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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**McGeehan, Clovis John
1888 WI – 1961 WI**

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ASHLANDER SAFE

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THE WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

Friday March 20, 1942 page 8

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“Kenosha (WI) News” Friday 20 Mar 1942 p 10

10-11453-12		WW I	WW II	KOREA	ORIGINAL
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE (Print or Type) McGeehan Clovis John			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit both copies)		
2. SERVICE NUMBER 250575 and Officer			13. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) St. Agnes Cmeetary, Ashland, Wisc.		
3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER			14. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member of the Armed Forces of the United States.		
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) Dec. 15, 1917			5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) July 9, 1919		
6. STATE Wisconsin			7. MEDALS None		
8. GRADE, BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT AND DIVISION 1st Lieutenant, Engineers, U. S. A. Co E, 508 Eng Sg Bn			I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.		
9. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) Oct. 5, 1888			10. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) June 28, 1961		
11. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian) ☐ STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) ☐ NO EMBLEM			12. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER		
DO NOT WRITE HERE			NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Schafer Funeral Home Ashland, Wisconsin		
FOR VERIFICATION JUL 11 1961			RELATIONSHIP Funeral Director		
B/L 1200			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>[Signature]</i>		
ORDERED AUG 15 1961			DATE Jul 6, 1961		
CONTRACTOR JAMES H. MATTHEWS (290) PITTSBURGH, PA.			15. FREIGHT STATION Ashland, Wisconsin		
15th Lt Corps of Engineers/WWI			16. SHIP TO (Print or type name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Schafer Funeral Home 302 2nd St. East Ashland, Wisconsin		
DA FORM 1815 1 MAY 59			The applicant for this stone or marker has made arrangements with me to transport same to the cemetery.		
PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.			SIGNATURE		
IMPORTANT - Item 17 on reverse side must be completed.					

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McGEEHAN CLOVIS JOHN

Pvt-Sgt 1/c Co E 6 Bn 20 Eng M A

1st Lt 17 Co 20 Eng-Co B 508 Eng

223 Prentice Ave Ashland Wisc (Col)

Sn 250 575 M11

Born 10/5/88

Enl 12/15/17

Died 6-28-61

Dis 8/3/18

7/9/19

Ct 1 199 013

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Mail and Records Division
Form 7202

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223 Prentice Avenue, Ashland WI, built in 1880 -
https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/223-Prentice-Ave-Ashland-WI-54806/104901070_zpid/

McGeehan Clovis, student, b 223 Prentice av.
McGeehan Florence M, b 223 Prentice av.
McGeehan John J, r 223 Prentice av.

1901 Ashland WI city directory -
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/13913040?usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pld=853319367>



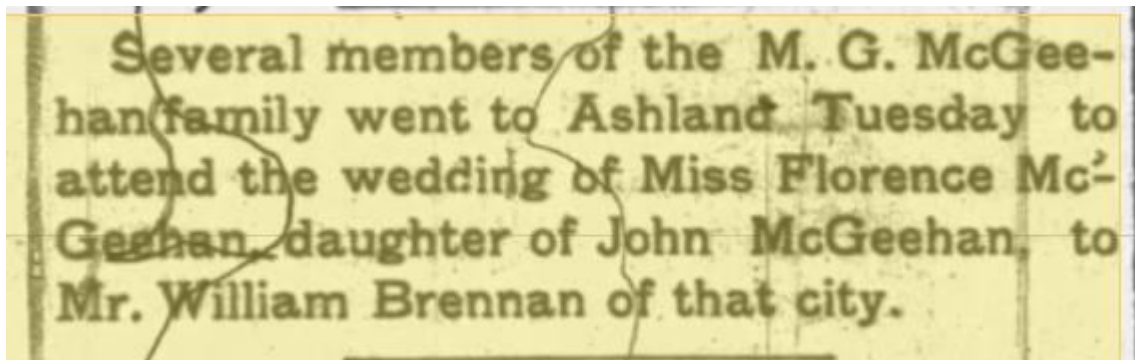
Daughter Mary Ann McGeehan Hunt (1929-2013) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/152873748/person/342068168346/media/04ba5960-5fbb-4861-b01c-db1f6c643ee1>

Parents:



Mother Catherine Martin McGeehan - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/152873748/person/342063758664/media/a57a7255-8e90-4a0d-97fb-fed8f0ec2c69>

Siblings:



Sibling #1 Mary Flora (Florence) McGeehan – marriage to William Brennan on 4 Sep 1906 – “Montreal River Miner & Iron County Republican” Friday 7 Sep 1906 p 5

Sibling #2 – Clovis John McGeehan

McGeehan-Sexton Wedding

A host of friends in the tri-cities are interested in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth McGeehan, the daughter of Mrs Catherine McGeehan of Ashland, Wis., to Mr Lee J. Larkin, the son of Mr and Mrs M. H. Sexton of 1109 Twenty-first street, which took place Tuesday morning at eight o'clock in Cleveland, O., at the St. John's cathedral. Mr and Mrs William Brennan, the latter a sister of the bride, attended as best man and matron of honor. The bride wore a blue traveling suit and a white hat trimmed with white wings. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the Holland hotel, after which the bridal couple left for a honeymoon trip to Buffalo, N. Y., and Niagara Falls. After July 15 they will be at home in Gardenville, N. Y. Mr and Mrs M. H. Sexton, the groom's parents, were present at the wedding.

The bride is a charming young woman, and has been a teacher in Ashland schools for the last couple of years. The groom is well known in local circles. He is a graduate of the Rock Island high school, and lived in this city until four years ago. He is employed in the east by the Walsh Construction Co. of Davenport.

Sibling #3 Elizabeth M. McGeehan Sexton (here listed as Larkin) Egan – “Davenport (IA) Daily Times” Friday 26 Jun 1914 p 22

Application No. 94465		Filed and Marriage License Issued JUN 22 1914	
Name <u>Lee J. Sexton</u>	Name <u>Elizabeth McGeehan</u>		
Age <u>22</u>	Age <u>24</u>		
Residence <u>Rock Island, Ill</u>	Residence <u>2646 Le 55th St</u>		
Place of Birth <u>Ido</u>	Place of Birth <u>High Bridge, Wis</u>		
Occupation <u>Bookkeeper</u>	Occupation		
Father's Name <u>Michael H.</u>	Father's Name <u>John</u>		
Mother's Maiden Name <u>Margaret Russell</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Catherine Martin</u>		
Number of times previously married <u>none</u>	Number of times previously married <u>none</u>		
Married Name			
Marriage to be solemnized by Rev. <u>W. Skrzycki</u> City		License issued by <u>Frank J. ...</u> Dep'y Clk.	
Consent of _____ Filed _____ 19__		Consent of _____ Filed _____ 19__	
...RETURN...			
The State of Ohio, } ss.		I Certify, That on the <u>23rd</u> day of <u>June</u> 19 <u>14</u>	
Cuyahoga County,		and also <u>Elizabeth McGeehan</u> were by me legally	
Mr. <u>Lee J. Sexton</u>		Rev. <u>W. Skrzycki</u>	
joined in marriage.			

Cuyahoga Co. OH marriage record -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1876/images/32365_225717-00989?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pId=2477879

Clovis McGeehan, one of the corps of assessors who are revaluating the city, has gone to Ashland where he was called by the death of his brother-in-law. He expected to be back Sunday.

Funeral of brother-in-law Leo Sexton attended by Clovis McGeehan – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Friday 3 Dec 1926 p 4

LEO J. SEXTON OF ROCK ISLAND DIES SUDDENLY

Word Received Here of
Death in St. Mary's Hos-
pital, Rochester, Minn.

Leo J. Sexton, 35, eldest son of M. H. Sexton, Rock Island, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs, died at 5 o'clock this morning at St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, Minn., according to the word received here today. He failed to recover from a major operation performed last week.

He was born on May 10, 1891, in Rock Island. He was educated in the Rock Island schools and noted at that time as an athlete. During 1913 he was united in marriage with Miss Bess McGeehan of Ashland, Wis.

Surviving are the widow; one daughter, Barbara Ann; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sexton; two brothers, Morgan of Tampa, Fla., and Kenneth of Asheville, N. C.

For the past 15 years he was an employe of the Walsh Construction company of Davenport, being connected with the Eastern offices.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at Ashland, Wis. Burial will also take place there.

Obituary of Elizabeth's 1st husband Leo John Sexton – “Quad-City Times” (Davenport IA) Thursday 2 Dec 1926 p 19



Sibling #4 sister Gean Martha McGeehan Flagg (twin of Jane) -

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The twin sisters Gean & Jane - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15926266/person/404522514/media/090127be-9ba5-4cf7-b64d-34d584e23db7>



Sibling #5 sister Jane Margaret McGeehan Bohan, twin of Gean -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15926266/person/404522514/media/06df0440-8e78-40dc-91e1-1ac2a20a7059>

Walter McGeehan Funeral Is Set For Wednesday

Will Be Buried In Wisconsin; Drowns In Delaware River

Walter J. McGeehan, 37, public relations and personnel director of Anchor Hocking Glass Corporation, fatally injured Saturday midnight in a boating accident at Delaware City, Del., will be buried Wednesday in Ashland, Wisconsin, his birthplace, according to dispatches received in Lancaster Monday.

Details of the tragedy were learned in Lancaster by William V. Fisher, general manager of Anchor Hocking.

McGeehan, who until February 15, last, served as secretary of Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, had left the city Thursday to conduct business in the glass corporation's eastern plants in Salem, N. J., and Long Island City.

At 6 p. m. Saturday McGeehan and three men from the Salem plant climbed aboard a 40-foot cabin motor launch and sailed across the deep Delaware riv-

Drowns



—TOBIAS PHOTO
WALTER J. McGEEHAN

er to Delaware City, a small village, for a shore dinner.

Tide Lowers Boat

The men remained in Delaware City until midnight. In the meantime the tide had gone out and the motor launch was lowered at the dock, four feet below the wharf.

The three Salem men jumped into the bow of the boat. McGeehan attempted to do likewise, but struck his head on the wharf when his footing slipped.

The boat was rocking from incoming tide. His body went tumbling into the deep water. His companions tossed him a life preserver but dazed, he could not grab it. He went down twice and then sank. His body was recovered immediately and within 15 minutes a physician was summoned. Adrenalin was administered but it was impossible to revive him. The body was removed to a Wilmington, Del., mortuary. Wilmington is located 10 miles from Delaware City.

McGeehan's head bore a deep
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McGeehan Drowns

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cut and bruise from striking the wharf.

Mrs. R. M. Hayt, Fishkill, N. Y., a sister of McGeehan, was notified of the accident. She told Anchor Hocking officials she would go to Wilmington and return the body to Ashland, the McGeehan home, where funeral services will be held.

Besides Mrs. Hayt, survivors include three other sisters, Mrs. Florence Harwood, Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Jean Flagg of Virginia and Mrs. Elizabeth Sexton, Ashland; two brothers, John McGeehan of Chillicothe and Clovis McGeehan of Ashland.

Active At Columbus

Prior to coming to Lancaster Mr. McGeehan had been membership secretary of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. While in Columbus he was active in civic affairs.

McGeehan was president of the Alpha Sigma Phi alumnae association, vice-president of the Columbus Lions Club, member of the Bachelor Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

McGeehan was a graduate of Ashland, Wis., high school, St. Norbert's College, West De Pere, Wis., and attended law and commerce colleges at Ohio State University and Franklin College of Law in Columbus.

His past industrial connections had been with the New York Central Railroad, Walsh Construction Company, Davenport, Ia., Grant and Smith Construction Company of Minneapolis, Winston-Dear Mining Company, Hibbing, Minn., John Schroeder Lumber Company, Ashland, Wis., E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Barksdale, Wis.

Sibling #9 – Walter Jerome McGeehan – “Lancaster (OH) Eagle-Gazette” Monday 12 Sep 1938 p 1, continued on p 5

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/295129909/?terms=%22walter%20mcgeehan%22&match=1>



SUNDAY night a sad assignment fell on my desk. It asked for coverage on the drowning death of my good friend, Walter J. McGeehan.

Little did this writer realize last Wednesday, while chatting with Walter, that within such a short space of time he would set down to pound out the sorrowing obit.

Walter McGeehan was a swell friend. He was a swell fellow.



McGEEHAN

Every one of his friends, acquaintances and many persons that knew him only by sight or name joined today in a laudatory remark, — "He was a great guy."

Walter McGeehan was not a Lancaster native. But he should have been. He was a resident of this city slightly less than two years, but his presence seemed like he had been a Lancastrian since birth.

The stocky Irishman (he was proud of his ancestry) was a versatile fellow. He was a friend of labor, industry and most of all, sport.

McGeehan came to Lancaster as an official of the Chamber of Commerce, but he did not confine his work strictly to Chamber business. He offered his assistance in any civic enterprise. He labored long and hard in the cause of the Charity Newsies. He led the fight for many changes in the operating of the municipal government. But on the side of the sportsmen he was exceedingly active. He played a prominent part in the reorganization of local baseball leagues and his work resulted in two seasons of high successful baseball.

In scholastic athletics he was an ever booster of Lancaster teams. He followed them on various football and basketball trips. He also introduced the Chamber of Commerce as a factor in the county tournament program, disposing of many tickets for the event.

In the spring of 1937 Walter McGeehan staged a gala baseball show in Lancaster. At the head table in the Elk's ball room George (Red) Trautman, president of the American Association declared: "McGeehan is too big a man to remain as a Chamber of Commerce official in Lancaster. He is headed up the ladder and will move shortly."

Trautman's words proved to be prophecy when in February of this year McGeehan was named public relations counsel for Anchor Hocking Corporation.

Installed at the gigantic plant, McGeehan set the machinery to operation for a revamped athletic set-up. Soon he rebuilt the entire system, removing many crinks and at once kindled a great rivalry among departments for athletic supremacy.

When the Twilight Baseball Association was formed, he pledged full support of Anchor Hocking and carried the pledge out with the sale of nearly 250 booster buttons, which for the first time in years put the association in sound financial straits.

At the time of his death he was busy mapping plans for the winter sport season for the workers at the local plants. He had arranged, just before his departure for the east, for an inter-city baseball contest between Lancaster and Winchester, Ind.

As an athlete McGeehan learned the great lesson of fair play and practiced it every day of his all-too short life. He participated both as an amateur and professional in baseball, football and basketball. In his varied career he also coached scholastic athletics at Union City, Ind.

Every sportsman in Lancaster will miss Walter McGeehan. There can be no hope for a replacement, because duplicates of his kind do not exist.

To some point Up There let us say one final word — "You were a great guy Walter. We only hope we'll be meeting you some day for another of those famed sessions."

"Lancaster (OH) Eagle-Gazette" Monday 12 Sep 1938 p 7

WALTER McGEEHAN

We shall remember Walter McGeehan best for his laughter. The memory of those human traits that endear a friend to us is a legacy that never diminishes. The richness of his nature was the wealth he left behind ever to remain the cherished possession of those who knew him and revelled in his jovial companionship.

Walter McGeehan did much for Lancaster during the brief period that he made his home here. His practiced eye saw progress as an objective ripely attainable and he worked with energy and intelligence to accomplish much during the scant two years he made his home in this city. He believed in Lancaster with the conviction of a life-long resident; his talent for organization and planning developed action that accelerated innovation and improvement in Lancaster's commercial and municipal advancement. All of us have benefitted by his coming to our city; all of us have lost by his death.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to share in his more personal acquaintanceship knew Walter as a "good fellow," the kind of man whose very presence was a tonic. His irresistible good cheer radiated the optimism that he felt in his undertakings, the genuine pleasure that he found in his associations, the happiness that was evident to him in a world that many view thru tears. It is strange that one who so enjoyed living should be deprived of it when life was at its peak for him. We who still hear his laughter, find the world darker for his absence, yet Walter McGeehan would not be one to have it thus. There was nothing doleful in his makeup and he would be the last to wish his name spoken mournfully. We know that if Walter could have made a last wish, it would have been to say goodbye to us with smiles on our faces. He always left us that way.

"Lancaster (OH) Eagle-Gazette" Monday 12 Sep 1938 p 6

Lancaster Eagle Gazette,
Lancaster, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for the copies of your paper covering the unfortunate drowning of my late brother, Walter. In my short stay in your city I had the pleasure of meeting a few of the many fine friends of Walter, but due to lack of time I didn't have the opportunity to thank those personally who expressed their sympathy to his people.

Therefore if you wish to express our thanks to the good people of your city, you have our permission, and especially to the gentlemen of the Anchor-Hocking Glass Corporation, who did everything possible to make things easier at a time when it is hard to see just why a life had to be snuffed out when in the prime of life.

In closing, we again want to thank you for your fine write up and editorial.

Yours very truly,
McGeehan Family,
by Clovis J. McGeehan.

"Lancaster (OH) Eagle-Gazette" Tuesday 27 Sep 1938 p 10

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS		STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Social Security	
1 PLACE OF DEATH		Registration District No. <u>5737</u>		File No. <u>5737</u>	
County <u>Ross,</u>		Primary Registration District No. <u>5737</u>		Registered No. <u>53</u>	
Township <u>Union</u>		No. <u>1</u>		St. <u>Ward</u>	
or Village <u>Vet. Adm. Facility,</u>		No. <u>1</u>		St. <u>Ward</u>	
or City of <u>Chillicothe, O.</u>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)			
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>9</u> yrs. <u>5</u> mos. <u>2</u> ds.		How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? <u>9</u> yrs. <u>5</u> mos. <u>2</u> ds.		Did Deceased Serve in U. S. Navy or Army <u>Army</u>	
2 FULL NAME <u>John Martin McGeehan</u>		No. <u>1</u>		St. <u>Ward</u>	
(a) Residence. No. <u>Ashland, Wisconsin</u>		(Usual place of abode)		(If nonresident give city or town and State)	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, Widowed or Divorced <u>Separated.</u>			
6. If Married, Widowed, or Divorced Husband or (or) Wife of <u>Separated.</u>					
7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Oct. 10, 1893</u>					
7. AGE (years) Months Days <u>47</u> <u>8</u> <u>26</u>		If LESS than 1 day, of min. hrs. min.			
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Bookkeeper</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) <u>1941</u>					
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>19</u>					
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Highbridge, Wis.</u>					
(State or country)					
13. NAME <u>Unknown (deceased).</u>					
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Unknown (deceased).</u>					
(State or country)					
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Unknown (deceased).</u>					
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>unknown</u>					
(State or country)					
17. The Signature of <u>Vet. Adm. Facility, Records,</u>					
and (Address) <u>Chillicothe, O.</u>					
18. BIRTH <u>Ashland, Wis.</u> Date <u>19</u>					
19. FURNERAL FIRM <u>Ced. Ware & Son, Chillicothe</u>					
19a. BURIED BY <u>Wartman Funeral Home, No.</u>					
Address <u>Ashland, Wis.</u>					
19b. EMBALMER <u>Jesse Jacobs</u> L. N. 3877					
20. FILED <u>Aug 1, 1941</u> <u>Chillicothe, O.</u>					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>July 6, 1941</u>					
22. I HERBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb. 4, 1932</u> , 19 to <u>July 6, 1941</u> , 19					
I last saw him alive on <u>July 6, 1941</u> , death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at <u>5:45 P.M.</u>					
The PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: <u>General Paralysis, Cerebral type.</u>					
(Duration prior to 1932.)					
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES of importance not related to principal cause:					
Name of operation <u>None.</u> Date of <u>None.</u>					
What test <u>clinical</u> <u>laboratory</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>					
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? <u>No</u> Date of injury <u>19</u>					
Where did injury occur? <u>None</u> (Specify city or town, county, and State)					
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.					
Manner of injury <u>None</u>					
Cause of injury <u>None</u>					
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u>					
If so, specify <u>THOS. G. MULLEN, M.D.,</u>					
(Signed) <u>Clinical Director, Vet. Adm. Fac., Chillicothe, O.</u>					
Date <u>7/7/41</u>					

Sibling #10 - OH burial record of brother John Martin McGeehan (1893-1941)

Life:

NAT'L BANKS PROTEST TAX

Ashland National Banks Protest Taxing by Local Assessor

(From the Ashland Daily Press)

The old question of the assessment of the book value of banks, which began in 1922 and was compromised that year and let pass with no action last year, has not yet been settled.

The bank taxes last year were allowed to go delinquent, because no decision had been reached, and yesterday a protest was filed for the 1924 tax assessment.

The "book value" of the banks is the capital, surplus, and undivided profits less the real estate. It is the contention of the banks that this property is not taxable.

Sanborn, Lamoreux & Pray, attorneys for the Northern National bank and its share holders filed the following protest with the board of review yesterday:

That the assessment is excessive and unjust.

That it is without justification under the laws of Wisconsin.

That the law under which assessment purports to be made is a denial of due process of law and the equal protection of the law.

That said assessment is arbitrary, discriminatory, unjust and in violation of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin and of the Constitution of the United States.

City Assessor Clovis McGeehan announced today that he had received orders from the state tax commission to assess the bank property in the same manner as before.

Attorney Pray made the following statement to the board of review:

In this connection we wish to state on behalf of the Ashland National bank and Northern National bank that these protests are filed simply because of the inability of the banks to determine whether or not the tax assessed against them is valid and legal.

(the article continues)

"Iron County Miner" (Hurley WI) Friday 5 Sep 1924 p 1

No Complaint!

Ashland, Wis. —(UP)— For the seventh consecutive year the City Board of Tax Review has adjourned for lack of complaints. Board members declared that Clovis McGeehan, city assessor here for 11 years, apparently has the knack of pleasing all taxpayers.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Monday 28 Aug 1933 p 5

Clovis McGeehan, of Ashland, who was formerly appraiser for the HOLC, has resigned and his position has been taken by H. H. Van-Vleck, of Superior.

"Ironwood (MI) Daily Globe" Saturday 27 Jul 1935 p 11

Draft Board Bribe Case Goes to Court

SUPERIOR, Wis., June 30 (UP) —Mrs. Mary Anderson, Ashland, was at liberty today under \$1,000 bond pending federal court action on a charge that she attempted to bribe a draft board official to keep her husband, Alvar, out of the Army.

Mrs. Anderson waived examination before U. S. Commissioner C. W. Bishop here yesterday. Bishop bound her over to the federal court.

Clovis McGeehan, Ashland post-master and draft board chairman, claimed that Mrs. Anderson offered him a \$200 bribe.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 1 Jul 1943 p 3

Name: Clovis John McGeehan

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E (1938 NTSA, also 508th Engineers) – private (promoted to 2nd lieutenant on 3 Aug 1918, returned from war as 1st lieutenant)

Serial number: 250,575 – but as 2nd & 1 lieutenant, Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI

Entered service from: Ashland, Ashland WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Clovis J. McGeehan

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Catherine Mc Geehan, Ashland WI

Returned from war on: "General G.W. Goethals" May/Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Clovis J. McGeehan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: no NOK included on this list (1st Lt., Co. B, 508th Engrs.)
 World War I draft registration (1917): Familysearch.org indexes as Mc Grehan – as Clovis John McGeehan - b. 10 Oct 1888 DePere WI; res: 223 Prentice Ave., Ashland WI. Single.
 Inspector on dock (?), North Western Railway Co., Ashland WI. Medium height & build.
 National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 214 E. 3rd St., Ashland WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)
 World War II draft registration (1942): b. 5 Oct 1888 DePere WI; res: 214 E. 3rd St., Ashland WI.
 NOK wife Mary L. McGeehan. Employed US Government - Post Office Department, Ashland WI. Height: 5'9" – 190 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 3 Aug 1918 – 9 Jul 1919

Address: 223 Prentice Ave., Ashland WI

Rank/unit: private – sergeant 1st class, Co. E, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers – 1st lieutenant, 17th Co., 20th Engineers-Co. B, 508th Eng (Col)

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Oct 1888 DePere, Brown WI (WWII draft: 5 Oct 1888)

Died: 28 Jun 1961 Ashland, Ashland Co. WI

Find A Grave record: 134797721 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Ashland, Ashland WI

Cemetery: St. Agnes Catholic

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin 1st Lt Corps of Engineers WWI

Father: John J. McGeehan Jr., 4 Apr 1853 Guelph, Wellington, Ontario, Canada – 21 Jun 1909 Ashland, Ashland WI. Son of John J. McGeehan Sr. (b. 1826 Ireland) & Mary Ann/Anne Driscoll (1833 Canada – 1898 WI).

Find A Grave:

Mother: Catherine Martin McGeehan, 25 Mar 1859 Utica, Oneida NY – 22 Sep 1935 Ashland, Ashland WI.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 17 Sep 1884 (according to family in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Ancestry.com lists marriage site as Wisconsin, Brown Co. Illinois - ?)

Spouse: Mary L. Schrank McGeehan, 6 Feb 1891 WI – 13 Feb 1979 Ashland Co. WI. SSN 393-30-8781. Buried in St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 134798113 and 10785834

Marriage: ca. 1928 based on daughter's birthdate

Child:

- Mary Ann (Marianne) McGeehan Hunt [reverted to McGeehan?], 22 Mar 1929 Ashland, Ashland WI – 6 Apr 2013 Ashland, Ashland WI. SSN 387-24-7137. Graduate of Ashland (WI) High School (1946). Married 10 May 1958 in Cook Co. IL to William M. Hunt. Buried as Marianne McGeehan in St. Agnes Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 148223671

Siblings: Clovis was the 2nd child of those listed.

- Mary Flora (Florence) McGeehan Brennan Harwood [reverted to McGeehan?], Jun 1885 DePere, Brown WI – Oct 1954 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Wife of William Michael Brennan, son of Bernard Brennan & Mary Murphy, b. 14 May 1859 Cato, Manitowoc WI, whom she married 4 Sep 1906 in Ashland, Ashland WI. William was a graduate of the U of WI (1895). He had been married 21 years to Florence McGeehan of Ashland WI when he died in Poughkeepsie NY on 17 Dec 1927; survived by her & 2 children. “Manitowoc (WI) Herald News” Monday 19 Dec 1927 p 2 for his obituary. – Married to Francis Harwood; was listed with that surname when her brother Walter died in Sep 1938. However, listed in 1940 census for Kenosha, Kenosha WI as Mary Brennan, widow. - She is buried as Florence McGeehan in Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. F: 186383721
- Elizabeth M. (“Bessie”) McGeehan Sexton Egan, 16 Jan 1890 DePere, Brown WI [also found as High Bridge, Brown WI] – 10 Mar 1988 Ashland, Ashland WI. Married on 23 Jun 1914 in Cuyahoga Co. OH to Leo John Sexton (1892-1926). Their daughter Barbara Ann Sexton (1923-2005). – Married John Fabian Egan (1886-1949, F: 11037416), the son of Dan Egan, sometime after 1942 as he was still married to Estelle C. Egan (1893-1944, F: 11037413) when he registered for the WWII draft. – Buried in St. Agnes Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 10785767
- Gean (Jeannie) Martha McGeehan Flagg, 15 Feb 1892 DePere, Brown WI – 17 Dec 1967 Duluth or Eveleth, St. Louis Co. MN. Twin sister of Jane. Wife of Charles Abner Flagg (1890-1973, F: 114372414), the son of Abner S. Flagg & Edith M. Coon. In the 1920 census they lived in Virginia, St. Louis Co. MN with their 2 daughters: Charles was a public school teacher. – Divorced by 25 Jun 1937 when Charles married Mabel Lillian Myrum in Ironwood, Gogebic MI. - Buried as Gean McGeehan in St. Agnes Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 10785777
- Jane Margaret McGeehan Bohan, 15 Feb 1892 DePere, Brown WI (or High Bridge, Brown WI)– 5 Oct 1932 Duluth (or Virginia), St. Louis Co. MN. Twin sister of Gean. Married 3 Feb 1917 (also found as Aug 1915, but moms.mn.gov gives 1917 date) in Duluth, St. Louis Co. MN to Harry Brennan Bohan (1892-1966). Buried as Jane McGeehan in St. Agnes Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 10785772
- John Martin McGeehan, 10 Oct 1893 Highbridge WI – 6 Jul 1941 Union, Ross OH (in Veterans Administration Facility of Chillicothe OH). Separated from wife. Bookkeeper. In 1920 census was single, cannot locate 1930 census, separated in 1940. Not on Find A Grave as of 22 Nov 2021. According to OH death record, buried in Ashland WI.
- Catherine E. McGeehan Hayt, 10 Jan 1896 Ashland, Ashland WI – 17 Mar 1962 Fishkill, Dutchess NY. Married 15 Sep 1919 in Newark, Essex NJ to Ralph Augustus Hayt (1877-1957). She died at her home on Cary Avenue in Fishkill NY. She & Ralph are buried in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Fishkill, Dutchess NY. His Find A Grave 228754833 notes his marriage to Catherine. She is not on Find A Grave as of 22 Nov 2021.
- Geraldine Ann McGeehan, 17 Feb 1898 Ashland, Ashland WI – 25 Sep 1911 Ashland, Ashland WI. Not on Find A Grave as of 22 Nov 2021.
- Walter Jerome McGeehan, 1901 Ashland, Ashland WI – 11 Sep 1938 Delaware City, New Castle DE. Public relations & personnel director of Anchor Hocking Glass Corp. While on a business trip to a plant, he & 3 other men took a motor launch across the Delaware River for dinner. Upon their return to the pier, the 3 others jumped into the bow of the boat, but

Walter hit his head on a piling & fell into the water, surfaced twice, then sank & drowned. Buried in Ashland WI.

- Robert Emmett McGeehan, 9 Sep 1904 Ashland, Ashland WI – 10 Apr 1922 Virginia, St. Louis Co. MN. Buried in St. Agnes Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 10785774

Notes: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/166129782/person/122178732393/facts?_phsrc=hFB32995&_phstart=successSource

Pre-war: WI birth record lists as John Clovern McGeehan.

Wartime:

“Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer” Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the survivors: Clovis J. McGeehan, Ashland WI

Post-war:

As of Aug 1933, had been Ashland WI city assessor for 11 years.

“Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” Wednesday 30 Sep 1936 p 4 – Clovis McGeehan of Ashland WI was named to the committee of the 10th District of the Democratic Party.

As Ashland WI city assessor, took 5% voluntary pay cut with 10 other Ashland officials Jan 1940.

Active in Voiture 343, 40 et 8 (1941). “Iron County Miner” (Hurley WI) Friday 23 May 1941 p 1 – the Tri-County Voiture No. 343, 40 & 8 met at the J.E. Flandrena cottage on Pine Lake. Clovis J. McGeehan was named to the cheminot locale & as 1 of 2 delegates to the 40 et 80 wreck to be held at the district meeting of the American Legion conference at Spooner WI on Saturday evening.

Named acting postmaster of Ashland WI in 1941, confirmed in Mar 1942.

In 1942 as Ashland postmaster & draft board chairman, Clovis had Mary Anderson arrested for offering him a \$200 bribe to keep her husband Alvar Anderson out of the military .

“Iron County News” (Hurley WI) Friday 20 Oct 1944 p 1 – the Tri-County 40 and 8 Voiture 343 met in Ashland WI on Wednesday evening. The 3 counties are Iron, Ashland & Bayfield. New officers were elected, among them Clovis McGeehan of Ashland WI as garde de porte, succeeding Roy Steves of Ashland WI.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Ashland, Ashland WI – 223 Prentice Ave.

John J. McGeehan, 47 Canada, Apr 1853, parents b. Canada, emigrated 1876, in US for 24 years, naturalized, married 16 years, farmer

Catherine, 41 NY, Mar 1859, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living

Florence, 14 WI, Jun 1885, at school

Clovis, 11 WI, Oct 1888, at school

Elizabeth, 10 WI, Jan 1890, at school

Jeannie, 8 WI, Jan 1892, at school

Jannie, 8 WI, Jan 1892, at school

John, 5 WI, Oct 1894

Catherine, 4 WI, Dec 1895

Geraldine, 2 WI, Jan 1898

1910 Ashland, Ashland WI – 223 Prentice Ave.

Cathrine McGeehan, 51 NY, widow, parents b. Ireland, married 25 years, gave birth to 10 children, 10 are living

Clovis J., 21 WI, single, manager, farm, mother

Elizabeth, 20 WI, single, teacher

Janice, 18 WI, single

Georgie, 18 WI, single

John M., 16 WI, single

Kathrine, 14 WI, single

Geraldine, 12 WI, single

Walter J., 9 WI, single

Robert E., 5 WI, single

[for the children, father b. Canada, mother b. NY]

1920 Ashland, Ashland WI – 223 Prentice Ave.

Katherine McGeehan, 61 NY, widow, father b. NY, mother b. Ireland

Clovis, 31 WI, single, father b. Canada, mother b. NY, salesman, real estate

John, 26 WI, single, father b. Canada, mother b. NY, scaler, lumber company

Robert, 16 WI, single, father b. Canada, mother b. NY

& lodger Albert Tigerson, 84 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1859, naturalized in 1877

1930 Ashland, Ashland WI – 223 Prentice Ave.

Catherine McGeehan, 71 NY, widow, parents b. Irish Free State

Elizabeth Sexton, 40 WI, widow, father b. Canada, mother b. NY [indexed as Senton] [daughter]

Barbara Sexton, 6 WI, father b. IL, mother b. WI [granddaughter]

Clovis J. McGeehan, 41 WI, married, father b. Canada, mother b. NY, age 37 at 1st marriage, assessor, city property, WWI veteran [son]

Mary McGeehan, 38 WI, married, parents b. WI, age 35 at 1st marriage [daughter-in-law]

Mary A., 1 WI, parents b. WI [granddaughter]

1940 Ashland, Ashland WI – 214 – 3rd St. E. – same house in 1935

Clovis McGeehan, 51 WI, tax assessor, city employ
Mary A., 48 WI
Mary Ann, 11 WI
& 2 lodgers