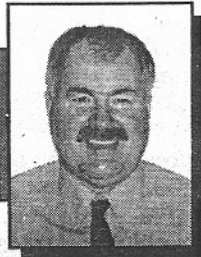


History

The Carroll children live on in local records



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Part Two

Last week, we began the history of an Irish immigrant family who came to work in the booming Willimantic cotton mills in the 1870s. The Carrolls came from the Pennsylvania coalfields and had eight children. This week, we will look at the Willimantic lives of the three eldest children as recorded in local records. If you recall any of the following, contact me because their descendant, Donna Ramsey of Colorado, would be delighted to talk to you.

Margaret Carroll, the matriarchal head of the family, died in 1897. She left the Prospect and Spruce street houses, jointly valued at \$4,500, and \$217 in cash, to her oldest daughter, 47-year-old Ellen Carroll. Mar-

garet Carroll's eight children — six daughters and two sons — were Ellen (1850-1924), Frank (1855-1919), Margaret (1855-1935), James (1858-1918), Sarah Jane (1859-1943), Eliza (1859-1939), Julia (1863-1923), and Mary (1863-99).

Joseph and Margaret Carroll had been productive. Their eight children were not. They produced only four children into the next generation. Ellen, Sarah Jane, and Eliza did not marry. Frank had one daughter. Margaret was married but had no children. James had one son who died at age 21. Julia had two daughters, Gladys (Bulger) Morin and Mildred (Bulger) Whipple. Gladys had 12 children and is Donna Ramsey's grandmother.

The Carrolls' eldest daughter, Ellen, died at 41 Prospect St. on Sept. 1, 1924, age 74, shortly after breaking her hip after a fall in her home. She left the Prospect and Spruce street houses to her sisters Sarah and Eliza, to "share and share alike." Her house at 41 Prospect St. was valued at



The Carrolls' house at 41 Prospect St. was in the family from 1889 until 1943.

\$4,500. The Spruce Street house, with shed, was valued at \$2,500. Ellen also left \$300 for a graveyard monument to be located on the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Frank Carroll was born in

1854 at Pittston, Pa., and married Anna Casey. He began work in Willimantic in 1875 as a laborer, while still living with his parents and siblings at Iverton. Frank later worked as a farmer and mason for the

Windham Manufacturing Co. on Bridge Street. He died at 3 Elm St., of carcinoma of the throat, on Nov. 26, 1919, age 64. His family, as listed in his obituary, consisted of his wife, Ann Carroll; one daughter, Mary Carroll; five sisters, Ellen, Sarah, Eliza Carroll, Julia Bulger and Margaret Tighe, all of Willimantic.

The third Carroll child, Margaret, was born on Feb. 20, 1855, in Scranton, Pa. Margaret, at age 34, married James Tighe on April 29, 1891. He was a mason sewer inspector living at 28 Prospect St. Margaret Carroll Tighe was living at 41 Prospect St. in 1923, and in 1927 city directory she is referred to as the widow of James Tighe. She died in Willimantic on March 30, 1935. Margaret left two sisters, the Eliza and Sarah Carroll and three nieces, Mary E. Carroll, Mrs. Alfred Morin of Storrs and Mrs. E. Bowley Whipple of South Dartmouth, Mass.

Next Week: The Willimantic lives of Joseph and Margaret's remaining five children.

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