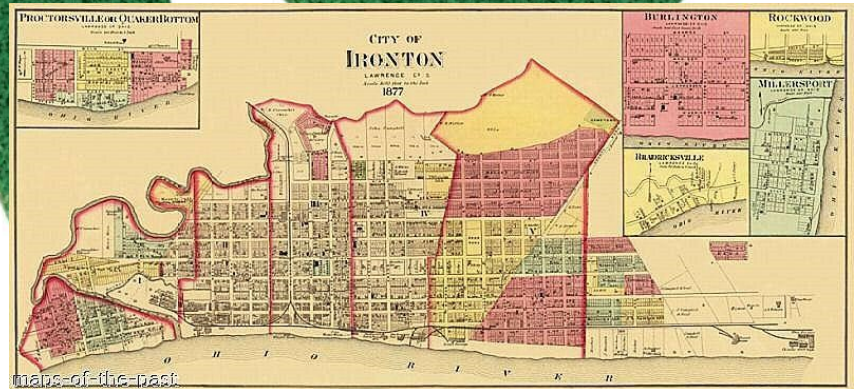


Ireland to Ironton

How the Rooney and Gilmore families came together in a small Ohio River town



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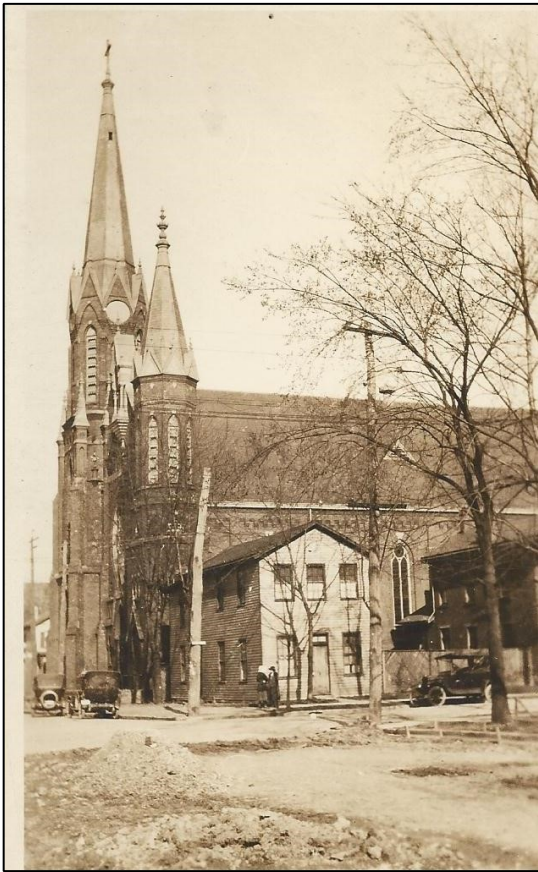
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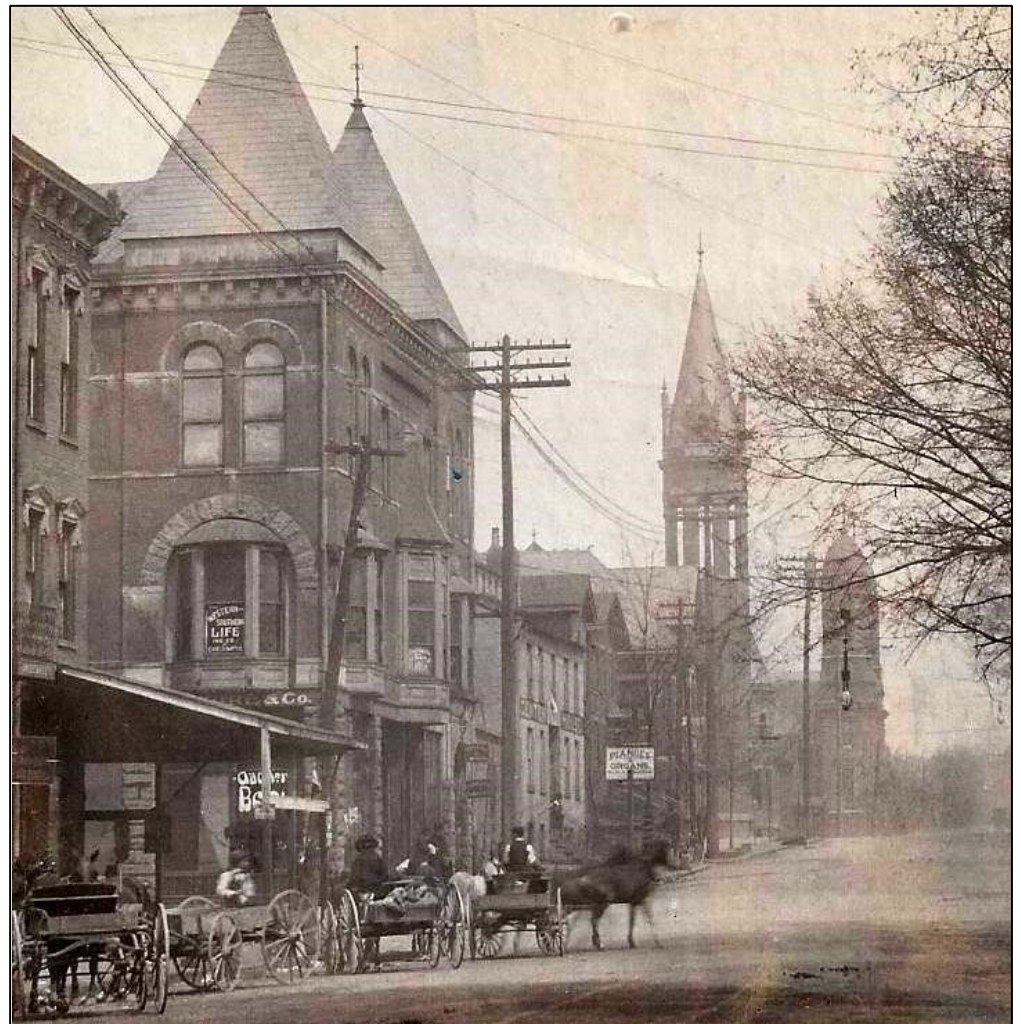
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LEFT: View of St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in early 1900s.

BELOW: Street scene from near downtown Ironton, taken in the late 19th century. The same streets likely walked by Edward and Mary Ann Rooney and Darius and Rachel Gilmore and their families.

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Rooney and Gilmore cousins playing at a rural home in Lawrence County, Ohio, about 1919. In front is Joe Rooney (son of Mike and Grace); in back is John Calvin “Callie” Gilmore (son of Darius and Annie); in middle, from left, Roberta Rooney (daughter of Thomas and Mary), Mick Rooney (son of Mike and Grace), Harold Gilmore (son of Leonard and Lucy), Josephine Rooney (daughter of Thomas and Mary), Anna Rooney (daughter of Mike and Grace), Grace Gilmore (daughter of Leonard and Lucy).

1911

Finally, after months of blistering heat, Mike Rooney and Grace Gilmore got a little relief.

For a few days, at least, clouds obscured the relentless sunlight that beat down on Ironton, a small Ohio city on the Ohio River. It was August of 1911, and the month’s average high was almost 90 degrees. Week after week since May, Lawrence County residents suffered through stifling heat and humidity. Temperatures over 100 were common. But rainfall wasn’t.

For Mike Rooney, there was little escape. The 25-year-old cut nails in an Ironton factory. The excessive heat made working conditions almost unbearable, but at least he had a job.

Grace Gilmore, who had just turned 19, had a job at Stefanski & Shepard's Cigar-Box Factory in Ironton. She worked alongside other young women removing stems from tobacco leaves – a difficult, tedious task referred to as tobacco stripping.

Like Mike, Grace worked in hot, humid conditions that would leave anyone drained. Especially a woman in Grace's state: Pregnant.

Having to tell her beau, let alone her parents, Darius and Annie, frightened the teenager. The scandal would bring shame on her family and on Mike's.

In the summer of 1911, the Rooneys and Gilmores lived just a few blocks from each other on the north side of Ironton.

Mike lived on North Fifth Street with his older brothers Dennis, Edward and Frank. They had one sister, Mary Ann, but everybody called her Mege.

Mike could walk south to visit his older brother, Frank, who was married with a 2-year-old daughter. The trek to their house on Elm Street curved and dipped under the railroad overpass.

Frank was a couple of years older than Mike, but the two were close. It was Frank who got Mike the job at the nail factory, where Frank was a packer. Mike often made the trip to his brother's house.

On those walks, Mike could continue along Elm the three or four blocks to the banks of the mighty Ohio River. Or, he could veer off to the west along Third Street. Sometimes, no doubt, he headed into the woods to use the hunting license he applied for at 16.

Other times, he could have found himself at the intersection of Third and Sycamore streets, just two blocks from home.

There, on the northwest corner, was the Darius and Annie Gilmore residence. Mike knew there were many children in the Gilmore house, including a tall, solidly built young woman named Grace. She grew up with a sister and seven brothers.

Darius (duh-RYE-us) Gilmore was a longtime, respected Ironton resident who had fought with the Grand Army of the Republic in the War of the Rebellion.

Life wasn't easy for the Gilmores. They lost a young daughter, Ida, in 1904. She was just 10 months old when she died from whooping cough.

More shocking, however, was daughter Gertrude's suicide.

Grace was just 18 months older than Gertrude, and the two sisters had been constant companions throughout their young lives. The girls were an island of

civility amid a turbulent sea of chaos created by their boisterous brothers. The Gilmore boys were known for their drinking, fighting and run-ins with the police.

Through it all, Grace and Gertrude had each other. The sisters even worked together for a time at the cigar factory, both stripping stems from tobacco leaves.

But Gertrude was in trouble.

She had become pregnant at age 16 by her boyfriend. For unknown reasons, according to family lore, the boyfriend gave Gertrude a bottle of carbolic acid. On Oct. 16, 1910, the young woman committed suicide by swallowing the toxic compound that was used at the time as an antiseptic.

Despite living with three older brothers – Cleveland, Vinton and Edward – it was Grace who had to provide the information about her sister to the Lawrence County coroner.

Death was also an all-too-familiar presence in the Rooney family.

Mike, the youngest of the 11 children born to Edward and Mary Ann (Giblin) Rooney, was just a teenage boy when his parents died within two years of each other at the turn of the century. (Edward suffered from dropsy, which is swelling of soft tissues due to excess water, known today as edema. Mary Ann succumbed to heart disease.)


Before that, Mike was 7 when his older brother, John, died. John, who was 22, was hit by a train at 11 o'clock one Saturday night. Mike was 9 when oldest brother Patrick lost his life at age 29. And Mike was in his early teens when his brother James died.

By 1910, there were six children left of the Rooney clan. Four of them lived on Fifth Street. Thomas and Frank had taken wives and begun to raise families of their own.

Mike had undoubtedly heard of the tragic death of Gertrude Gilmore. He likely found out soon after from neighborhood chatter.

He had turned 25 less than a month after Gertrude's death. He knew he wanted to – and it was the proper thing to do – console the grief-stricken Grace Gilmore.

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It's likely that Mike and Grace knew each other not only from their proximity but maybe from encounters at Furlong's Restaurant and Saloon, which was close to downtown and where Mike's brother Thomas had worked on and off for a few years.

By the 1910 census, taken in late April, Tom was listed as proprietor of the restaurant, which was no longer a saloon as Lawrence County became a "dry" county. Mike was living with his brothers Ed and Dennis and his sister Mege at 315 N. Fifth St.

Grace might have made as many visits as she could to the Furlong, stopping for a bite of lunch, perhaps.

In addition to food, wine, beer and liquor, the saloon sold cigars. Maybe Grace used her knowledge of cigars to find an excuse to visit the Furlong and see some of her craftsmanship.

Maybe it was another chance to see Mike, too. And for Mike to see her.

But even after Mike left the restaurant to return to the nail factory before 1910, he likely remained in contact with Grace through neighborhood interaction and the fact that his brother Dennis was working as a cook at Furlong's for his Uncle Thomas.

The friendship blossomed between Mike and Grace. The year 1911 began with the two "neighbors" as a couple.

By Easter time in 1911, the young couple had found love. In the midst of a lovely spring in southern Ohio, Grace Gilmore found she was pregnant. She was uncertain at first, but as the beginning of summer drew near, there was no doubt.

How would she tell her parents? What would they say? What about her older brothers, whose good intentions could be complicated by their love of liquor?

Would they get mad and beat up Mike?

She would ask herself over and over: What words do I use to tell Mike? What will he say? What will he do? Will he stay with me? Will he ask me to marry him?

She must have felt so scared and alone. She must have desperately missed her sister, Gertrude.

As summer arrived, the heat soon followed. And Grace Gilmore realized her secret could no longer be concealed.



The Gilmores moved methodically across the county into the state of Ohio after emigrating from the British Isles to the United States. It appears the Gilmore name originated in Scotland, but as with many families seeking to avoid the domineering Church of England, they found a home in Ireland, settling mostly in the province of Ulster.

After arriving in America in the 1700s, many Gilmores settled in either Pennsylvania or Virginia.

It was Pennsylvania from which the Gilmores of southern Ohio migrated. Matthew Gilmore was born in the Keystone State in 1780, a year in which the American Revolution continued to rage.

In the first decade of the 1800s, Matthew Gilmore and his wife, Nancy, had their first child, a son, named John Curl Gilmore. Seven more children were born to the couple over the next decade, and Matthew and Nancy Gilmore realized their small plot of land would not sustain their growing family.

About 1815, the family left Pennsylvania, heading southwest along the Ohio River. The Gilmores settled in Monroe County, Ohio. The state had officially been admitted into the United States just 12 years earlier.

Monroe County itself was a newly designated area, created from parts of three other Ohio counties and named for James Monroe, the sitting secretary of state and future president of the United States.

Life in the heavily forested region was difficult. The area was nestled in the Ohio River Valley, in the western part of the Appalachian Mountains. Acres of woods covered hills and peaks as high as 1,500 feet overlooking the wide river below.

The family made a living by farming, but clearing the land was brutal, backbreaking work. The payoff, however, was reaching the Ohio River Valley's rich, fertile soil.

In the early 1820s, the family followed the river again, settling in the extreme southern Ohio county of Gallia (pronounced GAL-yuh).

In 1790, several hundred French residents were persuaded by people representing the Scioto Company to flee the ongoing French Revolution and come to the United States. The French people arrived, naming the county after the kingdom of Gaul, the old name for what became France. They built a settlement at Gallipolis, meaning “city of the Gauls.”

But the French settlers discovered that they had been misled by the company. The land they paid for belonged to another company, not Scioto. Feeling betrayed, many of the immigrants returned to the East Coast, but those who stayed had to either pay the Ohio Company for their land or move to an area the American government set aside for them: the French Grant. Those who bought the land a second time were among the first white settlers in what became Gallia County.



During the early 1800s, many Ohioans bought land on credit. That had been part of the Congress Lands, set aside by the national government as it organized the Northwest Territory. By the late 1810s, the state was in the midst of severe economic problems, and the Panic of 1819

Map of Ohio drawn by Mary Munson in 1822 at the age of 13 created

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it impossible for many farmers to pay on their loans. Also, Ohio farmers had difficulty selling their crops because of the widespread economic downturn. As a result, many farmers feared they would lose their land.

Congress then passed the Land Act of 1820 and the Relief Act of 1821. The Land Act reduced the number of acres that Ohioans had to buy from 160 to 80 and the cost from \$2 an acre to \$1.25 an acre, in an attempt to encourage additional land sales. The Relief Act permitted Ohioans to return land they could not pay for back to the government, granting a credit toward their debt. Congress extended credit to the buyer for eight more years in hopes of an improving economy.

By allowing the return of land that Ohioans could not afford, Congress helped farmers not lose everything they had worked for. Overall, the federal government's policies were successful.

Matthew Gilmore & Margaret Coffee
the State of Ohio Gallia County ss
I do hereby certify that on the 9th day of October A.D. 1846 by virtue of a license from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, I joined in marriage Matthew Gilmore and Margaret Coffee, Given under my hand this 9th day of October A.D. 1846
Samuel Cole C. C.

Marriage record for Matthew Gilmore and Margaret Coffee, written by the Gallia County clerk, Oct. 9, 1846.



Chapter 2

On Sept. 2, 1824, a baby boy named Matthew Gilmore was born. By the 1830 census, there were 11 members of the Gilmore family, including eight children younger than 20.

Farm families at the time typically included many children born one after another. The agrarian lifestyle that provided for a family's needs – and the needs of non-farm families – required many hands. Every family member contributed to the operation of the farm and the household by doing chores, graduating from relatively simple tasks such as gathering eggs from the family's henhouse to strenuous work such as plowing fields and planting crops.

By the 1840 census, young Matthew Gilmore was almost 16 years old and a vital member of the family farm. The strong young man drew the eye of a young woman who had moved to Gallia County from her home state of Kentucky.

Her name was Margaret Coffee.

Maggie, born in 1819, was about five years older than Matthew Gilmore, who as a man entering adulthood in the early 1840s. No doubt, he would have been intrigued and enticed by this woman who was more than 20 years old. Not only was she older, Maggie's beauty was exotic. She was part-Native American.

Matthew was one of the boys responsible for getting the family crops to market. The Gilmore farm in Harrison Township was just south of the county seat of Gallipolis, which also was a port city on the Ohio River. Goods delivered to the Gallipolis port could be transported south on the river, first to the major cities of Cincinnati and Louisville. From there, the family's crops could travel on the Mississippi River all the way to the city of New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico.

Gallipolis was a busy place, a place where opportunities for food and drink were abundant. And it was the place where Matthew and Maggie found romance.

In March 1845, the romance between Matthew and Margaret became all too real when she gave birth to a son, William. One of the few advantages of living in such a rural location is that a “scandal” of this nature could be contained. Secrecy, though, was not guaranteed.

The embarrassment faced by the 20-year-old Matthew and the 25-year-old “older” woman was profound. Even so, they waited a surprising amount of time before making their union official. That would take more than 18 months.

On the eighth of October in 1846, 22-year-old Matthew Gilmore and 27-year-old Margaret Coffee were joined in marriage in Gallia County, Ohio. It would be almost exactly a year later before the couple’s next child was born. His name was Darius Gilmore.

Another son, Joseph, was born in 1849, and a fourth son, Alonzo, was born in 1851.

The deadly disease of cholera has been around for centuries, arising in the countries of southern and southeastern Asia. By 1849, an outbreak had traveled from Europe to America. By late spring and early summer, there were reports of major outbreaks in many American cities.

The California gold rush, which prompted thousands of people to move from one region to another, was partly responsible for spreading the deadly disease. As a river port city, Gallipolis would have been especially vulnerable.

Along with plague and smallpox, cholera has been one of the greatest scourges in human history. At that time, the mere rumor of cholera could cause fear and panic. Even medical researchers of the time believed the illness was spread by vapors. The odors generated by the disease were suspected of spreading cholera.

In southern Ohio around 1850, potatoes and other vegetables came under suspicion.

In July 1849, *The Journal*, the weekly newspaper in Gallipolis, reported hundreds of deaths connected to cholera outbreaks in several large cities including St. Louis and Cincinnati. Four people had died in Coalport in Meigs County, Ohio.

But in Gallia County, it wasn’t the populated city of Gallipolis affected the most, it was the heavily wooded and isolated townships of Walnut and Harrison where cholera took root.

The Gilmore family lived in Harrison Township.

An account of this epidemic is recorded in the *Hardesty History of Gallia*

County, published in 1882. The illness apparently entered the county when a Walnut Township resident helped a family move in Lawrence County. He became ill upon returning home and died within a week. By the time the epidemic had run its course two weeks later, more than 100 people had become ill, including 37 who died.

After the birth of Alonzo Gilmore in 1851 amid the daunting outbreak, Matthew and Margaret made the courageous decision to leave their home. Uprooting a family farm with four young boys was a difficult choice. Most residents of Gallia County would find it impossible to make such a move, even though the distance involved was not substantial.

Remaining near the Ohio River Valley, with its rich soil, lush forests and rolling hills was crucial for the family. But surviving and escaping the cholera outbreak was the most important factor in the relocation.

The Gilmores decided to cross the Ohio River in 1852 and settle in Virginia. After crossing, the family followed the river south through Cabell County then into Wayne County, Virginia.

Wayne County was created in 1842 with land carved from Cabell. It was named for Gen. “Mad” Anthony Wayne, whose victories over Native Americans at the Battle of Fallen Timbers helped clear the way for the Northwest Territory – Ohio and western Virginia included – to be settled.

Most of the area’s original settlers were farmers who grew food, raised sheep and lived off the forests of the Ohio River Valley. Farmers could get corn crushed ground into meal or wheat ground into flour at one of the county’s grist mills.

In 1854, Margaret gave birth to twin boys Frank and Marion on the family’s Wayne County homestead. The Gilmore clan now included six boys younger than 10.

Within a year, the growing family would move again.

Those were not easy times for the country. Predominant in the thoughts of many Americans in the mid-1850s was the looming specter of civil war.

After decades of uneasy coexistence with their northern neighbors, southern landowners began to believe their only hope of maintaining slavery – and the lifestyle it brought the landholders – was to create their own, separate country.

The Compromise of 1850 had settled, for the time being, some divisive issues between the northern and southern states. The measure admitted California as a

free state; transferred a large part of the territory claimed by Texas to the federal government; organized the new territories of New Mexico and Utah, both of which would be allowed to determine whether they would be free or slave. The compromise also included the Fugitive Slave Law, a more sweeping and rigid enforcement of a late 18th-century law.

The enhanced law appeased southern states because it called for officials in all free states and territories to recover and return escaped slaves. But it also created intense resentment. Northern citizens – even those who were against slavery – also were required to capture and return escaped slaves. The mandate heightened tensions between North and South.

The rift led northern abolitionists to speak out. Harriet Beecher Stowe, for example, wrote “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” in 1853. Her book about the horrors of recapturing escaped slaves became the second-best selling book of the 19th century, surpassed only by the Bible.

In 1854, the South won another battle in Congress with the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which effectively repealed the 1820 Missouri Compromise that had prohibited slavery in the former Louisiana Territory north of the north parallel 36 degrees, 30 seconds.

Then in 1857, a year after the birth of the Gilmores’ seventh son, John, the Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling. The court said Congress had no authority to ban slavery in territories and that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional. It effectively made blacks and mulattos non-citizens of the United States.

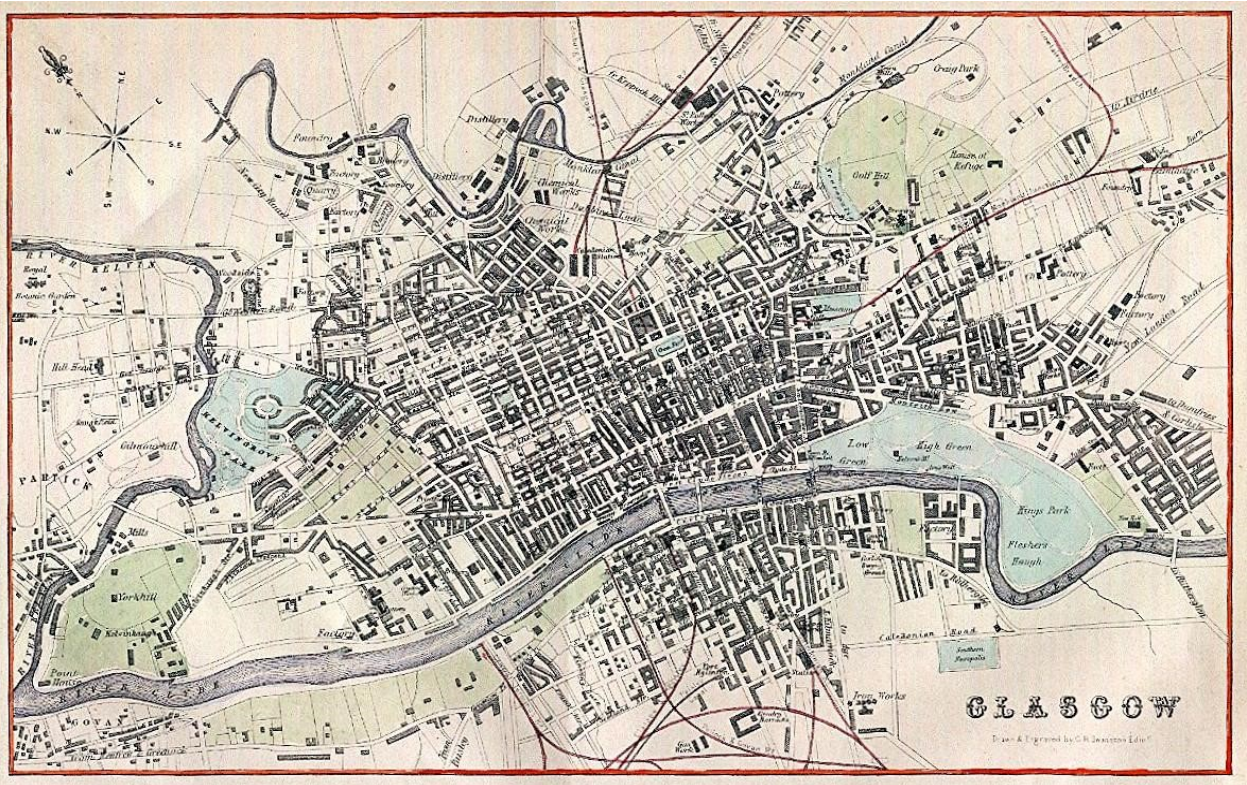
It was against that backdrop of uncertainty and tension that the Gilmore family lived. An eighth son, Matthew Jr., was born in Wayne County in 1858. The oldest son, William, was now 13 years old, and Darius was 12. The family had to know that if civil war was not imminent, it was inevitable. That inevitability was aligning with the ages of the two oldest boys.

Wayne County, which was close to Kentucky, was in the part of Virginia that would become West Virginia in 1863. Although Kentucky was somewhat divided on whether to remain loyal to the Union, there was no doubt that the commonwealth of Virginia was a slave state and would be part of a secession movement, which increasingly was becoming likely.

The Gilmores decided to again cross the river and move back into Ohio. They were able to find a plot of land in Lawrence County, across the river in the southern tip of the Buckeye State. The land, valued at \$200 (more than \$5,000 in

modern dollars), was in Union Township bordering the river in the southeast part of the county.

Two days before the inauguration of President Abraham Lincoln, Mary Leone Gilmore was born to Matthew and Margaret Gilmore. It was the couple's first – and ultimately only – daughter. Less than six weeks later, on April 12, 1861, the American Civil War began.



Cotton-mill factories belching smoke as residents enjoy a picnic was a familiar sight in Glasgow.



This is the original bell from St. John's Chapel in Glasgow, Scotland, where Edward Rooney and Mary Ann Giblin were married in 1864. The bell was kept and is displayed in a much newer church in Glasgow.



Chapter 3

The Great Potato Famine ravaged Ireland from 1845 to 1852, causing the deaths of more than 1 million people. Another million fled the country, decreasing the island's population by almost a fourth.

A disease known as potato blight struck Europe in the 1840s. Because up to a third of the Irish population's diet depended on the potato, the disease's effects were catastrophic. In addition, political, social and economic concerns made the famine a seminal moment in the history of Ireland, which at that time was part of the United Kingdom.

Among the million who left the island were Edward Rooney and Mary Ann Giblin, both residents of County Down, on the northeast coast of Ireland.

Edward Rooney was born in August 1840 in County Down to Edward and Catherine Rooney, but the exact date and location of his birth are unknown.

His father, Edward, was a laborer in Ireland, meaning he might have had a trade such as blacksmithing or carpentry. Or he could have worked on a farm as a hired hand.

As Ed Rooney entered his teenage years, his country was deeply and tragically in the midst of the Potato Famine. The young man would have been frightened at seeing and hearing of the sickness, the death.

His parents, who tried to provide for their family, faced uncertainty and desperation on a daily basis.

By 1860, Ed Rooney was growing out of his teenage years and found himself on his own. His parents had died, though the circumstances and details surrounding their deaths are unknown. Edward Rooney, now a young adult, was prepared to take the next step in his life journey.

But that next step would not be in Ireland.

Ed Rooney had learned the iron work trade. He, along with many young men in Ireland still reeling from the famine, heard they were hiring in Scotland. The country of Scotland covers the northern third of the British Isle, sharing the island with England and Wales.

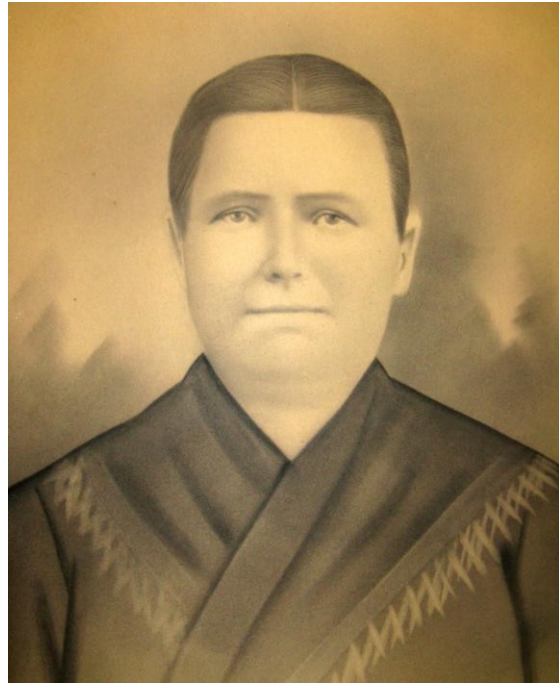
Industrial growth exploded in Glasgow after vast coal reserves were discovered there. By the mid-19th century, Glasgow had surpassed the Scottish capital of Edinburgh as the country's largest city. Glasgow's location on the River Clyde gave residents access to ports on the northwest edge of Scotland.

The river – and subsequent connections through canals – also allowed businesses to ship manufactured products made from the iron-ore and coal deposits. Most of the goods came from the county of Lanarkshire.

Ed Rooney settled in Lanarkshire in the early 1860s, in the village of Hutchesontown, south of the River Clyde. He eventually was hired as an iron puddler. The work was strenuous but highly skilled, calling for him to insert a long, hooked rod into a furnace to stir the hot molten iron to burn off the mineral's impurities. The puddler combined the burned-off iron into a large mass that could weigh up to 300 pounds. When the iron was free of its carbon deposits, the puddler would announce it had “come to nature.”

Edward ended up working at the Govan Iron Works, the largest and the first of Glasgow's many factories. Edward lived in a boarding house on Rose Street, north of the River Clyde that dissects the Scottish city. His address was a distance from Govan Iron Works, which was a few blocks south of the river.

Edward Rooney and Mary Ann Giblin



Chapter 4

Cotton had become a prominent industry in Glasgow, where nearly one in 10 residents was connected to one of the numerous mills. A vast majority of the cotton workers were women and girls. Mary Ann Giblin was one of them.

Mary Ann Giblin and her parents, Denis and Bridget (McGurn) Giblin, had moved from Ireland to Lanarkshire County in Scotland about 1850. The family eventually settled into an apartment on Govan Street, a major east-west road just south of the River Clyde in Glasgow.

Upon turning 15, Mary went to work, first laboring on a local farm. Then she found a job, as did thousands of others, at one of Glasgow's cotton mills.

But the bustling cotton industry was crippled in the early 1860s by the outbreak of the American Civil War. Mary had just begun working at one of the cotton factories in Glasgow when the war started in the fall of 1861. The war soon cut off supplies of raw cotton, as the North sought to isolate the newly formed

Confederate States of America. Subsequently, Scotland's cotton industry collapsed, causing another seismic shift in the country's population.

Edward's path to his job at the iron factory took him close to St. John's Chapel, a Catholic church on Portugal Street, a north-south road that dead-ends at the River Clyde. For Mary Ann, St. John's proximity was also a factor in her likely attending the church, and the parish provided a common venue for the two young people to meet.

Edward and Mary met around 1862 and were married two years later in St. John's Chapel, with the wedding taking place on April 12, 1864. Edward was 24 years old; Mary was 18.

20 Rose Street Glasgow	Edward Rooney Labourer deceased and Catherine Rooney Mrs Rooney deceased	Signed, Valentine Chisholm
59 Govan Street Glasgow	Dennis Giblin Labourer and Bridget Giblin Mrs McGowan	Signed, William Conlan Witness, Mary Cunningham Witness

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Banns of Marriage record for Edward Rooney and Mary Ann Giblin at St. John's Chapel, Glasgow, April 12, 1864

On the marriage record, Edward Rooney listed his father as Edward Rooney, who was deceased, and his mother as Catherine Rooney, also deceased. Interestingly, Catherine Rooney's maiden surname was listed as Rooney.

Mary Ann's father was listed as Dennis Giblan (cq), a laborer, and her mother listed as Bridget Giblan, whose maiden surname was McGurn. Both were living at the time of the marriage. The marriage was signed into record by Balantine Chisholm, and the witnesses were William Conlan and Mary Cunningham.

The bell that rang in St. John's Chapel in 1864 still exists, displayed outside the current church in Glasgow.

The newlywed couple faced uncertain times after their April wedding. Mary Ann was aware that her job might suddenly end. Though Edward had steady work at the iron factory, the continuous influx of immigrants from Ireland and the other British Isles strained the labor force. But another emigration was taking shape in significant numbers at the same time.

That was the move to America.

In the summer of 1864, Mary Ann found out she was pregnant with the couple's first child. It was cause for great joy among the blended families in the Hutchesontown community. The announcement also created anxiety among the newly married couple, who had begun to contemplate moving to the United States.

Did Ed and Mary feel stuck now in Scotland? How could they possibly leave now with a baby? The two were scared but decided to stay in Glasgow, with Mary Ann making it through the Scottish winter, eventually giving birth to Patrick Rooney on March 12, 1865.

The healthy baby boy, nicknamed "Little Pat," was a blessing to the Rooney and Giblin families.

Now with a child, the couple began to look with more determination at their future and whether it would continue to be in the British Isles. A move to America now seemed inevitable with the economic stresses and the knowledge that thousands of others had gone to the United States for the hope of a better life.

By the summer of 1865, the plans were made to sail to America.

In October, Mary Ann became pregnant again. The joyous news was tempered by the timing. A voyage across the Atlantic Ocean for a woman carrying a child

was fraught with risks. So the move to America was scheduled for the fall of 1866 after Mary Ann gave birth.

Winter turned to spring in early 1866, and Edward and Mary had many decisions to make and little time to make them. Amid the preparation, the family could not lose sight of the first birthday of Little Pat, who more and more was being cared for by Mary Ann's parents and siblings. Traveling to America with a newborn is difficult enough, but traveling on a ship across the ocean with a newborn and a 1-year-old is daunting.

Edward knew, as did millions of others, that America was a place where more opportunities could be found to take care of a family. As his young family continued to grow, Edward realized that he could not pass up his chance. But there was a problem – he would have to split his family, temporarily.

He would sail alone, then have his wife and children come across later. That was an agonizing decision but one that had to be made for the good of the family.

But he made the decision. He would head for America.

On a warm day in the early summer of 1866, Mary Ann and Little Pat came to see off Edward. Mary brought Edward lunch that day, then said goodbye to her husband, consoled by the fact that she would sail for America herself. Edward kissed his family and boarded the steamship Africa for the journey.

It was July 10, 1866.

The ship sailed to Liverpool on the west coast of England before beginning the trans-Atlantic voyage. Edward's ship steamed into harbor in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 20, 1866. Boston had become a popular destination for many Irish and Scots-Irish immigrating to America.

Mary Ann gave birth to the couple's second child, Catherine (Kate) Rooney, on July 30, 1866, in Glasgow, not long after Edward sailed to America. Within a couple of weeks, Mary Ann would leave for America. She and Ed had decided that only baby Kate would travel with Mary Ann on the ship and that Little Pat should remain in Scotland with his grandparents.

It's likely that Little Pat was a sickly child and that his ability to survive such a long voyage and all its inherent dangers would be compromised. Again, another agonizing decision had to be made – a 20-year-old woman with a 16-month-old son and an infant, separated from her husband, facing a stressful ocean voyage and the fears of what might lie ahead – but the choice was to keep Pat with his grandparents,

whom Mary Ann knew would take good care of her son. Mary Ann didn't know at the time that Little Pat would not come to the U.S. until nearly 15 years later.

(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother, Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where
				1865 March Glasgow	M.	Edward Rooney Iron Builder	Mary Rooney her Mother	
				57 Queen Street Glasgow		Mrs. Gibson Mar. April 12 Glasgow	Wm. Thomson Registrar of Births	

Birth record for Patrick Rooney, first child of Edward and Mary Rooney, born March 12, 1865, Glasgow, Scotland

Source: Birth records of Lanarkshire, Hutchesontown; Family History Library, Allen County

1403	Catherine Rooney	July 30 1866 Glasgow	F	Edward Rooney Iron Builder	Mary Rooney her Mother	Wm. Thomson Registrar of Births	
				Mary Rooney Mrs. Gibson	Wm. Thomson Registrar of Births		
				Mrs. Gibson Mar. April 12 Glasgow	Wm. Thomson Registrar of Births		

Birth record for Catherine Rooney, first child of Edward and Mary Rooney, born July 30, 1866, Glasgow, Scotland

Source: Birth records of Lanarkshire, Hutchesontown; Family History Library, Allen County Public Library

COPY OF REPORT AND LIST OF THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *Africa* of *Glasgow* whereof *Theodore Cook* is Master, burthen *1216* tons, bound from the Port of *Liverpool* for Boston.

NAMES.	AGE.		SEX.	Occupation, Trade, or Profession.	Country to which they severally belong.	Country of which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the voyage.	Part of vessel occupied during the voyage.
	Years.	Months.						
John B. Lammie	37		M	Merchant	Great Britain	United States		Cabin
Mrs	32		F		"	"		
R. B. Koepfer	55		M	Physician	United States	"		
Maria "	20		F		"	"		
Thos B. Rowland	40		M	Merchant	"	"		
Mrs "	35		F		"	"		
Margt "	7		"		"	"		
Chas "	3		M		"	"		
Jane Miller	22		F		Great Britain	"		
Edwin Fleming	45		M	Mechanic	United States	"		
Mrs "	45		F		"	"		
Chas "	11		M		"	"		
Geo. Leeds	49		"	Clergyman	"	"		
C. J. "	21		F		"	"		
A "	19		"		"	"		
Washington Allen	43		M	Merchant	"	"		
John R. Still	30		"	"	"	"		
Chas. Massey	38		"	"	"	"		
Mr. Shute	40		"	"	"	"		
Mrs. Hamer	30		F		"	"		
A "	5		"		"	"		
Mr. Jones by	38		M	Merchant	"	"		
Mrs. S. M. Bates	36		F		"	"		
Augustin Fischer	41		M	Clergyman	Germany	"		
Geo. A. Archer	32		"	Merchant	United States	"		
Frederick Mysing	39		"	"	"	"		
John Farrell	33		"	"	"	"		
Sarah Hays	32		F		"	"		
Carry "	12		"		"	"		
R. B. Banting	40		M	Merchant	Great Britain	Great Britain		
John Andrew	42		"	"	"	"		
E. A. Wood	33		"	"	"	Canada		
Louisa "	25		F		"	"		
Abraham Macneil	24		"		"	"		
Mr. Hall	41		M		United States	United States		
Marcus Hunter	32		"	Merchant	"	"		
Samuel Hooking	59		"	Engineer	Great Britain	Great Britain		
A. Dingelspiel	15		"	Merchant	Germany	United States		
Louisa M. Alcott	33		F		United States	"		
E. D. Cooper	41		M	Clergyman	"	"		
Mr. Barrett	28		"	Actor	"	"		
E. Rogers	33		"		"	"		
John C. Mrs. Murray	22		"		"	"		
Edw. J. Rooney	31		"		Great Britain	Great Britain		
Alber. Kanitz	35		"	Banker	Austria	United States		
Mr. Schwal	28		"	Merchant	Germany	"		

Edward Rooney, age 31, on the list of passengers arriving in Boston, Mass., aboard steamship Africa on July 20, 1866. The ship departed from Glasgow, sailed to Liverpool, United Kingdom, and sailed to Boston.

Source: Passenger lists, Boston; Ancestry.com; Allen County Public Library



Chapter 5

Darius Gilmore was 15 years old when he walked into a dusty office in Catlettsburg, Ky., southeast of Lawrence County across the Ohio River from the southernmost tip of the Buckeye State.

It was 10 days after a divided nation observed the 87th birthday of the United States. But in the summer heat of 1863, many in Ohio, Kentucky and elsewhere wondered whether there would be another Independence Day – as they knew it.

Though three months shy of his 16th birthday, Darius Gilmore decided to join the Union Army. Darius, described in official Army records as five-foot-eight inches tall with a fair complexion, blue eyes and light-color hair, became a private in Company H of the 45th Kentucky Calvary.

While in Lexington, he suffered injuries to his back and kidneys that affected him for the remainder of his life. He served nearly a year-and-a-half with the mounted infantry, mustering out the day before Christmas in 1864, a time of the Civil War that saw the North beginning to take control of the horrific conflict that was about to enter its fifth year.

Darius signed up for the Union Army a second time on March 7, 1865. Pvt. Gilmore enlisted up the river about an hour north in Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was dispatched with Company D of the 8th Independent Company Ohio Sharpshooters of the Army of the Cumberland.

The days of the Civil War were coming to an end. Union forces had marched into and devastated the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., and by April of 1865, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Gen. Robert E. Lee had planned to meet to sign the papers that would officially end the brutal war. Just days after Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, Va., President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in Washington on April 15, 1965. Pvt. Darius Gilmore must have been frightened after the president's murder, fearing that the war, which seemingly had ended, might shockingly be reignited. And that meant the 17-year-old might not return home – ever.

Darius' unit was stationed in Nashville, Tenn., primarily guarding the headquarters of Union Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas, whose troops had taken control of one of the largest Confederate cities.

Although minor skirmishes took place in the aftermath of Lincoln's death, the killing of John Wilkes Booth and the apprehension of his conspirators meant that the war was over. And on July 19, 1865, Darius Gilmore, three months short of his 18th birthday, was mustered out of the U.S. Army in Nashville, Tenn.

Darius could go home.

DEAD				
NAME OF SOLDIER:				
Gilmore, Darius				
SERVICE:				
Late rank, Co. D, 45 Reg't Ky. Inf.				
TERM OF SERVICE:				
Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1886 Dec 14	Invalid,	591267	0 J	498802
	Widow,			
1919 Sep. 13	Minor,	1146,336	J.	913,976.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
Co. 45 Ky. Inf. 8. Indpt Co Ohio 88				
REMARKS:				
Died Aug. 14, 1865, at Swanton, Ohio.				

Filings of Civil War pension for dependents of Darius Gilmore and Brunson Wilson.

Source: National Archives and Records Administration

NAME OF SOLDIER:				
Wilson, Brunson.				
SERVICE:				
Late rank, Co. H, 45 Reg't Ky. Inf.				
TERM OF SERVICE:				
Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1882 Sep. 13	Invalid,	459,868.		495181.
	Widow,	629,988.	0	429,919.
	Minor,			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				
Died, 1, at				

Information provided by Darius Gilmore as to his service record and family information. This was one of the early clues as to his date of birth, his first wife's death and his children's years of birth. (Courtesy of Mary Anne Sutphin, 3rd cousin)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G. H. Renshaw
Commissioner.

DARIUS GILMORE
WILLIAMSPORT OHIO
998802 R R 3

MAR 12 1915
OFFICE

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No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *Galopolia Ohio Co., Oct. 25th 1846*
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *45th Kentucky Inf. Infantry 1863*
7th S.V.S. Fort Calhoun, Mich. 7th 1865

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Russell, Lawrence Co., Ohio*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Rochal. A. M. Pitkin*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *Feb 14th 1885 - at April Lawrence Co. Ohio by William Montgomery, Esq.*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer. *No*

If so, where? Answer.

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. *yes*
E. L. Chism Feb 11th 1868
Rich. Mich. 1884 Baldwin Lawrence

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. *No*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, ~~and there is no separation?~~ Answer. *yes*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.

<i>Leveled</i>	<i>1885</i>	
<i>Lemond</i>	<i>1887</i>	
<i>Vinton</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>Rich 1913</i>
<i>Edward</i>	<i>1891</i>	
<i>Grace</i>	<i>1892</i>	
<i>Gertrude</i>	<i>1894</i>	
<i>Wendell</i>	<i>1896</i>	
<i>Oprial</i>	<i>1897</i>	
<i>John</i>	<i>1900</i>	
<i>William</i>	<i>1903</i>	<i>Rich 1903</i>
<i>John E. Egner</i>	<i>1907</i>	

Date *March 11th 1915* (Signature) *Darius Gilmore*

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Aug 17, 1887.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Dennis Killmore, a Private of Company "D",
 45 Regiment Ky Inf Volunteers, was enrolled on the
 14 day of July, 1863, at Ballleto burg Ky for 1 yr,
 and is reported: On roll to Dec 31/63, (first on file) present
 Jan & Feb/64, absent transferred to Co "H" same regt. by regtl
 order dated Feb 1/64. Roll Co H said regt. for March &
 April/64 (first on file) present; same to Aug 31 64, (last on file)
 Co "D" Returns prior to Dec/63, not on file, Jan/64 &
 Feb/64 not on file. Co "H" Returns for March/64 (first on
 file) April/64, May/64 and June/64 (last on file) do not
 report him absent, Regtl Returns not on file
 Mustered out with Co "D" (to which he transferred) at
 Ballleto burg Ky, Dec 24/64. Also borne as Dennis Kill-
 more; not borne as Dennis Killmore.

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Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Apr. 15 to 1887

SIR:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish from the records of the War Department a full Report as to the service, disability, and hospital treatment of *Darius Gilmore*, who, it is claimed, enlisted *Sept.*, 1863, and served as *Private* in Co. *Co. 45* Reg't *Ky Vols*; also in Co. *8 Inft. Co. S. S. Ohio Vols.*

and was discharged at *Scottsborough Ky*, *Dec 24*, 1864. While serving in Co. *Co. 45* Reg't *Ky Vols* he was disabled by *Injury to Back and Kidneys. at Lexington Ky* *July 1864* also

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, location, and dates of treatment are as follows: *Reyt. Hosp.*

Very respectfully,

John Black,
Commissioner

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The Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

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Filing of Civil War pension for dependents of Darius Gilmore after his death on 14 Aug 1919 in Ironton. The original application was filed 14 Dec 1886, and the final filing was on 13 Sep 1919. Source: National Archives and Records Administration



Chapter 6

In September 1866, Mary Ann and Catherine arrived in the United States. But baby Kate was ill. Soon after the mother and child set foot on American soil, Kate's illness became more serious. And by the time the calendar turned to October in 1866, baby Kate had died.

She was just two months old.

Mary Ann and Edward eventually connected in Boston, and upon hearing of work opportunities in a small but growing town in southern Ohio decided that a move needed to be made. So the childless couple left the busy East Coast of the United States in the post-Civil War years for a 1,000-mile trip to Ironton, Ohio, along the Ohio River.

Lawrence County Ohio was organized December 20, 1816. It was named after Capt. James Lawrence, a native of Burlington, N.J., and a gallant naval officer of the War of 1812.

Ironton officially became a city in 1949, nearly 25 years after John Means, of Spartanburg, S. C., moved to southern Ohio, and built a charcoal furnace near his home at Hanging Rock and begun the manufacture of pig iron.

The Union, as he named the first furnace north of the Ohio River, attracted many, among them 21-year-old John Campbell in 1829. It was John Campbell and associates that organized a company in 1848 and began to plan for a railroad that was incorporated in 1849, with a new city, called Ironton as its terminus on the Ohio River.

The first land was sold June 20, 1849.

The first Rooney child born in Ironton was Thomas A. Rooney, who was born on Feb. 13, 1869, and the family was counted for the first time in the U.S. census a year later in 1870. Edward was listed as a 30-year-old common laborer and Mary a 23-year-old housewife.

A few months after the census was taken in the spring, the couple had another son. John Rooney was born Nov. 4, 1870, at the small home in Ironton. It was the third son for Ed and Mary.

By the end of the 1870s, the Rooney family would settle in and expand along with the city of Ironton. On Jan. 19, 1874, Edward and Mary Ann sold their home (lot 20 in Peters Addition) for \$375 to Frank Louder. This enabled the family to buy another property on Fifth Street on the northern edge of town.

They needed the bigger home as the family continued to grow in the decade: Edward Rooney Jr. their fourth son, born April 25, 1873.

Dennis Rooney, the fifth son, born Feb. 27, 1874.

Mary Ann (Mege) Rooney, who would be the only surviving daughter, born May 3, 1876.

James Rooney, the sixth son, born Oct. 14, 1878.

A highlight of the 1870s, in addition to the arrival of more children, was on March 28, 1877, when Edward Rooney officially became a citizen of the United States.

By the time of the 1880 census, the family on North Fifth Street grew again when Patrick Rooney rejoined the family. Patrick was 15 years old, and after being separated from his parents in 1866, had lived with his maternal grandparents in Glasgow until reaching an age where the time was right to move to America.

He arrived in New York City aboard the steamship Celtic on May 21, 1880. Patrick's arrival came about a year after the city of Ironton acquired its first streetlights. The street lamps were lighted for the first time in February 1879. It reportedly took an hour and a half to light the 109 street lamps in town.

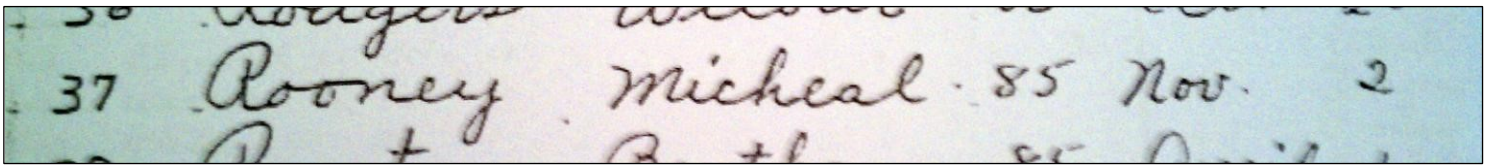
Edward worked several jobs as a laborer trying to support his large family. It turns out the family had some help when they hired a woman named Lizzie Abram, who was hired as a live-in domestic helper.

She was needed because Mary Ann gave birth to two more sons in the first two years of the 1880s:

Matthew Rooney, the seventh son, was born Nov. 1, 1880, but died Feb. 26, 1881 (3 months, 25 days) caused by water on the brain.

Frank Rooney, the eighth son, was born Sept. 7, 1881.

Then on Nov. 2, 1885, Michael Rooney, the ninth son, was born. He would be the last child born to Mary Ann and Edward. At the time of Michael's birth, his mother was about 40 years old, and his father was about age 45.



Birth record for Michael Rooney from the Lawrence County records in Ironton, Ohio. Note the transposed "e" and "a."
 Mike Rooney was born Nov. 2, 1885, at home.

Sources: Ohio Birth Records; Ohio Historical Society; Lawrence County Probate Court Records

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RECORD OF BIRTHS, PROBATE COURT,

DATE.	Number.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.			PLACE OF BIRTH.			SEX.	
			Year.	Month.	Day.	State.	County.	City, Town or Township.	Male.	Female.
May 1893	91	Gillowater James J.	1893	Mich	21	Ohio	Lawrence	Lawrence	.	
	92	Gilmore Grace	1892	June	15	"	"	"		"
	93	Gore Daisy	1892	Nov	20	"	"	"		"

Lawrence County Birth Record of Grace Gilmore, above, born June 15, 1892, with her parents listed below

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, 189

NAME OF FATHER.	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM RECORDED.
Gillowater Morrison	Lech Aurilda	Lawrence Sp.	
Gilmore Darius	Nilson Rachel A.	"	
Gore Mattison	Combs Annic	"	



Chapter 7

Darius Gilmore returned to Union Township in Lawrence County in the late summer of 1865, prepared to work on the Gilmore family farm, as was the norm.

He met 15-year-old Edith Chinn early in 1866. Her family had been residents of Lawrence County, most recently Union Township, since the early 1800s. In late November of 1866, Edith gave birth to a girl, Mary Margaret, and the couple were married on March 14, 1867, in Ironton.

Darius was 19, Edith was 16.

The young family settled into life in Lawrence County, working the farm. In late 1868, Edith gave birth to a son, William, and three years later in the fall of 1872, another daughter, Ida Mae. She would be the couple's last child.

Edith died in February 1884 after the family took a trip to Berwick, Louisiana, where Darius' brother Alonzo had moved years before. Mary Margaret, better known as Maggie, was 16 when she accompanied her parents and brother and sister to St. Mary Parish in Louisiana, which is in the south-central part of the state, bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

Alonzo Gilmore had found a career in the timber business, eventually riding on barges carrying lumber on the Ohio River and subsequently the Mississippi River. His business led to his establishing a home in the small town of Berwick, near Morgan City, La.

So, Darius made the trip to Louisiana to see his brother and Alonzo's wife, Belle, along with their growing brood that now included five children. But Edith became ill soon after arriving in Louisiana. She was only 34 years old when she died on March 26, 1884.

The family was deep in mourning as they made the lengthy journey back to Ohio. Darius returned to his job as a laborer, getting plenty of support from his family back in Lawrence County and neighboring Gallia County that included his father, Matthew, and his nine siblings.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, O.

THE STATE OF OHIO, LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Before me, *H.P. Durham* ^{Common Pleas} Clerk of the Court of Probate for said County, came personally *Darius Gilmore* who being first duly sworn, saith that *he* is more than *19* years of age, that he has no wife living, that he is not nearer of kin to *Edith M. Chinn* than first cousins, that she is more than *19* years of age, that she has no husband living, that she resides at the present time, in this County, and that there is no legal impediment to their being joined in marriage, and further saith ~~not~~ that he is a witness to the written consent of his father and also of the written consent of the mother of *Edith M. Chinn* to their marriage.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the *12th* day of *March* A. D. 1867

H.P. Durham Judge of Probate.
Clark Court Am. Rev. Co. O.

Darius Gilmore



THE STATE OF OHIO, }
LAWRENCE COUNTY. }

PROBATE COURT.

To any Person legally authorized to Solemnize Marriages in said County, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage *Darius Gilmore* and *Edith M. Chinn* and fail not to make return of the same to this office within three months thereafter.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said Court at the Probate Office in Canton, the *12th* day of *March* A. D. 1867

L.S.

C.B. Egerton Judge of Probate.

No.

The State of Ohio, Lawrence County, SS.

I do hereby certify, that on the *14th* day of *March* A. D. 1867, by virtue of a license from the Court of Probate for said County, I joined in Marriage *Darius Gilmore* and *Edith M. Chinn*.

Given under my hand the *3rd* day of *April* A. D. 1867

(Seal)

Isaac J. Langdon Minister

THE STATE OF OHIO, LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Marriage record from Lawrence County for Darius Gilmore and Edith Chinn; March 12, 1867

Source: Lawrence County Probate Court



Chapter 8

Darius farmed several pieces of land as he moved through the central part of Lawrence County, living for a while in Lawrence Township then in Union Township, which is along the Ohio River in the southernmost part of the county.

But no matter where he and family settled, Darius was distraught over the loss of Edith. In addition, a back injury that occurred during the Civil War became a more frequent and painful annoyance. Teenagers William and Ida helped as much as they could, but the void left by the loss of their mother was enormous.

Darius had been acquainted with the Wilson family when they both lived in Lawrence Township. Brunson Wilson and Darius Gilmore had known each other when both served in the 45th Kentucky Mounted Infantry in the Civil War.

Brunson and his wife, Vilinda George, led a simple farm life in Lawrence Township after they married in 1857 in Ironton. Vilinda was born in 1836 in central Ohio, growing up in Muskingum County. Her father, James George, was a veteran of the War of 1812, and her grandfather, Jesse George, was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Her family moved to Lawrence County in the middle of the decade where she met and married 25-year-old Brunson Wilson in 1857.

The Wilsons had three children before Brunson volunteered for the Union Army. After he served about a year, he returned to the farm. On Feb. 24, 1865, Vilinda gave birth to the couple's fourth child, their third daughter, Rachel Ann Wilson. The couple called her Annie.

Brunson and Vilinda went on to have eight more children, ending up with a dozen – seven boys and five girls.

It was 18-year-old Annie Wilson who caught the eye of 37-year-old Darius Gilmore. And after a brief courtship, Annie and Darius married on Jan. 11, 1885, in Ironton.



Darius Gilmore and Rachel "Annie" Gilmore



Brunson and Vilinda (George) Wilson

<p>PARTIES.</p> <p>Darius Gilmore</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Anna Wilson</p> <p>License.</p> <p>Issued the 9th day of January A. D. 1885, to the above named parties.</p>	<p>The State of Ohio, Lawrence County.</p> <p>Before me, Geo. W. Thompson, Judge of the Court of Probate, for said County, came personally Matthew Gilmore, who being first duly sworn, saith that Darius Gilmore is more than 21 years of age, that he has no wife living, that he is not nearer of kin to Anna Wilson than second Cousins, that she is more than 18 years of age, that she has no husband living, that she resides at the present time in this county and that there is no legal impediment to their being joined in marriage, and further saith not</p> <p>Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9 day of Jan, A. D. 1885</p> <p>Geo. W. Thompson, Judge of Probate. By G. W. Thompson J.P. } Matthew Gilmore</p>
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Marriage license record for Darius Gilmore and Rachel Anna Wilson

Source: Ohio Marriage Records; FamilySearch.org

Certificate of Marriage



The State of Ohio, Lawrence County, ss:

I do hereby certify that on the 11 day of January A. D. ~~1885~~
by virtue of a license from the Court of Probate, for said County, I joined in marriage
Darius Gillmore and Anna Stilson
William Murnahan, Jr.



The State of Ohio, Lawrence County, ss:

I, Fred G Roberts, Judge of the Probate Court
within and for the County of Lawrence and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the
foregoing is correctly copied from the marriage record in this Court, where the same
are kept in pursuance of law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have ~~hereunto signed~~ my name
and affixed the Seal of said Probate Court,
at Ironton, Ohio, this 15th day of



Oct A. D. 1919
Fred G Roberts
Probate Judge

By Chese Russell
Deputy Clerk

Source: Lawrence County Probate Court records; provided by Mary Anne Sutphin, cousin

Marriage record for Brunson Wilson and Vilinda George from 25 Jan 1857, Lawrence County, Ohio

Source: Ohio Marriage Records, FamilySearch.org

I do hereby certify that on the 29th day of January A.D. 1857 by virtue of a License from the Court of Probate for said County I joined in Marriage D.H. Warren and Maria F. Moxley - Given under my hand the 29th day of January A.D. 1857 - B.A. Spahr Minister of the Gospel (No 931) 3rd

The State of Ohio Lawrence County I do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January A.D. 1857 by virtue of a license from the Court of Probate for said County I joined in Marriage Brunson Wilson and Vilinda George Given under my hand the 25th day of January A.D. 1857 (No 932) 3rd James Rob. J.P.

*Brunson Wilson D.H. Warren
Vilinda George Maria Moxley*

Civil War enlistment papers for Brunson Wilson on 14 July 1863 in Boyd County, Ky. The 28-year-old farmer from Lawrence County signed up for a 12-month stint in the Union Army and would serve with the Kentucky Mounted Infantry.

Source: National Archives and Records Administration

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT
STATE OF ~~Kentucky~~ COUNTY OF *Boyd*

Brunson Wilson born in *Lawrence Co* at the State of *Ky* and by occupation a *Farmer* aged *Twenty eight* years

do hereby acknowledge to have volunteered on this *14th* day of *July*, 1863, to serve as a *Soldier* in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of *Twelve Months* these months being ordered by proper authority. Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, allowances, and furloughs, or may be, established by law for volunteers. And I, *B. Wilson* do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Witness my hand and seal of office this *14th* day of *July* 1863.

H. J. Matney
Mounted
Volunteer,
Kentucky Cavalry



Chapter 9

The newly married couple lived on the Gilmore farm in Lawrence Township. William Gilmore, only son of Darius and Edith, was just four years younger than his new stepmother. Darius' oldest, the now-married Maggie, was just a year younger. But William helped his father with the farm work while Annie and youngest stepchild Ida Mae took care of the home.

Ida needed more responsibility as 1885 moved forward because Annie became pregnant with her first child, Grover Cleveland Gilmore, who was born Nov. 27, 1885. Cleve was the first born of what would eventually be a family of 11 children. Leonard Gilmore was born 15 months after Cleveland on Feb. 7, 1887; Vinton Gilmore was born on Oct. 3, 1889; Edward Gilmore was born Feb. 19, 1891, giving Darius and Annie five sons.

On July 15, 1892, the couple's first daughter, Grace, was born. Another daughter, Gertrude, was born 19 months later on Feb. 24, 1894; and David Gilmore born just a year later on April 7, 1895.

Daniel Gilmore was born on April 30, 1897, and a son, Ira, was born on Dec. 27, 1900, the last of the children born in the 20th century. But Darius and Annie weren't done yet.

Minnie (Ida) Gilmore, third daughter of Darius and Annie, was born on April 3, 1903, but she died less than a year later on Jan. 25, 1904. Ida was nine months old when she died of whooping cough.

More than three years later, the final Gilmore child was born. John Calvin, the eighth son of Darius and Annie, was born on Feb. 8, 1907. John Calvin, who would become known as Callie, was the first and only Gilmore child not born on the family farm in Lawrence Township.

By second wife of Darius Gilmore
 wit namely, Rachel A. Gilmore his and her children
 4. ^{names} Cleveland Gilmore Born Nov. 25th day of Dec. 1886
 5. Bernard Gilmore . . . Sept. 7th . . . 1887
 6. Vinton Gilmore . . . Oct. 9th . . . 1888
 7. Edward Gilmore . . . February 19th . . . 1891
 8. Gracie Gilmore . . . July 15th 1892
 Gertrude Gilmore . . . February 24th 1894
 David Gilmore . . . April 9th 1896
 This I certify to be my own family record and that
 the dates and names of my children given is correct
 Date of reply given Oct. 23rd 1897
 Darius Gilmore
 Co. H 45th Ky. Inf. 1st Div.
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Document listing family of Darius Gilmore for application to receive Civil War benefits; Oct. 23, 1897. This was done in Darius' handwriting.

Source: Mary Anne Sutphin, Gilmore cousin



Chapter 10

Although not an unusual occurrence for the time, the Rooneys suffered the loss of two children in the 1890s within a span of nine months.

According to a story in the Ironton Register newspaper on Aug. 3, 1893, John Rooney was killed five days previous when he was struck by a Norfolk and

Western locomotive near the Rachel Creek trestle. The creek roughly parallels the Ohio Rive and curves under the railroad tracks just west of the Irish north side of Ironton, where John's parents lived.

The newspaper reported that the engineer of the freight train saw someone on the track but was unable to stop in time. John's head appeared to have been on one of the rails at the time he was struck, the paper said, describing the severity of the injuries.

John, who was not married, was 22 years old and had just returned to Lawrence County for a brief visit. When he was 19, John left home to head south to find work. He was able to find a job in Birmingham, Ala., which was quickly becoming the industrial capital of the South. The city had grown exponentially since its founding in 1871 and was a major producer of iron, helping the South recover from the Civil War.

John's intention was to return to his job in Birmingham. Why he was near a railroad track trestle at 11 o'clock on a Saturday night will forever be unknown.

On April 12, 1894, the Register reported on the death of Patrick Rooney, who died in a hospital in Columbus. No details were in the article, but his death record listed the cause as ascites, which is an accumulation of fluid in the abdominal cavity, most often brought on by diseases of the liver such as cirrhosis.

By the time of the 1900 census, the family consisted of Edward, Mary Ann, Thomas, Mege, Edward Jr., Dennis, James, Frank and Mike. The family lived at 317 N. Fifth St. between Storms Creek and the railroad tracks on the north edge of Ironton.

But Mary Ann became ill soon after the census was taken, and she died on July 17, 1901, of heart disease. Death records show she was 52 years old.

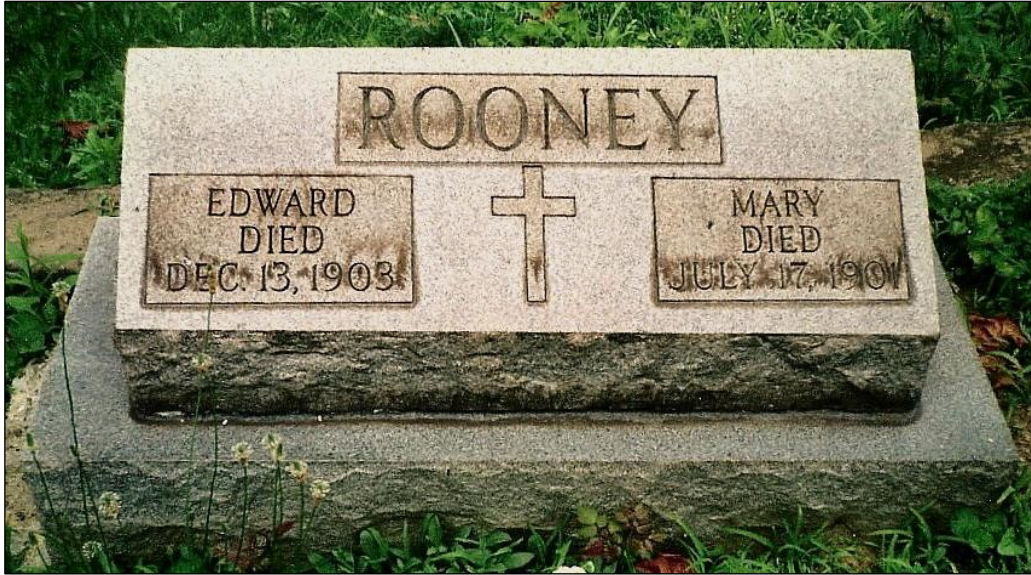
That left Edward, over 60 years old now, a widower with four adult children (Thomas, 31; Ed Jr., 25; Dennis, 23; Mege, 22) and two teenagers (Frank, 17; Mike 14) at home.

The whereabouts of James in 1900 is unknown. It is likely that he had moved away in the late 1890s, but he has not been found.

Thomas met and married Mary O'Brien of Ironton on June 9, 1902, becoming the first of the children to marry.

Edward Rooney remarried in the summer of 1903, when he wed a widow named Susan Williams on June 23. About a month later, on July 29, Edward became a grandfather for the first time when Thomas' wife, Mary, gave birth to a girl, whose name was also Mary.

Sadly, Edward's time as a grandfather, and a new husband, was short-lived when he died on Dec. 13, 1903. The cause of death was dropsy, which is swelling in the kidneys.



Gravesite of Edward and Mary Ann (Giblin) Rooney at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio



Chapter 11

Tom and his wife and the new baby lived in the same home with Ed Jr., Dennis, Mege, Frank and Mike. Although the house was full, all the men in the family – including 18-year-old Mike – all found jobs to help out in the wake of the death of the head of the family. Thomas found a job as a bartender at Furlong's Restaurant and Saloon in downtown Ironton, and the other men were laborers. Mege and her sister-in-law Mary took care of the house and baby Mary.

In 1906, Mike Rooney found work at Belfont Nail Works, a prominent factory south of his home and close to the Ohio River. It was a dirty job and hard work,

and Mike decided a couple of years later to become a cook at Furlong's to work with his brother Thomas in 1906 and 1907.

But Mike left the restaurant business in 1908 and again returned to work at the nail plant. Frank, the second-youngest, had worked for a few years at the nail factory. So in 1909, Mike decided to go back the nail plant, which was listed as his employer in the 1910 census.

Frank had needed the stability because he was married on April 30, 1907, to Mildred Clouse of Ironton, and the couple welcomed their first child, a daughter Thelma, on Sept. 19, 1907.



Chapter 12

Soon after the death of their baby girl in 1904, the Gilmores left the farm and moved into the growing city of Ironton. Aside from the city's prominent blast furnaces to produce its iconic iron, the recent discovery of natural gas prompted the development of even more industry in Ironton.

With 10 children from ages 19 to 2, the family found a home in Ironton on the south side. They settled into a modest home on Third Street, near the intersection with Pleasant Street. That was the home in which Callie was born, but the family would move again before the 1910 census.

Darius found a job as a laborer. But his ability to work was limited because of a chronic back problem resulting from his service in the Civil War. So the family endured tough times financially.

Darius and Annie lived in a small place on Etna Street in Ironton while the rest of the family lived in a home on the upper north side on Second Street, just a few blocks away.

Perhaps it was desperation that led to trouble with the law in 1910.

Darius, along with sons Edward and Cleveland, were arrested on charges of running a "booze boat" near Russell, Ky., across the Ohio River from Ironton. Ed, known as Spike, had pleaded guilty early in 1910 to destruction of property.

Then a year later, Edward, then 19 years old, went through a personal trauma that became public when his wife, Bessie Clarkson, committed suicide.

According to an account in the Ironton Register, Bessie had taken carbolic acid after having words with Spike. She threatened to kill herself, the paper said, and soon after Spike left the room, she swallowed the poison.

The newspaper reported that Bessie told her husband, "I did it for you," after falling to the floor with her husband rushing into the room of the boarding house where she lived. She died about an hour later, ending a tumultuous relationship with Spike, with whom the Register reported had numerous domestic arguments. Bessie was 20 years old.

SUICIDE

Route Thought To Be The Best

By Bessie Clarkson, Who Swallows
An Ounce Of Deadly Carbolic
Acid. Took Deadly Potion This
Afternoon And Her Death Fol-
lowed

Bessie Clarkson, or Mrs. Ed. Gilmore, swallowed carbolic acid about 2:30 Monday afternoon and as a result lies at death's door.

Mrs. Gilmore is employed at the Ironton Hotel as waitress and left the hotel about two o'clock and went to Sities' boarding house on Third and Lawrence streets, where she rooms. There she met her husband with whom she is supposed to have had some words and upon her husband leaving the room "threatened to kill herself." Gilmore had hardly left the room before she raised an ounce bottle of the fluid to her mouth and swallowed the contents. After swallowing the fluid she sank to the floor and her husband rushing in and heard her mutter the words: "I did it for you", meaning Ed. Gilmore.

Article from the Ironton

Semi-Weekly Register, Tuesday, Nov. 7,
1911

Dr. Henninger was immediately summoned and gave the necessary medical attention, but it is not supposed to have been of any avail, as the doctor informed the Register at three o'clock that her condition was hopeless.

The acid was obtained at the Otten drug store and was purchased for the alleged purpose of bathing a bad sore on her left hand.

The suicide route taken by the young lady is supposed to have come following a quarrel with her husband, with whom she has had trouble for some time.

LATER—Mrs. Gilmore died at about 3.40 this afternoon.



Chapter 13

Edward Gilmore was born on the 19th of February in 1891, the fourth child, and son, of Darius and Rachel Gilmore. It's not certain when Ed acquired the nickname "Spike," but if it was in reference to the strong, durable hunk of iron that was driven through railroad ties to hold them together – then it would turn out to be fitting.

Spike Gilmore grew into a strong man. He stood 6 feet, 3 inches tall with a muscular frame. He had light-reddish hair and a fair complexion with aqua-blue eyes. For Spike, being one of the biggest young men around meant he felt that he could do what he pleased. His ego must have been as large as he was.

After he turned 18 years old in 1909, life would take a series of tumultuous, selfafflicted turns that would affect his life and many others for years to come.

It was 1910. A year earlier, Lawrence County had officially become a "dry" county, in accordance with Prohibition. Whether there is a connection to Spike's impending troubles with the law cannot be verified. In late 1909, with Ironton becoming a bustling city with a newly constructed county courthouse, many new businesses, streetcar and rail service taking residents about, it seemed to be a place where an 18-year-old might want to visit on occasion.

Edward Gilmore did just that, likely on many occasions, and was able to find plenty of liquor in the process, despite the Prohibition. Maybe it was because of Prohibition.

Spike was arrested near the end of 1909 and charged with malicious destruction of property and discharging firearms in the city. According to newspaper accounts from the Ironton Tribune, Ed pleaded not guilty to the charges. But in late February of 1910, he changed his plea to guilty. The Tribune reported that Edward was let go after paying a \$4.80 fine for each of the charges. The story said that Spike's "misdeeds" earned him a reprimand from the mayor of Ironton.

In August of 1910, the Gilmore brothers, along with their father, Darius, were implicated in running a booze-smuggling operation on the Ohio River on the Kentucky side.

The Portsmouth Daily reported on Aug. 13, 1910, that authorities in Russell, Ky., raided the “Gilmore booze shack” and apprehended the father of the boys and another Ironton man but that Darius’ son Cleve Gilmore, escaped. The article said that Cleve waded into the river and was picked up by an accomplice in a boat. Deputies fired two shots in Cleve’s direction, but the 25-year-old eldest son of Darius and Annie made it across to the Ohio side.

A month later, the newspaper reported that a group called the Kentucky Night Riders went to the river’s edge after midnight and torched two booze boats, one of which was the Gilmore boat. The boats were destroyed as was the booze-running operation.

Vinton Gilmore, the third child and third son of Darius and Annie, was another troubled young man. He lived in the Gilmore home on Sycamore Street on April 15, 1910, but by the time of his 21st birthday six months later, he was incarcerated.

Vinton apparently got into an argument with his older brother Cleveland that escalated into gunfire, with Vinton shooting his brother through the hand. Cleveland’s wound was not life-threatening, and it is unknown as to Vinton’s intent. But Vinton was sent to the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield where people convicted of lower-level crimes were imprisoned.

By the spring of 1911, Vinton was back home, but he was maimed. While performing his job in the reformatory, Vinton was injured when he was cleaning a centrifugal wringer in the laundry. His arm became caught in the wringer, and the limb was lost.

The distraught Gilmore was introduced to Hattie Brown, whose sister Lucy had married Vinton’s brother Leonard. The two hit it off and were married on April 20, 1911 in Ironton. Shortly after, the couple moved to a farm near Circleville in Pickaway County.

VINTON

6-24-1913

Gilmore Committed Suicide at Circleville

Mrs. Michael Rooney, of Fifth and Elm streets, received a message Sunday announcing the fact that her brother, Vinton Gilmore had committed suicide, on a farm near Circleville, Ohio, by taking rat poison, when he saw officers, approaching his home intent upon securing his arrest. The calling of the officers was necessitated owing to an attack which the unfortunate man made upon his wife, during which he tried to kill her with a shot gun.

Gilmore is well known in this city, and has occupied a great deal of attention from the police during the past several years. He resided in West Ironton, until some time ago when he moved, with his wife to a farm near Circleville. He has written home frequently since that time and stated that he liked the life very well and that he was getting along fine.

The family received a letter of this nature a short time ago and the relatives were entirely unprepared for the news of his tragic death.

Gilmore was sentenced to the Mansfield Reformatory some time ago and served a term there. While in that institution he lost an arm in a machine and received a sum of money from the state.

After his release he came to this city but was not satisfied and shortly moved to Circleville.

The body of the deceased will arrive here today for burial.

farm with his new bride. He had received \$1,000 from the state of Ohio as compensation for losing his arm in the reformatory. He had sent letters from Circleville back to his family in Ironton, including his sister Grace – not Mrs. Rooney – saying that he liked his life and was getting along fine.

But the demon of alcoholism descended upon him again.

His struggles with the bottle combined with his distress over the loss of his arm made his happy marriage short-lived. It was reported that Vinton’s wife, Hattie, said her husband was worried that “he could not do a man’s work” due to the loss of his arm. She added that when not drinking, Vinton was of good disposition.

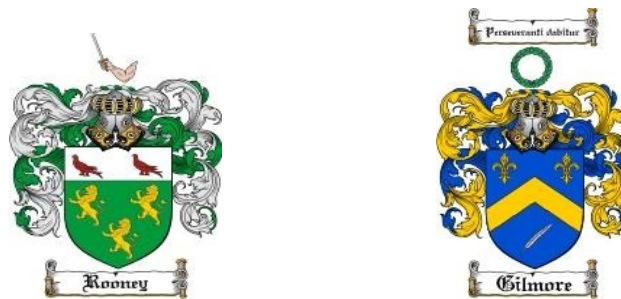
It all came to a tragic end on June 23, 1914. Vinton’s mood and drinking had escalated to violence against his wife. Although no reports surfaced as to physical abuse against Hattie, it is known that Vinton had threatened his wife with a double-barreled shotgun and a razor.

That threat about 2 a.m. prompted a call to the Pickaway County police, according to the Ironton Tribune. As police approached the farm, Vinton ingested a poison called Rough on Rats.

He died soon after taking the rat poison.

Vinton Gilmore was 23 years old.

Newspaper article on the death of Vinton Gilmore published by the Circleville Herald, June 24, 1913.



Chapter 13

Mike Rooney and Grace Gilmore married on Aug. 25, 1911, in St. Lawrence O’Toole Catholic Church in Ironton. The Rev. Joseph H. Cotter, pastor of St. Lawrence O’Toole, performed the ceremony. According to the marriage record from the church, the couple were granted a dispensation for disparity of cult because Grace was not baptized Catholic. Dennis Rooney was born on Jan. 12, 1912, at the family’s home on Sixth Street. In March, he became ill, and his parents

took him to see a doctor on March 19. But the next night, about 10 p.m. on March 20, 1912, Dennis Rooney died. He had been alive just two months and five days.

The cause of death was listed as capillary bronchitis, an insidious and sudden disease most common in infants, particularly in the early 20th century.

There's a distinct possibility that the sudden death of baby Dennis prompted Grace to become Catholic. It might have a combination of her getting pregnant, having to get married and the baby's death. Perhaps she felt that the loss of the baby was her being punished for the before-marriage pregnancy.

But whatever the reason, Grace did take the necessary steps to join the Catholic Church, and on Dec. 1, 1912, eight-and-a-half months after the death of Dennis, Grace Gilmore Rooney was baptized into the Church at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish in Ironton. Her godparents were Mike's brother Thomas and sister Mege. Grace was 20 years old.

Grace Gilmore probably couldn't wait to become Grace Rooney. At times, it appeared that she and Mike were among the few members of the blended family to deal in common sense.

After the suicide of Grace's sister Gertrude in 1910, due to ingesting rat poison, Grace's mother, Annie, had just one daughter left. Annie must have articulated to her daughter in strong, passionate terms how essential it was for her to maintain a level head and to be strong amid any kind of adversity.

Mike and Grace moved on despite their loss and despite a massive flood that struck Ironton in mid-March of 1913. Though the family home was far enough from the Ohio River that it didn't sustain damage, the town's business district and factory areas closer to the waterway were inundated.

About two weeks later, on April 1, 1913, a son, Lawrence Michael Rooney, was born to Mike and Grace. The couple were relieved that the baby was in good health and showered the little Mick with lots of love. It must have been such a relief to young Grace, who was yet to celebrate her 21st birthday. She had married, dealt with tragedy in her Gilmore family, suffered the loss of her first-born child and became Catholic.

Grace would soon experience another blessing a little over a year after Mickey's birth when the couple's first daughter, Anna Elizabeth, was born on Oct. 20, 1914. With a family of four now, Mike and Grace settled in to their simple life on the upper north side of Ironton. Mike continued working at the Belfont Nail Factory as Grace took care of the two babies.

Early in 1917, Mike and Grace welcomed another child, a boy, Michael Joseph Rooney, on Groundhog Day. The birth of Joe brought even more pride and

happiness to the young family. It also gave Mike and Grace three children under the age of 4.

That happiness would be tempered by events at home and around the world.



In the Matter of
Michael Rooney
 and
Grace Gilmore

No. *6793* Probate Court, Lawrence County, Ohio.
 MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION.

To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County.

The undersigned respectfully makes application for a Marriage License for said parties, and upon oath states:

That said *Michael Rooney* is *27* years of age, on the *24* day of *March* 191*1*, his residence is *Douglas, O.* his place of birth is *Douglas, O.* his occupation is *Nail Worker* his father's name is *Ed. Rooney* his mother's maiden name was *Anna Fleming* that he was *not* previously married and that he has no wife living.

That said *Grace Gilmore* is *19* years of age, on the *30* day of *March* 191*1*, her residence is *Douglas* in said Lawrence Co., O. her place of birth is *Douglas, O.* her occupation is *Homemaker* her father's name is *Thomas Gilmore* her mother's maiden name was *Anna Wilson* that she was *not* previously married and is *not* a widow or divorced woman, her married name being *Grace Gilmore* that she has no husband living.

That neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic imbecile or insane, or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage.

It is expected that *Grace Gilmore* is to solemnize the marriage of said parties.

Sworn to before me, and signed in my presence, this *25* day of *August* 191*1*.

Michael x Rooney
Grace Gilmore

Richard W. Dove Probate Judge.
 By *Chas. D. Russell* Deputy Clerk.

Consent

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. No. *6793* The State of Ohio, Lawrence County, ss:
 I do hereby certify that on the *25* day of *August* A.D. 191*1*, I solemnized the Marriage of Mr. *Michael Rooney* with Mrs. *Grace Gilmore*
 Filed and Recorded *Sept. 12* 191*1* *John Cotton*
Richard W. Dove Probate Judge.

Marriage license application for Mike Rooney and Grace Gilmore dated 25 Aug 1911 in Ironton, Ohio. It appears that whoever took the information made a few mistakes. Note what appears to be erasing and rewriting of the Grace's name and Mike's occupation, for example. Also, Grace's signature appears on a line meant for the person who would solemnize the marriage – the priest in this case. Note that Mike's signature shows that he left his mark, indicating he did not know how to write.

Source: Lawrence County Ohio
Probate Court Records,
FamilySearch.org

St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, Ironton,



Ohio, where Mike

Rooney and Grace Gilmore were married Aug. 25, 1911



Chapter 14

Americans in general and Ironton in particular increasingly paid attention to events occurring in Europe. Most wanted to avoid becoming part of the conflict that had already devastated parts of the European continent. But as 1917 turned into 1918, the United States appeared to be on the path toward taking an active role in the Great War.

Back in Lawrence County, Grace's mother, Annie Gilmore, took ill suddenly in the latter weeks of March 1918 and eventually died from a strangulated hernia on April 1, 1918. It was her grandson Mickey's fifth birthday. Rachel (Annie) Wilson Gilmore was 53 years old, and in 1918, a strangulated hernia was a dangerous and mostly fatal condition.

As the United States entered the war, men in Lawrence County flocked to register for the armed forces. Mike Rooney registered, as required by law, but he

knew that because of his age (32) and his having a wife and three children he would not likely be called to serve.

But Grace had several brothers – Cleveland, Edward, Daniel, David, Ira and Leonard – all registered for the service, with all but Leonard called to serve. Leonard, 31, was married and had three children at the time, so his chances of serving were nearly nonexistent.

Fortunately, all the Gilmore boys returned from the war, which ended Nov. 11, 1918, much to the delight of their father, Darius Gilmore, who was a widower having to take care of a young John Calvin Gilmore, his 11-year-old son.

The end of war created euphoria throughout the land and made Christmas of 1918 a special time for all Americans, including the Rooneys and Gilmores. Grace and Mike welcomed members of their family home, if not directly in Ironton then back in the USA.

Grace's father, Darius, took ill in early August of 1919 and died after a two-week illness. Darius was 72 years old when he died from inflammation of the bladder at 2:30 p.m. at his home on Pearl Street in Ironton.

It was 26-year-old Grace Gilmore whose name was listed on her father's death certificate as the one who provided the information. The funeral for Darius was held in Grace and Mike's home on North Fifth Street.

The Gilmore family, however, was unable to pay to bury Annie in 1918 and Darius in 1919. They could not come up with the \$100 needed for funeral expenses. But as a result of Darius' military service, Lawrence County paid for both burials.

SOLDIERS WILL ATTEND

Mrs. Rachel Anna Gilmore, of 1213 north Sixth street, died this morning at the Marting hospital after undergoing a serious operation. Mrs. Gilmore was the wife of Darius Gilmore, who survives. She was born on February 4th, 1864, being past 54 years of age at the time of her death. The following children survive:

Cleveland, Leonard, Edward,

David, Daniel, Ira and Calvin Gilmore; Mrs. Grace Rooney, Mrs. Ida Harrison, Mrs. Margaret Heffner and William Gilmore. Three of the sons are in the U. S. army, one of whom is here called by his mother's illness and the other two are expected to attend the funeral.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the late home with interment following in Woodland cemetery.

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tion party will be decided on at a convention here May 2nd. The meeting will be called by state chairman H. L. Peeke, Sandusky.

FUNERAL FRIDAY

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Rachel Anna Gilmore will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the home. Interment will take place in Woodland Cemetery.

FOUNDRY SHUT DOWN

Ben Stein
Annetta H
Kenneth I
Walter S
Helen M
Dorothy S
Gertrude
Ormand I
Marguerit
George R
Benton G
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Newspaper items about the death of Rachel Ann (Wilson) Gilmore; Ironton Semi 5 Apr 1918 Source: Archives and Briggs Library, Ironton, Ohio; research by Peggy Wells-Weekly Register,

DEATHS

GILMORE

Darius Gilmore aged 72 years for the past twenty-four years a well known and highly respected resident of Ironton passed away yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home on Pearl Street. Mr. Gilmore's illness covered a period of one week during which time he suffered from inflammation of the bladder and congestive chills. During this time he was in bed only part of the time.

The deceased who was a Civil War veteran came to Ironton with his large family from Aid, Ohio. One year ago the wife died leaving eleven children who now survive the deceased. For the past several years the deceased had been unable to work and made his home with his son Calvin. He lived to see four sons serve in the recent world war, they being Edward, David, Cleveland and Daniel Gilmore all of Ironton. David is now in New York and Edward is still in the service at Camp Merritt. The deceased was an attendant of the Christian church and had always lived a faithful Christian life. Surviving the deceased are the following children: William Gilmore of Monroe, Va., Mrs. Maggie Heffner of Indiana, Mrs. Ida Harrison of LaGrange, O., Leonard, Ira, Daniel, Calvin Gilmore of Williamsport, O., David Gilmore of New York, Edward Gilmore of Camp Merritt, Cleveland Gilmore of Louisiana and Mrs. Grace Rooney of Ironton. Four brothers also survive viz: John Gilmore, Lon Gilmore and Sennett Gilmore of Louisiana and Joe Gilmore of Ironton. One sister, Mrs. Nancy Nance of Huntington, W. Va., also survives.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made pending the arrival of sons of the deceased.

DARIUS GILMORE

After an illness of about a week, Darius Gilmore, age 72 years, Civil War veteran, and one of the best known men of the city, died at his home on Pearl street, Thursday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. While Mr. Gilmore had reached an advanced age, until his present illness he was strong and in exceptional health. Therefore the news of his demise came as a shock to his many friends.

The deceased, who was a Civil War veteran, came to Ironton with his large family from Aid, Ohio. One year ago the wife died, leaving eleven children, who now survive the deceased. For the past several years the deceased had been unable to work and made his home with his son Calvin. He lived to see four sons serve in the recent world war, they being Edward, David, Cleveland and Daniel Gilmore, all of Ironton. David is now in New York and Edward is still in the service at Camp Merritt. The deceased was an attendant of the Christian church and had always lived a faithful Christian life. Surviving the deceased are the following children: William Gilmore of Monroe, Va., Mrs. Maggie Heffner of Indiana, Mrs. Ida Harrison of LaGrange, O., Leonard, Ira, Daniel, Calvin Gilmore of Williamsport, O., David Gilmore of New York, Edward Gilmore of Camp Merritt, Cleveland Gilmore of Louisiana and Mrs. Grace Rooney of Ironton. Four brothers also survive: John Gilmore, Lon Gilmore and Sennett Gilmore of Louisiana and Joe Gilmore of Ironton. One sister, Mrs. Nancy Nance of Huntington, W. Va., also survives.

Obituaries for Darius Gilmore in Ironton Tribune, left, and Semi-Weekly Register, Ironton, Ohio, Tuesday, 19 Aug 1919



Chapter 15

As the 1920s arrived, many Irontonians reflected the mood of most Americans, who expressed optimism about the future in the aftermath of what most thought was the “war to end all wars.”

For Mike and Grace, it was a time of moving forward. The young couple were married less than 10 years when the 1920 census was taken in Ironton on January 8. Their home was on North Sixth Street, behind the homes at 1101 and 1105 North Fifth Street that were the residences of other members of the Rooney family.

Mike’s sister Mege and brother Dennis lived at 1105 Fifth Street, and Mike’s sister-in-law Mary, whose husband, Thomas, died in 1917. Thomas, who worked at the same factory as Mike, was just 48 years old when he died of Bright’s disease, leaving behind a wife and three girls – Mary age 16; Roberta, 13; and Josephine 6.

Mike maintained steady work as a machine helper at Belfont Nail Works, according to the 1920 census information. Grace remained at home to care for the three children – Mickey, 6; Anna, 5; and Joseph, 2.



Chapter 16

Also living at the Sixth Street home was Grace's brother Spike.

Ed Gilmore had recently returned from the War. He was certainly one of the men who needed some stability after a tumultuous decade that included his wife's suicide and several run-ins with authorities and a stint in the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield for robbery.

Spike Gilmore joined the U.S. Army on July 15, 1917. He served 25 months in the military, becoming a sergeant and an MP. He spent nearly a year in France, serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in Meuse-Argonne. The offensive at Meuse-Argonne turned out to be the deadliest battle in World War I.

He did return home to attend the funeral for his mother in early April 1918. But five months later, Spike was in France on Nov. 11, 1918, when the "War to End All Wars" ended.

He remained in France until he was granted his honorable discharge on Aug. 16, 1919, the day he received word that his father, Darius Gilmore, had died. Sgt. Gilmore was 28 years old when he returned home in the late summer of 1919.

Residents of Lawrence County hailed Ed Gilmore upon his return from the war. He had survived on the front lines in Europe and was respected as a peacekeeper for his work as an MP.

So Ed likely had a positive outlook on himself and his life as 1920 arrived. He had a place to live, staying with Grace and Mike and youngsters Mickey, Anna and Joe. It says a lot about Grace and Mike that they would welcome Spike into their home to live. Spike had other options, including brothers and sisters who lived in the county. Perhaps living with Grace and Mike was the only option.

And Spike had a job, working as a boiler maker at one of the many blast furnaces in Lawrence County.

On July 7, 1920, Spike married a young woman named Lucy McDowell in Ironton. It's uncertain where Spike and Lucy lived after their marriage. By January 1925, they had moved to Scioto Township in Portsmouth, Ohio, about 50 miles up

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Chapter 17

A fourth child was born to Mike and Grace on February 21, 1921, when Bernadine Rooney arrived. Bernadine was named for Annie Bernadine McGuirl, whose mother, Bridget Giblin McGuirl, was a sister to Bern's grandmother Mary Giblin Rooney.

Annie Bernadine McGuirl was born in 1886 in Fitchburg, Mass., where Mary Giblin's sister settled several years earlier. Annie B. would periodically visit her cousins in Ironton and made such an impression on the Rooneys that Mike and Grace decided to name their second daughter after her.

Life settled down over the next few years for the Rooney and Gilmore clans in Ironton.

Mike and brothers Dennis and Frank worked together at Belfont Nail, and brother Edward was at Kelly Nail Factory.

Grace had four children to care for and didn't have to live with the drama brought on by her brother Ed. Her brothers Daniel, David, Ira and Cleve all lived in Ironton or Lawrence County, while brothers Leonard and John Calvin (Callie) lived in the Circleville area.

But for the Rooneys, change was in the offing.



Chapter 18

Belfont Nail Works was once a booming manufacturer in Lawrence County and in all of southern Ohio for that matter. But an inevitable decline from its peak business early in the 1900s when factories in Ironton couldn't make iron and steel fast enough led to a subsequent downfall for Belfont. Not to mention the competition from other nail factories in town.

A neighbor and co-worker of Mike Rooney had left Ironton in the mid-1920s after hearing of work opportunities in east-central Indiana. The city of Muncie had grown significantly in the first decades of the 20th century, spurred by the establishment of the Ball Bros. canning company and the automotive industry. Foundries had popped up in the town, with the Whiteley Malleable Co. among the more prominent.

Mike's neighbor had found a job at Malleable, and word got back to Ironton that the foundry was still hiring.

It was 1927. Mike and Grace knew that Ironton had seen its boom and was on the downward side of its economic prominence. Muncie, and east-central Indiana, was viewed as a still-booming area with a growing and thriving population.

But the Rooneys were torn because of the deep connections to Ironton and southern Ohio. Mickey and Anna were into their teens and had established friendships in their neighborhood and church. Joe was 10 years old and was close to his cousins who lived nearby as well as to aunts and uncles who seemingly were always around. Bernadine was just six years old at the time.

The decision was made to leave Ironton in the spring of 1928. Mike left on his own for Muncie, where he was hired by the foundry and found a home for his family. The first home was at 1216 E. Centennial Ave., on Muncie's east side. It was just a few blocks east of the foundry, a nice stroll for Mike through McCulloch Park, a beautiful, expansive city park.

The Rooneys lived there for a year before moving to 1223 Manor St., a home that was again within easy walking distance to Whiteley Malleable – and again through McCulloch Park. The home on Manor Street was across the street from what would become the Rooneys' permanent home on Penn Street.

After Mike settled into his new job as a molder at the foundry and a place to live was secured, he notified Grace that it was time to bring the family to Indiana. So Grace, Mickey, Anna, Joe and Bernadine crowded themselves and their belongings into a Ford Model T, probably an early 1920s model, and began the 240-mile journey to east-central Indiana.

Although Grace was the only adult in the family, it was 15-year-old Mickey who got behind the wheel of the Model T. It's unknown whether Mick did the entire drive. The Model T had a top speed of 45 mph, so it's likely Mick averaged about 30 mph. Without stopping, that would be an eight-hour trip.

So it probably took the better part of two days to make it from the southern tip of Ohio, through the steep hills of the Buckeye State, to the leveled-off hilly regions west of Dayton to the flat lands of Delaware County in Indiana.

Sometime in the summer of 1928, Grace and her four children reunited with Mike in a new state, a new city and a whole new world.



Ford Model T, similar to one driven by the Rooney family from Ironton, Ohio, to Muncie, Ind., in 1928

FAMILY OF MIKE ROONEY AND GRACE GILMORE ROONEY



Michael Rooney born 2 Nov 1885, Ironton, Ohio; died 13 Jul 1963, Muncie, Ind.

Grace (Gilmore) Rooney born 15 Jul 1892, Ironton, Ohio; died 9 Oct 1956, Ironton, Ohio



Dennis M. Rooney born 12 Jan 1912, Ironton, Ohio; died 20 Mar 1912



Lawrence Michael (Mickey) Rooney born 1 Apr 1913, Ironton, Ohio; died 25 Nov 1999 Muncie, Ind.



Ind.

Anna Elizabeth Rooney born 20 Oct 1914, Ironton, Ohio; died 2 Jul 1980, Muncie, Ind.



Michael Joseph (Joe) Rooney born 2 Feb 1917, Ironton, Ohio; died 3 Jun 1999, Muncie, Ind.



Bernadine Rooney born 21 Feb 1921, Ironton, Ohio; died 20 Feb 2014, Muncie, Ind.



Kathleen Patricia (Patty) Rooney born 26 Oct 1929; Muncie, Ind., died 29 Dec 1996, Muncie, Ind.



Rose Marie Rooney born 8 Sep 1931, Muncie, Ind.; died 7 Jul 1994, Muncie, Ind.

EPILOGUE

Edward (Spike) Gilmore

1891-1934



After Ed Gilmore returned from the Great War, he moved into the Sixth Street home of his sister Grace and brother-in-law Mike Rooney.

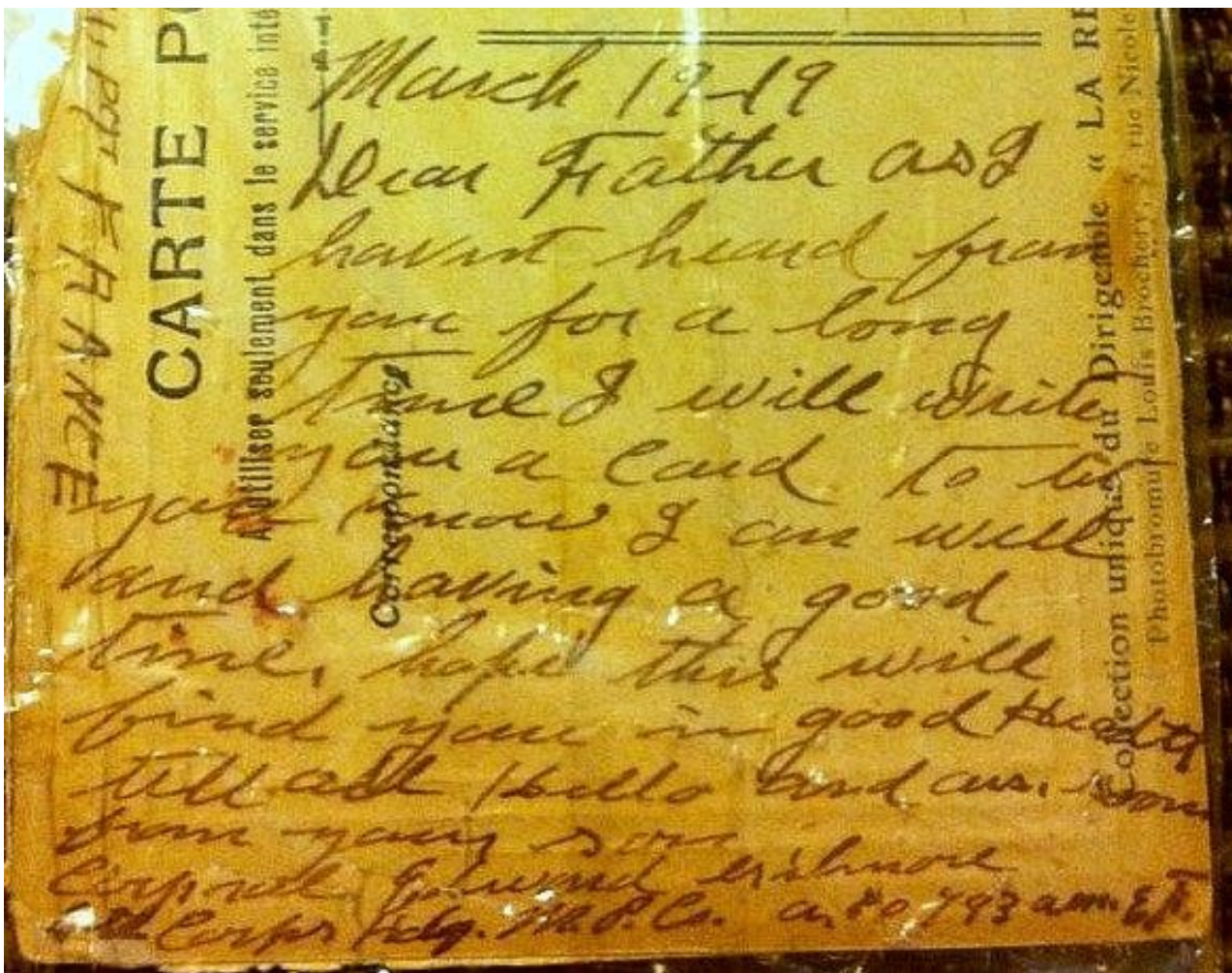
He was certainly one of the men who needed some stability after a tumultuous decade that included his wife's suicide and several run-ins with authorities and a stint in the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield for robbery.

Spike Gilmore joined the U.S. Army on July 15, 1917. He served 25 months in the military, becoming a sergeant and an MP. He spent nearly a year in France, serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in Meuse-Argonne. The offensive at Meuse-Argonne turned out to be the

deadliest battle in World War I.

He did return home to attend the funeral for his mother in early April 1918. But five months later, Spike was in France on Nov. 11, 1918, when the "War to End All Wars" ended.

He remained in France until he was granted his honorable discharge on Aug. 16, 1919, the day he received word that his father, Darius Gilmore, had died. Sgt. Gilmore was 28 years old when he returned home in the late summer of 1919.



A post card sent from Ed (Spike) Gilmore to his father, Darius, from France on March 19, 1919. It reads: “ Dear Father, As I haven't heard from you for a long time I will write you a card to let you know I am well and having a good time, hope this will find you in good health. Tell all hello and (illegible) from your son Corporal Edward Gilmore. 6th Corps Hdq. M.P.Co. (Military Police Company) (illegible) 3 a.m. ET.”

The card was addressed to “Mr. Darius Gilmore, 5th Elm St., Ohio USA”



Residents of Lawrence

County hailed Ed Gilmore upon his return from the war. He had survived on the front lines in Europe and was respected as a peacekeeper for his work as an MP.

So Ed likely had a positive outlook on himself and his life as 1920 arrived. He had a place to live, staying with Grace and Mike and youngsters Mickey, Anna and Joe. It says a lot about Grace and Mike that they would welcome Spike into their

home to live. Spike had other options, including brothers and sisters who lived in the county. Perhaps living with Grace and Mike was the only option.

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By the end of the 1920s, however, trouble again found Spike Gilmore. It started with a minor possession charge in 1924 but might have escalated when he fought and, according to family lore, "whupped" the entire Ironton police department. That fact has not been established, but by the mid-1920s, Spike's temper and alcoholism appeared to have returned.

Problems escalated in 1929, starting with some minor health issues related to his time in the Army. Spike was admitted in May 1929 to the Central Branch of the National Home for Disabled Soldiers, a military-run hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Records list Spike as having hearing deficiencies and a crushing wound that occurred during a jump. Details of the injuries are unknown.

Less than six months after coming home from the hospital, Spike was arrested by police in Ironton after a shooting. Court records indicate Ed Gilmore was charged with three felonies – assault with intent to kill; shooting with intent to kill; and carrying a concealed weapon.

In late December 1929, Edward Gilmore was convicted of the charges, and on Jan. 4, 1930, received a sentence of one to 20 years to be served at the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus.

Ed Gilmore had been in prison just over three months when a early-evening fire broke out, soon engulfing entire blocks of cells. It was April 21, 1930, and by the time that day ended, 322 inmates were dead and more than 150 injured in what remains the deadliest prison fire in U.S. history.

Spike was one of nearly 4,000 inmates, more than twice the population that the prison was designed for. All inmates had just been locked into their cells for the night after coming back from the evening meal. The fire started on a roof of one cell block but quickly spread to other blocks and soon became an inferno.

Inmates were trapped in their cells. Death traps.

Those prisoners in the cell blocks where the fire originated or adjacent to perished quickly, either from burns or breathing the toxic smoke.

It is unclear what part of the prison housed Spike. He got out of his cell, freed either by guards who finally rejected the warden's directive and opened the cell doors, used his own brute strength or was assisted by guards or inmates who used sledgehammers and other heavy tools to open the cages.

Upon his release from the confines of the cell, Spike went to look for fellow inmates in danger. It is said through family recollections that he broke into cells, amid raging fire and choking smoke, picked up inmates and carried them, or tossed them, to safety. He was among several prisoners who worked side by side with prison guards to rescue inmates.

It was heroism. Who knows how many lives were saved, but the prisoners who took action to save their fellow human beings were properly rewarded. Months later, the Ohio governor granted pardons to several prisoners who put themselves in danger to save others.

Spike was one of those. Again, he came back to Ironton a hero.

By 1931, Spike and Lucy had tried to resume their married life in Ironton. But tensions were high and trust was nearly nonexistent. Edward not only struggled with his alcoholism, his troubled past and horrific memories of war and tragedy, he was unable to find consistent employment as the Great Depression raged. Although not spoken, Edward Gilmore's temper and disposition likely resulted in domestic violence. Lucy must have lived in fear, afraid of setting off her husband's fury. In 1932, that was the reality, sad as it might have been.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president of the United States in November 1932 and was inaugurated on March 4, 1933. He turned quickly to economic recovery as the nation grew deeper in Depression.

Among his early initiatives was the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the CCC. The objective was to put people to work and to help the environment in the process. Workers, many of them veterans of World War I, would build roads, levees, clear forests, etc. The CCC helped thousands of Americans get a paycheck and get back their self-worth.

Spike Gilmore joined the CCC in the fall of 1933. He was assigned to the CCC's 5th Corps, Company 549 at Camp Lawrence, about 15 miles north of Ironton. Spike's SCS unit was focused on soil conservation, helping prevent erosion of the land. It was good work, fulfilling work, and it worked for Spike for a while.

Spike's time ended on Dec. 17, 1934.

According to his death certificate, Edward Gilmore died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Time of death was 7:15 p.m. His age was 43 years, nine months, 28 days.

Although the Lawrence County coroner, Harry H. Jones, ruled the death a suicide, speculation then and now has caused in the Gilmore family to dispute that official finding.

In the Ironton Tribune article about the death published Dec. 18, 1934, the police chief of Ironton, D.J. Callihan, was among the first on the scene after the report came in. The chief told the paper that a note was found at the home, written by Gilmore, that said, among other things: “Dear wife, ... I can’t see you suffer so I am leaving. Spike.”

Police said Gilmore made threats of suicide late Monday and that he and Lucy were in the home when he walked outside and took his life. The newspaper reported Spike was found dying in his backyard at his Second Street home.

One of the most outspoken Gilmores who would later question the suicide finding was Spike’s brother David, a fellow World War I veteran. According to family members, “David always said Spike was murdered and Lucy had something to do with it.”

David told the family that the gun, .38-caliber automatic, was found “two cornrows away” from Spike, not found in his right hand, as police said. Another family member in later years met a man in his 80s who had been a good friend of Spike's. The man apparently told the Gilmore family member that Spike had been murdered and alleged that the Ironton police did it. The friend of Spike said the suicide note was phony, asking: “How did the chief of police show up so fast right after the shot was fired?”

Another family member, one of David’s sons, supported that allegation.

No one will ever know the full truth, but the theory is interesting. Spike did have several run-ins with the Ironton police, including physical confrontations that likely left the cops embarrassed and angry. It does seem odd the chief was quick to the scene and that the newspaper reported that Spike had a gun in one hand and a photo of his wife in the other – odd that a man who shot himself near the right eye with a .38 would be able to hold onto the gun, let alone the gun and a picture.

Serious allegations, indeed.

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

73983

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Lawrence Registration District No. 705 File No. 73983
Township Grantau Primary Registration District No. 8308 Registered No. 974
or Village Grantau No. 28 N 2nd St. 1st Ward
or City of Grantau (If death occurred in hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 938 yrs. 9 mos. 28 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? Yes yrs. 1 mo. 1 ds.
2 FULL NAME Edward Gilmore Did Deceased Serve in U. S. Navy or Army Yes
(a) Residence. No. 938 (Usual place of abode) No. 28 N 2nd St., 1st Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) Married
6a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Louise Gilmore
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Feb. 19, 1891
7. AGE Years 43 Months 9 Days 28 If LESS than 1 day, hrs or min
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.
10. Date deceased last worked in this occupation (month and year) 1913 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Lawrence County
13. NAME Warren Gilmore
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) America
15. MAIDEN NAME Anna P. Wilson
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) America
17. The Signature of Informant and (Address) Mrs. Louise Gilmore Grantau, O.
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Woodland Date Dec. 20, 1934
19. UNDERTAKER (Address) O. K. Coffey & Co. Grantau, O.
20. Was body embalmed? Yes Emballer H. S. Allen

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Dec. 17, 1934
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 19 to 19, I last saw him alive on 7, 1934 death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 7:15 P.M.
The PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:
Gunshot wound in head, self inflicted
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES of importance not related to principal cause:
Name of operation _____ Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
suicide, gunshot wound in head
Where did injury occur? Grantau, Ohio
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.
Character of injury Gunshot Wound in Head
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?
If so, specify _____
(Signed) Harry H. Jones Coroner
Lawrence County

OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

Death certificate for Edward Gilmore

Source: Ohio Deaths; FamilySearch.org

GILMORE FOUND, DYING; WIFE'S PHOTO IN ONE HAND, GUN IN OTHER

"Can't See You Suffer So I Am Leaving," Note Left By World War Veteran Reads; Funeral Thursday

(Ironton Tribune) 8 December 1934 Tuesday Page 3

Edward (Spike) Gilmore of north Second street above Union was found dying, on the river side of a shed back of his home last evening shortly after seven o'clock, several moments after a shot had been heard. He died within a short time due to a .38 bullet that entered his head at the right eye.

It was probably suicide as Chief D. J. Callihan, among the first on the scene, found a note at the home which read: "My dear wife and sweetheart I love so much. I can't see you suffer so I am leaving. Spike." The note was found on a stand from which Gilmore is believed to have taken his gun while en route to the river bank. A .38 caliber automatic was used and it was found in his right hand. A picture of his wife was in his left.

Officials have learned that Gilmore made threats of suicide late Monday. He and his wife were in their home around 7 o'clock when he walked from a room, apparently stopped for the gun, and continued on down the back yard. A moment later the shot was heard and he was dying when his wife and neighbors reached his side.

Gilmore was about 43 years old and was a World War veteran, being a member of old Company I. During recent months he had been

engaged as group leader at Camp Lawrence but was enjoying a brief leave from camp at the time of death. He was well known and news of his death found friends unprepared for none realized or suspected he had reached a state of mind that would prompt suicide. His was the second indicated case of self-destruction in the city in three days, W. G. Ward dying from a similar wound last Saturday morning.

Gilmore is survived by his widow Lucy and several brothers and one sister, Dave, Dan Cal, Leonard and Ira Gilmore and Mrs. Grace Rooney. There is one half-brother Will Gilmore of Huntington and two half-sisters, Mrs. Ida Breeding of Sedgwick, and Mrs. Maggie Heffner of Ironton. Another brother, Cleve, was killed by a hit-skip motorist at Ashland a year ago.

The body is to be returned to the home on north Second street and funeral services will be held there Thursday at two p. m. Military honors will be accorded by Frank J. Coldcamp Post, American Legion, and burial will be in the soldier plot in Woodland, directed by O'Keefe and Co. Members of the Legion squad and other veterans are asked to meet at the Legion hall at 12:30 p. m. Thursday.

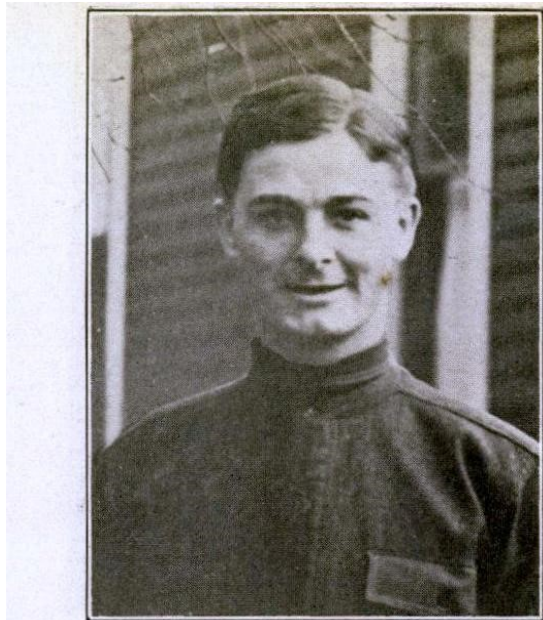
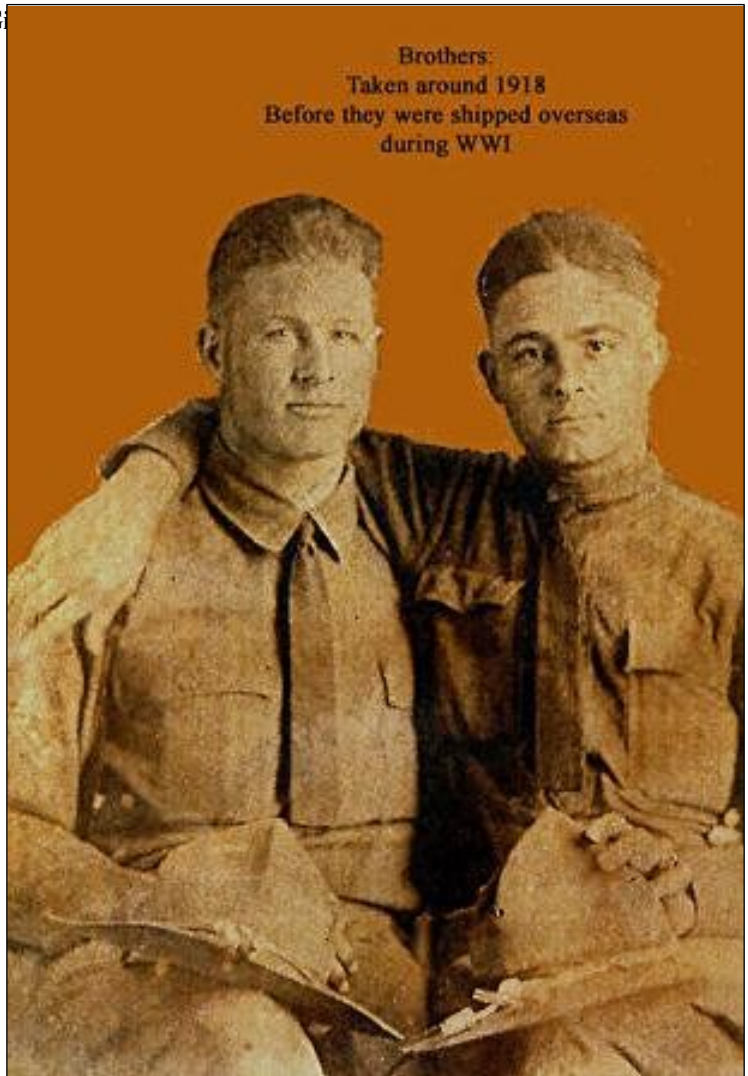
Article in the Ironton Tribune from December 8, 1934, on the death of Edward (Spike) Gilmore

Source: Briggs Library, Ironton, Ohio; research by Peggy Wells



SERGEANT EDWARD GILMORE,
Ironton, O.

Born February 1891, Lawrence County, Ohio. Son of Darius and Annie Gilmore. Entered service July 15, 1917. Co. I, 7th O. N. G., Montgomery, Ala. One year's service in France.



PRIVATE DAVID GILMORE, Ironton.

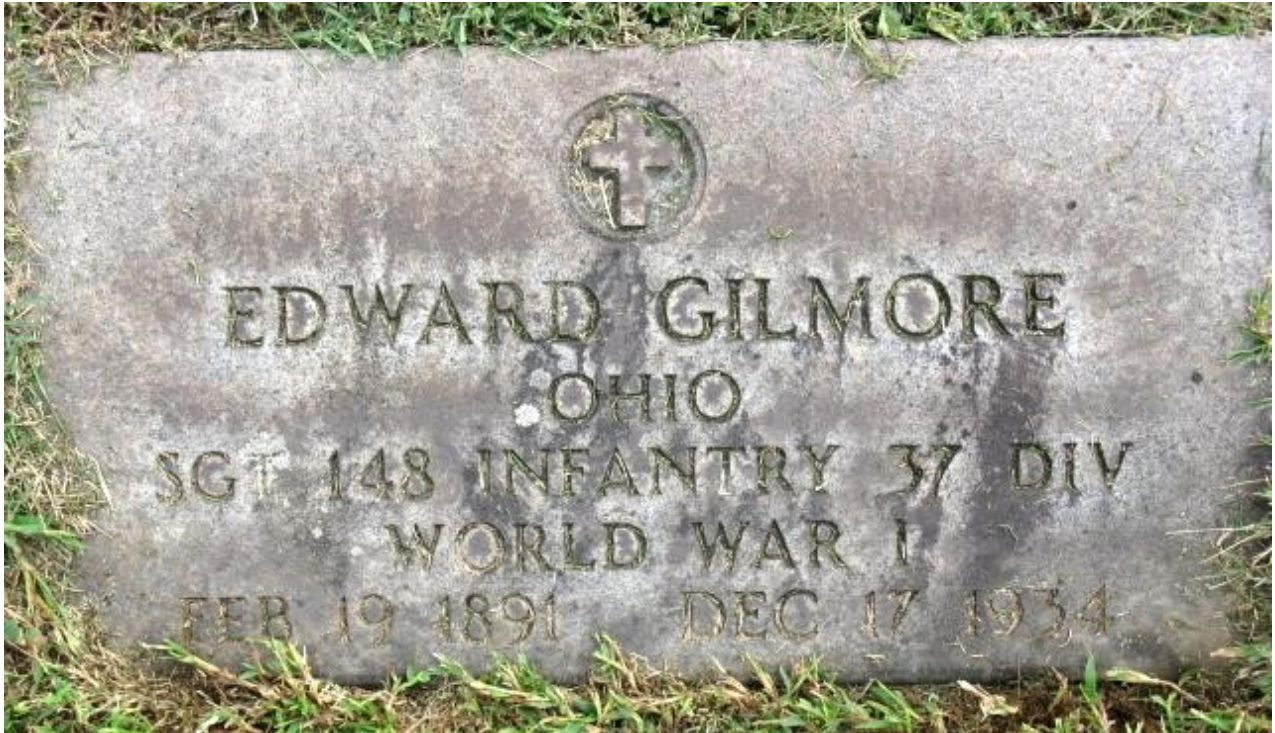
Born April 1895, Lawrence County, Ohio. Son of Darius and Annie Gilmore. Entered service July 15, 1917. Army. Co. I, 7th Infantry. Trained at Camp Sheridan and Petersburg, Va.

posing in their Army uniforms from World War I

Courtesy of Mary Anne Sutphin, cousin

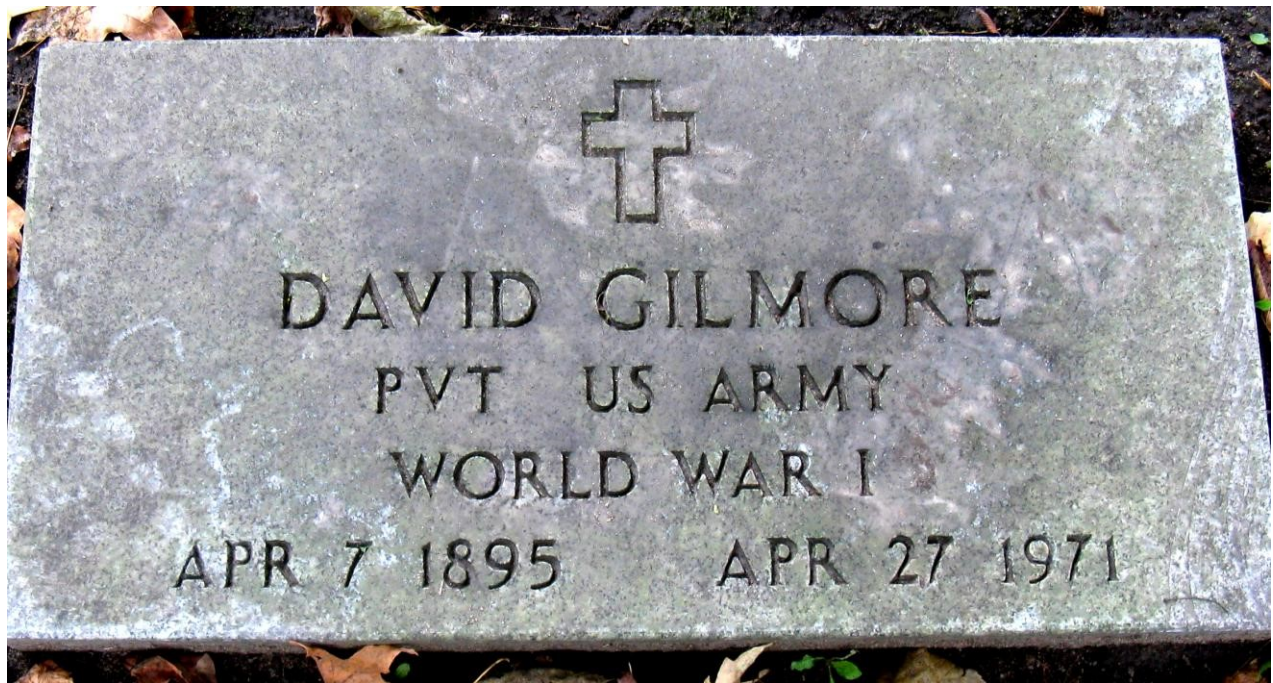
Profiles of Edward and David Gilmore for their service in World War I.

*Source: Published in "Ohio Soldiers in WWI" from
Ohio Genealogical Society*



Gravesites at Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio

Photos by Daniel K. Rooney



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Edward Gilmore

MILITARY HISTORY

Time and Place of Each Enlistment	Rank	Company and Regiment	Time and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disabilities when admitted to the Home
Aug. 23-1917 Wharton, Ohio	Pvt	E 148th Inf	Aug. 16-1919 St. Petersburg, Fla.	E.D.S.	0580 Def Hearing
					3rd Wound Crushing in Jug

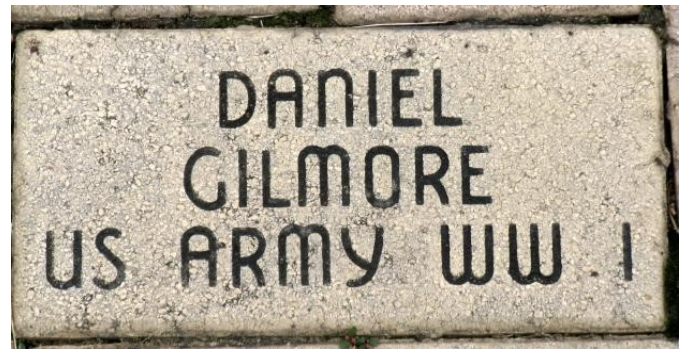
DOMESTIC HISTORY

Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Read and Write	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or Single	Name and Address of Nearest Relative
Ohio	38	6 1/2	W	Blue	Black	Yes	Pro	Steel Wk	Ohio	Mar	Wife Lucy Gilmore 1713 - 7th Ave St. Louis Mo Spouse Ohio

Document listing hearing loss and a crushing wound for Edward Gilmore suffered during World War I Source: Ancestry.com



Gravesite of Grover Cleveland Gilmore, above, and memorial markers for Ira and Daniel Gilmore at the front of Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio



Photos by Daniel K. Rooney



Civil War tombstone of Darius Gilmore in Woodland Cemetery's section devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic *Photos*

by Daniel K. Rooney

Gilmores in Louisiana

The Mathew Gilmore family of Lawrence County, Ohio, was colorful.

Alonzo was the fourth of Mathew's 10 sons born in September 1851.

His biography, which appeared three years after his death in "A History of Louisiana" by Henry E. Chambers, describes him as full of adventure, making his living in the timber industry, and a model citizen and civic leader in Louisiana.

“Alonzo Gilmore was born on the old homestead in Lawrence County, Ohio, was reared and educated in his native county, and there his marriage occurred. After leaving the farm, he for a time found employment on steamboats plying the Ohio River, and in 1869 he turned his attention to the logging and timber business, as a representative of which he established his residence at Jeanerette, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, in 1878. In 1880 he removed with his family to Baldwin, St. Mary Parish, where he engaged in saw-mill operations, and in 1893 he removed to Berwick, his alliance with logging and lumber manufacturing enterprise having continued until his death, which there occurred. Mr. Gilmore was loyally arrayed in the camp of the Democratic Party, was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, of which his widow likewise is an earnest member, her home being still maintained at Berwick.”

As a young man in Ohio, Alonzo was adventurous in other ways. Molly Broussard Fitch, great-granddaughter of Matthew Gilmore, Alonzo's younger brother, relates this story:

“My great-grandfather was Matthew Gilmore who married Martha Hunt [sic, Nance]. He had brothers named John, Alonzo, and Louis. There were more but my mother could not remember all their names. There is an old article about Matthew's son, Ernest, who was a tugboat captain. The article also stated that the Gilmores came to Franklin, Louisiana after a fight in Lawrence County, Ohio, that implicated six Gilmore brothers in the death of six men.”

A record in the US GenWeb Archives offers this from the Register of Prisoners, Ohio Penitentiary, Lawrence County Roster: GILMORE, Alonzo - Stabbing with intent to wound, Oct 1870; GILMORE, Joseph - Stabbing with intent to wound, Sep 1871; GILMORE, Francis - Horse Stealing, Feb 1877.

By 1880, Alonzo and brothers John and Matthew had moved to Louisiana while father Mathew and brothers Frank, Elijah, and Sennet Sheridan moved to West Virginia. Sennet would later move to Louisiana but eventually return to Ohio.

The eldest brother, William Gilmore, was a farmer but by his mid-20s, his occupation was listed as “showman.” Molly, Matthew's great-granddaughter, said her mother told of Alonzo walking in the Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans wearing the Gilmore plaid and clan colors.

Alonzo and wife Belle Idonie Newman, also born in Lawrence County, Ohio, were married 49 years and had seven children, one of whom became the premier attorney in the Berwick-Morgan City region and served in the Louisiana state legislature. Walter Tima Gilmore was born in 1878 in Lawrence County and died in 1940 in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. At his death, he was judge of the 16th judicial district. In 1912, he was elected as a representative in the Louisiana Legislature and re-elected in 1932. He became a judge in 1936.

Lon died at the age of 71. His wife Belle survived him 19 years, dying at age 86. His obituary from Nov. 30, 1922, in *The St. Mary Banner*: “Mr. Alonzo Gilmore died at his home in Berwick on Friday of last week. Mr. Gilmore was a native of Ohio, but had resided in Berwick for more than thirty years, and had many friends throughout the Parish of St. Mary. He was an upright and honest citizen. Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by three daughters and four sons.” Lon and Belle are buried together in Willow Grove Cemetery, Berwick, St. Mary, Louisiana.

Sources: Chambers, Henry E., A History of Louisiana, The American Historical Society Inc.: 1925, Vol. 2, pp. 360-361.

Ancestry Community, Gilmore Family threads, Molly Broussard Fitch (great-granddaughter of Matthew Gilmore), 9 Sep 2002.

US GenWeb Archives: Register of Prisoners, Ohio Penitentiary, Index Volumes 1-11, Mar 1829-Mar 1883, Lawrence County Roster; abstracted from microfilm by Martha J. Kouns; <http://files.usgwarchives.net/oh/lawrence/prisoners/prison.txt>.

U.S. Federal Census, 25 Jul 1870, OH, Lawrence Co., Aid P.O., Lawrence Twp, p. 17, Fam 111, lines 30-40 &

p. 18, line 1.

The St. Mary Parish Banner, 30 Nov 1922.

Gilmores and related families

Darius Gilmore was born on 25 Oct 1847 in Harrison, Gallia, Ohio, USA as the second child of Matthew Gilmore and Margaret Rebecca Coffee. He had ten siblings, namely: William, Joseph, Alonzo, Marion, Francis (Frank), John, Matthew Jr., Mary Leone, Elijah, and Sinnett Sheridan. He died on 16 Aug 1919 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (arteriosclerosis and cystitis). When he was 19, He married Edith M. Chinn, daughter of Joseph Chinn and Rebecca Faris, on 14 Mar 1867 in



Lawrence County, Ohio, USA. When he was 37, He married Rachel (Annie) Wilson, daughter of Brunson Wilson and Vilinda George, on 11 Jan 1885 in Aid, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.

Darius Gilmore and Rachel (Annie) Wilson had the following children:

1. Grover Cleveland Gilmore was born on 27 Nov 1885 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 25 Jan 1934 in Ashland, Boyd, Kentucky, USA (head trauma, hemorrhage and shock from lacerated liver from hit-and-run accident while hiking; buried in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton). He married Jessie Pearl McGown on 22 Oct 1906 in Jackson, OH.
2. Leonard Gilmore was born on 07 Feb 1887 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 19 Apr 1957 in Darbyville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA. He married Lucille Brown on 08 Apr 1910 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
3. Vinton Gilmore was born on 03 Oct 1889 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 23 Jun 1913 in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA (suicide by poisoning). He married Hattie Mae Brown on 20 Apr 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
4. Edward (Spike) Gilmore was born on 19 Feb 1891 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 17 Dec 1934 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (suicide - gunshot wound in head). He married Bessie Clarkson about 1910. He married Lucy Ellen McDowell on 07 Jul 1920 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio (Fred J. Roberts, Probate Judge officiated).
5. Grace Gilmore was born on 15 Jul 1892 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 09 Oct 1956 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (stroke). She married Michael Rooney on 25 Aug 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church by Father James Cotter).
6. Gertrude Gilmore was born on 24 Feb 1894 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 16 Oct 1910 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (suicide - carbolic acid).
7. David Gilmore was born on 07 Apr 1895 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (No. 19476D). He died on 27 Apr 1971 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (Woodland Cemetery). He married Mary Alice Woods in 1921 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA.
8. Daniel Gilmore was born on 30 Apr 1897 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 04 Sep 1963 in Williamsport, Pickaway, Ohio, USA (died at home). He married Carrie E. Whitley on 11 Jun 1919 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
9. Ira K. Gilmore was born on 27 Dec 1900 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 15 Nov 1966 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (River Valley Health Systems). He married Oleta Isham in 1928 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
10. Minnie (Ida) Gilmore was born on 03 Apr 1903 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 25 Jan 1904 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (whooping cough).
11. John Calvin Gilmore was born on 08 Feb 1907 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 04 Nov 1959 in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA.

Darius Gilmore and Edith M. Chinn had the following children:

1. William J. Gilmore was born in Dec 1869 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA. He died on 21 Dec 1947 in New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA. He married Mamie Rose on 19 Aug 1890 in Huntington, Cabell, West Virginia, USA.
2. Ida Mae Gilmore was born on 26 Oct 1872 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 18 Mar 1954 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She married Joseph Perry Harrison on 20 Oct 1887 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (I.R. Oct. 27, 1887). She married Edward Breeding on 02 Oct 1923 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA.

3. Mary Margaret 'Maggie' Gilmore was born on 26 Nov 1866 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 12 Oct 1945 in Pembroke, Christian, Kentucky. She married Asa K. Heffner on 15 Jun 1884 in Franklin, St Mary, Louisiana, USA.

Courtesy of
Sutphin




**Rachel Annie
(Wilson)
Gilmore, John
Calvin
Gilmore,
Darius**

Mary Anne

Gilmore in 1910


Family Group Sheet for Darius Gilmore

Husband:	Darius Gilmore	
Birth:	25 Oct 1847 in Harrison, Gallia, Ohio, USA	
Death:	16 Aug 1919 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; arteriosclerosis and cystitis	
Burial:	17 Aug 1919 in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio; No. 7153	
Marriage:	11 Jan 1885 in Aid, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
Father:	Matthew Gilmore	
Mother:	Margaret Rebecca Coffee	
Other Spouses:	Edith M. Chinn (14 Mar 1867 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA)	
Wife:	Rachel (Annie) Wilson	
Birth:	24 Feb 1865 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
Death:	01 Apr 1918 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; strangulated hernia	
Burial:	05 Apr 1918 ; Lot No. 6724, Sec. 16 "Gillmore"/Woodland Cemetery, Ironton	
Father:	Brunson Wilson	
Mother:	Vilinda George	

Children:

1
M
 Name: Grover Cleveland Gilmore
Birth: 27 Nov 1885 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA
Death: 25 Jan 1934 in Ashland, Boyd, Kentucky, USA; head trauma, hemorrhage and shock from lacerated liver from hit-and-run accident while hiking; buried in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton
Burial: 29 Jan 1934 in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio; No. 10590
Marriage: 22 Oct 1906 in Jackson, OH
Spouse: Jessie Pearl McGown



2
M
 Name: Leonard Gilmore
Birth: 07 Feb 1887 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA
Death: 19 Apr 1957 in Darbyville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA
Burial: 21 Apr 1957 in Darbyville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA; Muhlenberg Township Cemetery
Marriage: 08 Apr 1910 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA
Spouse: Lucille Brown

















3
M
 Name: Vinton Gilmore
Birth: 03 Oct 1889 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA
Death: 23 Jun 1913 in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA; suicide by poisoning
Burial: 25 Jun 1913 in Williamsport, Pickaway, Ohio, USA
Marriage: 20 Apr 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA
Spouse: Hattie Mae Brown



4
M
 Name: Edward (Spike) Gilmore
Birth: 19 Feb 1891 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA
Death: 17 Dec 1934 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; suicide - gunshot wound in head
Burial: 20 Dec 1934 in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio; No. 10787
Marriage: 07 Jul 1920 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio; Fred J. Roberts, Probate Judge officated
Spouse: Lucy Ellen McDowell
Other Spouses: Bessie Clarkson (Abt. 1910)



5 F 	<p>Name: Grace Gilmore Birth: 15 Jul 1892 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 09 Oct 1956 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; stroke Burial: 12 Oct 1956 ; Elm Ridge Cemetery, Muncie, IN Marriage: 25 Aug 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church by Father James Cotter Spouse: Michael Rooney</p>	
6 F 	<p>Name: Gertrude Gilmore Birth: 24 Feb 1894 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 16 Oct 1910 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; suicide - carbolic acid Burial: 18 Oct 1910 in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio; No. 5010</p>	
7 M 	<p>Name: David Gilmore Birth: 07 Apr 1895 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; No. 19476D Death: 27 Apr 1971 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; Woodland Cemetery Burial: Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio Marriage: 1921 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA Spouse: Mary Alice Woods</p>	
8 M 	<p>Name: Daniel Gilmore Birth: 30 Apr 1897 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 04 Sep 1963 in Williamsport, Pickaway, Ohio, USA; died at home Marriage: 11 Jun 1919 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Spouse: Carrie E. Whitley</p>	
9 M 	<p>Name: Ira K. Gilmore Birth: 27 Dec 1900 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 15 Nov 1966 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; River Valley Health Systems Burial: 1966 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; Hanging Rock Cemetery Marriage: 1928 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Spouse: Oleta Isham</p>	
10 F 	<p>Name: Minnie (Ida) Gilmore Birth: 03 Apr 1903 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 25 Jan 1904 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; whooping cough</p>	
11 M 	<p>Name: John Calvin Gilmore Birth: 08 Feb 1907 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 04 Nov 1959 in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA Spouse: Ethel Gilmore</p>	

Children of Darius Gilmore and Edith Chinn

12 M 	<p>Name: William J. Gilmore</p> <p>Birth: Dec 1869 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA</p> <p>Death: 21 Dec 1947 in New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA</p> <p>Marriage: 19 Aug 1890 in Huntington, Cabell, West Virginia, USA</p> <p>Spouse: Mamie Rose</p>	
13 F 	<p>Name: Ida Mae Gilmore</p> <p>Birth: 26 Oct 1872 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA</p> <p>Death: 18 Mar 1954 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA</p> <p>Burial: Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio; Woodland Cemetery Ironton Lawrence County Ohio, USA Created by: Donna Sutphin Armentrout Record added: Mar 19, 2012 Find A Grave Memorial# 87044949</p> <p>Marriage: 02 Oct 1923 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA</p> <p>Spouse: Edward Breeding</p> <p>Other Spouses: Joseph Perry Harrison (20 Oct 1887 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; I.R. Oct. 27, 1887)</p>	
14 F 	<p>Name: Mary Margaret 'Maggie' Gilmore</p> <p>Birth: 26 Nov 1866 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA</p> <p>Death: 12 Oct 1945 in Pembroke, Christian, Kentucky</p> <p>Marriage: 15 Jun 1884 in Franklin, St Mary, Louisiana, USA</p> <p>Spouse: Asa K. Heffner</p>	

BURIAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Lawrence County, Ohio:

We, the undersigned, appointed by you for First Ward, Woodland in said County, under and in pursuance of the laws of Ohio authorizing the burial of the body of any honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine, their wives or widows, etc., who die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, have had under consideration the case of Mrs. Rachel Anna Gilmore, Wife of an honorably discharged soldier. in Company H 40 Reg Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Mounted Infantry

and after a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case, do find and report that the said Mrs. Rachel Anna Gilmore died on the 2nd day of April A. D. 1918; that we have caused her to be buried in a decent and respectable manner in Woodland Cemetery; that the occupation of said decedent while living was Housewife that the said decedent died in indigent circumstances, that her family is unable to pay the expenses of the burial.

and that the expenses of burial amount to the sum of Seventy five and 00/100 Dollars, an itemized account of which is hereto attached.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

DATE	ITEMS	AMOUNT
	Undertaker's bill as per contract, and consisting of the following items:	
	Casket,	35 00
	Burial Robe,	4 00
	Box for Receiving the Coffin,	2 00
	Digging Grave and filling up same,	11 00
	Hearse,	8 00
	Preparing Body for Burial,	
	Two Carriages for Friends and one for Pall Bearers,	12 00
	Total amount of said Undertaker's Bill,	
	Purchase of Burial Lot,	
	TOTAL	76 00

We certify that the above is a correct statement of the burial expenses of Mrs. Rachel Anna Gilmore deceased, described in our report of this date, and also that payment for the items contained in said statement should be made as follows, to-wit:

To O. Keefer and Co \$76 00
 To J. P. Stephenson \$ 1 00
 To _____ \$ _____

Signed J. P. Stephenson

Dated April 3rd 1918 } Committee.

The Commissioners on May 6th 1918, allowed as follows:

To O. Keefer and Co \$76 00
 To J. P. Stephenson \$ 1 00
 To _____ \$ _____

Recorded this 11th day of May 1918
W. H. Crawford
 County Auditor.

BURIAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Lawrence County, Ohio:

We, the undersigned, appointed by you for _____ in said County, under and in pursuance of the laws of Ohio authorizing the burial of the body of any honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine, their wives or widows, etc., who die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, have had under consideration the case of Darius Gilmore an honorably discharged soldier. in Company _____ Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

and after a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case, do find and report that the said Darius Gilmore died on the 14th day of August A. D. 1918; that we have caused him to be buried in a decent and respectable manner in Woodland Cemetery; that the occupation of said decedent while living was laborer that the said decedent died in indigent circumstances, that his family is unable to pay the expenses of the burial.

and that the expenses of burial amount to the sum of one hundred Dollars, an itemized account of which is hereto attached.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

DATE	ITEMS	AMOUNT
	Undertaker's bill as per contract, and consisting of the following items:	
	Casket,	50 00
	Burial Robe,	9 00
	Box for Receiving the Coffin,	10 00
	Digging Grave and filling up same,	6 00
	Hearse,	8 00
	Preparing Body for Burial,	5 00
	Two Carriages for Friends and one for Pall Bearers,	12 00
	Total amount of said Undertaker's Bill,	100 00
	Purchase of Burial Lot,	
	TOTAL	

We certify that the above is a correct statement of the burial expenses of Darius Gilmore deceased, described in our report of this date, and also that payment for the items contained in said statement should be made as follows, to-wit:

To O. Keefer & Co \$100 00
 To William Clouse \$ 1 00
 To Jess Stephenson \$ 1 00

Signed William Clouse

Dated Aug 16 1918 } Committee.

The Commissioners on Oct 6 1918, allowed as follows:

To O. Keefer & Co \$100 00
 To William Clouse \$ 1 00
 To Jess Stephenson \$ 1 00

Recorded this 4th day of Nov
Arthur O. Davidson
 County Auditor.

*1st Pay 10 00
 2nd Pay 25 00*

Records from Lawrence County, as a result of action taken by the county commissioners, listing expenses that the county paid for the funerals of Rachel Annie Gilmore, left, and Darius Gilmore. Source: Lawrence County Register (www.lawrencecountyohio.org)

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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PLACE OF DEATH

County of Lorain

Township of Registration District No. 705 File No.

or Village of Primary Registration District No. 8308 Registered No. 248

or City of Trantay (No. Thrift & Pearl St. First Ward) If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.

FULL NAME Darius Gilmore

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Widower
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH Feb 18 1847 Want Know 1
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE About 72 yrs. mos. ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min?

OCCUPATION Labour
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

BIRTHPLACE W. Va.
(State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER Want Know

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Want Know
(State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Want Know

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Want Know
(State or country)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Grace Rooney
(Informant)

Trantay, O
(Address)

16 Filled Aug 16th 1919 E. E. Wells
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

15 DATE OF DEATH Aug. 16, 1919
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 1, 1919, to Aug 12, 1919, that I last saw him alive on Aug 12, 1919, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:30 p.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
arterio sclerosis and pyelitis
(Duration) 2 yrs. mos. ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY)
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) [Signature] M. D.
Aug 16, 1919 (Address) [Address]

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death?
Former or usual residence.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Woodland DATE OF BURIAL Aug 17th, 1919

20 UNDERTAKER O. Kuegel & Co. ADDRESS [Address]

DECEASED should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

Death certificate for Darius Gilmore; note that information provided by Grace Rooney, daughter of Darius

Source: Ohio Department of Health

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH

County of Lawrence

Township of _____

Registration District No. 705

File No. 96745

or Village of _____

Primary Registration District No. 9308

Registered No. 115

or City of Frankton

(No. Roller's Hospital, St. 3, Ward _____)

If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.

FULL NAME Miss Rachel Annie Gilmore

NOV 1919

statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1 SEX Female 2 COLOR OR RACE White 3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Married
(Write the word)

4 DATE OF BIRTH Nov 1864, 1
(Month) (Day) (Year)

5 AGE 53 yrs. 1 mos. 8 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. of min.?

6 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Stn. Work.
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) At Home.

7 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Lawrence Co. Ohio

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER Burton Wilson

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) W. S.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Malinda George

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) W. S.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Warren Gilmore

(Address) Frankton, Ohio

15 Filed April 8, 1919 E. E. Wells Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH April 1, 1919
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased March 8, 1919, to April 1, 1919, that I last saw her alive on April 1, 1919, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ am. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Strangulated Herny

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____

(Signed) H. S. Allen M. D.

18 State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or if from MEANS OF INJURY, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDE, or HOMICIDAL. Frankton, Ohio

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the _____ State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Woodland Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL April 5, 1919

20 UNDERTAKER O. Kelley Co. ADDRESS Frankton, Ohio

Death certificate for Rachel Annie Wilson Gilmore

Source: Ohio Department of Health



Leonard Gilmore and wife Lucy Brown (ca 1910)

Source: Mary Ann Sutphin, cousin, granddaughter of Leonard Gilmore



Leonard Gilmore with wife Lucy Brown and daughter Grace

Source: Mary Ann Sutphin, cousin, granddaughter of Leonard Gilmore



Gravesite of Leonard and Lucy Gilmore in Darbyville Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio

Source: FindAGrave.com

Front row left to right:

CHARLES GILMORE (Matthew L Gilmore's son)	1876-1968
LESLIE CLAY GILLESPIE (Leanora Gilmore Gillespie's son)	1897-1958
MERLE GILLESPIE (Leanora Gilmore Gillespie's son)	1895-1963
JACK M GILLESPIE (Leanora Gilmore Gillespie's son)	1901-1958
LLOYD GILMORE (Matthew L Gilmore's son)	1890-1979
ADA COX GILMORE (Charles Gilmore's wife)	1882-1944

Middle row left to right:

LEANORA GILMORE GILLESPIE (Matthew L Gilmore's daughter)	1872-1965
GRACE GILLESPIE (Leanora Gilmore Gillespie's daughter)	1903-1978
GEORGE W. GILLESPIE (Leanora Gilmore's husband)	1869-1932
MATTHEW LAFE GILMORE	1847-1924
HAZEL JEAN GILMORE (Owen Gilmore's daughter)	1902- ?
MARGARET HOLCOMB GILMORE (Matthew L Gilmore's wife)	1847-1947
ERNEST GILMORE (Matthew L Gilmore's son)	1881-1959

Back row left to right:

FREDERICK HOBACK (Nellie Gilmore's husband)	1878-1957
PAUL HOBACK (Nellie Gilmore Hoback's son)	1902-1997
NELLIE GILMORE HOBACK (Matthew L Gilmore's daughter)	1879-1971
SALLY NORTHINGTON GILMORE (Owen Gilmore's wife)	1880- ?
OWEN GILMORE (Matthew L Gilmore's son)	1874- ?
ELIZABETH GILMORE NELSON (Matthew L Gilmore's daughter)	1884-1976
THOMAS NELSON (Elizabeth Gilmore's husband)	1879-1968

MATTHEW LAFE GILMORE'S FAMILY - 1903/1904



Form 1 / 1717		REGISTRATION CARD		No. 04	
1	Name in full	Leonard Gilmore	Age in yrs	25	
2	Home address	1209 2nd Street, Ohio			
3	Date of birth	Feb 7, 1888			
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural Born			
5	Where born	Marion O. Law Co			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Labr. 3			
8	Where employed?	Belfont Furnace			
9	Where born (specify which)?	Marion, Ohio			
10	Married or single (specify which)?	Married	Race (specify which)?	White	
11	What military service have you had? Rank	No	branch	No	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	yes	Wife & Children		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
22 Leonard Gilmore (Signature of registrant)					

REGISTRAR'S REPORT				
1	Tell medium or short (specify which)?	Medium	Stature medium or short (which)?	Medium
2	Color of eyes?	Grey	Color of hair?	Brown
3	Has person last seen, by hand, foot, or both eyes, or in otherwise distinct capacity?	No		
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:				
D. A. [Signature]				
Precinct 1 A				
City or County [Signature]				
State Ohio				
6/5/17 (Date of registration)				

World War I registration for Leonard Gilmore, brother of Grace Gilmore, son of Darius and Rachel Ann.

Source: National Archives and Records Administration; FamilySearch.org

Form 1		REGISTRATION CARD		No. 58	
1	Name in full	Lawrence A Gilmore	Age in yrs	27	
2	Home address	Franklin, La.			
3	Date of birth	November 5, 1889			
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural born			
5	Where born	Huntington, Va.			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Farm laborer			
8	Where employed?	State Penitentiary			
9	Where born (specify which)?	Angala, La.			
10	Married or single (specify which)?	Single	Race (specify which)?	American	
11	What military service have you had? Rank		branch		
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?				
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
Lawrence A Gilmore (Signature of registrant)					

REGISTRAR'S REPORT				
1	Tell medium or short (specify which)?	Full	Stature medium or short (which)?	Medium
2	Color of eyes?	Grey	Color of hair?	Brown
3	Has person last seen, by hand, foot, or both eyes, or in otherwise distinct capacity?			
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:				
M. N. [Signature]				
Precinct 2nd				
City or County [Signature]				
State La				
6/2/17 (Date of registration)				

World War I registration for Lawrence A. Gilmore, who was in state prison in Franklin, Louisiana

Source: National Archives and Records Administration; FamilySearch.org

PLACE OF DEATH.

County of Lawrence
 Township of Upper Registration District No. 329 File No. 56148
 or
 Village of _____ Primary Registration District No. 5037 Registered No. 211
 or
 City of London (No. Chad bet 3rd & 4th St., 1 Ward) (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
 (If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts entitling for under "Special Information.") FULL NAME Gertrude Gilmore

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White
 DATE OF BIRTH Feb 24 1894
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 AGE 16 years, 7 months, 23 days.
 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Single
 BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Lawrence Co. O.
 OCCUPATION None
 NAME OF FATHER W. Gilmore
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Foreign Country) Ohio
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Richard Wilson
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Foreign Country) Ohio
 THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF
 (Informant) Grace Gilmore
 (Address) London, Ohio
 Filed Oct 17 1910
E. E. Wells
 Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Oct 16 1910
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19 to _____ 19
 that I last saw him _____ alive on _____ 19
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____
 M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Suicide - Carbolic Acid
 (Duration) _____ Days
 Contributory _____ (Duration) _____ Days
 (Signed) H. D. Penhark M. D.
Oct 16 1910 (Address) Commer
 SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.
 Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at _____ Place of Death _____ Days
 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____
 PLACE OF BURIAL or REMOVAL Woodland Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Oct 18 1910
 UNDERTAKER Burgess & Jones ADDRESS London O.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

Death certificate for Gertrude Gilmore, who committed suicide; information provided by Grace Gilmore, her sister

Source: Ohio Department of Health

REGISTRATION CARD a-1735

SERIAL NUMBER	397	ORDER NUMBER	
1	Cleveland <i>Gilmore</i>		
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Cor. St. Louis & Burgundy, N. O. La.			
Age in Years: 34 Date of Birth: November 27, 1894			
RACE			
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Negre <input type="checkbox"/>	
Oriental <input type="checkbox"/>		Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	
U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/>	
Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority <input type="checkbox"/>		Declarant <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-declarant <input type="checkbox"/>			
15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?			
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
16 Blacksmith		17 <i>none</i>	
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:			
19 Name: <i>C. B. Gilmore</i>			
20 Address: <i>Frankton Ohio</i>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Red) <i>Cleveland Gilmore</i>			

17-1-4. NEW ORLEANS NO. 3. C. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT							
HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Slender	Short	Slender	Medium	Sport	27	28
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Blue</i>
29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)							
30 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>Jules A. Rando</i> (Signature of Registrar)							
Date of Registration: <i>Sept 12/18</i>							
<p>Local Board for Division No. 3, City of New Orleans, State of La. 1551 Canal Street, New Orleans, La.</p>							
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)							
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)							

World War I; registration papers, above, and medical notes, below

Sources: FamilySearch.org; Ancestry.com

Cleveland Gilmore

MILITARY HISTORY.

Time and Place of Each Enlistment.	Rank.	Company and Regiment.	Time and Place of Discharge.	Cause of Discharge.	Disabilities when admitted to the Home.
<i>Apr 24. 1917 Jackson BTA New Orleans</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>1 606</i>	<i>July 19. 1918 Camp Nichols La.</i>	<i>Physical Disability</i>	<i>Contract right Hemiplegia Paralysis of the nerves of the limbs Left arm</i>

DOMESTIC HISTORY.

Where Born.	Age.	Height.	Complexion.	Color of Eyes.	Color of Hair.	Read and Write.	Religion.	Occupation.	Residence Subsequent to Discharge.	Married or Single.	Name and Address of Nearest Relative.
<i>Ohio</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>5'9 1/2</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Bookkeeper</i>	<i>New Orleans La.</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Mrs Rita Gilmore 706 Howard Ave New Orleans La.</i>

HOME HISTORY.

Date of Pension.	Date of Admission, Re-Admission and Transfer.	Conditions of Re-Admission.	Date of Discharge and Transfer.	Cause of Discharge.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.
	<i>Feb 4. 1926</i>	<i>Admitted to Pension</i>	<i>5-12-27</i>	<i>Drop</i>		
	<i>7-2-28</i>	<i>Readmitted to Pension</i>				

Gilmore Killed by Hit-Skip Motorist On Russell Road

Former Irontonian Meets Death Soon After Leaving Home of His Brother Here

Cleveland Gilmore, 49, former Irontonian, brother of Ed Gilmore of 1114 north Second street and Dave and Dan Gilmore and Mrs. Mike Rooney of Lansing, Mich., was fatally injured last night when struck by a hit-skip motorist while walking along the Russell-Ashland road below Ashland.

The battered body of Gilmore was found beside a road one mile west of Ashland Thursday at 10 p. m. He was taken to an Ashland hospital, where he died forty minutes later from head injuries. An investigation was immediately

launched and an inquest is being held at Ashland this afternoon.

Gilmore had visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gilmore Thursday afternoon, leaving there at 6:30 p. m. to start a trip to Florida and his old home in New Orleans. He was hiking and is believed to have been struck by an Ashland-bound motorist. Recently he had been living with an aunt Mrs. Harry Starkey of 1817 Virginia avenue in Huntington. He left there Thursday to visit here before continuing south.

He was a World War veteran and funds from a government pension were in his pocket when he was found.

The body was brought here today, to the ~~Catholic funeral parlors~~ and will remain there for funeral services Monday at 2 p. m. Burial will be made in the Woodland soldier plot. Military honors will be accorded by Frank J. Goldkamp Post.

Article from the Ironton Register on the fatal accident involving Cleveland Gilmore, 26 Jan 1934. Cleve was the oldest child of Darius and Rachel Gilmore.

Source: Briggs Library, research by Peggy Wells

Wilson family

Rachel (Annie) Wilson















Rachel (Annie) Wilson was born on 24 Feb 1865 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA as the fourth child of Brunson Wilson and Vilinda George. She had ten siblings, namely: Henry A., America, Andrew J., George, Benjamin, Sarah Sallie, Evaline F., Seymour Brunson, Allen, and Melvin E.. She died on 01 Apr 1918 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (strangulated hernia). When she was 19, She married Darius Gilmore, son of Matthew Gilmore and Margaret Rebecca Coffee, on 11 Jan 1885 in Aid, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.



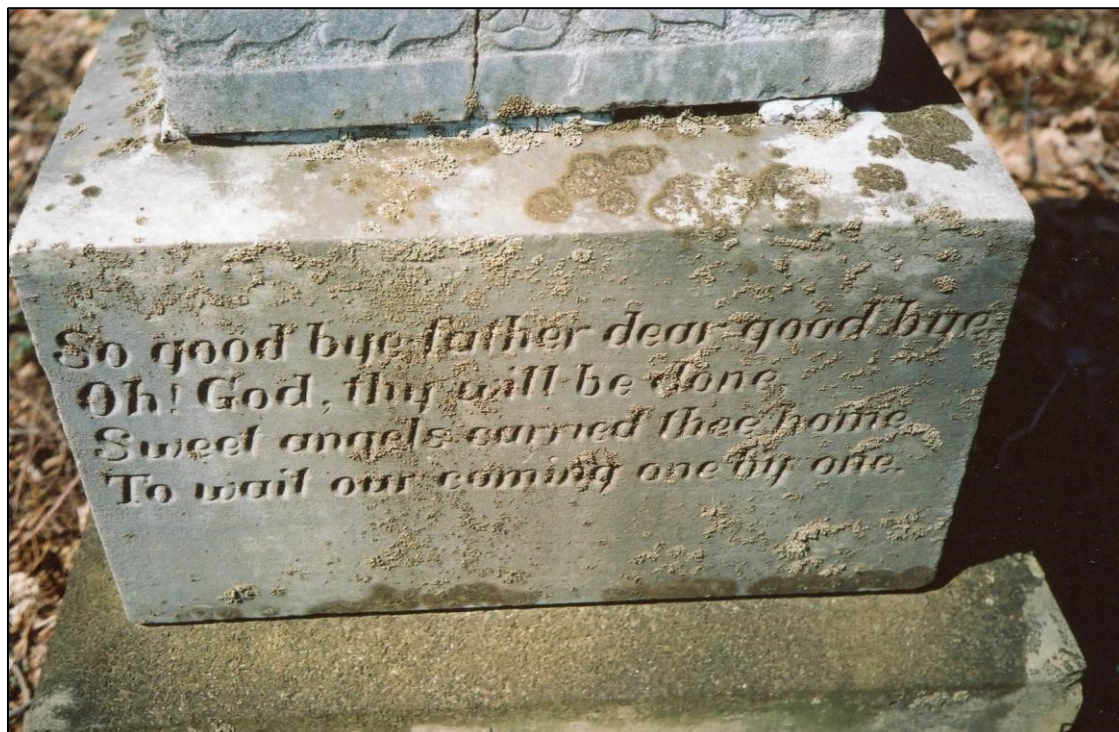
Darius Gilmore and Rachel (Annie) Wilson had the following children:

1. Grover Cleveland Gilmore was born on 27 Nov 1885 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 25 Jan 1934 in Ashland, Boyd, Kentucky, USA (head trauma, hemorrhage and shock from lacerated liver from hit-and-run accident while hiking; buried in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton). He married Jessie Pearl McGown on 22 Oct 1906 in Jackson, OH.
2. Leonard Gilmore was born on 07 Feb 1887 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 19 Apr 1957 in Darbyville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA. He married Lucille Brown on 08 Apr 1910 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
3. Vinton Gilmore was born on 03 Oct 1889 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 23 Jun 1913 in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA (suicide by poisoning). He married Hattie Mae Brown on 20 Apr 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
4. Edward (Spike) Gilmore was born on 19 Feb 1891 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 17 Dec 1934 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (suicide - gunshot wound in head). He married Bessie Clarkson about 1910. He married Lucy Ellen McDowell on 07 Jul 1920 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio.
5. Grace Gilmore was born on 15 Jul 1892 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 09 Oct 1956 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (stroke). She married Michael Rooney on 25 Aug 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church by Father James Cotter).
6. Gertrude Gilmore was born on 24 Feb 1894 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 16 Oct 1910 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (suicide - carbolic acid).
7. David Gilmore was born on 07 Apr 1895 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 27 Apr 1971 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (Woodland Cemetery). He married Mary Alice Woods in 1921 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA.
8. Daniel Gilmore was born on 30 Apr 1897 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 04 Sep 1963 in Williamsport, Pickaway, Ohio, USA (died at home). He married Carrie E. Whitley on 11 Jun 1919 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
9. Ira K. Gilmore was born on 27 Dec 1900 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 15 Nov 1966 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (River Valley Health Systems). He married Oleta Isham in 1928 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA.
10. Minnie (Ida) Gilmore was born on 03 Apr 1903 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. She died on 25 Jan 1904 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA (whooping cough).
11. John Calvin Gilmore was born on 08 Feb 1907 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA. He died on 04 Nov 1959 in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio, USA.

Family Group Sheet for Brunson Wilson

Husband:		Brunson Wilson	
	Birth:	24 Jul 1832 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	25 Feb 1896 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA; 63y 7m 1d; buried in Ross Graveyard died in Aid Township, cause of death: rupture	
	Burial:	26 Feb 1896 in Andis, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; Ross Cemetery	
	Marriage:	25 Jan 1857 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Father:	HENRY Wilson	
	Mother:	SARAH Sally Martin	
Wife:		Vilinda George	
	Birth:	Aug 1836 in Guernsey County, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	03 Mar 1910 in Lawrence Township, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; cause: pneumonia	
	Father:	James George	
	Mother:	Rachel Hyrturah Wilgus	
Children:			
1	Name:	Henry A. Wilson	
M	Birth:	21 May 1874 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	Bef. 1880 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
2	Name:	America Wilson	
F	Birth:	1862 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	1898 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Spouse:	Allen Burns	
3	Name:	Andrew J. Wilson	
M	Birth:	1863 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	26 Feb 1945 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Spouse:	Mandy George	
4	Name:	Rachel (Annie) Wilson	
F	Birth:	24 Feb 1865 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	01 Apr 1918 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; strangulated hernia	
	Burial:	05 Apr 1918 ; Lot No. 6724, Sec. 16 "Gillmore"/Woodland Cemetery, Ironton	
	Marriage:	11 Jan 1885 in Aid, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Spouse:	Darius Gilmore	
5	Name:	George Wilson	
M	Birth:	01 Oct 1865 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, United States	
	Death:	28 Mar 1923 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, United States	
	Marriage:	Abt. 1885 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Spouse:	Ella Brammer	
6	Name:	Benjamin Wilson	
M	Birth:	04 Feb 1868 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	22 Jan 1953 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA; Buried in Ross Cemetery, Andis, Ohio	
	Marriage:	1907 in Cattleburg, Boyd County, KY	
	Spouse:	Rebecca Wilson	
	Other Spouses:	Eunice M. Erskine (27 Sep 1892 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA)	

7 F 	<p>Name: Sarah Sallie Wilson Birth: 16 Mar 1870 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, United States Death: 19 May 1934 in Welch, McDowell, West Virginia, United States; Buried in Centenary Cemetery, Windsor Township Marriage: Abt. 1890 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA Spouse: James Kitts</p>	
8 F 	<p>Name: Evaline F. Wilson Birth: 16 Feb 1872 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 21 Mar 1914 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Marriage: Abt. 1890 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA Spouse: John Dickess</p>	
9 M 	<p>Name: Seymour Brunson Wilson Birth: 03 Feb 1873 in Lawrence, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 15 Sep 1961 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA; Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio Spouse: Lizzie Corn</p>	
10 M 	<p>Name: Allen Wilson Birth: 1875 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA Death: 1969 Marriage: 25 Aug 1901 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA; https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/XDX6-RDN Spouse: Alice Wilson</p>	
11 M 	<p>Name: Melvin E. Wilson Birth: 06 Mar 1878 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA Death: 17 Mar 1962 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA; Buried in Ross Cemetery, Andis, Ohio Marriage: Abt. 1901 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA Spouse: Lusetta "Settie" Kelley</p>	





Base of gravesite for Brunson Wilson in Ross Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio
Source: FindAGrave.com; photo by Becky Wilson Thissen **Grave markers for Brunson Wilson and his wife Vilinda George Wilson; Ross Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio**

Source: FindAGrave.com; photos by Becky Wilson Thissen



Form V. S. No. 11-462M-9-3-08.

PLACE OF DEATH.

STATE OF OHIO
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County of Laurens Registration District No. 3655 File No. 15485 7

Township of Laurens or Village of _____ Primary Registration District No. _____ Registered No. 8

City of _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____) (If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME, location of street and number.)

(If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information.") FULL NAME Vilinda Wilson

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>March 3 1910</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Unknown</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	<u>73</u> years, _____ months, _____ days.	I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb 27 1910</u> to <u>Mar 3 1910</u> that I last saw h. <u>in</u> alive on <u>Mar 3 1910</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>10 P.M.</u>	
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Widowed</u>	BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) <u>Mustingsum, Co. O</u>	M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Pneumonia</u>	
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer's wife</u>	NAME OF FATHER <u>James George</u>	Contributory _____ (Duration) <u>5</u> Days	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Foreign Country) <u>Ohio</u>	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Rachel Wilson</u>	(Signed) <u>E. E. Shafer</u> M. D. <u>Mar 4 1910</u> (Address) <u>Miller's Ford, O</u>	
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Foreign Country) <u>Ohio</u>	THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF	SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.	
(Informant) <u>Grant Hall</u>	(Address) <u>Andis O</u>	Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at _____ Days Place of Death _____	
Filed <u>Mar 4 1910</u>	Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death? _____	PLACE OF BURIAL or REMOVAL <u>Ross Graveyard</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>March 5 1910</u>	
<u>Mathias Gossett</u> Registrar		UNDERTAKER <u>C. E. Gember, Hillside, Ohio</u> ADDRESS _____	

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

Death certificate for Vilinda George Wilson

Source: Ohio Department of Health



Rooney family



























Grace
Gilmore
Rooney and
Mike Rooney
in Ironton,
Ohio, ca
1950s

















BELOW:
Marriage
registration
from St.
Lawrence
O'Toole
Catholic
Church

Nomen Patris.	A. R. Die Mensis.	REGISTRUM MATRIMONIORUM.	Dispensationes et Notanda.
Rooney Sullivan	25 th Aug 1911	<p>Ego infrascriptus missis denuntiationibus et mutuo contrahentium consensu habito per verba de presenti matrimonio junxi <i>Michael</i> <i>Rooney</i> ex loco <i>Ironton</i> Filium et <i>Britann</i> <i>Sullivan</i> ex loco <i>Ironton</i> Filiam Præsentibus testibus <i>Joseph Miller, Maria</i> <i>Hyland</i> <i>J. J. Collins</i></p>	<p>* <i>Michael</i> <i>Prot</i> <i>Cult Disp</i></p>

Family Group Sheet for Edward Rooney

Husband:		Edward Rooney	
	Birth:	Abt. 1839 in Down, Northern Ireland	
	Death:	17 Dec 1903 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; dropsy (edema, or swelling of kidney or heart)	
	Burial:	17 Dec 1903 in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ironton, OH	
	Marriage:	12 Apr 1864 in Hutchesontown, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland; St. John's Chapel, Portugal Street, Glasgow	
	Father:	Edward Rooney	
	Mother:	Catherine Rooney	
	Other Spouses:	Susan De Lauder (23 Jun 1903 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA)	
Wife:		Mary Ann Giblin	
	Birth:	01 Jul 1845 in Ireland	
	Death:	17 Jul 1901 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Burial:	Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ironton, Lawrence, OH	
	Father:	Dennis Giblin	
	Mother:	Bridget McGurn	
Children:			
1	Name:	Patrick (Little Pat) Rooney	
M	Birth:	12 Mar 1865 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
	Death:	10 Apr 1894 in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, USA; ascites	
	Burial:	12 Apr 1894 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
2	Name:	Catherine (Kate) Rooney	
F	Birth:	30 Jul 1866 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
	Death:	Oct 1866	
3	Name:	Thomas A. Rooney	
M	Birth:	13 Feb 1869 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	10 Dec 1917 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; acute Bright's disease	
	Burial:	13 Dec 1917 in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ironton, OH	
	Marriage:	10 Jun 1902 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Spouse:	Mary A. O'Brien	
4	Name:	John Rooney	
M	Birth:	04 Nov 1870 in Lawrence County, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	29 Jul 1893 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; fracture (killed by train)	
5	Name:	Edward (Pickey) Rooney	
M	Birth:	25 Apr 1873 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	02 Jun 1934 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; angina pectoris (found dead)	
	Burial:	05 Jun 1934 in Sacred Heart Cemetery	
6	Name:	Dennis Rooney	
M	Birth:	27 Feb 1874 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	02 Jul 1930 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; chronic nephritis (kidney inflammation)	
	Burial:	05 Jul 1930 in Sacred Heart Cemetery	
7	Name:	Mary Ann (Mege) Rooney	
F	Birth:	03 May 1876 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	04 Sep 1956 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; Sacred Heart Cemetery	
	Marriage:	25 Nov 1920 in Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA	
	Spouse:	Frank H. Fitzpatrick	
8	Name:	James Rooney	
M	Birth:	14 Oct 1878 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; FHL No. 317727	
	Death:	30 May 1900 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
9	Name:	Matthew Rooney	
M	Birth:	01 Nov 1880 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	26 Feb 1881 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; water on brain	
10	Name:	Frank Rooney	
M	Birth:	07 Sep 1881 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	21 Nov 1949 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; injuries from severe burn accident	
	Burial:	24 Nov 1949 in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ironton, OH	
	Marriage:	30 Apr 1907 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Spouse:	Mildred Clouse	
11	Name:	Michael Rooney	
M	Birth:	02 Nov 1885 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Death:	13 Jan 1963 in Muncie, Delaware, Indiana, USA; diabetes; nephrosclerosis	
	Burial:	15 Jan 1963 ; Elm Ridge Cemetery	
	Marriage:	25 Aug 1911 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA; at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church by Father James Cotter	
	Spouse:	Grace Gilmore	

Family Group Sheet for Dennis Giblin

Husband:		Dennis Giblin	
	Birth:	Abt. 1821 in Leitrim, Ireland	
	Marriage:	Abt. 1841	
	Father:		
	Mother:		
Wife:		Bridget McGurn	
	Birth:	Abt. 1826 in Sligo, Ireland	
	Father:		
	Mother:		
Children:			
1	Name:	Mary Ann Giblin	
F	Birth:	01 Jul 1845 in Ireland	
	Death:	17 Jul 1901 in Ironton, Lawrence, Ohio, USA	
	Burial:	Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ironton, Lawrence, OH	
	Marriage:	12 Apr 1864 in Hutchesontown, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland; St. John's Chapel, Portugal Street, Glasgow	
	Spouse:	Edward Rooney	
2	Name:	Bridget Giblin	
F	Birth:	Abt. 1855 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
	Death:	27 May 1930 in Fitchburg, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA; Fitchburg Sentinel, 27 May 1930	
	Marriage:	Abt. 1875	
	Spouse:	Patrick McGuirl	
3	Name:	John Giblin	
M	Birth:	Abt. 1853 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
			
4	Name:	John Giblin	
M	Birth:	Abt. 1841 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
			
5	Name:	Patrick Giblin	
M	Birth:	Abt. 1849 in Glasgow	
	Death:	Dec 1923 in Ireland	
	Marriage:	1871	
	Spouse:	Margaret Winifred Giblin	
6	Name:	Denis Giblin	
M	Birth:	Abt. 1859 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
	Spouse:	Elizabeth Giblin	
7	Name:	Catherine Giblin	
F	Birth:	Abt. 1863 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland	
			

EDWARD ROONEY DEAD.

The funeral services over the remains of Edward Rooney, who died at his home on North Fifth street Sunday night, were held at St. Lawrence church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and interment was at the Sacred Heart cemetery.

Mr. Rooney was one of the pioneer residents of this community and was generally known and enjoyed the friendship of a large number of our residents. He was past 60 years of age and was a native of Ireland, although a resident of Ironton for many years. He is survived by five sons and one daughter, his wife having passed away some years ago.

Ironton Register 17 Dec 1903
Thursday Page 1

LEFT: Only known death notice for Edward Rooney in Ironton newspapers

BELOW: Document granting citizenship to Edward Rooney; dated March 29, 1877

Source: Lawrence County Probate Court Records;
FamilySearch.org

Transcription of document:

Edward Rooney, native of Ireland, naturalized;
Admitted to citizenship

And now comes Edward Rooney a native of Ireland and makes application to be naturalized, and the Court being satisfied from the declaration of said Edward Rooney and the testimony of John Matthews and (blank) that said applicant has in all things complied with the law in regard to naturalization and having taken the oath of allegiance prescribed by said law it is ordered that a Certificate of Citizenship there to said Edward Rooney in due form of law.

Geo. M. Thompson, Probate Judge

Lawrence County Probate Court Thursday March 29th 1877
Edward Rooney Native
of Admitted to Citizenship
Ireland Naturalized
And now comes Edward Rooney a Native of Ireland
and makes application to be naturalized. And the Court being
satisfied from the declaration of said Edward Rooney and the
testimony of John Matthews and that said applicant
has in all things complied with the law in regard to Naturalization
and having taken the oath of Allegiance prescribed by said law
It is ordered that a Certificate of Citizenship issue to said
Edward Rooney in due form of law.
Geo M Thompson
Probate Judge

Suffers Heart Attack At River Grade; Body Found

The body of Edward (Pickey) Rooney, former mill man who was well known in the north end of the city, was found on the river bank at the foot of Lawrence street late Saturday afternoon. Death had, apparently, come from a heart attack.

Mr. Rooney, a former worker here, had been employed in West Virginia off and on during the winter and spring but he had been in Ironton for several weeks. He was seen at the top of the river bank during the afternoon and later was seen at the spot where his body was found. John Long and Morgan Williams informed police they

noticed him there about 3 p. m. when they walked down the bank toward a river spring. He was breathing at that time. Long later returned to the spot, noticed the man had died, and notified police.

The victim was sixty years old. He had never married and is survived by two brothers, Frank of West Ironton and Michael of Muncie, Ind., and one sister Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick of north Fifth street.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Lawrence church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock with burial in Sacred Hearts cemetery, directed by O'Keefe and Co.

Article from the Ironton Daily Register from Sunday, June 3, 1934, on the death of Edward "Pickey" Rooney (1873-1934). Pickey was the fifth child and fourth son born to Edward and Mary Ann (Giblin) Rooney. His death was caused by a heart attack, according to his death record.

PATRICK ROONEY, aged 30, died in a Columbus hospital last Friday, and the remains were brought here for burial, Saturday.

Brief item in Ironton Register from Thursday, April 12, 1894, on the death of Patrick Rooney. Patrick, who had been left behind when Edward and Mary Ann immigrated, made it to America himself in 1880. He was working in Columbus as a driver, and died on April 7, 1894, from ascites, which is the buildup of fluid in the space between the abdomen and abdominal organs. It is caused by liver disease, which can be the result of hepatitis or years of drinking.

criptions.

KILLED John Rooney was run over by a freight train, on the N. & W. near the Rachel creek trestle, last Saturday night, about 11 o'clock, and instantly killed. The engineer saw some one lying on the track, but could not stop soon enough to save the man. Rooney's head seems to have been on the rail, for the top of the skull was cut off, letting out the poor man's brains. He was taken on a car and brought up town, where the body was taken care of by Undertaker O'Keefe. The unfortunate man was the son of Edward Rooney. He works at Birmingham, from where he came July 4, but he intended to return last Sunday. He was 22 years old and unmarried.

Graphic news article on the death of John Rooney in the Ironton Register of Aug. 3, 1893. John, who was only 22 years old, was killed when he was struck by a Norfolk & Western freight train. The accident took place on a trestle over Rachel Creek, a now dried-up stream that mostly runs parallel with the Ohio River, ending just past the trestle at the larger Storms Creek.

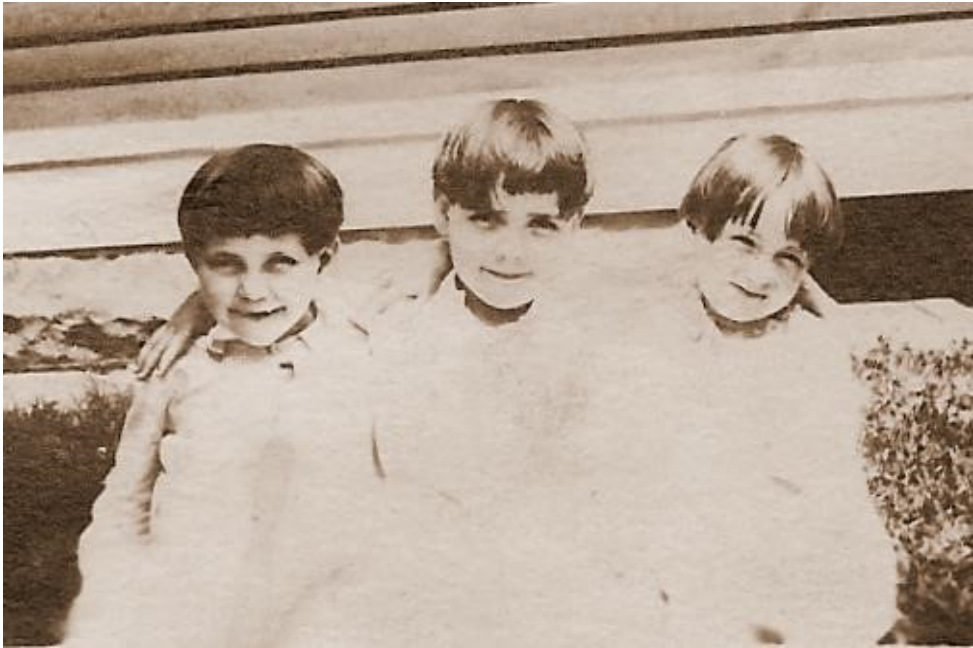
RIGHT: Brief note in the Semi-Weekly Register in Ironton from Dec. 14, 1917, on the funeral of Thomas Rooney.

FUNERAL OF THOS. ROONEY

The last had rites over the remains of Thomas Rooney were held this morning at St. Lawrence church and the services were beautiful and impressive. The deceased was a devoted member of the A. O. H. and K. of C. and these orders with many other friends and relatives were in attendance. Interment occurred in Sacred Heart cemetery.



Thomas Rooney and Mary O'Brien





Sisters Mary, Roberta and Josephine Rooney ca 1970s

Mary E. Neville

Mrs. Mary E. Neville, 78, of 851 N. 5th St., died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday at her residence.

She was born July 29, 1903 in Ironton, a daughter of the late Thomas and Mary O'Brien Rooney. She was a member of St. Lawrence Church and the Catholic Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Neville, in 1966; also a daughter, Mary Sue; one sister and a brother. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Scherer and Roberta Rooney, both of Ironton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Lawrence Church by the Rev. James A. Dirker. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may call at the James V. Hayes Funeral Home from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday; Rosary Recitation will be at 8 p.m.

Obituary for Mary (Rooney) Neville in the Ironton Tribune, Thursday, Dec. 31, 1981.

RIGHT: Obituary for Roberta Rooney from July 30, 1998, in the Ironton Tribune

Roberta Rooney

Sept. 7, 1906-July 28, 1998

Roberta M. Rooney, 91, of Ironton died Tuesday at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell, Ky.

The Ironton native was born Sept. 7, 1906, the daughter of the late Thomas A. and Mary O'Brien Rooney.

She was a former employee of S.S. Kresge of Ironton and a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. She had attended St. Lawrence School and spent all her life in the Ironton area.

She also was preceded in death by one brother, John Rooney; and two sisters, Mary Neville and Catherine Rooney.

Survivors include one sister, Josephine Scherer of Ironton.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, with Father Thomas Nau officiating.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Friday.

Josephine Scherer

July 17, 1913-March 3, 2003

Josephine A. Scherer, 89, of Ironton passed away Monday at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell, Ky.

The Ironton native was born July 17, 1913, the daughter of the late Thomas A. and Mary O'Brien Rooney.

She was the widow of Kenneth G. Scherer, who passed away June 9, 1979.

She was retired in 1978 from Iron City Hardware, where she was a bookkeeper. She was a member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church and a 1931 graduate of St. Joseph High School. She was born, raised and spent all her life in Ironton.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters, Roberta Rooney, Catherine Rooney and Mary Neville; and one brother, John Rooney.

Survivors include one sister-in-law, Garnet Scherer of Ironton and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, with Fathers Thomas Nau and Wayne Morris officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home.

Source: Ironton Tribune, Wednesday, 5 Mar 2003



BABY SON

Of Mr. And Mrs. Rooney Died Sunday

John, the 28 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rooney, died Sunday forenoon at 11:45 o'clock at the home of his parents on north Fifth and Pearl streets. The bright little fellow had been ill for about four weeks with whooping cough and several days ago bronchitis developed and this was too much for the little fellow to withstand and he succumbed at the hour named. Less than two months ago Mr. and Mrs. Rooney lost a little daughter, Katherine and this their second affliction in so short a time is doubly hard to bear. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in St. Lawrence church and the interment will be in Sacred Heart cemetery.

Obituary in Ironton newspaper for John Rooney, young son of Thomas Rooney and Mary O'Brien; brother of Mary, Josephine and Roberta

Form V. 9, No. 11 - 500M-3-1-08

STATE OF OHIO
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
County of Lawrence
Township of Cypress Registration District No. 705 File No. 62222 F
or
Village of Irreton Primary Registration District No. 8308 Registered No. 289
or
City of Irreton (No. Law Fifth & Paul St., Ward) (If death occurred in a Hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
(If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information.") FULL NAME Catherine Cecilia Rooney

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>12</u> <u>30</u> <u>1911</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>11</u> <u>16</u> <u>1904</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Nov 27</u> 1911 to <u>Nov 30</u> 1911 that I last saw her alive on <u>Nov 30</u> 1911 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8</u> P.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:	
AGE <u>7</u> years, <u>—</u> months, <u>14</u> days.		⑤ <u>Scarlet Fever</u> (Duration) <u>4</u> Days	
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Single</u>			
BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) <u>Irreton, O.</u>		Contributory _____ (Duration) _____ Days	
OCCUPATION <u>None</u>		(Signed) <u>W. K. Maxley</u> M.D. <u>Dec. 1</u> 1911 (Address) <u>Irreton Ohio</u>	
NAME OF FATHER <u>Thomas Rooney</u>		SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents. Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at _____ Days Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death? _____	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Foreign Country) <u>Irreton, O.</u>		PLACE OF BURIAL or REMOVAL <u> Sacred Heart Cemetery</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u> Dec 2nd 1911</u>	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Mary O'Brien</u>		UNDERTAKER <u>Oruff & Co.</u> ADDRESS <u>Irreton, O.</u>	
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Foreign Country) <u>Irreton, O.</u>		THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF	
(Informant) <u>Thomas Rooney</u> (Address) <u>Irreton, O.</u>		Filed <u>Dec 1</u> 1911 <u>E. E. Wells</u> Registrar	

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

Death certificate for Catherine Cecilia Rooney, daughter of Thomas Rooney and Mary O'Brien; sister of Mary, Josephine and Roberta; cause of death was scarlet fever

Source: Ohio Department of Health



Rooney cousins, ca 1918: Front row, from left: Thelma Rooney (daughter of Frank), Anna Rooney (daughter of Mike and Grace), Josephine Rooney (daughter of Thomas), Eloise (daughter of Frank). Back row, from left: Mary O'Brien Rooney (wife of Thomas), Mege Rooney, Roberta Rooney (daughter of Thomas)



Home of Mary, Josephine and Roberta Rooney on North Fifth Street in Ironton, Ohio

Source: Briggs Library, Ironton, Ohio; research by Peggy
Wells

Ironton Tribune, 21 Nov 1949, Monday, Page 1

Burns Fatal To Rooney

This morning at 10:50 o'clock, Frank (Tidney) Rooney of 402 Etna street died at General Hospital after a short illness. He was burned seriously Thursday evening when a stove at his home overturned on him. He had been a patient at the hospital since that time.

He was 68 years old and a former molder. He was well known in Ironton and vicinity, and was formerly prominent in baseball circles. His wife and two daughters preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Ralph Rooney of Chillicothe, one sister, Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick of Ironton, a brother, Mike of Muncy, Indiana and four grandchildren.

The body is at the O'Keefe funeral home pending completion of arrangements.

Death Claims Thelma Rooney

PAO'S 1ST COUSIN

Friday evening at 9:30 o'clock the angel of death entered the home of Frank Rooney of Elm street and claimed the eldest daughter, Miss Thelma Rooney. She had been a patient sufferer for many weeks during her illness and bore her suffering with fortitude.

Miss Rooney was one of the city's best known young women and was gifted with a gracious and pleasing personality which won her many friends who will be deeply grieved to learn of her death as she was loved by all who enjoyed her acquaintance.

She was born in this city 21 years ago and resided here all her life. She is survived by her father, one brother, Ralph and one sister, Eloise, all at home. Her mother preceded her in death 10 years ago. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic church and of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin of that church and died with all the consolations of her faith. The funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St. Lawrence church with burial in Sacred Heart cemetery under the direction of O'Keefe and Company.

of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. Exact statement of state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. See instructions on back of certificate. OCCUPATION is very important.

STATE OF OHIO
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
 County Lawrence Registration District No. 705 File No. 28723
 Township Franklin Primary Registration District No. 8308 Registered No. 84
 or Village Franklin No. 402 Elm St. 1 Ward 1
 or City of Franklin (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.
2 FULL NAME Eloise Rooney Did Deceased Serve in U. S. Navy or Army No
 (a) Residence No. # 402 Elm St., 1 Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female **4. COLOR OR RACE** White **5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word)** Single
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced
 HUSBAND of Frank White
 (or) WIFE of Single
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) March 29 1918
7. AGE Years 20 Months 1 Days 8 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
8. Trade, profession, or particular nature of work done as spinner, farmer, etc. Spinner, Selby Shaw Co.
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. 724
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) **11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation**
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Franklin, O.
13. NAME Frank Rooney
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Franklin, O.
15. MAIDEN NAME Mildred Clouse
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Franklin, O.
17. INFORMANT The Signature of Frank Rooney
 and (Address) Franklin, Ohio
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR OTHER DISPOSITION Interred Date May 10 1933
19. UNDERTAKER D. J. Coffey
 (Address) 1300 W. 13th St. Franklin, Ohio
 Was body embalmed? Yes Embalmer's name Chas. H. Gallagher
 Date May 14 1933 Address Franklin, Ohio

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) May 7 1933
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from
April 8 1933 to May 6 1933
 I last saw h. or alive on May 6 1933, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 6 a. m.
The PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:
Pulmonary Tuberculosis 1932
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES of importance not related to principal cause:

Name of operation Date of
What test confirmed diagnosis? Was there an autopsy?
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
 Accident, suicide, or homicide? Date of injury , 19
 Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, county, and State)
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.
Manner of injury
Nature of injury
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No
 If so, specify Chas. H. Gallagher M. D.
 (Signed) Chas. H. Gallagher Date May 8 1933 Address Franklin, Ohio

Death certificate for Eloise Rooney, daughter of Frank Rooney and Mildred Clouse; she died from TB

Source: Ohio Department of Health

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

Reg. Dist. No. 705 State File No. 69643
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 8308 **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** Registrar's No. 235

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Lawrence</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Ohio</u> b. COUNTY <u>Lawrence</u>	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL OR and give township) <u>Monton</u>		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>Monton</u>	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Lawrence County General</u>		d. STREET (If rural, give location) <u># 402 Elm Street</u>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. (First) <u>Frank</u> b. (Middle) <u>Rooney</u> c. (Last) <u>Rooney</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>Nov. 21 1949</u>	
5. SEX <u>Male</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <u>Widower</u>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Sept. 7 1881</u>
9. AGE (In years last birthday) <u>68</u> <u>2</u> <u>14</u>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life even if retired) <u>Teacher</u>	
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Teacher</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Monton, O.</u>	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>America</u>		13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Edward Rooney</u>	
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Mary Giblin</u>		15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? <u>No</u>	
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>2-90-87-885</u>		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <u>Ralph Rooney</u>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>Uremia</u> ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) <u>Extensive Burns</u> DUE TO (c) <u>9/15</u> II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.	
19a. DATE OF OPERATION		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
20. AUTOPSY? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>2 days</u> <u>5 days</u>	
21a. ACCIDENT (Specify) <u>SUICIDE</u>	21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g. in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, forest, etc.) <u>Lawrence Ohio</u>	21c. (CNTY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE) <u>Lawrence Ohio</u>	21d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) <u>Nov 17 1949 5 P.M.</u>
21e. INJURY OCCURRED While at Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not While at Work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? <u>Shot when clothing had caught on fire</u>	
22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Nov 17, 1949</u> , to <u>Nov 21, 1949</u> , and that death occurred at <u>10:50 A.M.</u> , from the causes and on the date stated above.			
23a. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) <u>Walter W. Berry M.D.</u>		23b. ADDRESS <u>Monton, Ohio</u>	23c. DATE SIGNED <u>Nov 21, 1949</u>
24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>	24b. DATE <u>Nov. 24 1949</u>	24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Sacred Heart</u>	24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <u>Monton, Ohio</u>
BIRTH NO. Do not write in this space		NAME OF EMBALMER (LIC. NO.) <u>Charles J. O'Keefe 1307A</u>	
DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. <u>11-28-49</u>	REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>W. J. Coyne</u>	25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE (LIC. NO.) <u>Charles J. O'Keefe 1369</u>	

Source: Ohio Department of Health

ABOVE: Death certificate for Frank Rooney, brother of Mike Rooney, son of Edward and Mary Ann Giblin Rooney.

RIGHT: News of the death of Mildred Clouse Rooney, wife of Frank Rooney.

JONES will be in charge.
b. 10/29/1885
Mildred Clouse **ROONEY**
Mrs. Frank Rooney died Tuesday night at nine o'clock at her home on brief illness. The aoCMFWYFPaoa Fourth and Elm streets. after a brief illness. The deceased is survived by her husband and three small children. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

Source: Ironton Semi-Weekly Register, 14 Jan 1919, Tuesday,

RIGHT: Obituary for Dennis Rooney, brother of Mike and son of Edward and Mary Ann. Dennis died on 2 Jul 1930 in Ironton at the age of 53.

BELOW: Death certificate for Dennis Rooney. He died from chronic nephritis, an inflammation of the kidneys. He never married.

It's unclear as to why his brother Mike, who lived in Muncie, Indiana, provided the information for the death record. Frank was still in Ironton at the time. Note that he was a restaurant clerk at Rooney Restaurant.

Source: Ironton Tribune, 3 July 1930, Thursday, Page 7; research by Peggy Wells, Ironton, Ohio

OBITUARY

ROONEY

Dennis Rooney of North Fifth street near Elm died at his home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock after an extended illness. He had been seriously ill for the past few weeks and death came quietly and suddenly Wednesday.

Mr. Rooney was 53 years old. His parents preceded him in death. Three brothers, Edward of Toledo, Frank of Ironton and Michael of Muncie, Ind., and one sister, Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick of Toledo, survive. Edward arrived from Toledo this afternoon and Mrs. Fitzpatrick is expected this evening.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of O'Keefe and Company, but have not been completed.

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

43139

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Lawrence, Registration District No. 205 File No. 43139
Township North Fifth Primary Registration District No. 205 Registered No. 156
or Village No. 1105 North Fifth St. 107 Ward 107
or City of Ironton (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Dennis Rooney Did Deceased Serve in U. S. Navy or Army No
(a) Residence No. 1105 No. 5th St. 107 Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) <u>Single</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) <u>July 2nd 1930</u>	17 I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended Deceased from <u>June 17</u> 19 <u>30</u> to <u>July 2</u> 19 <u>30</u>
5a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Single</u>	6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Sept 4th 1876</u>	7 AGE Years <u>53</u> Months <u>9</u> Days <u>28</u>	18 That I last saw deceased alive on <u>July 1st</u> 19 <u>30</u>	19 that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>4:30</u> p. m.
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Restaurant Clerk</u>	8 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Rooney Restaurant</u>		The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Chronic Nephritis</u>	
(c) Name of employer	9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Ironton</u>		15 CONTRIBUTORY (secondary) (duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
(State or country) <u>Ohio</u>	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Edward Rooney</u>		16 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) <u>Scotland</u>	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Mary Hill</u>		Did an operation precede death? Date of _____	
(State or country) <u>Scotland</u>	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) <u>Scotland</u>		Was there an autopsy? _____	
(State or country) <u>Scotland</u>	14 Informant <u>Mike Rooney</u>		What test confirmed diagnosis? _____	
(Address) <u>Ironton, Ohio</u>	15 (Signed) <u>How J. Webster</u> M. D.		(Address) <u>Southern Ohio</u>	
16 Date <u>July 1 30</u>	17 Registrar <u>J. H. Hill</u>		*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSE, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)	
	18 PLACE of Burial, Cremation, or Removal <u>Garland Park Cemetery</u>		19 DATE OF BURIAL <u>July 5th 1930</u>	
	19 UNDERTAKER <u>Rooney & Co. Undertakers</u>		20 ADDRESS _____	
	20a WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? <u>Yes</u>		20b EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO. <u>13070</u>	

or information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.



Mary Ann "Mege" Rooney Fitzpatrick and Frank Fitzpatrick

Source: Family photos

RIGHT: Obituary for Mary Ann "Mege" Rooney Fitzpatrick, sister of Mike, only daughter of Edward and Mary Ann (Giblin)

Mege's death on 4 Sep 1956 prompted her brother Mike and his wife, Grace, to travel to Ironton for the funeral. Mike and Grace remained in Ironton for a while, but Grace never returned home to Muncie. She suffered a fatal stroke in Ironton in early October.



Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Mary Rooney Fitzpatrick, 1105 N. 5th, died in Lawrence County General Hospital Tuesday at 1 p.m. She was stricken the first of the week and removed to the hospital.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was 79 in March. She was a daughter of the late Edward and Mary Rooney and was born in Ironton.

Her husband, Frank Fitzpatrick, died in 1950.

Survivors include one brother, Michael Rooney of Muncie, Indiana. Relatives include Misses Josephine and Roberta Rooney and Mrs. Jack (Mary Rooney) Neville, nieces, all of this city. A nephew is Ralph Rooney of Chillicothe.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was active in affairs of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Lawrence Church, where she was a lifetime member.

The body is at O'Keefe Funeral Home where friends may call after 10 a.m. Thursday. Requiem High Mass will be solemnized at St. Lawrence Church on Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Source: Ironton Tribune, Wednesday, 5 Sep 1956, Page 2; research by Peggy Wells of Ironton, Ohio

Home of Mege and Frank Fitzpatrick on North 5th Street in Ironton, Ohio.

Source: Daniel K. Rooney



James Rooney -- Oct. 14, 1878 to May 30, 1900

Ralph J. Rooney

Ralph J. Rooney, 76, of East Seventh St., died 11:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Medical Center Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 16, 1910, in Lawrence County, to Frank and Mildred Clouse Rooney. On Aug. 19, 1933, he married the former Clara E. Cronin who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Rooney, at home; daughters and sons-in-law, Janet Suzanne and Michael D. Lutz, Danbury Conn., and Mary Jane and Larry Downing, Chillicothe, Margaret Theresa and Carl Ford, Rt. 50 East; a son, Patrick Rooney, and son and daughter-in-law, Dennis M. and Lois K. Rooney, all of Chillicothe; six grandchildren; several cousins also survive. He was predeceased by two sisters.

Mr. Rooney was retired owner of Rooney Home Improvement and a former member of the Knights of Columbus and the F.O.E. Aerie 600.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Mario Serraglio officiating. Burial will follow in St. Margaret Cemetery. Friends may call at the Ware Funeral Home from 5-9 p.m. Friday where a wake service will be held at 6 p.m.

Obituary for Ralph Rooney, son of Frank Rooney, grandson of Edward and Mary Ann.

Source: Chillicothe (Ohio) Gazette, 5 Feb 1987



Ralph and Clara (Cronin) Rooney

Source: Family of Ralph Rooney



Anna Bernadine McGuirl, holding her niece Mary Esther Connors. At right is Anna B.'s sister Kate McGuirl Connors, the baby's mother. (ca 1924-25)

Source: Rooney family photos



Bridget Giblin McGuirl, sister of Mary Ann Giblin Rooney



Anna Bernadine McGuirl Beulac, daughter of Bridget Giblin McGuirl. She's the one whom Bernadine Rooney was named after.



Catherine (Kate) McGuirl Connors, daughter of Bridget Giblin McGuirl