

DISCLAIMER

This biography is a rough draft and a work-in-progress.
The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This document lacks 1950 census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

O'Rourke, John Glennon
1897 NY – 1974 NY



John Glennon O'Rourke – "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/686932756/?terms=maystrick%20astoria&match=1>



John Glennon O'Rourke - "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Two young men from the Rockaways were aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, being members of the 213th Aero Squadron. They are John O'Rourke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Rourke, of 58 Mott avenue, Far Rockaway, and George B. Faber, son of Mrs. Edwin W. Schilling, of Rockaway Turnpike, Lawrence. John O'Rourke, who was born in Far Rockaway twenty years ago, was a student in Far Rockaway High School, but left to study for a machinist. On December 4 last he enlisted in the Aero Squadron at Mineola as a machinist and sailed with his unit some time ago. His brother, James, 18, is attending the Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I.

"Brooklyn Times Union" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

New York Times

Feb. 9, 1918

John O'Rourke, a private, 213th Aero Squadron, has not been heard from since the sinking of the Tuscania. His mother, who lives at 58 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, said yesterday that she was not worried very much as she had heard from the mother of another member of the 213th in Lawrence, L. I., that he had cabled that all of the 213th had been saved. Mrs. O'Rourke said that her son was only 20 years of age and had enlisted on Dec. 4 at Mineola before he had been graduated from high school.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

O'ROURKE JOHN GLENNON		c 2/793 444	
Pvt 213 Aero Sq		c 21-793-722	
2273 Carlton Ave Far Rockaway NY		2 792 052	
SS	2 501 99	Died	T 501 049
Born	2/19/97		R
Enl	12/4/17	Dte	6/10/19
			Cl. 1 821 295
			I
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926		INDEX CARD	
		7-1-61 JP	

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W3CF-WTT2>

John G Orourke

in the U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010

Detail Source

Name:	John G Orourke
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	19 Feb 1897
Death Date:	23 Sep 1974
SSN:	120144324
Enlistment Branch:	ARMY
Enlistment Date:	4 Dec 1917
Discharge Date:	10 Jun 1919
Page number:	1

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12252827:2441?tid=&pid=&queryId=1f9fe39bfefae5febb8c6edb7462f8e3&_phsrc=hFB41177&_phstart=successSource

John O'Rourke

in the New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Birth Index, 1878-1909

Name:	John O'Rourke
Birth Date:	19 Feb 1897
Birth Place:	Village of Far Rockaway, New York, USA
Certificate Number:	410

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=9089&h=767891&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=2441

O'Rourke, John		250,199	White
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)
Residence: 58 Mott Ave Far Rockaway		NEW YORK	
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(State)
*Enlisted in	R A at Minneola L I N Y	Dec 4/17	
†Born in	Far Rockaway N Y	20 5/6 Yrs	
Organizations:	213 Aer Sq to disch		
Grades:	Pvt		
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.			
‡Served overseas:	Jan 24/18 to May 31/19		
§Hon. disch.	June 10/19 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 enlistment. ‡Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

NY, WWI Army Card - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/240787:3030>

2d Offenders Jailed For Drunken Driving

Mineola, L. I., Sept. 13—County Judge Lewis J. Smith in County Court yesterday imposed County Jail sentences on two defendants who pleaded guilty to driving a car while intoxicated, as second offenders. One was Thomas Wall of 1357 Grand View ave., Far Rockaway, who was previously found guilty on Jan. 31, 1928.

The other was John G. O'Rourke of 2273 Carlton ave., Far Rockaway, who was convicted on Feb. 6, 1928, and who committed his second offense of June 28 at Cedarhurst. Each defendant was given 60 days in the County Jail and was fined \$200.

The address of 2273 Carlton Ave. matches the one on his Veterans Administration Military Index card – “Brooklyn (NY) Daily Eagle” Friday 13 Sep 1929 p 6 – His driver’s license was revoked for driving while intoxicated in 1928: “Brooklyn Daily Eagle” Thursday 8 Mar 1928 p 7 – John G. O’Rourke, 2273 Carlton Ave. – and in 1930: “Brooklyn Times Union” Thursday 2 Jan 1930 p 3 (John G. O’Rourke, 2273 Carlton Ave., Far Rockaway NY)

Wife:

Margaret O'Rourke

GREENWICH, Conn. — Margaret O'Rourke, 84, a Greenwich resident for more than three years, died Sunday at the Stanford Hospital in Stanford, Conn.

Mrs. O'Rourke had previously resided in Fishkill.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Fishkill.

Born July 27, 1905, in New York City, she was the daughter of John and Mary Kate Murphy Fitzgerald.

In 1929, in New York City, she married John G. O'Rourke, who died on Sept. 23, 1974.

Survivors include a son, John G. O'Rourke of San Francisco; two daughters, Arlene Hamm of Fishkill and Jane Anderson of Cos Cob, Conn.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Robert H. Auchmoody Funeral Homes Inc., 126 Main St., Fishkill.

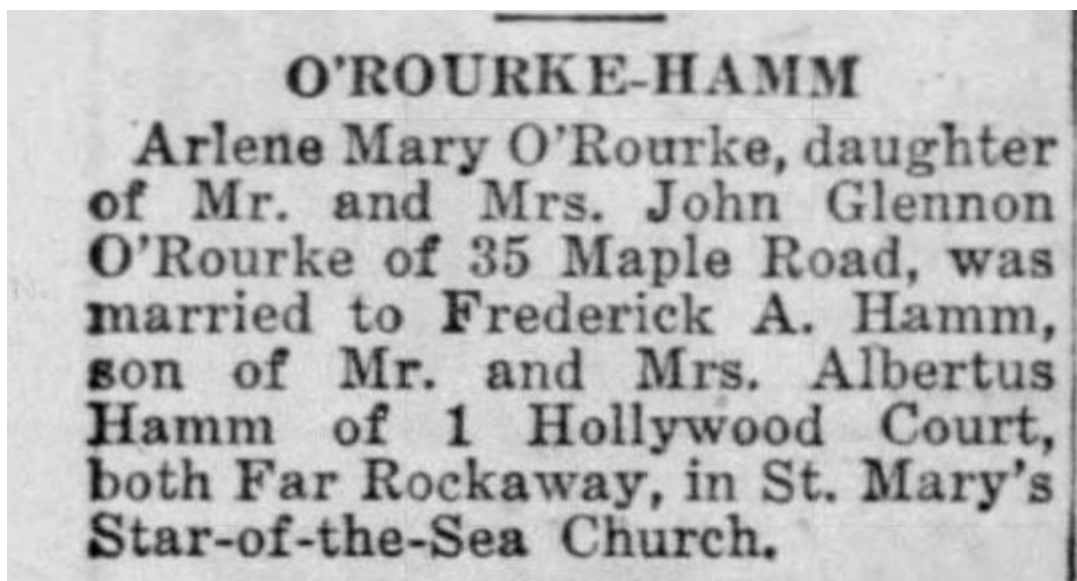
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Church, Jackson Street, Fishkill.

Burial will in St. Joachim's Cemetery in Beacon.

Obituary of wife Margaret Fitzgerald O'Rourke (1905-1990) – "Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal"
Wednesday 9 May 1990 p 2B -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/114917823/?article=d6c51db9-1e53-4530-876f-e73a5559af17&focus=0.29524016,0.4668767,0.5652682,0.61012596&xid=3355>

Children:



Marriage of daughter Arlene Mary O'Rourke to Frederick A. Hamm – "New York Daily News" Sunday
8 Dec 1957 p 673

Frederick A. Hamm



FISHKILL
Frederick A. Hamm, loving husband, father and PopPop, passed away Monday, April 20, 2009 at Vas-

sar Brothers Medical Center. He was 76.

Fred was born May 16, 1932 in Far Rockaway, Long Island. He was the son of the late Albertus and Clara Storm Hamm.

Fred graduated from Manhattan College in 1954 with a Bachelors of Science Degree. Afterwards, he enlisted in the US Army serving from 1955 until 1957.

On November 9, 1957 in St. Mary's Church in Far Rockaway Long Island he married Arlene O'Rourke, also of Far Rockaway. Mrs. Hamm survives at home in Fishkill.

Fred worked as a chemist for Texaco Research Center for 40 years, from 1954 until his retirement in 1994.

Fred is also survived by his daughters, Mary Lee Froese and her husband Glenn of Pleasant Valley; Karen Papania and her husband Mark of Lilburn, Georgia; Lisa Cummings of Scranton, PA; Kristin Rearden and her husband Bradley of Knoxville, TN. Also surviving are 15 adoring grandchildren: Brian and Kevin Froese; Adam, Sarah, Laura, Kate, Andrea, Mary Therese and Sophia Papania; Claire, Timothy and Sean Cummings; Meghan, Shannon and Ryan Rearden, and two nieces.

Fred was predeceased by his son, Lt. Eric A. Hamm on October 14, 1994; sister, Elaine Brady on July 9, 2008 and his son-in-law, Timothy T. Cummings on March 31, 2006.

Calling hours will be held Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Robert H. Auchmoody Funeral Homes, Inc., 1028 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 24, at 10 am at St. Mary Mother of the Church in Fishkill followed by a burial at St. Joachims Cemetery in Beacon.

O'ROURKE, John G., Jr. — Suddenly and unexpectedly on 11/15/1999 at St. Francis Hospital, S.F. Age 64. Owner of Oratech Controls, Inc. of San Francisco. 30 year resident of San Francisco. Previous resident of New York City. Veteran U.S. Army for 2 years. Member of the Catholic Church and avid golfer. Born in Queens, N.Y. on July 13, 1935 to John G. O'Rourke, Sr. and Margaret Fitzgerald. Graduate of S.U.N.Y. at Farmingdale, Long Island. Survived by two sisters, Arlene Hamm, Fishkill, N.Y. and Jane Andersen, Greenwich, CT; several nieces & nephews & great nieces & nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at 10:00am at St. Mary Mother of the Church, Fishkill, N.Y. Burial St. Joachim's Cemetery, Beacon, N.Y. Calling hours Friday, 6-9pm, at the ROBERT H. AUCHMOODY FUNERAL HOMES, INC., 126 Main St., Fishkill, N.Y. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 22 IBM Rd., Suite 108, Kanor Building, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601.

Obituary of son John Glennon O'Rourke Jr. (1935-1999) – "San Francisco (CA) Examiner" Thursday 18 Nov 1999 p 31

Siblings:

New York, New York, Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948

[View record](#)

Name James O'Rourke
Gender Male
Race White
Marital Status Single
Age 41
Birth Date 7 Sep 1899
Birth Place USA
Residence Street Address 2273 Nameoke StReet
Residence Place New York
Years in US LIFE
Death Date 5 Aug 1941
Death Street Address 2273 Nameoke Street
Death Place New York City, Queens, New York, USA
Cause of Death LYE POISONING CONTRIBUTORY
DEPRESSIVE PSYCHOSIS
Burial Date 8 Aug 1941
Burial Place St MARYS Cemetery
Occupation Machinist
Father's Birth Place Ireland
Mother's Birth Place Ireland

Father John O'Rourke
 Mother Theresa O'Rourke
 Informant John O'Rourke
 Informant Gender Male
 Informant Relationship Father
 Executor John O'Rourke
 Executor Relationship Brother
 Certificate Number 5641

Suicide of brother James O'Rourke (1899-1941) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/159761718/person/122242424643/facts>

O'ROURKE JAMES FRANCIS		XC 2 985 299
QM 2 c USN		K
2273 Carlton Ave Far RockawayA		497 910
NY		
Sn 134 86 93	Died 8/6/41	T 1 329 577
Born 9/7/99		R
Enl 12/12/17	Dis 10/6/19	Cl. 3 068 610
		I
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1936		INDEX CARD
		2-13969

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W3CF-2X2M>



Sister Terese ("Cookie") O'Rourke O'Grady - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/159761718/person/122242422662/media/db6bf876-c968-4c4f-918d-630be5b6cbe5>

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T 1604	1. NAME (Print) Peter Thomas O'Rourke (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER T 11753
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 19 - Howard Pl. Brooklyn Kings N.Y. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 38 DATE OF BIRTH April 29 1904 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Brooklyn (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Bridget O'Rourke 7123-4 th Ave. Brooklyn		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Police Dept. N.Y.C.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 15 Adelphi St. Brooklyn N.Y. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-42)	☆ GPO 16-21630-1	Peter T. O'Rourke (Registrant's signature)

Is this his brother? – WWII registration (card not dated) https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/194722854:2238?tid=159761718&pid=122242422662&queryId=61ac50e17cc896277b1d9cdead93662c&_phsrc=hFB41170&_phstart=successSource



2273 Nameoke St., Far Rockaway NY - https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2273-Nameoke-Ave-Far-Rockaway-NY-11691/32221455_zpid/

perhaps Bridget Glannon O'Rourke (but some children births do not agree) F:98921409 if b. 2 Aug 1875 Ireland, d. 12 Aug 1945 Manhattan NY, buried Calvary (Woodside, Queens NY) father John could be this one (as not in 1930 census): d. 9 Jan 1926 Queens NY, age 65, laborer, b. ca. 1861 Ireland, buried 12 Jan 1966, St. Mary's Cemetery, Lawrence, Long Island NY, son of Thomas & Mary (Noonan), wife Bridget

Name: John Glennon O'Rourke

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,199

Entered service from: Far Rockaway, Queens NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John O'Rourke

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. J. O'Rourke, 58 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway NY

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: John O'Rourke

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Jenny O'Rourke, 58 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway NY (pvt, 213th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 2273 Carlton, Far Rockaway NY

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Glennon O'Rourke – b. 19 Feb 1897 Far Rockaway, Queens NY; res: 304 Camp Rd., Far Rockaway, Queens NY. NOK Margaret O'Rourke, same address. Employed by Sol. Potsdam, 1184 B59 St., Far Rockaway NY. Height: 5'7" – 137 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 4 Dec 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: 2273 Carlton Ave., Far Rockaway NY

Rank/unit: private, 213th Aero Squadron.

NY, WWI Army Card:

John O'Rourke, serial 250199, born Far Rockaway NY. Enlisted 4 Dec 1917 Mineola, Long Island NY at age 20 years, 10 months. Resident of 56 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway NY. Private in 213th Aero Squadron to discharge. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 31 May 1919. Discharged 10 Jun 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Feb 1897 Far Rockaway, Queens NY – reported to be 20 years old (NY Times 9 Feb 1918, which places birth ca. 1897) – on NY Army Card: was 20 years, 5 months old on 4 Dec 1917 so that computes to a birth in Jun 1897 or very early Jul 1897

Died: 23 Sep 1974 Far Rockaway, Queens NY (Social Security Death Index) (his death not listed on Veterans Administration Master Index)

Died:

Find A Grave record:

Burial location:

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: John O'Rourke, Feb 1865 Ireland (1900 census) or ca. 1860 (1910 census) or ca. 1866 (1920 census). Birthplace listed on Ancestry.com as County Westmeath, Ireland.

May have died between 1920 & 1930 censuses. Might he be the John F. O'Rourke who died at age 55 on 22 Mar 1921 Manhattan NY?

Find A Grave:

Mother: Bridget Teresa Glennon O'Rourke, Nov 1865 Ireland (1900 census) or ca. 1870 (1910 census) or 1872 (1920 census) – 1960 Far Rockaway, Queens NY. Ancestry.com record lists birthplace as Ballinlough, Roscommon, Ireland.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1890 Manhattan NY

Spouse: Margaret V. Fitzgerald O'Rourke, 27 Jul 1905 NYC – 6 May 1990 Stamford, Fairfield CT. SSN 052-18-0960. Daughter of John Joseph Fitzgerald (1870-1963) & his 1st wife, Mary Kate Murphy. Buried in St. Joachim's Cemetery, Beacon, Dutchess NY adjacent to son John Glennon O'Rourke Jr.

Spouse Find A Grave: 116128792

Marriage: 15 Apr 1932 Manhattan NY. John was age 35, Margaret was age 26. [Margaret's obituary says they married in 1929.]

Children:

- Arlene Mary O'Rourke Hamm, 19 Nov 1932 Queens NY - . Married 8 Nov 1957 in Far Rockaway, Long Island NY to Frederick Albert Hamm (1932-2009, F: 116128521). His tombstone is shared with her, but her death date is not inscribed. Frederick is buried in St. Joachim's Cemetery, Beacon, Dutchess NY.
- John Glennon O'Rourke Jr., 13 Jun or Jul [records vary] 1935 Rockaway, Queens NY – 15 Nov 1999 San Francisco, San Francisco CA (St. Francis Hospital). Owner of Oratech Controls Inc. Not survived by a wife or children. Buried in St. Joachim's Cemetery, Beacon, Dutchess NY. F: 116128877
- Jane O'Rourke Andersen/Anderson. Presumably born after 1940 census. Resident of Cos Cob CT in May 1990 & of Greenwich CT in Nov 1999.

Siblings:

- Mary O'Rourke, Aug 1891 NY (1900 census) – 1981.
- Loretta O'Rourke, Mar 1895 NY (1900 census) or 6 Mar 1896 NY, NY (NY birth record) – 1974.
- James Francis O'Rourke, 7 Sep 1899 NY – 5 Aug 1941 NY. NY birth record lists the birth of Thomas O'Rourke on 7 Sep 1899 in NYC to John & Bridget (Glennon) O'Rourke, 3rd child, 4 now living (which makes no sense.) Committed suicide by lye poisoning due to “depressive psychosis.” Resident of 2273 Nameoke St., Far Rockaway NY at time of death. Veterans Administration Master Index gives date of death as 6 Aug 1941. Buried according to NY death record in St. Mary's Cemetery.
- Terese Dolores (“Cookie”) O'Rourke O'Grady, 18 Feb 1903 NY – 8 Sep 1978 Port Washington, Nassau NY. SSN 046-22-8704. Married John Joseph O'Grady Jr. (1904-1972) on 29 Jun 1931 in Queens NY.
- Peter O'Rourke, ca. 1906 NY. Might this be Peter O'Rourke, SSN 706-07-0184, b. 6 Aug 1906, died Sep 1976?

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Brooklyn Times Union” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 14 – aboard Tuscania: Pvt. John O'Rourke, mother Mrs. J. O'Rourke, 58 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway NY.

Post-war:

CARLETON AVE.
 171. Fiedman, Samuel
 2205. Sharp, Harriet
 McManus, Harriet S.
 2212. Sheridan, P. H.
 2222. Smith, Sophie
 Smith, J. Ezra
 North, Ethel
 North, John
 Lightford, Caroline
 2254. LaHondere, M. J.
 2265. Roberts, Jesse
 2273. Orourke, John
 2273. Orourke, L. M.

1924 NY voter registration - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/808378:61536?tid=&pid=&queryId=d11a3fbaba7d9d49685b15cfec308a33&_phsrc=hFB41198&_phstart=successSource

1922 NY election roll lists him & siblings Loretta & James F. O'Rourke at 58 Mott Ave.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 120-114-4324

Censuses:

1900 Queens NY – Broadway

John O'ROARK, 35 Ireland, Feb 1865, parents b. Ireland, married 10 years, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, naturalized, "gardner"

Theressa, 34 Ireland, Nov 1865, parents b. Ireland, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Mary, 8 NY, Aug 1891

Lottie, 5 NY, Mar 1895

John, 3 NY, Feb 1897

James, 8 months NY, Mar 1899

1910 Queens NY – 38 White St.

John O'Rourke, 50 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, no emigration data, in 1st marriage, married 19 years, "gardner"

Bridget, 40 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, emigrated 1887, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living, cook, house

Mary, 18 NY
 Doretta, 15 NY
 John, 13 NY
 James, 11 NY
 Theresa, 7 NY
 & 3 male boarders, all carpenters

1920 Far Rockaway, Queens NY – Mott Ave.
 John O'Rourke, 54 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, emigrated 1900, naturalized, gardener
 Bridget F., 48 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, emigrated 1887, naturalized
 Mary, 27 NY
 Loretta, 24 NY, bookkeeper, office
 John, 21 NY chauffeur, butcher shop
 James, 20 NY
 Tressa, 14 NY
 [all the children are single]

1930 Far Rockaway NY – 2273 Nameoke St.
 Bridget O'Rourke, 60 Ireland, married?/widowed? (blurry), parents b. Irish Free State, emigrated 1887, naturalized housewife [head of household]
 Mary, 38 NY, labroarian [librarian? Laborer?]
 Loretta, 36 NY, secretary
 John, 33 NY, father b. Irish Free State, mother b. Ireland, clerk, WWI veteran
 James F., 30 NY, clerk, WWI veteran
 Therese, 27 NY, secretary
 Peter, 24 NY, clerk
 [all the children are single, father b. Irish Free State, mother b. Ireland]

1940 Queens NY – 304 Camp Rd. – same place in 1935
 John O'Rourke Sr., 43 NY, painter, building trade
 Margaret, 34 NY
 Arlene, 7 NY
 John Jr., 4 NY

1940 Queens NY – 2273 Nameoke – same place in 1935 – mother & siblings
 Theresa O'Rourke, 68 Ireland, widow
 Mary, 48 NY, single, manager, book store
 Loretta, 45 NY, single, supervisor, newspaper
 James, 40 NY, single, clerk, office