

TUSCANIA

**1 of 2 civilians aboard – not a soldier
Fitzgerald, Edward Thomas
1886 MN – 1964 MI**



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Edward Thomas Fitzgerald

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz



Passport application 27 Feb 1920 in Dade County FL

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A loose signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application.
The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

See This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, must accompany the application.
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[Form for Native Citizen.]

No. _____

Name _____

MAR 2 1920

DEPT. OF STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DADE

I, Edward T. Fitzgerald, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at St. Paul, Minn. in the State of Minn. on or about the 19th day of Sept. 1888; that my father John P. Fitzgerald was born in Ireland and is now residing at deceased (that he emigrated to the United States from the port of Unknown on or about 1843; that he resided 65 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1843 to 1908, at Detroit & St. Paul; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Immigrated as a minor Court of _____, as _____ on _____, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization); that I have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods: Never lived outside U. S. from _____ to _____ and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Detroit in the State of Mich. where I follow the occupation of City Official My last passport was obtained from Never had passport on _____ and was _____ I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within two (months) with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

Bahama Islands Recreation
(Name of country.) (Object of visit.)

(Name of country.) (Object of visit.)

(Name of country.) (Object of visit.)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of Miami, Fla. (Port of departure.)
sailing on board the first vessel after receiving passport. (Name of vessel.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 27th day of Feb. 1920

Deputy Clerk of the U. S. Dist. Court at Miami, Fla.

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* A person born in the United States should submit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.
[If the applicant's father was born in this country, name should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.]

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 32 years. Mouth: Medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 7½ inches, Eng. Chin: Round
 Forehead: Medium Hair: Dark
 Eyes: Blue-gray Complexion: Brunette
 Nose: Medium Face: Oval
 Distinguishing marks: None

IDENTIFICATION.

Feb. 27, 1920

I, Robert O. Shura, solemnly swear that I am a [native naturalized] citizen of the United States; that I reside at Detroit, Mich.; that I have known the above-named Edward T. Fitzgerald personally for two years and know [him] to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in [his] affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robert O. Shura
Paul State
 (Deputy Clerk)
Detroit, Mich.
 (Attorney of Witness)

Sworn to before me this 27th day

of Feb. 1920

(Seal)

Deputy Clerk of the U. S. Dist. Court at Detroit, Mich.

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:

Edward T. Fitzgerald117 East Grand Boulevard,Detroit, Mich.

ORIGINAL

I hereby certify that a duplicate of this passport application has been delivered to the applicant and per-
 mission granted to leave the United States for a term of six months with-
 out the necessity of a passport with-
 in the next six months.

Paul State
 Deputy Clerk, U. S. Dist. Court.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.



BIRTH AFFIDAVIT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I am a native citizen of the United States, that I am
 the friend of Edw. T. Fitzgerald
 having known (him) for the past 19 years, and from acquaintance and association with
(his) family know that (he) was born at St. Paul
(here) in the State of Minnesota, on
19th day of September, 1898.
 (Signed) James H. Townsend

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
27th day of February, 1920
Fourth St. St. Paul
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
 My Commission Expires June 1, 1922

and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Detroit
 in the State of Mich., where I follow the occupation of Real Estate
 My last passport was obtained from State Dept., Washington, on 1914
 and was expired I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I
 intend to return to the United States within two months with the purpose of residing and per-
 forming the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for me in visiting the countries here-
 inafter named for the following purpose:

<u>Bahama Islands</u> (Name of country)	<u>Recreation</u> (Object of visit)
<u>(Name of country)</u>	<u>(Object of visit)</u>
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(Place or Office) Wm. Graham 1579
 Deputy Clerk of the U. S. Dist. Court at Miami, Fla.

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Detroit, Mich. 2020

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 mitted to be retained by him, where the United
 States is a party to the Convention of
 1903, and that the applicant has not continued
 to reside in the United States.

Wm. Graham
 Deputy Clerk, U. S. Dist. Court

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Edward Thomas Fitzgerald

in the Minnesota, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980



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Detail Source

Name	Edward Thomas Fitzgerald
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	19 Sep 1886
Birth Place	St Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota
Father	John Francis Fitzgerald
Mother	Ellen Hackett
FHL Film Number	1309121

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Form 510
 Department of Commerce and Labor
 IMMIGRATION SERVICE

LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS
 (FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES)

S. S. "S. F. PAUL" sailing from LIVERPOOL, 6th APRIL 1918. Arriving at Port of New York 15 APR 1918.

No. on List	NAME IN FULL	AGE	Sex	Married or Single	IF NATIVE OF UNITED STATES, GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY OR TOWNS AND STATE)	IF NATURALIZED, GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF COURT WHICH ISSUED NATURALIZATION PAPERS, AND DATE OF PAPERS	ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES
17	FitzGerald, Edward, T.	31	M	S	St Paul, Minn, Sept. 19 1887	12/8/1878. <i>Land of the Living and Employed as a student of the law at the University of Michigan</i>	C/o Simmonds Hardware Co, St Louis 119 E. Gr. Boulevard, Detroit Mich
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Name	Edward T Fitzgerald
Gender	Male
Marital Status	Single
Age	31
Birth Date	19 Sep 1887
Birth Place	Minnesota
Other Birth Place	St Paul, Minnesota
Departure Port	Liverpool, England
Arrival Date	15 Apr 1918
Arrival Port	New York, New York, USA
Ship Name	St Paul

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Edward Fitzgerald
in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail	Source
Name	Edward Fitzgerald
Social Security Number	362-07-9789
Birth Date	19 Sep 1886
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Michigan
Death Date	Nov 1964

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Detroit Sports Figure Dies

DETROIT (AP) — Edward T. Fitzgerald, 78, former Detroit newspaperman, secretary to mayors and sports figure, died at his home Wednesday.

Fitzgerald, native of St. Paul, was secretary of the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club during the ownership of the late Walter O. Briggs. He was city hall reporter for the Detroit News in the early 1900s and secretary to the late former Mayors Oscar Marks and James Couzens. One of Fitzgerald's last sports activities was the handling of the public announcement post at Tiger Stadium.

Fitzgerald leaves a son, Edward T. Jr., and a daughter, Sally. Funeral services will be Friday from Grosse Pointe St. Paul's Church with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

"Lansing State Journal" 5 Nov 1964 p 54 – Eddie Fitzgerald, age 78, former Detroit newspaperman, secretary to mayors, sports figures. Born St. Paul MN, secretary/public relations of Detroit Tigers baseball team when owned by Walter O. Briggs. City hall reporter for "Detroit News" in early 1900s. Secretary to Detroit MI mayors Oscar Marks & James Couzens. Final job was public address announcer for Detroit Tigers. Survived by son Edward T. Fitzgerald Jr. & daughter Sally. Burial in Mount Olivet.

EDWARD T. FITZGERALD—Services for Mr. Fitzgerald, 78, of 1415 Parker, will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, and at 10 a.m. in St. Paul's Church, 157 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Fitzgerald died Wednesday.

A former employe of the Detroit News and the Mayor's Office, he was hired by the late Walter O. Briggs as secretary-public relations for the Detroit Tigers. He retired in 1957.

Surviving are a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Sally Ann.

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Larned, FitzGerald and the *Tuscania*: Prominent DAC members were part of historic World War I incident

By Timothy Wieland

The DAC had a wealth of soldiers serving in the first World War who came back with stories of the time they spent in service to their country. One of the most intriguing stories came from two prominent DAC members who were never part of the active service but were involved in one of the most historic events of the war.

Today, the sinking of the U.S. troop ship *Tuscania* may not be as well-known as the *Lusitania*, another maritime catastrophe during World War I, but the incident captured the attention of a nation going to war.

DAC members Abner Larned and Edward FitzGerald boarded the *Tuscania* for France in late 1917 on a secret mission. Larned, a manufacturer and salesman with Larned, Carter & Co. and one of the most popular members of the DAC, was going to study the work of "airmen" in England, France and other allied countries. FitzGerald, the secretary to then Detroit Mayor Oscar Marx, appears to have been on the trip as Larned's assistant.

Larned's account of the ordeal can be found in the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library. It is a reprint of a speech he gave to the National Association of Garment Manufacturers in Chicago on May 16, 1918. He gave a similar speech to the DAC upon his return from the ordeal.

It appears that Larned and FitzGerald were the only civilian passengers on the *Tuscania*, a luxury ocean liner of the famous Cunard lines that had been converted to a troop ship.

It left Hoboken (NJ) on Jan. 24, 1918 with 2,179 soldiers on board. After stopping in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Above, Abner Larned; below left, Edward FitzGerald. Left, the Tuscania in 1915. Photo courtesy of the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

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and leaving men to help with a disaster in the harbor, the *Tuscania* continued on towards France. On Feb. 5, the liner was seven miles off the coast of Ireland when it was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat around 5:45 p.m. The British cruisers accompanying the boat apparently abandoned the *Tuscania* for fear of being the next target of the U-boat.

"I can never forget it," Larned said about the torpedo hitting the ship. "It was as though a thousand tons of dynamite had suddenly blown up directly below me."

Like history will show in many famous ship disasters, the *Tuscania* crew had problems with lifeboats. Larned said the men had not been trained on how to properly use them. Some boats would tip while being lowered into the water, others were lowered without a plug in the bottom and some boats were lowered on top of others already filled with soldiers.

men.

"The other boys were younger and more active than myself and they got over quite easily, but it was quite difficult for me," Larned recalled. "Finally I got one foot over and then I noticed the destroyer was pulling away. I could see the water opening up beneath there. I wasn't very careful then about getting over the rail, but I made one final jump over the side and grabbed the cable that went around the end of the destroyer and was immediately grabbed by the jack tears and hauled aboard."

While they were loading, another torpedo was fired, narrowly missing the *Tuscania* and the *Mosquito*. After the *Mosquito* was full, other cruisers from the British fleet would aid in the rescue, along with local fishing vessels. Records are unclear as to which of the rescuing ships Larned and FitzGerald boarded, but Larned's account suggests they boarded the *Mosquito*. The *DAC News*, however, reported that Larned was the

ended up saving his life, when the earlier train was bombed.

After Larned and FitzGerald's return to the United States, they were greeted with a rousing welcome at the DAC and a patriotic dinner where Larned, who would serve as president of the DAC in 1920, spoke not only the sinking of the *Tuscania*, but the state of the war. It was said at the time that the gathering would "undoubtedly smash all DAC records for interest and enthusiasm."

No guests were allowed at the party, which ended up with an attendance of around 1,000 people, although one Wayne County Circuit Court judge was quoted in the Club magazine as saying, "No matter where Larned makes his first speech when he gets back, I am going to be there if I have to fight my way in."

Over 200 American soldiers perished on the *Tuscania*, mainly those who were part of lifeboat accidents.

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Just over an hour later, all the lifeboats were in the water, but 1,350 men still remained on board the sinking vessel, including Larned and FitzGerald.

The men of the sinking ship also had to deal with the "life suits" of the day. Larned called them "the most cumbersome things," and said they felt like they had "heavy weights in the feet."

Soon after the lifeboat disaster, the British cruisers returned and came to rescue the soldiers. Larned said the ship had sunken to a level where its deck was even with the smaller cruiser, the *HMS Mosquito*.

Already ill with a cold, Larned was slowed down as soldiers pressed to make the transfer. He was older than almost all of the men on the boat, and being a civilian, was not as fit as the military

last man off the ship, meaning he would have had to enter one of the other British cruisers.

That would only be the first near-death experience for Larned on his mission. After landing in Ireland, Larned and FitzGerald went to London and were greeted by air raids on the city. Upon their arrival in Paris, they were again greeted by bombing of the city.

While Larned was in France near Verdun, his guide and interpreter stopped their vehicle to ask for directions. Only seconds later, a shell exploded a short distance up the road where their vehicle would have been.

When he was leaving Paris at the end of his study, Larned tried to take the 7 p.m. train, but friends convinced him to go out to dinner and he was forced to go on the 11 p.m. train. The delay

The American Red Cross erected a memorial for the *Tuscania* in the 1920s on the Island of Islay, where it still stands today.

Before the events of Pearl Harbor entered the United States into World War II, the sinking of the *Tuscania* was a well-known event in American history, according to Steve Schwartz, a *Tuscania* historian. Schwartz added that the event changed American sentiment towards the war.

"The Army was dependent on the draft as the number of enlistments was low," said Schwartz, whose grandfather George E. Schwartz, was on the ship. "The sinking of the *Tuscania* was an emotional event. The Army recorded a record number of enlistments, men thirsty to revenge the loss of so many American soldiers."

The following are excerpts from the online book of Marilyn Gahm, "The Sinking of the Tuscania," at www.tuscania1918.org

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Edward T. Fitzgerald, a 31-year-old civilian, spent the entire voyage ill with influenza.

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Detroit, Michigan, civilian businessman Abner E. Larned, traveling with Edward Fitzgerald, who was employed as the secretary of the mayor of Detroit and was nicknamed "Efficiency Fitz," reported the boxing athletes were neglected by all when the coast of Scotland appeared. There was a lot of yelling when land was sighted to port around 2:30/3:30 p.m. – the peaks of the islands of Islay and Jura, in Scotland, islands that are part of the Inner Hebrides. "Such yelling you never heard for it certainly looked good to us, although we were many miles from either shore. We had been at sea for thirteen days."

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Two civilians aboard – (left) Detroit businessman Abner Elisha Larned (1871-1947) and (right) Edward Thomas Fitzgerald (1886-1964), before the war serving as secretary to the mayor of Detroit, later executive public relations director for the Detroit Tigers baseball team and occasional sportscaster

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Edward T. Fitzgerald (September 19, 1886-November 4, 1964), the secretary of Mayor Oscar Marx of Detroit, on his way to the French battlefields with Detroit businessman Abner Larned, was reassured by a young Scotsman familiar with these waters that they and the *Tuscania* were only 45 minutes from safety, between Scotland and Ireland as they were positioned. The Scot had barely finished speaking when the torpedo that would kill the *Tuscania* - and many of its passengers - struck.

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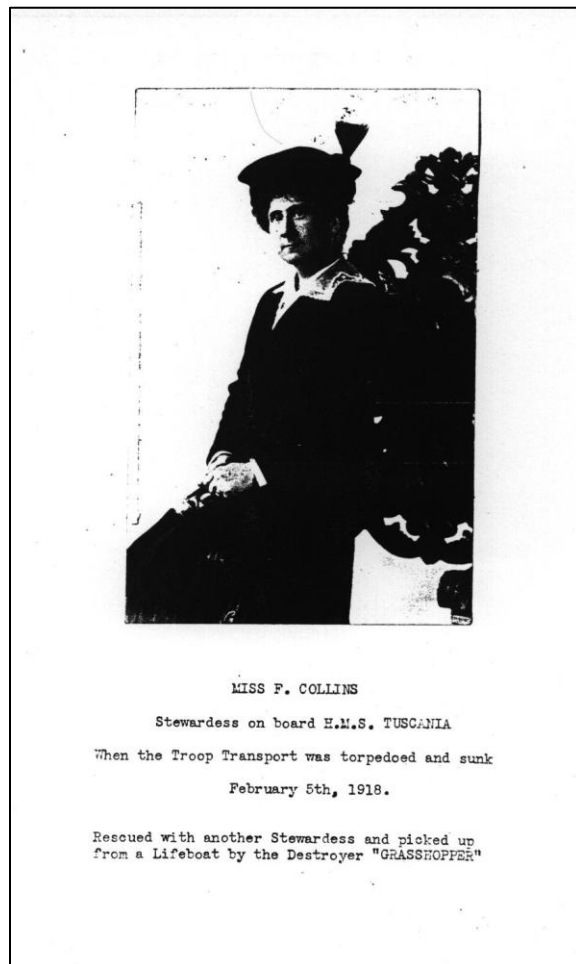
Fitzgerald recalled: "Among the officers and, in the case of many of the men, the composure was remarkable. While the boats were being lowered emergency power relit the lights and statements by members of the ship's crew that the boat might float for some time helped to allay fears."

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Edward T. Fitzgerald wrote his employer Oscar Marx, the mayor of Detroit, in a letter printed in the March 2, 1918, *New York Times*: "I would like to forget, (but I know I never shall,) the scenes that followed. The dreadful groping about in the dark of those who were trying to locate lifebelts and boats. The unsuccessful attempts to launch many of the lifeboats, the breaking of cables, which emptied scores of poor fellows into the bitter cold water, the frantic and futile shouts of men who struggled as the high seas choked and chilled them, and the slow but steady listing of the great ship on its starboard side."

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The two British stewardesses aboard, both at least twenty-year veterans of the sea – Mrs. Flora Jane Collins (age 45) and Mrs. Mary Corson (age 61) – made their way across the deck amid requests to "Step aside, boys, the ladies are coming." And down the ropes to a lifeboat, the women slid – "as fancy as any sailor," recalled Joerns. Fitzgerald recalled the women being in the last lifeboat launched, but that was contradicted by Mrs. Collins herself. Edward T. Lauer, later the secretary/treasurer of the National Tuscania Survivors Association, found himself in the lifeboat with the two women.



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Fitzgerald wrote, "With practically all of the lifeboats either launched or collapsed, a shout of joy went up from the port side of the ship, when a British destroyer with all lights out slowly approached." Writing only a few weeks after the incident, Fitzgerald would not have been able to reveal its name due to censorship. Censorship may explain many destroyer arrival issues.

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Fitzgerald reported on the first rescue ship: "Three hundred men slid down ropes and landed on the

destroyer, which soon departed, leaving perhaps some six hundred or seven hundred men still aboard out of approximately twenty-five hundred passengers." The *Mosquito* was now too loaded to accept any more passengers.

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Upon the departure of the *Mosquito*, Detroit civilian Fitzgerald noted that the men were once again in the dark. "Once more the lights commenced to grow dim, and finally were extinguished. There was a likelihood that no more destroyers would come, because it is the practice of the submarine commanders to shell or torpedo boats that are rescuing victims of a sinking ship." Fitzgerald was unaware that *UB-77* had already tried this – and missed.

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Fitzgerald and his friend Abner E. Larned had rendezvoused at lifeboat No. 12 after the torpedoing. Larned, a civilian and the president of Headlight Overall factories (Larned, Carter & Co.), was on a secret government mission. Earlier in his stateroom, Larned had first put on his overcoat, next his lifebelt, then his patented "life-saving suit" (designed to preserve life in the ocean for several hours). Fitzgerald went to his room to get his lifebelt. Upon returning to the lifeboat station, he found that his lifeboat had been launched successfully – minus him – but also without Larned, both because Larned had chosen to wait for his friend and because Larned was a bit dubious about the launching process.

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Now with a lieutenant from Boston named Clark (likely 1st Lieutenant Leland Vining Clark), Fitzgerald and Larned decided to climb onto the highest deck, figuring their only recourse was to jump into the sea, and this would give them a better chance than being sucked down if below deck or on lower decks, Larned writing later that he recalled the *Titanic* deaths due to suction. After seeing what he said was the last lifeboat launched, the one bearing the two female crew members, the trio went below to the "D" deck. They saw a destroyer nearing the *Tuscania* on the port side, but "were disappointed" when it pulled away.

Larned and Fitzgerald then politely asked a sailor, "I beg your pardon, but could you tell us whether it would be better to jump off the port or starboard side if we had to?" The sailor did not look up, but mumbled his advice. "It's every man for himself now."

Then the lights went out again. The three men "hastened to the other side and discovered another destroyer waiting there. She had come up quietly in the darkness and had taken a couple of hundred men off before we knew she was there." It is uncertain what destroyer this was, since Larned could not release its name in his March 1918 description of his rescue due to censorship. They heard a voice call from the destroyer, "Any more 100th Squadron men around?" Although not with that squadron, being a civilian, Larned asked, "Have you room for

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two first-class passengers?" The response: "Jump on and grab yourself a ride." And jump they did.

"With a shout of joy," rejoiced Fitzgerald, "the boys who had been on our side of the boat leaped aboard. I grabbed hold of a rail with one hand and took hold of Mr. Larned with the other. The destroyer was just pulling away and Mr. Larned was the last one to board her." Larned said he left just before Captain McLean, which matches the account of Lt. Joerns, who said that "wonderful" Captain McLean was the last man off the ship, flanked by Abner Larned and Edward Fitzgerald until the end.

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Once aboard the *Pigeon*, Larned found that the ship was “literally jammed” with survivors – “they stood welded tight, a solid mass.” Concerned about his traveling companion Fitzgerald, who had been ill with influenza during the voyage and was now feeling faint, Larned explained the situation to a British “lad” of the destroyer’s crew, who replied, “I’ll fix him.” The boy fetched his hammock, unrolled it, then strung it over the heads of the crowded men in the cabin. Larned, who thought the boy a “corker,” noted: “He produced a steaming hot bowl of cocoa, which he offered us, and was all sympathy and desire to assist us.”

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Upon his arrival at the barracks, around 3:30 a.m. according to Larned, he told a British sergeant “with a heart of gold” about Fitzgerald’s illness and asked if there was some accommodation, as he did not wish “Eddie” to sleep on the floor. The nearest town was three miles away and it was raining steadily, but the sergeant removed a man off guard and sent him away on a bicycle to locate an automobile. Around 5 a.m. a car appeared, and Larned and Fitzgerald left for a nearby hotel, with Fitzgerald clad in the sergeant’s donated overcoat.

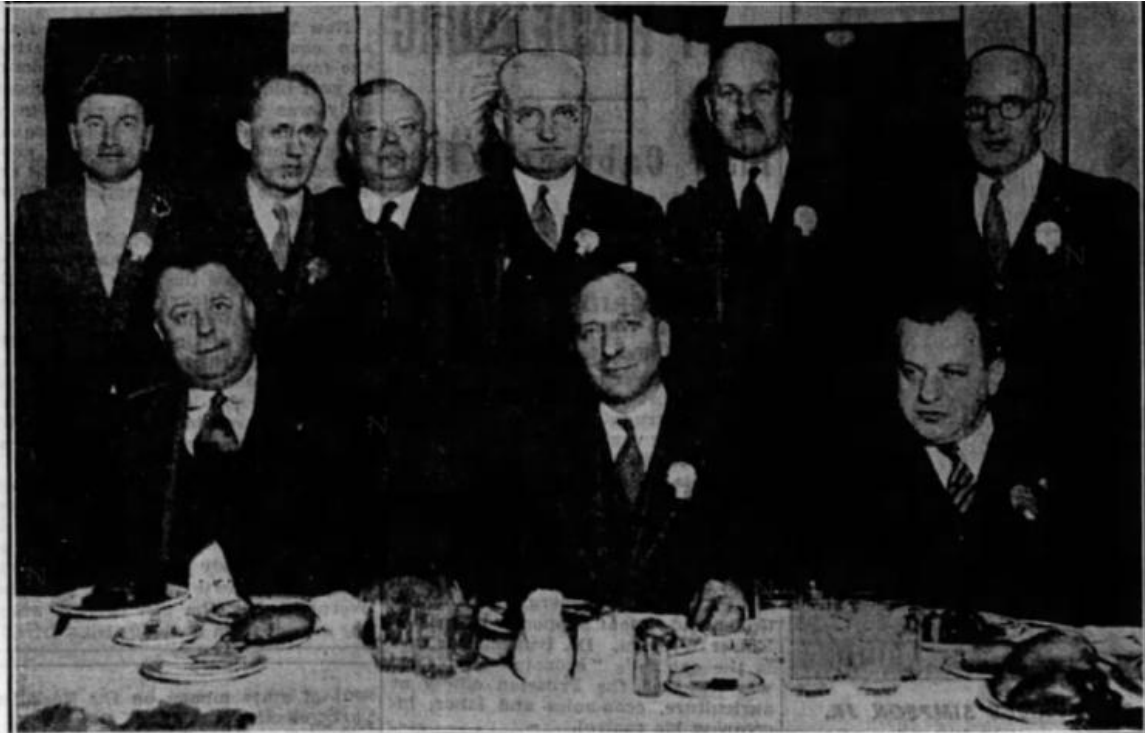
At the hotel, Fitzgerald downed two stiff drinks, “dispensed by sweet Irish lasses who devoted themselves to our comfort.” While Fitzgerald slept, Larned joined a group of officers around the hotel fireplace, when in walked his military aide, Lt. Joerns. “We greeted each other like long-lost brothers, and the questions flew thick and fast.” These were “Where is ...?” and “Did so-and-so survive?” questions. Fitzgerald was eventually hospitalized in Dublin – minus his eyeglasses, which were somewhere in the ocean.

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Edward T. Fitzgerald expresses his gratitude in the *New York Times* of March 2, 1918, to the destroyer captains and crew. “I can’t describe adequately just how grateful we feel, and when I return I want to meet the man who inquires ironically, ‘What is the British Navy doing in this war?’ As a matter of fact at least 1,500 of our passengers, perhaps more, would have been lost if it had not been for the supreme courage of the men of those destroyers. They took frightful chances of being blown to pieces in pulling up alongside the *Tuscania*. We owe our lives to the bravery of the British jackies.”

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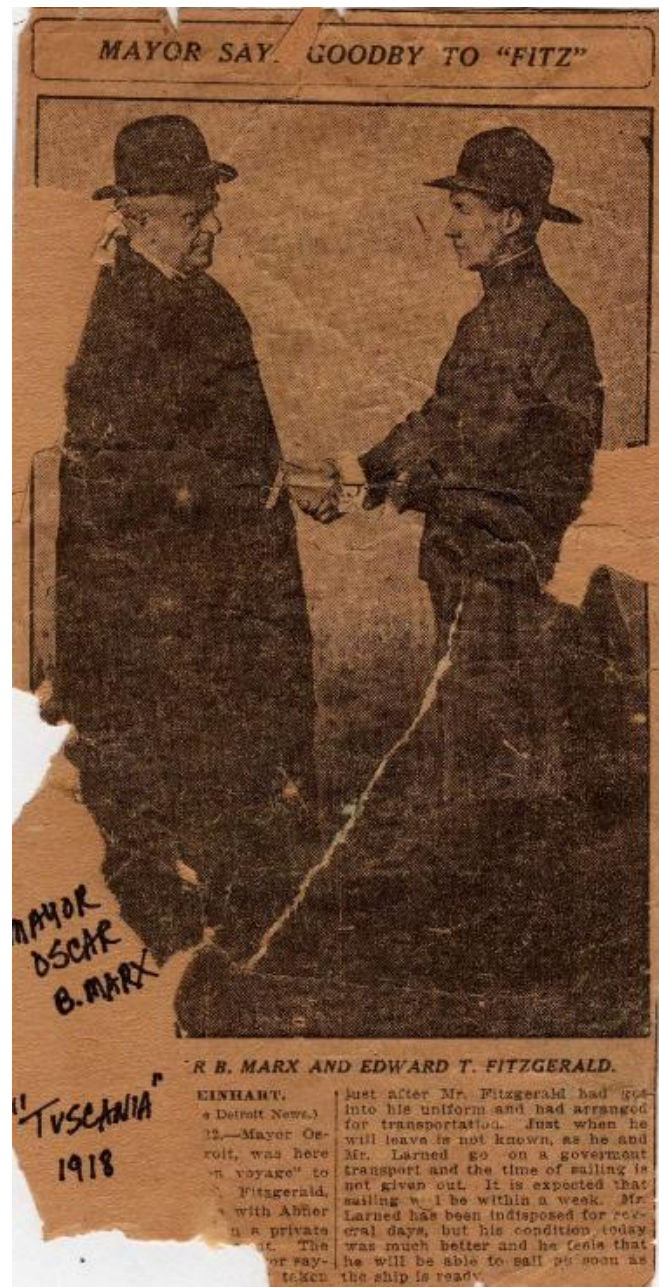
- Civilians – said to number 36, mostly men in the employ of the Anchor Line, who were traveling back to England to work on a ship. American civilians Edward Fitzgerald and Abner Larned were aboard.



Seated (left to right): Edward Kemp, past commander of South Shore post of the American Legion; Arnold Joerns, president of Tuscania Survivors' association; Harry Schostak, vice president of association. Standing: George Zimmerman, Milwaukee, past president of Tuscania Survivors' association; Edward T. Fitzgerald, Detroit; George R. Howitt, commander of Wisconsin American Legion; Abner Larned, Detroit; Roy O. Richardson, and Thomas E. McGee.

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

At the National Tuscania Survivors Association meeting in 1933 – standing, 2nd from left – “Chicago Tribune” 5 Feb 1933 p 4



Courtesy of Steven Schwartz

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May

1918

LARNED TOUCHES OFF BOMB OF PATRIOTIC FERVOR

FOR such a welcome home as the Detroit Athletic Club gave Abner E. Larned and Edward T. Fitz Gerald Monday evening, April 22, almost any one of the members would be willing to endure the hardships and run the risks incident to a European trip in war time. It was as spontaneous an outburst of friendship and enthusiasm as the club has ever seen—and the club rather prides itself on being nice to its favorites. The tribute paid by fully 1,000 persons, a quarter of them ladies, touched the hearts of the guests of honor. Abner Larned showed his appreciation by giving the best war talk that has been heard in Detroit in months, Eddie showed his by beaming on everyone and shaking hands until his palms were calloused.

Mr. Larned's speech was a piece of consummate art, not the art of the studied orator who seeks to enthrall his audience by rhetorical flights and to stun it by his erudition, but the art of the super-salesman in getting right to the hearts of his hearers. Mr. Larned talked to his audience, not at it. He got on a personal, intimate, chatty footing that enabled him to drive home his lessons with an appeal that seemed personal to everyone that heard him.

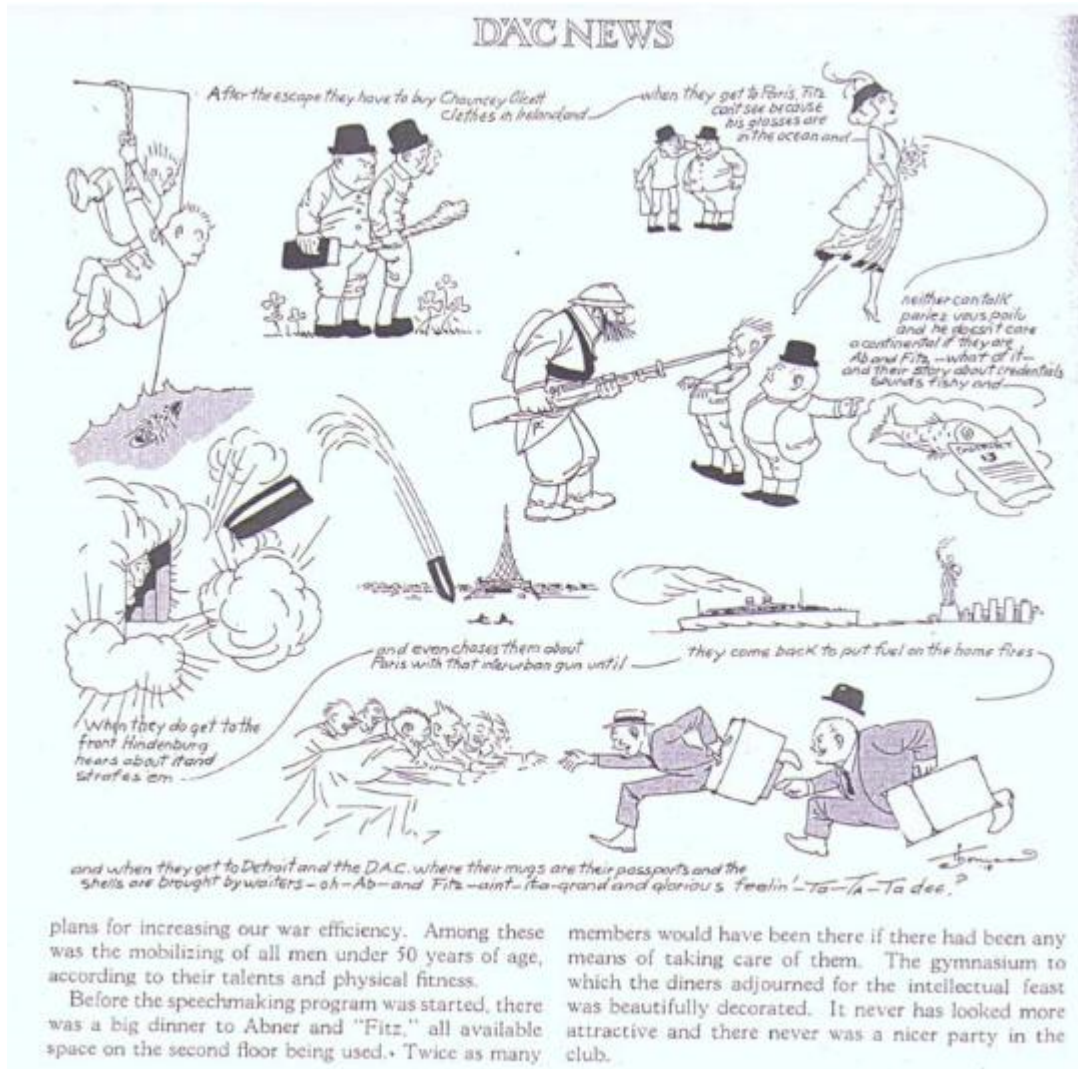
The impression gained by each of the 1,000 persons packed into the gymnasium and its gallery was that Mr. Larned was talking to him alone. When a speaker can attain this kind of a success, he need not worry about rounded periods and sonorous phrases. Mr. Larned simply buttonholed his audience and told it the very things it wanted to know about the European trip, the state of things abroad, and the general condition of the war as he sees it.

All the while he was giving information, he was interpreting it in terms of each individual's duty. "This is what is happening over there, Bill, and this is what you've got to do about it, you yourself," such was the general way in which Mr. Larned brought out his points. One simply couldn't leave that auditorium without thinking that he had been called by name and told to go out and do something toward winning the war.

Occasionally Mr. Larned criticised some things, but always constructively. No mere whiner he, wringing his hands and lamenting that everything was all wrong. When he found fault, he suggested a remedy, and he made his hearers realize the need of efficiency without conveying the gloomy idea that the case was hopeless. One got the impression from him that victory lies before us if we develop our maximum efficiency, but he warned the audience that an Allied victory is by no means a foregone conclusion if we go but half-heartedly into a conflict that Germany is fighting with 100 per cent of her population and resources. Boasting never will capture any guns, he said, and he suggested that America cease talking and get down to business. The English, who remain modest and calm despite their tremendous part in the war, were suggested as a fitting guide for us in the matter of war-time good manners.

Hugh Chalmers, first president of the new D. A. C., who came all the way from Washington especially for the purpose, introduced Mr. Larned and did it very graciously, referring to the guest of honor as "the most useful citizen of Detroit." Mr. Chalmers made a very nice speech himself, by the way, and suggested some





"Detroit Athletic Club News" May 1918 with cartoon sketches of the two civilians aboard, Abner Larned (the stouter, older man) & Edward Thomas Fitzgerald

ABNER LARNED GOES TO EUROPE ON BIG MISSION

ABNER E. LARNED, first vice-president of the D. A. C., is on his way to the western battle front in France. He has been specially commissioned to study the work of the airmen of England, France, and Italy, and other allied countries. On his return about March 1, he will tour a large part of this country in the effort to secure enlistments of airplane pilots. Accompanying Mr. Larned is Eddie Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx.

Prior to the departure of Mr. Fitzgerald a num-

ber of his friends gave a dinner for him at the club. Among the guests were Mayor Oscar B. Marx, Charles Nichols, A. A. Schantz, James Couzens, Judge George P. Codd, Horace E. Dodge, Charles Clippert, William Clippert, Julius H. Haass, M. W. Bingay, Frank G. Kane, Thomas P. Phillips, Henry Koch, J. Theodore Reed, Ross I. Schram, Robert Oakman, George T. Gaston, John Sosnoski, Alvin B. Hicks, Robert Clancy, George Fenkell, William E. Metzger, and Charles A. Hughes.

"Detroit Athletic Club News" unsourced - either late 1917 or early 1918

THE DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB.

Then there was the fortunate escape of two of our members from the *Tuscania*. Both mean a great deal in the life of our city—Abner Larned, citizen, manufacturer, salesman without peer, and Edward FitzGerald, "Efficiency Fitz." One of them—and Fitz will be first to say which it is—is an asset of great value to the nation, a patriot before he is anything else, and a patriot with the ability to make himself count. Both of them are on a mission which is of first importance to the war power of the country.

May they have big luck on the return trip! And when they get back, they are dated up to serve as the centerpiece of the rousingest D. A. C. dinner the house can afford.

"Detroit Athletic Club News" – unsourced, 1918

Life [newspaper articles]:

FIRST DETROIT CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION



The first examination of the Detroit civil service commission—for the selection of its secretary—was held in the council chamber Thursday. Those taking the examination are seated. Those standing, left to right, are: Commissioners James D. May, Henry Guthard, Mayor's Secretary Edward T. Fitzgerald and Charles Hirsch, president of the commission.

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From the Civil Service Commission.
To the Honorable the Common Council:
 Gentlemen—I beg leave to inform you that after a written and oral competitive examination, Mr. Fred W. Smith was selected by the Detroit Civil Service Commission, as Secretary and Chief Examiner. Monday, June 30. Mr. Smith's appointment takes effect today. His salary was fixed for one year at \$2,500.
 Respectfully,
EDWARD T. FITZGERALD,
 Acting Secretary.
 Accepted and placed on file.

Detroit Evening Times
Wed, Jul 02, 1913 · Page 7

FOUL SUSPICION AVAUNT!

Master Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, says with warm weather emphasis that any insinuations are false which convey the impression that the examination for the secretaryship of the civil service commission was "cooked" for ex-Police Commissioner Fred W. Smith. In his righteous indignation Eddie goes even further. He asserts that such innuendoes are "nasty."

Tut, tut! We sympathize, but we fear Master Fitzgerald's boyish exuberance and enthusiasm for clean politics and the principles of civil service have betrayed him, and led him into byways of vain imaginings.

So far as we are aware no one, unless it be some foul-minded city hall politician lurking in the darkened corridors, has voiced any such insinuation. As far as The Free Press is concerned, it has heard and expressed only the highest admiration for the wonderfully smooth and well oiled manner in which the first civil service examination held by the new commission has worked out, achieving a desired end and gaining by perfectly regular procedure what could have been gained under the old methods only by an infinite amount of wire pulling, not to say chicanery. This, we take it, is one of the real glories of municipal civil service. The rough places are all made plain and the crooked places straight.

Contrast, for instance, the simple and direct manner in which Mr. Smith has acquired the secretaryship of the commission, without even the knowledge of his closest friends—as Master Fitzgerald assures us—and the tortuous course it was necessary to pursue, and the public sentiment it was necessary to combat, before John Gillespie could be landed in the police commissionership. Consider, too, the pangs it is costing the administration working under the old dispensation to dispossess Jake Haarer of his job.

A mere perusal of Eddie's explanation of the way the recent examination was conducted will brush away any cobweb of suspicion that may have alighted on the mind. Twenty-five points out of a possible hundred were allowed for correct answers to the

mayor's secretary's eighteen questions. Twenty-five per cent was allowed for the thesis on the civil service regulations. Thirty points were allowed for education, training and experience, and we understand, though Eddie does not enlighten us on this point, that the remaining twenty points were allowed for shape, color of eyes, character of smile, patronage of the manicurist, ability to shine socially, etc. It is obvious on the face of it that such an examination could not have been cooked.

At the best, the famous list of questions which Master Fitzgerald says Candidate Smith did not see—and we believe him—could have netted the candidate only a possible 25 per cent and the benefit which would have accrued from a fore-knowledge of their character would have been negligible.

On the other hand, Mr. Smith's education and training in politics and his career as a public official have unquestionably been more varied than those of any of his opponents, and as for his personal beauty and address, if Mr. Smith's bodily and spiritual fascinations were able to hypnotize the examining board—what is that but conclusive evidence of his superior fitness for the job?

We agree with Eddie. There is no room for suspicion as to the manner in which the first civil service commission examination was carried on.

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Sat, Jul 05, 1913 · Page 4

SECRETARIES ASK FOR SALARY BOOST

**Old Item Cut Out by Estimators
Again Figures in City
Budget.**

Mayor Marx is again the first city official to submit an estimate of the coming year's office expense to the controller, the amount, \$11,420, being \$500 higher than that allowed by the board of estimates last year.

The extra \$500, if allowed, is to go to Edward T. Fitzgerald, the mayor's secretary. This office has paid \$2,500 for some years. As the city assessors are asking salary increases for their assistants and for themselves, the mayor's additional expense will be but one of the many to be considered by the estimators. The increase proposed for secretaries has been cut out by the estimators for several consecutive years. Following is the mayor's estimate: salaries: Mayor, \$5,000; secretary, \$3,000; stenographer, \$1,200; clerk, \$720; stationery, \$500; contingencies, \$500; auto hire, \$500.

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Tue, Jan 27, 1914 Page 14

WILSON INVITED TO VISIT HERE

**Mayor's Secretary Extends In-
vitation to Attend G. A. R.
Encampment**

RAYMOND W. FULLMAN.

*Times Washington Bureau, No. 701
Metropolitan Bank Building.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, was accompanied by Rep. Doremus to the White House this morning to meet President Wilson, and to extend the chief executive an invitation to attend the annual Grand Army encampment to be held in Detroit during the week of Aug. 31 to Sept. 5. The president chatted pleasantly with the Detroiters and said that he would take the invitation under advisement and answer formally. Mr. Fitzgerald will be in Washington several days with Postmaster Wm. J. Nagel, who is here in conference with postoffice officials on matters relating to the improvement of service in Detroit.

Detroit Evening Times
Thu, Apr 02, 1914 · Page 1

JAY HAYDEN TO HAVE SOFT BERTH

Detroit News Reporter Selected for Secretaryship of Municipal Railway Board

Jay Hayden, one of the municipal reporters employed by the Detroit News, will be selected as temporary secretary of the municipal railway commission. This tip was given out, Tuesday night, by a member of the Marx administration.

The railway commission will meet Wednesday afternoon, and it is expected that Hayden's appointment will be announced after the meeting.

Edward T. Fitzgerald, mayor's secretary, has been acting as temporary secretary of the commission. The railway commission is supposed to be under civil service, so that it will be necessary for the civil service commission to go through the formality of approving Hayden's appointment later on. The salary of secretary is not fixed in the municipal ownership charter amendment, but it is expected that it will be \$2,500.

Detroit Evening Times
Wed, May 13, 1914 - Page 3

CITY NEWSPAPER PLAN ADVANCED BY FITZGERALD

Mayor's Secretary Will Ask the
Common Council to Sanction
Publication of Municipal
Organ

Edward T. Fitzgerald, Mayor Marx' secretary, is ambitious to found a municipal newspaper of which he will be the manager and editor. The municipal ownership bee is buzzing around the city hall just now and Secretary Fitzgerald, who was formerly a newspaper reporter, would like to add to the laurels of his chief by instituting something new and out of the ordinary.

The municipal newspaper would contain the official proceedings of the common council, a review of all ordinances and important resolutions adopted by the common council, as well as municipal gossip. The official newspaper would have, as a rival, the weekly bulletin issued by the D. U. R.

"I have been nursing the idea for over a year," explained Secretary Fitzgerald. "I did not like to talk about it before election, because I did not think it was proper to presume that we would be here another year before the voters had spoken through the ballot box.

"If there are no legal barriers, I will organize a municipal newspaper. I will send a communication to the council outlining the general plan I have in line. Should Corporation Counsel Lawson tell us we have no right to organize a municipal newspaper, then the council will be asked to submit a charter amendment giving us the power."

Secretary Fitzgerald went on to explain that the municipal newspaper would be nicely illustrated with cuts of public buildings, etc. He has received estimates on the cost of printing and declares that from 5,000 to 8,000 copies can be issued at less than half the present cost of printing the official council proceedings.

Ald. Lodge and Ald. Verner have endorsed Secretary Fitzgerald's plan. Ald. Verner was delighted with the idea. Ald. Lodge is an old newspaper reporter.

"Mr. Fitzgerald's plan is right along the line of municipal ownership," said Ald. Lodge. "I think the council will sanction the organization of a municipal newspaper and I am sure that the charter does not bar us from going ahead with the scheme, although a new charter amendment to clear away all obstacles would be a good thing. The voters would simply gobble it up."

Building.
 We desire to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation of the services of Mr. Edward T. Fitzgerald, Secretary to the Mayor, who, without hope of financial remuneration, acted for a period of nearly ten months (August 1, 1913 to May 15, 1914), as Secretary of the Board, not only compiling a record of the Board meetings and caring for correspondence, but collecting much valuable information for the Board and rendering valuable advice on the questions of public policy considered. During the year the Board has held a total of thirty-one official sessions. In conclusion, the Board desires to thank your Honorable Body for the splendid co-operation and support it has received at your hands. Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF STREET RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS
JOHN F. DODGE, President.
JAMES COUZENS,
JAMES WILKIE,
JAY C. HAYDEN, Secretary.
 Accepted and placed on file.

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 Wed, Jan 27, 1915 - Page 9

TO INSPECT FILM PLAY

Mayor's Secretary in Chicago to See "Birth of a Nation"

Edward T. Fitzgerald, mayor's secretary, has gone to Chicago to view "The Birth of a Nation," the motion picture spectacle against which there has been considerable protest. Delegations of Negroes and others have visited Mayor Marx and petitioned him not to allow the picture to be displayed in Detroit.

On Secretary Fitzgerald's report will depend the mayor's decision as to whether or not the picture can be shown in Detroit. The mayor's secretary is a keen motion picture critic.

Detroit Evening Times
 Sat, Dec 18, 1915 - Page 3

DETROITERS CENSOR FILM

Mayor and Advisers See "Birth Of a Nation" At Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 30. — Mayor Oscar B. Marx, Controller George Engle, Police Commissioner John Gillespie, Mayor's Secretary Edward T. Fitzgerald, Alderman Robert Ruter, Manager B. C. Whitney, of the Detroit opera house, saw the "Birth of a Nation" at Powers's theatre yesterday, and expressed themselves as favorable to showing it in Detroit with cutouts offered in sensational scenes.

Battle Creek Moon-Journal
Thu, Dec 30, 1915 - Page 2

Battle Creek MI

"FITZ" BLUSHES IN PSYCHICAL TRIAL

Mayor Almost Commands Seeress to Tell When Secretary Will Be Married.

Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, nearly lost his title of "Efficiency Fitz" in a storm of hot blushes that swept away his composure Wednesday morning.

George Lovett called on Mayor Marx to demonstrate by use of the telephone the psychic accomplishments of Madame Zenda and Mercedes Crane, whom he is presenting at the Miles theater this week. And, thereon hangs the tale of the hot flashes that threatened to destroy Secretary Fitzgerald.

Mayor Marx was at the phone in his office and Madame Zenda at the phone in the theater. Mr. Lovett passed from one object in the room to another, asking each time what he had touched. Madame Zenda spoke into the telephone and the mayor nodded. She was hitting 489 in the psychic circuit.

"Who is the young lady here?" asked Mr. Lovett.

"Miss Gwenn Davis, the mayor's stenographer," answered Madame Zenda from the theater and Mayor Marx laughed.

"What have you to say about her?" asked Mr. Lovett softly.

"She will marry within a year," replied the psychist.

"And what have we here?" said Mr. Lovett, and "Efficiency Fitz" smiled competently.

"The mayor's secretary," came from Madame Zenda.

The mayor put his hand over the mouthpiece of the telephone. "Ask her," he said to Mr. Lovett, "when Eddie's going to get married."

"Please, mayor, please don't," his secretary pleaded.

"Ask her," began Mayor Marx again, "when Eddie's going to get up those figures to show what the people get for their taxes."

Detroit Free Press
Thu, Feb 10, 1916 - Page 7

CITY OFFICIALS TO SEE THEMSELVES IN FILM COMEDY

Members of the city administration will be seen in motion pictures at a jollification that Edward T. Fitzgerald, mayor's secretary, is arranging for Saturday night, in the banquet hall of the Hotel Pontchartrain.

James Couzens, John Dodge, Mayor Marx and other prominent members of the official family will do stunts on the screen. Secretary Fitzgerald, who wrote the scenario, has tried to bring out some familiar characteristic of each "actor." Ald "Bob" Rutter, president of the common council, is cast for the stellar role. Those who have seen the film run off in the producer's studio say that Rutter poses like Dustin Farnum, but looks like the late John Bunny. Mayor Marx will wear his 1916 campaign smile. A title suggested for the picture is "His Great Secret," or "Why doesn't the mayor appoint a fire commission?"

In addition to the motion picture, there will be a little skit luresqueing humorous angles of city hall life. Tickets for the entertainment may be obtained from any member of the mayor's cabinet. Secretary Fitzgerald declares that the entertainment will have no political significance, and that none but "neutral" speeches will be allowed.

Detroit Evening Times
Wed, Mar 22, 1916 · Page 5

MAYOR'S SECRETARY PLANS VACATION; VERY GOOD EDDIE

Two weeks more and Edward T. Fitzgerald will forget for a whole month, aggrieved visitors, glad hand specialists, job hunters, official dinners and speaking engagements and the multitude of other daily responsibilities that fall to a mayor's secretary.

"Eddie" is going to take a vacation at last, the first he has had since he became right-hand-man to Mayor Marx, and his itinerary shows that he plans to make up for all he has missed. Accompanied by Charles F. Clippert, fire commissioner, and Mrs. Clippert, Mr.

Fitzgerald will devote a month to a tour through Cuba and Panama. The party will leave February 1 and will not return until March 1.

The mayor's secretary is taking advantage of a lull in city affairs, but will get back in time to catch the rush incidental to consideration of the 1917 city budget, which throws much work to the mayor's office. In his absence George Gaston, manager of the last Marx campaign, will assume many of the secretary's duties, and much additional work will fall to Captain Alvin Hicks, the buffer between the Marx administration and the outside world by virtue of his position as guardian of the outer door of the burgomaster's sanctum.

Detroit Free Press
Thu, Jan 18, 1917 · Page 16

BAKER DECIDES ON VOLUNTEERS

Secretary of War Asks 518,000
Men to Serve During the
Period of Conflict.

**MEN TO BE PLACED IN
REGULARS AND MILITIA**

Recruiting Plan is Adopted
While War Department Waits
for Conscription Bill.

Washington, April 12.—The army
needs 517,868 men to volunteer for

Denby Presenting Set of Colors to Michigan State Naval Militia



In the picture Edwin Denby is shown presenting the flag to the color bearers of the naval militia. Behind him is Harry M. Jewett, both Mr. Denby and Mr. Jewett being members of the crew of the Yosemite, which was manned by the Michigan Naval brigade in the Spanish-American war. To the left and back of Mr. Denby is Mrs. Willis E. Buhl, the donor of the set of colors. Mayor Marx is shown at the extreme left of the picture, with his secretary, Edward T. Fitzgerald, at his side.

THRONGS CHEER NAVAL MILITIA

Michigan's Citizen Sailors
Given Rousing Sendoff Before
Leaving for Eastern Seaboard.

**GROUP OF BORDERERS,
DEFIANT, JOIN PARADE**

Tearful Relatives Rush Police
to Say Parting Word to Loved
Ones at Union Depot.

Pride and joy at the martial
spirit shown by its young men.

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Fri, Apr 13, 1917 · Page 1

FITZGERALD BIDS GOODBY TO HIS OFFICIAL FRIENDS

Monday was Edward T. Fitzgerald's last day as secretary to Mayor Marx, and probably his last day in Detroit for several months. He will depart Christmas day for Fort Worth, Tex., and soon afterwards will go to France with Abner E. Larned, director of Detroit's Liberty loan campaign.

Mr. Fitzgerald devoted most of Monday to shaking hands with friends and receiving their good-by messages.

Mr. Larned has been dispatched to France on a special mission for the war department, the exact nature of which will not be revealed until after his return. He and Mr. Fitzgerald, who will be his secretary on the trip, will be in Fort Worth several days before proceeding to Washington, from where they will depart for France.

"Detroit (MI) Free Press" 25 Dec 1917 p 9

Mayor Marx and Water Commissioner Robert Oakman are to leave Saturday afternoon for New York to bid "bon voyage" to Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to the mayor, who is soon to sail for France with Abner E. Larned to engage in duties for the United States aviation board. The mayor and Mr. Oakman are expected to return late next week.

Detroit Free Press
Sat, Jan 12, 1918 · Page 5

Give Out Ship's List.

The following list of Michigan men, otherwise than those from Grand Rapids, is taken from the official ship's roster:

Edward T. Fitzgerald, civilian; employer, Mayor Oscar B. Marx, Detroit city hall.

Abner E. Larned, civilian; wife, Mrs. A. E. Larned; Larned, Carter & Co., Detroit.

The Grand Rapids Press
Fri, Feb 08, 1918 · Page 1

Grand Rapids MI

Traverse City—Clarence Allen.

Detroit—One hundredth aero squadron: Albert Crumley, first lieutenant, 666 14 ave.; Edmund F. Seymour, cook, 600 Parker st.; William J. Widman, 204 Atkinson ave. 158th aero squadron: Carl Rosignolia, no address given; Ephraim Buck, no address given; Thomas P. Boland, 56 East Montcalm; Jake Shiller, 32 Sterling ave. Civilians—Edward T. Fitzgerald (safe), Abner E. Larned (safe).

Lansing State Journal
Fri, Feb 08, 1918 · Page 1

Lansing MI

Abner E. Larned and Mayor's Secretary Edward T. Fitzgerald were the first to force cable messages through, announcing their safety, the word being received at the mayor's office.

Detroit Free Press
Sat, Feb 09, 1918 · Page 1

Washington, Feb. 20.—Seventy-four American soldiers aboard the torpedoed Tuscania remain unidentified or unaccounted for today, according to the latest checks of lists of survivors and missing available to the war department and The Associated Press. Included in this number are thirty-three unidentified dead buried in Scotland and forty-one still reported as missing.

The names of forty-four additional American soldiers who were rescued from the liner and one other listed as missing, but who was not on board the ship were announced by the war department last night.

The war department issued a list of 44 additional survivors, eight of whom had been previously reported by the Associated Press, in which were the following Michigan men: Friedel Wilkening Unionville; Abner E. Larned, Detroit; Edward T. Fitzgerald, Detroit; Theodore A. Montgomery, Manistique.

The war department's additional list of 44 survivors issued last night were men who had previously been listed as not accounted for, but believed lost. One man previously listed as missing Private Homer Pullin, of French Camp, Miss., was found not on the ship.

The Bay City Times
Wed, Feb 20, 1918 · Page 9

Bay City MI

TUSCANIA SURVIVOR LAUDS BRITISH SAILORS

**Secretary to Mayor of Detroit
Also Tells of Courage Dis-
played by Our Soldiers.**

Special to The New York Times.

DETROIT, March 1.—Mayor Marx has received a letter from his Secretary, Edward T. Fitzgerald, now in France, telling the scenes on the Tuscania when that transport was sunk recently by a German submarine. The letter in part follows:

"We'll be absolutely safe in forty-five minutes," was the optimistic remark of a young Scotchman with a rich dialect a few minutes before the torpedo struck. He claimed he knew the waters in that locality, Scotland being

"Among the officers and, in the case of many of the men, the composure was remarkable. While the boats were being lowered emergency power relit the lights and statements by members of the ship's crew that the boat might float for some time helped to allay fears.

"With practically all of the lifeboats either launched or collapsed, a shout of joy went up from the port side of the ship when a British destroyer with all lights out slowly approached. Three hundred men slid down ropes and landed on the destroyer, which soon departed, leaving perhaps some six hundred or seven hundred men still aboard out of approximately twenty-five hundred passengers.

"Once more the lights commenced to grow dim, and finally were extinguished. There was a likelihood that no more destroyers would come, because it is the practice of the submarine commanders to shell or torpedo boats that are rescuing victims of a sinking ship.

on our left and Ireland on our right at the time.

"He had barely finished when the Tuscania met its doom. There was a loud report and a jar, which made the 15,000-ton hulk tremble. Immediately the ship was in complete darkness. There was a frantic scramble for lifebelts.

"I would like to forget, (but I know I never shall,) the scenes that followed. The dreadful groping about in the dark of those who were trying to locate lifebelts and boats. The unsuccessful attempts to launch many of the lifeboats, the breaking of cables, which emptied scores of poor fellows into the bitter cold water, the frantic and futile shouts of men who struggled as the high seas choked and chilled them, and the slow but steady listing of the great ship on its starboard side.

"Mr. Larned and I met at Boat No. 12 soon after the explosion. He had pulled on his life-saving suit. And I returned to my stateroom for mine. Our lifeboat was launched successfully before I reached the scene. Mr. Larned, however, seeing what had happened to other boats, felt it best not to enter it. Besides, he wanted to wait for me and be sure I was safe. When all of the lifeboats had been launched save one, and when it appeared that no more destroyers might come, it looked bad for us. Mr. Larned gripped my hand and said: 'Well, Eddie, if the worst comes to the worst, we've had a pretty good time, anyway.'

"With a young Lieutenant named Clark, a splendid boy from Boston, we climbed to the topmost deck, thinking that we might have to jump into the sea, rather than be carried down by suction in case the boat suddenly went below.

"Some of the crew were trying to launch the last remaining lifeboat, with two women, the only ones in a list of 2,300 persons, as passengers. We had been told that in the event of a disaster the crew would assist all in lowering the boats. Then we went below to 'D' deck.

"We thought we saw a destroyer coming on the port side, but we were disappointed. It was at this time that the lights commenced to go out again. We hastened to the starboard side and discovered another destroyer waiting there. She had come up quietly in the darkness and had taken a couple of hundred men off before we knew she was there.

"With a shout of joy the boys who had been on our side of the boat leaped aboard. I grabbed hold of a rail with one hand and took hold of Mr. Larned with the other. The destroyer was just pulling away and Mr. Larned was the last man to board her. He was literally rolled over from the deck by some of the crew one hour and forty-five minutes after the explosion. I can't describe adequately just how grateful we feel, and when I return I want to meet the man who inquires ironically, 'What is the British Navy doing in this war?'

"As a matter of fact at least 1,500 of our passengers, perhaps more, would have been lost if it had not been for the supreme courage of the men of those destroyers. They took frightful chances of being blown to pieces in pulling up alongside the Tuscania. We owe our lives to the bravery of the British jackies.

"The hospitality of Ireland is a genuine quality, Larned and I are ready to testify."

The New York Times

Published: March 2, 1918

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"FITZ" DESCRIBES TUSCANIA ESCAPE

**Mayor Marx's Secretary Among
Last to Leave Stricken
Liner, He Writes.**

**Missed Lifeboat and Had to Be
Taken Off by British
Destroyer.**

What occurred in the hour and 45 minutes following the torpedoing of the *Tuscania* is told in a letter received Thursday by Mayor Marx from his secretary, Edward T. Fitzgerald, who, with Abner E. Larned, Detroit manufacturer, was among the last of the survivors to leave the sinking liner. Expecting to return some time in April, the Detroiters declare they are not anxious to have another similar experience.

Land had just been sighted, the first seen in 12 days, and many of the troopers aboard the ship had prepared cablegrams to send home, announcing their safe arrival, "little dreaming that these messages in at least 200 instances would never be forwarded to their destinations," the letter said.

"Safe in 45 Minutes."

"We'll be absolutely safe in 45 minutes," was the optimistic remark of a young Scotchman, with a rich dialect, who claimed he knew the waters in that locality, Scotland being on our left, and Ireland on our right. He had barely finished when the *Tuscania* met its doom. There was a loud report and a jar which made the 15,000-ton bulk tremble.

Mr. Fitzgerald described the rush

for life belts in the utter darkness which followed the explosion of the torpedo; the unsuccessful attempts to launch many of the life boats and the death cries of men swallowed by the cold waters. He commented upon the composure of the men and the joy which followed the lighting of emergency lights and the arrival of a British destroyer which rescued many. The lifeboat they were assigned to, was launched successfully, but Mr. Larned did not enter, preferring to wait for Mr. Fitzgerald, who had gone below to don his life-saving suit.

"When all the lifeboats had been launched, save one, and when it appeared that no more destroyers might come, it looked bad for us. Mr. Larned gripped my hand, and said:

"Well, Eddie, if the worst comes to the worst, we've had a pretty good time, anyway."

Funny, Though Perilous.

"Some of the crew were trying to launch the last remaining lifeboat, with two women, the only ones in a list of 2,500 persons, as passengers. We had been told that in the event of a disaster the crew would assist all in lowering the boats.

"I had recollections of men and women being carried beneath by suction in the *Titanic* and *Lusitania* disasters. So I sought advice from one of the Scotch deckhands. 'Which side of the boat is best to jump from?' I inquired as politely as I could. 'I don't know. This is a time when it's every man for himself,' he replied sharply. It was rather a grim night, and there wasn't much place for humor; yet I couldn't help but see something funny in the reply of a man who wouldn't tell us which side of the sea to jump into."

Shortly afterward they discovered a British destroyer, with not lights showing, at the bow of the sinking ship. They hurried and were the last to board the destroyer as it started away from the *Tuscania*, nearly two hours after the torpedoing. They were later landed on the Irish coast, physically well, except for a cold contracted by Mr. Fitzgerald.

Highest praise is given the British navy for its rescue work in the face of the danger of being sunk by the submarine which had attacked the liner. The hospitality of Ireland is described as of the genuine quality.

TWIN CITY FIGHTER TELLS OF TUSCANIA

**Edward T. Fitzgerald Writes
That British Destroyers
Saved 1,500 Men.**

The shock of the Tuscania sinking was increased to the United States soldiers aboard by the fact that they had traveled safely for 14 days and were within 10 hours of their destination when the disaster occurred, declared Edward T. Fitzgerald, a Minnesota private, who was among the survivors, in a letter received in the twin cities yesterday. Fitzgerald is a son of John Fitzgerald, superintendent of the St. Paul workhouse.

1,500 Saved by Destroyers.

"At least 1,500 men would have been lost," the letter said, "had it not been for the courage of British sailors manning the destroyers. They took frightful chances in pulling up alongside the Tuscania."

"When practically all the Tuscania's lifeboats either had been launched or had collapsed, a great shout of joy went up at the sight of a British destroyer, approaching the port side of the ship with all lights out. Three hundred men slid down ropes and landed on the destroyer which then steamed away, leaving 600 or 700 still aboard."

Irish Hospitality Praised.

"An anxious time passed after that. The men had just about given up hope that another destroyer would appear when we were told that there was one on the other side of the vessel and that it had already taken off 200 men." Fitzgerald and a companion were among the last to reach the second destroyer.

"Everyone has been most generous to us. One of our visitors yesterday was Sir J. Maher, the surgeon general of Ireland. Hospitality in Ireland is the genuine quality, I and my companions are willing to testify."

The Minneapolis Journal
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Errors: Fitzgerald was not a "fighter" and not a private in the US Army as he was a civilian – his father John had died in 1908 & was therefore not employed as the superintendent of the St. Paul workhouse (his job when alive)

"FITZ" AND LARNED TO RETURN APRIL 10

War Horrors Depressing, Mayor's Secretary Writes Back.

"The depression which comes with the endless nights of darkness makes me wish for the lights of Woodward avenue," Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, wrote in a letter received Saturday at the mayor's office. It stated that Mr. Fitzgerald and Abner E. Larned, who are in France on a government mission, would return to Detroit about April 10.

"We have seen a lot of wonderful war activity, but the feeling of depression caused by some of the sights we have witnessed is hard to throw off. I will feel like asking the public lighting commission to turn on all Detroit's brightest lights for us for just one night when we arrive back home."

Both Mr. Larned and Mr. Fitzgerald were passengers on the Tuscania when it was torpedoed.

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Edward T. Fitzgerald arrived Thursday. But not "Eddie," the secretary to Mayor Marx, who is homeward bound from Europe. It was Edward T. Fitzgerald Teifer who arrived, a bouncing baby, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Teifer in Muskegon. Mrs. Teifer is a sister to "Eddie" of Detroit.

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A. E. LARNED HOME; E. FITZGERALD, TOO

Detroiters Land in New York; Ship Twice Attacked.

Running the gauntlet of death for nearly four months Abner E. Larned and Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, arrived in New York Monday, after an ocean trip from Europe which was nearly as thrilling as their journey on the torpedoed liner Tuscania when outward bound. Twice the home-coming ship was attacked by submarines, but each time the torpedo missed its mark.

Recounting some of their adventures along the war front in France and the intense suffering of the people there, Mr. Fitzgerald declared that he believed the lives of Mr. Larned and himself had been saved so they might help awaken Detroit and the country to what the nation must do if the war is to be successfully concluded.

Fled Before Prussian Shell-Fire.

They were near the firing line when the German drive started and were among the refugees who fled from the hail of Prussian shells. In all their journeys, Mr. Fitzgerald said, it was one sad sight after another.

"They don't know how to laugh any more," he said.

On docking in New York Mr. Fitzgerald notified Mayor Marx of his arrival by telephone. During their conversation they were cut off by the new government order limiting long distance calls to five minutes. The time would not be extended for even the mayor of Detroit and a government official.

Mr. Larned and Mr. Fitzgerald left during the afternoon for Washington, where they will make a report on their investigation of the aircraft situation in France.

Boat Drills Soldiers' Need.

Mr. Larned said he would suggest to the government that a more thorough boat drill be given on transports. Many of the men on the Tuscania, he said, were not familiar with ships and had been trained only in the use of lifebelts. Had they been given thorough boat drills many more might have been saved, he declared.

The Detroiters hope to complete their report in a day so that they may arrive home by Wednesday.

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U. S. INVASION SEEN BY DETROIT MAN

Edward T. Fitzgerald, Back
From Front, Fears for
Country if Huns Win.

DETROIT, April 18.—"If the Allies are not victorious the war will be brought to this country."

That assertion has been made many times in the past year, mostly on "information and belief" of the speaker, but it was propounded with deep seriousness Wednesday by Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, who arrived in Detroit in the afternoon fresh from the lines where British and Germans are locked in death struggle.

"It looked bad, mighty bad, when I left France less than two weeks ago. I thought then it was as bad as it could be, but the reports since show conditions to be even more serious," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "Both the French and English are brave, courageous, hopeful and determined to fight until the last, but they realize the seriousness."

"If America could only appreciate what the war really means, but that is impossible without actually visualizing it. It looms large and larger as you draw nearer to it. It finally gets so huge, so monstrous that those things we class as little luxuries, comforts, even necessities of life, yes life itself, loses all value."

"With all their suffering there is nothing but appreciation for America. There is no criticism about why we have not more troops in the battle line. Instead the people and press both praise what we have done and excuse any possible shortcomings by remarking that the states are 3,000 miles away and

These serious views of life, unrelieved by any touch of lightness or humor, were not quite like the old "Fitz." who left Detroit Christmas night with Abner E. Larned for a European trip on government business. There has been a change which "Fitz" recognizes and is first to admit. "It makes you think, and I have been doing plenty of thinking," he said.

"Lansing (MI) State Journal" 18 Apr 1918 p 13

Detroit—"I must be a Jonah," declared Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary of Mayor Marx, when he read of the sinking of the American liner St. Paul in her dock at an Atlantic port. Mr. Fitzgerald was a passenger on the torpedoed Tuscania, met with exciting adventures during his recent stay in Europe and came home on the St. Paul. The trip to New York was uneventful and he is of the opinion his "jinx" didn't start to work until after he had left the ship.

"Owosso (MI) Times" 3 May 1918 p 2 – The Tuscania sunk in Feb 1918 & then the ship on which Edward returned in April 1918 – ironically named "St. Paul" (the city in MN where ew was born) - sunk 25 Apr 1918

Attractive offers persuaded "Eddie" Fitzgerald, for five and one-half years secretary to Mayor Marx, to again enter politics by assuming the position of campaign manager for James Couzens, Mayor Marx's former police commissioner and candidate for mayor.

"I will do my utmost to secure the election of Mr. Couzens," said Mr. Fitzgerald, after he had reiterated his declaration that he had been perfectly neutral in his political attitude following the assertion of Mayor Marx that he would not run again.

"Eddie" was approached by Couzens several weeks ago to take charge of the candidate's campaign. He refused at that time, declaring that he was out of politics and intended entering business life the first of January. It is understood that Mr. Couzens made the offer so attractive, including in it a year's contract at an enticing figure, that "Eddie" was forced to succumb to the inducement.

In tendering his resignation and announcing his intentions, "Eddie" declared his belief that there were sufficient independent voters in Detroit to elect a man who was not tied to any political party or faction. He declared his intention of giving his entire energy to the task of "putting over" Mr. Couzens.

Mayor Marx was rather quiet regarding the decision of his secretary. He said "Eddie's" decision would make no change in his policy to keep absolutely neutral regarding mayoralty candidates.

"When I made my announcement that I would not be a candidate for re-election, I said that I would not throw my support to any one can-



EDWARD T. FITZGERALD.

didate," said the mayor. "That still holds good. I am neutral."

"Eddie" Fitzgerald was a "booster" for Mayor Marx six years ago and was instrumental in first electing him mayor. He was made secretary to the mayor and during his five and one-half years' incumbency of that position met situations with an open viewpoint which brought approbation from even political enemies of the mayor. "Eddie" was foremost in all civic and patriotic endeavors during that time and had made the announcement that with the retirement from politics of Mayor Marx that he would seek private life.

ENGEL, ESSELSTYN WILL RETAIN JOBS

**Mayor-elect Couzens Says He
Will Reappoint Controller
and D. P. W. Head.**

**Sends Edward T. Fitzgerald on
Mission to Coast; Names
Schram His Secretary.**

George Engel, city controller since 1914, and Horace H. Esselstyn, commissioner of public works, will be reappointed when Mayor James Couzens takes office January 14. Announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Couzens Monday.

Under the new charter, the appointments are for indefinite terms, but it is understood Mr. Engel will serve throughout the Couzens administration. Mr. Esselstyn has plans for entering private business at a future date, but may hold his present office as long as he desires. Ross I. Schram, Detroit newspaperman, is to be Mr. Couzens's secretary in the mayor's office, succeeding Don O. Champney. Edward T. Fitzgerald, former secretary to Mayor Marx and later manager of Mr. Couzens's campaign, will remain with Mr. Couzens in a confidential capacity.

Mr. Fitzgerald will leave Wednesday night for the Pacific coast where he is to spend a month gathering information on many municipal questions, but particularly data on traction lines. He will visit San Francisco, which has a municipally-owned car line, Seattle, Los Angeles, St. Paul and Denver. He will place a report in the hands of Mr. Couzens for use in drafting the mayor's message which will be delivered to the new council January 14. The trip is to be made at Mr. Couzens's expense.

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QUITS PUBLIC LIFE

(By United Press)

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 2—Edward T. Fitzgerald, personal secretary to Mayor James Couzens and official secretary for former Mayor Marx for six years, was to retire from the former position today. He also retires as secretary to the board of street railway commissioners.

The Dowagiac Daily News
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Dowagiac MI

People who are in the habit of trusting to the sincerity and straightforwardness of their fellowmen are likely to be the more troubled and confused because they will remember that The News has long been a perfect mine of moral precepts, has habitually represented itself as the humble servant of the public and has advocated warmly the doctrine that the people must rule untrammelled by any boss or dictator. However, it is going to be hard to understand on the other hand how Edward T. Fitzgerald, who was formerly on the News editorial staff, and who managed Mayor Couzens's campaign three years ago, can possibly be mistaken when he says the managing editor of The News wrote Mr. Couzens's platform at that time.

The accusations made against The Detroit News are serious. If that newspaper has been doing the things it is accused of doing, then the public can only conclude that it has been trying to make a tool of the mayor of Detroit, both by selecting him and by undertaking to mold him to its policies, instead of leaving him free to serve the people as the people and his individual conscience may dictate.

Is it possible that a publication whose professions are the professions constantly set forth by the News can be guilty of such conduct, and that all that paper's talk about the "Will of the people" and about the voters, the tax payers and the city is hypocritical?

Under the circumstances, the gentlemen who control the policies of The Detroit News, and in particular, the cultured and scholarly president thereof, who lives and pays taxes in Bloomfield Hills ought to have time to make a clear, plain statement in behalf of themselves before the public passes judgment. If there is any explanation to be given, they should have an opportunity to present it.

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FITZGERALD DENIES SUGGESTING BAKER

**Says Mayor Picked Assessor,
Who Desired Different Post.**

Edward T. Fitzgerald, campaign manager for Daniel W. Smith, issued the following statement Friday:

"Mayor Couzens, in his speech before the Detroit Republican club Thursday night, sought to explain the presence of Assessor P. C. Baker on the payroll of the Detroit News for \$2,400 a year and on the city payroll for \$5,000 a year, by stating that 'a gentleman who was associated with him at the time suggested that Mr. Baker would make a good assessor.'"

"The Detroit News, which thinks for and issues orders to his honor, inserts parentheses and adds that the person referred to is myself."

"Of course this is nothing more than a plain lie and both the mayor and the News know that it is. The first intimation I had that Mr. Baker was being considered for a city job came when the mayor asked me to get in touch with him and have him come to the office."

"What is more I did not know until six weeks ago that Mr. Baker was receiving a pension from the News, while he was assessing News property."

"What I do know, however, is that Mr. Baker preferred an appointment on the civil service commission where the labor is less onerous and might have been selected but for the protest of the Detroit News which wished to have him in his present position."

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E. T. FITZGERALD ENTERS BUSINESS

**Former Secretary to Ex-Mayor
Marx Takes Up Insurance.**

Edward T. Fitzgerald has abandoned politics and journalism to enter the general insurance business, and has opened offices at 1631 Dime Bank building.

As secretary to former mayor Marx, he found his newspaper experience invaluable when he was suddenly thrust into the whirligig of drives, parades, relief work and the many activities in which Detroit played so large a part during war days and the pre-war period.

It was to him that Mayor Marx delegated the duties of master of ceremonies for these big occasions.

He had charge of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was handled in a way which brought praise for Detroit from all over the country. He was one of the moving spirits in the original organization of the Patriotic league which later was merged into the Detroit Community Fund.

Leaving his post as city hall reporter for an evening paper to take the position of secretary to Mayor Marx, Fitzgerald immediately showed his grasp of civic affairs, executive and political.

He handled the Marx campaigns from 1912 to 1915, when Marx retired, and in August, 1918, became campaign manager for James Cousens.

Remaining with the Cousens administration until August, 1919, he retired and took a well earned vacation, but later returned to the active political field as campaign manager for Major Daniel Smith in his race for mayor, which proved unsuccessful.

While secretary to Mayor Marx, Fitzgerald was sent to France with Abner E. Larned, then president of the Board of Commerce, on a mission for the government. The ship on which they made the trip, the Tuscarora, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast, but the Detroiters were rescued. Fitzgerald recently was engaged as a special writer for the Detroit Journal.

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Miss Mary Fitzgerald, and Edward T. Fitzgerald of Alden Park Manor, Detroit, are the week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Teifer, 1652 Peck street. Miss Fitzgerald will remain for a longer visit.

The Muskegon Chronicle
Sat, May 08, 1926 · Page 8

Muskegon MI

GETS APPOINTMENT TO HEAD PROGRAM OF MARIE'S VISIT



EDWARD T. FITZGERALD.

Mayor John W. Smith Monday appointed Edward T. Fitzgerald his personal representative in connection with the forthcoming visit to Detroit of Queen Marie of Rumania.

Mr. Fitzgerald was secretary to the mayor during the administration of the late Oscar B. Marx.

Queen Marie and her entourage will arrive here at 10 a. m. November 20 and depart at 12:30 a. m. November 22. Mr. Fitzgerald, it was announced, will have charge of all arrangements both as to the meeting of the distinguished visitors and the program throughout their stay.

Following his appointment, Mr. Fitzgerald said that while a tentative program was being outlined it would not be made public until after the queen has arrived here and approved it.

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MISS ADELAIDE LODGE.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh will visit Detroit August 10, according to information received by Mayor John W. Smith yesterday from the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics, sponsors of the intrepid flier's tour in the interests of aviation. The date is tentative, but the committee for the reception of Lindbergh is proceeding with arrangements for the visit here, and an extensive program is being prepared.

Edward T. Fitzgerald, in charge

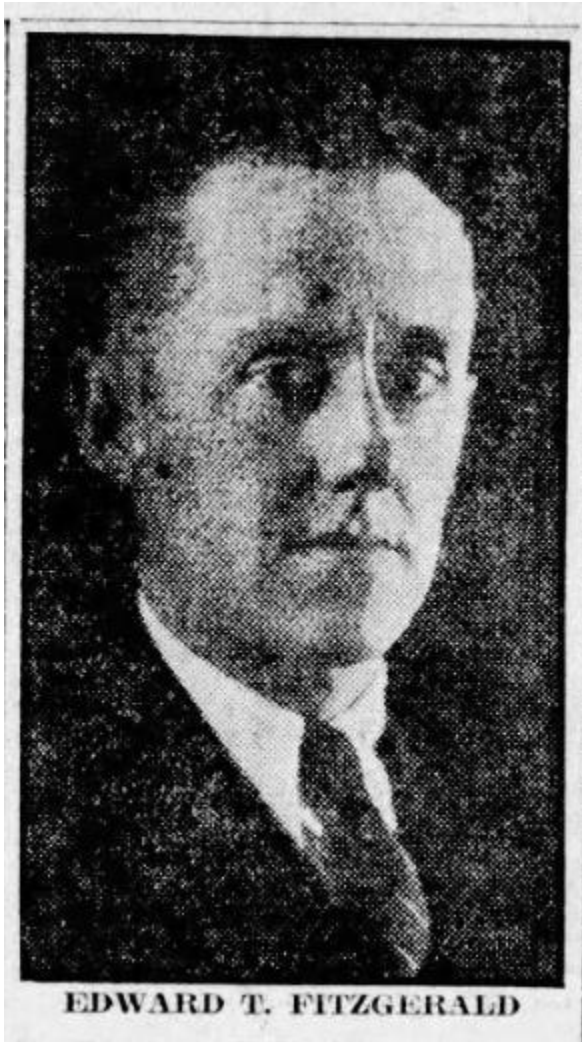
of arrangements for the reception, announces that a tablet will be placed upon the house at 1120 Forest avenue west, where Lindbergh was born. The tablet is being presented to the city by the J. L. Hudson company and will be unveiled by Miss Adelaide Lodge, daughter of the late Dr. Edwin Lodge, and a relative of Colonel Lindbergh.

A gold card according Colonel Lindbergh a life membership in the Detroit Athletic club will be presented to him by Arthur T. Waterfall, president of the club.

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OFFICIAL DETROIT WELCOMER IS WELCOMED TO MUSKEGON

**Edward T. Fitzgerald, Who
Arranges Receptions for
Visiting Notables is Guest
In Teifer Home.**



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Whether it is a queen, a prince, a New York to Paris flyer, or just a visiting Rotarian, Edward T. Fitzgerald is the man who plans the official reception for the city of Detroit. In other words, Mr. Fitzgerald, a former Detroit newspaper man, is the official welcomer for Detroit.

Mr. Fitzgerald was a visitor in Muskegon today. He stopped here to visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Teifer, 1652 Peck street, Mrs. Teifer being a sister.

It was Mr. Fitzgerald who arranged the official reception for Col. Charles A. Lindbergh at Detroit last week, he being chairman of the mayor's committee. It was Mr. Fitzgerald who arranged the details for the reception to Queen Mary some time ago. The only difficulty about that reception was that Queen Mary did not arrive. That did not upset Mr. Fitzgerald, as he had done his part in seeing that the plans for the reception were arranged, even if the Queen was forced to cancel her visit.

Mr. Fitzgerald has long been active in public affairs in Detroit. He gave up newspaper work to become secretary to former Mayor Oscar Marx, and later he became secretary of the street railway commission. Now, Mr. Fitzgerald is conducting an insurance business and planning the official welcomes for distinguished guests.

The Muskegon Chronicle
Tue, Aug 16, 1927 - Page 2

Muskegon MI

DETROITER COMPLETES STATE UTILITIES GROUP

Edward T. Fitzgerald Fifth
Man Appointed by Gov-
ernor to Commission.

Lansing, June 24.—(AP)—Edward T. Fitzgerald of Detroit was appointed to the state public utilities commission today by Governor Brucker. He succeeds James Bice of Marquette. The appointment of Fitzgerald completes the personnel of the new commission, four other members having been appointed a few days ago.

Bice was appointed chief advisory engineer to the commission by that body. His office will be similar to that created in the highway department for former Highway Commissioner Frank Rogers. Bice has been connected with the commission for more than 30 years.

Fitzgerald has been active in Detroit politics for a number of years. After working on a Detroit newspaper five and a half years, he was secretary to former Mayors Oscar Marx and James Couzens. Last year he managed the campaign of George Engel, who made an unsuccessful run against Mayor Frank Murphy. Fitzgerald is now in the insurance business. He came to Detroit in 1908 from St. Paul where he was born. He is 42 years old.

Battle Creek Enquirer
Wed, Jun 24, 1931 -Page 2

Battle Creek MI

FITZGERALD GIVEN POST

NAMED TO STATE UTILITIES GROUP

Named By Brucker to Public Utilities Commission

Edward T. Fitzgerald, Detroit insurance agent and formerly secretary to the late Mayor Oscar B. Marx, was appointed to the Michigan public utilities commission by Governor Wilber M. Brucker Wednesday for a four-year term.

He succeeds James M. Bice, of Marquette, veteran member of the commission, who has been appointed to the new post of consulting engineer.

Prominent in Public Life

Mr. Fitzgerald has been conspicuous in the public life of Detroit for the past 15 years and is credited with having engineered the removal of John Gillespie as police commissioner in 1916, and to have had James Couzens appointed by Mayor Marx as his successor.

This was Mr. Couzens' first political post and he followed Mr. Marx as chief executive, in which position he remained until he went to the United States senate in 1922.

The new commissioner was born in St. Paul, Minn., 42 years ago and was educated in the parochial schools and the St. Thomas college in that city. He came to Detroit in 1908 and joined the editorial staff of the Detroit News. He was with that newspaper for five and one-half years, three of which were spent as a city hall reporter.

Manager For Couzens

He left the newspaper profession to become secretary to Mayor Marx



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and in 1918 managed the campaign of Mr. Couzens for mayor.

While holding no other public job than that of secretary, Mr. Fitzgerald was closely associated with the two administrations of former Mayor John W. Smith, and last fall managed the campaign of George Engel. He has had charge of most civic functions in Detroit during the past 15 years.

He conducts a general insurance business at 1755 Penobscot building and resides with his sister at 8905 East Jefferson avenue.

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Flier Reveals He Footed Bill For His Banquet

Detroit, Aug. 19.—(By AP)—Edward F. Schlee revealed today that he paid a bill for \$2,700.50 for a "public banquet" given him and William S. Brock at the Masonic temple on Oct. 4, 1917 on their return to Detroit from their round the world flight in "The Pride of Detroit."

Exhibiting the cancelled check, which was payable to Edward T. Fitzgerald, now a member of the Michigan Public Utilities commission, Schlee remarked that if he had the money back he would be able to recover the airplane used on the trip. The battered plane, without wings and part of its undercarriage, reposes in a cow shed where it was stored after being sold by the sheriff on a judgment.

The serious illness of Brock in a Chicago hospital called attention recently to the fate of the plane and resulted in a movement now under way for friends of aviation and of Brock and Schlee to recover the plane and place it on exhibit.

Schlee's revelation that he paid for his own banquet brought comments from various persons connected with it, including Fitzgerald, and John W. Smith, who as mayor designated Fitzgerald as chairman of a committee to arrange a public reception for the fliers.

"The Board of Commerce wired Brock and me invitations to attend a banquet in our honor," Schlee said. "Imagine my surprise when I was tendered a bill for the affair after it was all over."

Harvey Campbell, vice president and secretary of the Board of Commerce, said today that the board had nothing to do with the reception and banquet.

Fitzgerald, speaking from his office in Lansing, said that "as I remember it, a number of tickets were sold at the Board of Commerce, but Schlee and his associates gave away a great many. The check represented the difference between the amount collected and the actual cost of the banquet. A monster crowd was there. Schlee's check was made out to me as a formality, as someone had to be held responsible for the banquet, and it was charged to me. It was actually given by Schlee's friends."

The Flint Journal
Fri, Aug 19, 1932 Page 23

Flint MI

Schlee's Story Draws Answer

Fitzgerald Produces Check for Banquet

Documentary proof that the Wayco Oil Co. and Andrew and Edward Schlee were reimbursed by Edward T. Fitzgerald out of receipts resulting from the sale of tickets to the Brock-Schlee banquet in 1927 Tuesday was submitted to Acting Mayor John W. Smith by Mr. Fitzgerald in the form of a canceled check for \$1,240.85 made out to the oil company and signed by himself.

Mr. Fitzgerald, member of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, acted as chairman for the banquet committee for both the reception of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Schlee and Brock.

Claims Charges Unfounded

Last week Andrew Schlee, brother of Edward, charged that the Wayco Oil Co. paid the entire expenses of the banquet and produced a canceled check for \$2,750 as evidence that Edward shouldered the whole burden of the banquet.

In submitting the canceled check, Mr. Fitzgerald issued a statement explaining his part in promoting the banquet to the two Detroit fliers on their return from the Tokio flight.

"When the Schlee brothers sought to make the public believe that they were required to foot the entire cost of the banquet in the Masonic Temple, they produced an interesting newspaper story, but one not based on fact," he said.

"Because of its following the Lindbergh flight to Paris there was a lessened interest in the Schlee and Brock feat—remarkable as it was—and because of a feeling that the latter performance had a commercial tinge to it, which the former achievement was entirely devoid of, the ticket sale for the Schlee and Brock dinner in the beginning lagged perceptibly.

"When this information was conveyed to the Schlees and others connected with the oil company, which they represented, Mayor Smith was assured that the company would "underwrite" the dinner.

"With this understanding the arrangements went ahead. Throughout, I had the co-operation not only of the members of the Mayor's committee, the Board of Commerce and the Masonic Temple, but, in addition, the valuable assistance of Miss Mabel Ford, then and now a trustworthy attache of the Mayor's office.

Temporary Account Opened

"Miss Ford opened a temporary account in the Wayne County and Home Savings Bank, deposited all receipts from the sale of tickets, including a check from the Board of Commerce for \$965, and then, following the banquet, closed out the account by mailing a check for the \$1,240.85 to the Wayco Oil Co., together with a bill for \$2,750 from the Masonic Temple.

"Later, the Schlees forwarded their check for this amount to the Mayor's office.

"This check was promptly turned over to the Masonic Temple authorities, and it was this canceled check that Mr. Schlee flashed on reporters recently."

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Fete Will Reunite Survivors and Torpedoer of Tuscania

Invitation Gives Two Detroiters First Hint
Regarding U-Boat Captain's Identity

By WILLIAM C. RICHARDS

"Where are you, Eddie?"

"I'm right here beside you, Ab."

"Give me your hand—this probably is close to goodby."

The two shadows braced themselves on the Tuscania's slanting deck and watched the boats being lowered over the sides of the doomed transport.

It was Feb. 4, 1918. America's first troopship east bound to meet up with a German submarine had been torpedoed with 2,179 soldiers aboard and was going down off the Irish Coast.

Aboard were Abner E. Larned, Detroit manufacturer and directing genius of the City's Liberty Loan campaigns, and Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to former Mayor Oscar B. Marx, now a State Public Utilities commissioner.

A rope slipped too fast through a sailor's hands, one of the converted liner's small boats up-ended. 70 men pitched into the freezing sea before their eyes.

Looks Like the Finish

"I would say this looks somewhat like the finish, Eddie," remarked Larned, with only the slightest trace of emotion.

"What do you want to do, Ab?" asked Fitzgerald.

"I don't think we should chance the small boats," said his companion, steadily. "Let's stick to the ship—she isn't going to sink right away."

The deck took on a sharper slope. Larned looked quizzically at his friend.

"At least, Eddie, we've had a lot of fun living," he said.

"That goes for me."

"I think we ought to shake hands on that much," suggested Larned.

But they were not destined to be numbered among the approximately 265 men who perished.

An invitation reached both Mr. Larned and Mr. Fitzgerald Saturday.

The first week in February Capt. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the German U-boat 77, which sank the Tuscania; Commander John M. Smith, of the British destroyer Grasshopper, the first ship of the convoy to reach the troopship after it had been hit, and Capt. Peter McLean, of Glasgow, master of the Tuscania and last to quit her deck, will join with as many survivors as can make it in observing the fifteenth anniversary of the disaster. The reunion will be held in Chicago Feb. 4 and 5.

U-Boat's Identity Revealed

The invitation was the first information the Detroit men had of the identity of the sub which almost caused their deaths. Several years ago Fitzgerald spent a day in New York bookshops searching for a book which gave a list of the German submarines, he had been told, and a record of their prizes. He never was able to locate the volume.

Until the invitation arrived, he and Mr. Larned also thought that Capt. McLean had gone down with his ship. There was so much confusion in the records of casualties that the names of Larned and Fitz-

gerald appeared as among the lost in the Paris Herald for a month following the sinking.

Larned was in his cabin dressing for dinner when the blow came. Fitzgerald was in the smoking room looking over the ship's atlas. Beside him was a Lieut. Beattie, of Montana, who had crossed a dozen times.

It was shortly after 6 p. m. Darkness had come.

"In about two hours we'll be out of danger," said Beattie, looking up from the maps.

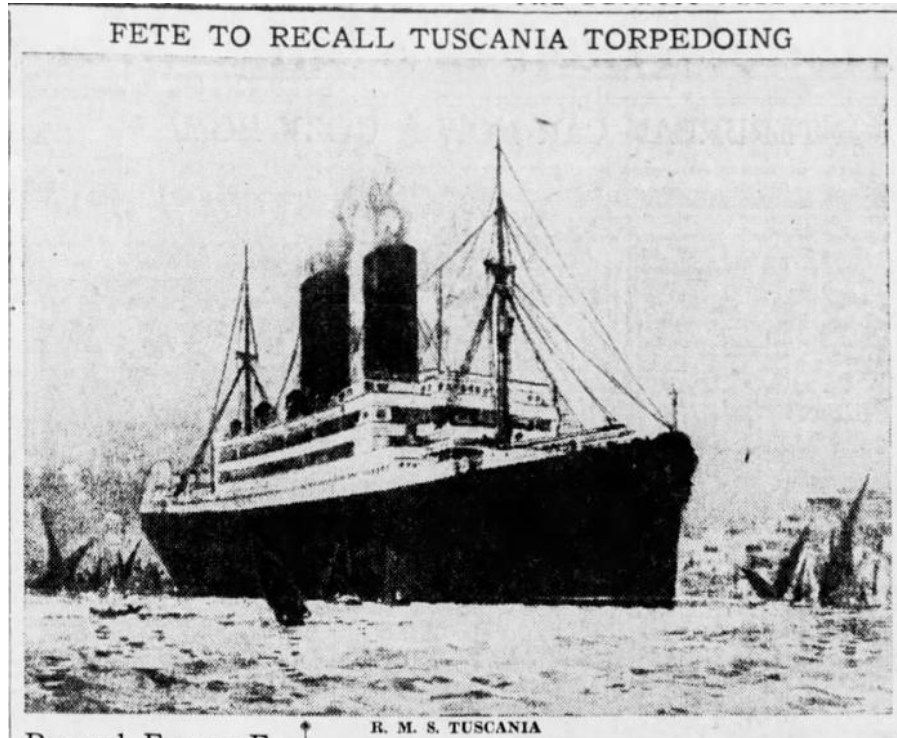
A moment before a brisk German officer, deep beneath the surface of the sea with his eye glued to a periscope, had uttered just one word.

"Feuer!" he said.

A torpedo slid out of its tube.
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NOTE: Captain Meyer did NOT attend the 1933 reunion, as Hitler intervened



Error: SS Tuscania, not RMS (not a ship of the Royal Navy)

Rescued, Former Foe and Rescuer Will Clasp Hands

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churned toward the distant troopship—toward Larned changing for dinner and Fitzgerald examining the ship's maps.

They were on a special mission to Europe. They had been assigned to the signal corps in connection with a recruiting campaign. The signal corps had the organization of an aviation division in mind.

The Detroiters had visited a half dozen aviation camps in the South, had then been ordered to Europe. Washington issued Fitzgerald Passport No. 13, said it hoped he was not superstitious. Both got their typhus inoculation, and the third shot made Larned so sick that he was confined to a New York hotel room.

They had to cancel their original sailing, stay over 10 days, finally boarded the Tuscania.

Sailing with her was the Baltic—Paducah's Irvin Cobb among her passengers—and another troopship.

During a three-day wait at Halifax several tankers and other ships were added, until there were 12 in all. They stood out to sea and the third day out picked up their convoy of six British destroyers.

Weather was clear, ocean peaceful, sun bright. On the afternoon before the Tuscania received her death blow, a program of boxing bouts was run off on deck and soldiers were perched everywhere above the deck to get a good view of the contestants.

It was 6:10 p. m. exactly when the torpedo hit the troopship a vital blow amidship.

The vessel quivered. Lights went out. There was a hissing sound as of steam escaping. When the torpedo struck, the sound resembled that of a ferry blown against a dock in a storm.

In the darkness, Fitzgerald groped on the floor of the smoking room for his life preserver. He had put it there when he started to look at the atlas.



—Spellman Photo
ABNER E. LARNED



—Hayes Photo
EDWARD T. FITZGERALD

Beattie, beside him, reached for his preserver, too, and picked up Fitzgerald's by mistake. "Sorry," he apologized. "I guess this is yours."

Finds Himself in Dark

Below decks in his cabin Larned heard the torpedo strike, found himself in complete darkness the next moment. He reached for his life preserver, damned his carelessness when he discovered two of the strings were tightly knotted.

Then he decorously picked up his hat and coat, listened for a moment to the sound of crashing feet on the staircase immediately opposite his door, thought the boys had lost their heads.

He was mistaken. When he came out of the stateroom, he saw the men were filing up in good order.

In the blackness on deck Larned and Fitzgerald met at their lifeboat station.

Fitzgerald had not given any thought to his overcoat and hat.

"If you don't die in the sea, you'll die of pneumonia," said Larned. "Go on down and get your coat and I'll wait right here for you."

Fitzgerald did and rejoined Larned on deck, where they watched the lowering of the boats. The pitch of the ship and the excitement of some of the men letting the small craft down had catastrophic results.

Boats Dump Men Into Sea

Several boats tipped to the vertical and emptied their human loads into the sea.

Most of them got away safely, however.

A British destroyer pulled alongside and filled up with as many as it could take.

Larned and Fitzgerald still paced the deck.

If the worst came, they would jump.

Fitzgerald remembered that when the Titanic went down, he had read a lot about the danger of suction, and he picked up from the deck and carried around with him a piece of rope. He had a vague idea that if he and Larned had to take to swimming, they might tie themselves together with the rope—or something like that.

They stopped beside a sailor who was bending over some ropes.

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"I beg your pardon," said Larned, "but could you tell us whether it would be best to jump off the port or starboard side if we had to jump?"

The starboard was high in the air while the port rail was almost underwater.

The sailor didn't look up.

"It's every man for himself now," he mumbled, and that was all.

The destroyer vanished in the night.

"I think this is the end," said Fitzgerald.

"Eddie, it doesn't look so good, does it?" said Larned.

A voice broke out of the blackness forward.

"Any more 100th Squadron men around?" it said.

Larned and Fitzgerald had nothing to do with the squadron, but curiosity drew them toward the voice. To their amazement, they saw before them a second British destroyer.

"Have you room for two first-class passengers?" asked Fitzgerald.

"Jump on and grab yourself a ride," a voice shouted.

The Detroiters jumped.

When dawn broke, they were sitting down to a comfortable breakfast in Londonderry, Ireland.

Commissioner Says Utilities Unchecked

Fitzgerald Accuses State Board of Ignoring Fairness of Rates

DETROIT, Feb. 13—(AP)—Edward T. Fitzgerald, Detroit, member of the state public utilities commission, in a statement today asserted that "after nearly two years experience on the commission I am convinced there is virtually no regulation of utility rates in the state of Michigan."

"In a perfunctory way and in accordance with the law financial reports are filed at stated periods with the commission by the corporations," he said, "but there is no thoroughgoing examination of these reports to determine whether the rate payers are receiving a fair share and it is only when a municipality appeals to the commission for action that it is aroused at all from its lethargy."

Fitzgerald charged that "although the commission in its annual report, makes a claim to the contrary, there have not been more than one or two genuine reductions in utility rates ordered by the utilities commission at Lansing during the last two years, regardless of the fact that the price of every other known commodity has taken a downward course."

The Bay City Times
Mon, Feb 13, 1933 - Page 1

Bay City MI

Utilities Board May Be Ousted

*Governor Gets Ready
to Take Action*

By Frank G. Morris

LANSING, June 20—With the Supreme Court asked Tuesday to intervene in the squabble between members of the Public Utilities Commission, Gov. Comstock laid plans for removal proceedings against all five of the officials engaged in the feud.

"I am inquiring into the legality of such a procedure and the method of giving the commissioners a hearing," the Governor said, "but I have not yet made a decision. An announcement can be expected within a few days."

The appeal to the Supreme Court for intervention was made by Commissioner Edward T. Fitzgerald, of Detroit, after a controversy with his colleagues that started a year ago. Fitzgerald has charged the other members with favoring utilities, with refusing to reduce rates although testimony has warranted cuts, and with ostracizing him from his official duties.

Detroit Free Press
Wed, Jun 21, 1933 · Page 8

FITZGERALD FILES ANSWER

*Reiterates Charges Against
Four Other Members of
State Commission*

LANSING, July 5—(AP)—Edward T. Fitzgerald reiterated his charges against four other members of the state public utilities commission in an answer filed with the supreme court today. The answer followed a reply of the four commissioners to Fitzgerald's petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the other members to permit him to attend commission meetings and have access to records.

Fitzgerald charged the commission had failed to "make a single genuine rate reduction" declaring that its rate orders were "a bone tossed to the public, a sedative to quiet demands for a thorough investigation of the rates question". He charged the other four members had "deliberately falsified" commission records to indicate his absence from meetings and had "influenced employees in a program of intimidation."

The supreme court has Fitzgerald's petition under advisement with no indication as to when it may act.

Grand Haven Tribune
Wed, Jul 05, 1933 · Page 1

Grand Haven MI

Edward Fitzgerald's Leg Is Broken by Automobile

HASTINGS, July 13—Edward T. Fitzgerald, Detroit, a member of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, suffered a broken leg late Wednesday night when struck by a car as he was changing a tire on M-43, 18 miles from here. Fitzgerald's car was parked off the road on the left.

The approaching machine, driven by Orville Henry, of Hastings, attempted to pass on the right. Henry, who brought Fitzgerald to the hospital here, said that he was confused by the lights of the Commissioner's car.

Detroit Free Press
Fri, Jul 14, 1933 · Page 10

UTILITIES COMMISSIONER IS IN HASTINGS HOSPITAL

Hastings, July 14.—Edward T. Fitzgerald of Lansing, member of the state public utilities commission, was in Pennock hospital Friday suffering from a broken leg and bruises received when a car driven by Orville Henry of Hastings struck him as he was fixing a tire. The accident occurred on M43, 18 miles from here.

Fitzgerald had gone for a ride accompanied by his sister, Mary Fitzgerald, and had turned back toward Lansing when the tire went flat. His car swayed to the left, and he pulled off the road on that side to make the change.

Apparently the lights of his car confused Henry, coming toward Hastings, who tried to pass the commissioner's machine on the right. Fitzgerald was hit, but his sister standing beside him jumped to safety.

Henry brought Fitzgerald to Hastings at once. His condition is painful but not serious.

The Grand Rapids Press
Fri, Jul 14, 1933 · Page 8

Grand Rapids MI

COURT STAYS OUT OF UTILITIES ROW

Wordy Battles With Commission Chairman, Member Shunned.

(Citizen Patriot Lansing Bureau.)

Lansing, Oct. 3.—The state supreme court today had refused to take any part in the wordy battles of Edward T. Fitzgerald and other members of the Michigan public utilities commission, particularly Kit F. Clardy, the chairman.

Recently Fitzgerald filed a petition with the court and was granted an order directing Clardy and the other members to show cause why they should not be compelled to give Fitzgerald proper notice of meetings and access to all official documents of the commission.

Clardy denied that the gag rule had been applied to Fitzgerald who he charged had not participated in 70 per cent of more than 400 cases which the commission had heard. No member of the commission ever was aware of Fitzgerald's views until they read them in the public press.

In denying Fitzgerald's application for a court order reinstating him as a member, the court said, "it would be far better that the attention of the commissioners be not diverted from the large amount of public business to which it has to attend."

Jackson Citizen Patriot
Tue, Oct 03, 1933 Page 1

Jackson MI

O'BRIEN SAYS E. FITZGERALD WOULDN'T TALK

Attorney General Attacks At-
titude Of Utility
Commissioner

(By Associated Press)

LANSING, Feb. 1.—Gerald K. O'Brien, deputy attorney general, charged today that Edward T. Fitzgerald, Michigan public utilities commissioner, who has been insisting upon a public instead of a secret investigation of the commission, refused to testify even when offered an open hearing.

Fitzgerald has written two letters to Governor Comstock protesting against "star chamber" hearings. The governor and members of the committee replied that the present inquiry is preliminary and informal. They said they did not wish them open because some witnesses offer gossip and slander.

"Fitzgerald came in Wednesday," O'Brien said. "He claimed he had many important facts the committee should have, but said he would not make any statement in a secret hearing. The attorney general was present and he offered to hold an open meeting for Fitzgerald's benefit. When Fitzgerald was invited to testify with the press in attendance his answer was, 'no'."

The investigating committee was to pry into the files of the commission today in an effort to determine whether there is basis for complaints received from several sources that action on petitions for rate reductions has been unduly slow. The members plan to check the commission docket and may look into other records.

The Herald-Palladium
Thu, Feb 01, 1934 Page 14

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D. & C. Promotes Detroit Ex-Official

Edward L. Fitzgerald Now Vice President

The appointment of Edward T. Fitzgerald, former newspaperman and State official and for years prominent in city affairs, as vice president in charge of passenger traffic for The Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co., was announced Saturday by James T. McMillan, president.

Fitzgerald became associated with the company in December, 1934, as assistant to McMillan. From 1913 to 1918 he was secretary to former Mayor Oscar B. Marx. From 1918 to 1919 he was a personal representative of former Mayor James Couzens. He, with Albert E. Larned, was en route to France on a Government mission in February, 1918, on the Tuscania when it was torpedoed. From 1931 to 1934 he was a member of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission.

Born in St. Paul Sept. 19, 1888, Fitzgerald was educated in the St. Paul High School and in St. Thomas College there. He had been a special writer for the old Detroit Journal and later a reporter for the Detroit News for several years before entering public life.

Detroit Free Press
Sun, Sep 22, 1935 ·Page 2

Headline incorrectly identifies him as Edward L. Fitzgerald -

Biography in Brief..... Abner Larned

BY JAMES S. HASKINS

ONE cold February night 22 years ago Abner E. Larned stood smoking a cigar on the plunging deck of the torpedoed S. S. Tuscania.

He just had rejected his last chance to leave the ill-fated ship in a lifeboat because he had promised to wait for a fellow Detroit, Edward T. Fitzgerald, who had gone below to get an overcoat. After Fitzgerald rejoined him, it seemed that the Tuscania would take its final plunge any minute.

"Well, Eddie, it looks like we are goners," said Larned. "Anyway, you and I have no kick coming, we have interesting lives behind us."

But a British destroyer arrived a few minutes later, saving Larned and Fitzgerald from the fate of 213 other passengers who drowned. Larned had gone into the submarine-infested waters as a matter of unpaid public service, just as he has shouldered other difficult civic duties since.

Interesting hardly describes Larned's life. Whenever men, money, jobs or other resources have to be mobilized in Detroit it has been the habit for 40 years to let "Ab" Larned carry the ball.

HE could sell snowballs to an Eskimo. He is a super-salesman and a silver-tongued orator combined. He has shunned several opportunities to run for governor, United States Senator and mayor but always has stood ready to accept civic responsibilities.

Today at 69 he is the same vigorous campaigner of old, still carrying on in many unpaid capacities besides holding a salaried post as state director of the WPA. He is a quiet-mannered white-haired man possessing the ability to get things done.

days for the Detroit Patriotic Fund, forerunner of the Detroit Community Fund. In recent years Larned always has directed the President's Birthday Ball campaigns to aid infantile paralysis victims.

"Ab is the greatest drag to get people to do things I ever saw," said one old friend. "Look at the way he puts over the President's Birthday Ball. Many of the workers, as well as most of the large contributors, are Republicans who don't like Roosevelt. But Larned sells them year after year."

Once, after Larned had given one of his inspirational talks, the late Senator James Couzens remarked:



AB LARNED

"Ab, I'd give \$250,000 if I could speak publicly with half the effectiveness you do. How do you do it?"

"It's simple, Jim," replied Larned. "Never talk unless you've something worthwhile to say. Then state it as briefly

things gone.

He was just a country boy looking for a job when he left Fenton, Mich., his birthplace, shortly after graduating from high school. His first job was as a \$6-a-week salesman for a small retail dry goods store on Woodward. Later he became a travelling salesman for a wholesale house. In 1899 he had saved \$1,000 and borrowed another \$1,000 when he joined David Carter to buy a small overall factory.

Larned, president of the new company, took to the road himself and pushed the sales of their products upward. When he sold out in 1928 the Larned, Carter & Co. was one of the largest manufacturers of worker's clothing in the country. Larned's ability to win confidence of associates illustrated early for labor disputes never closed one of the company's plants during his long tenure as president.

It was in 1916, while serving as president of the Board of Commerce, that he made his first important speech. He had carefully written out what he intended to say in introducing a speaker.

"As I stood up, paper in hand, it suddenly dawned on me how silly it all was," Larned recalls, with a chuckle. "I said to myself that if I didn't know enough about the man to speak extemporaneously I should sit down. So I dropped my prepared speech and just talked."

Larned has been doing just that ever since. He has a voice pleasing to the ear, and each word rings with sincerity. He has the ability to reach the heart of every person in his audience.

THIS gift of oratory carried him far. There are dozens of stories of how he raised money. He headed the Liberty Loan drives in the World War, building fund and membership drives for the Y.M.C.A., D.A.C., the Board of Commerce and was active in many other worthwhile campaigns.

During the World War Larned headed a committee which raised \$11,000,000 in 10

to say. Then state it as briefly as clarification of your ideas will permit and sit down."

COUZENS, while mayor, persuaded Larned to serve as chairman of the Detroit Street Railway Commission. He also has served as president of the D.A.C. and has been chairman of the Guardian Depositors Group since 1935.

Larned always describes himself as an independent in politics. He was a Bull Moose back in 1912, supported several Republican presidential nominees until 1932. As a youth his hero was Teddy Roosevelt. Today it's Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Since 1933 he has been all tangled up with the alphabet agencies of the Federal Government. He was general chairman of the first NRA committee in Detroit, chairman of the Detroit Regional Compliance Board, chairman of the Detroit Regional Labor Board and State NRA compliance director. Then he became state director of the National Emergency Council, to co-ordinate the work of 10 alphabet agencies; was director of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, and in December, 1938, became state WPA director.

Larned lives with his wife and son at 8129 E. Jefferson. He is temperate. He doesn't like to play cards but enjoys sitting around the D.A.C.—and talking about old Detroit. He reads books on a wide variety of subjects. He used to play some golf and basketball.

His pet peeve always has been the refusal of some big business leaders to give up time to civic campaigns. Friends joke with him about one of his failings—a faulty memory for dates.

"Why, I never have been able to remember any date except 1492," he chuckles. "I think that was the year Columbus discovered America."

But that doesn't matter for his friends remember—dates that marked milestones in Larned's long career of civic accomplishments.

THE GOAL'S IN SIGHT

Relief Game Sellout Seen as Ticket Sale Booms

BY CHARLES P. WARD

If the ticket sale for the baseball double-header to be played at Briggs Stadium Sunday for the benefit of the Army and Navy Relief continues as brisk as it was

Tuesday, those in charge of the affair will attain their goal of a capacity crowd.

"Today's sale was the best we have had so far," said Edward T. Fitzgerald, who is handling the affair for the Tigers, who in turn

are the agents for the Army and Navy Relief in this instance. "The box offices were busy all day and the mail orders were heavy."

If the Tigers sell out the park they will realize \$62,000, all of which will be turned over to the Relief Fund. This will be more than any American League club has turned over to the fund so far.

Largest block of tickets sold Tuesday was purchased by Harry F. Vickers, president of Vickers, Inc. He purchased a block of 500. A block of 200 tickets was purchased by the Brooker Engineering Co. and blocks of 100 tickets were purchased by Gar Wood and the Hawthorne Metal Products Co. Fred F. Sanders, of Sanders Stores, purchased 75 tickets and directed that all but two of them be turned over to soldiers and sailors. The Peoples Outfitting Co. also purchased a block of 100 tickets and B. Siegel Co. and Kline's Store bought blocks of 25 each.

Blocks of 50 tickets each were bought by the Montgomery Ward Grand River store and Jules Schubot, and the former directed that its seats be distributed to soldiers and sailors.

Theodore R. Hodges sent in a check for \$25 for the fund. Other checks in varying amounts were received from Dr. J. M. Robb, John T. Millen, W. J. Chittenden, Jr., R. M. Roland, J. W. Bryant, Jr., and Judge Ralph Liddy.

The St. Louis Browns will furnish the opposition for the Tigers in the two games which may yet develop into a battle between the Tigers and the Browns for fourth place.

Tigers Face Cubs Before 59,000 Fans in Opener

BY JAMES ZERILLI

Senator A. B. (Happy) Chandler presided over a meeting of the American and National League presidents and the principals in the impending World Series during which ground rules, disciplinary measures and assignment of umpires was decided.

Will Harridge, president of the American League, Ford Frick, of the National League, Manager Steve O'Neill, of the Tigers and Charley Grimm, boss of the Cubs as well as the umpires appointed by both leagues attended the meeting.

The umpires for the first game Wednesday are: Bill Summers, behind the plate; Lou Jorda, first; Art Passarella, second, and Jocko Conlan, third.

Summers and Passarella are American Leaguers.

Lee Ballanfant, of the National League and Charlie Berry are alternate umpires.

Busiest man in the entire set-up is Edward T. Fitzgerald, director of public relations for Walter O. Briggs, who is in charge of tickets for press, radio and pictures. He also authored the nifty Series program.

Excerpts for the World Series and the Detroit Tigers v. the Chicago Cubs -

Detroit Free Press
Wed, Oct 03, 1945 · Page 14

Abner Larned

Nearly a half century of service to Detroit was ended with the death of Abner E. Larned Friday in Harper hospital.

Mr. Larned, 76 years old, was chairman of the Wayne County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at his death.

That was only one of the many posts he had held through the years to which he had devoted his outstanding talent of persuasive salesmanship.

A native of Fenton, Mr. Larned went to Detroit to work in a small drygoods store on Woodward at \$6 a week. By 1899 he used his \$1,000 in savings and another \$1,000 he borrowed to join David Carter in buying a small overall factory.

When he retired in 1928, the Larned, Carter & Co. was one of the nation's leaders in production of work clothing.

Mr. Larned helped organize De-

troit's Board of Commerce and served as its president in 1910-11. But his ability in public service was not fully recognized until he served as a group chairman of a committee to raise funds for expansion of Detroit's YMCA.

He next was called upon to raise money in the financing of the Detroit Athletic Club in 1923. He sold the entire \$600,000 second mortgage in less than two hours.

His next assignment was to sell Liberty Bonds during World War I. He achieved a record unparalleled anywhere and in carrying out this job nearly lost his life.

With Edward T. Fitzgerald, then secretary to Mayor Oscar B. Marx, he was aboard the troopship Tuscania. They were bound for Europe to view the war first hand and get material for their Liberty Bond sales efforts.

An hour before the ship was to land it was torpedoed with heavy loss of life. Mr. Larned and Fitzgerald were taken off by a British destroyer minutes before the troopship sank.

Other posts which Mr. Larned held included vice-president of the First State Bank of Detroit, president of the Street Railway Commission under Mayor James Couzens, president of the DAC and a director for 10 years, general chairman of the first NRA committee in Detroit, chairman of the Detroit Regional Compliance Board.

Chairman, Detroit Regional Labor Board, State NRA Compliance director for Michigan, State director of the National Emergency Council, State director of WPA, and general chairman of the Detroit Better Housing Program Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith M. Larned, of the home, 8120 East Jefferson; a son, Cortland K. Larned; a grandson, Cortland K. Larned, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Flora L. Anderson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., 3975 Cass. Burial was in Fenton.

The Independent
Thu, Jun 12, 1947 - Page 6

Fenton MI

Strip of Metal Falls; Injures Eight at Game

Detroit, July 29.—**P**—Seven spectators at the Detroit-Philadelphia American League baseball game were hurt last night when a strip of sheet metal fell into the grandstand.

One man was treated at a doctor's office, the others in the first-aid room of Briggs Stadium. None was believed seriously hurt.

The strip of metal, about 8x4 feet, fell off a facing on the grandstand's upper deck just as the game was ending with Philadelphia winning, 7-6.

About 200 fans, part of a crowd of 37,324, were in the immediate vicinity. There was some jostling as they hurried away.

Ira Burbage, 50, was struck on the head and back. He was released to his home after treatment from a physician.

Officials of the Detroit Baseball Company ordered an investigation.

Within the memory of veteran Tiger followers there had been no such other untoward incident at the big ball park. Briggs Stadium, remodeled when industrialist Walter O. Briggs Sr. took over the club, is known as the finest in the big leagues.

Edward T. Fitzgerald, public relations director for the Tigers, said the piece of metal fell into the upper deck.

Police and stadium attendants joined in helping the injured persons, taking them to the first-aid room.

Burbage was the worst injured. The others suffered cuts and bruises.

Two women were among the casualties—all Detroiters.

The Muskegon Chronicle
Sat, Jul 29, 1950 · Page 11

Muskegon MI

By LLOYD NORTHARD

Detroit, Nov. 24 — (UP) — Edward T. Fitzgerald, whose voice was known to millions of baseball fans who visited Briggs Stadium during the past 16 years, has retired as publicity director of the Detroit Tigers.

There was no official notice of Fitzgerald's retirement because that's the way "Fitz" wanted it. His chief duty was to publicize ball players, never himself.

Fitzgerald, who is 67 years old, was more than a publicity director, though. He was the late Walter O. Briggs' right-hand man, handled the public address system and ran what was hailed as major league baseball's most orderly press box.

Briggs hired the quiet-mannered Fitzgerald, a former newspaper reporter, because he demanded dignity in his front office. He was not in favor of publicity stunts.

Consequently, Fitzgerald established precedents which were unique to baseball.

A former Detroit manager once complained to Briggs that Fitzgerald refused to admit one of his friends to the press box. Briggs backed up his publicist and assailed the manager for the attempt.

The microphone job is not ordinarily the job for the public relations man but Briggs asked "Fitz" to handle it lest commercialism might creep in.

Fitzgerald used the microphone only to announce line-ups and to page fans in cases of emergency. He lost some political friends by refusing their requests to page persons.

Briggs always conferred with Fitzgerald on major decisions and

Ed Fitzgerald Quits

Detroit Tigers Public Relations Man Retires

the judgment of the publicity director played a big part in changes in player and management personnel. Fitzgerald is said to have influenced Briggs to have the ball park equipped with lights a half dozen years ago.

Fitzgerald believes baseball today is somewhat inferior to baseball of the 1930's. He said Army service makes it harder to get good players.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Fitzgerald came to Detroit in 1907 as a reporter for the News where he remained until 1913 before leaving to aid first Oscar B. Marx and later James Couzens into the Detroit mayor's office.

Fitzgerald will watch the Tigers frequently next season, but from the stands. He has turned the press box over to his successor, Doc Fenkell, with instructions to keep non-workers out.

The Muskegon Chronicle
Wed, Nov 24, 1954 · Page 10

Muskegon MI

Wife

Mr Edward Fitzgerald
in the Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952



Purchase Certificate

Detail	Source
Name	Mr Edward Fitzgerald
Gender	Male
Marriage License Place	Shiawassee
Marriage Date	22 Dec 1936
Marriage Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Spouse	Ruby Hickson
County File Number	3169
State File Number	76 3394

Certificate of Marriage

Between Mr. Edward Fitzgerald and M. Ruby Nickson

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me, at Retreat, County of Wayne, Michigan, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1936, in the presence of Richard Beaume, of Retreat, Michigan and Mary Beaume, of Retreat, Michigan as witnesses.

Rev. Frederick T. Hoeger
Name of Magistrate or Clergyman
Catholic Priest
Official Title

This copy is to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; then it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded on the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

FITZGERALD

Ruby B., Oct. 4 of 155 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Wife of Edward T.; mother of Thomas and Sally Anne; sister of Mrs. M. J. Cochrane of Oakville, Ont.; Mrs. Addie Hamilton of Detroit. Mrs. George F. Kimber of Lake Orion, Mich. and Mrs. Gordon Parkinson of Leamington, Ont. Funeral from the Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack at Outer Drive Wednesday at 9 and to St. Paul's Church at 9:30. Rosary Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Detroit Free Press
Tue, Oct 06, 1959 · Page 25

Children

Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald

DETROIT - Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald passed away December 27, 2018 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 79.

First elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1990, Judge Fitzgerald served on the Court for 24 years before retiring in 2014.

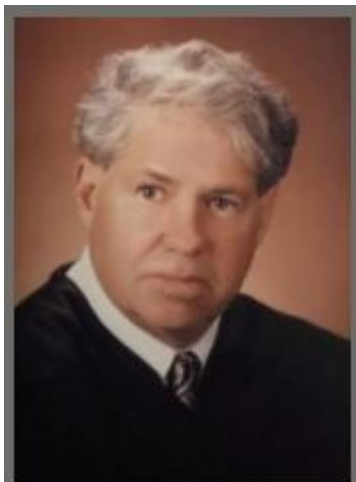
His colleagues on the Court remember him as "one of the most decent, caring individuals one could ever meet, who loved both the work of the Court and the people of the Court. It is truly a sad day to lose a man like Tom Fitzgerald." Prior to his election to the Court, Fitzgerald was a trial attorney in private practice for 24 years, where he was recognized as an aggressive, caring and tireless advocate for his clients.

Judge Fitzgerald was born in Detroit and attended Assumption High School in Windsor. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Detroit.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years Kathy, children John, Jennifer, and Mary Kate (Keeter), son-in-law Adam Keeter, sister and brother-in-law Sally and Dennis Murphy, Rob Hunter, former wife Gwen Fitzgerald, and many nieces and nephews.

Tom's generous and loving spirit and gregarious personality will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 at St. Paul Catholic Church with the Fr. Michael O'Brien officiating. The family will receive friends at the Shiawassee County 35th Circuit Courtroom (third floor), 208 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Access to Justice Campaign administered through the State Bar of Michigan; www.atjfund.org; 306 Townsend St. Lansing, MI 48933.



Son Edward Thomas Fitzgerald Jr. (1939-2018) – Find A Grave 195624901

Thomas E Fitzgerald

in the U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016



Detail	Source
Name	Thomas E Fitzgerald
Yearbook Date	1957
School	Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science
School Location	East Lansing, Michigan, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1265/records/481604691>

Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald Obituary

Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald passed away December 27, 2018 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 79.

Judge Fitzgerald served on the Michigan Court of Appeals for 24 years, first elected in 1990 and reelected in 1996, 2002, and 2008. He was ineligible to seek a fifth term by the Michigan Constitution provision limiting judicial candidacy to persons under the age of 70.

His colleagues on the Court remember him as "one of the most decent, caring individuals one could ever meet, who loved the work of the Court, the people of the Court, and was always eager to help with extra work."

Prior to his election to the Court, Fitzgerald was a trial attorney in private practice for 24 years, with a primary practice concentration in criminal and domestic relations law. In 1968 he joined Ellis Bowler & Associates in Durand, and in 1969 established the law firm of Fitzgerald and Dumon. While in private practice, Fitzgerald earned a reputation as an aggressive, caring and tireless advocate for his clients. He was wellknown for meeting with clients at 6:30 a.m. prior to appearing in various courts throughout the day. His deep passion for the law and a 'never quit' perseverance was epitomized by his three election runs for the Appellate Court before winning on the fourth election bid.

Judge Fitzgerald was born in Detroit and attended Assumption High School in Windsor. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Detroit. As an undergrad Tom played baseball on scholarship and helped 'U of D' reach a number 2 national ranking. He was also an acclaimed Golden Gloves boxer. Tom put himself through law school while working full time for the City of Detroit Parks and Recreation Department. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps in 1962 and was an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School from 1991-96. Judge Fitzgerald was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church of Owosso.

Tom dearly loved the town of Harbor Springs, where he had a condo and was a member of Harbor Pointe Golf Club. He also greatly enjoyed sharing time with his many friends at Owosso Country Club.

Judge Fitzgerald was predeceased by his parents Ruby and Edward Fitzgerald. Survivors include his wife of 33 years Kathy, children John, Jennifer, and Mary Kate (Keeter), son-in-law Adam Keeter, sister- and brother-in-law Sally and Dennis Murphy, Rob Hunter, former wife Gwen Fitzgerald, and many nieces and nephews.

Tom's generous and loving spirit and gregarious personality will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 at St. Paul Catholic Church with the Fr. Michael O'Brien officiating. The family will receive friends at the Shiawassee County 35th Circuit Courtroom (third floor), 208 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Access to Justice Campaign administered through the State Bar of Michigan; www.atjfund.org. 306 Townsend St. Lansing, MI 48933.

<https://www.nelson-house.com/obituaries/Judge-E-Thomas-Fitzgerald?obId=3972961>

Christmas Eve Announcement

At a family dinner on Christmas Eve, the engagement of Gwenevere Phyllis Hartung, daughter of Mrs. Genevieve Hartung, of Burns Ave., Indian Village, and the late Urban Hartung, to Edward Thomas Fitzgerald, Jr., was announced. Her fiancé is the son of Edward Thomas Fitzgerald, of the Parkstone, and the late Mrs. Fitzgerald. A July wedding is planned.



Miss Hartung graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grosse Pointe, attended Barat College and graduated from the University of Detroit. Mr. Fitzgerald is attending the University of Detroit Law School.

Detroit Free Press
Thu, Dec 26, 1963 · Page 29



FITZGERALD - HARTUNG:
A reception at the Detroit Yacht Club followed the marriage of Gwenevere Phyllis Hartung and Edward Thomas Fitzgerald, Jr., Saturday morning in St. Edward Church. The newlyweds will live on Alter Road when they return from the Muskoka Lakes. The bride, daughter of Mrs. Urban Hartung, of Burns Ave., and the late Mr. Hartung, wore a cotton gown with a chapel train falling from the natural waist. The bridegroom is the son of the senior Mr. Fitzgerald, of Parker Ave., and the late Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Detroit Free Press
Sun, Jul 12, 1964 · Page 34

Appeals judges retained

By The Associated Press

Dorothy Comstock Riley and William Beasley both have defended through election the state Appeals Court posts they first took by appointment.

Beasley, 57, was appointed to succeed the resigning Louis McGregor earlier this year. Beasley seemed in danger of losing his bid when E. Thomas Fitzgerald, a Corunna lawyer, took a 22,000-vote lead with half the precincts reporting.

UNOFFICIAL FINAL results showed Beasley with 51 per cent of the vote (385,203) to 49 per cent for Fitzgerald (364,912).

Donald Byerlein, administrative official for the Court of Appeals, said the race apparently turned around because of a strong showing in Beasley's home Oakland County precincts.

Mrs. Riley, the first woman ever to serve on the appeals court, was named to the bench in April 1973 to fill a position vacated by T. John Lesinski. She had built a lead of more than 80,000 votes over her 1st District opponent, Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Robert Evans, with 85 per cent of the vote counted.

TWO VETERAN appeals judges, John H. Gillis in the 1st District and Robert Burns in the 3rd, ran unopposed.

Lansing State Journal
Thu, Nov 04, 1976 - Page 16

Lansing MI



Thank You

I want to thank the over 6,500 people who signed my petition placing my name on the ballot for Judge of the Court of Appeals for the August 8th primary. I want to especially thank the following people and their families located in Ingham County and the surrounding area for passing the petitions — a time-consuming and sometimes thankless job.

Jim Gibbard	Lansing
Matt Emmerson	East Lansing
Karen Hoff	East Lansing
Clyde W. Johnson	Ovid
Leslie Geddis	East Lansing
Deborah Budnik	East Lansing
John W. Ujlek	Grand Ledge
Pat Alfredson	Okemos
Jim Alfredson	Okemos
Rowena Pickering	Ovid
Genevieve Hartung	St. Clair Shores
Genevieve Fitzgerald	Corunna
Mark Marutiak	East Lansing
Michael Marutiak	East Lansing
John Golden	Lansing

Pd. for by
E. Thomas Fitzgerald
Attorney at Law
535 E. Main St.
Owosso, MI 48867

My many thanks,

E. Thomas Fitzgerald
Candidate for Court of Appeals

Lansing State Journal
Wed, Jul 05, 1978 - Page 7



E. Thomas Fitzgerald, Owosso attorney, 46, is a candidate for one of the two available seats on the Michigan Supreme Court. He will appear on the nonpartisan ballot Nov. 4. Fitzgerald is the senior partner in the law firm of Fitzgerald and Dumon, P.C. He was narrowly defeated by less than 1 percent of the total vote for the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1976 and 1978, running against incumbent candidates. He is married to Flint attorney Kathy Nelson-Fitzgerald and has two children, John, 21, and Jennifer, 15.

The Niles Daily Star
Sat, Jun 28, 1986 · Page 3

Niles MI

Readings private/confidential
PLEASE BE ADVISED — That a committee will be formed to keep Owosso Attorney E. Thomas Fitzgerald off the Michigan Supreme Court. If interested write: Vernon R. Partridge, 3512 Whitney Ave., Flint, Michigan 48503.

The Flint Journal
Sun, Jun 15, 1986 · Page 56

Flint MI

**E. Thomas
FITZGERALD
for
SUPREME
COURT
JUSTICE**



Owosso Attorney E. Thomas Fitzgerald, age 46, is a candidate for one of the two available seats on the Michigan Supreme Court. He has been nominated and will appear on the nonpartisan ballot on November 4, 1986.

Fitzgerald is the senior partner in the law firm of Fitzgerald and Dumon, P.C. He has earned his reputation as a successful trial attorney, practicing throughout the State of Michigan in both the State and Federal courts for the past twenty years.

Fitzgerald is a native Detroit who graduated from Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in 1958. Fitzgerald attended the University of Detroit on an athletic scholarship, graduating with a BA Degree in 1963. He continued his education at the University of Detroit Law School, working his way through school and graduating with honors in 1966 with a Juris Doctor Degree. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps.

Fitzgerald was narrowly defeated in his race for the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1976 and 1978, running against incumbent candidates.

As a trial attorney for twenty years, Fitzgerald understands the practical effect of judicial decision making and its impact on the people of the State of Michigan.

Contrary to the current trend to leave the bench for private practice, Fitzgerald hopes to leave a very successful practice to enter public service.

Fitzgerald is a member of the American Bar Association, Michigan State Bar Association, Shiawassee County Bar Association, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, American Judicature Society, Michigan Association of the Professions, Family Law Section of the State Bar Association, Criminal Law Section of the State Bar Association, and an Honorary Coach of Michigan State University.

Fitzgerald is married to Flint attorney Kathy Nelson — Fitzgerald. He has two children, John (age 21) a Senior at Wake Forest University and Jennifer (age 15) a Junior at East Lansing High School.

Paid for by Fitzgerald for Supreme Court Committee, 535 E. Main, 2nd Floor, Owosso, Michigan 48867.



Phyllis Jean Nelson

East Lansing

Passed away at Sparrow Hospital on September 10, 2009. Phyllis was born in East Lake on February 26, 1924, the youngest child of John Rykala and Kathryn Olszewski Rykala.

She was predeceased by her parents, and her brothers, Theodore and Stanley Rykala.

Growing up in East Lake, Phyllis and her brothers worked at the family general store which they later donated to the Michigan State University Museum. It remains on permanent display as Stanley's Crossroads Store in honor of her brother who was killed in WWII.

Phyllis graduated from Manistee High School in 1940 at the age of 16 and went on to graduate in music education from Michigan State College in 1944. She later earned her master's degree from Michigan State University in 1969. On August 29, 1946, she married her high school sweetheart Henry Nelson from Manistee and the couple settled in East Lansing.

After graduating from MSC, Phyllis started her teaching career with Williamston Community Schools and then spent many years as an elementary vocal music teacher in East Lansing retiring in 1983. She was a specialist in the Orff philosophy of music education traveling overseas to study and giving numerous clinics and workshops.

She authored several books for elementary music teachers based on the Orff philosophy, foremost of which was "The Michigan Song Bag" published in 1986. After retiring from teaching, Phyllis continued her work in music with the Lansing Matinee Musicale arranging and directing programs. She was working on several of the group's upcoming presentations at the time of her death. In addition to her career in the public schools, Phyllis was a charter member of Edgewood United Church where she served as choir director for many years.

Phyllis was a member of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association and the Michigan Music Educator's Association which chose her as their Elementary Music Teacher of the Year in 1978. She belonged to the Michigan State University Alumni Association, the Michigan State University Alumni Band, the Association for the Advancement of Retired People, and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

Surviving Phyllis are her husband, Henry; daughters, Christine (Bruce Ronda) Nelson of Ft. Collins, CO; Kathy (E. Thomas) Fitzgerald of Owosso; son, Jack (Nancy) Nelson of Williamston; granddaughter, Mary Kate Fitzgerald of Chicago; and grandsons, Michael Nelson of Chicago and Matthew Nelson of Northville.

Phyllis has given the gift of her body to the willed body donor program at Michigan State University. **A memorial service will be held November 22 at 2 pm at Edgewood United Church in East Lansing.** Memorial contributions may be made to Lansing Matinee Musicale c/o LLM President Joan Wierzbak 1268 Harbor Cut, Okemos 48864-3499.

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Kathy Phyllis Fitzgerald
in the U.S., Index to Public Records, 1994-2019



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Birth Date	Jul 1954
Residence Date	1987-2019
Address	2801 Park Ln
Residence	Owosso, Michigan, USA
Postal Code	48867
Second Residence Date	1986-1994
Second Address	1253 Ada St
Second Residence	Owosso, Michigan, USA
Second Postal Code	48867
Third Residence Date	1977-1990
Third Address	535 E Main St
Third Residence	Owosso, Michigan, USA
Third Postal Code	48867

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Kathy P Nelson
in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2



Detail	Source
Name	Kathy P Nelson
Birth Date	8 Jul 1954
Address	418 Mac Ave
Residence Place	East Lansing, Michigan, USA
Zip Code	48823-3315

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Dennis Murphy Takes Nurse as His Bride



Mrs. Dennis Murphy

The field of medicine played a big part in the meeting and marriage of Dennis Brian Murphy of Arlington Heights and Sally Anne FitzGerald of Chicago. The couple met while the groom was a student at Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago and the bride worked as a nurse at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital.

Their romance culminated in marriage July 13 in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Oak Park, at an 11 a.m. Nuptial Mass. The bride, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. FitzGerald of Grosse Pointe, Mich., was given in marriage by her brother, Edward T. FitzGerald Jr. of Detroit.

The groom is the son of the senior William S. Murphys of 516 W. Eastman, Arlington Heights.

Before coming to Chicago to work, the bride had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Posselius Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.

According to the new nuptial celebration, the bridal party came down the aisle followed by the priests, Father John Scheuneman of Notre Dame High School and Father Kashmir Schimilewski of Bourg, La. The groom attended Notre Dame High School and met Father Scheuneman there. The bride met Father Schimilewski when she worked in Louisiana for a year.

FOR THE double ring ceremony, she wore a white organza gown with a high neckline accented with lace and lace bell-shaped sleeves. Her illusion veil was secured by a small beaded crown, and she carried white orchids and stephanotis with three strands of ivy.

Antonia Roest of Chicago was maid of honor, gowned in mint green with blue, yellow and pink flowers appliqued on the short sleeves, the round neckline and at the empire waist. She carried a natural wooden basket filled with

small pompons of blue, pink and yellow to match the trim on her gown.

Three bridesmaids, Mrs. Joseph Dansbury of Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Edward Signatur of Chicago and Diana Navicky of Gary, Ind., were gowned identically to Miss Roest and also carried baskets of multi-colored pompons.

WILLIAM S. Murphy Jr. of Mount Prospect was his brother's best man. Robert Malachowski, Chicago; Kenneth Sirinek, Oak Park, and Nelson McMahon, Park Ridge, seated the guests.

For the morning nuptials,

Mrs. Posselius wore a yellow brocade dress with matching coat and a white orchid corsage. Mrs. Murphy chose a light blue dress with matching coat and also had a white orchid at her shoulder.

The wedding reception took place at Club Suzette in Chicago for 150 guests.

AFTER AN 8-day honeymoon in Denver, Colorado Springs and Las Vegas, the bridal pair are back in Chicago living at 17 N. Waller. The groom is a senior at Stritch, after earning his bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn.

The bride has her degree from Marquette University College of Nursing, Milwaukee, and is associated with the Mile Square Health Center at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital.

The Roselle Register
Wed, Aug 21, 1968 · Page 31

Roselle IL

Murphy, Dennis B. 'Funeral'

The Murphy family is deeply saddened to announce the loss of their husband, father, grandfather, leader and role-model, Dennis Murphy. He died on June 24, at the age of 78, after a mighty battle against cancer and surrounded in love, with his family by his side.



The son of William and Virginia Murphy, Dennis was born on February 8, 1943. He married his bride, Sally Fitzgerald on July 13, 1968 at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish in Oak Park, IL.

He graduated from St. Mary's College in Winona, MN (1965) with a degree in biology. He went on to study medicine at the University of Chicago and Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine (1969). After his internship at Rockford Memorial Hospital (Rockford, IL) and his service as a Captain in the US Air Force, his pediatric residencies at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN), and Butterworth Hospital (Grand Rapids, MI), he began to practice pediatrics. After a few more moves, he brought his practice to St. Charles, IL. In

addition, he became a pediatric hospice doctor for Seasons Hospice. He treated all of his patients with compassion, empathy and dignity.

His survivors include his wife Sally, his daughters Erin (Terry) Kaminski, Carrie (Chris)

Banas, his sons Scott (Tori) Murphy, Brent Murphy, his brother William (Therese)

Murphy, his grandchildren Ashley, Michael, Seamus, Taryn, Meghan, Brigid, Keegan and Patrick, and his devoted dog, Yoda.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Patricia Murphy.

A visitation will be held at Yurs Funeral Home in St. Charles, IL on June 30 from 4:00PM

- 8:00PM and a Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Neumann Parish on July 1 at 10:30AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a memorial donation to

JourneyCare Foundation (Hospice Care for Children), 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025

or online at www.journeycare.org OR to St. Mary's University of Minnesota - Science

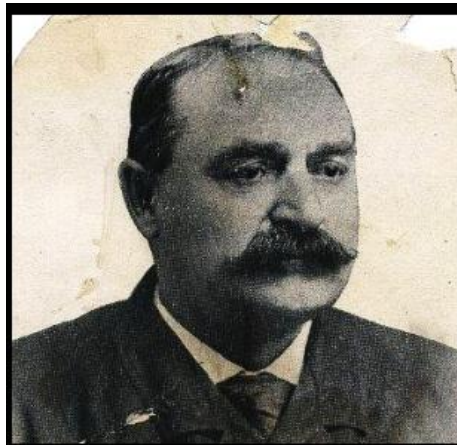
Programs, 700 Terrace Heights #21, Winona, MN 55987.

For more information, please call Yurs Funeral Home of St. Charles, 630-584-0060 or visit us at www.yurs-funeralhomes.com

Chicago Tribune

Sun, Jun 27, 2021 · Page 1-33

Father



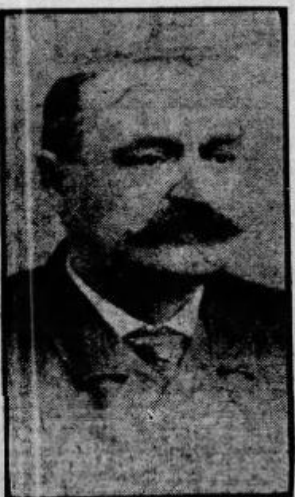
John Francis Fitzgerald – Find A Grave 45131055

**PARALYSIS IS FATAL
TO JOHN F. FITZGERALD**

**Was Connected With Detroit
House of Correction for
Ten Years.**

Stricken by paralysis last Friday, John F. Fitzgerald, for ten years assistant superintendent of the Detroit house of correction under Capt. Joe Nicholson, died last night at his home, 309 Avery avenue, without regaining consciousness for five days.

Mr. Fitzgerald returned to Detroit from St. Paul, Minn., last November. He had spent 22 years there as superintendent of the St. Paul



JOHN F. FITZGERALD.
Detroit Penal Expert Is Victim of Paralysis.

house of correction, but was forced to retire from active life on account of the ill effects of an attack of pneumonia, and decided to spend his last days in Detroit, his real home since infancy.

Born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1849, he came to Detroit when only 2 years old. He was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Patton and afterward obtained the position at the house of correction, which he left to take charge of the St. Paul institution.

His wife died some time ago, but he is survived by three sons and three daughters: Edward T., John M., of St. Paul; Gerald H., Mary G., Grace M. and Elizabeth. The funeral will take place Saturday morning.

Detroit Free Press
Thu, Jul 16, 1908 -Page 7

FITZGERALD—At his residence, 309 Avery-ave., July 15, John F. Fitzgerald, father of Mary G., John M., Grace M., Elizabeth K., and Edward T., and Gerald H. Fitzgerald. Funeral Saturday from residence at 8:30, and Holy Trinity church at 9 o'clock.

Detroit Evening Times
Fri, Jul 17, 1908 ·Page 9

JOHN F. FITZGERALD DEAD

Former Superintendent of St. Paul Workhouse Yields to Paralysis.

John F. Fitzgerald, 70 years old, and for twenty-three years a superintendent of the St. Paul workhouse, died last night in Detroit, Mich., where he had lived since he resigned his position in St. Paul last October. The immediate cause of death was paralysis, which came upon Mr. Fitzgerald Friday afternoon.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in Ireland. While he was still a boy his family came to America and settled at Detroit, where he continued to live for a greater part of his life. He was connected with the workhouse in Detroit before he went to St. Paul.

Mr. Fitzgerald's resignation from the St. Paul workhouse was caused by friction which broke out in the workhouse board while he was taking a long leave of absence because of ill health.

Mr. Fitzgerald's wife died about four years ago, and his surviving family consists of six children, one of whom, John M. Fitzgerald, lives at 290 Sherburn avenue, St. Paul.

The Minneapolis Journal
Thu, Jul 16, 1908 ·Page 7

EXTRA MEETING CALL

Workhouse Board Will Investigate the Conduct of Superintendent John Fitzgerald.

An extra meeting of the St. Paul workhouse board will be held this afternoon to consider the case of John Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald is superintendent of the workhouse, and it is said that he has been doing things which do not meet with the approval of some members of the board.

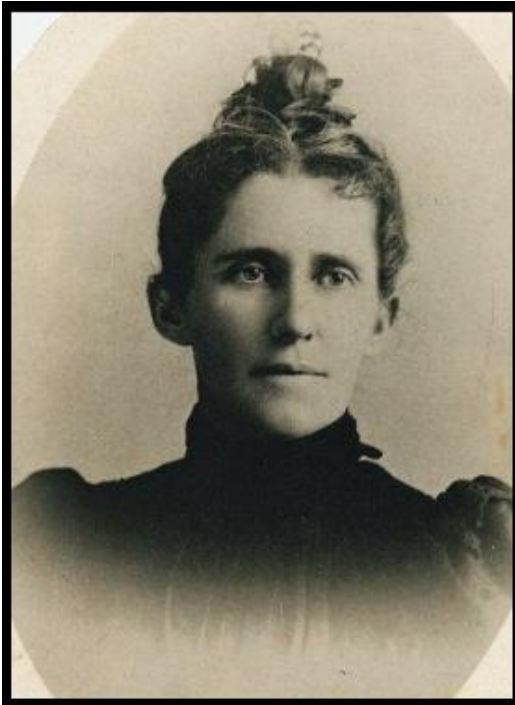
For one cause of action against the superintendent the board has reason to believe that Mr. Fitzgerald discharged two guards at the workhouse without the knowledge and consent of the board. That the men have been discharged is accepted as a fact, for the men themselves have so notified the board, and Mr. Fitzgerald does not deny the statement.

Star Tribune

Tue, Feb 20, 1906 · Page 9

Minneapolis MN

Mother



DEATHS.

FITZGERALD—On April 28, at the family residence in Como Park, Mrs. Helen Hackett Fitzgerald, beloved wife of John F. Fitzgerald, aged fifty-one years. Funeral from residence, corner Lexington and Langford, Como Park, on Thursday, May 1, at 9:30 a. m. Services at St. Luke's church, 10:30. Remains will be taken to Detroit, Mich., for interment. Detroit, Mich., papers please copy.

Helen Hackett Fitzgerald – Find A Grave 45131408

Mrs. Helen Hackett Fitzgerald, beloved wife of John F. Fitzgerald, died Monday, at her home in Como Park. Mrs. Fitzgerald was 51 years of age. The funeral services were held at St.

Luke's church. Remains were taken to Detroit, Mich., for burial.

The Irish Standard
Sat, May 03, 1902 ·Page 5

Minneapolis MN

FITZGERALD—On April 28, at the family residence in Como Park, Mrs. Helen Hackett Fitzgerald, beloved wife of John F. Fitzgerald, aged fifty-one years. Funeral from residence, corner Lexington and Langford, Como Park, on Thursday, May 1, at 9:30 a. m. Services at St. Luke's church, 10:30. Remains will be taken to Detroit, Mich., for interment. Detroit, Mich., papers please copy.

The Saint Paul Globe
Wed, Apr 30, 1902 ·Page 10

St. Paul MN

Michigan, Death Records, 1897-1920

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Name	Helen Hackett Fitzgerald
Gender	Female
Age	51
Race	White
Birth Date	1851
Death Date	28 Apr 1902
Death Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father	Walter Hackett
Mother	Hauraid Flardy

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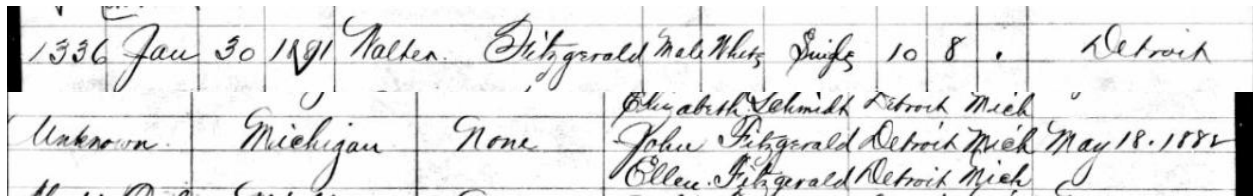
Siblings:

Michigan, Deaths and Burials Index, 1867-1995

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Name	Walter Fitzgerald
Birth Date	abt 1871
Birth Place	Michigan
Death Date	30 Jan 1881
Death Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan
Death Age	10
Occupation	None
Race	White
Marital Status	Single
Gender	Male
Father Name	John Fitzgerald
Mother Name	Allen Fitzgerald
FHL Film Number	1377694

Brother Walter Fitzgerald (1870-1881) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26420598/person/12767813401/facts>



Walter's MI death record, who died 30 Jan 1881 – the next record is for his brother Richard who died 15 Jan 1881 -

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Walter Fritzgerald

in the Michigan, U.S., Birth Records, 1867-1914



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Gender Male

Race White

Birth Date 3 May 1870

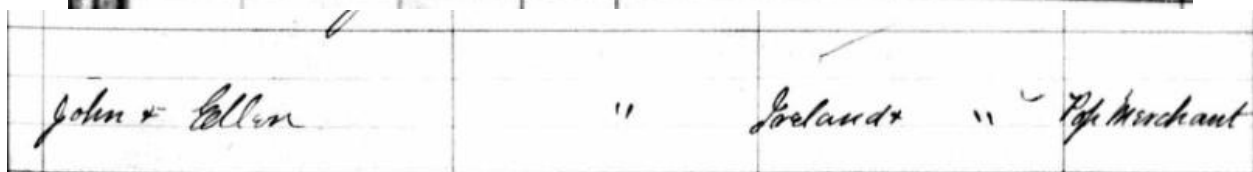
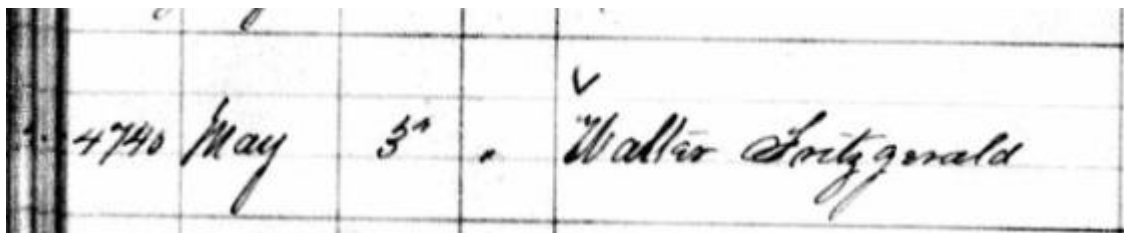
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Father John Fritzgerald

Mother Ellen Fritzgerald

Jurisdiction Number 4740

Reference Number 160



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Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002

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Name	John M Fitzgerald
Record Type	Death
Death Date	2 May 1950
Death Place	Ramsey, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1950
Certificate Number	025993
Record Number	1124381

Brother John Michael Fitzgerald (1874/1875-1950) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26420598/person/26433665725/facts>

John M Fitzgerald

in the Minnesota, U.S., Marriages Index, 1849-1950



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Detail Source

Name	John M Fitzgerald
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Marriage Date	15 Jan 1905
Marriage Place	St Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota
Spouse's Name	Eleanor M Voges
Spouse Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1313337

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REGISTRATION CARD	
SERIAL NUMBER 1126	OTHER NUMBER 1645
NAME <i>John Michael Fitzgerald</i>	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS <i>790 Grand Ave St Paul Ramsey Minn</i>	
Age in Years <i>43</i>	Date of Birth <i>Oct 8th 1874</i>
RACE ☒ White ☐ Negro ☐ Oriental ☐ Indian ☐ Chinese ☐ Japanese ☐ Hawaiian	
U. S. CITIZEN ☒ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Citizen by Father's Naturalization ☐ Before Registration's Receipt ☐ Declared ☐ No date	
15. List a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject? PRESENT OCCUPATION <i>Proprietor John Henry</i> EMPLOYER'S NAME <i>Proprietor John Henry</i> 16. U. S. OF UNIVERSITY OR SCHOOL <i>St Paul Ramsey Minn</i>	
NEAREST RELATIVE Name <i>Eleanor M Fitzgerald</i> Address <i>790 Grand Ave St Paul Ramsey Minn</i>	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED THESE DATA AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE P. S. G. O. Fourth Div. 1, (Hed) <i>John M. Fitzgerald</i>	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT	
HEIGHT ☒ 5' 8" Medium ☒ 5' 10" Tall ☐ 6' 0" Tall ☐ 6' 2" Tall ☐ 6' 4" Tall ☐ 6' 6" Tall ☐ 6' 8" Tall ☐ 6' 10" Tall ☐ 6' 12" Tall	BUILD ☒ Slender ☐ Medium ☐ Stout ☐ Very Stout ☐ Very Fat
HAIR ☒ Brown ☐ Black ☐ Red ☐ Blond ☐ Gray ☐ White ☐ Other	COMPLEXION ☒ Fair ☐ Ruddy ☐ Olive ☐ Sallow ☐ Dark ☐ Very Dark ☐ Very Black
20. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: <i>No</i>	
Date of Registration <i>Sept 12 1918</i> <i>Geo S. Riving</i>	
DIVISION NO. 6 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 609 GUARDIAN LIFE BLDG. OFFICE OF LOCAL BOARD	

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

SERIAL NUMBER **945** J. NAME (Print) **JOHN MICHAEL FITZGERALD** ORDER NUMBER

U. (First) (Middle) (Last)

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) **719 LaFond Ave. St. Paul, Minn.**
(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 **James**
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE **Dale 0821** 5. AGE IN YEARS **61** 6. PLACE OF BIRTH **Delroit**
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county) (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH **OCT 8 1880**
(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS **Mr. F. Ferguson, friend, 719 LaFond**

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS **St. Paul**

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS **St. Paul Minn.**
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

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

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John Fitzgerald
(Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White ☒	5 ft 8	175	Sallow
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light
Oriental	Gray	Red	Ruddy ☒
Indian	Hazel ☒	Brown	Dark
Filipino	Brown	Black	Freckled
	Black	Gray ☒	Light brown
		Bald	Dark brown
			Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification:
Deep mark on left side of neck

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Bernice Allison
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board **12 Ramsey**
(City or county) (State)

Date of registration **April 25, 1942**

**RAMSEY COUNTY
LOCAL BOARD No. 12
1036 FRONT AVE.
Tel. HU 3175, St. Paul, Minn.**
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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John with birthdate of 8 Oct 1880 in WWII draft registration -
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1002/records/18144250>

Person Details for Helen Fitzgerald in entry for Annie Fitzgerald, "Michigan, Births and Christenings, 1775-1995" — FamilySearch Page 1 of 1

Helen Fitzgerald mentioned in the record of Annie Fitzgerald

Name: Helen Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F4V2-SJ8>)
 Birthplace: Canada
 Gender: Female
 Husband: John Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F4V2-SJ2>)
 Daughter: Annie Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F4V2-SJC>)

Other information in the record of Annie Fitzgerald from Michigan, Births and Christenings

Name: Annie Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F4V2-SJC>)
 Gender: Female
 Birth Date: 22 Jan 1876
 Birthplace: Detroit, Wayne, Michigan
 Race: White
 Father's Name: John Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F4V2-SJ2>)
 Father's Birthplace: Ireland
 Mother's Name: Helen Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F4V2-SJ8>)
 Mother's Birthplace: Canada

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Sister Anne (Annie) Fitzgerald (1876-1884) – Find A Grave 143541287

Michigan, Births and Christenings Index, 1867-1911

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Name **Annie Fitzgerald**
 Gender **Female**
 Birth Place **Detroit, Wayne, Michigan**
 Birth Date **22 Jan 1876**
 Father's Name **John Fitzgerald**
 Mother's Name **Helen Fitzgerald**
 FHL Film Number **1377657**

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Sister Mary Gertrude Fitzgerald (1876/1877 – 1943) – Find A Grave 143985562

Miss Mary G. Fitzgerald, sister of Edward T. Fitzgerald, secretary to Mayor Marx, 117 East Grand boulevard, will start Wednesday for St. Paul, Minn., where she will visit friends.

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Mary Gertrude Fitzgerald

in the Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952



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Detail Source

Name	Mary Gertrude Fitzgerald
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marital Status	Single
Death Age	67
Birth Date	17 Mar 1876
Birth Place	Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Death Date	21 Aug 1943
Death Place	Grosse Pointe, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father	John F Fitzgerald
Mother	Helen Hackett
File Number	000397

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. NONE		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. 184 397	
If returned, name was		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics		Local File No. 46	
FULL NAME Mary Gertrude Fitzgerald					
PLACE OF DEATH:			USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
County Wayne			State Michigan County Wayne		
Township			Township		
City or village Grosse Pointe			City or village Grosse Pointe		
Name of hospital Bon Secours			Street no. 667 Neff Rd.		
(If not in hospital, give street address.)			Citizen of foreign country? No		
Length of stay in hospital 22 MOS. In this community 67 yrs.			If yes, name country		
Sex	Color or Race	Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced	MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
Female	White	Single	Date of death Aug. 21 1943		
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE			I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from		
Name			1939 to Aug. 21, 1943. I last saw him alive on		
Age, if alive			Aug. 20, 1943. Death is said to have occurred on the		
Birth date of deceased March 17 1876			date stated above at 1 P. M.		
Age: Years	Months	Days	Time and place of death		
67	5	4	La. of St. Joseph 7:40 p.m.		
Usual occupation none			Other contributory causes of importance		
Industry or business			Major findings and date:		
Name John F. Fitzgerald			Of operations		
Birthplace Ireland			Of autopsy		
Maiden name Helen Hackett			In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide		
Birthplace Ingersoll, Canada			Date		
Informant Edward Fitzgerald			Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county, or state)		
Address 667 Neff Rd.			In industry, home or public place?		
Social, occupation or removal (Circle the word which applies):			Was disease or injury related to consumption of deceased?		
Place Detroit, Michigan			Signature		
Cemetery Mt. Elliott Date Aug. 22, 1943			Address		
Funeral director's signature			136 alto		
THE WM. R. HAMILTON CO.					
Address 3975 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.					
Filed 8-23-43					

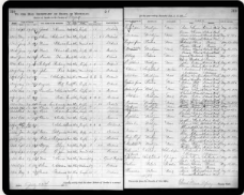
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FITZGERALD—Aug. 21, 1943. at Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Mary Gertrude, sister of Edward T., Gerald H. and John M. Fitzgerald. At Chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Cass Ave. at Alexandrine, until Tuesday morning. Funeral service at S.S. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, Jefferson at St. Antoine, Tuesday at 9:30 a. m.

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Richard Fitzgerald

in the Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952



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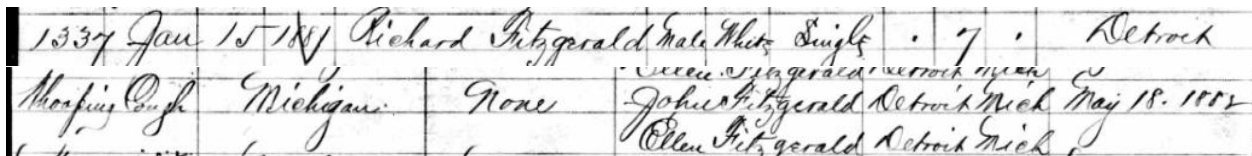
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Detail	Source
Name	Richard Fitzgerald
Gender	Male
Race	White
Marital Status	Single
Death Age	7/12
Birth Date	1881
Birth Place	Michigan
Death Date	15 Jan 1881
Death Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father	John Fitzgerald
Mother	Ellen Fitzgerald
File Number	1337

Brother Richard Emmett Fitzgerald (1880-1881) -

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Richard's MI death record, who died 15 Jan 1881 – the previous record is for his brother Walter who died 30 Jan 1881 -

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Person Details for Ellen Fitzgerald in entry for Joseph Fitzgerald, "Michigan, Births, 1867-1902" — FamilySearch.org Page 1 of 1

Ellen Fitzgerald
mentioned in the record of Joseph Fitzgerald

Name: Ellen Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pat:/MM9.1.1/NQJN-7V5>)
 Birthplace: Canada
 Gender: Female
 Husband: John Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pat:/MM9.1.1/NQJN-7V9>)
 Son: Joseph Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pat:/MM9.1.1/NQJN-7VM>)

Other information in the record of Joseph Fitzgerald
from Michigan, Births

Name: Joseph Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pat:/MM9.1.1/NQJN-7VM>)
 Birth Date: 24 Oct 1881
 Birthplace: Detroit, Wayne, Michigan
 Gender: Male
 Father's Name: John Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pat:/MM9.1.1/NQJN-7V9>)
 Father's Birthplace: Ireland
 Mother's Name: Ellen Fitzgerald (<https://familysearch.org/pat:/MM9.1.1/NQJN-7V5>)
 Mother's Birthplace: Canada (HELEN)

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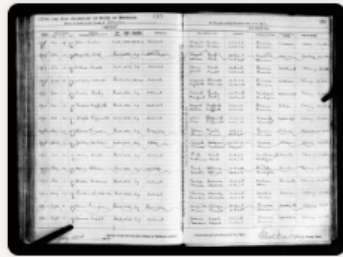
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Brother Joseph F. Fitzgerald (1881 – 1888) – Find A Grave 143519783

Joseph Fitzgerald

in the Michigan, U.S., Birth Records, 1867-1914



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Detail	Source
Name	Joseph Fitzgerald
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	24 Oct 1881
Birth Place	Detroit, Michigan, USA
Father	John Fitzgerald
Mother	Ellen Fitzgerald
Jurisdiction Number	2793
Reference Number	165

2793	Oct	24	1881	Joseph Fitzgerald	Male	white	Leg	Detroit
John	Fitzgerald	Detroit	Ireland	Dep. H. M. G.	May	18, 1882		
Ellen	Fitzgerald	Detroit	Ireland					

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FITZGERALD—At Harper Hospital, June 22nd. Grace Marie, daughter of late John F. and Helen Hackett Fitzgerald; sister of Mary G., Gerald H., John M., Edward T. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Charles A. Feifer. Funeral Saturday, June 25th, at 9 o'clock, at Hamilton Undertaking Parlor; with services at St. Mary's Church, St. Antoine and Monroe, 9:30 a. m. Burial at Mt. Elliott Cemetery.

Sister Grace Marie Fitzgerald (1888/1889-1932) –

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Grace Marie Fitzgerald

in the Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952



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Detail Source

Name	Grace Marie Fitzgerald
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marital Status	Single
Death Age	43
Birth Date	26 Jul 1888
Birth Place	Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Death Date	22 Jun 1932
Death Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father	John F Fitzgerald
Mother	Helen Hackett
File Number	159370

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60872/records/860340>

DETROIT—Grace Marie Fitzgerald, Detroit teacher of music in the public schools, died Wednesday night in a hospital. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Charles A. Telfer, Muskegon, Mary Fitzgerald, Detroit, and three brothers, including Edward T. Fitzgerald, member of the state public utilities commission.

Lansing State Journal
Fri, Jun 24, 1932 · Page 4

Lansing MI

MISS FITZGERALD, TEACHER, IS DEAD

Public Utility Chief's Sister Long Ill

Miss Grace Marie Fitzgerald, teacher in the public schools for the past 15 years, and sister of Edward T. Fitzgerald, public utilities commissioner, died in Harper Hospital Wednesday afternoon after a long illness. She was 43 years old and had been a teacher of music at the Jefferson Intermediate School for eight years. Previously she had taught English at the Miller School.

Miss Fitzgerald was the daughter of the late John F. and Helen Hackett Fitzgerald. She was a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and St. Catharine's Academy of Music, St. Paul, and of the Colleges of the City of Detroit.

Besides Commissioner Fitzgerald, she is survived by two sisters, Miss Mary G. Fitzgerald, of Lansing, and Mrs. Charles Telfer, of Muskegon, and two other brothers, John M. Fitzgerald, of St. Paul, and Gerald H. Fitzgerald, of Detroit.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 8:30 a. m. from the Hamilton Chapel, with services in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9 a. m.

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

SERIAL NUMBER U. 2446	1. NAME (Print) GERALD H. FITZGERALD (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 29 EDWARD DETROIT WAYNE MICH. (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 823 PENOBSCOT BLDG. (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 53	6. PLACE OF BIRTH ST. PAUL (Town or county) (State)	
CADILLAC 2767 (Exchanged) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH FEB. 13 1889 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		MINNESOTA (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS THOMAS FITZSIMMONS-1366 PENOBSCOT BLDG.			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS GERALD H. FITZGERALD			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 823 PENOBSCOT DETROIT WAYNE MICH. (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 4-1-42)		10-21630-2 (Registrant's signature) Gerald H. Fitzgerald	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT					
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION		
White	5-9	150	Brown		
	EYES	HAIR	Light		
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Buddy		
	Gray	Red	Dark		
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled		
	Brown	Black	Light brown		
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown		
		Blond	Black		
Philippine					

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification...
NONE

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:
NONE

Thommas J. Allgren
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board 23 DETROIT MICH.
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration APRIL 27 1942

LOCAL BOARD NO. 26

Wayne County

1405 Cadillac (SEAL OF LOCAL BOARD)

DETROIT MICH.

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Brother Gerald Hackett Fitzgerald (1889-1951) -

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Minnesota, Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980

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Name **Gerald Fitzgerald**
 Gender **Male**
 Birth Date **17 Sep 1888**
 Birth Place **Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota**
 Father **J. J. Fitzgerald**
 Mother **Mary**
 FHL Film Number **1498815**

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26420598/person/26441739106/facts>

Marietta Conway

in the Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952



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Detail	Source
Name	Marietta Conway
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	28
Birth Date	abt 1889
Birth Place	Michigan
Marriage Date	7 Nov 1917
Marriage Place	Detroit, Michigan, USA
Residence Place	Detroit, Michigan
Father	Thomas Conway
Mother	Catherine Conway
Spouse	Gerald H Filz Gerald
Record Number	155082

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9093/records/3284086?tid=26420598&pid=26442587427&queryId=b4c6a20b-2fdb-49cd-b1d5-d36a0f625f1f&_phsrc=iKj162&_phstart=successSource

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Added by Charlene Teifer Stiffinella

Sister Elizabeth Kathleen Fitzgerald Teifer (1895-1940) – Find A Grave 45168548

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Teifer left yesterday for Detroit, where they will visit Mrs. Teifer's brother, Edward Fitzgerald, who is secretary to Mayor Marx of that city. They will return home Sunday.

The Muskegon Chronicle
Sat, Nov 03, 1917 · Page 9

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MUSKEGON CHRONICLE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1940

High Mass to Be Held Tuesday for Mrs. C. A. Teifer, Woman's Club President

Physician's Wife Unexpectedly Dies Saturday At Home

**Had Been Recovering
from Fall, Attack of
Pneumonia; Was Ac-
tive Civic Leader.**

A requiem high mass will be said Tuesday at 9 a. m. at St. Jean's Catholic church for Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzgerald Teifer, wife of Dr. Charles A. Teifer, who died unexpectedly at her home, 1652 Peck street, shortly before 4 p. m. Saturday. The rosary will be said at the home at 8:30 p. m. today and following the mass Tuesday morning the body will be taken to Detroit, where graveside prayers and burial will take place late that day at the family lot in Mt. Elliott.

The death of Mrs. Teifer, president of the Muskegon Woman's club, and active in civic affairs, came as a shock to the community. About four weeks ago, she tripped over a rug at her home and sustained a fractured leg. Pneumonia developed, but she was making an excellent recovery and had been able to sit up several hours daily, when without warning she was seized with the heart attack, and died in about 25 minutes.

Dr. Teifer, who was confined to a bed in an adjoining room, due to severe head injuries suffered in a fall on the icy pavement last Tuesday evening, administered to his wife, and Dr. Devere R. Boyd, a heart specialist also reached the home within a few minutes, as did Rev. Francis Flynn, chaplain at Mercy hospital, who gave her the final rites of the church. Miss Maryita Teifer, student at Rosary college, River Forest, Ill., who had been home with her mother, and a son, Gerry, a local high school student, had left the house only a short time before, and could not be reached until after Mrs. Teifer's death. Another son, Edward F. Teifer, a student at the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, reached home Sunday.

Husband Hurt in Fall

X-rays taken Sunday revealed that Dr. Teifer has a basal skull fracture, and will be unable to attend the services. He probably will be confined to his bed for two weeks or more. Dr. Teifer was about to get into his automobile parked on First street, near St. Mary's church when he fell. He managed to drive home, and then medical aid was summoned. An immediate past president of the Muskegon County Medical society, Dr. Teifer was critically injured three years ago in an automobile accident that laid him up for months.

While pneumonia probably weakened Mrs. Teifer's heart, the attending physician expressed opinion that it was not the cause of the fatal attack. Mrs. Teifer recalled only Saturday that it was just 10 years ago that a Detroit specialist had warned her that she had that time to live. The warning did not cause Mrs. Teifer to give up her interest in civic affairs, including Mercy Hospital auxiliary.

She had been active not only in local but state woman's club work, and had been an advisor of the Junior Federation of State Woman's clubs. She was slated for election to succeed herself as president of the local club, a position to which she was elevated on the death of Mrs. A. G. Umbreit, June 20, 1939, it marking the second time in less than a year that the local club has lost its leader through death.

Born in St. Paul

Although Mrs. Teifer's family long has been prominent in Detroit, she was born Oct. 27, 1891 in St. Paul, where her father, John Fitzgerald was a prison warden. It was due to her close contact with the problems of a prison that caused Mrs. Teifer to become a pioneer in the now well established field of social service work. So on her graduation from the Visitation Convent in St. Paul in 1910, she entered Columbia university, where two years later she completed a course in social service. Continuing her training, Mrs. Teifer then entered Harper hospital in Detroit and upon graduation as a nurse, she organized and direct-

ed the social service department at the Receiving hospital. She continued this work until her marriage, June 18, 1917, after which Dr. and Mrs. Teifer took up their residence in Muskegon.

A brother, Edward T. Fitzgerald, who arrived in Muskegon Sunday was for many years active in political life in Detroit, leaving the newspaper field to become associated with the late Senator James Couzens, when he was police commissioner, railway commissioner and mayor. A sister, Miss Mary G. Fitzgerald, of Detroit, and two other brothers, John of St. Paul and Gerald of Detroit, also survive.

Rev. Joseph L. Poulin, pastor of St. Jean's church, will be celebrant at the requiem high mass with Rev. Clement P. Sigmund, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic church, as deacon, and Rev. Arthur LeRoux, assistant pastor of St. Jean's as sub-deacon.

Members of the Muskegon County Medical society, including, Dr. Edward O. Foss, president, Drs. Roy Herbert Holmes, Frank W. Garber, Jr., Thomas J. Kane, Pitt S. Wilson and Leland E. Holly, will be bearers.

(Further information on Social page).

Woman's Club Plans Tribute To Mrs. Teifer

Board Will Attend Rosary Service at Home Tonight, be Honorary Bearers at Requiem High Mass Tuesday.

Board of the Muskegon Woman's club met today to arrange for their final tribute to Mrs. C. A. Teifer, who died unexpectedly, Saturday afternoon, at her home, the second leader of the club to have passed within less than a year, and a leader not only in the local club but also in State Federation circles.

After postponing the final Mary L. Temple Open Door musical program Sunday afternoon in her honor, the board today acted to cancel all other club activities until Friday including the Martha A. Keating Parliamentary class, regularly held Tuesday mornings.

The board will attend a rosary service for Mrs. Teifer at the family home, 1652 Peck street, at 8:30 p. m. today, and will meet at the residence at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday to attend requiem high mass at St. Jean Catholic church, as honorary bearers, at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Mrs. John Dolfin, a past president, Mrs. Paul R. Hughes and Mrs. Charles B. Cross were named members of a special committee to prepare resolutions of sorrow to be presented to the club Friday afternoon.

An active club woman for about 20 years, Mrs. Teifer was zealous in her efforts to make the Muskegon Woman's club conscious of its social and civic responsibilities. She sought to make the clubhouse increasingly popular for civic affairs, and the club of service to the community.

In statewide affairs, Mrs. Teifer was actively interested in the work of the Junior department of the Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs, serving as Junior Council adviser for the Northwest district, and of the State Federation.

She was chairman of the Mary E. Thompson Scholarship fund established in memory of a past state and Muskegon Woman's club president, to be dispensed by Central State Teachers' college at Mt. Pleasant, and it was largely through her efforts that the fund received a substantial increase during the past year.

She was first elected to office in

the general club as second vice president and program chairman in 1938 and 1939, and the following year was made first vice president with Mrs. A. G. Umbreit as president.

She succeeded to the office of president, upon the death of Mrs. Umbreit in June 20, 1939, and had announced her willingness to accept the office again at the March election.

She served on the philanthropy committee as chairman, and other important committees, and was an active member of the Martha A. Keating Parliamentary class, for several years. She was a member for several years of the Hamilton club, an honorary group in the Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs.

Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952


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Name Bess K Fitzgerald
 Gender Female
 Race White
 Age 27
 Birth Date abt 1890
 Birth Place Minnesota
 Marriage Date 25 Jun 1917
 Marriage Place Detroit, Michigan, USA
 Residence Place Detroit, Michigan
 Father John Fitzgerald
 Mother Mary Fitzgerald
 Spouse Charles Teifer
 Record Number 149182

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26420598/person/12767807174/facts>

Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzgerald Teifer. Word was received in Detroit Sunday of the sudden death at Muskegon on Saturday of Mrs. Teifer, wife of Dr. Charles A. Teifer. The Teifers, former widely known residents of Detroit, had lived in Muskegon for 20 years.

Services at St. Jean's Church, Muskegon, Tuesday morning, with burial in Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit. Besides her husband, Mrs. Teifer leaves three children, Edward, Gerald and Mary Rita Teifer, of Muskegon; a brother John, of St. Paul, Minn.; a sister, Mary G. Fitzgerald, and two brothers, Gerald and Edward T. Fitzgerald, of Detroit. Mrs. Teifer was born in St. Paul 53 years ago.

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Edward Thomas Fitzgerald

Name variations: Eddie Fitzgerald, "Fitz" – 'Efficiency Fitz'

Military:

On Tuscania: as a civilian from Detroit, Wayne MI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edward T. Fitzgerald

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": Detroit MI mayor Oscar B. Marx, at City Hall, Detroit MI
[handwritten: Woodward & Michigan Ave.]

Returned from Europe on: "Saint Paul" leaving Liverpool, England, 6 Apr 1918

Sailed on return ship as: Edward T. Fitzgerald

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: sister Mary Fitzgerald, East Gr. Boul., Detroit MI (sailed back with Abner Larned, the other civilian aboard Tuscania) - rank AME, Signal Corps

World War I draft registration (1917): as Edward T. Fitzgerald – b. 19 Sep 1887 St. Paul MN; res: 119 E. Gd. Blvd., Detroit MI. Single. Secretary to mayor, Detroit (city), Detroit MI. Medium height, slender build. Registered 4 Jun 1917, in advance of national registration day on 5 Jun 1917.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit MI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Edward Thomas Fitzgerald - b. 19 Sep 1886 St. Paul MN; res: 667 Neff, Grosse Pointe, Wayne MI. NOK H.M. Sisson, 424 E. Jefferson, Detroit MI.

Employed with W.O. Briggs, 424 Jefferson, Detroit MI. Height: 5' 7 ½" – weight: 155 lbs.

Registered 27 Apr 1942.

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Sep 1886 St. Paul, Ramsey MN [WWII draft registration: 1887]

Died: 4 Nov 1964 Detroit, Wayne MI

Find A Grave record: 45169545, presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Detroit, Wayne MI

Cemetery: Mount Olivet

Tombstone:

Father: John Francis Fitzgerald, 6 Jan 1840 Limerick, County Limerick, Ireland – 15 Jul 1908 Detroit, Wayne MI.

Son of Michael Fitzgerald & Mary Connelly.

Obituary: "Detroit (MI) Free Press" 16 Jul 1908 p 7 – paralysis was fatal to John F. Fitzgerald, for 10 years the assistant superintendent of the Detroit House of Corrections. He died last night at his home at 309 Avery St.; he was unconscious for 5 days. He returned to Detroit from St. Paul in Nov 1907 after 22 years in St. Paul at the house of corrections. He retired due to pneumonia. Born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1840; came to Detroit at age 3. Employed as a deputy sheriff. His wife died some time ago. Survived by 3 sons & 3 daughters: Edward T. Fitzgerald, John M. Fitzgerald (St. Paul MN) & Gerald H. Fitzgerald & Mary G., Grace M. & Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

"Irish Standard" (Minneapolis MN) 18 Jul 1908 p 6 – John F. Fitzgerald, ex-superintendent of the St. Paul Workhouse for 23 years, died at age 7 in Detroit MI on Wed., 15 Jul 1908. Had lived in Detroit since he resigned his post at the St. Paul Workhouse due to friction on the workhouse board about

his long leave of absence due to ill health. His wife died about 4 years ago. Survived by 6 children, including John M. Fitzgerald of 290 Sherburn [sic/Sherburne] Ave., St. Paul MN.

“Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune” 17 Jul 1908 p. 7 – former head of the workhouse for 23 years, died Wed. morning at his Detroit MI home of a stroke. Born in Ireland, died at age 70, survived by 3 sons & 3 daughters.

Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI.

Find A Grave: 45131055

Mother: Helen Hackett Fitzgerald, Oct 1851 Amherstburg, Essex County, Ontario, Canada [also found as Ingersoll, Canada] – 28 Apr 1902 St. Paul, Ramsey MN.

Daughter of Walter Hackett & Hanorah (Nora) Flaherty.

Died of nephritis.

Obituary: “St. Paul (MN) Globe” 30 Apr 1902 p 10 – Died on 28 Apr 1902, at the family residence in Como Park [a St. Paul neighborhood], Mrs. Helen Hackett Fitzgerald, age 51, wife of John F.

Fitzgerald. Funeral from her residence on the corner of Lexington & Langford in Como Park on 1 May 1902, with services at St. Luke’s Church. Her body will be sent to Detroit MI.

Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI.

Find A Grave: 45131408

Parents’ marriage: 1869

Spouse: Ruby Belle Hickson Fitzgerald, 23 Apr 1904 Essex, Essex County, Ontario, Canada – 4 Oct 1959 Detroit, Wayne MI.

Daughter of Henry W. Hickson & Ida Healey.

Naturalized 23 Apr 1904.

Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 45169744

Marriage: Edward Jr.’s Find A Grave record says his parents married 9 Apr 1925.

Ruby’s Find A Grave record says they married 22 Dec 1936 in Detroit MI.

The MI marriage record lists 22 Dec 1936 Detroit, Wayne MI as the marriage date; married by a Catholic priest.

Children:

- **Edward Thomas Fitzgerald, Jr.**, 29 Nov 1939 Detroit, Wayne MI – 27 Dec 2018 Lansing, Ingham MI. - Used name of E. Thomas Fitzgerald. - A judge, 1st elected to the MI Court of Appeals in 1990. Served 24 years in the court, retiring in 2014. Graduate of Assumption High School, Windsor MI. Received his undergraduate & law degrees from U of Detroit. Survived by wife Kathy of 33 years & former wife Gwen. Also survived by sister Sally & brother-in-law Dennis Murphy. – Married Gwenevere Phyllis Hartung (b. 13 Aug 1943 MI), the daughter of Urban L. Hartung (1863-1942, F: 219609928) & Aloisia Polly (Louisia) Mauer (1873-1957, F: 219609929). Gwen & Edward married 11 Jul 1964 in Detroit, Wayne MI. She is listed as his surviving ex-wife in his 2018 obituary. - Married Kathy Phyllis Nelson, who was an attorney in Flint, Genesee MI, ca. 1985, as she is listed as E. Thomas’s wife of 33 years in his 2018 obituary. Kathy was born 8 Jul 1954 MI, the daughter of Henry Nelson & Phyllis Jean Rykala (1924-2009) who married 29 Aug 1946. – Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, Shiawassee MI. F: 195624901
- **Sally Anne Fitzgerald Murphy**, ca. 1944 MI [30 Oct 1943?] - . Age 6 in the 1950 census. - Wife of Dennis B. Murphy when her brother died in Dec 2018. – Dennis was born 8

Feb 1943 IL, the son of Roger Emmett Murphy & Helen Virginia Welch & died 24 Jun 2021. Sally & Dennis married on 13 Jul 1968 in St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Oak Park IL. She was a registered nurse. – Dennis Murphy is buried in Prairie Cemetery, St. Charles, Kane IL, F: 248393886.

Siblings: There are obvious errors in the birth dates of Edward's siblings on Find A Grave records & online genealogies. Sister Anne was supposedly born Jan 1876 – sister Mary born Mar 1876 – brother John born Oct 1876 – these dates being biological impossibilities.

- **Walter Fitzgerald**, 3 May 1870 Detroit, Wayne MI – 30 Jan 1881 Detroit, Wayne MI. - MI death record: cause of death unknown. – Walter died 15 days after his infant brother Richard died of whooping cough. – He was age 10 years 8 months at the time of his death. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 45199197
- **Mary Gertrude Fitzgerald**, 17 Mar 1876 [Find A Grave, but 17 Mar 1877 elsewhere & Mar 1873, age 27 in 1900 census] Detroit, Wayne MI – 21 Aug 1943 Grosse Pointe, Wayne MI. - Questionable birth year of 1876 as her sister Anne is born Jan 1876, making Mary's birth in Mar 1876 impossible. Resident of 667 Neff Rd., Grosse Pointe MI at time of death, surname Fitzgerald; died in Bon Secours Hospital. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 143985562
- **John Michael Fitzgerald**, 8 Oct 1874 or **1875** Detroit, Wayne MI [incorrect birth date of 8 Oct 1873 used on Find A Grave – John reports 8 Oct 1874 on his WWI draft card in 1917 & 8 Oct 1880 on his WWII draft card in 1942. In the 1900 census he is age 24, born Oct 1875.] – 2 May 1950 St. Paul, Ramsey MN. – In the 1950 census, John reported he was age 69, which computes to a birth year of ca. 1881. - Married to Eleanor (Ella) M. Voges/Vogues (1876-1935, F: 143315555) on 15 Jan 1905 in St. Paul, Ramsey MN. - Married to Anna L. Shutte (1886-1946, F: 27724591) on 20 May 1909 in Ramsey Co. MN. - Buried in Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul, Ramsey MN. F: 27724579
- **Anne (Annie) Fitzgerald**, 22 Jan 1876 Detroit, Wayne MI – 28 Jun 1884 Detroit, Wayne MI. - The birth information on Find A Grave matches her MI birth record. This makes her the birth years of her brother John & sister Mary suspect. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 143541287
- **Richard Emmett Fitzgerald**, 5 Nov 1880 Detroit, Wayne MI – 15 Jan 1881 Detroit, Wayne MI. - Although tombstone reads Jun 1881 for death, his MI death record reports his death from whooping cough on 15 JANUARY 1881. He died at age 7 months; his brother Walter died 15 days later, cause unknown. – Death date erroneously reported as 16 Jan 1881 also. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 45199386
- **Joseph F. Fitzgerald**, 24 Oct 1882 [his tombstone, which is wrong] or 24 Oct 1881] Detroit, Wayne MI – Jan 1888 Detroit, Wayne MI. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 143519783
- **Grace Marie ("Gracie") Fitzgerald**, 1889 [26 Jul 1888 on MI death record, but Jul 1878 in the 1900 census] Detroit, Wayne MI – 22 Jun 1932 Detroit, Wayne MI. - Birth information questionable, as brother Gerald is born only 7 months later if the Jul 1888 date is used but in the same year if the 1889 date is used. - Graduate of St. Joseph's Academy (St. Paul MN) & St. Catherine's Conservatory of Music (St. Paul MN) & Detroit City College. Taught music & English for 15 years. – Was a public school teacher; died in Harper Hospital. – Had breast cancer. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. Died F: 45169053
- **Gerald Hackett ("Gerry") Fitzgerald**, 13 Feb 1889 [date used on his WWI & WWII draft registrations but MN birth record reported date of 17 Sep 1888] St. Paul, Ramsey MN – 8

Mar 1951 Detroit, Wayne MI. – The incorrect birth date of Feb 1889 places his birth 7 months after that of his sister Grace. - Husband of Marietta Ann Conway (1889-1921, F: 70154614) whom he married 7 Nov 1917 in Detroit, Wayne MI. - Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 143985176

- **Elizabeth Kathleen (“Bess”) Fitzgerald Teifer**, 27 Oct 1895 St. Paul, Ramsey MN – 24 Feb 1940 Muskegon Co. MI. Born Jul 1884, age 16, in the 1900 census. - Married Dr. Charles Aloysius Teifer (1891-1956, F: 45170161) on 25 Jun 1917 in Detroit, Wayne MI. - At time of death was a resident of 1652 Park, Muskegon Co. MI, where she died at age 44 years, 3 months, 27 days. Buried in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne MI. F: 45168548.

Notes:

Edward served as the secretary for Oscar B. Marx (1866-1923), the mayor of Detroit, Wayne MI from 1913-1918.

Wartime:

“Detroit Free Press” 21 Apr 1918 p 18 – The Detroit Free Press Film Edition will be shown for the 1st time in the Washington Theater on Sunday & at other Detroit motion picture theaters later. One of the film clips showed the mayor’s secretary, Edward T. Fitzgerald, back at his desk about some thrilling experience on the French battlefield.

Post-war:

Passport application 27 Feb 1920 in Dade Co. FL – Edward T. Fitzgerald, b. St. Paul MN 19 Sep 1888. Father: John T. Fitzgerald, b. Ireland, deceased. John emigrated to the US, port unknown, around 1843 & lived in the US for 65 years (1843-1908), in Detroit MI & St. Paul MN. Edward has never lived outside the US nor had a passport. He will return within 2 months. Going to the Bahama Islands for recreation, leaving Miami FL on the 1st vessel after receiving his passport. Age 32. Height: 5’ 7 ½”. Residence: 117 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit MI.

“Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer” 4 Feb 1920 p 1 – A complicated case concerning Senator Newberry & 122 others charged with conspiracy and fraud. The defense was charging that information on a meeting at a NY club with “Colonel Roosevelt” (ex-President Theodore Roosevelt) & other MI politicians was being suppressed. Former Detroit mayor Oscar Marx was only allowed to say he was there, as was Edward Fitzgerald. James Sweinhart, the head of the NY bureau of the “Detroit News,” said in mid-January he had called on Fitzgerald, secretary of the former mayor of Detroit, at the Biltmore Hotel In NY. Fitzgerald was about to sail to Europe.

“Detroit Free Press” 4 Feb 1934 p 4 – Abner E. Larned heading to England on a secret mission, was in his stateroom on the Tuscania and Edward T. Fitzgerald, traveling on a civilian passport for the government, was in the saloon when the torpedo struck 5 Feb 1918. Fitzgerald was looking at the ship’s atlas with Lt. Beattie of MT, who said they’d be out of danger in 2 hours. Both will address the meeting of the 32nd Division (Red Arrow) veterans on Tuesday night as their guests of honor.

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 362-07-9789

Censuses:

1870 Detroit, Wayne MI – conducted 5 Jul 1870

John Fitzgerald, 30 Ireland, tailor

Ellen, 27 Canada, keeping house

Walter, 1 month MI, born May

1880 Detroit, Wayne MI – conducted 2 Jun 1880

John Fitzgerald, 37 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, superintendent

Allen, 28 Canada, parents b. Ireland, keeping house [i.e. Helen]

Walter, 10 MI, school

Mary, 8 MI, at school

John, 7 MI

Anne, 4 MI

Gracie, 2 MI

1895 MN state census – St. Paul Work House

John Fitzgerald, 55 Ireland, superintendent of workhouse

Ellan, 44 Canada

Mary, 21 MI

John, 19 MI

Grace, 16 MI

Elisabeth, 10 MI

Edward, 8 MN

Gerald, 6 MN

1900 St. Paul, Ramsey MN – City Workhouse – Langford Ave. - conducted 1 Jun 1900

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602/records/27027067?tid=&pid=&queryId=6e787d82-2877-43f1-a3e6-e88d3068b12a&_phsrc=iKj143&_phstart=successSource

John Fitzgerald, 60 Ireland, Jan 1840, parents b. Ireland, married 31 years, superintendent

Helen H., 49 Canada, Oct 1850, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 10 children, 6 are living

Mary G., 27 MI, Mar 1873

John M. 24 MI, Oct 1875, railroad clerk

Grace, 22 MI, Jul 1878

Bessie C., 16 MI, Jul 1884, at school

Edward T., 14 MN, Sep 1886, at school

Gerald, 11 MN, Sep 1889

& 4 workhouse officers

& numerous workhouse prisoners

1905 MN state census – St. Paul, Ramsey MN – conducted 30 Jun 1905 – lines 61 & 62

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1058/records/3464615?tid=&pid=&queryId=4a0786b2-f2c5-4b5a-947a-4106610f0aec&_phsrc=iKj120&_phstart=successSource

Edward Fitzgerald, 18 MN, student at the College of St. Thomas

Gerald Fitzgerald, 18 MN, student at the College of St. Thomas

1910 Detroit, Wayne MI – 309 Avery – conducted 19 Apr 1910

Edward T. Fitzgerald, 22 MN, father b. Ireland, mother b. Canada (English), paper reporter [head of household]

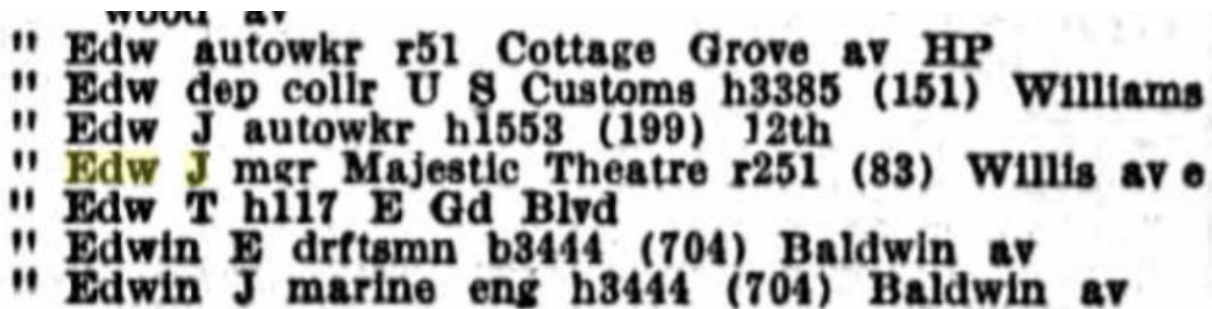
Gerald H., 20 MN, freight agent, railroad [brother]

Mary, 28 MI [sister]

Grace, 26 MI [sister]

[all are single]

1920 – cannot locate



" Edw autowkr r51 Cottage Grove av HP
 " Edw dep collr U S Customs h3385 (151) Williams
 " Edw J autowkr h1553 (199) 12th
 " Edw J mgr Majestic Theatre r251 (83) Willis av e
 " Edw T h117 E Gd Blvd
 " Edwin E drftsmn b3444 (704) Baldwin av
 " Edwin J marine eng h3444 (704) Baldwin av

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Edward J Fitzgerald



Michigan > Detroit > 1920 > Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1920

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/1307462161>

1930 Detroit, Wayne MI – Alden Park Manor #811 – conducted 2 Apr 1930

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/12514317?tid=&pid=&queryId=e7783478-87dd-4668-b695-04e909fefda6&_phsrc=iKj203&_phstart=successSource

Edward F. [sic] Fitzgerald, 38 MN, single, father b. Irish Free State, mother b. Canada (English), manager, insurance agency, WWI veteran [head of household]

Mary Fitzgerald, 48 MI, single, father b. Irish Free State, mother b. Canada (English) [sister]

1940 Grosse Pointe, Wayne MI – 480 St. Clair – living in Detroit MI in 1935 – conducted 3 Apr 1940

Edward Fitzgerald, 51 MN, public relations, auto manufacturer, in Detroit, Wayne MI in 1935

Ruby, 35 Canada (English), in same place in 1935

Thomas, 4 months MI

1950 Grosse Pointe, Wayne MI – 667 St. Clair – conducted 1 Apr 1950

Edward T. Fitzgerald, 60 MN, director, public relations, baseball team [the Detroit Tigers of Major League Baseball]

Ruby B., 45 Canada

Edward T. II, 10 MI

Sally A., 6 MI [misindexed as "76" years]