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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

McGrath, Richard Francis 1885 MI – 1950 MN

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Parents:

August	19	1877	Spaulding	Richard M. Grath	W.	Koloman	25
				Johanna Dooney	W.	Koloman	19
			both church				
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South Wales		Pastor of St. Joseph's	Deary Dooney	Koloman	1877		
		both church					

MI marriage record of parents -

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Mother Johanna Toomey McGraw Loder Mayer - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/151052179/person/152028263617/media/ea6b230a-01c3-4f28-8c2c-13149547fdbd?_phsrc=hFB33128&_phstart=successSource

Siblings:



Sister Johanna Mary McGraw Johnson on her wedding day 16 Aug 1899 Nadeau MI - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/161831965/person/332106899197/media/21ba990f-b832-4d58-a603-44b1b6add752> - marriage license at: <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/161831965/person/332106899197/media/5f40c356-3eff-450d-ab1f-21ca0409623c>

Powers Resident Called By Death; Last Rites Today

Mrs. Charles Johnson, 55, well known Powers resident, died at St. Francis hospital 9 o'clock Sunday morning following an illness of several months duration.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Johanna McGraw, was born in Powers June 7, 1881. Besides her husband, she is survived by nine children: Mrs. W. H. Eagan, Mrs. Lee Staton, Mrs. Michael Woods, Chicago; Margery, Lloyd, Ernest and Raymond, Powers; Otto, Milwaukee; and Carl Johnson, Gladstone. She is also survived by three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. George Pappas, Eveleth, Minn.; Mrs. William Johnson, Chisholm, Minn.; Mrs. Don Wood, Marenisco; John McGraw, Marble, Minn.; and Richard McGraw, Eveleth, Minn.

The body was taken to the Allo funeral home to be prepared for burial and was returned to the family residence in Powers yesterday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at St. Francis Xavier church in Spalding 9 o'clock this morning, with burial in the Spalding cemetery. Rev. Fr. Joseph Schaul will officiate.

Obituary of sister Johanna Mary McGraw Johnson (1881-1937) – "Escanaba (MI) Daily Press" Tuesday 9 Feb 1937 p 14



Sister Nellie Cecilia McGraw & husband William O. Johnson - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/151052179/person/152004626701/media/497c2237-4d0d-44e3-9e6b-92f7df49f0fe?_phsrc=hFB33087&_phstart=successSource

John McGraw has moved his family here from Eveleth, having accepted a position as locomotive engineer for Butler Bros. at the Sliver mine.

Is this his brother John? – “Virginia (MN) Enterprise” Friday 22 May 1908 p 7

Half-siblings:



Half-sister Elizabeth Teresa Lodermayer Wood, ca. 1910 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/82540358/person/302007305911/media/ed73e953-c825-4f27-9398-fd6b2bdac8ba>

Rites Held for Former Resident

Funeral services for Donald Wood, 82, former resident of this area, who died July 11 at Flora, Ill., were held Monday at Flora.

Mr. Wood was born in 1865 at Manistique and resided in Marenisco for many years before leaving there in 1939. Since then he had resided in Painesdale, Mich., Ironwood, Wakefield and Flora. In 1912 he was married to the former Elizabeth Loder Mayer of Attica, Mich.

Surviving are his wife; eight sons, Donald, William, Sanford and Gordon of St. Louis, Mo., James of Flora, Robert and Jerry of Oregon and Richard of Madison; six daughters, Mrs. Joseph Kuyoth of Flora, Mrs. Charles Smith of Decatur, Ill., Mrs. Angelo Pappas of Detroit; Mrs. Silvio Giannunzio of Ironwood, and Mrs. Edward Cox and Mrs. Edward Linna of Wakefield; 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WOOD

Mrs. Donald (Elizabeth Loder Mayer) Wood, 81, of Flora died 11:20 p.m. Wednesday in Clay County Hospital, Flora.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in John T. Frank Funeral Home, Flora, with visitation after 4 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Flora.

Mrs. Wood was born in Michigan, daughter of John and Johanna Loder Mayer. She married Donald Wood in 1913. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are sons, William of Cincinnati, Ohio; Sanford of St. Louis, Mo.; Richard of Tampa, Fla.; Jerry of Chicago; Gordon of Louisville; daughters, Mrs. Lucille Kuyoth and Mrs. Dorylee Sampson, both of Flora; Mrs. Eva Cox and Mrs. Corrine Linna, both of Wakefield, Mich.; Mrs. Hazel Volkman of Ironwood, Mich.; 29 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

Left: Obituary of Elizabeth Teresa Loder Mayer Wood – “Decatur (IL) Herald & Review” Friday 11 Feb 1977 p 32 – right: obituary of her husband Donald Wood (1865 MI – 1957 IL) – “Ironwood (MI) Daily Globe” Thursday 18 Jul 1957 p 10

Mrs. Angelo Pappas

Mrs. Angelo Pappas, 48, of 7901 S. W. 99th St., Miami 56, Fla., died unexpectedly at her home Sunday.

The former Luella Marie Wood was born at Marenisco Sept. 26, 1914 and was the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Wood and the late Donald Wood. She attended school at Marenisco and was married in 1933 to Angelo Pappas and resided in Detroit until moving to Florida recently.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, James and John, and three grandchildren of Detroit; her mother, Mrs. Wood, Flora, Ill.; five sisters and eight brothers. She was preceded in death by her father and three brothers.

The funeral will be held at Miami, Fla.

Obituary of Luella Marie Wood Pappas, daughter of Elizabeth Lodermyer & Donald Wood – "Ironwood (MI) Daily Globe" Tuesday 23 Apr 1963 p 8

Former Resident Of Powers Dies

Mrs. Agnes Pappas, 65, of Milwaukee, a former resident of Powers, died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday.

The former Agnes Lodermyer is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nell Johnson, Minneapolis and Mrs. Elizabeth Wood of Flora, Ill.

A nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson of Powers, attended wake services in Milwaukee Tuesday. Burial will be Friday in Eveleth, Minn.

Obituary of Agnes Lodermyer Pappas – “Escanaba (MI) Daily Press” Thursday 29 Nov 1962 p 3

Name: Richard Francis McGrath

Name variations: McGraw (surname used by other family members)

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,578

Entered service from: Powers, Menominee MI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Richard F. McGrath

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: brother James Mc Grath, Powers MI

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Richard F. McGrath

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother James McGrath, Box 81, Daggett MI (sgt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Richard Francis McGrath - b. 22 Sep 1885 Escanaba MI; res: 612 Jackson St., Eveleth, St. Louis Co. MN. NOK Mrs. Geo. Pappas, same address [his half-sister Elizabeth Lodermyer Pappas]. “scar on middle finger of right hand” – height: 5’7 ½” – weight: 145 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 14 Dec 1917

Discharged: 8 Jun 1919

Address: Margie MN

Rank/unit: sergeant, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 22 Sep 1885 Escanaba, Delta MI

Died: 5 Feb 1950 Koochiching Co. MN (32 years after the torpedo sank the Tuscania)

Find A Grave record: 3474663 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower & text

Burial location: Bloomington, Hennepin MN

Cemetery: Fort Snelling National

Tombstone: veteran upright – Sgt / 20 Engineers / WWI

Father: Richard McGraw, 28 Apr 1849 Ireland – 28 Feb 1894 Grand Traverse Co. MI. Buried in Spalding Township Cemetery, Spalding, Menominee MI.

Find A Grave: 184476918

Mother: Johanna A. Toomey McGraw Lodermayer, 1857 Rhymney, Monmouthshire, Wales – 1 Apr 1932 St. Louis Co. MN. Daughter of Patrick & Bridget Toomey.

Apparently after husband Richard McGraw's death in Feb 1894, she married John Lodermayer (Lodermeyer/Lodermeier), who was born in WI, in time to give birth to Elizabeth Lodermayer on 14 Jun 1895.

In the 1912 Hibbing MN city directory, Johanna Lodermayer (widow of John) boarded at 68 Monroe Location.

In the 1920 census, Johanna Lodermier, 60 Wales, parents b. Ireland, widow, lived with daughter Agnes Lodermier, 22 MI & sister Mary Kabet, 48 Wales. She was a clerk in a comp--- store.

In the 1922 Virginia MN city directory, Johanna Lodermier, widow of John, lives at 217 S. 2nd Ave. MN death records list surname as Lodermayer.

Although Johanna says she is widowed, might her 2nd husband be the John Lodermayer, b. 1863 WI, d. 17 Aug 1937 OR?

Buried as McGraw in Spalding Township Cemetery, Spalding, Menominee MI.

Find A Grave: 184482875

Parents' marriage: 19 Aug 1877 Spalding, Menominee MI. Both were residents of Kroman, Menominee MI.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Richard was the 3rd child of those listed.

- Johanna Mary McGraw Johnson, 7 Jun 1881 Powers, Menominee MI – 9 Feb 1937 Escanaba, Delta MI. Married on 16 Aug 1899 in St. Bruno's Church, Nadeau MI to Charles Otto Johnson (1873-1954, F: 184476627). He was the son of Peter Pelquist Johnson (Jacobson) & Christina Anderson & the brother of William Oscar Johnson, who married Johanna's sister Nellie McGraw. Johanna & Charles obtained their marriage license on 8 Aug 1899 in Menominee Co. MI. He was age 26, b. WI, farmer; she was age 18, b. MI. Buried in Spalding Township Cemetery, Spalding, Menominee MI. F: 203958880
- James Michael McGraw, 2 Sep 1883 Powers, Menominee MI – 14 Mar 1929 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Husband of Mary Ann LaBelle McGraw Baribeau (1891-1975, F: 21323858) whom he married on 17 May 1909 in Spalding, Menominee MI. She later married Alonzo Baribeau (1886-1954, F: 213323898). Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. F: 213323930

- Nellie (Ella) Cecilia McGraw Johnson, 21 Oct 1887 Powers, Menominee MI – 6 Jan 1973 St. Louis Park, Hennepin MN. Married in 1906 to William Oscar Johnson (1875-1962, F: 184452929). William was the son of Peter Pelquist Johnson (Jacobson) & Christina Anderson, who was the brother of Charles Otto Johnson, who married Nellie's sister Johanna. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 184452944
- John McGraw, Is this him? - ca. 1876 MI? Married 25 Oct 1899 at Delta, Escanaba MI to Ellen Ridgeway/Ridgway, daughter of Richard & Johanna Ridgway. He is listed as son of Richard & Johanna McGraw – but his birth is prior to their marriage. In the 1920 Escanaba MI city directory, John & Ellen lived at 412 S. 13th; he was a laborer. - Resident of Marble, Itasca MN in Feb 1937 when his sister Johanna McGraw Johnson died.

Half-siblings: by his mother's 2nd marriage, to John Loder Mayer

- Elizabeth ("Lizz") Teresa Loder Mayer Wood, 14 Jun 1895 MI - 6 May 1973 Flora, Clay IL. Wife of Donald Malcolm Wood (1876-1957, F: 19315562) whom she married in 1913. Marriage license: Donald Wood of Ironwood MI & Elizabeth Loder Meyer of Oshkosh WI. - Resident of Marenisco, Gogebic MI in Feb 1937. – In the 1940 census for Marenisco, Gogebic MI, Donald M. Wood, 63 MI, laborer, W.P.A. road repair lived with wife Elizabeth (44 MI). - Their daughter Luella Marie Wood, b. 26 Sep 1914, married Angelo Pappas in 1933 & died in Miami FL on 21 Apr 1963. Elizabeth is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Flora, Clay IL. F: 19315559
- Agnes M. Loder Mayer Pappas, ca. 1898 MI (age 22 in 1920 census) – 25 Nov 1962 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Wife of George Pappas (who d. 22 Feb 1946). Agnes & George married 24 Oct 1922 in St. Louis Co. MN. – In the 1930 census for Eveleth, St. Louis Co. MN, George J. Pappas (35 Greece), proprietor, confectionery) lived with wife Agnes, 32 MI, father b. WI, mother b. Wales. Resident of Eveleth MN in Feb 1937 & Apr 1942. According to the MN, U.S. Cemetery Index & her obituary, she is buried in Eveleth Cemetery, Eveleth, St. Louis Co. MN but not on Find A Grave as of 24 Nov 2021.

Notes:

One family tree: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/161831965/person/332108254354/facts>

Cannot locate census records. Other records on family slim.

The Chisholm Candy Kitchen was owned by Sam Pappas (Pappandakis), from Katavothra, and James Palmer (Paspaliaris). Pappas and Palmer also owned the Olympia Candy Kitchen in Chisholm. Around the same time, there was a George Pappas (Pappadakis), from Katavothra, who had the Midget News in Chisholm. George Pappas was acquainted with the Lagges family. The Eveleth News on September 20, 1917, wrote, "George Pappas of Chisholm was in this city Wednesday visiting with Sam Lagges of Eveleth Candy Kitchen. Pappas was drafted and will leave for training at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, on Saturday." George served in the military as a sergeant from Sept. 21, 1917 to March 21, 1919.

Shortly after being discharged, George Pappas moved to Eveleth and was briefly employed by Sam Lagges at the Candy Kitchen before opening up the Midget Newsstand at 406 Jones St. in Eveleth. According to the Eveleth News of June 19, 1919: "The building formerly occupied by a barbershop next to the post office was opened up last week by George Pappas, who was employed by Sam Lagges at the Eveleth Candy Kitchen. Mr. Pappas is selling newspapers, books, magazines, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and candies." On the 1935 business map, the Midget News eventually was located at 410 Jones, across the alley from the State Theater at 412 Jones.

George Pappas, the owner of the Midget News, died on Feb. 22, 1946, and at some point, George Lagges took ownership. He owned the business by at least late 1947 based on Christmas and New Year's greetings for the holiday season. Therefore, George did not rest long, as suggested in the article on the sale of the Eveleth Candy Kitchen. The probable reason was the unexpected death of George Pappas, the Lagges brothers' friend, neighbor, and possible relative, and their desire to keep the Midget News in the family.

From "Growing Up in Eveleth" by James Froemming, appearing in the Greek publication "National Herald" of 24 Nov 2021 (accessed on 24 Nov 2021): <https://www.thenationalherald.com/growing-up-in-eveleth/>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Lansing (MI) State Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – among those from MI on board: Richard McGrath of Powers MI

"Escanaba (MI) Morning Press" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the Peninsula [i.e. Upper Peninsula] men who survived: R.F. McGrath of Powers MI

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 473-05-3487

Censuses:

1920 Township 153, Koochiching MN – Page & Hill Camp 4 – on line 31

Richard F. McGrath – 34 MI, father b. Ireland, mother b. Wales, single, foreman, lumber camp

1940 Big Falls, Koochiching MN – in 1935 in rural Koochiching Co. MN – on line 61

Richard McGrath, 54 MI, single, laborer, lumber camp, lodger with:

Swan Olson, 57 Sweden & 2 other male lodgers