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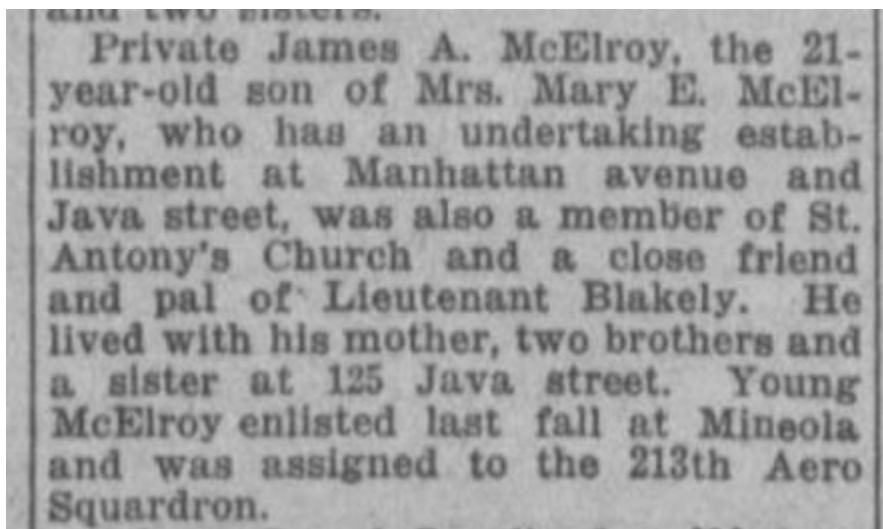
Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**McElroy, James Joseph Aloysius
1895 NY – 1946 NY**

“Brooklyn Daily Eagle” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

SAVED FROM TUSCANIA

Greenpoint survivor was received by Mrs. J. McElroy, of 125 Java street, yesterday. It was from her son, James McElroy, of the 213th Aero Squadron.

"Almost everyone in our squadron was saved," said McElroy.

"We were first taken off our ship by our convoy's submarine chasers. I surely was lucky. I got all the way without a scratch. I am now in one of the finest places in the world. Don't forget to praise Ireland up to the highest. The people here can't seem to do enough for us."

"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Friday 1 Mar 1918 p 19

McElroy		James A	250,187	White	1½
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence:	125 Hava St	Brooklyn-		NEW YORK	
	(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
* Enlisted in	RA Mineola LI NY	-		Dec 15/17	
† Born in	Brooklyn N Y	-		22 3/12 yrs	
Organizations:	213 Aero Sq to Aug 25/18; 1102 Aero Repl Sq to disch				
Grades:	Pvt	-			
Engagements:		-			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.					
‡ Served overseas:	Jan 24/18 to June 30/19				
§ Hon. disch.	July 6/19	on demobilization			
Was reported	0	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.			
Remarks:					

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. 3-7688

* Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enl. ment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

NY, WWI military record -

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James Aloysious McElroy

in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948

Name:	James Aloysious McElroy
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital status:	Widower
Age:	50
Birth Date:	25 Sep 1895
Birth Place:	New York, Kings, Brooklyn
Residence Street Address:	125 Java Street
Residence Place:	New York
Death Date:	21 Aug 1946
Hospital:	Veterans Administration Hospital
Death Place:	New York City, Bronx, New York, USA
Cause of Death:	Aneurysm Lueticdistal Portion of Aortic Arch With Compression of the Left Main Bronchus and Erosion of the Bodies of T-5, T-6 and T-7 Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Peribronchial Left Lung, Upper and Lower Lobes, Bronchiectasis, Upper Lobe Left
Burial Date:	24 Aug 1946
Burial Place:	Calvary Cemetery
Occupation:	Bridge Tender
Father's Birth Place:	Ireland
Mother's Birth Place:	Ireland

Father:	John McElroy
Mother:	Mary E McElroy
Spouse:	Ellen McElroy
Informant:	Information Obtained from Records of Deceased
Executor:	Mary E McElroy
Executor Relationship:	Mother
Certificate Number:	8060

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Wife:

Ellen Yenkowski

in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948

Name:	Ellen Yenkowski
Maiden Name:	McElroy
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Age:	41
Birth Date:	23 May 1897
Birth Place:	England
Residence Street Address:	6112 Woodbine St
Residence Place:	New York
Years in US:	30 Years
Death Date:	3 Mar 1939
Death Street Address:	237 St Nicholas Ave
Hospital:	Bethany Deaconess Hospital
Death Place:	New York City, Brooklyn, New York, USA
Cause of Death:	Carcinoma Of Breast, Metastasis To Sprue & Liver
Burial Date:	6 Mar 1939
Burial Place:	Calvary Cemetery
Occupation:	Housewife
Father's Birth Place:	Lithuania
Mother's Birth Place:	Lithuania

Father:	Anthony Yenkowski
Mother:	Agnes Yenkowski
Spouse:	James A McElroy James A Mc Elroy
Informant:	James A McElroy
Informant Gender:	Male
Informant Relationship:	Husband
Executor:	James A Mc Elroy
Executor Relationship:	Husband
Certificate Number:	5508

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Ellen Agnes Young

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Detail Source

Name:	Ellen Agnes Young [Ellen Agnes Yenkowski]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	23 May 1897
Birth Place:	United Kingdom
Father:	Anthony Yenkowski
Mother:	Agnes Kurauskus
SSN:	053077782
Notes:	Dec 1936: Name listed as ELLEN AGNES YOUNG

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Father:

JOHN MC ELROY DEAD.

Well-known Greenpoint Undertaker and Politician Was Hurt in Accident.

John McElroy, an undertaker, who has been prominent in Democratic political circles in Greenpoint for many years, died today at his home, 125 Java street, from injuries he received, last Thursday, when he tried to stop a runaway team. The horses, attached to a cab, bolted in front of his undertaking establishment, at 949 Manhattan avenue, and Mr. McElroy, in attempting to grab the bridle to bring them to a stop, stumbled and fell under the wheels. Three of his ribs and his right shoulderblade were fractured.

Mr. McElroy, who was 64 years old, was a close friend and political lieutenant of the late Senator Patrick H. McCarren. He was a member of the Jefferson Club of the Seventeenth Ward, Lexington Council of the Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony's Council of the Catholic Benevolent Legion. A solemn requiem mass will be celebrated on Thursday morning at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. McElroy is survived by a widow, Mrs. Mary McElroy; three sons, James, John and Austin, and a daughter, Irene.

Obituary of father John McElroy – "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Monday 30 Mar 1914 p 2

McELROY.—John McElroy, who died March 30, left an estate of less than \$10,000 realty, and \$10,000 personalty. The whole estate is left to his wife, Mary E. McElroy, who is appointed executrix.

Estate of John McElroy – "Brooklyn Times Union" Monday 6 Apr 1914 p 20

Mother:

McELROY—Mary E. (nee Lober) on September 15, 1957 in her 92nd year of 48 Fox Blvd., Massapequa, L.I. Devoted mother of Irene M. and Austin F. McElroy. Reposing at the Charles G. Schmitt Funeral Home 3863 Merrick Rd., Seaford, L.I. until Thursday, 9:30 A.M. Solemn High Requiem Mass 10:00 A.M. at St. William the Abbot R.C. Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

Obituary of mother Mary E. Lober McElroy, d. 15 Sep 1957 – “Newday (Nassau Edition” (Hempstead NY) Wednesday 18 Sep 1957 p 99

CERTIFICATE, dated this sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, made, signed and acknowledged by the undersigned, Mary E. McElroy, witnesseth: Whereas one John McElroy, husband of the undersigned, died on March 30, 1914, at and a resident of No. 125 Java Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, and Whereas the said John McElroy, at the time of his death, and for at least five years immediately prior thereto, conducted and carried on, in his sole name, an undertaker's business at No. 949 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and Whereas the undersigned has come into the legal possession of the name of said decedent, as the sole beneficiary of the estate of said deceased under his last will and testament, admitted to probate by the Surrogate's Court of Kings County, New York, on April 14, 1914, and is the successor in interest of said business and business name, and

Whereas the undersigned is the executrix of said deceased and, as such, has been continuing the said business of the said decedent, and is now desirous of continuing the use of the business name of said deceased, and of continuing, and carrying on, such business under the business name of said decedent, in her own individual right:

Now, therefore, the undersigned, Mary E. McElroy, in pursuance of Section 80, Subdivision 3, and Section 81, of the Partnership Law; and Section 440, of the Penal Law; and as successor of the said John McElroy, and of said business; hereby declares that she, individually, intends to, and shall deal under, and continue to use, such business name of John McElroy, and shall carry on and conduct such undertaker's business thereunder in the County of Kings, New York; and that the principal place of the transaction of said business is now at No. 949 Manhattan Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York; and that her place of residence, and post-office address is No. 125 Java Street, Brooklyn, New York.

In witness whereof, the said Mary E. McElroy has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

(L. S.)

MARY E. McELROY.

Executed in the presence of: GEO. H. PERRY.

CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK,
County of Kings, ss:

On this sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, before me personally came Mary E. McElroy, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

GEO. H. PERRY, Notary Public, Kings County, N. Y.

The above certificate was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County, New York, on April 7, 1927.

C. & T. PERRY, Attorneys for Successor,
845 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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"Brooklyn Times Union" Saturday 16 Apr 1927 p 15

Nicholas Lober.

At St. Antony's R. C. Church this morning a solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Monsignor Patrick F. O'Hare, LL. D., for the repose of the soul of Nicholas Lober, an old resident of Greenpoint. Fathers Schenck, Whalen and McCoy assisted in the solemn service. The interment was made in the family plot in Calvary Cemetery. The church service was largely attended, and many beautiful floral offerings were observed. Mr. Lober was in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He died on Sunday of nephritis after a long illness at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John McElroy, of 125 Java street. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

Death of maternal grandfather Nicholas Lober, d. 16 Jun 1907 – "Brooklyn Times Union"
Tuesday 18 Jun 1907 p 2

Siblings:

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER **1840** 1. NAME (Print) **John R. McElroy** ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) **125 Java St Br. N.Y.**

3. MAILING ADDRESS **Same**

4. TELEPHONE **-** 5. AGE IN YEARS **48** 6. PLACE OF BIRTH **Brooklyn N.Y.**

DATE OF BIRTH **June 25-1893**

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS **Mother Mary R. McElroy - 125 Java St.**

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS **Bureau of Highway & Sewers Management**

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS **147 3rd St Br. N.Y.**

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

John R. McElroy

D. S. S. Form 1
(Revised 4-1-42)

WWII draft card of brother John R. McElroy -

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McELROY—John R. Suddenly on Feb. 24, 1957 of 48 Fox Blvd., Massapequa, L.I., dear son of Mary E. McElroy, brother of Austin F. and Irene M. McElroy. Reposing at the Charles G. Schmitt Funeral Home, 3863 Merrick Rd., Seaford, L.I., until Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. Solemn High Requiem Mass at 10 A.M. at St. William the Abbot R.C. Church, Interment Calvary Cemetery.

Obituary of brother John R. McElroy, d. 24 Feb 1957 – “Newsday (Suffolk Edition” (Melville NY) Tuesday 26 Feb 1957 p 43 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/717070895/?article=5c25a935-700c-4300-a000-2018f4377e42&focus=0.7742291,0.3378376,0.9624663,0.3917986&xid=3355>

REGISTRATION CARD				
SERIAL NUMBER	3863			ORDER NUMBER 231
1	Austin Francis McElroy			
2	PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:			
	125	Java St.	Brooklyn	NY
	(No.)	(Street or R. F. D. No.)	(City or town)	(State)
3	Age in Years	4	Date of Birth	
	20		September 28	1897
	(Months)		(Day)	(Year)
RACE				
5	White	6	Negro	7
	☒			
8	Indian	9	Citizen	10
U. S. CITIZEN				
11	Native Born	12	Naturalized	13
	☒			
ALIEN				
14	Declarant	15	Non-declarant	
16 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?				
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME		
17	Bookkeeper	Hofstatter's Sons Inc.		
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:				
	372	Second Ave	New York	NY
	(No.)	(Street or R. F. D. No.)	(City or town)	(State)
19 NEAREST RELATIVE				
	Name	Mrs. Mary E. McElroy		
	Address	125 Java St. Brooklyn NY		
	(No.)	(Street or R. F. D. No.)	(City or town)	(State)
I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE				
P. M. G. O. FORM NO. 1 (Rev. 1-17)				

WWI draft card of brother Austin Francis McElroy -

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Name: James Joseph Aloysius McElroy

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,187

Entered service from: Brooklyn NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: James A. McElroy

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Mary E. McElroy, 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY

Returned from war on: "Louisiana" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: James A. McElroy

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Mary E. Mc Elroy, 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY (pvt, 1102 Aero Repl Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as James A. McElroy, signed James Joseph A. McElroy - b. 25 Sep 1895 Brooklyn NY; res: 125 Java St., Brooklyn, NY . Single. Undertaker's assistant for John McElroy Est., 949 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn NY. Short, with medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as James A. McElroy - b. 25 Sep 1895 Brooklyn NY; res: 47-52 - 44th St., Woodside, Queens NY. NOK mother Mrs. Mary E. McElroy, 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY. Employee of NYC Dept. of Public Works, Municipal Building, City of NY. Height: 5'3" – 120 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as James Alliosious McElroy

Enlisted: 5 Dec 1917

Discharged: 6 Jul 1919

Address: 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY

Rank/unit: private, 2 B&S Det Demob Grp 125

NY, WWI military record:

James A. McElroy, serial 250187, resident of 125 Hava [sic/Java] St., Brooklyn NY. Enlisted in Army at Mineola, Long Island NY on 5 Dec 1917 at age 22 years 3 months. Born Brooklyn NY. In 213th Aero Squadron to 25 Aug 1918 – in 1102nd Aero Replacement Squadron to discharge. Rank: private. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 30 Jun 1919. Discharged 6 Jul 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Sep 1895 Brooklyn NY (NY City Births: 28 Sep 1897 Brooklyn NY to John J. McElroy, 39, b. Ireland & Mary E. Lober McElroy, 34, b. MA)

Died: 21 Aug 1946 Bronx, NY, NY (NY City Municipal Deaths) (died at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, NYC, NY.

Find A Grave record:

Burial location: Woodside, Queens NY

Cemetery: Calvary

Tombstone:

Father: John J. McElroy, 1860 Ireland – 1914. Son of James McElroy (1834-1902). Undertaker; can be found several times in online records arranging funerals from his Manhattan Ave. address in Brooklyn NY. – “Brooklyn Daily Eagle” Monday 2 Jul 1900 p 2 – NY Mayor [Robert A.] Van Wyck made appointments to the Brooklyn Borough School Board/Board of Education, including John McElroy, undertaker, of 125 Java St. - Died at his home at 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY after attempting to stop a runaway team attached to a cab, which had bolted from in front of his undertaking establishment at 949 Manhattan Avenue. He tried to grab the bridle & stumbled, falling under the wheels. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens NY.

Find A Grave: 155883740

Mother: Mary E. Lober McElroy, Apr 1865 MA – 15 Sep 1957 NY. Daughter of Nicolas Loper, born in France, who died at his daughter Mary Lober McElroy's home on 16 Jun 1907 at 125 Java St.,

Brooklyn NY & was buried in Calvary Cemetery. Resident of 48 Fox Blvd., Massapequa, Long Island NY at the time of her death. Died at age 92. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens NY.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1889

Spouse: Ellen ("Nellie") Yenkowski/Young McElroy, 23 May 1897 England - 3 Mar 1939 Kings Co. NY. Daughter of Anthony Yenkowski & Agnes Kurauskus, both born in Lithuania. Listed as wife on his NYC Municipal Death record. Died of breast cancer. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens NY.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 22 Jul 1937 Queens NY. James listed himself as single in the 1930 census & widowed in 1940. James & Ellen were married less than 2 years when she died.

Children:

Siblings: James was the 3rd child of those listed. An additional sibling died before the 1900 census.

- Irene McElroy, 29 Jan 1893 NY (1900 census: Jun 1893) – 24 Jan 1988. SSN 493-42-1998.
- John R. McElroy, 25 Jun 1892 (also found as 25 Jun 1893 – is 25 Jun 1895 on his WWI draft card in 1917) Brooklyn, Kings NY – 24 Feb 1957 Massapequa, Long Island NY. According to 1900 census, born Mar 1895. On his WWII (1942) draft registration, he lived at 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY with his mother, his NOK, Mary E. McElroy. He worked for the Bureau of Highways & Sewers (Municipal). – Resided at Bethpage, Nassau NY at the time of his death. Was survived by his mother Mary & siblings Irene & Austin. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens NY.
- Austin Francis McElroy, 28 Sep 1897 NY – 29 May 1970 NY. SSN 060-28-9010. On his WWII (1942) draft registration, lived with his mother at 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY; bookkeeper. – Residence at time of death: Massapequa, Nassau NY.

Notes: The McElroy family lived in the Greenpoint area of Brooklyn NY. The residence at 125 Java Street, built in 1899, is currently (2021) valued at about \$2.2 million.

Pre-war:

"Brooklyn Standard Union" 20 Feb 1927 p 1, continued on 18 – "Detectives Bag 32 in Clubhouse Raid" – among the 32 men arrested in Greenpoint, Brooklyn NY yesterday afternoon in a raid on the 15th Assembly District Republican Club, 861 Manhattan Avenue, for betting on horses was James McElroy, age 21, of 125 Java St., Brooklyn. Loading the men onto wagons to be taken to jail caused a traffic jam. [The undertaking establishment of James's father John was located at 949 Manhattan Avenue.]

Wartime:

"New York Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the NY men on board: James A. McElroy, private, mother Mrs. Mary E. McElroy, 125 Java St., Brooklyn NY

"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1 – "Many Homes Amxious" – "It was learned at the home of James A. McElroy of 125 Java street that Mrs. M.E. McElroy knew nothing of her son's fate."

“Brooklyn Times Union” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2 – “More Tuscania Men Wire Home” – among those known for certain to have arrived in Ireland: James A. McElroy of 125 Java St.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Bridge tender at the time of his death.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 125 Java St. – these birth months/years do not match with later records

John McElroy, 43 Ireland, May 1860, parents b. Ireland, emigrated 1880, in US for 20 years, married 11 years, undertaker

Mary, 35 MA, Apr 1865, father b. France, mother b. England, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living

Irene, 6 NY, Jun 1893, at school

John, 5 NY, May 1895, at school

Auston, 4 NY, Jan 1896

James, 2 NY, Apr 1898

& boarder Michael Lober, 41 France, Mar 1859

1910 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 125 Java St.

John McElroy, 50 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, in 1st marriage, married 19 years, emigrated 1861, naturalized, proprietor, undertaker

Mary, 45 MA, father b. France, mother b. England, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living

Irene, 17 NY

John Jr., 15 NY

James, 13 NY

Austin, 12 NY

1925 NY state census – Brooklyn, Kings NY – 125 Java

Mary E. McElroy, 56 US, undertaker

Irene, 31 US, undertaker office

John, 29 US, laboratory work

James, 27 US, inspector on railroad

Austin F., 26 US, broker

[all were US citizens]

1930 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 125 Java St.

Mary E. McElroy, 64 MA, widow, father b. France, mother b. England

Irene, 38 NY, single, attendant, undertaker

John R., 36 NY, single, laborer, city of NY

James A., 35 NY, single, store keeper, electric company, WWI veteran

Austin F., 33 NY, single, insurance broker

[for the children, father b. Northern Ireland, mother b. MA]

1940 Queens NY – Woodbine St. – both in same place in 1935

James McElroy, 44 NY, widowed, bridge tender, city of NY

Anna Hart, 67 NY, widow, housekeeper, domestic

1940 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 125 Java St. – same house in 1935 – his family

Mary McElroy, 75 MA, widow

Irene, 47 NY, single, undertaker, private business

John, 45 NY, assistant foreman, highway department

Austin F., 42 NY, insurance broker