

# **The James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn Family**

Includes:

- I. Irish Origins of the Flanagan and Gaharn Families*
- II. Documents for Mary Gaharn, Bridget Flanagan's unmarried sister in Port Huron, MI*

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James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn settled in Port Huron, MI from Ireland around 1865. At the time, the family consisted of one son, Patrick, and two daughters, Mary and Catherine. Their fourth and youngest child, a son named John, was born in Port Huron soon after their arrival.

Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan was the daughter of John Gaharn and Bridget Munford. Her sister Mary Gaharn joined the Flanagan family in Port Huron, but it's unclear who was first to establish residence in the city.

The best estimate for the ages of James and Bridget is that James was a few years older and both were born in the 1820s or 1830s. Their son Patrick was the eldest, and was born in the late 1850s. Therefore, a good estimate for the marriage of James and Bridget is the mid-1850s.

Genealogy is often limited to documents as written. The James and Bridget Flanagan family lived during a time in United States history when genealogical records were basic and did not require detailed information. As a result, documents have not been found to verify with 100% certainty where in Ireland the Flanagan and Gaharn families originated.

The following information is verifiable and accurate:

1. James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn were married in Ireland in the mid-1850s.
2. James was a few years older than Bridget.
3. They had three children (Patrick, Mary, and Catherine) in Ireland. There is consensus about their ages and order of birth.
4. Mary was the informant for her sister Catherine's death certificate and listed Dublin as Catherine's place of birth.
5. Bridget's parents were John Gaharn and Bridget Munford.
6. Bridget had a younger sister Mary Gaharn.

Michael E. Byczek undertook the data analytical task to locate where the Flanagan and Gaharn families originated in Ireland given what was known from their life in Port Huron, MI. He concluded that the best candidate was Collinstown, County Westmeath. The Catholic parish records, while often illegible, are a near perfect match for every member of the Flanagan and Gaharn families. Collinstown is also near Dublin.

A complete analysis of these documents is included at the end of this documentary, regarding the "Irish Origins of the Flanagan and Gaharn Families".

Michael E. Byczek has concluded, on balance of probabilities, that is more likely than not, and highly plausible for these records to accurately reflect his 3x-great-grandparents James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn prior to their arrival in Port Huron, MI. All references to Collinstown, Co. Westmeath in this documentary are based upon these conclusions and analysis.

Therefore, on balance of probabilities, James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn were married at the Collinstown Catholic Parish church on December 1, 1855.

Bridget Gaharn was baptized at the Collinstown church on March 2, 1835.

Given that the identity of James Flanagan's parents are not known from documents in Port Huron, there is only one good candidate for his baptism. The date was August 26, 1829 and his parents were Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey.

DNA genealogy has revealed that Michael E. Byczek is a genetic cousin to direct descendants of the very same Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey family from Collinstown, Co. Westmeath.

James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn had a total of four known children:

Child	Baptized	Location	Notes
Patrick J. Flanagan	November 23, 1856	Collinstown, Co. Westmeath	m. Anna Kane
Mary Flanagan	May 8, 1858	Collinstown, Co. Westmeath	m. Michael Hastings / Wm McCullouch
Catherine Flanagan	August 25, 1861	Collinstown, Co. Westmeath	m. William Hogwood
John Flanagan	September 1, 1867	Port Huron, MI	m. Catherine Matthews

Note: The Irish baptism records did not list date of birth, just the baptism.

Their son Patrick Flanagan married Anna Kane in Chicago at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in 1886. They are Michael E. Byczek’s 2x-great-grandparents.

James Flanagan is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Port Huron, MI with a date of burial as April 15, 1882. Neither his death certificate nor obituary has been found. If the Collinstown baptism is correct, he was 52 years old.

Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan passed away at the Flanagan family home located at 1113 Kearney St. in Port Huron on January 7, 1914. If the Collinstown baptism is correct, she was 78 years old.

James and Bridget are buried together with Bridget’s sister Mary Gaharn, who passed away on December 19, 1909 while living with Bridget Flanagan at 1113 Kearney.

All four of James and Bridget Flanagan’s children relocated to Chicago, IL in the 1880s. Their son Patrick was the only child who remained in Chicago. John relocated to Los Angeles, CA while Mary and Catherine eventually returned to Port Huron, MI.

The Flanagan family residence of 1113 Kearney in Port Huron, MI was demolished prior to online access to street views. Enough information about their home is available to reconstruct the visual aspects of the property, which is included in this documentary.

The Flanagan surname was spelled with a variety of phonetic versions, such as Flannigan, Flanigan, and Flannagan. Bridget’s maiden name of Gaharn has also been spelled with variations that include Gahern and Gohorn. The first name James is also spelled as Jacob, which is a more religious variation.

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
County <u>St. Clair</u>		Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics	
Township or Village or City <u>Port Huron</u>	FEB 6	CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
No. <u>1113 Kearney St.</u>		Registered No. <u>63</u>	(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
FULL NAME <u>Bridget Flanagan</u>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 SEX <u>Female</u>	2 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Widow</u> (Write the word)	10 DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan 7, 1914</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
4 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Jan 18, 1828</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Jan 4, 1913</u> , to <u>Jan 7, 1914</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>Jan 7, 1914</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>7 P.M.</u>	
5 AGE <u>85</u> yrs. <u>11</u> mos. <u>20</u> ds. OR <u>—</u> min.?		The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Old age and gastric intestinal disturbance including indigestion &amp; constipation</u>	
6 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>None</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>—</u>		Contributory <u>Pneumonia</u> (SECONDARY) (Duration) <u>—</u> yrs. <u>—</u> mos. <u>—</u> ds.	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>		(Signed) <u>J. A. Thompson</u> M. D. <u>Jan 8, 1914</u> (Address) <u>Shaw's Block</u>	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>John Gaharn</u>	* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>	18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place of death <u>—</u> yrs. <u>—</u> mos. <u>—</u> ds. In the State <u>—</u> yrs. <u>—</u> mos. <u>—</u> ds.	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Bridget Munford</u>	Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? <u>—</u> Former or usual residence <u>—</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>St. Joseph Cemetery</u>	
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>W. M. W. McCallum</u> (Address) <u>Port Huron</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>Jan 10, 1914</u>	
15 Filed <u>Jan 7, 1914</u> REGISTRAR <u>Geo. Thompson</u>		ADDRESS <u>Port Huron</u>	

1914 Death Certificate for Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan  
Port Huron, MI

be made later.

**Mrs. Bridget J. Flanagan**

Mrs. Bridget J. Flanagan, widow of James Flanagan, died at her home 1113 Kearney street, last evening. The deceased was eighty-five years of age, and had lived in this city for the past fifty years. She was well known throughout this county and her many friends will regret to learn of her death. She leaves a son John Flanagan, of Los Angeles, California; also two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Hogwood, of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Minnie McCullough of this city. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, from St. Stephen's church. Interment in Mt. Hope cemetery.

**OBITUARY**

**Mrs. Bridget J. Flanagan**

The funeral of Mrs. Bridget J. Flanagan was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from St. Stephen's church. Interment took place in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan Obituary  
Port Huron, MI - Times Herald  
Top: 1/8/1914  
Bottom: 1/10/1914

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN		697	
County of <u>St. Clair</u>		Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics			
Township of <u>—</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registered No. <u>260</u>	
Village of <u>—</u>		(No. <u>1113 Kearney</u> St.; <u>JAN 7</u> Ward)		[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number. If away from usual residence, give "Special Information" below.]	
City of <u>Pt Huron</u>		FULL NAME <u>Mary Gaharn</u>			
<b>PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS</b>					
SEX	<u>Female</u>	COLOR	<u>White</u>		
DATE OF BIRTH	(Month) <u>Aug</u>	(Day) <u>—</u>	(Year) <u>1836</u>		
AGE	<u>73</u> years, <u>—</u> months, <u>—</u> days				
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	<u>Single</u>				
AGE AT MARRIAGE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN	(If married, age at (first) marriage <u>—</u> years Parent of <u>—</u> children, of whom <u>—</u> are living				
BIRTHPLACE (State or country)	<u>Ireland</u>				
NAME OF FATHER	<u>John Gaharn</u>				
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country)	<u>Ireland</u>				
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<u>—</u>				
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)	<u>Ireland</u>				
OCCUPATION	<u>Domestic</u>				
THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF					
Informant	<u>Bridget Flanagan</u>				
(Address)	<u>Pt Huron</u>				
<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b>					
DATE OF DEATH	(Month) <u>Dec</u>	(Day) <u>19</u>	(Year) <u>1908</u>		
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>—</u> , 1908, to <u>Feb 12</u> , 1909, that I last saw her alive on <u>Dec 19</u> , 1908, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8</u> M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:					
<u>Primarily Carcinoma of Uterus, with metastases to various organs.</u>					
Contributory	<u>—</u>				
(Signed)	<u>S. E. Carter</u>				M. D.
1908	(Address) <u>178 1/2 Mulberry St. Port Huron</u>				
SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents:					
Former or usual residence	<u>—</u>		How long at place of death?	<u>—</u> Days	
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? <u>—</u>					
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL	<u>Wt to be buried</u>		DATE OF BURIAL	<u>Dec 21</u> , 1908	
UNDERTAKER	<u>Geo. Thompson</u>		ADDRESS	<u>Pt Huron</u>	
Filed	<u>Dec 20th 1908</u>		<u>W. S. Henderson</u> Registrar		

1909 Death Certificate for Mary Gaharn  
Living with her sister Bridget Flanagan at 1113 Kearney

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### Mary Gaharn.

Mary Gaharn died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bridget Flannigan, 1113 Kearney street, Sunday, after a long illness, at the age of 73 years. Funeral will be held from St. Stephen's church Tuesday morning, at 8:30.

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### Miss Mary Gaharn

After a long illness, Miss Mary Gaharn, aged 73 years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Flannigan, 1113 Kearney-st. Sunday afternoon. The funeral will be held from St. Stephen's church Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Mt. Hope cemetery for burial.

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Mary Gaharn Obituary  
Port Huron, MI newspapers (12/20/1909)  
Top - Times Herald  
Bottom: The Daily Herald



## *Mt. Hope Cemetery*

1209 Knapp Road  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
(810) 985-5323

April 21, 2005

Administered by St. Stephen's Church  
Pastor: Rev. Rene Desmarais  
Cemetery Supervised by Ronald J. Ceglarek

Dear Sir,

In response to your letter our records show the following,

- \* Buried on Dec. 19th 1909 in section C grave #8 Mary Gaharn
- \* Buried on Jan. 7th 1914 in section C grave #9 Bridget Flannagan
- \* Buried on April 15th 1882 in section C grave #10 James Flannagan

Sincerely,

Ron Ceglarek, Superintendent  
Mt. Hope Cemetery

Letter to Michael E. Byczek from Mt. Hope Cemetery in Port Huron, MI (2005)  
Inquiry as to the Flanagan/Gaharn dates of burial and grave locations

## Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan's Will

In summary: (1) Catherine (Flanagan) Hogwood was the beneficiary and executor; (2) Her other two children and Patrick's children each received \$1; and (3) The Will was dated June 9, 1911.

Michael E. Byczek has reviewed the probate documents. There are several provisions and procedures that require more information. Overall, the probate proceedings were straightforward

**A will was probated in Port Huron in which Bridget Flannigan left one dollar each to her children and two grandchildren.**

Top: The Jackson Citizen Press (Jackson, MI) - 1/20/1914

Bottom: Port Huron, MI - Times Herald - 1/26/1914

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of St. Clair, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of St. Clair, held at the probate office, in the city of Port Huron, on the 16th day of January, 1914. Present Hugh H. Hart, judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of **Bridget Flanagan**, deceased, Catherine Hogwood having filed her petition, with this court, praying that a certain instrument now here on file may be allowed and admitted to probate as and for the last will and testament of the said deceased, and that the administration of said estate may be granted to Catherine Hogwood or some other suitable person. It is ordered that Monday, the 16th day of February next, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for hearing thereof. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Port Huron Times-Herald, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of St. Clair. HUGH H. HART, judge of probate. (A true copy) GEO. L. BROWN, probate register.

I, BRIDGET FLANAGAN, of the City of Port Huron, Michigan, being of sound mind, but knowing the uncertainty of life, and after careful consideration, do hereby make and constitute this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me heretofore made.

First: I direct that all my just debts be paid in full.

Second: I give and bequeath the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to each of my children, namely: Mary M. Cullouch,

John H. Flanagan; and to each of the children of my son Patrick Flanagan, one dollar each.

Third: All of the residue of my estate both real, personal and mixed, of every name and nature, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter Catherine Hogwood.

Fourth: I hereby appoint my said daughter Catherine Hogwood executrix of this my last will and testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of June, A.D. 1918.

On this ninth day of June, A.D. 1918, Bridget Flanagan of the City of Port Huron, County of St. Clair and State of Michigan, signed the foregoing instrument in our presence, and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and as witness thereof we do now, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names.

Geo. L. Brown residing at Port Huron, Mich.

Ant. F. Horan residing at Port Huron, Mich.

# State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of St. Clair

To the Probate Court for said County:

In the Matter of the Estate of Bridget Flanagan

I, Catherine Hogan, respectfully represent that I reside in the City of Port Huron in said county and am interested in said estate and make this petition as executrix

named in the last will and testament of said deceased. I further represent that said deceased died on the 7th day of

January A. D. 1914 leaving a last will and testament, bearing date the 9th day of June A. D. 1917, which is

herewith deposited and filed in said court: that said will is in writing and was signed by said deceased in the presence of Geo. L. Brown

and Bridget F. Doran two competent witnesses, who, at the request of said deceased, attested and subscribed said will in her presence and in the presence of each other.

and that said deceased, at the time she executed said will, was twenty-one years of age and upwards, and was of sound mind and under no restraint or undue influence whatever, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that said deceased was at the time of her death an inhabitant of the City of Port Huron in said county

and left estate within said county to be administered,

and that the estimated value thereof is as follows: Real estate, \$ none or thereabout: personal estate, \$ 40.00 or thereabout, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that the names, relationship, ages and residences of the devisees, legatees and heirs at law of said deceased are as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	RESIDENCE
<u>Mary McCillouch</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>Port Huron M.</u>
<u>John H. Flanagan</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>Los Angeles Cal.</u>
<u>James</u>	<u>grandson</u>		<u>Chicago Ill</u>
<u>Martine</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Anna</u>	<u>" daughter</u>		<u>"</u>
<u>May</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Catherine</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Margaret</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

" PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

List of disbursements that name her grandchildren in Chicago

I therefore pray that said instrument now on file in said court, be admitted to probate and that the execution thereof and administration of said estate be granted to Catherine Hogwood, the executrix named in said will.

or to some other suitable person.

Catherine Hogwood

P. O.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.  
County of St. Clair.

On this 15 day of January A. D. 1914, before me personally appeared the above named petitioner who being duly sworn says that she has read the foregoing petition by her signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of her own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be upon her information and belief and as to those matters she believes it to be true.

Geo. L. Brown  
Notary Public St. Clair County, Mich.

My commission expires Sept 20, 1917

No. 11-131

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
FOR THE  
County of St. Clair

ESTATE OF

Budget Filson  
Deceased.

Petition for Probate of Will

Filed Jan 16 A. D. 1914  
Geo. L. Brown  
Register of Probate.

Bond, \$ Feb 16/14  
Notice T.H.  
Hearing

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.

**State of Michigan,**  
**THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR.**

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Port Huron, in said County,  
 on the 16 day of February, A.D. 1914

PRESENT, HON. Hugh H. Hart Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Bridget Flanagan DECEASED.

This day Catherine Hozwood having been appointed for hearing the petition of  
 praying for the probate of the instrument  
 heretofore filed in said court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased

and due notice of  
 the hearing on said petition having been given as directed by said court, the said petitioner appeared

in person

It appearing to the court from the testimony of Geo. L. Brown  
me of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument

that said deceased signed and duly executed said instrument as and for her last will and  
 testament

in the presence of sufficient and competent witnesses, and that said witnesses attested and subscribed  
 said instrument as subscribing witnesses thereto, at the request of said deceased, in her  
 presence, and in the presence of each other, and that said deceased at the time of the execution thereof  
 was of full age and sound mind, and under no restraint or undue influence;

It Further Appearing, that said deceased died on the 7th day of  
January, A.D. 1914 and at the time of her death was an inhabitant of  
 the City of Port Huron in said county.

and that said instrument was duly proved, and ought to be allowed as the last  
 will and testament of said deceased;

It is Ordered, that said instrument be and is hereby allowed and admitted to  
 probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that the same be recorded as required  
 by law:

It is Further Ordered, that the execution of said will be committed, and the administration  
 of the estate of said deceased be granted to Catherine Hozwood.

wh is ordered to give bond in the penal sum of One hundred  
 dollars, Hugh H. Hart

JUDGE OF PROBATE

11 131  
 ST. CLAIR COUNTY  
 PROBATE COURT

ESTATE OF

Bridget Flanagan

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PROBATE JUDGE  
 ST. CLAIR COUNTY

THE TIMES-HERALD

Probate documents, Cont.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of St. Clair. ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of St. Clair, held in probate office, in the city of Port Huron, on the 15th day of January, 1914. Present Hugh H. Hart, Judge Probate. In the matter of the estate of Margaret Williams, deceased, Catherine Hogwood having filed her petition, this court, prying that a certain instrument now here on file may be admitted to probate as and the last will and testament of the deceased, and that the administration of said estate may be granted to the Hogwood or some other suitable person. It is ordered that Monday, 15th day of February next, at 9:00 a.m. in the forenoon, at said probate court, be appointed for hearing thereof. It is further ordered that a copy of order be published three successive times previous to said day of hearing in the Port Huron Times-Herald newspaper published and circulating in said county.

State of Michigan, } ss.  
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR }

*E. J. Ottaway*

being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the printer and publisher of The Port Huron Times-Herald, a newspaper published and circulating in the County of St. Clair, in said State; that the annexed printed notice has been duly published in said newspaper at least once in each week for Three successive weeks preceding the day of January mentioned in said notice and that the first insertion thereof was on the 19 day of Jan 1914, and the last insertion was on the 9 day of Feb 1914.

*[Signature]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9 day of Feb. A. D. 1914

*Stephen S. Hopkins*  
Notary Public, St. Clair Co., Mich.

Term of Office expiring Nov 5 1915

# PRINTER'S BILL

Folios.....	Times.....	\$.....
Affidavit of publication.....		
Received Payment,.....		
For The Port Huron Times-Herald.		

95  
\$ 37.50

#552

PORT HURON, MICH.,

May 10 1914

Mrs. Katherine Cogwood

IN ACCOUNT WITH

GEORGE THOMPSON,

FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

934 Sixth Street.

AMBULANCE

Phone-Office 141 Res. 367

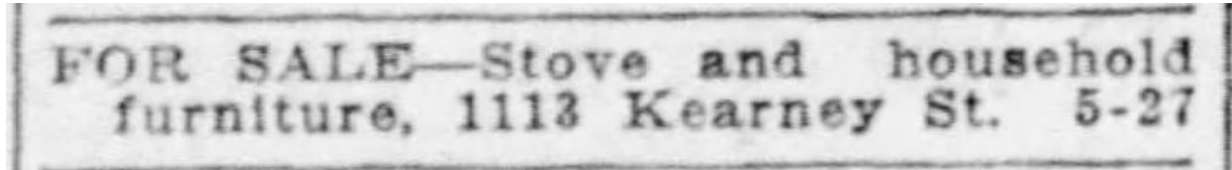
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	<p> <i>                         Received Payment                          Geo Thompson                     </i> </p>		

Probate documents, Cont.

It appears that Catherine Hogwood and her husband William continued living at 1113 Kearney through 1930 when they moved to Detroit.

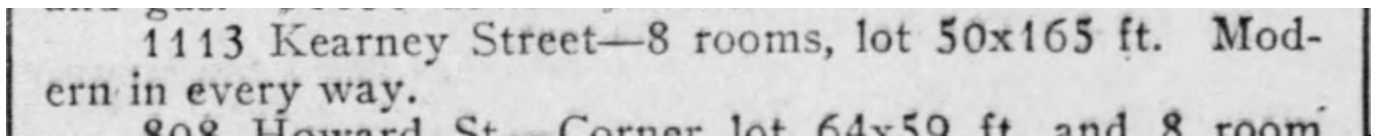
William McCollough (Mary Flanagan's husband) died at 1113 Kearney in 1917, which was referred to as "his sister-in-law's house".

The directories show that other people also were living at the address, as if they were renting out rooms or possibly not living there full time. Three ads appeared in the newspaper between 1919-1921 that would have been placed by the Hogwood family and help describe the house.



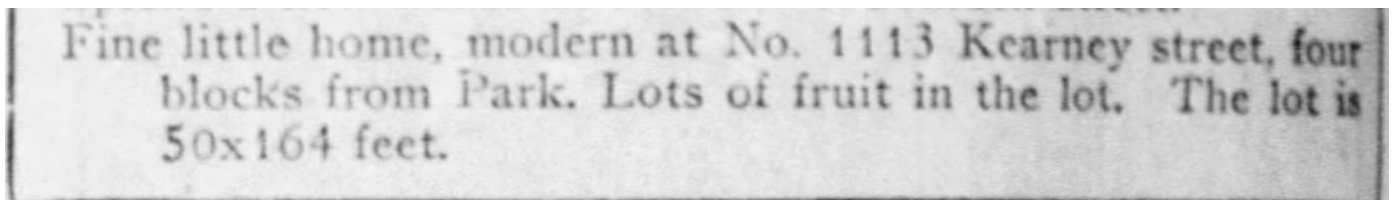
FOR SALE—Stove and household  
furniture, 1113 Kearney St. 5-27

Published in Port Huron Times-Herald on May 26, 1919



1113 Kearney Street—8 rooms, lot 50x165 ft. Mod-  
ern in every way.  
808 Howard St. Corner lot 64x50 ft. and 8 room

Published in Port Huron Times-Herald on October 29, 1920



Fine little home, modern at No. 1113 Kearney street, four  
blocks from Park. Lots of fruit in the lot. The lot is  
50x164 feet.

Published in Port Huron Times-Herald on September 29, 1921

## Flanagan Family Residence located at 1113 Kearney

James Flanagan was the legal owner of the house located at 1113 Kearney in Port Huron, MI, which was allegedly purchased in 1872.

According to Bridget Flanagan, the real estate deed was supposed to have listed herself and her sister Mary Gaharn as the sole owners.

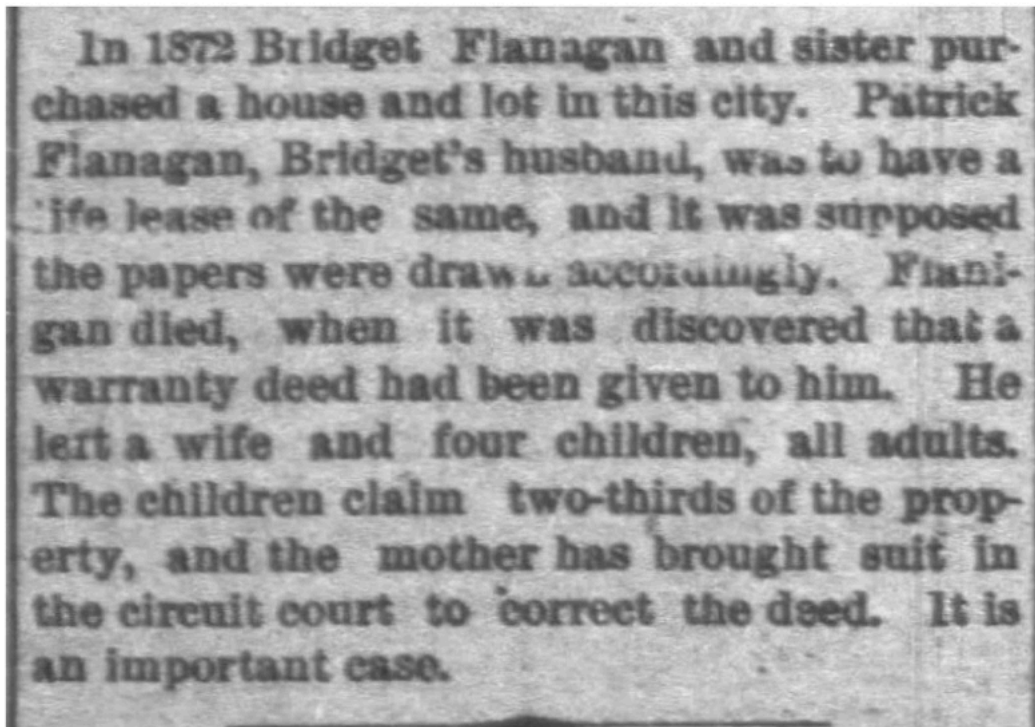
It is highly unlikely that James Flanagan wrote the real estate deed himself. He and/or Bridget most likely hired an attorney or otherwise had the real estate documents prepared by a third-party who handled the transaction.

The Flanagan and Gaharn family intentions were not honored by whoever completed the deed. It is unclear whether this mistake was the result of an attorney who wasn't properly skilled in such matters, or misinterpretation of ownership.

This mistake was not discovered until 1889, seven years after James Flanagan passed away. Since the real estate was in his name alone, a strict interpretation of the law suggested that Bridget, and certainly not her sister Mary Gaharn, did not own the house. As a result, the four Flanagan children all requested that the house be sold as their inheritance. Bridget Flanagan and her sister Mary Gaharn tried to correct the deed in court and also attempted to sell the house until the matter was resolved.

Bridget Flanagan attempted to sell the property with advertisements in the newspaper from 7/20/1889 through 12/20/1889 (as found). The first newspaper article was published on 7/18/1889 indicating that Bridget immediately attempted to sell the house.

Bridget and her sister Mary did not sell the house and remained there for the rest of their lives.



In 1872 Bridget Flanagan and sister purchased a house and lot in this city. Patrick Flanagan, Bridget's husband, was to have a life lease of the same, and it was supposed the papers were drawn accordingly. Flanagan died, when it was discovered that a warranty deed had been given to him. He left a wife and four children, all adults. The children claim two-thirds of the property, and the mother has brought suit in the circuit court to correct the deed. It is an important case.

Port Huron Times Herald (7/18/1889)

## CHANCERY ORDER.

State of Michigan, the Circuit Court for the County of St. Clair, in Chancery.

Bridget Flanagan and Mary Cahen, vs. Patrick Flanagan, John Flanagan, Mary Hastings, and Kittie Hogwood.

It satisfactorily appearing to this court by the affidavit on file, that the defendants, Patrick Flanagan, John Flanagan, Mary Hastings, and Kittie Hogwood, are residents of the city of Chicago in the state of Illinois, and that said defendants are not residents of this state,

On motion of Atkinson, Vance & Wolcott, solicitors for the complainants, it is ordered that the said defendants, Patrick Flanagan, John Flanagan, Mary Hastings, and Kittie Hogwood, cause their appearance to be entered herein, within four months from the date of this order, and in case of their appearance, that they cause their answers to the complainants bill of complaint, to be filed and a copy thereof served on said complainants solicitors within twenty days after service on them of a copy of said bill, and a notice of this order, and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by said non-resident defendants.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days after the date hereof, said complainants cause a notice of this order to be published in the WEEKLY EXPOSITOR, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, and that such publication be continued therein, at least once in each week for six successive weeks, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendants at least twenty days before the above time prescribed for their appearance.

ARTHUR L. CANFIELD,  
ATKINSON, VANCE & WOLCOTT, Circuit Judge.  
Complainants' Solicitors.

Received for Record the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1891  
 at 2 o'clock P.M. W<sup>m</sup> O'Donnell Deputy Register  
 at a regular Session of the Circuit Court for the  
 County of St. Clair continued and held at the Court  
 house in said county on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1891.  
 Present Hon. Arthur Canfield Circuit Judge.

Bridget Flanagan Mary Gahern  
 -VS-  
 Patrick Flanagan John Flanagan  
 Mary Hastings & Kittie Higwood

This cause came on to be heard on the bill of complaint filed therein taken as confessed by all of the defendants after due publication of an order made by this court for their appearance and upon the report of O'Brien O'Donnell one of the Circuit Court Commissioners for said County of St. Clair to whom it was referred by an order heretofore entered therein to take proofs of the material facts charged in such bill of complaint and report the same to said court on reading of the bill of complaint the report of such Circuit Court Commissioner and the proofs accompanying the same from which it satisfactorily appears to this court that the material facts as set forth in such bill of complaint are true and have been satisfactorily proven and after hearing Atkinson Vance & Wolcott Solicitors for the complainants and due deliberation being had the court doth find that a mistake was made in the execution of the deed from O'Brien J. Atkinson and Mary M. Atkinson his wife to James Flanagan dated October 7<sup>th</sup> 1880 recorded in Lib. 21 of deeds at page 296 in the office of the Register of Deeds for St. Clair County by which the entire title in fee to lot 6 Block 41 in the Fort Snater Military Reservation in the city of Port Huron St. Clair County Michigan was vested in James Flanagan when in truth and in fact said deed should have conveyed to James Flanagan only a life estate in said premises above described and should have conveyed the title in fee to the complainants Bridget Flanagan and Mary Gahern subject to such life estate to James Flanagan and the court doth further find that the said James Flanagan departed this life on or about April 15<sup>th</sup> 1882 and then title in fee to aforesaid lot six Block Forty One in the Fort Snater Military Reservation in the city of Port Huron St. Clair County Michigan ought of right to be vested in said complainants Bridget Flanagan and Mary Gahern at the time of filing the bill of complaint herein. Therefore by virtue of the authority vested in this court and the statute in such case made and provided it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the complainants Bridget Flanagan and Mary Gahern are the true and lawful

Received for Record the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1891  
at 2 o'clock P.M. Wm. W. DeWitt, Register  
At a regular Session of the Circuit Court for the  
County of St. Clair continued and held at the Court  
house in said county on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1891.  
Present Hon. Arthur L. Canfield Circuit Judge  
Bridget Flanagan Mary Gahern

-V-  
Patrick Flanagan, John Flanagan  
Mary Hastings & Kittie Higgins

This cause came on to be  
heard on the bill of complaint filed therein taken as confessed  
by all of the defendants after due publication of an order made  
by this court for their appearance and upon the report of  
O'Brien O'Donnell one of the Circuit Court Commissioners  
for said County of St. Clair to whom it was referred by  
an order heretofore entered therein to take proofs of the  
material facts charged in such bill of complaint and  
report the same to said court on reading the bill of  
complaint the report of such Circuit Court Commissioners  
and the proofs accompanying the same from which it satisfactorily  
appears to this court that the material facts as set forth  
in such bill of complaint are true and have been satisfactorily  
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and Mary M. Atkinson his wife to James Flanagan dated  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 1880 recorded in Lib. 70 of deeds at page 296 in  
the office of the Register of Deeds for St. Clair County by which  
the entire title in fee to lot 6 Block 4 in the Fort Gratiot  
Military Reservation in the city of Port Huron St. Clair County  
Michigan was vested in James Flanagan when in truth and in fact  
said deed should have conveyed to James Flanagan only a life  
estate in said premises above described and should have conveyed  
the title in fee to the complainants Bridget Flanagan and  
Mary Gahern subject to such life estate to James Flanagan  
and the court doth further find that the said James Flanagan  
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Flanagan and Mary Gahern at the time of filing the bill of complaint  
herein. Therefore by virtue of the authority vested in  
this court and the statute in such case made and provided  
it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the complainants  
Bridget Flanagan and Mary Gahern are the true and lawful  
owners of the premises above and in said bill of complaint  
described and the title in fee to said lot six (6) in Block

forty one in the Fort Grant Military Reservation in the City of Port Huron St Clair County Michigan is hereby voted in in said Complainants Bridget Flanagan and Mary Taboras free and relieved from all claims of title by the defendants Patrick Flanagan John Flanagan Mary Hastings and Kittie S. Hayward or any or either of them and that the title thereto in said property be and the same is hereby granted in said complainants with like force and effect as if said deed to aforesaid property had been made to the said complainants subject to a life estate in said James Flanagan. It is further ordered adjudged and decreed that said defendants Patrick Flanagan John Flanagan Mary Hastings and Kittie Hayward do quit claim all right title and interest in and to said premises to the Complainants Bridget Flanagan and Mary Taboras within sixty days from the date hereof and that this decree be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for St Clair County to stand in lieu of said deed in the event neglect or refuse to quit claim the same to complainants as herein directed.

Dated February 19<sup>th</sup> AD 1891

Arthur L. Canfield  
Circuit Judge

### Register's Certificate

State of Michigan  
County of St Clair

I Russell W. Wade Deputy Register of the Circuit Court for the County of St Clair in Chancery do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Decree entered February 19-1891 in the above entitled cause in said Court as appears of records in my office That I have compared the same with the original and it is a true transcript therefore and of the whole thereof In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Port Huron this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1891

E. Wade

Russell W. Wade Dep.  
Register in Chancery

**M**RS. BRIDGET FLANAGAN'S property  
on Kearney street, 1113, story and a half  
house in good repair. Must be sold.

This version of the advertisement ran until 8/22/1889 in Times-Herald  
*Note: This particular image is from 8/19/1889 (selected for clarity)*

**B**RIDGET FLANAGAN'S house and lot on  
Kearney street. She is bound to sell.

This version of the advertisement ran until the end in Times-Herald  
*Note: This particular image is from 12/20/1889 (selected for clarity)*

Received for Record October 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1888, at 11 o'clock A. M.  
H. C. Mansfield Register  
O'Brien J. Atkinson }  
 TO James Flanagan } This Indenture, Made this First day of  
October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty BETWEEN  
O'Brien J. Atkinson & Mary M. his wife  
 of the first part, and James Flanagan of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars  
 to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, do by these presents  
 grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said part of the second part, and his heirs and assigns FOREVER, ALL  
that certain piece or parcel of Land situate and being in the  
City of Port Huron, County of St. Clair, and State of Michigan,  
 and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Six (6) in Block Forty one (41) in the Subdivision of  
the Fort Gratiot Military Reservation in said City

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining: To Have and to Hold the said  
 premises, as described, with the appurtenances, unto the said part of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, Forever, And the said  
O'Brien J. Atkinson  
 part of the first part, for his  
 heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said part of the second part, his  
 heirs and assigns, that at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents, well seized of the above granted premises in Fee Simple:  
 that they are free from all incumbrances whatever.

and that he will, and his heirs, executors, administrators, shall Warrant and Defend  
 the same against all lawful claims whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, The said part of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

A. E. Harrison  
W. J. Atkinson

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

COUNTY OF St. Clair, ss.

On this First day of Sept in the year one thousand  
Eighty, before me, O'Brien J. Atkinson & Mary M. Atkinson a Notary Public  
 in and for said County, personally appeared O'Brien J. Atkinson & Mary M. Atkinson  
 to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, who acknowledged the same to be his  
 free act and deed.

W. J. Atkinson  
 Notary Public  
 St. Clair Co. Mich.

and the said James Flanagan  
 on a private examination by me, separate and apart from her said husband, acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without any fear of or compul-  
 sion from any one.

1880 deed that is the subject of the litigation listing James Flanagan as the owner  
 However, the newspaper stated that the transaction took place in 1872.  
 It is unclear whether the dates are simply a mistake.

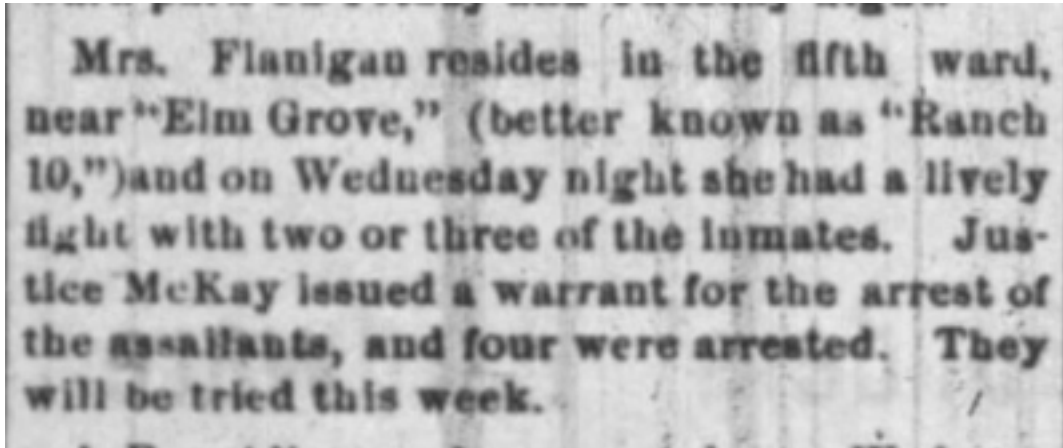
## **Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan - Crime Victim**

Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan was the victim of a violent attack outside her home at 1113 Kearny in 1884.

Her sister Mary Gaharn was home at the time and came to Bridget's defense. Bridget credited her sister with saving her life that day.

A brothel opened in the residential house immediately next door to the Flanagan home. It appears that Bridget Flanagan had regular issues with the brothel's owner, which eventually escalated to violence against Bridget. Both the brothel owner and several women who worked inside inflicted physical injury upon Bridget including threatening Bridget with a gun. The Times Herald newspaper covered the court case on 8/27/1884.

The newspaper article about the trial is shown on the next page.



Port Huron - Times Herald (8/21/1884)



## *The Flanagan family and United States Citizenship*

A strict interpretation of the law would conclude that James Flanagan, his wife Bridget, and their Irish born children (Patrick, Mary, and Catherine) were not citizens of the United States.

Michael E. Byczek, 3x-great-grandson of James Flanagan, is an Illinois attorney and has reviewed family documents from Chicago and Port Huron regarding their citizenship status. He has concluded that it is proper to pay tribute to the Flanagan family as if they were American citizens as of 1866 while residents of Port Huron, MI.

The misinterpretation originates in 1865 when James Flanagan filed his first papers followed by a duplicate one year later instead of the final papers required to become a citizen. Michael E. Byczek has concluded this was not the fault of his 3x-great-grandfather.

Documents show that James Flanagan may not have been able to read or write. Court records suggest that he did not understand the intricacy of legal documents, the complexity of law, or government-imposed procedures.

A fictional, but plausible, chronology of events are described as follows:

1865: James Flanagan walked into a government office and announced his intentions to become an American citizen. The government official instructed James to fill out a form and return in one year to complete another document.

1866: After waiting one year, James Flanagan returned to the government office and again announced that he wanted to become a citizen. The government official told him to fill out a document and go home. James Flanagan did so, and told his entire family that they had become American citizens.

In such a scenario, James Flanagan had the sincere intention of becoming an American citizen, followed the procedures to the best of his ability, and lived the rest of his life proud to be a citizen of the United States, despite the lack of a final review of his paperwork or administration of an oath. James Flanagan would not have understood these requirements or procedure.

Both James and Bridget Flanagan passed away in Port Huron believing they were American citizens. Patrick Flanagan told Anna Kane that when they were married, she would become a citizen through marriage. He spent the rest of his life believing that he was an American citizen.

Anna (Kane) Flanagan spent her entire widowhood proud to be an American citizen until her sister-in-law discovered that her father did not file final papers. Anna Flanagan immediately proceeded to become a citizen in her own right in 1938. She passed away just three years later.

In her naturalization documents, Anna (Kane) Flanagan stated:

Given the question "I was informed by the following-named person or persons that I was a citizen of the United States", Anna answered:

*About Sept. 1886, from about the time we were married, my husband told me he was a citizen of the U.S. by naturalization of his father James Flanagan in Pt. Huron, Mich. In about March 1919 when women were starting to vote I registered to vote being as I thought my husband had been a citizen.*

With regard to the question of "I continued as above indicated until the date shown below when I became apprised under the following circumstances that my impression was erroneous", Anna replied:

*About Sept. 1937 my sister-in-law Cather Hogwood, sent me her father's papers and I found that they were only 1st papers and that he had never taken final papers.*

Anna further explained, given the question "I have exercised the following rights and duties of a citizen of the United States", that:

*I have voted since March 1919. I had one son, Martin Flanagan, in the World War.*

For these reasons, Michael E. Byczek pays tribute to his 2x-great-grandparents Patrick Flanagan and Anna Kane along with his 3x-great-grandparents James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn as if they were American citizens.

# Declaration of Intention.



[COPY.]

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
County of *St. Clair* } ss.

The Circuit Court for said County, to wit:

*J. James Flanagan* do  
solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES,  
and to Renounce Forever all allegiance and fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate,  
State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly the *Queen of Great*  
*Britain & Ireland* of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, at  
*St. Clair*  
this *28th* day (Signed) *James Flanagan*  
of *September* A. D. 1865  
*Wm F. Collins* Clerk.



Declaration of Intention (1st Papers)  
Dated 9/28/1865

# DECLARATION OF INTENTION.



STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, }

The Circuit Court for said County, to wit:

*J. James Flannigan* do

solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and to RENOUNCE FOREVER, all Allegiance and Fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly the Queen of Great Britain & Ireland of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn and subscribed before me, at St. Clair, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1866  
*Geo F Collins*  
Clerk.

*his*  
*James X Flannigan*  
*Mark*

Another Declaration of Intention  
Dated 9/29/1866

This second declaration was dated exactly one year and one day after the first. While neither document provides any meaningful information about the James Flanagan who is named, it is highly unlikely that two different individuals with the same name would both file first papers exactly one year and one day apart. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that whoever this particular James Flanagan was, it was the same person who filed both documents.

The fact that the same person filed two duplicate documents one year apart matches Anna (Kane) Flanagan's narrative that her father-in-law did not file his final papers and why the Flanagan family thought they were naturalized citizens.

**Federal and State Census**  
All Port Huron, MI

- 1870 Federal: James and Bridget listed as illiterate. James is a laborer.  
James (48), Bridget (32), Patrick (12), Mary (11), Catherine (6), John (3)
- 1880 Federal: Living at 466 Seventh Street (East Side)  
James and Patrick both listed as laborers. Catherine and Mary as dressmakers.  
The census was taken on 6/1/1880 and James is listed as being unemployed for five months of 1880.  
James (57), Bridget (42), Patrick (23), Mary (19), Catherine (17), John (12)  
James and Bridget again listed as illiterate.  
Note: Catherine gets married in Chicago on 10/5/1880, just four months later.
- 1884 MI: Only lists Kearney Street - Only Bridget, her son John, and sister Mary Gaharn  
Note: James died two years ago, Patrick is gone from the directory about this time.  
Catherine is married, and Mary got married in Chicago two months after the census  
Bridget (49), John (15), Mary Gaharn (40)  
Bridget is referred to as housewife and Mary a servant. John doesn't have a job (none).  
All three able to read and write.  
Bridget listed as 20 years within Michigan. Looks like Mary is the same.
- 1894 MI: Address illegible - Just Bridget and her sister  
Looks like Bridget (56) and Mary (50) - Bridget has four total children (all alive)  
Bridget listed as housewife and Mary as a washwoman  
Bridget listed as illiterate while Mary can read and write (there is an x over Bridget's answers)  
Both list 33 years within Michigan. However, hard to tell whether time in the US is 32 or 33.
- 1900 Federal: Bridget and her sister Mary at 1113 Kearney (Bridget owns the house)  
Bridget (January 1835) and Mary (August 1837)  
Bridget has four total children  
Both listed as arrival in US as 1865  
Both listed as able to read and write
- 1910 Federal: 1113 Kearney - Just Bridget (sister died in 1909)  
Listed as 78 years old with four total children and one dead (Patrick)  
Arrived in US in 1864. Lists employment as "own income"  
Able to read and write.



Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

<sup>1</sup> Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

Go Stockwell.

*Enumerator.*

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B.

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NOTE A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1883, and ends with May 31, 1884.

NOTE B.—All persons, inhabitants of this State, will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1884. No others will. Children born since June 1, 1884, will be OMITTED. Persons who were living June 1, 1884, but who have since died, will be INCLUDED.

NOTE C.—Questions numbered 18, 20, 21, and 25 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Steward City of Pittsburg, in the County of St. Clair, Michigan, enumerated by me on the 26th day of June, 1884.

August D. Duggan  
John D. Duggan

1. MAKE ALL ENTRIES WITH PEN AND INK. DO NOT USE PENCIL OF ANY KIND.

IN CITIES.	Name of Street.	House Number.	Dwelling-house, not numbered in Order of Enumeration.	The Name of Each Person whose Place of Abode on the 1st Day of June, 1884, was in this Family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.			CIVIL CONDITION.	MARRIED WITHIN CENSUS YEAR. (If not married within census year, write NONE.)		NATIVITY.			CHILDREN BORN TO THE FAMILY DURING CENSUS YEAR. (If no births occurred, write NONE.)		
					Age at last birthday (give months in fraction, if less than 1 year).	Sex—Male, Female.	Color—White, Black, Mulatto (Black, Chinese, etc.).		Designation of Heads of Family (Husband and Wife) and Relationship of each other (Persons Enumerated as Heads of this Family, as Son, Daughter, Servant, Boarder, etc.	Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced.	Month of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Place of Birth of this Person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country if of Foreign Birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this Person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country if of Foreign Birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this Person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country if of Foreign Birth.	Number of Males.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	20.2	32	Brown	36	Male	White	Married	26	26	White	New York	New York				

16	30.5	32.9	Duggan Bridgett	19	Female	White	Married	26	26	White	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland						
17	30.5	32.9	Duggan John	15	Male	White	Single	26	26	White	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland						
18	30.5	32.9	Duggan Mary	10	Female	White	Single	26	26	White	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland						

Duplicate Number.	OCCUPATION.			HEALTH.	EDUCATION.			MARRIAGES WITHIN THE CENSUS YEAR OF PERSONS WHO, JUST PREVIOUS TO MARRIAGE, WERE MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY. (If no such marriage occurred, write NONE.)							Duplicate Number.	
	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Person, Male or Female.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of Fathers of Children under 15 Years of Age.	Number of Months in Prison, or how long confined during the Census Year.	Is the Person (on the day of the enumerator's visit) Sick or Temporarily Disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the Sickness or Disability?	Sound, Dead, Dumb, Blind, Insane, etc.	Attended School within Census Year—"Yes" or "No."	Can Read—"Yes" or "No."	Can Write—"Yes" or "No."	Time of Entrance within the State—Year.	Age at Marriage.	Age of Person.	Month of Marriage.	Name of Groom.	Place of Marriage.		Present Residence.
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
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16	Hawkins			Well	Yes	Yes	Yes								
17	Duggan			Well	Yes	Yes	Yes								
18	Duggan			Well	Yes	Yes	Yes								

1884 Michigan State Census

A.

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NOTE A.—The Census Year begins with June 1, 1893, and ends with May 31, 1894.

NOTE B.—All persons inhabitants of this State will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June 1894. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1894, will be OMITTED. Persons who were living June 1, 1894, but who have since died, will be INCLUDED.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Michigan, in the County of Alcona, Michigan, enumerated by me on the 12 day of June, 1894.

Make all entries with PEN and INK. Do not use PENCIL of any kind.

Enumerator.

Number	Is Cities	Name of Street	House Number	Dwelling House Numbered in order of Visitation	Parcels Numbered in order of Visitation	THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHOSE PLACE OF ABODE ON THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 1894, WAS IN THIS FAMILY.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION			Designation of Head of Family (Husband and Wife) and Relationship of each other person enumerated to head of this Family, as Son, Daughter, Head Man, Servant, Boarder, etc.	CIVIL CONDITION	Married within Census Year, June 1, 1893, to June 1, 1894. Write "Yes" or "No," as the case may be.	Mother of how many Children, and number of those Children Living.	NATIVITY		
							Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1894. If under a year of age months in parentheses (m.)	Sex—Male, Female	Color—White, Black, Indian (Ind.)					Place of Birth of this Person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country if of Foreign Birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this Person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country if of Foreign Birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this Person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country if of Foreign Birth.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

12																
13																
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Duplicate Number.																
CHILDREN BORN TO THE FAMILY DURING CENSUS YEAR. (If no births occurred, write NONE.)				OCCUPATION.	Whether a Soldier, Sailor or Marine during the Civil War (U. S. or Conf.) or widow of such person. Write "U. S. Sol." or "U. S. Marine," or "Wid. of U. S. Sol.," etc.	HEALTH.	EDUCATION.				Whether a Prisoner, Convict, Homeless Child or Pauper. If either, designate which, as "Prisoner," "Pauper," etc. If neither, write "No."					
Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Month of Birth.	Number of Children Preceding, born of same Mother. (If there were no living children write NONE.)				Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, Male or Female.	Number of Months this Person was Employed during the Census Year.	Is the person (on the day of the enumerator's visit) Sick or Temporarily Disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the Sickness or Disability?	Blind, Deaf, Dumb, Epileptic, Idiotic, Insane, Etc.		Attended School within Census Year.	Can the Person Read or Write in any Language?	Able to Speak English. If not, the Language or Dialect Spoken.	Time of Residence within the State, Years.	Number of Years in the United States.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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1894 Michigan State Census

# TWELFTH CENSUS

## SCHEDULE

State Michigan  
County St. Clair

Township or other division of county St. Clair

[Insert name of township, town, precinct, district, or other civil division, as the case may be.]

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division St. Clair

Enumerated by me on the 5th day of June

LOCATION.				NAME  of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.  Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.  INCLUDE every person living on June 1, 1900. OMIT children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION.  Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.									
IN CITIES.		Number of dwellings, houses, in the order of visitation.	Number of family, in the order of visitation.			DATE OF BIRTH.	Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Mother of how many children.	Number of these children living.				
Street.	House Number.												Month.	Year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
1917		McDonald, Earl	Head	W. M.	7.1	1909	9	S							

43	1113	83	83	Mary R. Daugherty	W. F.	Feb 1899	1	S							
44	1113	83	83	Flanagan Bridget	Head	W. F.	Jan 1836	65	W.	4	4				
45				Flanagan Mary D.	Sister	W. F.	Aug 1837	62	S						
46	1916	83	83	Flanagan Mary D.	Sister	W. F.	Aug 1837	62	S						

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## SUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

### E No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 72 Sheet No. 4  
Enumeration District No. 100

Name of Institution, St. Clair  
Ward of city, 5  
of June, 1900, Henry J. Zimmerman Enumerator.

NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION			EDUCATION.			OWNERSHIP OF HOME.		
Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the State or Territory; if of foreign birth, give the Country only.			Year of immigration to the United States.			of each person TEN YEARS of age and over.			Months not employed.			Owned free or mortgaged.		
Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	Occupation.	Months not employed.	Attended school (in months).	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Owned or rented.	Farm or home.	Number of farm or home.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	1865	35										
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1910 Federal Census

## Port Huron, MI City Directories

1871-72	James Flanagan Miss Mary Gaharn	res. Fort, near Suffern wks. J. F. Batchelor ** [appears to be a sawmill]
1873	James Flanigan	lab, res s e cor Fort and Stanton; v 1 w ** [abbreviation for registered voter in 1st Ward]
1877-78	James Flanagan	laborer, res n s Kearney bet Stone and Elk
1881	James Flanagan	lab, n s Kearney, bet Stone and Elk
1883	Bridget Flanagan Patrick Flanagan Mary Gehern	wid James res n s Kearney 2 e of Elk helper G T Ry, bds Bridget Flanagan ** [appears to be Grand Trunk Railway] bds n s Kearney 2 e of Elk
1885	Bridget Flanagan John Flanagan Miss Mary Gahern	wid James, res n s Kearney 1 w of Stone car checker P H & N W Ry, bds ns Kearney 1 w of Stone bds n s Kearney 1 w of Stone
1887-1888	Bridget Flanagan John Flanagan Mary Gahern	wid James res n s Kearney 2 w of Stone carchecker, bds n s Kearney 2 of Stone bds n s Kearney 2 w of Stone
1888	Mrs Bridget Flannagan John Flannagan Mary Flannagan	washerwoman (widow James) res 1113 Kearny machinist P H & N W Ry, bds 1113 Kearny domestic 1113 Kearny ** [Either Patrick's sister using maiden name or Bridget's sister with wrong name]
1890	Mrs Mary Flanagan Mary Flanagan	widow James washerwoman res 1113 Kearny ** [Bridget with the wrong first name] housekeeper bds 1113 Kearny ** [Patrick's sister (not remarried yet) or Bridget's sister with wrong name]
1891-1892	Mrs Bridget Flanagan Miss Mary Gaharn	wid James res 1113 Kearney bds 1113 Kearney
1893-1894	Bridget Flanagan William McCullough	widow James res 1113 Kearney vessel captain res 623 Water
1899-1900	Mrs B Flannagan Mary Flannagan	wid of James res 1113 Kearney res 1113 Kearney ** [Should be Bridget's sister with wrong name, Patrick's sister is already remarried]
1901	Mrs Bridget Flannagan Mary Flannagan	wid of James res 1113 Kearney res 1113 Kearney ** [assume Bridget's sister]
1902	Mrs Bridget Flanagan Mary Flanagan	wid of James res 1113 Kearney res 1113 Kearney ** [assume Bridget's sister]
1904	Mrs Bridget Flanagan Mary Flanagan	wid of James res 1113 Kearney res 1113 Kearney ** [assume Bridget's sister]
1907	Mrs Bridget Flannagan Mary Flannagan Wm (Minnie) McCullough	wid James res 1113 Kearney res 1113 Kearney ** [assume Bridget's sister] marine diver res in a boat at Wolverine Dry Dock, winters
1924-25	Wm (Catherine) Hogwood	wks Mueller's, h 1113 Kearney ** [also listed under house directory with phone; Mueller unclear]
1926	None	** [Carl Duerr listed under address directory for 1113 Kearney]
1928	Wm (Catherine) Hogwood	wks Mueller's, h 1113 Kearney ** [also listed under address directory]
1930	Wm Hogwood	janitor Pt Huron Hosp h 1113 Kearney ** [address directory: Michl Fisher and Louis Howard]

Fitzpatrick Miss Anna, wks. F. F. White.

FLANAGAN EDMOND, Carpenter, res. n. s. Howard, bet. 11th  
and 12th.

Flanagan James, res. Fort, near Suffern.

Flanagan Mrs. Philury, home with G. W. Pinkham.

Flanagan Wm C , cooper shop and res. 81 Lapeer ave., cor. 13th.

FLEMMING DANIEL, Tailor, bds. L. Atkins.

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Gahan Miss Lizzie, house keeper, Exchange Hotel.

Gaharn Miss Mary, wks. J. F. Batchelor.

Gain James, City Marshal, res. s. e. cor. Erie and Beers.

Flaff, Mrs Catharine, grocery store, res s s Butler bet Fort and  
Huron.

Flanigan, James, lab, res s e cor Fort and Stanton ; v 1 w

Flanagan, Mrs. Philora, wid, lives Edmund Flanigan.

Flanagan, William C., cooper, res n s Lapeer ave bet 12th and 13th ;  
v 4 w.

Flanagan, William F., sailor, lives William C. Flanagan.

Flanagan, William, res Scott ave , v 3 w.

Flanagan, Edmund, carp, res n s Howard bet 11th and 12th , v  
4 w

Flagg, Christina, waitress Huron House.  
Flanagan, Edmond, carpenter, res w s 10th bet Howard and Pine.  
Flanagan, James, laborer, res n s Kearney bet Stone and Elk.  
Flanagan, Wm C, cooper, n s Lapeer ave bet 12th and 13th, res same.  
Flanagan, Wm, Jr, car repairer, bds Wm C Flanagan.  
Flanigan, Charles, wks turntable, bds Mrs. Henry R. Osborn.  
Flanigan, Edward, furniture finisher, res w s 10th bet Howard and Pine.  
Flanigan, Henry, teamster, bds Loren B Forrester.  
Flanigan, Phylury (wid Joseph), bds George W Pinkham.  
Fleck, Charles, fisherman, res 101 Huron cor Park.

Fitzsimmons Carl, butcher, bds James O'Harra  
Flanagan Geo, painter, bds Wm Flanagan  
Flanagan Wm, cooper, n s Lapeer Ave bet 12th and 13th  
Flanagan James, lab, n s Kearney, bet Stone and Elk  
Flanagan Wm F, car repairer, s e cor Fish and 11th  
Fleicher Adam, lab, s s Pine bet 3rd and 4th

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Flagg John G, clerk G T Ry, res Point Edward, Ont.  
Flanagan Bridget, (wid James) res n s Kearney 2 e of Elk.

Flanagan George W, law student, bds Wm C Flanagan.

Flanagan Patrick, helper G T Ry, bds Bridget Flanagan.

**FLANAGAN WM C**, cooper, n s Water bet 3d and 4th, res n s  
Lapeer ave 2 e of 13th.

Flanagan Wm F, machinist Mitchell's Iron Works, bds W C  
Flanagan.

Fleischer Adam, laborer, res s s Pine 3 e of 4th.

Geer Charles, hostler J B Petit, res n w cor 4th and Pine.

Gehegan Lizzie, domestic T P Robb.

Gehern Mary, bds n s Kearney 2 e of Elk.

George Paul, clerk p o, bds Wm George.

Flagg John G, cashier C & G T Ry, res n e cor Willow and Sedgwick.

Flanagan Edward, carpenter McDonald & Smith.

Flanagan George W, painter, bds n s Lapeer ave 3 w of 12th.

Flanagan Howard D, steam fitter, bds n s Lapeer ave 3 w of 12th.

Flanagan Wm C, cooper n s Water bet 3d and 4th, res n s Lapeer ave 2 e of 13th.

Flanaghan Bridget (wid James), res n s Kearney 1 w of Stone.

Flanaghan John, car checker P H & N W Ry, bds n s Kearney 1 w of Stone.

Fleisher Adam, laborer, res n e cor 9th and Howard.

**Gahan Miss Lizzie,** Proprietor Exchange Hotel, n w cor Butler and Merchant.

Gahern Miss Mary, bds n s Kearney 1 w of Stone.

Gain James, baker, res w s St Clair 1 n of Lincoln ave.

Flaherty Jeremiah, laborer, res e s Poplar 2 n of Thomas.  
Flanagan Edward, carpenter, res n s Campau ave.  
Flanagan Wm, laborer, bds n s Pine bet 3d and 4th.  
Flanagan Wm C, cooper e s Water 3 n of 7th, res n s Lapeer ave  
3 w of 12th.  
Flanagan Bridget (wid James), res n s Kearney 2 w of Stone.  
Flanagan John, carchecker, bds n s Kearney 2 w of Stone.  
  
Flanigan Stanley, expressman J A Hope, bds Campau.  
Fleisher Adam, laborer, res n s Ward 2 w of Water.

**Gahan Miss Lizzie**, Propr Exchange Hotel n w cor Butler  
and Merchant.

Gahern Mary, bds n s Kearney 2 w of Stone.

Gain James, customs officer, res w s St Clair 2 s of Kearney.

Flaherty Jeremiah, lab, 1610 Poplar.

Flanagan Howard D, plumber, res 1022 Gillett.

Flanagan William C, cooper and barrel mnfr, 731 Water, res  
1219 Lapeer ave.

Flannagan Mrs Bridget, washerwoman, (widow James), res 1113  
Kearny.

Flannagan John, machinist P H & N W Ry, bds 1113 Kearny.

Flannagan Mary, domestic 1113 Kearny.

Fleischer Adam, lab, res 1107 Ward.

Flagg William, machinist G T shops, res 1233 St Clair.  
 Flanagan George, painter, bds 1219 Lapeer ave.  
 Flanagan Howard D, plumber emp tunnel, res 1908 10th.  
 Flanagan Kate, domestic 2323 Military.  
 Flanagan Maggie, wks Fibre Works, bds 1432 Poplar.  
 Flanagan Mary, housekeeper, bds 1113 Kearny.  
 Flanagan Mrs Mary, (widow James), washerwoman, res 1113  
 Kearny  
 Flanagan Michael, emp tunnel, bds 1223 Gillet.  
 Flanagan Thomas, emp tunnel, res 1012 8th.  
 Flanagan Thomas, lab, res 628 Stone.  
 Flanagan William, cooper, res 914 10th.  
 Flanagan William C, cooper, shop 731 Water, res 1219 Lapeer  
 ave.  
 Fleetham Miss Jenette, bds Exchange Hotel.

Flagg William, machinist, res 2033 St Clair.  
Flanagan Mrs Bridget, (wid James,) res 1113 Kearney.  
Flanagan George, clk Asman & Beard, bds 1219 Lapeer ave.  
Flanagan Howard D, plumber, res 611 13th.  
Flanagan Michael, lab, res 614 10th.  
Flanagan Miss Nellie, domestic 831 Court.  
Flanagan William, cooper, res 1914 10th.  
Flanagan William C, cooper shop, 731 Water, res 1219 Lapeer ave. x  
Flannery John, foreman F & P M Ry, bds Walsh's Hotel.

Gahan Miss Elizabeth, boarding house, res 1433 Pine Grove ave. x  
Gaharn Miss Mary, bds 1113 Kearney.  
Gain Ambey, vessel captain, bds Huron House.

Flagg William, machinist G T shops, res 2033 St Clair.

Flanagan—

Bridget, widow James, res 1113 Kearney.

Edward, res n s Campau ave.

Edward jr, bds n s Campau ave.

Elver, sailor, bds n s Campau ave.

George, decorator, res 1225 Lapeer ave.

Howard D, janitor City Opera House, res 611 Thirteenth.

John L, switchman C & G T, res 1132 Cedar.

Kittie Miss, domestic 2323 Military.

Michael, lab, res 1217 Fish.

William C, cooper shop 731 Water, res 1219 Lapeer ave.

William F, carpenter, res 1914 Tenth st.

Flarety Jesse J, teamster Martin Bros & Co, res 1209 Eggleston.

McCue Michael, lab, res 511 Ontario.

See McHugh.

McCulloch—

Robert D, teamster, bds 608 Michigan.

Robert G, sub-marine diver, res 608 Michigan.

McCullough William, vessel captain, res 623 Water.

McCumber Charles, bartender, bds 308 Huron ave.

Flagg Wm, mach C & G T Ry, res 2033 St Clair  
 Flanagan Oliver, sailor, res Water (Campau)  
 Flanagan Chas H, marine engineer, res 1018 Twelfth  
 Flanagan Edmund, carp, res Haynes (Campau)  
 Flanagan Howard D, stage mgr City Opera House, res same  
 Flanagan James, lab, res 926 Fourth  
 Flanagan Michael, lab, res alley rear of 817 Ontario  
 Flanagan Robert S, machinist, res 1018 Twelfth  
 Flanagan Thomas, lab, res 1204 Gillet  
 Flanagan Wm, res 610 Broad  
**FLANAGAN WM F**, prop Port Huron Cooperage Works, res 1219  
 Lapeer av  
 Flannagan Mary, res 1113 Kearney  
 Flannagan Mrs B, (wid of James), res 1113 Kearney  
 Flannery J D, res 1210 Richardson

1899-1900

Elaherty Kate A, student, res 1310 11th av  
Flanagan A H, bkpr Swift & Co, bds 727 Pine  
Flanagan Alverton C, marine eng, res Henry (Campau)  
Flanagan Chas H, marine eng, res 1018 12th  
Flanagan Edmund, carp, res Henry (Campau)  
Flanagan Michael, lab, res 108 Fort  
Flanagan Robert, mach Pt H E & T Co, res 1018 12th  
Flanagan Thos, lab, res 1204 Gillett  
**FLANAGAN WM F**, Propr Pt H Cooprg Wks, res 1219 Lapeer av  
Flannagan Mary, res 1113 Kearney  
Flannagan Mrs Bridget (wid of James), res 1113 Kearney  
Flannery J D, cond St Ry, res 323 Fort

Flagg Wm, mach G T shops, res 2033 St Clair  
Flanagan Albert H, bkpr Swift Bros, bds 1039 Court  
Flanagan Chas H, marine engr, res 1411 Tenth  
Flanagan Edmond, carp W J Scott, res Henry (Campau)  
Flanagan Mary, res 1113 Kearney  
Flanagan Mrs Bridget (wid of James), res 1113 Kearney  
Flanagan Robert S, mach Dry Dock I Wks, bds 1411 Tenth  
Flanagan Thos J, lab, res 1204 Gillett  
**FLANAGAN W F**, prop Pt Huron Cooperage Wks, res 1219  
Lapeer av  
Flannery J D, con City E Ry, res 1315 Sixth

Flagg Wm, lab G T shops, res 2033 St Clair  
Flanagan Chas H, marine engr, res 1411 Tenth  
Flanagan Edmund, carp, res — Henry (Campau)  
Flanagan Mary, res 1113 Kearney

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Flanagan Michael, lab, res 124 Huron  
Flanagan Mrs Bridget, (wid of James), res 1113 Kearney  
Flanagan Robert S, mach Dry D Iron Wks, bds 1411 Tenth  
Flanagan Thomas J, lab, res 1204 Gillett  
Flanagan Wm F, cooper shop, 1222½ Pearl, res 1219 Lapeer av  
Flannery John D, cond City Elec Ry, res 727 Wall

Flatherty M Leo, clk G T Ry, res 1310 Eleventh av  
 Flanagan Carrie M, wks Dixon Ptg Co, res 1411 Tenth  
 Flanagan Charles H (Carrie B) marine engr, res 1411 Tenth  
 Flanagan Edmund, retired, res 1411 Tenth  
 Flanagan Michael (Mary) lab, res 1110 1/4 Ward  
 Flanagan Raplh E, mach Pt H Construction Co, res 1411 Tenth  
 Flanagan Robert S, mach Dry Dock Iron Wks, res 1411 Tenth  
 Flannagan Mary, res 1113 Kearney  
 Flannagan Mrs Bridget (wid James) res 1113 Kearney

**EDGAR HILDYARD** || **..Satisfaction Guaranteed..**  
 General Painting and Paper Hanging **1423 Pine Grove Avenue**

Flannagan Thomas, lab, res 1204 Gillett  
**FLANNERY J D** (Mary A) prop Elite Cafe, and dealer in fine

McCuish Daniel, brakeman G T Ry, rms Fraser House  
 McCulloch Charles G, res 628 Fort  
 McCulloch Robert G (Fannie) marine diver, res 628 Fort  
 McCulloch Roy P, attendant marine diver, res 628 Fort  
 McCullouch Wm (Minnie) marine diver, res in a boat at Wol-  
 verine Dry Dock, winters  
 McCurdy James A (Frances) night policeman G T Ry, res 1307

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Hogwood Wm (Catherine) wks Mueller's, h 1113 Kearney  
Holbrook Mollie E (wid Cyrus) h 901 Lapeer av

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Hogedon Sadie, r 708 Rawlins  
Hogwood Wm (Catherine) wks Mueller's, h 1113 Kearney  
Holbrook Roy T (Irma E) (McCabe & Holbrook) h 1214 Elk  
Holbrook Thomas (Mary) h 1224 Miller

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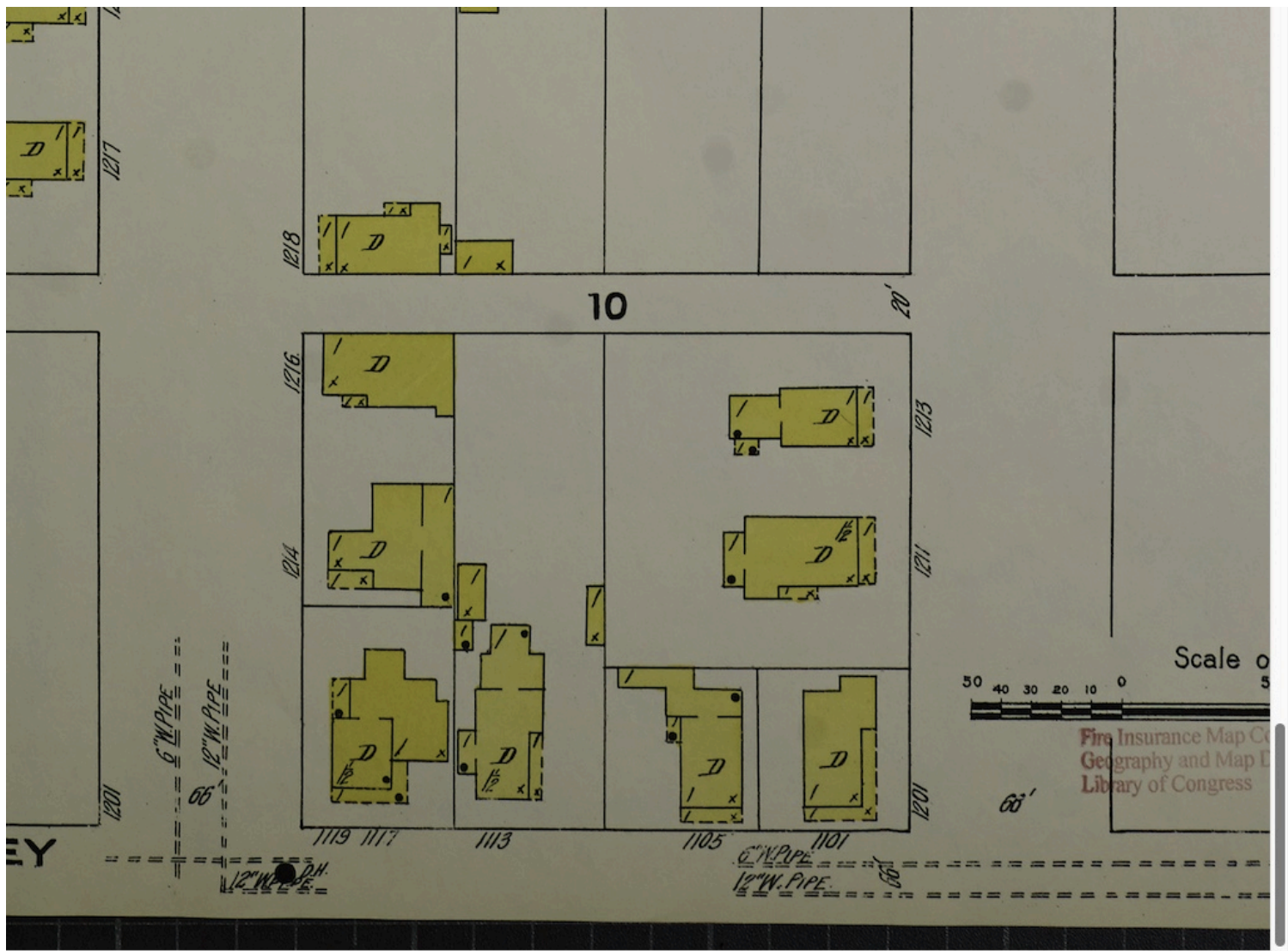
Hoggarth Thos jr mech Parfet's h Sparlingville  
Hogwood Wm janitor Pt Huron Hosp h1113 Kearney  
Holbrook Florence (wid Henry) h1224 Miller

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## Address Chronology

1871-72 Directory	Fort near Suffern
1872 Newspaper	Purchased 1113 Kearney  <i><b>Note:</b></i> It's unknown what year is correct. The newspaper stated that Bridget bought the house in 1872, but the deed was filed in 1880. They were living on Kearney between Stone and Elk, which corresponds to 1113 Kearney, but since they were not living there in the 1880 census, it's possible that the Flanagan family formerly lived in that house (rent) or next door, which is why they purchased the house in 1880.
1873 Directory	s e cor Fort and Stanton
1877-78 Directory	Kearney bet Stone and Elk
6/1/1880 (Census)	466 Seventh (East Side)  <i><b>Note:</b></i> This doesn't appear to be a valid address. The Black River divides north and south of Seventh Street (south) and Erie Street (north). The number 466 corresponds to Erie. Seventh doesn't have a 466. The numbers increase according with two different street names. Old maps don't show a 466. The blocks only have a handful of houses that don't go much higher than the 20s. The census may have gotten the street wrong (meant Erie, not Seventh) and perhaps the addresses changed over time (like Chicago). The 400 block of Erie (east side of street) was the same block as the Flanagan Church (St. Stephen's) which was the west side of the street. Therefore, if there was a 466 and Erie was Seventh, this property would be right across the street from the church.
10/1/1880 Deed	Warranty Deed filed for 1113 Kearney  <i><b>Note:</b></i> Unclear when the transaction took place compared to date it was filed. It appears that the deed was notarized on 9/1/1880.
1881 Directory	n s Kearney, bet Stone and Elk
1883 Directory	n s Kearney 2 e of Elk
1885 Directory	n s Kearney 1 w of Stone



Sanborn Map from 1911

Property was described in newspaper as 50 foot by 167 foot. Bridget Flanagan owned the entire lot with the house.  
 Listed in the 1883 directory as 1 east of Elk, which would correspond to 1 east compared to the corner. The corner is the location of the brothel.  
 Listed in the 1885 directory as 1 west of Stone. That would imply that one of the houses east of the Flanagan house was built after 1885.



1894 "Bird's Eye" Map of Port Huron

These are the four houses on Kearney between Elk (top) and Stone (bottom)  
 1113 Kearney is the second from the left. The corner is where the brothel was located.

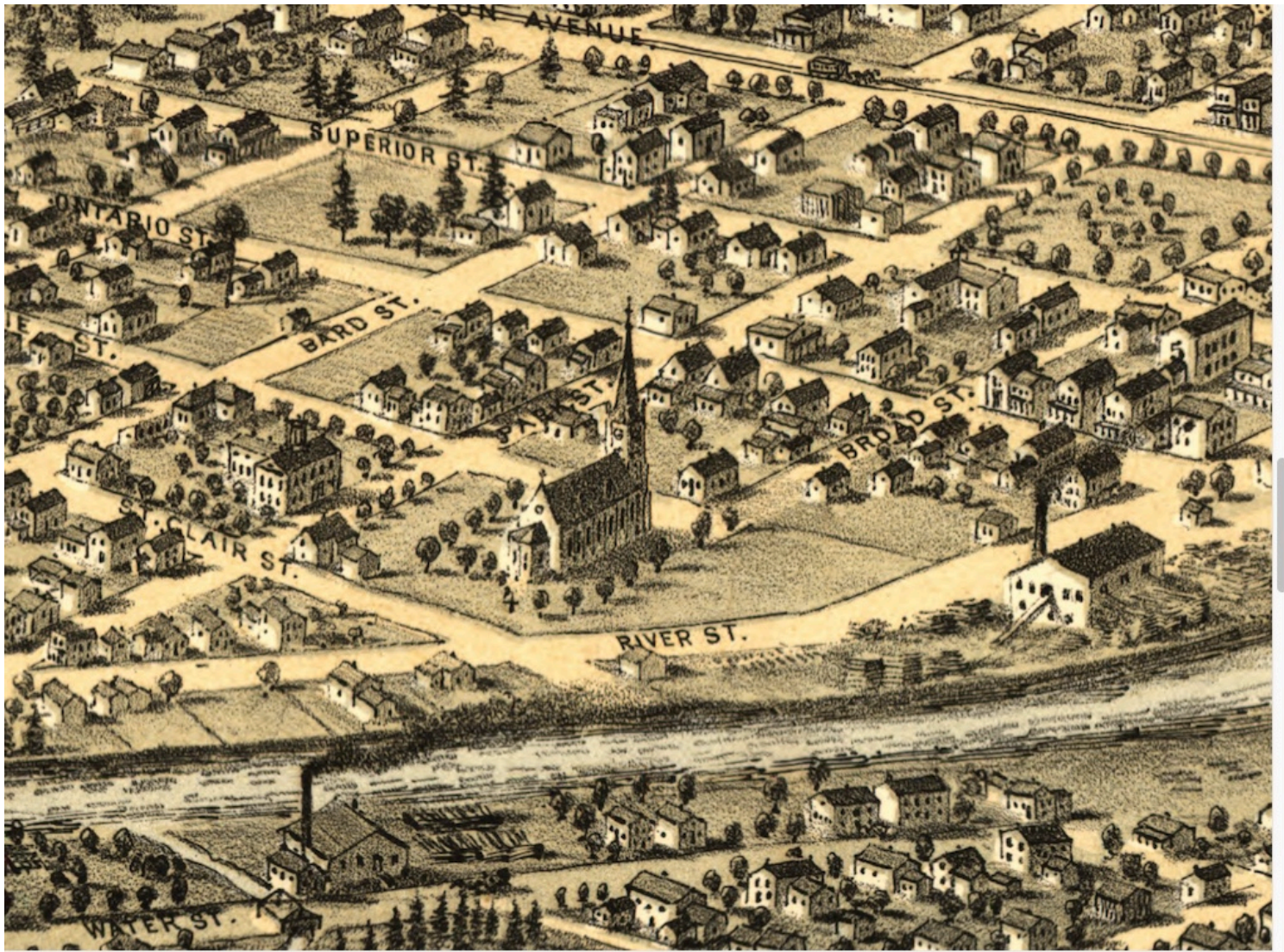


Flanagan House is in the center of the image

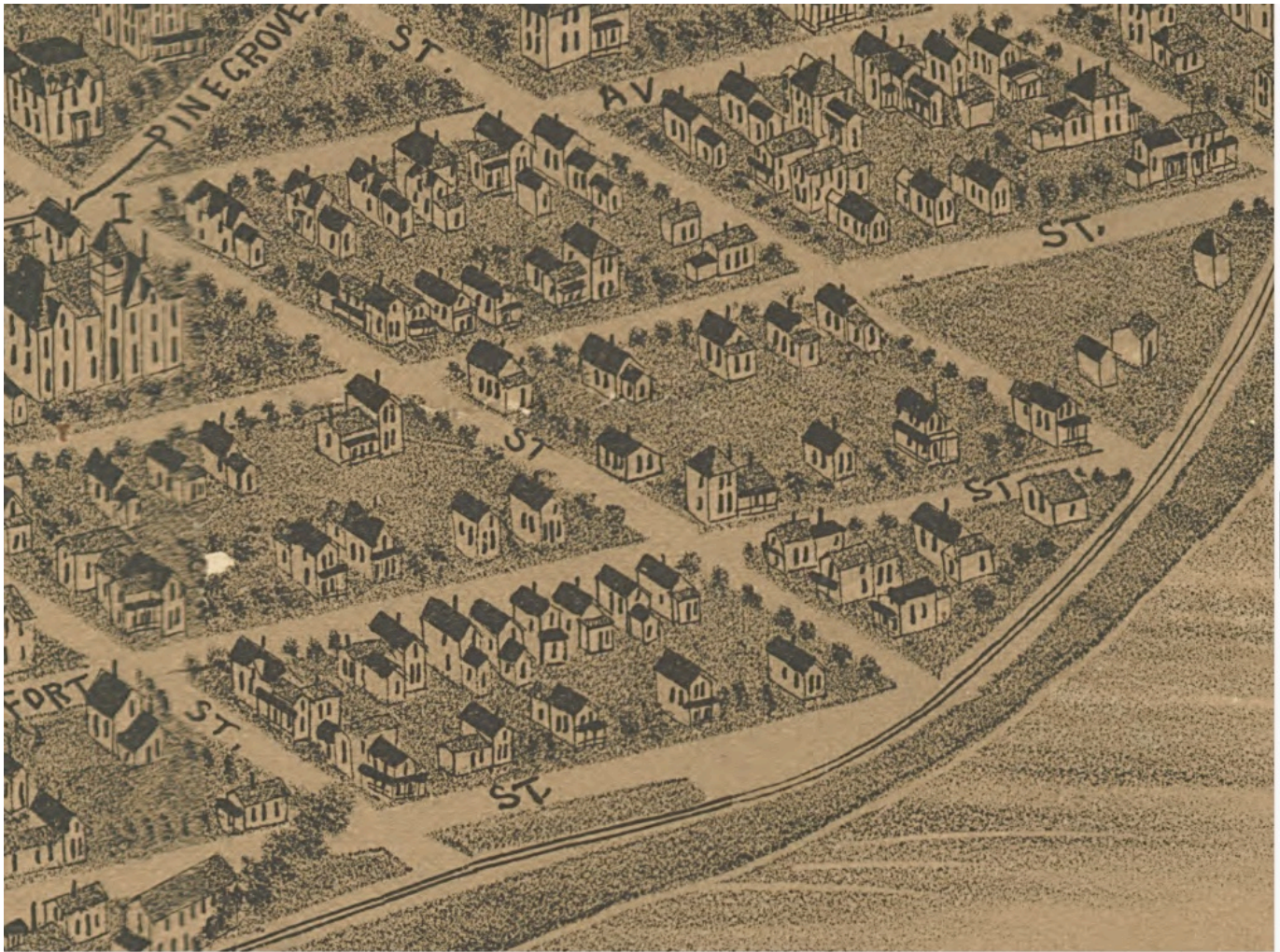


St. Stephen Church is on the corner of Erie and Broad  
If 466 Seventh Street (1880 census) is a valid address, it would be right across the street from the church (one of the five houses)

1894 "Bird's Eye" Map of Port Huron



Another view of St Stephen Church (and potentially 466 Seventh Street)  
1867 "Birds Eye" Map of Port Huron



Flanagan's lived at "Fort near Suffern" in 1871 and the "Southeast corner of Fort and Stanton" in 1873

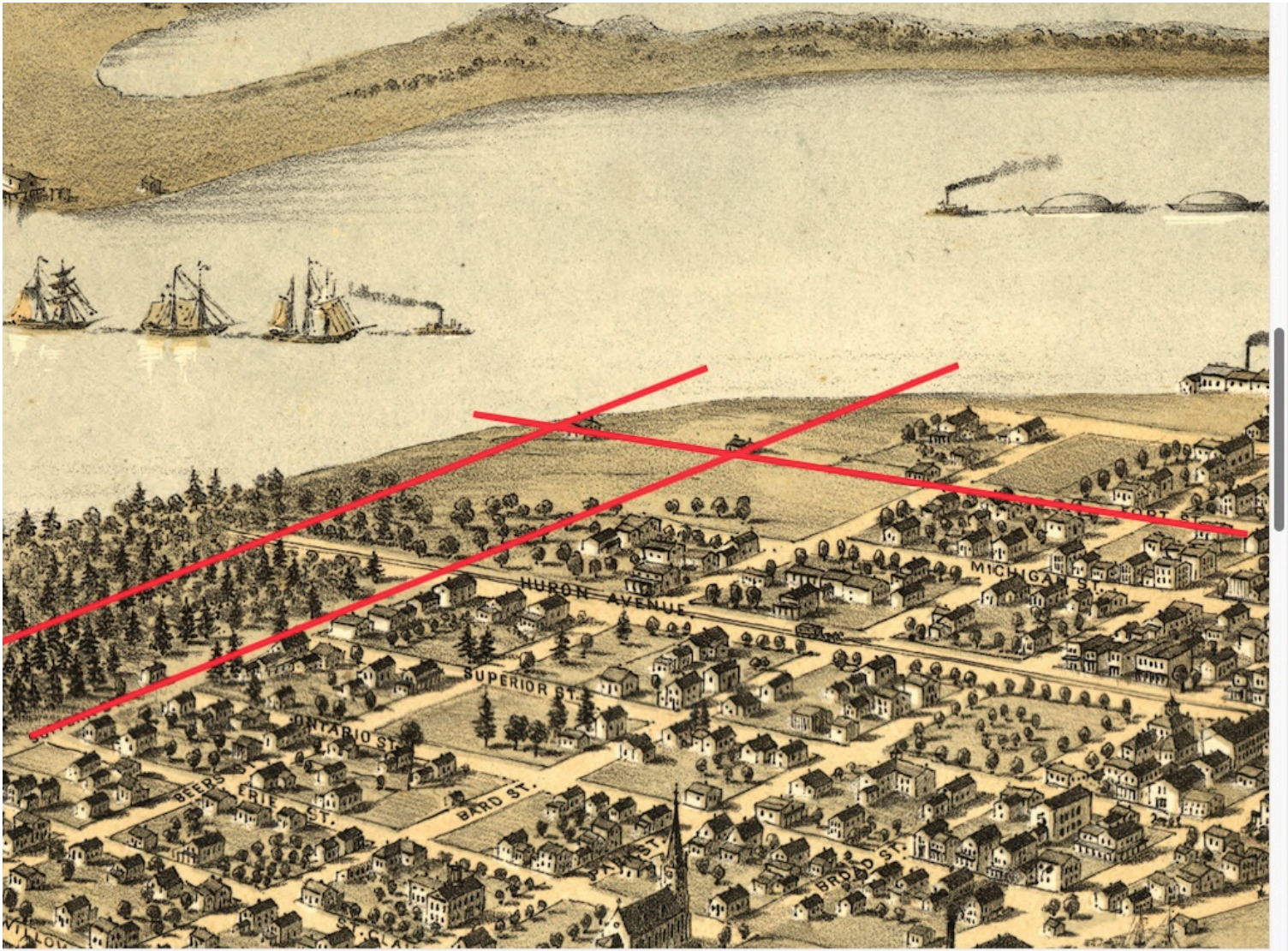
Fort Street is second from the bottom. Suffern is where Pine Grove intersects (angle). Stanton is one above (to the right)

This map is from 1894. The SE corner of Fort and Stanton is the isolated house immediately on the River. Fort near Suffern could be anywhere on the street either side.



1867 "Birds Eye" Map

The isolated house (middle of shoreline) along the lake appears to be the Southeast corner of Fort and Stanton (see below)

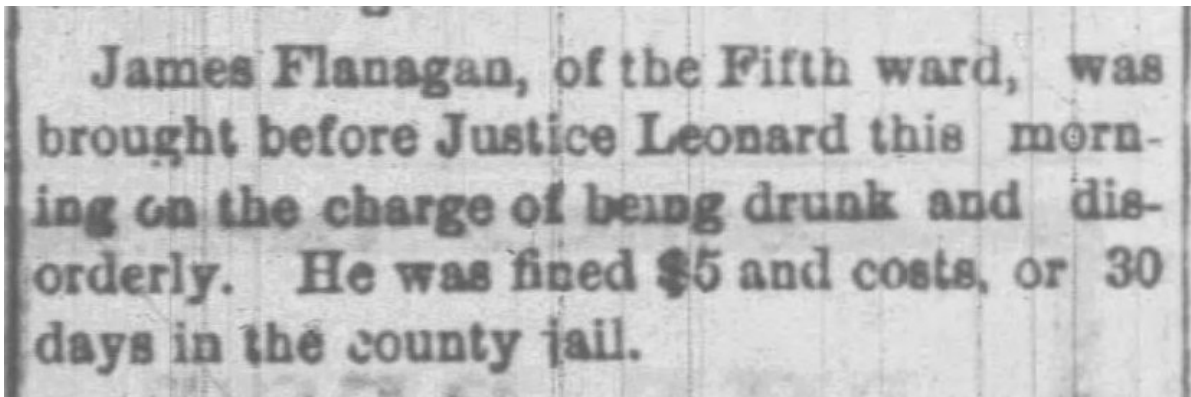


The leftmost line is Stanton, rightmost is Suffern. The intersecting line is Fort

## Possible Newspaper References to the Flanagan Family

The following newspaper articles could refer to Patrick and his father James.

However, without more information, these references could be a coincidence.

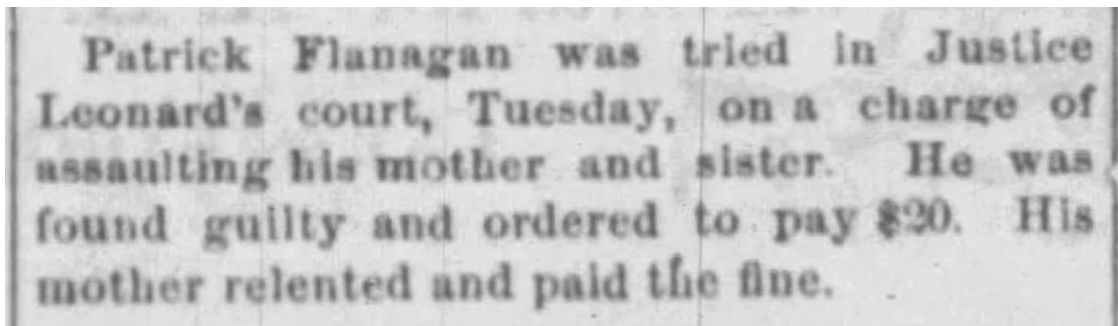
A black and white photograph of a newspaper clipping. The text is printed in a serif font and reads: "James Flanagan, of the Fifth ward, was brought before Justice Leonard this morning on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$5 and costs, or 30 days in the county jail." The clipping is set against a light background with some vertical lines, possibly from the newspaper's columns.

James Flanagan, of the Fifth ward, was brought before Justice Leonard this morning on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$5 and costs, or 30 days in the county jail.

This is probably James, but unconfirmed.

While there is another James Flanagan in St. Clair County at the same time, and another in Port Huron after James died, 1113 Kearney was located in the Fifth Ward. James died in April 1882 and was the only known James Flanagan in Port Huron during his lifetime.

Published in Port Huron Times-Herald on 7/5/1881

A black and white photograph of a newspaper clipping. The text is printed in a serif font and reads: "Patrick Flanagan was tried in Justice Leonard's court, Tuesday, on a charge of assaulting his mother and sister. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$20. His mother relented and paid the fine." The clipping is set against a light background with some vertical lines, possibly from the newspaper's columns.

Patrick Flanagan was tried in Justice Leonard's court, Tuesday, on a charge of assaulting his mother and sister. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$20. His mother relented and paid the fine.

There is at least one other Patrick Flanagan in St. Clair County. This article is unclear whether this particular Patrick was from Port Huron. There is only one known Patrick in Port Huron during his era. He did live with his mother and sister. This is basically the same time Patrick left for Chicago.

Published in Port Huron Times-Herald on 7/13/1883

## Possible Immigration Analysis

There is a very near match for the Flanagan family's immigration in 1865. However, there are several conflicts that render these documents uncertain.

These documents are included as representative of the difficulties to verify information when the requirements did not involve detailed family information.

Documents provide a range of 1861-1867 with 1865 as the best candidate for their arrival in Port Huron, MI from Ireland:

1861:	1894 census (Bridget lists 33 years in Michigan, but possibly 32 years in US)
1862:	1900 census (Mary)
1863:	1920 census (Catherine)
1864:	1884 census (Bridget lists 20 years in Michigan), 1910 census (Bridget), 1920 census (Mary)
1865:	1900 census (Bridget)
1867:	1900 census (Patrick), 1930 census (Catherine)

There is an immigration document for a Flanagan family in 1865 that is an almost perfect match. There are three children (Patrick, Mary, and Catherine) who are basically the correct ages. The father is James and the mother is Mary, with basically the right ages. Not only are the ages a near match, but the age ranges are also accurate. For example, James is five years older than his wife.

The family is traveling to Canada, which is interesting because Port Huron, MI is literally on the Canadian border.

The difficulty with this particular document is that the wife/mother's name is Mary Flanagan, not Bridget. However, this could have been a mistake.

Regardless of whether this is the correct document, the information is reflective of how little family details were required to ever determine if any particular passenger list is accurate.

Mr. Fitzgerald	32	"	Farmer	Ireland	Canada.
John McKenna	29	"	Wife		
James Flanagan	24	f	Child		
Mary "	8	m	"		
Pat "	3	f	"		
Mary "	2	"	"		
John "	52	m	Labr.	England.	118.
John Smith	14	"	Child		

Passenger List - Hibernian  
Port of Portland and Falmouth (State of Maine)  
Arrival: 6/27/1865

FLANNIGAN		Pat
Family Name	Given Name	
J M M K		
Accompanied by		
J M [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]		
Age	Sex	Occupation
Irish	Irish	Canada
Nationality	Destination	
Port of entry	Name of vessel	Date
Port of entry	Name of vessel	Date
me	X 1586	6/27/1865

Index card for Patrick Flanagan  
 Notation of "J M M K" refers to the initials of who he traveled with as a family

## **Children of James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn**

### **As it relates to the Flanagan family origins in Ireland**

There is only one known document that provides any insight into where the Flanagan and Gaharn families originated in Ireland.

When Catherine (Flanagan) Hogwood passed away in 1938 (Detroit, MI), her sister Minnie (Flanagan) McCullouch was the informant and provided Dublin as the birth place for Catherine and both of their parents.

It is possible that the government or medical official who actually filled out the form added Dublin without Minnie's knowledge. Another possibility is that the official asked for the nearest large city in Ireland closest to where Catherine and her parents were born. In this scenario, Dublin is simply near their place of birth versus the actual geographic location.

From a genealogical research perspective, the following observations are crucial when analyzing all known documents for the Flanagan family:

1. Death records for James Flanagan have not been found. It is possible that his death certificate and obituary may provide information about his place of birth.
2. The death records for both Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan and Mary Gaharn only list Ireland. It is important to note that Bridget was the informant for Mary's death certificate and did not list their place of birth.
3. All known records for their son Patrick Flanagan, including documents for his children that refer to their father, only list Ireland. It is important to note that Patrick's wife Anna (Kane) Flanagan provided details about her birth in Claremorris (County Mayo), but did not list anything other than Ireland for her husband on the same documents. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that Anna did not know where Patrick was born, or did not remember.
4. All known records for Mary ("Minnie") Flanagan through both of her marriages, and those of her son, only list Ireland.
5. It is not known whether Mary or Catherine filed naturalization papers in their own name, as their sister-in-law Anna (Kane) Flanagan had done in Chicago. If so, these papers most likely were filed in Michigan, perhaps Detroit. These documents would probably provide information about their place of birth, if such filings exist.

As for why James Flanagan's death certificate and obituary have not been found, the following scenarios are possible:

1. James Flanagan passed away in Port Huron and his name was written wrong, perhaps with the wrong first and last name in the records.
2. Port Huron, MI is located along the Canadian border. The Flanagan family residence was located a short walk from Canada. It is possible that James Flanagan passed away in Canada, perhaps on a job site or in a hospital.
3. All four Flanagan children eventually relocated to Chicago, IL and had already begun the transition prior to their father's death. It is possible that James and Bridget Flanagan were traveling between Port Huron, Chicago, and other unknown locations to visit their children when the death occurred.

Permit for Burial will be issued only on this form of Report correctly filled out with ink.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

52063 H. D. 183 10M 3-1908

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: CITY OF CHICAGO.

UNDERTAKER'S REPORT OF DEATH.

26458

1 Name of Deceased (in full) Patrick Flanagan

2 Sex: M Color: T 3. Place of Birth Ireland Father's Birthplace " Mother's Birthplace "

4. Age: 49 years 0 months 0 days. 5. Lived in Illinois 30 years, in Chicago 30 years

6. Died on the 11 day of Nov, 1908, at about 1:45 P. M.

7. Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced. Occupation: Watchman

8. Place of Death: 3525 Paulina St. Ward 5

9. Place of Burial: St. Olaf 10. Undertaker: Ed King License No. 246

Date of Burial 11 13 1908 Address: 3171 Archer Ave

Hour 10 M. Tel. Yds 689

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH.

[See "Suggestions as to the Certificate of Cause of Death," on back of Report.]

I hereby Certify, That, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the cause of death of the above named and described deceased was as hereunder written:

CAUSE OR CAUSES OF DEATH.	DURATION OF CAUSE OR CAUSES.			
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Hours.
Immediate and Determining <u>Pneumonia</u>			<u>7</u>	
Contributing Cause or Complication <u>93</u>				

Witness my hand, This 11 day of Nov, 1908 { (Signature: Edmond Naffz) Address: 2904 Archer Ave Tel. Yds 2433 M. D.

1908 Death Certificate for Patrick Flanagan  
Chicago, IL

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK — THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

# CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Records and Statistics

State File No.

339057

If veteran, name war

FULL NAME Minnie M<sup>c</sup> Cullough

Local File No. 8890

## PLACE OF DEATH

County Wayne

Township

City or village Detroit

Name of hospital Home for the Aged  
(If not in hospital, give street address.)

Length of stay: In hospital 5 yrs In this community

## USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:

State Mich County Wayne

Township

City or village Detroit

Street No. 11550 Southfield

Citizen of foreign country? no

If yes, name country

Sex Female Color or Race White Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widowed

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATION 830

Date of death July 21, 1945, 1945

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from March 1945 to July 18, 1945. I last saw him alive on July 18, 1945. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 8:30 AM. Duration

Immediate cause of death

Shin Splinter & Concussion  
falling from  
workbench

Other contributory causes of importance

Chronic Diseases  
& Senility

Major findings and dates

Of operations

Of autopsy

In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide

accident. Fall Date 7/21 Coroner, 1945

Where did injury occur? Detroit  
(Specify city, county, or state)

In industry, home or public place? home

Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? No

Signature D. E. Gray M.D.

Address 2268 Grand River

NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE  
Name William M<sup>c</sup> Cullough Age if alive

Birth date of deceased May 1856, 19

Age: Years 89 Months 2 Days  If less than one day hrs. min.

Birthplace Ireland

Usual occupation

Industry or business

Father (Name James Flanagan  
Birthplace Ireland

Mother (Maiden name Bridget Gahagan  
Birthplace Ireland

Informant Little Sisters of the Poor

Address 17550 Southfield Rd

Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies)

Place Detroit

Cemetery St. Mary Date 7-23, 1945

Funeral director's signature Arthur Van derburg

Address 13340 E. Warren

Filed JUL 22 1945 John H. Dougherty

Local Registrar

1945 Death Certificate for Minnie (Flanagan) McCullough  
Detroit, MI

1. PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		State Office No.
County <u>Wayne</u>		Division of Vital Statistics		239250
Township _____		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Register No. <u>5797</u>
Village _____		(No. <u>2191-Hilliger Ave.</u> St. _____ Ward _____)		
City <u>Detroit.</u>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)		
2. FULL NAME <u>Catherine Hogwood.</u>				
(a) Residence No. <u>2191-Hilliger Ave.</u> St., Ward _____				
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)				
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>40</u> yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? <u>30</u> yrs. mos. ds.				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. Color or Race <u>white</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) <u>Widow</u>		
5a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>William Hogwood</u>				
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>Aug. 10-1862</u>				
7. AGE	Years <u>75</u> Months <u>9</u> Days <u>20</u>	IF LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. OR _____ min.		
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>retired</u>			
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. _____			
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____			
	11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____			
MOTHER	12. BIRTH PLACE (city or town) <u>Dublin.</u> (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>			
	13. NAME <u>James Flamigan</u>			
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Dublin.</u> (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>			
	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Bridget Graham</u>			
FATHER	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Dublin.</u> (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>			
	17. INFORMANT <u>Minnie McCullouch</u> (Address) <u>2191-Hilliger Ave.</u>			
	18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Mt. Olivet</u> Date <u>June 1, 1938</u>			
	19. UNDERTAKER <u>Thomas M. Dooley</u> (Address) <u>Detroit.</u>			
20. FILED <u>MAY 31 1938</u> <u>H. J. G. Registrar.</u>				
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>May, 30, 1938</u>				
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>May 30</u> , 19 <u>38</u> , to <u>May 30</u> , 19 <u>38</u>				
I last saw her alive on <u>May 30</u> , 19 <u>38</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>8 A.</u> m.				
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:				
<u>hemiplegia</u>				Duration <u>1 mo.</u>
Other contributory causes of importance: <u>arteriosclerosis, sinusitis</u>				<u>4 yrs.</u>
If operation, date of _____				
Condition for which performed _____				
Organ or part affected _____				
Was there laboratory test? <u>no</u>				
In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide _____				
Where did injury occur? <u>(C) (E) (F)</u> (Specify city, county or state)				
In industry, home or public place? _____				
Signed <u>J. J. Brennan M.D.</u>				
Address <u>1520 Hilliger Ave.</u>				

1938 Death Certificate for Catherine (Flanagan) Hogwood  
Detroit, MI

Minnie (Flanagan) McCullouch was the informant

Catherine, and her parents, were listed as born in Dublin

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

325 - 32nd Street • Port Huron, Michigan 48060-2505  
810.984.2689 • Fax 810.984.8559

Mr. Michael E. Byczek  
P.O. Box A3285  
Chicago, IL 60690-3285

October 13, 2006

Dear Michael,

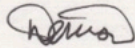
First, my apologies for taking so long in responding to your letter of September 5, 2006. We have been combining parish offices for the two parishes I work for into one administrative office.

I could not find any of the funeral records you were looking for. I found no record of James Flanagan's funeral between the years of 1880 and 1882. I also could not find a funeral record for Mary Gahorn in December of 1909. Our death records are missing the years 1912 until 1925, so I could not look for Bridget's funeral records.

I did find a baptism record for a Johanmim Flannigan (the difference in spelling could be that our records are handwritten and in Latin). Our records show he was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1867. His parents were Jacobi Flanigan and Bridgitt Gahorn. He was baptized at St. Stephen Church in Port Huron, Michigan on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1867. His baptism sponsors were Thomas and Maria Whalen. The priest was Rev. E. VanLauwe.

I hope this helps you a little. If we can be of more assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Denise  
Secretary, St. Stephen Parish

Communication between Michael E. Byczek and St. Stephen's Church in Port Huron, MI (2006)

The church could only locate John Flanagan's baptism in 1867.

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS CERTIFICATE

PLACE OF DEATH, Dist. No. (To be inserted by Registrar)  
County of Los Angeles  
City or Town of Los Angeles  
or Rural Registration District

FULL NAME John Henry Flannigan

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
SEX male COLOR OR RACE cauc SINGLE, MARRIED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Divorced

If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Katherine FlanniganDATE OF BIRTH Aug. 20AGE 60 years 1 months 21 days

OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Tailor-Merchandise  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer himselfBIRTHPLACE (State or country) Port Huron MichNAME OF FATHER James FlanniganBIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Ireland

(State or country)

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Bridgid O'BrienBIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Ireland

(State or country)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

At Place of Death (Primary registration district)

(If nonresident, give city or town and state)

In California 17 years 1 months 21 daysHow long in U.S., if of foreign birth? 17 years 1 months 21 days

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Minnie J. McCullough(Address) 124 3 1/2 Kingsley St.

SEP 15 1927

Filed 19

REG. DISTRICT OFFICER

J. E. PARISH, D.

T. J. P. Registrar or Deputy

California State Board of Health  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local Registered No. 4483(No. 124 3 1/2 Kingsley St.)

Ward) If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

LARS

WIDOWED, (or the word)

If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 10 1927  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 10 1927, to Sept 10 1927that I last saw him alive on Sept 9 1927and that death occurred on the date stated above at 6 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

EdocarditisContributory Cerebral Hemorrhage(Duration) 6 months 20 days(Duration) 6 months 20 daysWhere was disease contracted noif not at place of death? noDid an operation precede death? no Date of noWas there an autopsy? noWhat test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical findings(Signed) John J. Moore M. D.Sept 11 1927 (Address) 535 Prox Bldg

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether (probably) ACCIDENTAL SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Calvary C.DATE OF BURIAL Sept 12 1927UNDERTAKER J. Donnell & MooreADDRESS 1701 So. Flower St.EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 468

1927 Death Certificate for John Flanagan  
Los Angeles, CA

Sister Minnie (Flanagan) McCullough was the informant

## *Irish Origins of the Flanagan and Gaharn Families*

The most accurate chronology of the ages for each child is based on the 1870 census from Port Huron, MI:

	Age in 1870 Census	Estimated Year of Birth based on Census
Patrick	12	1858
Mary	11	1859
Catherine	6	1864
John	3	1867 [Note: 1867 is correct because his baptism record in Port Huron was found]

James Flanagan and the Gaharn sisters Bridget and Mary used a range of ages throughout their lifetime in Port Huron:

James Flanagan:	1822-1823	very few documents exist where the age of James was listed
Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan:	1828-1838	the only document during Bridget's life that asked for a date was the 1900 census, which showed January 1835
Mary Gaharn:	1836-1844	the 1900 census, as above, listed August 1837

Flanagan, and common variations (i.e. Flannigan), is a very common surname throughout Ireland. However, the surnames Gaharn and Munford are rather uncommon. In fact, the surname Munford is so rare that very few families with that spelling existed in the entire country around the time that James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn were married in the mid to late 1850s.

This rarity should narrow down a common link between the three surnames of Flanagan, Gaharn, and Munford. All initial results pointed to the area of County Meath, which is adjacent to County Dublin. County Meath is the best candidate for a common origin of Gaharn and Munford.

As of December 31, 2024, Michael E. Byczek has identified only one match for all three surnames in the Collinstown Catholic Parish of County Westmeath. The records from Collinstown are a near perfect match to the James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn family.

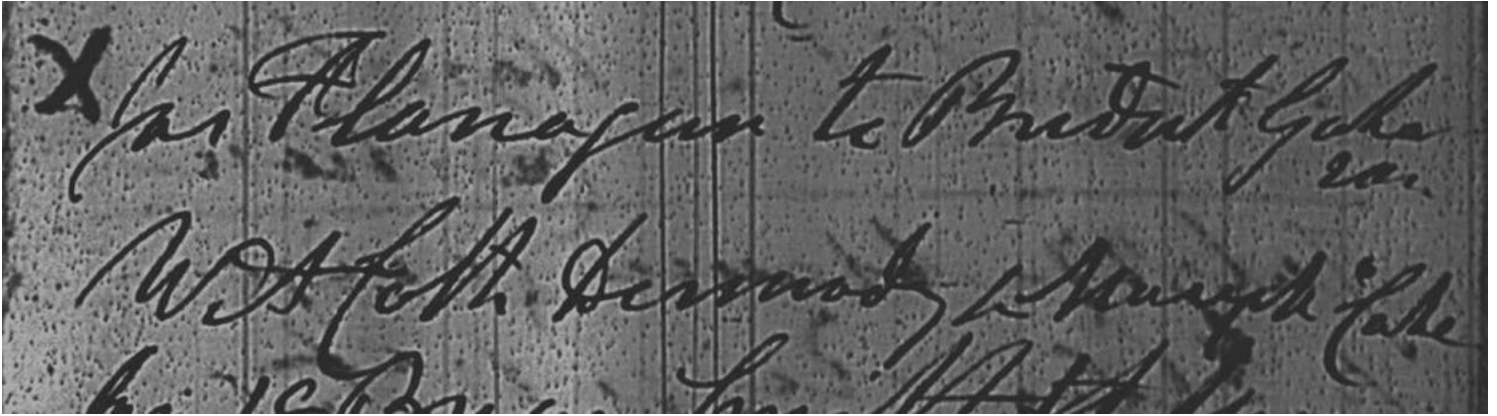
The Collinstown Catholic Parish is adjacent to the border of County Meath, which is adjacent to County Dublin.

All reference to Collinstown in the following pages refers to the Catholic Parish that included more than one village within its boundaries.

*The James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn Family from Collinstown Parish (County Westmeath)*

Patrick Flanagan used a range of dates for his birth, but the most accurate would be the 1870 census (1858). Therefore, the best guess for when his parents were married was 1857 or earlier.

A marriage took place in Collinstown on December 1, 1855 that is a near perfect match.



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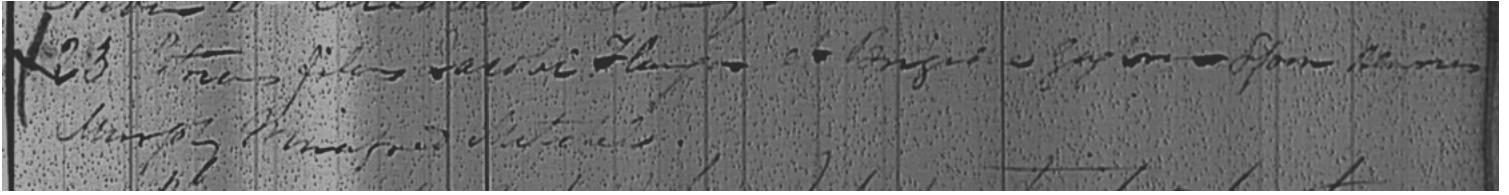
The groom is, without a question, James Flanagan.

The bride's first name is Bridget. The first four letters of her surname is "Gaha" followed by what appears to be two letters.

The next step is to evaluate all baptism records for that church. The three children born in Ireland were Patrick, Mary, and Catherine in that order. The best guess is that Mary was born about the year following Patrick with a few year gap between Mary and Catherine.

The most accurate date of birth for Patrick Flanagan is 1858. If the marriage record above is correct (1855), he should have been born the following year (1856).

A baptism took place in Collinstown on November 23, 1856 that is a near perfect match for Patrick:



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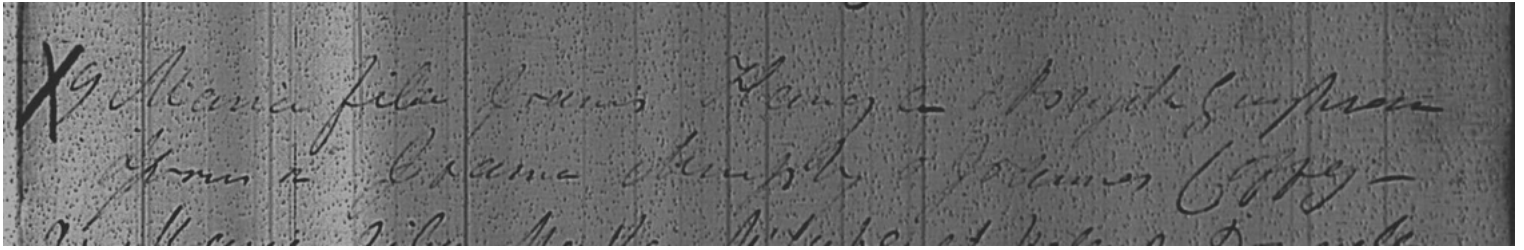
The baby's name is Patrick.

The father's name is Jacob Flanagan. Jacob is a formal variation of James used for Catholic records. In fact, James was called Jacob in Port Huron for his son John's baptism in 1867.

The mother's first name is Bridget. Her maiden name appears to start the with the letters "Gagh" followed by two or three letters.

The most accurate date of birth for Mary Flanagan is one year after Patrick, about 1859. If the baptism record for Patrick above is correct (November 1856), his sister Mary should have been born in late 1857 or early 1858.

A baptism took place in Collinstown on May 8, 1858 that is near perfect match.



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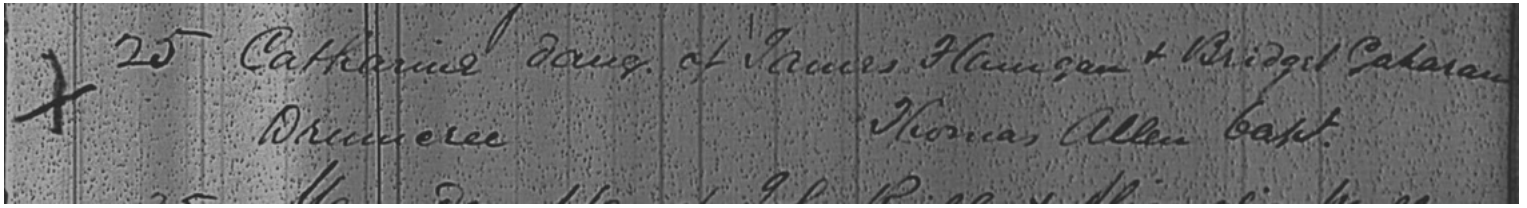
The baby's name is Maria.

The father appears to be James Flanagan.

The mother's first name is Bridget. Her maiden name starts with a 'G' and would appear to at least be a phonetic version of Gaharn, such as "Geogaran"..

The most accurate date of birth for Catherine Flanagan is about 1864 or otherwise about five years after her sister Mary. If the above record is correct for Mary (1858), that would suggest Catherine was born about 1863.

A baptism took place in Collinstown August 25, 1861 that is a near perfect match.



The record is somewhat illegible.

The baby's name was Catherine.

The father was James Flanagan.

The mother's first name was Bridget. Her maiden name looks like Gaharan.

## Conclusion

These are the only baptisms for the James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn family in Collinstown.

An observation is required that the marriage and all three baptisms have an X mark. These are amongst the only records for these years that have such a mark. This indicates that the church singled out the entire family. One explanation is that the family departed the Parish after Catherine's birth, which coincides with their relocation to the United States.

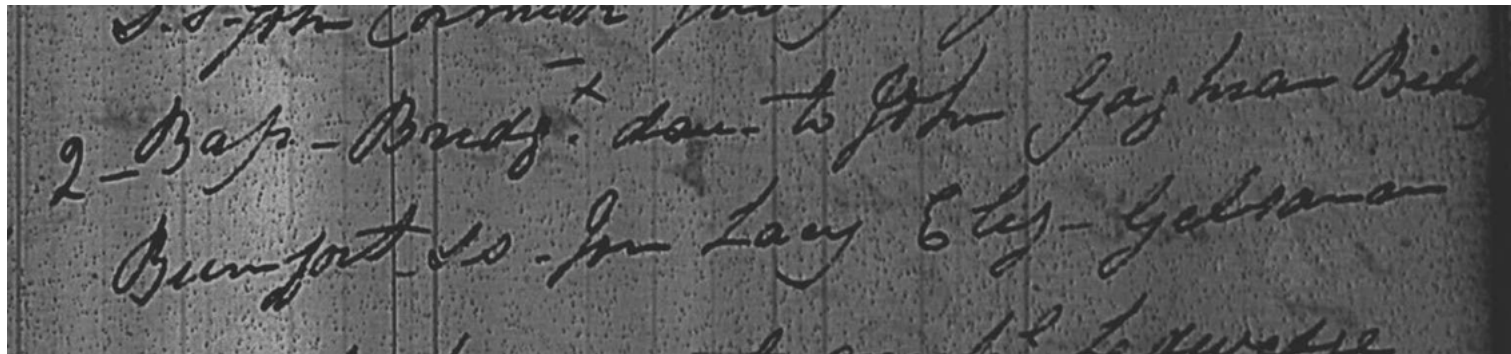
This marriage record and three baptisms taken as a collection represents an extremely high degree of likelihood to be the James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn family that settled in Port Huron, MI.

The Gaharn Family of the Collinstown Catholic Parish (County Westmeath)

Analysis requires a direct connection not only between Flanagan and Gaharn, but also Munford.

The only known information is that Bridget was born about January 1835 and her sister Mary about August 1837. Their parents were John Gaharn and Bridget Munford.

A baptism took place in Collinstown on March 2, 1835 that is near perfect match for Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan.



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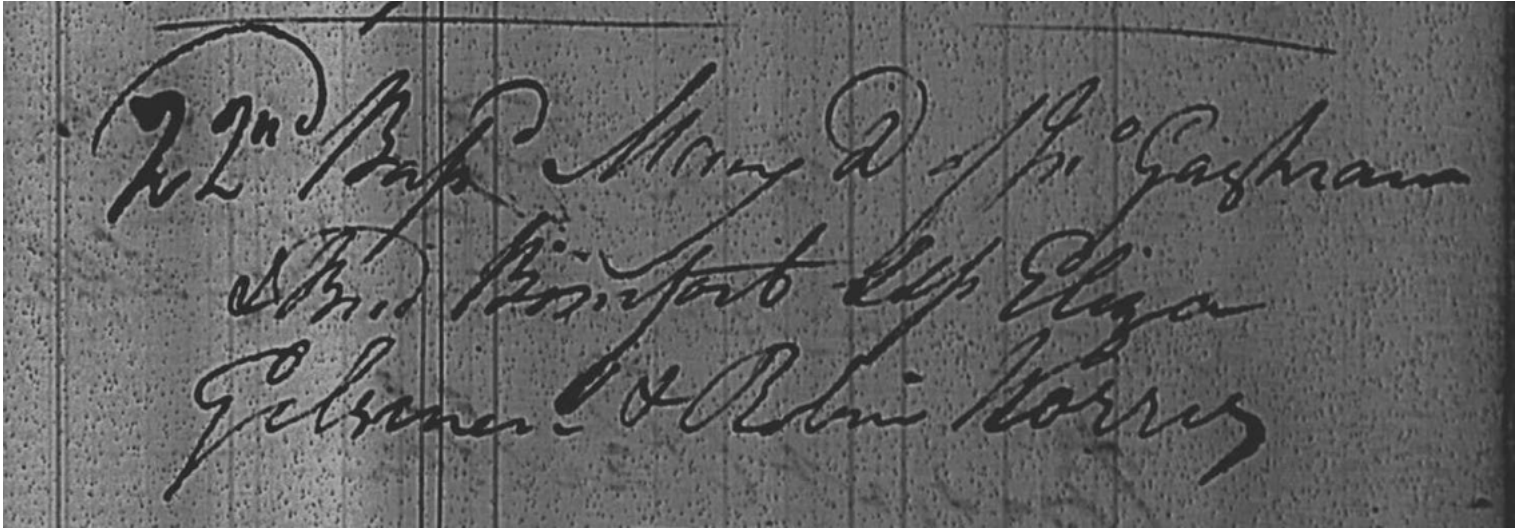
The baby's name was Bridget.

The father was John. His surname is similar to "Gaghan".

The mother's first name was Biddy (otherwise Bridget). Her maiden name was similar to "Bumfort".

All records suggest that Mary Gaharn was about two years younger than her sister Bridget. If the baptism above is correct, that would suggest that Mary was born about 1837.

A baptism took place in Collinstown on July 22, 1838 that is near perfect match.



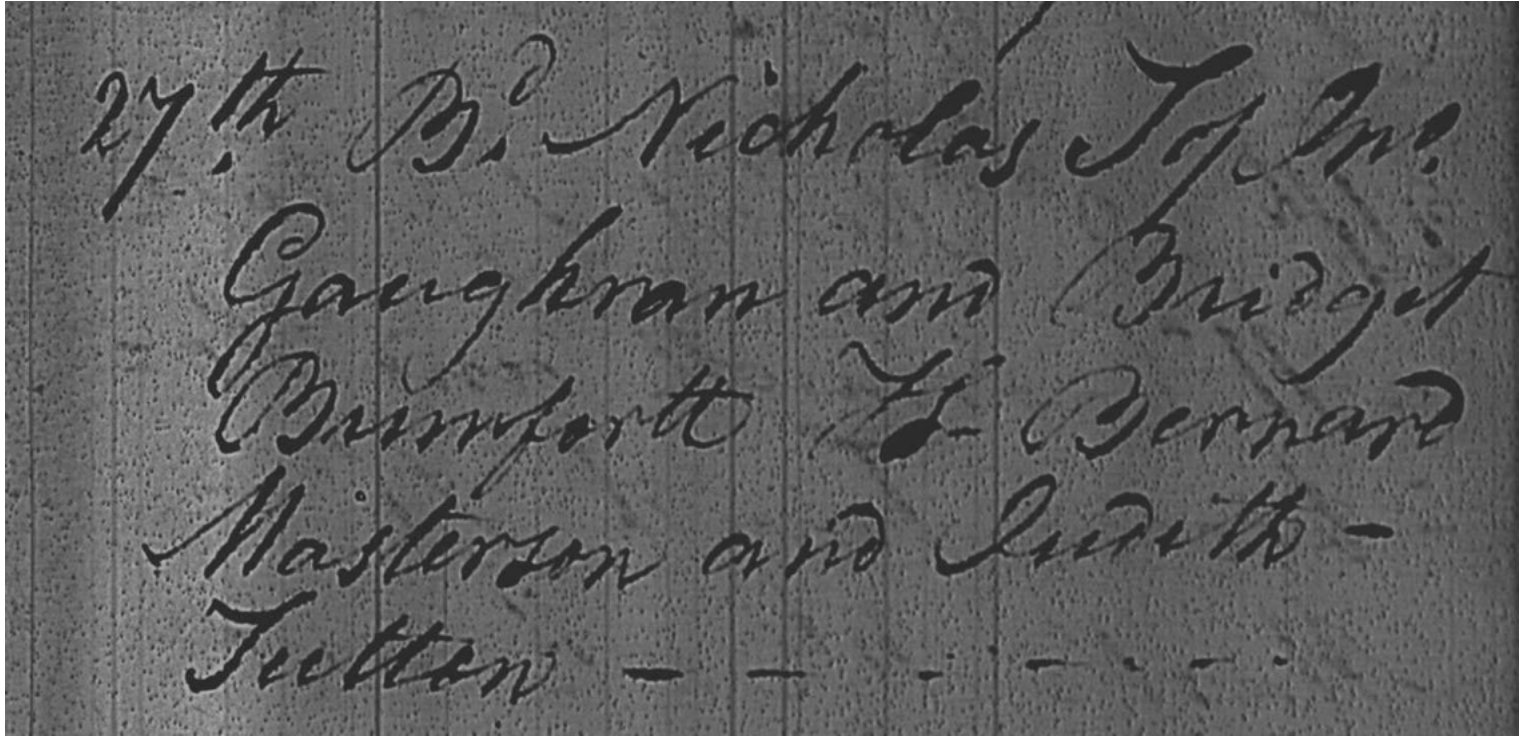
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The baby's name is Mary. The father appears to be listed as "J" with the last name similar to "Gagham".

The mother's first name is "Brid". Her maiden name is similar to "Bomfort".

There are three other baptisms from Collinstown that suggest there were at least three other children.

The earliest took place on August 27, 1826.



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Gaughran and Bridget  
Bumfort H. Bernard  
Masterson and Judith -  
Tetter - - - - -

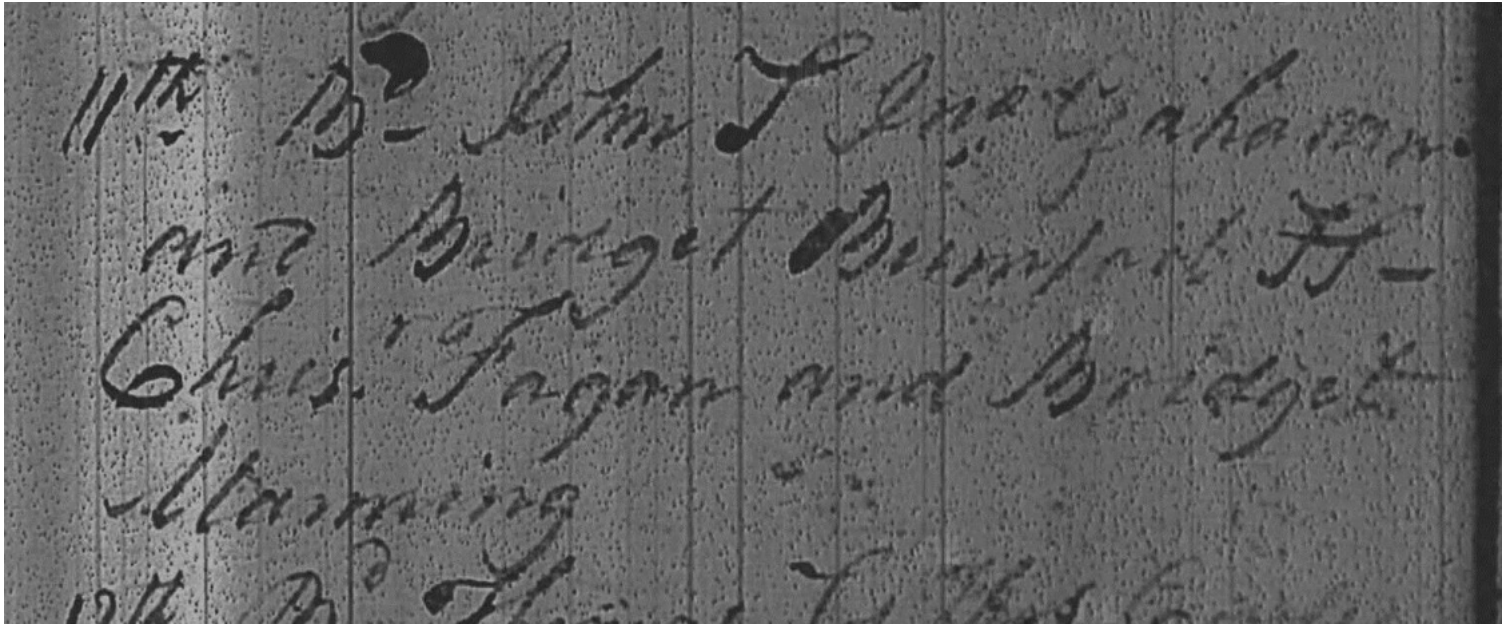
A photograph of a handwritten document, likely a baptismal record, written in cursive on aged, slightly textured paper. The text is written in dark ink and is arranged in five lines. The first line reads '27th B. Nicholas Top In.' The second line reads 'Gaughran and Bridget'. The third line reads 'Bumfort H. Bernard'. The fourth line reads 'Masterson and Judith -'. The fifth line reads 'Tetter - - - - -'.

The baby was Nicholas.

The father was Jno with a surname similar to Gaughran.

The mother was Bridget Bumfort.

The second baptism took place on May 11, 1829.



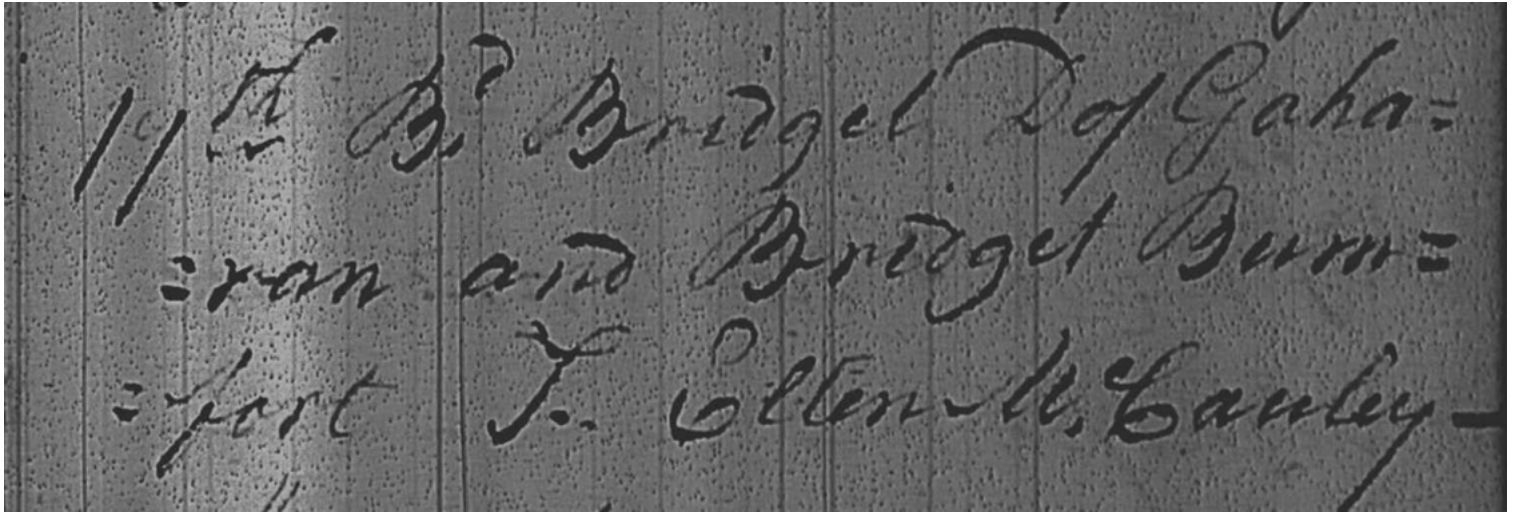
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The baby's name was John.

The father was Jno with a last name that was similar to Gaharan.

The mother's name was Bridget with a maiden name similar to Bumfort.

The third baptism took place on March 19, 1831.

A photograph of a handwritten baptism record on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in a cursive script and is somewhat difficult to read due to the handwriting and the condition of the paper. The text appears to be: "19th B. Bridget of Gahan-  
=ran and Bridget Burn-  
=fort J. Ellen M. Lanley-". The names "Gahan" and "Burn" are likely misspellings of "Gaharn" and "Bumfort" respectively, as noted in the accompanying text.

The record is somewhat illegible.

The baby was Bridget. It was common for parents to use the same name for a baby who was deceased. This baptism took place prior to the other Bridget, who is presumed to be the Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan.

The father's first name is not listed. His surname is similar to Gaharn.

The mother's name is Bridget with a maiden name similar to Bumfort.

## Conclusion

These five baptisms suggest that a family resided in the Collinstown Catholic Parish with names very similar to John Gaharn and Bridget Munford.

Both surnames are rare in Ireland.

It is very possible that Gaharn and Munford were the Americanized versions used by Bridget Flanagan and her sister Mary Gaharn after they settled in Port Huron, MI. Since the surnames are rare, those exact spellings should not be taken literally. The two sisters may have changed the spelling of their mother and father's names to fit the United States, especially if they spoke with heavy Irish accents.

It is also possible that the priest in Collinstown did not know how to spell either surname and wrote the names phonetically.

There is a very high likelihood that the above baptism records for Bridget and Mary are the two sisters from Port Huron, MI.

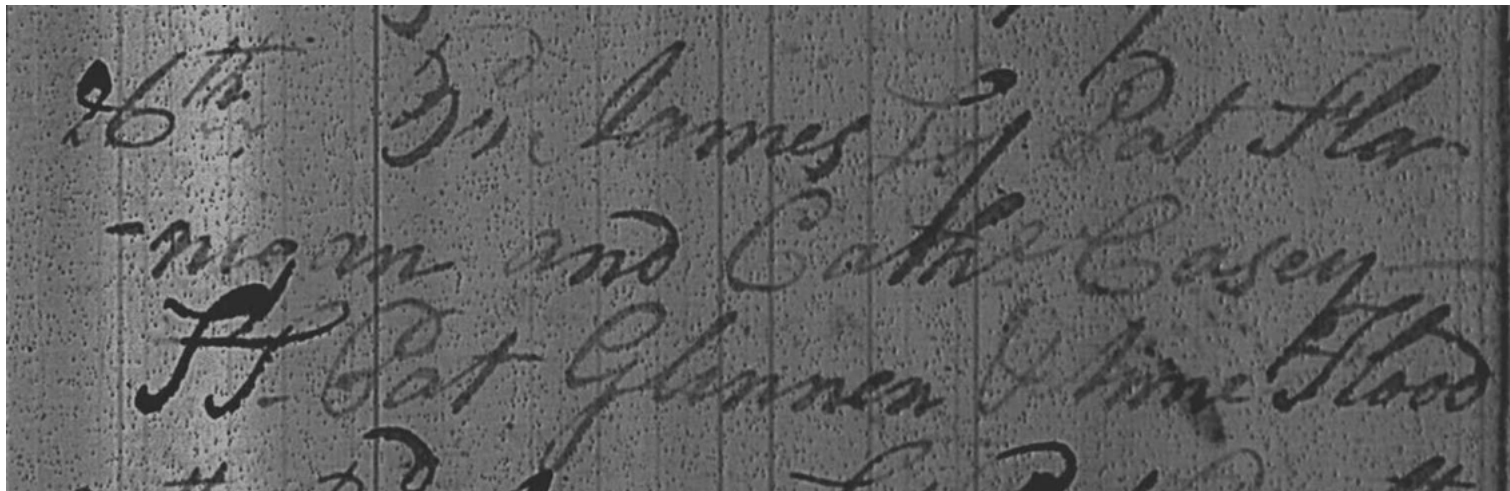
Therefore, there is a collection of marriage and baptism records from a single Catholic Parish that is a direct link between John Gaharn and Bridget Munford along with their daughter Bridget who married James Flanagan.

The Flanagan family from the Collinstown Catholic Parish (County Westmeath)

If the marriage record for James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn is correct, then James most likely was born nearby.

As of December 31, 2024 there is only one good candidate.

That baptism took place in Collinstown on August 26, 1829.

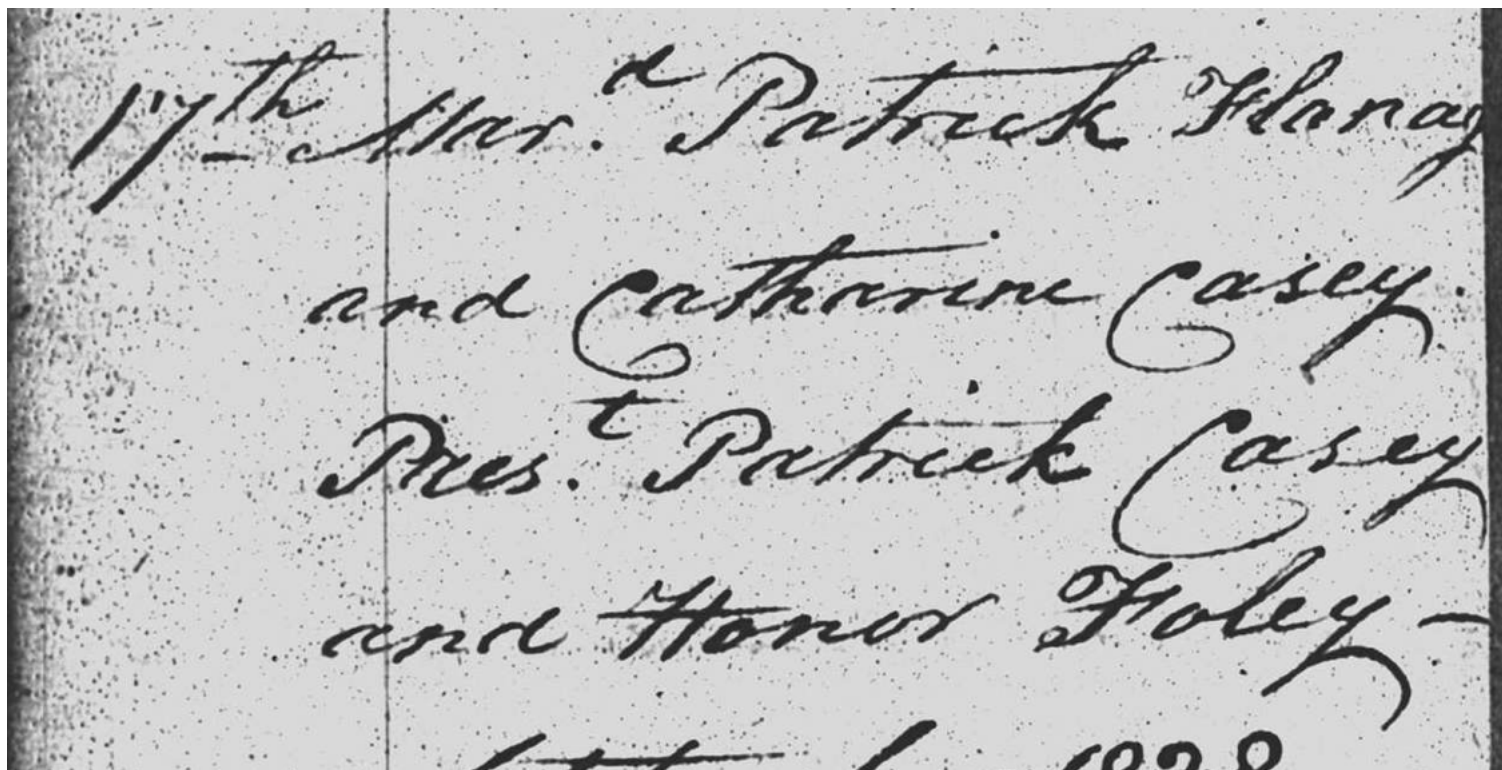


The record clearly shows the baby was James with parents Pat Flanagan and Cath Casey.

While 1822-23 is the only range of years for when James Flanagan from Port Huron was born, that is not conclusive proof.

Since it is presumed that Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan was born in 1835, it is more likely that her husband is closer to her own age than her father. If 1822 is correct, that would represent an age difference of thirteen years. If the year 1829 is correct, that would only be six years. Therefore, the best guess is that the husband was only slightly older than his wife.

A marriage took place in the Coole Catholic Parish of Co. Westmeath on August 17, 1828 between Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey.



17<sup>th</sup> Mar. Patrick Flanagan  
and Catherine Casey.  
Pres.<sup>t</sup> Patrick Casey  
and Honor Foley -  
1828

It appears that the Coole Parish is also known as Mayne, which is immediately adjacent to the Collinstown Parish.

Based on the year and location, it is presumed to be the correct marriage.

At least two other baptisms with parents Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey have been found in and near Collinstown. This includes the Taghmon Catholic Parish, which is also adjacent to the Collinstown Parish.

## Conclusion of the Collinstown Catholic Parish in County Westmeath as the origins of the Flanagan and Gaharn Families

The best candidate for James Flanagan from Port Huron, MI based on an evaluation of records from the Collinstown Parish is that he was the son of Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey.

The only known actual reference to the origins of the Flanagan-Gaharn family is Dublin from Catherine (Flanagan) Hogwood's death certificate filled out by her sister Minnie (Flanagan) McCullouch. Catherine Hogwood passed away in 1938 while living in Detroit, MI. The two sisters were living together at the time. Dublin should not be taken literally, as it could simply refer to the largest nearby city or a generalized area. It is also possible that the Flanagan family sought opportunities in Dublin prior to traveling to the United States.

Michael E. Byczek took a DNA test through ancestry.com in 2024 and focused search functionality on possible DNA matches for Flanagan genetic cousins. He was a DNA match for the descendants of the same Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey from Collinstown, Co. Westmeath through their other children.

Based upon Michael E. Byczek's research, a collection of Flanagan, Gaharn, and Munford records have been located in a single Catholic Parish along with a presumptive DNA match for the same family.

Based on balance of probabilities, it is more likely than not, and highly plausible that Michael E. Byczek's 2x-great-grandfather Patrick Flanagan was born in the Collinstown Catholic Parish in 1856. He was the son of James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn. His paternal grandparents were Patrick Flanagan and Catherine Casey. His maternal grandparents were John Gaharn and Bridget Munford. His maternal aunt Mary Gaharn remained very close with her sister Bridget Flanagan through their life in the United States. The collection of records, with a DNA match, suggests more than a mere coincidence.

It should be emphasized that James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn had only four known children with the names Patrick, Mary, Catherine, and John. All four names reflect the Flanagan and Gaharn families of Collinstown, Co. Westmeath.

James Flanagan, Bridget (Gaharn) Flanagan, and Mary Gaharn are buried together at Mount Hope Cemetery in Port Huron, MI.

### **Additional Information**

James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn are Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandparents. Their son Patrick J. Flanagan (2x-great-grandfather) married Anna Kane at Sacred Heart Church in Chicago in 1886. Their son Martin J. Flanagan (great-grandfather) married Marie T. Talbot at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago in 1922. Their daughter Marie C. Flanagan (grandmother) married Michael S. Byczek at St. Bridget's in the Bridgeport neighborhood in 1950. Their son Michael M. Byczek (father) married Betty A. Bykowski in 1974 at St. Helen's on Augusta and Oakley in Chicago. They have two children, Michael E. Byczek (the eldest) and Katherine S. Byczek, both born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Flanagan family from Chicago, Port Huron, and Ireland for over 30 years. He has gathered an extensive collection of documents. This compiled documentary is an accurate source of genealogy for James Flanagan and Bridget Gaharn.

Feel free to send a message for more information or genealogy collaboration.

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