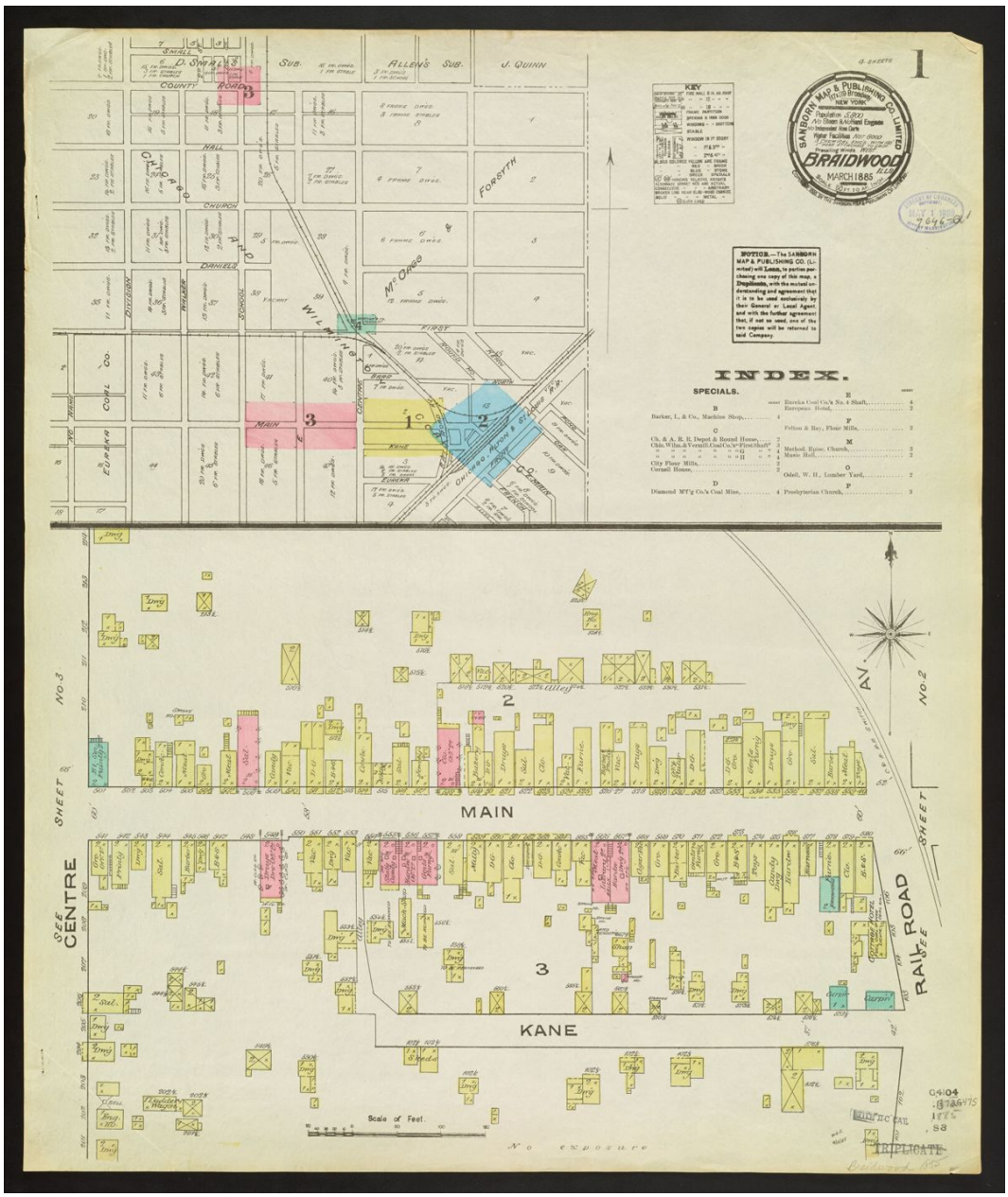


Currier & Ives pictured the Chicago Fire from the lake in this lithograph published in 1871. A contemporary illustration of the event in Grandma Gordon's story. Library of Congress.

Currier & Ives, The Great Fire at Chicago, Octr. 8th 1871. Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, LC-DIG-pga-00762.

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Braidwood’s streets, railroads and businesses

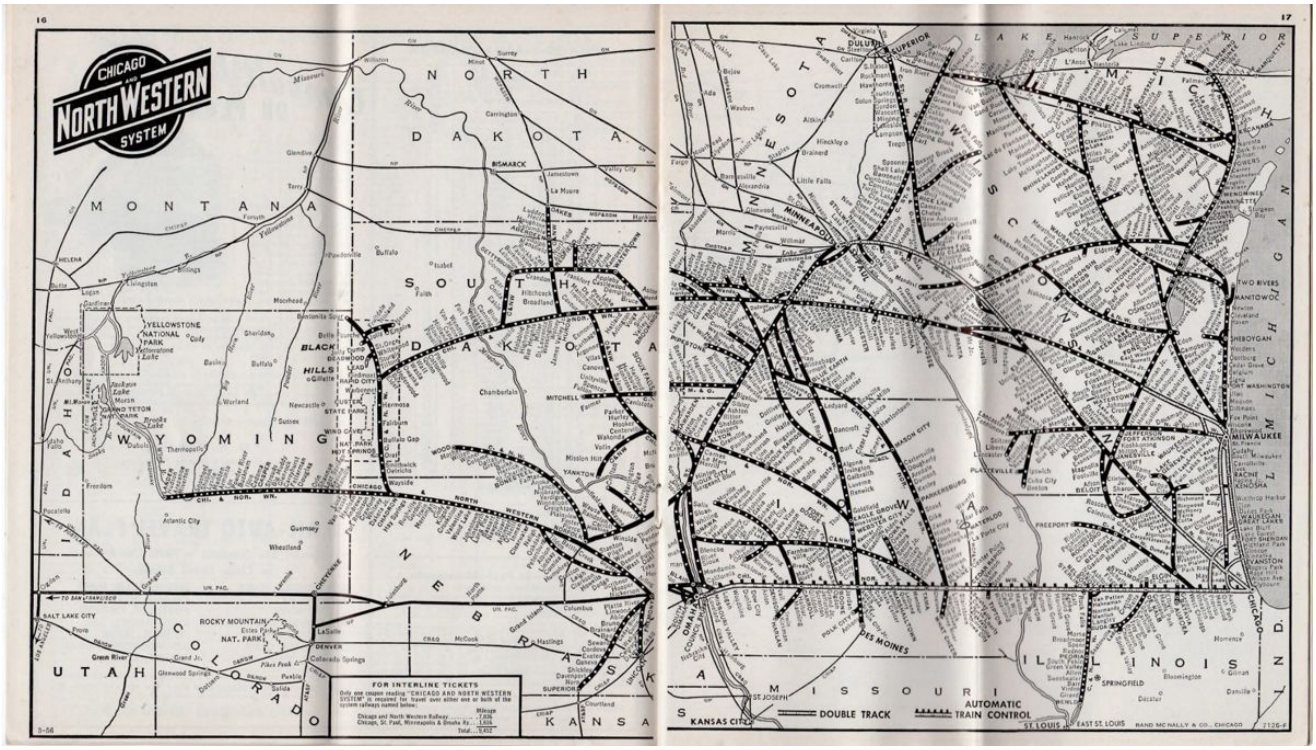


Braidwood in March 1885, sheet 1 of a Sanborn fire-insurance map. The index names coal shafts, hotels, and the Chicago & Alton depot and roundhouse. A detailed view of the town in the Gordon family story. University of Illinois Library.

Sanborn Map & Publishing Co., Braidwood, Illinois, March 1885, sheet 1 of 4. Map Library, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

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The North Western route map, 1956



The railroad's system map, printed in its summer 1956 timetable. Follow the lines north from Chicago into Wisconsin. The full schedule is available in the reader.

Source: www.wx4.org

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USS Hopi, circa 1940s



USS Hopi underway in the 1940s. The Navy fleet tug carried out towing, salvage and firefighting work. Molly remembers Darb serving aboard her.

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Bill, Will and Sarah at York



Bill and Sarah with their grandson Will at York High School, where Bill also played football. They've attended every one of Will's games since his freshman year.

Family photograph. Names and Will's junior-year football role supplied by the family.

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Bill’s York senior portrait, 1964

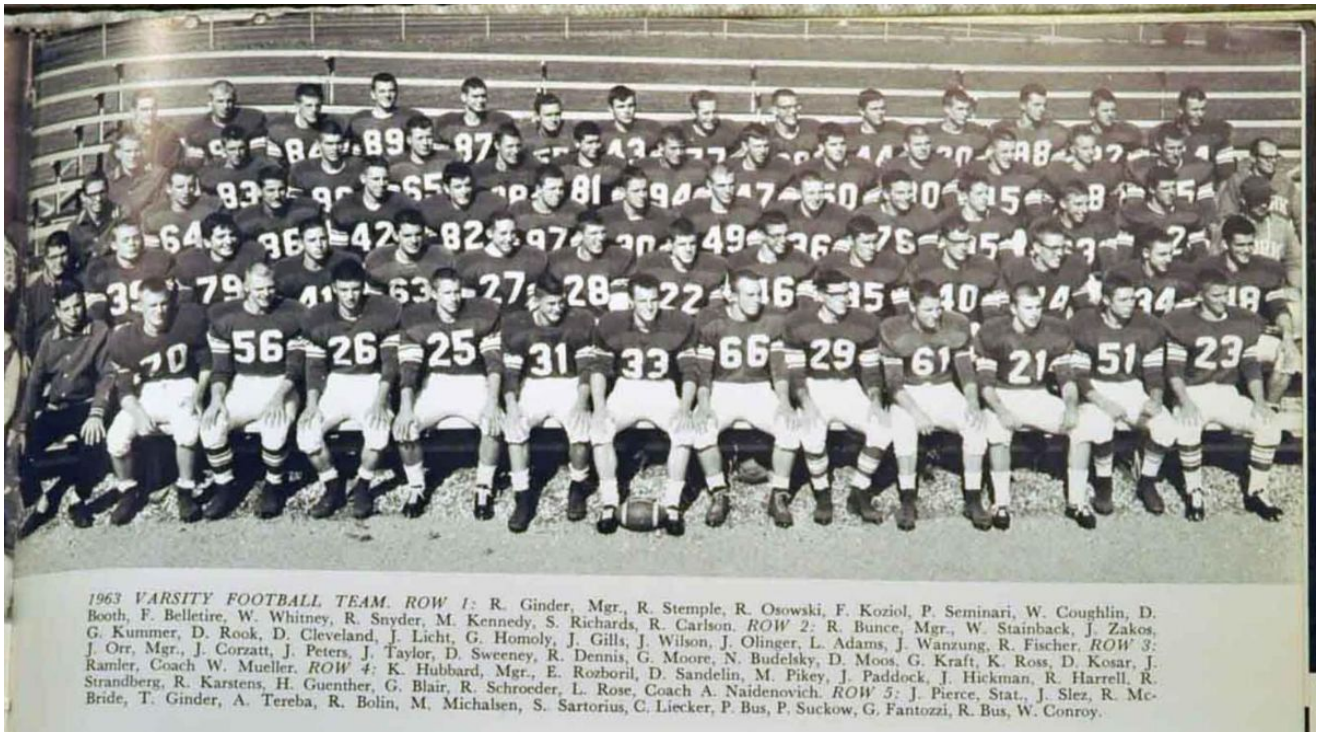


William John Conroy in York’s 1964 yearbook. His entry records football captain in year two, and football and track letters in years three and four.

York Community High School, 1964 yearbook, printed p. 138. Digitized by Elmhurst History Museum.

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York's 1963 varsity football team



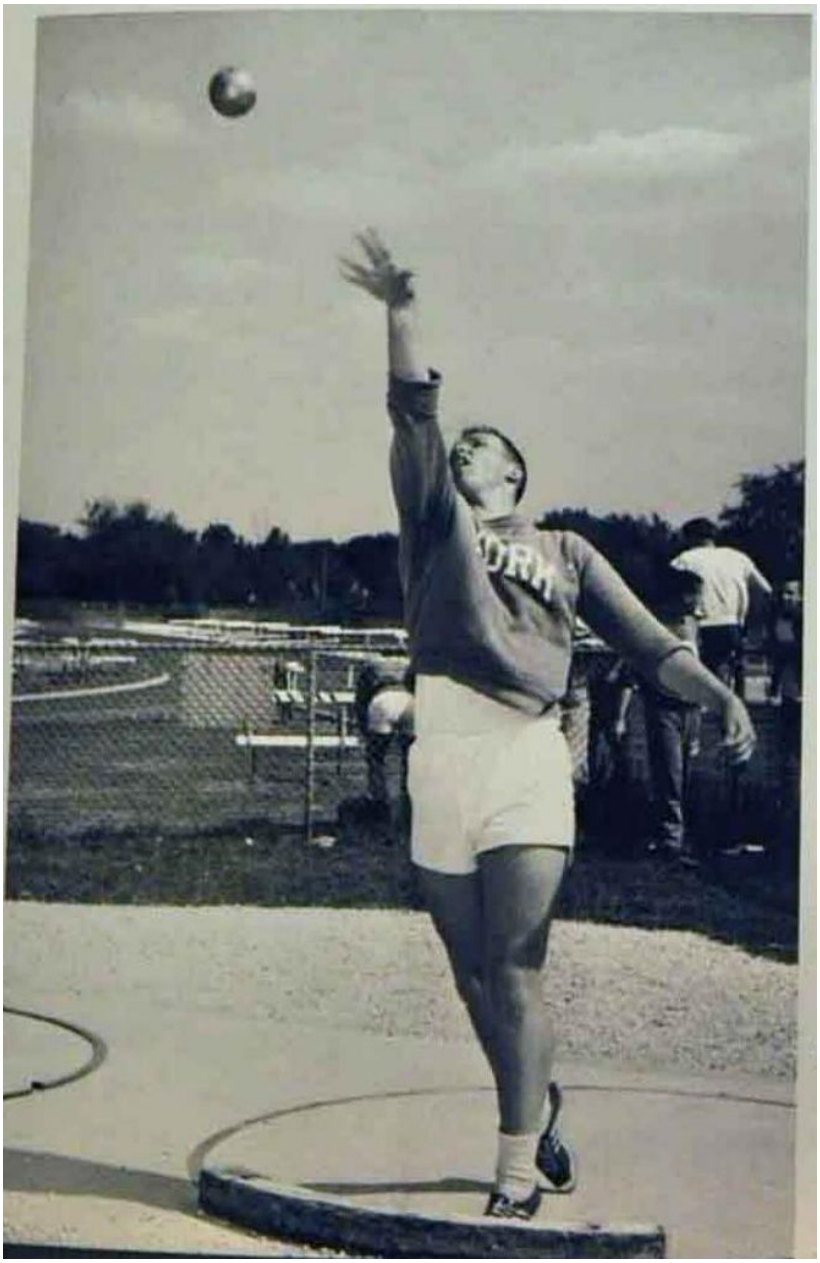
1963 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. ROW 1: R. Ginder, Mgr., R. Stemple, R. Osowski, F. Koziol, P. Seminari, W. Coughlin, D. Booth, F. Belletire, W. Whitney, R. Snyder, M. Kennedy, S. Richards, R. Carlson. *ROW 2:* R. Bunce, Mgr., W. Stainback, J. Zakos, G. Kummer, D. Rook, D. Cleveland, J. Licht, G. Homoly, J. Gills, J. Wilson, J. Olinger, L. Adams, J. Wanzung, R. Fischer. *ROW 3:* J. Orr, Mgr., J. Corzatt, J. Peters, J. Taylor, D. Sweeney, R. Dennis, G. Moore, N. Budelsky, D. Moos, G. Kraft, K. Ross, D. Kosar, J. Ramler, Coach W. Mueller. *ROW 4:* K. Hubbard, Mgr., E. Rozboril, D. Sandelin, M. Pikey, J. Paddock, J. Hickman, R. Harrell, R. Strandberg, R. Karstens, H. Guenther, G. Blair, R. Schroeder, L. Rose, Coach A. Naidenovich. *ROW 5:* J. Pierce, Stat., J. Slez, R. McBride, T. Ginder, A. Tereba, R. Bolin, M. Michalsen, S. Sartorius, C. Liecker, P. Bus, P. Suckow, G. Fantozzi, R. Bus, W. Conroy.

The yearbook caption names W. Conroy last in the fifth row. Open the full yearbook page to read the team's names.

York Community High School, 1964 yearbook, printed p. 111. Digitized by Elmhurst History Museum.

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Bill throwing the shot, 1963



The yearbook catches Bill warming up with the twelve-pound shot. The page looks back at York's 1963 track season.

York Community High School, 1964 yearbook, printed p. 105. Digitized by Elmhurst History Museum.

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The Lettermen’s Club officers



Bill was secretary of York’s Lettermen’s Club. The complete page includes the officers and the larger club photograph.

York Community High School, 1964 yearbook, printed p. 88. Digitized by Elmhurst History Museum.

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Bill's 1963 Rockne Award nomination

JACK CLARK was chairman of the Communion Breakfast and his well-planned effort helped attract one of the largest crowds in recent years.

Instead of its annual St. Patrick's Party, the Ladies Auxiliary worked long and hard on a special "kickoff" party. The committee secured the new Hotel Continental for March 2. One of the fastest moving programs of this or any other year was assembled for the gala dinner party. One nice thing about a Ladies Auxiliary party — it always is full of excitement and surprises — and this year was no exception! Many thanks, Girls, for promoting another successful party and donating the proceeds to the Club's scholarship fund.

All 1963 Rockne Award nominees received handsome certificates. Each boy and his coach were guests of the Club at the dinner. Nominees included: Tom Perna, Bremen; Lee Swank, Waukegan; Martin Berg, Riverside-Brookfield; Phil Major, Rich East; Tom Russian, Reavis; Cal Lewis, Maine West; Scott Simpson, Maine East; Renard Thomas, Vocational; Larry Sampson, Bogan; Ted O'Neill, Gage Park; Fred Simon, Tilden; Dan Stack, Lindblom; Bill Zielke, Harper; Bob Nakos, Kelly.

Marlin Emery, Englewood; Wesley Greer, Dunbar; Paul Bach, Prosser; Greg Sebuck, Brother Rice; Bernard Badke, Leo; Bob Gora, Joliet Catholic; Ed Kaspowicz, DeLaSalle; Casey Mitchell, St. Rita; Pat Ormsby, Mendel; Ken Kmiec, Mt. Carmel; Ralph Montgomery, Marshall; Carl Lithander, Steinmetz; Dan Szakonyi, Wells; Tom Cygan, Roosevelt; Bob Green, Phillips; Dick Gotsfred, Taft; Don Mazurkiewicz, Tuley; Dan Falconer, Harrison; Joe Mercado, Kelvyn; Bob Lange, Lane; Tom Baumgaertel, Lake View; Larry H. Hybert, Bowen; Gary Shappel, Evergreen Park; Charles Lewis, Homewood-Flossmoor.

Tom Fagerson, Arlington Heights; Dennis McNamara, Leyden East; Bill Conroy, York; Charles Baby, New Trier; Ernie Isby, Crane; Darrel Toth, Foreman; Mitchell Bateast, Farragut; Dick Palesh, Schurz; Dennis Totzke, Immaculate Conception; Terry Larson, Mather; Bill Meyer, St. Procopius; Dick Fitchie, St. Edward; Dean Bartolini, Marian; Fred Bucina, Holy Trinity; Dennis Coyne, De Paul; Glen Feilen, Weber; David Savini, St. Patrick; Ron Reckemp, Marian Central Catholic.

Elmer Schelling, Marmion; Ken Babikan, Notre Dame; Tom Kriz, St. Mel; Emil Demko, St. George; Dan Disello, Fenwick; Steve Quinn, Loyola; Courtney Shevelson, Oak Park-River Forest; Dave Smith, Highland Park; John Wright, Wheaton; Dick Smith, Morton West; Ernie Sharpe, Carl Sandburg.

Ted Cunningham, Willowbrook; Dick Katzmann, Oak Lawn; Eddie Bruksch, Niles West; Van Delay, Lincolnway; Runo Anderson, Lyons; Mickey Smith, Downers Grove; Ray Phillips, Evanston; Dick Page, Glenbrook North; Joe Watkins, Parker; and Art Newbrough, Deerfield.

Looking forward to seeing you at Universal Notre Dame Night in April. Start talking up a table now so that we can make this year's an even bigger success than the 1963 dinner, which was the largest alumni get-together in the history of the University.

— PAUL FULLMER '55, 1st Vice-Pres.

Cincinnati

The University of Notre Dame Club of Greater Cincinnati held their annual Communion Breakfast on Dec. 8, 1963, at Our Lady of Cincinnati College. REES LA BAR '53 was the chairman of the event and the Club participation was very good.

The events that are being anxiously awaited are "MOOSE" KRAUSE'S visit in February and then the annual Spring Dinner-Dance with TOM ISPHORDING '57 as chairman.

— PAUL F. KELLEY '54, Secy.

Connecticut Valley

The club observed its annual Communion Sunday on Dec. 15 with a Communion supper at the Golf Club of Avon. The supper followed an evening Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

The guest speaker was Msgr. James A. Connelly, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford, who outlined for the club members, their wives and guests the problems involved in federal aid to education with particular emphasis on the justice of the demand that Catholic schools be included in any such program adopted by the federal government.

— DON FOSKETT, Secy.

Denver

The winner of our annual scholarship award, BILL DURLIN, turned down a $5,000 scholarship at Santa Clara to take our small one and the several others that we were able to obtain from the University administration.

TOM CURRIGAN, ND '41 was elected mayor for a four-year term of the City of Denver on June 21, 1963. We are all certainly proud of Tom, who has been a past president of our local Club and has worked very diligently in the last several years with me on our scholarship committee. I think he will be a terrific mayor as he is a terrific guy. This city will have much to gain by his election.

The Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court is ALBERT T. FRANTZ '29. He is well known, especially in the South Bend area where he worked for some years after graduation. I believe that his wife is a native there. He worked in Denver as a lawyer for many years, was president of our Club, became a Denver district judge and then was elected to the Supreme Court.

We are quite proud of the activities of alumni in this state.

We are quite pleased to see that we now have the chief justice of the Supreme Court and the mayor of the largest city in which one-half of the state's population is concentrated. The new manager of parks and recreation is JOHNNY DEE '52 who is well known as a basketball coach and coached at Alabama as well as Notre Dame before coming here. Within the last two weeks JOHN MORAN Jr. '52 was appointed to the State Legislature.

We are most busy here with plans for next year's visit of the football team to the Air Force Academy — 1st time in this area for the team. We hope to get some money for our scholarship through various activities such as a package bus trip, lunch, game ticket, etc.; perhaps the student trip may be here. A committee headed by JIM HELGER is busy on the arrangements; it includes JIM COUGHLIN, pres., JOHN DEE, V-P; GERRY SMITH, who went to ND on this trip alone and who is Foundation chairman, and myself.

JIM HELGER, the treasurer, is a comer — came here about four years ago and is most active. He and I arranged the Club Picnic at a community swim and recreation center I founded and he put on most of the golf outing with Coughlin and Dee. He was also in charge with Coughlin of the sports luncheon on Oct. 21, John Dee, toastmaster.

DON SEARS won our expense-paid trip from here to ND for the UCLA game on the Burlington RR special train.

We also held a Xmas dance which was for both the students and alumni.

The local sponsor of the ND radio games gave us free spot announcements several (3-4) times each game for our scholarship and ND in general. This plays up ND in our area. I hope to talk at Regis College to the Pre-Law Club about ND soon. JOHN COYNE, an alumnus of ND, is a dean at Regis College.

— CARL EIBERGER

Des Moines

The Notre Dame Club of Des Moines, in cooperation with local members of the press and radio fraternity of Des Moines, held an appreciation luncheon honoring Bert McGrane, veteran sports editor of the Des Moines Register & Tribune. The luncheon was held at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, on November 20, 1963. CHARLES CALLAHAN appeared in behalf of Notre Dame and presented Mr. McGrane with a monogrammed blanket. Members of the Club in attendance included:

MARK WONDERLIN, JIM BOESEN, BUD BEH, BOB BEH, LOU KURTZ, ED POSNER, JIM SHAW, GEORGE PFLANZ, JOE JOYCE, BOB VALESTIN, HAROLD KLINE, BILL KLINE, JOE ZUENDEL, CLEM SCHNOEBELEN, JOHN STARK, JOSEPH WHALEN, FRED NESBITT, JOE CASEY, TONY CRITELLI, and local President PAUL EIDE, who was the master of ceremonies.

— ANTHONY M. CRITELLI, Secy.



BOSTON—Breakfast observance of Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday featured (l.-r.): Tim Toomey '30, national alumni director; Msgr. Cornelius Donovan '09, chaplain. William Stewart, guest; J. Harry Marr '37, chairman; Rev. Joseph P. Manton, guest; and Cornelius Fowler '47, Boston Club president.

Erie

The Annual Notre Dame Communion Breakfast was held Dec. 8. 1963. The ND group went to Communion at St. Peter's Cathedral and then journeyed to the Kahkwa Country Club for a tremendous breakfast. The main speaker for the affair was Father Louis Puseas of Gannon College here in Erie. The annual award for the best high school and grade school football player was given. Gary Dance of Erie East High School and Thomas Wisniski of St. Luke's Grade School were the recipients.

Among those who attended were: Messrs. & Mmes. JOE BARBER '36 (and three children), BOB BARBER '40, HERB KERN '51, RICH McCORMICK '55, JOHN McCORMICK Sr. (Honorary '17), JOHN McCORMICK Jr. '55, JERRY QUIRK (Honorary '17), BILL AMANN (and son Bill Jr.), H. L. SCULLY (Honorary '38), ROBERT WESCHLER (and two daughters), LOU SHIOLENO '49, ROBERT FARMER, LEO BRUGGER Sr. '34, TOM BATES '60 and JACK YOUNG '51.

Also present were: Judge & Mrs JAMES DWYER '37, Dr & Mrs A. J. DeSANTIS and guests, TOM YOUNG, JOE BLAKE '61, LEO BRUGGER Jr. '61, JACK BERTGES (Honorary '17), AMADO CARANDANG, JOHN LOCHTEFELD '55, JACK PALMISANO '55 and guest, MIKE McCORMICK '61, and DR TIM ROCHE.

— LEO J. BRUGGER Jr., Secy.

Evansville

The annual summer picnic was held last August at a private recreation area north of Evansville, complete with fish-stocked lake, club house and various athletic facilities. The event was well attended. While the Club's vice-president, JOE HARRISON, was futilely attempting to attach a fish to the end of his fishing line, President PAT O'DANIEL and Secretary AL HARDING charcoal-grilled choice steaks. DON HALLER was crowned king of the washer-tossing contest while Mrs. BOB HARGRAVE displayed uncanny luck with the bingo card. Last year's secretary, CHARLES MANION, "took home the bacon"

The Notre Dame alumni magazine lists Bill Conroy of York among the 1963 Rockne Award nominees. The dinner took place at Chicago's Conrad Hilton in December.

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The 1963 Rockne Awards dinner

from PAT "RED" BOLAND, No. 1 Chelsea, Houston, Tex. 77006. (Mr. Tux, there's your address.) News *from* Pat: BOB BURNS and wife Maureen live at 33 Omega Court, North Highlands, Cal. Last word was that they had one girl and were "expecting" again. JIM "ZUNTZ" ZAUATANE had worked a couple of years in Germany but more recently is back *in the old* USA and married, living at 182 Naples Rd., Brookline, Mass. Pat was wondering what ever happened to JIM "ZILCH" CANTY, last seen fat as ever in Hartford, Conn. KEN "WOODY" WOODFORD works for an electronic firm in N. Y. Woody *remains* single and active. BOB FOWLER is an artist living in Houston after touring around most parts of this country of ours first.

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the passing away of *RAY ONOFRIO. Ray died* after a short illness on Oct. 14, 1963. Surviving Ray are his wife Barbara, two sons, Stephen M. and Patrick J., two brothers, four sisters and parents. Ray graduated with us in '54 with a BS *in chem. engineering. He was residing* at 129 Woodstock Dr., Cherry Hill, Pa. Your prayers, *I'm sure, will* be greatly appreciated.

JACK PITTAS and Elaine were blessed on Oct. 10 with David Bernard, who checked in at 9 lbs., 2 oz. That makes No. 6 for them, which is no small feat. With the Reunion coming up does anyone have 10 yet—*well 9? How about 8?*

As you may notice this article is short. No letters, I'm sorry. Everyone received an up-to-date Class Roster. Look up your ole buddies and drop them a line and then just a postcard to me. But above all, plan to attend your Reunion in June and DR. DICK PILGER's soiree after the Purdue game *Oct. 3. See you then, O.K.?*

From the Alumni Office:

When JOSEPH BERTRAND was allegedly "blackballed because he was a Negro" from membership in the Knights of Columbus in Chicago, the Grand

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO
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REUNION
Weekend — June 12-13-14
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Knight and five other officers resigned. Joe, now sales director for a beauty products firm, was an All-Star basketballer.

JAMES F. KELLEHER has resigned his post as special asst. to the postmaster general in Washington, D.C. Jim said he was considering several job offers.

RICHARD A. ROSENTHAL, Pres. of the St. Joseph Bank & Trust Co., was *the main speaker* at a final report dinner meeting for the South Bend YMCA membership campaign.

Dr. EUGENE W. HENRY, assoc. prof. of EE, coordinated ND's participation in a three-day conference which included more than 200 *technical* papers, exhibits by 500 electronics firms and a wide *range of seminars*, symposia and refresher courses.

JOHNNY LATTNER was a *hero in Chicago when* he discovered a fire and helped 40 persons escape injury in the apartment building blaze on the way home from his steak house.

FR. FRANK ZAGORC CSC has returned to the U.S. from Uganda for a well-earned leave of absence. While in the States he will take a course of specialized studies for the sake of his work in the Fort Portal Diocese before returning to Africa.

ROM MAZZOLI wrote Dick Pilger that TOM STUBLER died of leukemia in December, leaving a widow and five children. Dick *intended* to have a Mass offered by the Class on the campus and requested that you add your prayers.

'55 **Paul Fullmer**
7344 N. Ridge Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.

First, I want to thank all those who turned out for the Class reunion after the UCLA game. (Looking back, you must admit that my picking that game for a winner was pretty shrewd! Especially after the way things went from then on.) Many of those in attendance asked that the date for this affair, which was enthusiastically received by all those who bent elbows together, be announced well in advance. So here it is—the Purdue game on Oct. 3. We'll again have the Mahogany Room in



SPORTS DINNER in Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel last December had 800 alumni and guests hailing winners of the 1963 Rockne Awards. Candidates nominated by all Chicagoland high schools were seated on a double dais in front of the speakers.

the Morris Inn. So when you order football tickets, be sure to include the opener with Purdue.

Here is some of the info I picked up at the cocktail party. I think I have BOB HAIDINGER's wife, Mary Ann, to thank for these notes. (At least I think she handed me these cards. It was the crowd, not the drinks, folks!) Bob, Mary Ann and 2 children live at 39 Northridge Rd., Old Greenwich, Conn. He is with AMF. GEORGE ROONEY is right in the running in the baby derby after greeting twins recently. George, who lives at 154 Riverside Dr., Basking Ridge, N. J., is in sales with Deering Milliken in New York. JIM RENO and his wife, Pat, have three children now. Jim is Boston branch manager for Associates Finance Co. They live at 14 Island Rd., Franklin, Mass. My informant added that BOB BENSON in Plano, Tex., recently welcomed his first child, a boy. Bob's with Barbizon Corp. in a sales capacity.

PETE RITTENHOUSE also was on hand. Pete has three girls and a boy. He's in sales with E. E. Houghton & Co. Pete lives at 550 W. 6th, Mishawaka. DICK GAUTHIER, who also is the proud papa of five, still was taking bows for his latest addition. DENNIS LAUGHLIN, who is art director for WNDU-TV, lent a little local flavor to the gathering. Dennis and his wife Joan, who have two children, reside at 3003 Salem Dr.

PETE RITTEN, who is a broker in Minneapolis, reports that he has three boys now. The Rittens live at 5206 Hampshire Dr., Minneapolis. JIM BROUGHTON was the life of the party, and the reason soon became apparent—he's still a bachelor! Jim's in the Service Division of General Motors in Detroit, but the girls call him at 30 Emmons Ct., Wyandotte, Mich.

TOM PETTERSCH is with the accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst in Grand Rapids (4430 Carrick SE). Tom has two children. ED PREIN, another Grand Rapids resident (4991 Bluff Drive NE), is a consulting engineer.

Back to the Detroit gang for a minute. BOB McCARREN is another GM executive. When we met in October, Bob had two offspring. The postman brings his mail to 18919 Mallina, Detroit. JIM KORTE is with Master Pneumatic in Detroit. Jim, wife, and two kids live at 1265 Beaconsfield Rd., Grosse Pointe.

It was good to see JIM CAHILL again, and I must admit he looked healthy. Jim, who has one boy, is controller for White Advertising. He lives at 444 Lake St., Crown Point, Ind. JOE KEARNEY, another guy I hadn't seen for some time, is a neighbor at 2335 Marcy, Evanston, Ill. He is with Northwestern Heating & Plumbing. Another Evanstonian is TOM POWERS, who is an educational textbook salesman with Scott, Foresman & Co. Tom has five children.

DICK GABERIK, who coached at Harrison High School here in Chicago, also was on deck. JACKSON FLYNN, who has four children, is an industrial engineer with General Foods Corp. I don't know how he finds time to work on his master's degree at the University of Chicago on the side. He and his wife, Jane, live at 2551 W. 109th Pl., Chicago.

Stop the presses! MARTY CULHANE just shot into the number one spot in the baby sweepstakes according to my files with another set of twins. Marty now is the proud father of seven frisky boys! As Mel Allen would say, How About That?!

Big MIKE HEGARTY drove in from Detroit for the reunion. He's a barrister and finally is going to take the plunge into matrimony. BOB GERVAIS was in from LA and passed along regards from ED (OX) FOX.

Others from the Windy City were PAT SHEEHAN, RICK HICKS, TOM GRODEN, PHIL SHERIDAN, JOHN WEITHERS and ED KELLY.

Missed at the reunion, however, were such renowned organizers as TOM BOSSE, ROY BELKNAP, TOM WELLY, JOE MADIGAN and BUD LaLONDE. See you Oct. 3, Gentlemen!

Regulars from the Chicago area at the reunion included: FRANK MAIER, FRANK LOLLI, MIKE KELLY, TIM DEVEREUX, MIKE WARD, STEVE REBORA, JERRY PRASSAS, DICK COOK, and GEORGE SHELTON. I must take time here to thank Neal Halloran for hustling around and picking up the information cards. So mark the Purdue game (Oct. 3) on your calendar right now and let's double the crowd next year.

The letter of the cycle award goes to BILL CLUSSERATH this time. Bill, who was in the Program for Administrators, checks in after eight years. He has enjoyed keeping up with guys like MARTY CULHANE, FRED GALIONE, ROY BELKNAP, TOM IGLESKI and JACK FLYNN through this column. Bill married his wife, Barbara, in 1958 and they now have four children. The couple moved from Detroit to Tacoma (8908 S. 41st St.) in 1962, and he now is credit manager for a clothing company.

Bill passes along these news notes. BOB MALLON is operating his family's Ford agency in Tacoma. He is married and has two kids. Bob is very active on Tacoma's Civic Appreciation Committee. JOHN VINCENT, who lives in Olympia, Wash., works for Uarco business forms company. He is the district salesman for Western Washington.

MIKE MOYER wrote Bill from Richardson, Tex., where he is selling multitypewriters for IBM. Mike has three boys. Bill also corresponds with PAUL HAUHNAR in India. Paul is in the Indian government, and would like to receive magazines and books because his people want to know about the US. His address is Paul Z. Hauhnar, Kulikawn, Aijal, Mizo District, Assam, India. Incidentally, Paul has six children now.

Received a nice letter from JOE McGRAW to say that he couldn't make it up from Tulsa (2431 E. 20th St.) for the Class reunion. Joe said that he was planning a vacation in Europe in January. He said that he had visited his old roomie, CHARLEY POLLNOW, in St. Louis. Charley has two children. While in St. Louis, Joe had dinner with AL VITT and lunch with JOE McGLYNN. Joe, who was in BOB McGRATH'S wedding party last year in New York, says that the long-legged bird is winging toward the McGrath household. MATT SCHUMACHER, who is a bank examiner in Oklahoma City, *often drops* in on Joe.

The magazine's photograph shows the Chicago dinner, with nominees seated on a double dais. It gives a view of the occasion rather than an identified portrait of Bill.

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Bill and the Betas

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Thank you to each and every alumnus, undergraduate, and friend who donated to our *The Preservation of the Alpha Pi House* campaign. We could not have done this without you! As we close this campaign, we are so proud to announce that we crushed our goal. Again, thank you so much for your everlasting support of Alpha Pi Chapter.

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($1,000 to $2,499)
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Bradley H. Garcia, Ph.D. '94
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Michael Powers '96
Andrew J. Stravers '07
Brandon J. Lamp '14



The Alpha Pi chapter of Beta Theta Pi lists William J. Conroy with the class of 1968. His name also appears in its summer 2021 newsletter.

Alpha Pilot, spring 2022, p. 4. Alpha Pi chapter, Beta Theta Pi, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Ohio State law, class of 1971

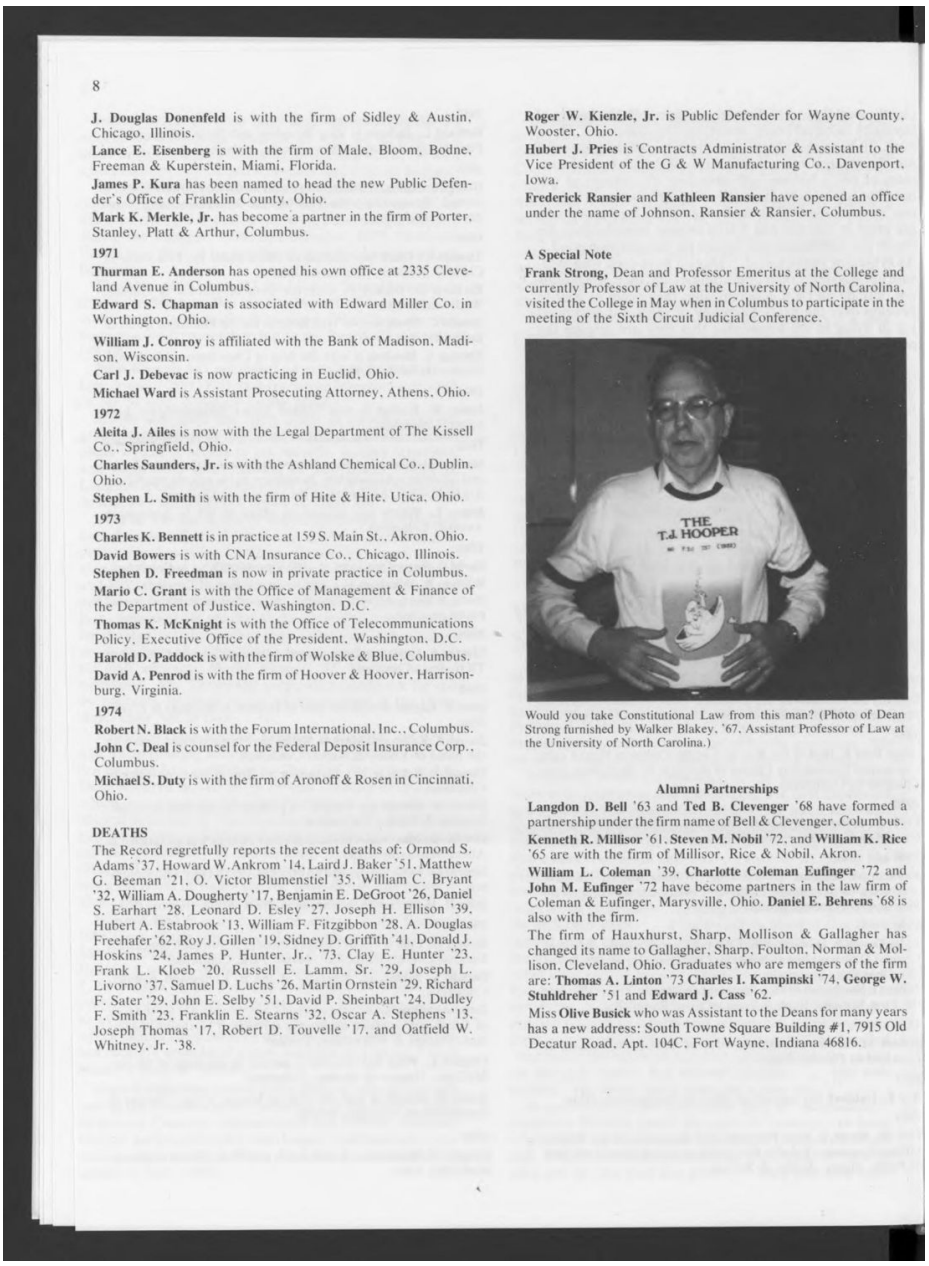


The class composite includes this portrait labeled W. J. Conroy. Open the original to see the whole class; Bill's portrait is fourth from the left in the first full student row below the class title.

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Bank of Madison, 1976



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J. Douglas Donenfeld is with the firm of Sidley & Austin, Chicago, Illinois.

Lance E. Eisenberg is with the firm of Male, Bloom, Bodne, Freeman & Kuperstein, Miami, Florida.

James P. Kura has been named to head the new Public Defender's Office of Franklin County, Ohio.

Mark K. Merkle, Jr. has become a partner in the firm of Porter, Stanley, Platt & Arthur, Columbus.

1971

Thurman E. Anderson has opened his own office at 2335 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus.

Edward S. Chapman is associated with Edward Miller Co. in Worthington, Ohio.

William J. Conroy is affiliated with the Bank of Madison, Madison, Wisconsin.

Carl J. Debevac is now practicing in Euclid, Ohio.

Michael Ward is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Athens, Ohio.

1972

Aleita J. Ailes is now with the Legal Department of The Kissell Co., Springfield, Ohio.

Charles Saunders, Jr. is with the Ashland Chemical Co., Dublin, Ohio.

Stephen L. Smith is with the firm of Hite & Hite, Utica, Ohio.

1973

Charles K. Bennett is in practice at 159 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio.

David Bowers is with CNA Insurance Co., Chicago, Illinois.

Stephen D. Freedman is now in private practice in Columbus.

Mario C. Grant is with the Office of Management & Finance of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Thomas K. McKnight is with the Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.

Harold D. Paddock is with the firm of Wolske & Blue, Columbus.

David A. Penrod is with the firm of Hoover & Hoover, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

1974

Robert N. Black is with the Forum International, Inc., Columbus.

John C. Deal is counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Columbus.

Michael S. Duty is with the firm of Aronoff & Rosen in Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEATHS

The Record regretfully reports the recent deaths of: Ormond S. Adams '37, Howard W. Ankrom '14, Laird J. Baker '51, Matthew G. Beeman '21, O. Victor Blumenstiel '35, William C. Bryant '32, William A. Dougherty '17, Benjamin E. DeGroot '26, Daniel S. Earhart '28, Leonard D. Esley '27, Joseph H. Ellison '39, Hubert A. Estabrook '13, William F. Fitzgibbon '28, A. Douglas Freehafer '62, Roy J. Gillen '19, Sidney D. Griffith '41, Donald J. Hoskins '24, James P. Hunter, Jr., '73, Clay E. Hunter '23, Frank L. Kloeb '20, Russell E. Lamm, Sr. '29, Joseph L. Livorno '37, Samuel D. Luchs '26, Martin Ornstein '29, Richard F. Sater '29, John E. Selby '51, David P. Sheinbart '24, Dudley F. Smith '23, Franklin E. Stearns '32, Oscar A. Stephens '13, Joseph Thomas '17, Robert D. Touvelle '17, and Oatfield W. Whitney, Jr. '38.

Roger W. Kienzle, Jr. is Public Defender for Wayne County, Wooster, Ohio.

Hubert J. Pries is Contracts Administrator & Assistant to the Vice President of the G & W Manufacturing Co., Davenport, Iowa.

Frederick Ransier and **Kathleen Ransier** have opened an office under the name of Johnson, Ransier & Ransier, Columbus.

A Special Note

Frank Strong, Dean and Professor Emeritus at the College and currently Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina, visited the College in May when in Columbus to participate in the meeting of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Would you take Constitutional Law from this man? (Photo of Dean Strong furnished by Walker Blakey, '67, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina.)

Alumni Partnerships

Langdon D. Bell '63 and **Ted B. Clevenger** '68 have formed a partnership under the firm name of Bell & Clevenger, Columbus.

Kenneth R. Millisor '61, **Steven M. Nobil** '72, and **William K. Rice** '65 are with the firm of Millisor, Rice & Nobil, Akron.

William L. Coleman '39, **Charlotte Coleman Eufinger** '72 and **John M. Eufinger** '72 have become partners in the law firm of Coleman & Eufinger, Marysville, Ohio. **Daniel E. Behrens** '68 is also with the firm.

The firm of Hauxhurst, Sharp, Mollison & Gallagher has changed its name to Gallagher, Sharp, Foulton, Norman & Mollison, Cleveland, Ohio. Graduates who are memgers of the firm are: **Thomas A. Linton** '73 **Charles I. Kampinski** '74, **George W. Stuhldreher** '51 and **Edward J. Cass** '62.

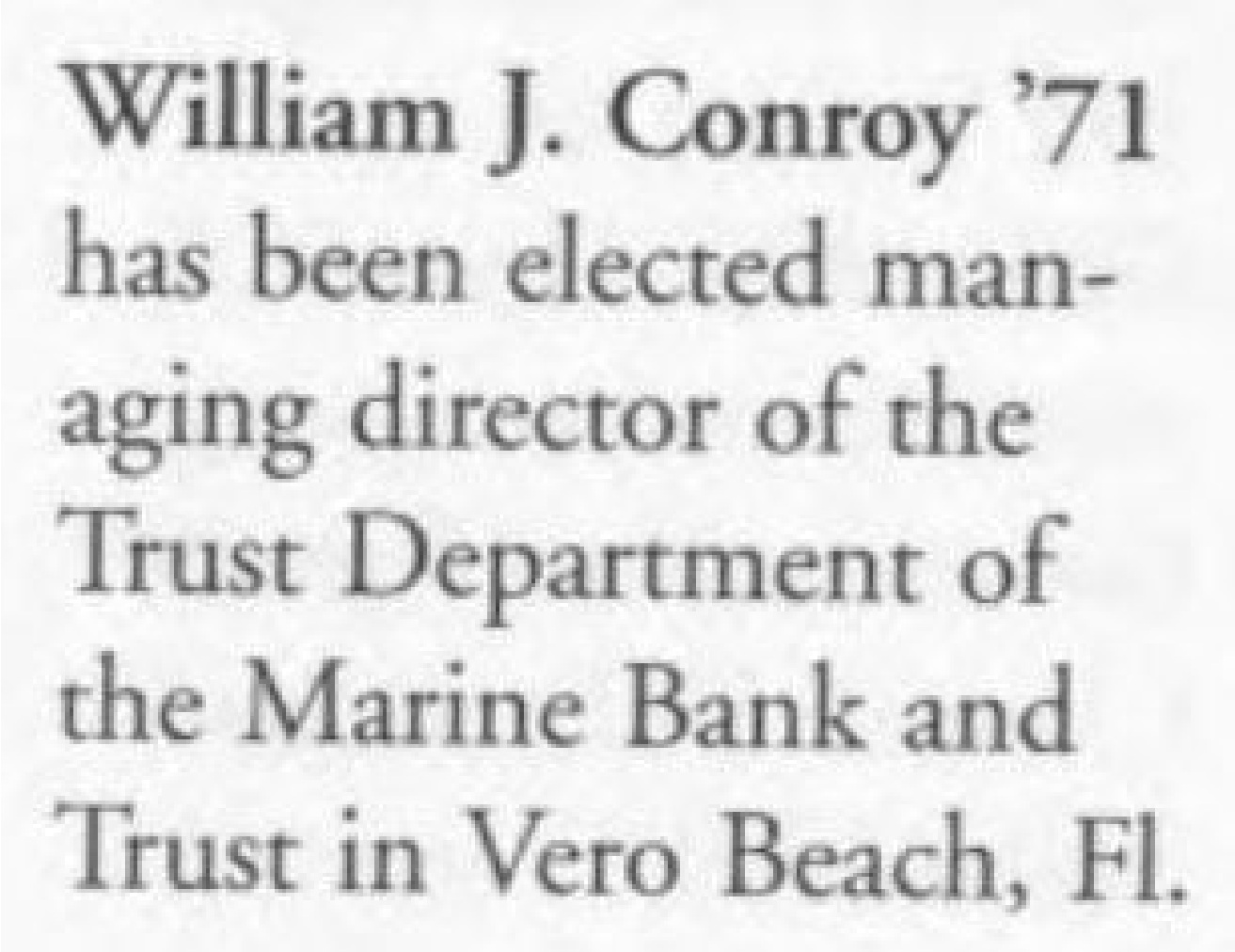
Miss **Olive Busick** who was Assistant to the Deans for many years has a new address: South Towne Square Building #1, 7915 Old Decatur Road, Apt. 104C, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46816.

Ohio State's alumni notes place William J. Conroy, class of 1971, at the Bank of Madison in Wisconsin.

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A senior banking role in Vero Beach



The alumni magazine reports William J. Conroy's election as managing director of the Trust Department of Marine Bank and Trust in Vero Beach, Florida.

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