

**THE HATTER PROJECT
DANIEL MCINERNEY**

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My hatter Daniel McInerey lived a short life in Danbury, Connecticut. He came to this country in 1900 at the age of 53 from Killballyowen, Ireland where he was born in 1847.

When he came to this country in 1900 he brought with him two sons Patrick and Daniel J, along with his wife Mary. All of the family was literate and was able to read and write the English language as well as read and write the Gaelic language.

The family lived on South Street until their father's death in 1922, except for Patrick who moved to 41 Osborne Street two years before his father died. During Daniel's 22 years of life in America, he was employed by the Dietrich E. Loewe hat factory.

Daniel managed to acquire 4 parcels of land in Danbury most of which was located on South Street. His land was attached on November 15, 1912 when a suit was placed against the Hatters Union. His parcel's of land consisted of 1 acre bound to the north by Ann Lynch, east by the highway, and to the south and west by Cornelius Dileny. His second piece of land was 1 1/2 acres more or less bound to the North by fellow hatter Patrick Dolan to the East and South by Stephen Bates and to the West by the highway.

His third piece of land was 2 acres more or less and was formally owned by Stephen Bates and Patrick Dolan. Finally

his fourth piece of land 2 1/2 acres formally owned by James Barret and or Henry Mead.

The suit against Daniel Read as follows :

An Attachment of all the right, Title and interest against Daniel McInerey, one of the defendants named in said suit in and to certain real-estate described there in, recorded in Vol. 122 pg. 239. Also a judgment lien recorded in volume 145, pg. 254 of said land records.

Dated November 29, 1912 Volume 154 pg. 254.

The certificate of Judgment lien read as follows:

Dietrich E. Loewe and Martin Fuchs city of Danbury November 15, 1912 obtained a judgment against Daniel McInerey of Danbury for 240,000 dollars. Attorney fees cost of 7,130.90 dollars and cost of suit which remains wholly unsatisfied. A judgment Lien in favor of Dietrich E. Loewe and Martin Fuchs placed upon the real estate of Daniel McInerey situated in Danbury to certain parcels of land mentioned previously.

Dated at Danbury 29 of November 1912

Walter Gordon Merritt Plaintiff's

Atty.

Recorded at 10 A.M. 12/30/1912

Daniel lost his four parcels of land during this time because he was unemployed and could not carry the taxes on his land. He was able to get the lien released, but had to sell the land and declare bankruptcy because, He was broke. His son Patrick, who was a Painter and owned a house on Osborne street and for the last year or two of his life he lived with his son along with his wife.

Daniel's time in Danbury was short only 22 years and he did not appear in any of the census reports until 1912 when the Hatters suit was brought to public attention. I really can't say if he was a legal immigrant or not but I gather he was in order to work for the hatters union.

He paid all his taxes like a good citizen even when times were tight while going through this ordeal.

He eventually died on January 19, 1922 at the age of 75 he died at his other son's house on Great Pasture Road in either in Danbury or Bethel. The cause of his death was

Apoplexy or Stroke he was ill for three days and finally died. There was no exact place of burial he was either buried at Old Catholic Community or he was cremated. When I checked Old Catholic they had no record of a Daniel McInerey only His son Daniel J.

My Log

The problem I encountered

- The city Directory listed Daniel McInerey alive until 1955.
- The probate court had no record of Daniel McInerey's death.
- I found out how He died by looking back from 1960 in the death records until I found him.
- There were piece's of information missing on his land the records were not to accurate in the 20's.
- The census did not report this man alive until 1912 when the hatters case came about.
- There were no Immigration records, but he started paying taxes in 1900 so I can only guess he came to Danbury in 1900.
- The location of his body or ashes remains a mystery to me I don't know if he was buried or cremated.
- His life was very short he lived in Danbury only 22 years so there is not alot of information on him.
- All I Can say is for the past month I tried to find as much as possible on this man, but came up with very little.
- His house was on South Street but in the land records there was no number and as for the property he owned it only states to whom it was located next to.

I would like to just say I found this project interesting in researching this man, but there were alot of inconclusive facts and record keeping in those days was less than accurate. Why does he not exist in the Probate, but he exist in the death records. Nextly, I think had he lived in Danbury longer there would be more Information on this man.