Brief Profile of Daniel McInerney a Danbury Hatter

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Daniel McInerney was a hatmaker who lived in Danbury all his life. Born in 1847, he would eventually grow up to own a number of properties in Danbury, marry Catherine O'Gormon, and have a large family of over 9 children.

One confusing aspect of this research is that the Danbury land records list Daniel McInerney as owning his properties on South St. However, upon looking at the voters check records as far back as 1892, Daniel McInerney is listed as liveing on Great Pasture Rd. This "mystery" is resolved, I feel when I looked at the map of the original plans for Danbury. On this map there is no Starr St. or Great Pasture Rd. Instead South St. covers this entire area. However, I still cannot figure out why Dniel McInerney is listed on Bethel Rd. in the 1910 Census instead of on Great Pasture Rd.

In 1903, two men, Loewe and Fuchs, decided to fight the hatters unions. They felt that the unions were violating the Sherman Antitrust Act. To make matters worse, Loewe

placed a lien on many of the hatters' property to prevent them from selling anything or paying any debts. This lien was placed in 1903 and wasn't released until 1912.

As one can see by looking at the voting check records, I have traced the residence of Daniel McInerney and one of his children (who is not listed on the census) named, ironically, Daniel McInerney 2nd. Up until 1905 there is only one Daniel McInerney listed. After this year two Daniels are listed indicating that the younger Daniel has gained voting status (this may indicate that he is somewhere between that age of 15-25 years old). Also in the same year and in a number of years after Daniel McInerney moves to a number of different addresses in Danbury. At first I thought this may have been done because of the death of his wife. However, as the death records indicate, she did not die until 1914. Therefore, with the available data, I have no idea as to why he has moved so much during these years.

Daniel McInerney was not listed in the Danbury Probate Records, and either was Catherine McInerney. Therefore, I looked up the probate records of one of his sons, Ambrose, to see the inventory of property he owned at the time he died. As listed there is still property on Great Pasture Rd. Also in Vol 156, p. 552, of the Danbury Land Records there is a sale of Property to Margaret McInerney (daughter) for 1 dollar plus on December 29, 1921. Less than a year

before his death.

As seen from the voters check records, Daniel McInerney 2nd eventually moved to 41 Osborne St. Upon checking the 1991-92 Danbury Phone Book, there is a listing for a M E McInerney living at the same address. For further investigation it may be worth while to see what relation this person has and if he/she may have any new information that may shed some more light on the life of Daniel McInerney.

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Also of all the right, title and interest of Daniel McInerney, one of the defendents 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 or formerly of Ann Lynch, east by highway, south and west by land now or formerly of Cornelius Delaney.

CERTIFICATE OF JUDGEMENT LIEN

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This is to certify that Dietrich E. Loewe and Martin Fuchs, of the city of Danbury in the county of Fairfield in the state of Connecticut on the 15th day of Nov., 1912, in the district court of the U.S. for the state of Connecticut did obtain a judgement in their favor against Daniel McInerney, of Danbury, et als, for the sum of (\$240,000) damages, and \$5,000 reasonable attorneys fee and \$7130 and 90/100 Dollars costs of suit, which judgement wholly unsatisfied; and to secure said sums and the lawful interest thereon, a judgement in favor of said Dietrich Loewe and Martin Fuchs

is hereby placed upon the following described real estate of the said Daniel McInerney, situate in the town of Danbury, county of Fairfield, and state of connecticut, to wit: Certain lots or parcels of land, as follows, viz:

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

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

November 29, 1912.

Voters Check Records
(by year)

For: Daniel McInerney

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1908	Daniel McInerney	29 Foster Rd.
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1909	Daniel McInerney	43 Town Hill Rd.
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1925	Owen McNerney	41 Osborne St.
1926	Daniel McInerney 2nd.	149 Triangle St.
1927	Daniel McInerney 2nd.	41 Osborne St.
1937	Daniel McInerney 2nd.	41 Osborne St.

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FOR: INVENTORY OF LAND OWNED BY AMBROSE McINERNEY (SON), WHO DIED FEBRUARY 20, 1953 IN CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK.

Inventory:

An undivided 1/6 interest in the following parcels of land.

First parcel: A certain piece or parcel of land, containing 2 1/2 acres, more or less, situate in the town of Danbury, county of Fairfield, and state of Connecticut, on Great Pasture Rd., so-called, bounded Easterly by land of John A. Keating, et als; Southerly by land of John A. Keating, et als; and Westerly by Great Pasture Rd. Being the first parcel described in Quit Claim Deed recorded in Vol. 156, page 552, of the Danbury Land Records.

Value of Decedents share, \$ 166.66

Second parcel: A certain piece or parcel of land, containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less, together with the buildings thereon, situate in said town of Danbury, on Great Pasture Rd., so-called, bounded Northerly by land of John A. Keating, et als; Easterly by land of John A. Keating, et als; Southerly by land of Charles and Gladys Gillotti; and

Westerly by Great Pasture Rd. Being the second parcel described in Quit Claim Deed recorded in Vol. 156, page 552 of the Danbury Land Records.

Value of Decedents share,

\$ 1700.00

Third parcel: A certain piece or parcel of land, containing 15 acres, more or less, situate partly in the town of Danbury and partly in the town of Bethel, bounded Northerly by land now of Formerly of the Joseph Keating Realty Company; Easterly by Great Pasture Rd.; Southerly by land now or formerly of Joseph Collins; and Westerly by land of the New York, New Haven Railroad Company. Being the third parcel described in Quit Claim Deed recorded in Vol. 156, page 552 of the Danbury Land REcords.

Value of Decedents share,

\$ 1166.66

Total.

\$ 3033.32

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According to this recording, Daniel McInerney sold the aforementioned properties to Margaret McInerney (Daughter) on December 29, 1921.

DEATH RECORD:

Daniel McInerney:

Residence: Great Pasture Rd.

Type of House: 1 Family

Where Deceased: Danbury

Occupation: Retired Hatmaker

Marital Status: Widowed

Date of Death: January 19, 1922

Date of Birth: born in 1847

Age at Death: 75 years old

Place of Birth: Killballyowen, Ireland

Parents Name(s): John McInerney and Maregaret Haugh

Cause of Death: apoplexy

Duration of Illness: 3 days

Doctors Name: G.E. Lemmer

Burial Place: Old Catholic Cemetery

Catherine McInerney:

Marital Status: married to Daniel

Where Died: Danbury

Residence: Great Pasture Rd.

Occupation: Housework

Date of Death: Sept 13, 1914

Date of Birth: March 25, 1850

Age at Death: 64

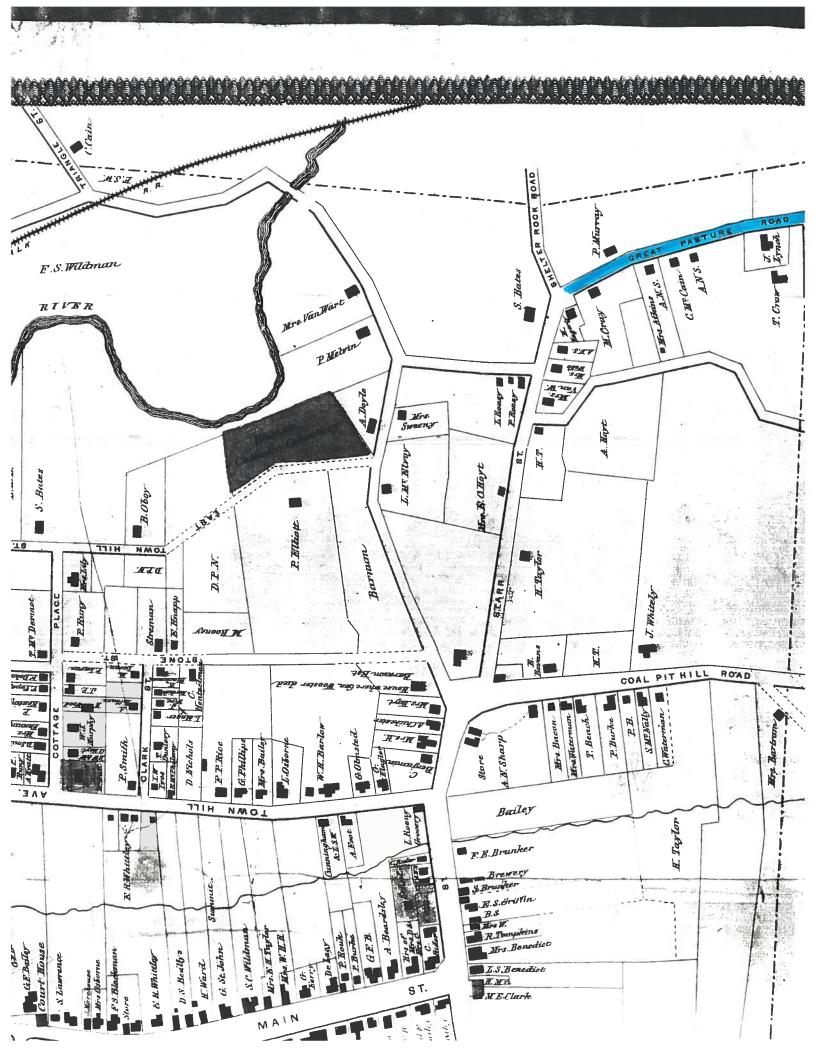
Place of Birth: Moven, Ireland

Parents Names: Patrick O'Gormon and Bridget McMahon

Cause of Death: cancer of stomach

Length of Illness: 1 1/2 years

Where Buried: Old Catholic Cemetery



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