

Daniel McInerney: The Un-census-tized Hatter

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In 1902 Dietrich Lowe, of the Lowe Hatting Company, sued the local hatting union. The basis of his case was that the union members, who were boycotting his shop were violating the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890. The union Hatter of whom I was fortunate enough to research was Daniel McInerney.

Daniel McInerney was not to be found (so to speak) anywhere but in the 1906, 1908, 1912, 1915 city directories and in the city land records. Even though he was working in this town in 1902, and owned at least four pieces of property, which were involved in the suit, he was not listed in the 1900 or 1902 city directories. Also since Mr. McInerney moved to Stamford in 1915 there are no vital statistics to be found in the Danbury City Hall. Besides that, in the nine years that he is listed as a resident of this city he moved at least three times. Which may account for the fact that he was overlooked in the census.

The land records show that four properties of Mr. Daniel McInerney had liens put on them. As the record shows:

Also of all the right, title and interest of Daniel McInerney, one of the defendants named in said writ, in and to certain lots or parcels of land in said town of Danbury, as follows, viz:

First piece containing one acre bounded north by land now and formerly of Ann Lynch, east by highway, south and west by land now or formerly of Cornelius Delaney

Second piece, containing one and one-half acres, more or less, bounded north by land of Patrick Dolan, now or formerly of Stephen Bates, and west by highway, with the buildings thereon.

Third piece containing two acres, more or less, bounded north by land formerly of Stephen Bates, deceased, south by land now or formerly of Patrick Dolan, west by highway

Fourth piece, containing two and one-half acres more or less, bounded north by land of James Barrett, now or formerly, east by highway, south and west by land now or late of Henry Mead.

Now I will give a history of these properties. The first

piece of land was purchases from Micheal Collins on July 19, 1888 for one dollar. The second piece of property was purchased on August 28, 1880 for 100 dollars from the Savings Bank. The third lot of land was bought from the Savings Bank on May 1, 1880 for 250 dollars. And lastly, the fourth property was bought on July 2, 1885 from Hannah S., Agnes J., Frances A. and John C. Mead for one dollar under the condition that they be allowed to "cut and remove the chop of grass now standing on said lot."

As of May 21, 1910 and then November 29, 1912 the land was still under a lien by Deitrich Lowe. The other mentions of any transfers of land for a Daniel McInerny were of other plots of land that were not involved in this suit. The last mention of land transfers occured in 1921. Although the land descriptions differ from those listed above I figure that may be do to the area having changed so much in the course of the years. Either way it is the last mention of this gentlemen so I will add it in. On December 29, 1921 Daniel McInerney sold four pieces of land to Margaret McInerney for 1 dollar and other valuable considerations.